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**Influence of VKORC1 Polymorphism on the  
Pharmacokinetics of Vitamin K<sub>2</sub>  
(Menatetrenone) and its Epoxide Metabolite  
(Menatetrenone Epoxide) in Healthy Volunteers**

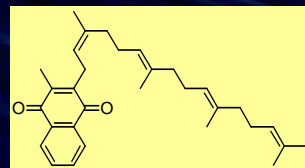
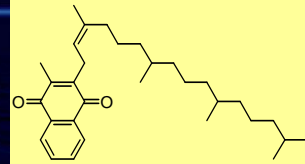
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## Introduction

- Vitamin K separate two types
- Vitamin K1 (phylloquinone)  
Be synthesized by plants
- Vitamin K2 (menaquinone-n, MK-n)  
Be synthesized by bacteria  
**Menatetrenone**  
: used as a treatment agent of osteoporosis
- They are essential for the modulation of glutamic acid residues of substrate proteins into  $\gamma$ -carboxyglutamic acid(Gla) residues

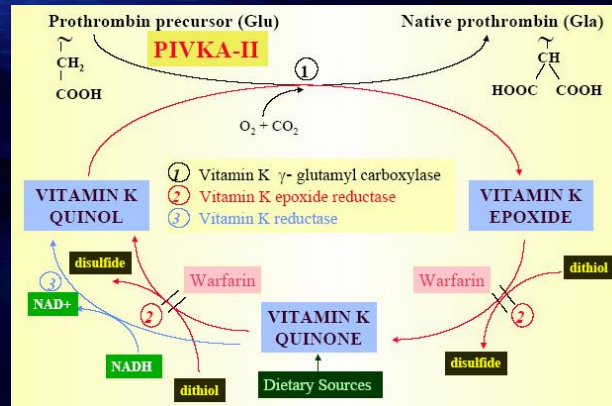


## Introduction

- Gla-proteins
  - Clotting factor II, VII, X : Hemostatic roles
  - Bone Gla-protein : Bone metabolism
  - Matrix Gla-protein : Bone metabolism
- Biological role of vitamin K
  - Cofactor for blood coagulation
  - Cofactor for Bone related re-absorption, metabolism and elimination
  - Increase bone mineral density
  - Reduce fracture rate

## Introduction

- Vitamin K epoxide reductase (VKOR)
- The enzyme for the recycling of vitamin K from its oxidized form



