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V Pharm D

Subject: Clinical Pharmacokinetics & Pharmacotherapeutic Drug Monitoring

QUESTION BANK 2016-17

Note: Unit II, IV – Two Chapters are clubbed together

Unit I: Introduction to Clinical pharmacokinetics 3

Short Answers

- 1. Give the importance of clinical pharmacokinetics
- 2. Define apparent volume of distribution and give the mathematical equation to calculate this parameter.
- 3. Define non-linear pharmacokinetics
- 4. Describe the difference between first and zero order elimination and how each order appears graphically.
- 5. Define biological half-life and give it's equation with units.
- 6. Give the relationship between half-life and elimination rate constant.
- 7. What is clearance? Give the relationship between clearance, drug dose and AUC.
- 8. Give the assumptions of compartment model.
- 9. Define pharmacokinetics. Name and define three pharmacokinetic parameters that describe a typical plasma level time curve.
- 10. Define loading dose and maintenance dose. Give equations to calculate the same.
- 11. Give any four applications of clinical pharmacokinetics.

Unit II: (A. Design of Dosage Regimen + Therapeutic Drug Monitoring)

A. Design of dosage regimens 7

Long Answers

12. Explain the various factors considered in the design of dosage regimen for geriatric and obese patients.

Short Essay

- 13. Explain the process and clinical significance of conversion from intravenous to oral dosing.
- 14. What are nomograms? Explain their applications in pharmacokinetic studies with examples. Give their advantages and disadvantages.
- 15. Explain in detail the determination of dose and dosing interval of a drug.

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- 16. Describe the principle of superposition and how it applies to multiple drug dosing.
- 17. Explain the role of nomograms and tabulations in the design of dosage regimen.
- 18. Explain the different methods of conversion of intravenous to per oral dosing.
- 19. Explain various factors considered in designing the dosage regimen for geriatric patients.
- 20. Explain the factors considered in the design of dosage regimen for paediatric patients. Give any two formulae for the calculation of child dose.
- 21. Explain various factors considered in the design of dosage regimen for obese patients.
- 22. Why dosage adjustment is necessary in the obese patients. What are the pharmacokinetic parameters to be considered in the dosage adjustment for obese patients?
- 23. The elimination half-life and V_d of tobramycin was reported to be 2.15 hrs and 33.5% of body weight respectively. What is the dose for an 80 kg individual if a steady state level of 2.5 µg/ml is desired? Assume that the drug is given as iv bolus every 8 hrs.
- 24. The elimination half-life of an antibiotic is 3 hrs with an apparent volume of distribution equivalent to 20% of bodyweight. The usual therapeutic range of this antibiotic is between 5-15 μ g/ml. Calculate the dose and dosing interval that will just maintain the therapeutic concentration.
- 25. Explain in detail determination of dose and dosing interval of a drug.
- 26. Enumerate the factors involved in calculation of drug dose in peadiatric patients.
- 27. Discuss the factors to be considered during the design of dosage regimen.
- 28. Explain the reasons for converting IV dose to oral dose. Add a note on START and STOP criteria for drugs to be used in patients.

Short Answers

29. Add a note on START and STOP criteria for drugs to be used in geriatric patients.

- 30. Write different formulae for calculating child dose.
- 31. Add a note on BEER's criteria for drugs to be used in geriatric patients.
- 32. Write the importance of loading dose in finding drug dosing intervals.
- 33. Give the relationship between elimination half-life and drug dosing intervals
- 34. Define nomograms and tabulations.
- 35. Give any two advantages and disadvantages of nomograms.
- 36. Enumerate the methods for conversion of IV to oral dosing.
- 37. Give any four factors considered in dosing geriatric patients.
- 38. What are the factors affecting the drug absorption in geriatric patients?
- 39. Mention the factors affecting the drug distribution in obese patients.
- 40. Based on which property of drug, the drug dosage is adjusted in the obese patients and why?
- 41. Give any four factors considered in dosing obese patients.
- 42. Mention any four factors considered in dosing paediatric patients.
- 43. Give any two formulae for the calculation of paediatric dose.
- 44. Write the formula for the calculation of geriatric dose.
- 45. What are the factors considered in the conversion of IV to oral dosing?
- 46. What is the BEER's criteria for drugs to be used in geriatric patients?

B. Therapeutic Drug Monitoring 15

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Long Essay

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- 47. Explain the necessity and process of TDM in patients receiving cyclosporine and carbamazepine.
- 48. List out the indications for TDM. Explain the necessity and process of TDM in patients receiving digoxin and phenytoin.
- 49. Explain the necessity and process of TDM in patients receiving lithium and methotrexate.
- 50. Enumerate and explain various factors in individualizing drug dosage regimen.
- 51. Explain in detail pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic correlation in drug therapy.

