

Unit-3

Organisation & function of ANS (Autonomic Nervous System)

Nervous comes from brain and spinal cord and bind with different organs.

They release different neurotransmitter and control the function of organ.

The study of release of neurotransmitter and their function on different organs is called Autonomic Nervous System.

ANS is of two type:

- (1) Sympathetic System.
- (2) Parasympathetic System.

(1) Sympathetic Nervous System:

- In this type of ANS the ganglionic junction is present away to the organ.
- In this system preganglionic fibre is short and post ganglionic fibre is long.
- They release Adrenaline transmitter is inhibitory in nature. Adrenaline bind with three types Receptor.

- (i) Alfa (α)
- (ii) Beta (β)
- (iii) Gamma (γ)

Parasympathetic Nerve fibre.

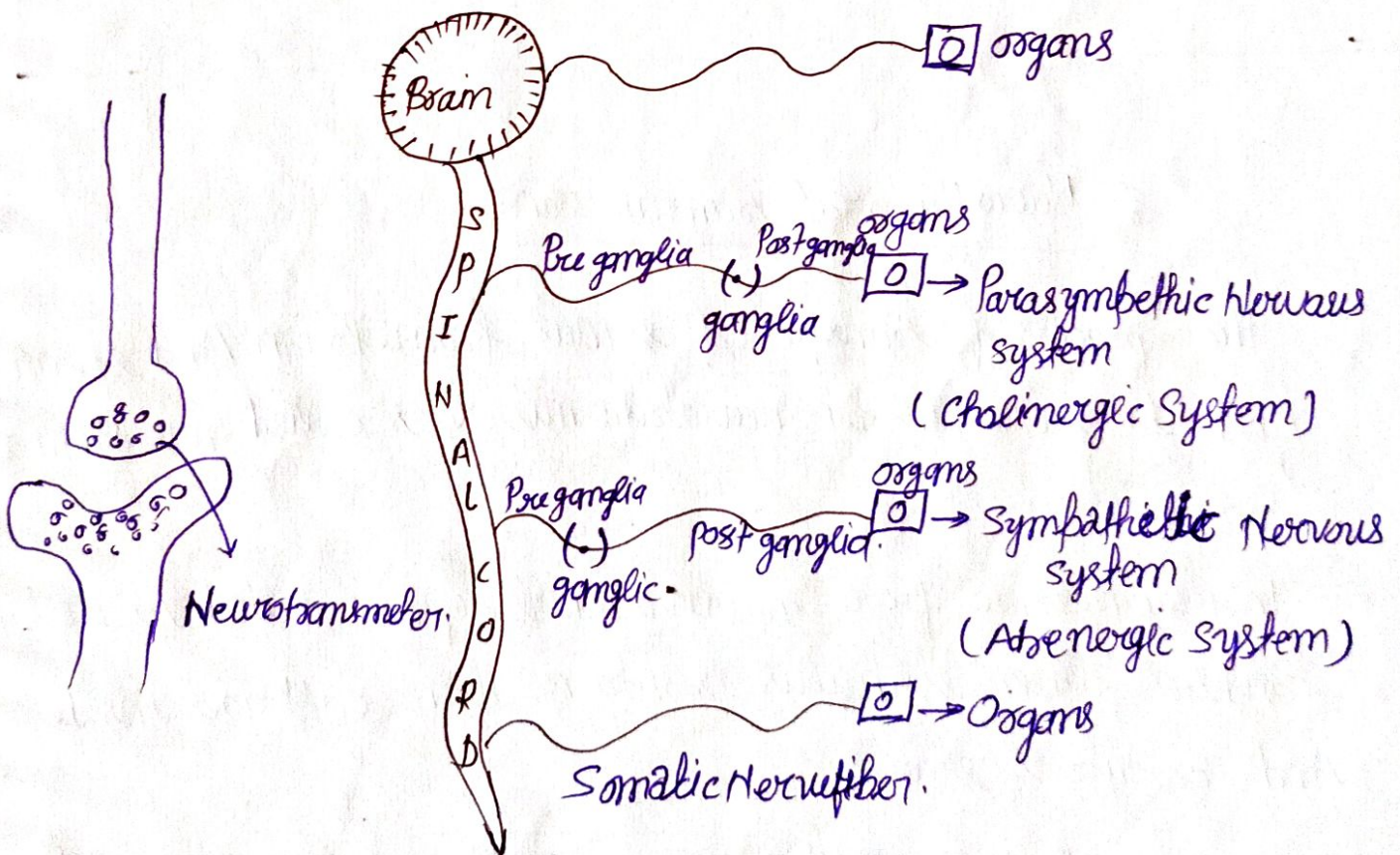
In this type of ANS the ganglionic junction is present near to the organ in this system preganglionic fibre is long and post ganglionic fibre is small.

→ They release Acetylcholine neurotransmitter which is excitatory in nature.

→ Acetylcholine binds with to type of receptors.

(1) N - Nicotinic.

(2) M - Muscarinic.



Neurotransmitter

- Parasympathetic → Acetylcholine
- Sympathetic → Adrenaline.

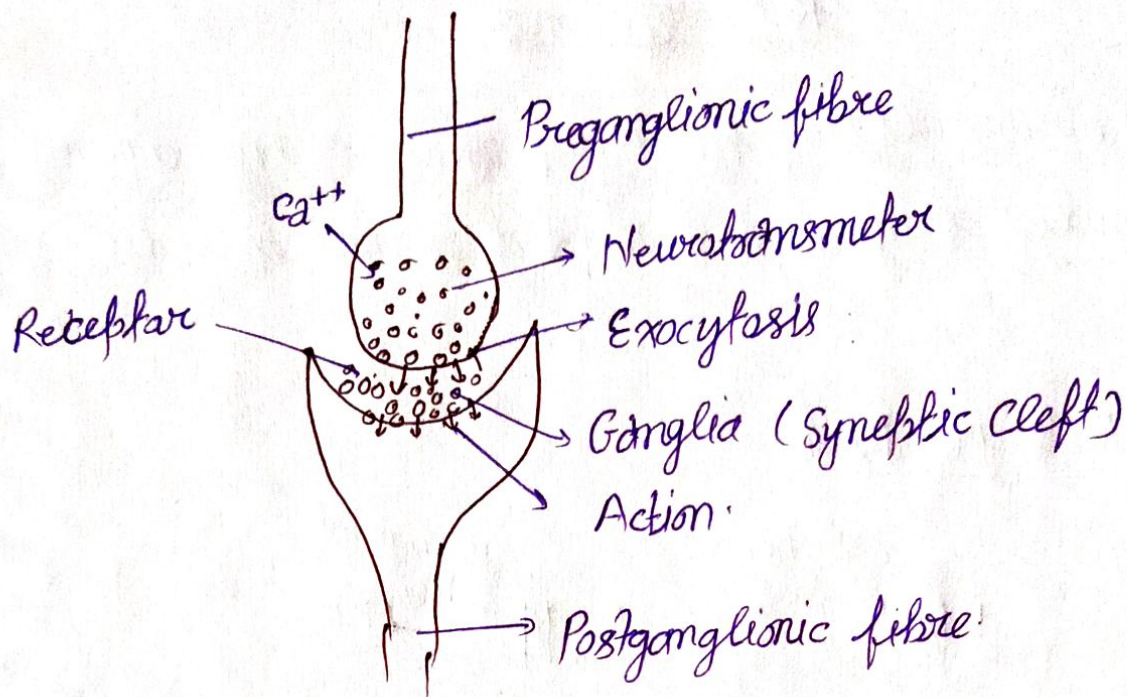
← Difference between Parasympathetic And Sympathetic Nervous System →

Properties	Parasympathetic	Sympathetic
Ganglia	Near to organ	Away from organ.
Preganglionic Nerve fiber	long	Short
Postganglionic Nerve fiber	Short	long
Neurotransmitter	Acetylcholine	Adrenaline
Also known as	Cholinergic	Adrenergic.

⊘ Neurohumoral transmission ⊘

The process of transfer of signal from brain and spinal cord to the organ by neurotransmitter is called neurohumoral transmission.

- In preganglionic fibre neurotransmitter are filled. At resting condition when stimulus is obtained then Ca^{++} goes inside and exocytosis starts.
- After exocytosis neurotransmitter comes in synaptic cleft and binds with the receptors of postganglionic fibre and signal is passed.



The process of Neuro humoral transmission is complete into three steps.

- (1) Resting condition.
- (2) Depolarisation.
- (3) Repolarisation.

(1) Resting condition

At resting condition the positive Ca^{++} collected At ECF and negative Ca^{-} ICF so the A negative potassium of -70mV is Generated which is called resting Generate potential.

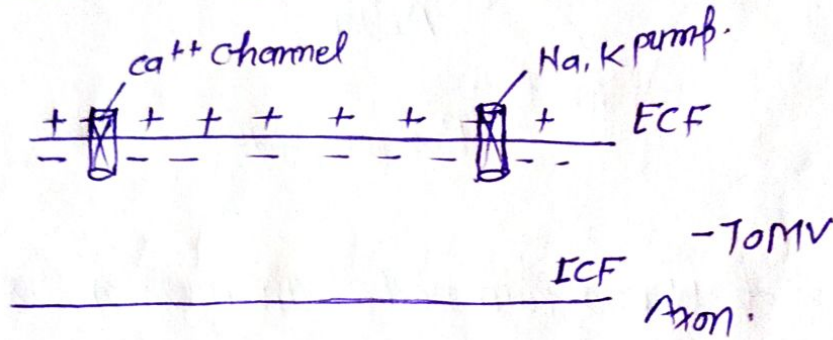
(2) Depolarisation

When stimulus is obtain then Ca^{++} And K^{++} comes in ICF from ECF And the negative Ca^{++} and K^{++} goes from ICF to ECF
 → Due to movement of ions A positive electrode potential of $+45\text{mV}$ is develop and signal is pass or transfer.

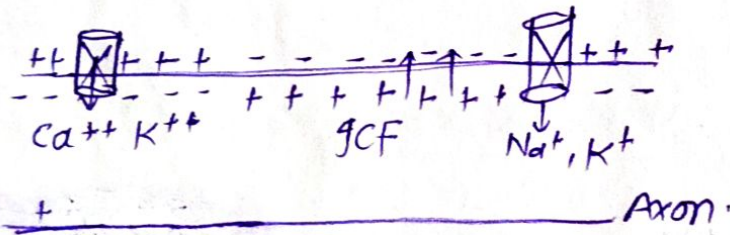
(3) Repolarisation:

After the transfer of the signal and response ions again comes in their initial stage and transfer of signal is stop.

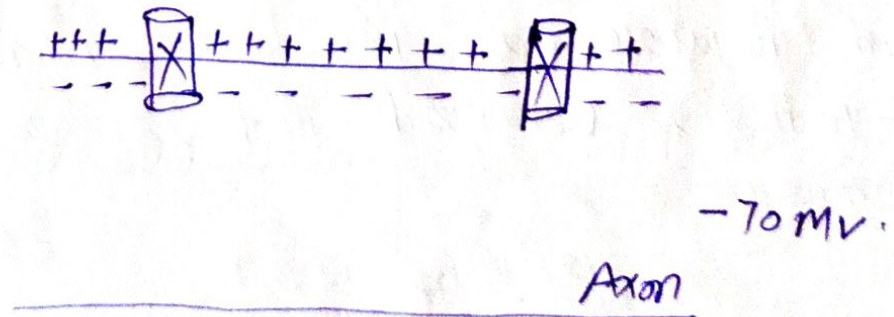
(i) Resting Condition:-



(ii) Depolarisation:



(iii) Repolarisation:



∴ Classification of Neurotransmitters ∴

→ On the basis of actions neurotransmitters is of two type-

- (i) Excitatory.
- (ii) Inhibitory.

(i) Excitatory

→ Which increase the actions of body.

