UNIT-III

Drugs acting on Autonomic nervous system

Points to be covered in this topic

- CHOLINERGIC NEUROTRANSMITTERS
- PARASYMPATHOMIMETIC AGENTS
 - CHOLINESTERASE REACTIVATOR
 - CHOLINERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS

PARASYMPATHETIC NERVES

Rest and Digest

Slow Heartbeat



























Contract Bladder

☐ CHOLINERGIC NEUROTRANSMITTERS

- Synonyms: Cholinomimetic, cholinergic Agonists, Cholinergic Drugs.
- The neurotransmitter acetylcholine (Ach) is the only neurotransmitter used in the motor division of the somatic nervous system (neuromuscular junction) at autonomic ganglia.

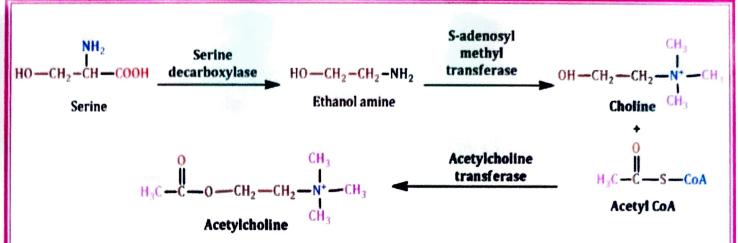
* Acetylcholine

- Acetylcholine (Ach) is an ester of choline and acetic acid.
- Acetylcholine is the neurotransmitter in the preganglionic sympathetic and parasympathetic neurons.
- Acetylcholine, at the adrenal medulla and serves as a neurotransmitter substance of nerve impulses within the central and peripheral nervous systems.

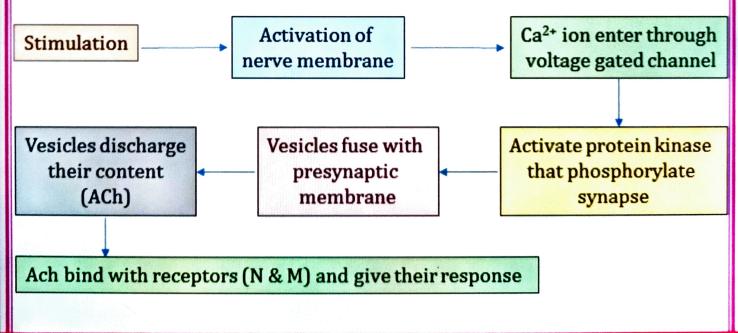
$$H_3C - C - O - CH_2 - CH_2 - N + CH_3$$
 CH_3
 CH_3
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2-acetoxy-N,N,Ntrimethylethanaminium

- Biosynthesis, storage and release of acetylcholine
- > Synthesis: synthesis of acetylcholine (Ach) is done by cholinergic neurons.
- It was first synthesized by Bayer in 1867 from liver by the reaction between the choline with active acetyl (CoA).
- The active acetyl CoA formed by the combination of acetate with Coenzyme A (CoA).
- The reaction between acetyl Coenzyme A and choline is catalyzed by the enzyme cholineacetylase, then transferred along the axon to its terminals where the acetylcholine is formed.

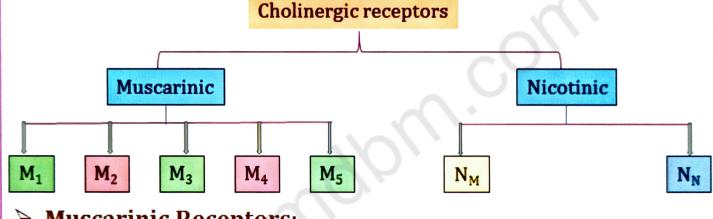


- > Storage:-
- ACh is stored in synaptic vesicles, each vesicles contains 1000-50000 molecules of acetylcholine.
- The mature vesicle contains not only Ach but also adenosine triphosphate proteoglycan.
- The uptake of ACh into storage vesicle occurs through an energy dependent pump that acidifies the vesicle. The acidified vesicle then uses a vesicular ACh transporter (VAChT) to exchange protons for ACh molecules
- In vesicles acetylcholine is protected from hydrolysis.
- Release:-
- Ach is released from storage granules under the influence of the nerve action potential and opening Ca²⁺ ion channel (voltage gated channel).
- This release can be stopped by botulinum toxin.



