

# Cas particulier des associations de produits médicamenteux

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# Overview of the presentation

## 1. Introduction

- Main recommendations from the draft FDA guidance (Jan. 05)

## 2. An example

- Results of the 1-month TK on the combination of two New Molecules Entities (NMEs) in mice and monkeys
- Results of the FIM

## 3. Consequences of preclinical safety / FIM results

- Plasma exposures in man vs. mouse and monkey at NOAEL
- What are the Consequences for the Multiple-Dose Study in Healthy Volunteers?

## 4. Action Plan to Support Multiple-Dose in Healthy Volunteers

# Nonclinical safety evaluation of drug combinations

## Drug combinations may involve:

- Previously marketed drugs
- One or more new molecular entities (NME) and one or more previously marketed drugs
- More than one NME

## Administration of a drug combination can be done as:

- A fixed-dose combination products (single dosage form)
- A co-packaged product (with appropriate labeling)
- An adjunctive therapy

## FDA guidance (draft, Jan. 05) applied to two NMEs

If the two drugs are proposed to be marketed together only, it may be sufficient to conduct toxicology studies only on the combination

- However, non clinical studies conducted on each NME alone can be invaluable should it become important to alter the clinical regimen from what is initially proposed or studied

FDA recommends that the sponsor conduct non clinical studies on each NME to evaluate the safety of a combination of NMEs

- Standard battery of nonclinical studies (genetic toxicology, pharmacology, safety pharmacology, PK/ADME, general toxicity, reproductive and developmental toxicity, carcinogenicity)

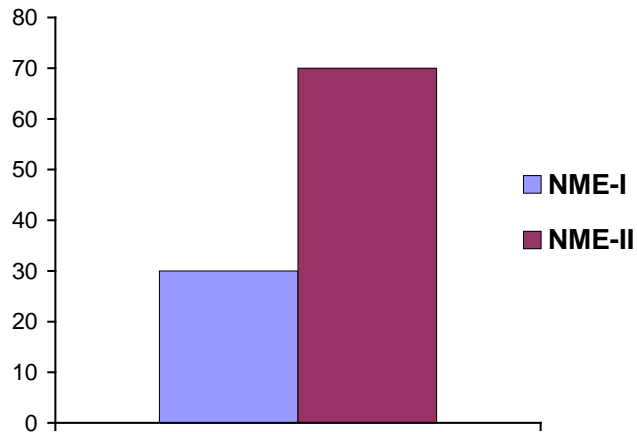
Depending on the duration of the proposed therapy, a bridging study of up to 90 days should be conducted with the combination

- Because the drug ratio may change during drug development, it is important to design the toxicity studies to provide adequate safety margins of safety for future clinical studies

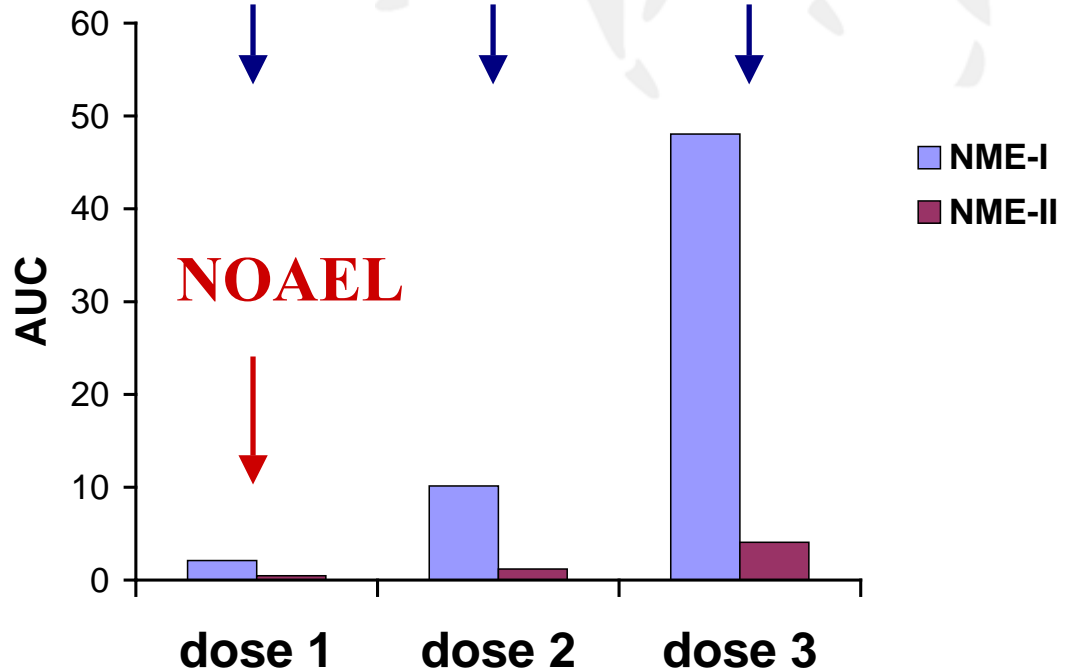
PK/ADME and Toxicokinetics to assess interaction

