

Pharmacodynamics of antibiotics: Correlation between kinetics and activity

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Pharmacodynamics of antibiotics:

Correlation between kinetics and activity

- Rising resistance and correlation with antibiotic use ...
- Did we use antibiotics in a rational way ? ...
- What is pharmacodynamics and how can it help you ? ...
- Can we prevent (or slow down the emergence of) resistance ? ...
- Can we also reduce health care costs ? ...

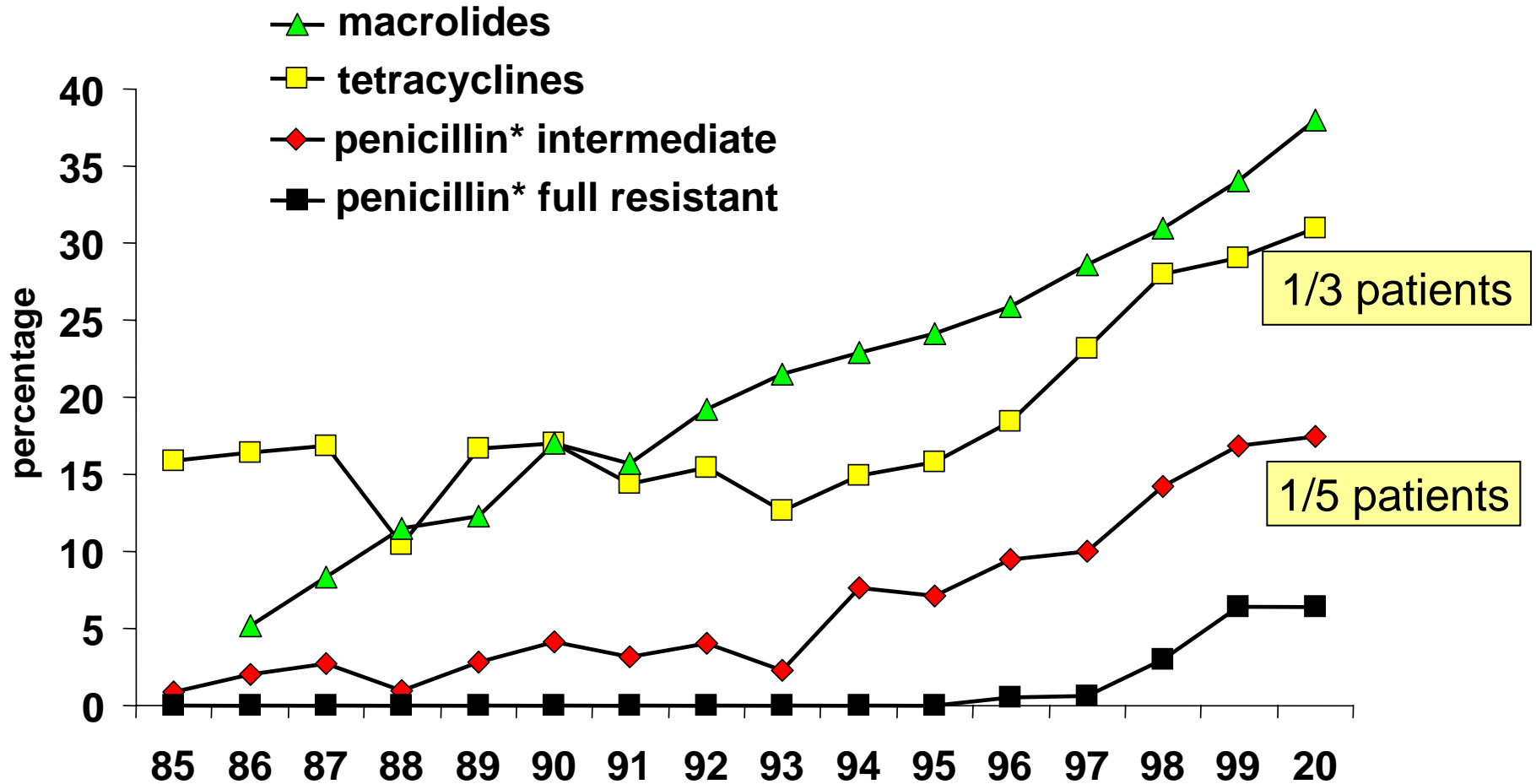


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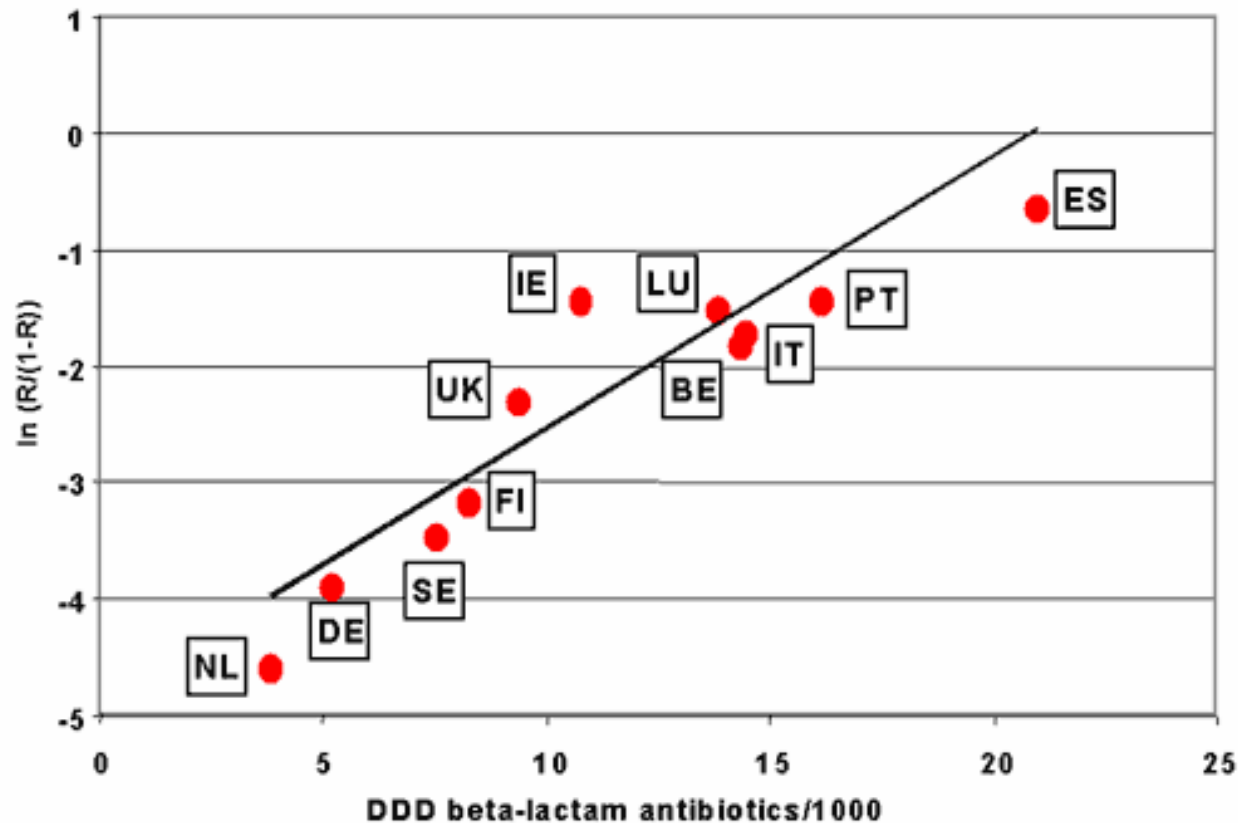
Resistance is the problem ...



* all β -lactams (= penicillins, cephalosporins, ...)

Belgian Reference Laboratory for pneumococci, Leuven, 2000

Overuse is also the problem ...



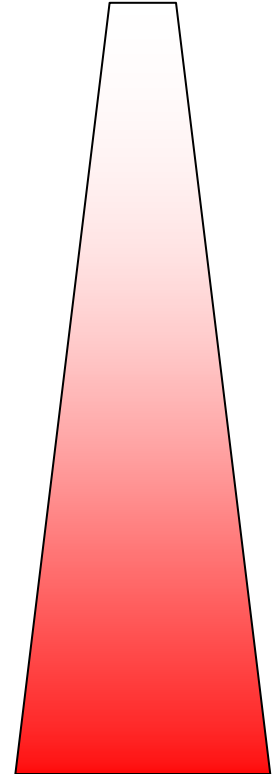
Risk of resistance to β -lactams among invasive isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* regressed against outpatient sales of beta-lactam antibiotics in 11 European countries

- resistance data are from 1998 to 1999; antibiotic sales data 1997.
- DDD = defined daily doses

Bronzwaer SL, Cars O, et al. Emerg Infect Dis 2002 Mar;8(3):278-82

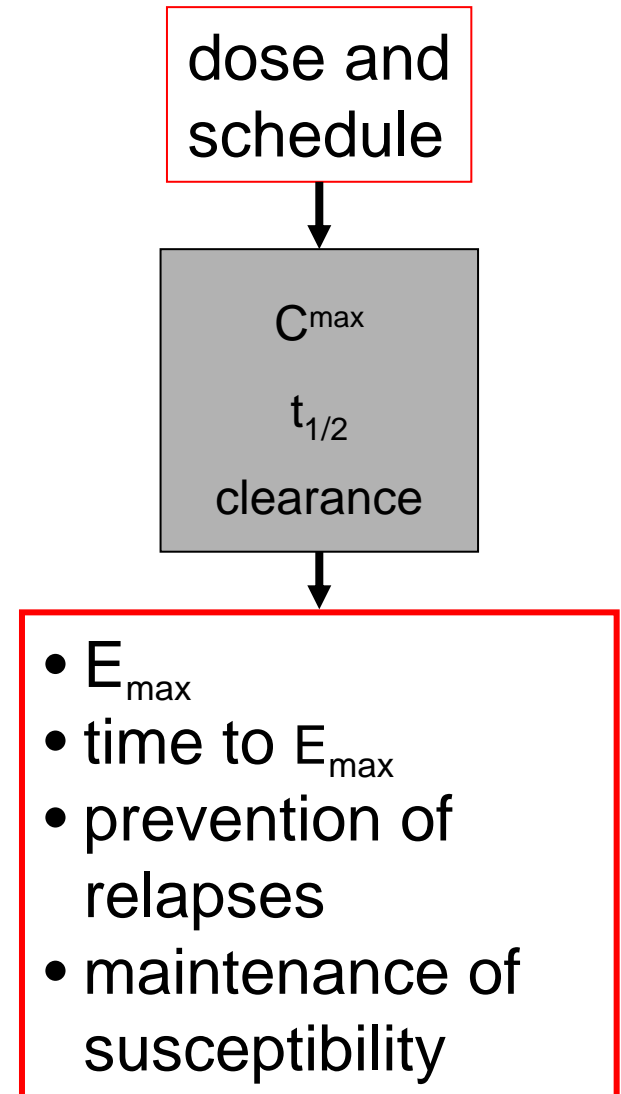
How can you be "better" ?

- be globally efficacious
→ **pharmacodynamics (PK/PD)**
- avoid selection of resistance
→ **"mutant prevention concentration"**



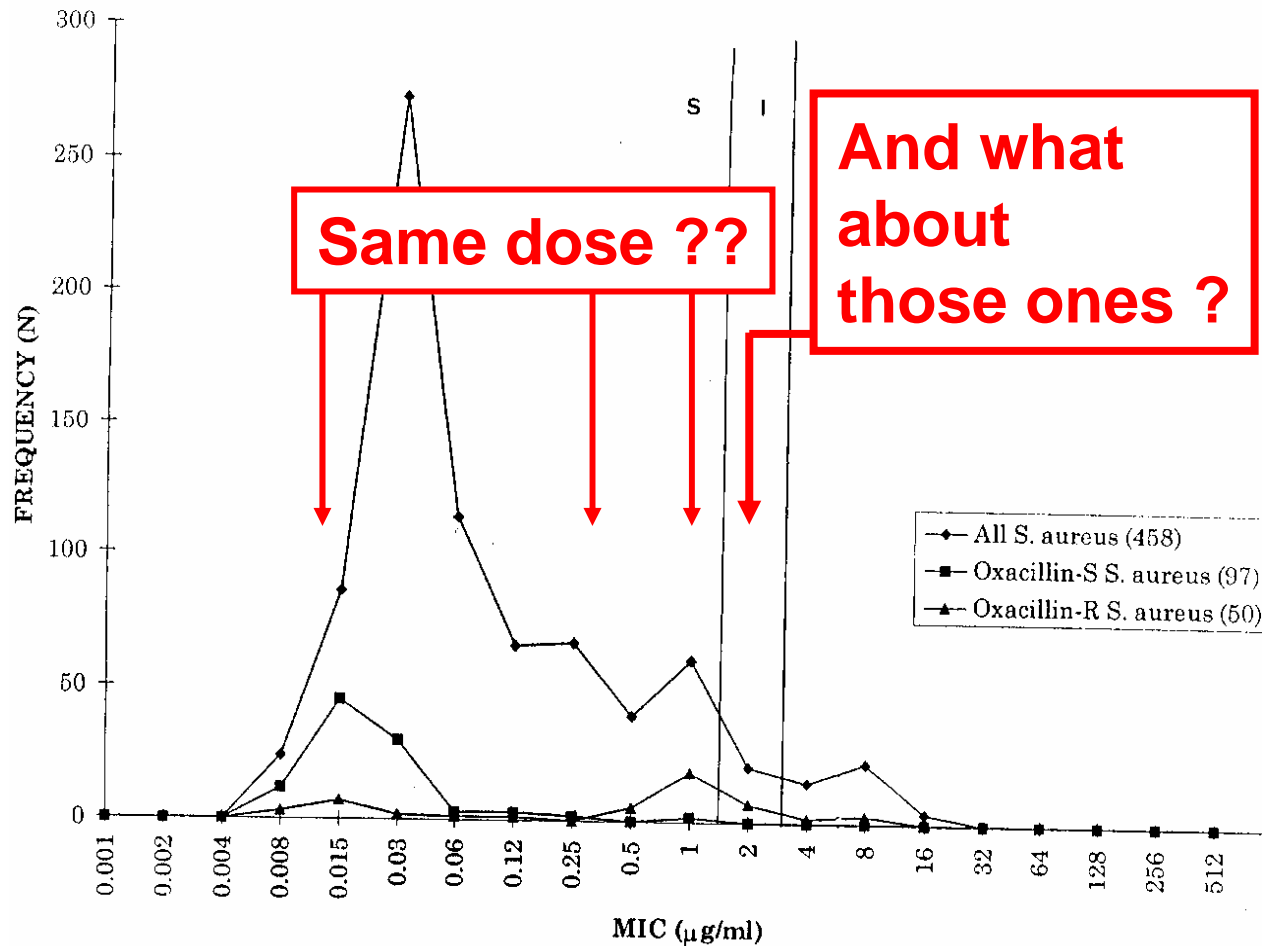
What is Pharmacokinetics / Pharmacodynamics (PK/PD) ?

