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Integration of Target Site Pharmacokinetics and in-vitro Pharmacodynamics in the Assessment of Existing and New Anti-Infective Agents

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## **Resistance Development**



#### Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This chart shows the increase in rates of resistance for three bacteria that are of concern to public health officials: methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE), and fluoroquinolone-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (FQRP). These data were collected from hospital intensive care units that participate in the National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance System, a component of the CDC.

## Approved Antibacterial Agents 1983-2004



#### Figure 3: Investment Escalation per Successful Compound



The figure shows one estimate of the total investment required to "launch" (i.e., market) a successful drug in two time periods. Most of the recent cost increases are within the "critical path" development phase, between discovery and launch.





# **Pharmacokinetics**

**Problems:** 

Protein Binding

Tissue Distribution

## **Protein Binding of Cephalosporines**

Cefonicid	98
Ceftriaxone	90-95
Cefoperazone	89-93
Cefazolin	89
Cefotetan	85
Ceforanide	80-82
Cefamandole	74
Cefoxitin	73
Cephalothin	71
Cefmetazole	70
Cefixime	65

Cephapirin	62
Moxalactam	53-67
Cefprozil	40
Cefotaxime	36
Cefpodoxime	25



Effect of Protein Binding on Antimicrobial Activity



## **Tissue Concentrations**

Tissue can be looked at as an aqueous dispersed system of biological material. It is the concentration in the water of the tissue that is responsible for pharmacological activity.

Total tissue concentrations need to be interpreted with great care since they reflect hybrid values of total amount of drug (free + bound) in a given tissue

'Tissue-partition-coefficients' are not appropriate since they imply homogenous tissue distribution

# FDA Critical Path White Paper 2003 CDER Report to the Nation

We continue ... to extend our long-standing interest in the application of dose-response principles by viewing drugs and their actions directly at the level of the drug target, rather than indirectly via plasma concentrations







The free (unbound) concentration of the drug at the receptor site should be used in PK/PD correlations to make prediction for pharmacological activity

## **Blister Fluid**

 Blister fluid is a 'homogenous tissue fluid'

 Protein binding in blister fluid needs to be considered





### Ampicillin

### Cloxacillin

SerumFree blister fluid

# **Microdialysis**

• Microdialysis allows to monitor the free tissue concentrations.



# **Microdialysis**



## No net flux method







### iv dose of 10 mg/kg cefpodoxime (n=6)



# **Summary** Animal Studies

- Free concentrations in muscle and lung are almost identical and much lower than the total plasma concentrations.
- It suggests that free concentrations measured in human muscle maybe reasonable predictors for free concentrations in human lung.

### Clinical study Cefpodoxime and Cefixime

 To compare the soft tissue distribution of these two antibiotics after 400mg oral dose in healthy male volunteers by microdialysis

 Two way cross-over, single oral dose study

# Microdialysis



### **Clinical Microdialysis**

#### Cefpodoxime 400 mg po

#### Cefixime 400 mg po



## **Pharmacokinetics**

	Cefpodoxime	Cefixime
AUC <sub>P</sub> [mg*h/L]	22.4 (8.7)	25.7 (8.4)
AUC <sub>T</sub> [mg*h/L]	15.4 (5.2)	7.4 (2.1)
C <sub>max, P</sub> [mg/L]	3.9 (1.2)	3.4 (1.1)
C <sub>max,T</sub> [mg/L]	2.1 (1.0)	0.9 (0.3)

#### Azithromycin Tissue Concentrations



500 mg p.o.

from Foulds et al. (1990)

### Intracellular Ion-Trapping by Lysosomes



### Azithromycin

Tissue concentration (IF) of azithromycin (50 mg/kg sc) in infected (S. aureus) and uninfected rat thigh (same animal)



### **Phagocyte Delivery of Azithromycin**



from Schentag et al. (1991)

## Conclusion

Microdialysis has opened the door to get better information about the drug concentrations at the site of action.

This, in combination with appropriate PK/PDmodels, will allow for better dosing decisions than traditional approaches based on blood concentrations and MIC.

## Ceftazidime

#### K. pneumoniae in neutropenic mice



# Temafloxacin

#### S. pneumoniae in neutropenic mice



# Pharmacodynamics

#### **Problems:**

- MIC is imprecise
- MIC is monodimensional
- MIC is used as a threshold
- When MIC does not explain the data, patches are used (post-antibiotic effect, sub-MIC effect)

## MIC The Current Paradigm

# MIC is poison for the mind.

H. Mattie (1994), after a long after-dinner discussion

## **Kill Curves**



## **Kill Curves of Ceftriaxone**



S. pneumoniae ATCC6303 MIC: 20 ng/mL *H. influenzae* ATCC10211 MIC: 5 ng/mL

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#### **PK-PD Model**

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left(k - \frac{k_{\max} \cdot C_f}{EC_{50} + C_f}\right) \cdot N$$

Maximum Growth Rate ConstantkMaximum Killing Rate Constantk-k<sub>max</sub>

Initially, bacteria are in log growth phase

#### **Single Dose** Piperacillin vs. E. coli



#### **Dosing Interval** Piperacillin (2g and 4g) vs. E. coli

q24h

q8h

#### q4h













### Sigmoidal E<sub>max</sub>-Models



### **Saturation in Growth**



#### **Delay in the Onset of Growth**



### **Delay in the Onset of Kill**



## Modified Sigmoidal E<sub>max</sub>-Model



Treyaprasert W, Schmidt S, Rand KH, et al.: Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic modeling of in vitro activity of azithromycin against four different bacterial strains. *Int J Antimicrob Agents* 2007;29(3):263-70

## **Example** 1

- Same PK
- Same MIC
- Same t>MIC
- Same AUC/MIC
- Same C<sub>max</sub>/MIC
- Same k (Growth Rate)

- Different EC<sub>50</sub> (Sensitivity)
- Different k<sub>max</sub> (Maximum Kill Rate)

### PK-PD modeling based on Kill Curves Condition 1 Condition 2



Control (CFU/mL) Treated (CFU/mL) Antibiotic concentration

#### **Modified E<sub>max</sub> Model:**



### **Two sub-population model**



#### Model Comparison – P. aeruginosa



Modified E<sub>max</sub> model (simultaneous fit) Two sub-population model (simultaneous fit)

### **Faropenem Daloxate**

After oral administration, faropenem daloxate is rapidly absorbed and immediately converted in plasma to its active moiety faropenem

Advantages of using the pro-drug instead of faropenem sodium:

- higher oral bioavailability (70-80%)
- less gastrointestinal side effects







#### Faropenem daloxate 300 mg q12h Fed



#### **Fasted**



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#### S. pneumo. #49619





MIC<sub>90</sub> values for Bacteroides fragilis (——), Streptococcus spp. (-----), methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus (----), and ESBL-producing Enterobacteriaceae (-----).

Burkhardt & Derendorf, JAC (2006)

## Summary

- A simple comparison of serum concentration and MIC is usually not sufficient to evaluate the PK/PDrelationships af anti-infective agents.
- Protein binding and tissue distribution are important pharmacokinetic parameters that need to be considered. Microdialysis can provide information on local exposure.
- PK-PD analysis based on MIC alone can be misleading.
- Microbiological kill curves provide more detailed information about the PK/PD-relationships than simple MIC values.



### Wild Card Patent Extension

A company that receives approval for a new antibiotic, or a new indication for an existing antibiotic, that treats a targeted pathogen would be permitted to extend the market exclusivity period for another of the company's FDA-approved drugs.

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