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## Pharmacology

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# Quinolones and Folic Acid Antagonists

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## Fluoroquinolones

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1-floroQuinolones

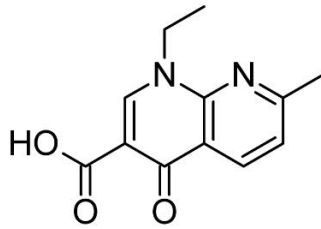
2-folic acid antagonist

These drugs target DNA related process but both of them have distinct mechanism of actions ..

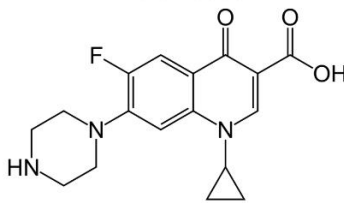
In this lecture they are discussed together because they have the same clinical uses and they both target DNA synthesis.



## Quinolones



Nalidixic acid



Ciprofloxacin

FLUOROQUINOLONES	
<i>Ciprofloxacin</i>	CIPRO
<i>Levofloxacin</i>	LEVAQUIN
<i>Moxifloxacin</i>	AVELOX
<i>Nalidixic acid</i>	
<i>Norfloxacin</i>	NOROXIN
<i>Ofloxacin</i>	

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1-quinolones are big class of drugs and not only used as antibiotics.

2-the prototype of this drugs family is Nalidixic acid → this drug was the basic quinolone to be used.

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رح نلاحظ بالاسلايدات الجاية انو هاي المجموعة متخصصة بالعدوى الي بتصيب الجهاز التنفسي والجهاز البولي .



# DNA Supercoiling



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Some information to revise about DNA in bacterial cell.

- 1- Bacterial DNA is circular in contrast to humans DNA which is linear.
- 2- The bacterial DNA is subjected to supercoiling during replication and this is a problem.
- 3- We know that DNA helicase is the enzyme responsible for separation of the 2 DNA strands

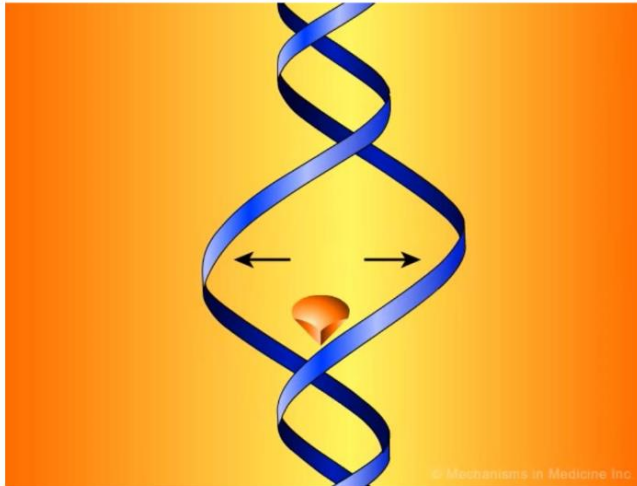
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- Negative coils → عكس عقارب الساعة
- Positive coils → مع عقارب الساعة وهي غالبا بنتكون

There is an enzyme called DNA gyrase or topoisomerase II that is responsible of relief of the supercoils --> so when the positive supercoils form this enzyme will produce negative supercoils against the positive supercoil that formed → leading to relief the supercoil.