- Pharmacokinetics:
what the body does to the drug
 - ➔ absorption, distribution, serum and tissue levels elimination, ...
- Pharmacodynamics (of AB):
what the drug does to the bacteria
 - ➔ static vs. bactericidal effect, rate of kill, eradication, prevention of resistance....



The problem as seen from a question of the FDA...

Figure 2. TROVAFLOXACIN vs *Staphylococcus aureus*
(N = 458)

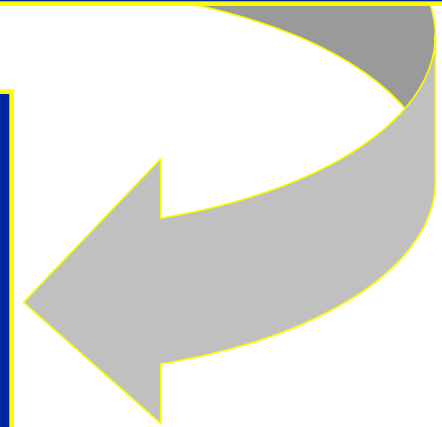
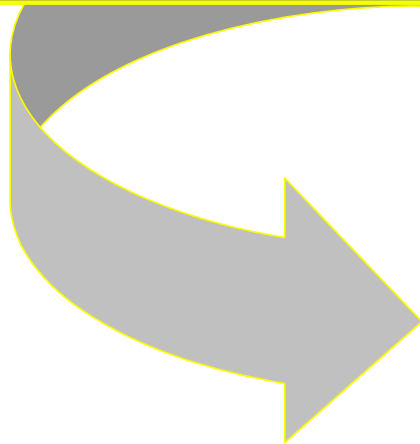
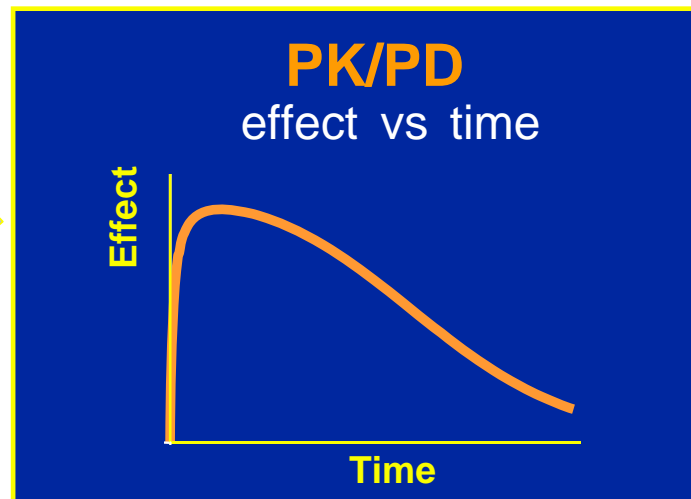
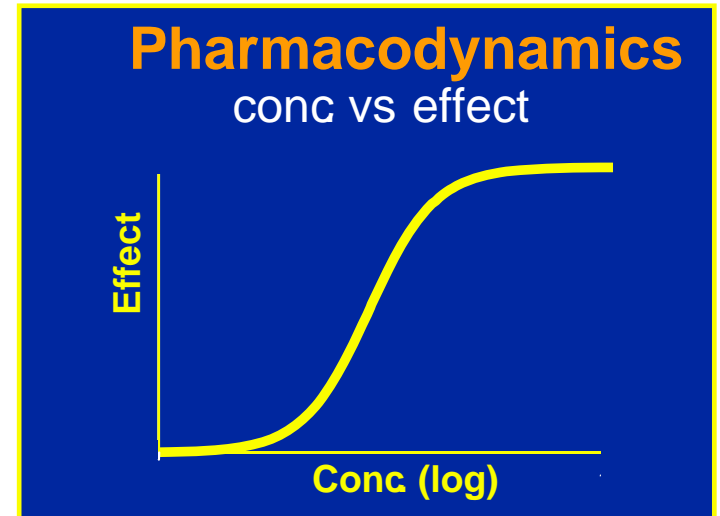
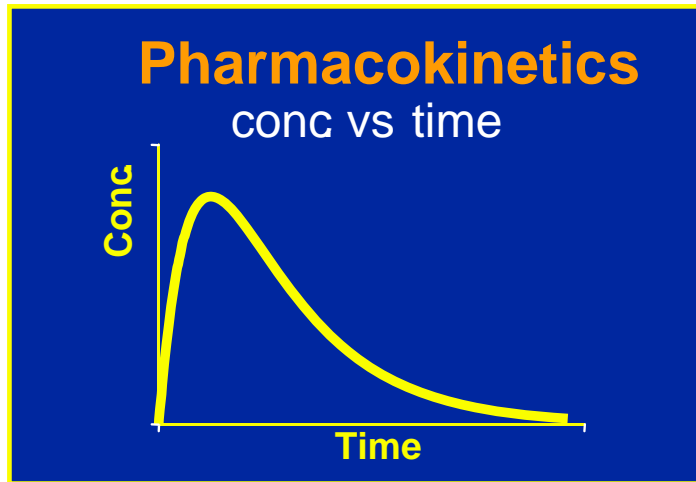


Breakpoints tend to set up quantic limits in what is fundamentally a **continuous** distribution ...

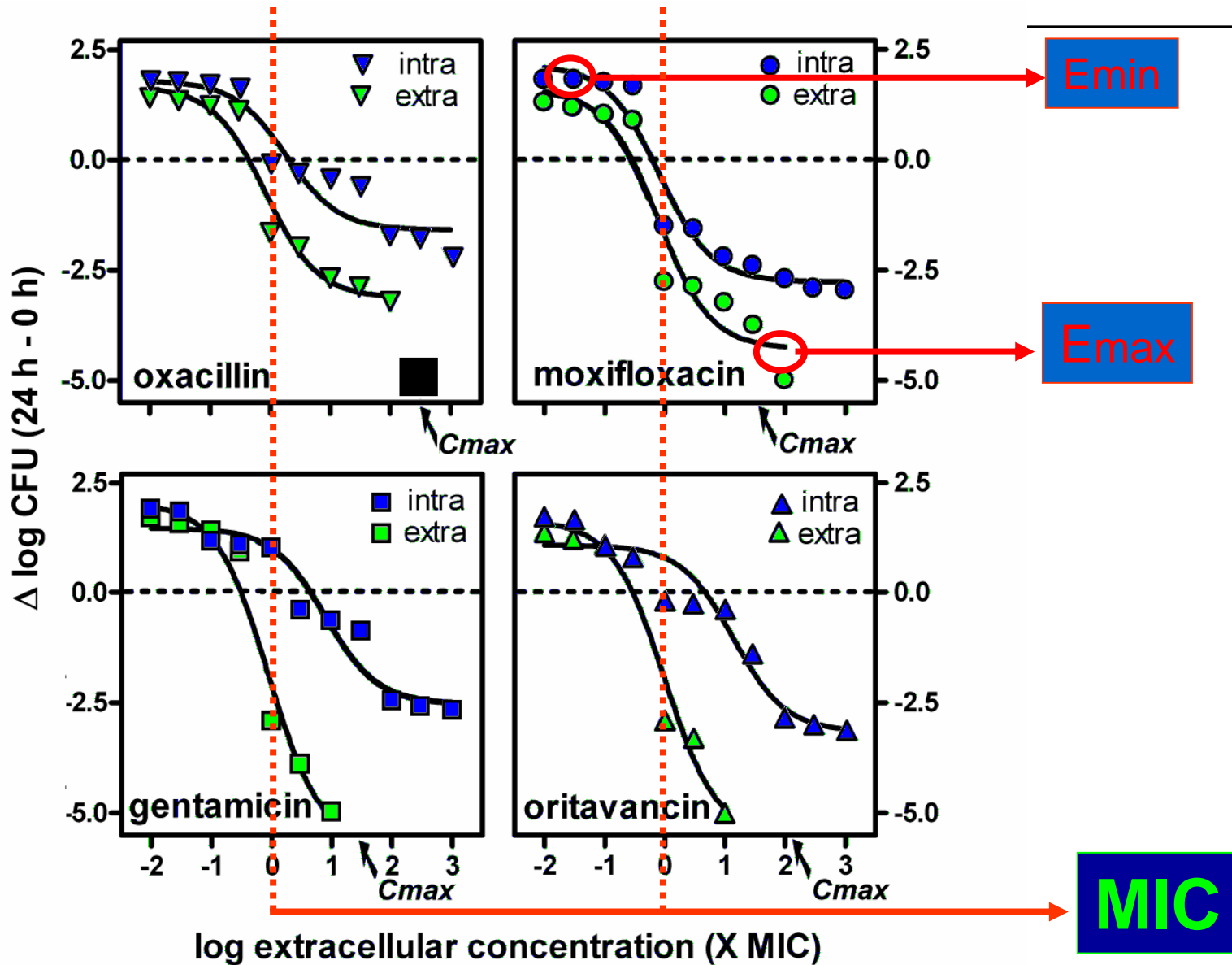
What are "Pharmacodynamic indices" ?

- all drugs have pharmacokinetic properties that describe the way the body handles them
 - antibiotics are no exception ...
 - you need to consider the C_{\max} and the clearance (that will result in a given half-life) to describe the drug exposure
- a drug needs to bind to its target to act ...
 - antibiotics are again no exception, but the target is the bacteria ...
 - the antibiotics can be studied in vitro to look at the extent of their action at increasing concentrations (like the binding of a ligand to its receptor in conventional pharmacology). This is drug pharmacodynamics...

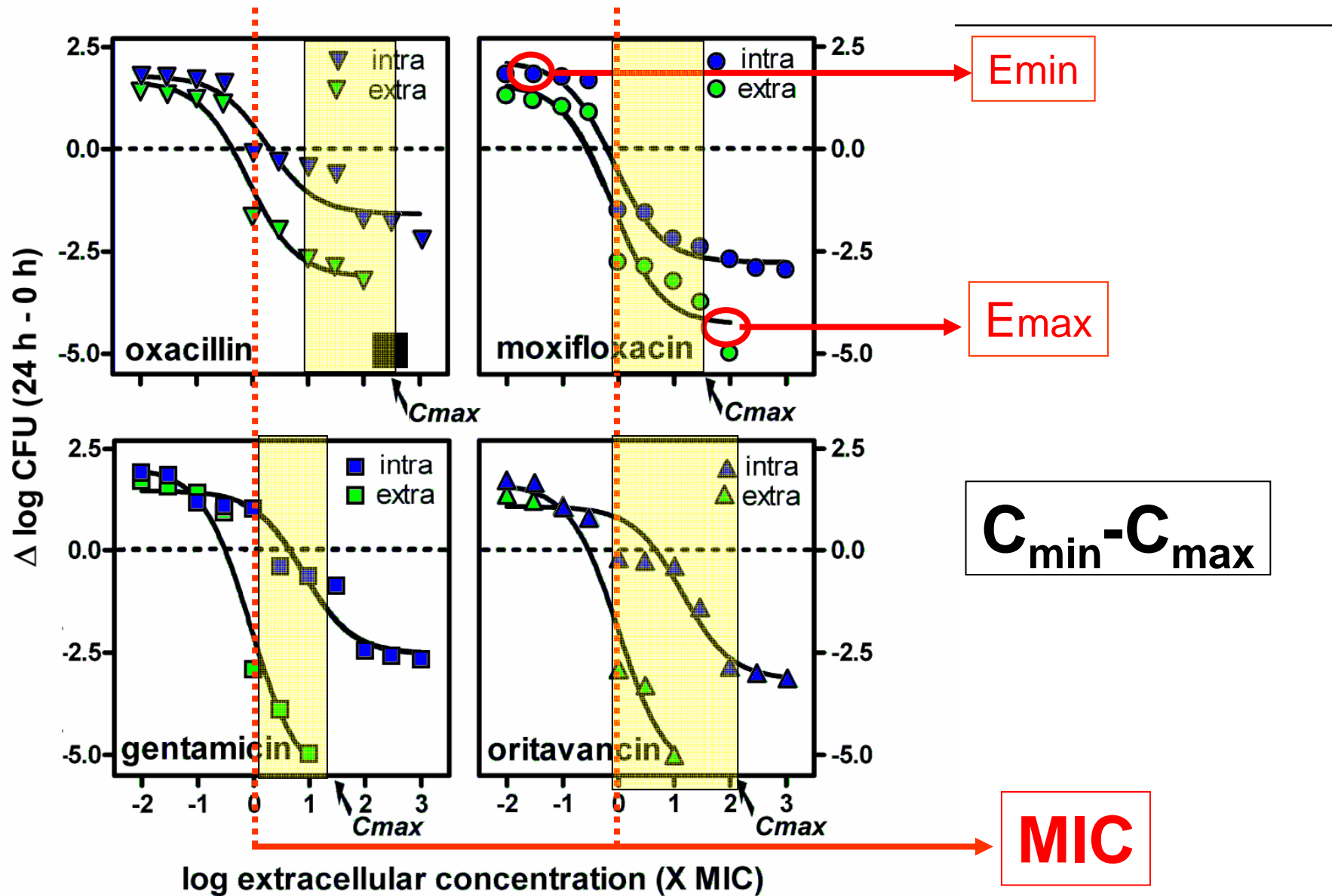
Pharmacokinetics → Pharmacodynamics...



