

hello my name is Ben my from the  
 and uh I will talk today about the  
 pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics of  
 therapeutic proteins now with part  
 two the goals of this section are to  
 understand the distribution Behavior of  
 diptic proteins in the human body after  
 Administration into the vascular  
 system to appreciate the main processes  
 involved in the tissue penetration of  
 therapidic  
 proteins to recognize the need for  
 Parental administration of therapetic  
 proteins and to acknowledge the  
 processes determining absorption and  
 bioavailability after subcutaneous  
 administration of therapeutic proteins  
 in contrast to small molecule drugs  
 theraputic proteins are largely  
 distributed in the body by convective  
 exteris rather than  
 diffusion convective  
 extravasation  
 entails the following the fluid flux  
 from the vascular space into the

interstitial space and then its drainage  
through the lymphatic system so there's  
a constant flow of fluid from the vascular  
to the interstitial space and then into  
the lymphatic system where it's  
drained and ultimately reaches the  
venous  
bloodstream large therapeutic proteins  
follow this fluid  
flux they do this by either paracellular  
or transcellular extravasation processes  
through the endothelial cells lining the  
blood vessels that's indicated here  
where you have the trans cellular  
process as well as the paracellular  
process usually through pores between  
the cells the more important process is  
the paracellular  
transfer dependent  
on  
the tissue and the endothelial cells lining  
this tissue there are more or less pores  
available and the size of these pores  
also changes in many tissues however the  
transfer is restricted relative to the  
transfer from the interstitial

space into the lymphatic system as the lymphatic system or the the cells lining the lymphatic vessels have many more pores and larger pores so the influx into the interstitial space is much more restrictive as indicated by the smaller errors here compared to the outflux what that means or in other words the uh lymphatic clearance is much larger than the extravasation clearance what that means is that the concentrations in the interstitial space always remain substantially lower than the concentrations in the vascular space as the influx is more restrictive than the outflux by that therapeutic proteins are largely confined to the vascular space and concentrations outside of that vascular space are substantially lower throughout the bodies there are of course exceptions to that in organs where for example um the endothelial lining is is nearly completely missing or where there are a lot of uh pores available for example in the liver

sinusoids where the exchange is uh much less restrictive and by that of course and the concentration in the vascular space and into the in the interstitial space became become more equal so convective exavation is driven by the difference in convective uptake into tissues and convective Al mination via lymphatic

drainage um Unbound IGG concentration as an example for this and remaining concentration gradient are approximately 0 fold lower in many tissues compared to

plasma the extravasation rate also depends as I mentioned to uh on Regional differences in the capillary structure for example uh in those tissues with leaky capillaries you have less of a concentration difference between the interstitial space and the plasma and then of course you have disease states where the uh

permeability uh of the endo theum may be changed like inflammation and angiogenesis uh where the local endium

becomes hyperpermeable to macro  
molecules and by that also extravasation  
is more  
effective as I mentioned there's also  
transcytotic extravasation through  
transport through the endothelial cells  
this is usually  
facilitated via membrane vesicles that  
are uh transported from one side of the  
cell to the other and is usually  
receptor mediated but overall in most  
cases it constitutes a much lesser  
degree to the overall distribution  
process rather than the convective  
extravasation through the pores as I  
mentioned  
previously distribution processes are  
largely determined by molecular weight  
size shape and charge and polarity of  
the macromolecule so for example the for  
those with high molecular weight they're  
usually confined to the vascular space  
and to the lesser degree as I mentioned  
to the interstitial space so what is  
then the uh typical uh pharmacokinetic  
Behavior after intervenous

Administration you usually get a bio exponential concentration time profile where the central volume of distribution is equal to or only slightly larger than the plasma volume so to liters and the overall volume of distribution remains limited uh for many therapeutic proteins uh in the range between to 0 lit examples are uh provided here arrin Alpha dartin ector place and tromo potin as some examples that have a vol volume of distribution at steady state between 0 uh 0 five and 0 L per kilogram now if uh therapeutic parins need to be administered and they would be administered by the oral route then they have uh no appreciable or buy availability and that uh means that they need to be administered by intravenous administration either as infusion or injection the main reason for that is twofold one is that the gastrointestinal tract has high proteas activity so its the most efficient metabolism site for uh proteins in the body for obviously uh proteins that are taken off for for

