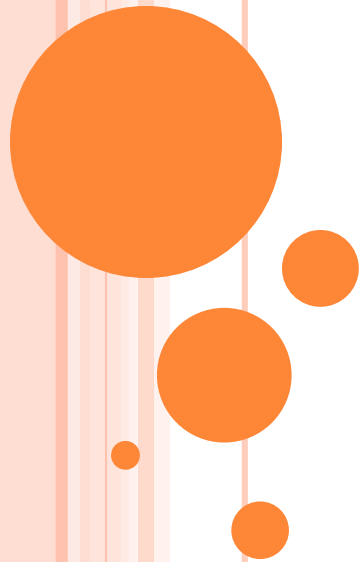


DOSE RESPONSE CURVE



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

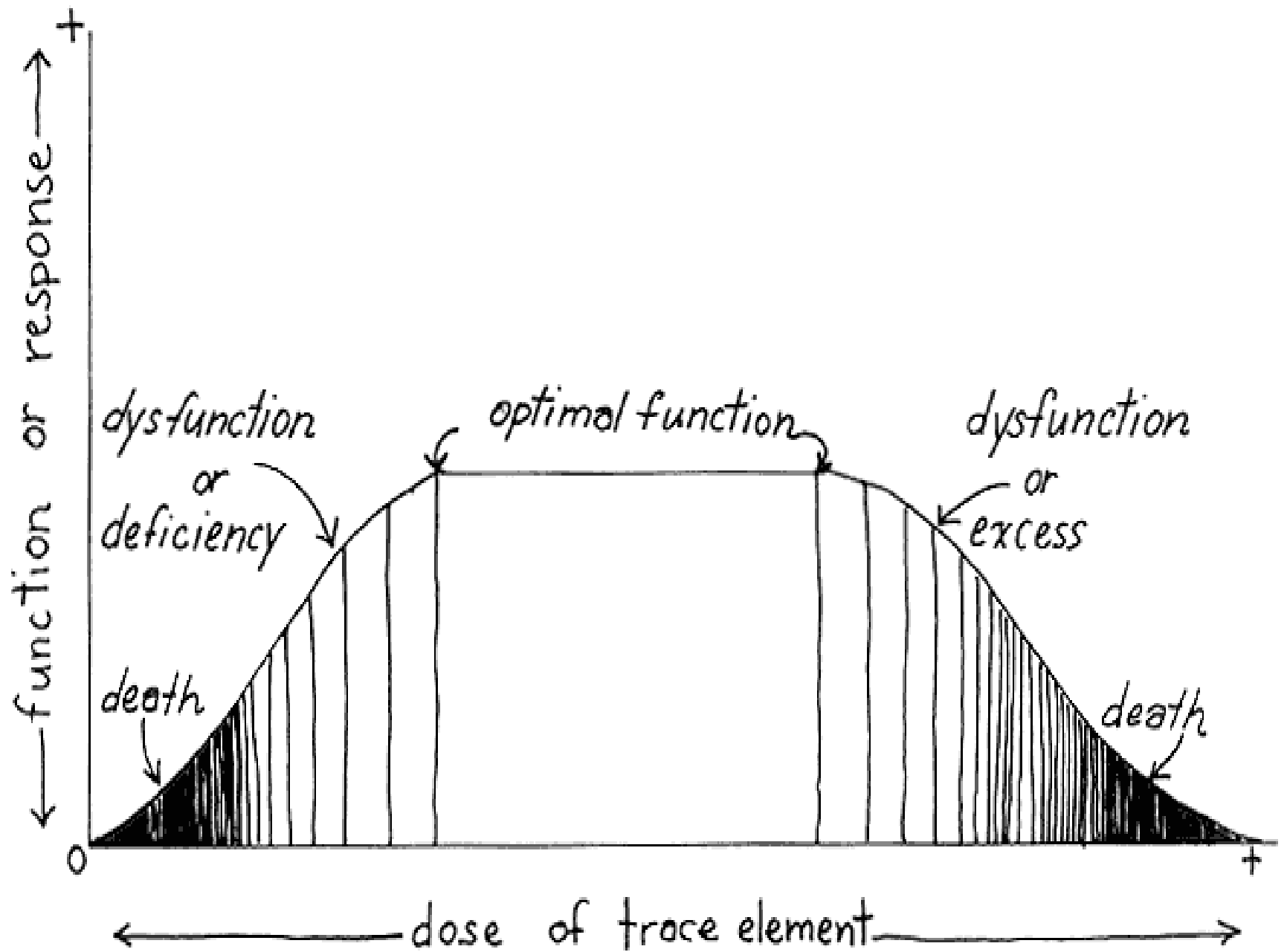
- Define Dose response curve, Graded dose-response curve and Quantal dose-response curve.
- Describe Graded dose-response curve and Quantal dose-response curve.
- Describe the limitations of graded dose-response curve and its remedy in a Quantal dose-response curve.
- Describe the significance of constructing dose-response curves.
- Explain the advantages of taking log dose values on the dose axis

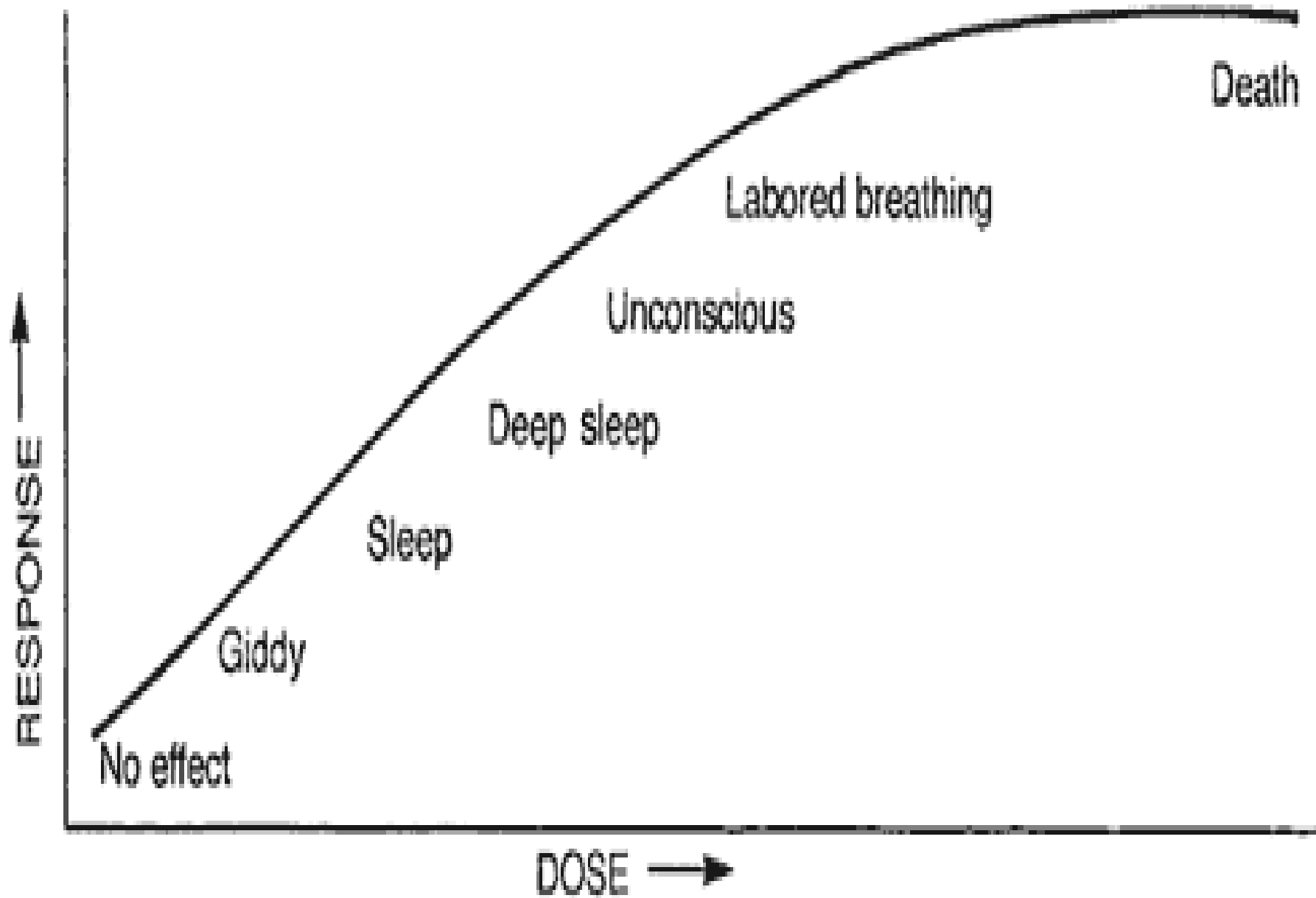


Relation between drug concentration & Response

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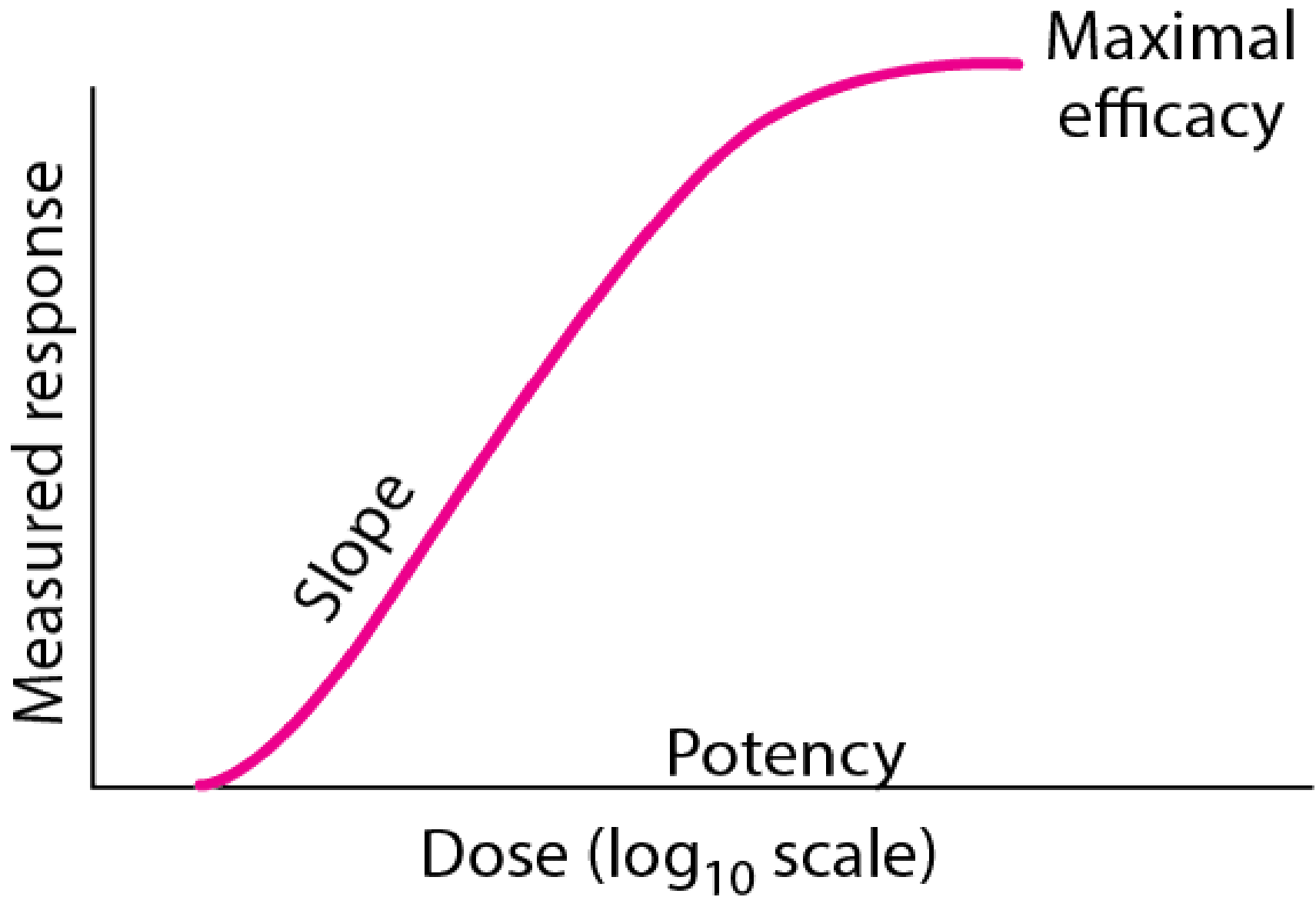
- Complex as observed clinically in patients.
- Simple in carefully controlled *in vitro* systems.
- It can be described mathematically & represented graphically.