Catabolism of acetylcholine :-

- After the release and action of acetylcholine, the function and effects of Ach Can be terminated with the help of enzyme hydrolysis.
- Cholinesterase enzyme also known as acetylcholine esterase (AchE)
 and it undergoes hydrolysis, Acetylcholine (Ach) into the inactive
 metabolites choline and acetic acid.
- Cholinergic receptors and their distribution:-
- A cholinergic receptor are those receptor in which cholinergic neurotransmitter binds directly to induce various action or responses.



- > Muscarinic Receptors:-
- It belongs to the G-protein couple receptors family.
- The prototype agonist for these receptors is muscarinic.
- It is water soluble toxin derived from the poisonous fly agaric, Amanita muscarinic, which cause activation of parasympathetic nervous system.
- **Receptors with their locations and functions:**

Receptor	Location	Function
M ₁	CNS, gastric and	↑ Cognitive function.
	salivary glands,	↑ Seizure activity.
A.C., 1	autonomic ganglia,	† Secretions.
	enteric nerves	†Autonomic ganglia depolarization.
		↓ DA release and locomotion.

		analgesia.					
M ₃	Salivary glands, heart	↑ Smooth muscle contraction (e.g. bladder). ↑ Salivary gland secretion. ↑ Food intake, body fat deposits Inhibits dopamine release. Synthesis of nitric oxide.					
M ₄	CNS and heart	Inhibition of autoreceptors and heteroreceptor mediated transmitter release in CNS, Analgesia, Cataleptic activity; Facilitates dopamine release.					
M ₅	CNS & Periphery nervous system	Mediates dilation of cerebral arteries. Facilitates dopamine release. Augments drug seeking behavior and reward.					
> Nicotir	nic Receptors:-						
	•	oupled to ion channels and when					
activated by Ach, it shows very rapid responses.							
• First neurotransmitter receptor isolated and purified in an active form.							
Receptor	Location	Function					
N _M	Skeletal neuromuscular junction	Skeletal muscle contraction, increase cation permeability					

 M_2

Autonomic nerve

terminals, CNS, heart,

smooth muscle

† Smooth muscle contraction.

inhibition in CNS.

Neural inhibition in periphery via

autoreceptors and heteroreceptor.

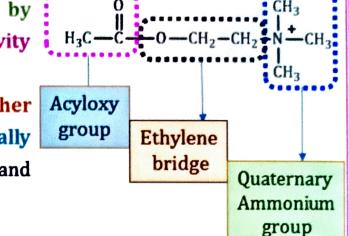
↓ Ganglionic transmission Neural

Tremors hypothermia

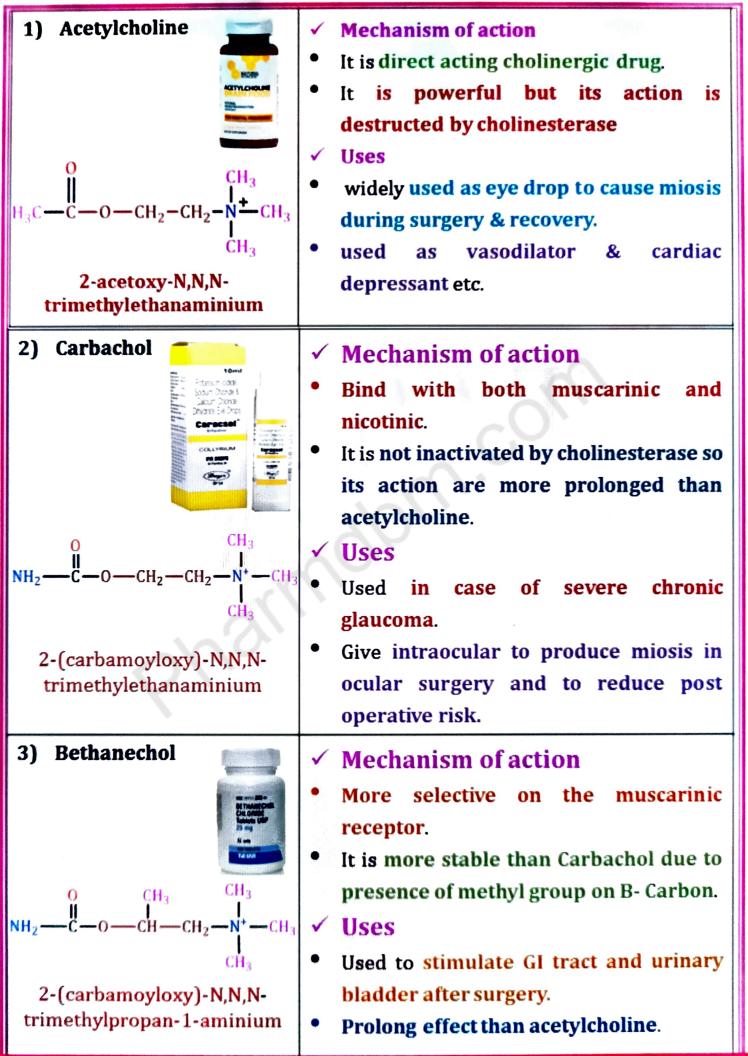
N _N	Ganglionic ce Adrenal medu spinal cord, B	ulla,	Depolarization catecholamines		secretion of		
☐ Parasympathomimetic agents:-							
• Compounds that mimic the action of acetylcholine or produce the							
effect of cholinergic(parasympathetic) nerve stimulation are called as							
Choline	Cholinergic or Parasympathomimetic agents.						
Parasympathomimetic are those chemical agents which copy the action							
of parasympathetic nervous system.							
• These as	gents or drugs bind	d with cho	olinergic recept	or (N	& M) and give		
their ac	tion.			$)_{i}$			
	Classificat	ion of cho	linergic drugs				
Direct actin	g	Mixed act	ing		Cholinesterase		
		Ephedrin			reactivator		
Agotzlaholin	3	Mephente					
Acetylcholine Carbachol		Metaram		Pralid	oxime Chloride		
	Bethanechol						
Methacholin Pilocarpine	e						
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Reversible			Ir	rever	sible		
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Edrophoniu				lalathi			
Tacrine hydi							
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- SAR of Parasympathomimetic agents:-
- Substitution on acetyl group:-
- Replacement of acetate group by carbamate group, Increase activity and also more stable.
- Replacement of ester group by ether
 & ketone group give chemically
 stable and potent compound and