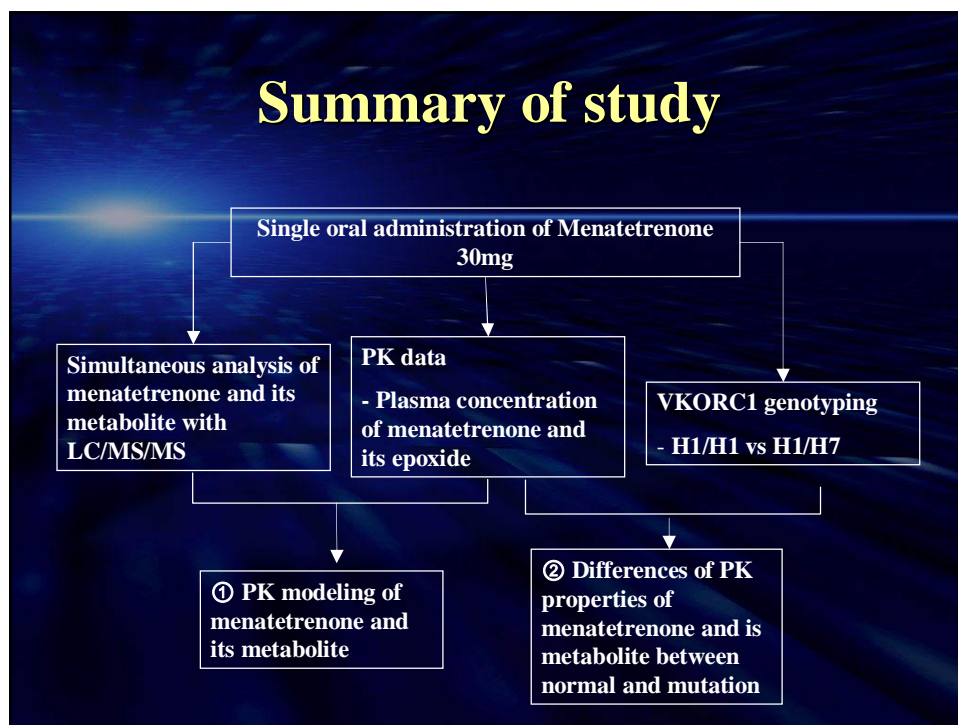
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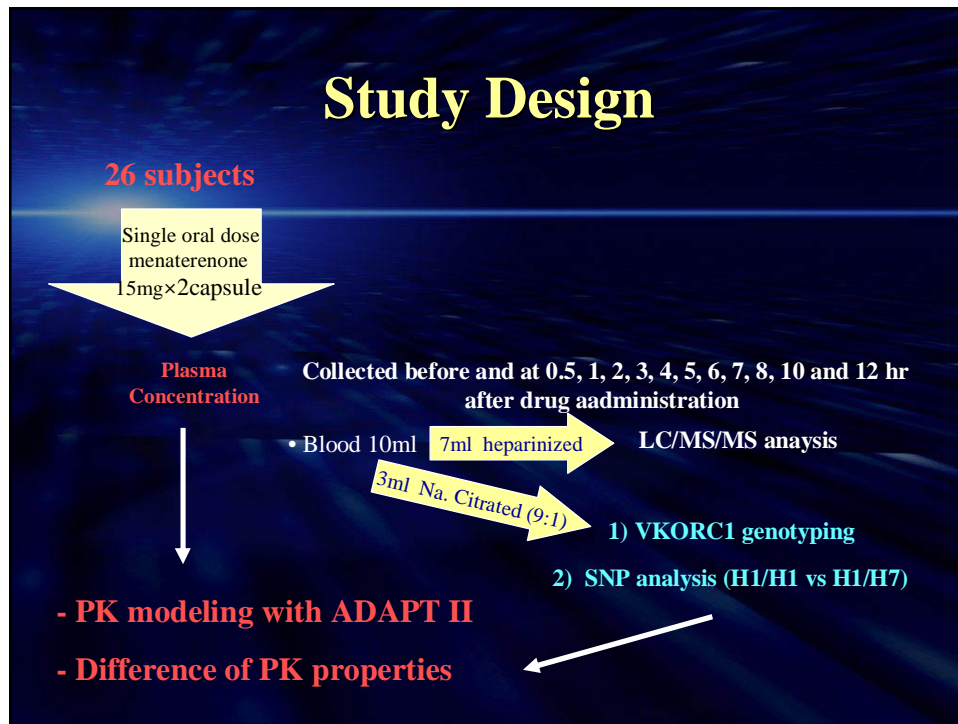
- Vitamin K epoxide reductase complex subunit 1 (VKORC1)
- The main target enzyme of anticoagulant warfarin dosage
- The relation between single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) of VKORC1 and warfarin dose adjustment
- However there have been no previous studies that how SNP of VKORC1 affect on the metabolism of vitamin K<sub>2</sub> (menatetrenone).

## Objective

- To clarify the relationship between the SNP of VKORC1 and Pharmacokinetic of vitamin K<sub>2</sub> (menatetrenone) and vitamin K<sub>2</sub> epoxide (menatetrenone epoxide) in healthy male.

## Summary of study





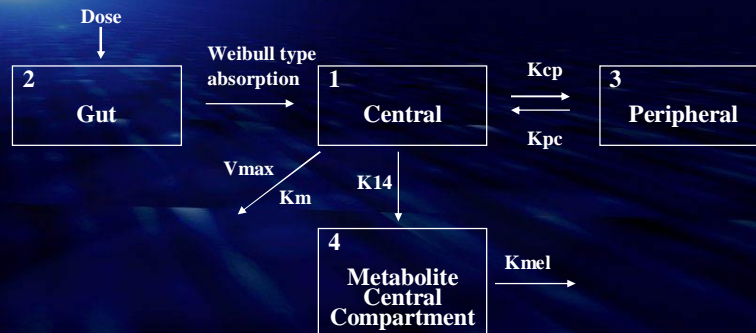
## Method of PK analysis

- Model independent analysis method & parameters

$C_{max}$ & $T_{max}$ (obtained directly)	$AUC_{0-t}$ (the trapezoidal rule)
$K_{el}$ (least square regression of the plot of log concentration against time)	$T_{1/2} \left( \frac{0.693}{K_{el}} \right)$
Clearance $\left( \frac{\text{dose}}{AUC} \right)$	$Vd \left( \frac{\text{dose}}{K_{el} \cdot AUC} \right)$

