

Table 18.9. Kinetic parameters per crypt in the rodent colon. (After Sunter *et al.* (1979*a, b*, 1980, 1981))

	Descending colon	Transverse colon	Ascending colon	Sigmoid	Caecum
Crypt length (cells)					
rat	42	43	33		33
mouse	21	20	19		25
Crypt column (cells)					
rat	18	17	19		23
mouse	22	20	16		25
Crypt population (cells)					
rat	735 (623) ¹	735	630		760
mouse	700	680	310		630
Proliferating cells per crypt					
rat	250	220	145		230
mouse	190	180	90		180
			(127-196) ²		
Crypt cell production rate (cells/crypt/h)					
rat	—	5.9 ³	—		9.8 ³
	7.3 ⁴	8.7 ⁴	6.5 ⁴		9.9 ⁴
	7.1 ⁵	8.8 ⁵	6.6 ⁵		10.2 ⁵
	1.5 ⁶	1.6 ⁶	0.9 ⁶		2.7 ⁶
mouse	20.9 ⁴	8.6 ⁴	5.8 ⁴		10.8 ⁴
	18.2 ⁵	8.8 ⁵	4.9 ⁵		11.1 ⁵
	3.7 ⁶	2.7 ⁶	1.6 ⁶		3.7 ⁶

¹ Rijke *et al.* (1979*b*). ² Kovacs and Potten (1973). ³ Metaphase arrest and microdissection. ⁴ Cumulative birth rate curve and column count. ⁵ $k_B = I_P/T_C \cdot N_C$. ⁶ $k_B = I_M/t_M \cdot N_P$.