

PK/PD model of indisulam in combination with capecitabine

a time-dependent pharmacokinetic interaction contributes to excessive hematological toxicity

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Clinical study

- Phase I dose escalation study of indisulam in combination with capecitabine
- 1-hour infusion indisulam day 1 and oral capecitabine BID on days 1-14
- Dose escalation: 350 -800 mg/m² indisulam / 1000 –1250 mg/m² capecitabine BID

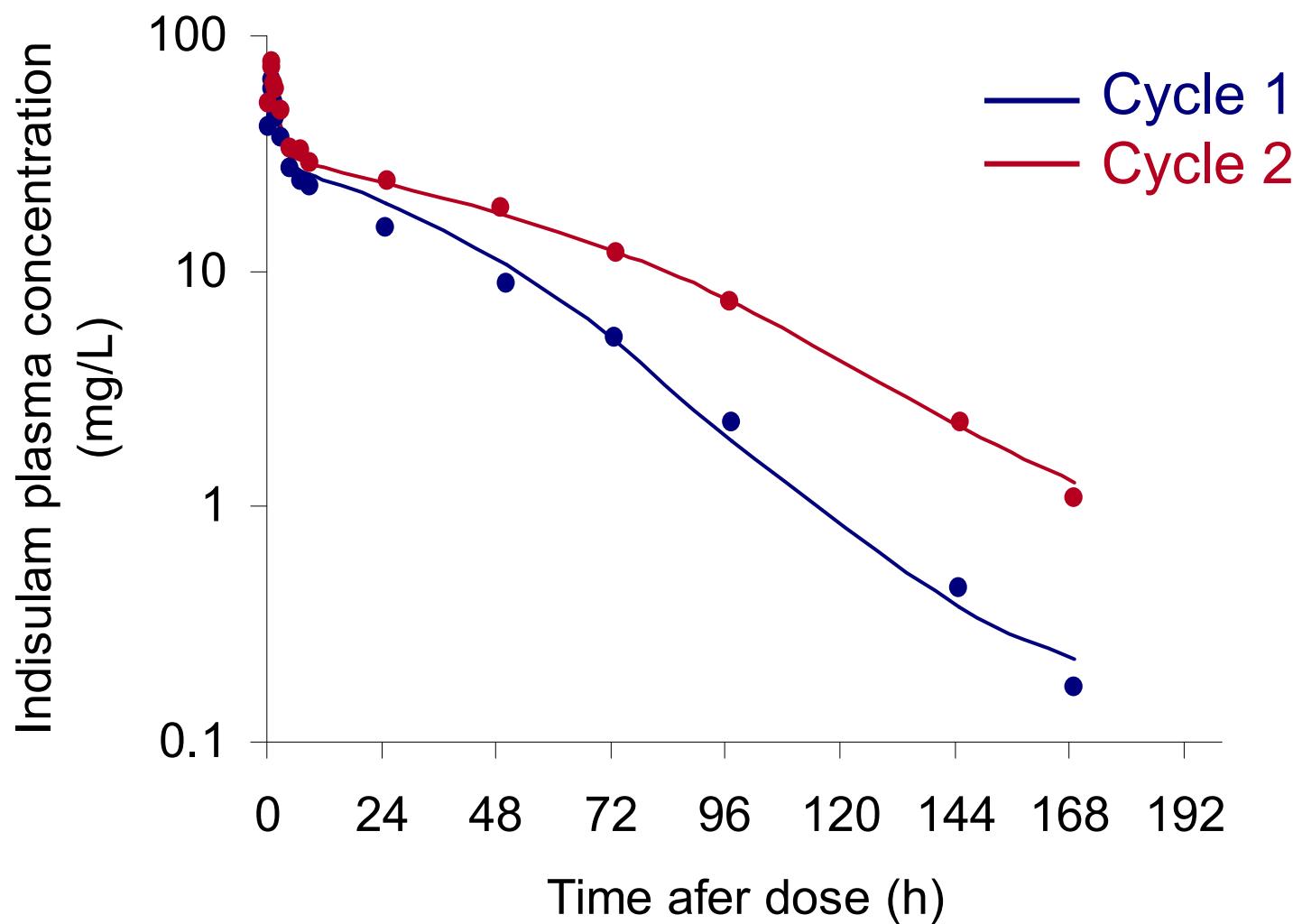


Clinical study

- Cycle 1 was well tolerated
- Severe side effects at cycle 2
- Increased exposure to indisulam at cycle 2