# Safety Pharmacology of the combination 4-week toxicity study in mice

**Suspension**  
**NME-I / NME-II ratio**  
**30 / 70**

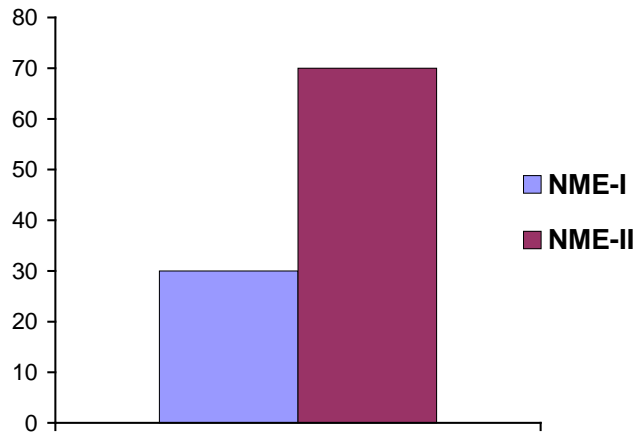


**Exposure**  
**NME-I / NME-II ratios**  
**82 / 18    89 / 11    92 / 8**

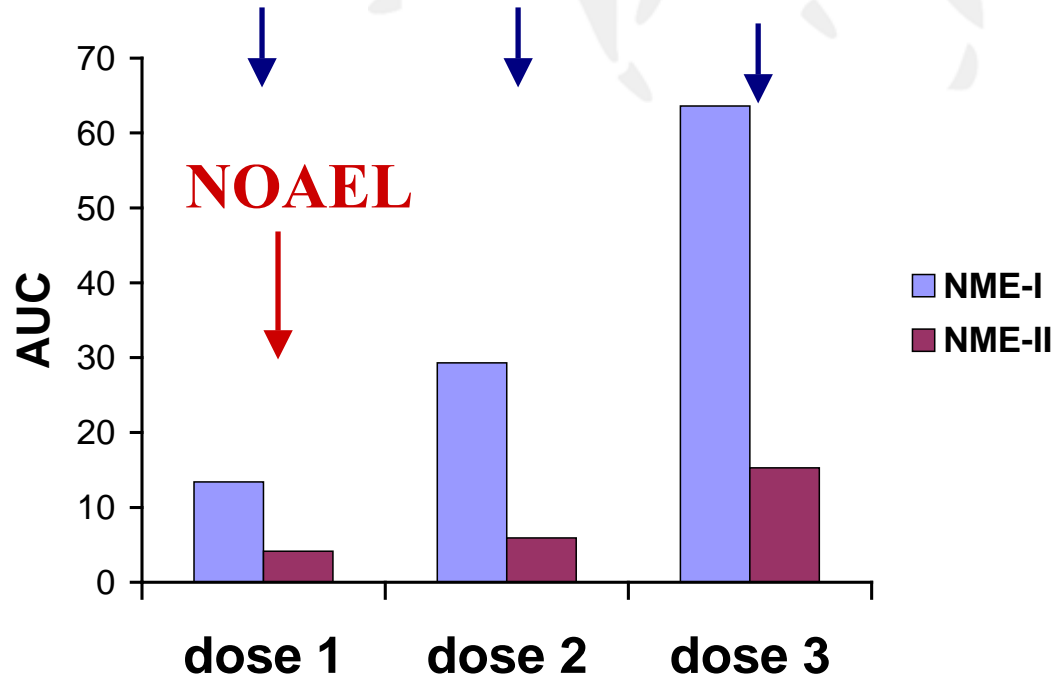