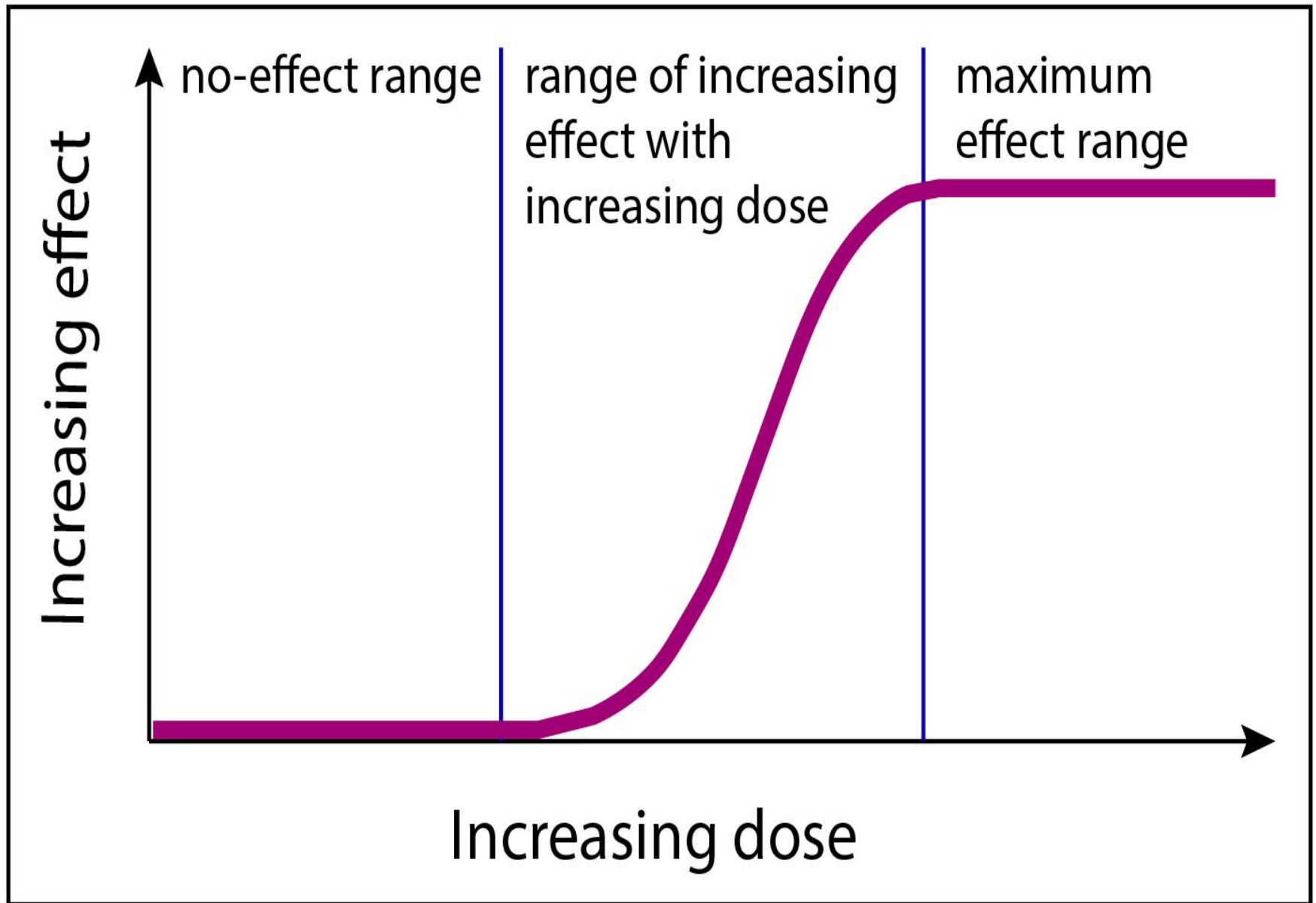




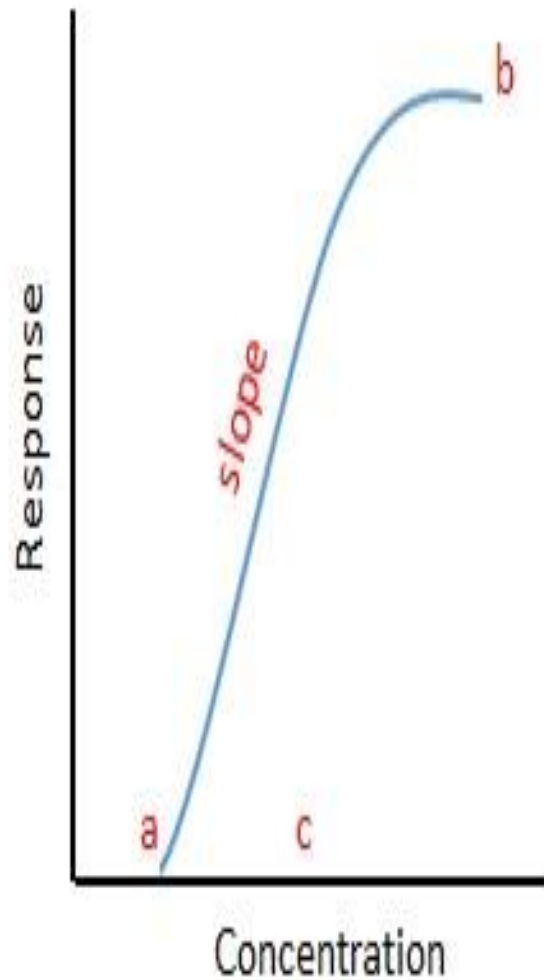
Dose-response relationships

- The relationship between the concentration of drug at the receptor site and the magnitude of the response is called the **dose-response relationship**
- Depending on the purpose of the the studies, this relationship can be described in terms of a **graded (continuous)** response or a **quantal (all-or-none)** response





1. A hypothetical dose-response curve



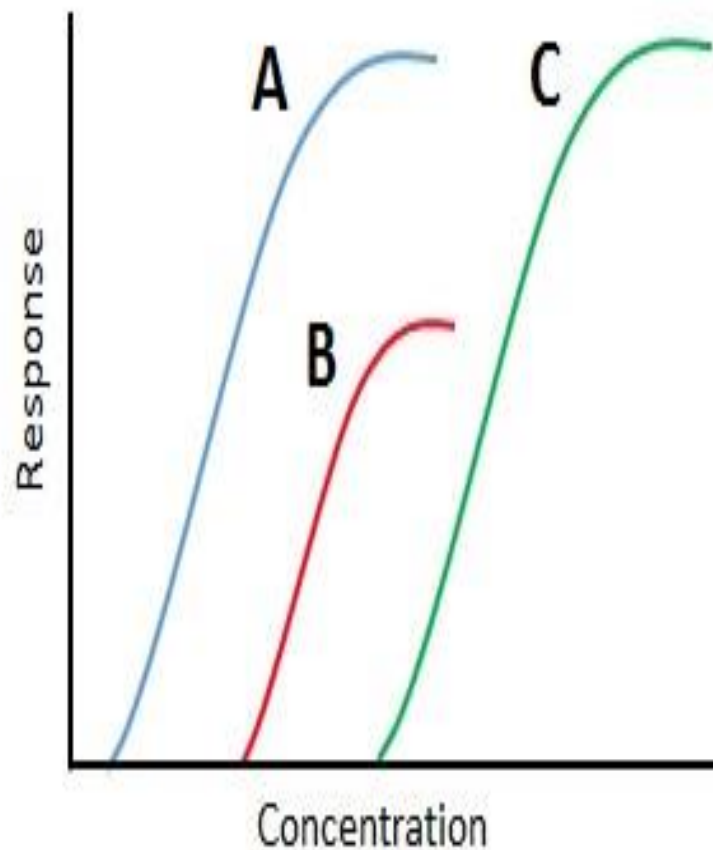
1. A hypothetical dose-response curve

Dose-response graphs typically have the dose on the X-axis and the measured effect (i.e. the measured response) on the y-axis. Plotting the logarithm of the concentration generally results in sigmoidal plots as shown on the left.

The main parameters that can be identified by dose-response curves are

- Potency- the position of the curve along the x-axis **a**
- Maximal efficacy- the greatest response attainable **b**
- Slope- change in response per unit dose (and half maximal dose **c**)

2. Comparison of dose-response curves



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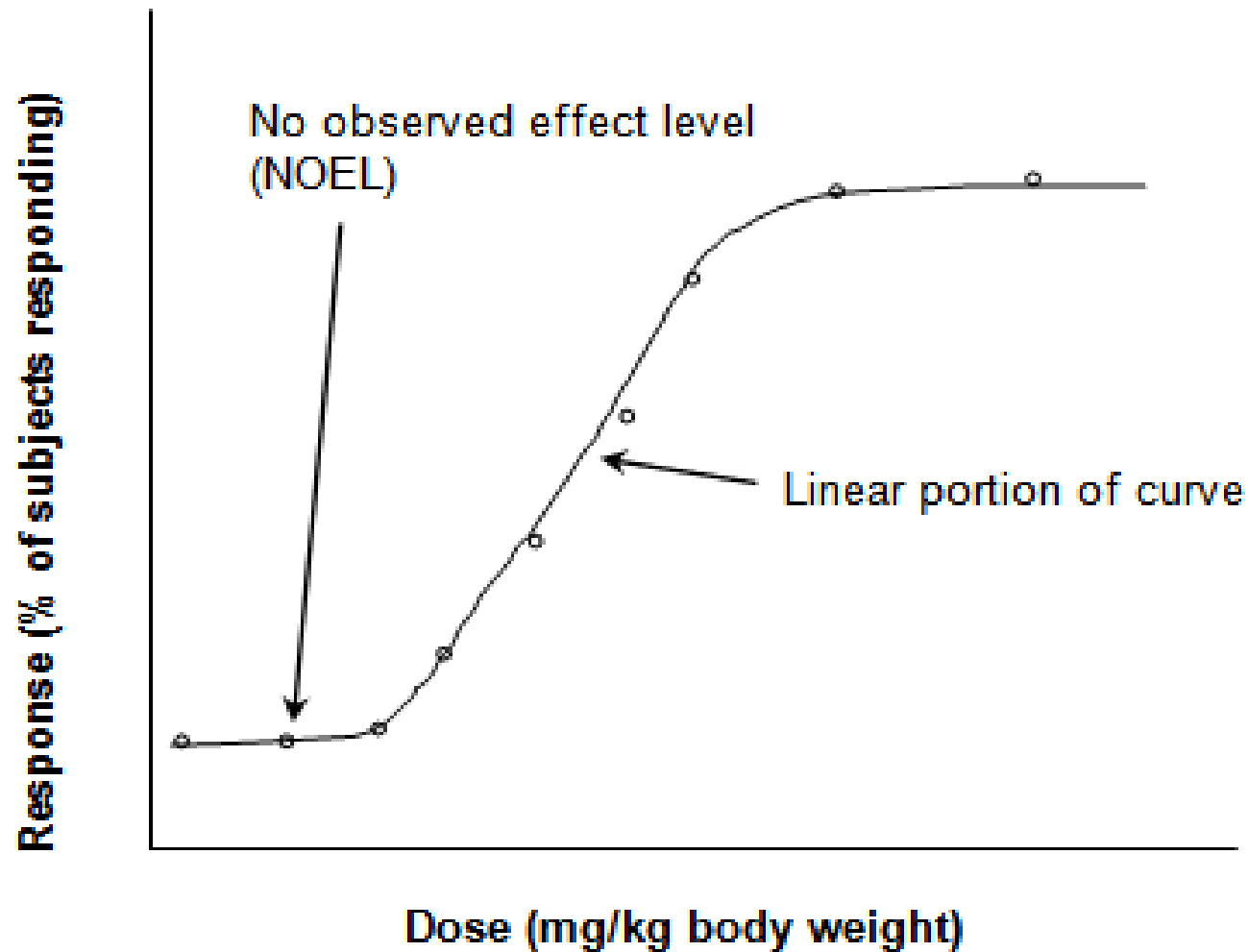
The pharmacologic profiles of individual drugs can be differentiated by comparing their dose-response curves.

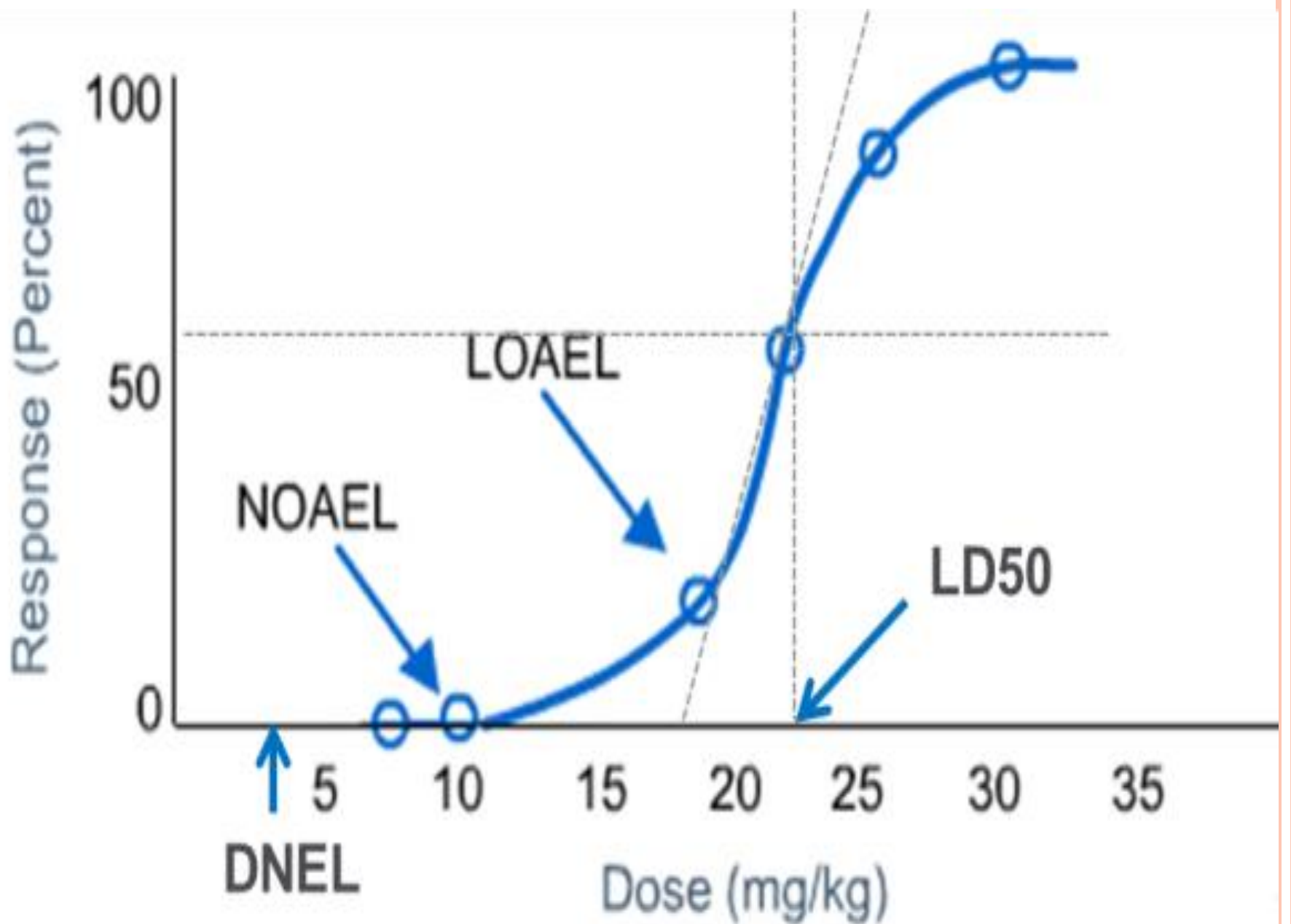
In the graph on the left, drug **A** has greater biological activity per dosing unit and is therefore considered to be more potent than drugs **B** or **C**- shown by its left-shifted position on the x-axis. Drugs **A** and **C** have equal efficacy- indicated by their maximal attainable response (ceiling effect). Drug **B** is more potent than drug **C**, but its maximal efficacy is lower.

