

**Dose Response Relationship:
Determination of the
 ED_{50} and LD_{50}**



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Dose Response Relationship

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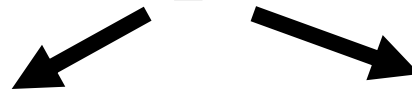
Drug

Mechanism of action

Response

Pharmacological
(Therapeutic Effect)

Toxicological
(Lethal Effect)



Types of Response



1. Graded Response

Duration of Sedation which depend on plasma concentration of the drug

e.g: **Diazepam**

5mg → 10 min.

10mg → 20 min.

2. Quantal Response

All or none response

Yes or No response

+ve or -ve response

e.g: **Ketamine**

1mg → No Anesthesia

5mg → Anesthesia

Quantal Response:

***Median Effective Dose (ED_{50}):**

The dose of the drug that produce **therapeutic response** in 50 % of the animals.

***Median Lethal Dose (LD_{50}):**

The dose of the drug that produce **Lethal response** in 50 % of the animals.

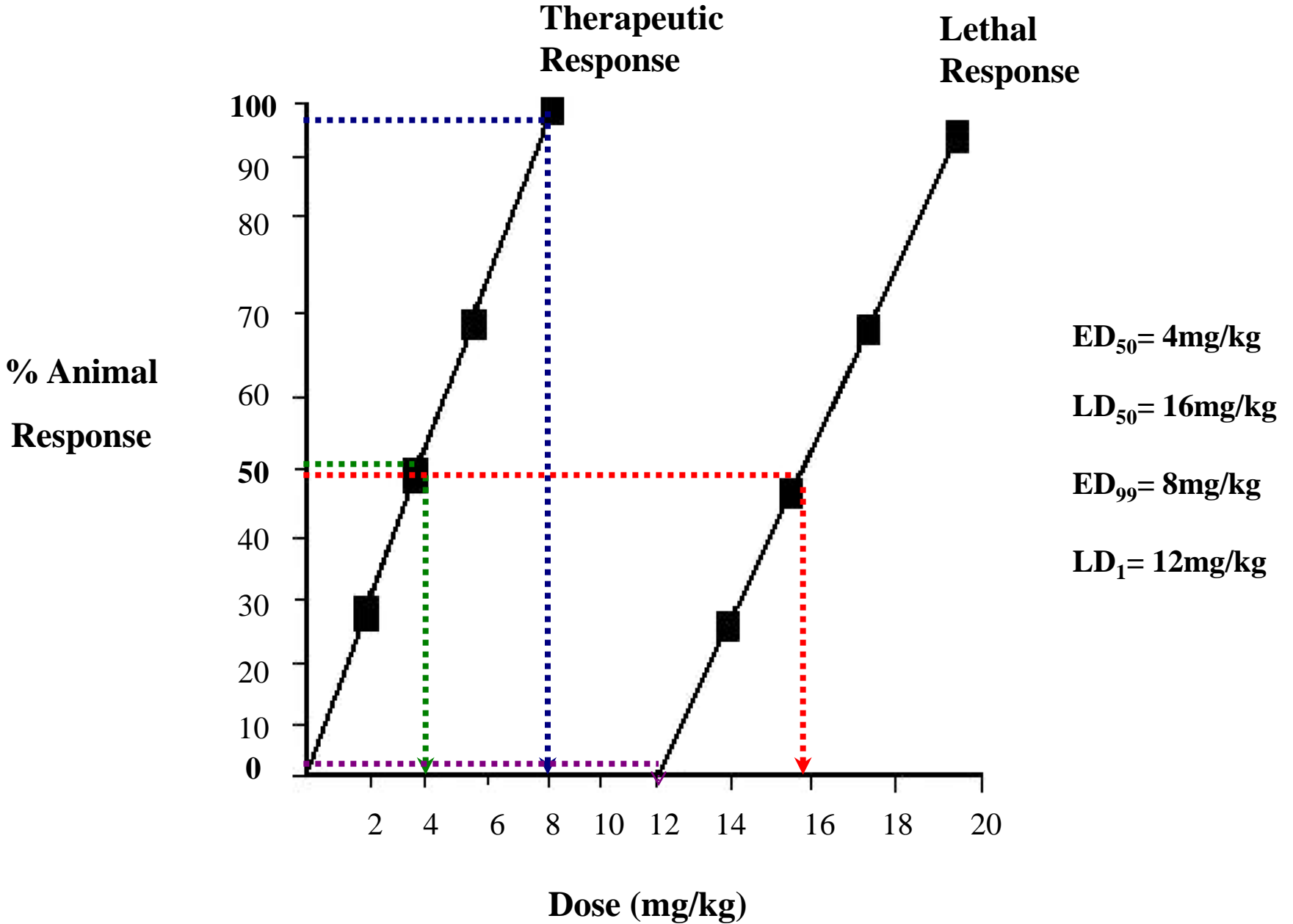
Advantages of ED₅₀ and LD₅₀:

