



Drugs work on Sympathetic Nervous System

Sympathomimetics

→ Drugs produce action similar to sympathetic nervous system

→ Are divided into

→ Catecholamine

→ Non catecholamine

and acts according to The chemistry
The mechanism of action

→ works on α_1 , α_2 , β_1 , β_2 , β_3 receptors

→ Are called Adrenergic Drugs

Sympatholytic

Drugs produce action to block the sympathetic nervous system

→ Blockers of α receptors β receptors
Ganglia neuron

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Sympatholytic Drugs

Review

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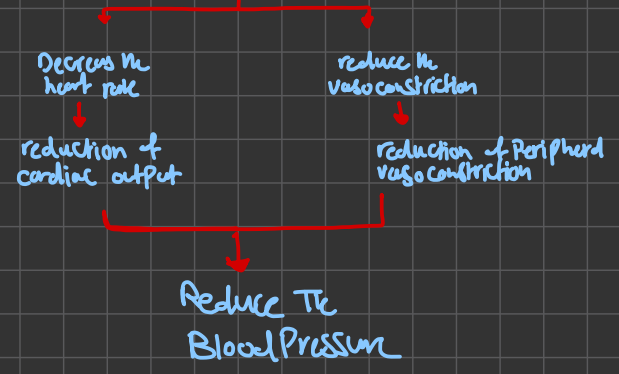
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Are called Anti Adrenergic Drugs

First: Centrally Acting α_2 Agonist:

it stimulate central α_2 adrenoceptors

it reduce the sympathetic outflow from the CNS



Drugs work on that mechanism:

Clonidine used in cases of Hypertension

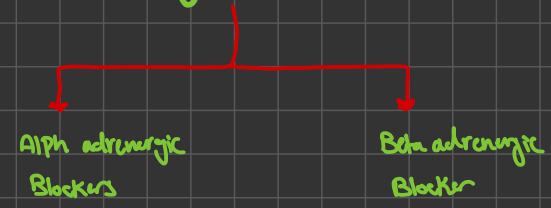
Second: Ganglion Blocker

Drugs work on that method: Trimethaphan IV infusion

Third: Adrenergic neuron blocker

Drugs work on that method: Reserpine, Guanethidine

Fourth: Adrenergic Receptors Blockers



Totally the opposite of adrenergic receptors

Receptor	Location	G Protein	Second Messenger	Major Functions
α_1	Effector tissues: smooth muscle, glands	G_q	$\uparrow IP_3, DAG$	$\uparrow Ca^{2+}$, causes contraction, secretion
α_2	Nerve endings, some smooth muscle	G_i	$\downarrow cAMP$	\downarrow Transmitter release, causes contraction
β_1	Cardiac muscle, juxtaglomerular apparatus	G_s	$\uparrow cAMP$	\uparrow Heart rate, \uparrow force; \uparrow renin release
β_2	Smooth muscle, cardiac muscle	G_s	$\uparrow cAMP$	Relax smooth muscle; \uparrow glycogenolysis; \uparrow heart rate, force
β_3	Adipose cells	G_s	$\uparrow cAMP$	\uparrow Lipolysis



Alpha Adrenergic Blockers

Selective α_1 blocker

Prazosin
Tamsulosin

Non Selective α blocker

Phenylephrine
Phentolamine
Tolazoline

Selective α_2 blocker

Yohimbine

Work on G_q Protein receptors: inhibit Phospho lipase C
 \downarrow IP_3 , DAG
 \downarrow intracellular Ca^{2+}

Prazosin

Action	Therapeutic uses	Side effect
\rightarrow VD of veins (\downarrow venous return)	\rightarrow Hypertension	\rightarrow Orthostatic Hypotension [1st dose]
\rightarrow VD of arteries [\downarrow TPR & congestion]	\rightarrow Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH)	\rightarrow Dry mouth, GIT upset [gastrointestinal distress]
\rightarrow relax the sphincter of UB	\rightarrow Peripheral vascular Disease (PVD)	\rightarrow Headach & drowsiness
\rightarrow no reflex Tachycardia	\rightarrow Heart failure	\rightarrow Oedema
		\rightarrow rash & Pruritis

