

**Medicinal chemistry**:- A branch of chemistry in which the features of biological, medical, and pharmaceutical science are studied is termed a medicinal chemistry. The study of invention, discovery, design, identification, and preparation of biological active compound their metabolism mode of action at the molecular level and the structure activity relationship are also covered under this branch.

Medicinal chemistry also involves studying the existing drugs their biological properties and Quantitative Structure - Activity Relationship (QSAR). The medicinal compounds are basically organic compounds which may include small organic molecules and biopolymers.

**History and development of medicinal chemistry**:- The history of medicinal chemistry consists of ideas, knowledge and tools having advanced modern knowledge. There are no exceptions in the remarkable advance made in the field of medicinal chemistry.

**Drug of Antiquity**:-

The therapeutic plants and minerals are in use since the ancient civilisation of the Chinese, the Hindus, the Mayans of Central America and the Mediterranean peoples of bygone days.

**Middle Ages**:- In 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> centuries the studies of Physics and chemistry shifted from Greco-Roman to the Arabian alchemists. It is believed that chemicals could cure disease. Paracelsus (1493-1541) glorified antimony and silver salts in elixirs.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century Age of Innovation and chemistry:-

The knowledge of chemistry expanded in the 19<sup>th</sup> century which also extended the previously established Herbal Pharmacopoeia. The chemical analysis techniques were advanced by the Kolbe in 1845 synthesised acetic acid and Berthelot in 1856 synthesized methane and together they both established the stage for organic chemistry.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century and the pharmaceutical Industry:-

The synthetic chemotherapeutic agent were found to be effective in protozoal and spirochental disease. Domogk stages that prontosil can cure the systemic gram-positive bacterial infections in humans and animals.

A water-soluble powder with antibacterial potency higher & toxicity lower than any known synthetic chemotherapeutic agent was made when Fleming discovered Penicillin in 1929 and Florey chain extracted it in 1941.

Development in the 21 century:- Our ancestors from neamaethals, mesopotamia, egypt, greece, and china herbal remedies for treating sick people since then medicinal discovery has come a long way the leading manufacturers such as:- P. Bayer & company and Farbenfabriken Hoechst. realised that their chemists can also manufacture medicines.

He was also inspired by his colleagues who were conducting researches in immunology including Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch, Emil von Behring and Shibasaburo Kitasato.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century Ennlich came up with the receptor theory and this becomes influential to make understand how drug bind to receptor & based on their chemical structure & compositions.

Physicochemical properties in relation Biological Action:-  
The biological Acting of targeted drug molecule is dependent on it's physicochemical characteristics essentially the nature & type of functional moieties and also the spatial arrangement of such group in the molecule modulating the structure of drug implies introduction, elimination, or substitution of certain group of the drugs.

The physicochemical properties :-

1) Ionisation :- often the ions of a drug are responsible for it's biological activity in such cases increase in ionisation degree strengthens while something the undissociated molecules are responsible for the same in which increase in ionisation degree of active compound decrease the activity.

pKa value :- The cell membrane of stomach, small intestine, mucosa, and nervous tissue are partially lipidic in nature. Most of the drug are either weakly acidic or weakly basic. The degree of dissociation (pKa) can be calculated using Henderson Hasselbalch equation

for an acid

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{\text{Ionised drug concentration}}{\text{unionised drug conc}}$$

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$$\text{Percentage of drug ionised} = \frac{10^{\text{pH} - \text{pK}_a}}{1 + 10^{\text{pH} - \text{pK}_a}} \times 100$$

For base :-

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2) Solubility :- water constitutes the major portion of living bodies. Therefore the biochemical reactions occurring within a living body are either on the micro molecules dispersed in the phase.

Seldomly no drug molecule is completely insoluble every molecule is soluble in both aqueous and non-aqueous lipid compartments of a cell. However the solubility degree is different b/w each compartment.

3) Partition coefficient :- The equilibrium consist of drug conc in the two phase is termed as a partition coefficient are determined in vitro using n-octanol as the lipid phase and a pH 7.4 aqueous phosphate buffer as the water phase because it's standardised measurement in living systems is difficult. Partition coefficient (P) of a drug is expressed as :-

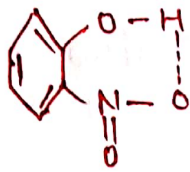
$$P = \frac{(\text{drug})_{\text{lipid}}}{(\text{drug})_{\text{water}}}$$

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4) Hydrogen bonding :- A bond in which a hydrogen atom holds two other atoms together is termed as hydrogen bonds (H-bond). This is formed b/w electronegative & hydrogen atoms. The atoms which can form H-bonds carry at least one unshared pair of electrons. The atoms forming H-bonds more extensively are Cl and S.

