

Autacoids

Lectures no. 8 & 9

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Objectives

-  To describe the synthesis, receptors & functions of histamine, 5-HT, eicosanoids, nitric oxide, angiotensin, & kinins
-  To study the agents which enhance or block their effects.

Quizlet (Histamine drugs)



Quizlet (PG analogs)



Autacoids

What are Autacoids?

They are **hormone like substances** that act :

- 1- **autocrine** (self remedy): act locally **in** the site of synthesis.
- 2- **paracrine**: produce action **near** their site of synthesis (in other site of the body).

- The general effect of autacoids is local, though it can be moved into circulation (**in abnormal situations**). In other words, autacoids are produced , act , and are metabolized **locally**.

They include:

1) amino acid derivatives:

- Histamine
- Serotonin (5-HT)

2) Fatty acid derivatives:

- Eicosanoids

3) Gases:

- Nitric Oxide (NO)

4) Endogenous peptides:

- Angiotensin
- Kinins



1- Histamine



Histamine

Synthesis	Histamine is synthesized from L-Histidine (Decarboxylation by Decarboxylase enzyme) <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>
Stored in	Lung , Basophils , Mast cells, Intestinal mucosa
Released	- During Allergic reactions - Inflammatory reaction
Physiological Antagonist	Epinephrine (Adrenaline) -emergency- not enough alone to stop Histamine so we use some medications in the next slide
Receptors type	H1(most common)-H2-H3-H4(Less common)

H₁-Receptors

EXOCRINE EXCRETION
Increased production of nasal and bronchial mucus, resulting in respiratory symptoms.

BRONCHIAL SMOOTH MUSCLE
Constriction of bronchioles results in symptoms of asthma, decreased lung capacity.

INTESTINAL SMOOTH MUSCLE
Constriction results in intestinal cramps and diarrhea.

SENSORY NERVE ENDINGS
Cause itch and pain

well be explained in the next slides

H₁-and H₂-Receptors

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
Lowers systemic blood pressure by reducing peripheral resistance, Causes positive chronotropism (mediated by H₂ receptors) and a positive inotropism (mediated by both H₁ and H₂ receptors).

SKIN
Dilation and increased permeability of the capillaries results in leakage of proteins and fluid into the tissues. In the skin this results in the classical "triple response" - wheal formation, reddening due to local vasodilation, and flare ("halo").

H₂-Receptors

Stomach
Stimulation of gastric hydrochloric acid secretion.

Histamine Receptors

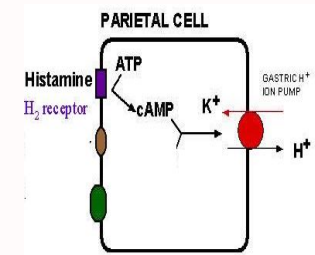
Type	Major Tissue location	Biologic Effect/Actions	Blockers (antagonists)
H1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Smooth muscles -Endothelial cells -Brain 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Acute allergic response (Major Biologic Effect). 2- Exocrine excretion إفراز خارجي: Increased production of nasal and bronchial mucus, resulting in respiratory symptoms. 3- Contraction of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intestinal smooth muscle (result in increased bowel peristalsis, cramps and diarrhea). - Bronchioles (Bronchoconstriction) (result in asthma, decreased lung capacity). - Uterus. 4- Sensory nerve endings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cause itch حكة and pain. 	<p>First generation (has a sedating effect يسبب نعاس, lipophilic & cross BBB Blood brain barrier): e.g.: Diphenhydramine, Promethazine.</p> <p>Clinical uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Allergic Rhinitis -Urticaria تصبغات حمراء على الجلد -Motion sickness -Insomnia الأرق <p>Second generation Non sedating effect: e.g. Fexofenadine (almost impossible to cross BBB), Cetirizine (#note444: Cetirizine can partially cross to BBB), Loratadine</p> <p>Clinical uses: Allergic conditions such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allergic rhinitis - Conjunctivitis التهاب الطبقة الشفافة في العين -Urticaria تصبغات حمراء على الجلد <p>(#note444: 2nd Gen is preferable in elderly and jobs requiring wakefulness).</p>

#med444

sedating effect: Diphenhydramine & Promethazine > Cetirizine > Fexofenadine

Histamine Receptors cont.

Type	Major Tissue location	Major Biologic Effect/Actions	Blockers (antagonists)	Clinical Use of Blocker
H2	-Gastric parietal cells (in stomach) -Cardiac muscle -mast cells -Brain	1-formation & secretion of HCL (gastric acid) 2-increase in COP (cardiac output)	-Cimetidine -Ranitidine	Inhibits gastric acid secretion Used to treat: - Gastritis التهاب المعدة - Peptic ulcer القرحة الهضمية
H3 <small>Don't forget ! The <u>third</u> number in numbers</small>	C entral Nervous system <small>The <u>third</u> letter in English</small>	Neurotransmitter	- Betahistine (It produces dilatation of blood vessel in inner ear) and increase permeability out the ear so it will reduce fluid →balance	Used to treat : - Vertigo دوخة of Ménière's disease (caused due to accumulation of fluid in the inner ear) & Other balance disturbance of vestibular origin inner ear Side effect: May produce headache because of the vasodilation & insomnia
H4	Mast cells, Eosinophils, T-cells	Regulating immune response		



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H1 Blocker 1st Gen, is used to treat insomnia (makes you sleepy)

H3 Blocker causes insomnia (doesn't make you sleepy)

-**Omeprazole** (proton pump inhibitor)

(#note444:Omeprazole reduces amount of hcl in stomach but it is not an h2 antagonist it is a proton pump inhibitor)



Test yourself

Administration/Action of Histamine

SC = subcutaneous

Slow IV or SC injection

- increase temperature
- Flushing skin (redness Vasodilation)
- Increase heart rate & COP (through increasing Ca^{2+} influx)
- Edema (increased vasc perm)
- Increase blood flow to the periphery

Intradermal injection

Causes Itching.



Rapid IV bolus injection

- Fall in blood pressure
- Increase in CSF pressure (intracranial pressure ICP)
- Headache due to dilation of blood vessels
-which will apply pressure on the CSF in brain



