

Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Modelling

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Serum Procainamide Concentration (mg/liter)





Figure 1-2. Between certain limits of concen lies a region associated with therapeutic su the therapeutic window.





Fig. 8–1. Distribution of doses of warfarin in 200 patients during chronic therapy. (Data from Koch-Weser.¹)



Fig. 7–6. Isoniazid concentration in plasma, 6 hr after oral administration of the same dose to 267 individuals. (Data from Evans, Manely and McKusick.⁵²) Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics in Drug Development



PK = PHARMACOKINETICS PD = PHARMACODYNAMICS

Fig. 2. Incorporating PK/PD in drug development.

Opportunities for Integration of Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics and Toxicokinetics in Rational Drug Development Peck *et al.* Pharm.Res. 9: 826 (1992)









The type of model to be developed should be driven by the available information and the goal of the simulations



Pharmacokinetic Study Design

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Population study

.numbers are large

.subjects are heterogeneous - often patients .study control is difficult - maybe multicentre observational

.sparse data

1731 doses 322 concentrations



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Tobramycin study

Objective:	to establish dosage regimen guidelines to
	maintain maximum efficacy (Cmax > 6
	mg/L) and minimum toxicity (Cav < 4
	mg/L) in a majority of patients

Patients:	n	97 (after pruning)
	body weight (kg)	42-120
	age (yr)	16-85
	sex (M/F)	52/45
	creatinine clearance	10-166
	(ml/min)	
	indication	variety of infection

Study design: no design - routine TDM

dosage - 20 to 140 mg every 8 to 24 hr
number of concentrations per individual 1-9 (median 2)
duration of therapy - 14 to 520 hr





Intelligent Analysis of Unavailable Data

Sum Huan Else, J.Irreprod.Res. 28, 28-29 (1983).

"The inexperienced or naïve analyst might perceive the lack of data to be a minor handicap. The fact of the matter is that a superfluity of data is extremely confining, imposing extreme constraints on the technique, imagination and creativity of the analyst. On the other hand, a lack of data permits full exercise of one's talents and abilities. The ideal situation is to have absolutely no data available at all".







Warfarin study

Objective:

to predict warfarin maintenance dose requirements to achieve a desired degree of anticoagulation based on measurements obtained after a sungle dose of warfarin

Data:

n	48 normal subjects
weight (kg)	66-75
age (yr)	20-27
sex	male

Study design:

25mg single dose of racemic warfarin 14 blood samples (0-168 hr)

Measurements:

R and S warfarin (HPLC) Prothrombin time (Quick one stage) Factor VII (chromogenic method)



PHARMACODYNAMIC MODEL

rate of change = rate of clotting - rate of clotting of clotting activity factor synthesis factor degradation $\frac{dCA(t)}{dt} = k_d \left[\frac{CA_{norm}}{1 + \left(\frac{C_s(t)}{C_{so}}\right)^{\gamma}} - CA(t) \right]$ clotting factor degradation rate constant $\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{d}}$ =





Prospective study

n 5 normal male volunteers

Study design15mg single dose followed by
maintenance dosing from day 3 to
day 16 designed to achieve 50% of
clotting factor activity

Maintenance dose $DM/\tau = k_s \cdot V_s \cdot C_{50,s}$

Dose prediction

$$\Phi_{i} = \sum_{k=1}^{nparm} \frac{(\log \hat{p}_{k} - \log p_{k,i})^{2}}{cv(\hat{p}_{k})^{2}} + \sum_{j=1}^{nobs_{i}} \frac{(\log y_{j,i} - \log f_{j,i})^{2}}{cv(y_{j,i})^{2}}$$

pharmacokinetic parameters set to population values





Some applications of Modelling

Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacokinetics

- Change in focus from description to prediction
- Result = Growth in search for useful covariates
- What are covariates?
 - Demographic
 - Clinical
- Why are they important?
 - Help to describe between and within subject variability
 - Increase prediction accuracy
- Pharmacogenetics
 - Study of how genotype/phenotype effects PK/PD response
 - New covariates to help explain differences. May have been previously partially captured by covariates such as ethnicity

Warfarin and CYP2C9

- The response of individuals to warfarin has been shown to vary widely between individuals
- CYP2C9 is the major enzyme involved in Swarfarin metabolism and the polymorphic differences in expression may help to explain the variability in warfarin response
- The CYP2C9*2 allele is expressed in approximately 12% of individuals and CYP2C9*3 in 5%

Previous studies have shown that:

- CYP2C9 genotype accounted for 19.8% of the variability in maintenance dose (Hillman, et al., 2004)
- VKORC1 and CYP2C9 genetic variants combined are able to account for about a third of the between subject variability (D'Andrea, et al., 2005)
- The following covariates accounted for significant variability in response; age (14.6%), body surface area (7.5%), male sex (4.7%) and cardiac valve replacement (5.4%) (Hillman, et al., 2004).

Drug Interactions

•Population PK studies can potentially be used to study drug-drug interactions in routinely obtained, and hence relevant, clinical data

•However

- •Power may be poor as study is not designed
- •Dosing history of interacting drugs may be poor or absent
- •Probably no drug levels of interacting drugs
- •Drug combinations likely to be heterogeneous

•For important interactions be guided by *in vitro* studies and use classical designs

•Stratification in population studies may help



- PK/PD is model driven
- PK/PD models aid the interpretation of pharmacological data and can be used prospectively to design subsequent studies learning/confirming
- Nonlinear mixed effects modelling allows data from a variety of unbalanced, sparse designs to be analysed
- Software for nonlinear mixed effects modelling is now widely available even for amateurs!