

PHA 5127 Dose Optimization I

Case Study II

1. Two patients (A and B) were given a same drug through IV bolus, and this drug is 40% bound to plasma proteins in both two patients but has different tissue binding. There is 70% and 80% tissue binding in patient A and patient B, respectively. In order to reach same initial total plasma concentration of 2mg/L in both two patients, which doses should be given to them?

For patient A:

$$f_u = 1 - 40\% = 60\%, \quad f_{uT} = 1 - 70\% = 30\%$$

$$V_d = V_p + V_T * (f_u / f_{uT}) = 3L + 38L * (60\% / 30\%) = 79L$$

$$\text{Dose} = C_0 * V_d = 2\text{mg/L} * 79L = 158\text{mg}$$

For patient B:

$$f_u = 1 - 40\% = 60\%, \quad f_{uT} = 1 - 80\% = 20\%$$

$$V_d = V_p + V_T * (f_u / f_{uT}) = 3L + 38L * (60\% / 20\%) = 117L$$

$$\text{Dose} = C_0 * V_d = 2\text{mg/L} * 117L = 234\text{mg}$$

2. The plasma protein binding of drug A and drug B is 5% and 98% respectively. If the protein bindings of both drugs decreased 50% in one patient, what percentage of change will happen in V_d (volume of distributions) and initial free drug concentration? (Assume IV bolus application, $f_{uT} = 0.1$, $V_p = 3L$, $V_T = 38L$ for both two drugs)?

For drug A:

$$f_{u,old} = 1 - 5\% = 95\%, \quad V_{d,old} = V_p + V_T * (f_{u,old} / f_{uT}) = 3L + 38L * (0.95 / 0.1) = 364L$$

$$f_{u,new} = 1 - 5\% * 50\% = 97.5\%, \quad V_{d,new} = V_p + V_T * (f_{u,new} / f_{uT}) = 3L + 38L * (0.975 / 0.1) = 373.5L$$

$$V_{d,new} / V_{d,old} = 373.5L / 364L = 1.026. \text{ Hence, } V_d \text{ for drug A increased by } 2.6\%$$

$$C_{0,new}/C_{0,old} = \frac{(Dose/Vd,new)*fu,new}{(Dose/vd,old)*fu,old} = \frac{Vd,old}{vd,new} \times \frac{fu,new}{fu,old}$$

=(364L/373.5L)*(0.975/0.95)≈100%, so the initial free concentration will not change.

For drug B:

$$fu,old = 1 - 98\% = 2\%, \quad Vd,old = Vp + V_T * (fu,old/fuT) = 3L + 38L * (0.02/0.1) = 10.6L$$

$$fu,new = 1 - 98\% * 50\% = 51\%, \quad Vd,new = Vp + V_T * (fu,new/fuT) = 3L + 38L * (0.51/0.1) = 196.8L$$

Vd,new/Vd,old = 196.8/10.6 = 18.57, so Vd for drug A increased by 1756.6%

$$C_{0,new}/C_{0,old} = \frac{(Dose/Vd,new)*fu,new}{(Dose/vd,old)*fu,old} = \frac{Vd,old}{vd,new} \times \frac{fu,new}{fu,old}$$

=(10.6/196.8)*(0.51/0.02)≈1.37, so the initial free concentration will increase by 37%.

3. TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)

To determine the loading dose, volume of distribution is an important factor.

T **F**

Drug A has 3% protein binding and has a narrow therapeutic window. Small differences in protein binding are not so important since 97% drug is free and available for receptors.

T **F**

For a drug with high tissue binding, the volume of distribution will be always very high.

T **F**

Apparent volume of distribution (Vd) will never exceed the total body volume.

T **F**

Lipophilic drugs are generally taken up fast by highly perfused organs

T **F**

The uptake of a hydrophilic drug into tissue can be increased significantly by increasing the blood flow through the tissue. (Assume permeability limited distribution)

T **F**