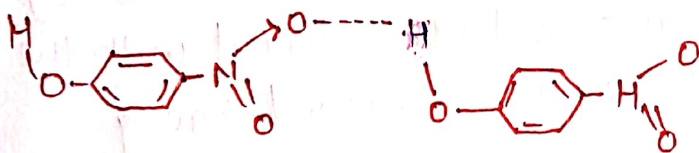
Hydrogen bonding is classified into

1) Intermolecular hydrogen bonding :- This H-bonding occurs within the molecules.



O-Nitrophenol

(ii) Intramolecular hydrogen bonding :- This H-bonding occurs within the molecule.



p-nitrophenyl.

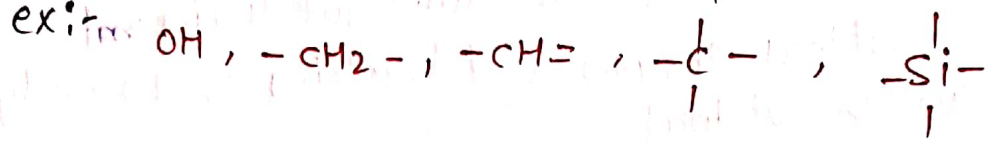
5) Protein binding :- Drug distribution, elimination, and its pharmacological effects get affected by binding of drug to plasma proteins due to their high molecular weight. They cannot pass through capillaries and due to their low lipid solubility, they cannot cross the cell membrane. Drug-protein binding can occur through ionic and/or weak, and hydrogen bonding. Albumin comprises nearly 50% of the total



⑦ Bioisoteres:- The compound or group of almost equal molecular shapes, volumes and electron distribution and similar Physical characteristic are called bioisoteres.

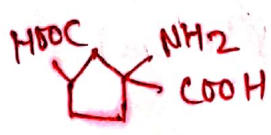
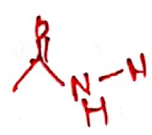
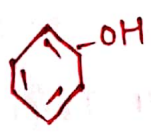
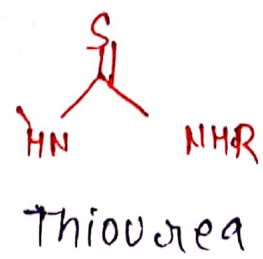
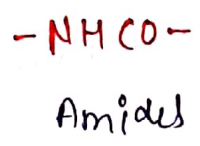
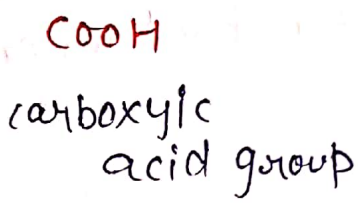
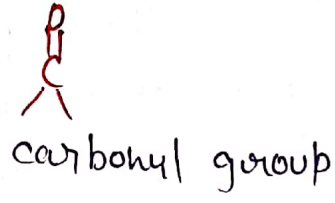
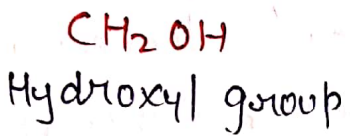
Classification of Bioisoteres:-

i) Classical Bioisoteres:- The valence electron configurations of these functional groups are similar.



ii) Non-classical Bioisoteres:- The valence electron configurations of these functional group are not similar.

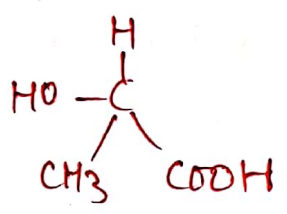
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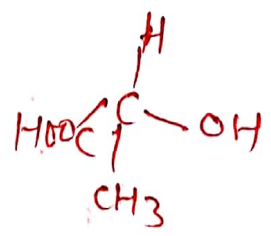
Optical isomerism :- A drug therapeutic and toxic effect can be understood by the concepts of stereochemistry enantiomers, symmetry, asymmetry and chirality any drug is said to be chiral if at least one asymmetry carbon atom and two enantiomers are present in it the chemical and physical properties of each enantiomer are the same but their interaction with receptors enzyme and proteins in the body is different as an individual

Optical isomerism are the following types :-

(i) Enantiomers :- A molecule becomes asymmetry and exists into two forms on attaching four different atom or groups at the pair corners of a regular tetrahedron Although the atoms in this 3-D structure are arranged in the same manner still the structure can not be superimposed on each other hence they are different.

