

# PHA 4120

## Problem Set "One Compartment Model with i.v. Injection Only Urinary Elimination"

A 70 kg patient was given a bolus i.v. injection of 1000 mg of a drug. The drug is not bound to plasma proteins and is excreted unchanged solely into the urine. When the plasma concentration ( $C_p$ ) and the cumulative amounts excreted into the urine ( $U_t$ ) were assayed, the following data was obtained.

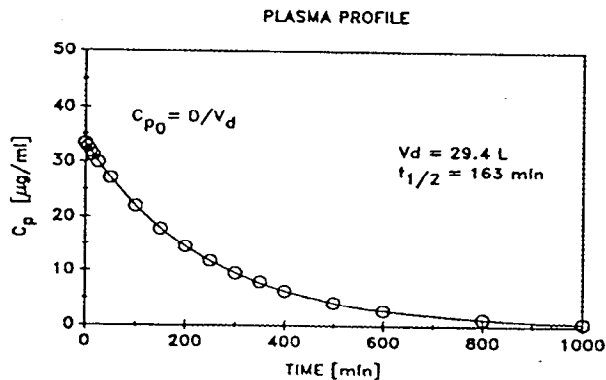
time t [min]	$C_p$ [ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ]	$U_t$ [mg]
5	32.7	20.5
10	32.0	40.9
15	31.3	60.7
25	30.0	98.8
50	27.1	188.2
100	22.0	340.9
150	17.8	464.8
200	14.5	565.3
250	11.8	647.2
300	9.55	713.5
350	7.95	767.5
400	6.30	811.0
500	4.15	877.0
600	2.74	917.8
800	1.19	964.3
1000	0.52	984.4

1. Plot the plasma data on linear coordinate paper and estimate  $t_{1/2}$  and  $V_d$ .

### Answer:

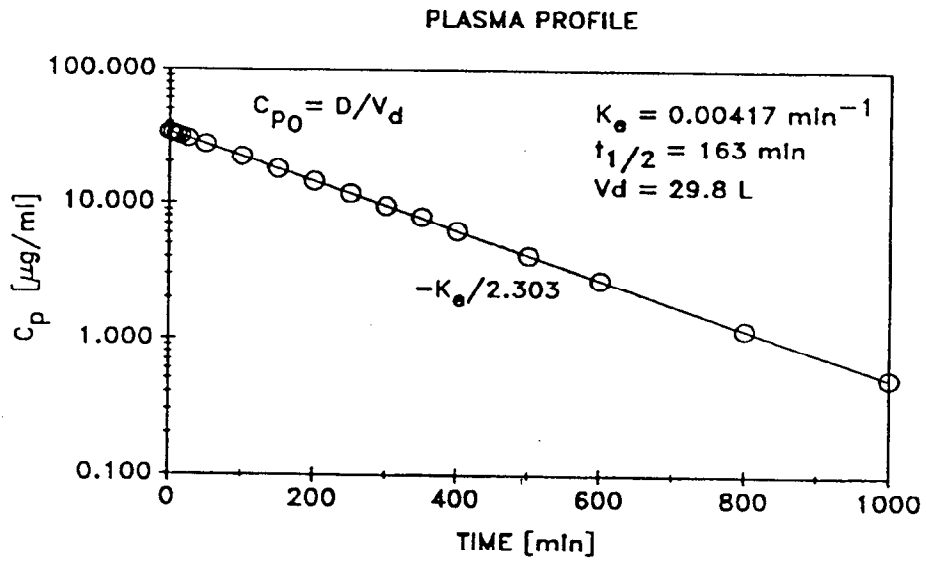
It is difficult to get a correct estimate of the intercept  $C_p$  from this plot. The best guess would be  $C_p = 34.0$  mg/ml. the volume of distribution  $V_d$  calculated with this value is 29.4 liters.

It is also difficult to estimate the half-life  $t_{1/2}$ . The decrease of plasma level from 20  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  to 10  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  takes about 170 minutes and is equivalent to one half-life.