Tamsulosin

Selective α_1 Blocker in certain tissue
used in treatment of: Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH)



Beta Adrenergic Blockers

Selectivity

- \rightarrow non Selective: Block α & β receptor
- \rightarrow Cardio Selective: Block β_1

Generation:

- 1st generation
- 2nd generation
- 3rd generation

ISA

no ISA
have ISA
Intrinsic Sympathetic Activity

① Selectivity: The more selective, the less side effects

- \rightarrow non selective: Block β_1, β_2
- \rightarrow Cardio selective: Block β_1
- \rightarrow Block α & β receptor: **labetalol**

② Generation:

- 1st generation: non selective β blocker
- 2nd generation: Cardio selective β_1 blocker
- 3rd generation: VD β blocker, have either.
 β_2 agonistic activity: **Carvedilol - Diltiazem**
direct VD and α blocking effect: **Carvedilol**

③ ISA: Intrinsic Sympathetic Activity

- \checkmark ISA [Partial agonist]: **oxprenolol - Acebutolol - Pindolol - Prandolol**
- \times ISA [Antagonist]: **Propranolol - Timolol - Atenolol - Metoprolol**

They act as antagonist, but when the dose increases they act as agonist

Non selective Beta blockers: **Propranolol - Pindolol - Nadolol - Timolol**

Propranolol: The Godfather

- non selective Beta blockers [β_1 & β_2]
- no ISA

Kinetics:

- well absorbed orally [highly lipophilic].
- extensively metabolized in the liver.
- (90-95)% bound to PP
- metabolites excreted in the urine

Action on:

CNS → ↓ sympathetic flow ↓ adrenaline release → anti anxiety
as ↑ adrenaline level cause anxiety

RS → Bronchoconstriction

Metabolism → Prevent glycogenesis → hypoglycemia

Eye → Timolol ↓ IOP due to ↓ aqueous humour synthesis
has no effect on Pupil size

Increases K release [hyperkalemia]

CVS

Heart → -ve inotropic, -ve chronotropic,
-ve chronotropic [↓ C.O.P + ↓ Cardiac work + ↓ O_2 consumption]

BL.V → ↓ blood flow to tissue

Blood Pressure ↓ BP, through:

- ↓ C.O.P
- Inhibition of renin release
- resetting of baroreceptor
- pre-synaptic β_2 blockade decreases NE release
- central inhibition of sympathetic flow
- modulation of Prostaglandin synthesis in favour of the vasodilator ones as Prostacyclin

Cardio Selective Beta blockers (β_1)

- Atenolol
- Acebutolol
- Esmolol
- Bisoprolol
- Metoprolol

Therapeutic Uses

1. Hypertension
3. Portal hypertension
4. Glaucoma
5. Hyperthyroidism
6. Anxiety and essential tremors
7. Prophylaxis in migraine headache
8. Pheochromocytoma with alpha blockers
9. ventricular and supraventricular arrhythmias

2. IHD: Angina - MI

→ Decreases oxygen demand by decreasing Cardiac work

- Increases oxygen supply by:
 - increasing diastolic coronary Perfusion time
 - shifting subepicardial blood flow to subendocardial flow
 - Inhibition of Platelet aggregation

The Side effect:

- bronchoconstriction
- arrhythmia
- Sexual impairment
- Fatigue - dizziness - vivid dreams - nightmares.
- cold hand and allergic reactions.
- Prolonged hypoglycemia, and mask the hypoglycemic symptoms.
- increases VLDL, Triglyceride, and low HDL
- Oculo - mucocutaneous syndrome with **Propranolol**

Precautions & Contraindications

- bronchial asthma
- Partial heart block and A.V block
- Variant angina
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Used with caution in DM
- cannot be stopped suddenly as abrupt discontinuation increases the risk of IHD upregulation of β receptor