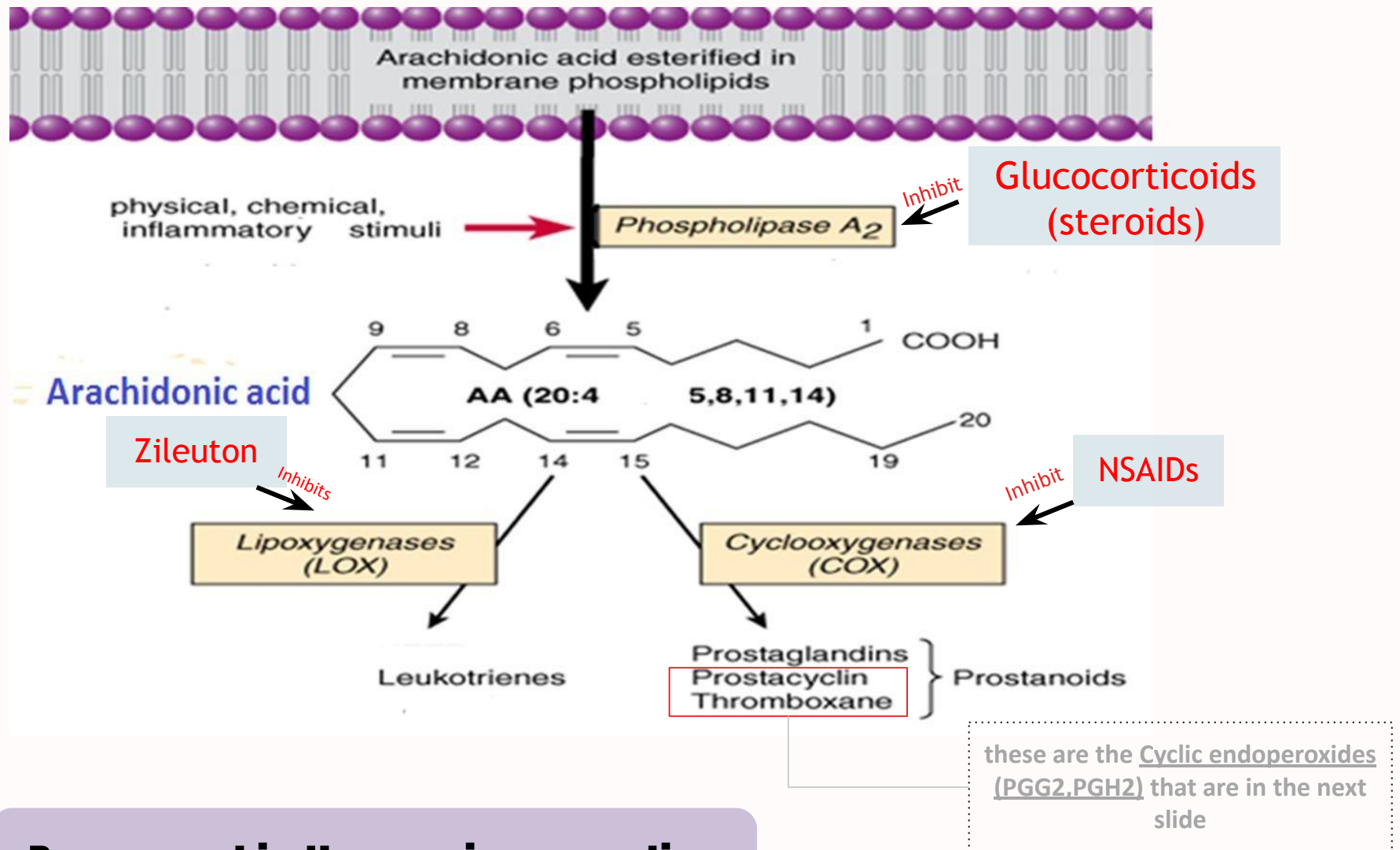
2- Eicosanoids



Don't forget



Eicosanoids



Drugs used in the previous reaction

- **Glucocorticoids** will inhibit Phospholipase A₂ so it will keep the Arachidonic acid trapped in the phospholipids membrane.
- **Zileuton** will inhibit LOX (lipoxygenase) enzyme so it will prevent Leukotrienes formation.
- **NSAIDS** will inhibit COX (cyclooxygenase) enzyme so it will prevent Prostanoids formation.

cox isozyme



Arachidonic acid

normally /physiologically present without any stimuli(good type)

COX-1 "Constitutive" (protective)

Prostaglandins

- GI cytoprotection
- Platelet activity
- Renal function

activated during injury/inflammation(bad type)

COX-2 "Inducible" (pathological)

Prostaglandins

Pathological

- Inflammation
- Pain
- Fever

Physiological

- Renal function
- Vascular
- Tissue repair

Cyclic endoperoxides (PGG₂, PGH₂) (COX)

By Prostacyclin synthase

Prostacyclin

- antiaggregation
- vasodilatation

By Thromboxane synthase

Thromboxane

- aggregation
- vasoconstriction

opposite to each other

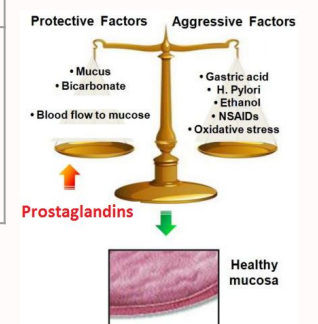
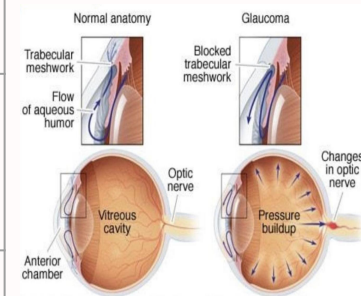
Note from med439:

-constitutive COX produces prostaglandins that are useful because they help maintain homeostasis (found normally in the body), so inhibition of COX1 is undesirable.

-Inducible COX produces some prostaglandins that are not normally found in healthy individual; they are found in inflammation, so inhibition is desirable.

Actions of Prostaglandins

	action
1	They are pro-inflammatory
2	Cause vasodilation of vascular smooth muscle → (PGI ₂ , PGE ₂)
3	<p>↑ High PG conc → inhibition of platelets aggregation ↓</p> <p>↓ Low PG conc → increase platelet aggregation ↑</p>
4	Sensitize neurons to cause pain
5	Induce labor (In last trimester to contract uterus) and Induce abortion
6	Decrease intraocular pressure (by increasing secretion of aqueous humor (fluid in the eye) through anterior chamber, thus decreasing pressure.)
7	Acts on thermoregulatory center of hypothalamus to <u>increase</u> body temperature
8	Acts on kidney to increase glomerular filtration #444: By vasodilation of afferent arterioles which increases filtration.
9	Acts on parietal cells of stomach to protect gastric mucosa Protects stomach



Clinical uses of PG analogs

Note: we use analogs because PGs have short duration of action

- Carboprost (PGF): Induce abortion in 2nd trimester
- Latanoprost (PGF): **Glaucoma**
- Misoprostol (PGE1): **Peptic ulcer** (not 1st line treatment)
- Alprostadil (PGE1): Erectile dysfunction
- Zileuton (lipoxygenase inhibitor): Asthma
- Zafirlukast (leukotriene receptor blocker): Bronchial asthma

#note444

Ex: Patient who is prescribed NSAIDs for a long duration also takes Misoprostol to protect the stomach



Test yourself

#note444: know the drug and type of prostaglandin.
Ex: Latanoprost is PGF

- First four drugs are analogs meaning they produce similar effects of those PGs but have a more prolonged effect. Whereas Zileuton inhibits LOX & Zafirlukast targets the receptor to block its action.



3- Nitric Oxides



Nitric Oxide



Biosynthesis

Synthesized from L-arginine by nitric oxide synthase (NOS)

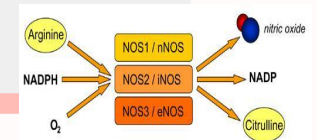
There are 3 isoforms of the enzyme NOS.