have some cholinergic activity.

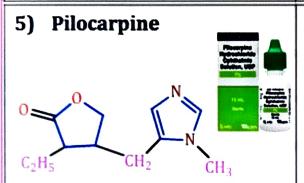


- Substitution on ethylene bridge:-
- Increase in the chain length will decrease in activity.
- Branching on β-substitution leads to reduction of nicotinic activity but increase muscarinic activity.
- Branching on α -substitution leads to increase activity for nicotinic but reduction in muscarinic activity.
- Substitution on quaternary ammonium group:-
- Placement of primary, secondary, or tertiary amines leads to decrease in activity.
- Replacement of more than one methyl group of quaternary ammonium group leads to complete loss of cholinergic activity.
- The quaternary ammonium group is essential for intrinsic activity.
- Drugs acting on Parasympathomimetic agents:-
- Direct acting :-
- These are those drugs or agents which directly bind with cholinergic receptor (N&M) and gives its action.





- ✓ Mechanism of action
 - It has muscarinic actions of acetylcholine.
- Prolonged action than acetylcholine
- ✓ Uses
- Used in the treatment of Reynaud's syndrome and glaucoma.
- Used in case of tachycardia.

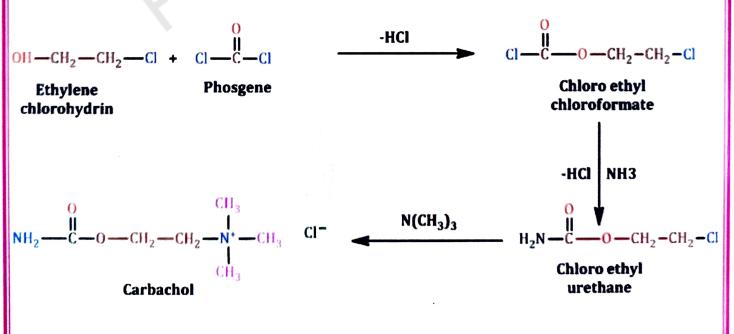


3-ethyl-4-((1-methyl-1H-

imidazol-5-

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Direct acting cholinergic drug that has muscarinic effect of acetylcholine.
- ✓ Uses
- Used in treatment of glaucoma and in treatment of dry eye or dry mouth.
- Used before surgery as part of emergency treatment of acute attacks of angle-closure glaucoma.
- yl)methyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one

Synthesis of carbachol:- From: Ethylene chlorohydrin



- Indirect acting :-
- Also known as anticholinesterases.
- These are those drug which does not directly act on receptor but inhibit the hydrolysis of acetylcholine by acetyl cholinesterase and hence increase the life of acetylcholine so acetylcholine give their action.
- They are of two types:-

I. Reversible:-

- These are those drugs which binds reversibly to the acetyl cholinesterase enzyme.
- They are capable of combining with the anionic and esteratic sites of cholinesterase as well as with Ach receptor.

