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# **Pharmacology Sheet**

## **Protein Synthesis Inhibitors**

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#### **Pharmacology of Protein Synthesis Inhibitors**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Protein synthesis in bacterial ribosomes
- 2. Mechanism of action of protein synthesis inhibitors antibiotics
- 3. Classification of protein synthesis inhibitors
- 4. Aminoglycosides
- 5. Macrolides
- 6. Tetracyclines
- 7. Chloramphenicol
- 8. Clindamycin

#### **Ribosomes: Site of Protein Synthesis**

- Prokaryotic ribosomes are 70 S;
  - Large subunit: 50 S
    - 33 polypeptides
  - Small subunit: 30 S
    - 21 polypeptides
- Eukaryotic are 80 S



Aminoglycoside-treated bacterial cell (Abnormal Protein Synthesis)



#### **Protein Synthesis Inhibitors (According to Lippincott's Pharmacology):**

	PROTEIN SYNTHESIS INHIBITORS					
H	TETRACYCLINES					
	Demeclocycline Doxycycline Minocycline Tetracycline					
	AMINOGLYCOSIDES					
	Amikacin Gentamicin Neomycin Netilmicin Streptomycin Tobramycin					
	MACROLIDES/KETOL	DES				
	Azithromycin Clarithromycin Erythromycin Telithromycin					
<u> </u>	CHLORAMPHENICOL					
<u> </u>	CLINDAMYCIN					
<u> </u>	QUINUPRISTIN/DALF	OPRISTIN				
	LINEZOLID					

	Aminoglycosides (cidal)	Macrolides (static) Moderate spectrum	Chloramphenicol (Static- broad spectrum)	Clindamycin (static)	Tetracyclines (static- broad spectrum)
Notes Regarding Their Names & Structures:	<ul> <li>Amino-: has amine in its amide group. amin+ sugar.</li> <li>Have high molecular weights (MWs).</li> <li>Have an -OH group. Having -OH group(s) will:         <ol> <li>Make it have positive (+) charges, so it is ionized.</li> <li>Thus, it is water- soluble drug.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3 Ns adverse effects.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Macro-: large and has a 16 membered macrolactone ring.</li> <li>Can become (cidal) when given in high concentrations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chlor-: has a chlorine group.</li> <li>Has two arms: gram +ve aerobic and gram -ve anaerobic.</li> <li>Highly toxic and rarely used</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Similar action to macrolides.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tetra/cyclines: has 4 cycles in its structure.</li> <li>The most commonly used protein synthesis inhibitors antibiotics.</li> <li>Among them, Doxycycline is the most frequently used.</li> <li>Full of exceptions (in its spectrum).</li> </ul>
PDs (Pharmaco- dynamics)	<ul> <li>Irreversible binding (and thus strong) to 30S subunit:</li> <li>misreading of mRNA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Binding of 50S subunit:         <ul> <li>(weak reversible binding)</li> <li>Increasing concentration turns the drug into cidal</li> <li>MW &gt;500 (for any drug to be absorbed orally; MW should be &lt; than 500)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Binding (weak) to 50S subunit</li> <li>MW&lt;500, only 2 –OH groups (no full oral absorption), 2 Cl atoms (wide spectrum and high toxicity).</li> <li>Not used nowadays except topical for eye infections</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Binding to 50</li> <li>S subunit; (as erythromycin) at the same binding site</li> <li>MW &lt;500</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reversible (weak) binding to 30S subunit</li> <li>MW&lt;500 except tigecycline (parentral) Containing –OH groups, least in minocycline</li> </ul>