Increased exposure to indisulam



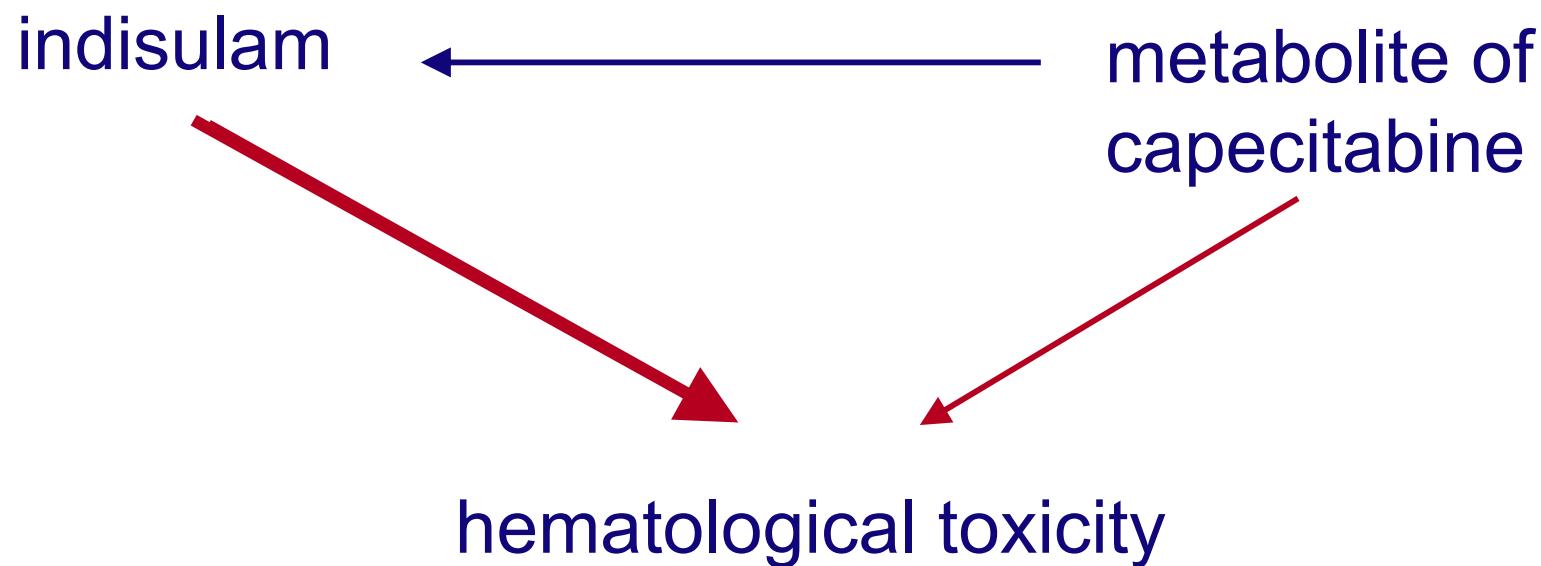
Hypothesis

- Time-dependent drug-drug interaction?
- (A metabolite of) capecitabine may inhibit the synthesis of CYP2C9



