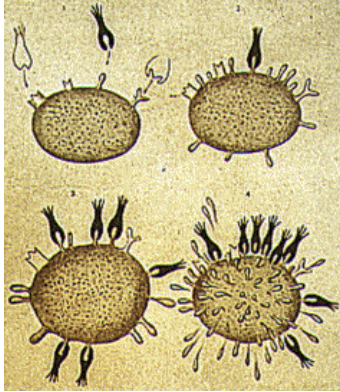


“corpora non agunt nisi fixata”



Ehrlich's "magic bullet" theory

Antibiotic accumulation and efflux in eukaryotic cells:

a journey at the frontier of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics

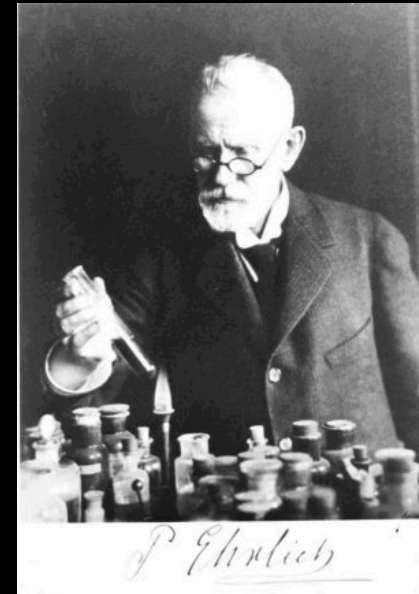
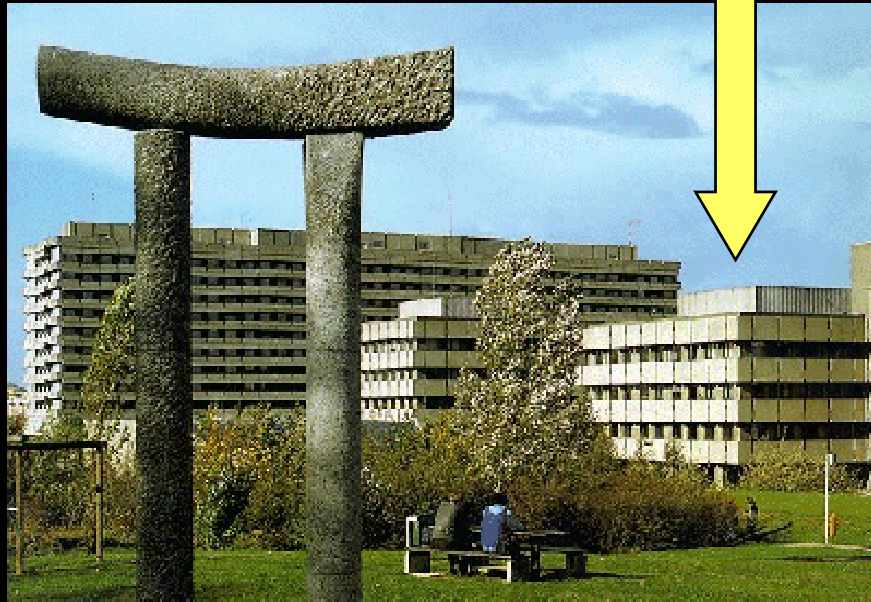


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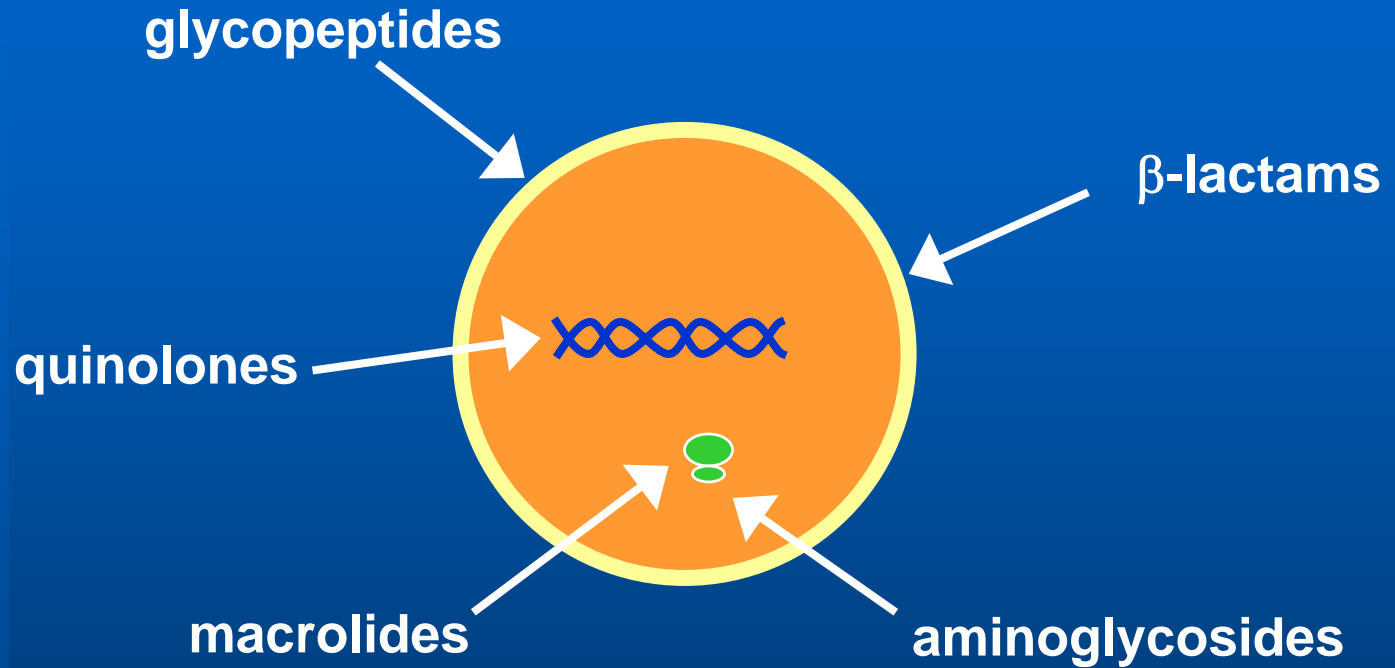
Magic bullets need to reach their target

Paul Ehrlich (1854–1915)



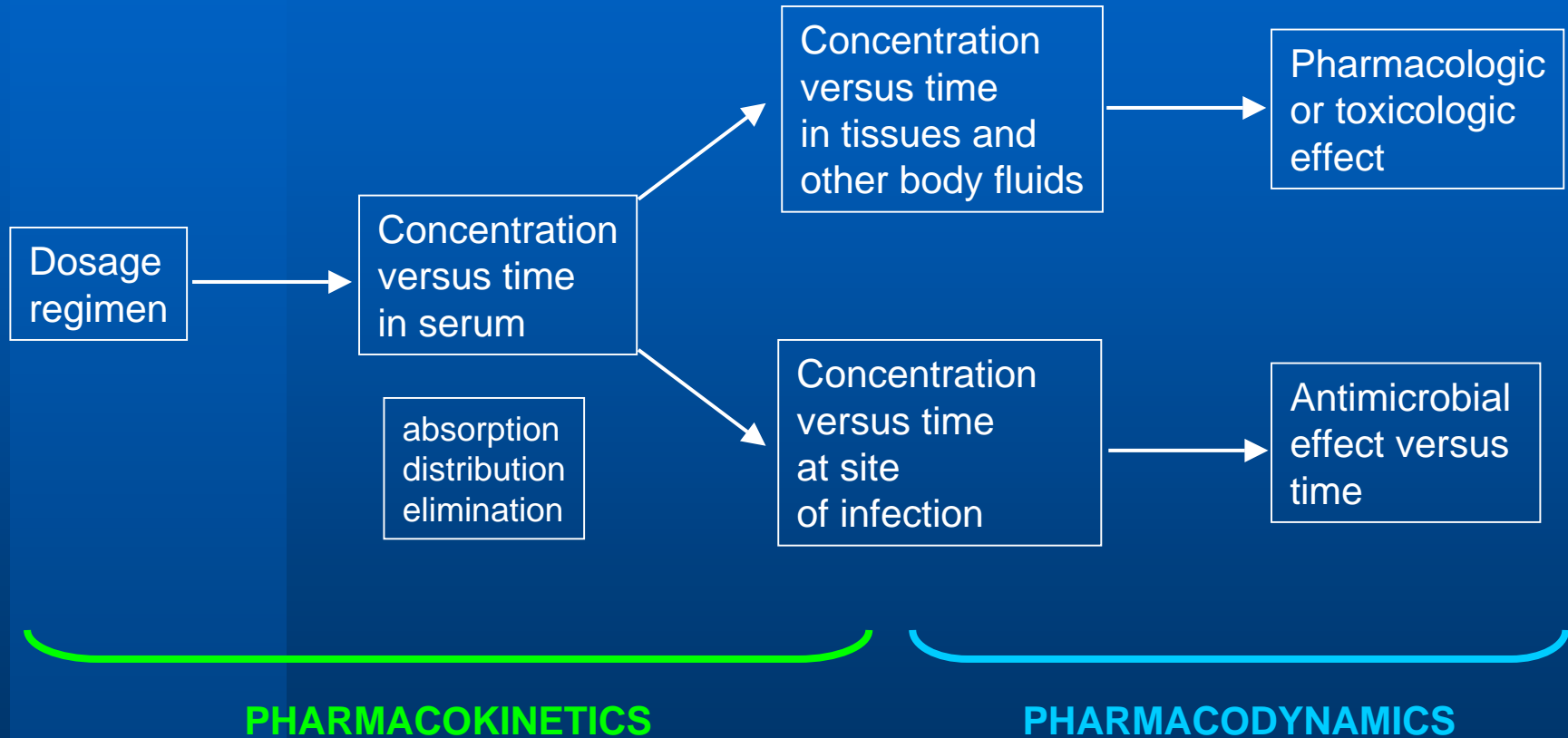
“...the goal is...to find chemical substances that have special affinities for pathogenic organisms and that, like *magic bullets*, go straight to their targets...”

Magic bullets need to reach their target



**for appropriate time
and in sufficient concentration ...**

Birth of antibiotic “PK-PD”



ISAP classical view of PK/PD



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PK/PD Parameters Correlating with Efficacy in Murine Thigh and Lung Infections

Time Above MIC	AUC (Peak)
Penicillins	Aminoglycosides
Cephalosporins	Fluoroquinolones
Carbapenems	Metronidazole
Monobactams	Daptomycin
Tribactams	Ketolides
	Azithromycin
	Streptogramins
	Glycopeptides
	Tetracyclines
	Macrolides

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but classical PD predicts concentration-effects for all drugs



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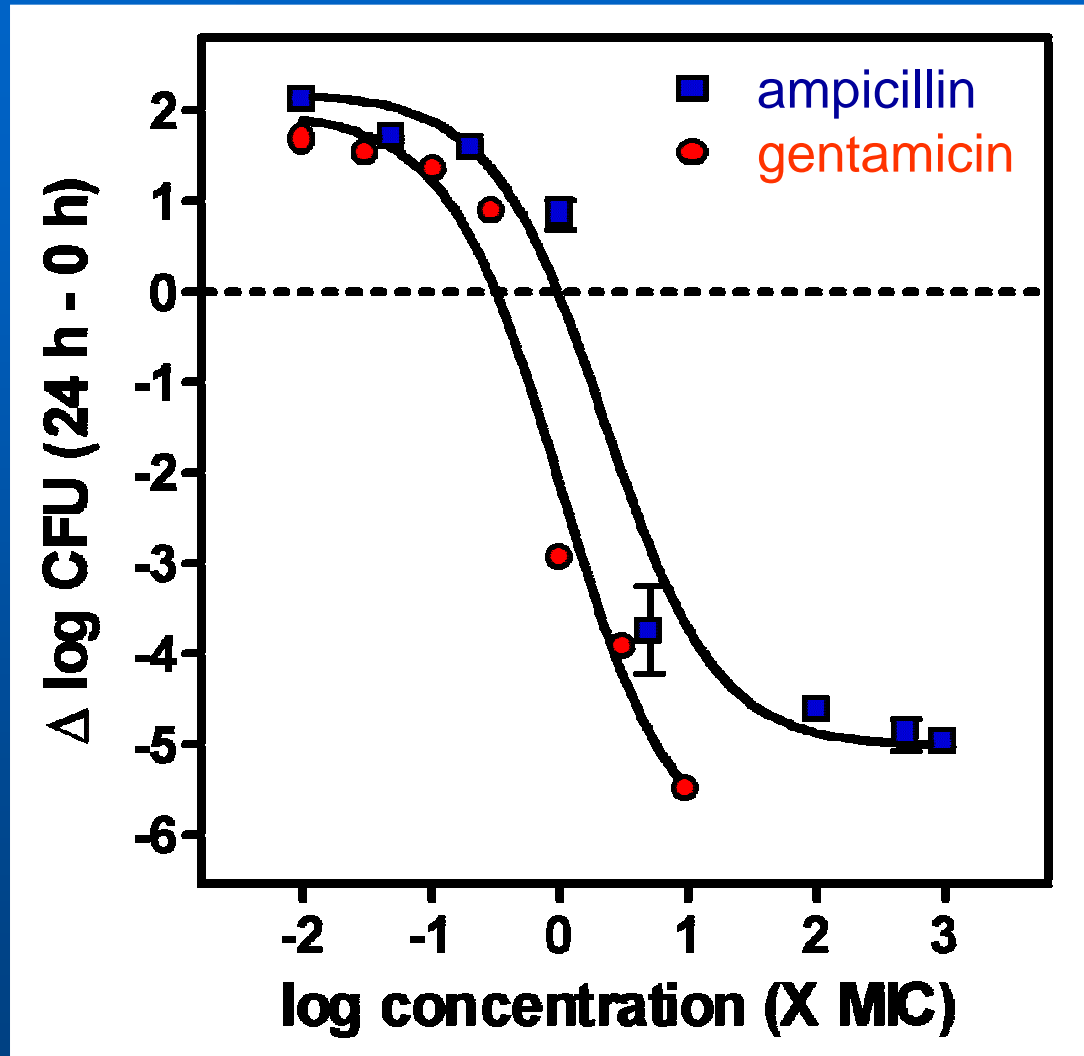
Pharmacokinetics
conc. vs time

Pharmacodynamics
conc. vs effect

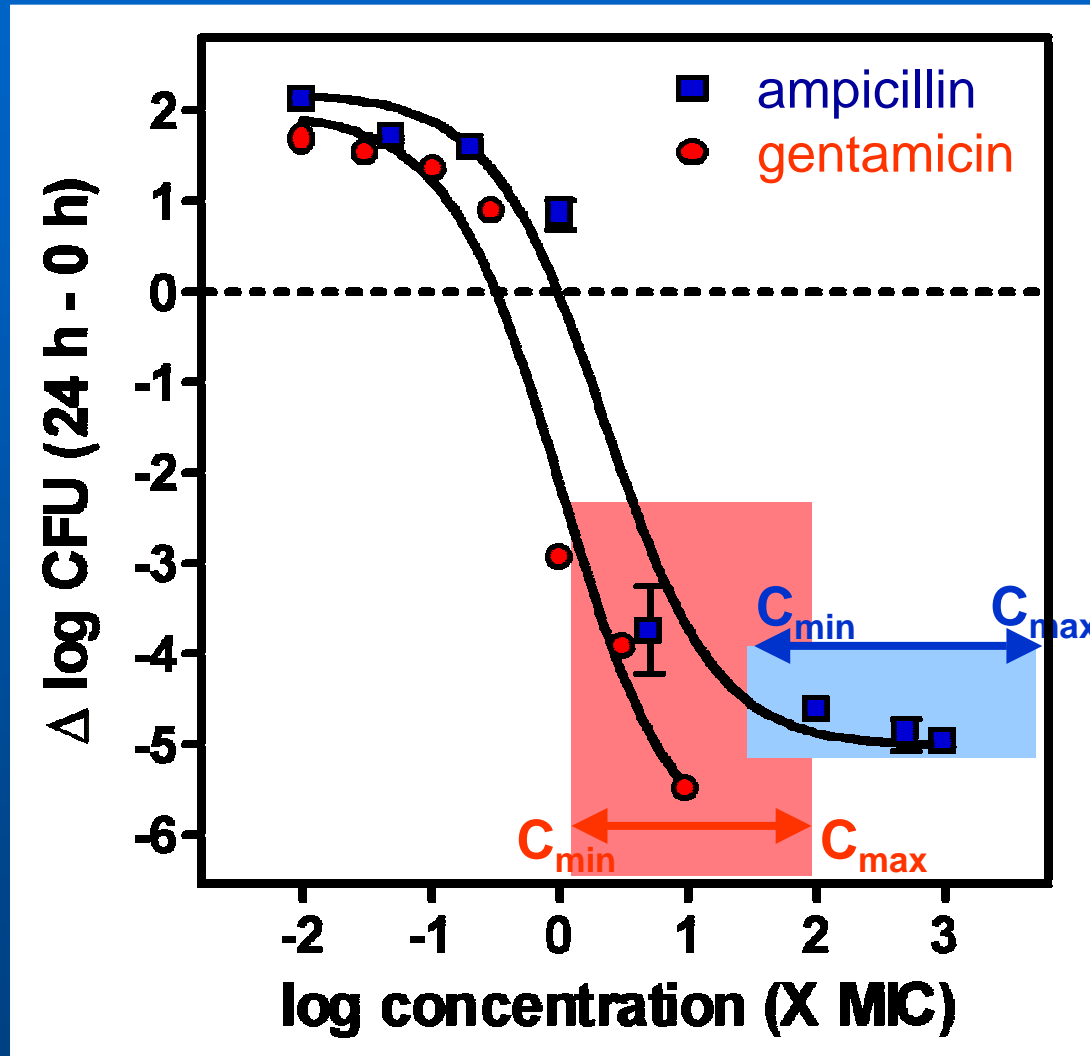
PK/PD
effect vs time

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Can we conciliate both theories ?

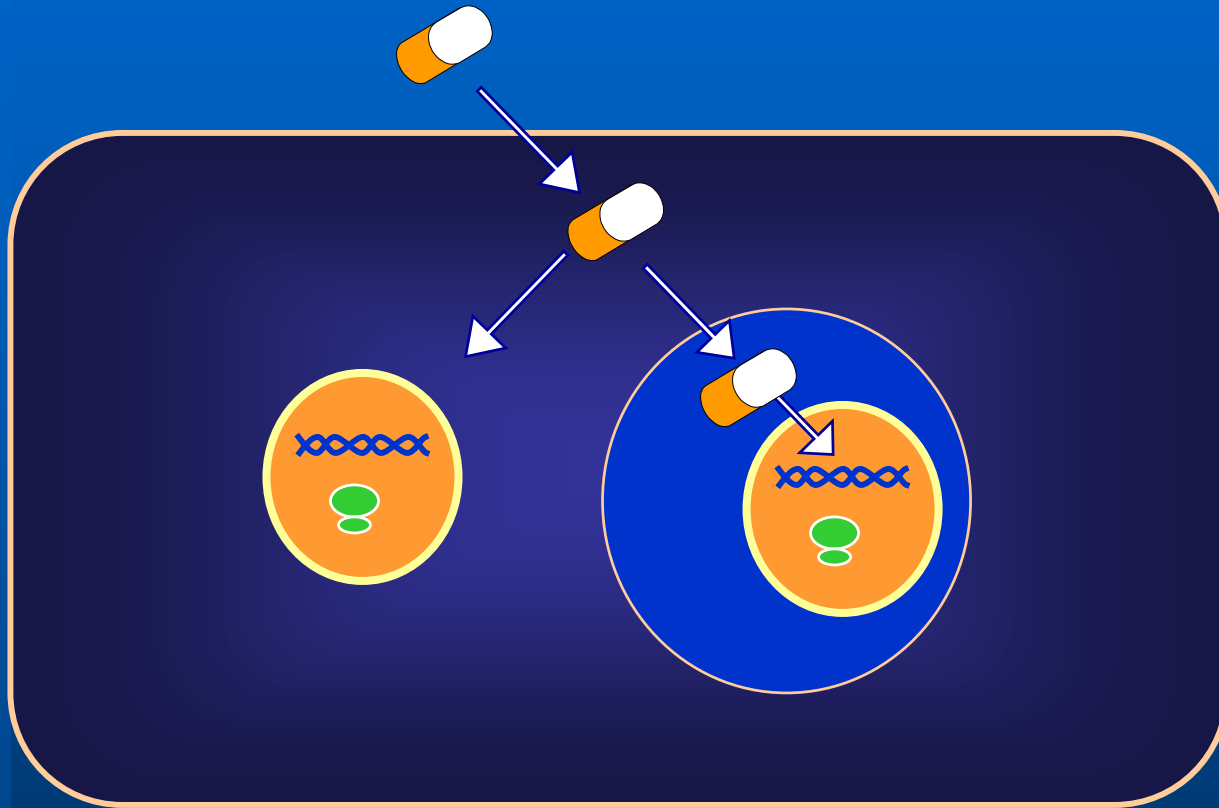


time -dependent
conc.-dependent

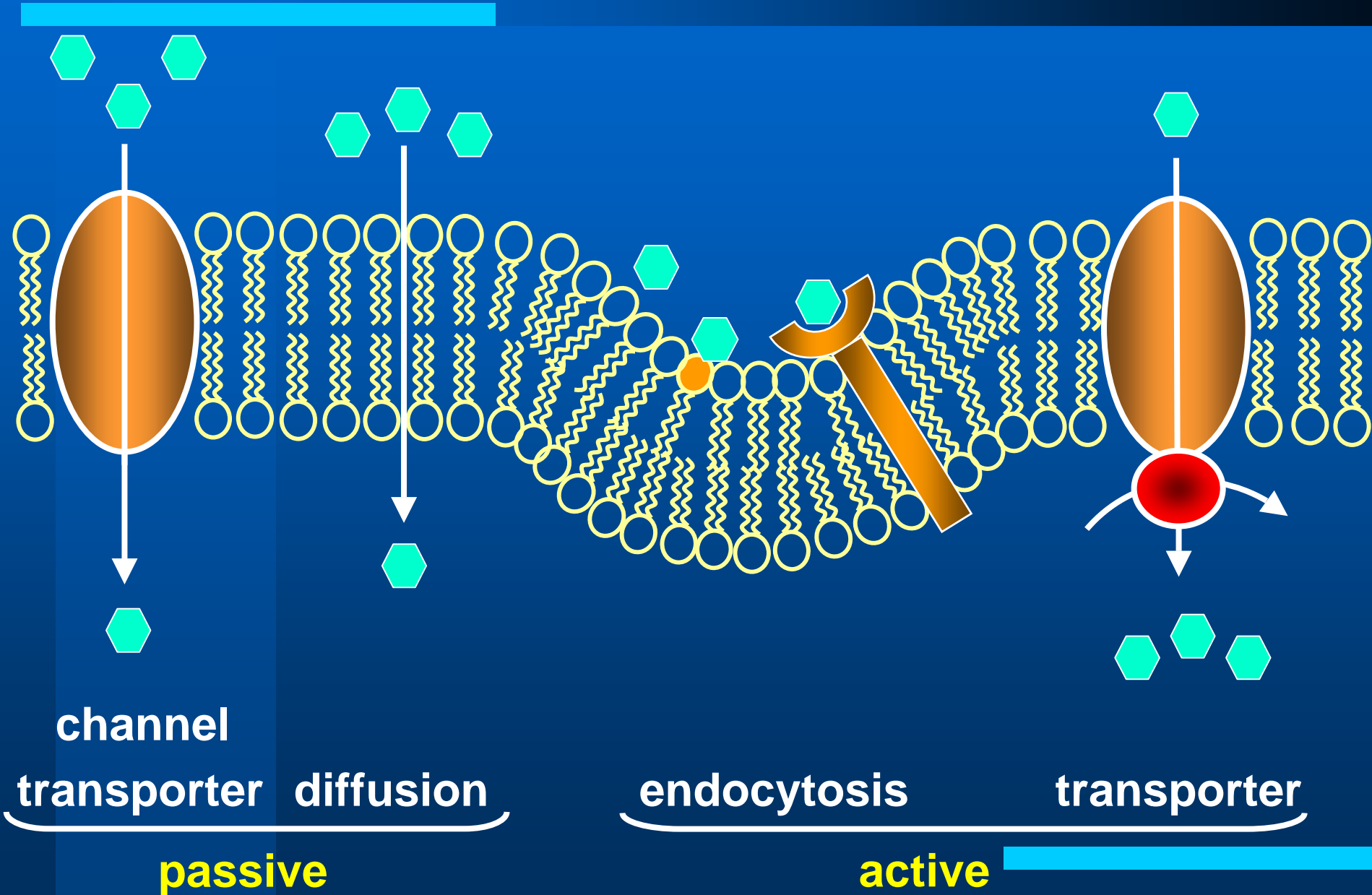


PD profile
in the clinics

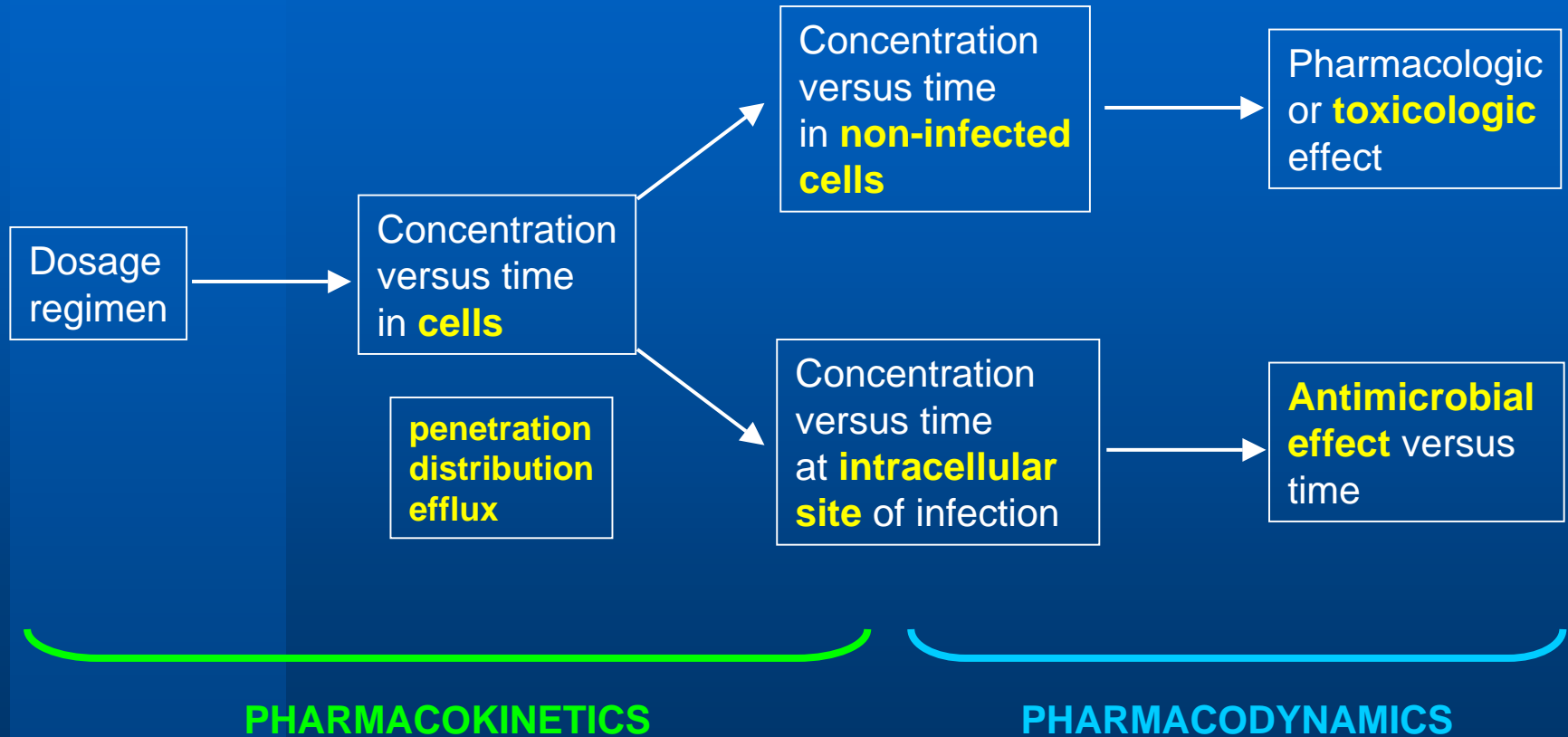
Target accessibility becomes critical for intracellular activity