# Safety Pharmacology of the combination 4-week toxicity study in monkey

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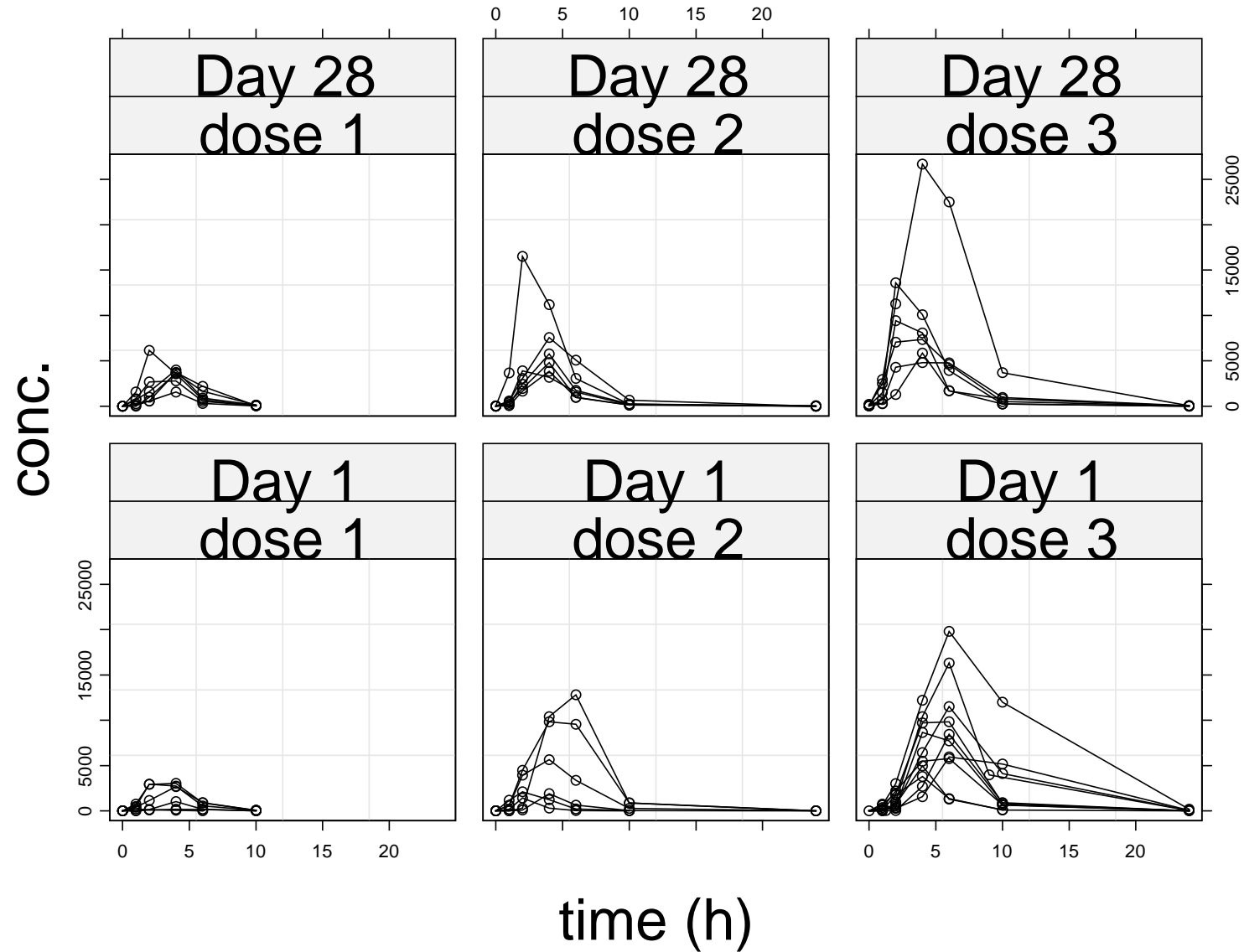


**Exposure**  
**NME-I / NME-II ratios**  
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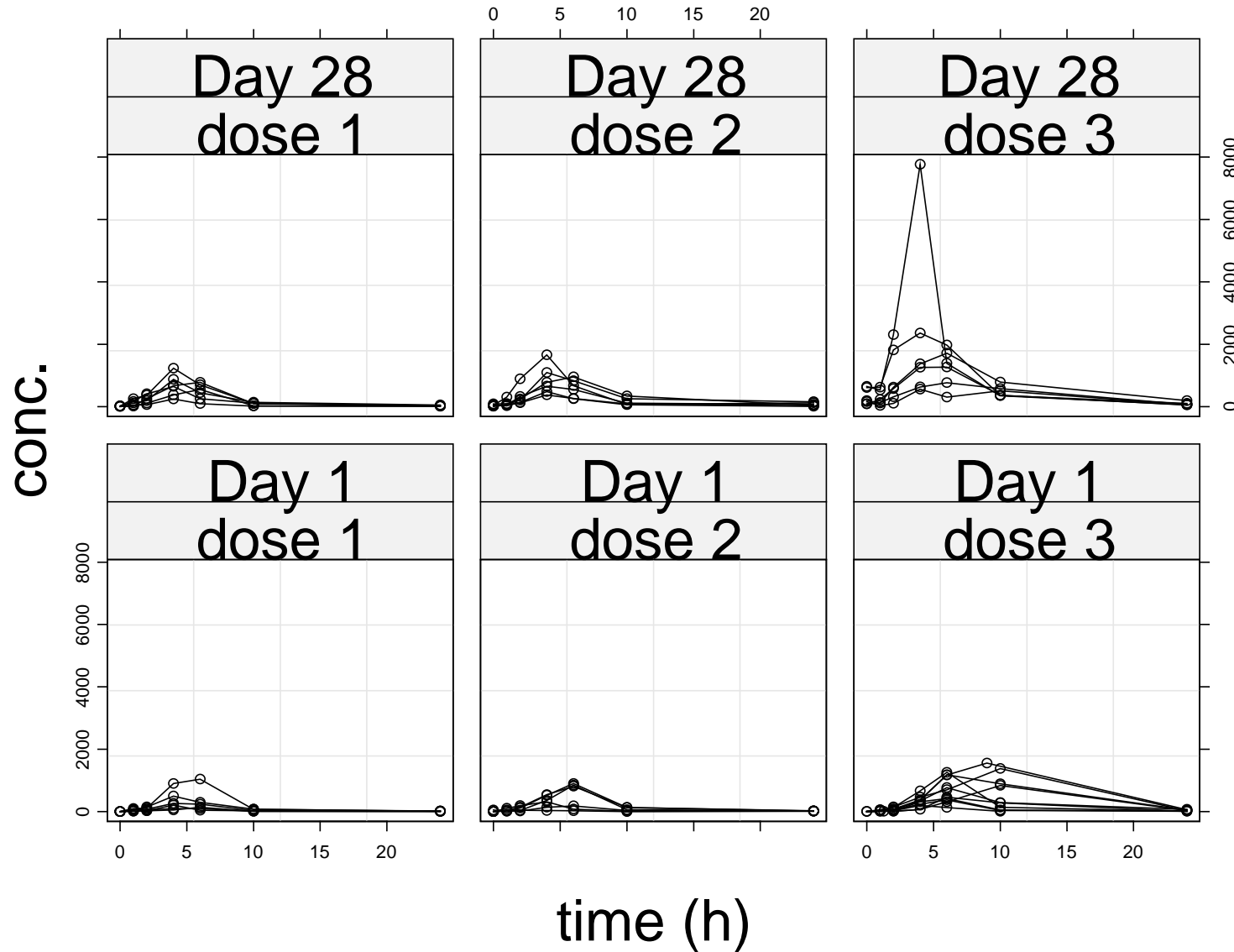