Short Essay

- 52. Explain effect of age and bodyweight in individualization of drug dosage regimen.
- 53. Explain role of genetics and disease condition in the individualization of drug dosage regimen.
- 54. Explain role of co-existing diseases and interacting drugs in the individualization of drug dosage regimen.
- 55. Describe the protocol for TDM of a drug.
- 56. Define TDM. Discuss the indications for TDM of drugs.
- 57. Explain the role of clinical pharmacist in TDM.
- 58. Explain the relationship between dose and pharmacological effect of a drug.
- 59. Explain the relationship between dose and duration of activity of a drug.
- 60. Explain with suitable examples how elimination half life of a drug influence the duration of activity.
- 61. Write about Emax model
- 62. Explain the sigmoidal Emax model in PK/PD correlation

Short Answers

- 63. Enlist various types of samples used for analysis in TDM
- 64. What do you understand by drug tolerance and physical dependency?
- 65. Define narrow therapeutic index with suitable examples.
- 66. Define TDM. Name any four drugs that require TDM.
- 67. Write the protocol for TDM of a drug.
- 68. Give any four indications for TDM.
- 69. Why is TDM necessary for digitoxin.
- 70. Why is TDM necessary for methotrexate.
- 71. Explain the necessity of monitoring cyclosporine.
- 72. Give the necessity for TDM of lithium.
- 73. Why is TDM necessary for phenytoin.
- 74. Explain the reasons for monitoring drug levels.

Unit III: Pharmacokinetics of drug interactions 5

Short Essay

- 75. Explain the various pharmacokinetic drug interactions with suitable examples^{*}.
- 76. Explain the influence of drug interaction on drug absorption with examples
- 77. Discuss drug interactions related to protein binding and metabolism.

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- 78. Describe the role of cytochrome P-450 enzymes in drug interactions. Add a note with suitable examples and their clinical significance.
- 79. Explain the influence of drug interaction on drug metabolism with respect to enzyme induction and enzyme inhibition.
- 80. Explain the effect of inhibition of biliary excretion of drugs and list out the drug interactions which influence the biliary excretion.

Unit IV: (A. Dosage adjustment in renal and hepatic disease + B. Pharmacogenetics)

A. Dosage adjustment in renal and hepatic disease 10

Long Essay

- 81. Explain in detail the general approaches for dosage adjustment in renal diseases.
- 82. Explain in detail the different methods of extracorporeal removal of drugs.
- 83. Discuss various markers used in the measurement of glomerular filtration rate along with their advantages and disadvantages. Enumerate the various formulae used for the measurement of creatinine clearance.
- 84. Enumerate various causes for renal impairment. Discuss in detail the pharmacokinetic considerations in the renal failure patients.
- 85. List out various factors for hepatic impairment. Discuss in detail the pharmacokinetic considerations in the hepatic disease patients.

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- 86. List various formulae for measurement of glomerular filtration rate.
- 87. Explain the various pharmacokinetic changes observed in the renally impaired patients.
- 88. How do you adjust dosage regimen in renal failure patients based on elimination half life of drug?
- 89. How do you adjust dosage regimen in renal failure patients based on total body clearance of drug?
- 90. Give the ideal characteristics of a marker to be used in the measurement of GFR.
- 91. Explain various markers used in the measurement of glomerular filtration rate along with their advantages and disadvantages.
- 92. Define creatinine clearance. Enumerate various formulae used for the measurement of creatinine clearance.
- 93. Explain the effect of hepatic disease on pharmacokinetics of drugs.
- 94. Describe peritoneal dialysis with its advantages and disadvantages.
- 95. Explain the Giusti-Hayton method for the dosage adjustment in uremic patients.
- 96. Describe the Wagner method for the dose adjustment in uremic patients.
- 97. The maintenance dose of gentamicin is 80mg every 6hrs for a patient with normal renal function. Calculate the maintenance dose for a uremic patient with creatinine clearance of 20ml/min. Assume a normal creatinine clearance of 100ml/min.
- 98. What is the creatinine clearance for a 25 year old male patient with a serum creatinine of 1mg/dL? The patient is 5 ft, 4inches in height and weighs 103 Kg.
- 99. An adult male patient (52 years old, 75 kg) whose serum creatinine is 2.4 mg/dL is to be given gentamicin sulphate. The usual dose of gentamicin in adult patients with normal renal

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function is 1 mg/kg every 8 hours by multiple IV bolus injections. Calculate the appropriate dosage regimen of gentamicin sulfate for this patient.

- 100. Explain hemodialysis.
- 101. Explain methods of determining creatinine clearance.
- 102. Describe the methods of measurement of GFR and their significance.