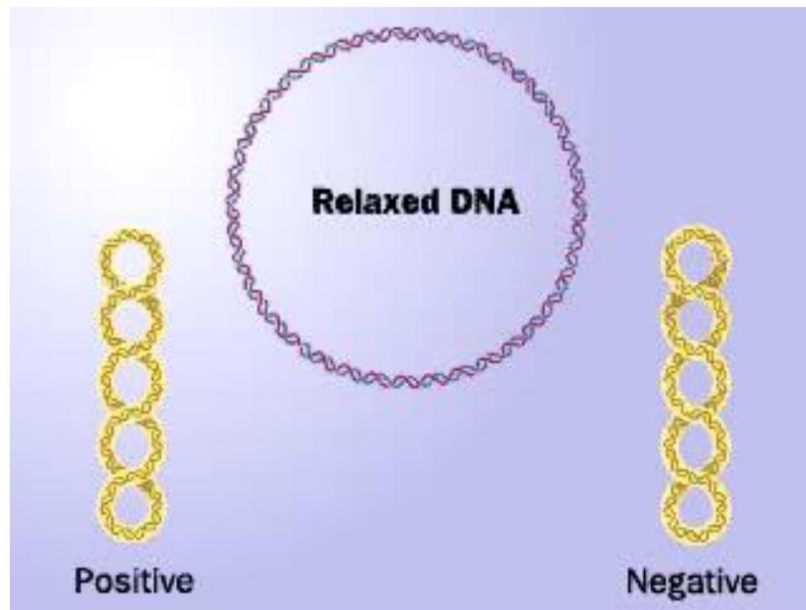
# DNA Helicase



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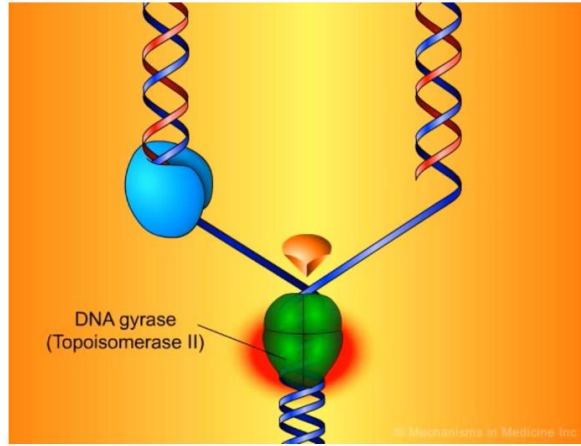
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# DNA Gyrase



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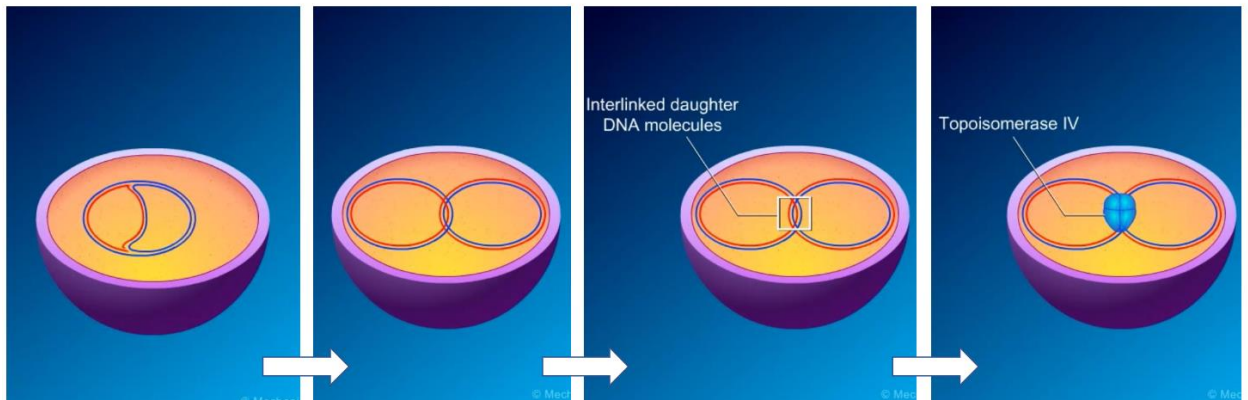
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# Topoisomerase IV



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After replication the result is → interlinked daughter DNA molecules so in this case we need enzyme that separate them.

The enzyme responsible for this step is topoisomerase IV

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So, we can say that DNA GYRASE and DNA topoisomerase IV have cut and ligation functions.