Ex: ^{रेचरी} Acetylcholine, ^{अधुरी} Adrenyline, ^{नारी} Nor Adrenyline, ^{दो अवाज} Dopamine
^{उरकी} Histamine, ^{गती मे प्रभाव रङ्ग} Glutamine.

(ii) Inhibitory ∴

→ Which decrease the response.

Ex: ^{गणना} GABA, ^{रंग} Serotonin, ^{अनर गे} Endorphin.

∴ Parasympathomimetics (Cholinergic drugs) ∴

∴ Cholinergic Neurotransmitters ∴

These chemical messengers which are release from the parasympathetic nerve endings they are ^{called} cholinergic neurotransmitters.

→ Because they release acetylcholine so it is called cholinergic.

Cholinergic drugs:

→ In certain cases when the ~~release~~ ^{level} of acetylcholine in body is less as per their demand then we have to use the certain drugs which have the same action like acetylcholine they are called cholinergic agonist or cholinergic drugs.

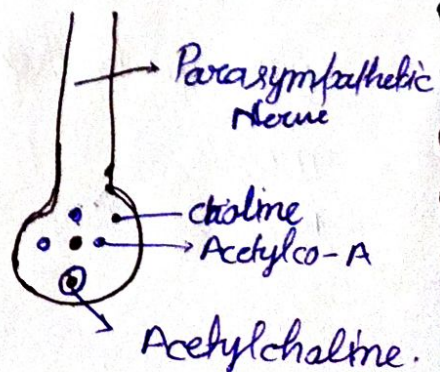
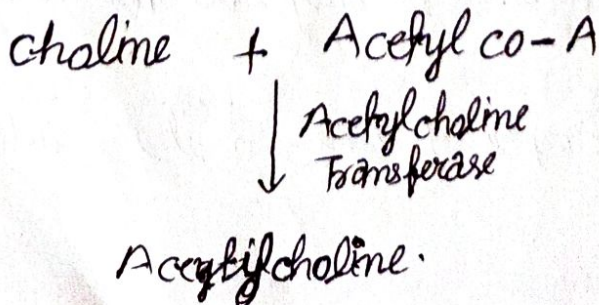
→ They have different function in our body like - In Intestine, In blood pressure, In blood pressure constriction, In vaso-constriction, In Asthma, In Menstruation, In uterine constriction, they are different role of cholinergic drugs.

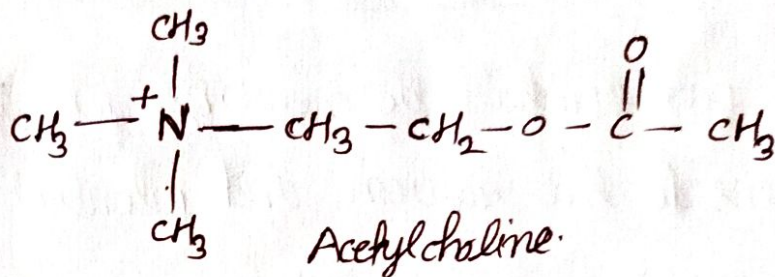
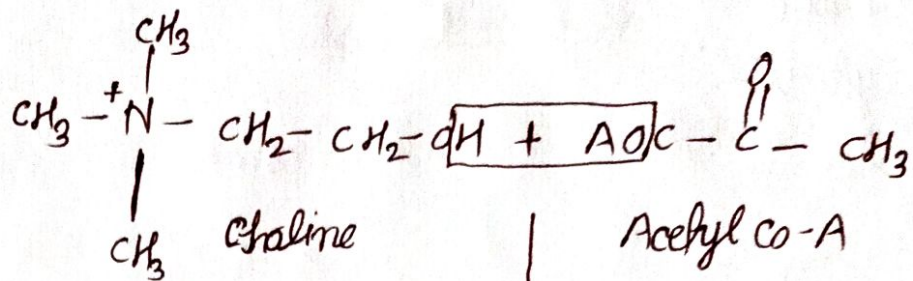
Synthesis storage and Release of Acetylcholine:

Basically cholinergic neurotransmitter ^{Acetylcholine} is synthesised ~~from~~ inside the parasympathetic neuron.

→ Inside the parasympathetic neurons, choline compound is present which is synthesised into cytoplasm and in the mitochondria of the cell acetyl co-enzyme A is form.

→ When Acetyl co-A and choline is reacted with in the presence of Acetylcholine transferase enzyme then after dehydration they form acetylcholine.

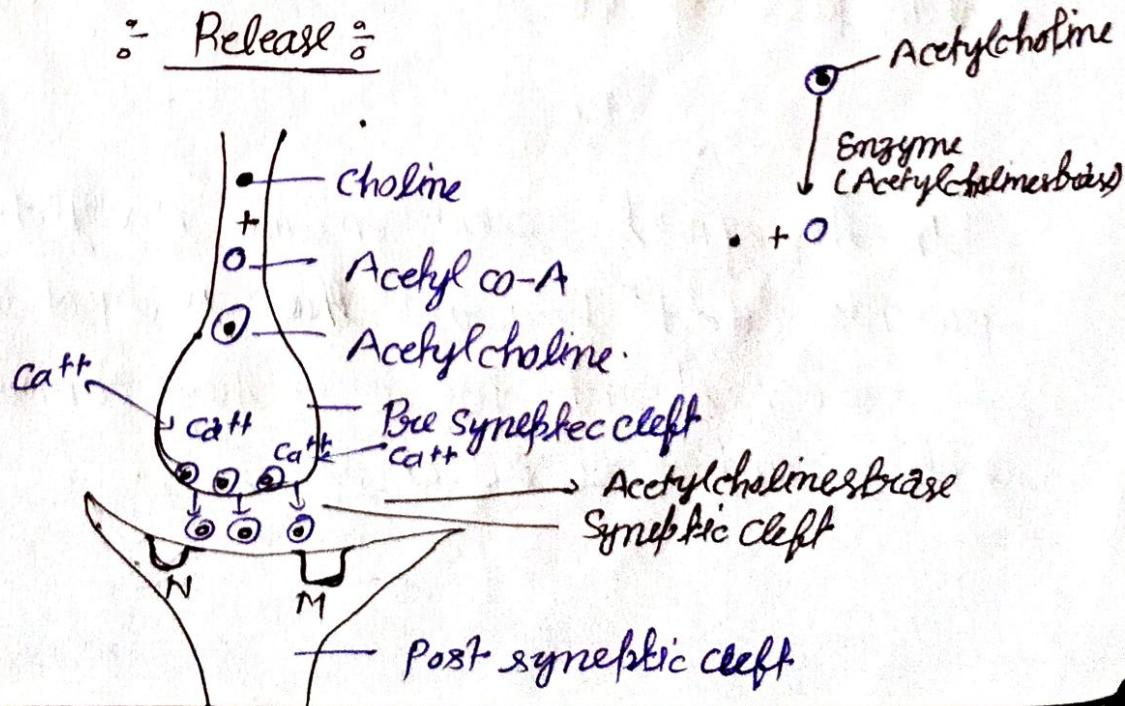




Storage

- About 500 to 1000 molecules of Acetylcholine neurotransmitter is stored in one parasympathetic neuron.
- They are always stored in the nerve endings of the parasympathetic neuron.
- After exocytosis, they release into synaptic cleft and bind with the particular receptor.

Release



- (1) Stimulus.
- (2) Exocytosis.
- (3) Receptor.

(1) Stimulus :-

When the parasympathetic neurons gets the stimulus then Ca^{++} goes inside the neuron and potential is generated.

(2) Exocytosis :-

After the movement of Ca^{++} the layer of presynaptic cleft is rupture.

- And the acetylcholine neurotransmitter release into the synaptic cleft. this process is known exocytosis.

(3) Receptor :-

Some of the neurotransmitter molecule bind with the particular Nicotinic and Muscarinic receptor and gives the cholinergic response.

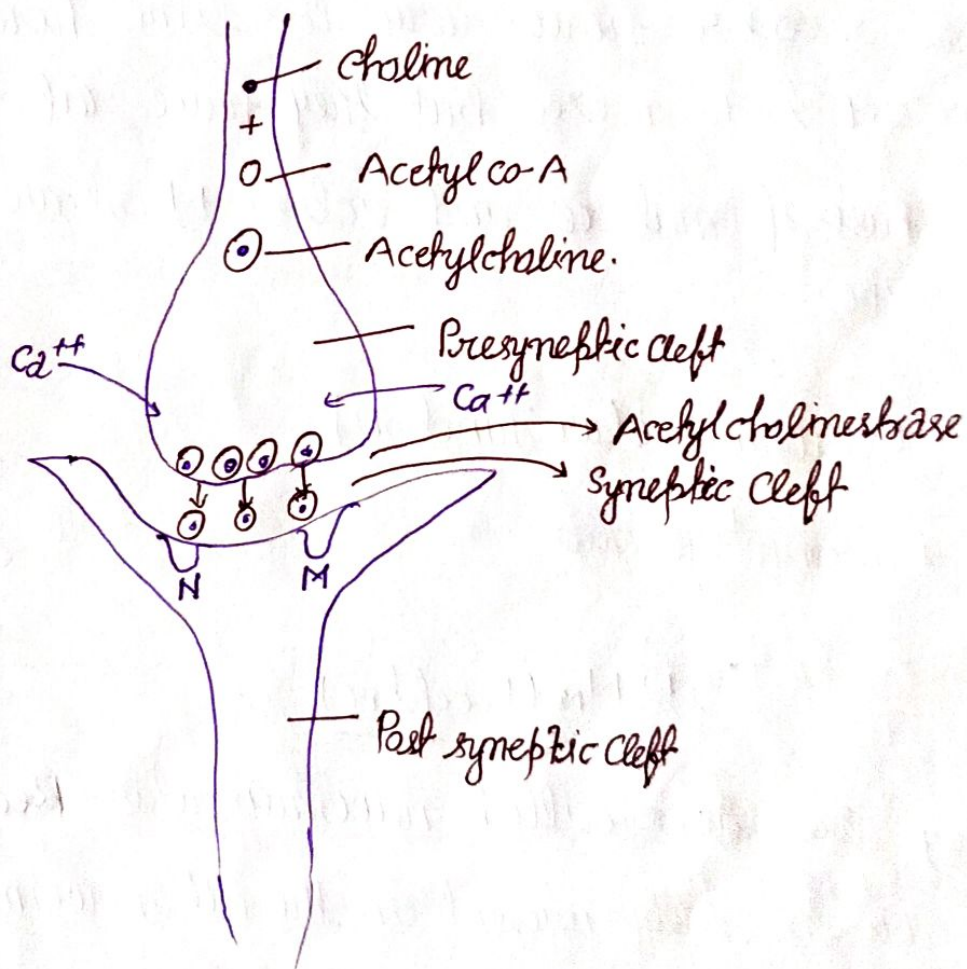
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In the synaptic cleft enzyme Acetylcholinesterase is present which dissociate ~~the~~ Acetylcholine molecule into acetic Acid and choline so they cannot bind with the receptor and their effect is loss.

Cholinergic Receptors

Those receptor in which the acetylcholine is bind they are called cholinergic receptors.
or

Those proteinous (structure) Active side present on the different organ in which the acetylcholine is bind this is called cholinergic receptor.



Cholinergic receptors are two types -

- (1) Nicotinic Receptor.
- (2) Muscarinic Receptor.

(1) Nicotinic Receptor:

- When the acetylcholine is bind with this receptor then they produce the similar effect like nicotine. so this receptor is called Nicotinic receptor.
- > The nature of nicotinic receptor is ion channel receptor they are made up of glycoprotein and they have five subunit.
- > Nicotinic receptor have very less time duration they opens only for 0.1 to 10 milisec but they have rapid action.
- > On the basis of nature and action nicotinic receptor is of two type.