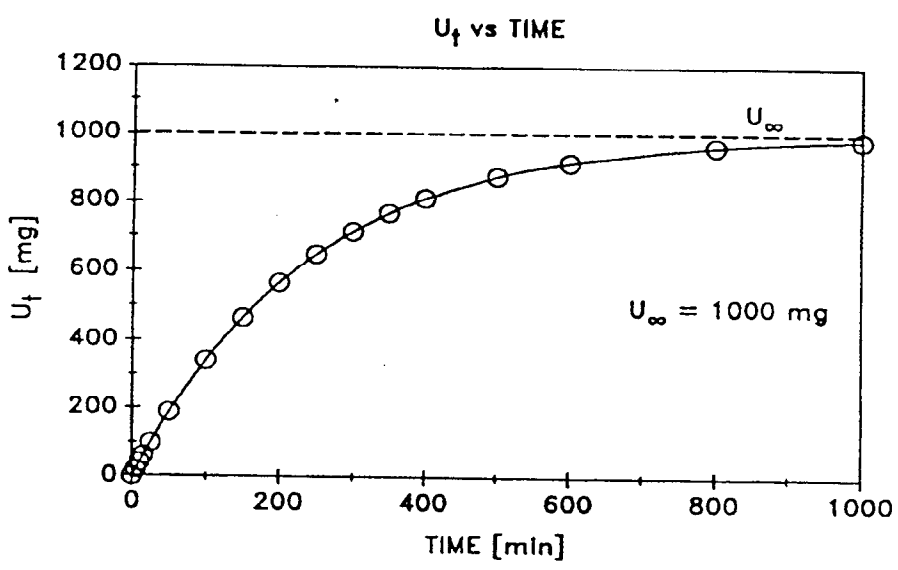
2. Plot the plasma data on semilogarithmic paper and determine  $k_e$ ,  $t_{1/2}$  and  $V_d$ .

Answer:



3. Plot  $U_t$  vs  $t$  on linear coordinate paper. Estimate  $U_\infty$ .

Answer:



4. Determine  $k_e$  using only urinary excretion data. Use two different methods.

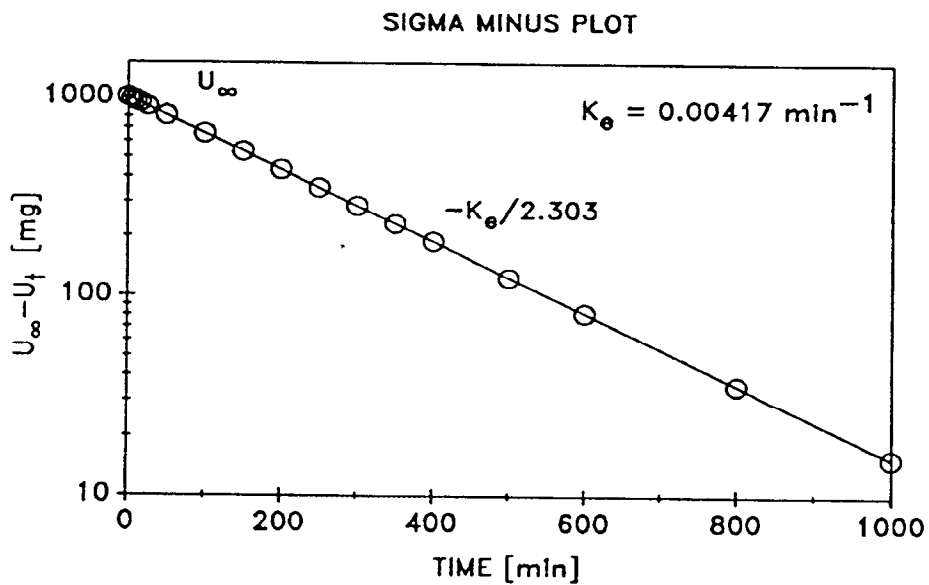
Answer:

