

# AUC CALCULATION- ORAL



#### What is AUC?

- Area under the conc. curve (AUC) is a measure of the total systemic exposure of a drug
- AUC can be calculated from concentration-time data
- It is primary pharmacokinetic parameter as it is can be obtained only from plasma data.



# Area Under Plasma Concentration-Time Curve :



Linear Plot of Cp versus Time showing AUC and AUC segment

#### **IMPORTANCE of AUC**

Toxicology : Measure of drug exposure

- Biopharmaceutics : Comparison of drug products in BA/BE studies
- Pharmacokinetics : Measure of Pharmacokinetic parameters e.g. Clearance, BA.



#### **IMPORTANCE of AUC**



#### Calculation of AUC



### Cut And Weigh Method

- Plot the plasma profile vs time on graph paper
- Cut the curve drawn carefully
- Require an analytical balance
- The weight of this cut portion is W1
- Weight of whole graph paper is W2
- Area of whole paper = AUC2



### Cut And Weigh Method

- Area= length X width
- ✤ AUC1/W1 = AUC2/W2
- For example if:
- ✓ AUC2= 200 mg.hr/ml
- ✓ W1= 800mg
- ✓ W2= 3000 mg
- Then:
- AUC1= [(200)(800) / 3000] = 53.33mg.hr/ml
- Units Y axis mg/ml and X axis is Hours so area is mg.Hr/ml



#### Trapezoidal rule

#### Trapezoid

Is four sided figure with two parallel sides

#### **Steps**

- Dividing whole AUC into trapezoidal segments
- Counting the area of each segments separately
- Summation of all the area to get the Total area



### Types of AUC



#### Trapezoidal rule

• We can calculate the AUC of each segment if we consider the segments to be trapezoids



#### Calculation of first & last Segment

 The first segment can be calculated after determining the zero plasma concentration CpO by extrapolation, while Final segment can be calculated from t last to t infinity.

$$AUC0-1 = \frac{Cp0 + Cp1}{2} \times t1$$

$$AUC_{t_{last} - \infty} = \int_{t=t_{last}}^{t=\infty} Cp \bullet dt = \frac{Cp_{last}}{kel}$$



## Total AUC

Total AUC

$$\begin{aligned} AUC_{0-\infty} &= AUC_{0-1} + AUC_{1-last} + AUC_{last-\infty} \\ &= \frac{Cp_0 + Cp_1}{2} \bullet t_1 + \frac{Cp_1 + Cp_2}{2} \bullet (t_2 - t_1) \\ &+ \frac{Cp_2 + Cp_3}{2} \bullet (t_3 - t_2) + \ldots + \frac{Cp_{last}}{kel} \end{aligned}$$