NO release is stimulated by:

- Acetylcholine
- Serotonin (5-HT)
- Bradykinin and Histamine

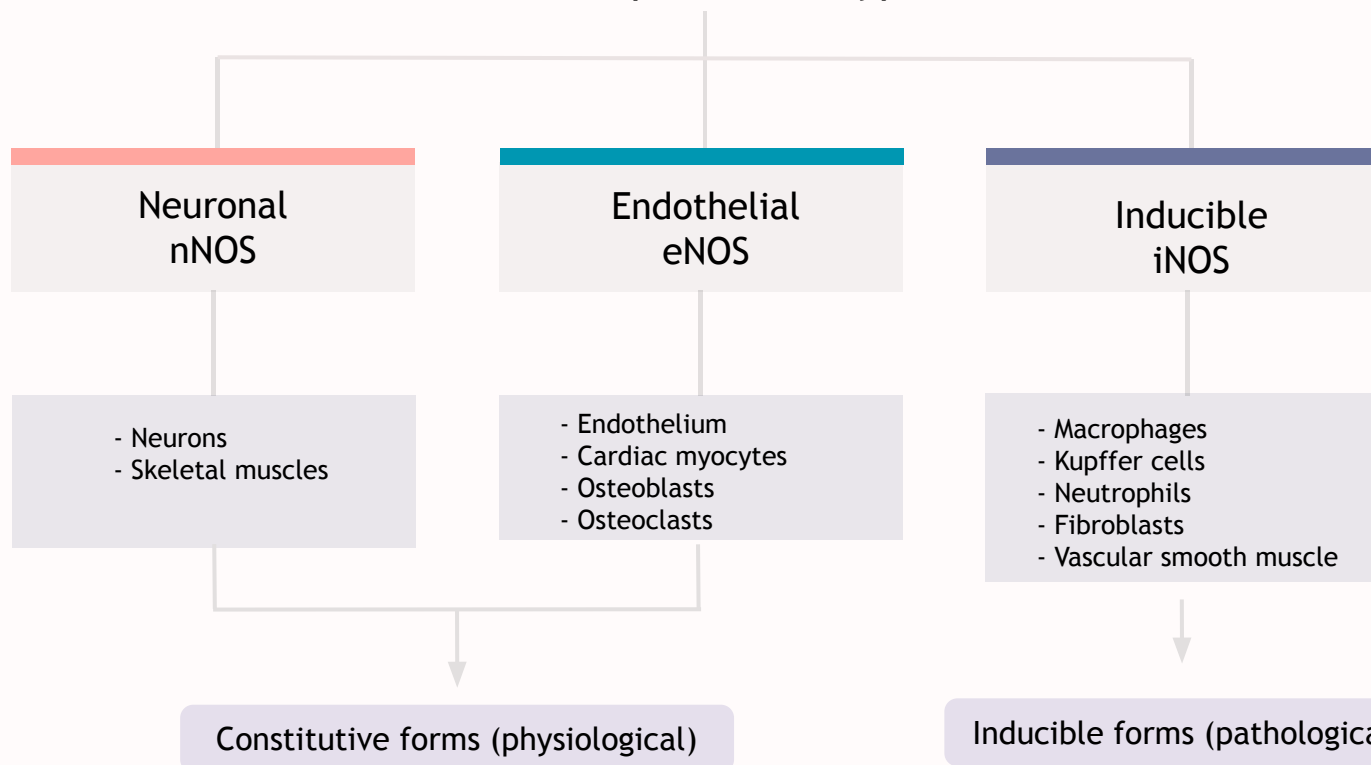
NO release is inhibited by:

- Hemoglobin



Isoforms of NOS

composed of 3 types



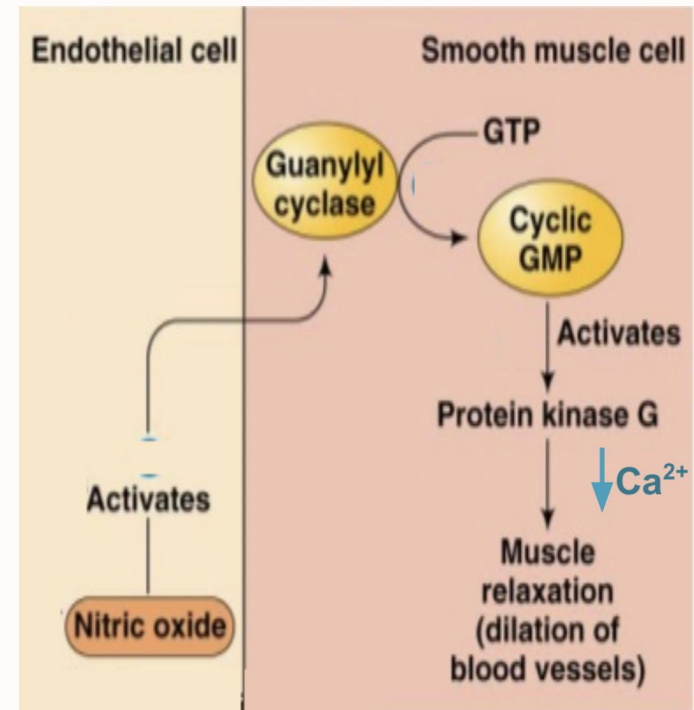
Note: Kupffer cells are macrophages in the liver

NO Mechanism of action

Step 1 Combining with haem in guanylate cyclase .

Step 2 Activating the enzyme increasing cGMP

Step 3 Thereby lowering $[Ca^{2+}]$



Explanation

Step 1: Nitric oxide activates the enzyme guanylyl cyclase enzyme.

Step 2: Guanylyl cyclase converts GTP to cyclic GMP.

Step 3: cGMP activates protein kinase G.

Step 4: protein kinase G reduces calcium level which leads to muscle relaxation (dilation of blood vessels).

Actions of NO

1

Inhibition of platelet and monocyte adhesion & aggregation.

2

Inhibition of smooth muscle proliferation

3

Protection against **atherogenesis**

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Synaptic effects in the peripheral & CNS.

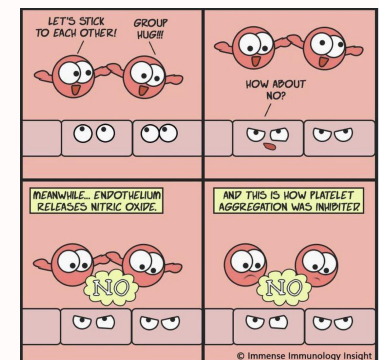
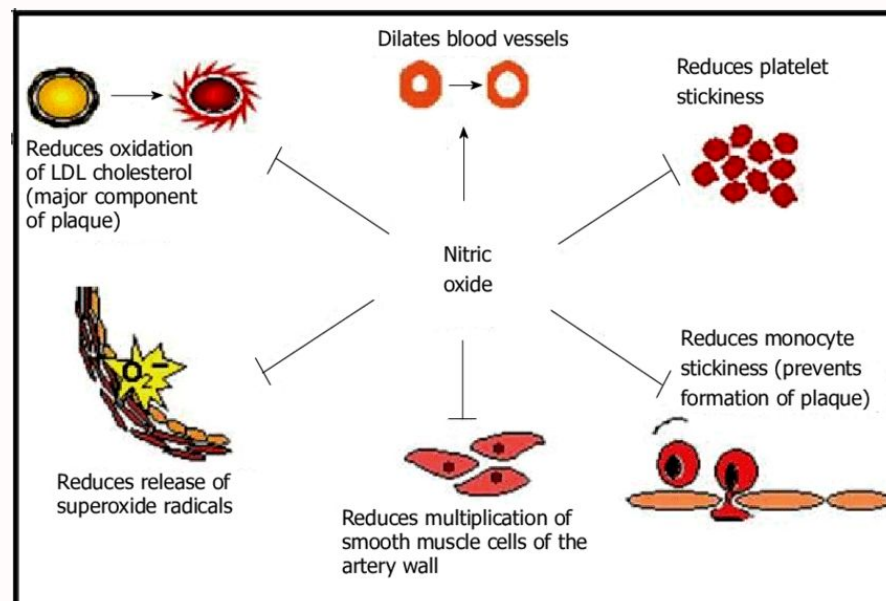
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Host defense & cytotoxic effects on pathogens