(1) NM → (Neuromuscular Junction)

(2) NN → Neuronal ganglia.

(1) NM (Receptor)

- > They are also called neuromuscular receptor
- > They are basically present in the all neuromuscular junction of body.
- > When acetylcholine is bind with the NM receptor then they act as the contraction and relaxation of muscle

≡ NN Receptor ≡

- > They are also called neuronal nicotinic receptor.
- > They are basically present on autonomic neuronal ganglia

→ And when the Acetylcholine is bind with the Nn receptor they control the release of Neurotransmitter.

(2) Muscarinic Receptor:

→ When any person eat muscarinus fusicarial mushroom or fungus. they have similar response like Acetylcholine bind with this receptor so this receptor is called muscarinic receptor.

→ The nature of muscarinic receptor is GPCR. they have seven protein helix structure

→ Muscarinic receptor is of five type.

(1) M_1

(2) M_2

(3) M_3

(4) M_4

(5) M_5

= M_1 -Receptor:

→ M_1 Receptor is present in the nerve cells. Nerve ending. Autonomic ganglia and exocrine gland.

→ The control the movement of eye, Movement of release of saliva secretion, tears secretion, GIT secretion.

= M_2 -Receptor:

M_2 -Receptor is a cardiac receptor they are present on the cardiac muscle of heart and they increase the force of contraction

∴ M₃ - Receptor ∴

→ They are the glandular receptors and they bind in the endocrine and exocrine of the body and they increase the secretion of exocrine and endocrine gland.

∴ M₄ - Receptor ∴

They are Antagonist in nature. When acetylcholine is bind in this receptor then they reverse the action of acetylcholine.

∴ M₅ - Receptor ∴

They are found in "substantia nigra"

∴ Classification of Cholinergic drug ∴

∴ Direct Acting cholinergic Drugs ∴

- Acetylcholine.
- Bethanechol.
- Pilocarpine.
- Methacholine.

" असी बेंगे मीठा पी लो "

← Indirect Acting cholinergic Drug ∴

Reversible.

→ Water soluble :- Neostigmine
Edrophonium
- Pyridostigmine

नो प्यरि अन्दर फोन करके आओ

→ Lipid Soluble :- Physostigmine
Donepezil
Tacrine, Gallantamine

फांसी टांग दो इसके गले में

∴ Irreversible ∴

Organophosphorus Compounds.

Echothiophate

Malathion

parathion

Tabun

अगर इसको माला प्रसाद दो तब नहीं जाएगा

Pharmacological Action of Acetylcholine:

On the basis of action pharmacological action of Acetylcholine is divided into two category.

(1) Muscarinic Action.

(2) Nicotinic Action.

(1) Muscarinic Action:

Action on eye:

- The cholinergic drug when bind with the eye then it constrict the pupil and it causes myosis.
- And it also causes the discharge of fluid from Aqueous vitreous chamber so intraocular pressure of eye is decrease. and it is very beneficial and it is used for the glaucoma treatment.

Action on glands:

When acetylcholine drugs are bind with the exocrine gland then they increase their secretion because they are excitatory in nature -

- From eye the secretion of tears are increases, in the mouth the secretion of saliva is increases and from the sweat gland the secretion of sweat is increases.

(3) Action on smooth muscle:

On smooth muscle basically three receptors are present. and when acetylcholine drug is bind with the smooth muscle. the cause excitatory action and constriction in smooth muscle. so the diameter of bronchi is decrease this is called Asthma.

(4) Action on heart:

On the heart M_2 receptors are present and when the cholinergic drugs bind with the M_2 receptor it cause inhibitory action:

- The force of conduction and rhythms of heart is decrease
- The Rate of pumping is also decrease.

(5) Action on blood vessel:

In the blood vessel cholinergic drug shows inhibitory action.

- Because they release the EDRF - Endothelial Release factor and nitric oxide so the blood vessel dilate.
- And when the blood vessel dilate then the blood pressure is sudden decrease

(6) Action of GIT:

- Acetylcholine acts on GIT Excitatory Action.
- It increase the Gastric Acid secretion and peristaltic movement. in the intestine.

(2) Nicotinic Action:

(i) Action on CNS:

Cholinergic drug cannot cross the blood brain barrier so they do not show any response in brain.

(ii) Action on Autonomic Ganglia:

(9) Action on Muscle:

- = NM receptor is present.
- = When acetylcholine is bind with the NM receptor then there ~~there~~ muscle contraction is increase.

∴ Anticholinesterase drugs:

= Those drugs which inhibit the action of enzyme Acetylcholinesterase. They are called anticholinesterase drug.

On the basis of their complex formation anticholinesterase drugs are two types.

(1) Reversible → Prosthesis group.

(2) Irreversible →

∴ Reversible:

- It is also known as prosthesis group.
- Reversible are ads as short acting time.
- The example of prosthesis groups are -
 - (i) Neostigmin
 - (ii) Physostigmine

Irreversible

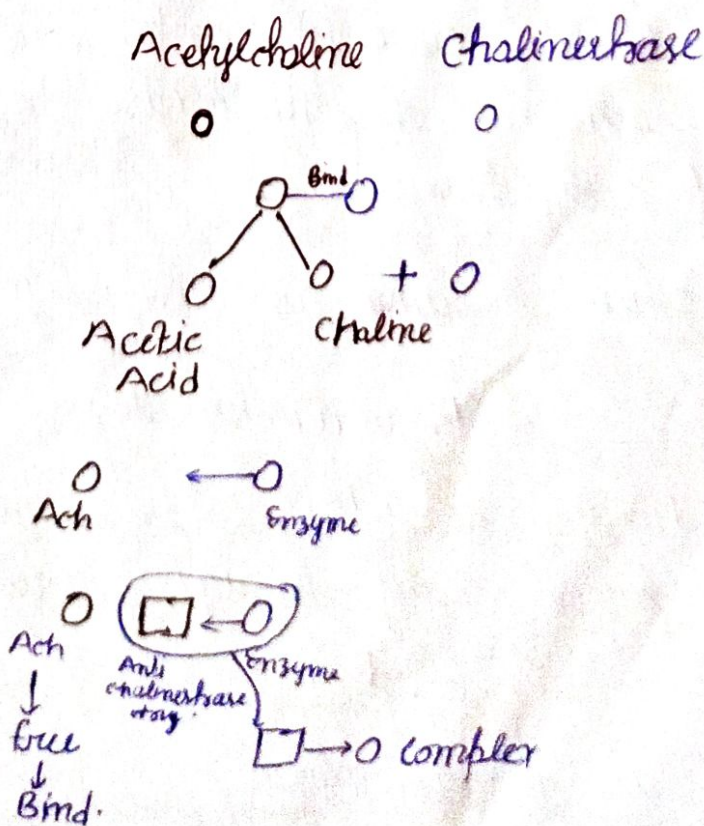
- Irreversible ~~is~~ also known as Acid transfer group or cholinesterase reactivator group.
- Example of these group is - Asphenphosphate.

(1) Reversible Anticholinesterase:

(1) Physostigmin:

- Nature: The physostigmin drug is obtain from the alkaloid *Physostigma venenosum*.
- First time Physostigmin drug is used for the Glucoma treatment.
- It is present in the crystalline form they are the colorless, odorless, crystals.
- But after the exposure of air they convert into the pink color.

Mode of Action:



Pharmacokinetics:

- Basically physostigmine is short acting time drug.
- Their duration of action on set of action within 5 min.
- Their duration of action from 45 to 60 min.
- They secreted through urine.
- They can cross the blood brain barrier and they can also act on the brain.

Side effect:

- Rash
- Headache
- Drowsiness.
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Blood vision.

Neostigmine:

- Neostigmine is a quaternary ammonium compound drug.
- They are basically reversible anticholinesterase drug.
- They bind with the cholinesterase enzyme and increase the level of Acetylcholine.

Mode of Action: Same as physostigmine.

Pharmacokinetics:

- Their duration of action 20 to 30 minute.
- It is taken orally through mouth.

Side effect:

Same as physostigmine.

Use: - For Glaucoma.

- For Myasthenia Gravis.

∴ Pharmacological Action:

"Same as cholinergic drug"

"Drugs used in Myasthenia Gravis: "

∴ "Myasthenia Gravis: "

- Myasthenia Gravis is a type of auto immune disease
- Because it block the contraction and relaxation property of muscle in our body.
- It is a auto immune disease because our immune system itself kill our nicotinic and muscarinic receptor by forming the antibody.
- In myasthenia Gravis there is a decrease communication b/w neurons & muscle.
- And the main symptom of this disease muscle weakness.

∴ Etiology (cause):

It is an autoimmune disease and our immune system makes an antibody against the nicotinic and muscarinic receptor.

- And these antibodies when bind with the receptor then they block the receptor so acetylcholine they can't bind with the receptor (Nicotinic & muscarinic)

So there is a lack of communication of muscle contraction and muscles becomes weak.

- After forming Antibodies these antibody destroy and kills the receptor so the number of Nicotinic and muscarinic receptor in our body becomes less in that case Acetylcholine can't bind with the drug and our body becomes muscularly weak.

∴ Symptoms ∴

- Eye and eyelid movement disturb.
- Swallowing and speech problem.
- Respiratory failure.
- Crasis -

∴ Diagnostic ∴

- For the determination of myasthenia Gravis. symptom in any patient we can perform two types of test.

(1) Provocative test → D-Tubocurarine (Drug IV)

(2) Ameliorative test → Endoponium (Drug IV)

∴ Treatment ∴

(1) Anticholinesterase → Pyridostigmine.

(2) Immunosuppressant → Those drug which suppress the auto immune response of body. they are called immunosuppressant

→ Cyclosporin.

→ Cyclophosphamide

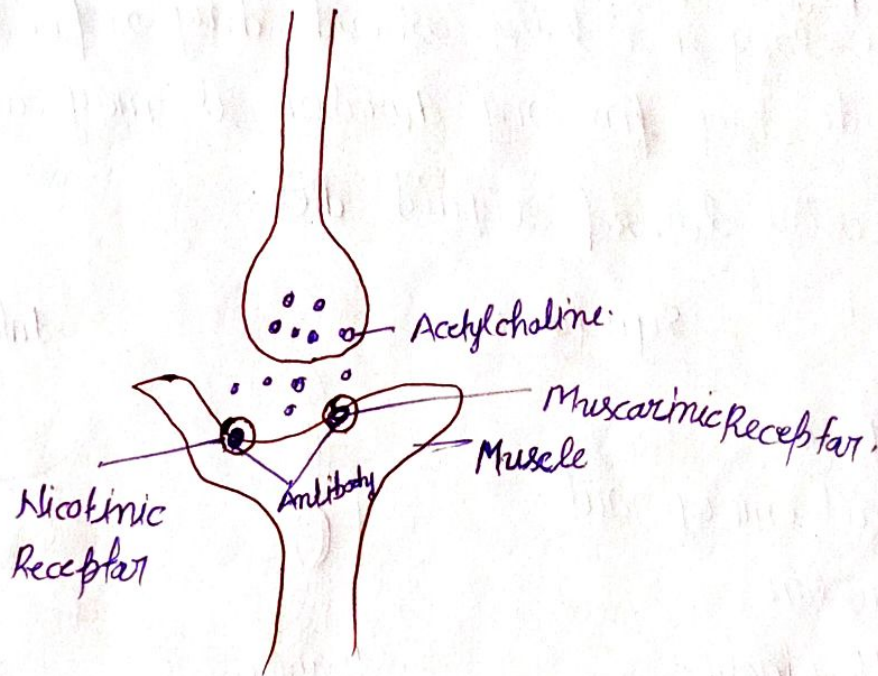
→ Azithoprine.

(3) Cortico steroid.

(4) Surgery → During the myasthenia Gravis problem

due to overacting response of thymus gland. there size of thymus gland is increase. so by the surgery we cut the thymus gland.

