TABLE 15.1	Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Barbiturates Approved for Sedative-Hypnotic Use					
Barbiturate	Rı	R ₂	LogP	Onset Time (min) ^d	Duration of action (hour)	Classification
Pentobarbital	CH ₃ 5	H_3C CH_3 5	2.10 ^a	10-15	3-4	Short-acting
Secobarbital	CH ₂	H ₃ C CH ₃	2.36 ^b	10-15	3-4	Short-acting
Amobarbital	CH ₃ 5	H ₃ C CH ₃	2.07 ^d	45-60	6–8	Intermediate acting
Butabarbital	CH ₃ 5	H ₃ C CH ₃	1.60 ^b	45-60	6–8	Intermediate acting
Phenobarbital	CH ₃ 5	5	1.46 ^b	30–60	10–16	Long-acting

^a From Freese IE, Levin BC, Pearce R, et al. Correlation between the growth inhibitory effects, partition coefficients and teratogenic effects of lipophilic acids. Teratology. 1979;20:413–440.

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