	Aminoglycosides	Macrolides	Chloramphenicol	Clindamycin	Tetracyclines
-	- Not absorbed	- Poor oral absorption,	- Well-absorbed, not	- Rapid	<ul> <li>Partially absorbed-&gt;</li> </ul>
	orally; that is why it	affected by food (best to	affected by food	complete oral	the unabsorbed part
	is given	be given on empty	<ul> <li>Pass BBB: <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> 3<sup>rd</sup></li> </ul>	absorption	causes problem.
	parenterally.	stomach) as the presence	choice in	- pass BBB in	- Absorption
-	- Not pass BBB,	of food will decrease its	meningitis (last	small	decreased with:
	however, it is used	absorption.	resort).	amounts	food, milk, antacid,
	in treating	<ul> <li>Not pass BBB, not given in</li> </ul>	- Widely distributed:	enough to	iron (binds to heavy
	meningitis (the	meningitis because of its	high Vd	treat	metals to form a
	integrity of BBB is	lower efficacy against	<ul> <li>Pass placenta, in</li> </ul>	meningitis	complex that is not
	usually disrupted) +	causative organisms.	breast milk	- Penetrat-es	absorbed)
	it is used due to its	<ul> <li>Pass placenta but not</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Metabolized by</li> </ul>	bone (used to	- Incomplete passage
	high efficacy	teratogenic: safe in	glucuronidation in	treat	to BBB
	against the	pregnancy: erythromycin,	liver: glucuronyl	osteomyelitis	- Concentrated in
	causative agents	azithromycin <mark>(a common</mark>	transferase	), tissue fluids	bone, teeth
	(gram -ve bacteria	exam question)	enzyme.	including	<ul> <li>Pass placenta</li> </ul>
PKs	mostly).	- Distribution: pass to most	Metabolized in	prostate	(teratogenic) and
(Pharmaco-	- Can pass placenta	body fluids in good	Phase II-> if given	- Pass	breast milk (high
kinetics)	and breast milk,	concentration (prostate)	to a child it won't	placenta: not	affinity to Ca) ≠
	causing congenital	used in treating prostatic	be metabolized ->	terato- genic	pregnancy, lactation,
	hearing defects.	infections.	higher toxicity.	- Metabolim:	children<8 y
-	Not metabolized,	- Concentrated in	- Excreted in urine:	liver	- Metabolism:
	excreted	macrophages and	inactive	- Excretion:	extensive in liver
	unchanged in urine	polymorphs (they work as	metabolites ->	bile	- Excreted in urine
	(normal urine pH is	carriers to drive the drug	Not used in UTI		80% (inactive) more
	5.6): active in	to the site of infection): 1.			than in bile
	alkaline urine (urine	(long biological half- life)			(enterohepatic
	is alkaline during	2. Single daily dose is			circulation)
	infection), it will be	needed.			- N.B. doxycycline and
	active -> used in	- Metabolism: liver			minocycline nearly
	treating urinary	- Excretion: bile,			complete oral
	tract infections.	entero/( <b>artal</b> tic)hepatic			absorption, 50%
-	N.B.: Synergy - The	circulation: 1. Can go back			renal excretion, 50%
	aminoglycosides	to blood and have longer			in bile: can be used
		duration of action. 2. Can			in renal impairment

	<ul> <li>synergize with β-lactam antibiotics.</li> <li>The β-lactams inhibit cell wall synthesis and thereby increase the permeability of the aminoglycosides.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>go back to liver (load liver).</li> <li>Members: erythromycin, clarithromycin, azithromycin, spiramycin</li> </ul>			(especially minocycline).
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Spectrum	<ul> <li>G-ve</li> <li>Some G+ve (When given with another drugs).</li> <li>Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>G+ve: pneumonia: staph aureus, strep. Peumoneae, strep. Pyogenes</li> <li>IC (intracellular) organisms atypical: CALM MY LEG: <u>Chlamydia</u> (causes: 1. eye infections and 2. Genital infections manifested in females as urethral discharges), <u>My</u>coplasma (typical pneumonia) and <i>Legionella</i> (causes pneumonia and lives in humid spaces such as air conditioning (AC) systems). So, legionnaires' disease: a pneumonia caused by legionella.</li> <li>Toxoplasma (not bacteria)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>broad-spectrum</li> <li>Limited use because of toxicity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Restricted:</li> <li>G+ve aerobic: staph, strep, pneumococci (as macrolides, specifically erythromycin ).</li> <li>G-ve anerobic Bacteria</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Broad- spectrum</li> <li>G +VE, -VE except 2 Ps (Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Proteus species.)</li> <li>Anerobic: except clostridium difficilli</li> <li>Atypical bacteria</li> <li>BRC: borrelia, rickettsia, Coxiella</li> <li>Protozoa: ameba, malaria, toxoplasma</li> </ul>