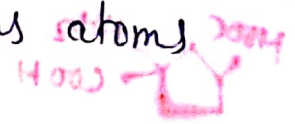


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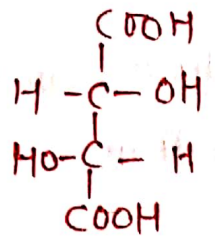
(-) lactic acid

(ii) Diastereomers :- A compound with two similar asymmetric carbons is tartaric acid. The reason for similar asymmetric carbon atoms is that a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group are attached to each carbons atoms

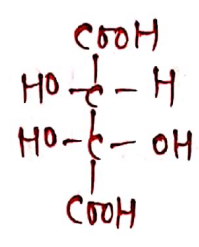




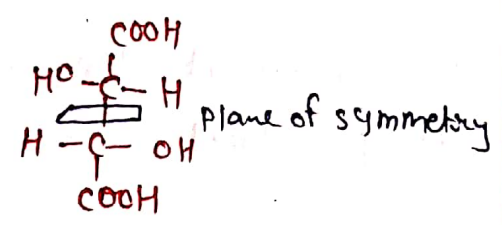
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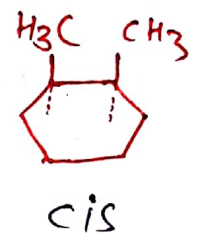
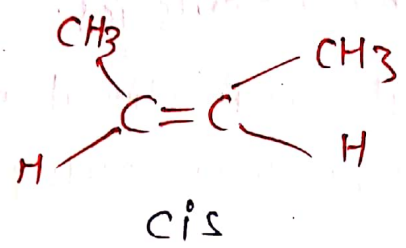


L (-) tartaric acid



meso tartaric acid

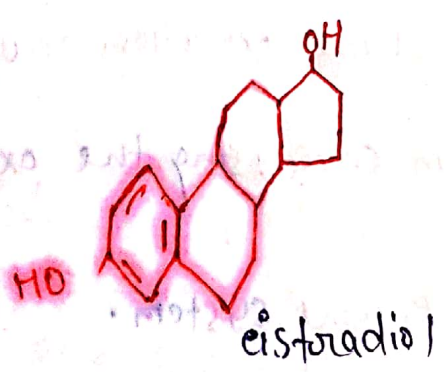
9) Geometrical isomerism: - The phenomenon of geometrical isomerism also decides the action of certain drug. A diastereoisomer occurs due to restricted rotation around a bond is a geometrical isomerism.



### Influence of Geometrical isomerism of Pharmacological Activity :-

A compound may get variably distributed in a living system due to the differences in the physical properties of isomers

examples:- At physiological pH one of the isomers may be highly ionised resulting in a difference in surface adsorption and membrane penetration.



## (Drug metabolism)

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The chemical alteration of a drug by the body is termed as drug metabolism also known as biotransformation.

Drug metabolism Principles:- Liver forms the organ the metabolism of a no. of a drug. These process of metabolism occurs in two parts

### 1) Phase I (Metabolism/Non-synthetic phase)

This is the first phase of metabolism when a drug enters the metabolism pathway. This phase yields a drug molecule with the following characteristics.

→ The molecule form a reactive site or functional group such as  $-OH$ ,  $-SH$ , or  $-NH_2$  which further conjugates with the molecules in phase II

→ The molecule lipophilicity like and hydrophilicity like to facilitate its excretion.

Process of phase I metabolism:- The drug molecule may undergo any one of the following major processes during phase I metabolism.

(i) Oxidation Reaction:- Liver cells i.e. hepatocytes form the most common site for oxidation of a drug's molecules with in the hepatocyte microsome is the unit where oxidation occurs.

Mixed function:- Is the enzyme system catalysing the oxidation of drug molecules.

Various system components make up the enzyme system.

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a) cytochrome oxidase enzyme :- It is generally as cytochrome P450 (CYP450)

b) NADPH :- It is another important member of this oxidative system and acts a coenzyme.

c) NADPH cytochrome Reductase :- It is another enzyme which is chemically a flavoprotein.