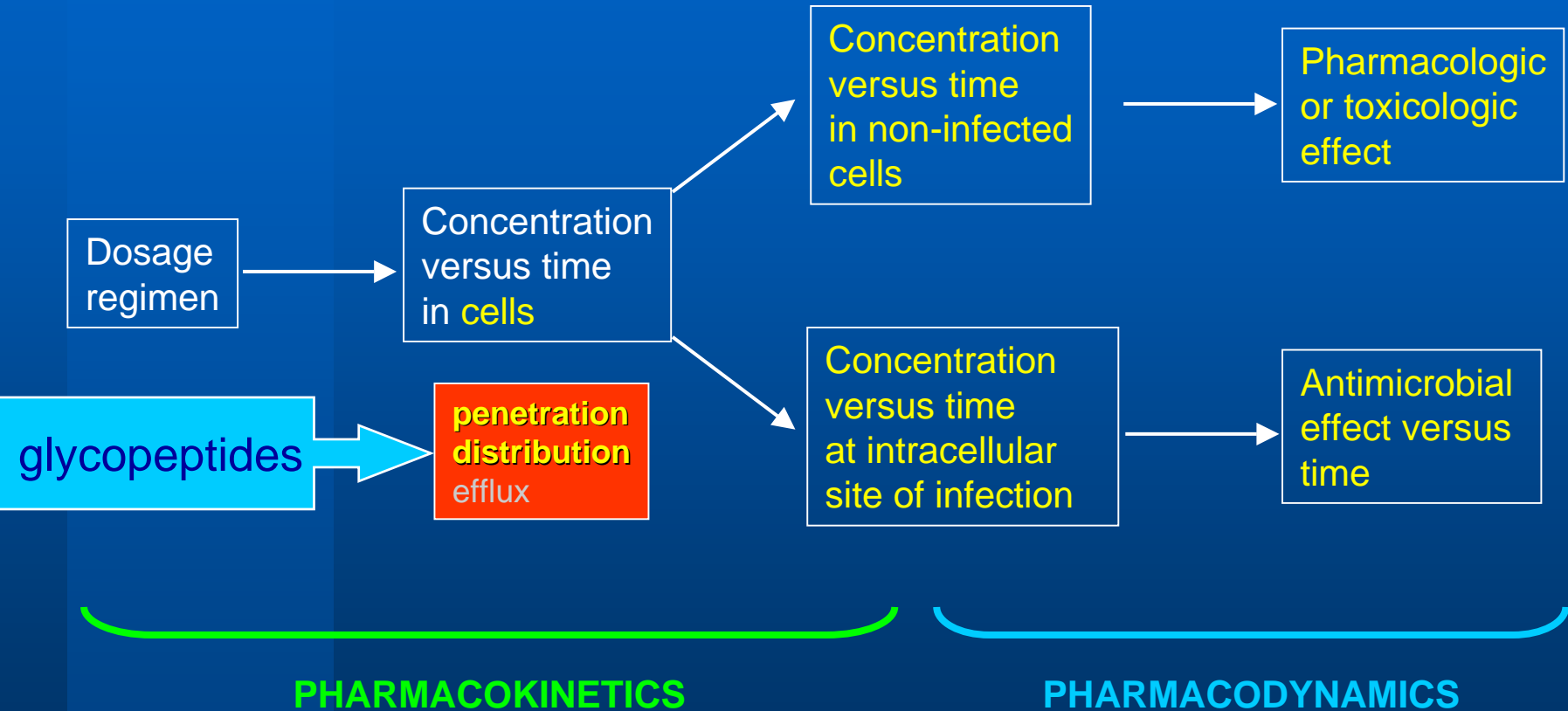
Main routes of drug entry in cells



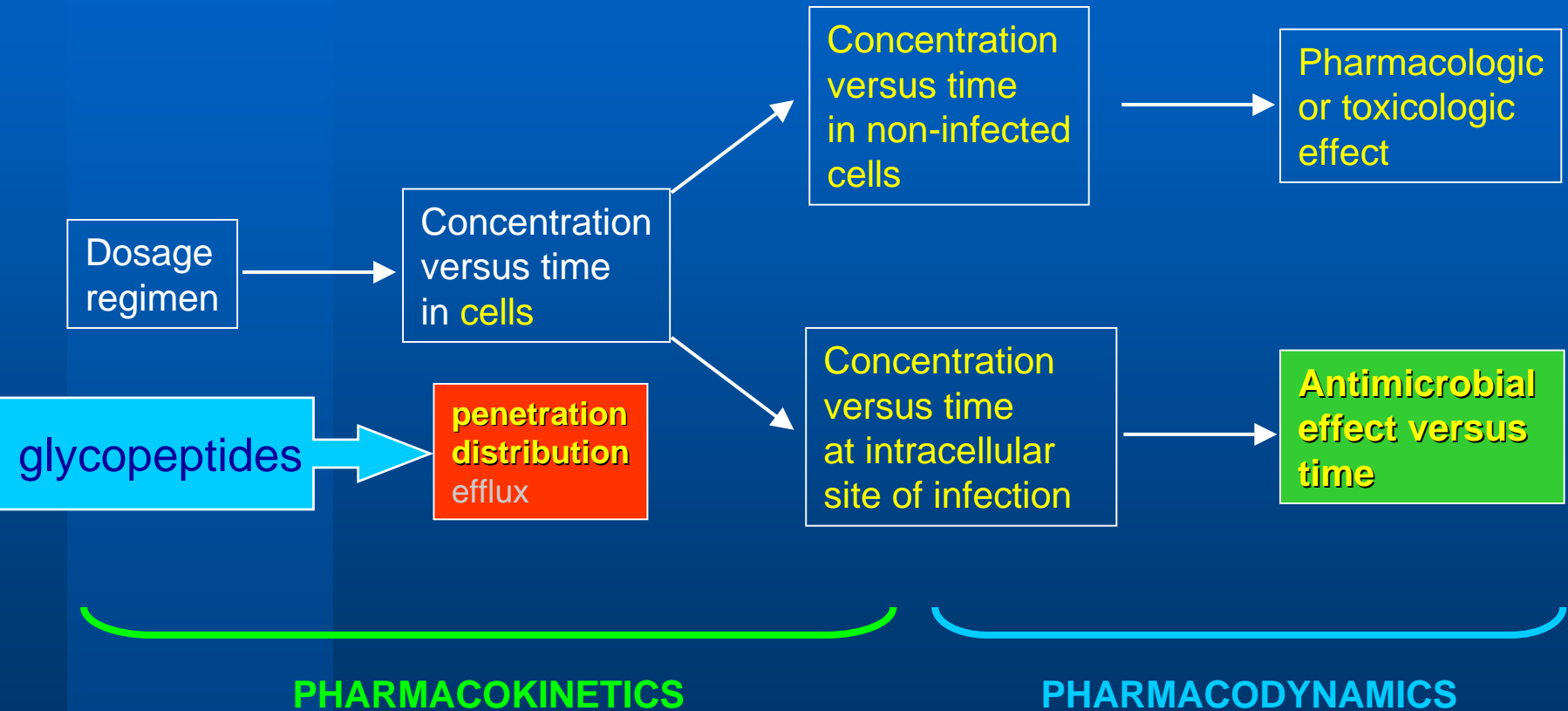
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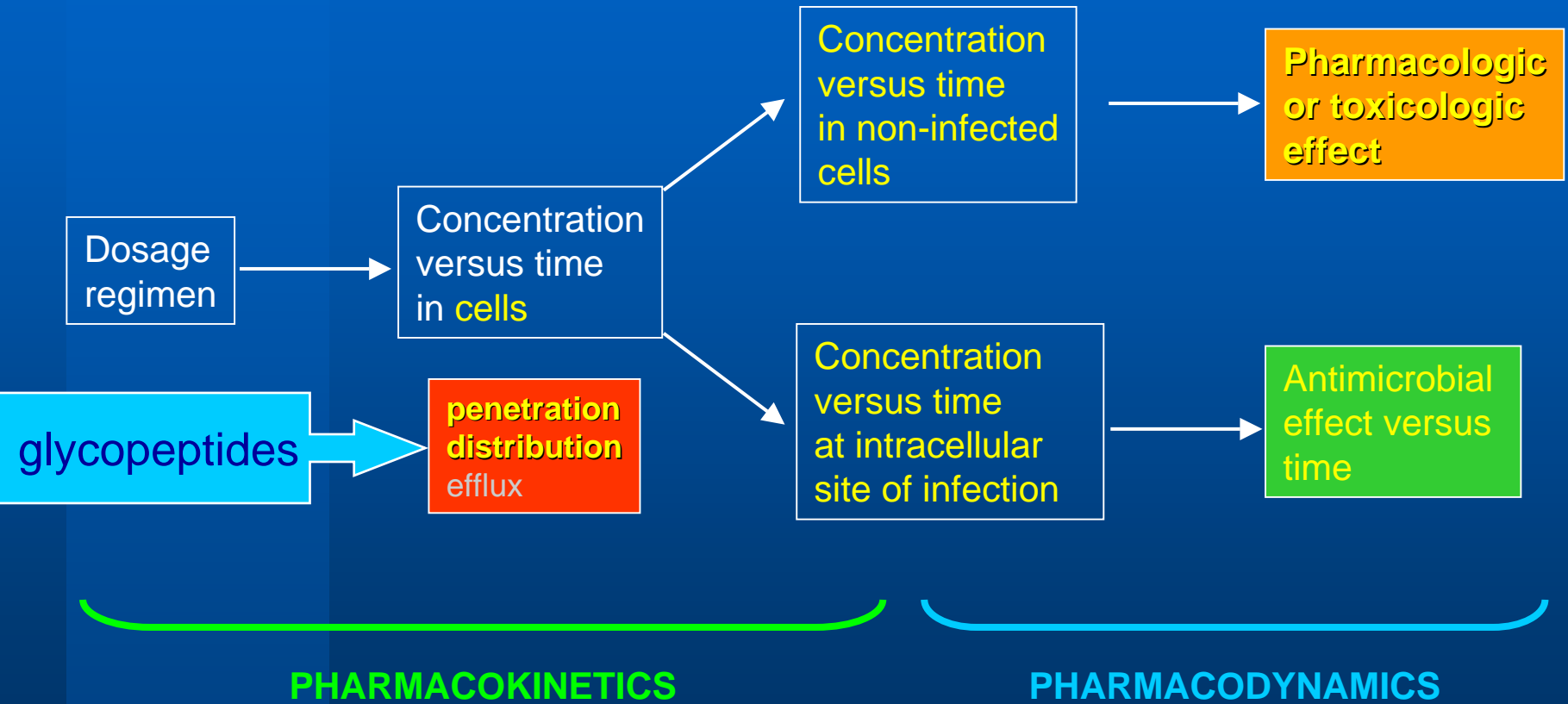
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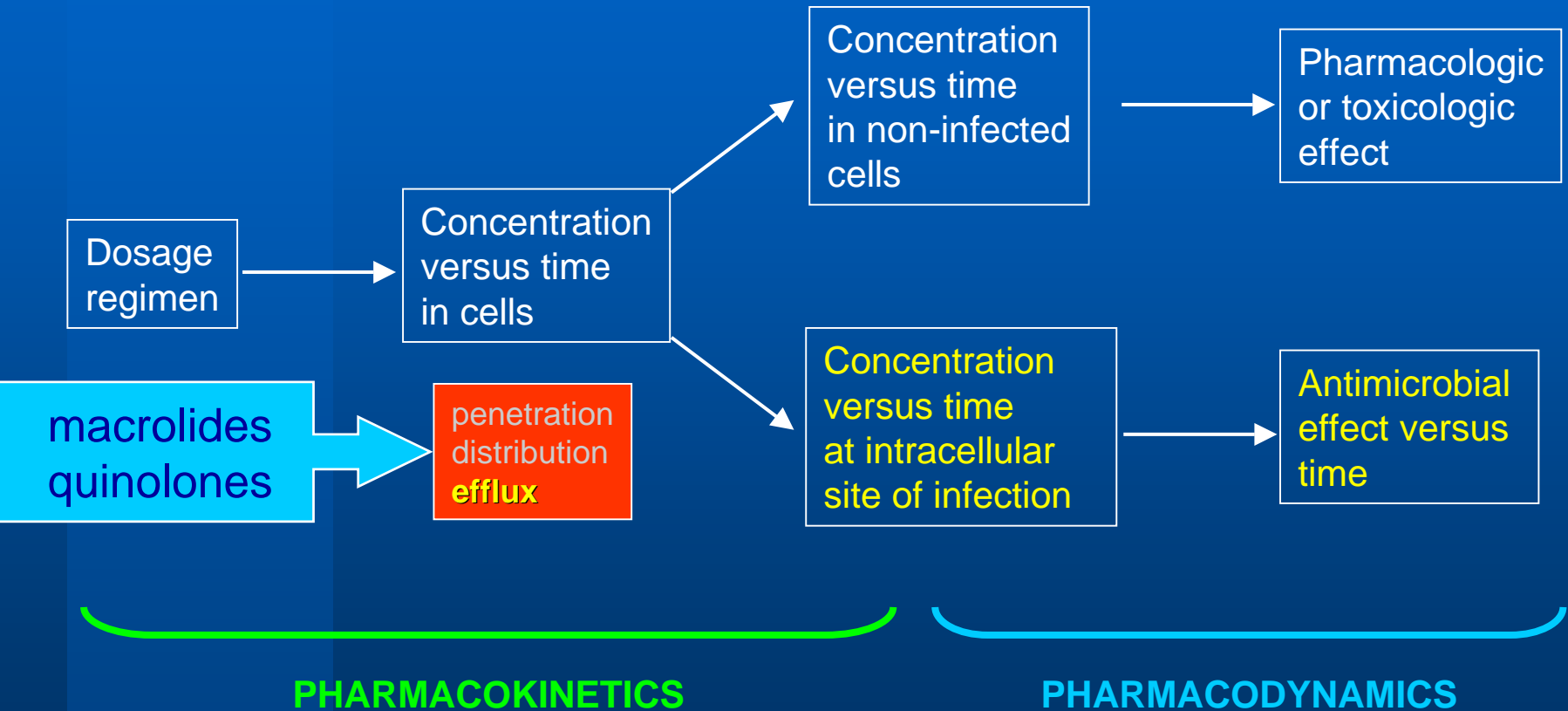
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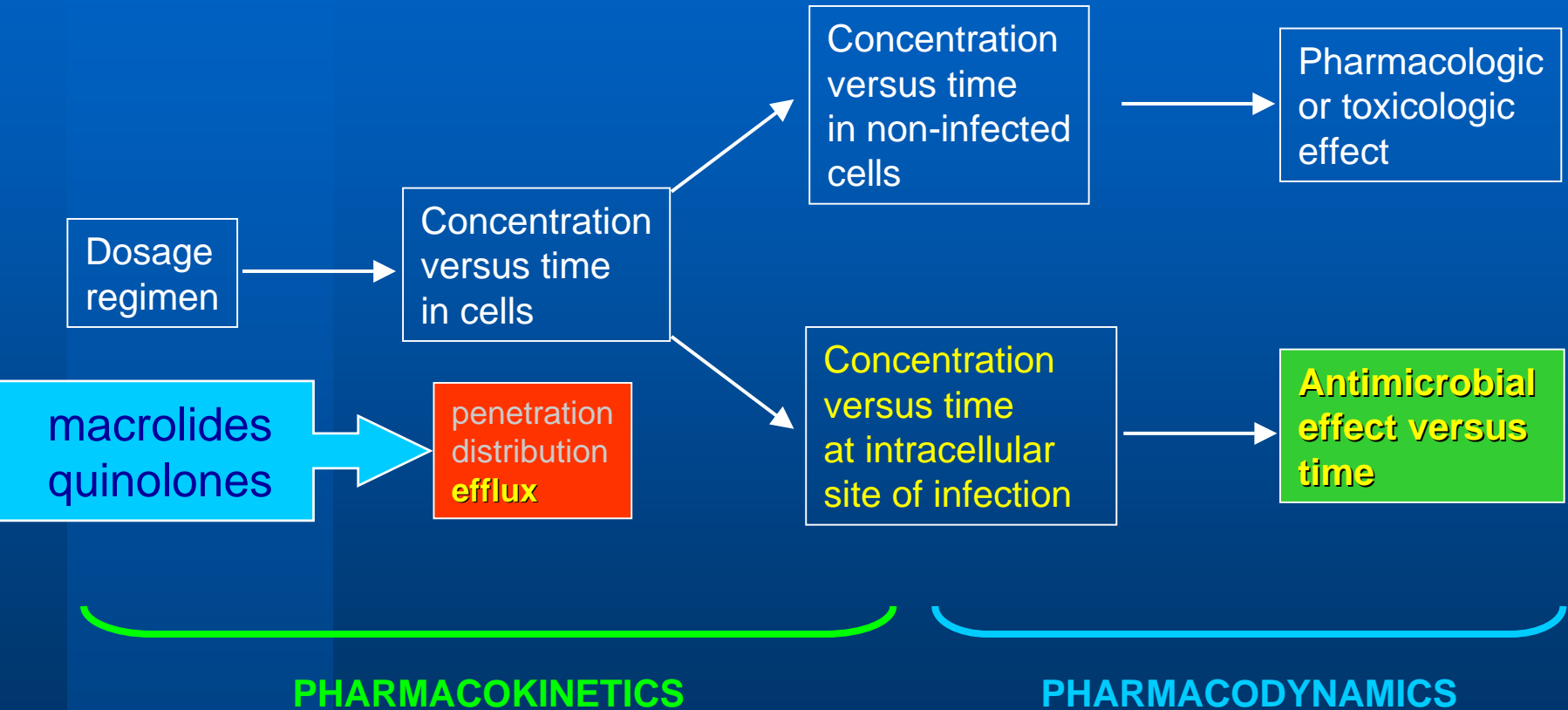
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Accumulation of magic bullets in eukaryotic cells

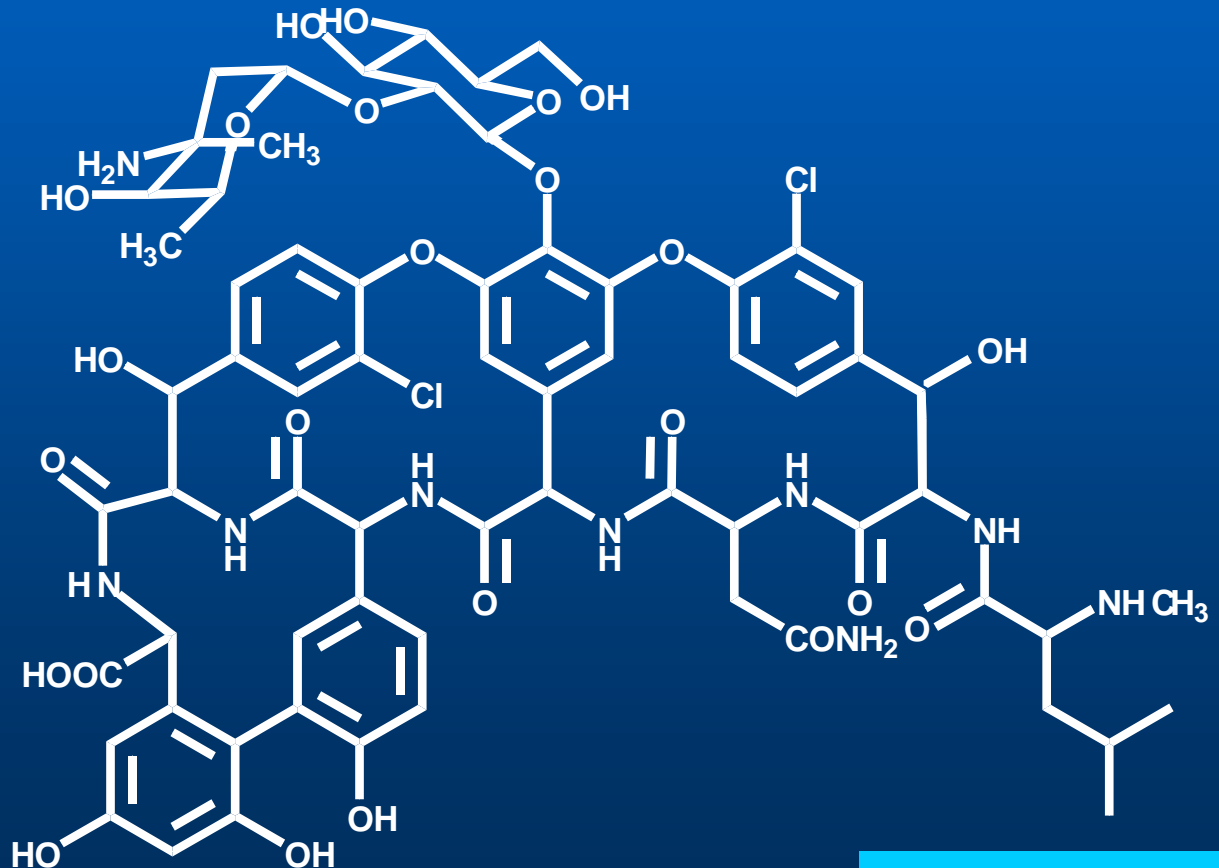


glycopeptides

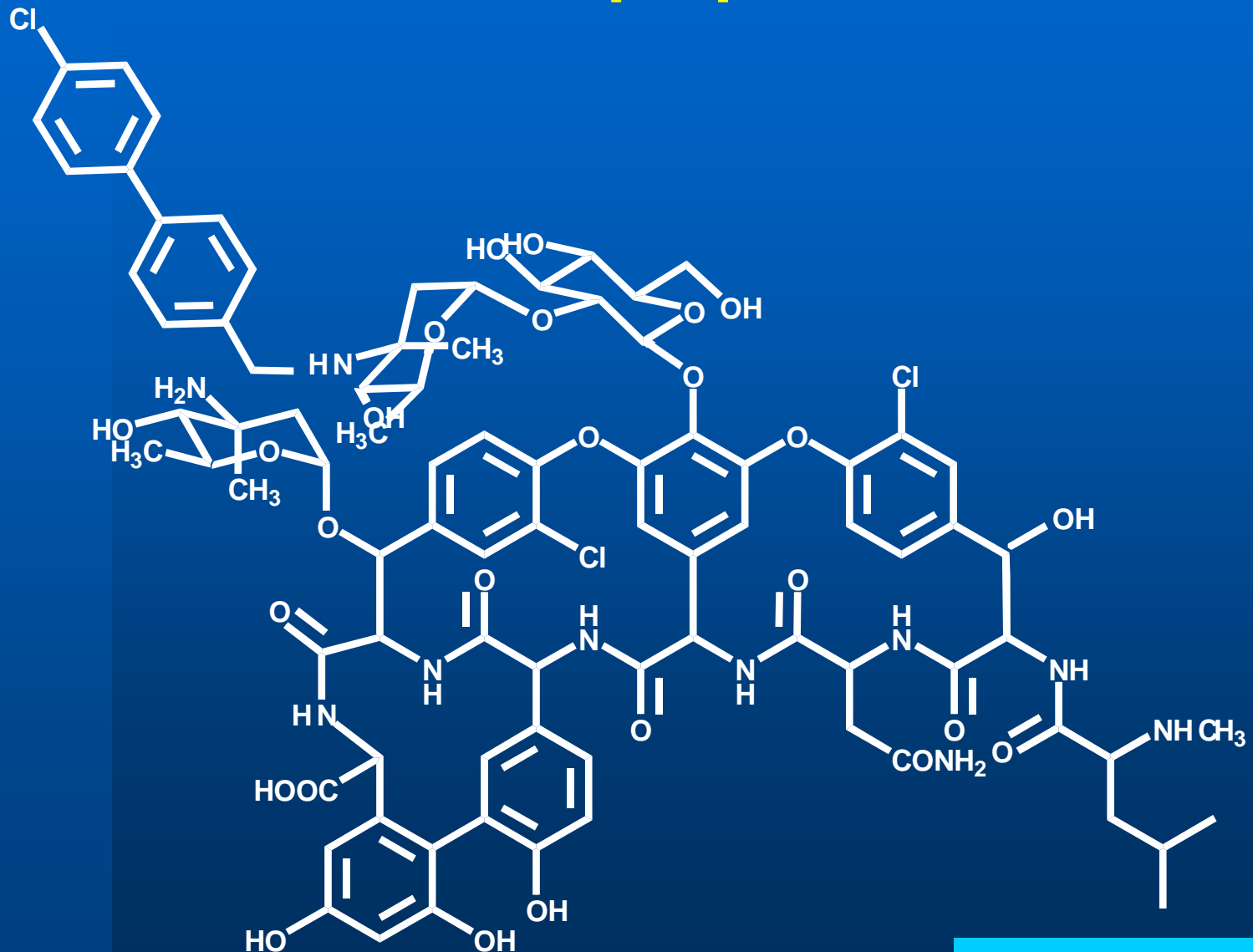
Vancomycin, the parent compound



"old Mississippi mud"

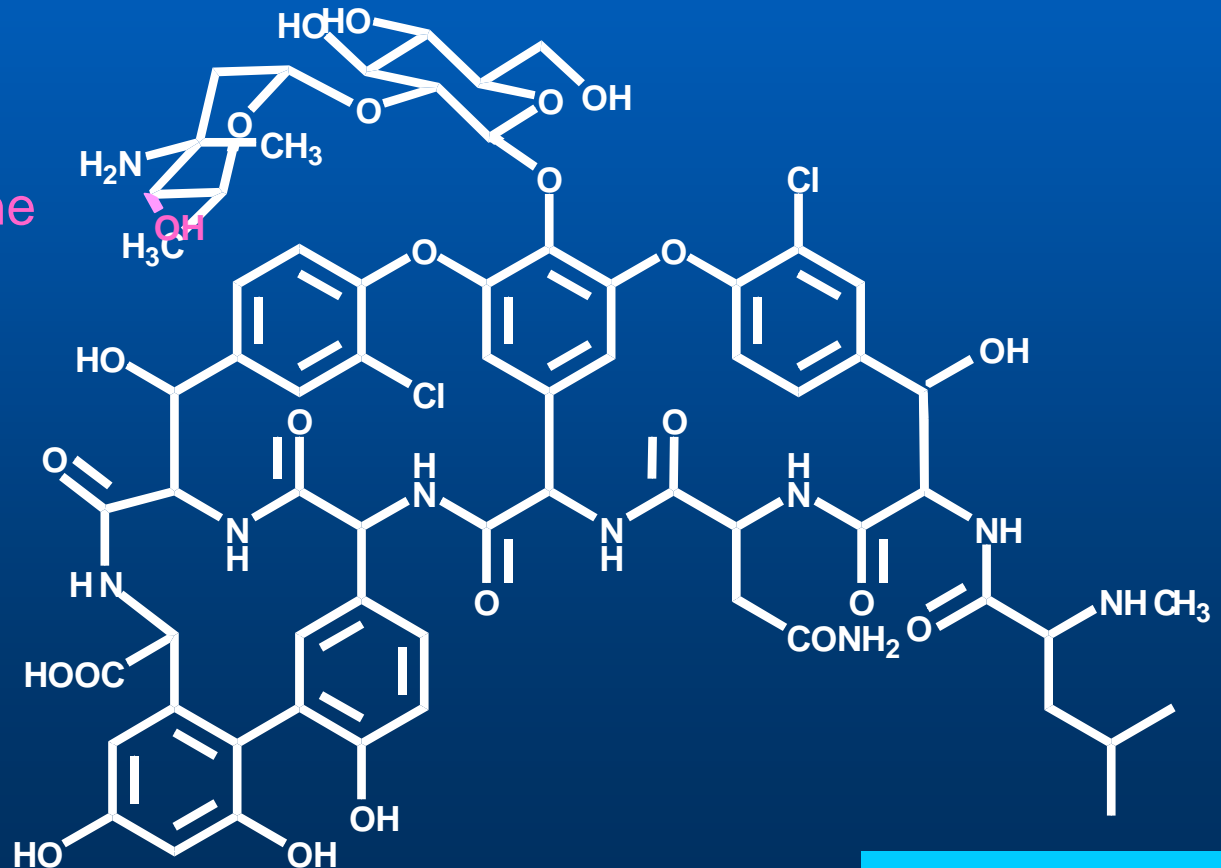


The glycopeptide oritavancin, a voluminous, amphiphilic molecule

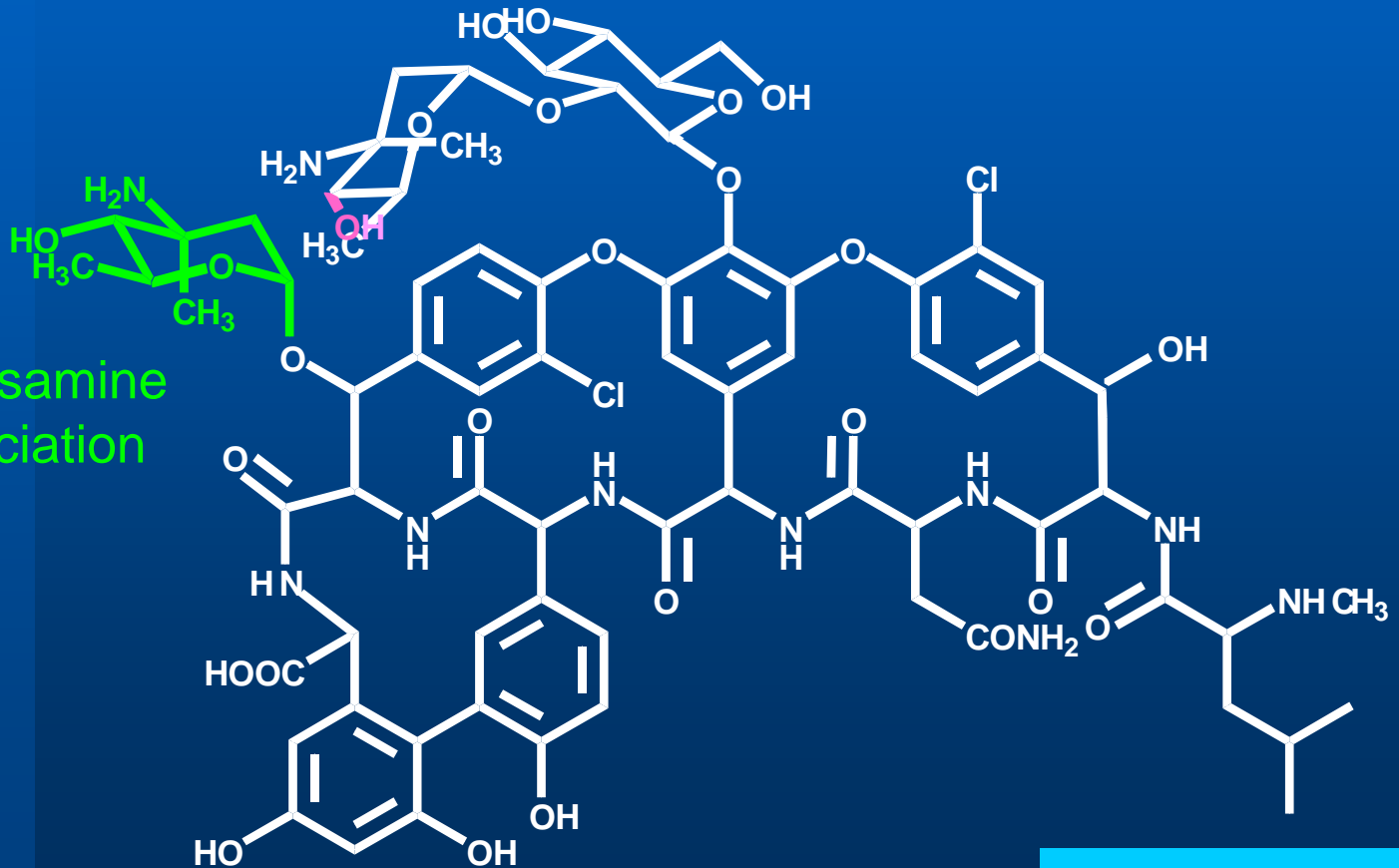


From vancomycin to oritavancin

epi-vancosamine



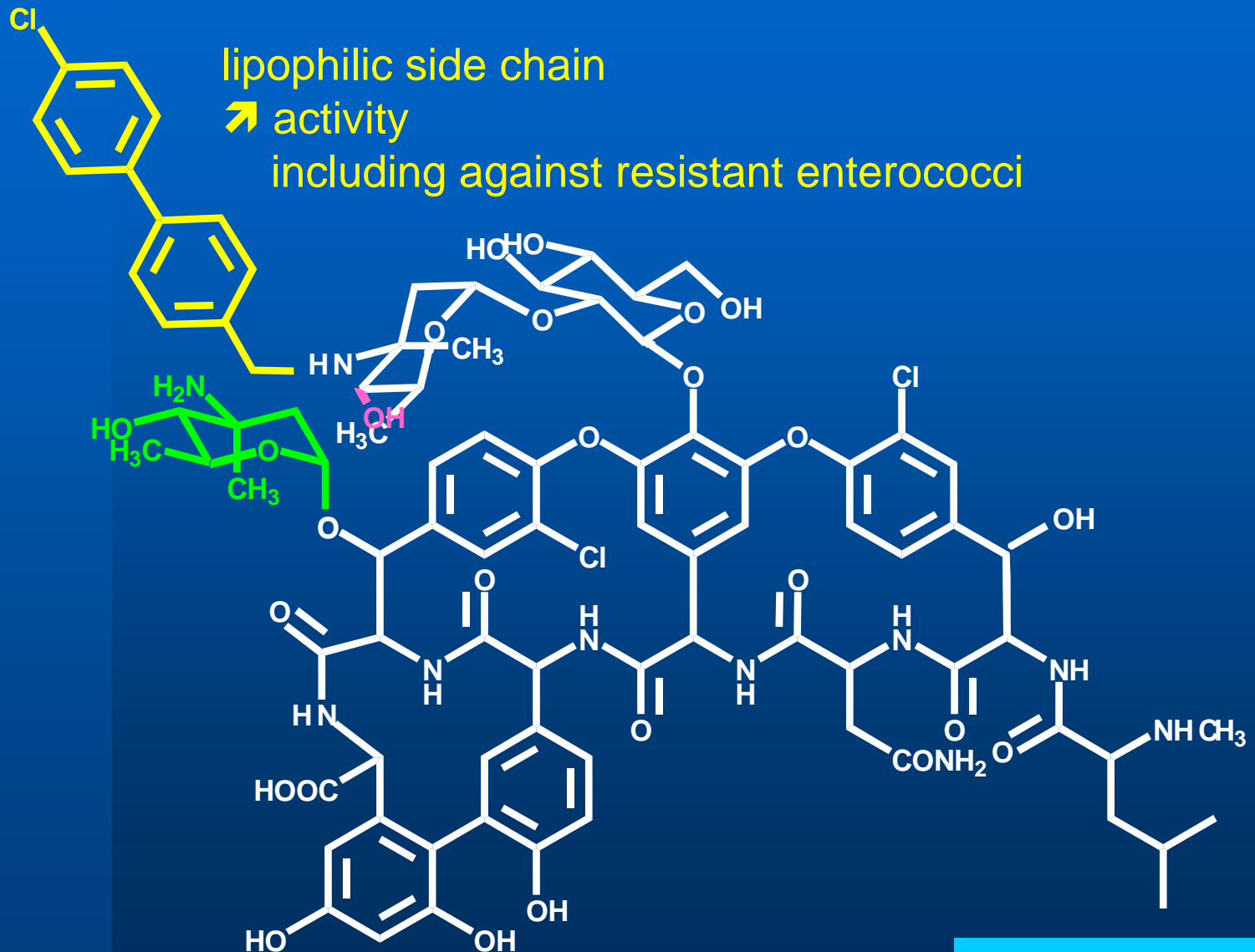
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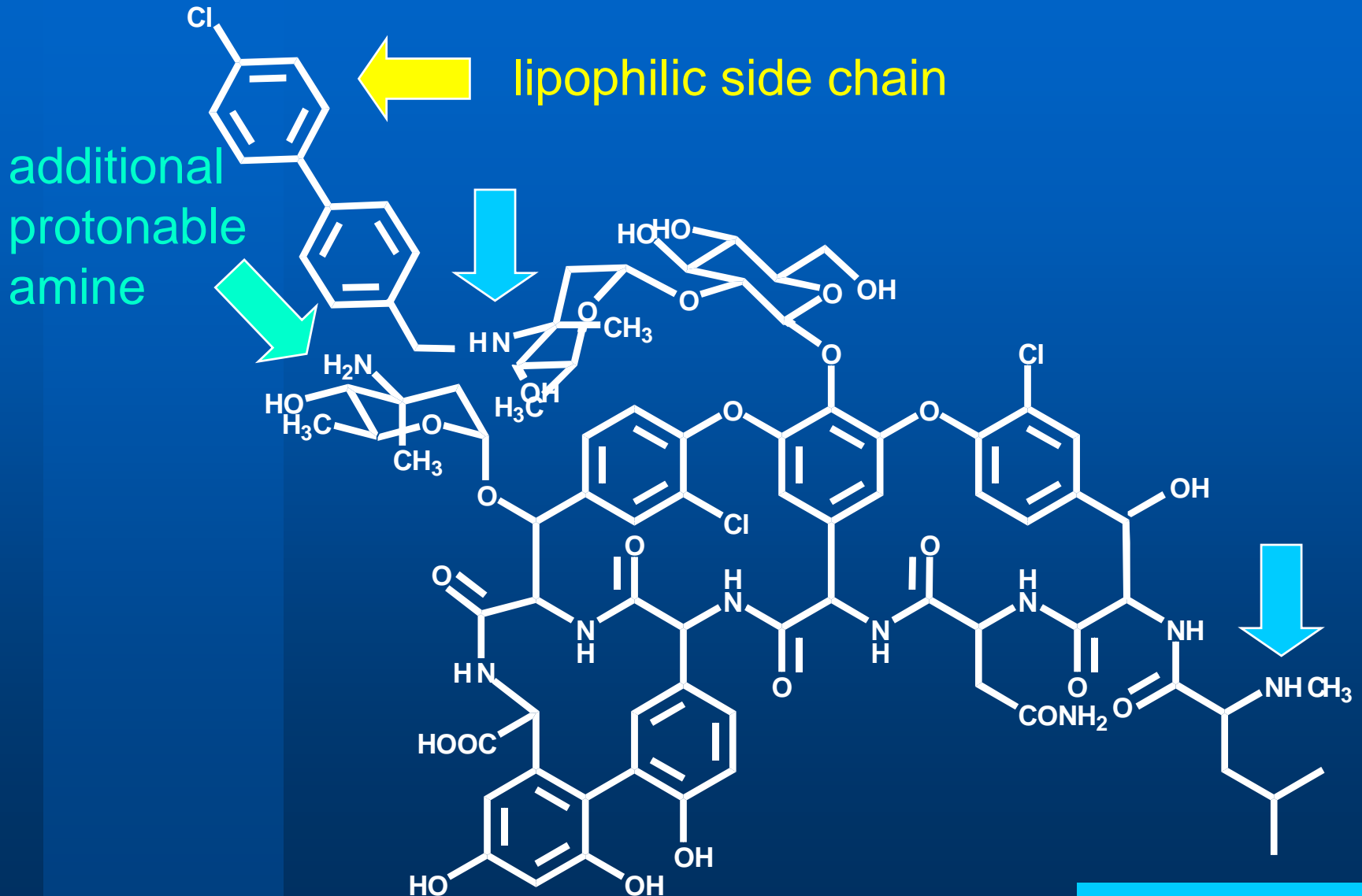
4-*epi*-vancosamine
↗ self-association
capacity

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From vancomycin tooritavancin



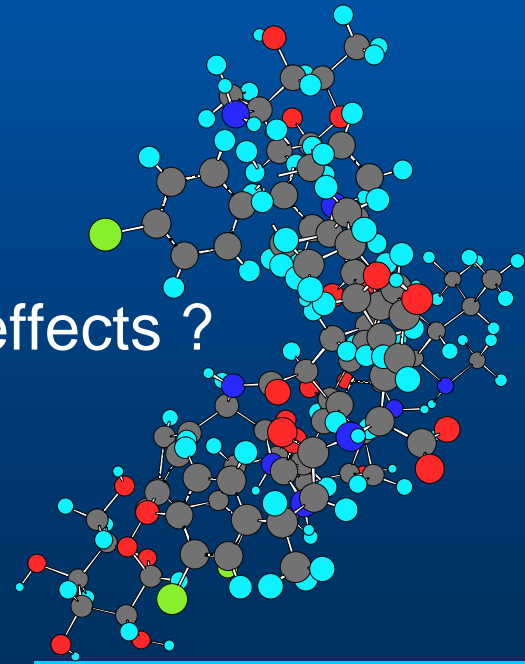
Oritavancin, a cationic amphiphile



Oritavancin, a cationic amphiphile

New chemical entity

- New pharmacodynamic properties ?
- New pharmacokinetic profile ?
- But also ... new potential side effects ?



Spectrum of activity

bacteria	resistance	vancomycin	oritavancin
enterococci	susc.	1-2	0.06-0.25
	VanA	>128	1-4
	VanB	8-128	0.125
<i>S. aureus</i>	Methi-S	1-2	1
	Methi-R	1-4	1-2
	GISA	8	1-8
	GRSA	> 128	0.5

- 
- highly active on susc. enterococci
 - active on VAN-resistant strains

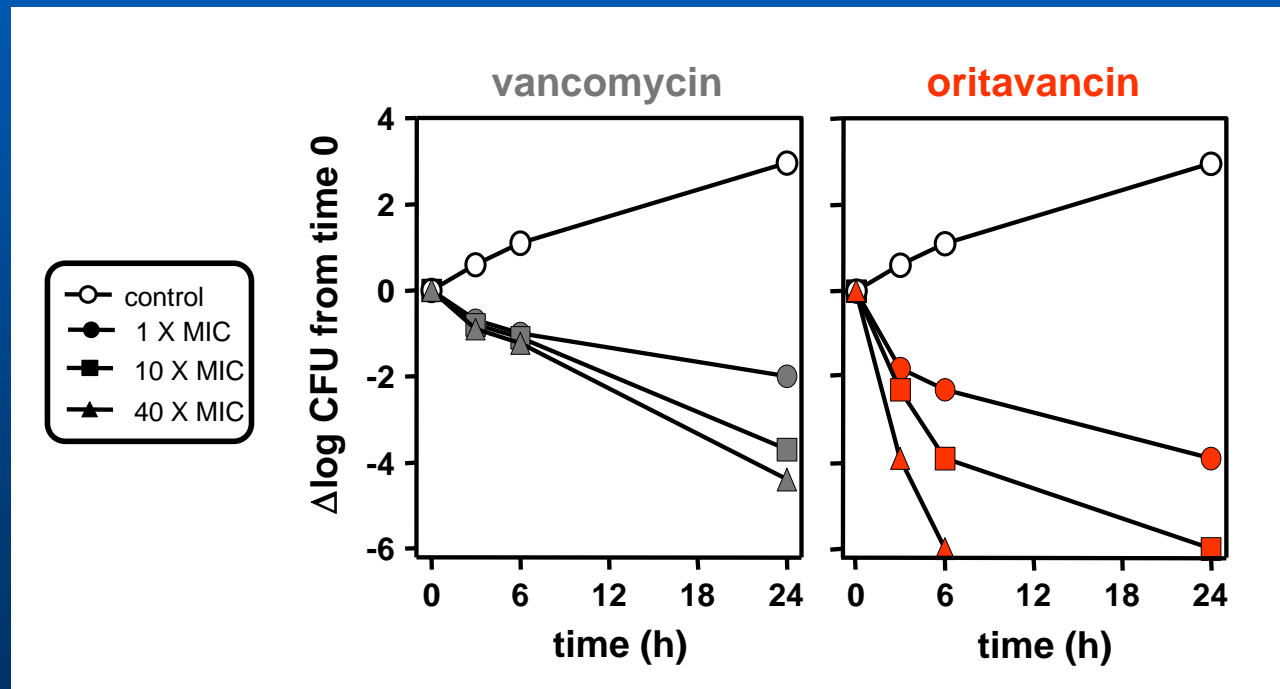
Pharmacodynamic profile

VANCOMYCIN:
modestly bactericidal

- slow
- no or little conc. effect

ORITAVANCIN:
highly bactericidal:

- rapid
- conc. dependent



Pharmacokinetic properties

parameter	Vancomycin (15 mg/kg)	Oritavancin (3 mg/kg)
peak (mg/L)	20-50	31
trough (mg/L)	5-12 (24 h)	1.7 (24 h)
protein binding	10-55 %	90 %
terminal t _{1/2} (h)	4-8	360

- daily administration
- retention in the organism ?

Aim of the study

- activity against (multi-resistant) Gram-positive (*S. aureus*)
- rapid bactericidal activity
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any place for intracellular infections?