nutritional

purposes and uh in addition to that

however theres also a low

permeability of large therapeutic

proteins through the

gastrointestinal mucosa that has been uh

shown uh in um humans that have been

given um Inhibitors of gastrointestinal

produce activity even with those

Inhibitors you do not have any

appreciable bio availability so theres

a low permeability through the GI mucosa

thats ultimately the main obstacle for

uh oral bioavailability of the apic

proteins and thats really related to

the large molecular size uh uh molecular

weight and size of therapeutic proteins

so the Alternatives that are then used

are as I mentioned either IV

Administration or subcutaneous

Administration subcutaneous

Administration especially popular for

self Administration shown on the right

side are two examples for that uh on the

top and a delum map uh single injection

pan or on the bottom a multiple

injection pan for uh a flex propan for  
human grow  
hormone alternative Administration  
routes that are used for some diptic  
proteins and have been explored is  
internasal Administration as well as uh  
ponary inhalation but again these routes  
are more uh Niche Administration  
Pathways the vast majority of therapeutic  
PRS is either given by intravenous  
administration as injection or infusion  
or uh by subcutaneous  
Administration after subcutaneous  
Administration into the subcutaneous  
interstitial space as indicated here uh  
the therapeutic protein has the  
theoretically the ability to either be  
taken up into the vascular  
space clone on the left side or in  
drained into the lymphatic system and  
then undergoing lymphatic drainage and  
ultimately entering uh the Venus  
bloodstream  
since therapeutic proteins follow the  
fluid flux the convective uh  
extravasation that has previous that I



have previously shown you they also follow the same fluid flux when they are administered uh by subcutaneous injection into the interstitial space so there is a preferential uptake of large therapeutic proteins into the lymphatic system and only a very minor uptake into

the

vascular

space that has substantial consequences

with regard to the rate and the extent

of absorption after subcutaneous

injection shown on the left side here is

a relationship between the uh percent of

the dose thats recovered in the

lymphatic

system versus the molecular weight and

whats shown on the left are two small

molecule drugs by Flo to this oxy urtin

and inin and then two small um proteins

and you can see that with increasing

molecular weight the lymph recovery in

percentage of the administered dose is

largely increasing

already uh reaching approximately 0

for interfere on Alpha

a you now imagine what happens if you  
give an even larger therapeutic protein  
like an  
uh album fusion protein with 9  
kilodalton or high or a monoclonal  
antibody with approximately an 0  
kilodalton then  
ultimately uh nearly all of the  
administered dose will end up in the  
lymphatic system and will not be uh  
absorbed into blood capillaries so the  
larger the molecular weight the higher  
the percentage that's absorbed into the  
lymphatic system and as I mentioned for  
large therapeutic prod like monoc  
antibodies approximately 00 of the  
absorbed of the of the administered dose  
is absorbed into the lymphatic system so  
what are the consequences of that the  
first one is that um you have slow  
absorption due to the much slower flow  
rates in the lymphatic system compared  
to the  
bloodstream the second one is that you  
have substantial presystemic metabolism  
due to this long

residence time in the lymphatic system

since the transport is that slow uh

protein molecules can interact with

endothelial cells as well as with folic

cells especially concentrated in lymph

nodes where blood uh lymphatic vessels

drain to and by that they can undergo

metabolism and by that they never reach

the systemic

circulation uh when they are preem

ically degraded so there's substantial

presystemic metabolism through this

passage um through the lymphatic system

and this reduces the overall

bioavailability after subcutaneous

Administration for many therapeutic

proteins uh most monoclonal

antibodies have a uh subcutaneous bio

availability in the range of 0 to

they of course always exceptions to that

there are some that have higher bio

availability but for many you have a

substantial fraction of the administered

dose that undergoes presystemic

metabolism before ever reaching the

systemic

circulation so in

summary therapeutic proteins leave the  
vascular space primarily via convective  
extravasation rather than diffusion thus  
the concentration in the interstitial space  
are usually substantially lower than in

the vascular

space therapeutic proteins are not by  
available after all Administration and  
usually have to be administered  
parentally and absorption of therapeutic  
proteins after subcutaneous

Administration is largely facilitated by  
the lymphatic system resulting in slow  
and protracted absorption and reduced

sustain

by

availability this concludes section two

again to questions as for self

assessment of the presented

material