(ii) Hydrolysis :- In this process the drug molecule is broken down into similar molecules by the insertion of water molecule ( $H_2O$ )

(iii) Reduction :- This reaction is associated with the introduction of H atoms eg :- chloramphenicol is reduced to arylamine

(iv) Cyclisation :- This process result in the formation of a ring structure from compound arranged in a straight chain, eg :- Proguanil

(v) Decyclisation :- In this process the ring structure of the cyclic drug molecule opens up eg :- Phenytoin

2) Phase II (Synthetic Reaction) :-

The reaction is characterised by the formation of a conjugate. Glycuronyl, sulphate, methyl, acetyl, glyceryl, and glutathione are the groups.

commonly involved in conjugate formation

Reactions of phase II are the pathway resulting in detoxification of the drug. They include

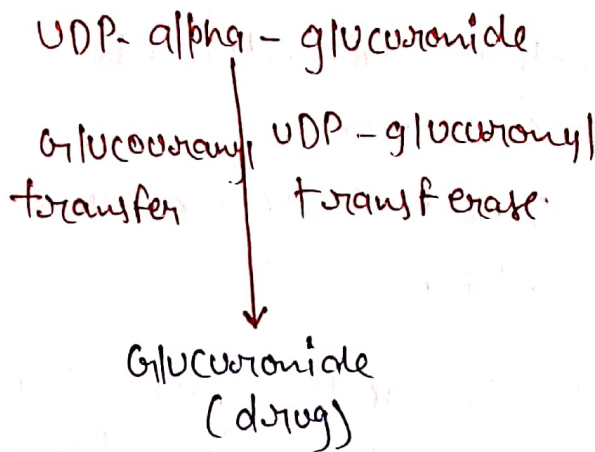
I Conjugation with Glucuronic acid :-

a) Glucuronic acid is obtained most commonly from D-glucose

b) D-Glucuronic acid is easily available for combination with functional group like amines, alcohol, acids etc.

c) Glucuronides are commonly produced by all mammals.

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(ii) Conjugation with sulphate moieties:- This is a significant step in the metabolism of phenolic compound. sulphate conjugation is also referred to as entereal sulphate synthesis.

(iii) Conjugation with glycine moieties:- This is the major pathway involved in the biotransformation of some drugs.  
ex:- in biotransformation of salicylates

(iv) Conjugation with Acetylation:- This conjugation yields amide products just like that obtained in conjugation with alpha-amino acid.

### Factors affecting Drug metabolism:-

The following factors play a role in modifying drug metabolism;

(i) Inhibitors:- Some drug inhibit the drug metabolising enzyme & further decrease the drug metabolism. As a result the clearing of action ↓

(ii) Stimulants:- Some drug eg. Phenobarbitone and rifampicin increase the activity of drug metabolising enzyme. As a result metabolism of drug like phenytoin and warfarin ↑

- (iii) <sup>13</sup> Age:- In infants and young children drug metabolism enzymes are poorly developed thus a drug is poorly metabolised.
- (iv) sex:- Drug metabolising ability in females is less than that in males.
- (v) species:- Some metabolising enzymes are present only in a few mammalian species and are absent in humans. Thus drugs metabolised by these enzymes prove to be toxic to humans while they are non-toxic to others.
- (vi) Genetic:- Certain individuals may inherit drug metabolism enzyme deficiency e.g. genetic deficiency of Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase - (G-6-PD) enzyme result in haemolysis on administering primaquine.
- (vii) Body temperature:- A rise in body temp. enhances drug metabolism while a decrease in body temp. reduces drug metabolism.

### Stereochemical Aspects & Drug metabolism:-

- Not only the physiological factors effecting xenobiotic metabolism some stabilising
- + factors also effect drug biotransformation the xenobiotic metabolism
- Some endogenous substance which are chiral molecules.
- The metabolic stereochemical reactions are as follows:-

- (i) substrate stereoselectivity:- In this two enantiomers of a chiral substrate get metabolised at different rates:- example
- decarboxylation of SA**

(ii) Product stereoselectivity: - In this a new chiral centre is created in symmetric molecule and one enantiomer gets metabolised. (14)  
example: - Reduction of ketones to stereoisomeric alcohol.

(iii) Substrate-product stereoselectivity: - In this a new centre of a chiral molecule gets metabolised in so one of two diastereomers.  
example: - Reduction of warfarin enantiomers.

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