



Homework 6

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- An adult male patient (46 years old, 81 kg) was given orally 250 mg of tetracycline hydrochloride every 8 hours for 2 weeks. From the literature, tetracycline hydrochloride is about 75% bioavailable and has an apparent volume of distribution of 1.5 L/kg. The elimination half-life is about 10 hours. The absorption rate constant is 0.9 hr^{-1} . From this information, calculate:
 - a) C_{max} after the first dose.
 - b) C_{min} after the first dose.
 - c) Plasma drug concentration C_p at 4 hours after the 7th dose.
 - d) Maximum plasma drug concentration at steady-state C_{max}^{∞} .
 - e) Minimum plasma drug concentration at steady-state C_{min}^{∞} .
 - f) Average plasma drug concentration at steady-state C_{av}^{∞} .



Answers Below

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Answers

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- Info: \rightarrow Male, 46 years
 \rightarrow 81 kg
 \rightarrow 250 mg / 8 hours \rightarrow For 2 weeks
 \rightarrow $V_D = 1.5$ L/kg, (75% bioavailable) = F
 \rightarrow $t_{1/2} = 10$ hours
 \rightarrow $k_a = 0.4$ hr $^{-1}$

$$V_D = 121.5 \text{ L} \quad (1.5 \times 81 \text{ kg})$$

a) C_{max} after 1st dose.

$$C_{p_{max}} = \frac{F \times k_a \times D_0}{V_D (k_a - k)} \times (e^{-k t_{max}} - e^{-k_a t_{max}})$$

$$t_{max} = \frac{2.3}{k_a - k} \log \frac{k_a}{k}, \quad k = \frac{0.693}{t_{1/2}} \rightarrow \frac{0.693}{10} \Rightarrow 0.07 \text{ h}^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{2.3}{0.4 - 0.07} \log \frac{0.4}{0.07}$$

$$t_{max} = 3.07 \text{ h}$$

$$= 2.7711 \times 1.11 \Rightarrow 3.07 \text{ h}$$

$$C_{p_{max}} = \frac{0.75 \times 0.4 \times 250}{121.5 \times (0.4 - 0.07)} \times (e^{-0.07 \times 3.07} - e^{-0.4 \times 3.07})$$

$$= 1.6734 \times (0.8066 - 0.0631)$$

$$C_{p_{max}} = 1.25 \text{ mg/L}$$

b) C_{min} after 1st dose (At $t = 8$ h) - Before 2nd dose

$$C_{min} = \frac{F \times k_a \times D_0}{V_D (k_a - k)} \times (e^{-k t} - e^{-k_a t})$$

$$= \frac{0.75 \times 0.9 \times 250}{121.5 \times (0.9 - 0.07)} \times \left(e^{-0.07 \times 8} - e^{-0.9 \times 8} \right)$$

$$= 1.67336 \times (0.5712 - 0.0007466)$$

$$C_{p_{min}} = 0.954 \text{ mg/L}$$

② C_p^i (After 7th dose) :-

$$C_p = \frac{F \cdot k_a \cdot D_0}{V_D (k_a - k)} \cdot \left[\frac{1 - e^{-n k T}}{1 - e^{-k T}} e^{-k t} - \frac{1 - e^{-n k_a T}}{1 - e^{-k_a T}} e^{-k_a t} \right]$$

$$= \frac{0.75 \times 0.9 \times 250}{121.5 \times (0.9 - 0.07)} \cdot \left[\frac{1 - e^{-7 \times 0.07 \times 8}}{1 - e^{-0.07 \times 8}} e^{-0.07 \times 4} - \frac{1 - e^{-7 \times 0.9 \times 8}}{1 - e^{-0.9 \times 8}} e^{-0.9 \times 4} \right]$$

$$= 1.67336 \times \left[\left(\frac{0.9801}{0.4287} \times 0.7558 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{0.99925} \times 0.0273 \right) \right]$$

$$= 1.67336 \times 1.7006$$

$$C_p^i = 2.8457 \approx 2.846 \text{ mg/L}$$

③ $C_{p_{max}}$ at S.S

$$t_p (S.S) = \frac{1}{k_a - k} \times \ln \frac{k_a (1 - e^{-k T})}{k (1 - e^{-k_a T})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0.9 - 0.07} \times \left(\ln \frac{0.9 \times (1 - e^{-0.07 \times 8})}{0.07 \times (1 - e^{-0.9 \times 8})} \right)$$

$$= 1.2048 \times \left(\ln \frac{0.38591}{0.069947} \right)$$

$$t_p = 2.05 \text{ hr}$$

$$C_{\max}^{\infty} = \frac{F \times D_0}{V_D} \times \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-kt}} \right) \times e^{-kt_p}$$

$$= \frac{0.75 \times 250}{121.5} \times \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-0.07 \times 8}} \right) \times e^{-0.07 \times 2.05}$$

$$= 1.543209 \times \left(\frac{1}{0.42879} \times 0.8663208 \right)$$

$$C_{\max}^{\infty} = 3.12 \text{ mg/L}$$

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$$\textcircled{c} C_{\min}^{\infty} \text{ at S.S} = \frac{k_a \times F \times D_0}{V_D (k_a - k)} \times \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-kT}} \right) \cdot e^{-kT}$$

$$= \frac{0.9 \times 0.75 \times 250}{121.5 (0.9 - 0.07)} \times \left(\frac{1}{1 - e^{-0.07 \times 8}} \right) \cdot e^{-0.07 \times 8}$$

$$= 1.67336 \times \left(\frac{1}{0.42879} \right) \cdot 0.571209$$

$$C_{\min}^{\infty} = 2.23 \text{ mg/L}$$

$$\textcircled{f} C_{av}^{\infty} = \frac{F \times D_0}{V_D \times k \times T}$$

$$= \frac{0.75 \times 250}{121.5 \times 0.07 \times 8} \Rightarrow \frac{187.5}{68.04}$$

$$C_{av}^{\infty} = 2.756 \text{ mg/L}$$