- 1. Used in calculation of the drug safety.**
- 2. Used as first step in researches for unknown drug.**

Disadvantages of ED₅₀ and LD₅₀:

1. Time consuming.

2. Using of large numbers of animals to calculate it.



Drug Safety

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graph TD; A[Drug Safety] --- B[1. Therapeutic Index (T.I.)]; A --- C[2. Certain Safety Factor (C.S.F.)]; A --- D[3. Standard Safety Margin (S.S.M.)];
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**1. Therapeutic
Index
(T.I.)**

**2. Certain
Safety
Factor
(C.S.F.)**

**3. Standard
Safety
Margin
(S.S.M.)**

1. Therapeutic Index (T.I.) =

$LD_{50} / ED_{50} =$

$16 \text{ mg} / 4 \text{ mg} =$

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Multiplication of the **Effective Dose**
4 times to kill 50% of the animals

Note:

The higher T.I. \longrightarrow Safer drug

e.g.:

Drug A (T.I.)= 5

Drug B (T.I.)= 10

Drug B is more SAFER than drug A


2. Certain Safety Factor (C.S.F.) =

$LD_1 / ED_{99} =$

$12 \text{ mg} / 8 \text{ mg} =$

1.5

**Multiplication of the Effective Dose
1.5 times to kill 1% of the animals**



Note:

The higher C.S.F. \longrightarrow Safer drug

e.g.:

Drug A (C.S.F.)= 2.5

Drug B (C.S.F.)= 0.5

Drug A is more SAFER than drug B

3. Standard Safety Margin (S.S.M.) =
 $(LD_1 / ED_{99} - 1) \times 100 =$
 $(12 \text{ mg} / 8 \text{ mg} - 1) \times 100 =$
50 %

Multiplication of the **Effective Dose**
50% to kill 1% of the animals

Note:

The higher S.S.M. \longrightarrow Safer drug

e.g.:

Drug A (S.S.M.)= 100 %

Drug B (S.S.M.)= 30 %

Drug A is more SAFER than drug B

Question

Drug A:

$$LD_1 = 3 \text{ mg/kg}$$

$$ED_{99} = 1 \text{ mg/kg}$$

Drug B:

$$LD_1 = 160 \text{ mg/kg}$$

$$ED_{99} = 100 \text{ mg/kg}$$

Calculate S.S.M.? Which Drug is more **Toxic** than other?

Drug A

Dose Mg/kg	No. used	No. anesthetized	% anesthesia	No. died	% death
1	10	2	20	0	0
2	10	6	60	0	0
3	10	8	80	0	0
4	10	10	100	0	0
5	10	0	0	0	0
6	10	0	0	1	10
7	10	0	0	2	20
8	10	0	0	4	40
9	10	0	0	8	80
10	10	0	0	10	100

Drug B

Dose Mg/kg	No. used	No. anesthetized	% anesthesia	No. died	% death
10	10	0	0	0	0
20	10	2	20	0	0
40	10	4	40	0	0
80	10	6	60	0	0
120	10	10	100	0	0
140	10	0	0	2	20
160	10	0	0	4	40
180	10	0	0	6	60
200	10	0	0	8	80
220	10	0	0	10	100

1. Find: ED_{50} , LD_{50} , ED_{99} and LD_1 ? 2. Calculate: T.I., C.S.F. and S.S.M.? 3. Which drug is SAFER, A or B?