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Cytoprotection

Dr notes: Unlike Histamine which is stored in the body, nitric oxide is produced when in demand (only when the body needs it).



Actions of NOS

Neuronal Nitric Oxide (nNOS)

- Long term potentiation (on nerves and nerve endings)
- Cardiac function
- Peristalsis
- Sexual arousal

Endothelial Nitric Oxide (eNOS)

- Vascular tone (vasodilation)
- Insulin secretion
- Airway tone
- Regulation of cardiac function and angiogenesis
- Embryonic heart development

Inducible Nitric Oxide (iNOS)

- In response to attack by parasites
- Bacterial infection
- Tumor growth
- Septic shock
- Autoimmune condition

NO in therapeutics

1

Underproduction: Endothelial NO production is **reduced** in patients with diabetes, hypertension & atherosclerosis.

2

Overproduction: of NO occurs in neurodegenerative diseases (e.g. Parkinsonism) & in septic shock.

3

NO donors (**Drugs**) have well established therapeutic uses e.g. in hypertension & angina pectoris.

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NO donors is used in critical care to **treat pulmonary hypertension** in neonates (**inhaled by the patients in emergencies**)

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NO is used in patients with right ventricular failure secondary to pulmonary embolism.

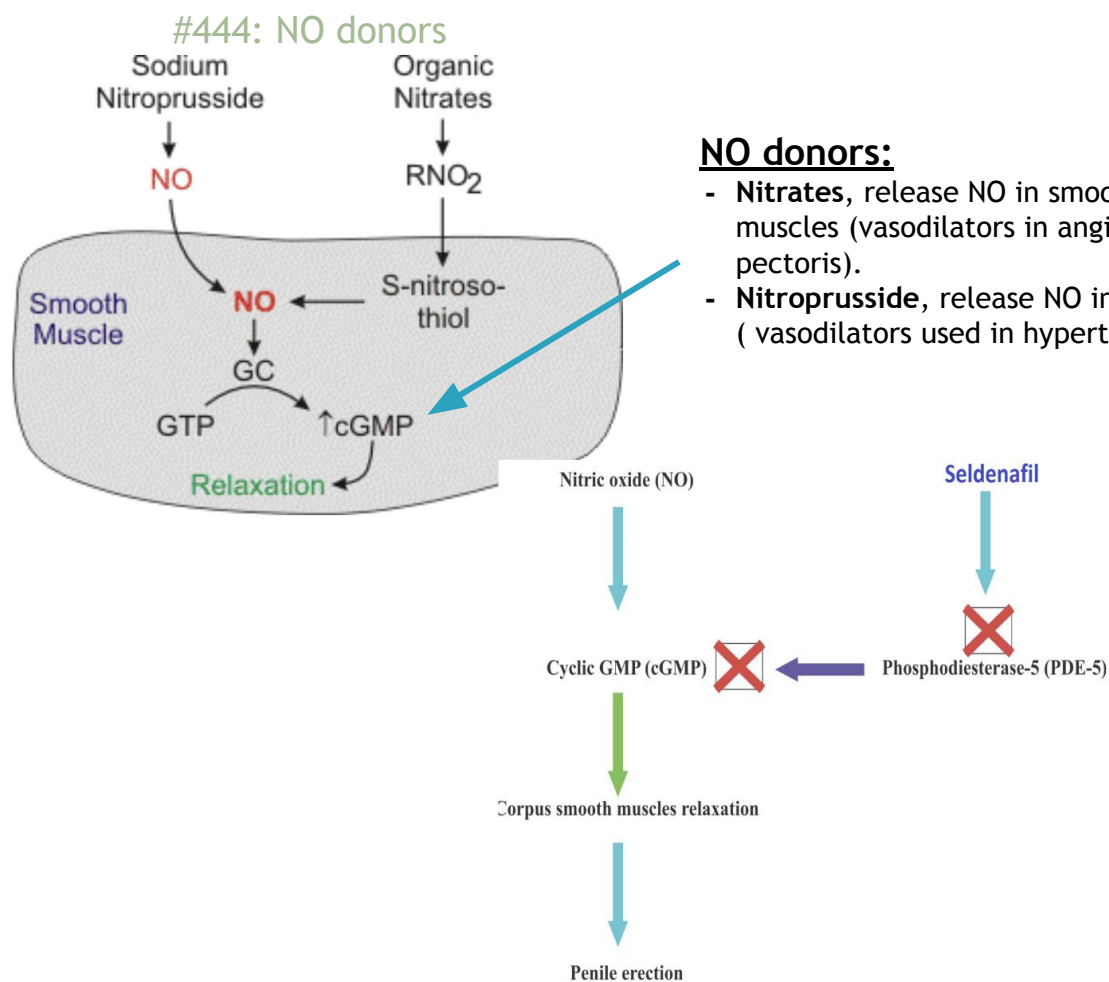
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sildenafil (viagra) **حفظ**: potentiates the action of NO on corpora cavernosa smooth muscle. (It is used to treat erectile dysfunction)

#note444: know when we use NO donors

Mechanism of Sildenafil

We know that Nitric Oxide works as an activator of cGMP right? However, in this case there is an enzyme called PDE-5 which destroys the cGMP preventing the Nitric Acid from activating it and performing its function. **Sildenafil inhibits the PDE-5** enzyme so the cGMP is ready to be activated by the Nitric Oxide.