## Method of PK analysis

- Model dependent analysis method & parameters (ADAPT II program)



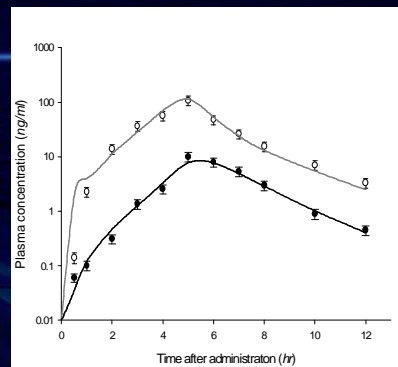
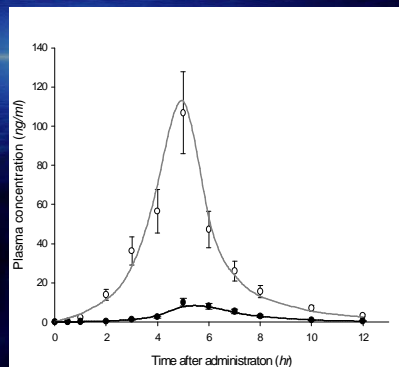
## Method of PK analysis

- Vitamin K is High oily material and poor aqueous solubility
- Generally, absorption of oily materials has been variously presented, depending on gastro-intestinal tract condition
- In this case, the first-order or zero-order rate constant absorption kinetic was not successful
- **Weibull absorption model**
  - Described the complex absorption profile more satisfactorily than a first or zero-order absorption and sigmoidal non-linear absorption kinetics

## Method of PK analysis

- Criteria for the fit of the model and estimated parameters
  - (1) Visual inspection
  - (2) SDRSS (the standardized residual sum-of-squares)  
 $= \sum(\text{residual}^2/\text{variance})$
  - (3) ECV (the estimator criterion value)
  - (4) AIC (Akaike information criterion)  
 $= m \cdot \ln(\text{OWLS}) + 2 \cdot p$  or  $m \cdot \ln(\text{ONLL}) + 2 \cdot (p+q)$
  - (5) SC (Schwartz criterion)

## Result



- Time course of the plasma concentration in healthy subjects after a oral 30mg of menatetrenone. Each point represents the mean±standard error (n=26). (○) observed plasma concentration of menatetrenone and (●) observed plasma concentration of menatetrenone epoxide. The solid line is the result of the maximum likelihood fitting using the ADAPT II program.

## Result

- Pharmacokinetic parameters of menatetrenone and menatetrenone epoxide after a oral 30mg dose (n=26)

Model independent parameters (mean ± SEM)		
Parameter	Menatetrenone	Menatetrenone-epoxide
$C_{max}$ (ng/ml)	112.5 ± 19.2	13.9 ± 3.1
$T_{max}$ (h)	4.5 ± 0.2	5.1 ± 0.2
$AUC_t$ (ng h/ml)	312.4 ± 42.1	33.0 ± 8.5
$t_{1/2}$ (h)	1.7 ± 0.1	2.7 ± 0.4

Model dependent parameters (mean)	
$K_m$ (ng)	0.023
$V_{max}$ (ng/h)	120400
$V_c$ (L)	245
$K_{cp}$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	34
$K_{pc}$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	92
$f$	0.035
$A$ (h <sup>-9</sup> )	0.026
$B$	1.798
$K_{14}$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	0.845
$K_{mel}$ (h <sup>-1</sup> )	0.977
$V_4$ (L)	9.088

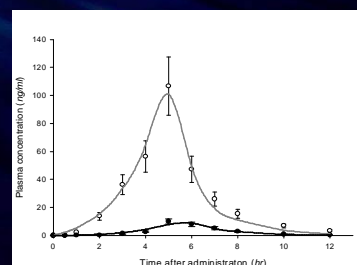
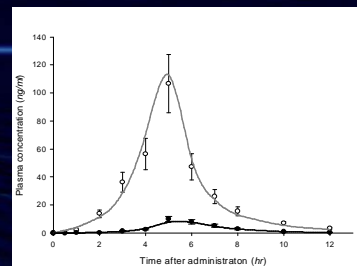
## Result