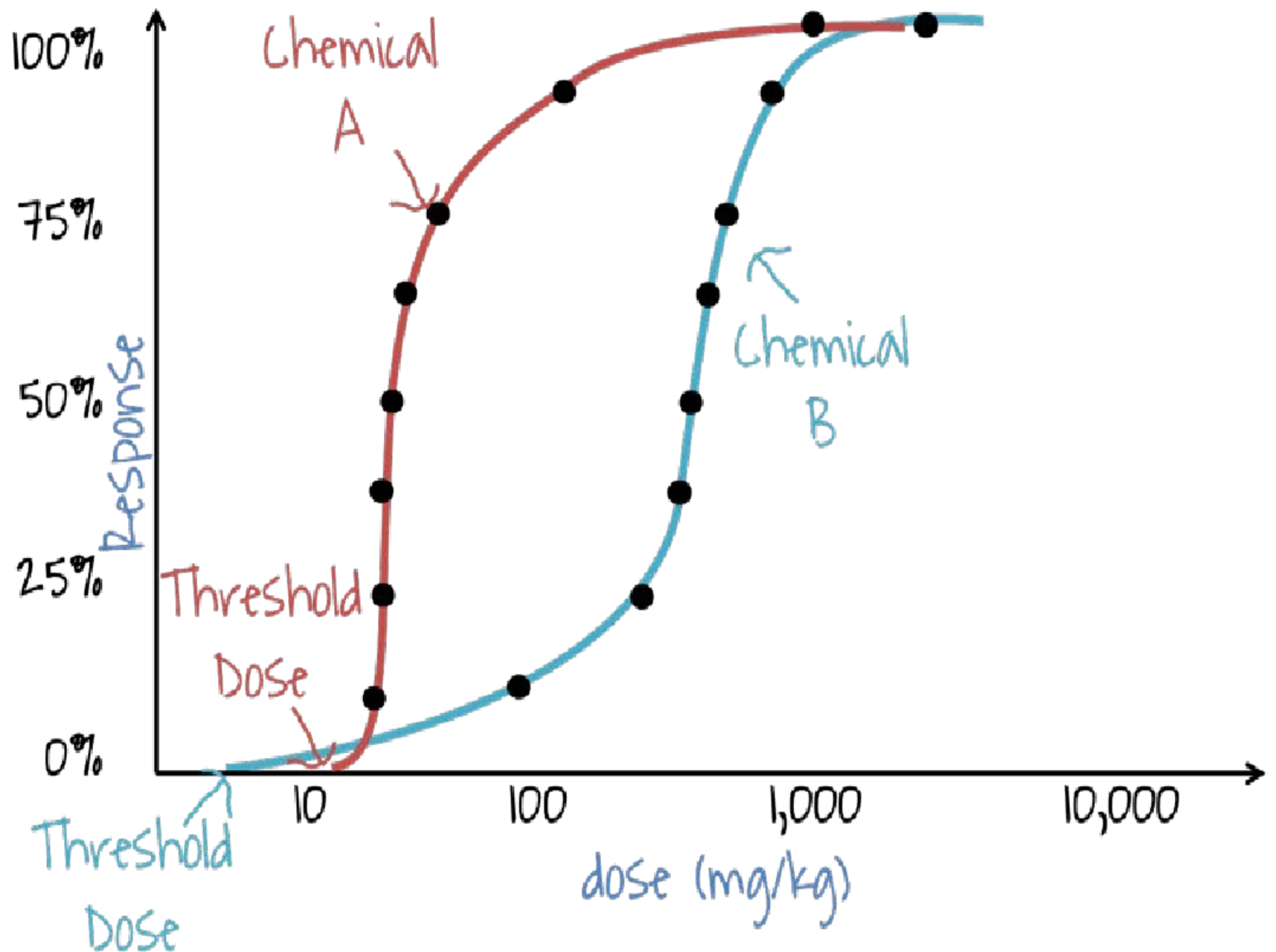
Shape of the curve

- A standard dose-response curve is defined by four parameters:
- the baseline response (Bottom),
- the maximum response (Top),
- the slope, and the
- drug concentration that provokes a response halfway between baseline and maximum (EC50).

Dose-Response Curve Showing a Threshold



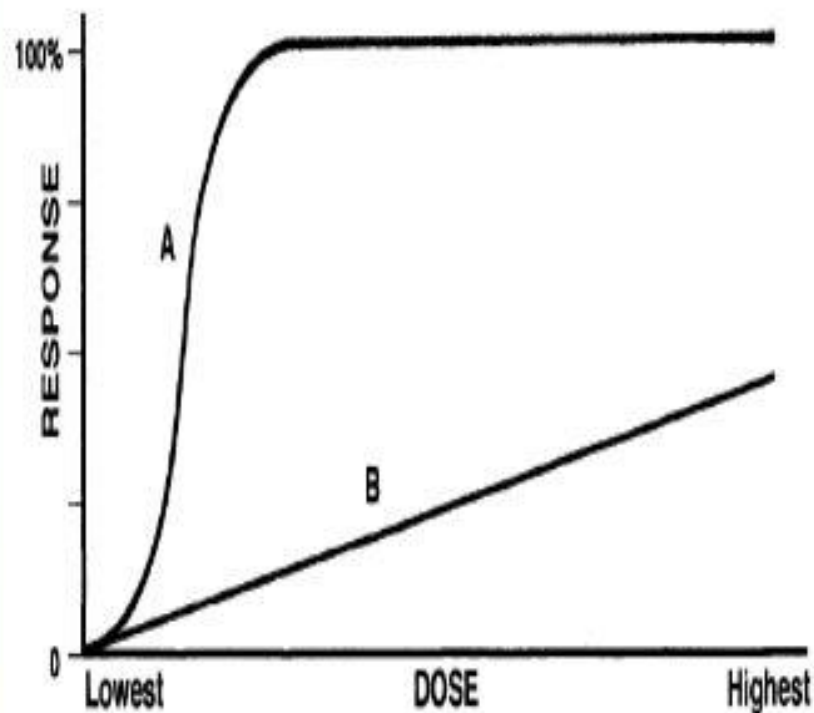




3 – The dose-response curve for hypothetical Chemical B is added, with a slope initially much lower than Che

■ A sharp increase in slope suggest increasingly higher risk of toxic response as the dose increases

relatively flat slope suggest that effect of an increasing dose is minimal



DOSE RESPONSE CURVES

- Bioassay/ Quantitative analysis

TYPES

- Graded dose response = hyperbola
- Quantal dose response = sigmoid
- Time dependent response

INTERPRETATIONS

- Steep rise = frusemide
- Early plateau = thiazides



Graded-dose response relationship

- The response to a drug is a graded effect, meaning that the measured effect is continuous over a range of doses
- Graded dose response curves are constructed by plotting the magnitude of the response against increasing doses of a drug (or log dose)

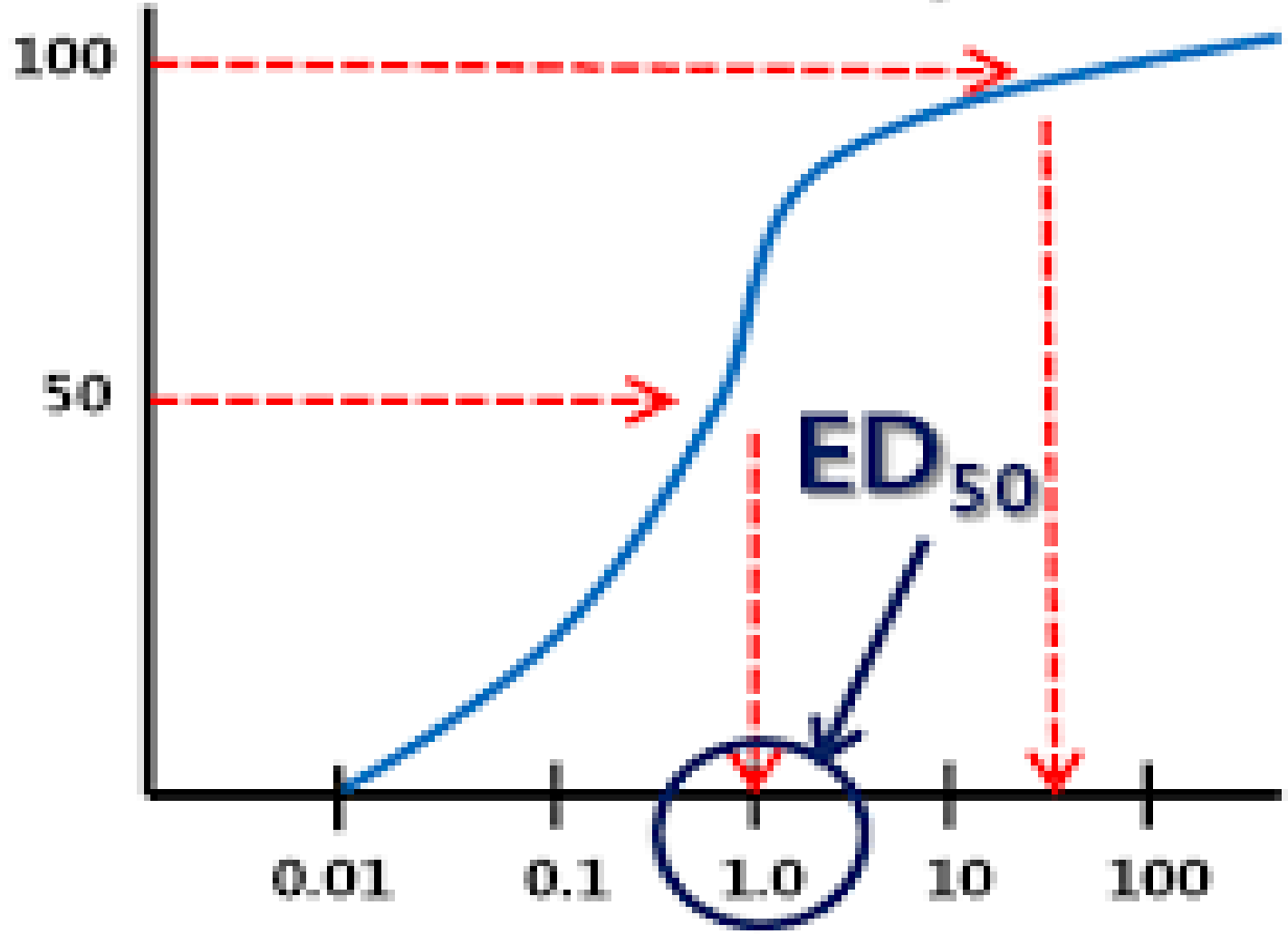
GRADED DOSE RESPONSE

- The response is ***elicited*** is expressed in terms of **Percentage of the maximal response**
- ***Plotted*** against the **Log dose of the drug**
- ***Illustrates*** the relationship among
 - Drug dose
 - Receptor occupancy
 - Magnitude of physiological event
- ***Obeys*** Law of mass action
 - $E = E_{max} * D / KD + D$
- ***Unmasks*** the spare receptors