(5) Plasma exchange:



∴ Drug Used in Glaucoma:

∴ Glaucoma:

→ Glaucoma is a neuro degenerative disorder. due to imbalance the intra ocular pressure.

→ When the imbalance of liquid b/w aqueous and vitreous fluid then the ocular pressure is increase in that case optics nerve may be damage and vision becomes blind or fataly loss.

∴ Types of Glaucoma:

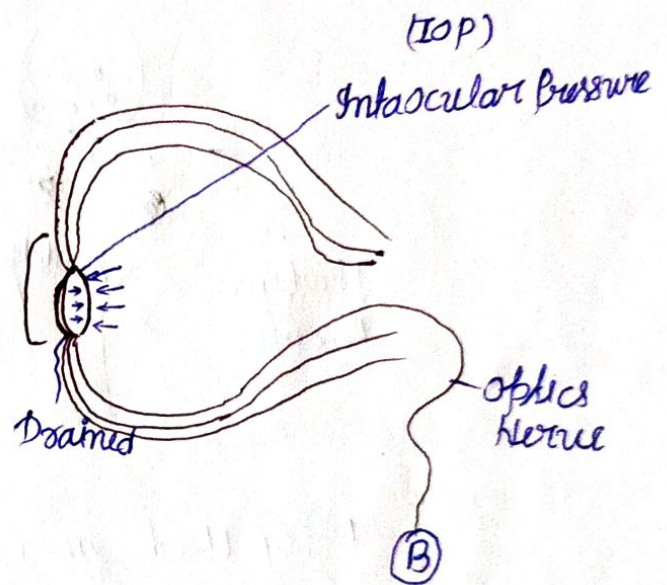
- (1) Open angle Glaucoma.
- (2) Closed Angle Glaucoma.

∴ Risk factor ∴

- Basically Glaucoma is a Genetics factor.
- Age is another risk factor of glaucoma. In African and Indian country there are after age of 40 and in Average other country after the age of 60.
- After a ^{taking} long time taken steroids drug or for the exposure of steroids drug for long duration it may cause Glaucoma.
- By excessive takes of liquid diet.

∴ Symptoms ∴

- Eye pain.
- Eye ball emerge out.
- Blood vision
- Severe Headache.
- Blindness.



∴ Diagnosis ∴

- By the supervision of physician he can examine the Glaucoma.

∴ Treatment ∴

- (i) α -Adrenergic Agonist → Apraclonidine, Bromfenidone.
- (ii) β -blocker → Betaxolol, Timolol.
- (iii) Cholinergic Agonist → Carbachol, Pilocarpine.
- (iv) Prostaglandin Analogue → Latanoprost, Travoprost.
- (v) Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitor → Acetazolamide, Dorzolamide.

Parasympatholytics / Anticholinergic drugs :

→ Those drug which bind with the cholinergic receptor and block the action of cholinergic drug they are called anticholinergic drug.

or

Those drugs or chemical agent which block the cholinergic receptor and gives the opposite effect of cholinergic drug they are called anticholinergic drug.

Classification :

(1) Natural Alkaloids :

- Atropine
- Hyoscyne
- (Scopolamine)

रोहित आरि और हसिया ले के खेला है।

(2) Semisynthetic derivatives :

- Homatropine अरि के अगे
- Prosoptium bromide हम इपवई हगमि
- Tetraptium bromide और हसिया की के बनाओ
- Hyoscyne butyl bromide तो मीठी रते पाओ
- Methoniolate

(3) Synthetic Compounds

- (a) Mydratics.
- (b) cyclopentolate
- (c) Tropicamide 'साइकिल' चलता हो 'टीपी' पहन के

(d) Vasoselective :

- Oxybutynin वो Beauty parlor के सामने फल लगाता था
- Flavoxate
- Telferodine टाल में

(b) Antsecretory - Antispasmodics :

- Propanteline पेपर परने वलि चिल्लिये
- Pirenzepine रोहित खसे वेस्ट है।
- Valethamate इस पर गाली दो या पाइप से मारो दो पहिया से अगे गेस्ट है।
- Cledinium
- Droperidone
- Glycopyrrolate
- Lipenzalate Methyl bromide
- Dicyclomine

(d) Antiparkinsonian :

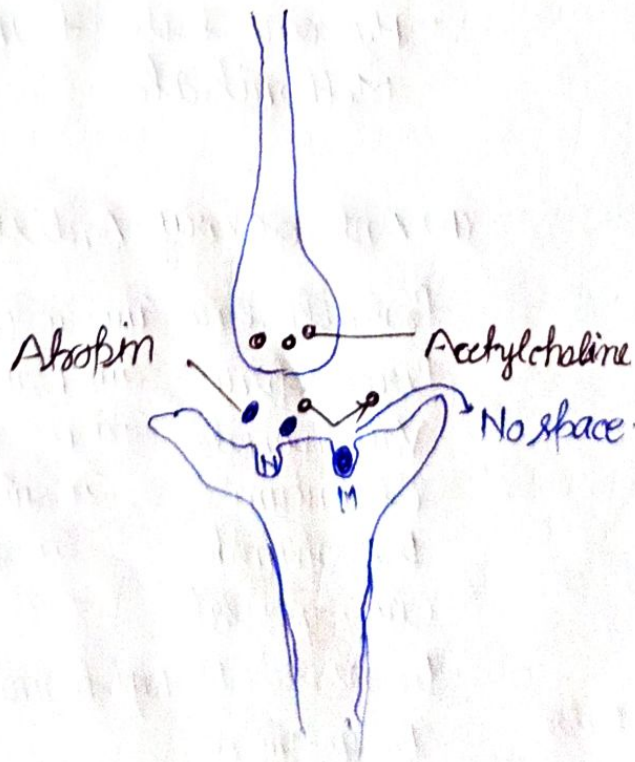
- Trihexyphenidyl (Benzhexal)
- Procyclidine वेहन अई पूरे साइकिल चोर
- Biperiden (बीई)

Atropin (1921)

- Atropin is a natural alkaloid which is obtained from the *Atropa belladonna* plant or *Datura stramonium* plant.
- It is a type of natural anticholinergic drug.

Mode of Action:

- Atropin is a basically antagonist of cholinergic drugs so they block their receptors.
- Atropin do not inhibit the release of Acetylcholine drug but they inhibit the binding of Acetylcholine in the muscarinic receptor.
- Because when atropin is bind with the muscarinic receptor then they block the action of Acetylcholine drug.



Pharmacological Action of Atropin:

Action in CNS:

- Atropin can cross the blood brain barrier so it affects on the central nervous system.
- On small dose they do not show any response on CNS but on large dose they can cause respiratory depression.

∴ Action on Eye:

- When atropin binds to the receptors of eye then it causes mydriasis effect.

∴ Action on Bronchi or Smooth muscle:

- When the atropin binds with the smooth muscle of bronchi then it dilates the bronchi then the respiratory passages become large. (for treatment of Asthma)

∴ Action of Cardiovascular System:

- When Atropin blocks the muscarinic receptors of heart then it increases the heart rate, force of contraction and the rate of rhythm and increases the conduction from SA Node.

∴ Action on blood vessel:

- When it binds with the blood vessel then it constricts the blood vessel and blood pressure is increased.

∴ Action on GIT ∴

→ When atropin bind with the gastro intestinal track then it decrease the gastric Acid secretion. so it is used in the treatment of peptic ulcer.

∴ Action on uterus ∴

→ Uterus constriction.

∴ Action on Saliva ∴

→ Salivation is decrease.

Action on Lacrimal Gland ∴

• Decrease the rate of discharge of fluid.

∴ Action on body temp ∴

Sweating is decrease and body temp become increase.

∴ Pharmacokinetics of Atropin ∴

- It is taken orally and its bioavailability is 85 to 90%.
- Its dose is taken 0.5 to 1 mg.
- It is distributed with the help of plasma protein binding.
- And metabolise in the liver.
- Excreted through the urine.

∴ Therapeutic Use ∴

- For biology antispasmodic.
- It is used in the preanaesthetic Medication.
- In organo phosphorus poisoning.
- Used in peptic ulcer.
- It is used in ophthalmic product as a Mydriasis effect.
- It is used in Parkinsonism disease.

∴ Side effects ∴

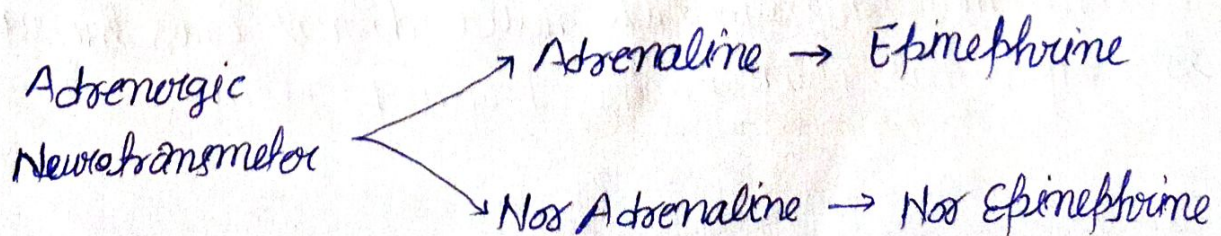
- Xerostomia ∴ "Dryness of Mouth"
- Constipation.
- Blood vision.
- Photophobia.
- Dryness of skin.

∴ Sympathomimetics / Adrenergic drug ∴

∴ Introduction ∴

Those autonomic nervous system from which the neurotransmitter Adrenaline or Nor Adrenaline, Epinephrine or Nor Epinephrine release and bind with the receptor they are called Sympathomimetics System.

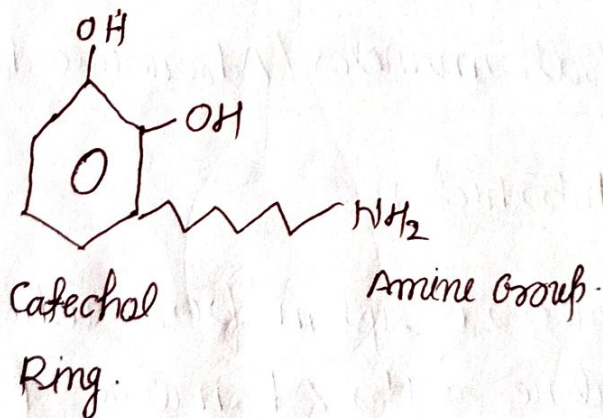
∴ Adrenergic Neurotransmitter ∴



- In Adrenergic Neurotransmitter basically two types of neurotransmitter are release
 - (i) Adrenaline
 - (ii) Nor Adrenaline.
- Adrenaline is also k/a Epinephrine and Nor Adrenaline is also k/a Nor Epinephrine. they are also called emergency neurotransmitter or emergency hormone.
- They control the different situation like muscle contraction in our body.

∴ Catecholamine ∴

- Catecholamine is a type of Adrenergic neurotransmitter
- In this ring benzene ring is present in this ring two hydroxy group is present in adjacent position.
- And Amine group is also attach the carbon chain.