Drugs work on Parasympathetic nervous system

Parasympathomimetics [Cholinomimetics]

- Drugs that facilitate or mimic some or all the action of Parasympathetic nervous system
- They are drugs work on cholinergic receptors
 - Muscarinic receptors
 - Nicotinic receptors

Parasympatholytic [Anticholinergic]

- Drugs that inhibit or reduce some or all the action of Parasympathetic nervous system
- Drugs that works on cholinergic receptors
 - Muscarinic receptors antagonist
 - Nicotinic receptors antagonist
 - Ganglionic Blocking Drugs (Nn)
 - Neuromuscular Blocking Drugs (Nm)

Review \rightleftharpoons

Parasympathomimetic Drugs

ACh: Acetyl choline

Drugs that facilitate or mimic some or all

Cholinergic receptors are receptors that respond to Acetyl choline and its analogues [nicotine]

→ the action of Parasympathetic nervous system [PNS]

also cholinergic drugs

→ They are drugs work on cholinergic

receptors → Muscarinic receptors
→ Nicotinic receptors

Cholinergic Receptors

Muscarinic Receptors

- They respond to ACh
- Found in the surface of the effector cells [heart - Endothelium of the blood vessels - Smooth muscles - Presynaptic nerve terminals - Exocrine gland]

Nicotinic Receptors

- They respond to nicotine
- They are found in [CNS adrenal medulla - autonomic ganglia - skeletal muscles]
- The nicotinic receptor has 2 subtypes
 - N_m : found in motor end plate skeletal muscle blocked by Curare
 - N_n : found in autonomic ganglia and adrenal medulla blocked by ganglion blockers

→ The muscarinic receptors have several subtypes
 M_1 M_2 M_3 M_4 M_5

blocked by Atropine

← block the action

Receptor type	Molecular transduction mechanism
M_1 & M_3 & M_5	Increase ↑ [inositol triphosphate IP3 and Diacylglycerol DAG]
M_2 & M_4	Decreases ↓ [cAMP]
N_n nicotinic muscular	Increase intracellular Sodium [depolarization]
N_m nicotinic neural	Increase intracellular Sodium [depolarization]

Mechanism of action of Muscarinic Receptors

①

G Protein coupling of [M_1 - M_3] to Phospholipase C

Release of second messenger [IP3 and DAG]

evokes the release of Ca^{2+} from intracellular site - resulting in contraction of muscles

→ modulate the action of protein kinase [important is secretion]

② Coupling of M_2 to adenylyl cyclase, through the inhibition of G Protein

③ Coupling of muscarinic receptor directly to

Potassium channels in the heart and elsewhere muscarinic agonist facilitate opening of these channels

What is the action of Parasympathomimetic Drugs?

Reminder found in lec 15

	Sympathetic action	Parasympathetic action
CVS		
Heart	Increase all cardiac properties	Decrease all cardiac properties except atrial conduction
Blood vessels	VC of skin and mm VD of skeletal and coronary blood vessels	Non innervated
Blood pressure	Hypertension	Hypotension
SMF		
Eye	Active mydriasis	Miosis
Bronchi	Bronchodilatation	Bronchoconstriction
GIT	Inhibit motility of wall Contract sphincter	Contract wall Relax sphincter
Urinary tract	Inhibit motility of wall Contract sphincter	Contract wall Relax sphincter
Sex organ	Ejaculation in males Relax uterine wall in female	Erection in male
Exocrine glands		
Salivary glands	Thick viscid secretion	Profuse watery secretion No effect
Sweat glands	Increase	

- CVS**
- decreases ↓ the heart rate and cardiac output
 - decreases ↓ blood pressure: as it causes vasodilatation. by indirect mechanism of action
- * as acetyl choline activate M3 receptors found in endothelium smooth muscle in blood vessel. This result in the production of Nitric Oxide, which diffuses to vascular smooth muscle cells to stimulate protein kinase G production, leading to hyperpolarization and smooth muscle relaxation.