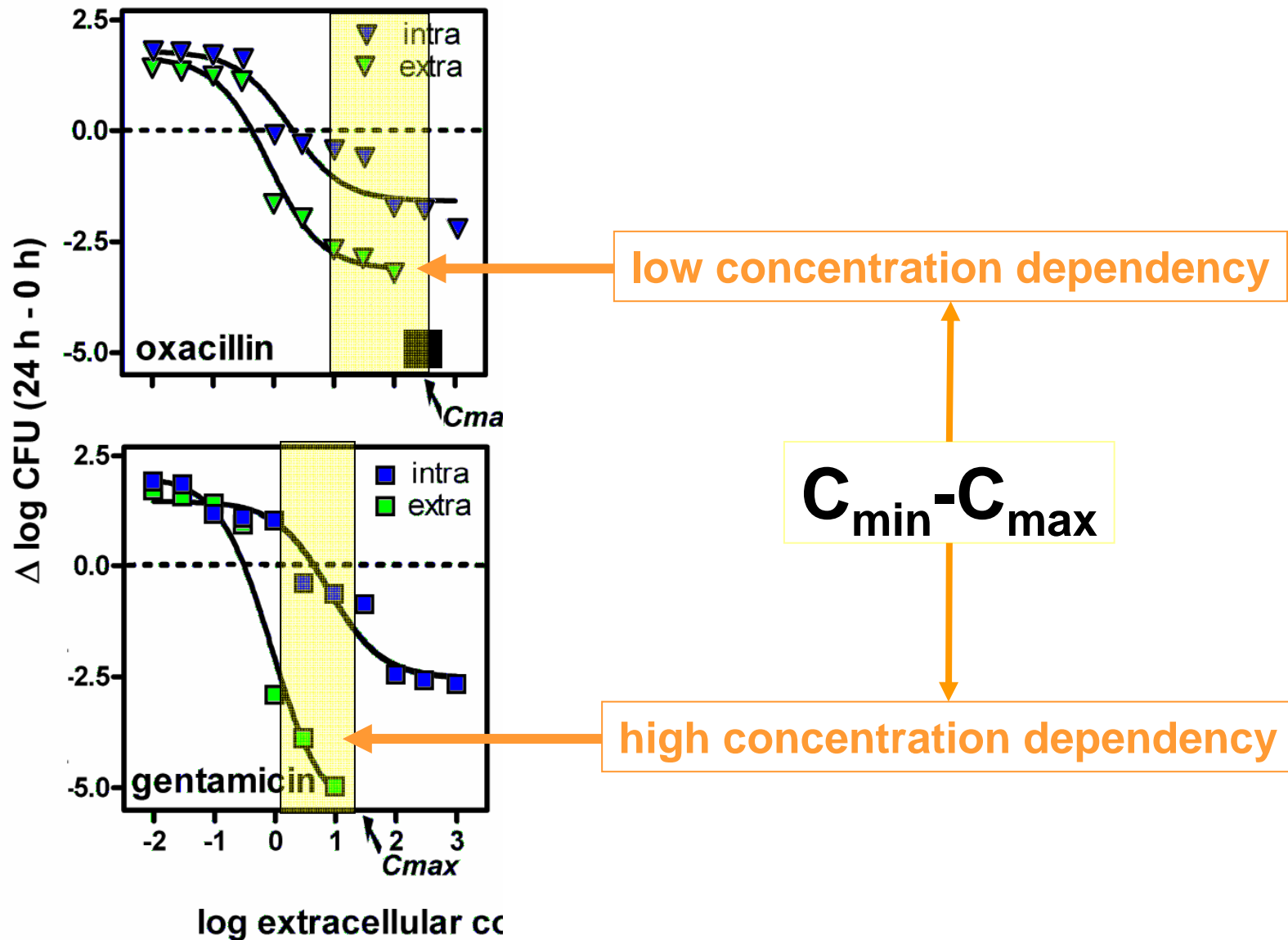
Example of a pharmacodynamic relationship



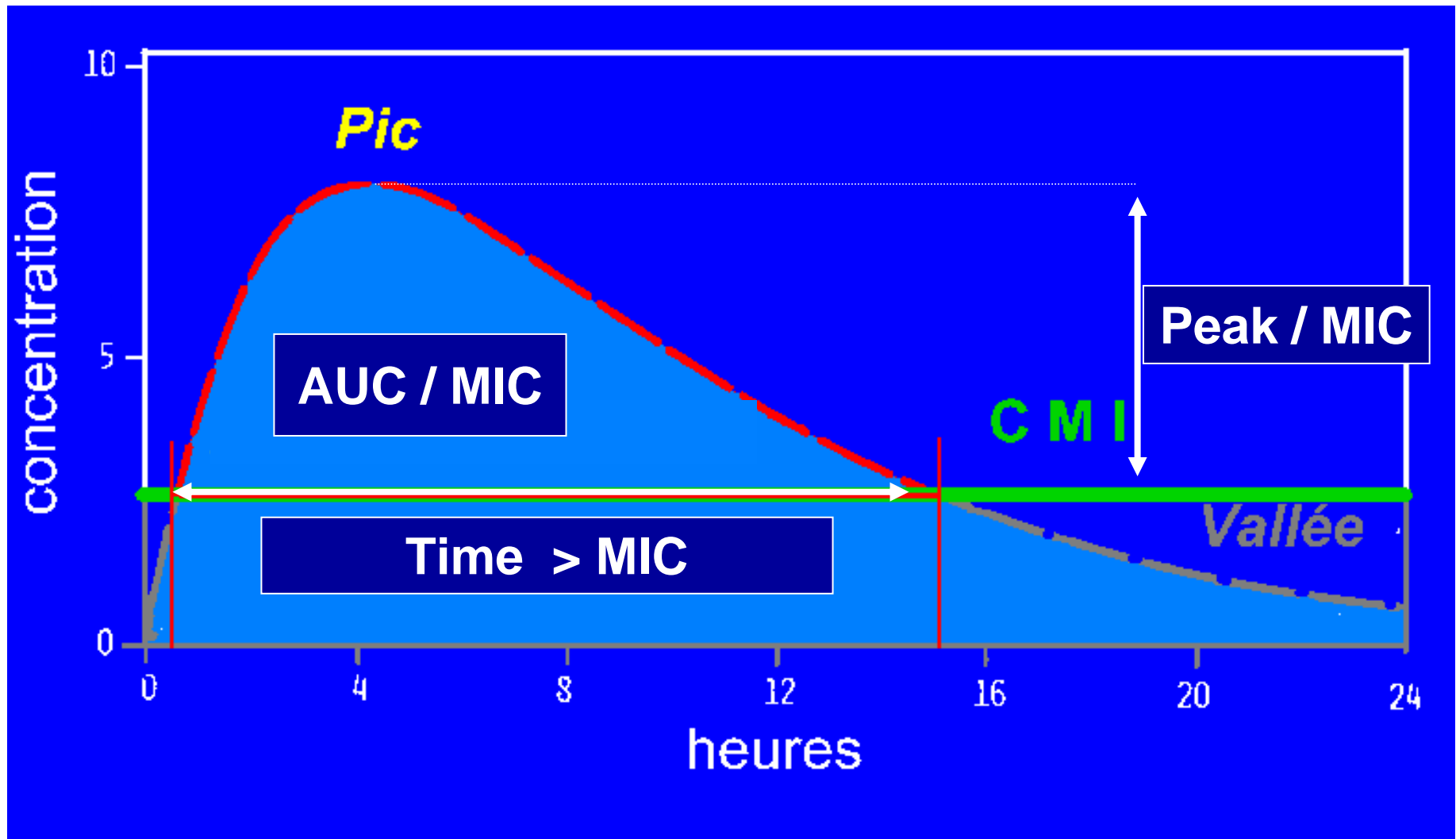
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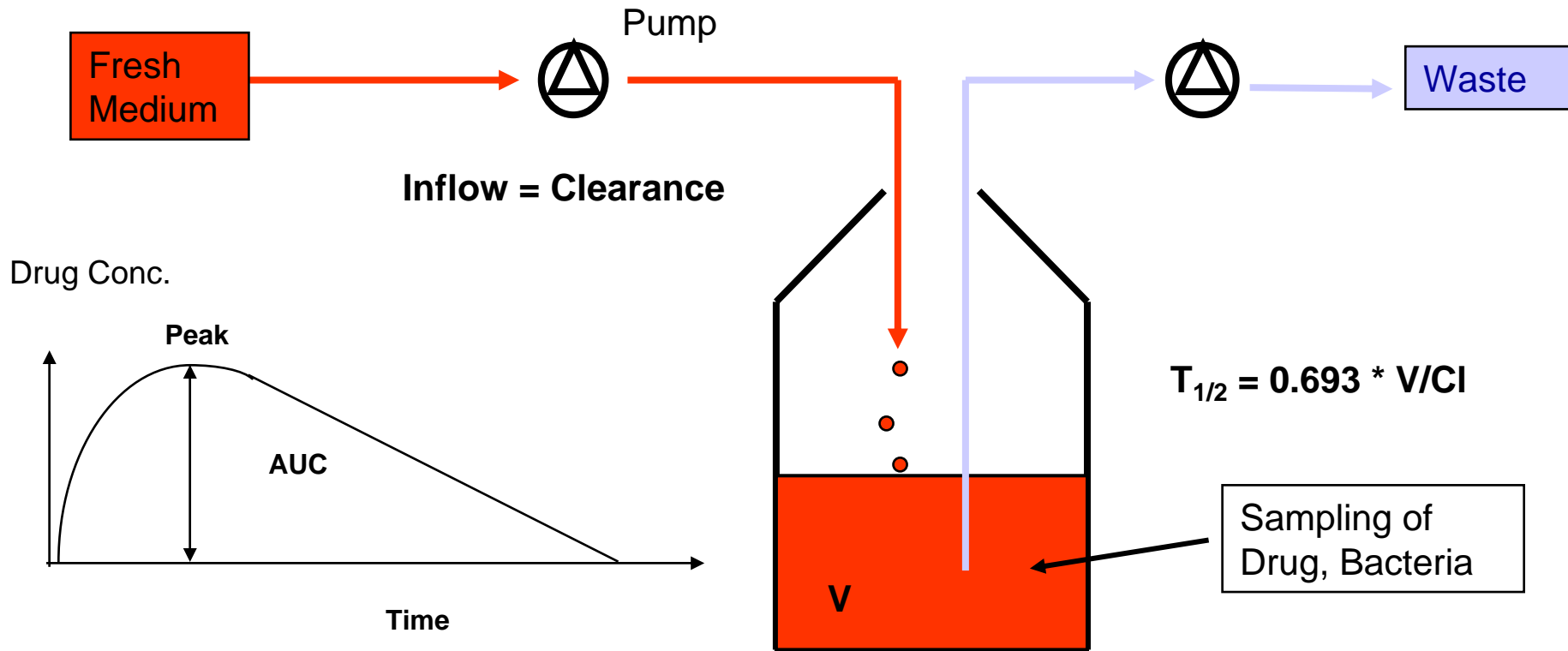
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From Pharmacokinetics to Pharmacodynamics of AB ...



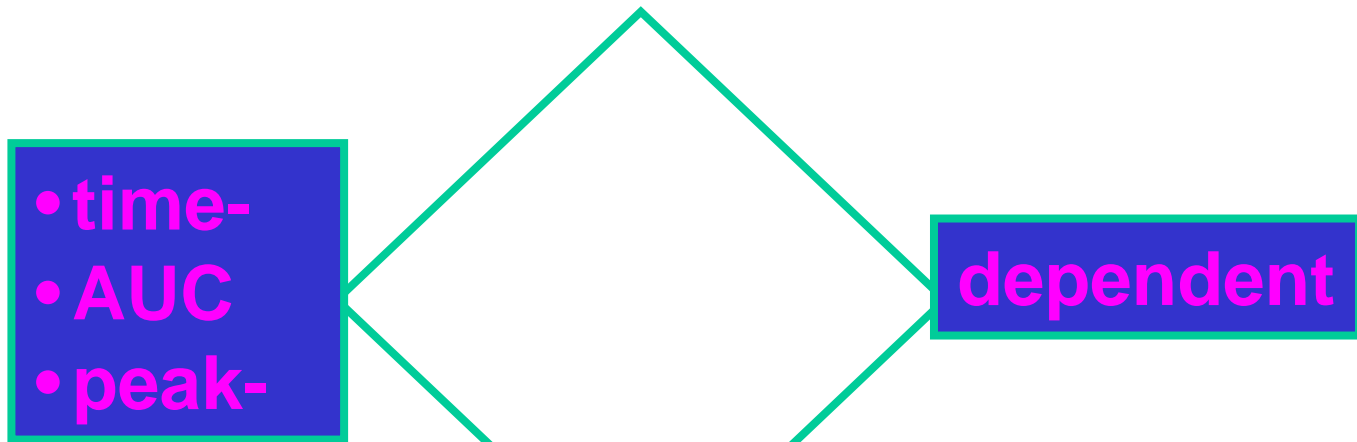
A simple dynamic model ...



Adapted from M.N. Dudley, ISAP / FDA Workshop, March 1st, 1999

Pharmacodynamics: the basic question ...