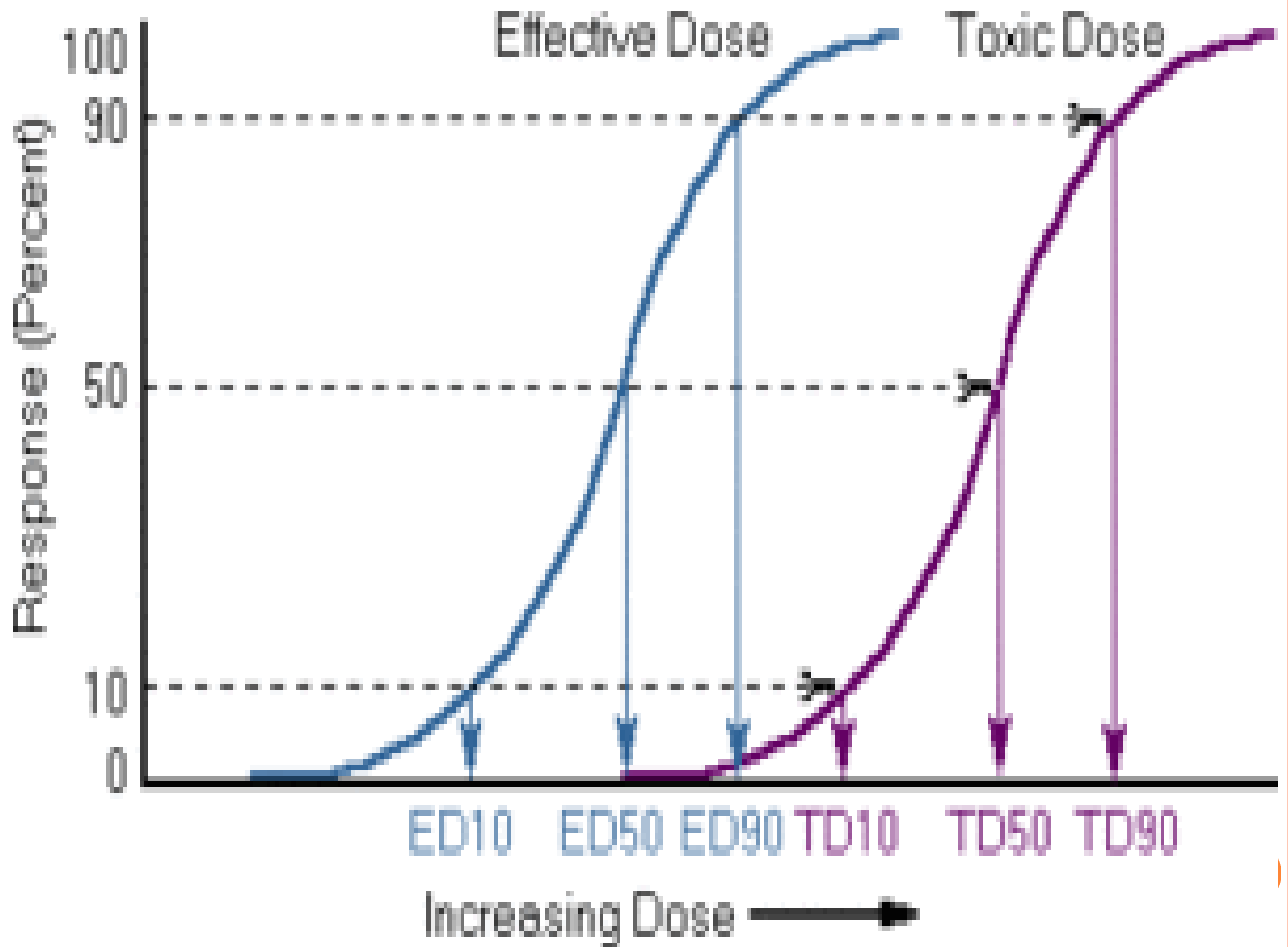


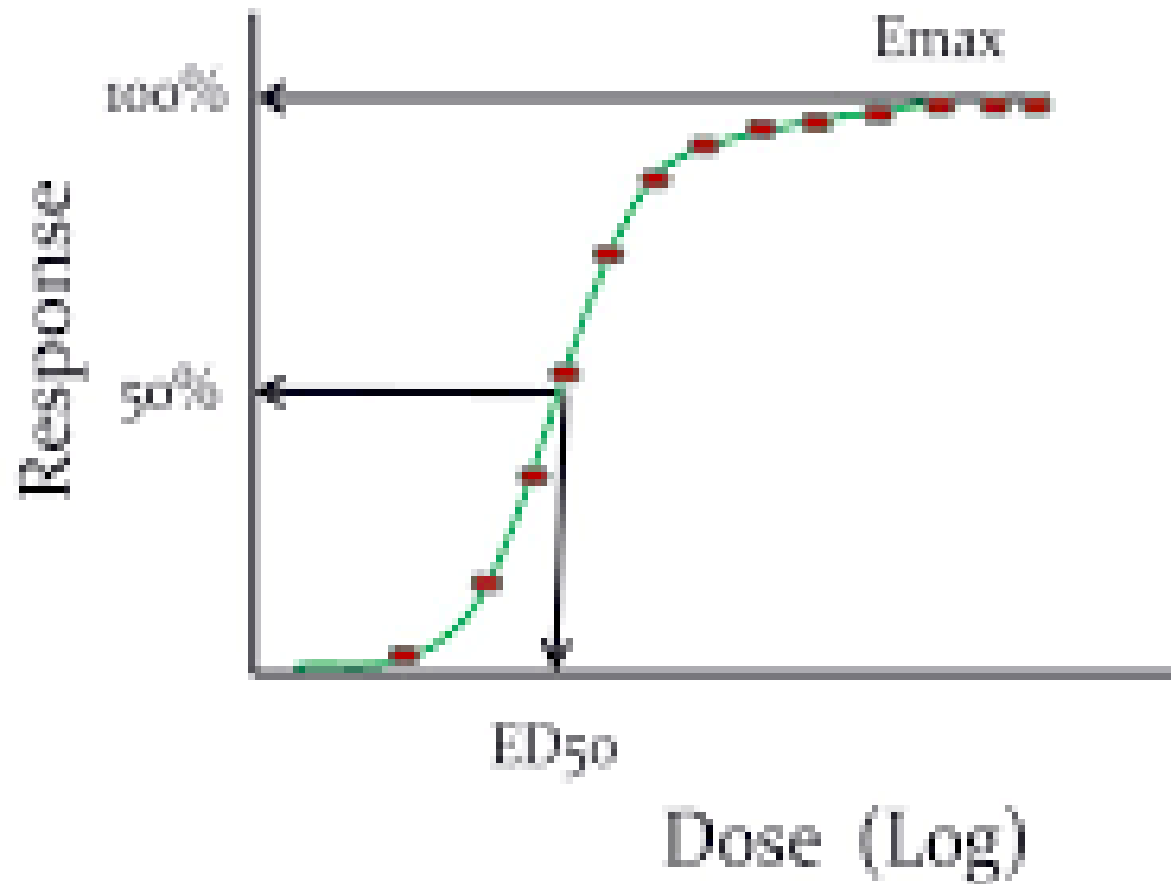
Maximum Response

% of Maximum Biological Response



Log Dose of Drug (units)



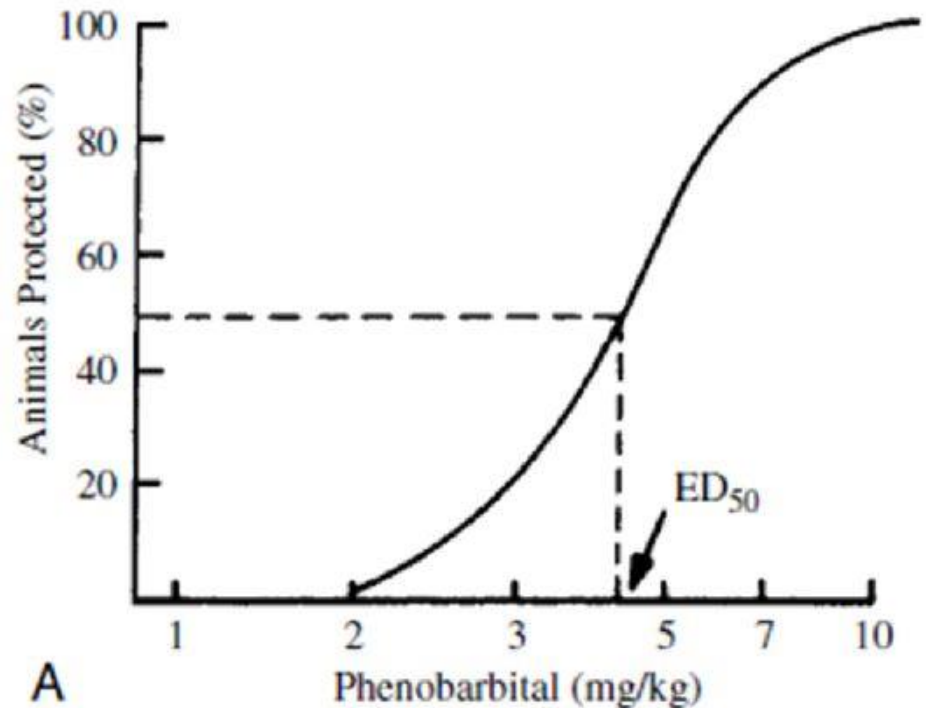


Graded dose response curve



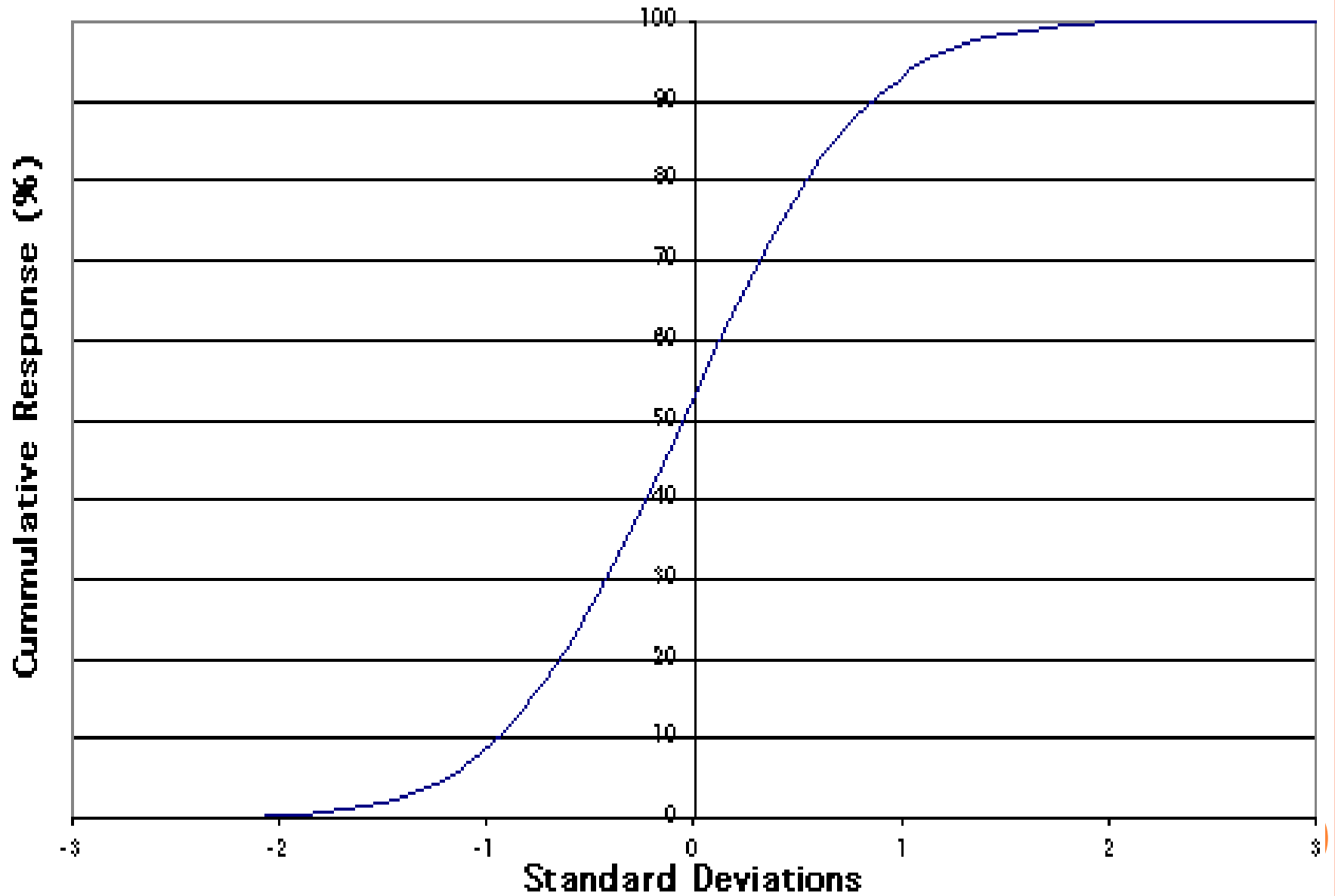
Quantal Dose-Response Curve: Effective Dose

- The quantal dose–response curve represents estimates of the frequency with which each dose elicits the desired response in the population
- This is done through the calculation of an ED₅₀, the dose that would protect 50% of the animals



A

Sigmoidal Cumulative Response Curve



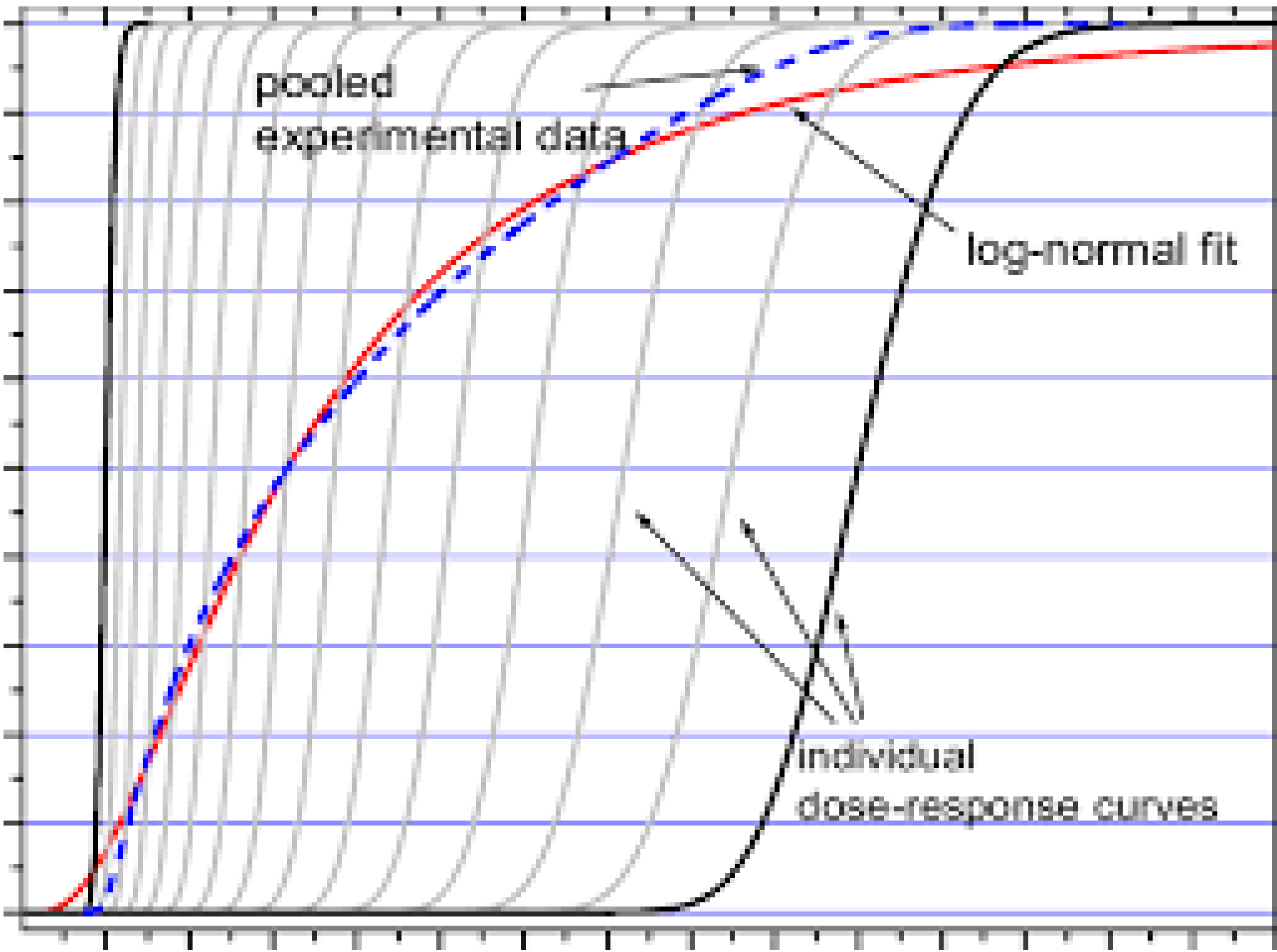
Quantal-dose response relationship

- ❑ The quantal (all or none) dose-effect curve often characterizes the distribution of responses to different doses in a *population* of individual organisms
- ❑ **Median toxic dose (TD_{50})**: the dose at which 50% of individuals/population exhibit a particular toxic effect
- ❑ If the toxic effect is death of the animal, a **median lethal dose (LD_{50})** may be experimentally defined
- ❑ **Median effective dose (ED_{50})** is the dose that produces a quantal effect (all or nothing) in 50% of the population that takes it

pooled
experimental data

log-normal fit

individual
dose-response curves



Difference graded-quantal

Quantal: *fraction* of animals responding

- e.g. 8 out of 20 = 0.4
- always between 0% and 100%
- no standard deviations

Graded: *degree* of response of the animal

- e.g. 85 eggs or body weight of 23 g
- usually between 0 and infinite
- standard deviations when > 1 animal

THERAPEUTIC USES



THE NEED FOR DOSE RESPONSE CURVES

- ❖ 'Drug Potency' and 'Drug Efficacy' used interchangeably
- ❖ However, they are **NOT** synonymous
- ❖ Refer to different characteristics of the drug.
- ❖ The two can vary independently: Easily demonstrated on curves
 - § Aspirin is less potent as well as less efficacious analgesic than morphine.
 - § Pethidine is less potent but equally efficacious analgesic as morphine.
 - § Furosemide is less potent but more efficacious diuretic than Metolazone.
 - § Diazepam is more potent but less efficacious CNS depressant than Pentobarbitone.