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# Plasma concentration-time profiles of NME-I in monkeys

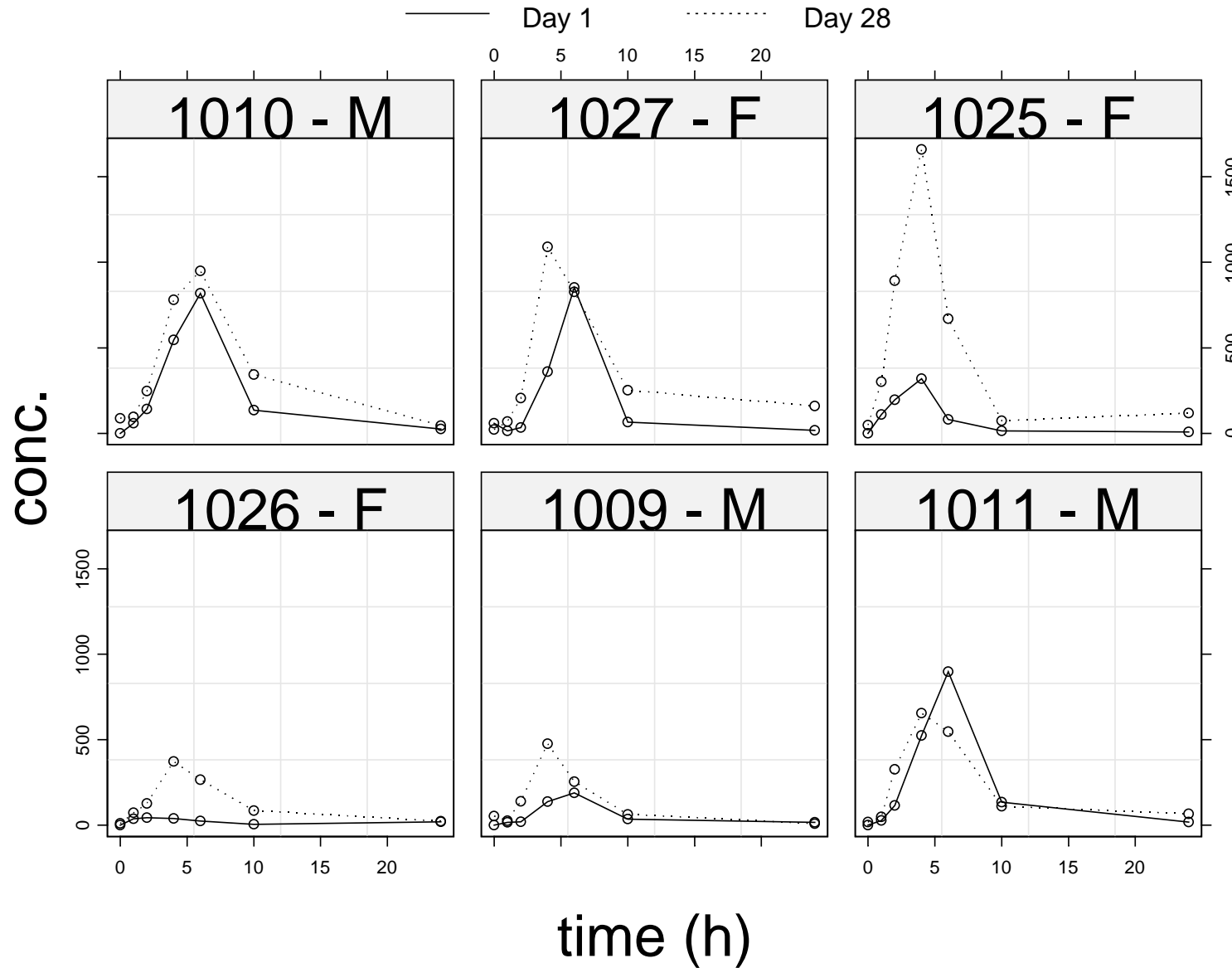


# Plasma concentration-time profiles - NME-II in monkeys

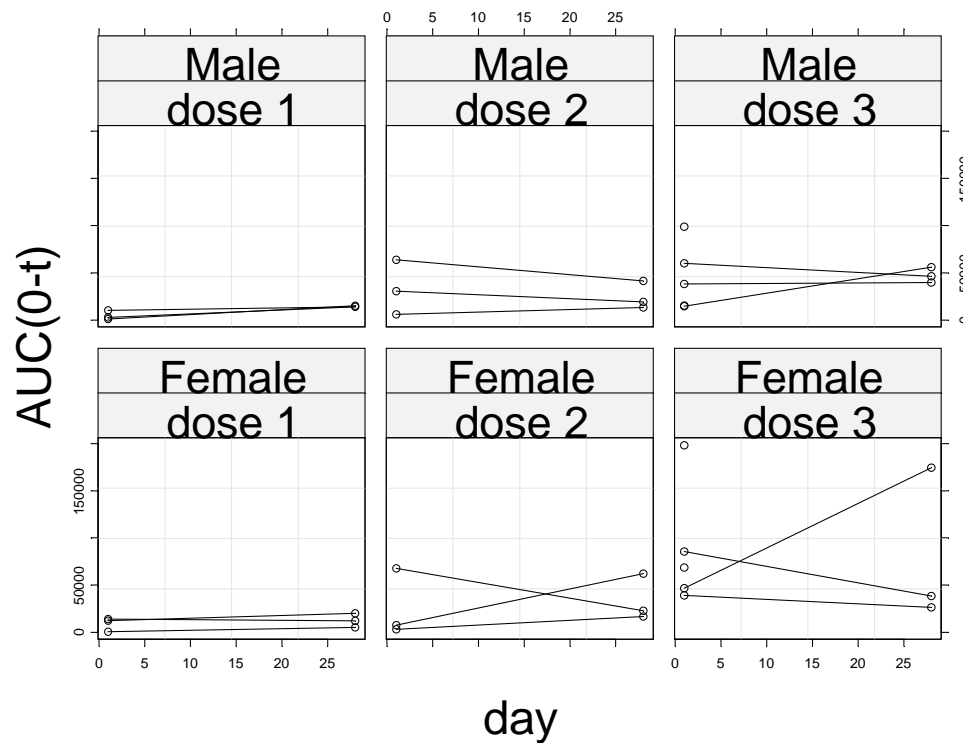




# Concentration-time profiles of NME-II in monkey - dose 2



# NME-I exposure according to dose, day and gender 4-week toxicity study in monkey



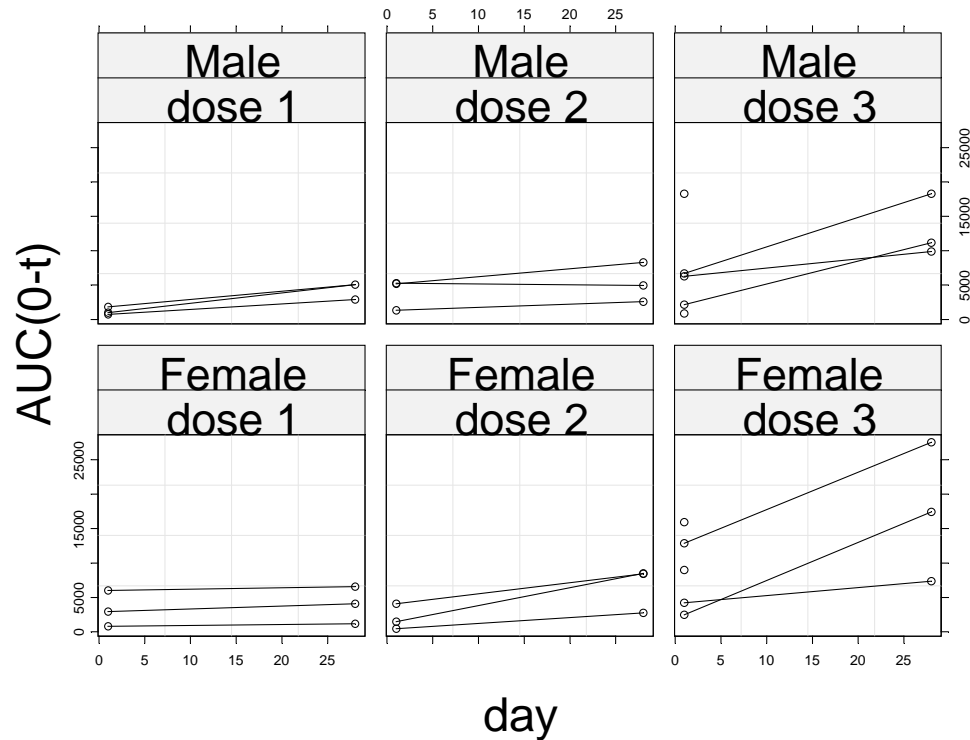
## Linear mixed-effects model

Fixed effects:  $\log(\text{auctn}) \sim \text{dose} + \text{day} + \text{gender}$