Which antibiotics are

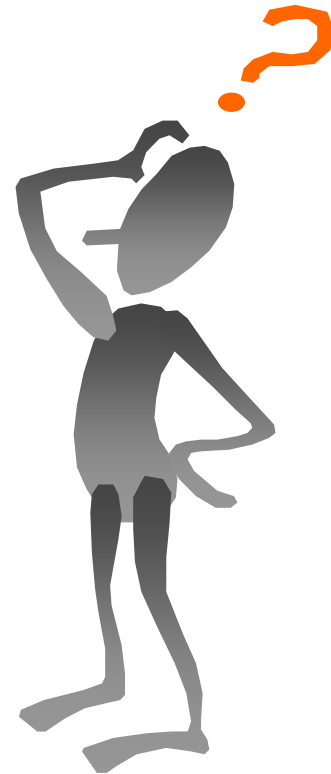


in
clinically meaningful
conditions ?



Main PK/PD properties of antibiotics

Available antibiotics can be divided in 3 groups :



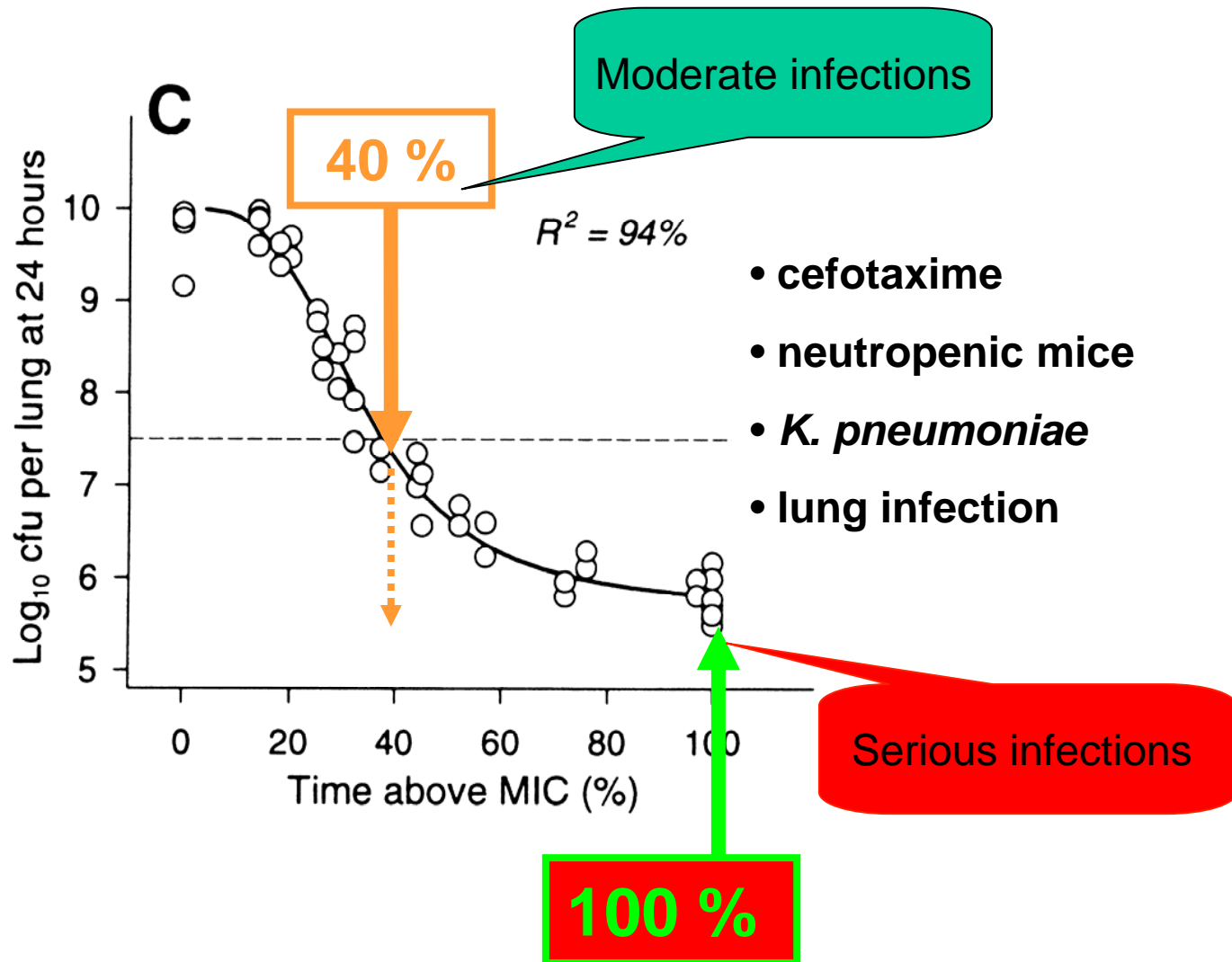
Antibiotics Group # 1

(after W.A. Craig, 2000; revised 2002 and 2003)

1. Antibiotics with time-dependent effects and no or little persistent effects

AB	PK/PD parameter	Goal
β -lactams	time above the MIC	Maximalize the exposure time

How long should you stay above the MIC ?



Do all β -lactams have similar PK/PD properties ?...

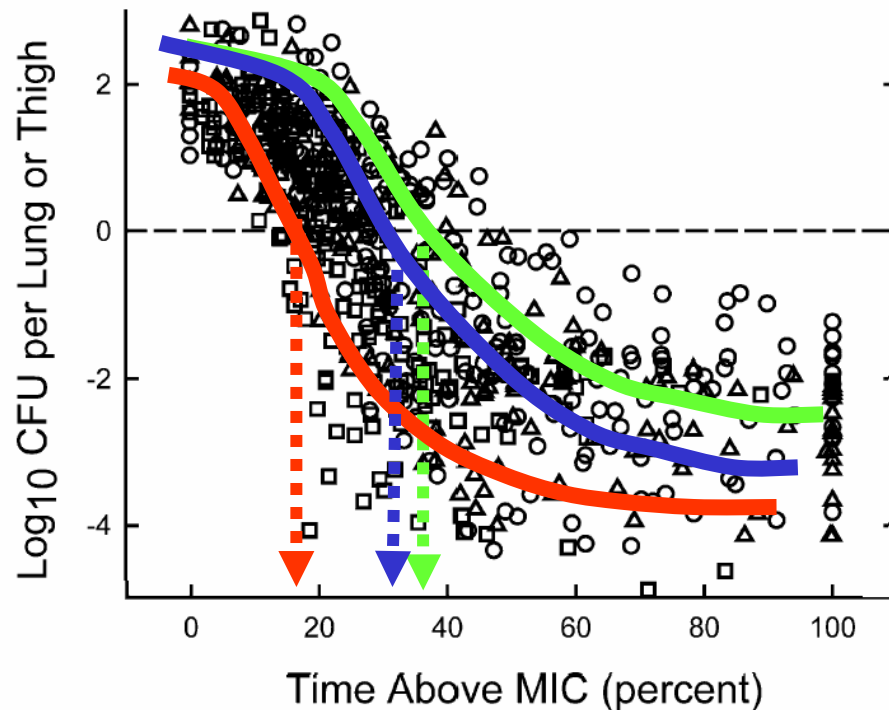
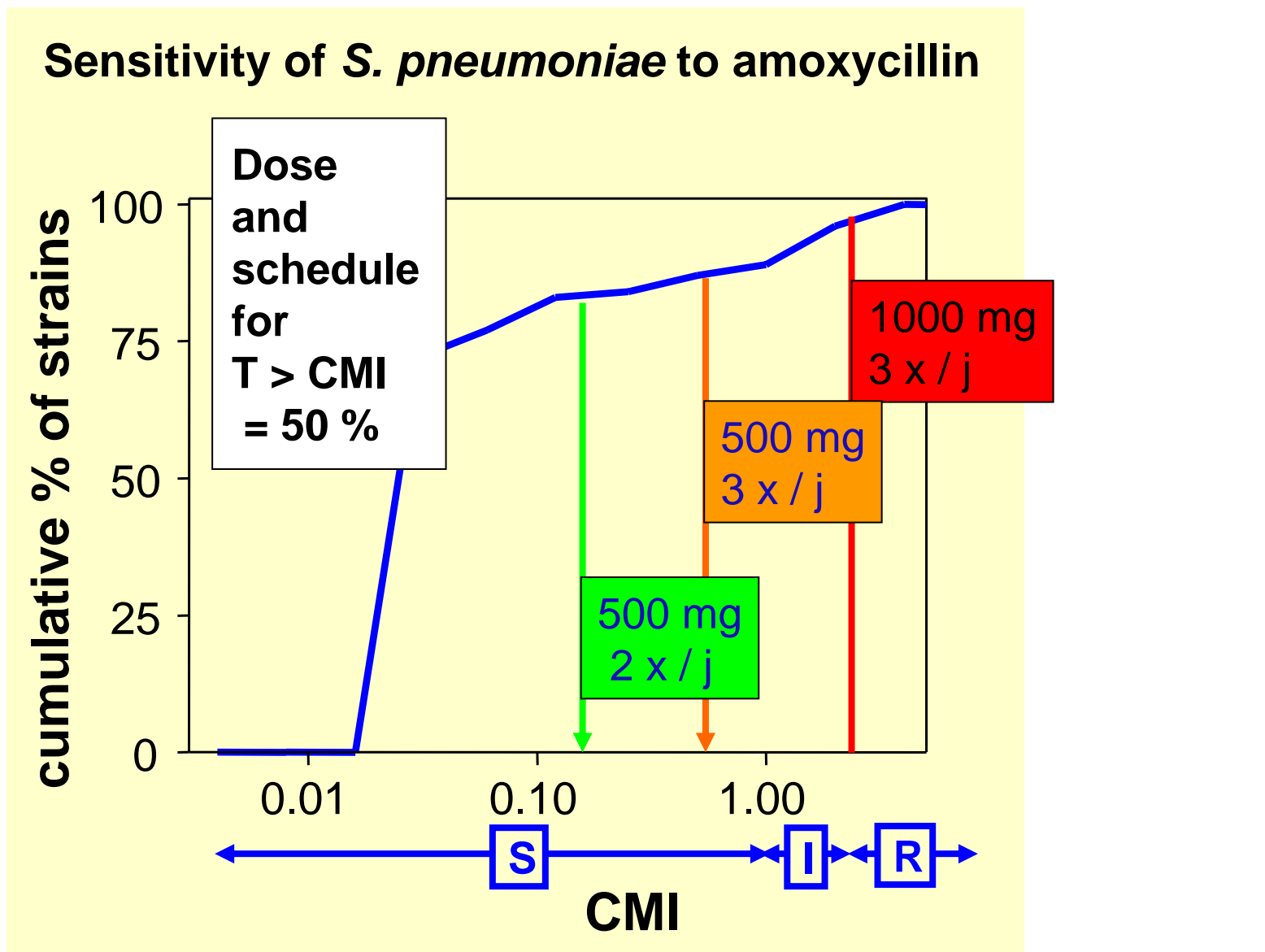


Fig. 7. Relationship between the change in log₁₀ CFU per thigh or lung for various pathogens following 24 h of therapy with different doses of penicillins (Δ), cephalosporins (\circ) and carbapenems (\square)

different pathogens

- same shape of dose response
- diff. In **T > MIC** for a static effect (penicill. > carbap.)
- diff **E_{max}** (penicill. < carbap.)

Dosing amoxycillin for respiratory tract infections in Belgium



Antibiotics Group # 2

(after W.A. Craig, 2000; revised 2002 and 2003)

2. Antibiotics with time-dependent effects, no or little influence of concentration, but **marked, persistent effects**

AB	PK/PD parameter	Goal
glycopeptides tetracyclines macrolides linezolid streptogramins	AUC / MIC	optimize the amount of antibiotic

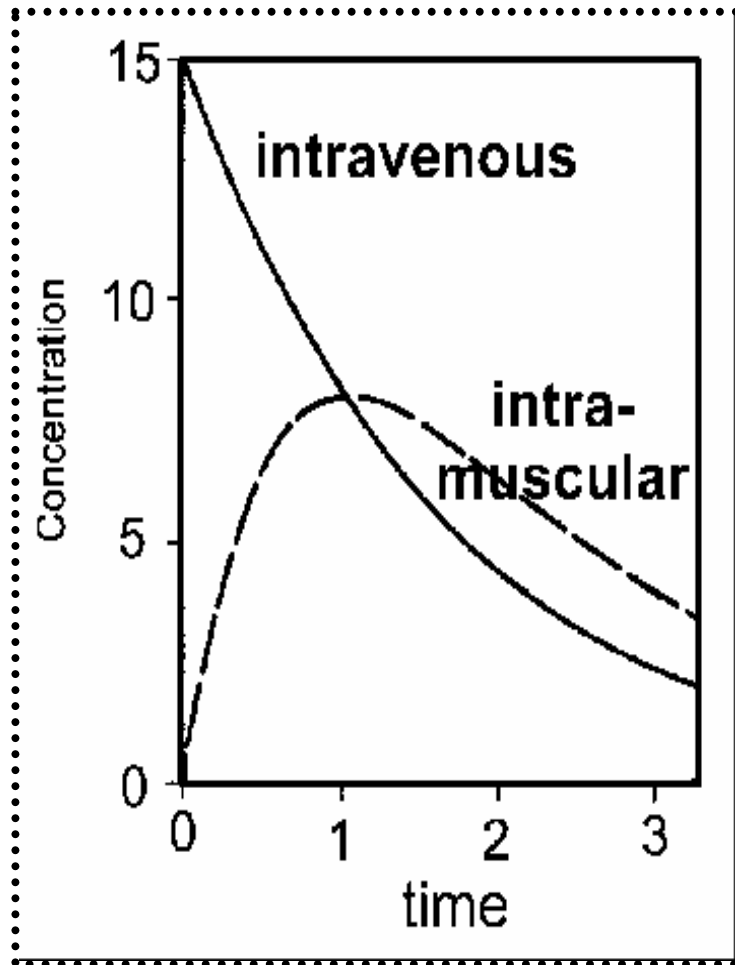
Antibiotics Group # 3

(after W.A. Craig, 2000; revised 2002 and 2003)

3. Antibiotics with **concentration-dependent bactericidal activity** and **prolonged persistent effects** (post-antibiotic effects)

AB	PK/PD parameter	Goal
aminoglycosides fluoroquinolones daptomycin ketolides	Peak and AUC / CMI	optimize the peak and the amount of antibiotic

Aminoglycosides: get a peak !