Eyes → Stimulating ciliary muscle contraction for near vision.

- Constriction of Pupillary sphincter muscle causing miosis [circular muscle contraction of Pupil]
- Stimulate tears
- Reduction of IntraOcular Pressure IOP ↓

Bronchi → Bronchoconstriction

GIT → Increases salivary secretion and stimulate intestinal secretion motility

Genitourinary tract → Increase the tone causing expulsion of the urine

Cholinergic agent adverse effect:

- Bradycardia & Hypotension
- miosis - lacrimation - salivation - sweating
- urgency and spontaneous micturition
- Broncho spasm and ↑ bronchial secretion.
- Colic - vomiting - diarrhoea - hyperacidity & Peptic ulcer

General contraindication of Parasympathomimetics:

- Bradycardia - heart failure - heart block
- Bronchial asthma
- Parkinson
- Peptic ulcer
- mechanical obstruction of GIT and urinary bladder

Action related to Stimulated nicotinic receptors:

Nm: skeletal muscle twitches

Nn: in Autonomic ganglia and adrenal gland so increase E and NE [adrenaline and noradrenaline]. so hypertension in atropinized dog.

Parasympathomimetic

Cholinomimetic

according to mechanism

Direct Acting

Indirect Acting

Muscarinic receptor agonist

Nicotinic receptor agonist

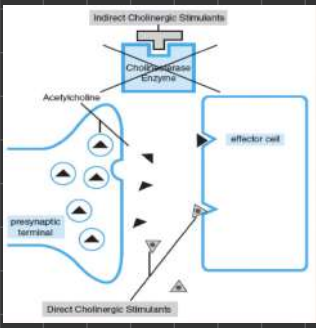
Anti Cholinesterase

Reversible

Irreversible

- Cholinesterases - Alkaloid
- Stimulate muscarinic receptor directly

- They inhibit cholinesterase enzyme, leading to accumulation of endogenous ACh at both muscarinic and nicotinic receptors.



	Physiostigmine	Neostigmine
	Natural	Synthetic
	Tertiary amine <i>not charged can pass the BBB</i>	Quaternary amine <i>charged cannot pass BBB</i>
Dynamics	N: mainly on eye M: muscle twitch, no direct action CNS: Stimulation	N: GIT - urinary M: muscle twitch, direct stimulation CNS: no
USES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Mt of Alzheimer disease → Glaucoma → Counteract action of mydriatic → Alternative with mydriatic to cut recent adhesion iris & lens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Mythenia gravis → Antidot to Curare toxicity → Paralytic ileus → Post-operative urine retention

	Acetylcholin	methacholine	Bethanicol	Carbachol
nicotinic	+	-	-	+
muscarinic	+	+	+	+

N.B: never given IV or IM
ACh never given oral

	Reversible	Irreversible
binding to enzyme	loose	firm
enzyme activity	can be regained	can not
Action duration	Short	long
	Physiostigmine neostigmine Edrophonium	organo phosphorus compound Ecothiopate (anti glaucoma) Methalithion - Parathion (antiscaps) Methiophentak (anti helminthic)

Irreversible Anticholine Esterase: Organo Phosphorus compound

- synthetic compound.
- Have the capacity to bind covalently to Acetylcholin esterase.
- The result is long lasting increase acetylcholine at all site where it is released.
- Many of these drugs are toxic: ?
 - Bradycardia & hypotension
 - Constricted Pupil (miosis)
 - Tightness in the chest with dyspnea
 - nausea - vomiting - abdominal colic - diarrhea
 - Increase in salivation and sweating.
 - muscle twitch
 - convulsion

- Management of organophosphorus poisoning:
 - Endotracheal intubation with artificial respiration
 - Atropine (2mg IV) until the signs of atropinization appear [dry mouth - dilated pupil - Tachycardia].
 - Barbiturate to check convulsion.
 - Fresh blood transfusion.