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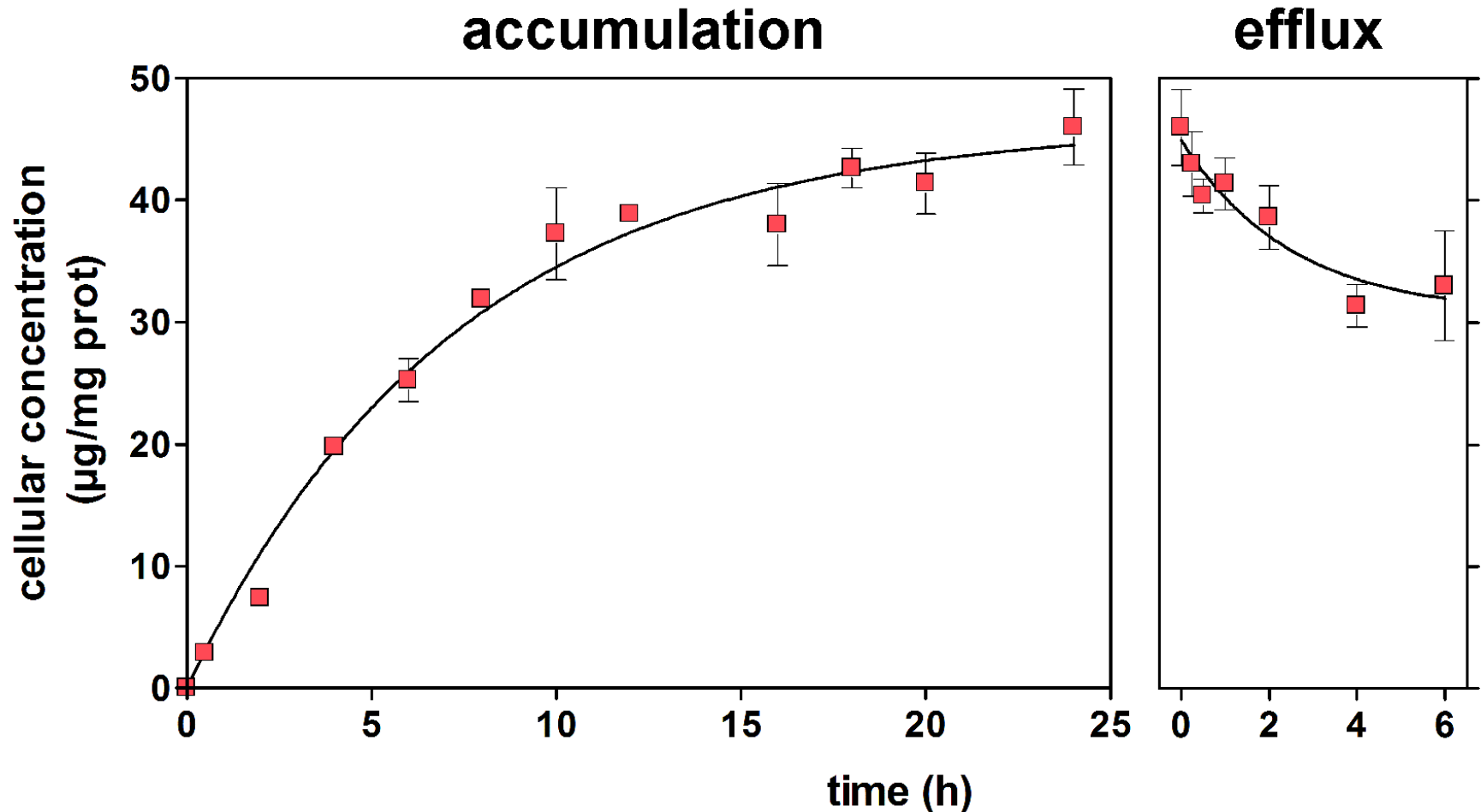
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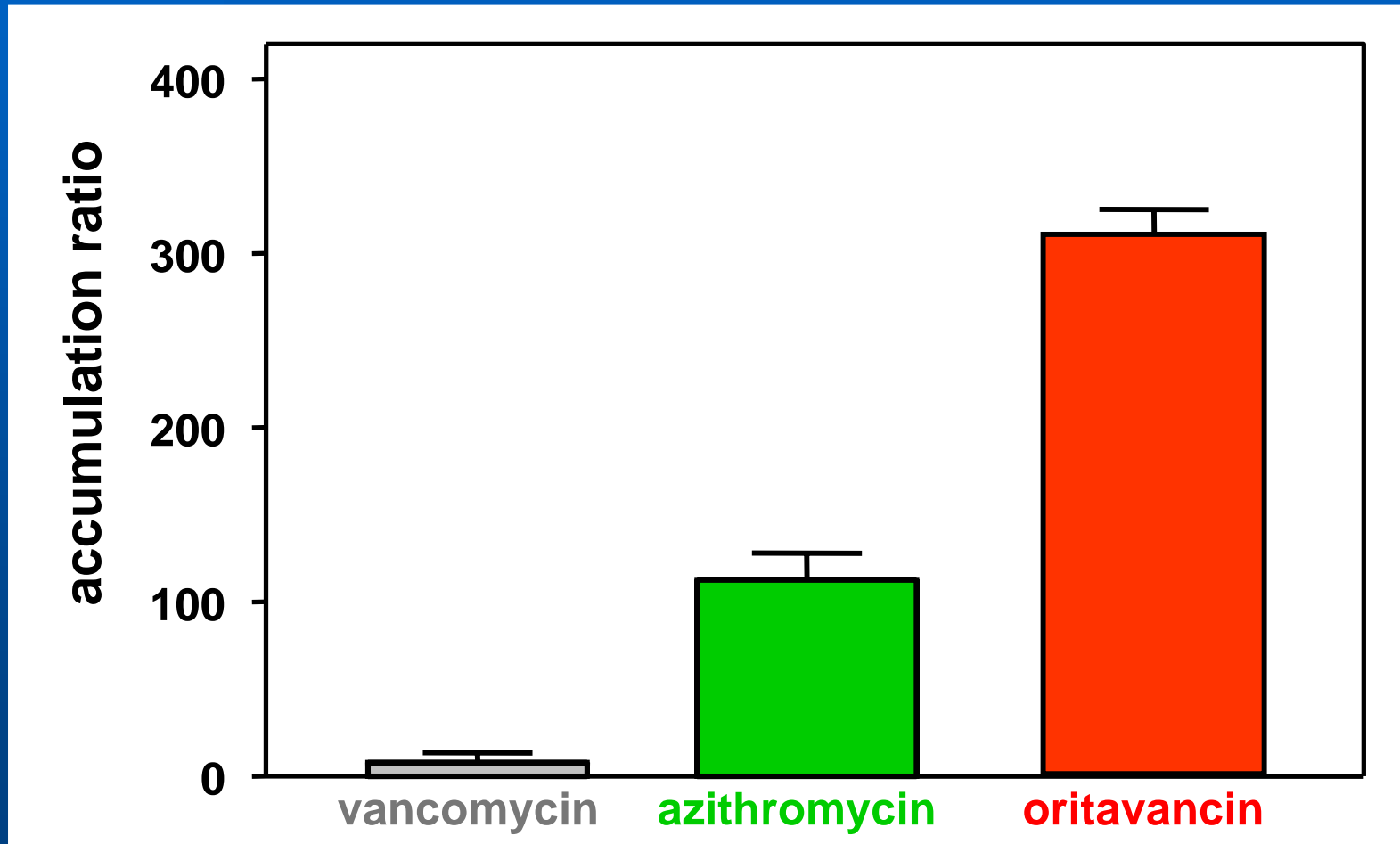
Kinetics of accumulation-efflux

Oritavancin accumulation and release are slow

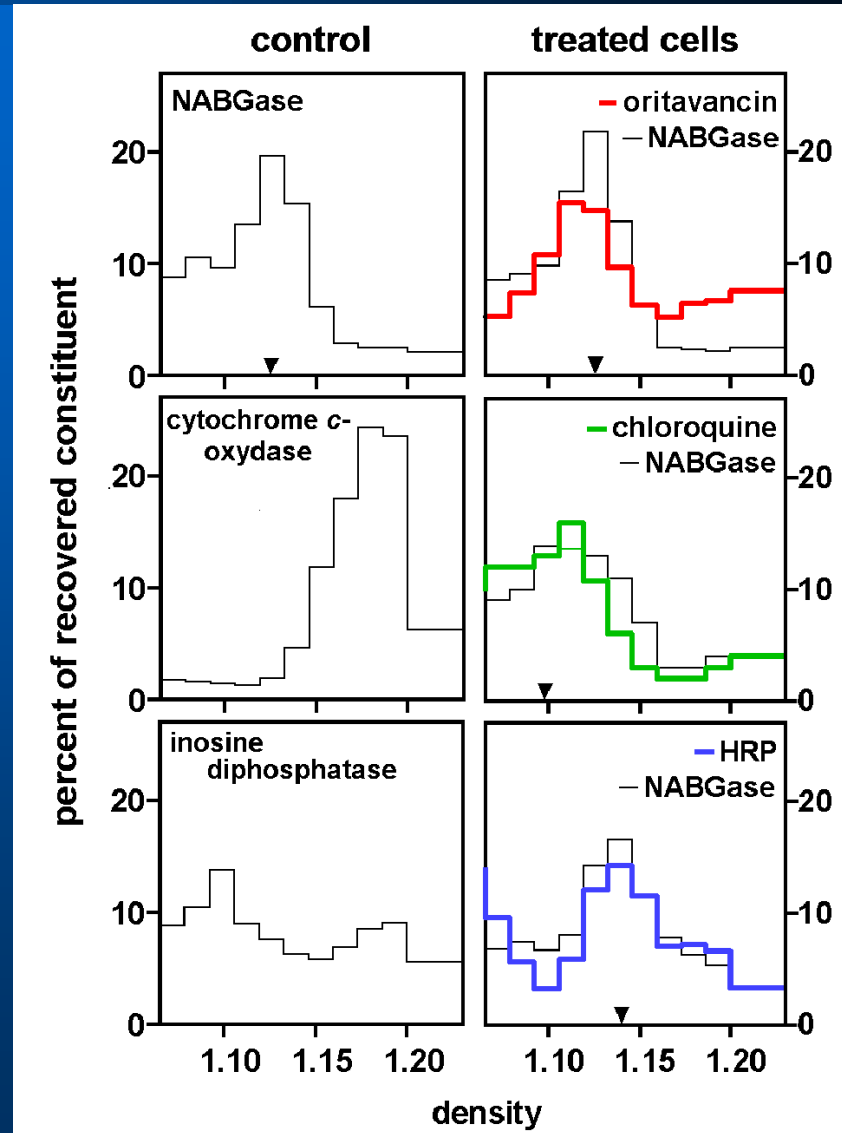
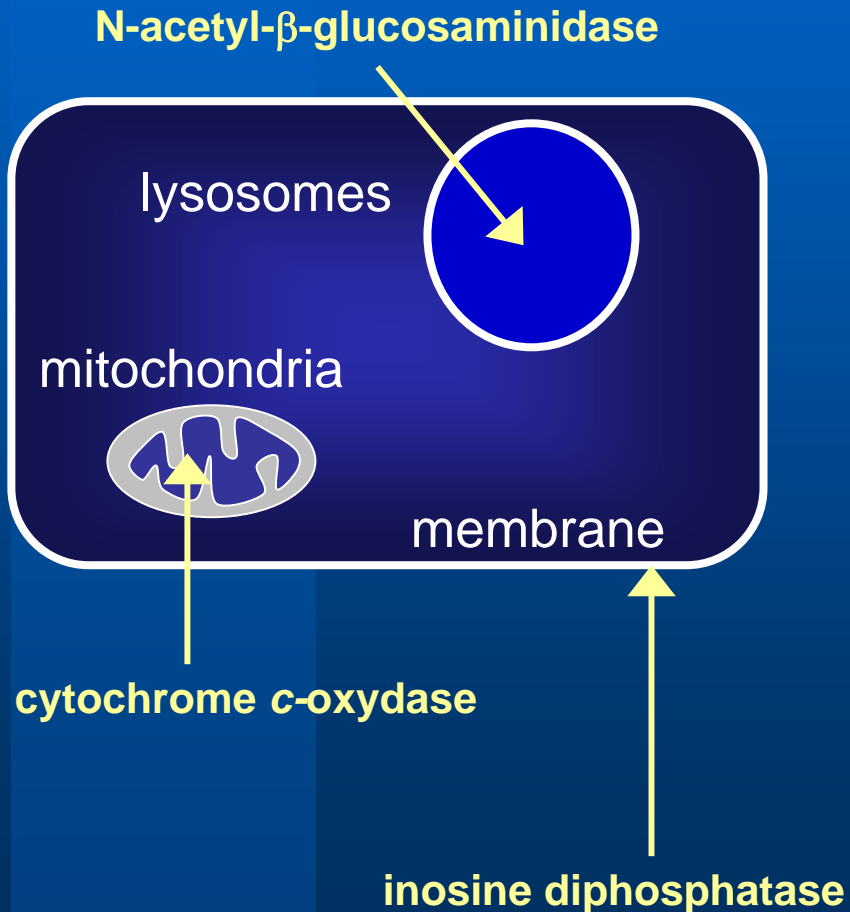


Comparison with other antibiotics

Oritavancin reaches exceptional cellular accumulation levels

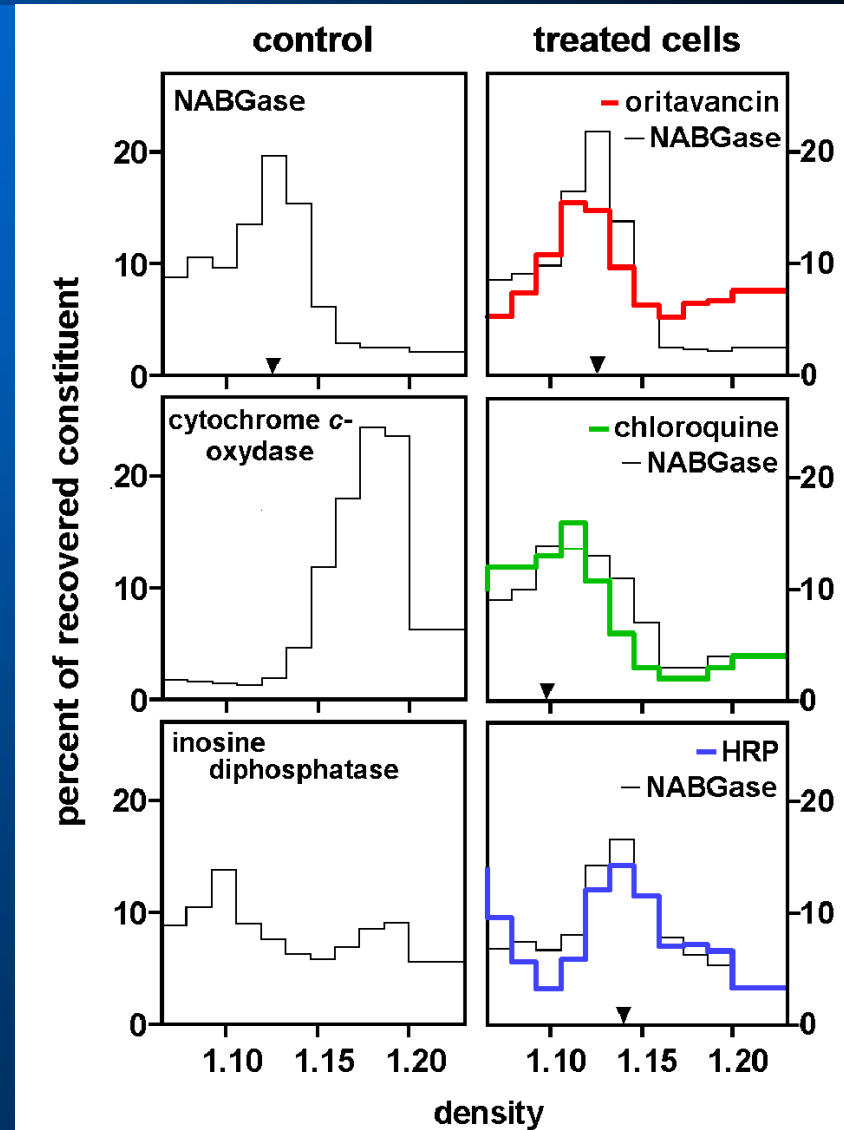
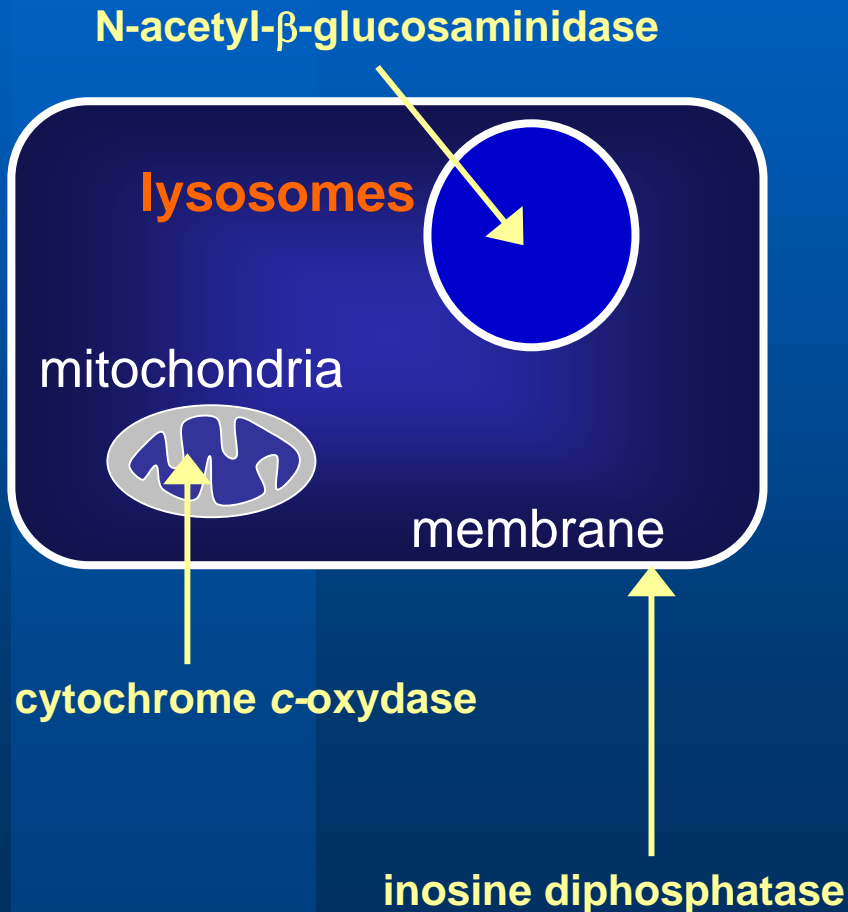


Subcellular localization

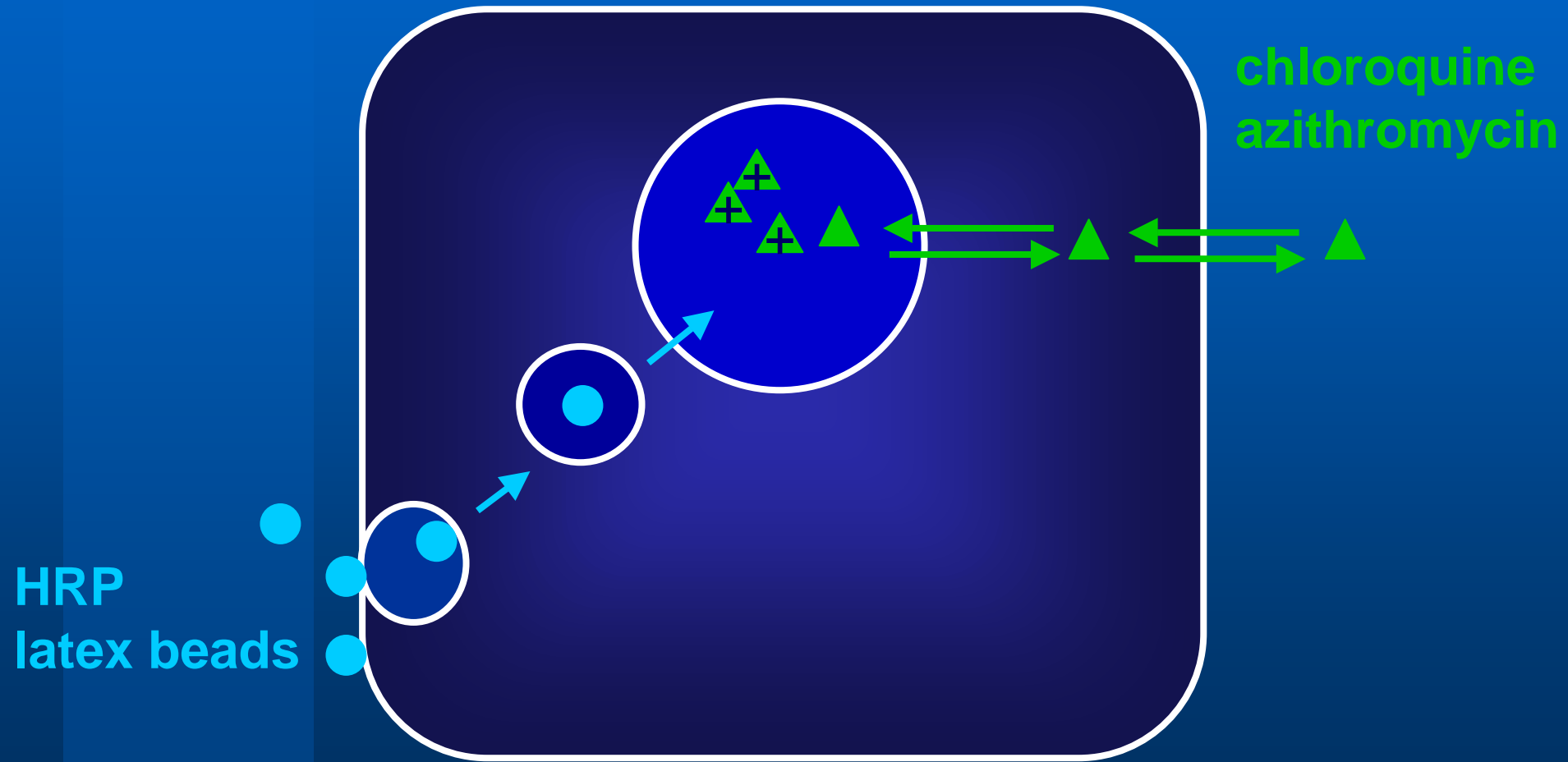


Subcellular localization

Oritavancin is a lysosomotropic antibiotic

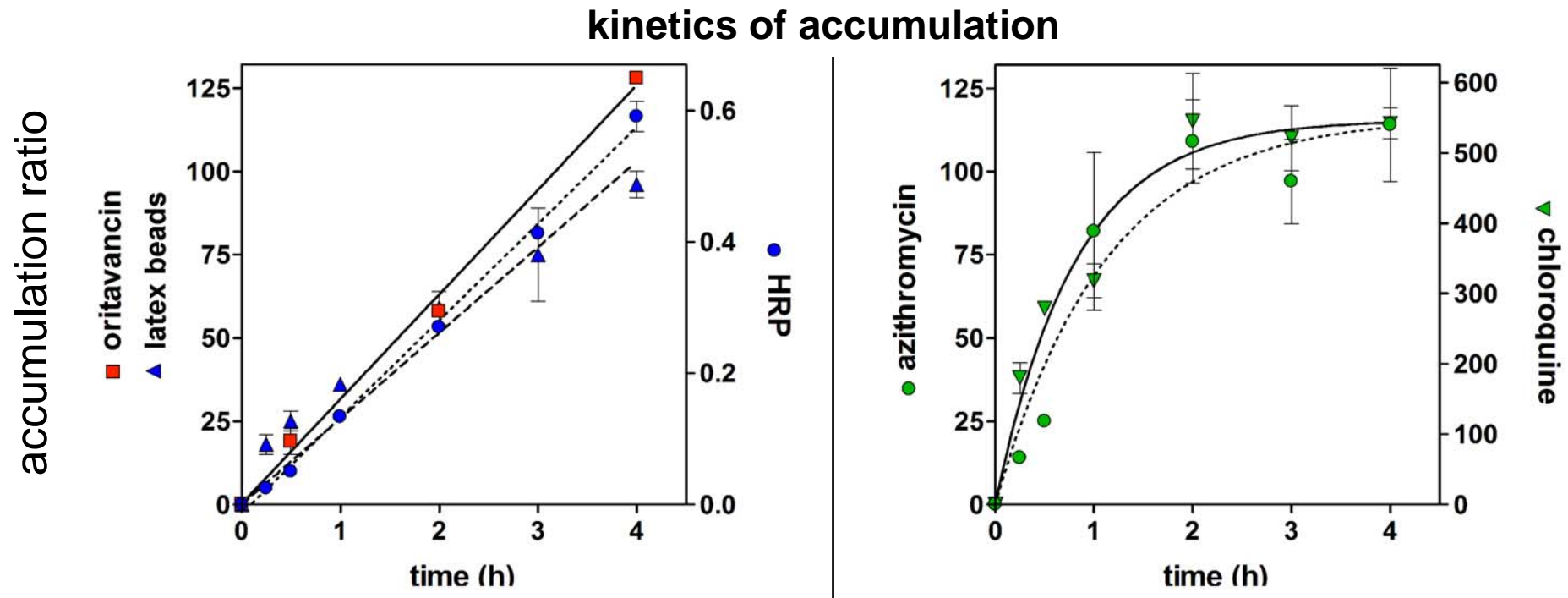


Mechanism of cellular accumulation



Mechanism of cellular accumulation

Oritavancin kinetics of accumulation are very similar to those of tracers of (adsorptive) endocytosis



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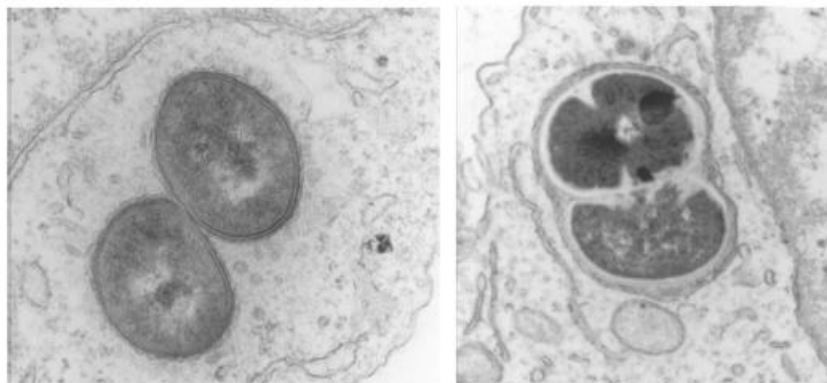
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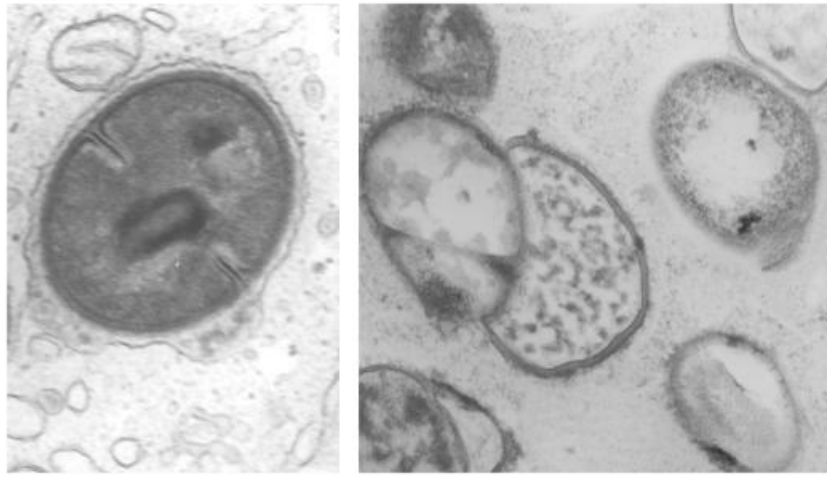
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Intracellular activity on *S. aureus*

control



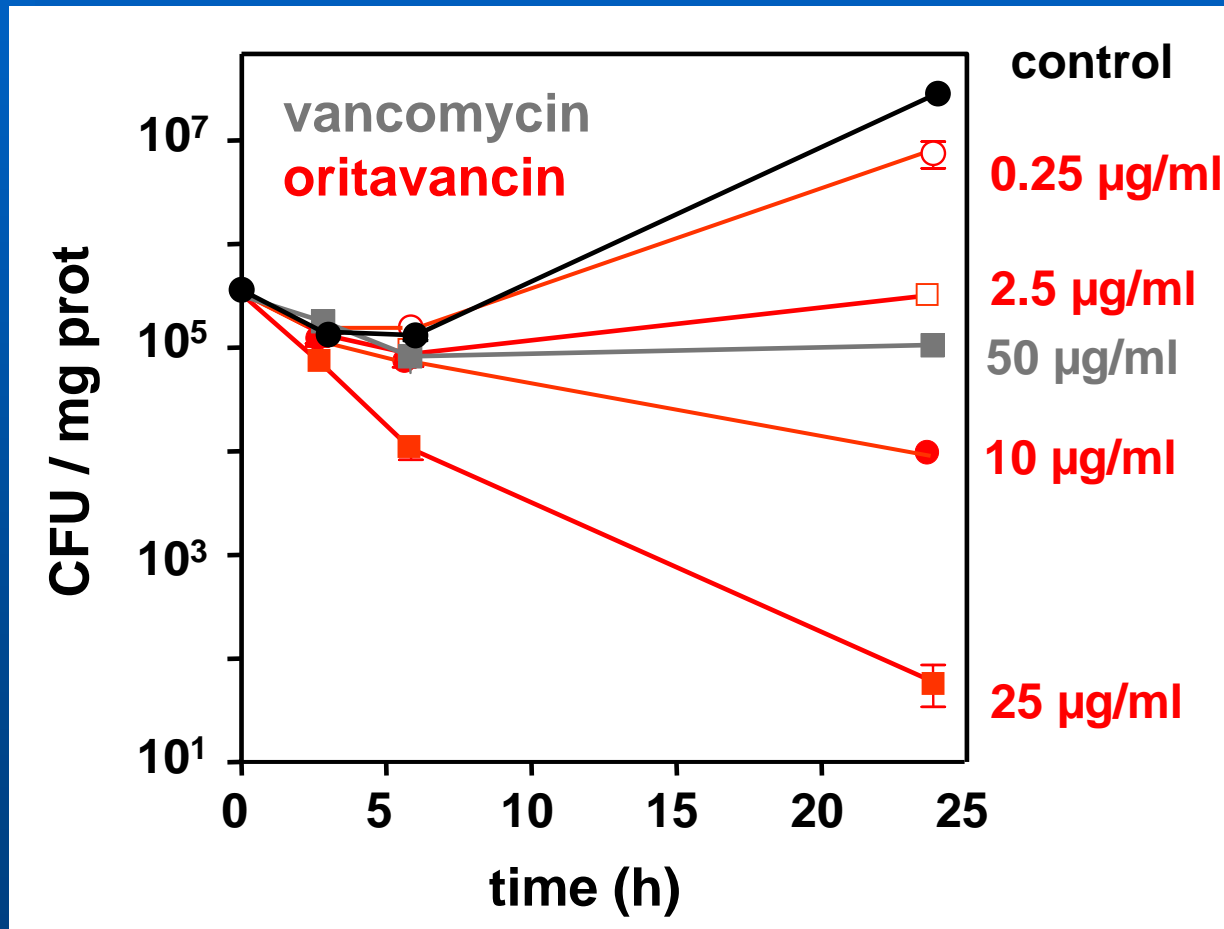
oritavancin



Oritavancin
can destroy
intracellular bacteria

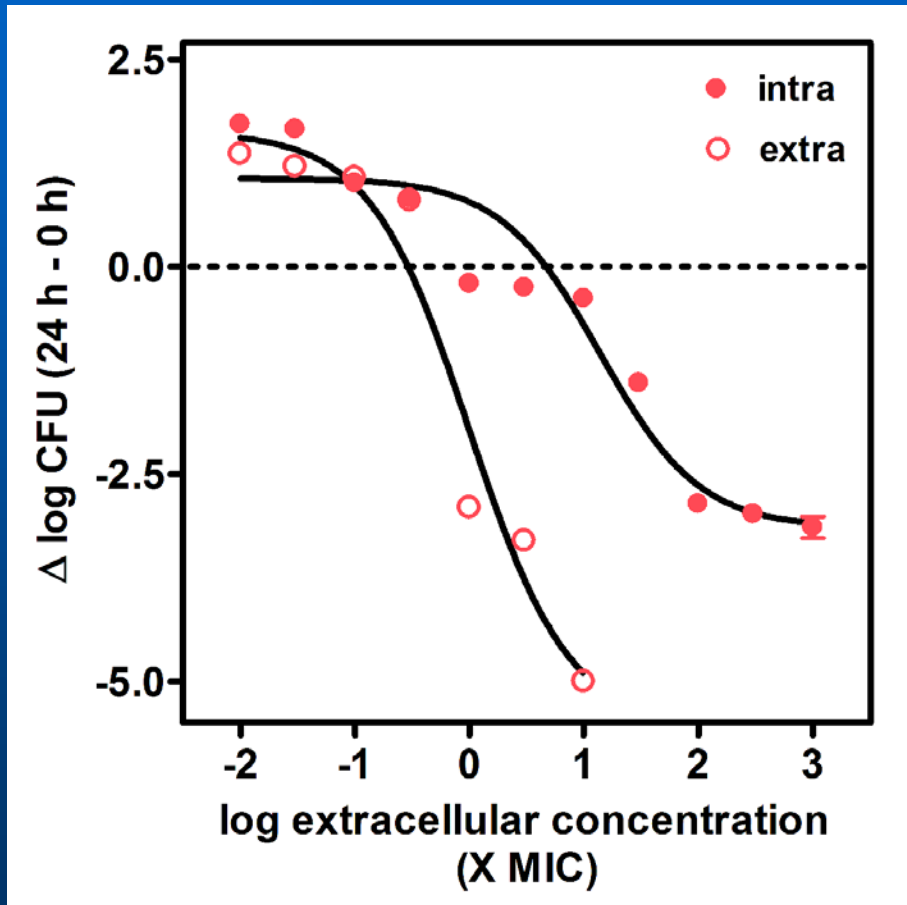
Time-effect for intracellular activity

Oritavancin shows time- and concentration-dependent intracellular bactericidal effects



Dose-effect for extracell. vs intracell. activity

intracellular activity < extracellular activity

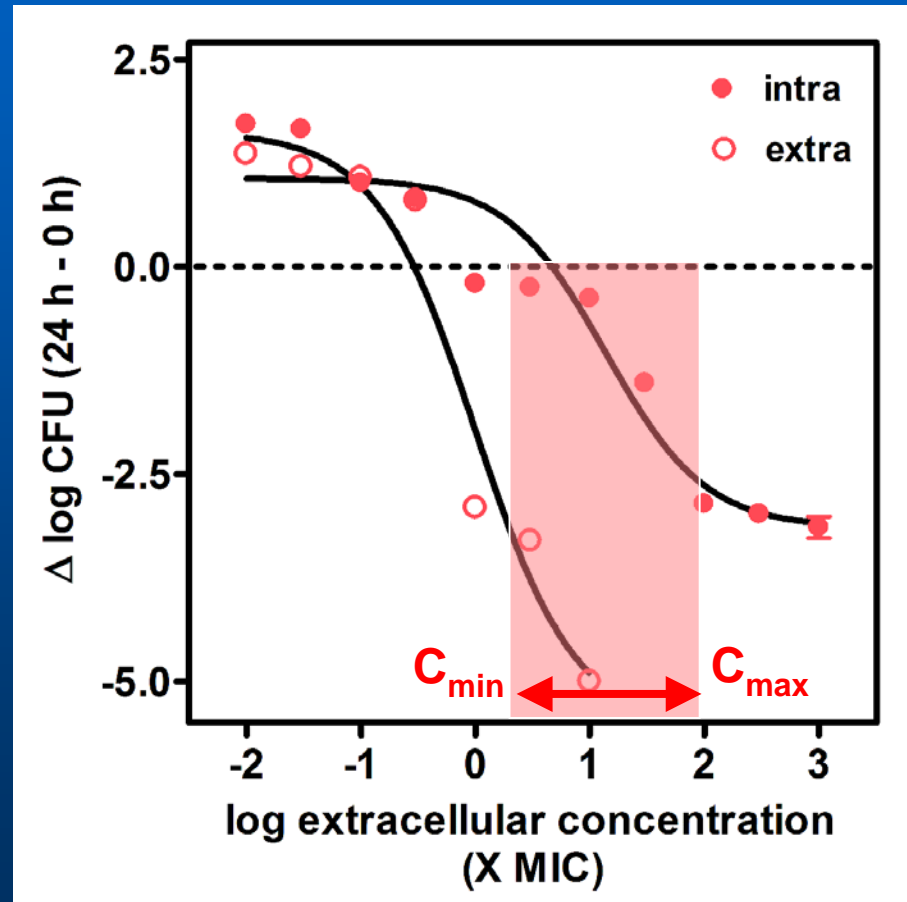


	extra	intra
static conc.	0.3 X MIC	4.8 X MIC
max. effect	- 5.55 log	- 3.15 log

Dose-effect

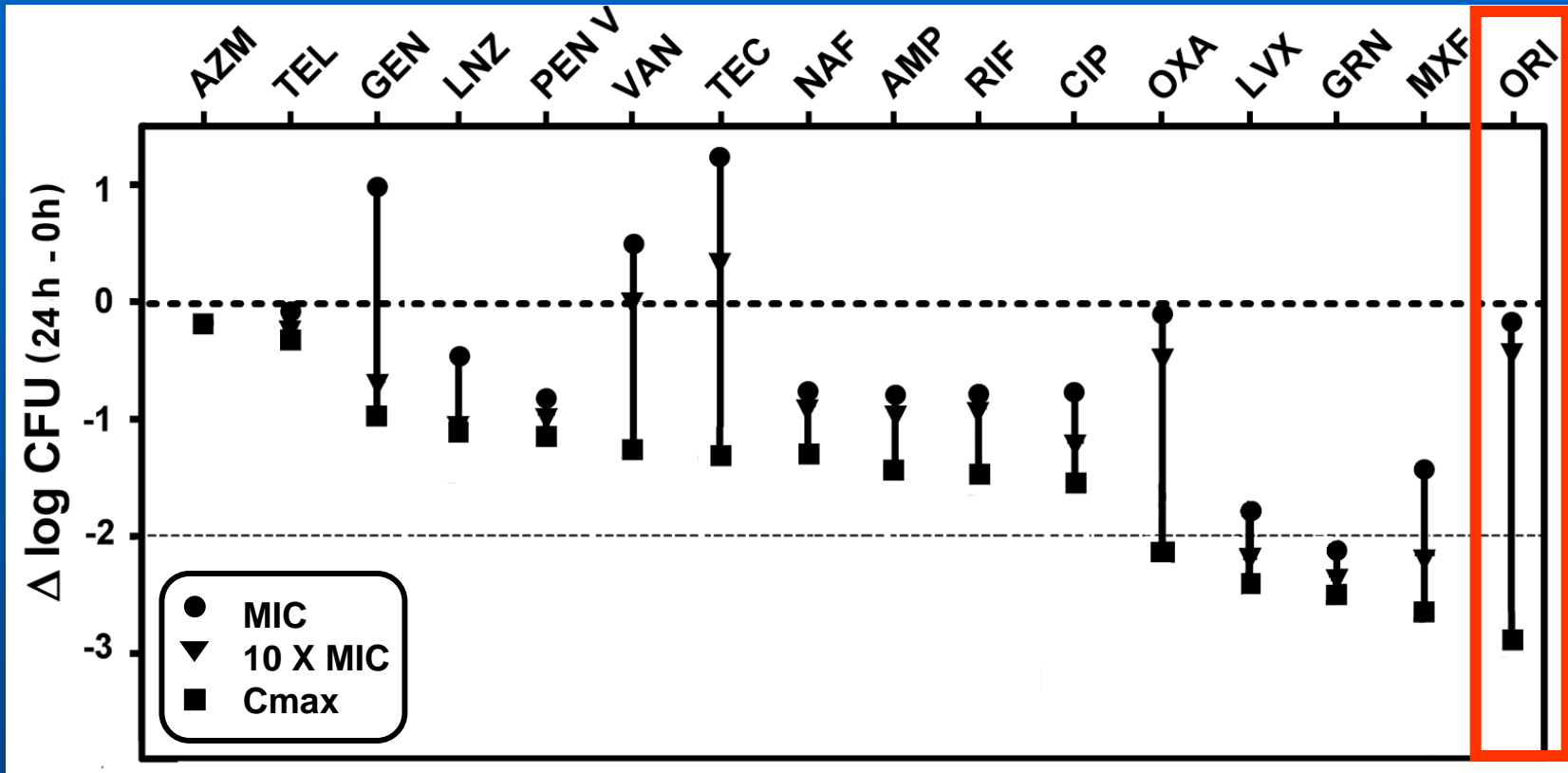


intracellular activity < extracellular activity,
but bactericidal effects reached at clinically-relevant concentrations