Both curves provide

Information regarding

- potency.
- Selectivity

But

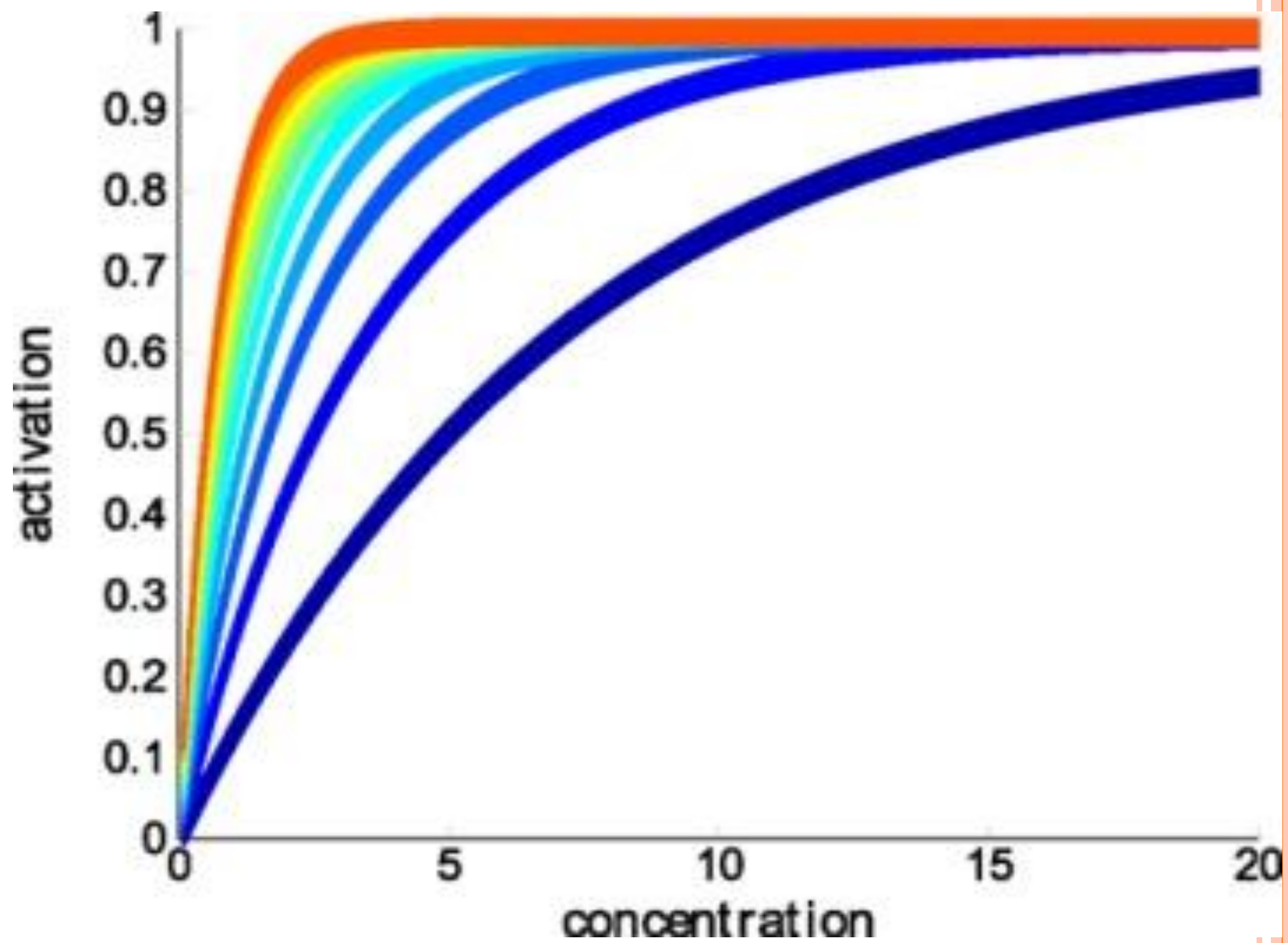
- **Graded dose response** curve indicates maximum efficacy
- **Quantal dose response** indicates potential variability of responsiveness among individuals

GRADED DOSE RESPONSE

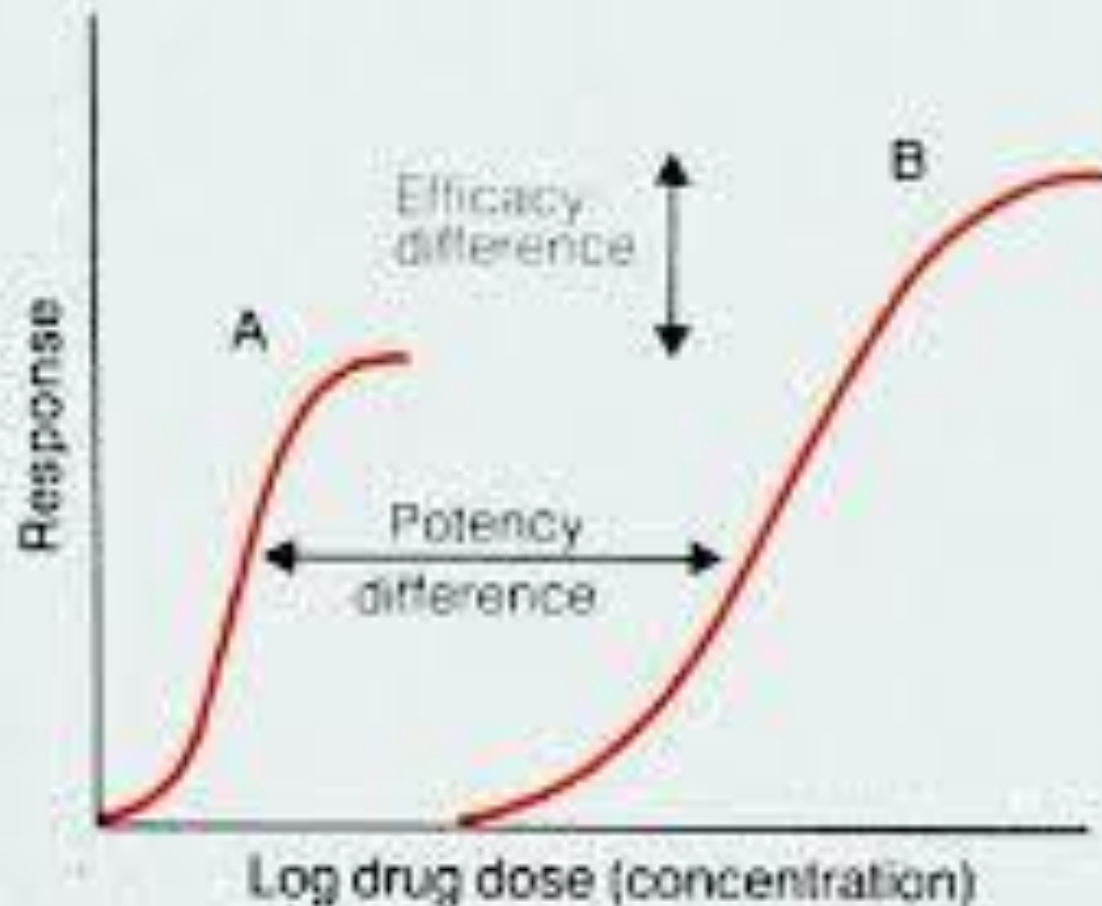
○ USES

- Maximum efficacy :::: **E_{max}**; the highest limit of dose response on response axis
- **Potency**: the smaller the E_{max} the greater the potency
- **Comparison** of relative efficacy and potency of drugs that elicit the same response





The difference between 'potency' (affinity) and 'efficacy' (activity)



**Drug response
(arbitrary units)**

250

200

150

100

50

0.001

0.01

0.1

1

10

100

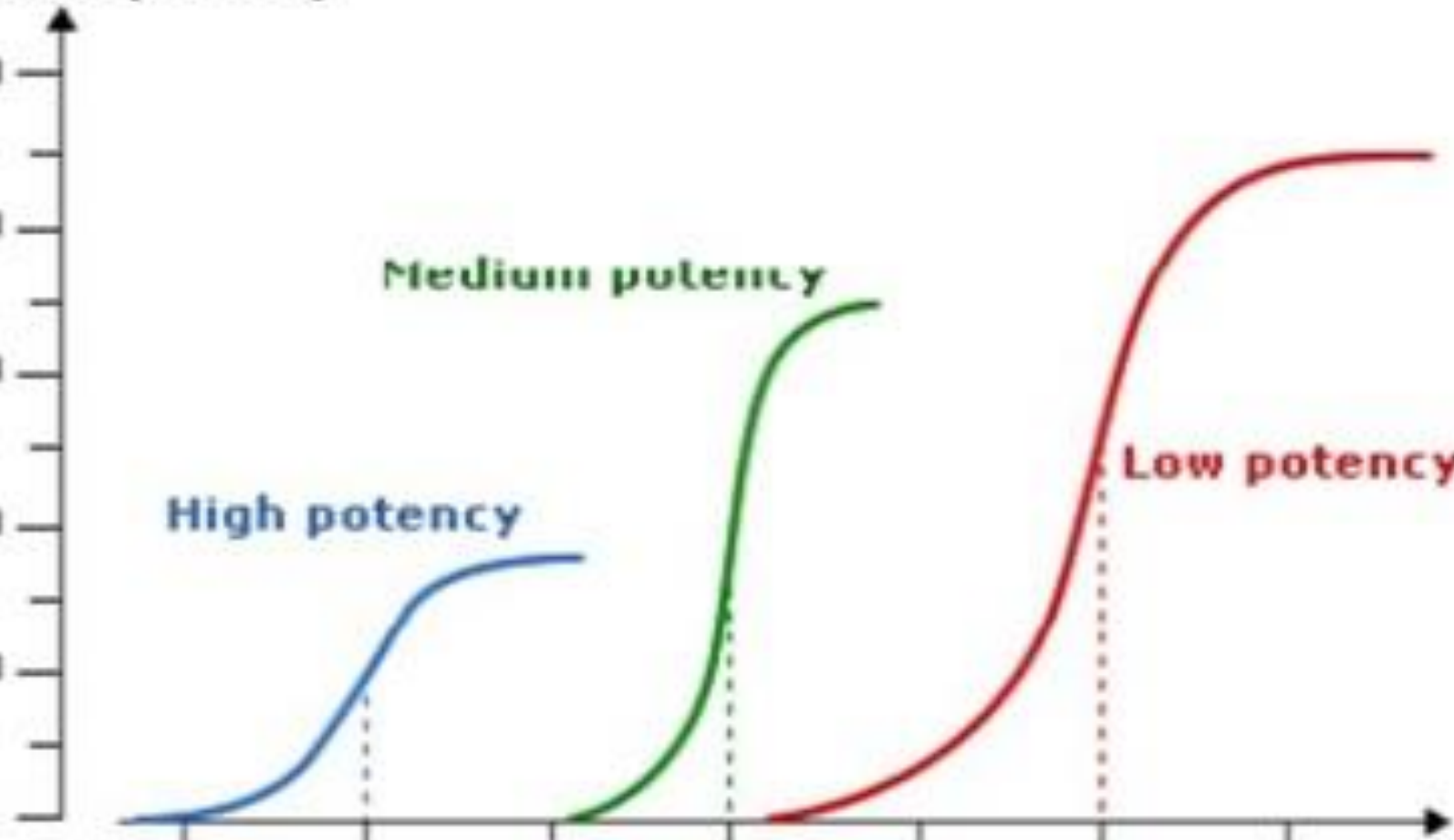
1000

Drug dose (mg/kg)