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	8.910655	0.2125893	18	41.91489	<.0001
dose1	0.191807	0.2178871	18	0.88030	0.3903
dose2	0.173336	0.1134573	18	1.52776	0.1440
day	0.019938	0.0098042	17	2.03361	0.0579
gender	-0.096715	0.1666107	18	-0.58048	0.5688

NME-I exposure time-, gender- and dose independent

# NME-II exposure according to dose, day and gender 4-week toxicity study in monkey



## Linear mixed-effects model

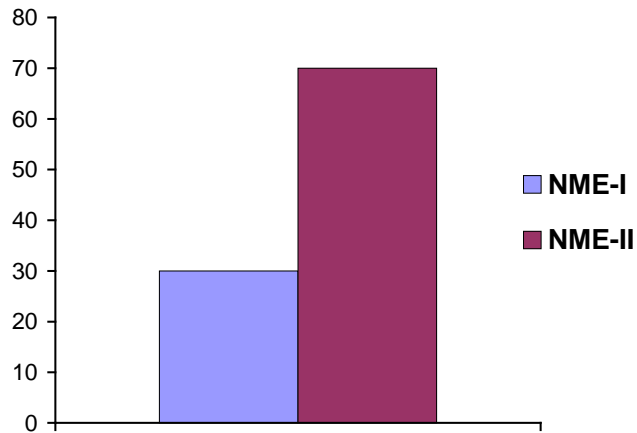
Fixed effects:  $\log(\text{auctn}) \sim \text{dose} + \text{day} + \text{gender}$