Comparison with other antibiotics

oritavancin is one of the most active drugs against intracellular *S. aureus*



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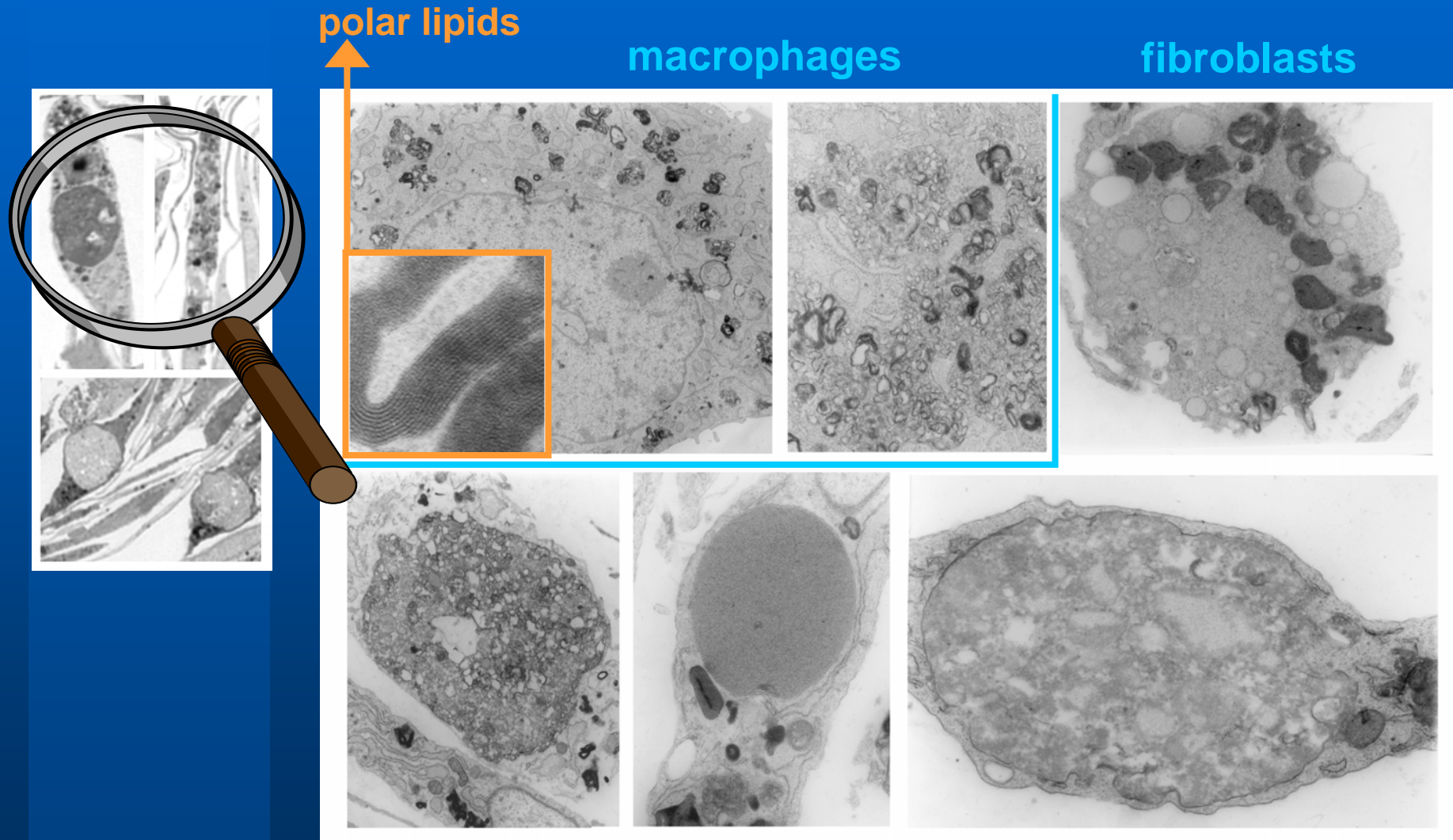
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Morphological studies



polar lipids

macrophages

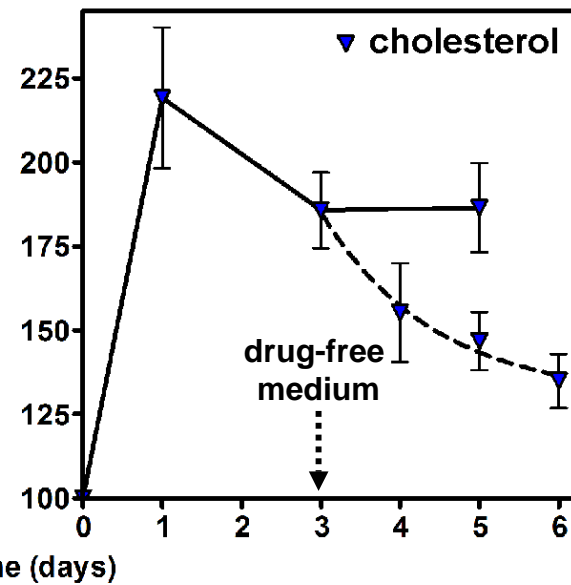
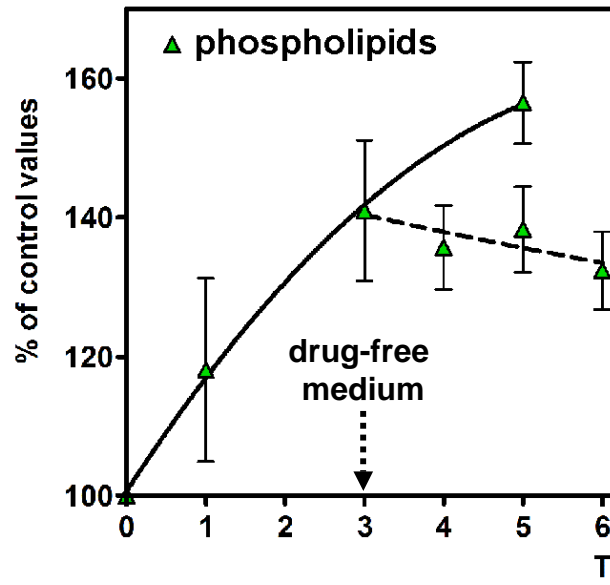
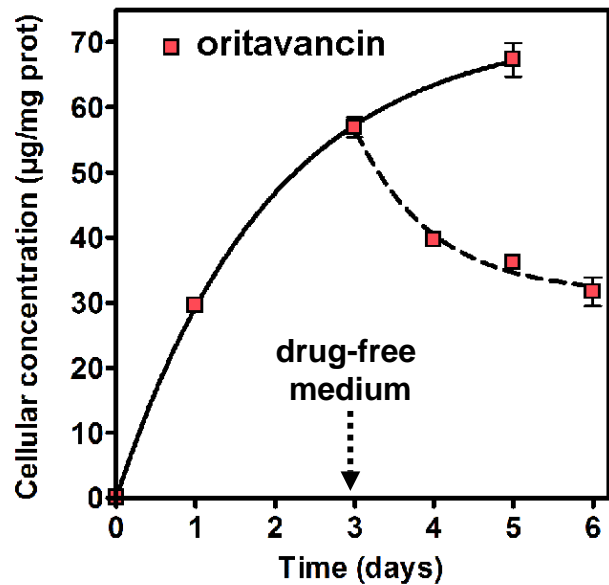
fibroblasts

Rat embryo fibroblasts; 25 mg/L; 3 days
J774 macrophages, 25 mg/L; 1 day

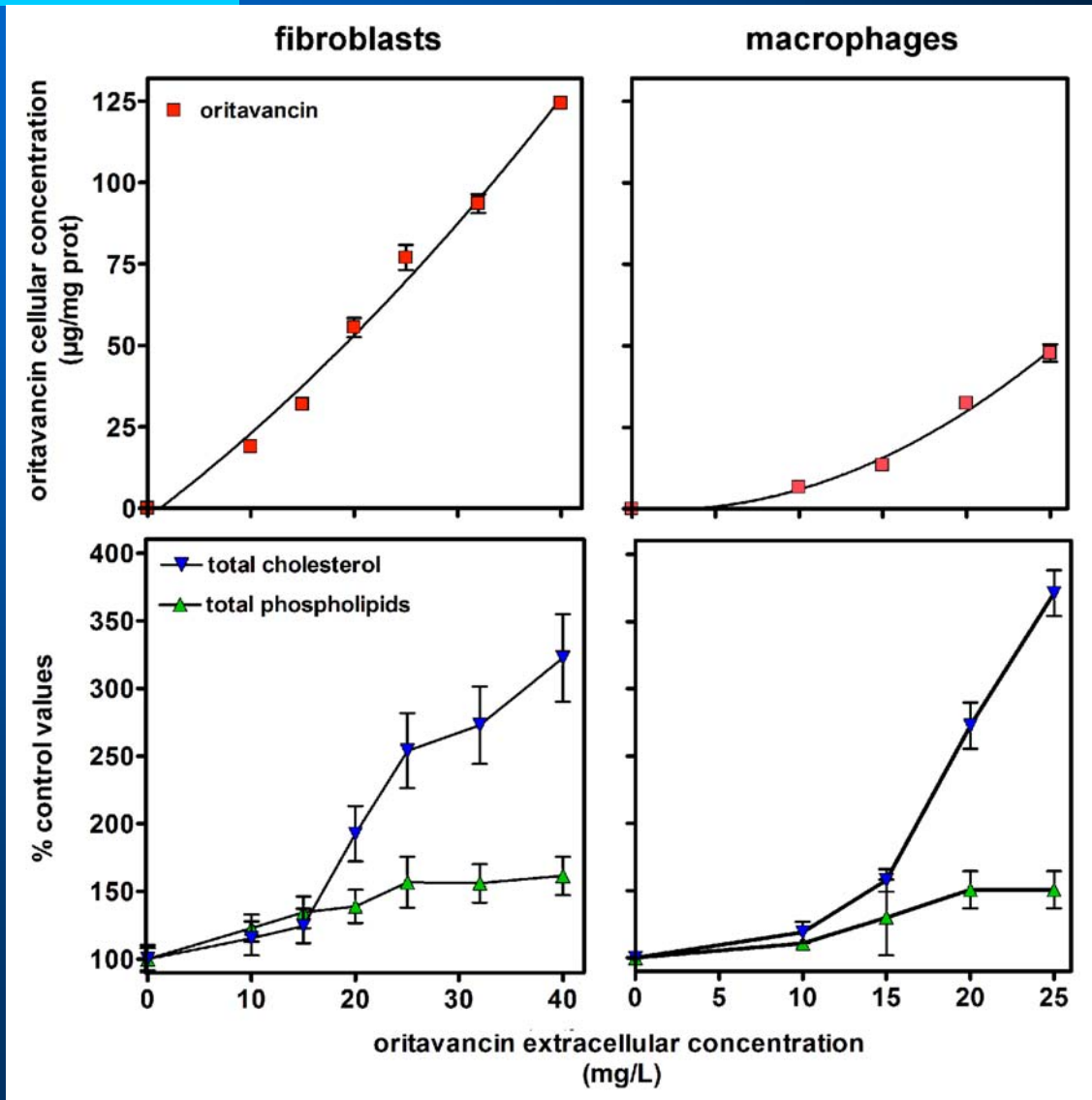
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Biochemical studies : time-effects

accumulation of phospholipids and cholesterol develops in parallel with oritavancin cellular concentration



Biochemical studies : dose-effects

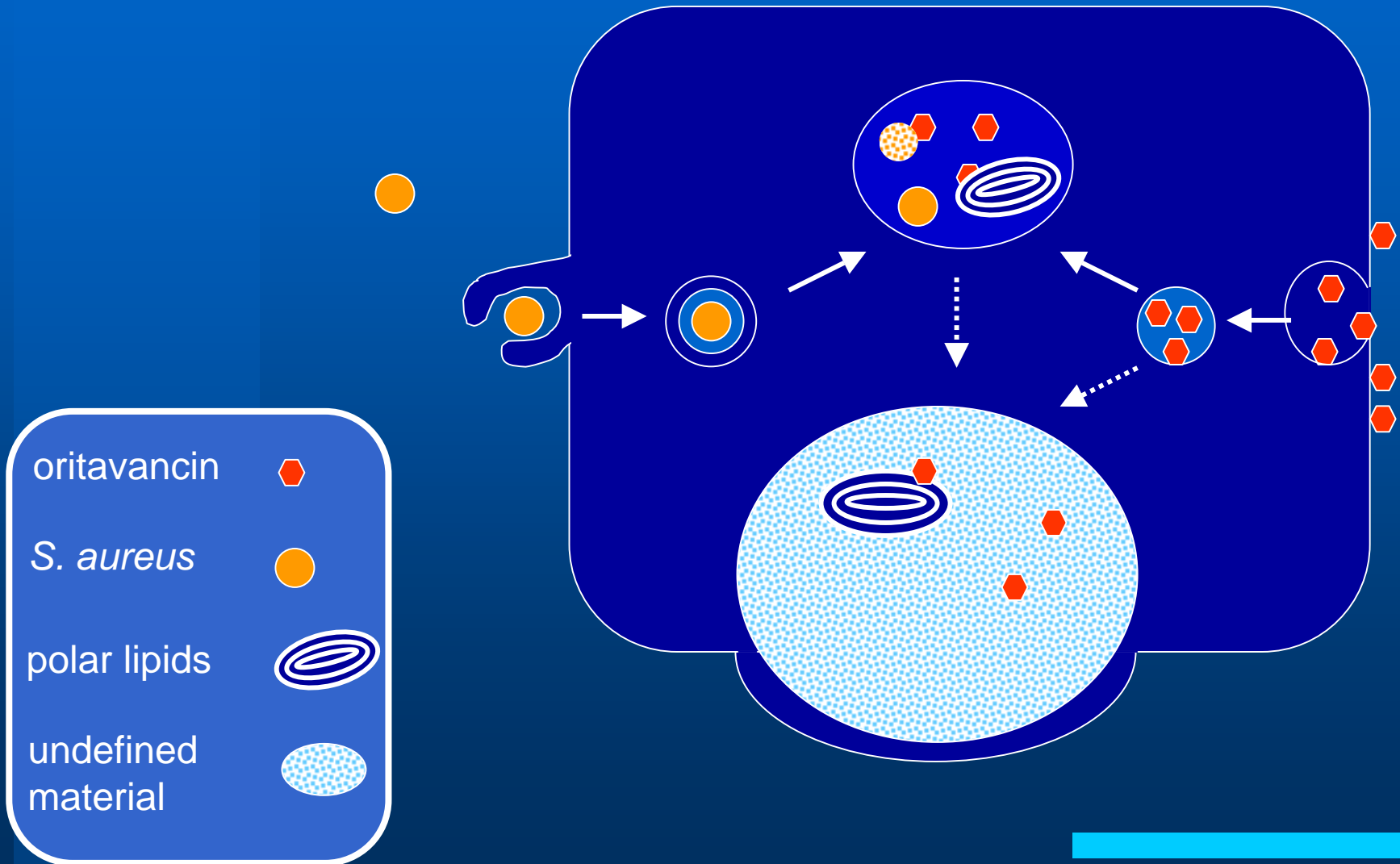


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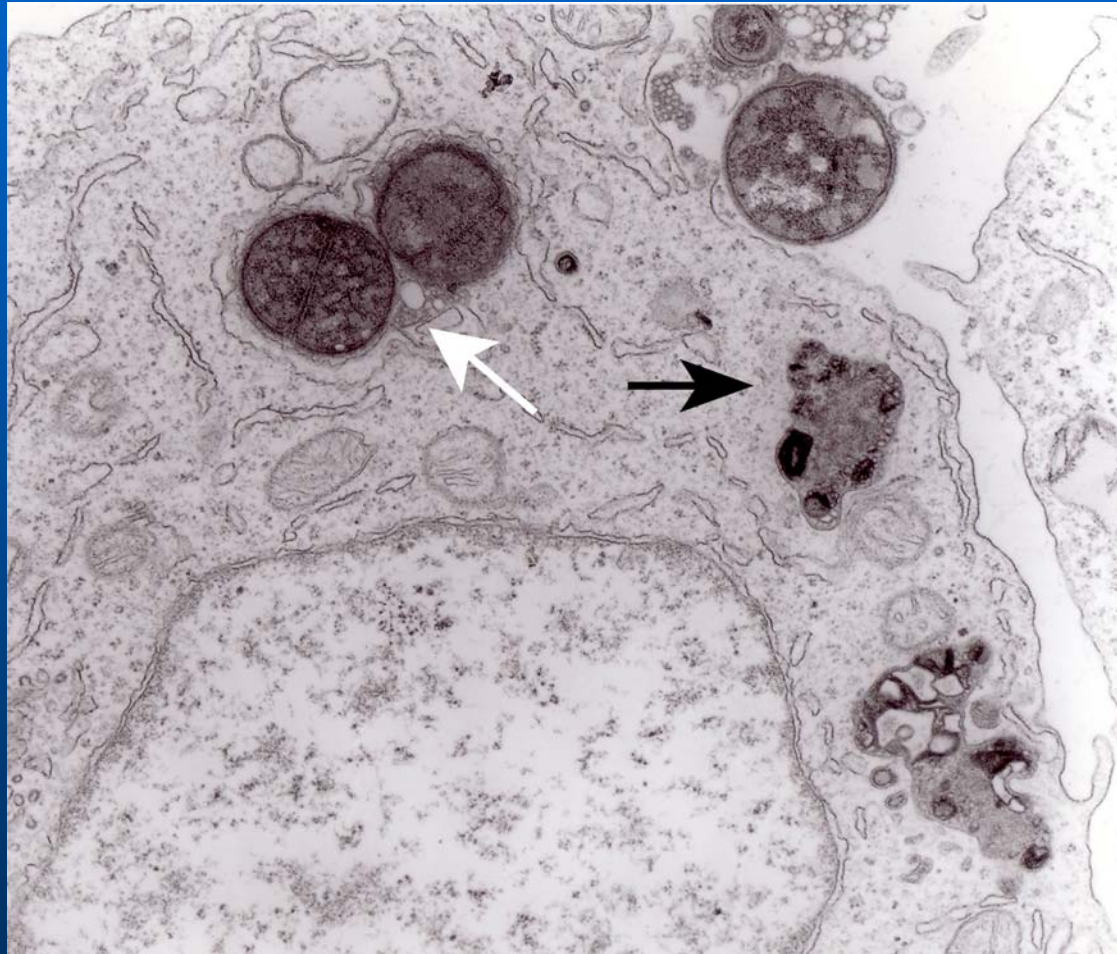
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Model of the interaction of oritavancin with eukaryotic cells



Can we dissociate activity from toxicity ?

cellular alterations **co-exist with** destroyed bacteria

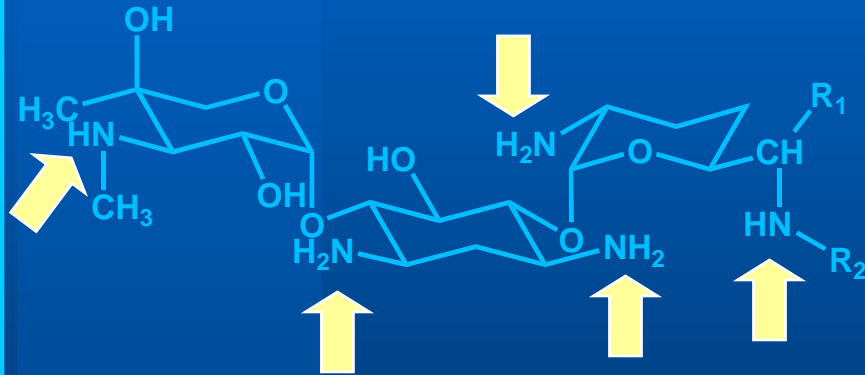


THP-1 macrophages; 25 mg/L; 24 h

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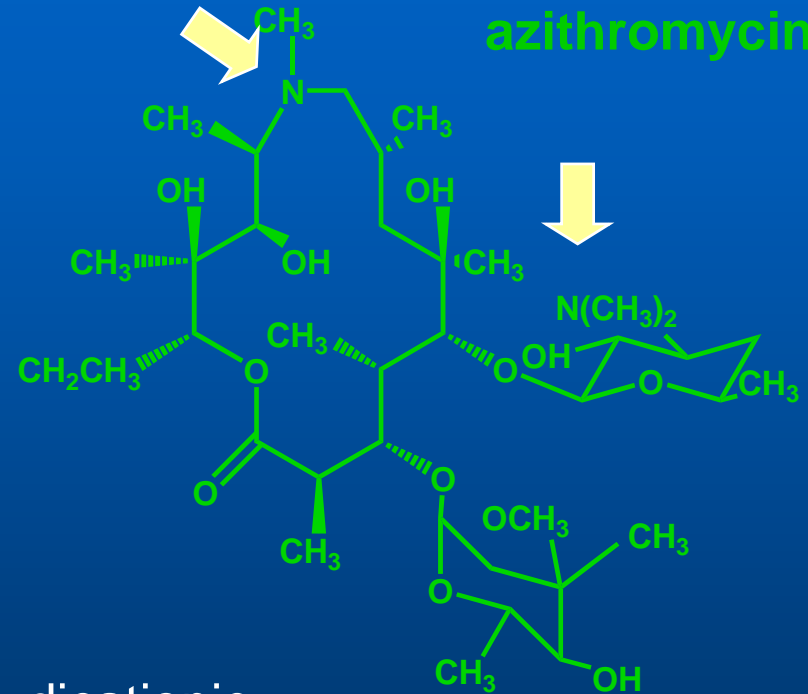
comparison with two other lysosomotropic cationic antibiotics

gentamicin



- polycationic, hydrophilic
- endocytosis
- phospholipidosis

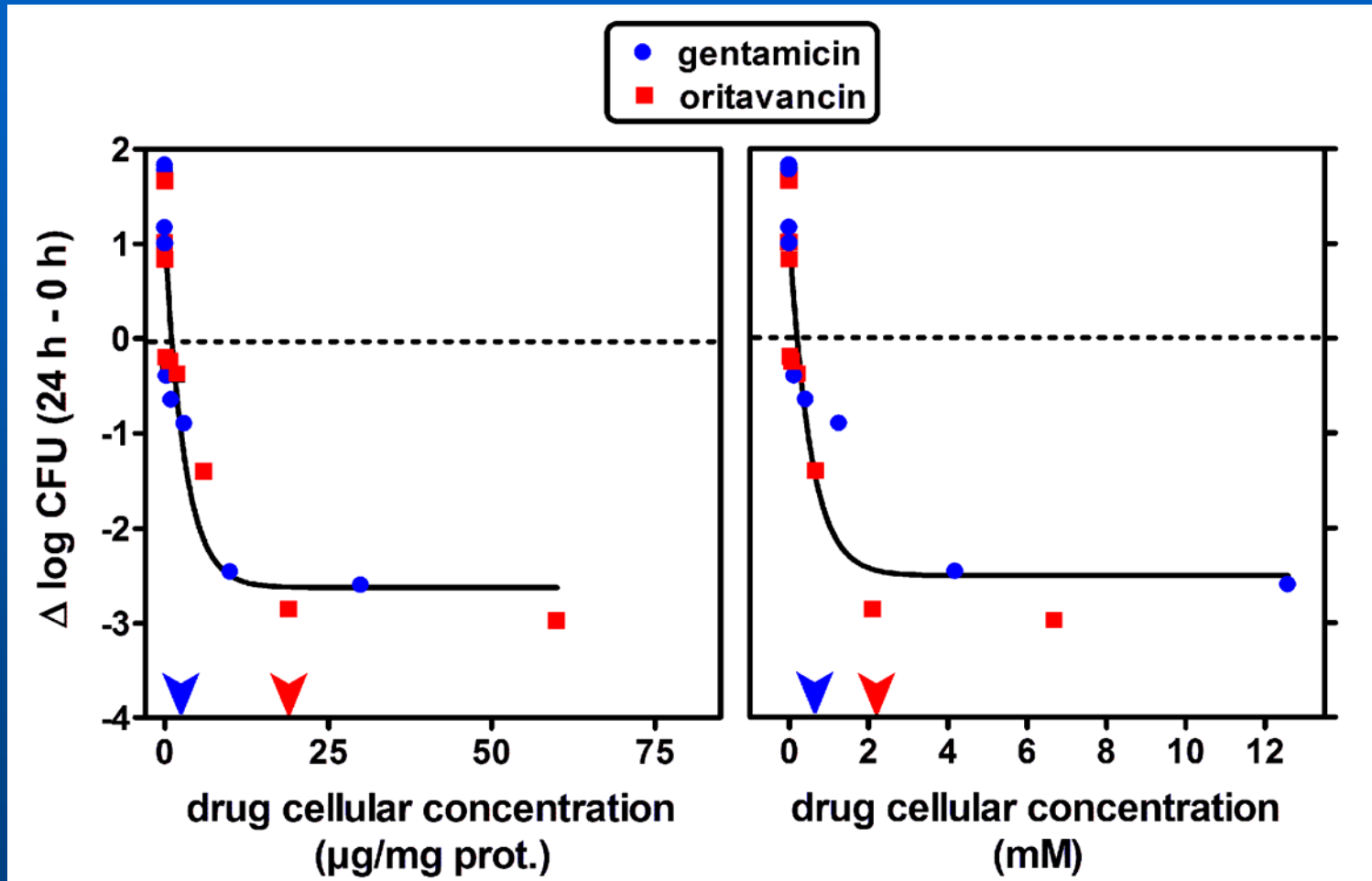
azithromycin



- dicationic
- diffusion/segregation
- accumulation of phospholipids and cholesterol