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- Resistance:	Common	<ul> <li>Common: rapidly developing within 10 days</li> <li>Duration of administration not more than 10 days</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Common, easy developed</li> <li>1. R factor: inactivation of drug: acetyltransferase: CAT</li> <li>2. Inability to penetrate bacterial cells</li> </ul>	- Common: if developed to macrolides?	- Common
- - Adverse Effects:	3 Ns (N N N): Nephrotoxicity (old age, cephalosporins) Nerve toxicity: 8th cranial nerve: ototoxicity: reversible if early Neuromuscular blocking: ≠myasthenia graves, muscle weakness treated by Ca gluconate	<ul> <li>GIT upset: common</li> <li>Cholestatic Hepatitis</li> <li>Enzyme inhibitor: hepatic cytochrome enzyme: aggravates myopathy induced by statins</li> <li>Prolongation of QT interval: sudden cardiac death</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Toxic:         <ol> <li>fatal anemia: rare (immunological): not dose- dependent, irreversible, after stopping the drug</li> <li>bone marrow depression?: reversible, mild, dose-dependent, during treatment</li> <li>hepatic enzyme inhibitor</li> <li>teratogenic</li> <li>Gray baby syndrome</li> <li>Contraindications: blood diseases, pregnancy, lactation, children less than 2 years.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>pseudomembranous colitis: 2-20%, most serious, may be fatal by clostridium, Treatment: oral metronidazole for 7- 10 days or oral vancomycin</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>teeth, bone: Discoloration and deformity in growing teeth and bones (contraindicated in pregnancy, lactation and in children &lt; 8 years) Renal impairment (should be also avoided in renal disease)</li> <li>GIT upset: ≠peptic ulcer</li> <li>Superinfection with clostridium and candida</li> <li>liver: liver cell failure, cholestatic jaundice</li> <li>kidney: nephrogenic DI, Fanconi syndrome (outdated tetracyclines)</li> <li>photosensitivity</li> </ol>

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Indications:	Aminoglycosides1.UTIs: in the past.2.G-ve: septicemia , meningococcal meningitis? Gentamicin (according to the source of bacetria).3.T.B. streptomycin (prototype) among 1st line drugs of T.B.4.Plague: 1st line5.neomycin (toxic): local: oral for gut decontamination (the poor oral absorption makes it work locally in stomach) and hepatic coma (ammonia produced by bacteria causes coma).6.gentamicin: combined with other antibiotics:	Macrolides 1. G+ve infections: 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice after penicillins and cephalosporins 2. 1 <sup>st</sup> line for atypical infections: eye and genital infections of chlamydia, atypical pneumonia, legionnaire's disease 3. clarithromycin: eradication of H.pylori in peptic ulcer: 10 days 4. toxoplasmosis 5. ENT infections 6. Syphilis (+ve) gonorrhea (+ve): 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chloramphenicol - 2 <sup>nd</sup> , EVEN 3 <sup>rd</sup> CHOICE DUE TO TOXICITY 1. atypical microorganisms: after macrolides and doxycycline 2. meningitis: after penicillins 1 <sup>st</sup> , cephalosporins 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3. cholera: ampicillin (extended spectrum), 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporins, floroquinolones 4. eye infections: eye drpos	Clindamycin 1. dental infections 2. bone, joint infection: osteomyelitis 3. Important: toxic shock syndrome: Severe staphylococcus infections (exo- toxins): these toxins come inside the blood and cause severe damages (multi- organ failure), manifested in fever and hypotension. We use clindamycin or gentamicin (penicillin? It breaks the cell wall causing the toxin to leak out) 4. Anerobic infection: e.g. clostridium	Tetracyclines1. CALM MY LEG: 2nd choice after macrolides2. BRC: 1 <sup>st</sup> choice, 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice: macrolides:• borrelia: tick-born spirochetes causes Lyme disease: doxycycline 100mg twice daily for 14 days• Rickettsia: rocky mountain fever: 100mg doxycycline twice daily for 7-10 days• Coxiella: Q fever : 100mg doxycycline twice daily for 14 days3. cholera: 300 mg doxycycline single oral dose4. acne: doxycycline oral with topical clindamycin5. SIADH: Syndrome of inappropriate
	<ul> <li>(ammonia produced by bacteria causes coma).</li> <li>gentamicin: combined with other antibiotics: Infective endocarditis with vancomycin, Peritonitis with penicillin an metronidazole (mixed infusion)</li> <li>tobramycin: eye drops</li> </ul>	days 4. toxoplasmosis 5. ENT infections 6. Syphilis (+ve) gonorrhea (+ve): 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice after penicillin and cephalosporins End by thromycin except spiramycin		<ul> <li>(penicillin? It breaks the cell wall causing the toxin to leak out)</li> <li>Anerobic infection: e.g. clostridium</li> <li>topical : acne</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>dose</li> <li>acne: doxycycline oral with topical clindamycin</li> <li>SIADH: Syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion (ADH is produced from posterior pituitary gland and reduces the volume of urine). To treat SIADH we use DEMECLOCYCLINE</li> </ul>



#### **Chloramphenicol:**

- Adverse Effects:
  - <u>Gray baby syndrome</u>: in neonates if the dosage is not adjusted.
  - Low capacity to glucuronylate chloramphenicol and underdeveloped renal function
     -> a decreased ability to excrete the drug -> ATB accumulates to levels that interfere with the function of mitochondrial ribosomes »»» poor feeding, depressed breathing, cardiovascular collapse, cyanosis (-> "gray baby") and death.