1) Physostigmine

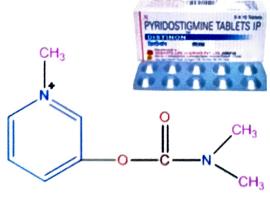


1,3a,8-trimethyl-1,2,3,3a,8,8ahexahydropyrrolo[2,3b]indol-5-yl methylcarbamate

✓ Mechanism of action

- Reversible cholinesterase Inhibitor.
- It indirectly stimulate both muscarinic and Nicotinic receptor.
- ✓ Uses
- Used as a miotic.
- Used to decrease intraocular pressure in glaucoma.

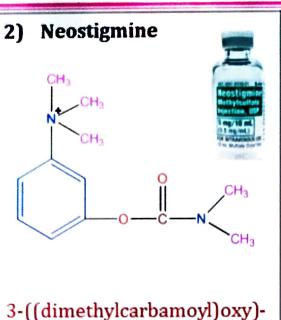
3) Pyridostigmine



3-((dimethyl carbamoyl)oxy)-1-methylpyridin-1-ium

✓ Mechanism of action

- Block acetyl cholinesterase enzyme and inhibit the destruction of released acetylcholine.
- ✓ Uses
- Used in the treatment of myasthenia gravis.
- Also helpful in nerve gas poisoning.



trimethylbenzenaminium

4) Edrophonium chloride

N,N,N-

- CH₂
 - 3-hydroxy-N,N,Ntrimethylbenzenaminium

- Mechanism of action
 - It indirectly Stimulates both muscarinic

and nicotinic receptors.

- It bind to the anionic and esteratic site of cholinesterase and block the activity of anticholinesterase.
- ✓ Uses
- Used in the treatment of myasthenia gravis.
- glaucoma flower Also used in intraocular pressure).

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- Mechanism of action
- duration short of action neostigmine and pyridostigmine

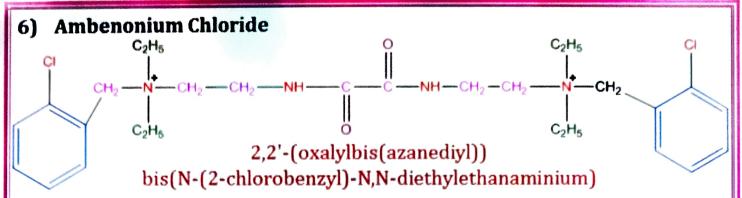
Reversible cholinergic inhibitor

- Uses
- Useful for the treatment of myasthenia gravis (not for regular).
- Used in the treatment snake bite.
- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Centrally acting anticholinesterases.
- Uses
- Used for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.
- NHo HCI

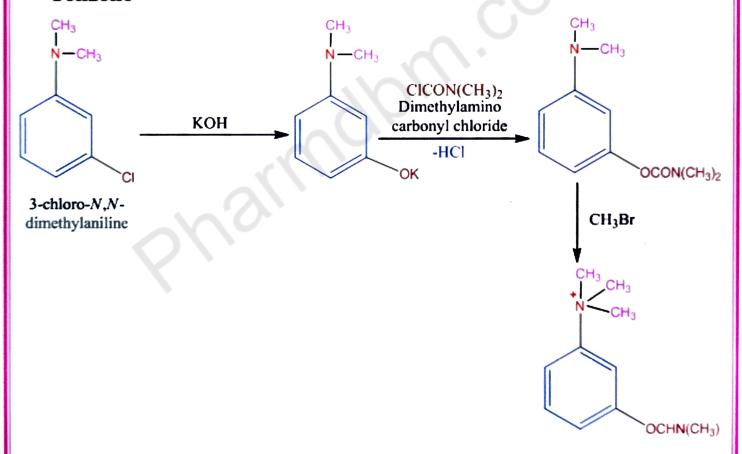
Tacrine hydrochloride

5)