4- Angiotensin



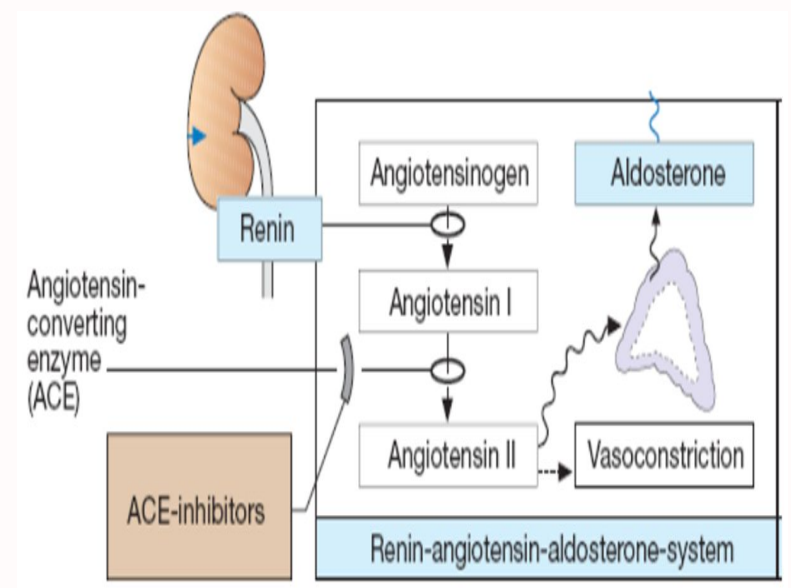
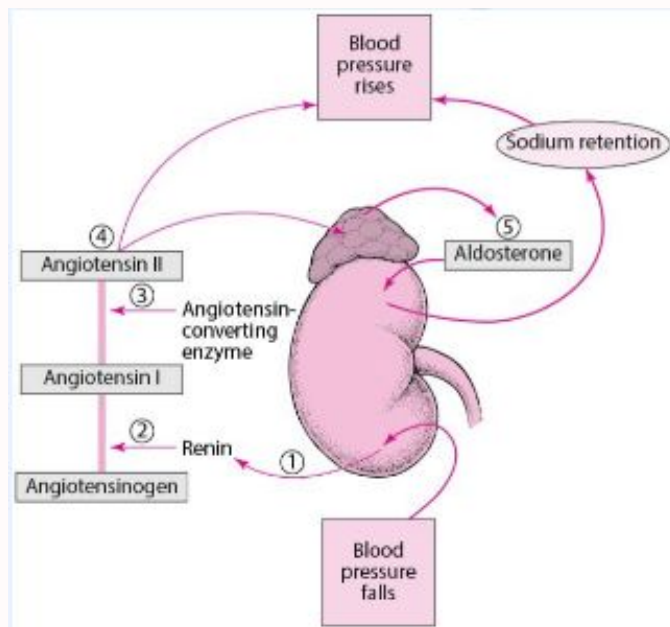
Angiotensin



For angiotensin

Biosynthesis :

- Renin released from the kidney converts angiotensinogen to Ag I (Inactive)
- Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) converts Ag I to Ag II (Active)
- Angiotensinogen: circulating protein in the blood that comes from the liver (inactive form).
- Renin: circulating protein released from the kidney.



Renin يزداد لما يكون ضغط الدم
نازل ويحول Ag الى Ag I ثم يذهب
Ag الى ال Lung ويصبح
Ag II بواسطة ACE

→ Renin released from kidney converts angiotensinogen into AgI which is also converted into AgII by ACE . This results in vasoconstriction . It also promotes aldosterone secretion from adrenal cortex of adrenal gland which causes Na/H₂O retention. ACE-inhibitors prevent conversion of AgI(inactive) to AgII(active).

Actions of Angiotensin II

1

Promotes vasoconstriction directly or indirectly by releasing NA & AD. (Noradrenaline & Adrenaline)

2

Increases force of contraction of the heart by promoting Ca^{2+} influx.

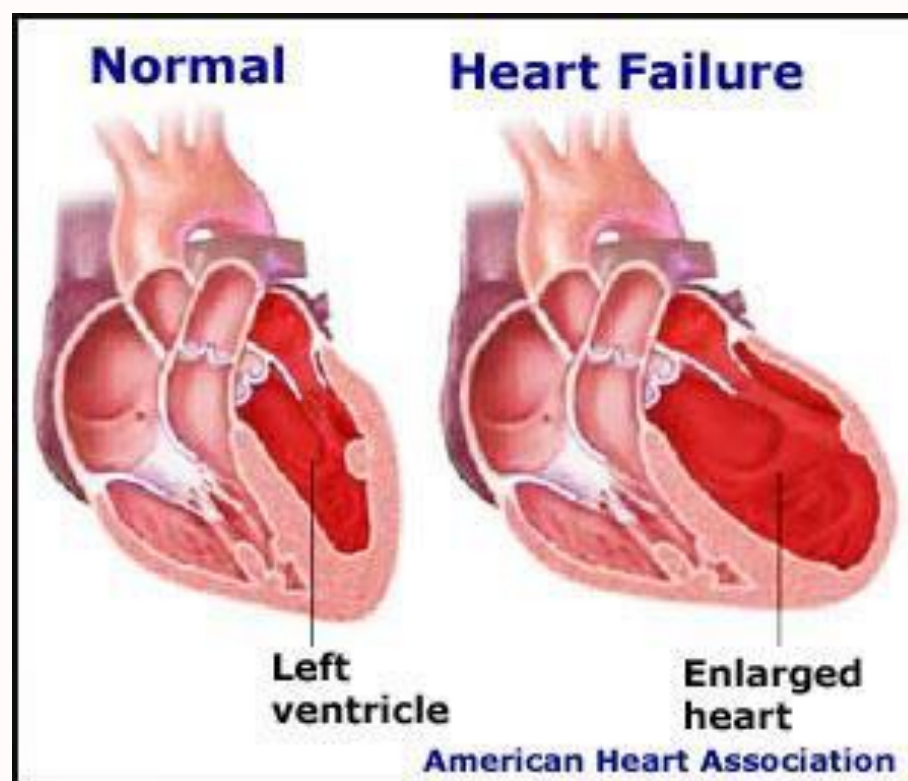
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Increases aldosterone release → sodium & water retention.

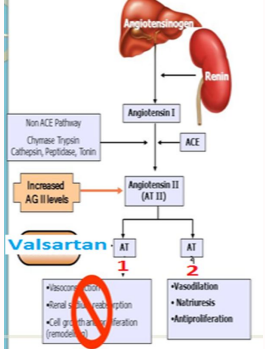
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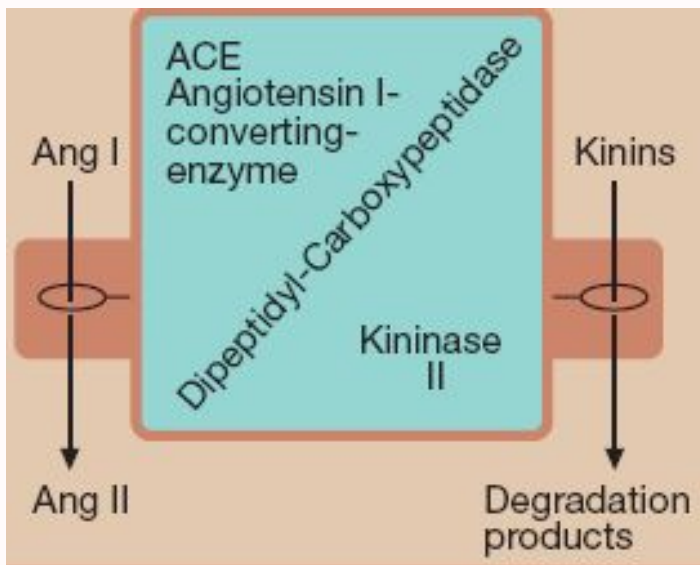
Causes hypertrophy of vascular & cardiac cells & increases synthesis & deposition of collagen by cardiac fibroblasts (remodeling).