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- 103. Enumerate the factors influencing dialyzability of drugs.
- 104. Enumerate the causes for renal failure
- 105. Give any four pharmacokinetic parameter changes observed in the renal failure patients.
- 106. List the markers used in the measurement of GFR.
- 107. Give any four ideal characteristics of the marker drugs to be used for GFR measurement.
- 108. Give two advantages and disadvantages of inulin as a marker for GFR measurement.
- 109. Give the Jellife's equation for the measurement of creatinine clearance.
- 110. Give the Cockraft and Gault's equation for the measurement of creatinine clearance.
- 111. Give the formula for the calculation of creatinine clearance in children.
- 112. Give the MDRD equation for the measurement of creatinine clearance.
- 113. Name the methods for the extracorporeal removal of drugs.
- 114. Give any two advantages and disadvantages of peritoneal dialysis.
- 115. Give any two advantages and disadvantages of haemodialysis.
- 116. Define intrinsic clearance of drugs with its clinical significance.
- 117. Calculate creatinine clearance for a 30 year old female patient with a serum creatinine value of 0.8 mg/dl. The patient is 5 ft 1 inch tall and weighs 69 kgs.
- 118. Name the metabolic markers used in liver function test with their normal values.
- 119. Define hepatic clearance
- 120. Give the importance of extra corporeal removal of drugs.
- 121. Calculate creatinine clearance for a 23 year old male patient with a serum creatinine value of 1.2 mg/dl. The patient is 5 ft 5 inch tall and weighs 98 kgs.
- 122. Using the method of Cockroft and Gault, Calculate creatinine clearance for a 36 year old female patient with a serum creatinine value of 1.8 mg/dl. The patient is 5 ft 5 inch tall and weighs 58 kgs.

B. Pharmacogenetics

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Long Essay

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- 123. Discuss the role and clinical significance of genetic polymorphism in drug transports and drug targets with suitable examples.
- 124. Discuss the importance of genetic polymorphism of cytochrome P-450 isozymes on drug metabolism with suitable examples.

Short Essay

- 125. Describe the role of genetic polymorphism in drug targets.
- 126. Describe the genetic polymorphism in CYP2D6 and 2C9 isozymes.

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127. Define pharmacogenetics

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- 128. Describe genetic polymorphism in CYP2D6 isozymes
- 129. Describe genetic polymorphism in CYP2C9 isozymes
- 130. How do efflux transporters affect the bioavailability of the drugs
- 131. Give any two examples for clinically important genetic polymorphism of drug targets.
- 132. Give any two examples for clinically important genetic polymorphism of drug transporters.
- 133. Describe the role of genetic polymorphism in drug targets.
- 134. Define pharmacogentics and with suitable examples.
- 135. With suitable examples, enumerate drug dosing in genetic dependent fast acetylators.

Unit V: Population Pharmacokinetics	No. of Hours:
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Short Essay

- 136. Describe Bayesian theory
- 137. Explain dosing with feedback.
- 138. Discuss population pharmacokinetic analysis using NONMEM method.
- 139. Discuss analysis of population pharmacokinetic data.
- 140. Discuss about the methods used to obtain the estimates of fixed effects and variability
- 141. Describe the two-stage approach in population pharmacokinetic analysis
- 142. Explain non-linear mixed effects modeling approach
- 143. Give the applications of population pharmacokinetics.
- 144. Explain the sampling design used in population pharmacokinetic study
- 145. Describe how population pharmacokinetic data analysis is carried out.
- 146. Give the reasons for conducting population pharmacokinetic study
- 147. What are the limitations of population pharmacokinetic approach
- 148. Explain the difference between traditional pharmacokinetics and population pharmacokinetics.

Short Answers

- 149. Define adaptive method in population pharmacokinetics study.
- 150. Define population pharmacokinetics.
- 151. Define adaptive method in population pharmacokinetics study.
- 152. Define population pharmacokinetics.
- 153. What are the advantages of population pharmacokinetic study over traditional pharmacokinetic study?
- 154. Define interindividual variation
- 155. Define within subject variation
- 156. What is random error?
- 157. What is residual error?
- 158. What do you understand by typical value?
- 159. Define theta, omega, sigma in NONMEM method of analysis
- 160. List the methods used for the population pharmacokinetic model evaluation
- 161. What is difference between observed and predicted concentrations?
- 162. What do you understand by over-estimation?
- 163. List various softwares used for conducting population pharmacokinetic analysis

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- 164. Give Bayesian equation.
- 165. What do you understand by Goodness of Fit plot
- 166. Define FO and FOCE.
- 167. What do you understand by nested models?
- 168. What is naïve pool data?
- 169. Give the advantages of Bayesian method in population pharmacokinetic study
- 170. What is interoccasion variation?

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