1. Appropriate mode of administration

➡ IV route

2. Calculation of the necessary peak value

➡ minimal peak: = $MIC / 8$

3. Calculation of the adequate dosis

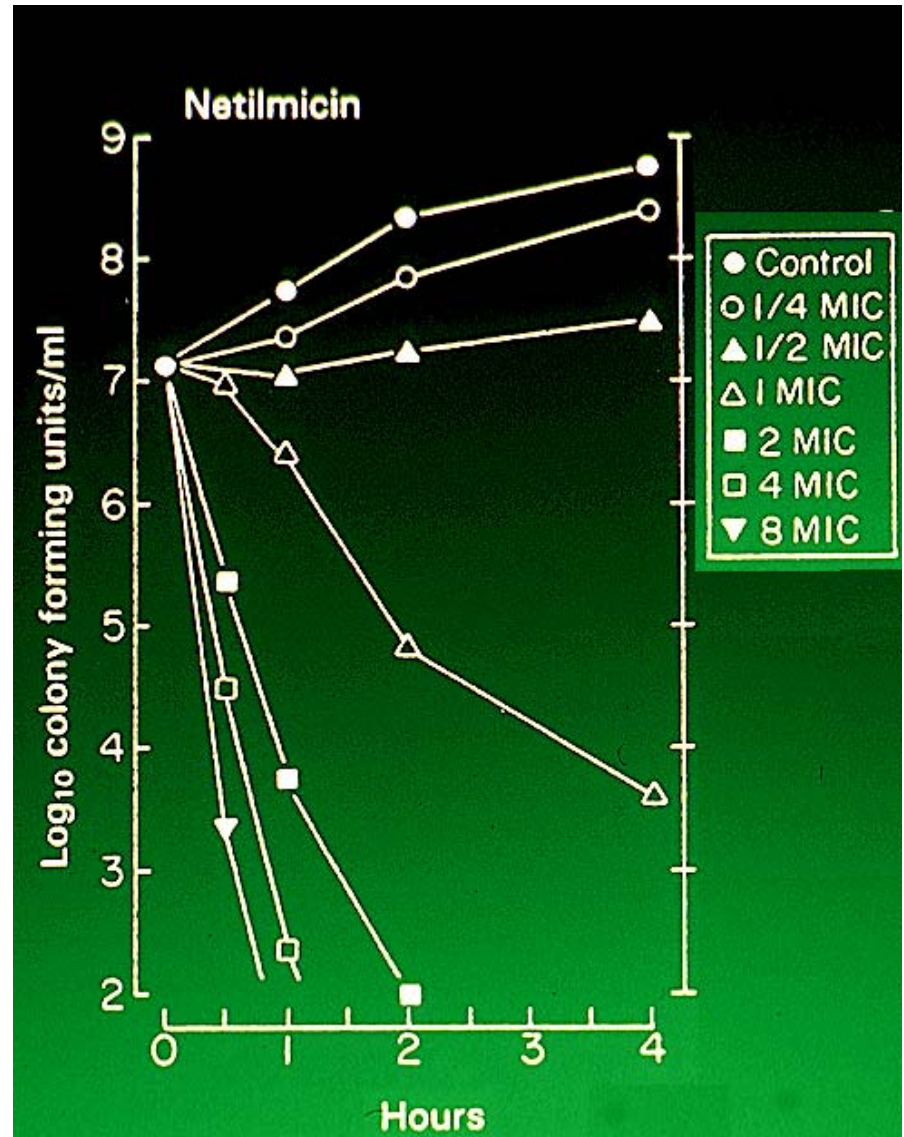
➡ peak = dosis / V_d

➡ dosis = peak x V_d

➡ dosis = $MIC \times 8 \times V_d$

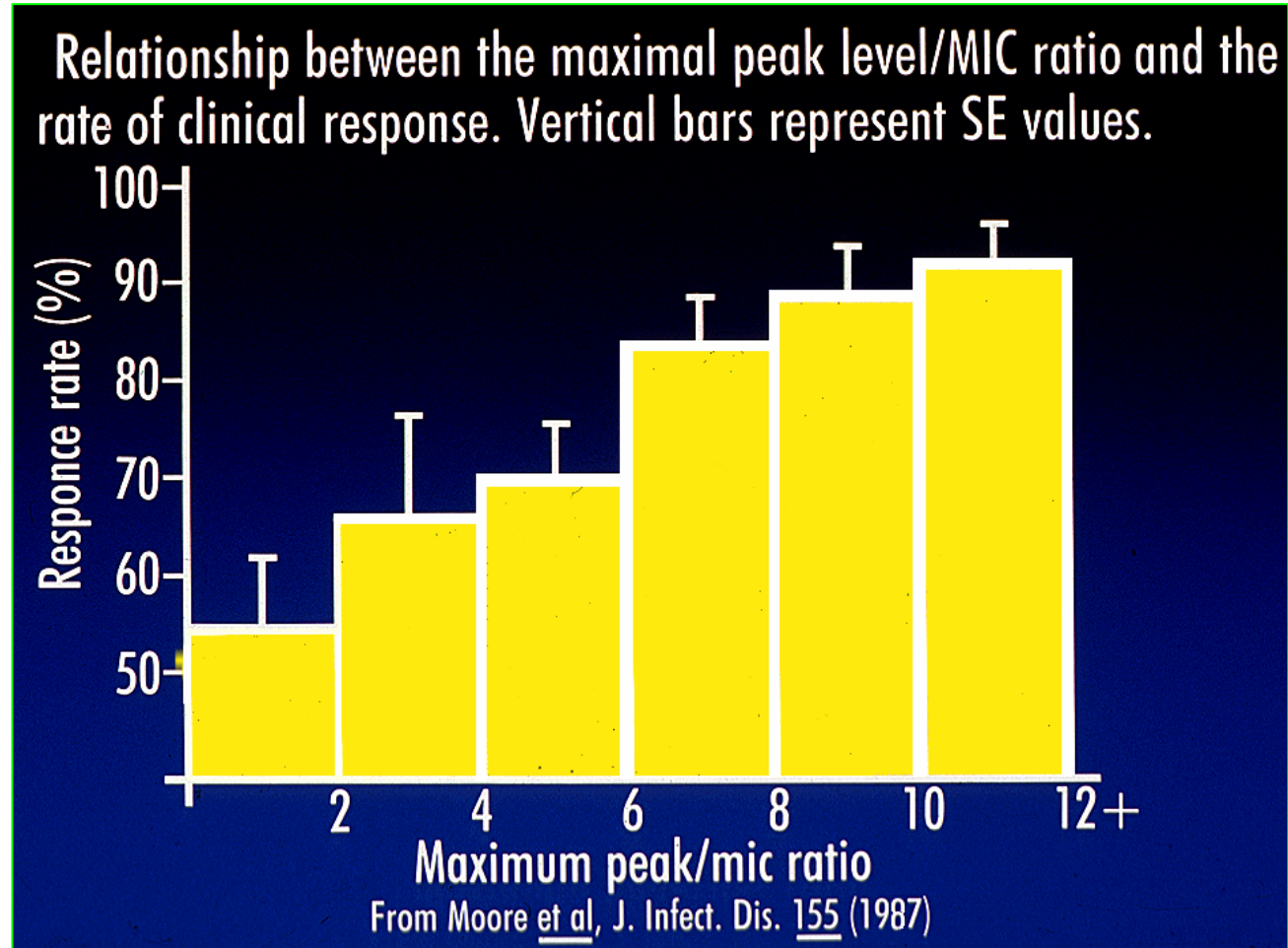
Aminoglycosides: why a peak ?

Aminoglycosides are concentration-dependent drugs in the clinically meaningful concentration range ...



Aminoglycosides: why a peak ?

Clinical efficacy
is linked to
peak/MIC ratio

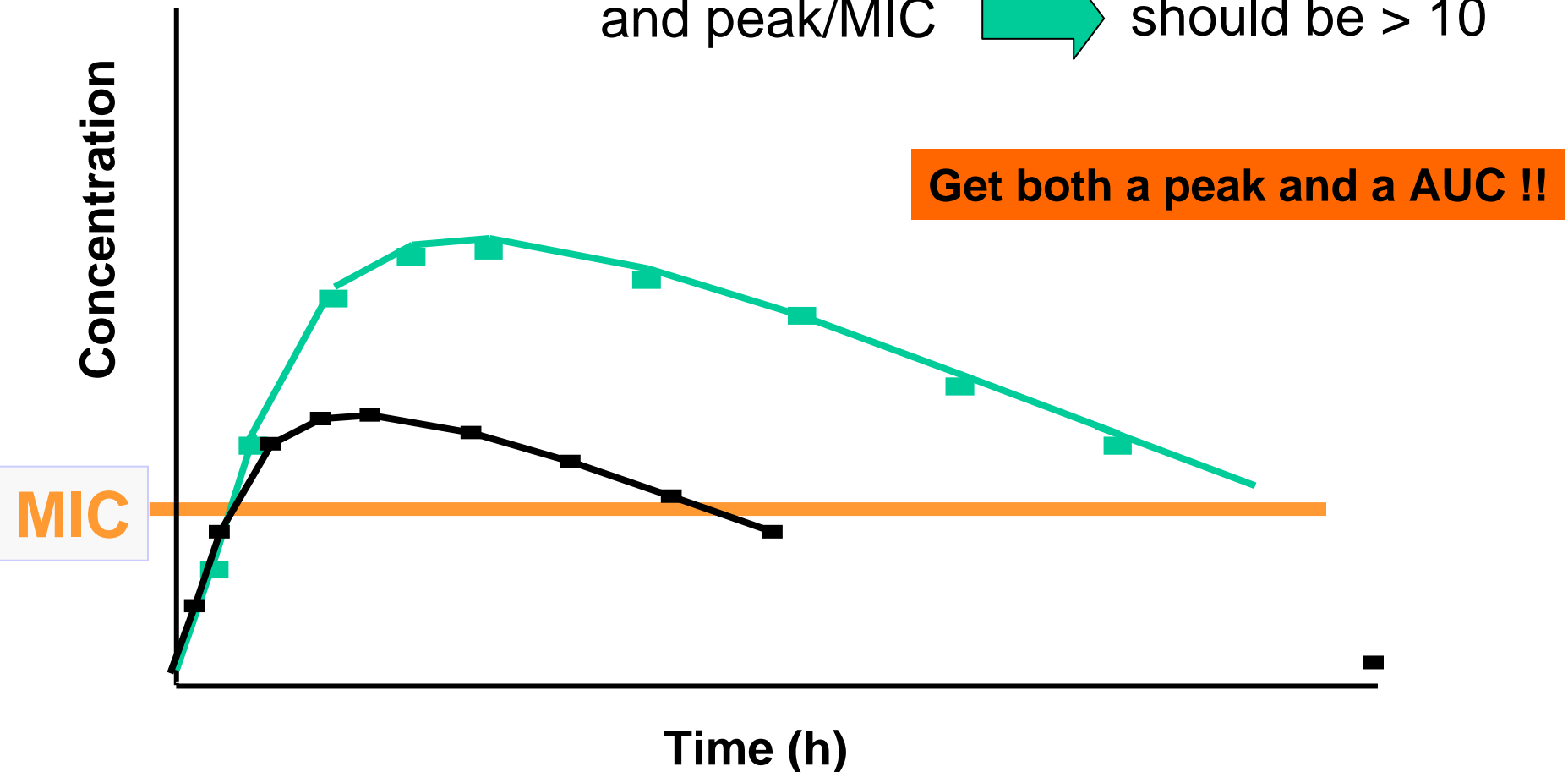


Fluoroquinolones: get a peak and an AUC !