1,4-dihydroacridin-9-amine hydrochloride

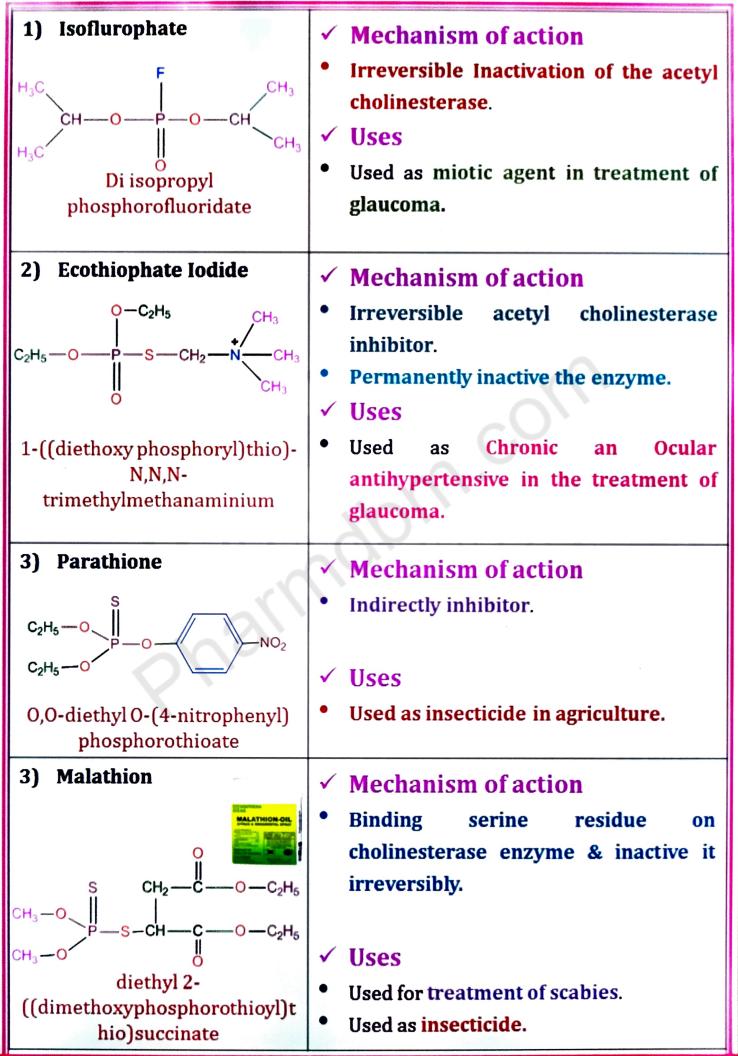


- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Reversibly inhibit acetyl cholinesterase enzyme.
- ✓ Uses
- Used in the treatment and management of myasthenia gravis.
- Synthesis of Neostigmine:- From -m-chloro-N,N-dimethyl amino benzene



II. Irreversible:-

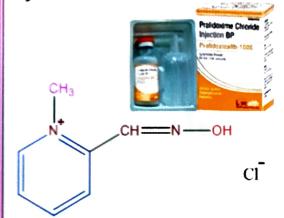
- These are those drug which produces Irreversible inactivation of acetylcholinesterase enzyme.
- Bind to cholinesterase and form a permanent covalent bond.
- The body must make new cholinesterase to break these bonds.



Cholinesterase reactivator:-

- Drugs used to reverse the inactivation of cholinesterase caused by organophosphates or sulfonates.
- They are an important component of therapy in agricultural, industrial, and military poisonings by organophosphates and sulfonates.

1) Pralidoxime chloride



2-((hydroxyamino)methyl)-1-methylpyridin-1-ium chloride

Mechanism of action

- It reactivate the enzyme by binding to the anionic site of enzyme.
- And displaces the phosphate from the serine residue.

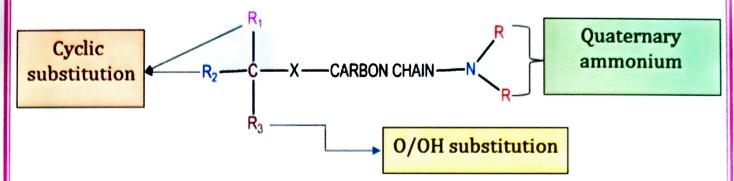
✓ Uses

 Used for the treatment of poisoning organophosphorus Compounds.

☐ CHOLINERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS:-

- Synonyms:- Cholinergic blocking agents, Cholinolytic agents, Anticholinergic agents/drugs, Cholinergic antagonist, Parasympatholytic agents, antimuscarinic agents.
- These are those agents or drugs which inhibit the effect of acetylcholine or parasympathomimetic agents. by blocking the cholinergic receptors.
- These drugs are highly specific reversible competitive antagonists for muscarinic ACh receptors.
- They are rapidly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, slowly absorbed when applied locally on eye or skin.

