

Graphical Estimation of Pharmacokinetic Parameters: One Compartment System

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The intravenous pharmacokinetics of DQ1 was evaluated in BALB/c mice at a dose of 5 mg/kg (table 1). Data were plotted on a semi-logarithmic scale. DQ1 showed one compartment disposition with first order kinetics, and PK parameters were estimated graphically (figure 1, table 2).

Figure 1: Graphical estimation of pharmacokinetic parameters of DQ1 in mice

Table 1: Blood concentration-time data of DQ1 in mice

Time (h)	concentration in blood ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$)
0.017	6.811
0.083	6.482
0.25	5.725
1	3.275
1.5	2.256
2	1.555
3	0.738
4	0.351
6	0.079
8	0.018
10	0.004

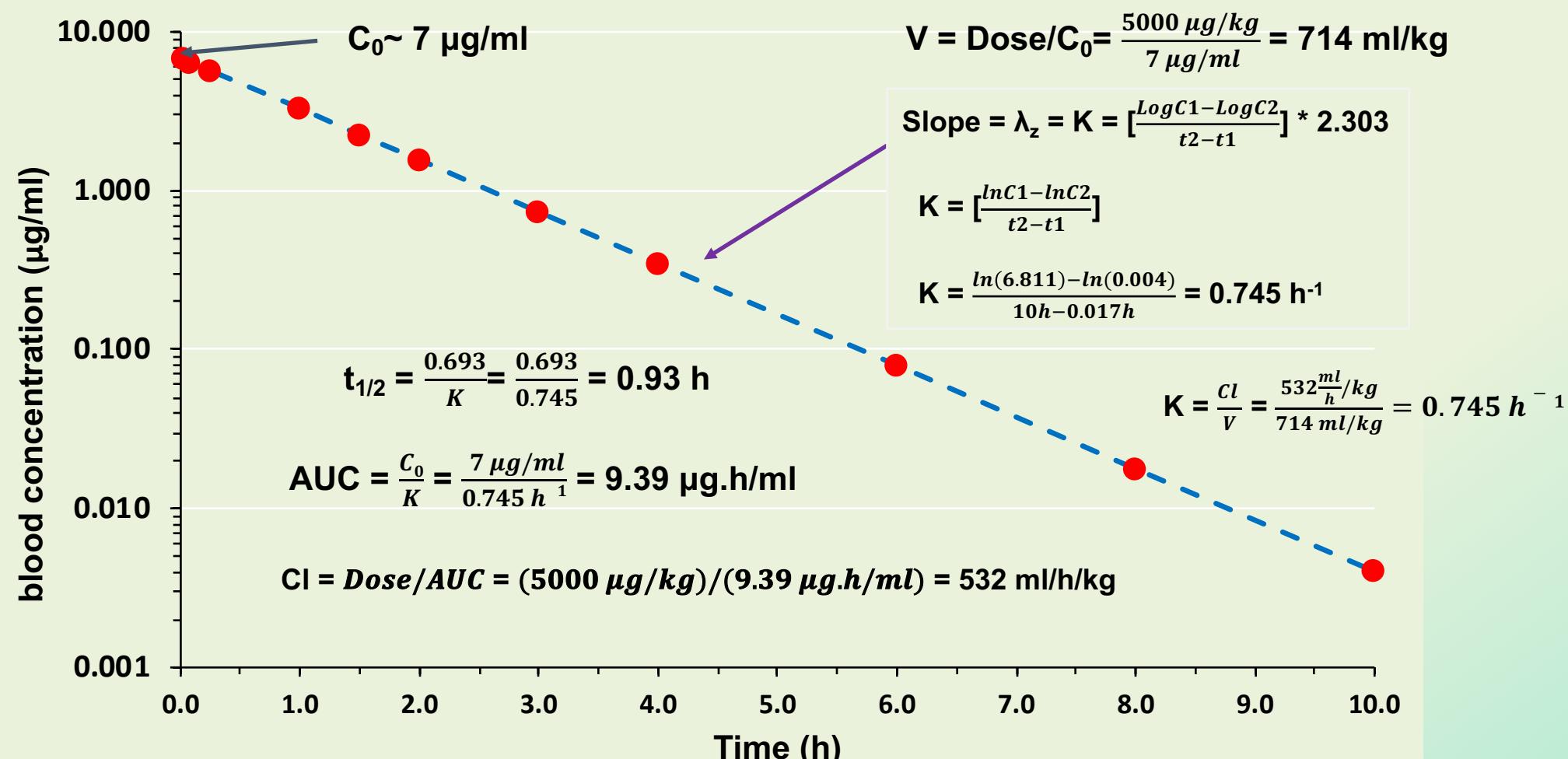


Table 2: PK parameters of DQ1 in mice estimated graphically

Parameter	Estimate
$\lambda_z (K) (\text{h}^{-1})$	0.745
$T_{1/2} (\text{h})$	0.93
$AUC^{\infty}_0 (\mu\text{g} \cdot \text{h}/\text{ml})$	9.39
$V (\text{ml}/\text{kg})$	714
$CI (\text{ml}/\text{h}/\text{kg})$	532

- Graphical evaluation of pharmacokinetic curves can help in assessing a molecule's first order kinetics and compartmental behaviour. Initial parameter estimates of volume, clearance and half-life can be estimated and used as input for modelling.