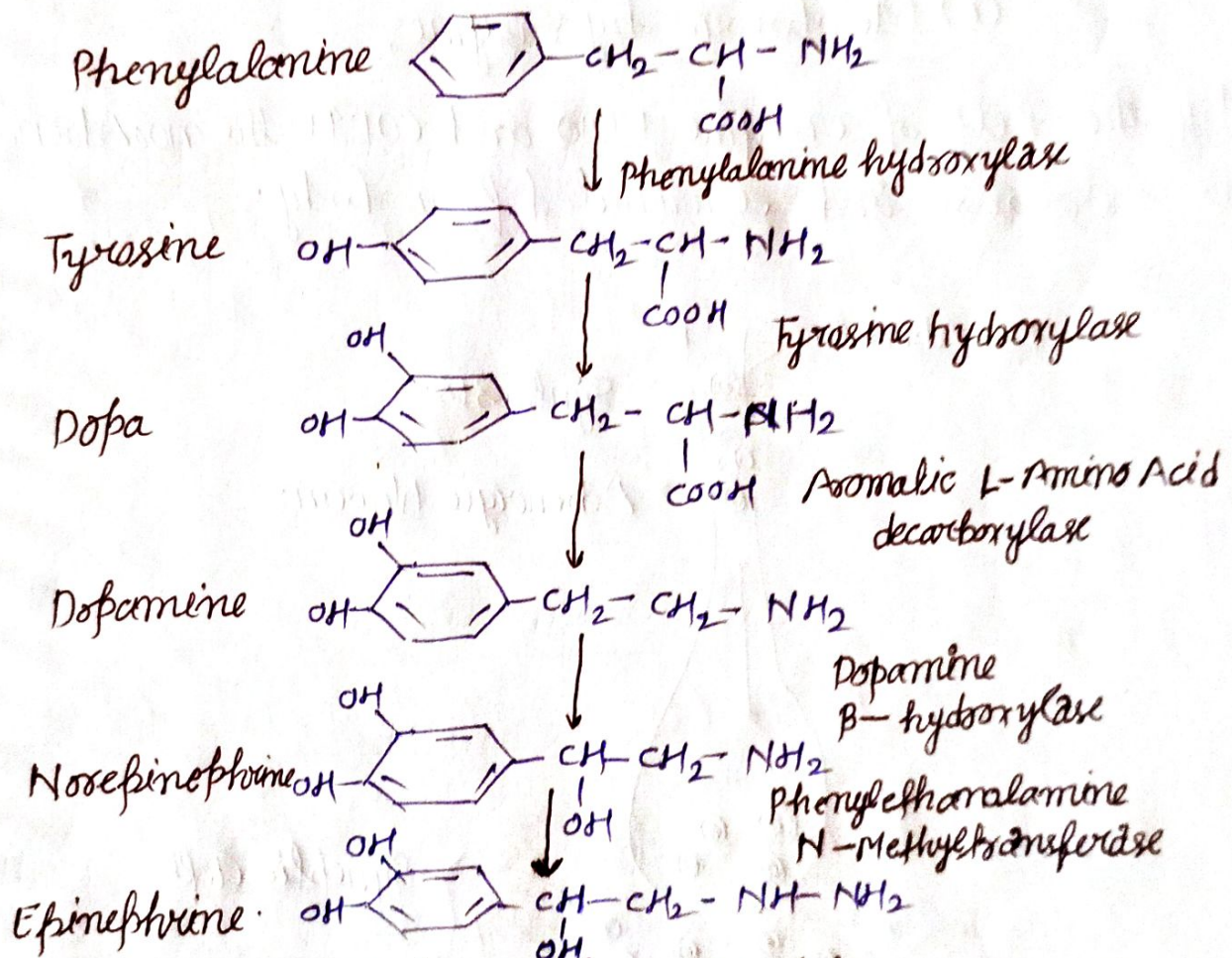


- Catecholamine Compound never given be orally.
- It always taken through injection.
- The duration of action of Catecholamine is long.
- Catecholamine compounds are never do not cross the BBB so they do not given for the brain problem.

- Catecholamine compounds are highly specialty for oxidation because hydroxyl group.
- So they are always given combination with antioxidant like sodium sulphide.

∴ Synthesis, Storage and Release of Catecholamine:

(i) Synthesis of Nos Adrenaline or Nos Epinephrine



(2) Uptake in storage vesicle:

- After the formation of Adrenaline it is enclosed inside the vesicle for their long term security.

(3) Release of Neurotransmitter:

- By the exocytosis process the neurotransmitter are release from the neurons and comes inside the synaptic cleft.

4. Binding to the receptor.

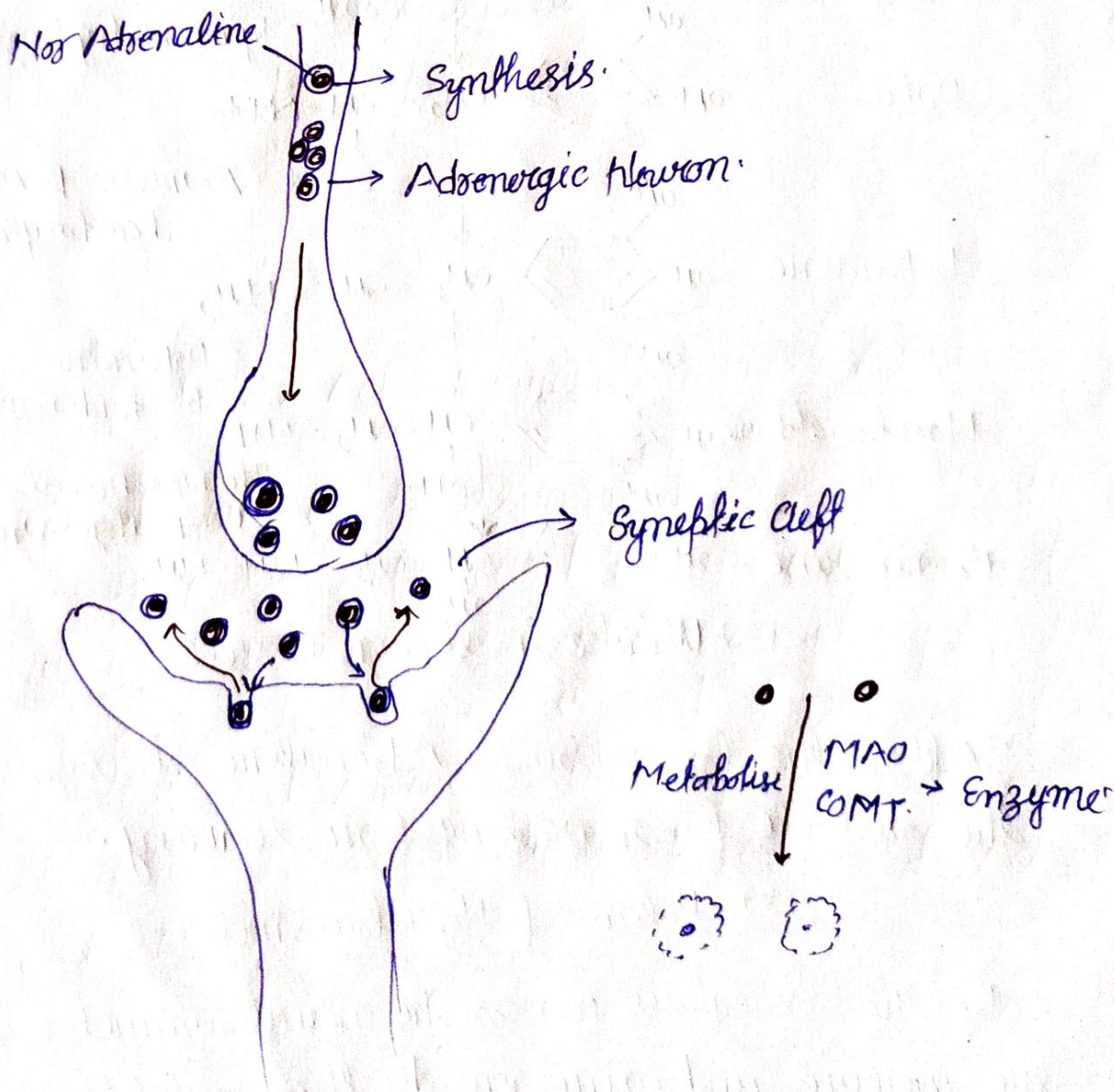
→ Now these neurotransmitter norAdrenaline bind with their alpha and Beta (α, β) receptors on the organs.

(5) Removal of Nor Epinephrine:

→ After the pharmacological action the nor Epinephrine remove the receptor and goes into the synaptic cleft.

(1) Metabolism by Enzyme:

- By the help of enzyme MAO and COMT the norAdrenaline is metabolise and eliminated from body.



Adrenergic Receptor

→ Adrenaline binds with the receptor they are called Adrenergic receptor it is of two types -

- (i) α - Alpha $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_1 - \text{Excitatory} \\ \alpha_2 - \text{Inhibitory} \end{array} \right.$
- (ii) β - Beta $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 \rightarrow \text{Ex.} \\ \beta_2 - \text{In.} \\ \beta_3 - \text{Ex.} \end{array} \right.$

α - Receptor

It is of two type:

- (1) $\alpha_1 \rightarrow$ Smooth muscle of Iris, Blood vessels, Liver, Bladder, Uterus \rightarrow It is excitatory in nature.
- (2) $\alpha_2 \rightarrow$ Blood Vessels \Rightarrow It is inhibitory in nature.

β - Receptor

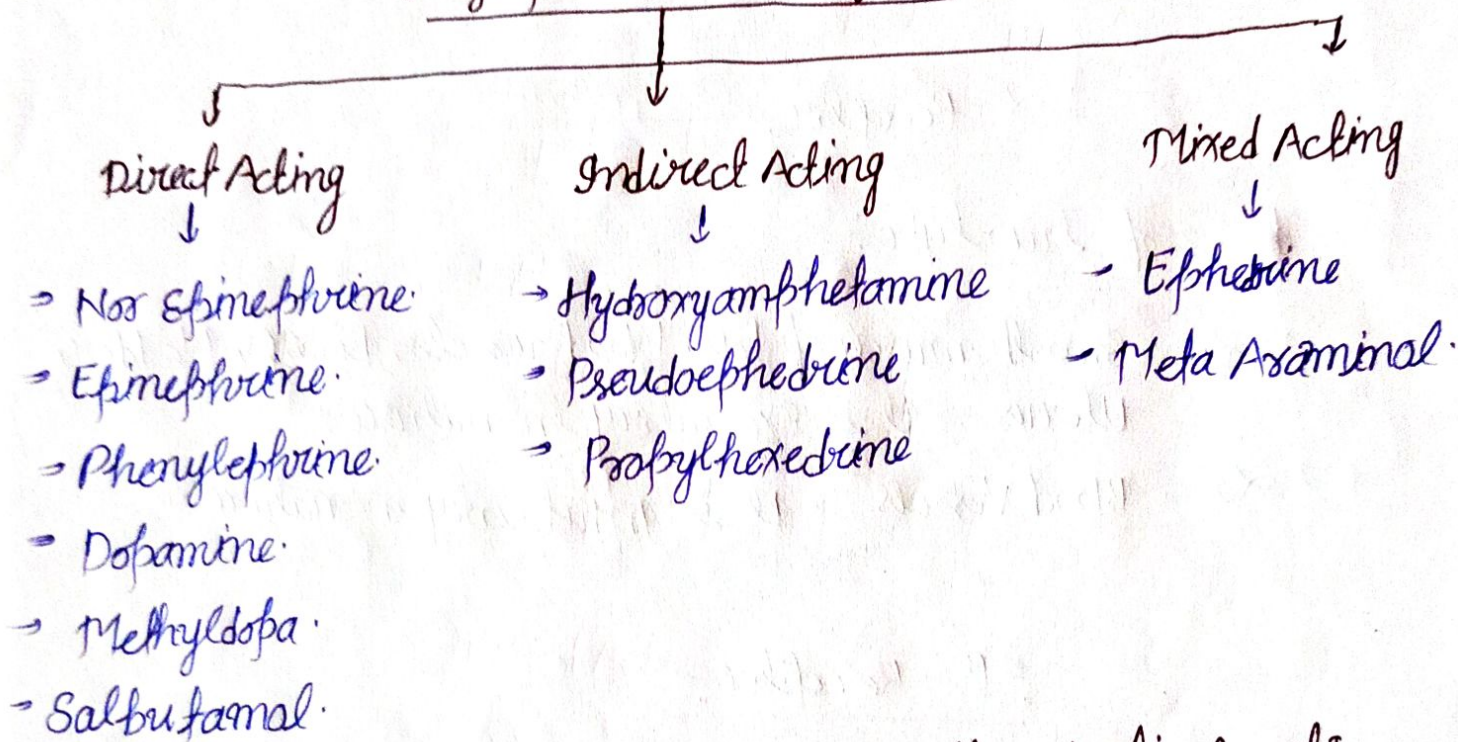
It is of three types:

- (1) β_1 - Myocardium Muscle (Heart) \rightarrow It is excitatory in Nature
- (2) β_2 - Bronchi, Vascular Smooth muscle, Uterus, GIT \rightarrow it is inhibitory in nature.
- (3) β_3 - Fat cell in liver \rightarrow It is excitatory in nature.