Hematological toxicity

- Major toxicity of indisulam

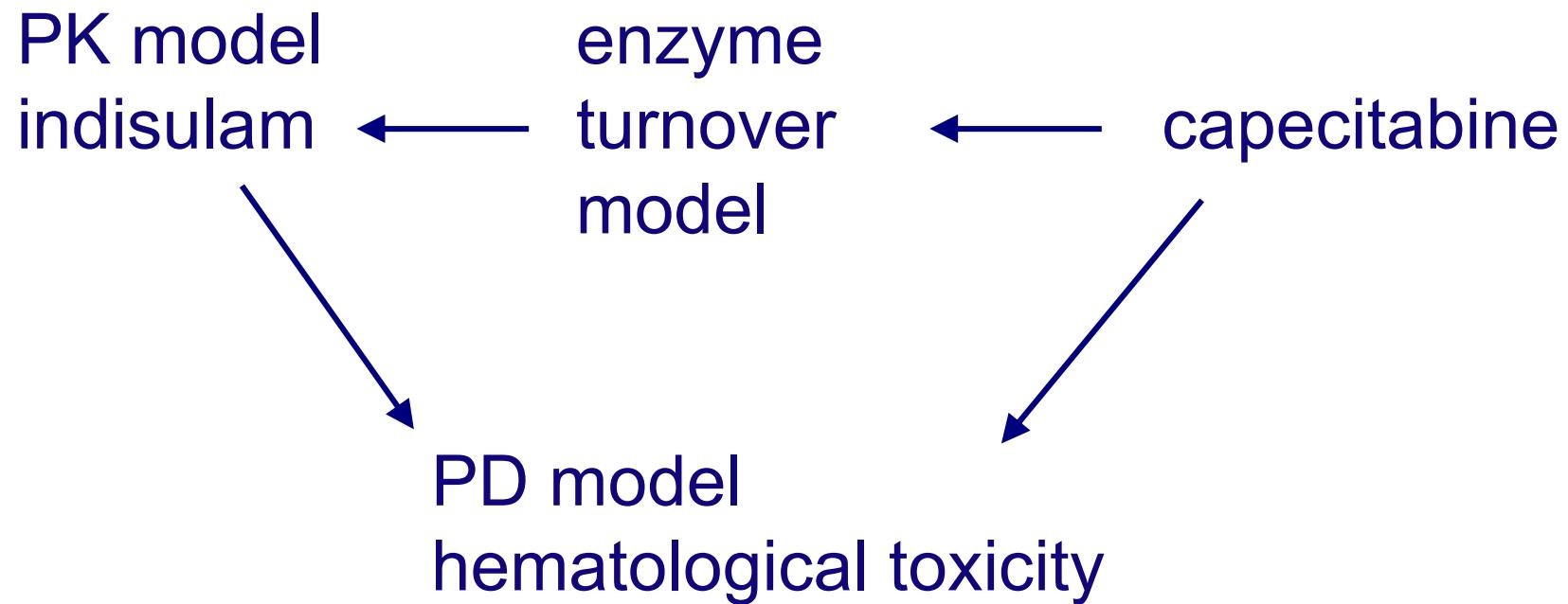


Aims

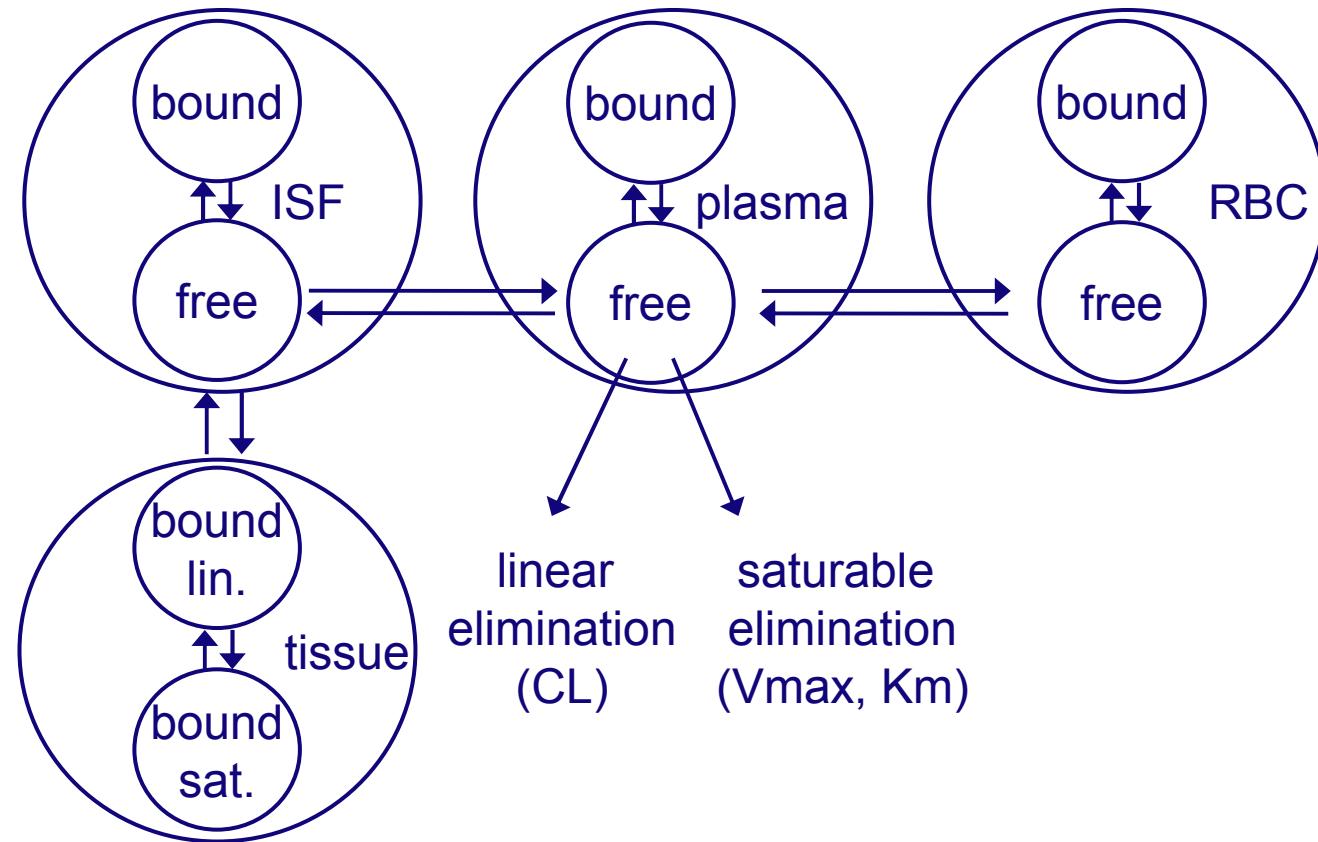
- 1) to develop a population PK/PD model for the combination of capecitabine and indisulam
- 2) to evaluate the role of capecitabine in the induction of hematological toxicity
- 3) to estimate the impact of a pharmacokinetic interaction on the safety of various dose levels
- 4) to determine a safe dose of the combination



PK/PD model



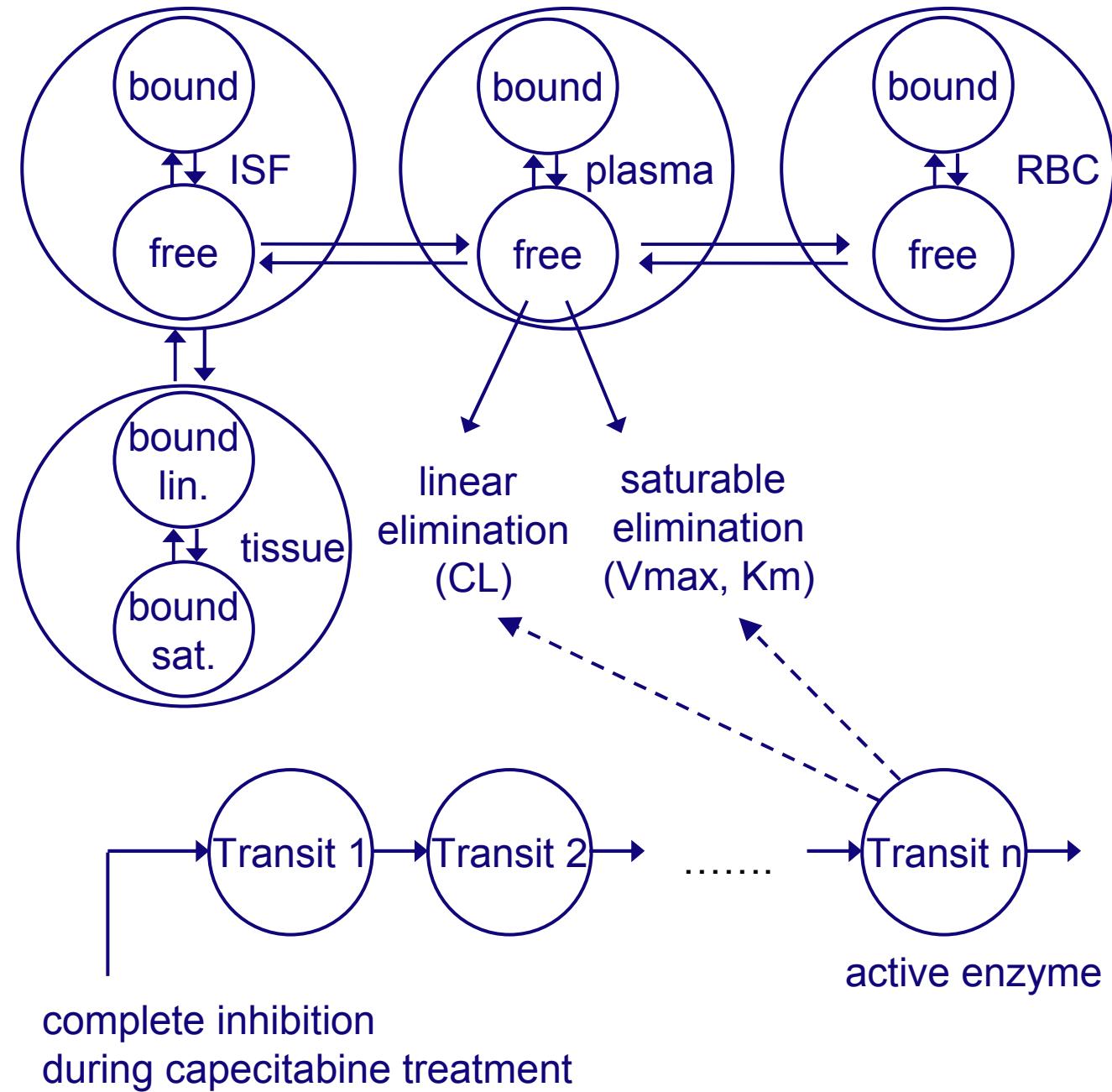
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enzyme turnover model