	Value	Std.Error	DF	t-value	p-value
(Intercept)	7.163447	0.1840747	18	38.91598	<.0001
dose1	-0.186763	0.2214715	18	-0.84328	0.4101
dose2	0.038003	0.1117525	18	0.34006	0.7377
day	0.033537	0.0055627	17	6.02896	<.0001
gender	-0.093921	0.1658408	18	-0.56633	0.5782

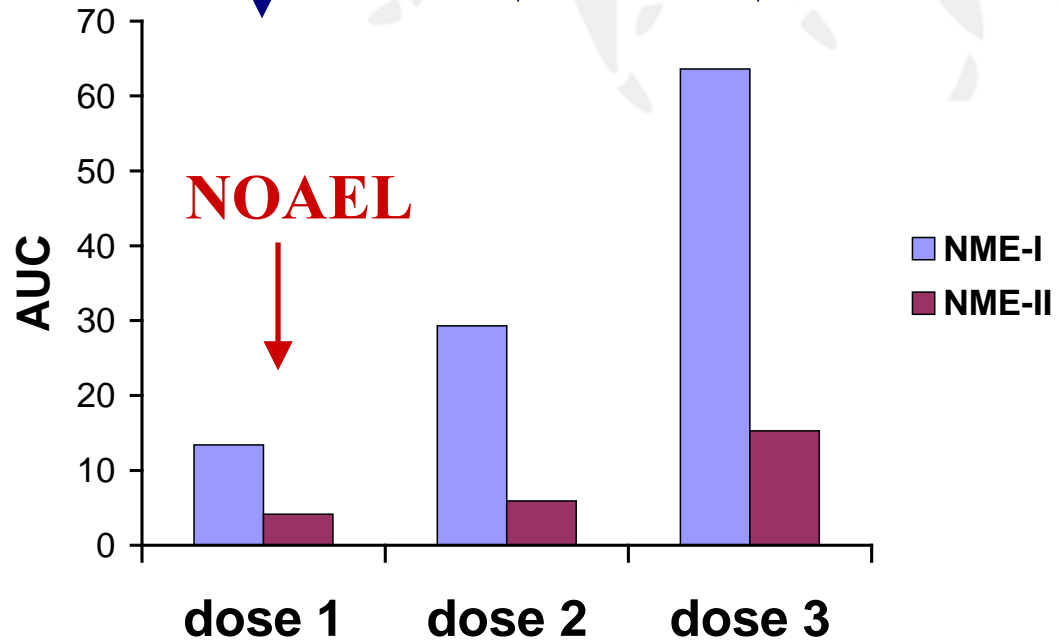
NME-II exposure gender- and dose independent  
NME-II exposure higher on day 28 than on day 1

# Safety Pharmacology of combination 4-week toxicity study in monkey

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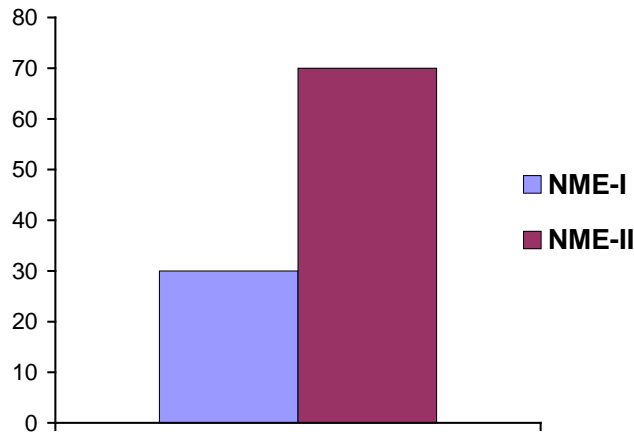


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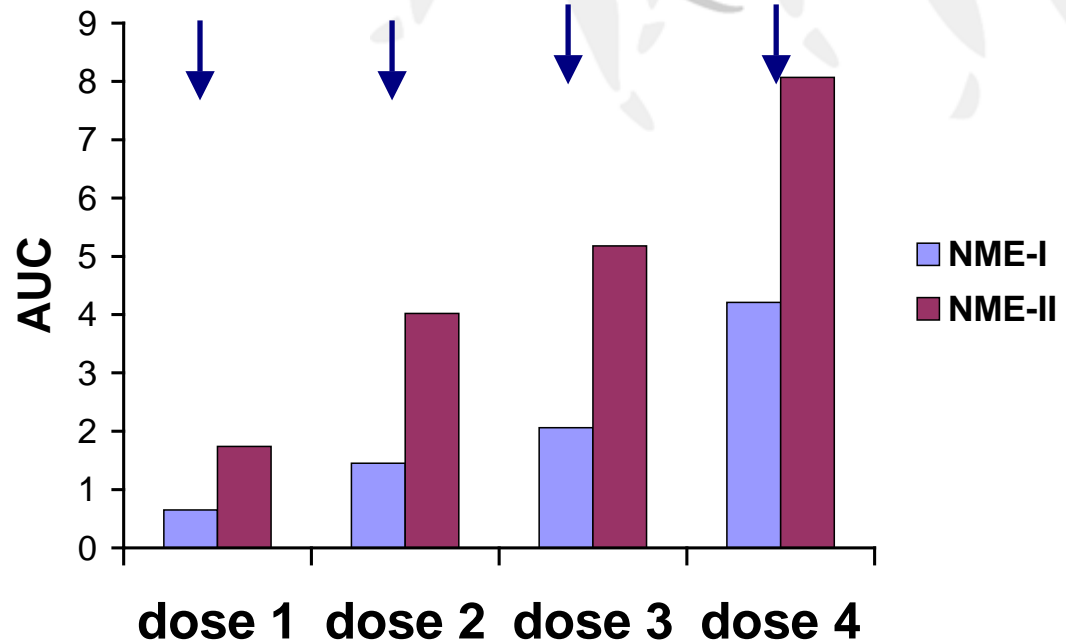


