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Final Exam

Fall 2012

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Please transfer the answers onto the bubble sheet. The question number refers to the number on the bubble sheet. Please fill in all the information necessary to identify yourself. The proctors will also collect your exams.

Good LUCK.

Question/ ---Points

TOTAL _____110_/pts
Question set I (10 pts): Select whether the following statements are True (A) or False (B)

1:   T   F   For bioequivalence tests, AUC is a relevant measure to assess whether test and reference formulation deliver the same dose.

2:   T   F   For bioequivalence tests, AUC is a relevant measure to assess whether test and reference formulation have the same volume of distribution.

3:   T   F   For bioequivalence tests, AUC is a relevant measure to assess whether test and reference formulation have the same rate of absorption.

4:   T   F   For bioequivalence tests, C\text{max} is a relevant measure to assess whether test and reference formulation have the same rate of absorption.

5:   T   F   For bioequivalence tests, C\text{max} differs between test and reference formulation if both deliver different doses (assume same rate of absorption for both formulations).
Question set II (6 pts): Select from the following statements whether the statements are True (A) or False (B).

6: T  F  Assume steady state has been reached after having started a constant rate infusion. At steady state, $k_0$ will equal intrinsic clearance.

7: T  F  The time to reach steady state after an constant rate infusion is affected by the $k_e$ of the drug.

8: T  F  Assume a drug given as iv bolus every 8 hours. It was observed that the $C_{max}$ does not differ between the first three injections. The half-life of this drug is shorter than 2 hours.

Question set III (4 pts):

Select from the following statements whether the statements are True (A) or False (B).

Assume a multiple dosing situation.

9: T  F  For a lipophilic drug whose clearance is constant under the given conditions, the following statement can be made: The stronger the tissue binding the more pronounced the degree of accumulation.

10: T  F  For a lipophilic drug whose clearance is constant under the given conditions, the following statement can be made: The stronger the tissue binding the smaller the fluctuation between peak and trough concentration.
Question set IV (15 pts):

Patient TK, a 65 kg, 17 yr old boy, has been given a constant rate infusion of theophylline for an acute asthma attack. The infusion rate is 30 mg/hr. His plasma theophylline level is now 12 ug/ml.

Question 11: Assume steady state has been reached. Calculate TK’s clearance. Round appropriately. (5 pts)

A: 2.5 L/hr
B: 2.5 L/ 0.5 hours
C: 2.5 L
D: 2.5 mg/hr
E: none of the above
Patient TK, a 65 kg, 17 yr old boy, has been given a constant rate infusion of theophylline for an acute asthma attack. The infusion rate is 30 mg/hr. His plasma theophylline level is now 12 μg/ml.

**Question 12:** The doctor wants to change to an oral delivery. Assume an oral bioavailability of 100% for theophylline. Suggest an oral dosage regimen that will produce an average steady state concentration of 12 μg/ml, using a *sustained release product*, dosed every 12 hours (twice a day). Give the dose in mg of theophylline. There are only 100 mg tablets available. Consider that the therapeutic range is between 10 and 20 μg/ml. **Round appropriately.** *(5 pts)*

A: 200 mg every 12 hours  
B: 300 mg every 12 hours  
**C: 400 mg every 12 hours**  
D: 500 mg every 12 hours  
E: 600 mg every 12 hours
Patient TK, a 65 kg, 17 yr old boy, has been given a constant rate infusion of theophylline for an acute asthma attack. The infusion rate is 30 mg/hr. His plasma theophylline level is now 12 ug/ml. Round appropriately

**Question 13:** Assuming a Vd of 0.5 L/kg, what is the half-life in this patient after an iv bolus injection (assume first order elimination and one compartment body model). (5 points)

A: 12 hours

**B:** 9 hours

C: 24 hours

D: 16 hours

E: None of the above.
Question set V (5 pts)

Question 14: A 60 kg patient is started on 80 mg of gentamicin, every 6 hr given as a one-hour infusion. Assume that steady state has been reached for this multiple dosing situation. If this patient is assumed to have an “average” volume of distribution (value of the population mean) of 0.25 L/kg and a normal half–life of 3 hr, what would be the plasma concentration 1 hour after the stop of the infusion? Round appropriately. (5 points)

A: 3.2 mg/L
B: 2.5 mg/L
C: 0.8 mg/L
D: 1.2 mg/L
E: None of the above
Question set VI (7 points)

**Question 15:** A 60 kg patient should receive 80 mg of drug X, every 6 hr given as a one-hour infusion. The half-life of this drug is 4 hours. Calculate a loading dose given as short-term infusion over 1 hour for this scenario.

A: 100 mg
B: 200 mg
C: 300 mg
D: 400 mg

**E:** Don’t have enough information to provide this information.
Question set VII (12 pts)

Consider the following equation:

\[ Cp = \left( 1 - e^{-k_e T} \right) \cdot \frac{k_o}{CL} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-k_e t} \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t'}} \]

- "Number between 1 and 0" means that for time units (T, t’ or tau) being 0, the relevant expressing will be 1. The expression will approach 0 for large time unit values.
- "Number between 0 and 1" means that for time units (T, t’ or tau) being 0, the relevant expressing will be 0. It will approach 1 for large time unit values.