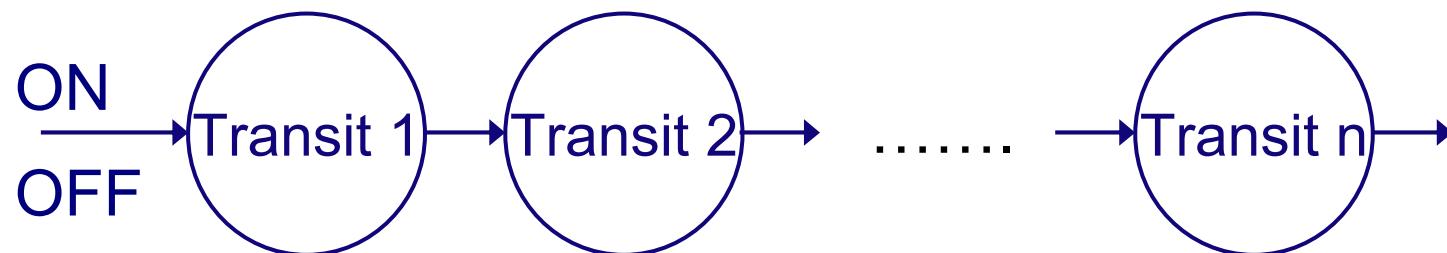


Enzyme turnover model

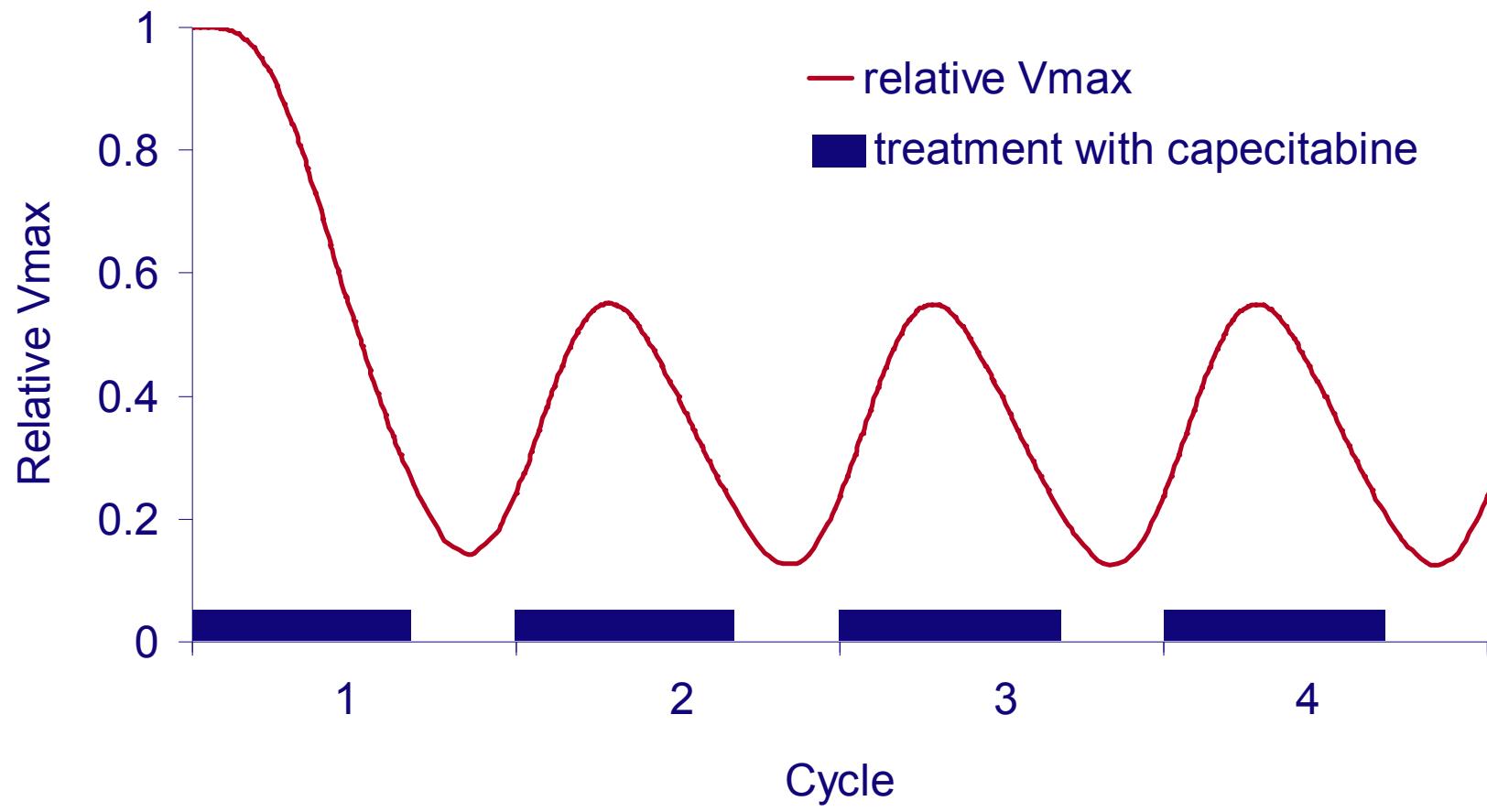
Capecitabine administration:



Input into first transit compartment:



Time profile of metabolic activity



Turnover time = 9.2 days (± 2.1 days)