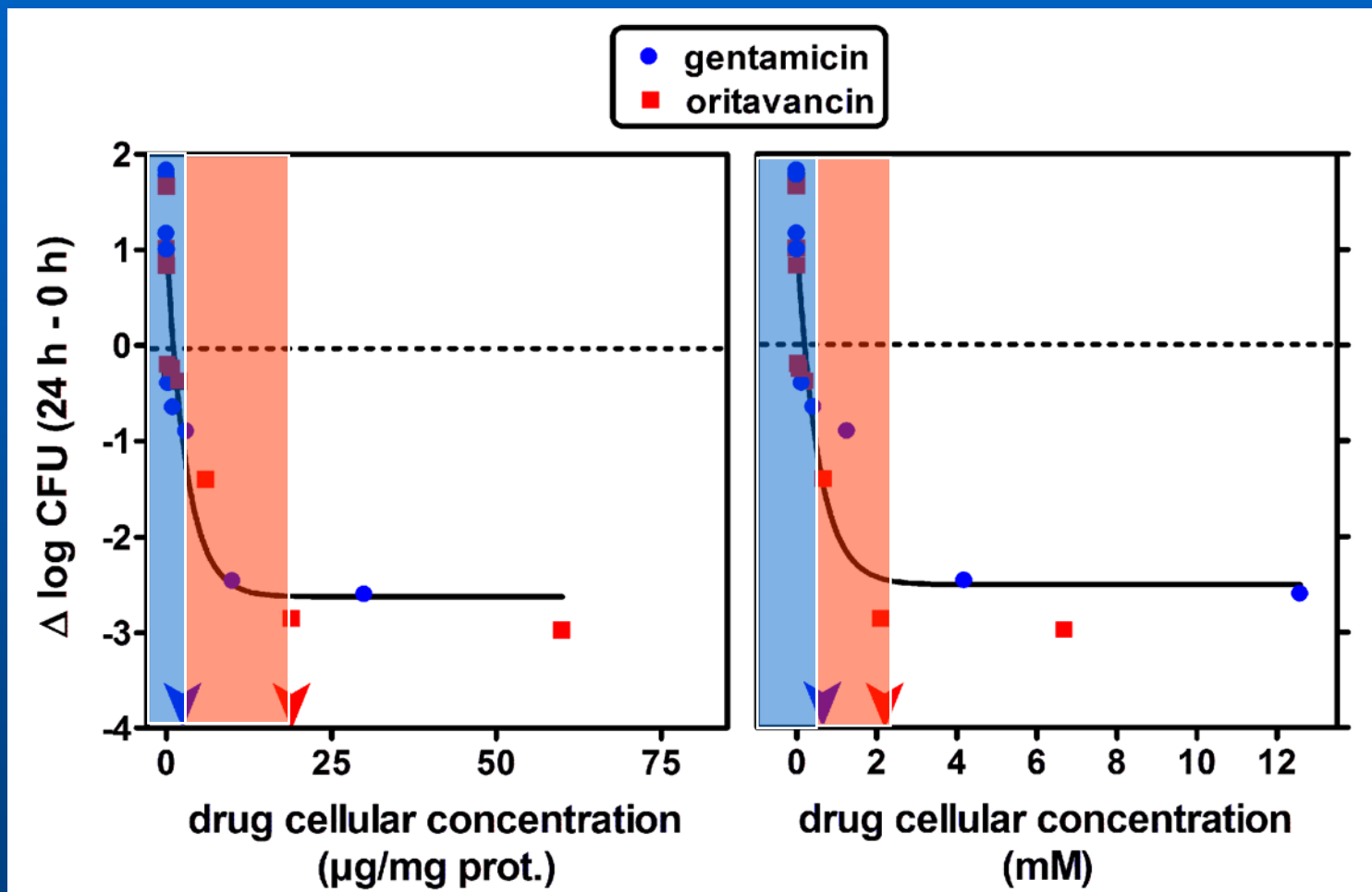
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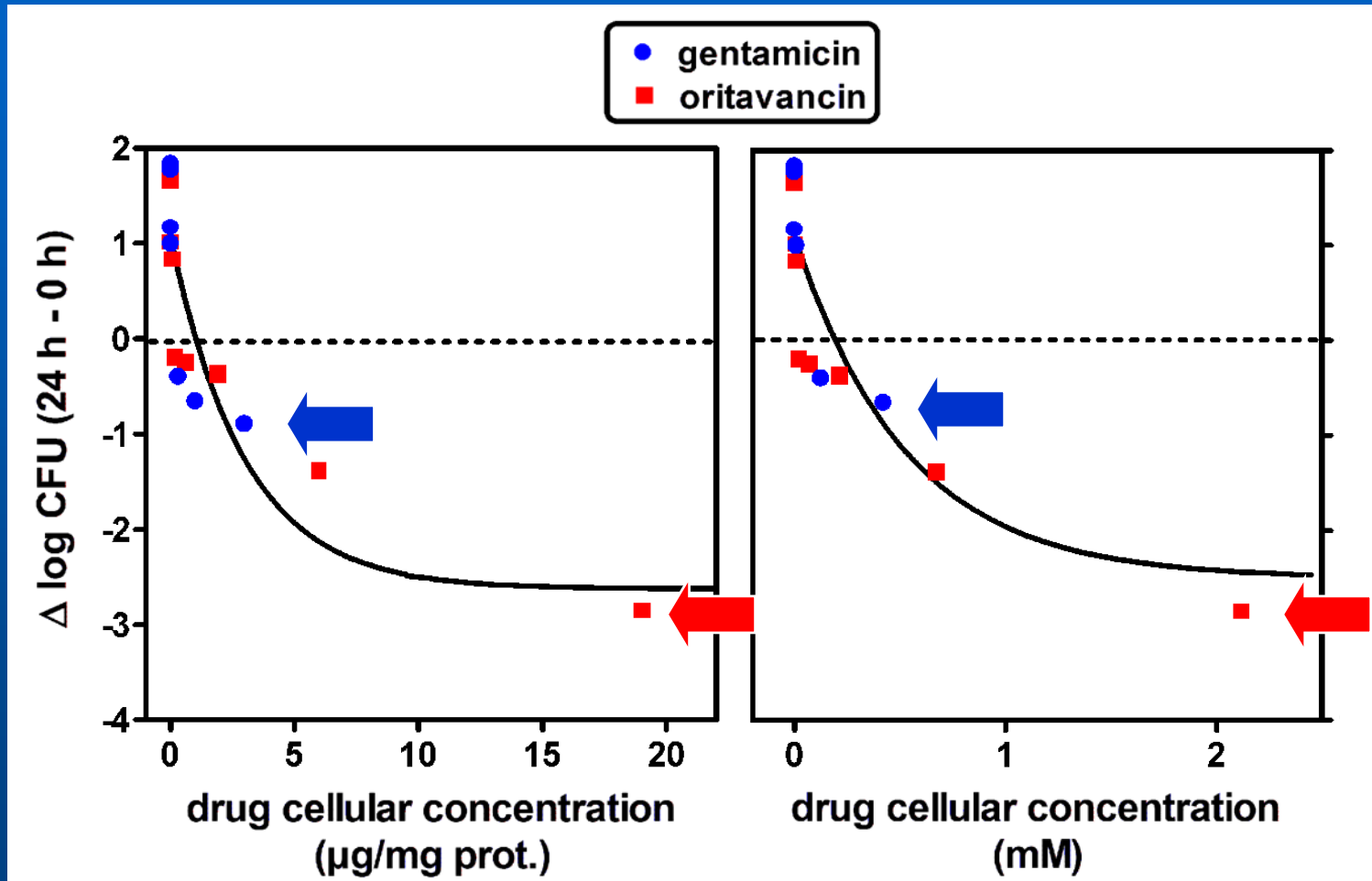
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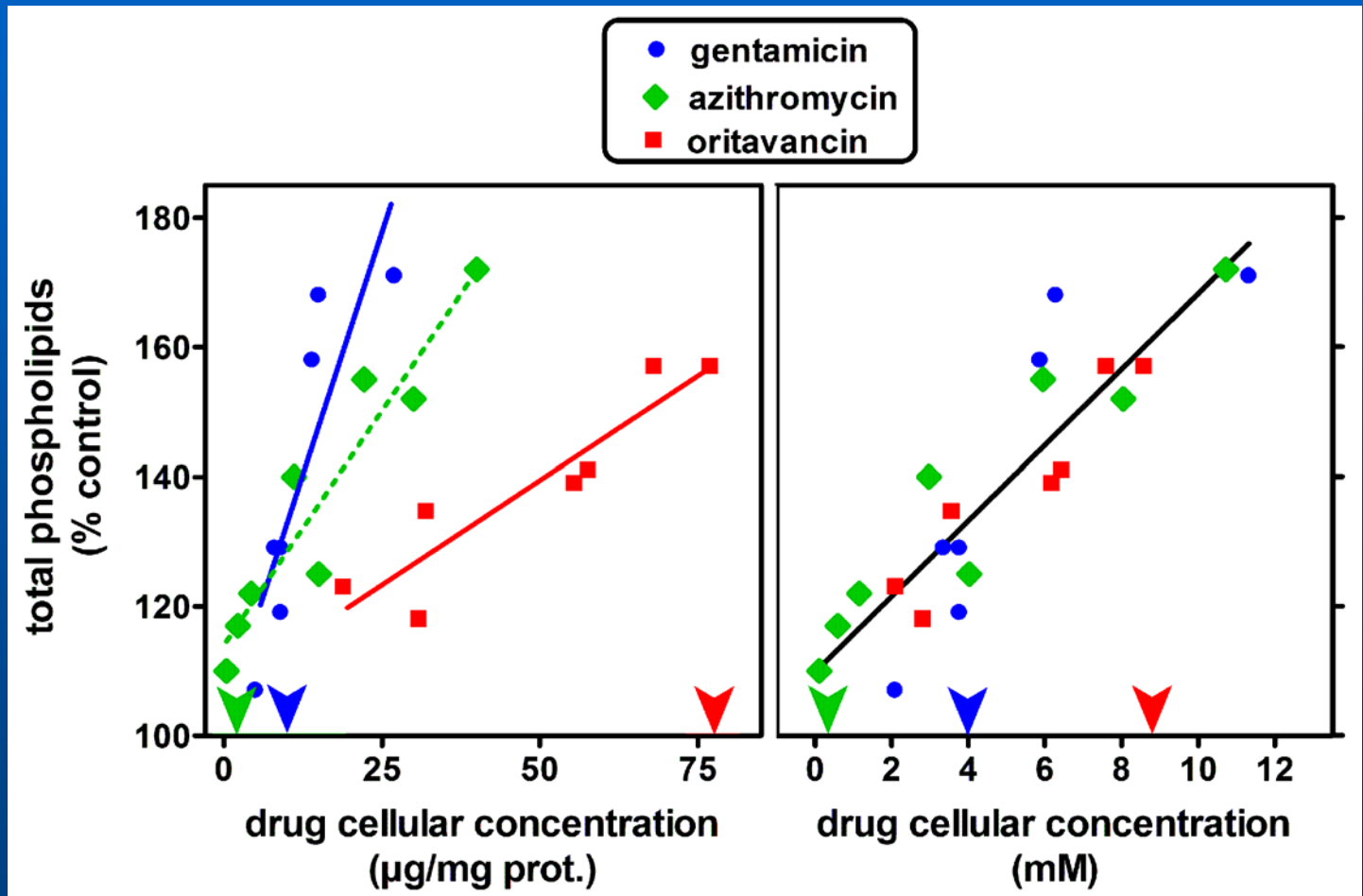
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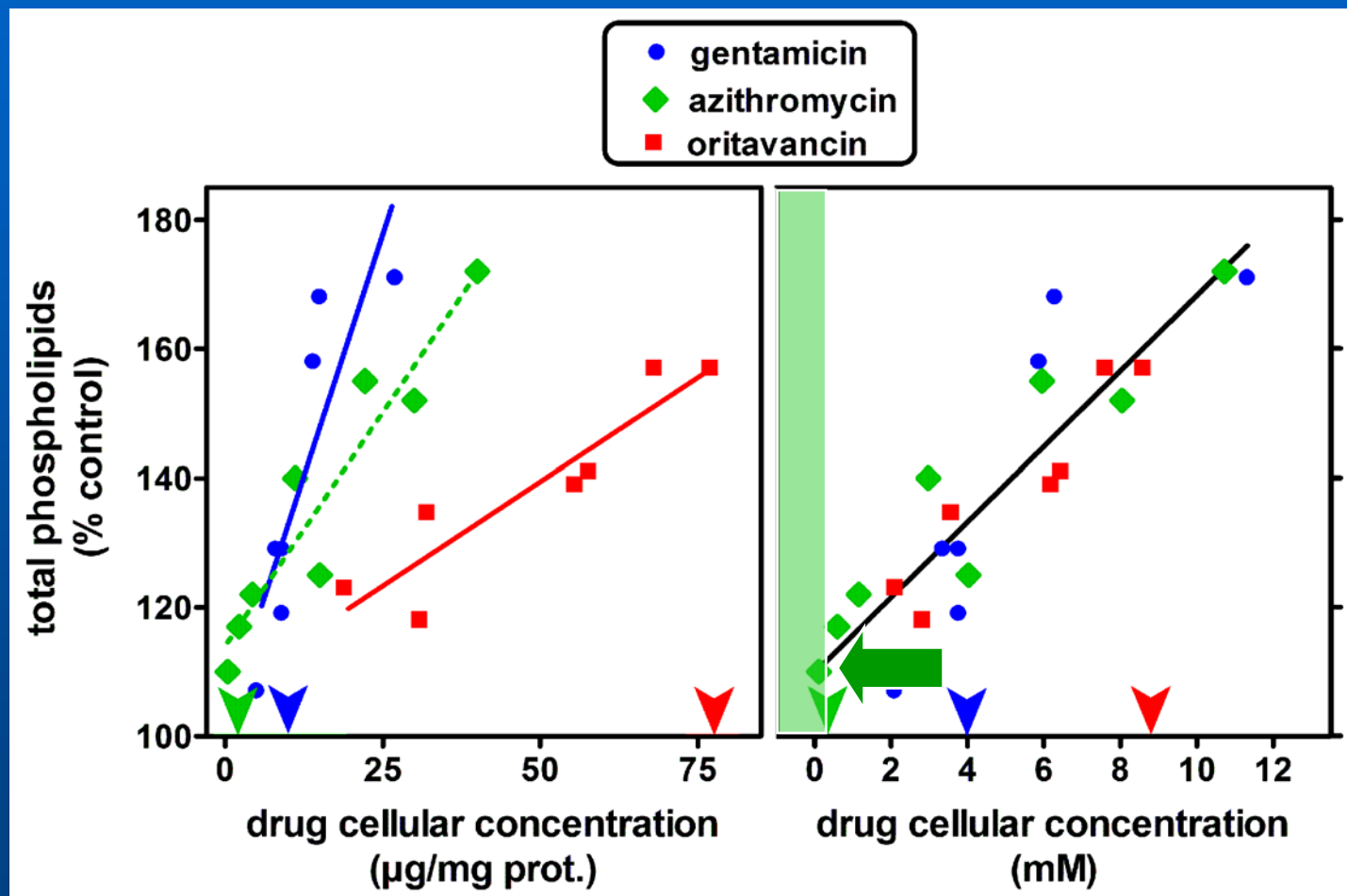
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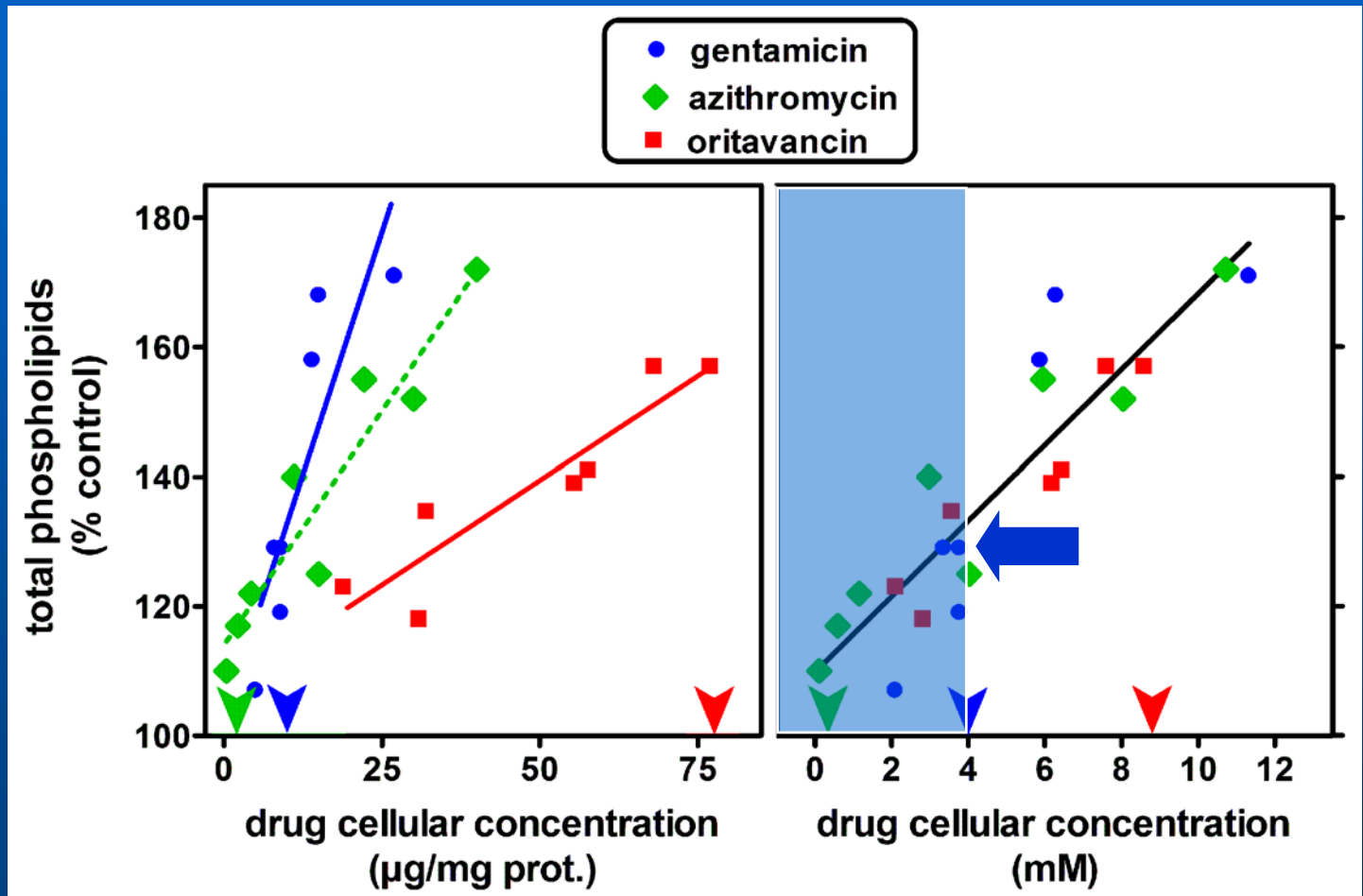
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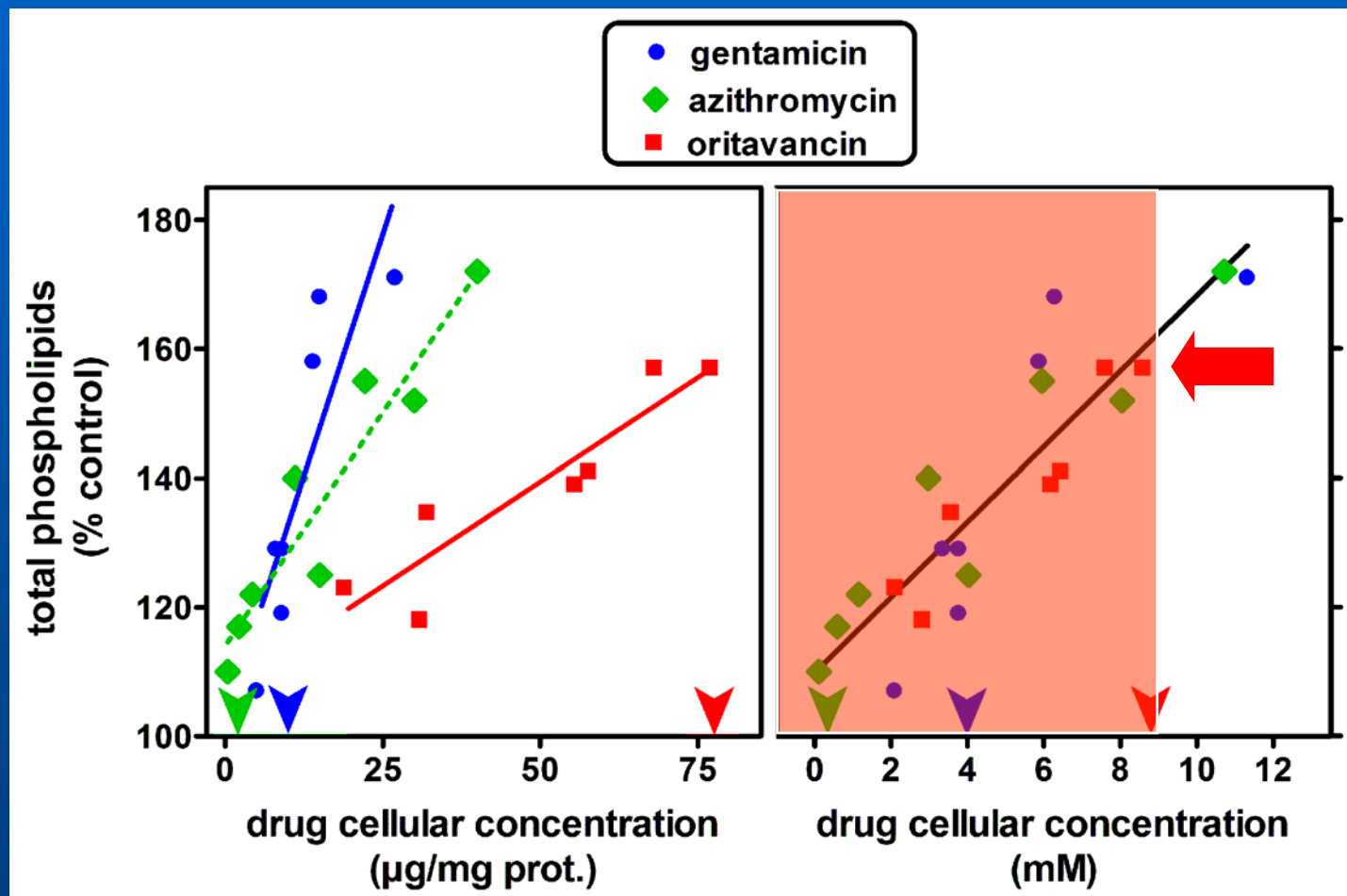
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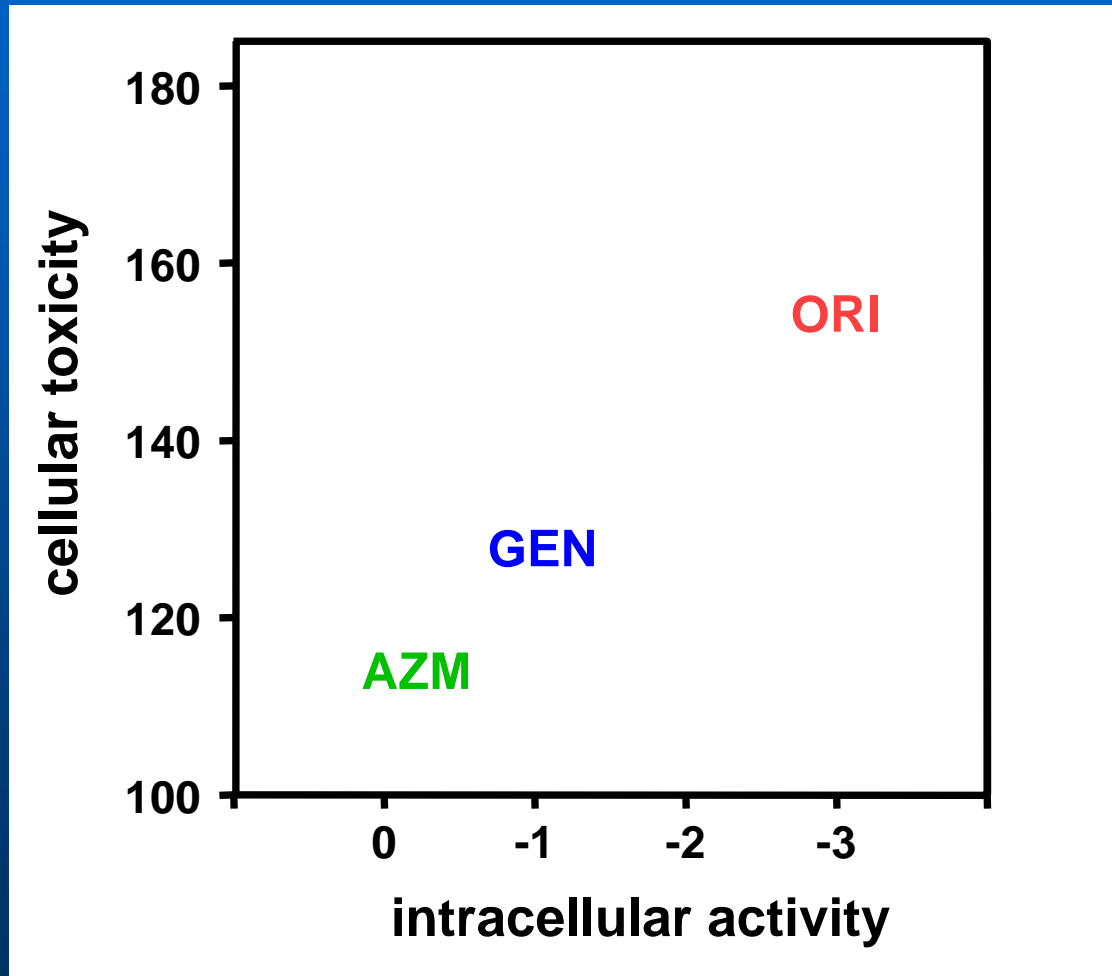
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Can we dissociate activity from toxicity ?

→ both processes are dependent on cellular concentration ...



... and develop in parallel

Conclusion

amphiphilic glycopeptides,
a new type of « magic bullets »

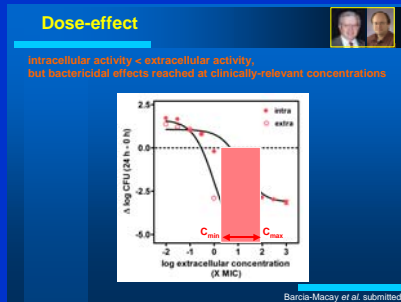
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pharmacokinetics:
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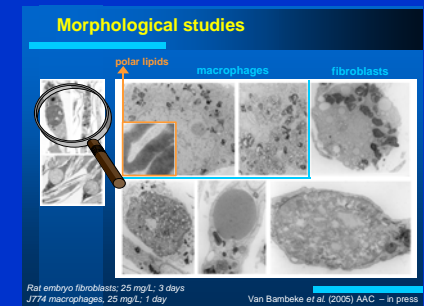
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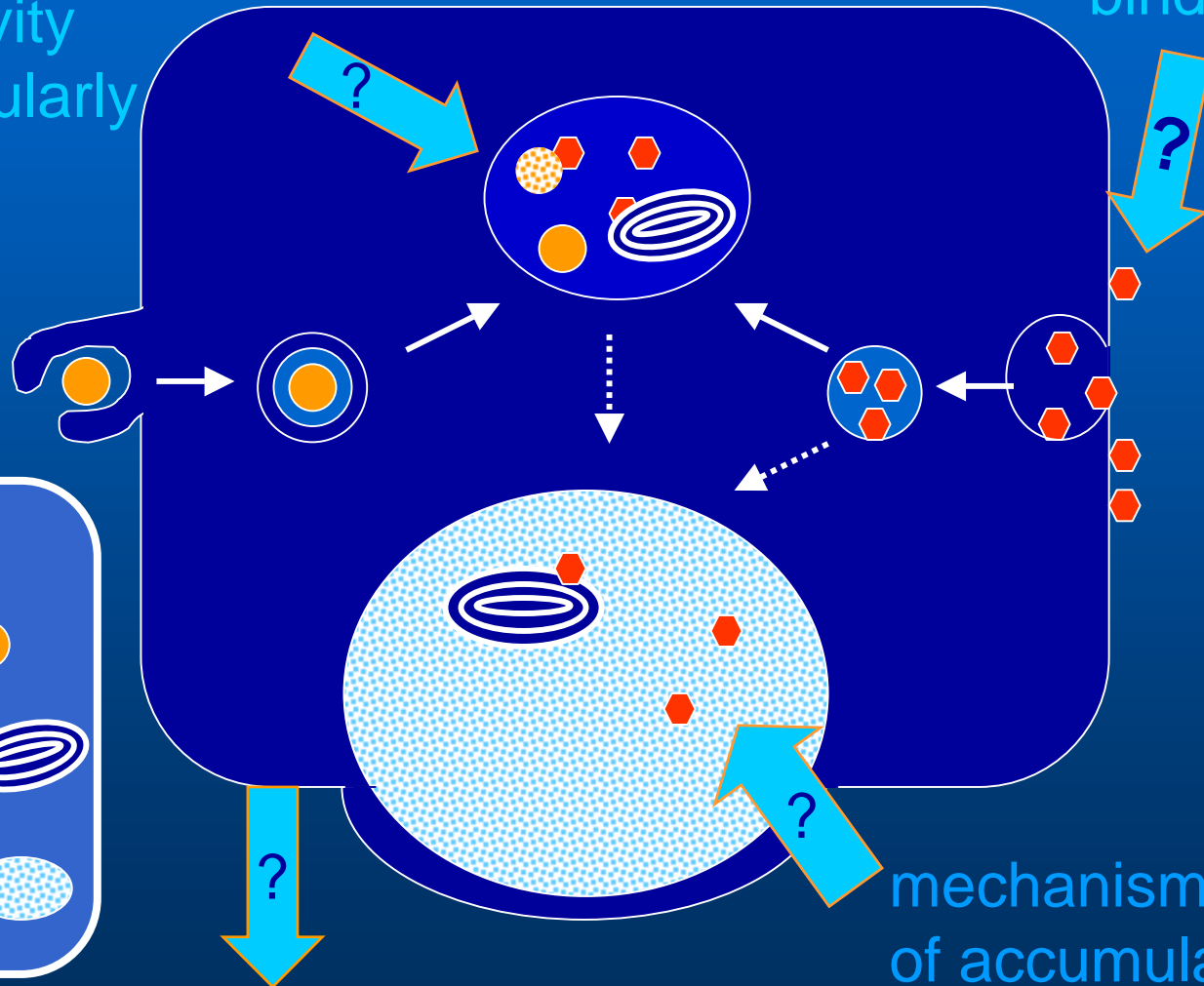
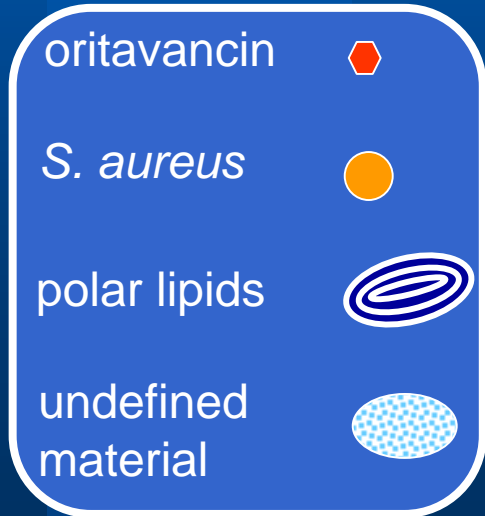
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Questions for future work

reasons for reduction
in activity
intracellularly

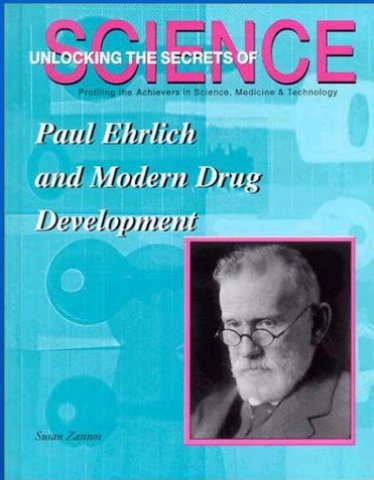
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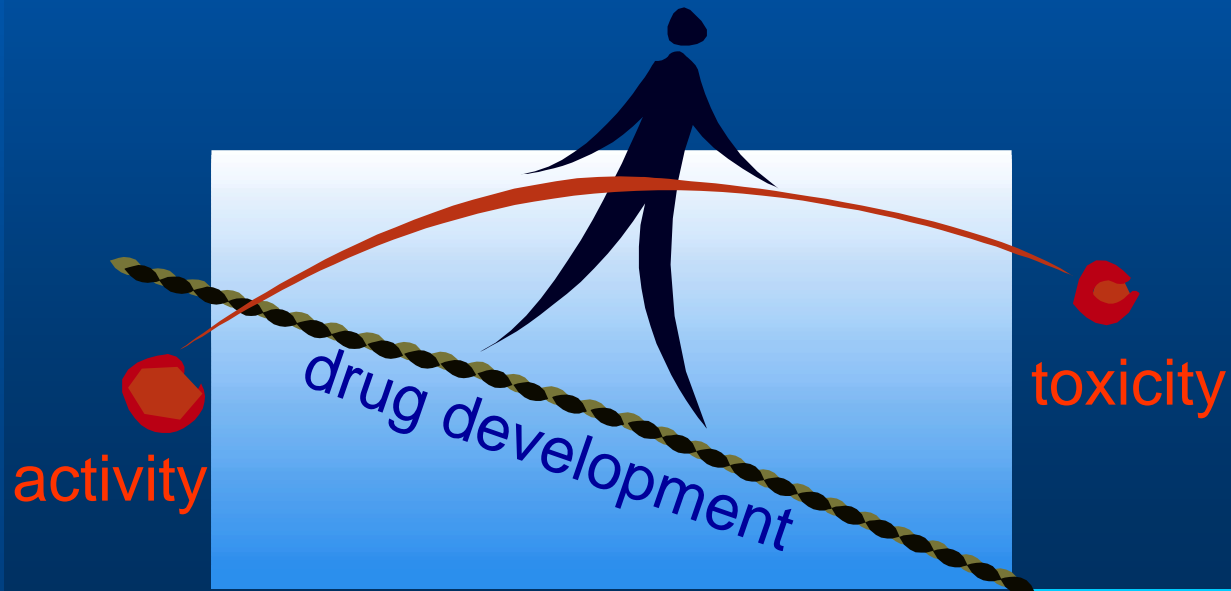
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mechanism
of accumulation

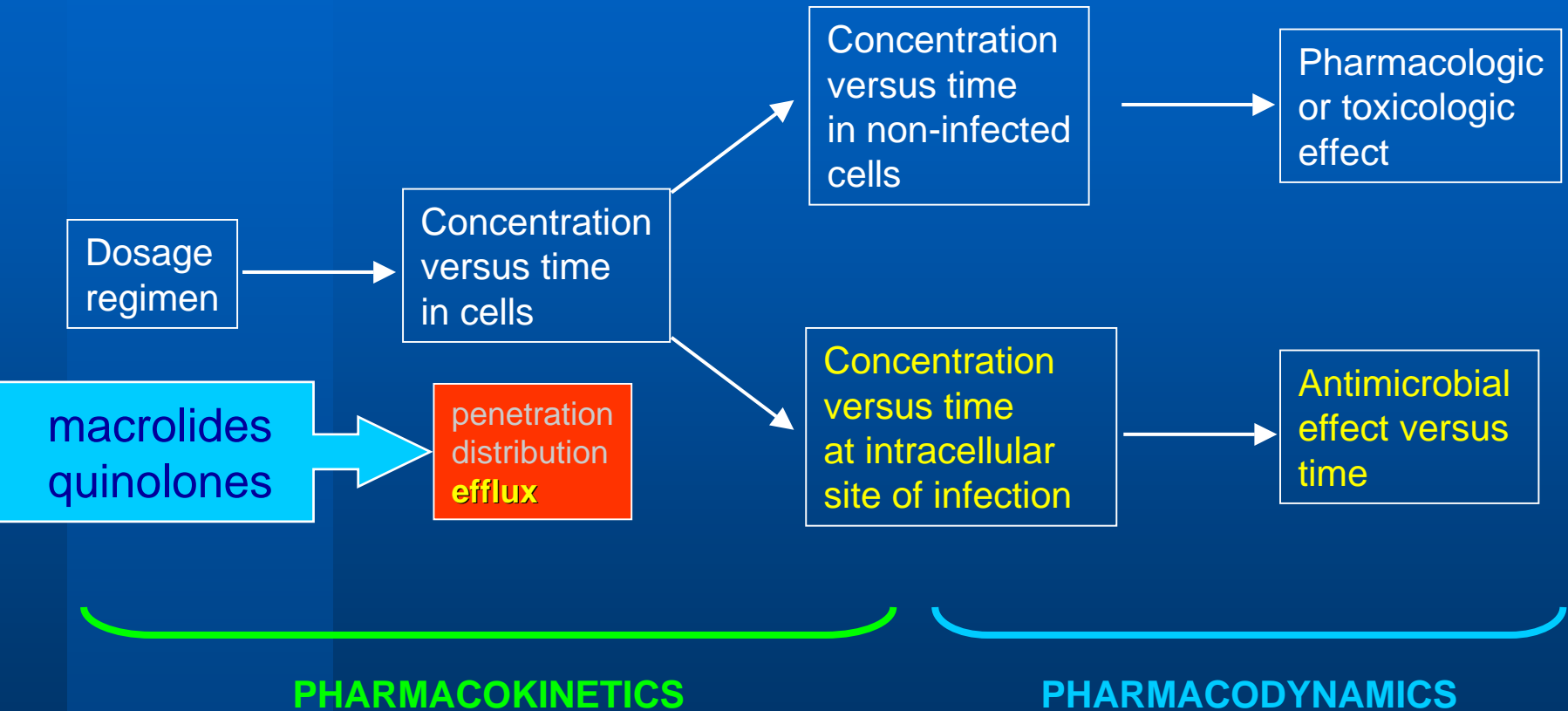
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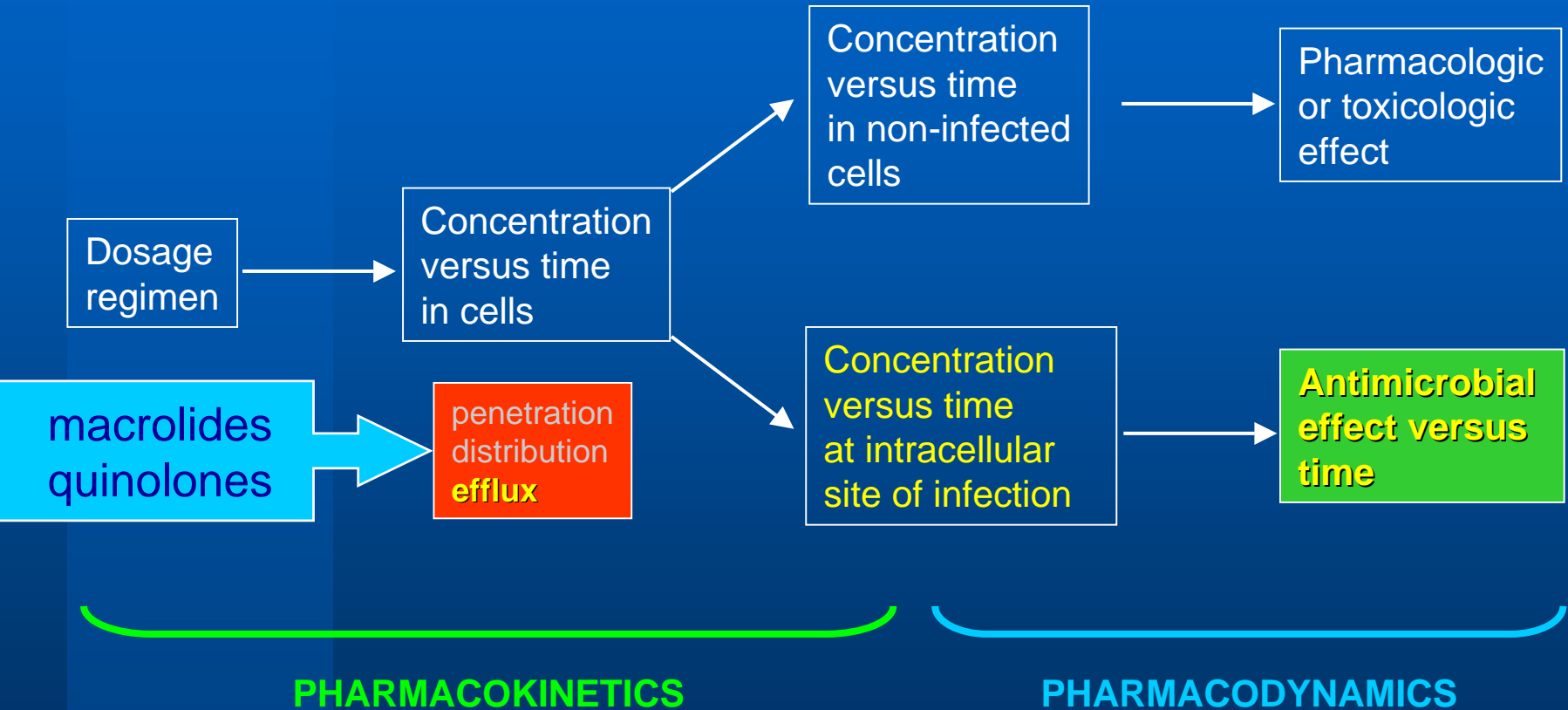
cellular accumulation,
the best and the worse of properties...



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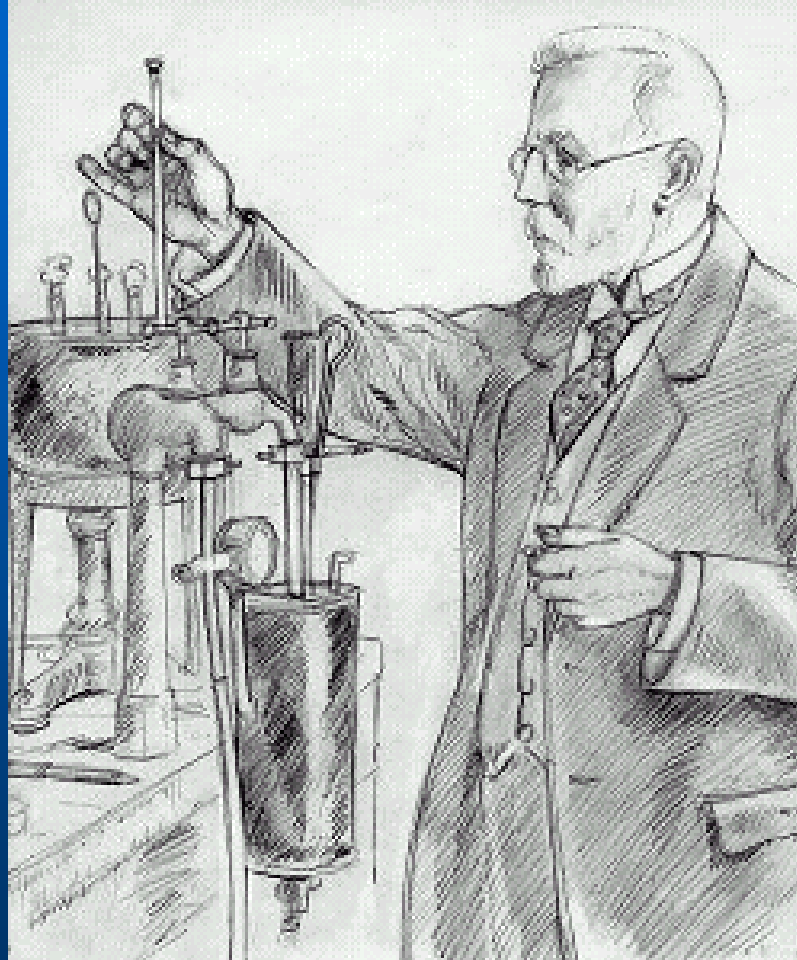


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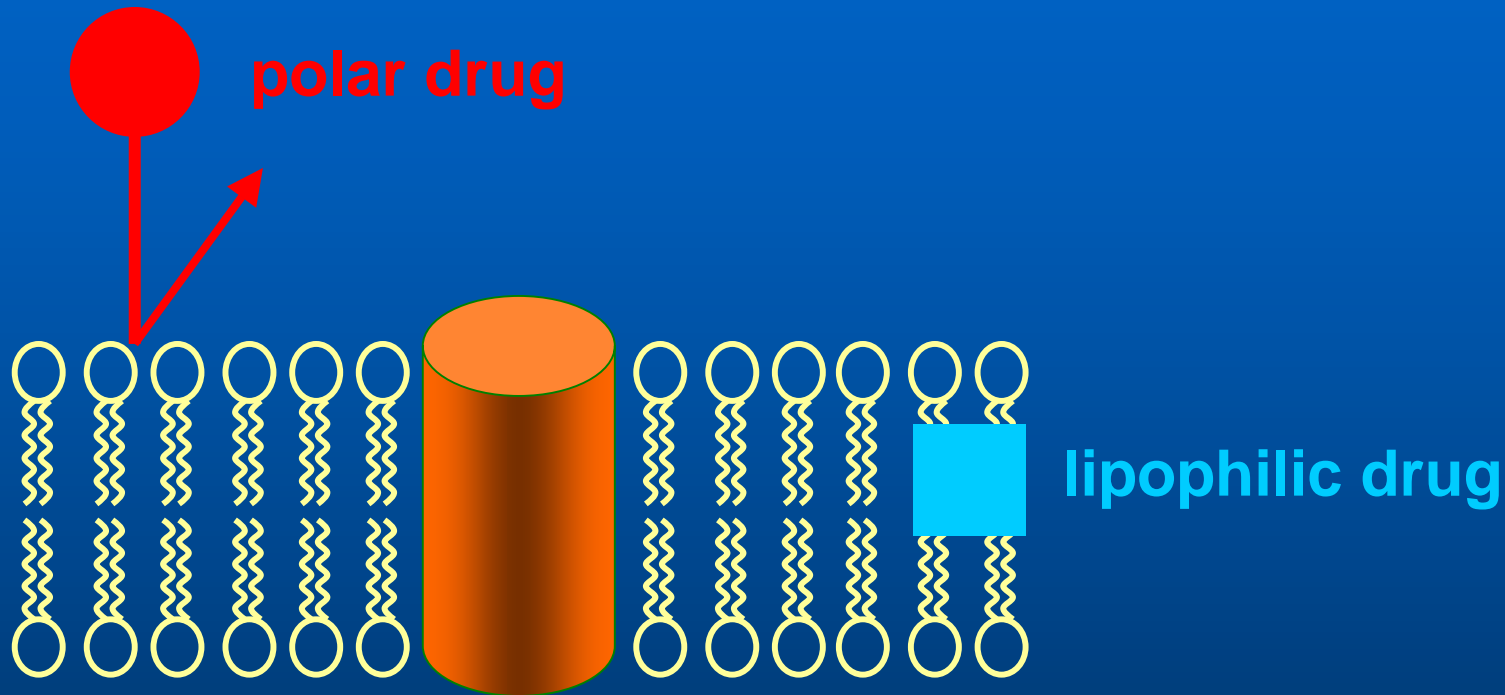
Efflux of magic bullets

from eukaryotic cells



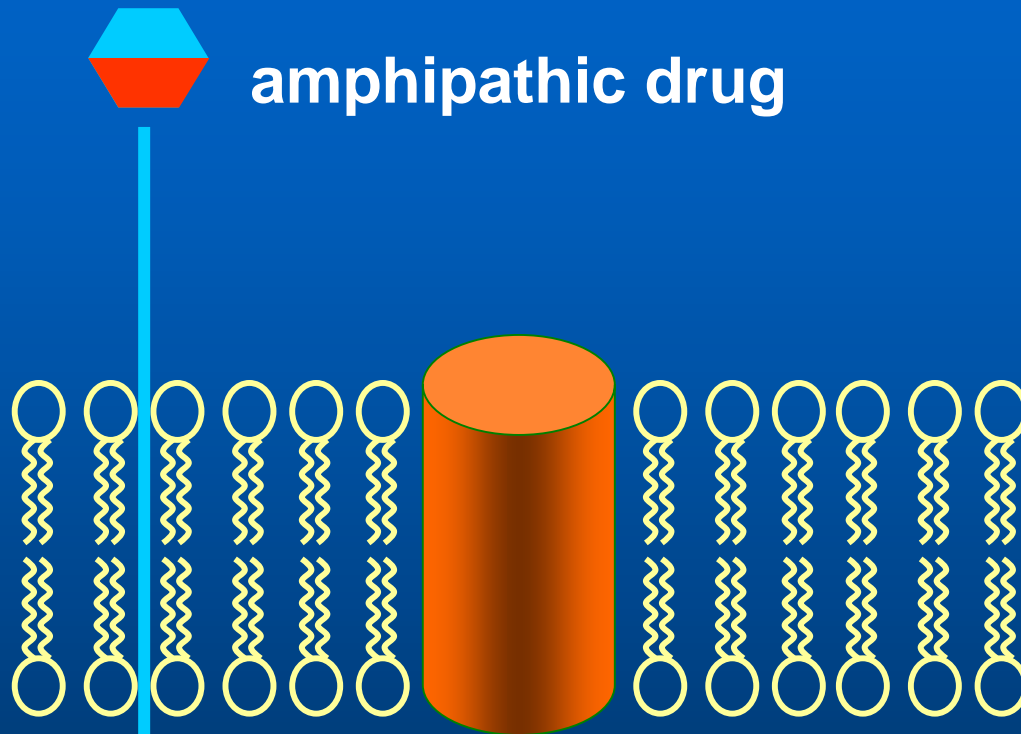
macrolides
quinolones

Why efflux transporters ?