Oximes [PAM & Praloxime]
The treatment with oximes should be within hours [2gm with 5% Oxonox IV drip]

- Oximes produce their effect through:
- Direct reaction with inhibited enzymes.
 - Reactivation with inhibited enzyme.

NICOTIN AND SMOKING:

Mechanism of action:

- Stimulate sympathetic ganglia and adrenal medulla.
- Release catecholamines from nerve end and chromaffin cells.

CVS → The cardiovascular effect of nicotine is due to increase release of adrenaline from suprarenal gland as a result of stimulation of nicotinic receptor in suprarenal gland.

Tachycardia → Due to increase cardiac output
Increase excitability → extrasystole

Angina → Due to increase the cardiac work without coronary dilation
Vasoconstriction of all blood vessels, leading to:
Hypertension, due to constriction of systemic arterioles

Retinal ischemia and scotomata [localized loss of vision due to constriction of retinal arterioles].

Peripheral ischemia due to peripheral vascular disease.

Teratogenicity due to constriction of uterine blood vessels in pregnant women

Free fatty acid: Platelet stickiness - atherosclerosis - Thrombosis.

Uses: Nicotine lozenges are used in treatment for addiction of cigarette smoking.

They maintain long standing minimal concentration of nicotine in plasma but prevent symptoms of nicotine withdrawal

now replaced by **vareniclin**

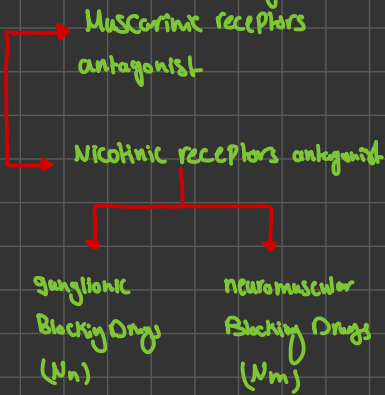
Parasympathetic Drugs

[Anticholinergic]



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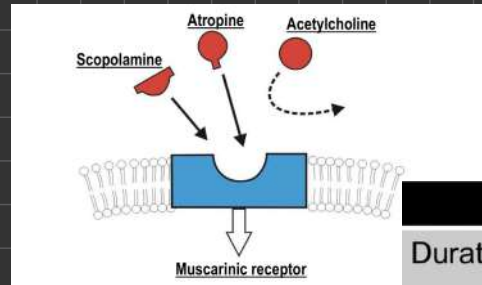
→ Drugs that works on cholinergic receptors



As we know already that **Atropine** **Scopolamine** are muscarinic receptor blockers and **Acetylcholine** is Parasympathomimetic.

A competition of **atropine** and **Scopolamine** with **acetylcholine** for the muscarinic receptor:

Atropine is competitive reversible antagonist at all types of muscarinic receptors.



Antimuscarinic Agents:

↓
They block M receptors

↓
Inhibition of all Parasympathetic functions

* in addition, The Antimuscarinic agent block few exceptional sympathetic neurons that are cholinergic [Sweat glands]

* The Anti muscarinic agents, don't block N receptors so they have little or no action on neuromuscular junctions and autonomic ganglia

Anti Muscarinic Agent

Natural

Synthetic

Atropine Substitutes

Atropine

Hyoscine

AKA "Scopolamine"

bronchodilator

Antisecretory

Antispasmodic

Antiparkinsonism

Mydriatic

	Atropine	hyoscine
Duration of action	Long duration 7-10 days	Short duration 4-7 hours
Action :1-dominant PS action	CVS , GIT, Urinary	Eye and secretions
2- CNS	Both stimulant and depressant but mainly stimulant	Both stimulant and depressant but mainly depressant -sedation, hypnosis and - -amnesia to recent events - Antimotion sickness -Antiparkinsonial
Local anesthetic action	Present	absent

First ATROPINE

→ Mechanism of action. is competitive antagonist to ACh at M1 M2 M3 receptors

Has Parasympathetic effect on:

CVS:

Heart: low dose → initial bradycardia
 larger dose → The cardiac M2 receptor is blocked
 then increases in the heart rate

Circulation: Therapeutic use - no effect due to lack of parasympathetic innervation to vascular beds blood vessels.