# Safety Pharmacology of combination First in man study

**capsules**  
**NME-I / NME-II ratio**  
**30 / 70**

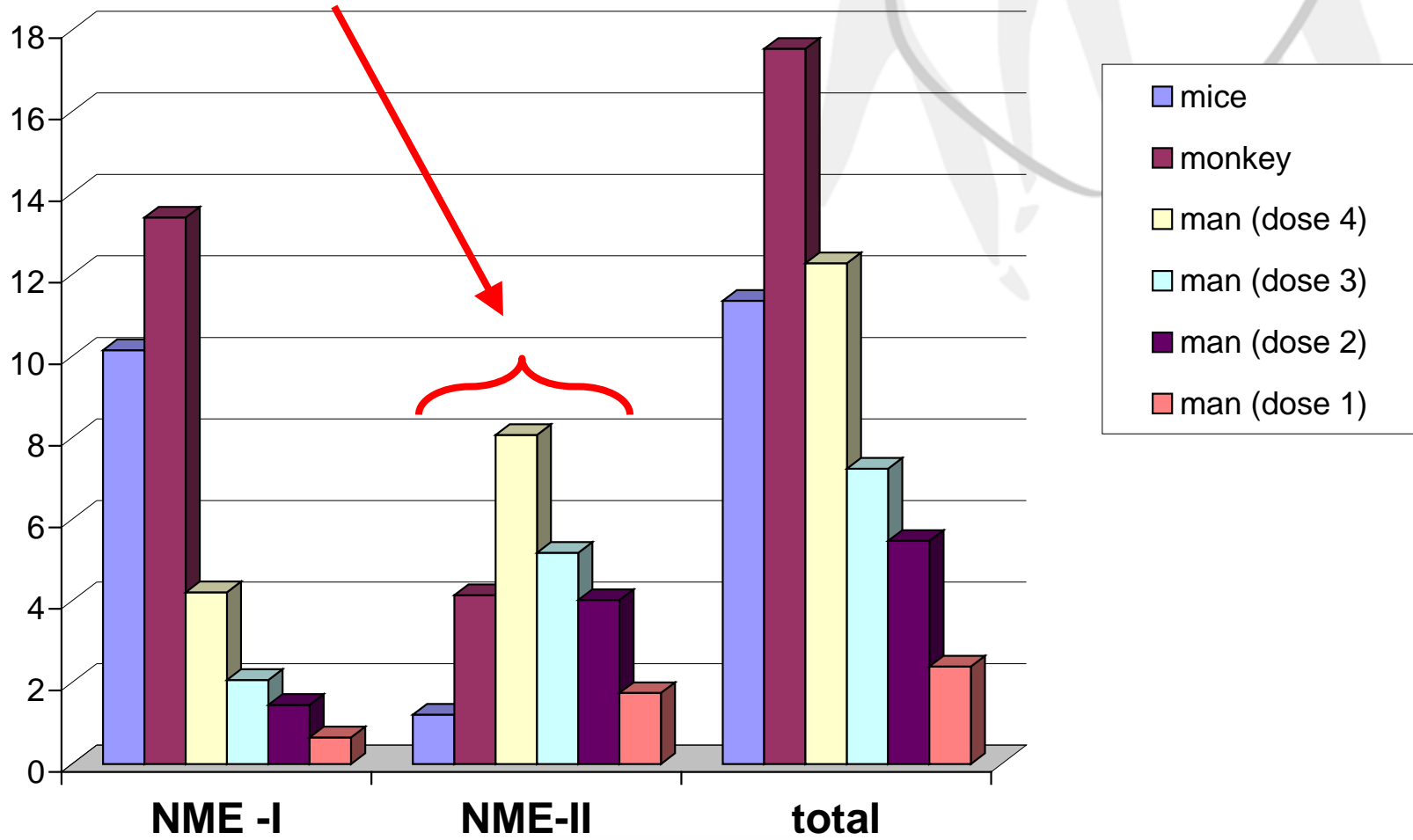


**Exposure**  
**NME-I / NME-II ratios**  
**27/73 27/73 28/72 34/66**



# Plasma exposures in man vs. mouse and monkey at NOAEL

**NME-II exposures in Humans > than those at NOAEL in mice and monkeys**



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## What are the Consequences for the Multiple-Dose Study in Healthy Volunteers?