- Visual inspection
- ECV (the estimator criterion value)
- AIC (Akaike information criterion)
- SC (Schwartz criterion)

\* Estimator :

- WLS (weited least square)
- ML (Maximum likely hood)

Estimator	WLS	ML
ECV	219	29
AIC	142	91
SC	155	108



## Result

- VKORC1 genotyping

Haplotype identification code	Haplotype sequence*
H1	CCGATCTCTG
H2	CCGAGCTCTG
H3	CCGGTCCCCG
H4	CCGGTCCGTG
H5	TCGAGCTCTG
H6	TCGGTCCGCG
H7	TCGGTCCGCA
H8	TAGGTCCGCA
H9	TACGTTCGCG

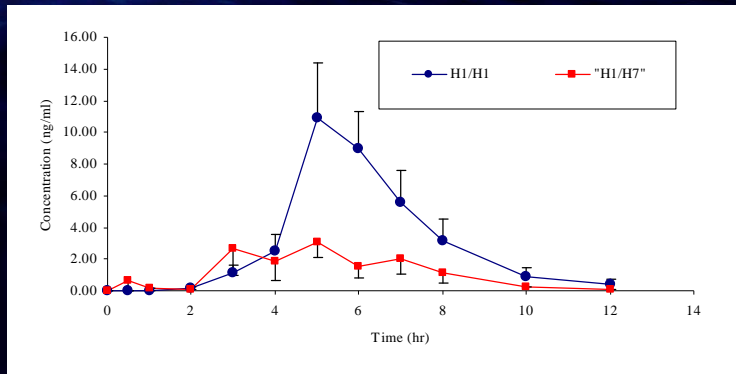
## Result

- VKORC1 genotyping result (subjects 26)
- H1/H1 genotype (n=22), H1/H7 genotype (n=4)

ID	1173C>T	1181T>G	3730G>A	Genotype	ID	1173C>T	1181T>G	3730G>A	Genotype
1	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	14	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
2	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	15	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
3	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	16	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
4	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	17	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
5	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	18	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
6	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	19	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
7	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	20	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
8	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	21	TC	TT	GA	H1/H7
9	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	22	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
10	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	23	TC	TT	GA	H1/H7
11	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	24	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1
12	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	25	TC	TT	GA	H1/H7
13	TT	TT	GG	H1/H1	26	TC	TT	GA	H1/H7

## Result

- The significant difference of PK properties on VKORC1 SNP
  - Menatretrenone epoxide plasma concentration-time profiles of H1/H1 genotype (n=22, blue) and H1/H7 genotype (n=4, red). The vertical bars represent the standard errors.



## Result

- The significant difference of PK properties on VKORC1 SNP
  - Pharmacokinetic parameters of menatretrenone epoxide carrying genotype H1/H1 and H1/H7

Parameter	Genotype		p value*
	H1/H1 (n=22)	H1/H7 (n=4)	
$C_{max}$ (ng/ml)	15.3±3.6	5.0±1.0	< 0.01
$T_{max}$ (h)	5.4±0.2	3.7±0.6	NS
$AUC_t$ (ng h/ml)	36.6±9.8	10.3±1.4	< 0.05
$t_{1/2}$ (h)	2.8±0.4	3.2±0.7	NS

\* Significance by t-test, NS ; Not Significantly different

## Conclusion

- The PK analysis of menatetrenone & menatetrenone epoxide
  - Two-compartment with metabolite compartment
  - Absorption: Weibull absorption model
  - Elimination: Michaelis-Menten elimination process
- The effects of the single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) in VKORC1 gene on the metabolism of menatetrenone.
  - No significant difference of PK properties of menatetrenone was observed between the normal population and individuals showing H1/H7 haplotype.
  - But, significant differences on  $C_{max}$  and AUC of menatetrenone epoxide, and concentration of menatetrenone and menatetrenone epoxide carrying genotype H1/H1 and H1/H7 by time course after administration, were observed.

**Thank you**