*Aldosterone is secreted from the adrenal gland

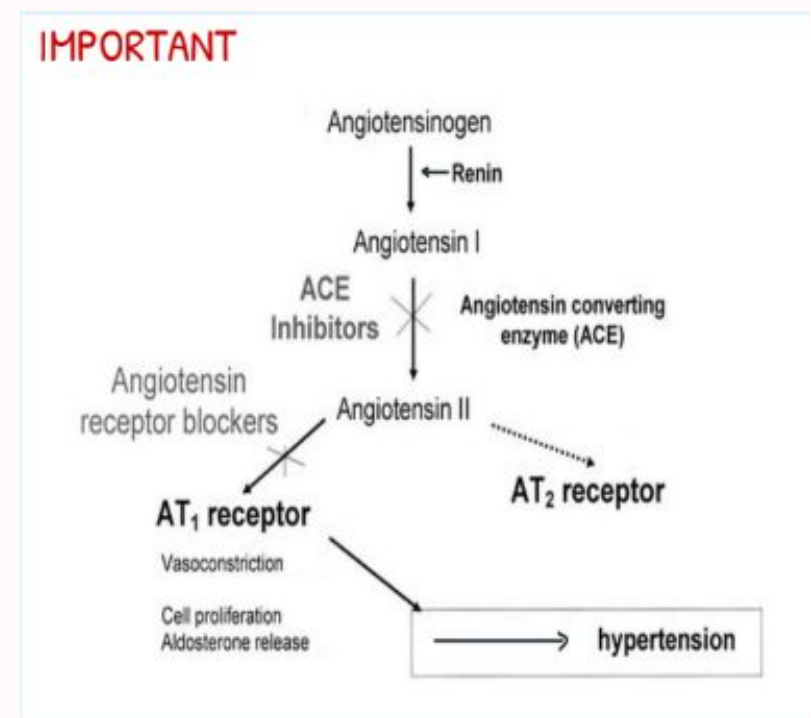


Angiotensin inhibitors

	Definition	Clinical uses	Inhibitors
ACE inhibitors	Cause a fall in blood pressure in hypertensive patients especially those with high renin levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hypertension - Cardiac failure following myocardial infarction	Captopril
Ag receptors Blockers(ARBs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Angiotensin receptors AT1 & AT2 -AT 1 receptors predominate in vascular smooth muscle, mediate most of the known actions of Ang, coupled to G proteins & DAG -Similar uses to ACEI (ACE Inhibitors) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hypertension - Cardiac failure following myocardial infarction	Losartan Also "Valsartan" 



Ag inhibitors Mechanisms



ACE= Kininase II



5- Kinins



KININS



For Kinin & Serotonin

1. Bradykinin

- Bradykinin is formed by proteolytic cleavage of circulating proteins (kininogens)



Actions of Bradykinin

- 1 Potent Vasodilator, **reduces** blood pressure
- 2 If injected locally it dilates arterioles [generation of PGI, release of NO] and increases permeability of post capillary venules
- 3 Causes pain, this effect is potentiated by prostaglandins(PG). Has a role in inflammation
- 4 **Constricts** most smooth muscles, intestine, uterus, bronchiole, contraction is slow and last long
- 5 Stimulation of epithelial ion transport & fluid secretion in airways & GIT

Receptors and clinical uses

Receptors B1 & B2 (both are G protein-coupled receptors)

B1 inducible under condition of inflammation

B1 receptor (pathologic)
-has **low affinity** to bradykinin
-plays a significant role in inflammation & hyperalgesia
(**hyperalgesia = high pain sensation**)

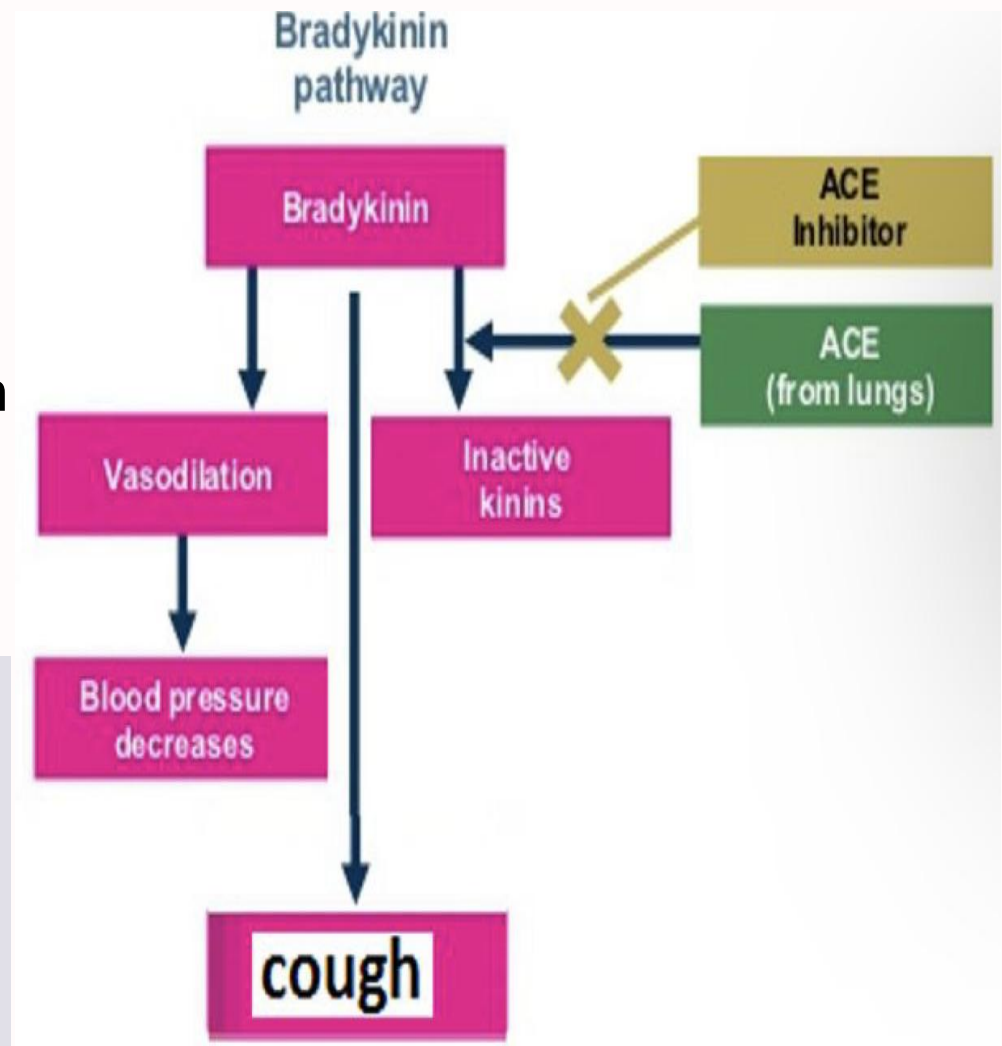
B2 constitutive (protective)
-has **high affinity** to bradykinin & mediates the majority of its effects.