Atropine: reverses hypotensive effect of ACh - carbaccol - neostigmine (M-N) action

It abolishes hypotensive effect of Methacholine Bethanechol - Pilocarpine (M) action only.

SMF

Eye → Passive mydriasis
 • cycloplegia [inability to focus for near vision].
 • ↑ IOP & loss of light reflex & ↓ lacrimation

Bronchioles → Bronchodilation & ↓ bronchial secretion

GIT → used as antispasmodic to reduce the activity of GIT. ↓ gastric motility
 HCl is not produced → not very effective in healing of peptic ulcer

Pirenzepine is M1 muscarinic antagonist, is effective in reducing gastric acid secretion

Urinary System:

reduce hypermotility state in the urinary bladder
 occasionally in enuresis in children

Emepronium is better than **atropine**

Secretion Inhibit all body secretion [bronchial - saliva - lacrimal - sweat]
 ↓ drying effect on membrane [xeropsomia]
 * EXCEPT in [Milk - Bile - Urine] secretion.

CNS

Stimulant:

→ Therapeutic dose stimulates C.I.C leading to initial bradycardia if it is given IV

→ large dose stimulates R.S leading to tachypnea

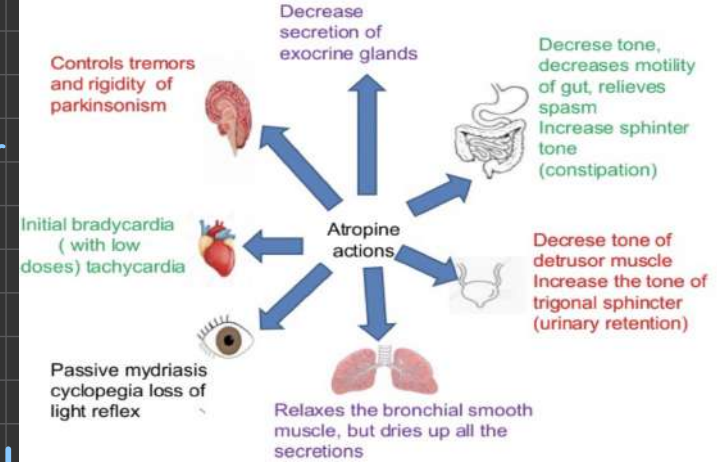
→ Toxic doses causes; restlessness - hallucination delirium followed by depression and coma.

Depression:

→ Muscle tone [Parkinsonian effect = treatment of rigidity and tremor in Parkinsonism]

→ vomiting center [antiemetic effect]

→ it has local Anesthetic effect.



Therapeutic uses:

→ Preanesthetic medication:

- Counteract excess in vagal tone during operations.
- ↓ salivary secretion [Prevent broncho pneumonia.
- ↓ bronchial secretion [Prevent lung collapse].

→ Treatment of physostigmine and organophosphorus toxicity.

→ Parasympatholytic (systems):

CVS: heart block due to [infection and digitoxin toxicity] severe bradycardia.

Eye: fundus examination [derivatives is better] due to long duration of action.

Respiration: bronchial asthma [ipratropium is better]

GIT: intestinal colic - antidiarrhea - antiemetic - peptic ulcer

Urinary: renal colic - nocturnal enuresis [Emepronium is better]

Secretion: hyperhidrosis [excess sweating]

CNS: anti parkinsonian

Side effect of Atropine:

- Dryness of the mouth, blurred vision, sinus tachycardia
- retention of urine especially in old patient with enlarged prostate.
- Acute glaucoma: old patient are more susceptible
- Increase temperature in children.

Contraindication of Atropine

- Tachycardia or arrhythmia.
- Glaucoma.
- Constipation or paralytic ileus.
- Senile enlargement of prostate.