increase the amount administered,
in order to optimize AUC/MIC

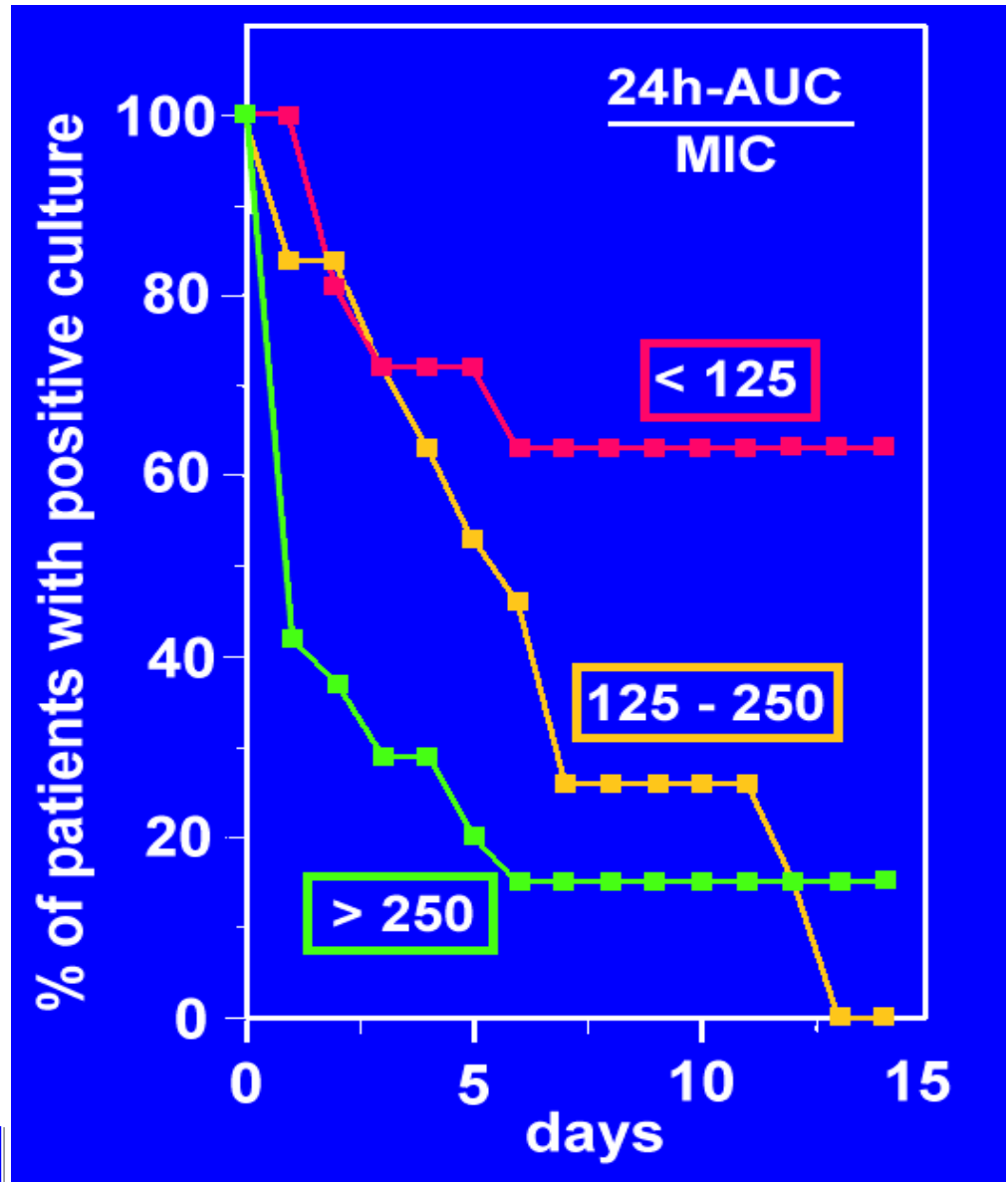
➡ should be $> 125^*$

and peak/MIC ➡ should be > 10

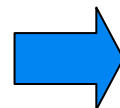
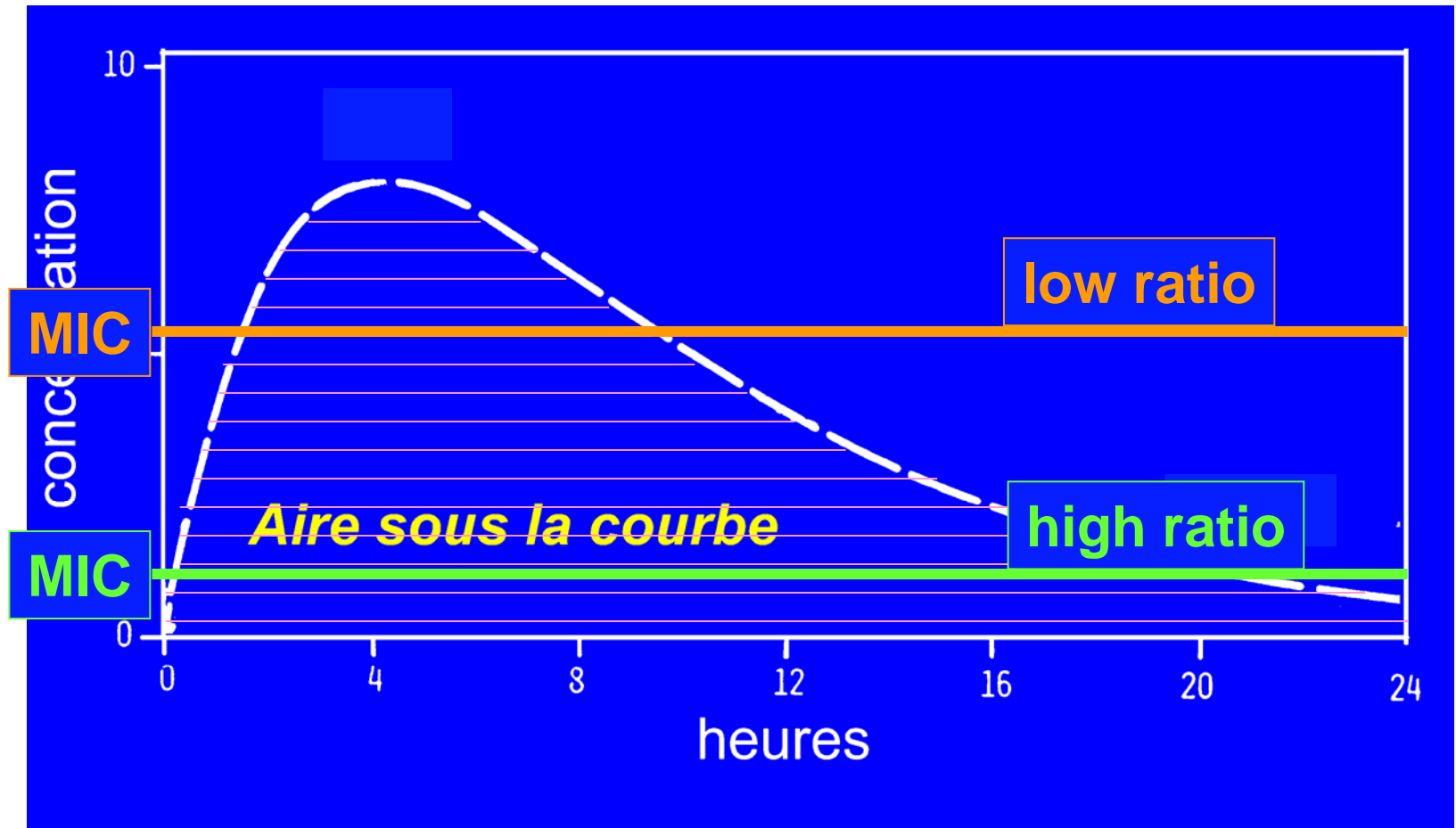


Why an AUC / MIC > 125 for fluoroquinolones ...

AUC / MIC
is
one parameter ...



What do you mean by $\text{PEAK} / \text{MIC} > 10$ and $\text{AUC} / \text{MIC} > 100$



$$\text{AUC}_{24\text{h}} = \text{dose} / \text{clearance}$$

$AUC/MIC_{24h} = 125$: a magical number??

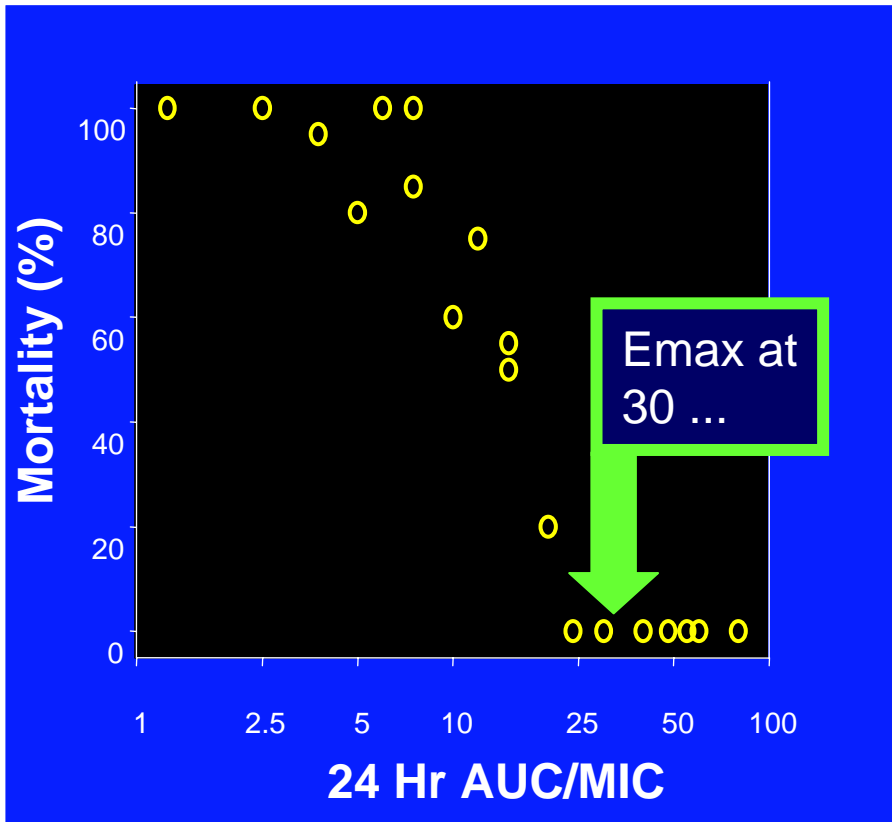
125 was the limit below which failure rates became unacceptable because of either

- a large MIC
- or a too low dosage
(AUC is proportional to the dosage)

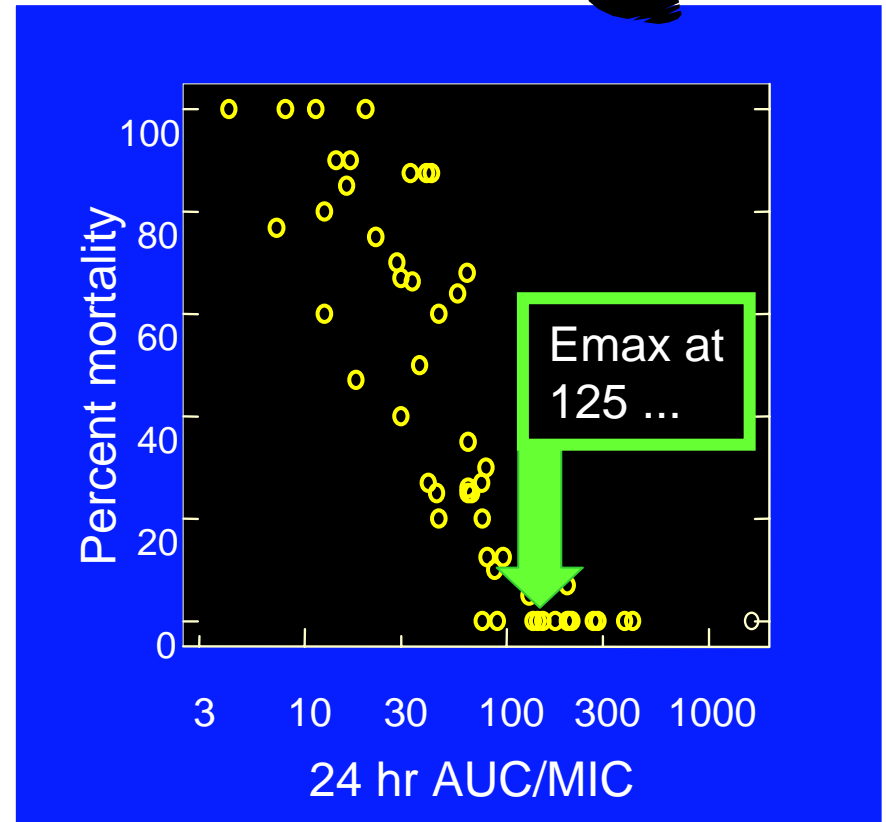


Is 125 good for all ??

The saga of *S. pneumoniae* ...



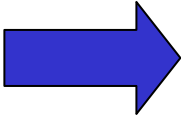
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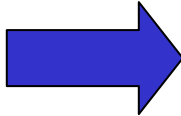


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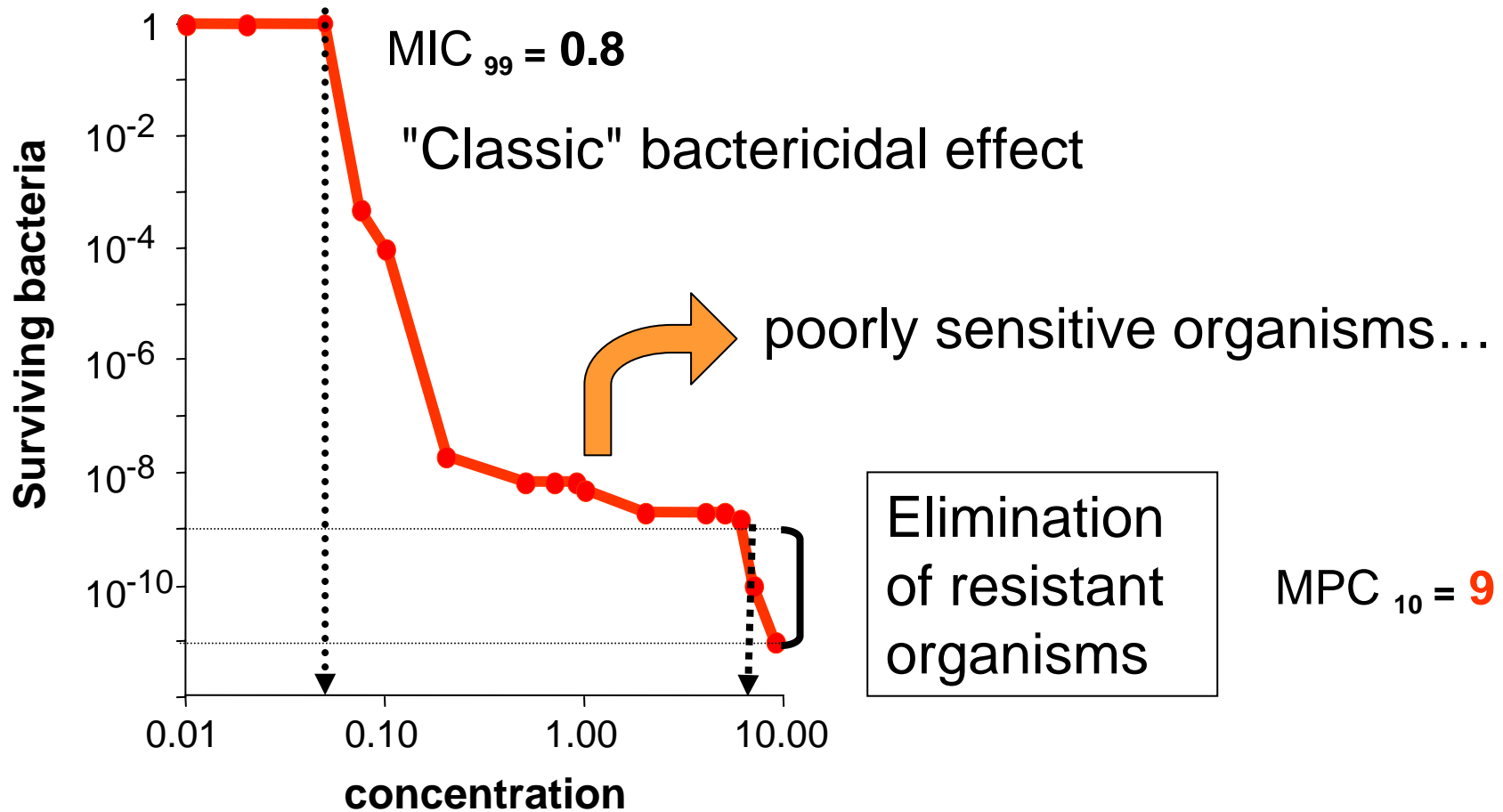
How to optimize the AUC / MIC ratio ?