Therapeutic uses

-No current therapeutic use of bradykinin because it has severe hypotensive action but it helps the ACE inhibitors.

-**Increased** bradykinin is implicated in the therapeutic efficacy and **cough** produced by ACE inhibitors.

442 NOTE: The ACE inhibitor used for treatment of hypertension (such as captopril) works by inhibiting the inactivation of Bradykinin so Inhibiting the bradykinin increases which is good for hypertension treatment, however it causes of bradykinin cough because the bradykinin causes smooth muscle constriction in bronchioles



442 NOTE: Inhibiting the inactive kinins = increase bradykinin



6- Serotonin



Serotonin (5-HT)

-Serotonin is synthesized from the amino acid **L-tryptophan** and is also called **5-HT** (5-hydroxytryptamine).

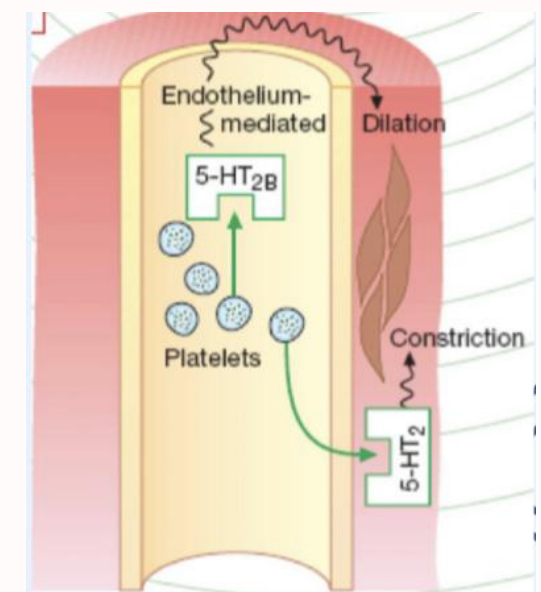


Actions

- **GIT:** increases motility
- Contracts uterus, bronchiole, other smooth muscles
- **Blood vessels:**
 - 1-Contracts large vessels by a direct action & relaxes other vessels by **releasing NO**.
 - 2-Increases capillary pressure & permeability.
- **Platelets:** causes aggregation, aggregated platelets release 5-HT
- **Neuronal terminals:** 5-HT stimulates nociceptive neuron endings → pain
- **CNS:** stimulates some neurons & inhibits others, inhibits release of other neurotransmitters.

Distribution

- 1-**Intestinal wall:** in chromaffin cells, in neuronal cells in the myenteric plexus
- 2-**Blood:** in platelets, released when aggregated, in sites of tissue damage
- 3-**CNS:** a neurotransmitter, in midbrain



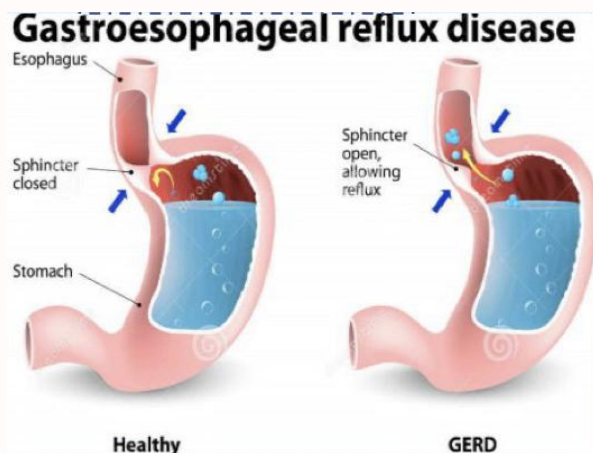
Serotonin (5-HT) Receptors

Receptor Subtypes	Signaling Mechanism	Distribution	Effects
5-HT _{1A} Buspirone	Gi, ↓ cAMP	Raphe nuclei, hippocampus	Regulates sleep, feeding and anxiety
5-HT _{1B}	Gi, ↓ cAMP	Substantia nigra, globus pallidus, basal ganglia	Neuronal inhibition, behavioral changes
5-HT _{1D}	Gi, ↓ cAMP	Brain	Vasoconstriction
5-HT _{1E}	Gi, ↓ cAMP	Cortex, hippocampus	Memory
5-HT _{1F}	Gi, ↓ cAMP	Globus pallidus, putamen	Anxiety, vasoconstriction
5-HT _{2A}	Gq, ↑ IP ₃	Platelets, cerebral cortex	Cellular excitaton, muscle contraction
5-HT _{2B}	Gq, ↑ IP ₃	Stomach	Appetite
5-HT _{2C}	Gq, ↑ IP ₃	Hippocampus, substantia nigra	Anxiety
5-HT ₃ ondansetron	Na ⁺ -K ⁺ ion channel	Area postrema, enteric nerves	Vomiting
5-HT ₄ Cisapride	Gs, ↑ cAMP	Cortex, smooth muscle	Gut motility
5-HT _{5A,B}	Gi, ↓ cAMP	Brain	Locomotion, sleep
5-HT ₆	Gs, ↑ cAMP	Brain	Cognition, learning

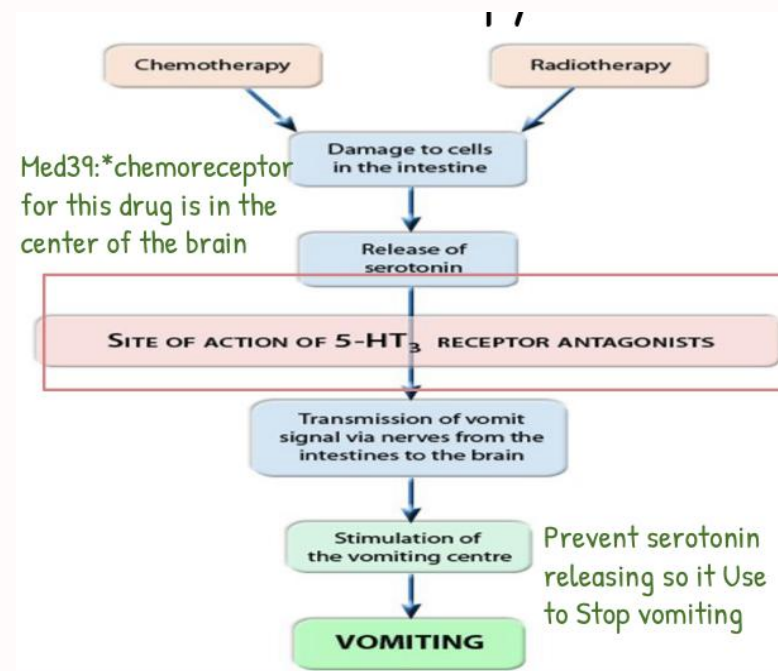
*Written are the drugs that target those receptors