Classification of Sympathomimetic Agent:

- (1) Direct Acting.
- (2) Indirect Acting.
- (3) Mixed Acting.

Sympathomimetic Agent:



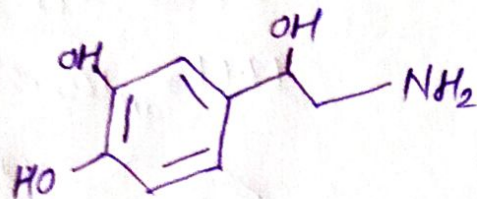
Direct Acting Sympathomimetic Agent:

→ They act through complexation with response specific receptors they are represented by nor Adrenaline for the Activation of beta receptor phenolic hydroxy function in meta at the catechol nucleus and at the side chain hydroxide in beta and Amine especially the phenolic hydroxyl seems to be relatively more critical for Activation of beta receptor.

Nor-epinephrine

Chemical formula $\rightarrow C_8H_{11}NO_3$

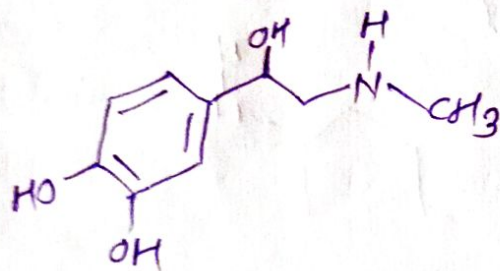
Molecular Mass $\rightarrow 169.18 \text{ g/mol}$



Epinephrine

C.F $\rightarrow C_9H_{13}NO_3$

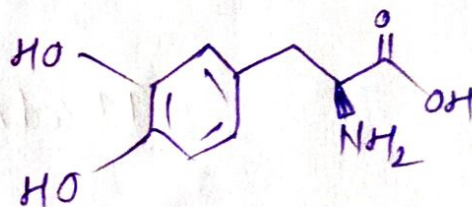
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Methyldopa

C.F $\rightarrow C_{10}H_{13}NO_4$

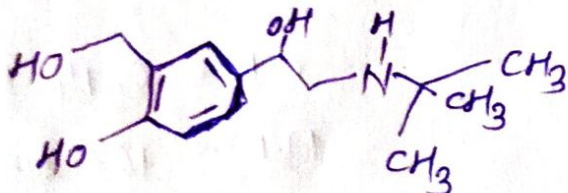
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Salbutamol

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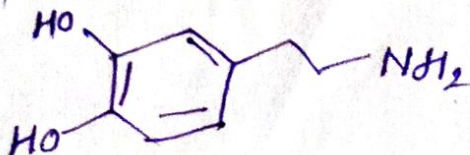
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Dopamine

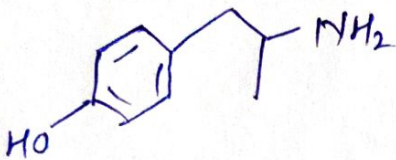
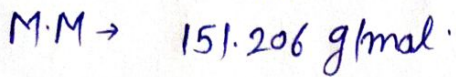
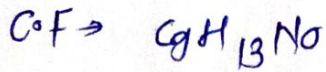
C.F $\rightarrow C_8H_{11}NO_2$

M.M $\rightarrow 153.18 \text{ g/mol}$

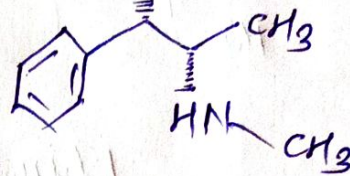
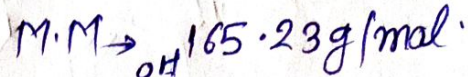


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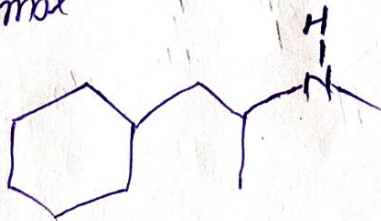
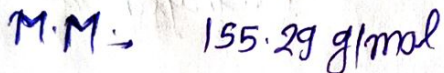
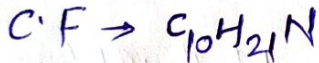
Hydroxyamphetamine



Pseudoephedrine

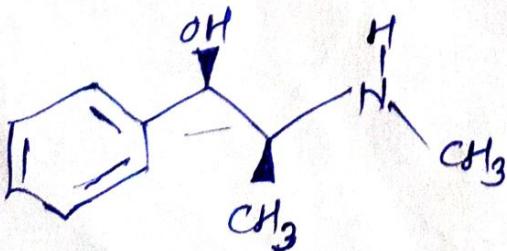
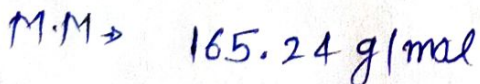


Propylhexedrine

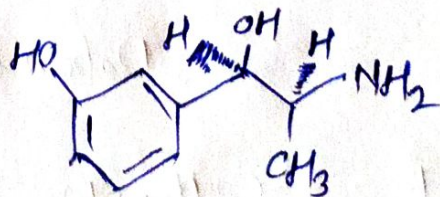
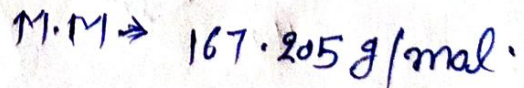


Mixed Action

Ephedrine



Metaraminol



Epinephrine/Adrenaline:

:- Introduction:-

- Epinephrine, nor epinephrine are the neurotransmitters. And the hormones which is release from the medulla part of the Adrenal gland.
- In 1897 the Scientist Abel & Crawford first discover the Adrenaline or Nor Adrenaline hormones.
- Epinephrine and nor Epinephrine hormones also called emergency hormones.

:- Pharmacological Action:-

→ (1) :- Action on CNS:-

- When Adrenaline bind with the central nervous system and cross the blood brain barrier. then it is increase the tremor, Restlessness, Palpitation in the brain.

(2) :- Action on Heart:-

- When Adrenaline drug is bind with β -receptor it increase the heart rate, Increase the force of contraction and increase the cardiac output.
- "When, Adrenaline drug bind with the β -receptor of heart then it increase the heart rate."

(3) :- Action on blood vessel:-

- The blood vessel which are present in smooth muscle they shows constriction. (Vasoconstriction)

And the blood vessel which are present in skeleton muscle they shows vasodilation

(4) Action on Blood Pressure :

→ β -receptors are present in blood vessels. and when the blood vessel then they cause vasoconstriction and increase blood pressure.
 Adrenaline drug is bind with

(5) Action on respiration:

→ When adrenaline drug is bind with the respiratory system then it stimulate the respiration and it can also called Apnea. And it cause difficulty in breathing.

(6) Action on Eye:

→ When Adrenaline is bind with the eye then it dilates our pupil. and causes mydriases.

(7) Action on GIT:

When Adrenaline drug is bind with our intestine. and GIT then it decrease the peristaltic movement of Intestine. and the digestion of food is decrease.

(8) Action on Bronchi

→ When Adrenaline drug also bind with the smooth muscle of bronchi then it cause vasodilation. so it is also used in treatment of Asthma.

(9) Action on skeleton muscle:

- In skeleton muscle basically β -receptors are present.
- When adrenaline bind with the skeleton muscle then it increased the muscle contraction.

(10) Action on urinary bladder:

- Adrenergic receptor is also present in urinary (system) bladder then it increase the tone of urinary bladder, and it is also called micturition.

(11) Action on Metabolism:

When Adrenaline drug is release then metabolism rate of carbohydrates, fat & Proteins are Increase.

∴ Pharmacokinetics ∴

- Adrenaline and nor Adrenaline are generally given in IV, and subcutaneous route.
- Their on set of Action 3 to 5 minute.
- Their duration of Action is About 20 minute.
- They are basically bind with the plasma protein.
- They metabolise in liver.
- They excreted through urine.

∴ Therapeutic use ∴

- It is used in the Asthma.
- It is used in the Anaphylactic shock
- Local Anesthetic treatment.

- It is used in the heart construction.
- used in nasal decongestant.

∴ Side effect ∴

- Nausea
- Vomiting.
- Anorexia.
- Dyspnea
- Anxiety.
- Headache.

∴ Non Catecholamine ∴

It is of two type.

- (i) Ephedrine.
- (ii) Amphetamine.

What are Adrenergic Antagonists.

- Drugs which antagonize the action of Epinephrine, and Nor epinephrine at the receptor level.
- They occupy Adrenergic receptors (α and β) but do not produce signal transduction.
- Can be reversible or irreversible.
- Classified according to relative affinity for α or β receptors.

∴ α -Adrenergic blockers ∴

- Phenoxybenzamine.
- Phentolamine.
- Brazosin.
- Terazosin.
- Doxazosin.

∴ Phenoxybenzamine & Phentolamine ∴

- Non-selective α blockers.

∴ Actions ∴

- Block of α_1 receptor →
 - Vasodilation and postural hypotension.
- Block of α_2 receptor:
 - Reduced Nor Epinephrine action on α_2 receptors on the varicosity.
 - Increases release of NE from varicosity which can cause tachycardia and increased CO.

∴ Mechanism of Action ∴

- Binds covalently (And therefore irreversibly) to α receptor, and blocks Nor Adrenaline Action.
- Action is reversible in the case of phentolamine.

∴ Pharmacokinetics ∴

- Given orally, IV and SC injection.
- $T_{1/2}$ for Phenoxybenzamine = 12 hours (because of irreversible binding to receptor)
- $T_{1/2}$ for Phentolamine = 3 hours.

∴ Clinical use ∴

- Used in treatment of pheochromocytoma.

∴ Adverse Effects ∴

- Postural hypotension.
- Tachycardia.
- Dizziness and headache.
- Sexual dysfunction.

Prazosin, Terazosin and doxazosin ∴

- Selective α_1 Antagonist.

∴ Action ∴

- Vasodilation and reduction in BP.
- Increase HR (a reflex β_1 receptor response to the decrease in BP)
- Decrease bladder sphincter tone.
- Inhibition of hypertrophy on smooth muscle of bladder neck and prostate capsule.

∴ Mechanism of Action ∴

Block the action of endogenous and exogenous agonists on the α_1 receptor

- Decrease peripheral vascular resistance.
- Relaxes arterial and venous smooth muscle.
- Causes minimal changes in CO, renal blood flow and GFR.

∴ Pharmacokinetics ∴

Prazosin and Terazosin.

- Absorbed orally.
- $T_{1/2} = 3-4$ hours.
- Metabolised by liver.
- Extensive 1st pass metabolism.

∴ Doxazosin ∴

$T_{1/2} = 22$ hours.

∴ Clinical uses ∴

- Severe hypertension.
- Benign prostatic hypertrophy.

∴ Adverse Effects ∴

- Orthostatic hypertension.
- Dizziness.
- Hypersensitivity reactions.
- Insomnia.
- Priapism.

β-Adrenergic blockers

- Propranolol.
- Timolol.
- Nadolol.
- Acebutolol.
- Atenolol.
- Metoprolol.
- Esmolol.