❖ SAR OF CHOLINERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS:-



- > Substitution on Quaternary ammonium groups:-
- Quaternary ammonium compounds possess most potent anticholinergic activity.
- Replacement of quaternary to the tertiary, secondary or primary Cause decreases in activity.
- Substitution in carbon chain:-
- The Substitution may be ester, ether, alcohol amine.
- But, Ester group provides the most potent anticholinergic activity.
 E.g.-Atropine.
- The nature of the group X effects only the duration of action, the physicochemical properties and the side effects of the drug molecule but not its ability to bind with the receptor.
- The distance between the ring-substituted carbon and the amine nitrogen apparently is not critical; the length of the alkyl chain connecting these can be from two to four carbons.
- The most potent anticholinergic agents have two methylene units in this chain.

- Substitution in carbon chain:-
- Substituent R₁&R₂ should be carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring for maximal antagonist activity.
- Replacement of heterocyclic rings to aromatic decrease activity.
- The rings could be identical but the more potent compounds are found to have different ring Substitution.
- > Substitution on R₃ group:-
- Substituent R_3 should be a hydrogen atom, hydroxy group, hydroxymethyl group, or methyl group.
- H or OH attached antagonist are more potent (activity increase).
- In H or OH,

OH → Action (activity increase), duration of action will decrease.

H → Action (Activity decrease), duration of action will increase.

Classification of cholinergic blockers

Solanaceous alkaloids

Atropine sulphate
Hyoscyamine sulphate
Scopolamine hydrobromide
Homatropine hydrobromide
Ipratropium bromide

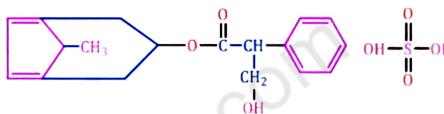
Synthetic cholinergic blockers

Tropicamide
Cyclopentolate hydrochloride
Clidinium bromide
Dicyclomine hydrochloride
Glycopyrrolate
Methantheline bromide
Propantheline bromide
Benztropine mesylate
Orphenadrine citrate
Biperidine hydrochloride
Procyclidine hydrochloride
Tridihexethyl chloride
Isopropamide iodide
Ethopropazine hydrochloride

Drugs acting on cholinergic blocking agents:-

- Solanaceous alkaloids and analogues:-
- Solanaceous alkaloids are ester of the tropine, these alkaloids are obtained from plants these such as atropa belladonna, Hyoscyamus niger, Datura stramonium etc.
- It is an optically active compound and levoform is potent.
- (-) scopolamine is slightly water miscible viscous liquid.
- Scopolamine occurs as Scopolamine hydrobromide salt, which is colorless, odorless, water soluble powder.

1) Atropine sulphate



[(1S,5R)-8-methyl-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octan-3-yl]3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropanoate;sulfuric

acid

Atropine Sulphate angule

✓ Mechanism of action

- It has both central and peripheral action.
- It first stimulates and then depresses the CNS.

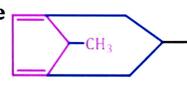
Uses

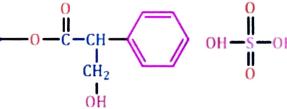
used in the treatment of gastric and duodenal ulcers.

used in the treatment of smooth muscle spasm.

2) Hyoscyamine sulphate





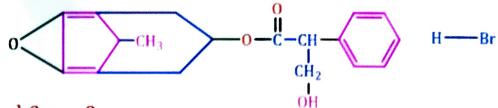


✓ Uses

- Treatment of gastric and duodenal ulcer.
- Also used In treatment of parkinsonism.
- Prevent motion sickness.

- 8-methyl-8-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octan-
- 3-yl 3-hydroxy-2-
- phenylpropanoate;sulfuric acid
- ✓ mechanism of action
- Similar to atropine.
- More potent than atropine.

3) Scopolamine hydrobromide



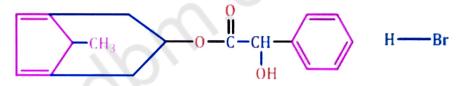
[(1R,2R,4S,5S)-9-methyl-3-oxa-9-azatricyclo[3.3.1.02,4]nonan-7-yl] (2S)-3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropanoate;hydrobromide



✓ Uses

- Used in the treatment of motion sickness.
- Sometimes used before surgery to decrease saliva
- ✓ Mechanism of action
- It has more rapid onset but shorter duration of action than atropine.
- More potent than atropine.
- More toxic

4) Homatropine hydrobromide



8-methylbicyclo[3.2.1]octa-1(7),5-dien-3-yl2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetate;hydrobromide



 It is a competitive inhibitor of acetylcholine at the muscarinic receptor, blocks parasympathetic stimulation.



 It is used to dilate or enlarge pupils in eyes.