$$\text{AUC} = \text{dosis} / \text{CI}$$

 Adjust the daily dosis
~ target AUC

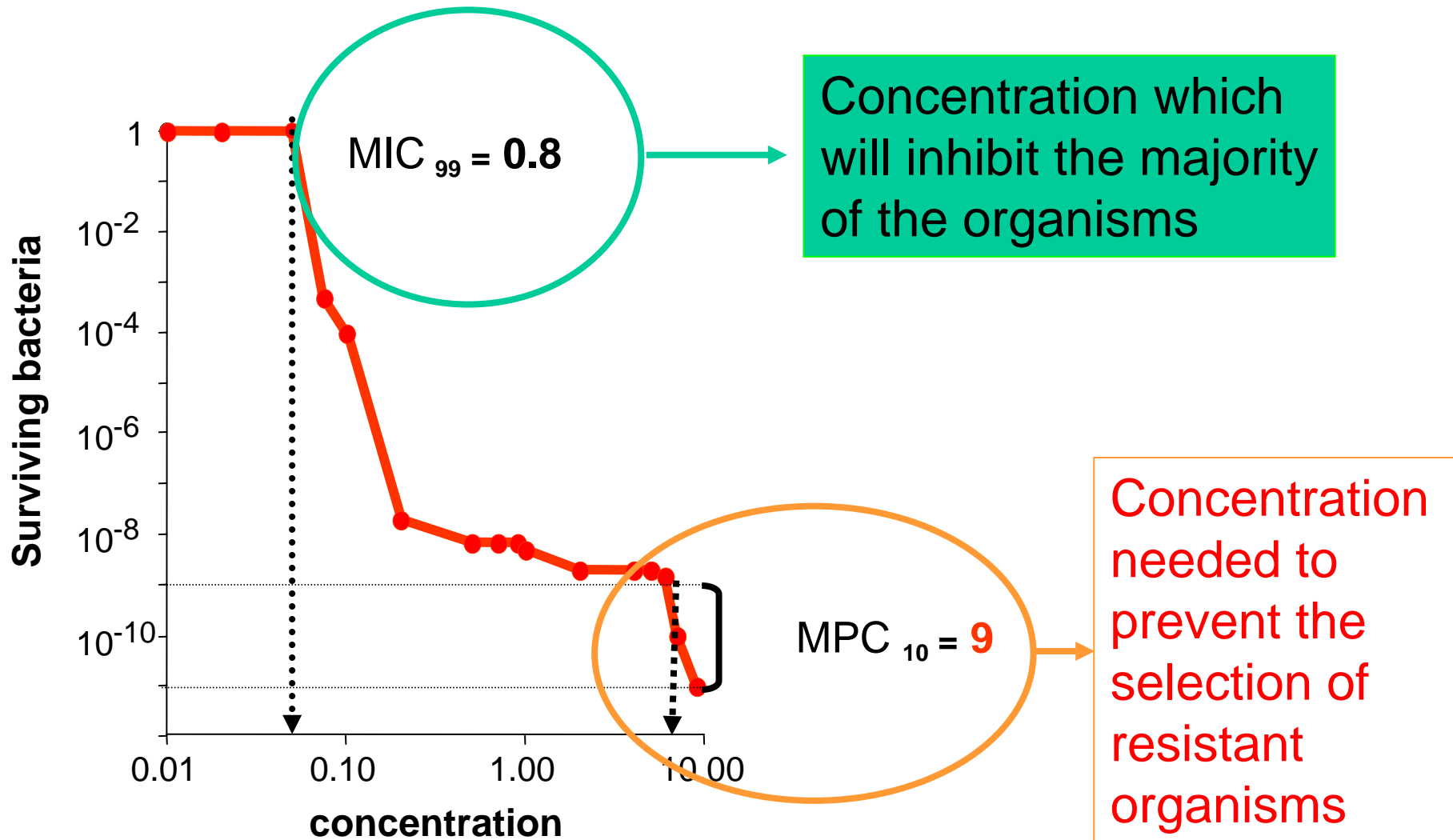
 Adapt the number of administrations
~ pharmacokinetics of the drug

Mutant Prevention Concentration ...



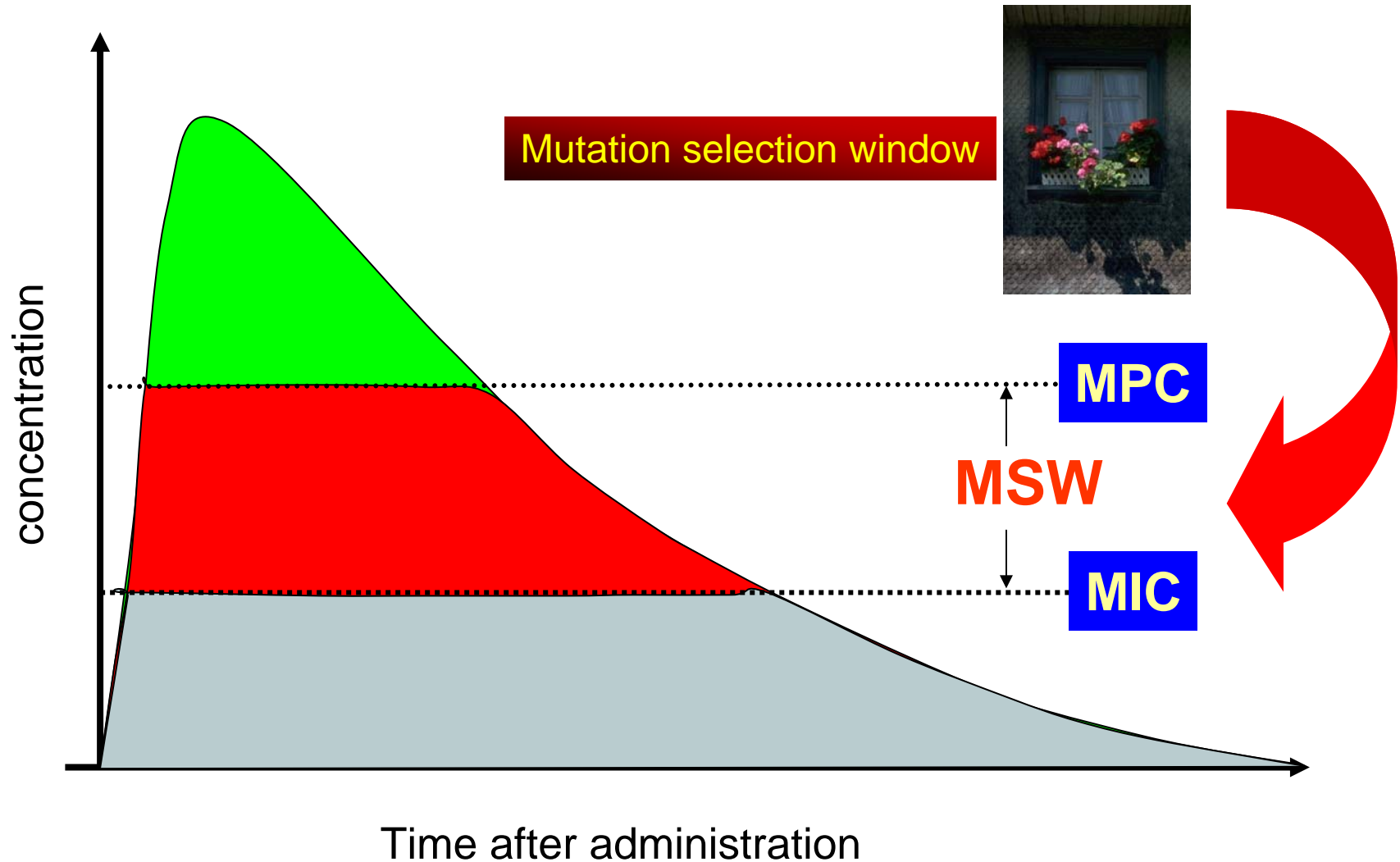
Dong *et al*; AAC 43:1756-1758

Mutant Prevention Concentration ...



Dong *et al*; AAC 43:1756-1758



"Window" where selection of mutants/resistants may take place ...



concept from Drlica & Zhao, Rev. Med. Microbiol. 2004, 15:73-80

Which are the MPC values compared to

- MIC for *S. pneumoniae*
- C_{\max} for a standard dose ?

Molecule	MIC	MPC		C_{\max}
levoflox. (500 mg)	1	8		\approx 6
moxiflox. (400 mg)	0.25	1		\approx 4

Adapted from D. Croisier, 2005, Bondeau et al., 2001, and Hansen et al, 2003

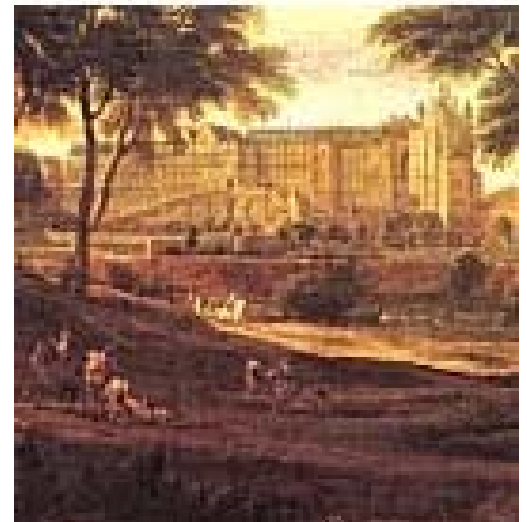
So, let us accept values with some degree of precaution

If you wish to prevent resistance

→ $\text{peak} / \text{MIC} > 10$
(which covers the MPC)

If you believe your patient is not a healthy mouse ...

→ $\text{AUC}_{24\text{h}} / \text{MIC} > 100$



A proposal for PK/PD based-breakpoints for fluoroquinolones...

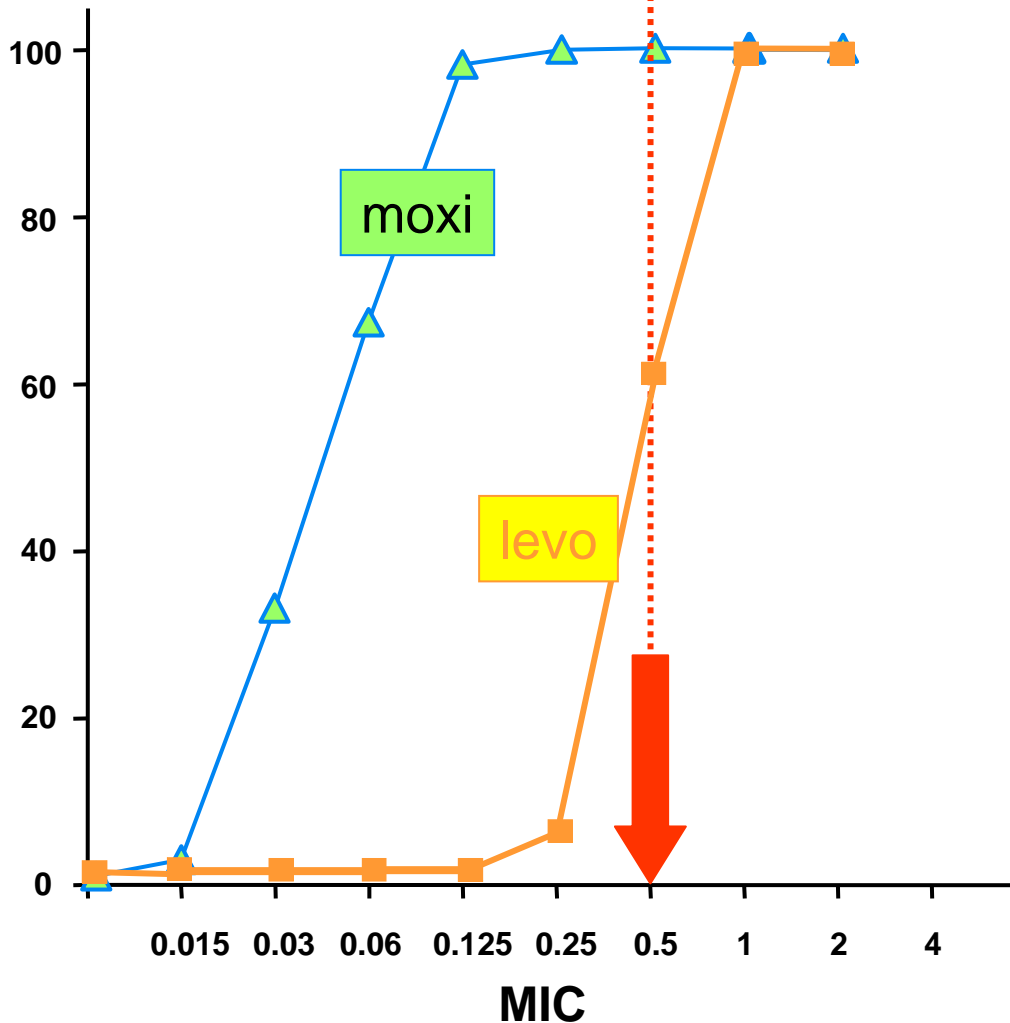
Drug	Typical daily dosage ^a	Typical PK values		Proposed PK/PD upper limit of sensitivity (µg/ml) for	
		C _{max} in mg/L total/free (dose)	AUC _{24 h} (mg × h/L) total/free	Efficacy ^b	Prevention of resistance ^c
Norfloxacin	800 mg	1.4/1.1 (400 mg PO)	14/11	0.1–0.4	0.1
Ciprofloxacin	1000 mg	2.5/1.75 (500 mg PO)	24/18	0.2–0.8	0.2
Ofloxacin	400 mg	4/3 (400 mg PO)	40/30	0.3–0.9	0.4
Levofloxacin	500 mg	4/2.8 (500 mg PO)	40/28	0.3–0.9	0.3
Moxifloxacin	400 mg	3.1/1.8 (400 mg PO)	35/21	0.2–0.7	0.2

Van Bambeke F, Michot JM, Van Eldere J, Tulkens PM.
Quinolones in 2005: an update. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2005 Apr;11(4):256-80. PMID: 15760423

PK/PD in action ...