Non Selective

- Propranolol.
- Timolol.
- Nadolol.

B₁ selective (Cardioselective)

- Acebutolol.
- Atenolol.
- Metoprolol.
- Esmolol.

Propranolol

- Non selective β blocker.

Action:

- CVS
- Decreases CO (-ve inotropic and chronotropic effects)
- Decreased SA and AV Node Activity.
- Peripheral vaso constriction via increased peripheral resistance

- Bronchoconstriction.
- Reduces renin release.
- Decreased glycogenolysis and Glucagon secretion.

∴ Mechanism of Action ∴

- Block sympathetic drive.
- Reducing pacemaker activity and increases AV conduction time.
- Reduces the slow inward Ca^{2+} current.

∴ Pharmacokinetics ∴

- Orally Administered.
- Almost completely absorbed.
- Extensive 1st pass metabolism (only 0.25 bioavailability)
- Large volume of distribution.
- Readily crosses blood brain barrier.
- Metabolites excreted in urine.

∴ Therapeutic Uses ∴

- Class II Antiarrhythmic.
- Hypertension.
- Angina pectoris.
- Migraine
- Hyperthyroidism.
- Prevention of death by dysrhythmia following myocardial infarction.
- Paroxysmal Atrial fibrillation.

∴ Adverse effects ∴

- Bronchoconstriction.
- Arrhythmias (if stopped abruptly)
- Sexual Impairment.
- Metabolic disturbances (fasting hypoglycemia)

CNS-effects:

- Dizziness.
- Lethargy
- Fatigue.
- Weakness
- Visual disturbances.
- Hallucinations.
- Short term memory loss.
- Emotional lability.
- Vivid dreams
- Depression.

∴ Nadolol & Timolol ∴

- Non selective beta Antagonists.
- Nadolol has very long duration of action.

∴ Action ∴

- Decreases Intraocular pressure
- More potent than propranolol.

∴ Mechanism of Action ∴

- Reduce production of Aqueous humor in the eye.
- Decrease secretion of Aqueous humor by ciliary body
- Do not cause cycloplegia.

⊘ Pharmacokinetics ⊘

- Onset is about 30 minutes when administered intracocularly.
- Duration of action = 12 to 24 hours.

⊘ Clinical Use ⊘

- Chronic management of glaucoma.

← Acebutolol, Atenolol, Bisoprolol, Esmolol, & Metoprolol

- Selective beta blockers - known as cardioselective.
- Selectivity is lost at high doses.

⊘ Action ⊘

- Decrease BP in hypertension.
- Increase exercise tolerance in Angina.

⊘ Pharmacokinetics ⊘

- Orally administered.
- $T_{1/2}$ → Atenolol = 6 hours.
→ Esmolol = 10 hours.

⊘ Clinical Use ⊘

- Emergency treatment of supraventricular dysrhythmias (Esmolol)
- Antihypertensive in diabetic patients receiving insulin or oral hypoglycaemic agents.

∴ Skeletal Muscle Relaxant ∴

- Skeletal muscle relaxants are drugs that act peripherally at neuromuscular junction / muscle fibre itself or centrally in the cerebrospinal axis to reduce muscle tone and/or cause paralysis
- = A muscle relaxant is a drug that affects skeletal muscle function and decreases the muscle tone.
- It may be used to improve symptoms such as muscle spasms, pain and hyperreflexia.

∴ Peripherally acting muscle relaxants ∴

Neuromuscular blocking agent ∴

→ Nondepolarizing (Competitive blockers)

Long Acting ∴ d-Tubocurarine, Pancuronium, Doxacurium, pipecuronium.

Intermediate Acting ∴ Vecuronium, Atracurium, Cisatracurium, Rocuronium, Rapacuronium.

Short Acting ∴ Mivacurium.

→ Depolarizing blockers ∴ Succinylcholine (Sch), Decamethonium.

∴ Centrally Acting Muscle relaxants ∴

→ Classification ∴

Class	Example
Mephenesin congeners	Mephenesin Carisoprodol Chlorzoxazone Chlormezanone Methocarbamol
Benzodiazepines	Diazepam & others.
GABA mimetic	Baclofen Thiocolchicoside
Central α_2 Agonist	Tizanidine.

∴ Nondepolarizing Competitive blockers ∴

MOA ∴ The site of action of both competitive & depolarizing blockers is the end plate of skeletal muscle fibre.

Pharmacological Action ∴

Skeletal Muscles ∴ Intravenous injection of nondepolarizing blockers rapidly produces muscle weakness followed by flaccid paralysis.

• Autonomic Ganglia ∴ Produce some degree of ganglionic blockade.

Histamine release ∴ d-Tc releases histamine from mast cells. histamine release contributes to the hypotension produced by d-Tc. Flushing bronchospasm and increased respiratory secretions are other effects.

Cardiovascular System: d-Tubocurarine produces significant fall

in BP. This is due to -

- Ganglionic blockade.
- Histamine release and
- Reduced venous return.

Gastrointestinal Tract: The ganglion blocking activity of competitive blockers may enhance postoperative paralytic ileus after abdominal operations.

Central Nervous System: All neuromuscular blockers are quaternary compounds → do not cross blood brain barrier.

∴ Nondepolarizing blockers - Individual Compounds

d-Tubocurarine: Not clinical used do to its histaminic effects.

Succinylcholine:

Sch is most commonly used muscle relaxant for passing tracheal tube.

- It induces rapid, complete and predictable paralysis with spontaneous recovery in ~ 5 min.
- Occasionally Sch is used by continuous IV infusion, for producing controlled muscle relaxation of longer duration.
- It should be avoided in younger children unless absolutely necessary, because risk of hyperkalaemia and cardiac arrhythmia is higher.

- Pancuronium: It is a synthetic steroidal compound.
~ 5 times more potent, and longer acting than d-Tc.
- Because of longer duration of action needing reversal, its use is now restricted to prolonged operations, especially neurosurgery.

Pipecuronium: Muscle relaxant with a slow onset and long duration of action, steroidal in nature, recommended for prolonged surgeries.

Nondepolarizing blockers → Individual compounds uses:

Adjuvants to general Anaesthesia

- The most important use of neuromuscular blockers is as adjuvants to general Anaesthesia.
- Choice of the neuromuscular blocker depends on the nature and duration of the procedure; pharmacokinetics of the blocker and cardiovascular stability that it provides.
- Vecuronium & rocuronium are the most frequently selected nondepolarizing blockers.

Assisted ventilation

- Critically ill patients in intensive care units often need ventilatory support.
- convulsions and trauma from electroconvulsive therapy can be avoided by the use of muscle relaxants without decreasing the therapeutic benefit.

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Directly Acting Muscle relaxants:

Dantrolene: Dantrolene acts on the RyR1 (Ryanodine receptor) calcium channels in the sarcoplasmic reticulum of skeletal muscle and prevents Ca^{2+} induced Ca^{++} release through sarcoplasmic reticulum.

- Dantrolene is slowly but Adequately absorbed from the GIT. it penetrates brain and produces some sedation, but has no selective effect on polysynaptic reflexes responsible for spasticity.

Comparative features of centrally and peripherally Acting
muscle relaxants:

Centrally Acting

- Decrease muscle tone without reducing voluntary power.
- Selectively inhibit polysynaptic reflexes in CNS.
- causes some CNS depression.
- Given orally sometimes parenterally.
- used in chronic spastic, conditions acute muscle spasms, tetanus

Peripherally Acting.

- Cause muscle paralysis voluntary movements lost
- Block neuromuscular transmission.
- No effect on CNS.
- Practically Always given IV.
- Used for short term purpose (surgical operations)

∴ Baclofen ∴

- This analogue of the inhibitory transmitter GABA acts as a selective GABA_B receptor Agonist.
- The primary site of action of baclofen is considered to be in the spinal cord where it depresses both polysynaptic monosynaptic reflexes.
- As such it does produce muscle weakness but it's less sedative than diazepam.
- Baclofen is well absorbed orally and is primarily excreted unchanged in urine with a $t_{1/2}$ of 3-4 hours.

∴ Side effect ∴

Side effects are drowsiness, mental confusion, weakness and ataxia, serum transaminases may rise suddenly. Withdrawal after chronic use may cause hallucinations, tachycardia and seizures.

∴ Tizanidine ∴

→ This clonidine congener is a central α_2 Adrenergic agonist - inhibits release of excitatory amino acids in the spinal interneurons.

It may facilitate the inhibitory transmitter glycine as well.

Use of centrally Acting muscle Relaxants

- Acute muscle spasms.
- Torticollis, lumbago, backache, neuralgias.

- Anxiety and tension.
- Spastic neurological diseases.
- Tetanus.
- Electroconvulsive therapy.
- Orthopedic manipulations.

∴ Local Anaesthetics ∴ (LA)

- Local Anaesthetics are those drugs which block the neuronal conduction at local particular area.
- And it is helpful for minor surgery.
- Local Anaesthetics produce reversible action.
Generally

∴ (Classification ∴ of LA)

∴ Injectable Anaesthetic ∴

∴ Low potency, short duration ∴

Procain

पिरकी काना परगा

Chlorprocaine

→ Intermediate potency and duration ∴

Prilocaine

पार्नि जी लादी

Lidocaine (Lignocaine)

→ High potency, long duration ∴

→ Tetracaine (Amethocaine)

→ Bupivacaine

→ Propivacaine

तेरा वाप भी से दिया

- Dibucaine (Cinchocaine)

∴ Surface Anaesthetic ∴

Soluble Insoluble

Benoximate

Tetracaine

वहनी ट्रेक्टर को ला दो

Cocaine

Lidocaine

Insoluble Insoluble

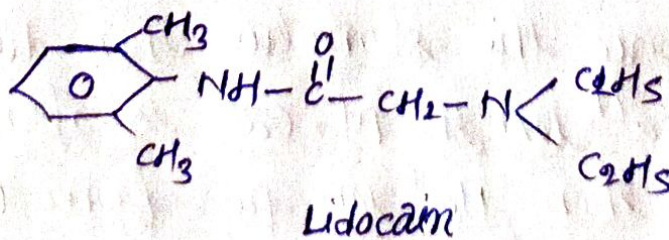
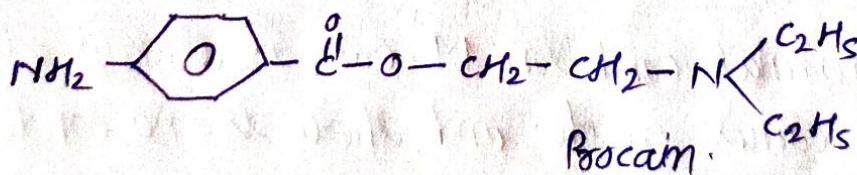
Oxethazain

Benzocaine

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Butylaminobenzoate

∴ Chemistry of Local Anaesthetics ∴



→ All types of local Anaesthetics drugs contain tertiary amine structure. They are basic in nature