Acute Atropine Poisoning:

- Parasympathetic depressant symptoms:
 - Dry mouth - Tachycardia - Mydriasis
 - loss of accommodation - decrease sweating [Fever]
- Skin: hot - Dry - flushed [compensatory superficial cutaneous vasodilation to increase heat loss]
- CNS: restless - excitement - hallucination - mania - delirium - depression - death.

Treatment of Atropine Poisoning

- Gastric lavage orally - Artificial respiration - Ice bag - Alcohol ⇒ Decrease fever
- Parasympathomimetics [neostigmine, is specific anticholinergic]. & Sedative.

Hyoscine [scopolamine]

- Preanesthetic medication preferred to atropine bcuz it produce more CVS depression. it is potent amnesic, stronger antisecretory and antiemetic
- Antispasmodic
- Prophylaxis for motion sickness
- Sedative in mania
- Antiparkinsonian agent.

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Main clinical use of muscarinic antagonist

- CVS: treatment of sinus bradycardia [after MI]: Atropine
- ophthalmic: to dilate the pupil: tropicamide eye drop or cyclopentolate eye drop [longer acting]
- neurological: prevention of motion sickness hyoscine orally or Transdermally. Parkinsonism especially to contract movement disorder caused by antipsychotic drugs benztropine

Respiratory: asthma IPratropium by inhalation.

Anesthetic premedication: To dry secretion: e.g Atropine - Hyoscine [However, current anaesthetics relatively non-irritant less important]

GIT: to facilitate endoscopy and gastro intestinal radiology by relaxation of GI smooth muscle Antispasmodic action Hyoscine

as antispasmodic irritable bowel syndrome or colonic diverticular disease

To treat peptic ulcer disease by suppressing gastric acid secretion Pirenzepine [M1 selective antagonist] now less used

Introduction of Histamine H2 antagonist and Proton Pump Inhibitors.

Eicosanoids

Eicosa [Greek] = 20

They are compound that are derived from Polyunsaturated fatty acid with 18 & 20 & 22 carbon skeleton.

That needs receptors either plasma membrane or binding protein.

Stimuli [ligand: Physiological or Pathological]



Arachidonic acid esterified in membrane Phospholipid

Corticosteroid (ARACHIDONASE) [Cortisol]

Phospholipase A₂

Arachidonic Acid

LOX

COX1

COX2

- zileuton
- Zafirlukast

Inducible
- Aspirin irreversible block
- NSAID reversible block
Endometria prostaglandin

Leukotriens (LT)

Prostanoids:

Prostaglandin PG
Prostacyclin PGI₂
Thromboxane TXA₂

Prostaglandins are more produce in time of fever - Pain - nausea and vomiting - inflammation

Eicosanoids

Prostaglandins
PG_s

Prostacyclins
PGI₂

Thromboxanes
TX

Leukotrienes
LT

Lipoxins
LX

Unsaturated

Monounsaturated

Polyunsaturated

Arachidonic acid
4 double bond

linolenic acid
3 double bonds

linoleic acid
2 double bonds

[PGE₁ - PGE₂ - PGI₂]:

Biological effect:

VD [Physiologically].

Lung → Bronchodilation
GIT → ++ mucus production

Uterine → contraction of pregnant uterus (in labor)
relaxation of non pregnant uterus
Kidney → ++ Renal Blood flow [RBF]. Promot urine formation, and urine out put help removing waste out of the body.

PGI₂: Platelet aggregation [no thrombosis]

PF_{2a} - TXA₂ - LT_{B4}:

- VC - [LT_s produce in inflamm VD]
- lung: broncho spasm [sever]
- GIT: -- mucus production
- Uterine: contraction of pregnant uterus (in labor)
- Kidney: -- RBF. Promot urine formation and urine out put (mg cause renal failure)

TXA₂: Platelet aggregation

LT_s: Chemotaxis

USES: PGE₁:

- to produce controlled hypotension
- Intracavernous in cases of impotence [erectile dysfunction]
- Tried as vasodilator in peripheral vascular diseases [α blocker]
- TGV: Transposition of Great vessels [switch between Pulmonary and Aorta]
- Misoprostol [Cytotec] PGE₁ analogue used orally in peptic ulcer