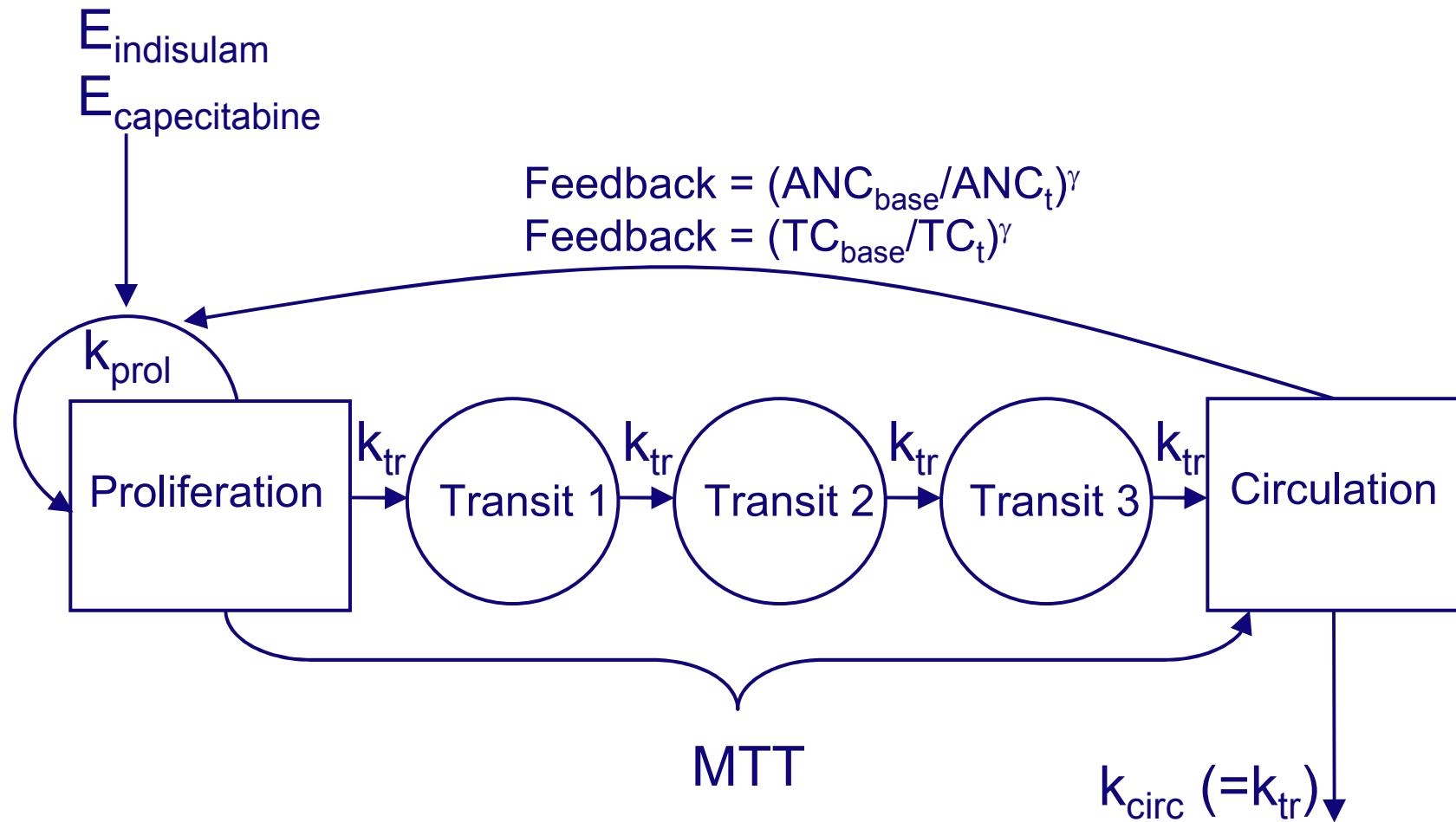


Indisulam exposure (AUC g*h/L)

dose level (mg/m ²)	Combination therapy	
	First cycle	Subsequent cycles
500	1.2	1.8
550	1.4	2.1
600	1.7	2.5
650	2.0	2.8
700	2.3	3.2



Pharmacodynamic model

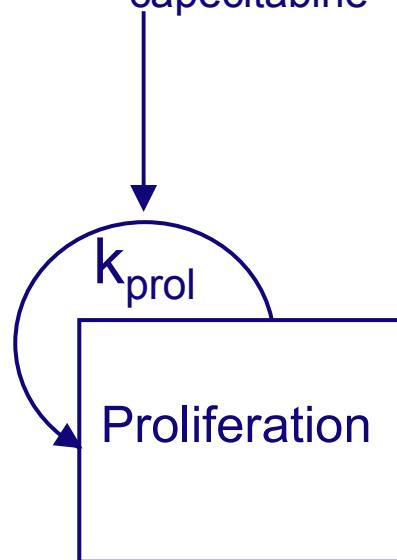


Friberg et al. JCO 2002 ; van Kesteren et al. Invest. New Drugs 2005

Pharmacodynamic model

$E_{\text{indisulam}}$ = slope_{indisulam} · plasma concentration

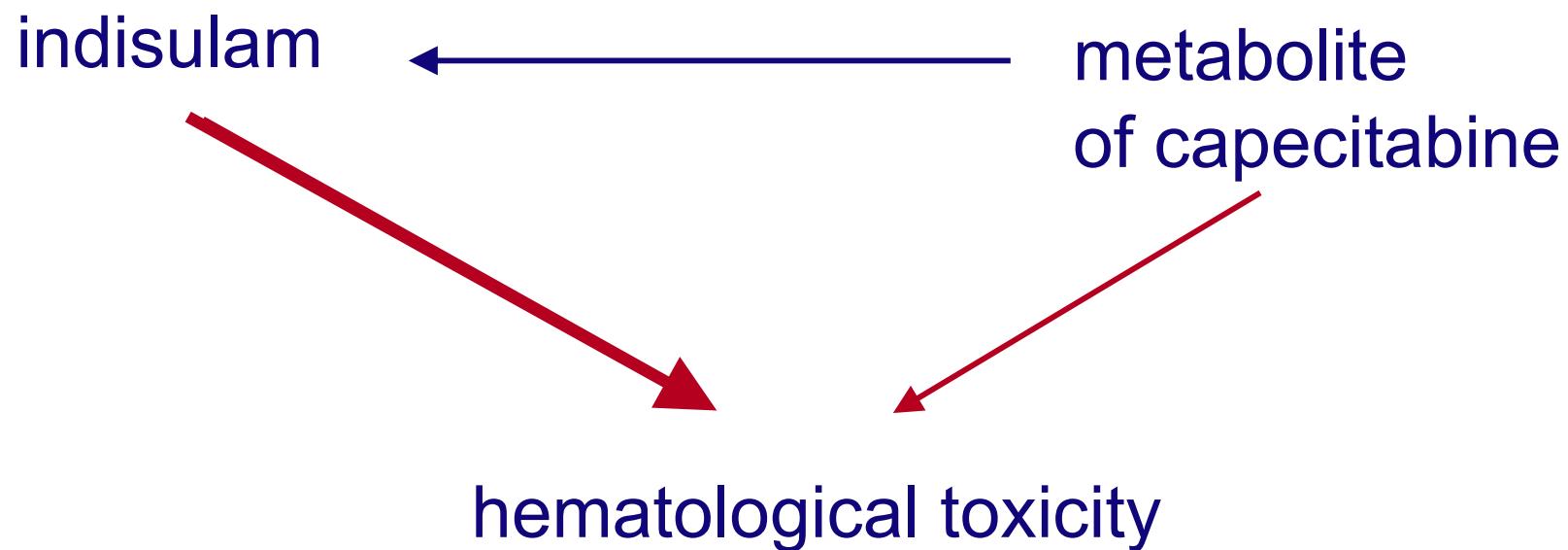
$E_{\text{capecitabine}}$ = slope_{capecitabine} · dose