Recommendation is not to exceed the exposures achieved at NOAEL in monkeys (for NME-1 as well as NME-II):

→ Top dose in the MD study should be limited to **dose 1 or 2**, to account for the exposure in NME-II achieved in HV

→ Need to assess higher doses in the MD study as the active dose is estimated close to dose 2

 Need for additional tox studies to allow higher doses in the MD study

## Action Plan to Support Multiple-Dose at Doses > dose 2 in Healthy Volunteers

Perform **studies in monkeys using individual components** with the aims of:

- Determine the **relationship between toxicity and exposures to NME-I and to NME-II**: toxicity related to NME-I, to NME-II or to NME-I + NME-II ?
- Determine, if possible, a **safety margin for NME-II** (limiting factor to increase doses in man)



# Tox Proposal to Support Multiple-Dose at Doses > dose 2 in Healthy Volunteers

Proposed Studies in monkeys:

- **Rising dose study** with clinical obs. and TK → determination of the MTD and the exposure achieved for NME-I and for NME-II:
  - **sufficient exposure obtained ?**



- **5-day exploratory study** with determination of the MTD and the exposure achieved for NME-I and for NME-II
- **4-week toxicity study** with TK and determination of **safety margin**

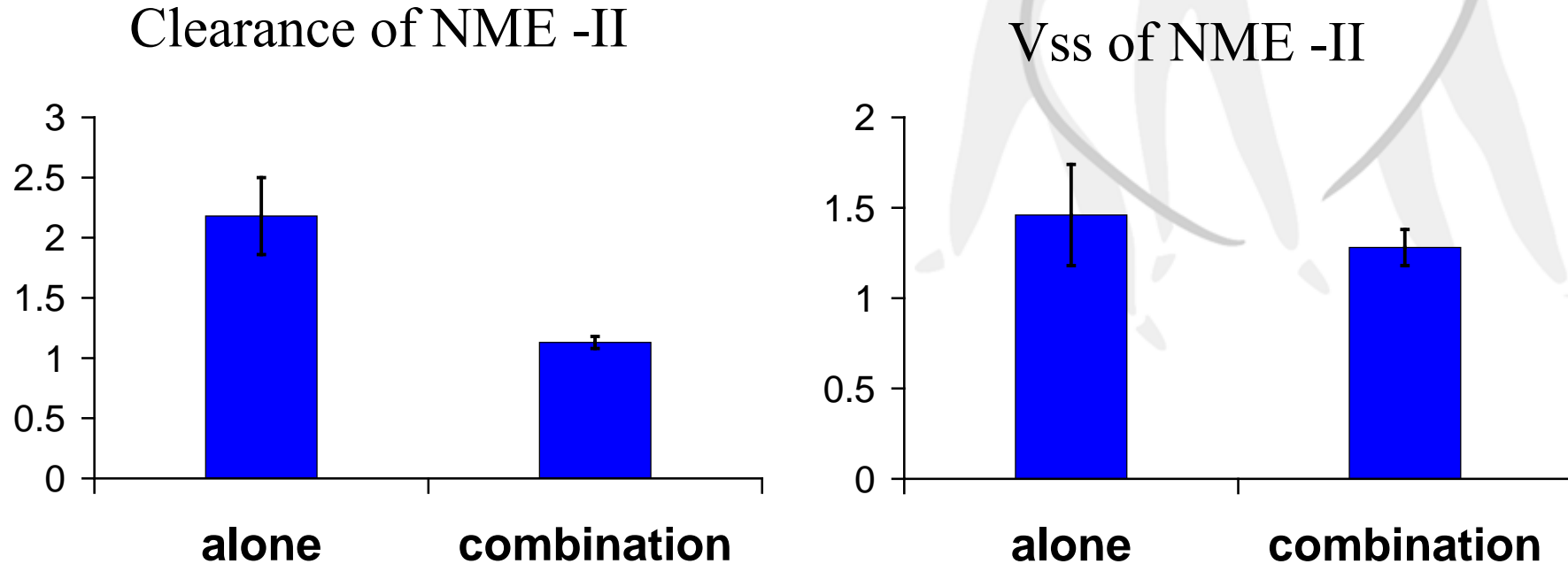
Need Pharm. Sciences support to define the formulation to be used (oral, IV ?)

# Tox Proposal to Support Multiple-Dose at Doses > dose 2 in Healthy Volunteers

Proposed Study Plan for the 4-week study in monkeys:

- 6 to 8 groups:
  - ✓ 1 control group
  - ✓ 1 “positive group” i.e. treated with the 30/70 combination
  - ✓ 2 or 3 groups treated with NME-I
  - ✓ 2 or 3 groups treated with NME-II
- Standard examinations (for regulatory purposes)

## PK interaction between NME-1 and NME-2 CL and Vss of NME-II in monkeys (single dose / IV route)



- NME-I is CYP3A4 inhibitor. NME-I decreases plasma clearance of co-administered NME-II by a factor of about 2

# Conclusion

Because the dose ratio may change during drug development, it is important to design the toxicity studies to provide adequate margins of safety for future clinical trials

PK/ADME studies are recommended to assess the potential for a PK interaction between the drugs (in vitro drug metabolism studies be conducted early in drug development)