a)  $\Sigma$ -plot

$$\log (U_{\infty} - U) = \log U_{\infty} - \frac{k_e}{2.303} \cdot t$$

$$U_{\infty} = 1000 \text{ mg}$$

t [min]	$U_{\infty} - U$ [mg]	t [min]	$U_{\infty} - U$ [mg]
5	979.5	250	352.8
10	959.1	300	286.5
15	939.3	350	232.5
25	901.2	400	189.0
50	811.8	500	123.0
100	659.1	600	82.2
150	535.2	800	35.7
200	434.7	1000	15.6



b) urinary excretion rate

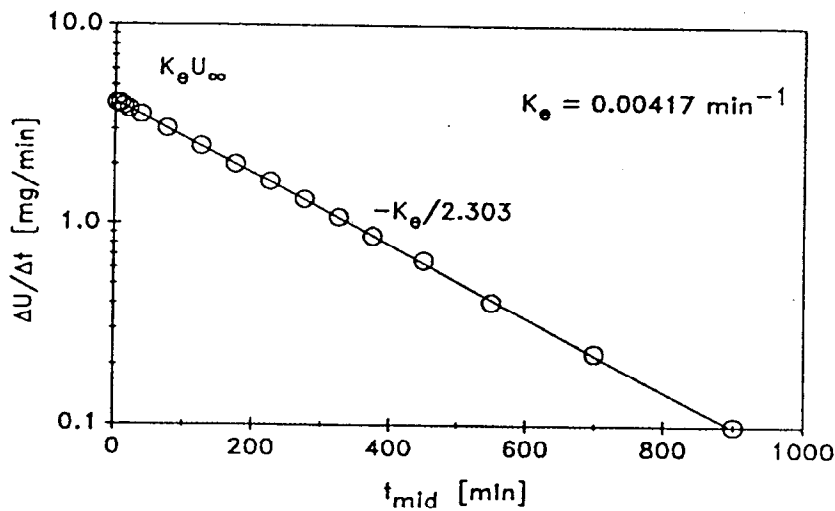
$$\log \frac{dU}{dt} = \log k_e \cdot U_\infty - \frac{k_e}{2.303} \cdot t$$

or

$$\log \frac{\Delta U}{\Delta t} = \log k_e \cdot U_\infty - \frac{k_e}{2.303} \cdot t_{mid}$$

Time interval [min]	$\Delta t$ [min]	$\Delta U$ [mg]	$\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta t}$ / [mg / min]	$t_{mid}$ [min]
0-5	5	20.5	4.10	2.5
5-10	5	20.4	4.08	7.5
10-15	5	19.8	3.96	12.5
15-20	10	38.1	3.81	20.0
25-50	25	89.4	3.58	37.5
50-100	50	152.7	3.05	75.0
100-150	50	123.9	2.48	125.0
150-200	50	100.5	2.01	175.0
200-250	50	81.9	1.64	225.0
250-300	50	66.3	1.33	275.0
300-350	50	54.0	1.08	325.0
350-400	50	43.5	0.87	375.0
400-500	100	66.0	0.66	450.0
500-600	100	40.8	0.41	550.0
600-800	200	46.5	0.23	700.0
800-1000	200	20.1	0.10	900.0

URINARY EXCRETION RATE PLOT



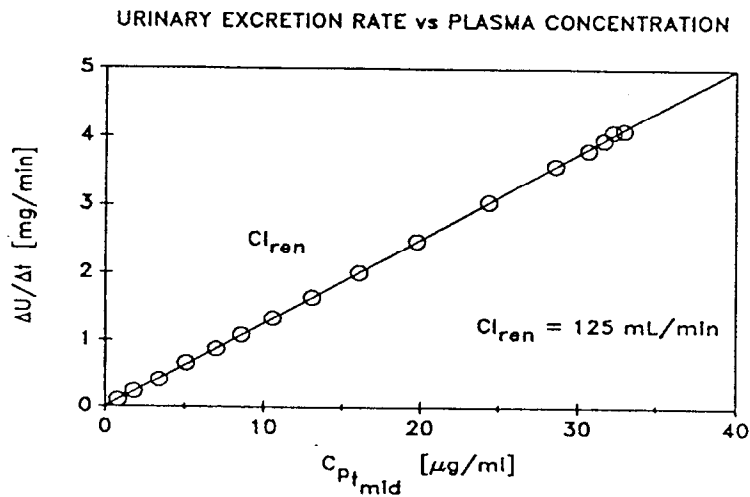
5. Plot the rate of urinary excretion against the plasma concentration. Estimate the renal clearance.