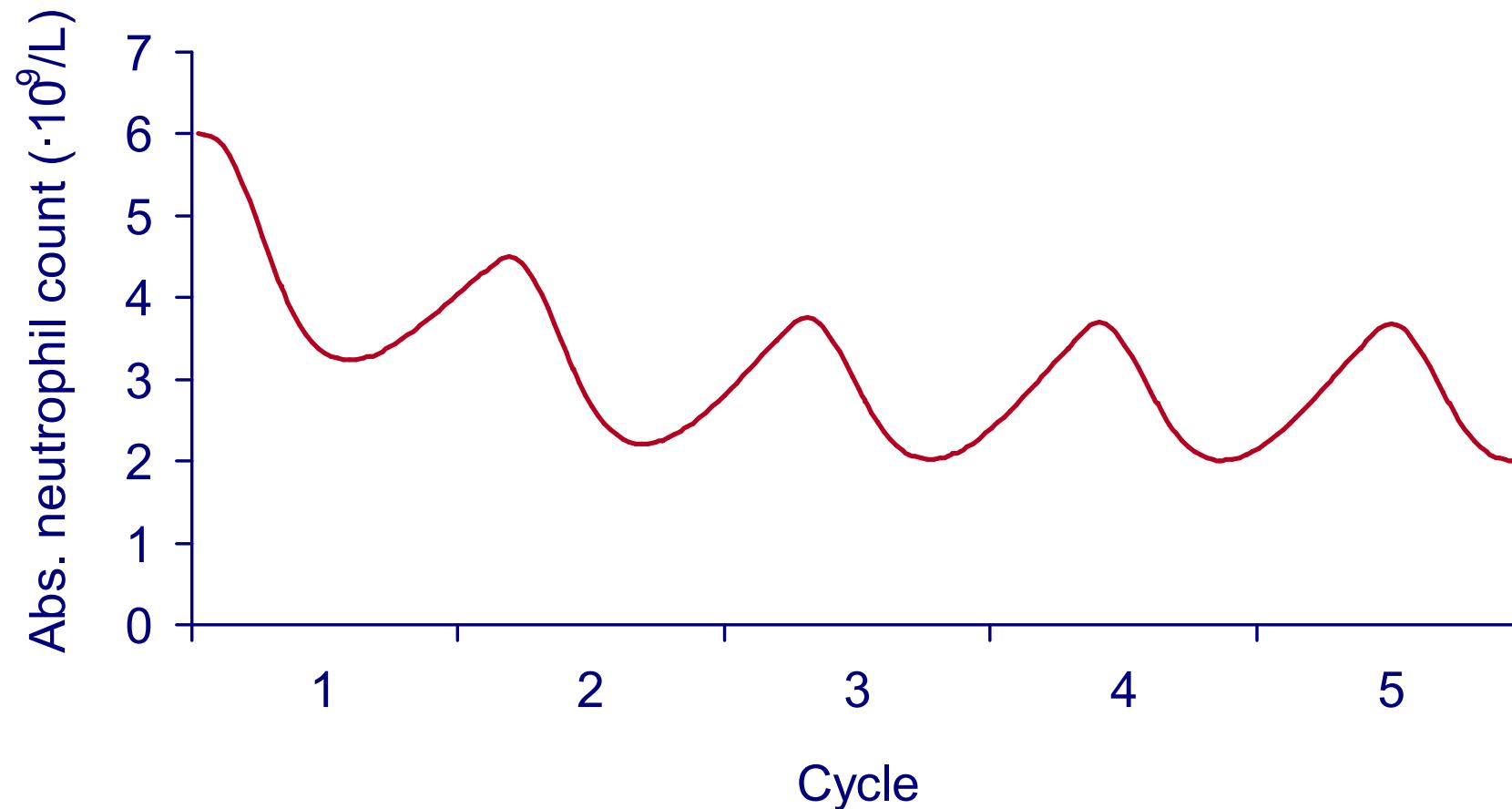
Pharmacodynamic parameters

	Estimate	Interindividual variability
Absolute neutrophil count		
MTT (h)	134	24%
Gamma	0.0834	74%
Slope indisulam (L/mg)	0.0206	39%
Slope capecitabine (mg^{-1})	-	
Proportional residual error (%)	57.5	
Thrombocyte count		
MTT (h)	88.8	19%
Gamma	0.0731	68%
Slope indisulam (L/mg)	0.0113	50%
Slope capecitabine (mg^{-1})	-	
Proportional residual error (%)	58.2	