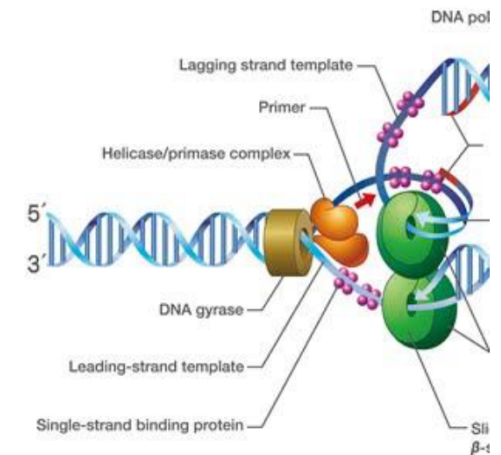
## Quinolones

### Mechanism of action

- Inhibit ligation step of bacterial DNA gyrase and bacterial topoisomerase IV

-Inhibition of gyrase: increases the number of permanent chromosomal breaks

-Inhibition of topo IV: interferes with the separation of newly replicated DNA



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If the function of gyrase inhibited the number of breaks along DNA molecule will increase which will lead to the death of the cell (apoptosis) → so these drugs are bactericidal.



# Quinolones

## Mechanism of action

In gram-negative: inhibition of gyrase>topo IV

In gram-positive: inhibition of topo IV>gyrase

*What does that mean?*

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The important thing to know that fluoroquinolones inhibit both the DNA gyrase and DNA topoisomerase IV but the selectivity of these drugs to these enzymes may differ between species (g(+)) and g(-))

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**Quinolones** → commonly used in UTIs.

Antibacterial spectrum:

- **Bactericidal** → bacterial cell killing
- **Time-dependent killing** → their effect depends on their concentration in plasma so they are given in a frequent dose and their concentration must be maintained near or above the MIC
- **Effective against gram-negative (including E. coli and Pseudomonas), atypical, gram-positive (strep), mycobacteria....**

هدول الادوية ببدايات اكتشافهم كان شغلهم بشكل اساسي على جرام (-) بكتيريا بس بعدين ومع تطورها هي المجموعة صار في ادوية منهم فعالة ضد الجرام (+) بكتيريا.

- **Levofloxacin: excellent activity against (S. pneumoniae) → g(+) infection )**

Levofloxacin is now one of the important drugs that treat lung infections.



# Quinolones

Antibacterial spectrum

- **First-generation (nonfluorinated):** nalidixic acid

**narrow-spectrum** → activity against aerobic gram-negative bacilli, mostly Enterobacteriaceae.

- **Second-generation:** ciprofloxacin and norfloxacin

-gram-negative (pseudomonas, H.influenzae) and **atypical** , Neisseria spp., Chlamydia spp., and Legionella spp.

- **Third-generation:** levofloxacin → هون بلش يظهر تأثير على الجرام (+)

-gram-negative, atypical and **gram-positive (including S. pneumoniae → community acquired pneumonia and MSSA).**

- **Fourth-generation:** moxifloxacin, Gemifloxacin, delafloxacin

-**enhanced gram-positive effects** including staph and strep + coverage of gram-negative Enterobacteriaceae.

Staph and strep are common cause of lower respiratory tract infections.

-Homework: Which fourth-generation fluoroquinolone is effective against MRSA?

**Delafloxacin** has activity against methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

## Examples of Clinically Useful

### Fluoroquinolones

**Ciprofloxacin** → 2<sup>nd</sup> generation.

- Effective against gram-negative including **P. aeruginosa** → (High dose for pseudomonal infections)

- Clinical indications:

1. Gastroenteritis e.g., **traveler's diarrhea** → caused by g(-) bacteria transmitted by feco-oral rout
2. Typhoid fever
3. **Anthrax** (drug of choice)
  - infectious disease caused by bacteria known as Bacillus anthracis.
  - ciprofloxacin is the drug of choice for anthrax

#### 4. Urinary tract infections

The main use of ciprofloxacin is for treatment of UTIs.

### Examples of Clinically Useful Fluoroquinolones

Levofloxacin → 3<sup>rd</sup> generation.

- Similar to cipro but also effective against gram-positive (strep not staph) + MSSA .

- Clinical indications:

First-line therapy for community acquired-pneumonia.--> خصوصا اذا كان في عندي مقاومة من البكتيريا ..  
للبنيسيلين مثلا ..

-Can be used for UTIs.