5) Ipratropium bromide



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 CH_3

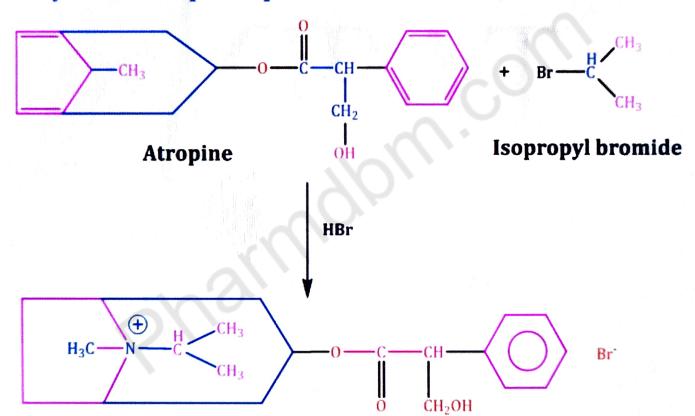
(8-methyl-8-propan-2-yl-8-azoniabicyclo[3.2.1] octan-3-yl)3-hydroxy-2-phenylpropanoate; bromide

Mechanism of action

- It is quaternary ammonium compound which blocks muscarinic acetylcholine receptors.
- It is non-selective Muscarinic antagonist.

✓ Uses

- Used in the treatment of Asthma.
- treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- Synthesis of Ipratropium bromide:-



Ipratropium bromide

- Drugs acting on synthetic cholinergic blocking agents:-
- Solanaceous alkaloids have lack selectivity and also have Some Side effects, this lead to the development of synthetic anticholinergic agents.
- Various modification have been made in the structure of atropine to give various cholinergic antagonist.

1) Tropicamide

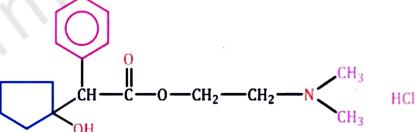




- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Act as a competitive antagonist for Ach.
- N-ethyl-3-hydroxy-2-phenyl-N-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)propanamide

- ✓ Uses
- Used for dilation of pupil (before & after eye surgery).
- Cyclopentolate hydrochloride
- ✓ Uses





- Used in a eye drop for mydriasis (dilation of 2-(dimethylamino)ethyl-2-(1-hydroxyl pupil).
 cyclopentyl)-2-phenylacetate;hydrochloride
- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Act as a competitive antagonist for Ach.
- Act more quickly than atropine



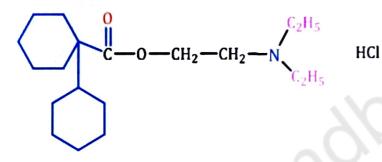
3) Clidinium bromide

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Bind with muscarinic receptor on smooth muscles and secretory gland & Inhibit the receptor.
- ✓ Uses
- it relaxes smooth muscles and decrease biliary tract secretion.
- Used in treatment of irritable bowel syndrome.



(1-methyl-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2] octan-3-yl) 2-hydroxy-2,2-diphenyl acetate; bromide

4) Dicyclomine hydrochloride



2-(diethylamino)ethyl1-(cyclohexyl methyl)Cyclohexanecarboxylate hydrochloride

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Acts as non selective smooth. muscle relaxant.
- It has specific anticholinergic effect at muscarinic receptor and has direct effect on smooth muscles.
- ✓ Uses
- used in the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome.
- Also used in the treatment of gastric and duodenal ulcer.



5) Glycopyrrolate

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Blocks muscarinic receptor thus inhibiting cholinergic transmission.
- ✓ Uses
- Used to treat gastric ulcer by reducing acidic secretion.
- Used before surgery to reduce salivary, bronchial and gastric secretion.

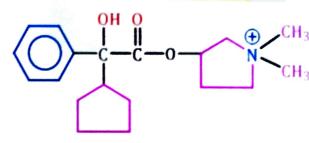
6) Methantheline bromide

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Bind muscarinic receptor & blocks the action of Ach.
- ✓ Uses
- Uses It is given in the combination of antacid to treat
- 7) Propantheline bromide

peptic ulcer.

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- It blocks the action of acetylcholine by binding to Muscarinic receptor present in various smooth muscle like gut bladder and eye.
- ✓ Uses
- treatment of spasm of the stomach, intestine & bladder.
- used in the treatment of excessive sweating.