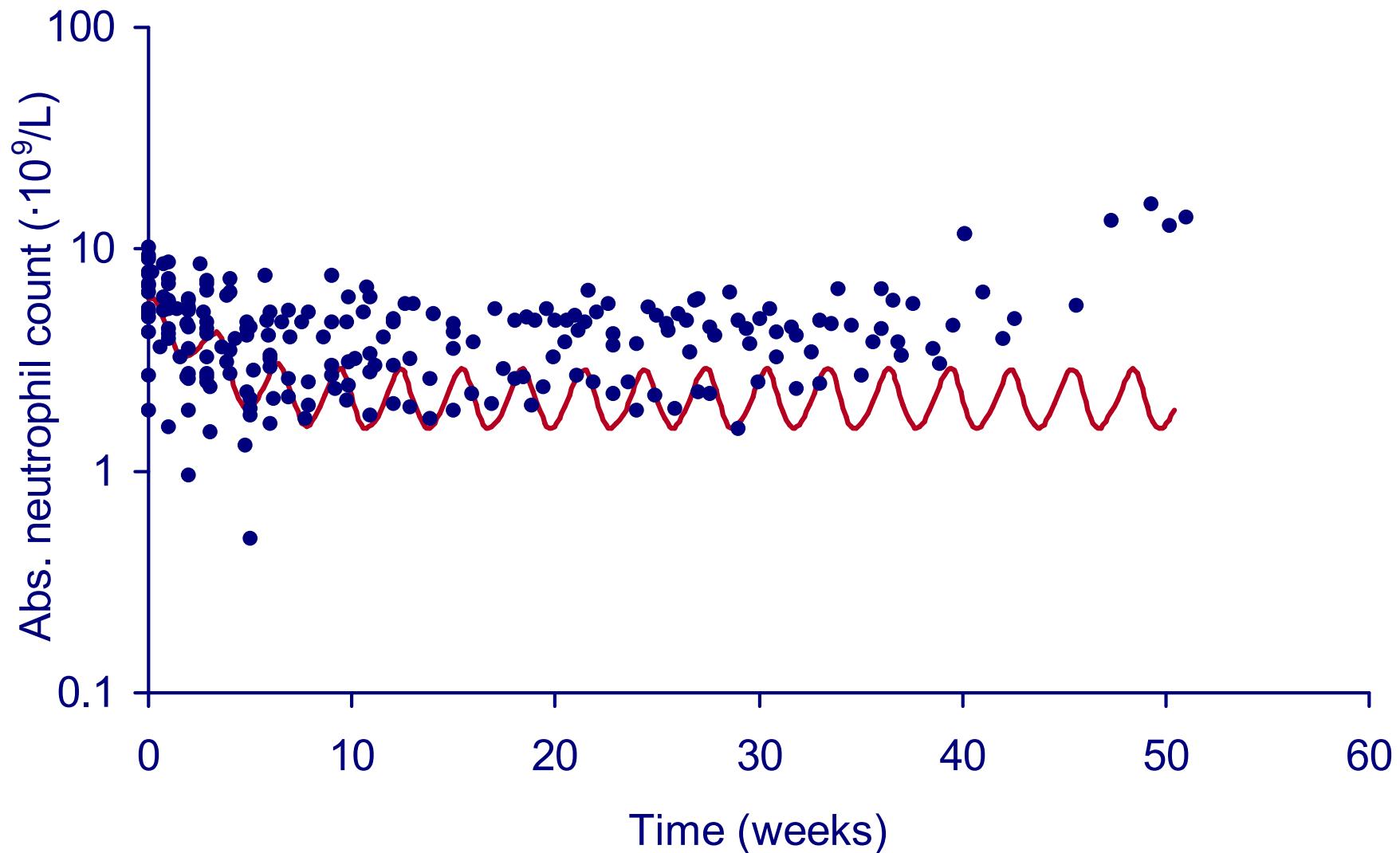
Hematological toxicity



Time profile neutrophil count



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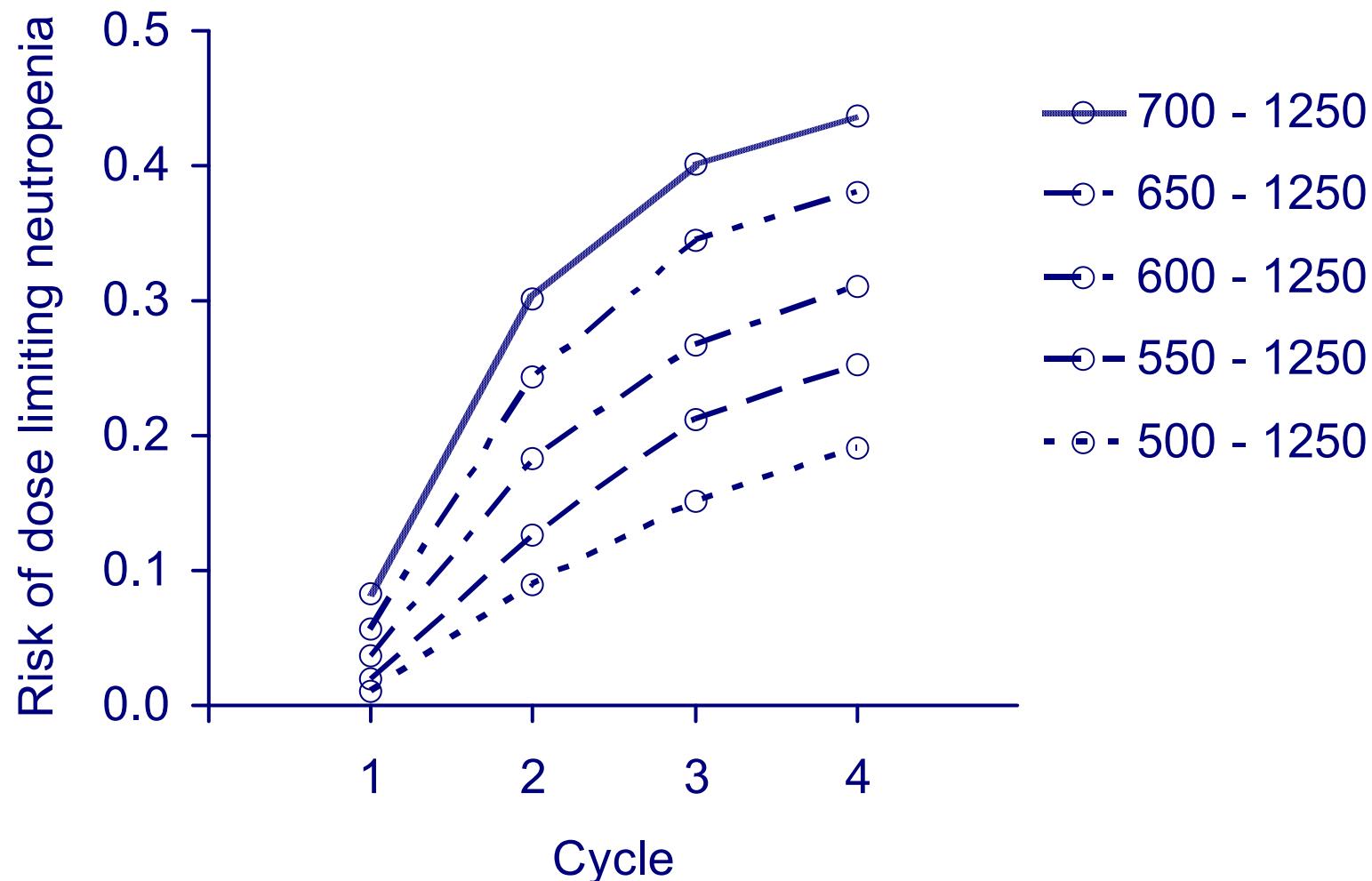