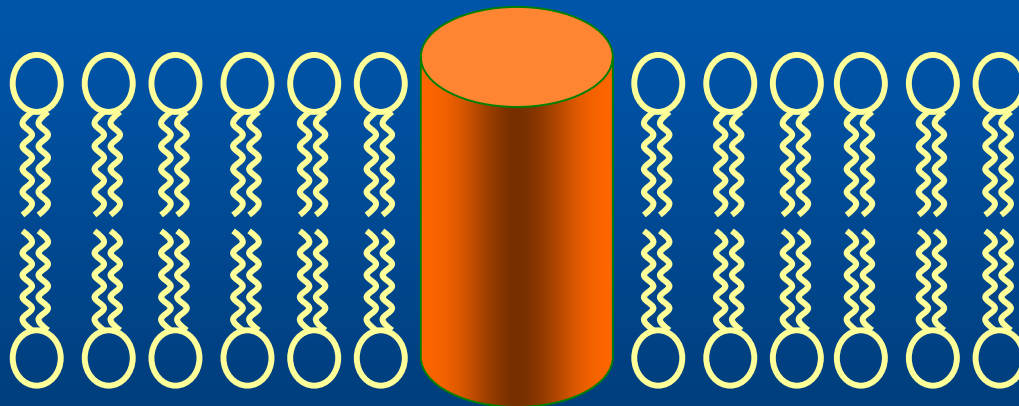
**physico-chemical properties are inadequate
for reaching an intracellular target !**

Why efflux transporters ?



**most drugs are amphipathic by design,
to be able to cross membrane barriers !**

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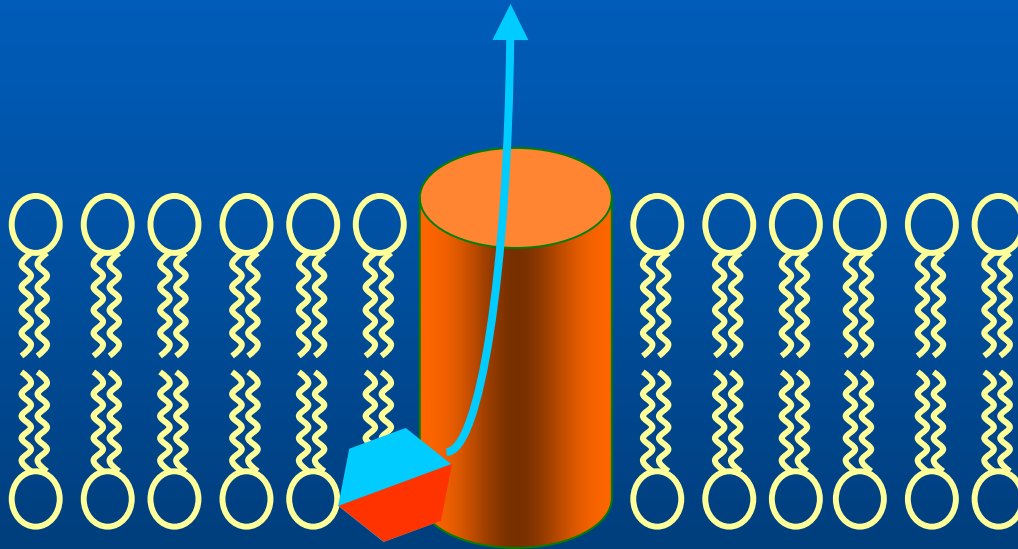


**But a diffusible compound
may have
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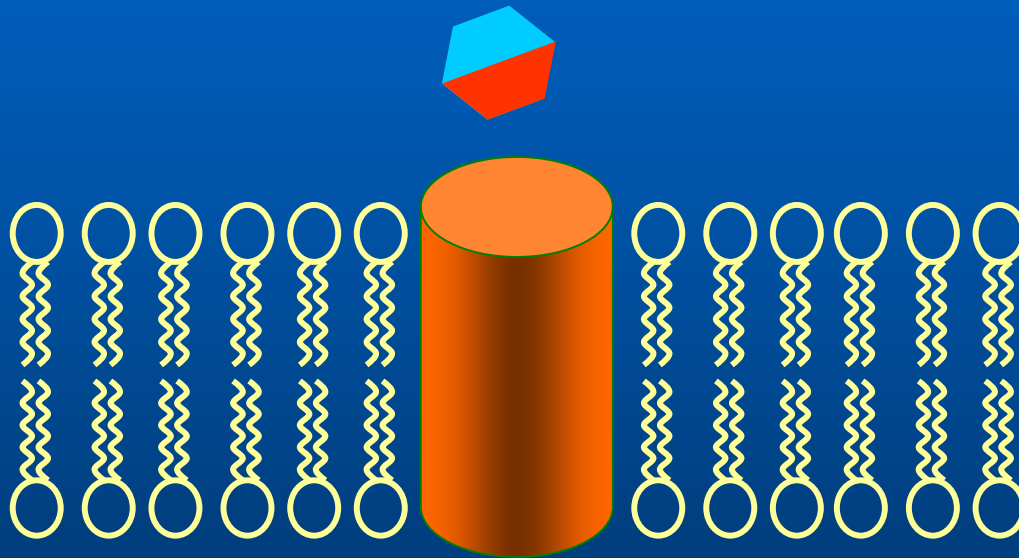
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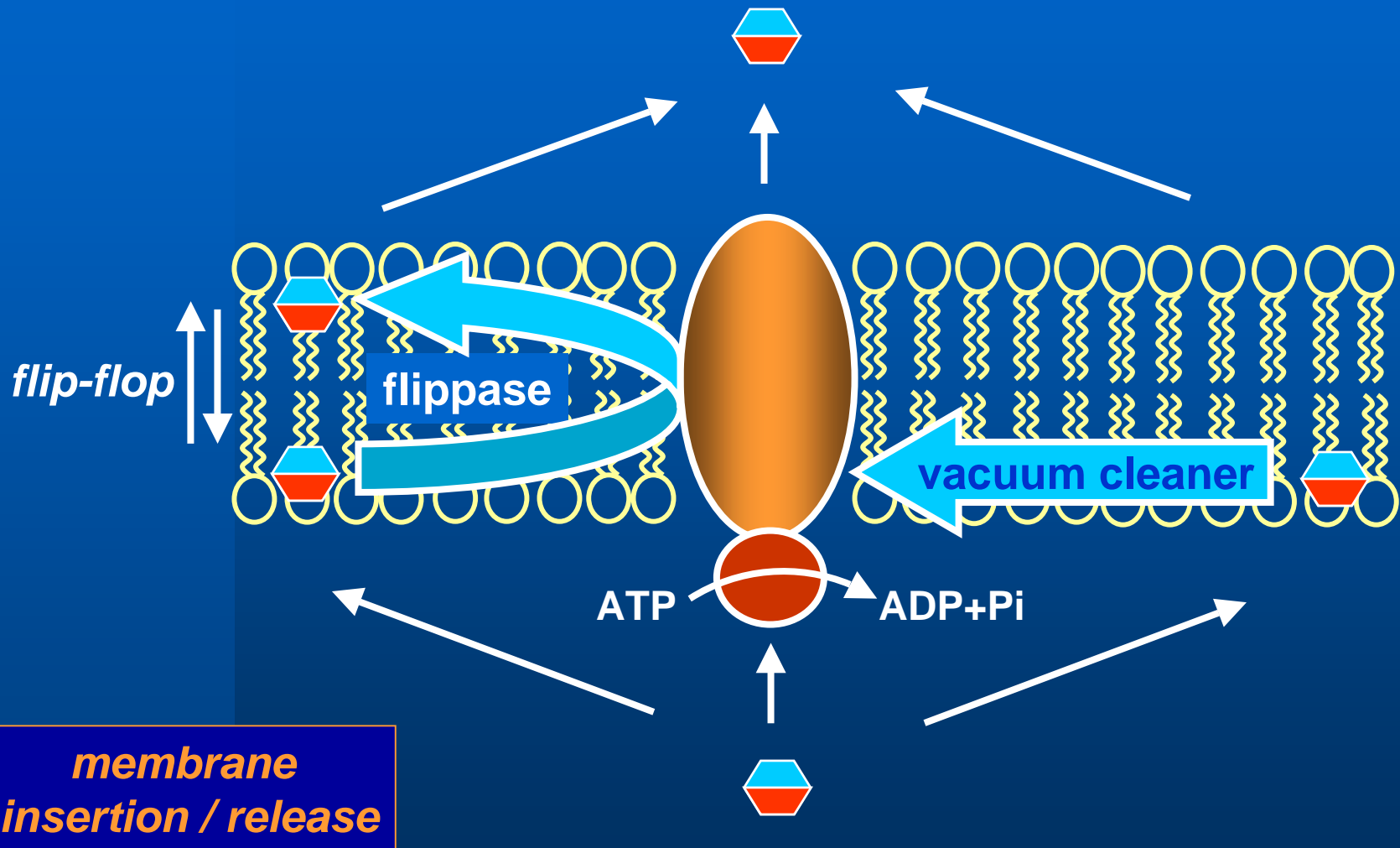
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**general mean of protection
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Mechanisms of active efflux

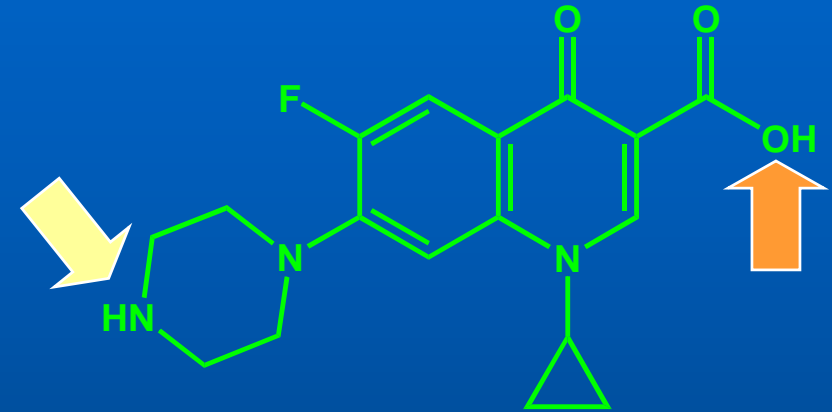
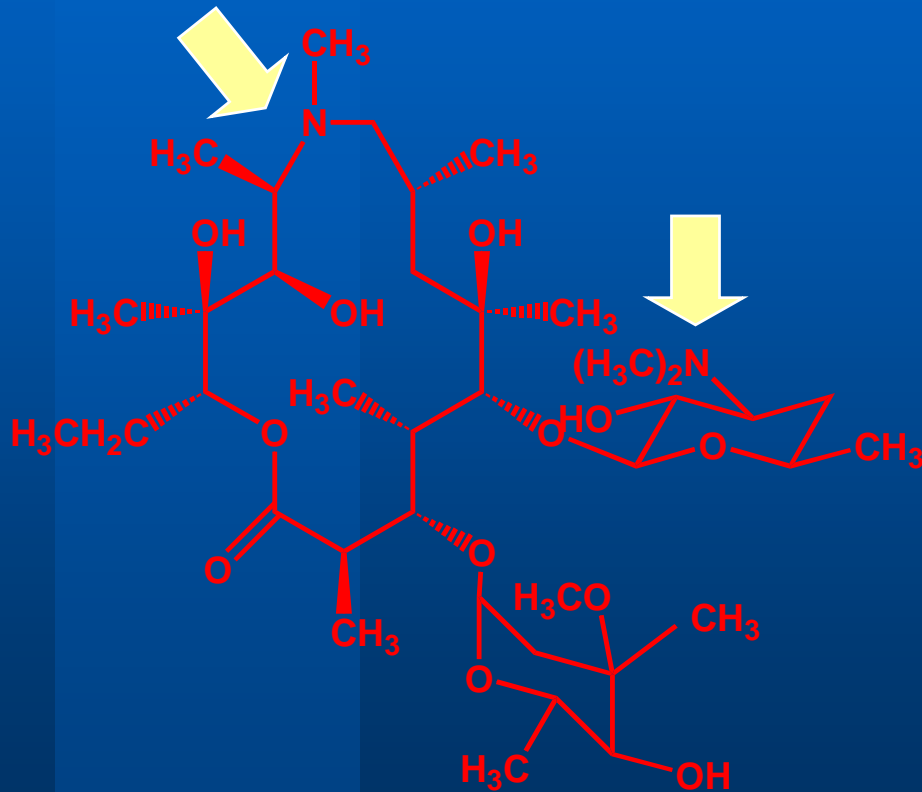


Antibiotics as substrates of efflux pumps

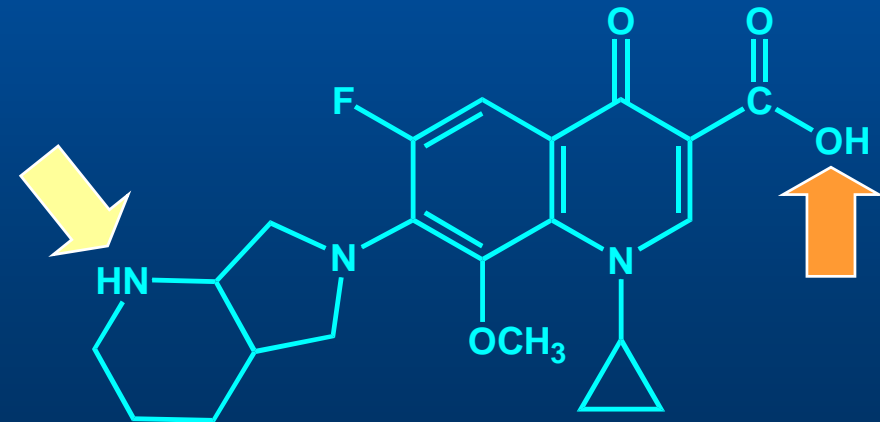
Antibiotic class	bacteria		fungi	superior eucaryotes
	Gram (+)	Gram(-)		
β-lactams	○	○	○	○
fusidic acid		○		
macrolides	●	●	●	●
streptogramins	○			○
tetracyclines	○	○	○	○
aminoglycosides		○	○	
chloramphenicol	○	○	○	
rifamycins				○
sulfamides			○	
trimethoprim		○		
fluoroquinolones	○	○		○

Antibiotics as substrates of efflux pumps

azithromycin



ciprofloxacin



moxifloxacin

Macrolides and quinolones as cell-associated antibiotics

Infection. 1995;23 Suppl 1:S10-4.

Clinical relevance of intracellular and extracellular concentrations of **macrolides**.

Carbon C.

C.H.U. Bichat-Claude Bernard, Paris, France.

The serum levels of the three macrolides--roxithromycin, clarithromycin and azithromycin--vary considerably. The prediction of the antibacterial effect against extracellular pathogens is based on circulating concentrations of free drug, peak and trough levels, the rate of killing, and the presence of a post-antibiotic effect. Intracellular activity depends on the distribution of the antibiotic and the localization of the bacteria, and is variable. Roxithromycin uptake is greater than that of erythromycin. The intracellular half-life may be long for some compounds (azithromycin > roxithromycin). The intracellular distribution is bimodal, both in the lysosomes and the cytoplasm, but the mechanisms of uptake have not yet been established. At low pH, accumulation is low and macrolides are less active in an acidic medium. Intracellular concentrations cannot readily be predicted on the basis of extracellular levels. **Different models have shown that the greater the intracellular concentration, the better the clinical effect.** In addition, the transport of macrolides by cells into the infected focus may play an important role in the therapeutic outcome. These factors influence the clinical indications for macrolides, their dosing regimens and breakpoints. In future, macrolides will be developed that are more selective for intracellular infections, while others, which will achieve significant serum levels, will be useful for a broader range of diseases. However, new compounds should be evaluated in different models of infection before clinical studies are instituted. The analysis of failures remains the most important approach in defining concentration/effect relationships.

Infection. 1991;19 Suppl 7:S365-71.

Quinolones in the treatment of lower respiratory tract infections caused by intracellular pathogens.

Chidiac C, Mouton Y.

Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Lille II, Central Hospital, Tourcoing, France.

Intracellular pathogens are inhibited to varying degrees, depending upon the strain of the organism and the quinolone tested. Quinolones achieve levels in the lower respiratory tract that equal or exceed serum concentrations, and they also achieve **good intracellular concentrations**. Experimental models of intracellular infection have demonstrated the efficacy of ciprofloxacin, difloxacin, fleroxacin, ofloxacin and pefloxacin. Animal models of experimental legionellosis have confirmed in vivo their efficacy in this field. Thus, quinolones appear to be a safe and efficacious alternative treatment in lower respiratory tract infection (LRTI) due to **intracellular pathogens**. Considering the in vitro and experimental studies, quinolones should play an important role in the treatment of LRTI caused by intracellular pathogens, and prospective controlled studies are strongly recommended.

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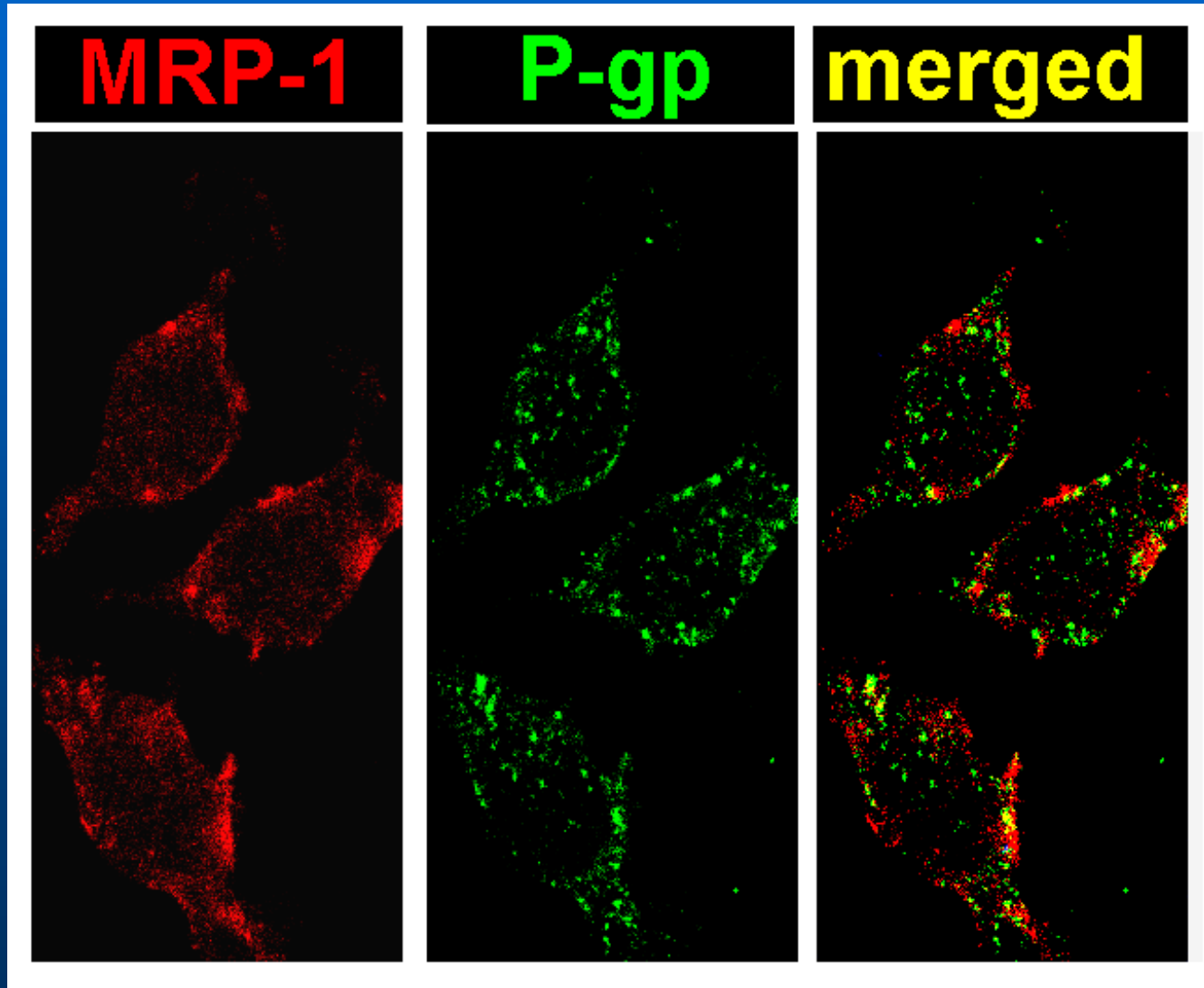
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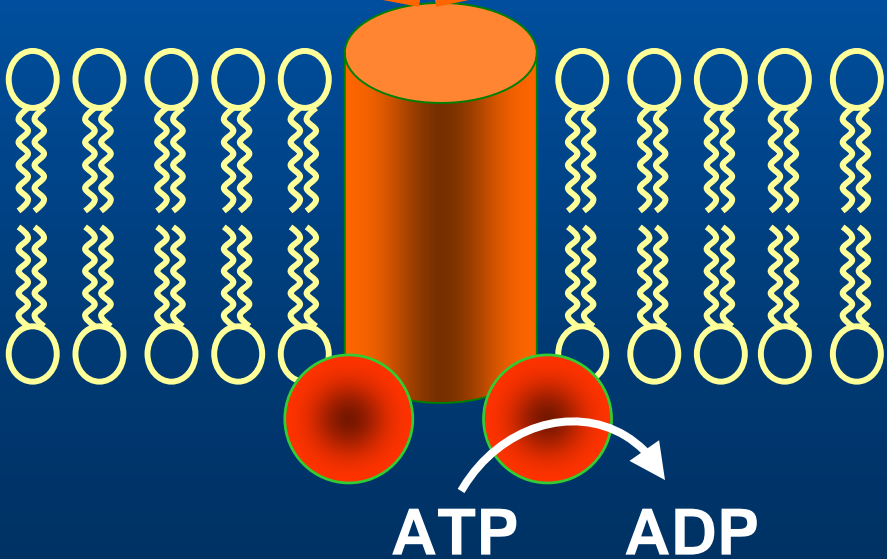
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cationic
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MRP1-10



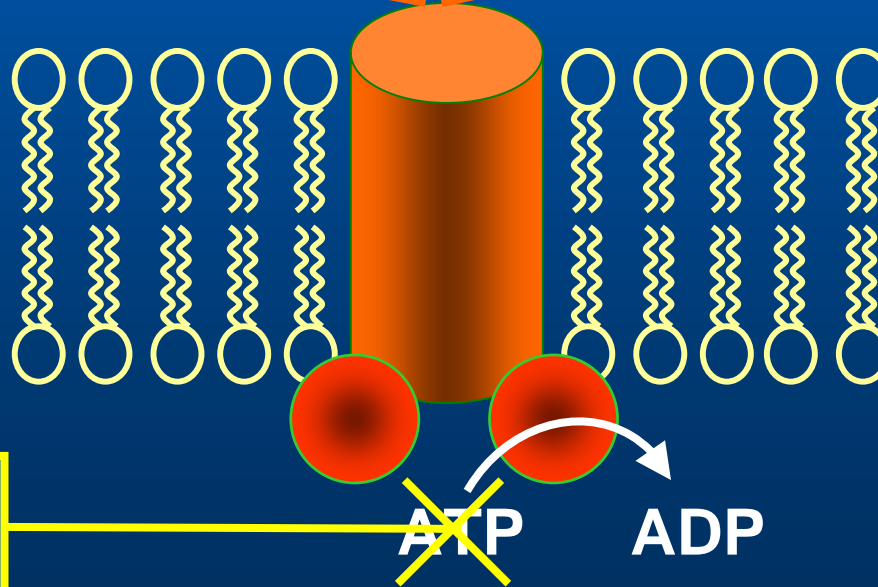
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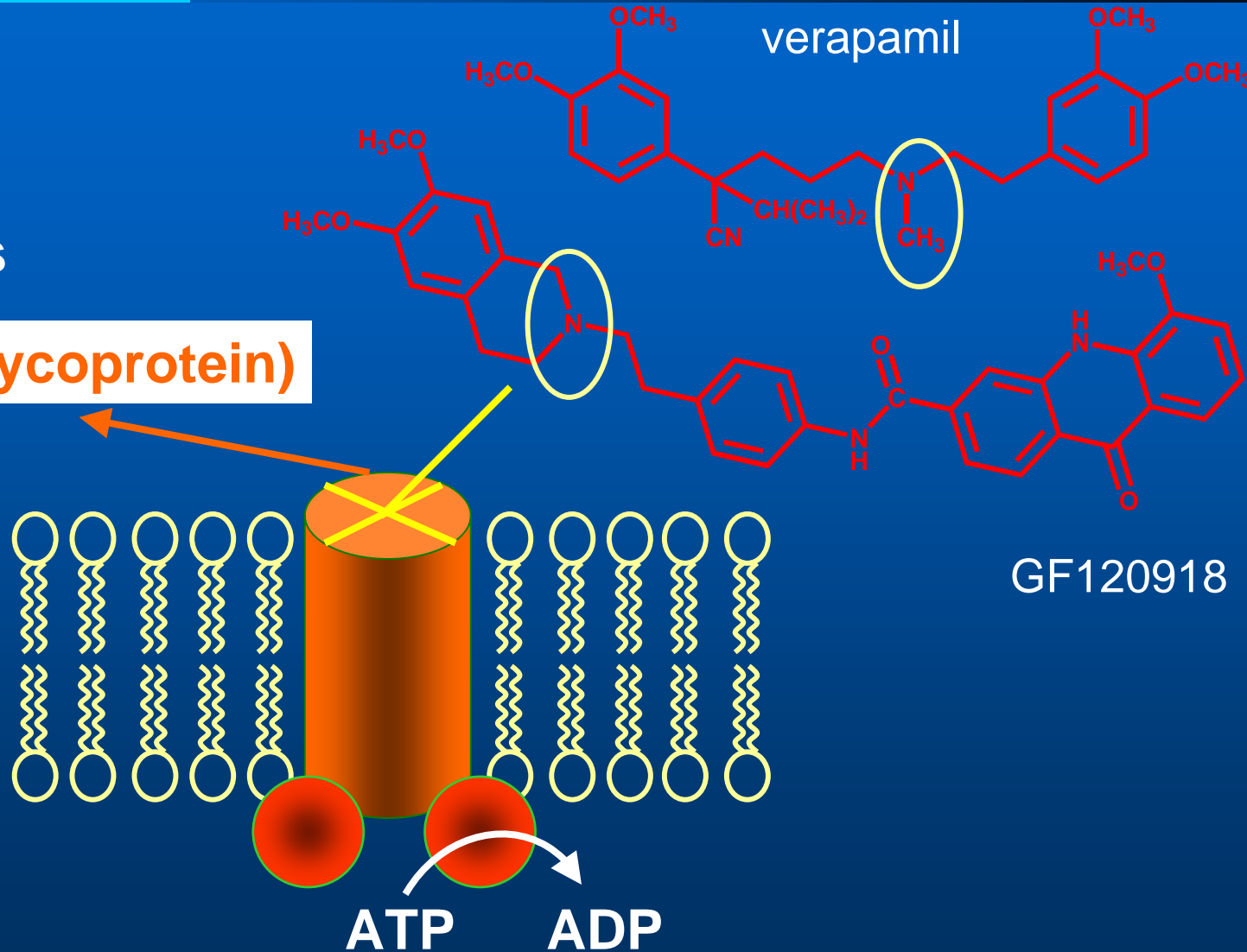
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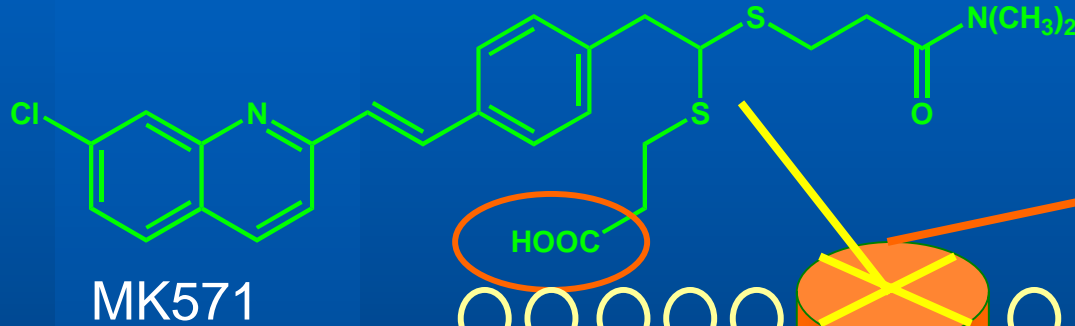
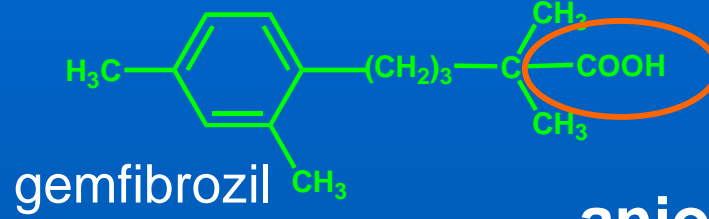
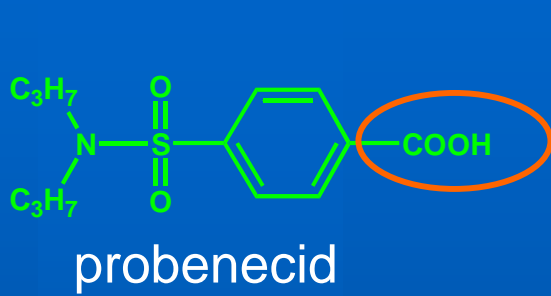
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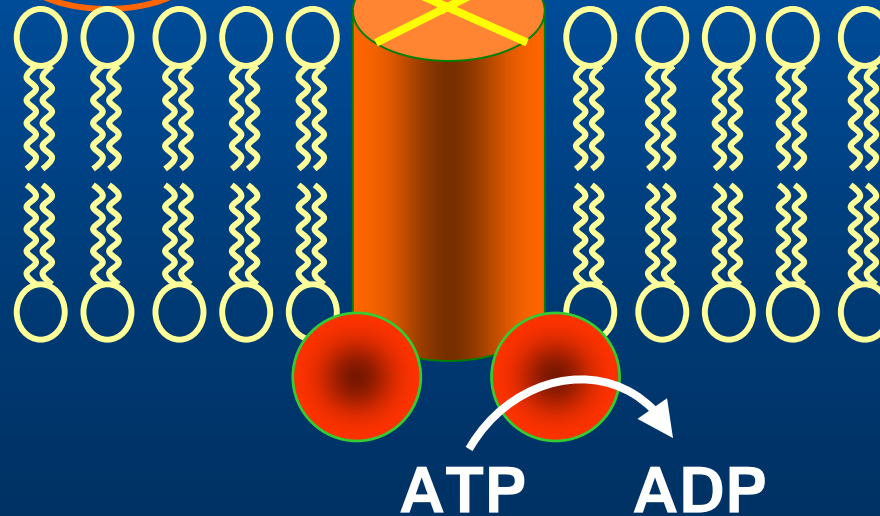


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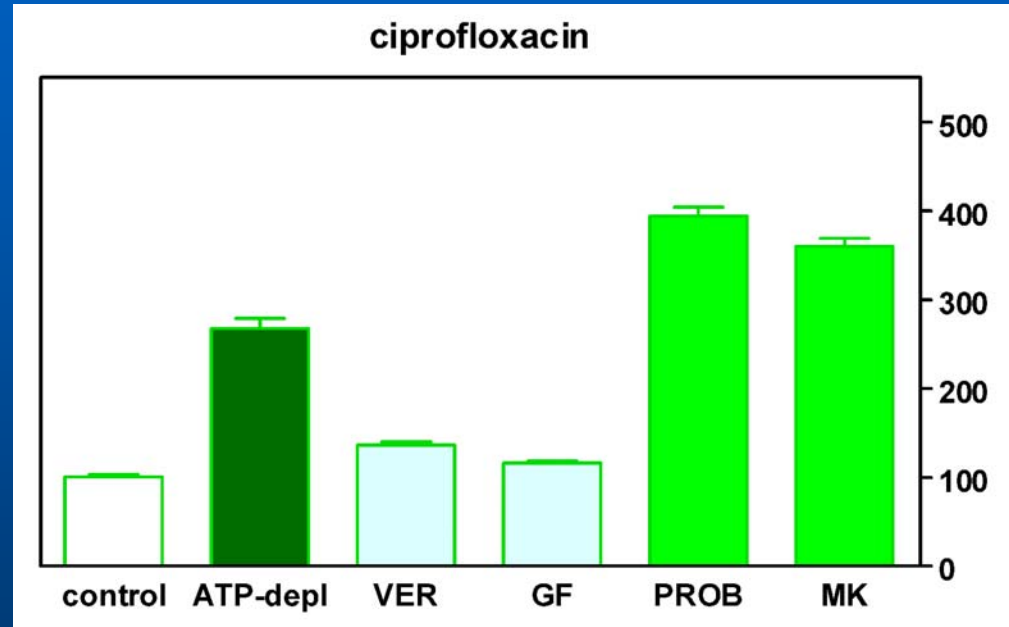
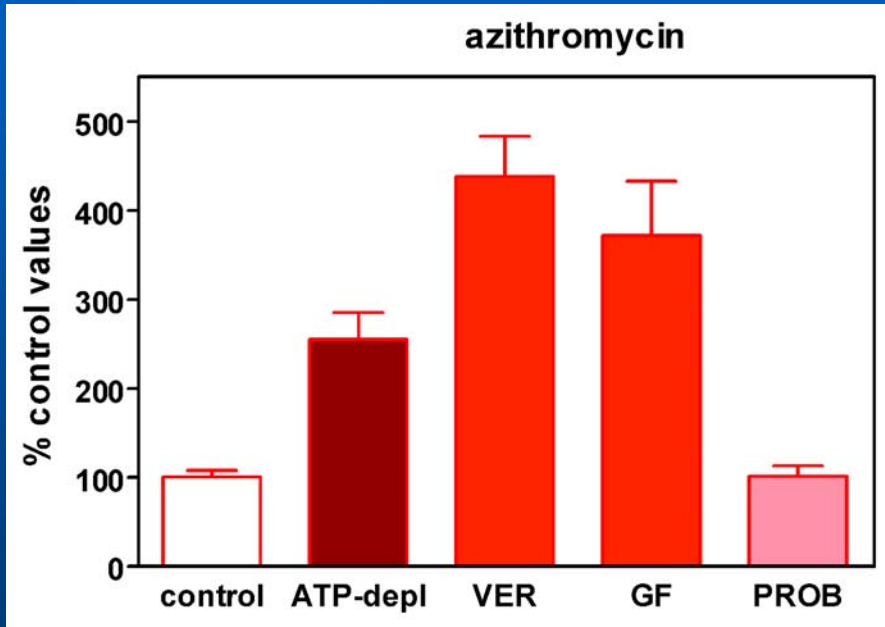
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Differential recognition by MDR pumps