### Examples of Clinically Useful Fluoroquinolones

Moxifloxacin → 4<sup>th</sup> generation

- Effective against gram-negative, S. pneumonia and mycobacterium

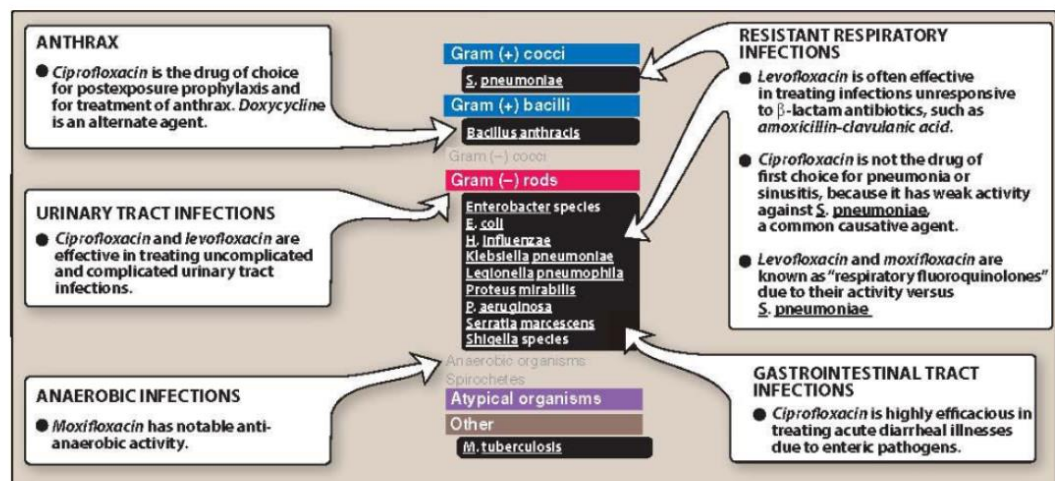
- Clinical indications:

1. For community-acquired but not nosocomial pneumonia (weak against pseudomonas)

2. Second-line for TB



## Clinical Uses of Fluoroquinolones



# Fluoroquinolones and UTIs

“Fluoroquinolones (e.g., ofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin) are highly effective in UTIs, but these agents have a propensity for causing collateral damage and should be reserved for important uses other than acute uncomplicated cystitis. IDSA guidelines recommend that fluoroquinolones be used as second-line agents for acute uncomplicated cystitis and as first-line oral therapy for complicated cystitis”. → to reduce superinfection risk and resistant

International Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Acute Uncomplicated Cystitis and Pyelonephritis in Women: A 2010 Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the European Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.



## Fluoroquinolones

### Mechanisms of resistance

-mainly chromosomal

• **Altered target:**

-mutations in *gyrA* or *parC*

• **Decreased accumulation**

-porin channels

-efflux pumps

• **Fluoroquinolone degradation**

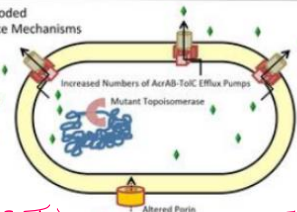
• Cross-resistance

main mechanism of resistant ←

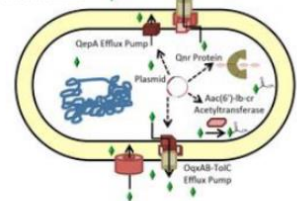
\**gyrA* → Gene that code for DNA gyrase

\**parC* → code for Topoisomerase IV.

B. Chromosomally-Encoded Ciprofloxacin Resistance Mechanisms



C. Plasmid-Borne Ciprofloxacin Resistance Mechanisms



Alterations in membrane permeability are mediated through a reduction in outer membrane porin proteins, thus limiting drug access to topoisomerases.