Epoprostenol [PGI₂] antiplatelet aggregation

- used in bronchial anti spasm but its irritant
- used in organ transplantation to reverse rejection

PGE₂ & PGF_{2a}: for induction of abortion and labor

PGF_{2a}: [latanoprost] used topically in treatment of Glaucoma

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Prostaglandins (PGI₂)

- Are type of eicosanoids / Prostaglandins
- Principally found in vascular endothelium
- They prevent platelet aggregation [inhibitor factors]
- Biosynthesized by enzyme: prostacyclin synthase

The role of [PGI₂]

- They are vasodilator
- They inhibit platelet aggregation
- They prevent thrombus / clot formation

Thromboxane

- They are produced by Thrombocytes (Platelet)
- They act on formation of blood clot (platelet aggregation)
- Reduction of blood flow to the site of blood clot by vasoconstriction ↑
- They increase lymphocyte proliferation
- They increase bronchoconstriction

Lipoxins

Doctor said if you want to know it only.

- are Eicosanoid, produced in leukocytes in human body.
- are essential in maintaining tissue homeostasis and resolve inflammation

Lipoxins are:

- Vasoactive / vaso-lator
- Anti-inflammatory
- Anti-proliferative
- Pro-resolving
- Immunoregulatory
- Chemotactic substance

Leukotriens (LT)

[LTB₄ - LTC₄ - LTD₄ - LTE₄]

Mechanism of action

Kinin act by stimulation 2 types of G_q coupled receptors, that increases intracellular [Ca²⁺], through increasing IP₃ and DAG

Effect of Leukotrienes:

- LT are biologically active component of slow reacting substances [SRS-R], causes fluid leakage from blood vessels to inflamed area.
- LT are 100-1000 more potent than histamine in allergic reactions. [SRS-A] are released during Allergic / Anaphylactic shock.
- LTB₄ is potent chemotactic agent: chemical substance which mediate movement of cells.

Leukotriens action:

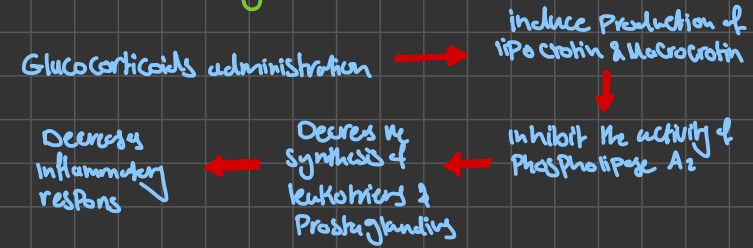
Bronchoconstriction
Vasoconstriction

- The levels of LT is increased in:
Allergies
Allergic rhinitis
Asthma
over production of LT is in Anaphylactic shock

- Drug affecting: an antiasthmatic drug.
Prednisone inhibits LT biosynthesis.

Montelukast - Zafirlucast: block receptors
Zileuton: inhibits lipooxygenase enzymes

Role of Drug:



Pharmacologic Applications on Eicosanoids

Cardiovascular: Pulmonary arterial hypertension - peripheral vascular disease, for keeping the ductus arteriosus open until surgery in neonate carrying certain cardiac malformation and platelet anti aggregation agent

Digestive: medicines in the treatment of gastric duodenal ulcer and for the prevention of NSAID-induced ulcer.

Gynecology & Abstrical: They induce cervical dilatation and uterine contraction, particularly in late pregnancy used for medical termination of pregnancy and induction of labor

Ophthalmologic: ↓ IOP (lowering)

Anti Inflammation: Inhibitors of cyclooxygenase that have anti-inflammatory properties including non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug "NSAID"

- The useful effect of therapeutic use are:
Anti-inflammatory effect
Anti-pyretic effect
Analgesic effect

Inhibition of platelet aggregation and decreases thromboembolic risk [well known with aspirin with low dose]