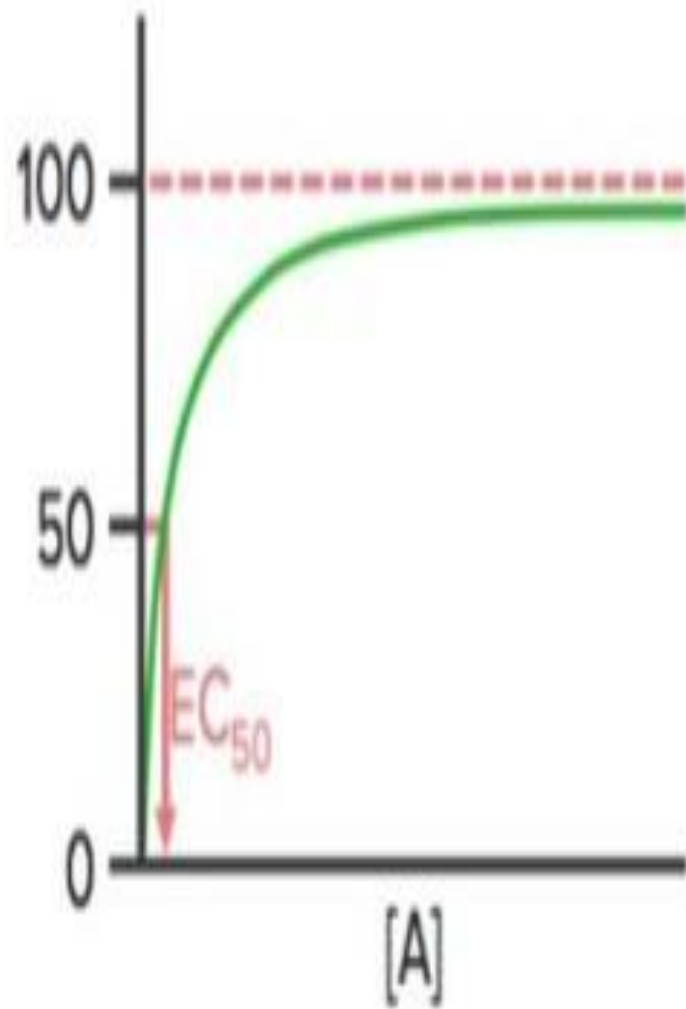
High potency

Medium potency

Low potency

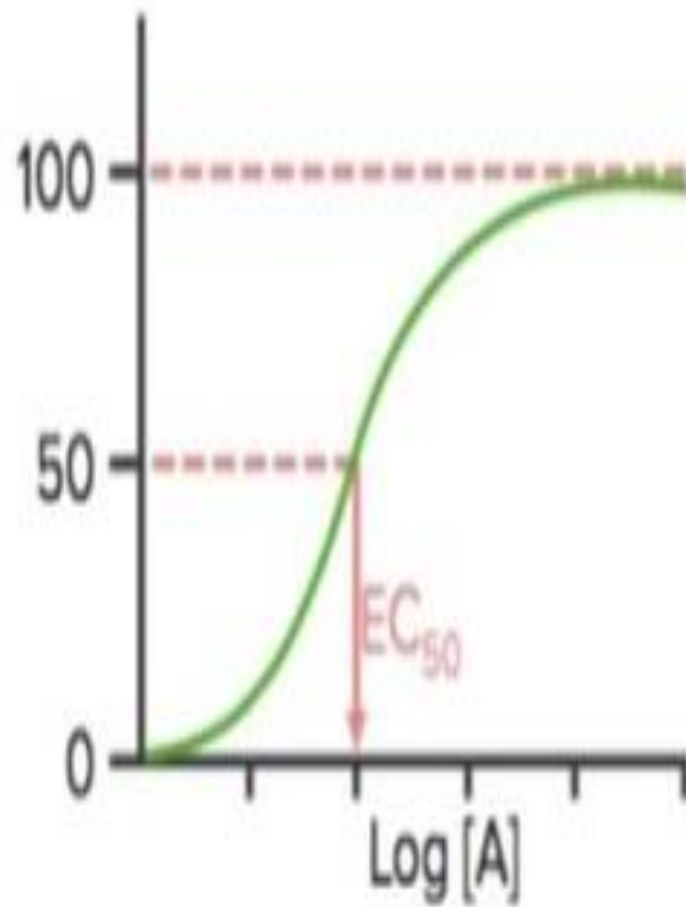


% Maximal response

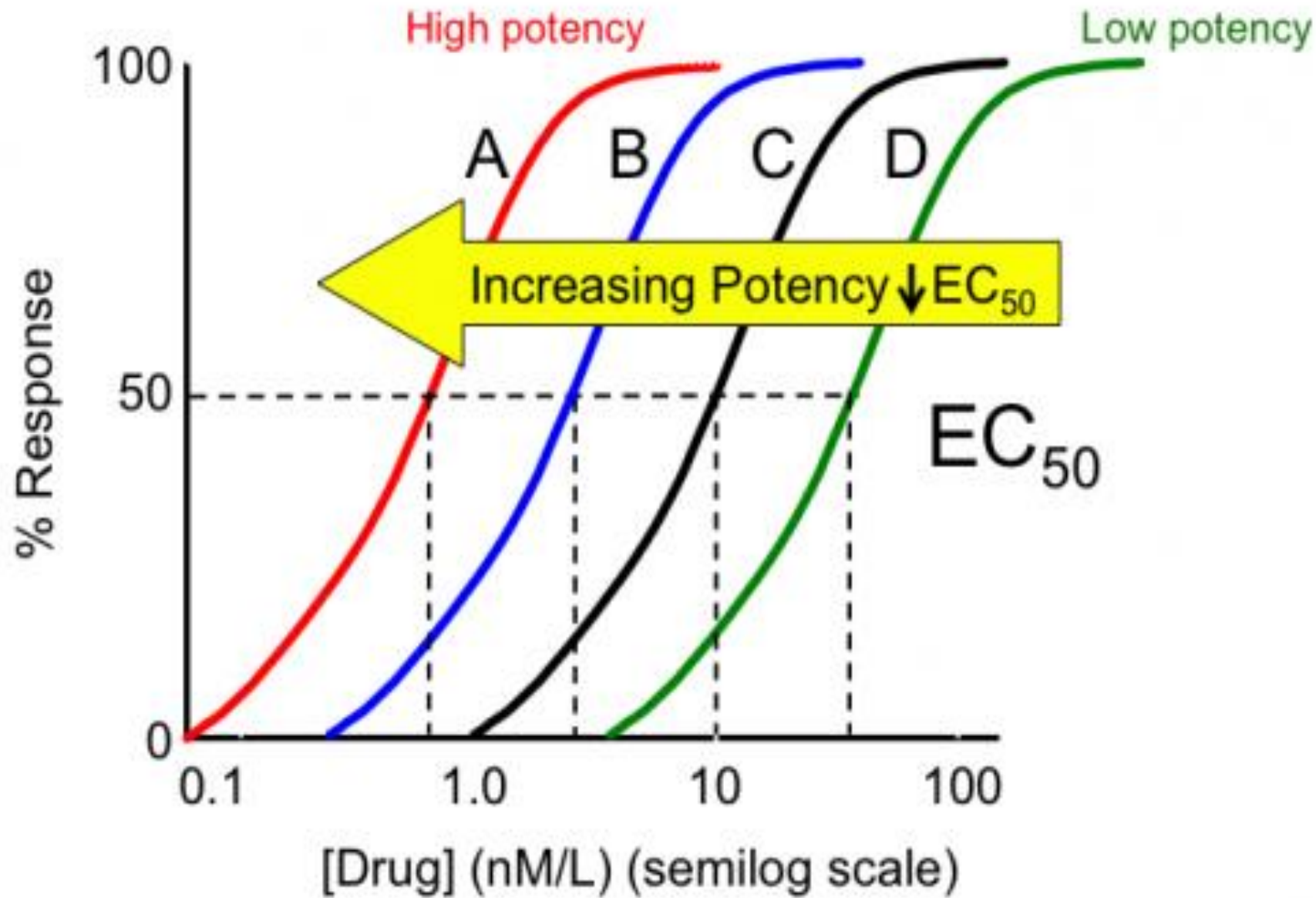


Dose vs. Response

% Maximal response



Log of dose vs Response



Quantal D/R curves used to define

- median effective (and toxic) doses,
- concept of “therapeutic index”
- the potential range of inter-subject variability in drug response.

THERAPEUTIC WINDOW

Optimal therapeutic effect exerted only over a narrow range of plasma drug concentrations or drug doses


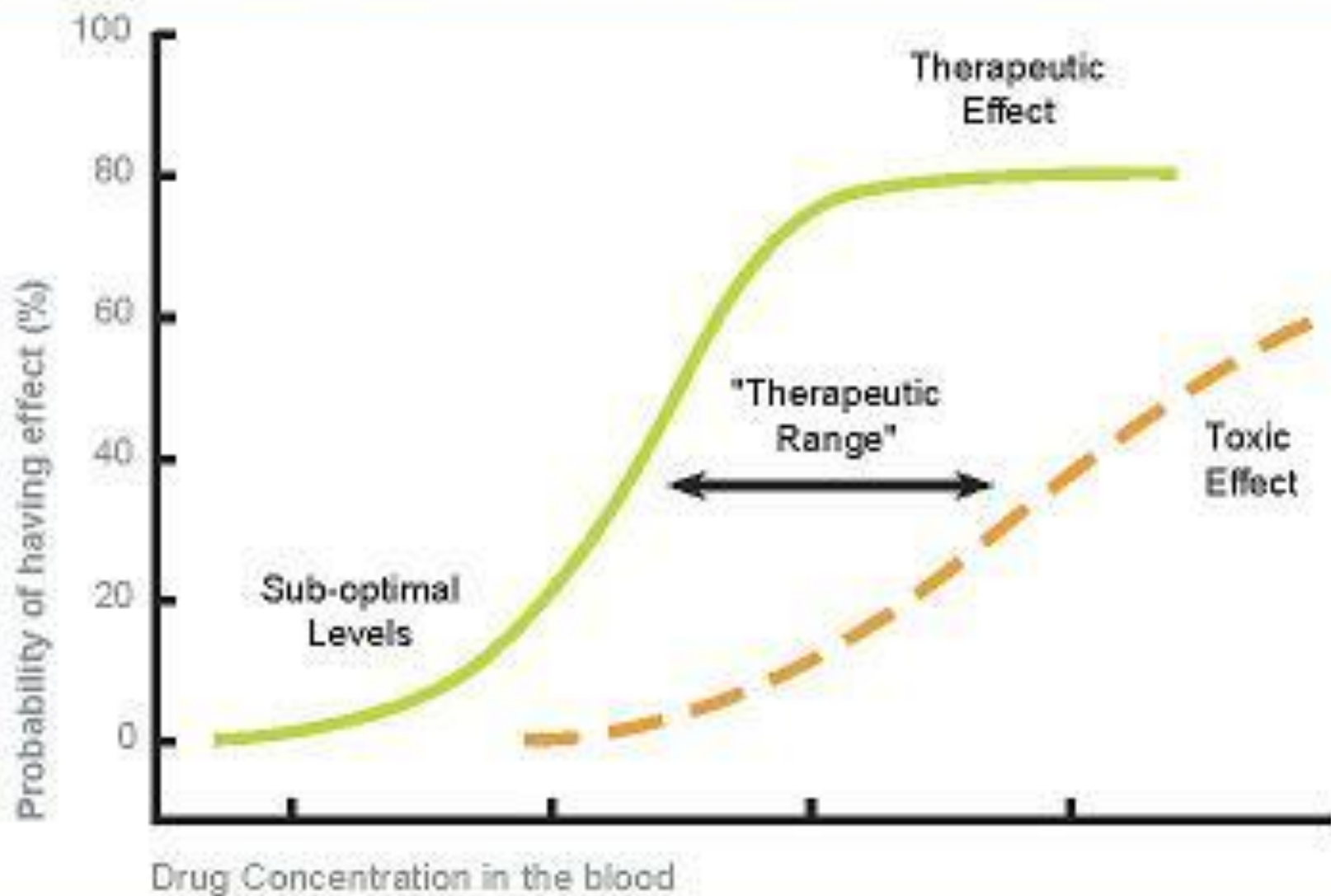
- Both below and above this range, beneficial effects are suboptimal,
 - § Tricyclic (Imipramine) exert maximal antidepressant effect when their plasma concentration is maintained between 50–150 ng/ml.
 - § Clonidine lowers BP over a plasma concentration range of 0.2–2.0 ng/ml; BP may rise at concentrations above 2 ng/ml.
 - § Glipizide exerts poorer glycaemia control at doses > 25 mg/day.
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Figure No. 1: THERAPEUTIC RANGE