Simulation studies

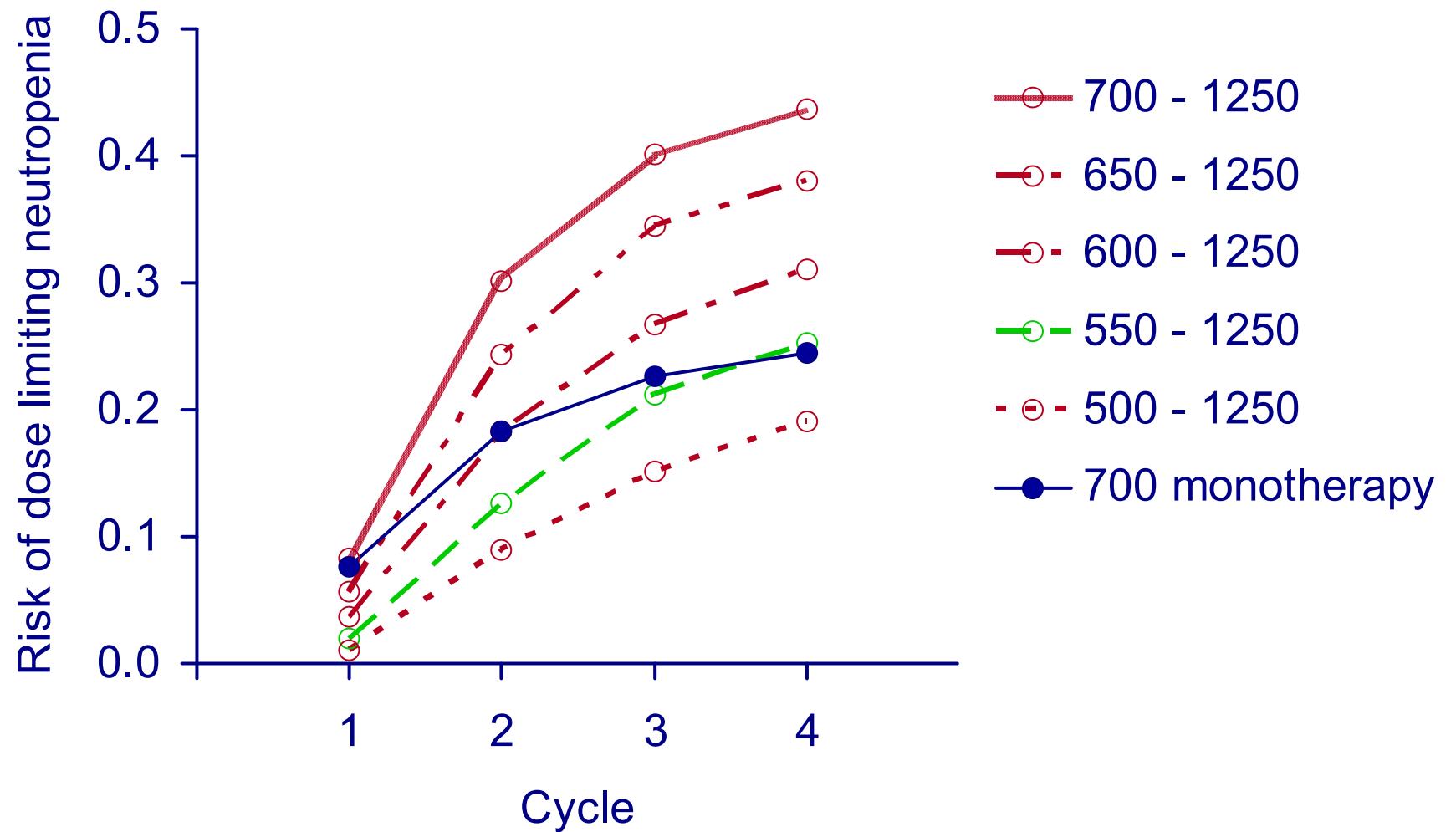
- Risk of dose limiting neutropenia
 - CTC grade 4 neutropenia during >7 days
- Groups of 10,000 patients
 - various doses of indisulam (500-700 mg/m²)
 - standard dose of capecitabine (1250 mg/m² BID)



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Conclusions

- co-administration of capecitabine caused a time-dependent inhibition of the saturable elimination pathway of indisulam
- the pharmacokinetic interaction explains the excessive hematological toxicity
- the risk of dose limiting neutropenia is acceptable at a dose level of indisulam 550 mg/m² + capecitabine 1250 mg/m² BID

Clinical recommendation

- The dose level 500/1250 was safe in a limited number of patients in the clinical study
- This study strongly supports that the dose level 550/1250 is recommended for future studies



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