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = k_e \cdot V_d \cdot C_p = Cl_{ren} \cdot C_p$$

or

$$\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta t} = Cl_{ren} \cdot C_{p_{mid}}$$

$\frac{\Delta U}{\Delta t}$ [mg/ml]	$t_{mid}$ [min]	$C_{p_{mid}}$ from plot # 2 [ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ]
4.10	2.5	33.0
4.08	7.5	32.3
3.96	12.5	31.7
3.81	20.0	30.7
3.58	37.5	28.6
3.05	75.0	24.4
2.48	125.0	19.8
2.01	175.0	16.1
1.64	225.0	13.1
1.33	275.0	10.6
1.08	325.0	8.6
0.87	375.0	7.0
0.66	450.0	5.1
0.41	550.0	3.4
0.23	700.0	1.8
0.10	900.0	0.8



6. Plot  $U_t$  vs  $AUC_t$ . Determine the renal clearance.

Answer:

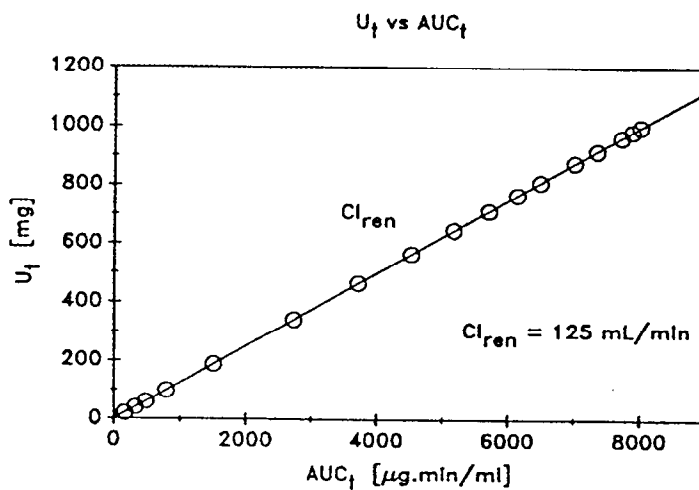
$$U_t = Cl_{ren} \cdot AUC_t$$

$AUC_t$  can be determined by the trapezoidal rule or calculated:

$$AUC_t = \frac{C_{p0}}{k_e} (1 - e^{-k_e \cdot t})$$

$$C_{p0} = 33.4 \quad k_e = 0.004165$$

t[min]	$U_t$ [mg]	$AUC_t \frac{\mu g / min}{[ml]}$
5	20.5	165.2
10	40.9	326.9
15	60.7	485.3
25	98.8	792.4
50	188.2	1506.6
100	340.9	2729.8
150	464.8	3723.1
200	565.3	4529.6
250	647.2	5184.6
300	713.5	5716.4
350	767.5	6148.2
400	811.0	6498.9
500	877.0	7014.8
600	917.8	7355.0
800	964.3	7727.2
1000	1000.0	8013.4



7. Compare the renal clearance with the total body clearance that you can calculate from dose and  $AUC_{\infty}$ .

**Answer:**

Total body clearance

$$Cl_{tot} = \frac{D}{AUC_{\infty}} = \frac{1000}{8013.4} = 0.125 \frac{\text{mg} \cdot \text{ml}}{\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{ml}} = 125 \text{ ml / min}$$

Total body clearance and renal clearance are equal, indicating that renal excretion of the unchanged drug is the only way of drug elimination.

8. What could you conclude as to the major process for elimination of this drug.

**Answer:**

Glomerular filtration only

or

glomerular filtration, tubular secretion and tubular reabsorption with the same magnitude of tubular secretion and reabsorption.