Therapeutic effect

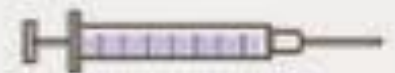
Toxic effect

50%

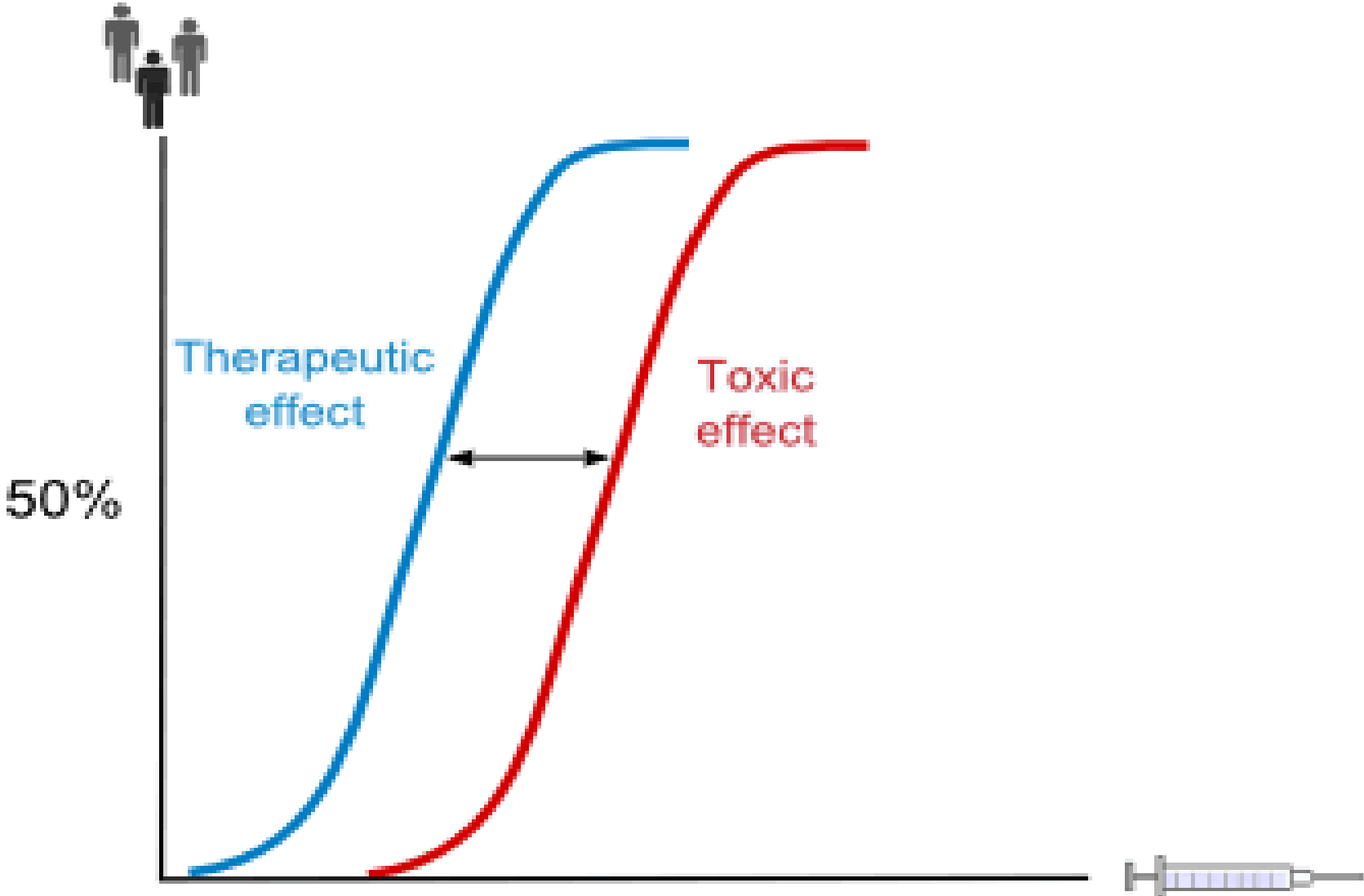
Therapeutic index

ED50

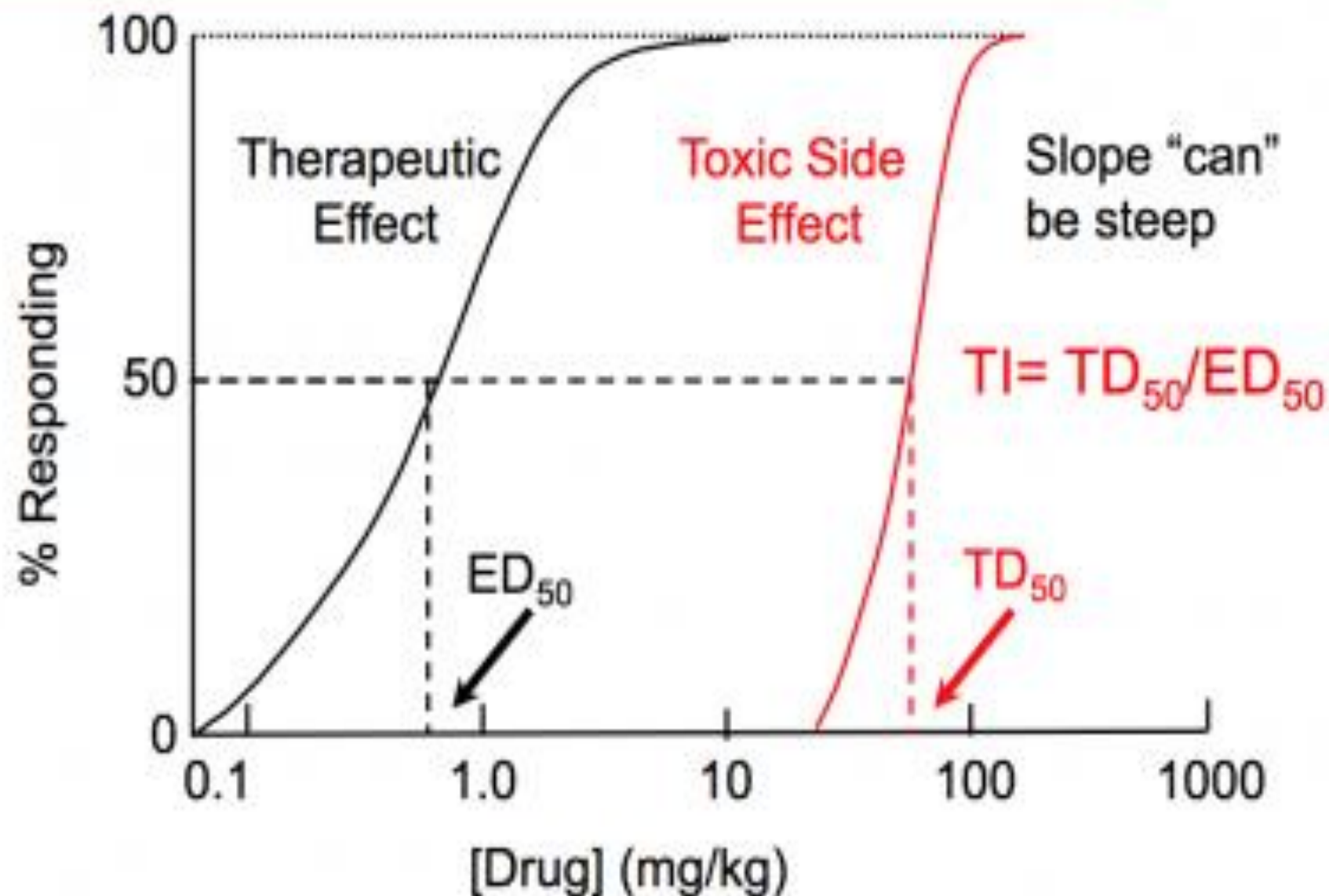
TD50



Narrow TI



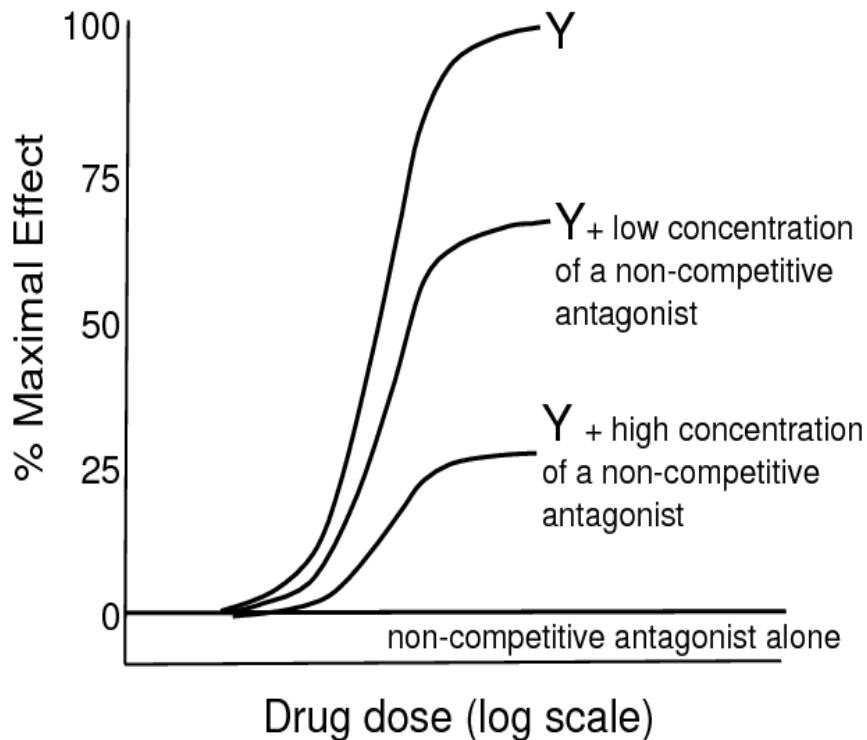
Drug Safety - Therapeutic Index



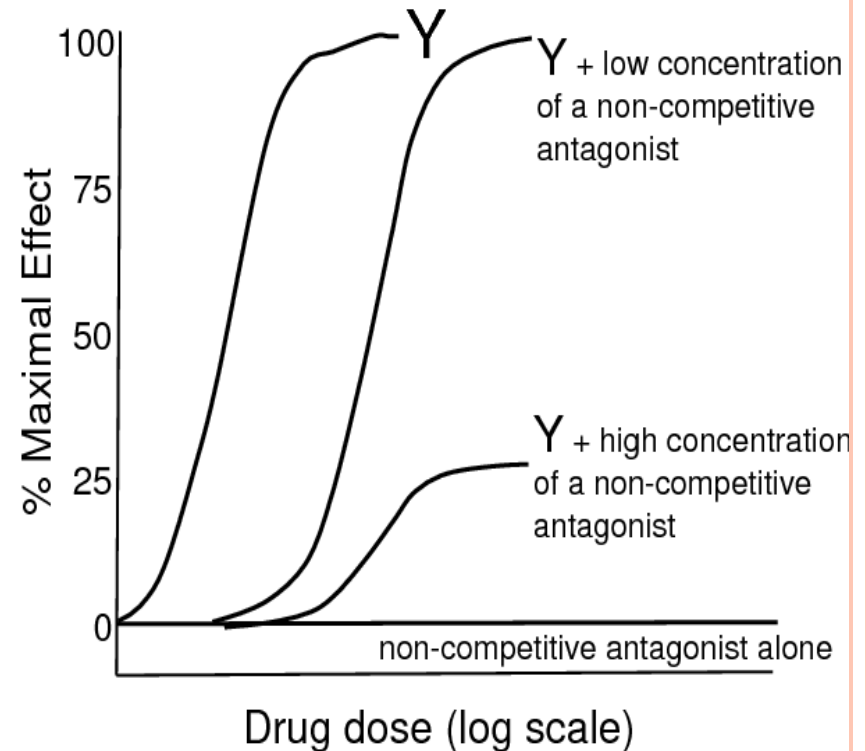
CHARACTER OF ANTAGONISM

Figure 2

Tissue 1



Tissue 2





The Log Dose-Response Curve

- **Advantages of expression as log versus response**
 - **Dose-response relationship expressed as a nearly straight line over a large range of drug doses.**
 - **Wide range of doses can be plotted on a single graph, allowing easy comparison of different drugs.**
 - **Use of log dose-response curves to compare different drugs which produce the same response**

Physiological Salt solution

Constituents	Frog's ringer soln.	Mammalian ringer soln.	Tyrode soln.	Krebs Henseleit salt solution	Ringer locke solution	De-jalon solution
NaCl	6.5g	9.2g	8.0g	6.90g	9.15g	9.00g
KCl	1.4g	0.42g	0.2g	0.35g	0.42g	0.42g
MgCl ₂	0.3g	----	0.1g	0.11g	----	---
MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	----	----	---	---	---	---
NaH ₂ PO ₄ .2H ₂ O	0.1g	----	0.05g	0.14g	----	----
KH ₂ PO ₄	----	----	----	----	----	----
Glucose	2.0g	----	1.0g	2.0g	1.00g	0.50g
NaHCO ₃	0.2g	0.2g	0.1g	2.10g	0.15g	0.50g
Sodium lactate	-----	----	----	----	3.10g	----
CaCl ₂	0.12g	0.24g	0.2g	0.28g	0.24g	0.06g

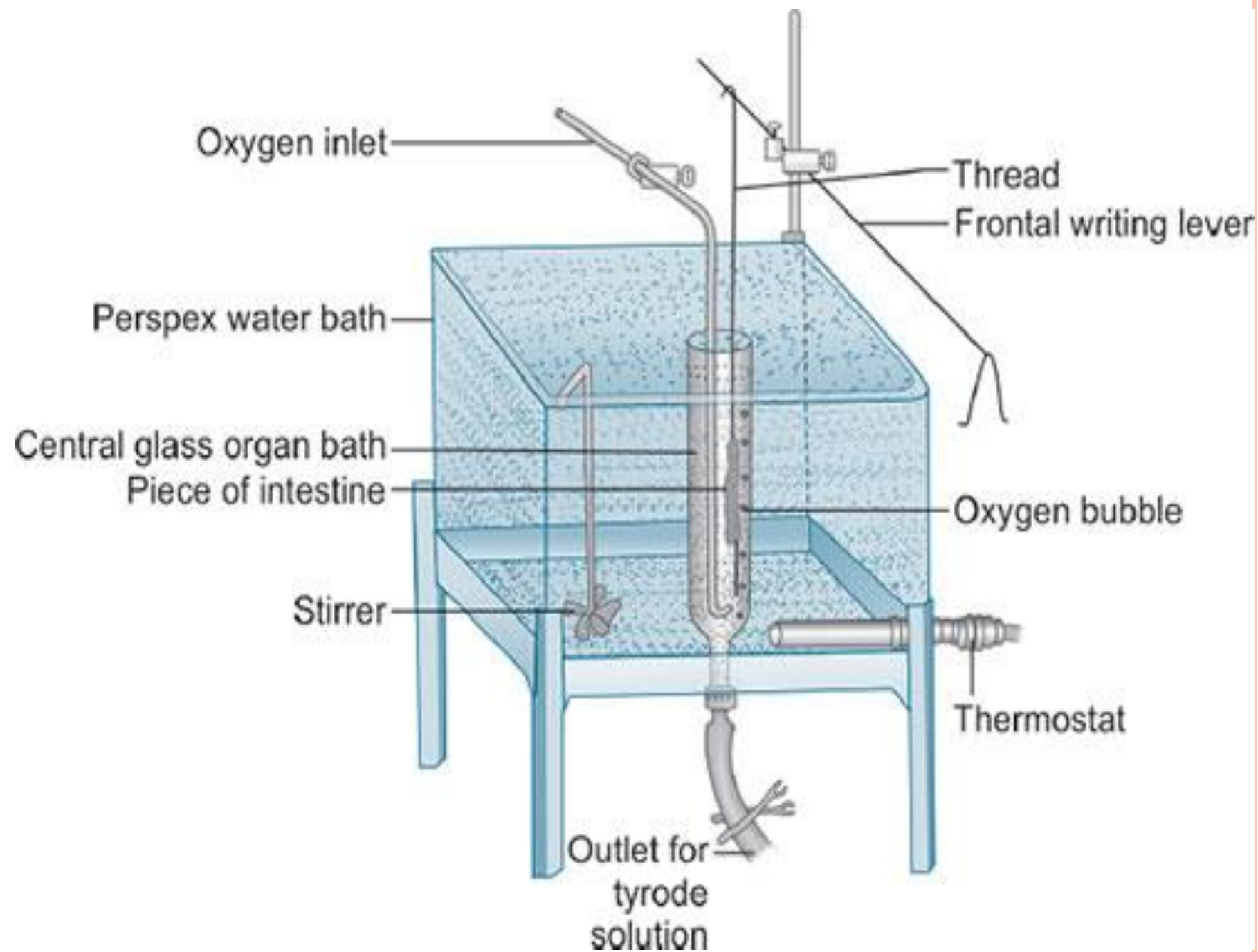


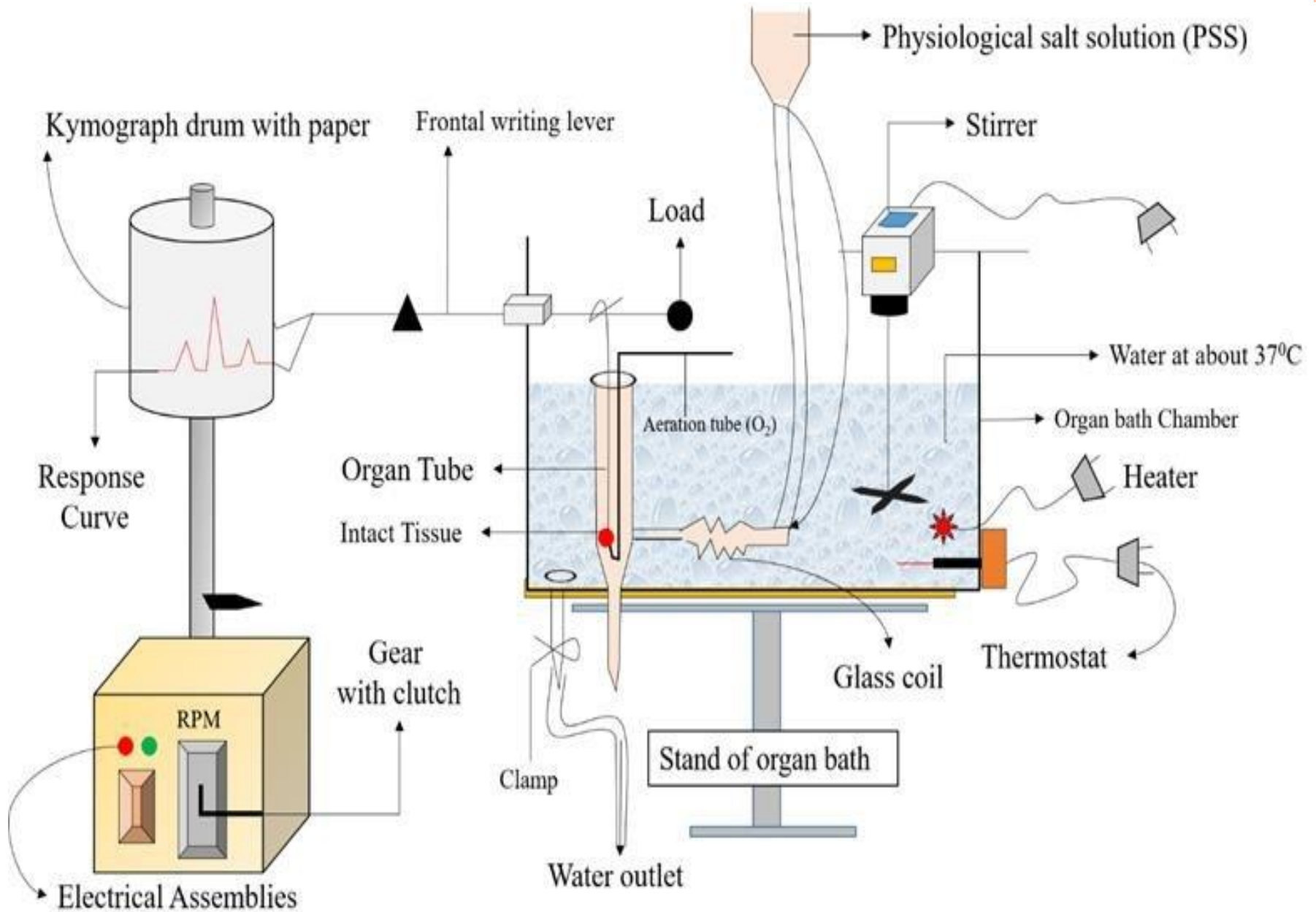
Preparation of Tyrode solution (PSS)