Select the part of the equation (A, B, C, D) that best the following statements:

16: This part of the equation provides information on what concentrations would be observed in a patient for which the nurse forgot to turn off the drug supply. (B)

17: This part of the equation provides information on how much the first \( C_{\text{max}} \) (after the first short term infusion) is away from the steady level of a continuous infusion using the same \( k_o \). (A)

18: This part quantifies how much higher the trough concentrations at steady state are (C)
Consider the same equation equation:

\[ Cp = \left(1 - e^{-ke \cdot T}\right) \cdot \frac{k_o}{CL} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-ke \cdot t} \cdot e^{-ke \cdot t'}} \]

Consider:

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Select the part of the equation (A, C, or D) that best the following statements:

19: This part of the equation is a number between 1 and infinity. (C)

20: This part of the equation is a number between 0 and 1. (A)

21: This part of the equation is a number between 1 and 0. (D)
Consider the following relationship.

\[ \text{tau} = \frac{Vd \times \ln F}{Cl} \]

22:  T  F  F stands for oral bioavailability

23:  T  F  This term indicates that the higher the clearance and/or the smaller VD of a drug, the shorter will be the dosing interval necessary to maintain a given \( C_{\max}/C_{\min} \) ratio

24:  T  F  This relationship can be used to calculate the dosing interval for multiple short-term infusions if one adds the infusion time to the above expression.

25:  T  F  This term should only be used for a drug after oral administration
Question Set IX (12 points)

**Question 26-30: Two patients** received a lipophilic, unionized drug, as an iv bolus injection.

Pharmacokinetic and physiological characteristics, such as dose, fraction of the drug unbound in plasma (fu) and tissue (fuT), volume of plasma (Vp) and volume of the tissue water (VTW) are shown below.

**TABLE 1: INPUT PARAMETERS**

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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Patient 1</th>
<th>Patient 2</th>
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<tr>
<td>D [mg]</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>GFR (ml/min)</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Urine flow (ml/min)</td>
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<td>fu</td>
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<td>Vp [L]</td>
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<td>VTW [L]</td>
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Indicate which of the following parameters (questions 27-31) in patient 2 will be clearly larger (A), be ABOUT the same (B), or will be clearly smaller (C) than those in Patient 1.

**Table 2: OUTPUT PARAMETERS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Question</th>
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<tr>
<td>26. (3 points) Vd [L] of Patient 2</td>
<td>Larger (A), same (B), Smaller (C) than in Patient 1</td>
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<td>27. (3 points) CL [L/h] of Patient 2</td>
<td>Larger (A), same (B), Smaller (C) than in Patient 1</td>
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<td>28. (3 points) t1/2 [h] of Patient 2</td>
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<td>29. (3 points) Peak [μg/ml] of Patient 2</td>
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<td>30. (3 points) AUC [μg/ml*h] of Patient 2</td>
<td>Larger (A), same (B), Smaller (C) than in Patient 1</td>
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<td>31. (3 points) Free drug concentration at t=0 [μg/ml] of Patient 2</td>
<td>Larger (A), same (B), Smaller (C) than in Patient 1</td>
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Question Set X (5 points)

Question 31:

The following concentration time profiles were observed after multiple iv bolus injections of a drug. The two curves differ in one of the input parameters (Dose, tau, CL or Vd).

A: **Dose**

B: Clearance

C: Volume of distribution

D: tau

E: none of the above
Question Set XI (5 pts)

Question 32: Which of the following factors might significantly affect(s) the renal clearance of a hydrophilic base (pKa=7):

1. plasma protein binding.
2. activity of cationic transporters in the tubuli.
3. urine flow.
4. pH of urine.
5. GFR.

A: 1, 2, 3, 5
B: 1, 2
C: 1, 5
D: 1, 3, 4, 5

E: none of the above combinations
Question Set XII (12 points)

Questions 33-36

Assume first-order processes. Mark whether the following statements are true (A) or false (B).

33:  T  F  A drug is eliminated through liver metabolism and renal clearance. The overall elimination rate constant for this drug is $0.5 \text{ h}^{-1}$. The rate constant for metabolism ($k_{\text{met}}$) is 0.1. This indicates that 80% of the dose will be eliminated unmetabolized.

34:  T  F  Assume that a drug is metabolized. The $K_e^M$ of the metabolite is $20 \text{ h}^{-1}$ while the $k_e$ of the parent drug is $0.231 \text{ h}^{-1}$. If the plasma concentrations 10 hours after injection of the parent drug are $1 \text{ µg/ml}$ for the parent drug and $0.5 \text{ µg/ml}$ for the metabolite, the plasma concentrations 13 hours after injection of the parent drug must be $0.5 \text{ µg/ml}$ for the parent drug and undetectable for the metabolite. (Assume first-order kinetics for all elimination processes, lowest concentration measurable with the drug assay is $0.01 \text{ µg/ml}$.)

35:  T  F  For a two-compartment model drug, the volume of distribution just after administration of the drug is larger than that observed some time later.

36:  T  F  For a two compartment body model, Clearance and volume of distribution are always independent parameters.
Question Set XIV

Questions 37-39 (9 points)

Select the most appropriate differential equation for the following situations. A given differential equation might have to be used more than once. Assume “X” is the amount of drug in the body (drug that has been absorbed and has not yet been eliminated) and “A” is the amount left at the absorption site.

A: \( \frac{dx}{dt} = k_a - k_e \)

B: \( \frac{dx}{dt} = -k_a - k_e \times X \)

C: \( \frac{dx}{dt} = k_a \times A - k_e \times X \)

D: \( \frac{dx}{dt} = -k_e \)

E: none of the above

37: A drug that is absorbed and eliminated through active transport. Both transporter systems are saturated. (Select from A-E) (A)

38: An immediate release tablet of a drug able to cross membranes easily and eliminated through renal filtration. (Select from A-E) (C)

39: A high extraction drug given as an iv bolus injection showing linear pharmacokinetics. (Select from A-E) (E)