Influence of ATP-depletion and pump inhibitors on accumulation at equilibrium



**azithromycin
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P-glycoprotein**

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MRP**

extracell. conc. 5 mg/L;
AZM 3 h; CIP 2 h

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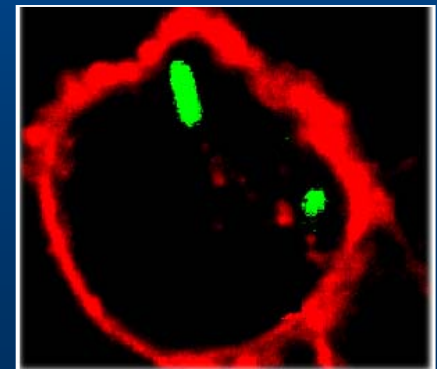
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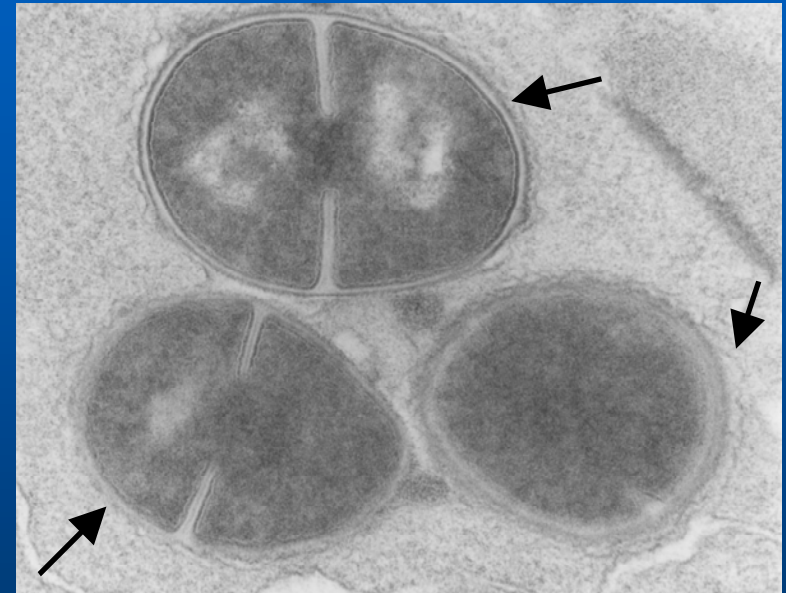
Models of intracellular infection

L. monocytogenes



cytosol

S. aureus

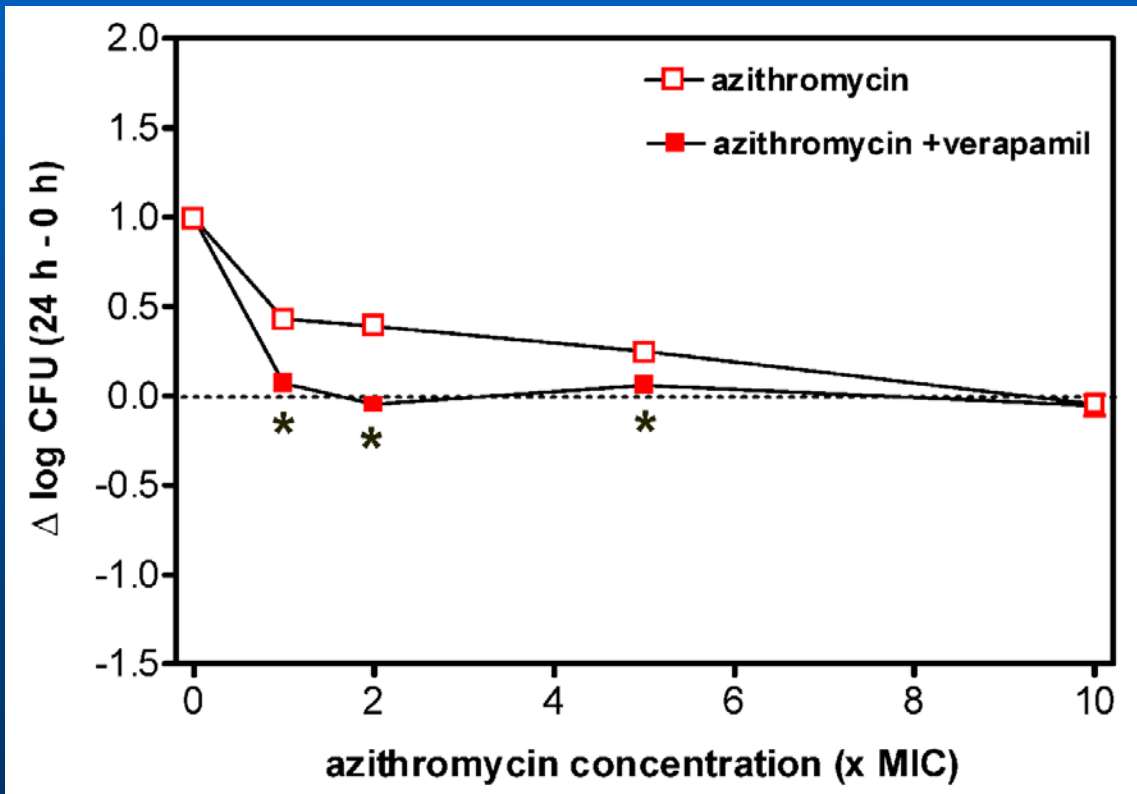
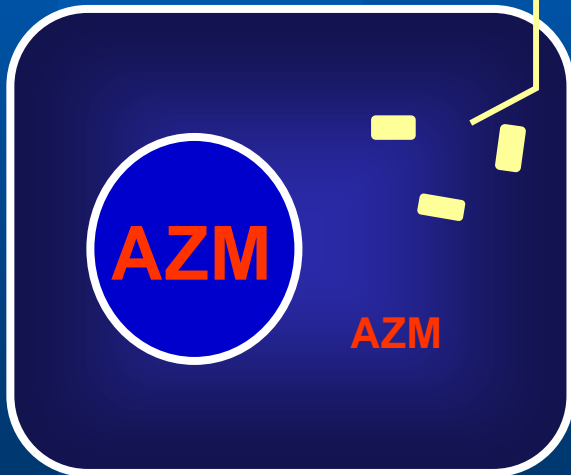


phagolysosomes

Influence of pump inhibitors on intracellular activity

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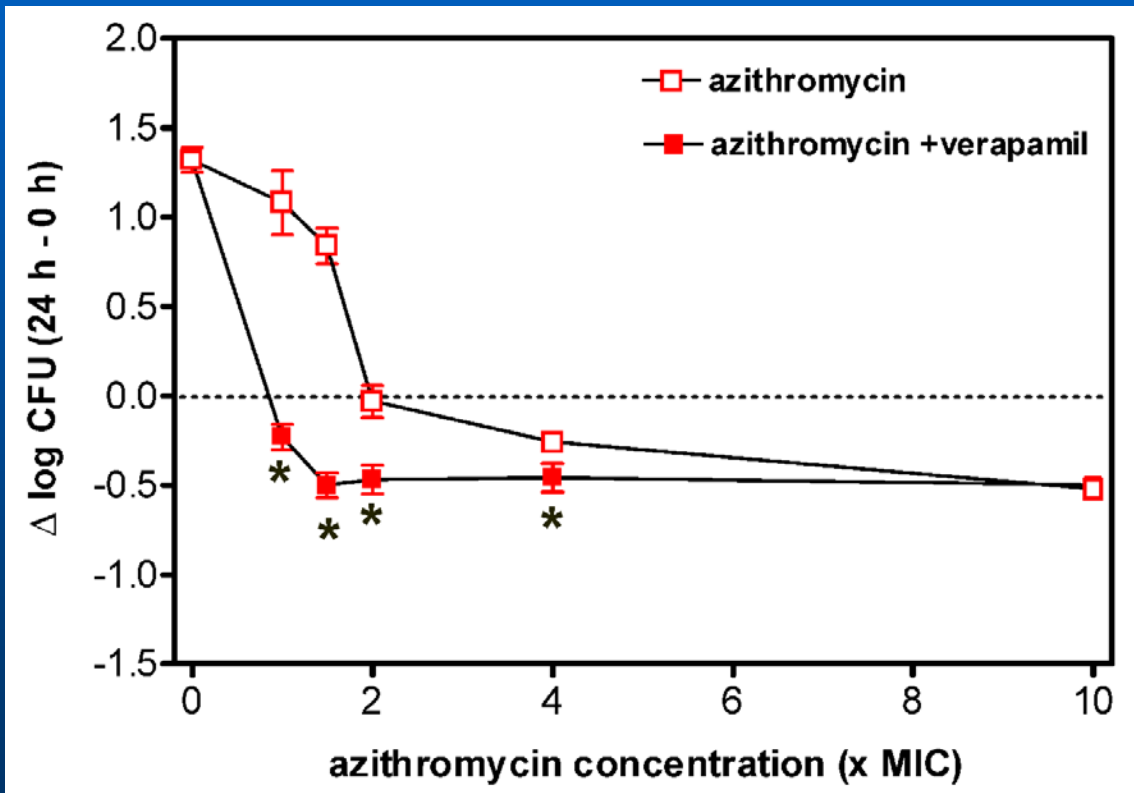
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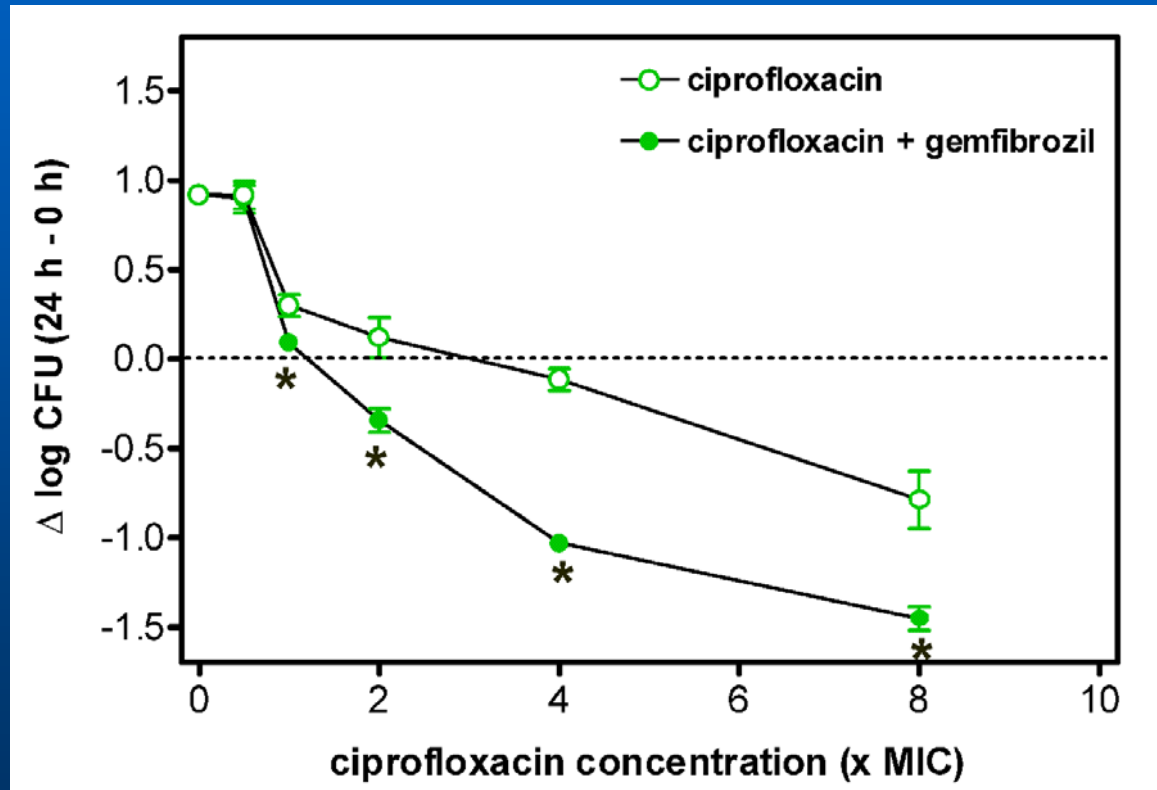


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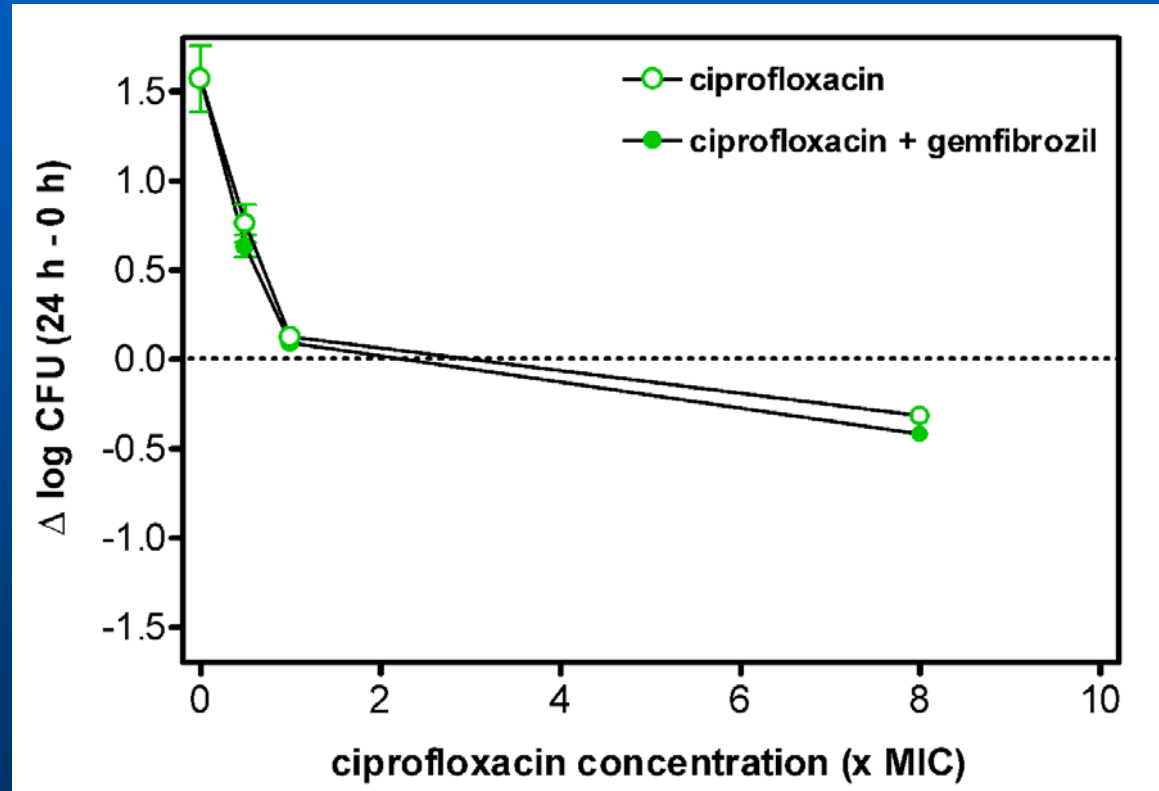
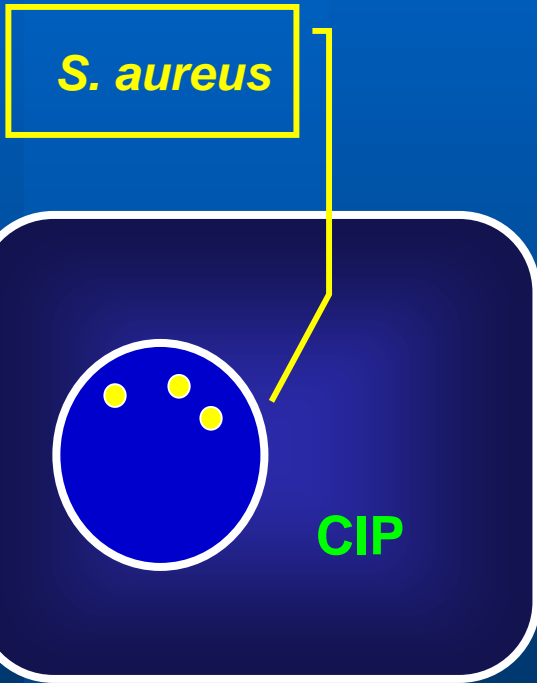


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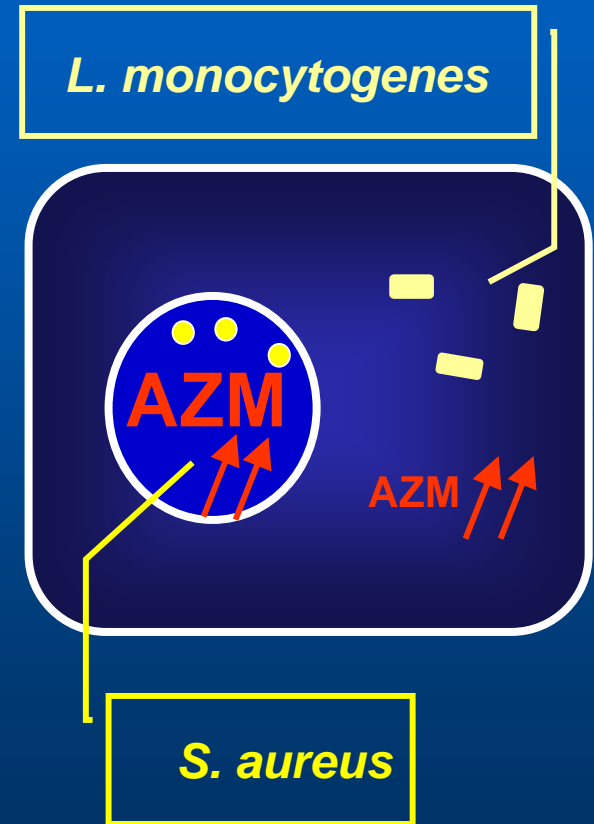
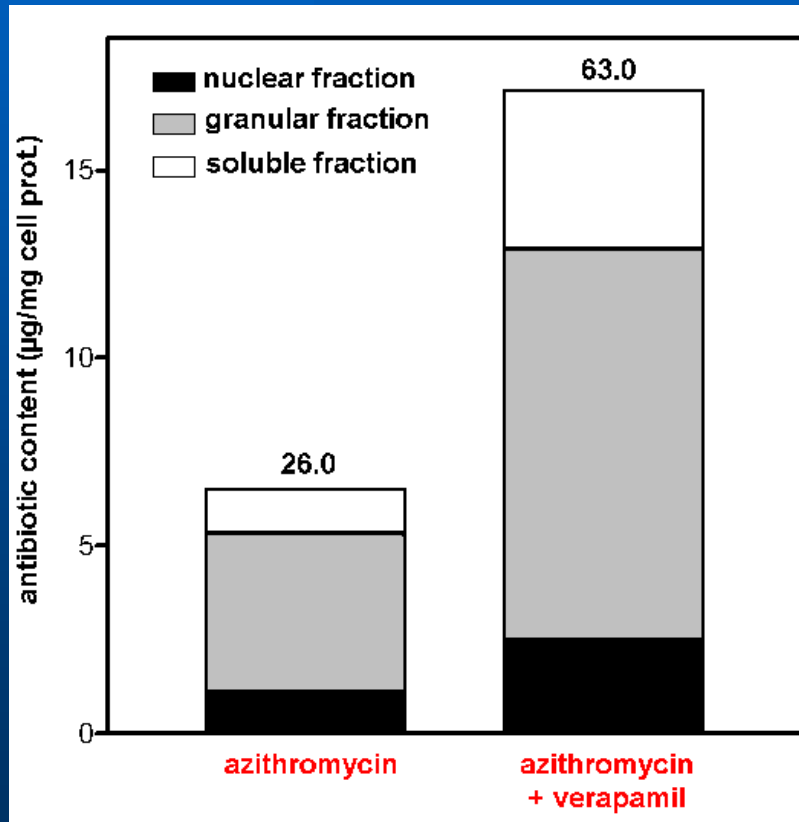


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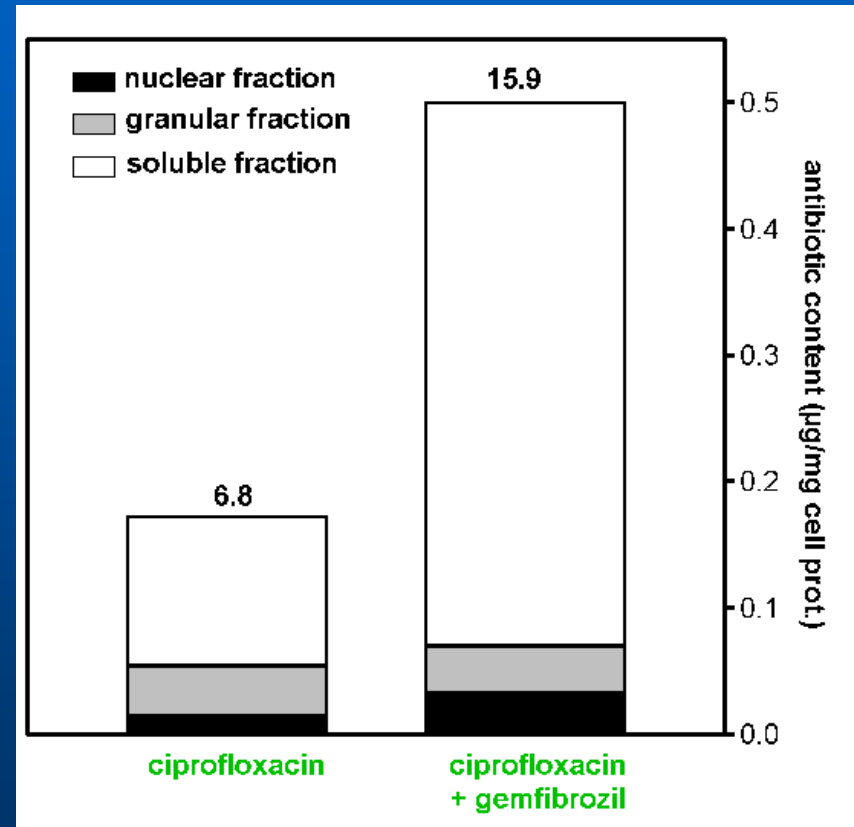
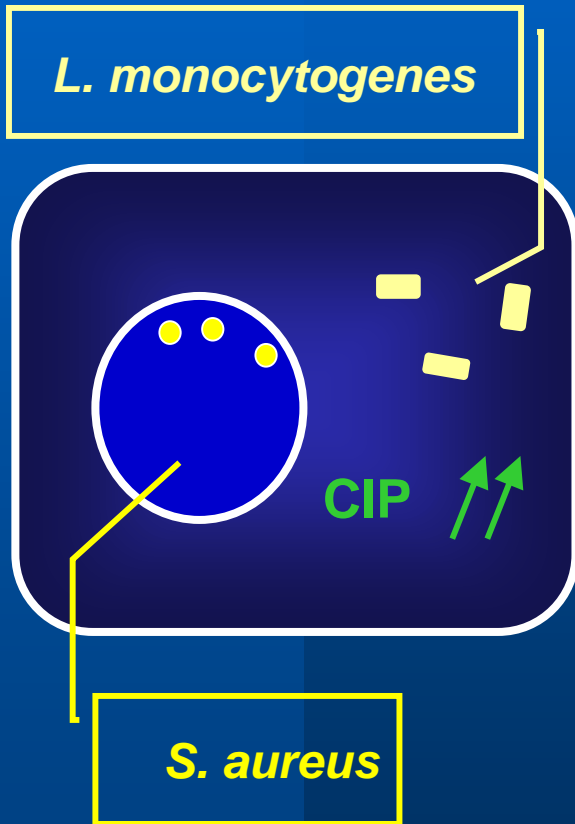
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verapamil enhances azithromycin concentration
In cytosol and vacuoles



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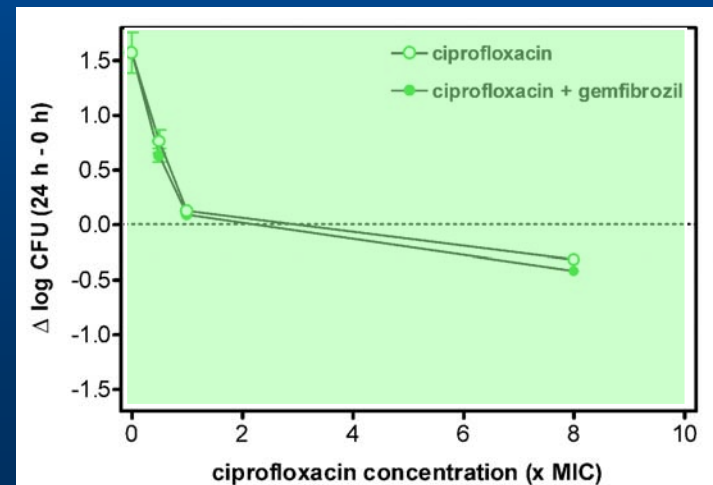
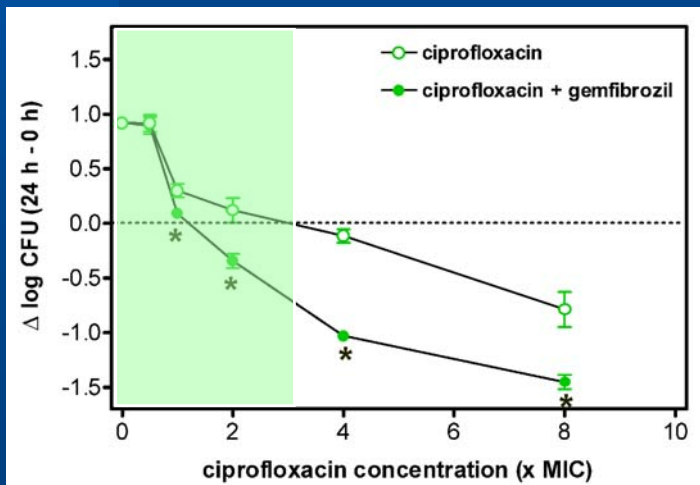
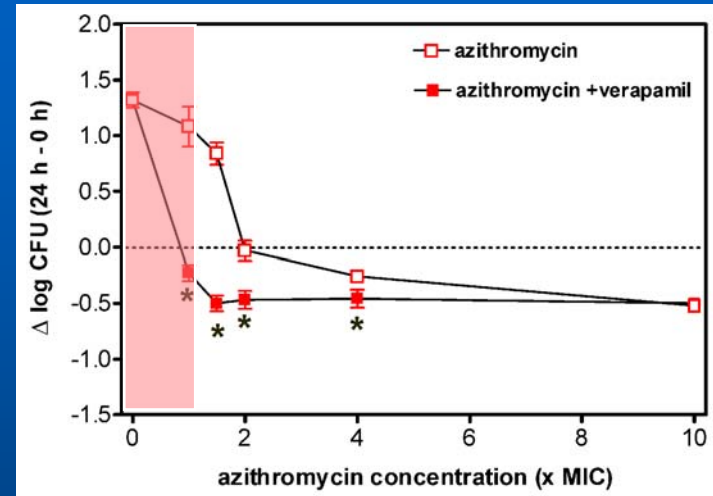
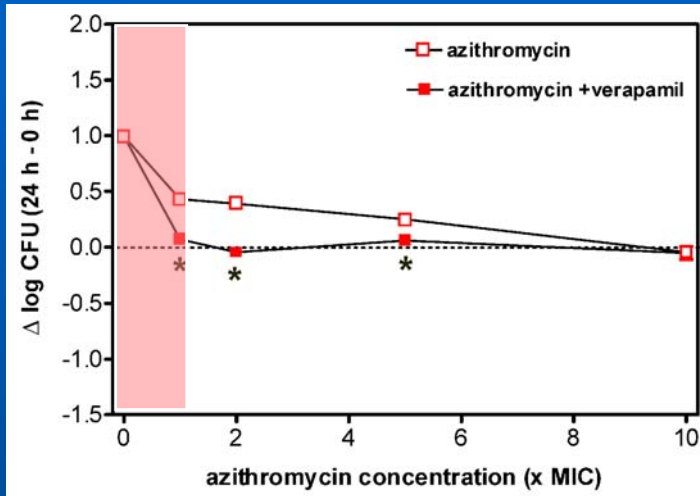
gemfibrozil enhances ciprofloxacin cytosolic content



Are these effects clinically-relevant ?



constitutive efflux makes AZM and CIP activity suboptimal in a clinically-meaningful range of concentrations



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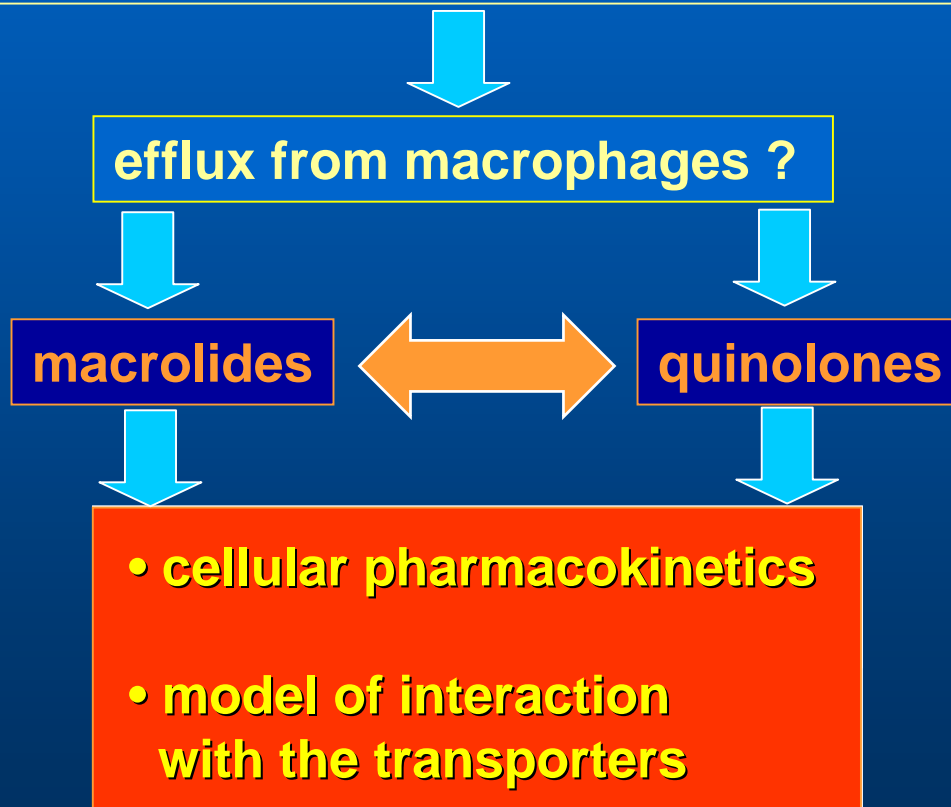
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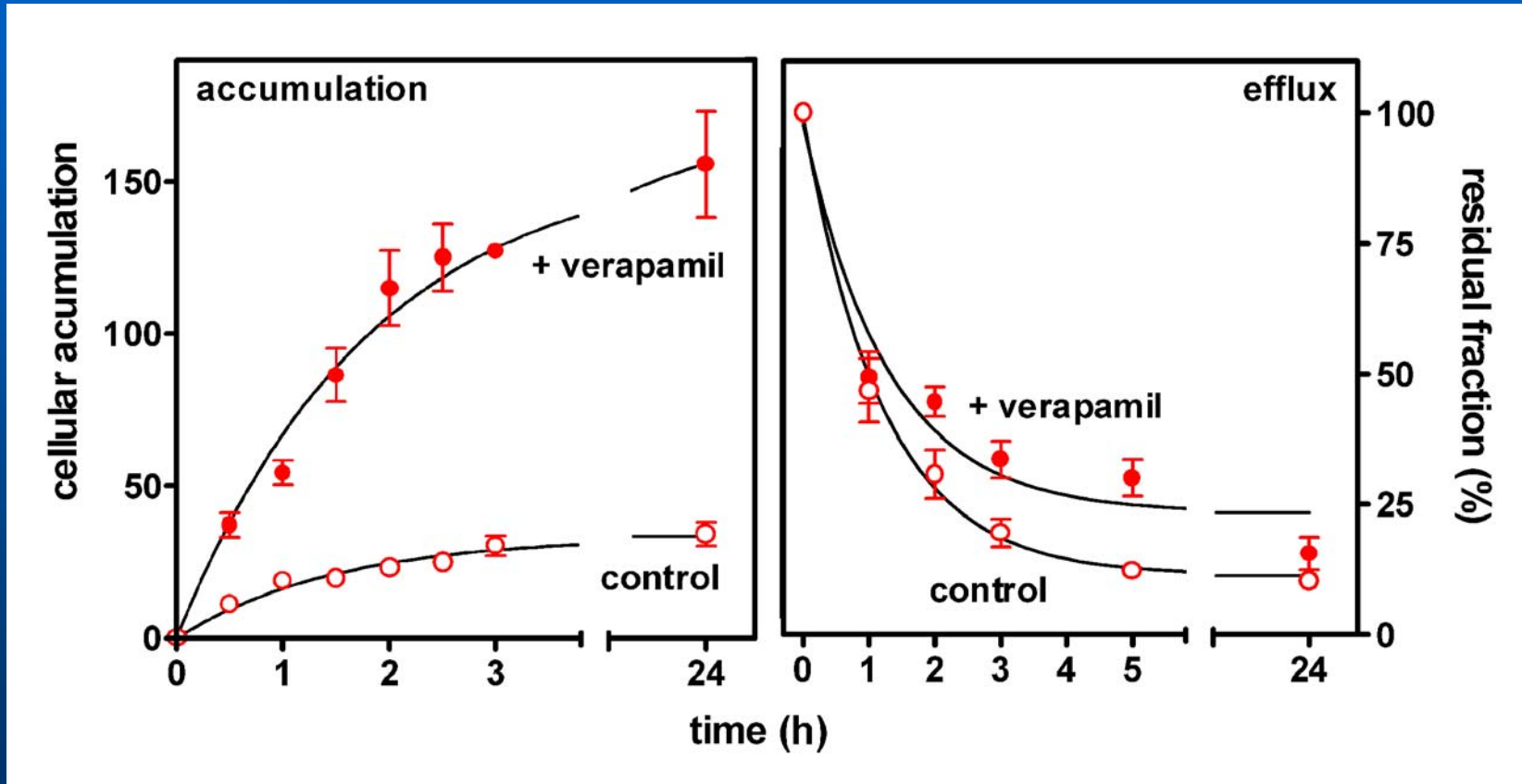
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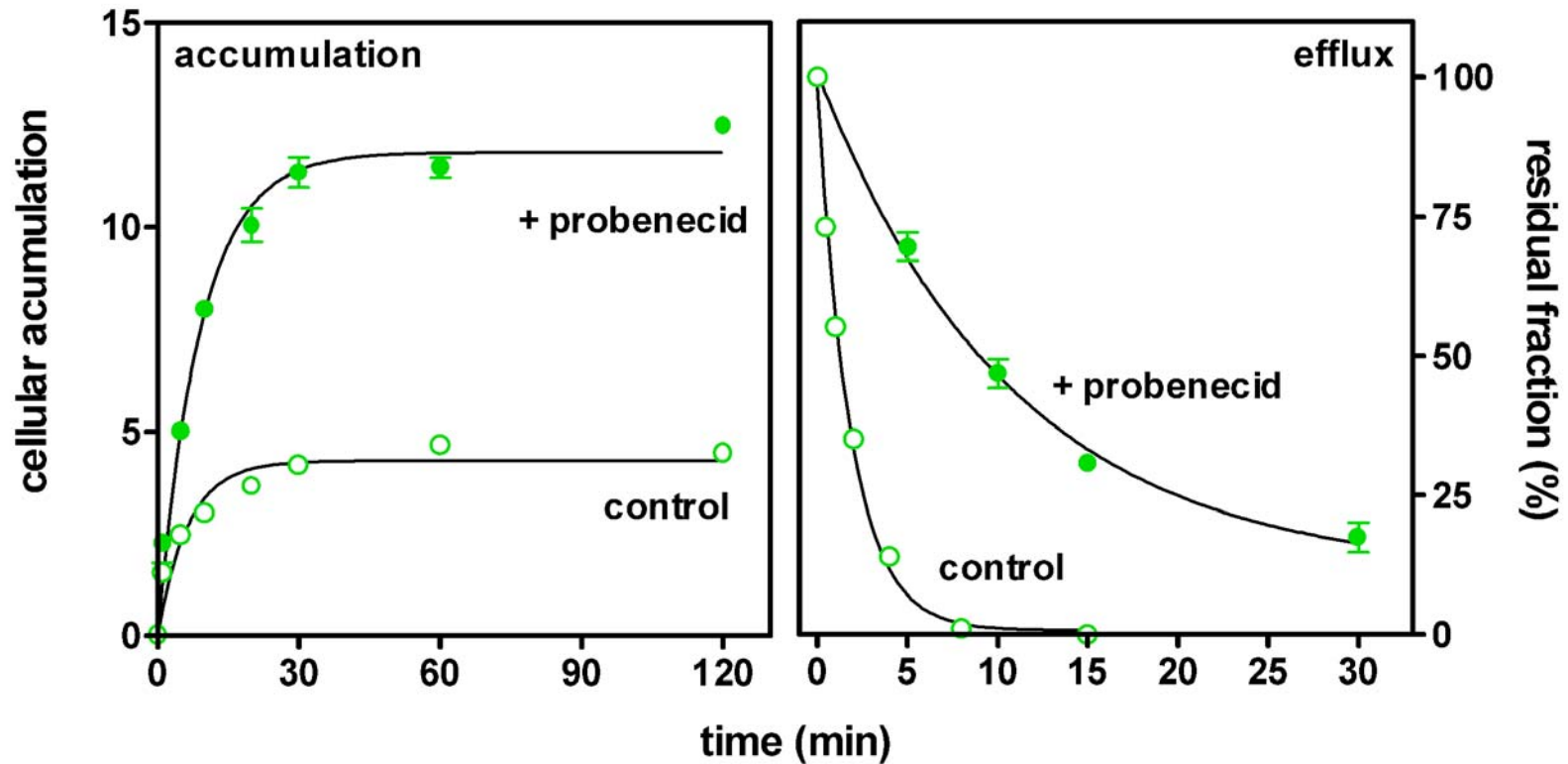
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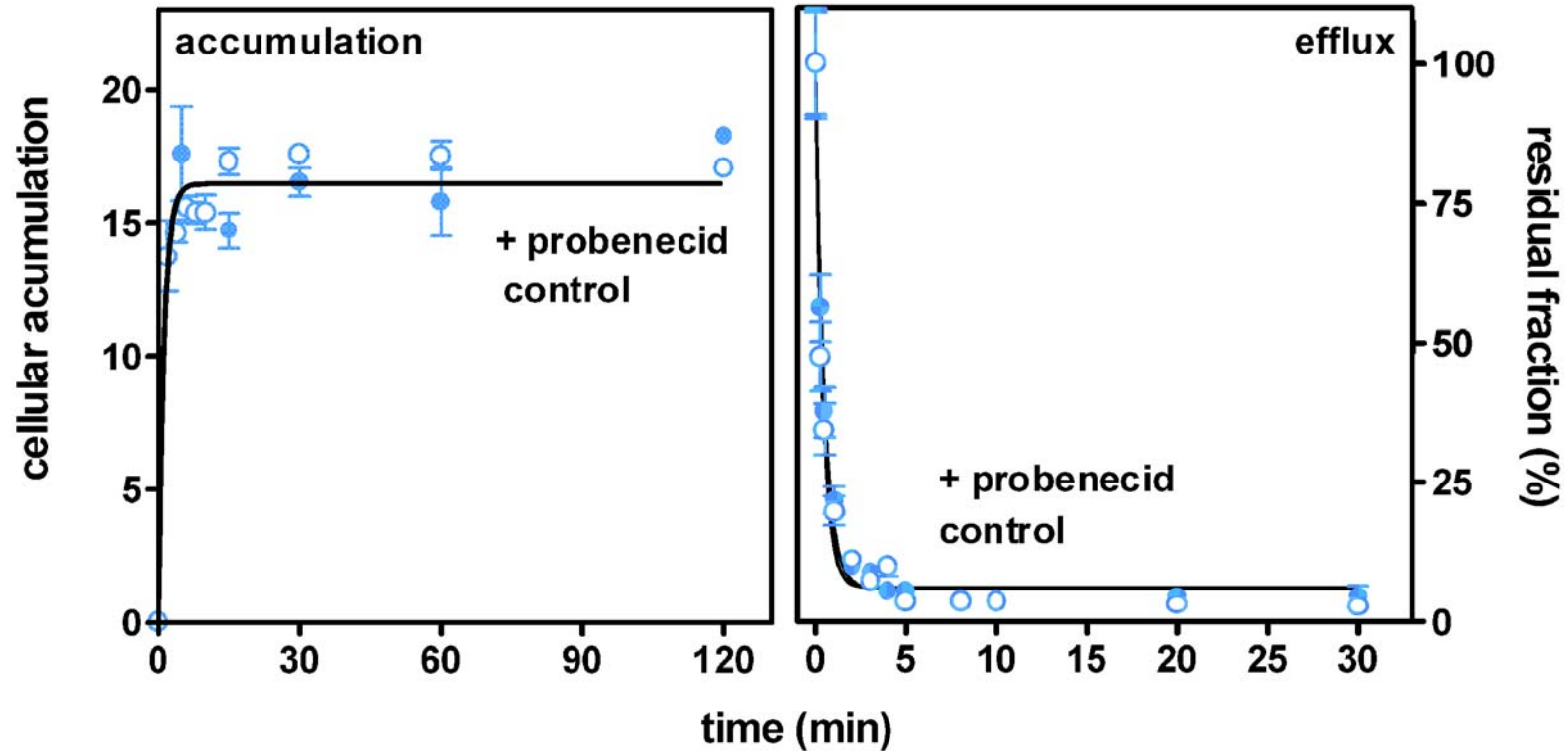
Kinetics of accumulation and efflux for ciprofloxacin