# Fluoroquinolones

## Pharmacokinetics

### • Absorption

*well absorbed  
After oral  
administration.*

- **mainly oral** – IV/ophthalmic preps of cipro and levo

- food,  $Ca^{++}$ ,  $Al^{+3}$  and  $Mg^{++}$  interfere with absorption → *↓ Absorption*

90% bioavailability

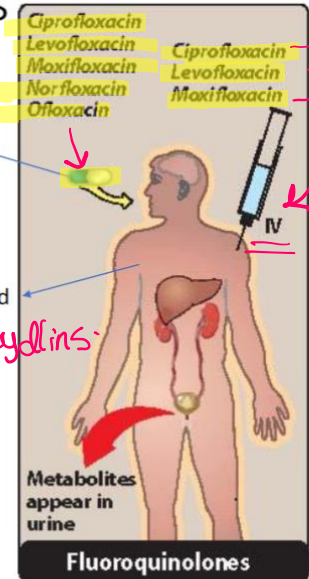
### • Distribution

- very well distributed (high conc in bone, urine and lung)

- good CSF distribution

- concentrate in macrophages and neutrophils

20-80% are protein-bound  
→ *like Tetracyclins*



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- levofloxacin and moxifloxacin having a bioavailability that exceeds 90%
- Binding to plasma proteins ranges from 20% to 84%.
- Accumulation in macrophages and polymorphonuclear leukocytes results in activity against intracellular organisms such as Listeria, Chlamydia, and Mycobacterium.



# Fluoroquinolones

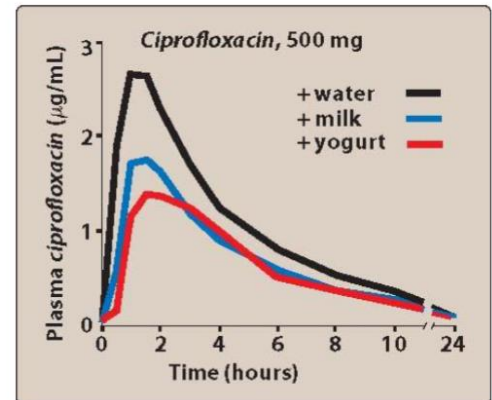
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The graph shows that the absorption of fluoroquinolones is interfered with if administered with dietary food, thus interfering with the absorption of the drug.



# Fluoroquinolones

## Pharmacokinetics

### • Elimination

- most fluoroquinolones are excreted renally
- Moxifloxacin is excreted by liver (can be used in patients with renal impairment)

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Most fluoroquinolones are excreted renally. Therefore, dosage adjustments are needed in renal dysfunction.



# Quinolones

## Adverse effects

-generally well-tolerated

- N/V/D
- Headache and dizziness
- Peripheral neuropathy and glucose dysregulation
- Phototoxicity → As tetracyclines.
- (boxed warning) Articular cartilage erosion, tendinitis, tendon rupture
- QT prolongation

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Dizziness

Diarthea



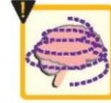
Nausea



Headache



Dizziness



Tendon rupture



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-Patients should use sunscreen and avoid excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light.

-blood glucose disturbances (usually in diabetic patients receiving oral hypoglycemic agents or insulin) have been observed.

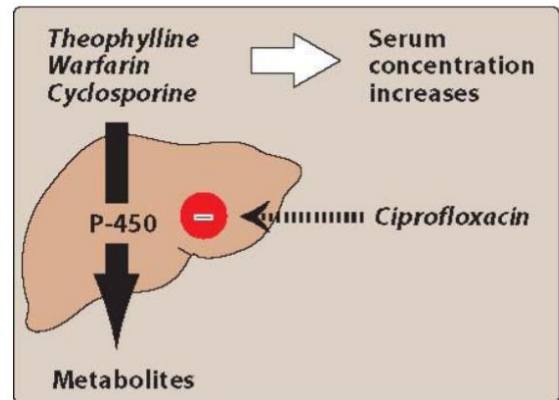
These drugs should be avoided in patients predisposed to arrhythmias or heart problems because these drugs prolonged the QT.



# Quinolones

## Drug-drug interaction

- Cipro can inhibit metabolism of theophylline, others
- Quinolones can raise serum warfarin



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CIPROFLOXACIN inhibit CYP450 leading to inhibit the metabolism of other drugs and increase their concentration in the blood ... such as warfarin so the serum warfarin will increase leading to bleeding.

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