- Prepare 1 litre of Tyrode solution by dissolving NaCl (8.0 g), KCl (0.2 g), MgCl₂ (0.1 g), NaHCO₃ (1.0 g), NaH₂PO₄ (0.05 g) and glucose (2.0 g) in distilled water.
- MgCl₂ should be added at last.
- CaCl₂ (0.2 g) should be dissolved separately in distilled water to avoid chances of precipitation of salt.
- Mix CaCl₂ solution to the higher volume of PSS.

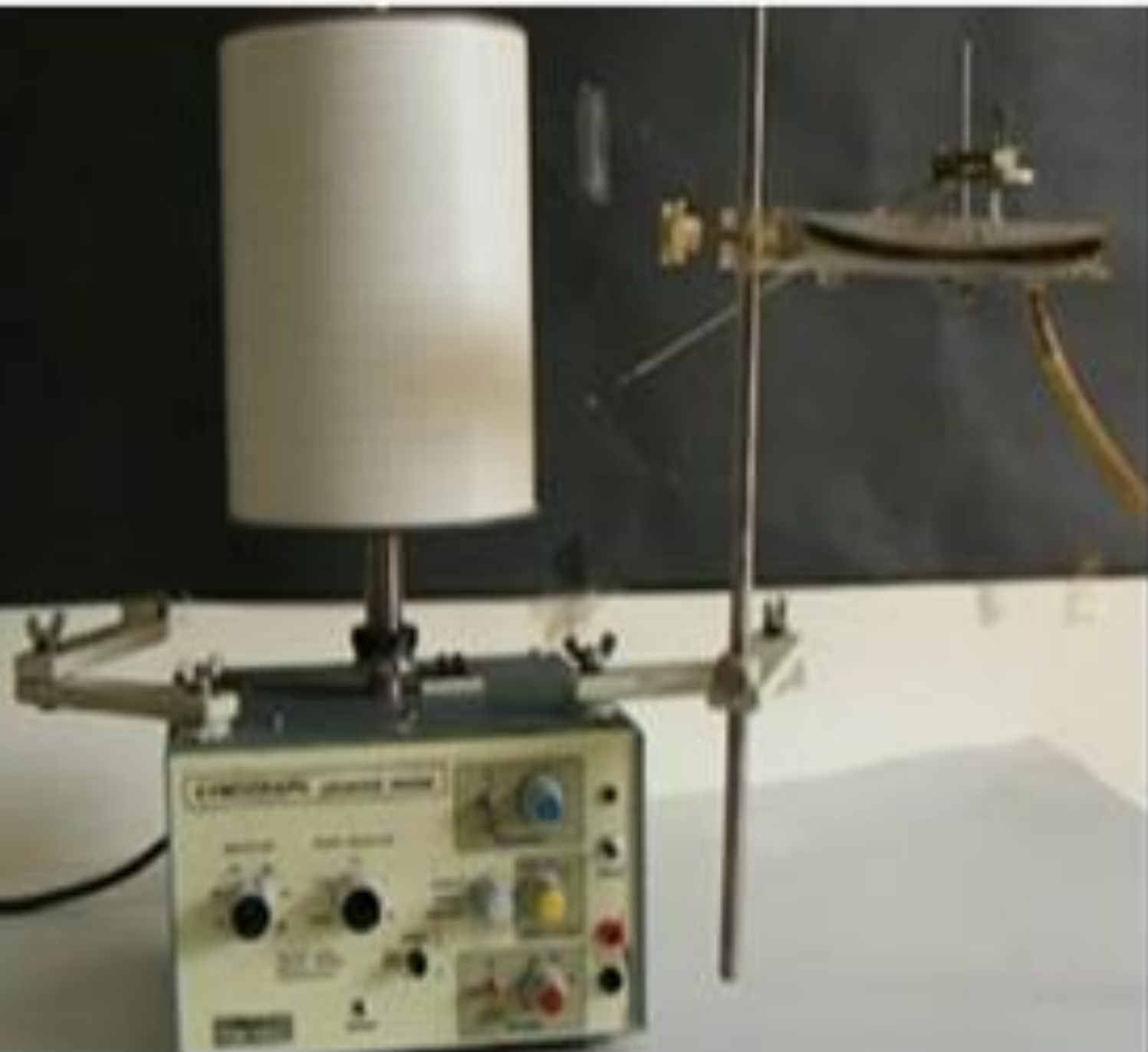
Tyrode[®] solution**K⁺-Tyrode[®] solution**

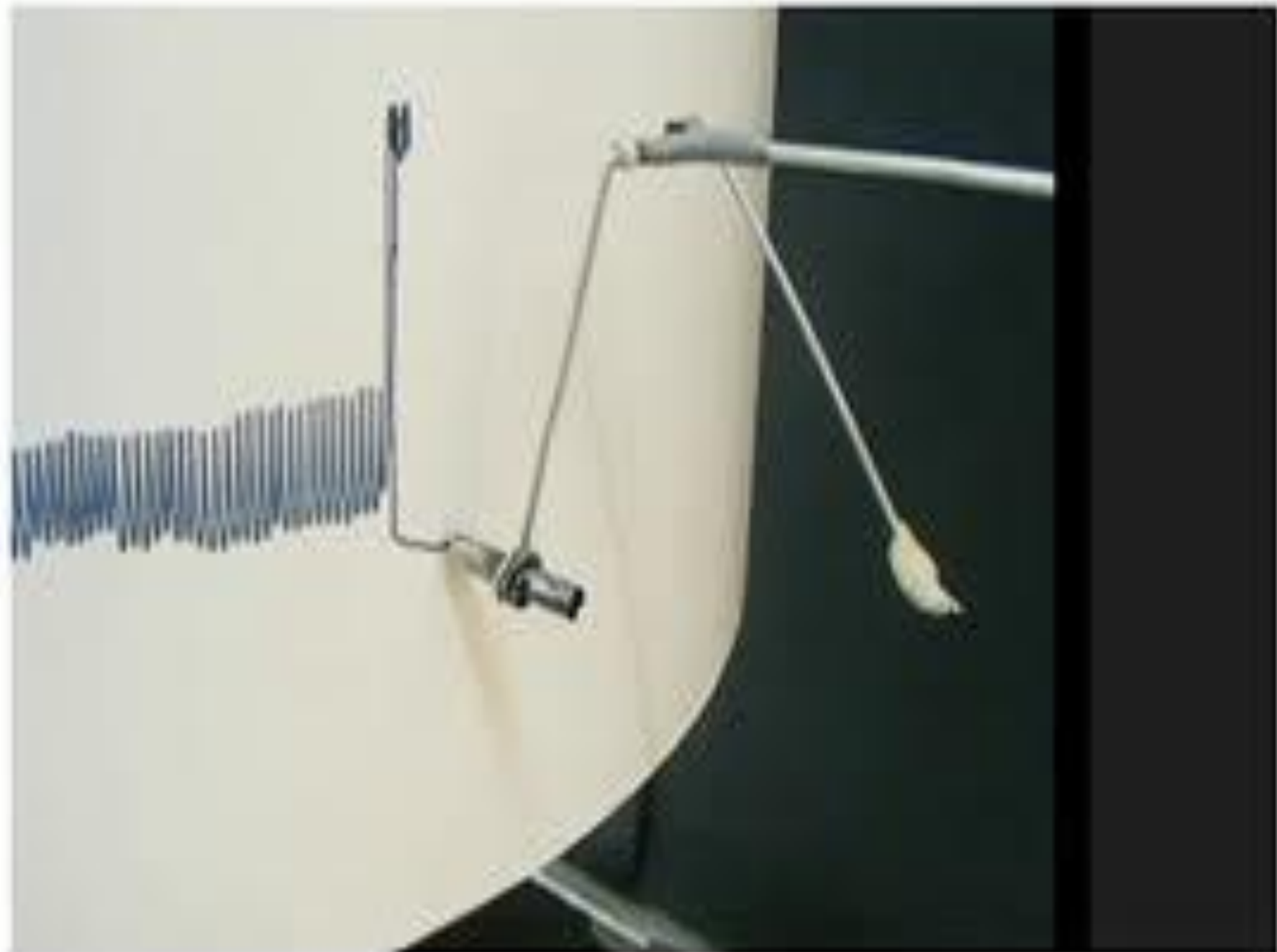
NaCl (mmol/l)	137.0	122.0
KCl (mmol/l)	5.0	20.0
CaCl ₂ (mmol/l)	2.0	2.0
MgCl ₂ (mmol/l)	1.0	1.0
NaH ₂ PO ₄ (mmol/l)	1.0	1.0
NaHCO ₃ (mmol/l)	12.0	12.0
Glucose (mmol/l)	11.0	11.0













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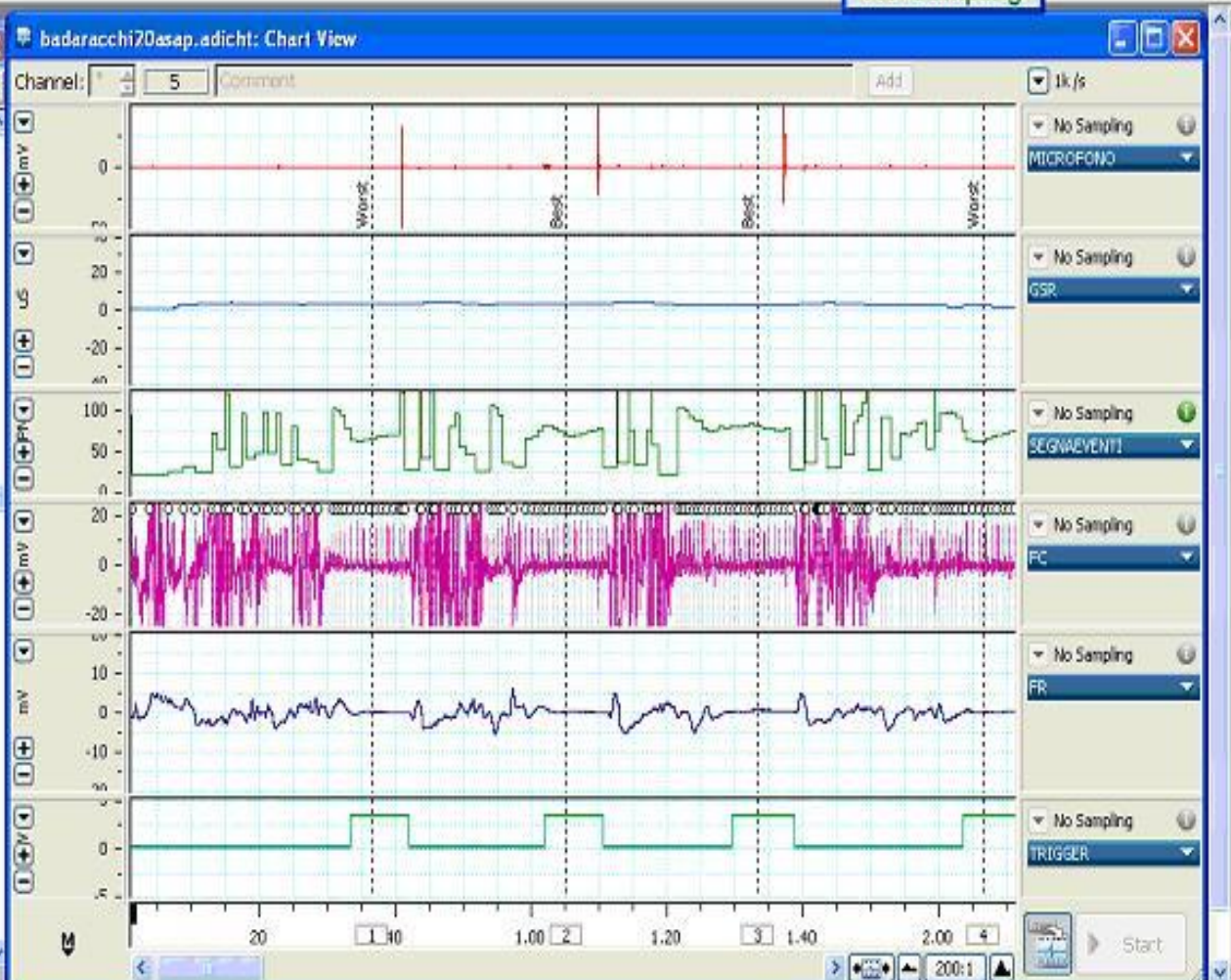
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