Serotonin (5-HT) Receptor

5-HT RECEPTOR AGONISTS	5-HT RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS
<p>1) Buspirone:</p> <p>→ 5-HT_{1A} agonist, effective anxiolytic (helps decrease anxiety)</p>	<p>Ondansetron</p> <p>→ Selective 5-HT₃ antagonist. has antiemetic action, (emesis=vomiting), for cancer chemotherapy</p>
<p>2) Cisapride:</p> <p>→ 5-HT₄-receptor agonist, used in gastroesophageal reflux and motility disorders</p> <p>(تسرع في عملية إفراغ المعدة)</p>	



Med39: In gastroesophageal reflux, the gastric acid enters the esophagus through an open sphincter causing burning sensation -> patients are given antacids or prokinetic drugs (increases motility, decreasing ! the amount of contents in the stomach)



CLINICAL CONDITIONS IN WHICH 5-HT IS IMPLICATED

1-Migraine

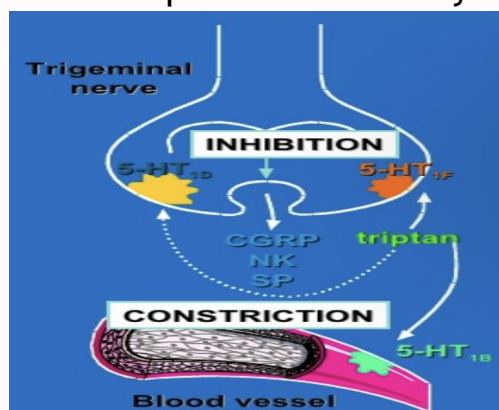
- Activation of trigeminal system leads to vasodilator peptides release promoting an inflammatory reaction.
- This increases the flow of sensory traffic through the brainstem, the thalamus, the cortex.

Med39:Neuropeptides release causing vasodilation and neurogenic inflammation→ causing inhibition of Migraine, causing vasodilation only-> pain pro- inflammatory neuropeptide

E.g. [SUMATRIPTAN](#)

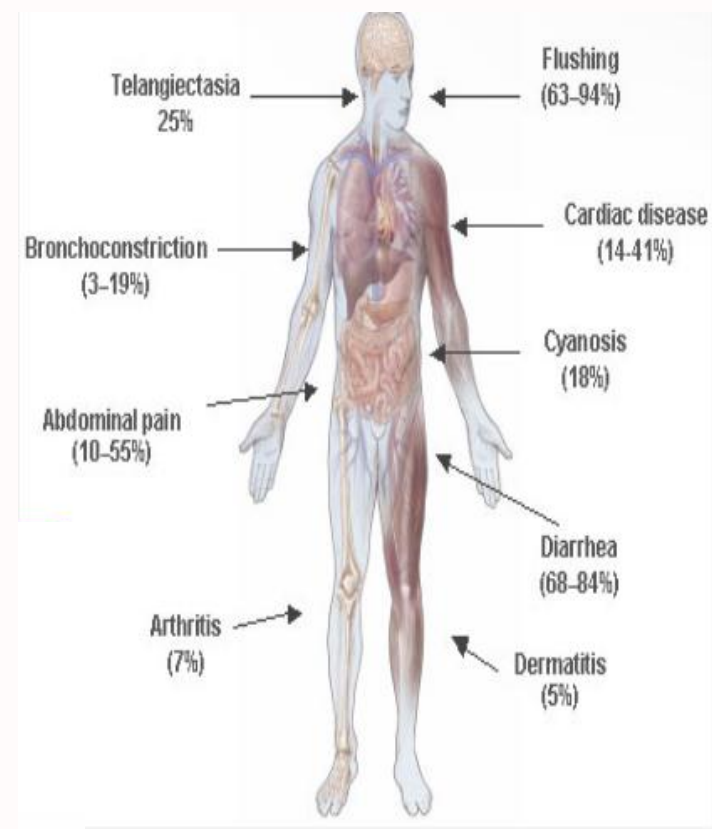
5-HT 1B, 1D & 1F-receptor agonists, effective in acute migraine attack (binds with 3 types of 5-HT) inflammatory reaction.

Mechanism of action: It binds to 5HT1B, in cranial blood vessels causing vasoconstriction & 1D & 1F in presynaptic trigeminal nerve causing inhibition of pro- inflammatory neuropeptide release.



2-Carcinoid Syndrome

- A malignant tumor of intestinal chromaffin cells.
- The tumor releases 5-HT, SP, PGs, kinins & histamine causing flushing, diarrhea, bronchoconstriction & hypotension
- Serotonin antagonists (ciproheptadine, 5HT₂ antagonist)** could be administered to control diarrhea, flushing & malabsorption. Med39:They don't treat malignancy just control the symptoms



MCQs

Q1. formation & secretion of HCL (gastric acid) is the Major Biologic Effect of?

- | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| a) Glucocorticoids | b) PGF | c) H2 | d) H1 |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|

Q2. What kind of receptor blockers has non-sedating effect?

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|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| a) H1 first generation | b) H4 | c) H2 | d) H1 second generation |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|

Q3. NO release is inhibited by?

- | | | | |
|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| a) Ach | b) Histamine | c) Hemoglobin | d) Cytokines |
|--------|--------------|---------------|--------------|

Q4. Sildenafil inhibits which of the following?

- | | | | |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| a) PDE-5 | b) H1 | c) PG1 | d) H3 |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|

Q5. What is the clinical use of Zileuton for?

- | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| a) Asthma | b) Heart failure | c) Gluacoma | d) Peptic ulcer |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|

ANSWERS:
1) c
2) d
3) c
4) a
5) a

MCQs

Q6. Actions of bradykinin ?

a) constricts vascular smooth muscles

b) increases blood pressure

c) constrict non-vascular smooth muscles

d) relieves pain

Q7. Which of the following is an antiemetic drug ?

a) Cyproheptadine

b) Cisapride

c) Buspirone

d) Ondansetron

Q8. Serotonin is synthesised from the amino acid ?

a) L-tryptophan

b) B-tryptophan

c) Arginine

d) Glutamic acid

Q9. Kininogen is converted into Bradykinin by addition of ?

a) Kallikrein

b) Kininase I

c) Kininase II

d) a & b

Q10. What converts angiotensinogen to angiotensin I ?

a) ACE

b) Renin

c) ACEI

d) aldosterone

Answers:
6)c
7)d
8)a
9)a
10)b

SAQS

Q1. What does H3 blocker do?



Q1: It dilates blood vessels in the inner ear

Q2. List the 3 isoforms of NOS?



Q2: neuronal NOS, epithelial NOS, inducible NOS.

Q3. Which components stimulates the release of NO?



Q3: Acetylcholine, 5-H, Bradykinin & Histamine.

Q4. What is the mechanism of action of cimetidine?



Q4: Blocks H2 receptor → reduced production of HCL

Q5. What are the clinical uses of ACE inhibitors ?



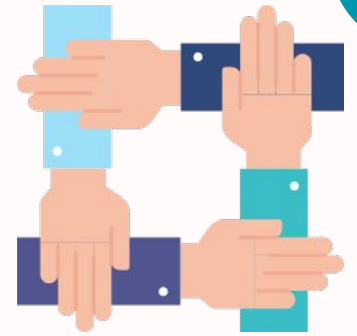
-hypertension
-cardiac failure
-myocardial infarction

Q6. Give an example of Ag receptors blockers ?



-Losartan
-Valsartan

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