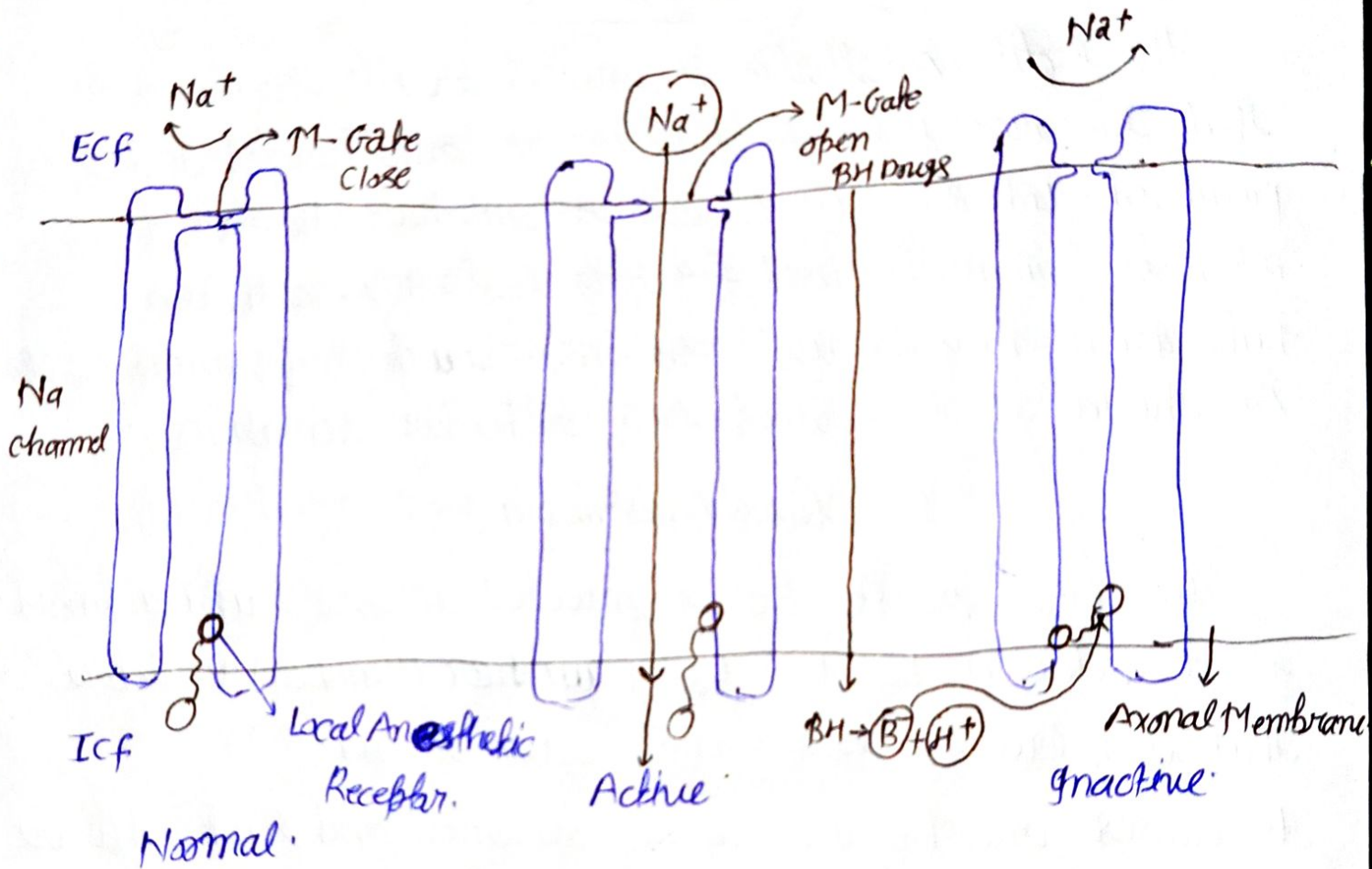
→ All the local Anaesthetics contains two types of bond

- Ester bond for ex- procain. and one is Amide bond for example Lidocain.
- ⇒ Ester bond is easily hydrolyse so there duration of Action is less.
- And Amide bond is not easily hydrolyse so there duration of Action is long.
- They also contain phenyl group which have diff-2 compound.

◦ Mechanism of Action ◦

- Basically local Anaesthetics drugs blocks the Axonal membrane in conduction of neuron and the supply of neuron from brain to organ.
- In the axonal membrane basically sodium channel is present in which M-Gate & LA (Local Anaesthetic receptor) is present.
- When M-gate at normal condition M-Gate is always closed. no sodium ion comes inside and there is no conduction of any signal.
- When body receive the stimulus then due to transmission of Ca^{++} ion the M-Gate is open and when M-Gate is open then Na^+ ion pass from Ecf to scf and conduction generated. signal goes to the brain.
- When LA drugs is given. this is basic drug in nature and they cross the Axonal membrane & in scf they dissociate into the ionic form.

- This ionic form of LA drugs bind with the LA receptor which is present in sodium channel and they block the receptor or close the channel.
- And no Na^+ ion pass from ECF to ICF, that's why the conduction is completely blocked.



Techniques of Local Anesthetics:

(i) Surface Anesthesia:

- It is produced by topical application of surface anesthesia to mucous membranes.
- The superficial layer is anesthetized. Except for lidocaine/prilocaine are capable to anesthetizing the skin intact.

(2) Infiltration Anesthesia :

- A dilute solution of local Anesthetic is infiltrated under the skin in the area of surgical operation.
- It blocks sensory nerve endings. Lidocaine 30 to 60 minute, bupivacaine 120 to 180 minute has duration of nerve block.

(3) Conduction block :

- The local Anesthetic is injected around the nerve so that the area distal to injection, is anesthetized and paralyzed. Lidocaine 1-2%, with intermediate duration of action is commonly used for long lasting Anesthesia bupivacaine may be used. The main purpose of nerve block Anesthesia is to Abolish pain and other sensations.

Spinal Anesthesia :

→ The local Anesthetic is injected in the subarachnoid space between L₂-4 or L₃-4 ~~lumber~~ (lumber) vertebra that is below the lower end of spinal cord.

It causes anesthesia to lower abdomen and limbs that are anesthetized and paralyzed. spinal anesthesia is used for surgery of lower limbs pelvis, lower abdomen, fracture setting, obstetric, Caesarean operation. Women during the late pregnancy need fewer doses for spinal Anesthesia. The spinal anesthesia has following advantages over general Anesthesia

- It is safe.
- It produces Analgesia and muscle relaxants without loss of consciousness.

- Diabetes, cardiac, renal disease, pulmonary disease do not interfere much and poses less problem in treatment
- The complications of spinal Anesthetics are nausea & vomiting.
- It occurs after abdominal surgery.
- It is due to reflexes initiated by traction on Abdominal viscera. It can be controlled with opioid Analgesics

Headache ∴ It is due to seepage of cerebrospinal fluid.

- Use small bore needle to minimise this effect.
- Septic meningitis it is due to infection introduced/entered during lumbar puncture.
- Cauda equine Syndrome.
- Respiratory Paralysis.
- Hypotension.
- Spinal Anesthesia is contraindicated in uncooperative or mentally ill patients, infants and children vertebral abnormalities like lumbar lordosis, Kyphosis and a patient with hypotension and hyponatremia

(5) Epidural Anaesthesia ∴

- Lidocaine and bupivacaine are popular drugs for epidural anaesthesia.
- Action of both drugs is prolonged by Addition of Adrenaline.
- Epidural Anaesthesia is technically difficult than the spinal Anaesthesia and large quantity of drug is needed.
- Epidural Anaesthesia is of three types depending on the site of injection.

(a) Thoracic injection is administered in the mid thoracic region.

- The epidural space in this region is narrow, smaller volume of needed and a wide segmental band of analgesia involving the middle thoracic dermatomes is produced.
- Thoracic Anaesthesia is used for pain relief of thoracic or upper abdomen surgery.

(b) Caudal Anaesthesia: Injection is given in the sacral canal through the sacral hiatus and produces Anaesthesia of pelvic and perineal region. It is used for vaginal delivery Anorectal and genitourinary operations.

(c) Lumbar Anaesthesia: Large volume of drug is needed because epidural space is wide. It produces Anaesthesia of lower abdomen, pelvis and hind limb.

Individual compound:

Cocaine

Cocaine is an ester of benzoic acid and is found naturally in the leaves of *Erythroxylon coca*. It is odourless, colorless white crystalline powder. It is slightly volatile in nature and is slightly soluble in water. It has been used medically and recreationally for many hundreds of years. In addition to its local Anaesthetic action on nerve membranes, it is also

Able to block the re-uptake of norepinephrine at sympathetic neurones, potentiating the effects of catecholamines
It is used as a topical Anaesthetic usually for procedures involving the nasal mucosa. It was traditionally combined with epinephrine and bicarbonate as Maffet's solutions to provide a solution with very intense vasoconstrictor properties. Cocaine should not be injected.

= Cocaine is used as cocaine hydrochloride. Cocaine is dangerous for Administrations as a spinal anaesthesia. The repeated use of cocaine may lead to drug dependence. Cocaine produces central nervous system stimulation with effect on mood and behaviour. It produces state of well being, delayed fatigue and increase power of patience.

∴ Side effect ∴

Cocaine idiosyncrasy headache faintness cocaine eye drops may cause loosening of corneal epithelium and corneal erosion.

∴ poisoning ∴

In acute cocaine poisoning convulsions may be treated with diazepam respiratory depression with artificial respiration.

∴ Brand name ∴

Coprelto, C-Topical solution.

o Procaine o

> Discovered for the first time in 1905, Novocain (the trade name of procaine) is a local anaesthetic of the ester type that is able to induce a loss of sensitivity when injected unlike the oral intake that has been established to exert therapeutic values. The first local synthetic anaesthetic that was produced, novocaine was used primarily for oral surgical surgeries in dentistry, however since foreign anaesthetics generally have a high potential to cause allergic reactions they eventually become obsolete and eventually are replaced by a more effective anaesthetic known as lidocaine.

∴ side effect ∴

Heartburn, migraines, nausea and can induce a serious condition known as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

o Brand Name o

Novocain, Mercaine.

o Chlorprocaine o

Chlorprocaine is a local ester anaesthetic used in the United States, UK, which now increases again in use in Europe.

> It has limited cardiotoxicity due to rapid ester hydrolysis, and this is due to a maximum dose of 10mg/kg it is particularly useful for saving the inadequate obstetric epidural block, where large amounts of local amide anaesthetics have already been used.

This is because it has a rapid onset of action, despite having a high pKa, which is possible through the use of higher doses due to the lower potential for systemic toxicity. Used in the 1970s and 1980s its intrathecal use diminished after the discovery of neurotoxicity when used in subarachnoid blocks, probably due to additives, however, the recent development of chlorprocaine without preservatives has rekindled the interest in its use in this environment.

Benzocaine

Benzocaine is a local anesthetic of the atypical ester and is the ethyl ester of PABA. The ethyl side chain group has no amino component, therefore remains attached and is poorly soluble in water. Higher concentrations have the potential to cause methemoglobinemia. Its use is largely limited to topical analgesia, as is the treatment of pain associated with oral and cutaneous ulcers.

Lidocaine (Lignocaine)

Introduced in 1947, lidocaine is a derivative of the tertiary starch of diethylaminoacetic acid. In concentrations from 0.5 to 4 percent, it is able to provide a deep block with a fast start speed due to its low pKa. The protein binding is relatively low so its duration of action is predictably short. It is also used intravenously as a class 1b antiarrhythmic agent. As an indicator of its impressive safety, intravenous lignocaine is often used in voluntary

studies to familiarize individuals with the symptoms of local Anesthetic toxicity. Lidocaine is a versatile local anesthetic. It is suitable for local or surface applications as well as for injection use. It is injected around a nerve that blocks the nerve in three minutes while the procaine lasts about 15 minutes the anesthesia is more intense and lasting.

◦ Pharmacokinetics ◦

Onset of action 4 to 17 minutes duration of action 3 to 6 hours plasma half life by IV injection is about 13 min by IM injection 90 minute, half life is increased in liver disease.

◦ Indication ◦

Epidural, surgical spinal anesthesia, peripheral nerve block insect bites minor burns painful cystitis.

◦ Availability ◦

Injections Bexicaine 30 ml vial.

◦ Side effects ◦

Nausea vomiting blurred vision, constriction of pupils of eye, Anaphylaxis, rash, Edema, tissue necrosis cardiac arrest, hypotension, fetal bradycardia, tremors shivering, drowsiness, loss of consciousness.

◦ Contraindications ◦

Hypersensitivity, renal impairment, pregnancy, pregnancy, child below 12 years of age.