(1,1-dimethylpyrrolidin-1-ium-3-yl) 2-cyclopentyl-2-hydroxy-2-phenylbromide



2-(9H-xanthene-9-carbonyloxy)-N,N-diethyl-N-methyl ethanaminium bromide



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 & \text{Br} \\
 & \text{CH}_3 \\
 & \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH}_3
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diethyl-methyl-[2-(9H-xanthene-9carbonyloxy)ethyl]azaium; bromide

8) Benztropine mesylate

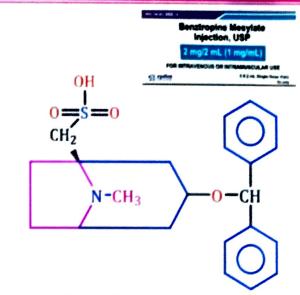
- ✓ Mechanism of action
- centrally acting anticholinergic & antihistamine agent. It is selective M₁ Muscarinic antagonist.
- ✓ Uses
- Used in treatment of Parkinson's disease.
- Anticholinergic, antihistaminic and local anesthetic activity.

9) Orphenadrine citrate

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- It is well known non selective acetylcholine receptor antagonist and also antihistamine.
- ✓ Uses
- It is used in skeletal muscles relaxant.
- Also used in treatment of Parkinson's disease.

10) Biperidine Hydrochloride

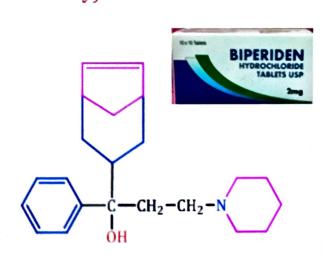
- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Acts as a centrally blocking agent and block M₁.
- ✓ Uses
- It have strong musculotropic action.
- Used in all type of Parkinson's disease.



((1R)-3-(benzhydryloxy)-8methyl-8-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octan-1-yl)methane sulfonic acid



N,N-dimethyl-2-(phenyl(o-tolyl) methoxy) ethanamine



(1S)-1-(bicyclo[3.2.1]oct-6-en-3-yl)-1-phenyl-3-(piperidin-1-yl) propan-1-ol

11) Procyclidine Hydrochloride



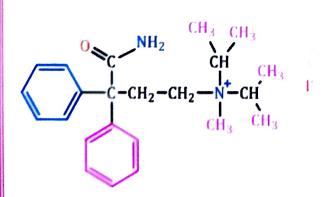
1-cyclohexyl-1-phenyl-3pyrrolidin-1-ylpropan-1-ol; hydrochloride

12) Tridihexethyl chloride

$$CH_2-CH_3$$
 CH_2-CH_3
 CH_2-CH_3
 CH_2-CH_3

(S)-3-cyclohexyl-N,N,N-triethyl-3hydroxy-3-phenylpropan-1aminium chloride

13) Isopropamide iodide



(4-amino-4-oxo-3,3-diphenylbutyl)methyl-di(propan-2-yl)azanium; iodide

✓ Mechanism of action

 Acts on central cholinergic receptors, and thus balancing cholinergic and dopaminergic activity in the basal ganglia.

✓ Uses

- used in treatment of Parkinson's disease.
- Involuntary movements due to the side effects of certain antipsychotic drugs.

✓ Mechanism of action

It blocks all three muscarinic receptors i.e. M₁, M₂ & M_{3.}

✓ Uses

 Used as antispasmodic and anti Parkinson's agents.

✓ Mechanism of action

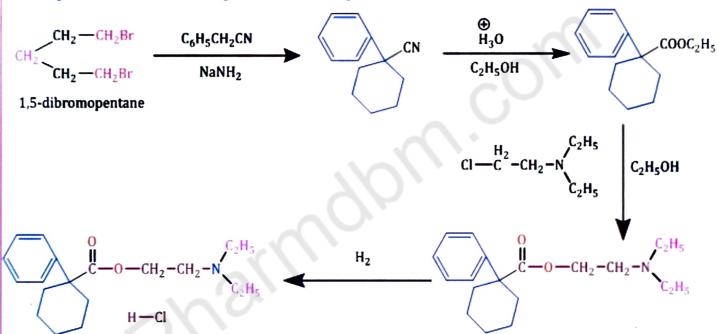
- inhibit parasympathetic nerve impulses by blocking acetylcholine.
 Uses
- Used in the treatment of peptic ulcer.
- Potent anticholinergic, antispasmodic and antisecretory effects.

14) Ethopropazine hydrochloride

- ✓ Mechanism of action
- Act on An antimuscarinic receptors.
- ✓ Uses
- Used as adrenergic antagonist, Histamine antagonist and antiparkinson drugs.

N,N-diethyl-1-phenothiazin-10-ylpropan-2-amine;hydrochloride

Synthesis of Dicyclomine hydrochloride:-



Dicyclomine hydrochloride

Synthesis of Procyclidine hydrochloride:-