both accumulation and efflux markedly affected



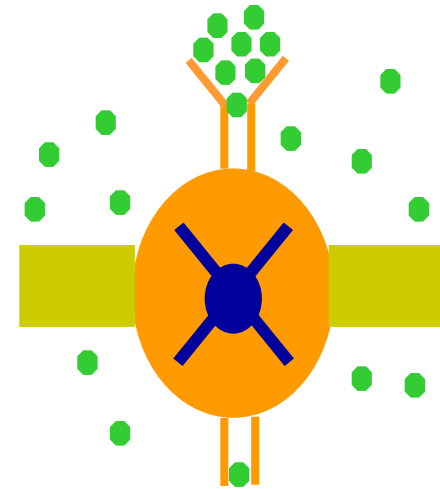
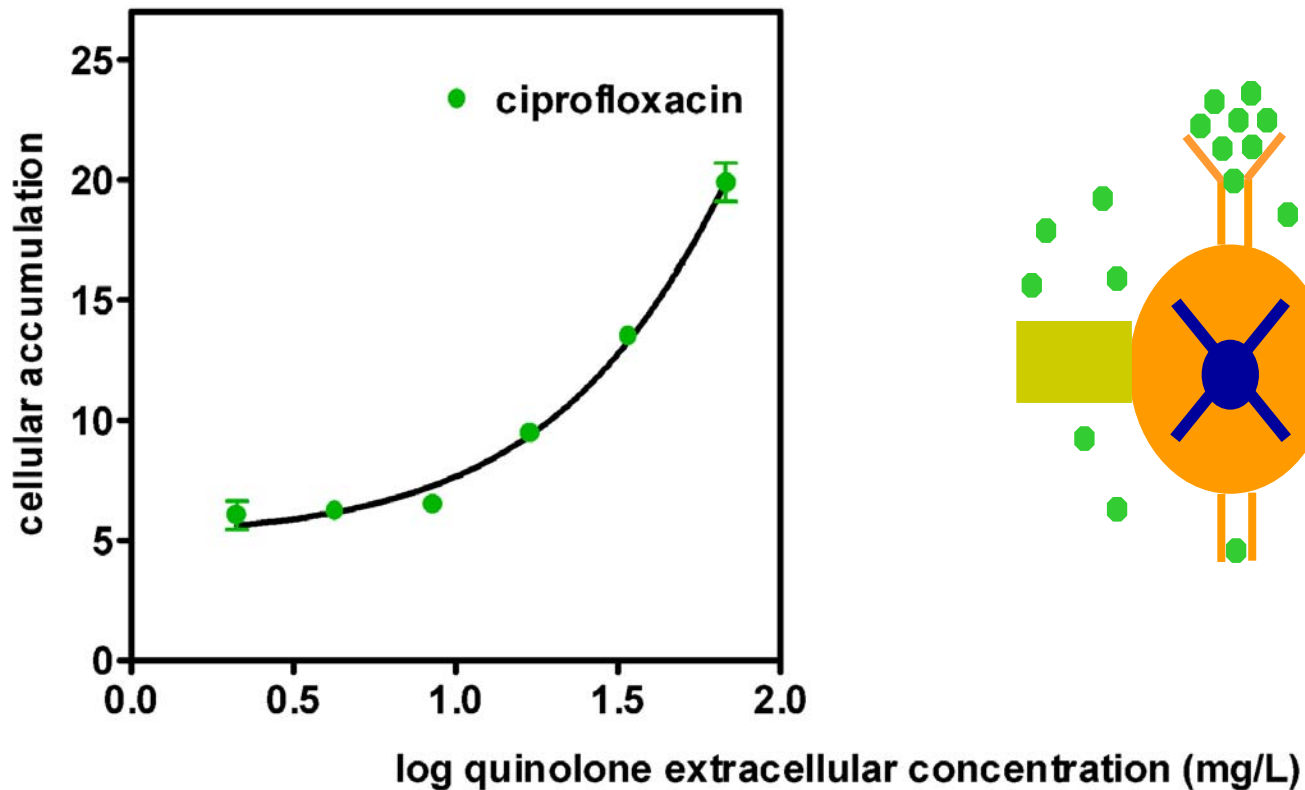
Kinetics of accumulation and efflux for moxifloxacin

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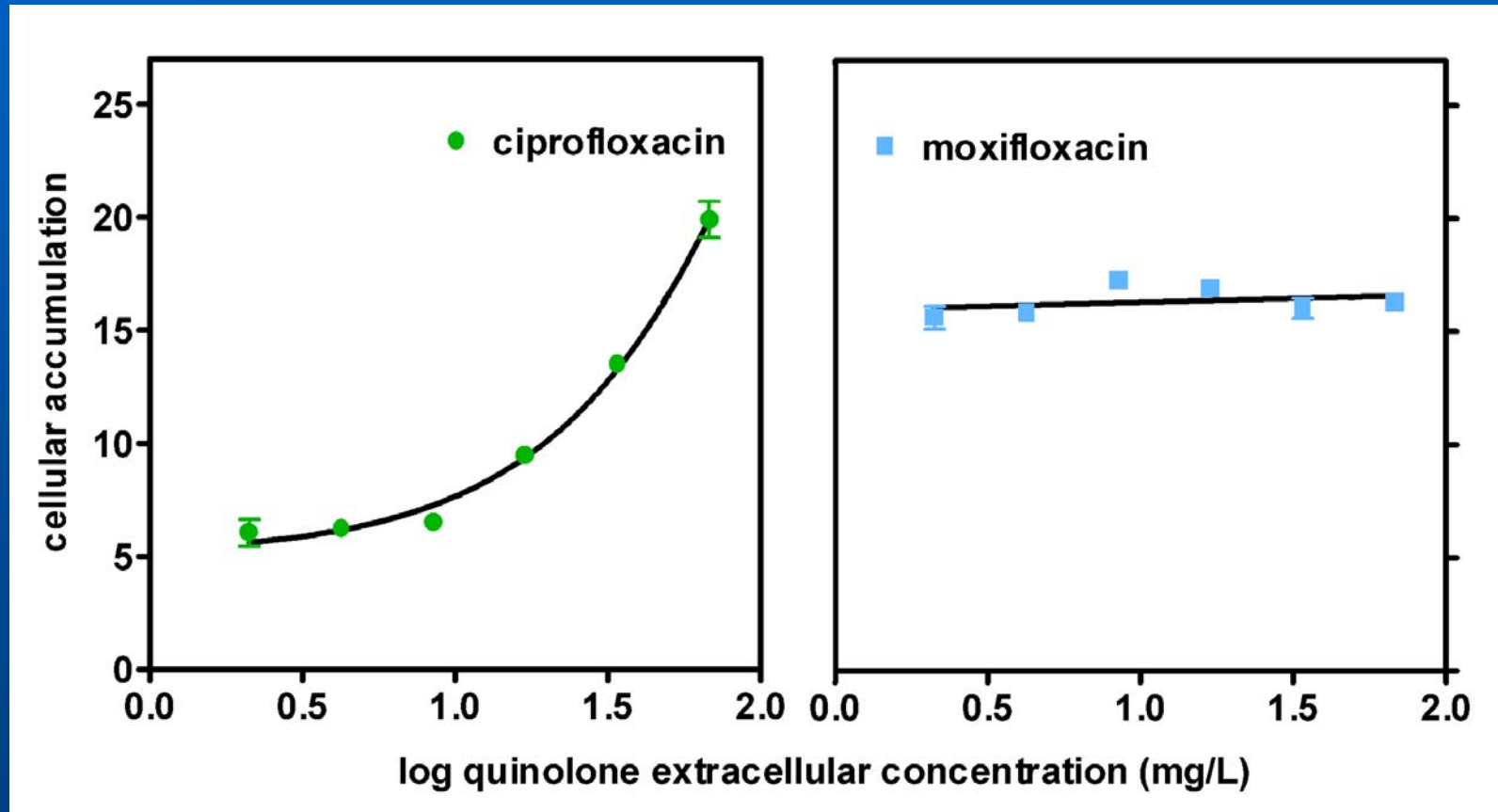
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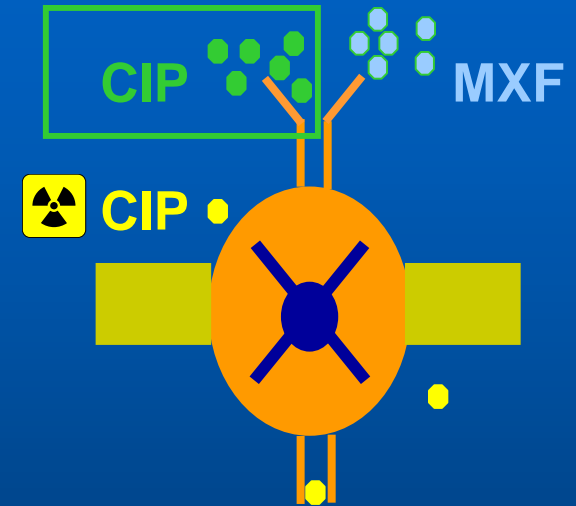
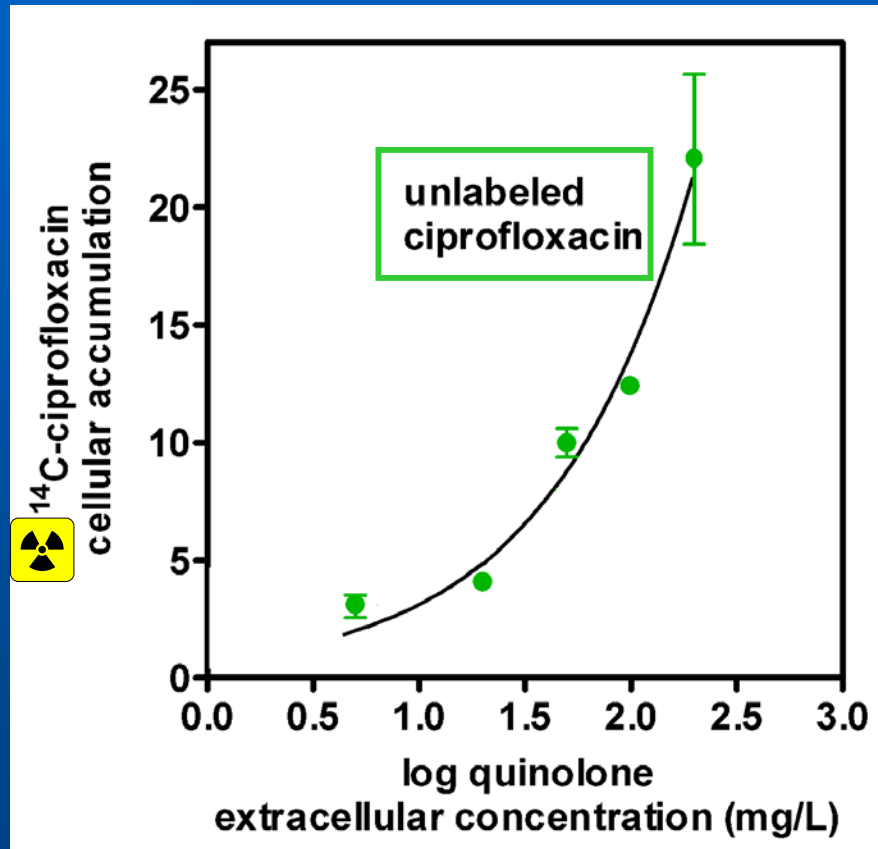
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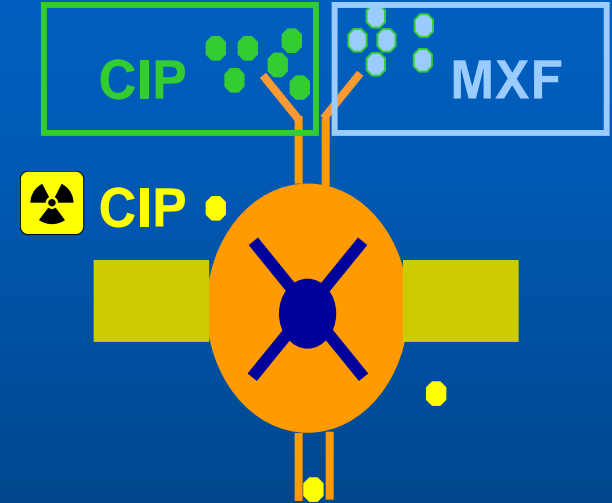
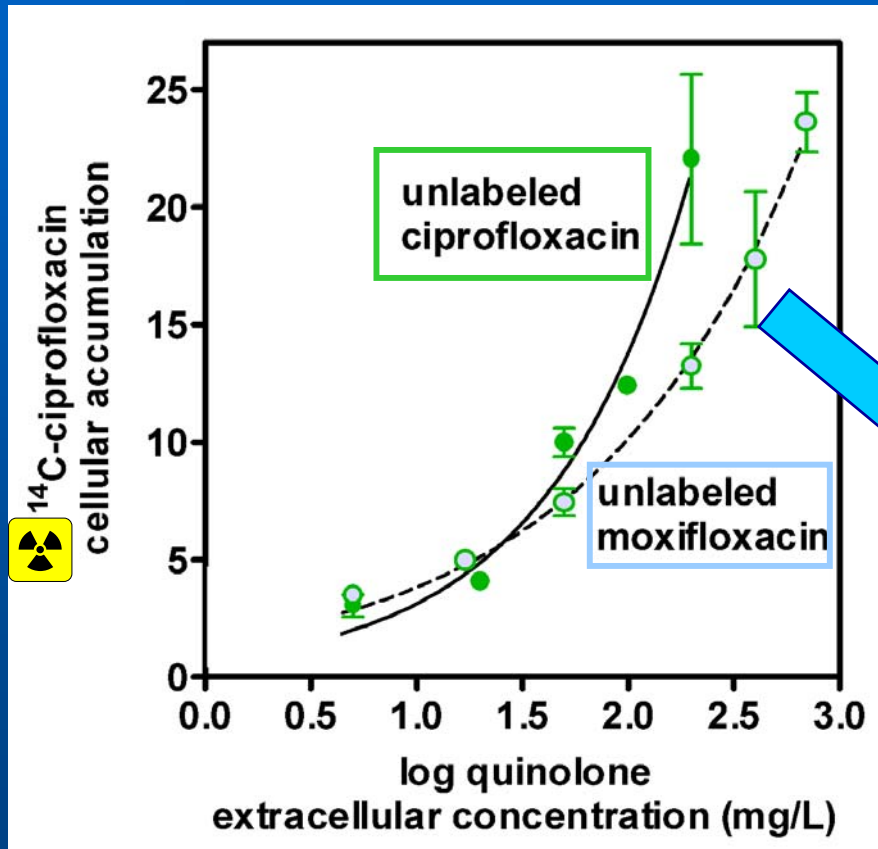
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moxifloxacin also able to interact with the transporter !

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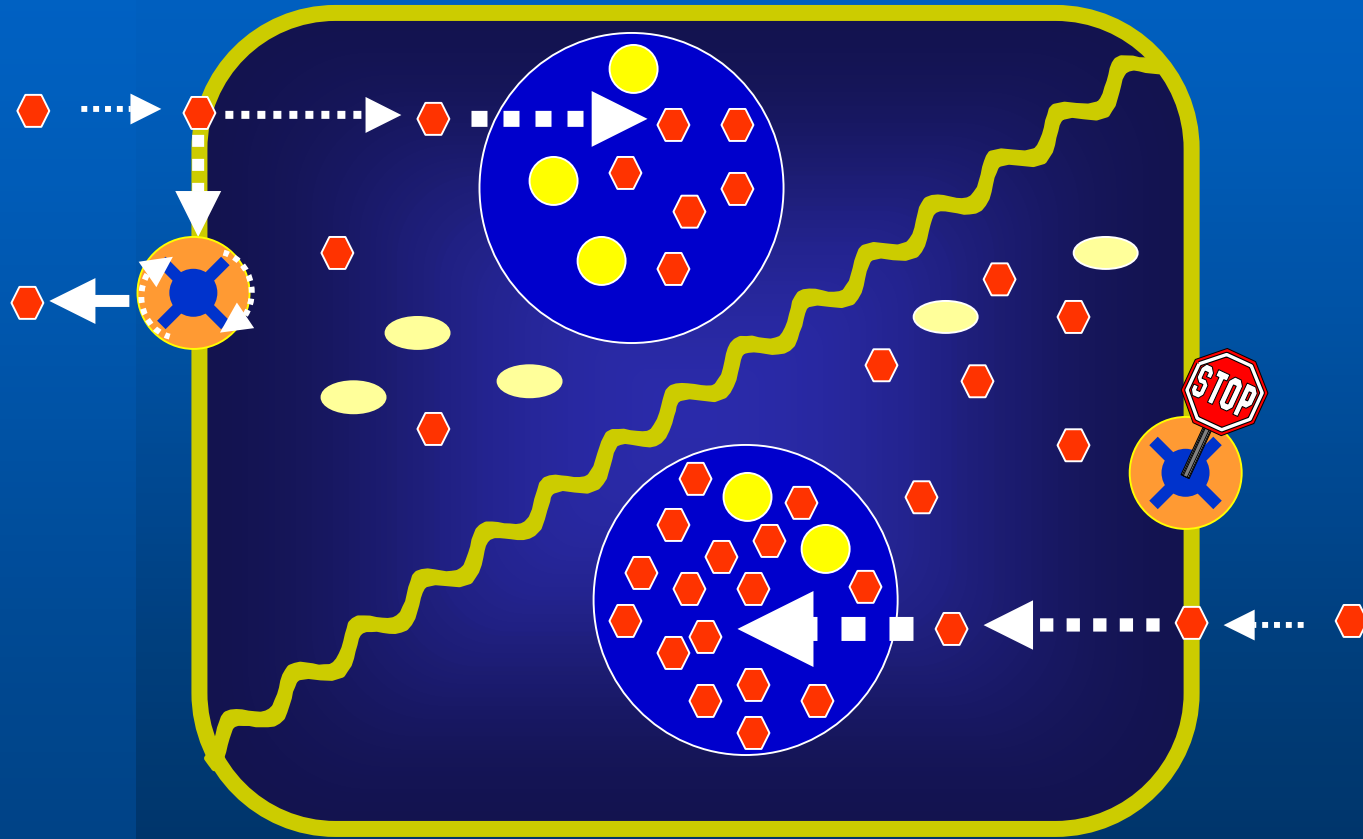
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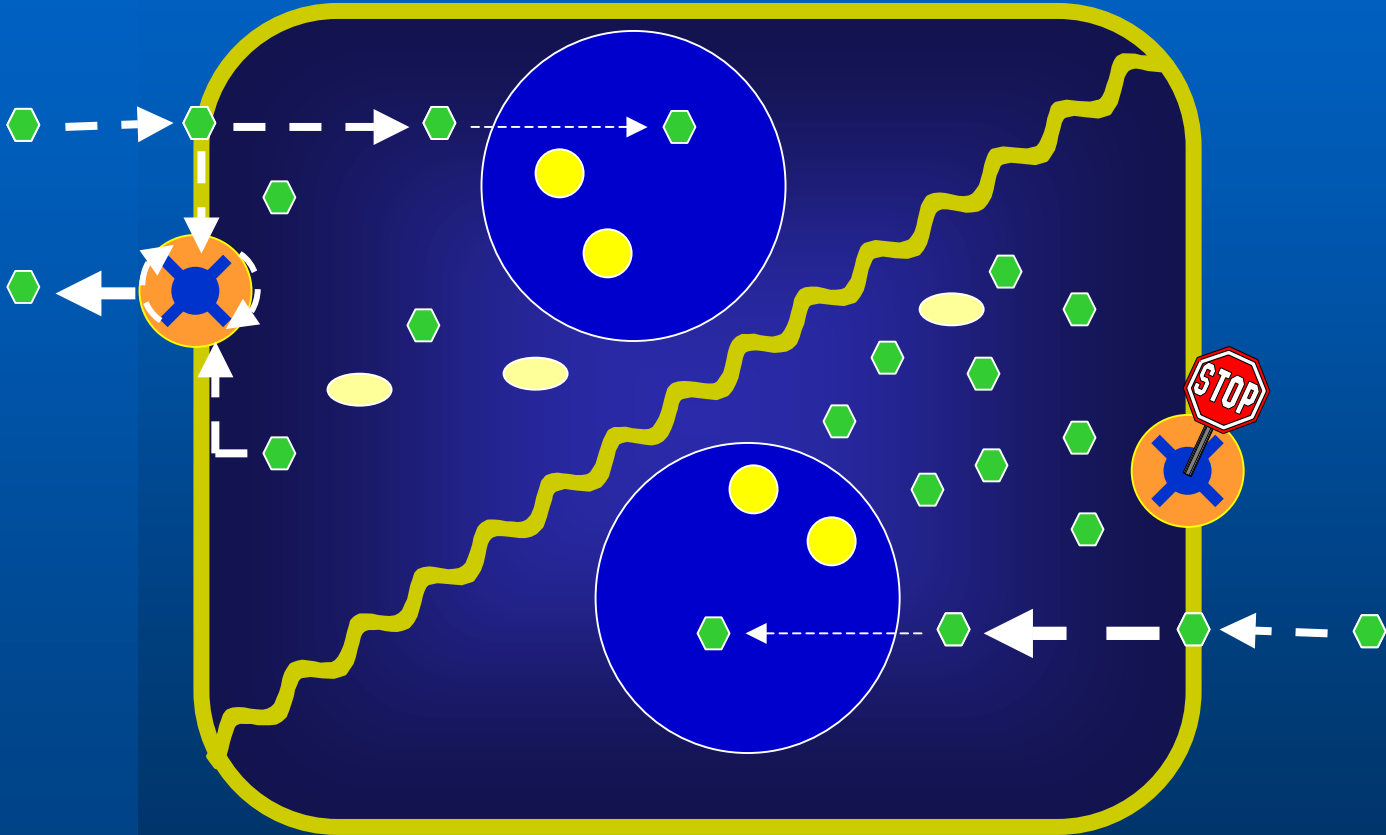
Azithromycin, 'kick-back' model

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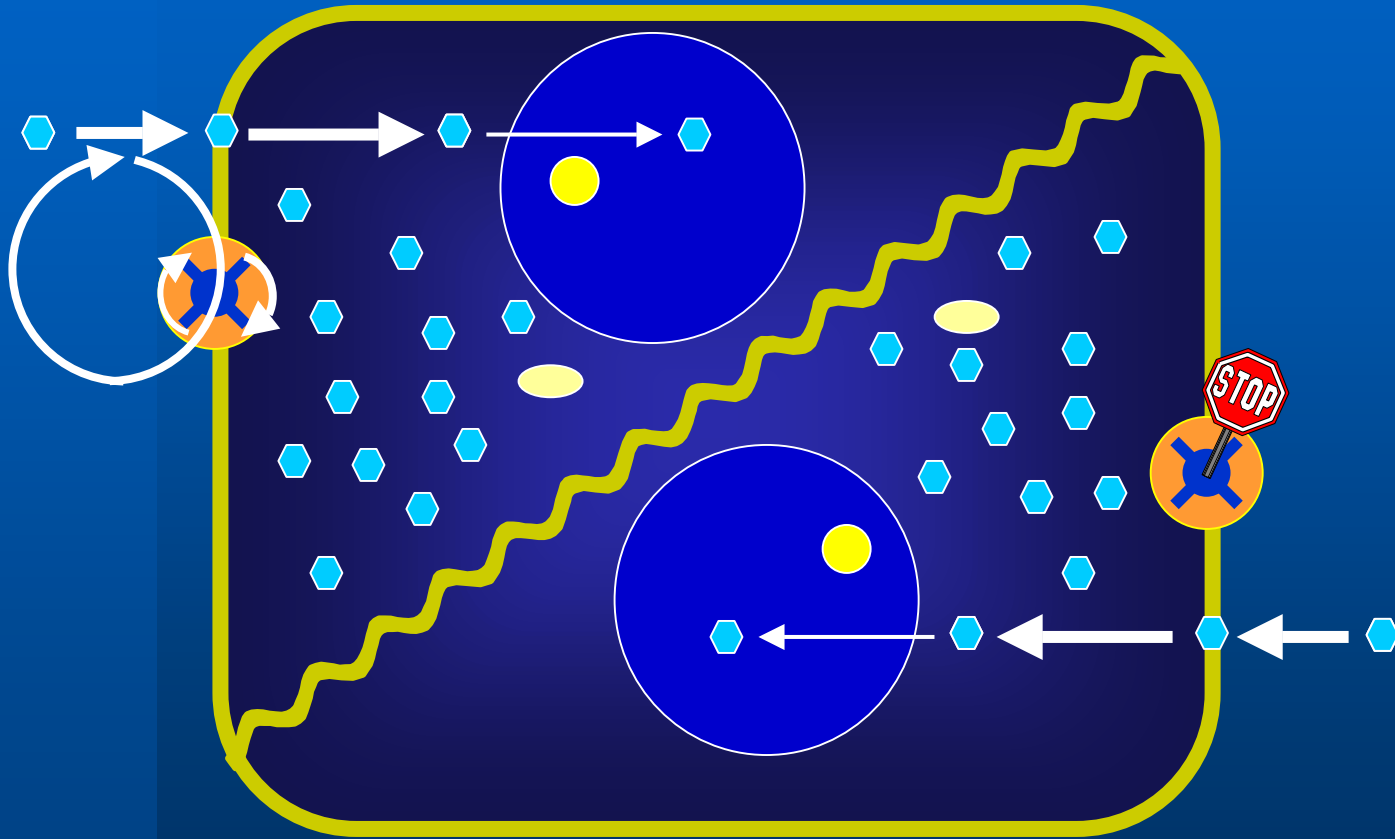
Ciprofloxacin, classical model

Kolaczkowski & Goffeau (1997) Pharmacol. Ther. 76:219-42



Moxifloxacin, 'futile-cycle' model

Eytan *et al.* (1996) JBC 271:12897-902



Conclusion

constitutive efflux of antibiotics in macrophages

pharmacokinetics:
suboptimal cellular accumulation

pharmacodynamics:
suboptimal intracell.
activity

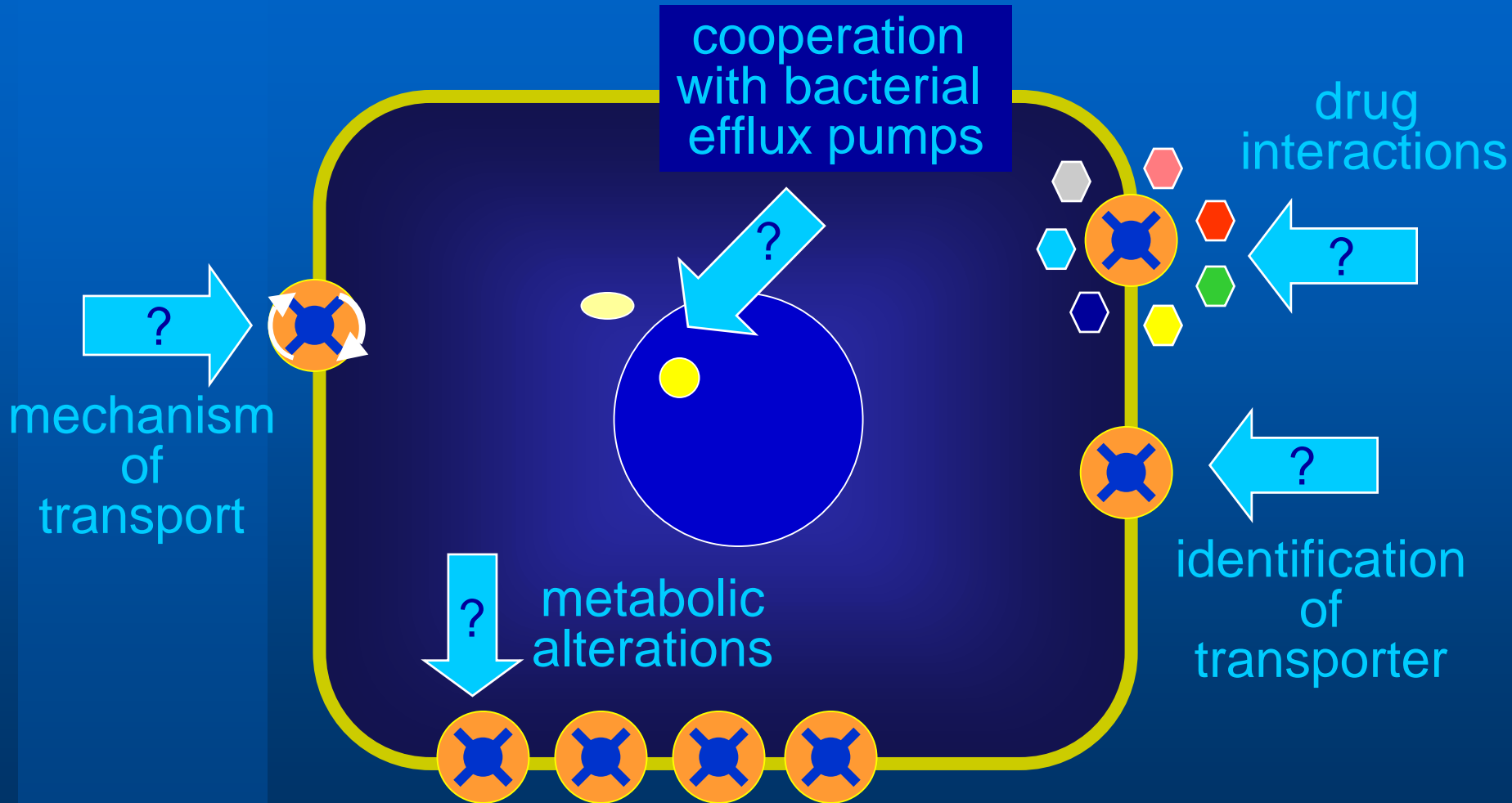
pharmacology:
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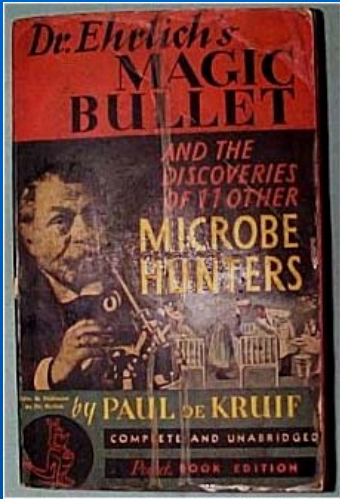
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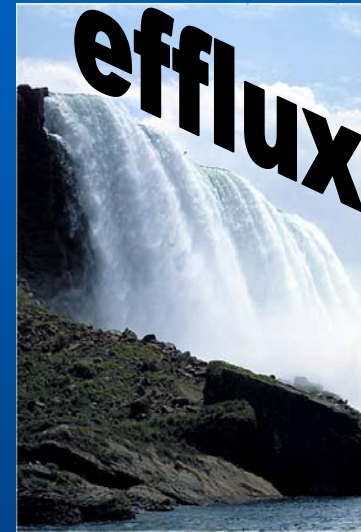
Questions for future research



Take home message



constitutive efflux is part of the game



→ Take it into account

- in the choice of your « magic bullets » ...
- for their optimal targeting

Thanks to ...



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Evaluating magic bullets

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- **pharmacodynamics**

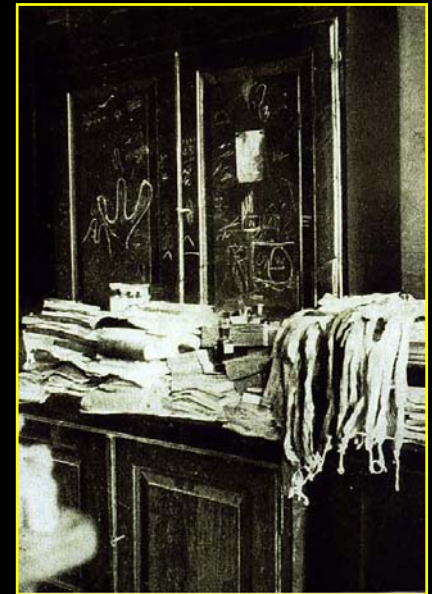
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- **toxicodynamics**

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- **biophysics & molecular biology**

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New magic bullets

- **chemistry**

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- **modeling**

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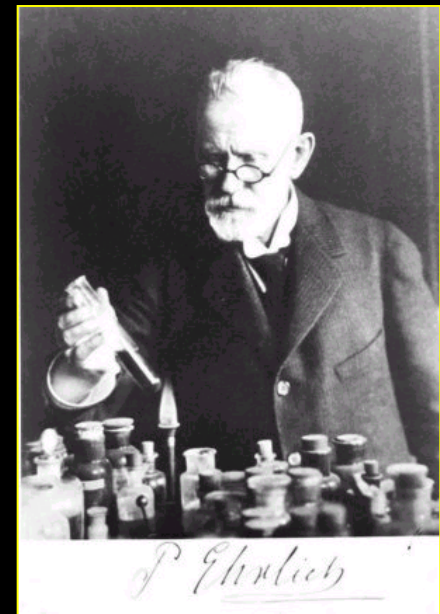
Resistance to magic bullets

- **efflux**

L. Avrain, N. Mesaros

- **glycopeptides**

P. Courvalin and his team



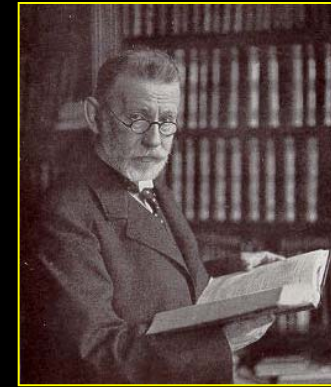
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Clinical use of magic bullets

- clinical pharmacy

E. Ampe, V. Basma, A. Spinewine



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Playing with magic bullets

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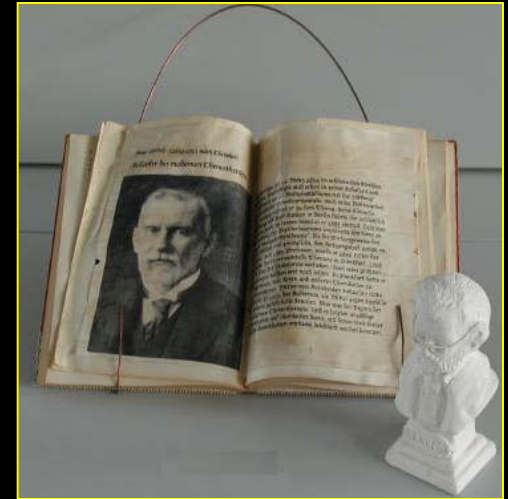


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