% of sensitive strains

PK/PD breakpoint



Levofloxacin 500 mg

1X / jr

• AUC [(mg/l)xh] 47

• peak [mg/l] 5

→ **MIC_{max} < 0.5**

Moxifloxacin 400 mg

1X /jr

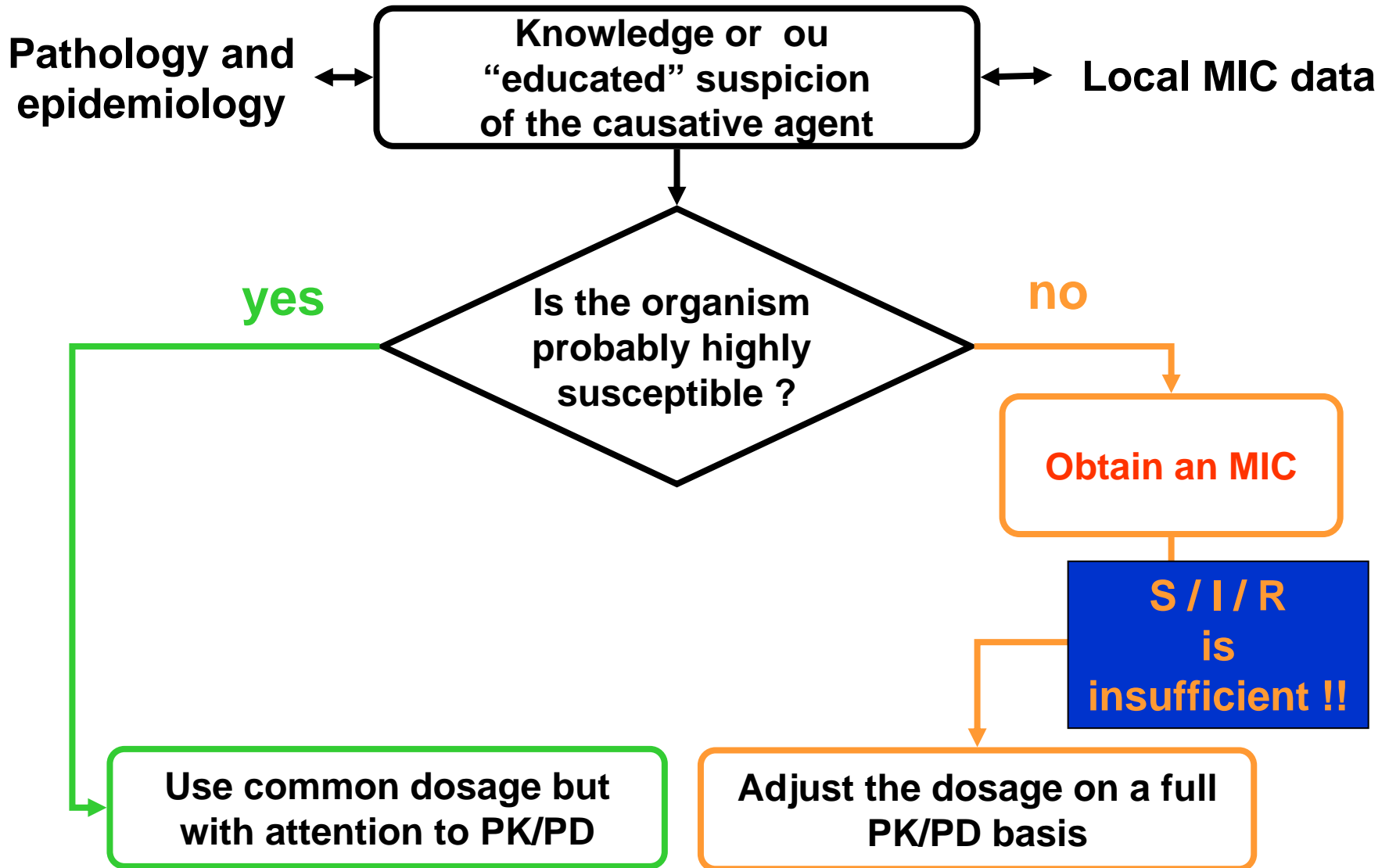
• AUC [(mg/l)xh] 48

• peak [mg/l] 4.5

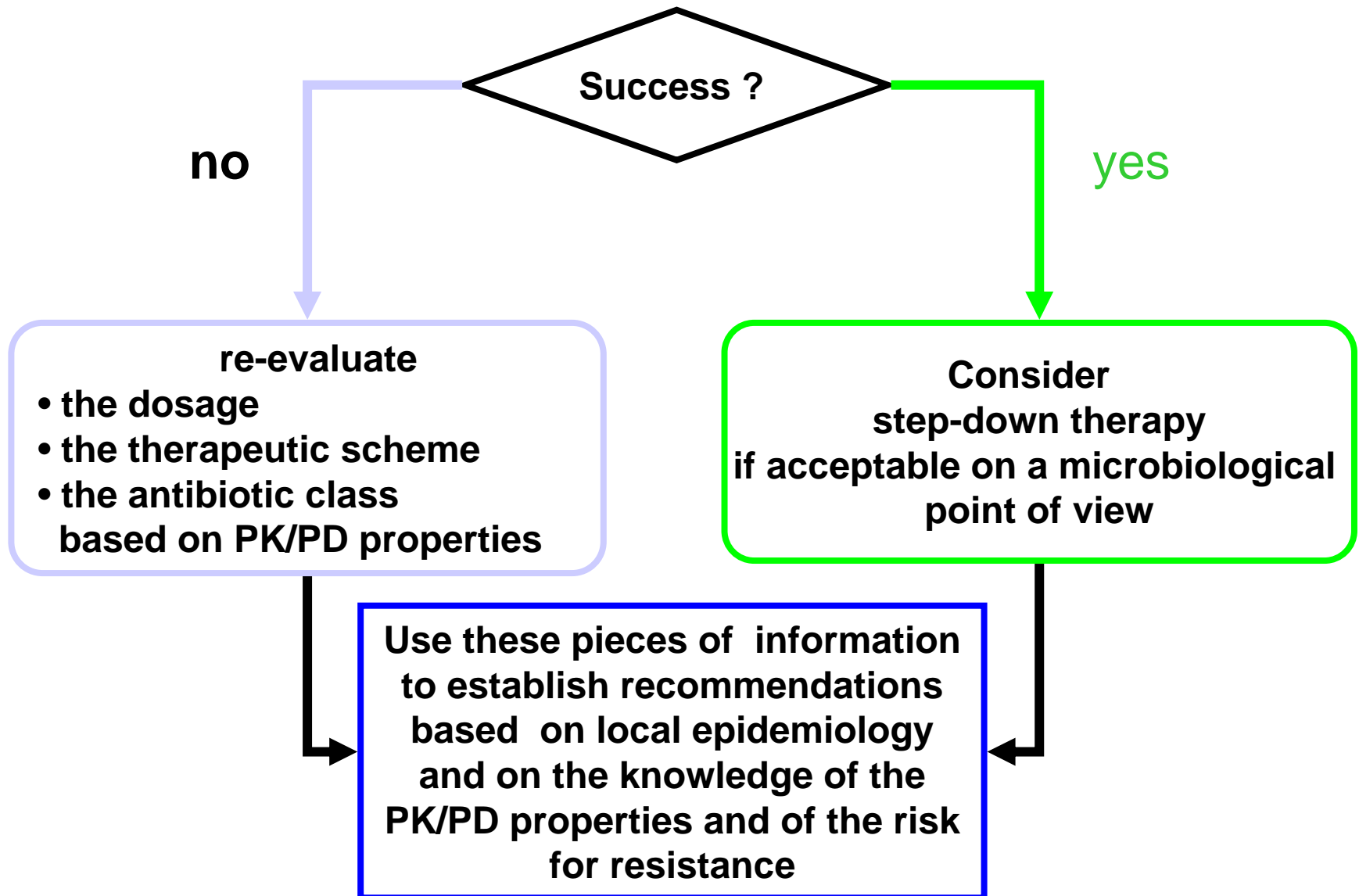
→ **MIC_{max} < 0.5**

MIC data: J. Verhaegen et al., 2003

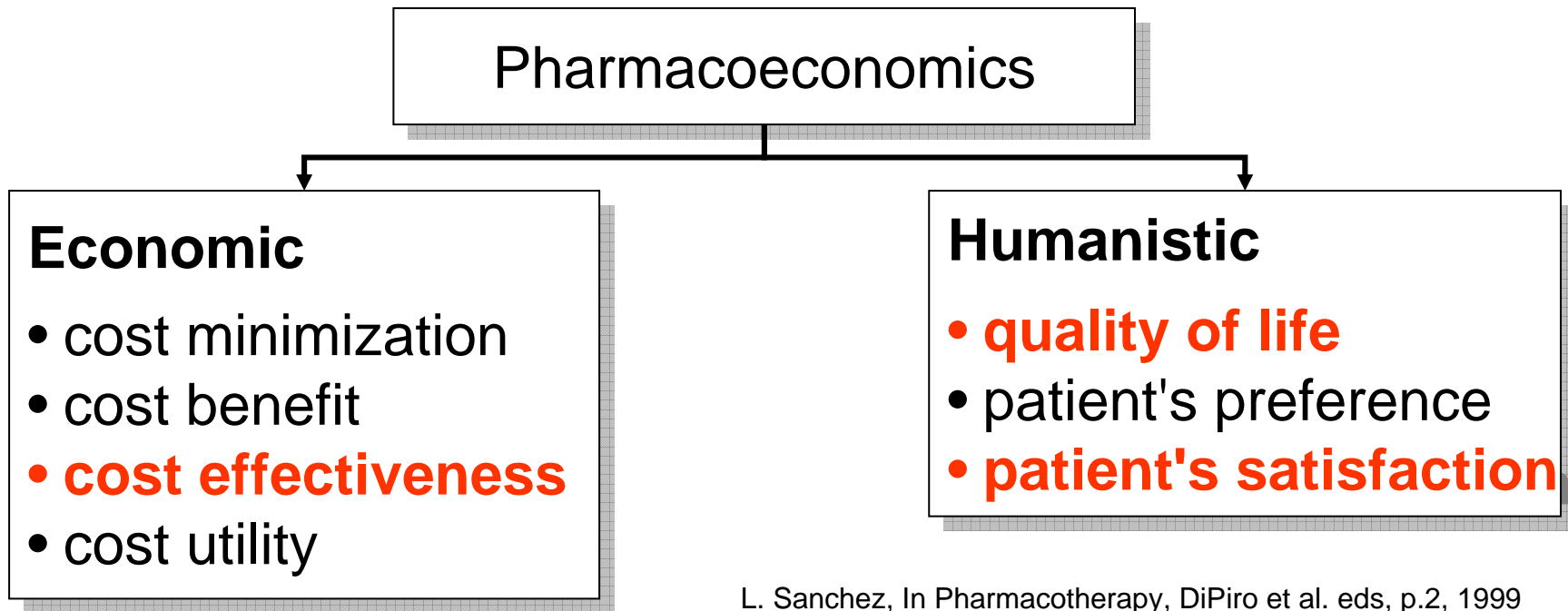
A clinical algorithm ...



A clinical algorithm (follow.) ...



And what about health care costs ?



- Pharmacoeconomics of antibiotics is still largely underdeveloped outside the USA (but US-based models cannot easily be applied);
- However, comparisons identifying differences in
 - amount of money needed to reach a given (better ?) clinical outcome;
 - expenses related to the same (or better) quality of life and patient's satisfaction;may already suggest interesting avenues for further fine-tuning therapeutic guidelines

Rational bases for the choice of an antibiotic

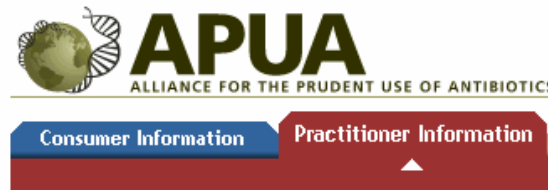
- Know your LOCAL epidemiology
 - obtain MIC distributions from your microbiologists...
- know the PK profile of the drugs you consider to purchase
 - aim at obtaining $> 90\%$ efficacy against the organisms of interest (AUC, peak, time above MIC) with a standard dosage, ...
- include a safety margin (MPC ...)
- Compare products on that basis first ...
- Remember that
 - no antibiotic (if possible) is the best...
 - but that treatment failures (when treatment is needed) cost a lot ...

Please, act ...



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