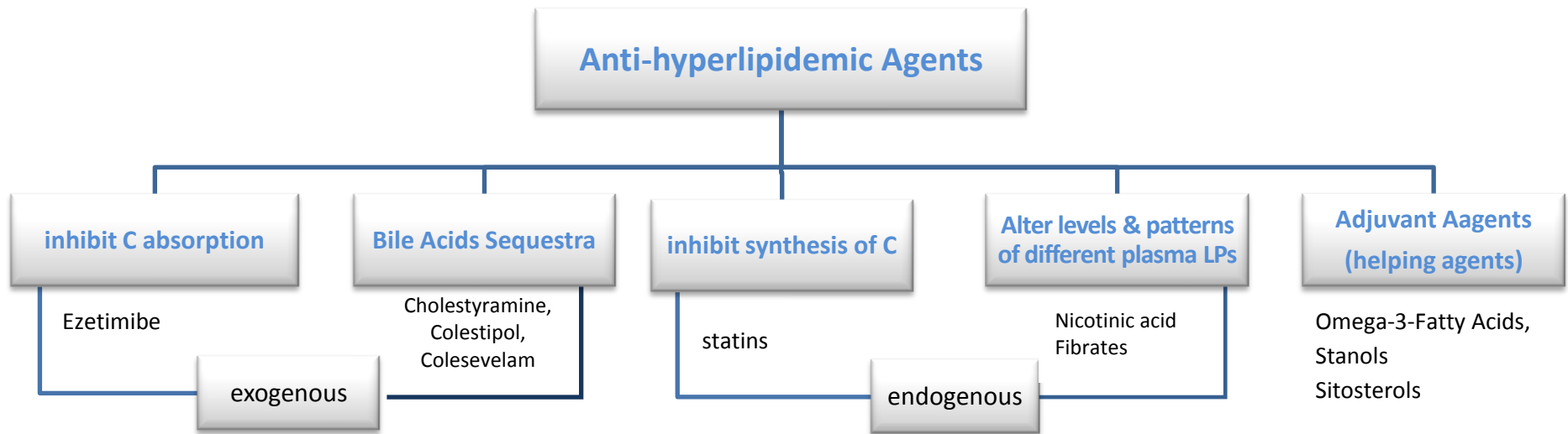


Treatment of hyperlipidemia



| Hyperlipoproteinemia | Lipid Derangement | Treatment |
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| Type I | TGs | |
| Type IIa | C | Statins + Sequestrants |
| Type IIb | TG & C | Fibrates, Statins, Niacin |
| Type III | TG & C | Fibrates |
| Type IV | TGs | Fibrates |
| Type V | TG & C | |

Inhibiting Cholesterol absorption in intestine

e.g., Ezetimibe

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| M.O.A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Block NPC1L1 (responsible for C transport) → decrease C in liver → upregulate LDL receptors → blood LDL decrease- LDL decreases 20%, TG decreases 8%, HDL increases 4% |
| Pharmacokinetics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Absorption in intestines- $t_{1/2}$ = 22hrs , level peaks in 12-14hrs- Undergoes enterohepatic circulation (prolong action of drug)- 80% of the drug is excreted in feces- Drug level ↑ if with statins & ↓ if with cholestyramine |
| Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- prevention of low risk of CHD (mono therapy)- In moderate/severe ↑ LDL (As Combination Therapy with statins) |
| Adverse Effects | Not common. GIT disturbance, headache, fatigue, arthralgia & myalgia. Seldom reversible impairment of hepatic function |

Bile Acids Sequestrant

e.g. Cholestyramine, Colestipol, Colesevelam (**polymeric cation exchange resins**)

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| M.O.A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- binds to BA (bile acids) → prevent their recycling in liver → ↑ fecal excretion → ↓ BA will ↓ C absorption → upregulation of LDL receptors → ↑ hepatic C uptake → decrease C levels in blood- LDL decreases 15-30%, TG and VLDL increases (initial & transient), HDL increases 3-5% |
| Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hyperlipidemia- Pruritus- Digitalis poisoning |
| Adverse effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ↑ GIT bloating, diarrhea, constipation, dyspepsia- ↓ absorption of fat soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K)- Dry flaking skin |
| Contraindication | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Diverticulitis- Chronic constipation.- Severe hypertriglyceridemia- Type IIb Hyperlipoproteinemia |
| Drug interaction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ↓ absorption of some drugs; Digoxin, Thiazides, Furosemide, Propranolol, L-thyroxin, warfarin anticoagulantthese drugs must be taken 1 hr before or 4 hrs after sequestrantes |

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| <u>Inhibiting C synthesis</u> | Statins e.g. Simvastatin, Lovastatin, Fluvastatin, Atorvastatin, Pravastatin, Rosuvastatin |
| M.O.A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HMGCoA Reductase INHIBITORS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ↓hepatic C synthesis → ↓ hepatic intracellular C b) ↑synthesis of LDL receptors → ↑ clearance of LDL c) ↓secretion of VLDL & ↑uptake of non-HDL-C - blocking signaling molecules responsible for progress of inflammation, vulnerability & athrothrombosis (Improve endothelial function, ↓vascular inflammation, ↓platelet aggregability, Stabilization of atherosclerotic plaque, Antithrombotic actions, Enhanced fibrinolysis) - +ve osteoclast apoptosis - ↑synthetic activity in osteoblasts - Immune suppression. - ↓LDL 18-55%, ↑ HDL 5-10%, ↓ TG & VLDL 10-30% |
| Pharmacokinetics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absorption varies (40-70%), fluvastatin almost completely - Absorption enhanced if taken with food, except pravastatin - All have high first-pass extraction by the liver, except pravastatin - Metabolized variably; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By CYP3A4 → Simvastatin, Lovastatin, Atorvastatin By CYP2C9 → Fluvastatin, Rosuvastatin By sulphonation → Pravastatin - Excreted in bile (5-20% is excreted in urine), except pravastatin 80-90% urine - $t_{1/2}$ = Short 1-3 hrs → Simvastatin, Lovastatin, Fluvastatin (taken only in evening bcz C Synthesis > at night)*lypophylic drugs - $t_{1/2}$ = 14/19hrs → Atorvastatin/Rosuvastatin (taken any time) *hydrophilic drugs |
| Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st prevention in hyperlipidemia with risk of developing ischemic insults and Type IIa Hyperlipoproteinemia (mono therapy) - 2nd prevention all ischemic insults as transient ischemic attacks, stroke, subtypes of ACSs up to AMI. (mono therapy) - Mixed dyslipidaemias (Combination Therapy) - In diabetics (hypertriglyceridemia & low HDL) (Combination Therapy) |
| Adverse effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - liver toxicity (due ↑serum transaminase) - myalgia or myositis (↑CK is measured) - blood in urine and Rhabdomyolysis “ excretion of myoglobin in the urine” (renal failure happen) - others ↑lenticular opacity, insomnia, rash, GIT disturbance |
| Drug interaction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CYP3A4 , Drug inducers (Phenytoin, griseofulvin, barbiturates, rifampin, and thiazolidinediones) → ↓ efficacy & Drug inhibitors (e.g.macrolide antibiotics, cyclosporine, ketoconazole) ↑ toxicity of Simvastatin, Lovastatin, Atorvastatin - CYP2C9, Drug inhibitors (ketoconazole, metronidazole, sulfinpyrazone, amiodarone, and cimetidine) ↑ toxicity of fluvastatin & rosuvastatin |

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| <u>Fibrates</u> | Fenofibrate (F), Bezafibrate, Gemfibrozil (G) (Nuclear Transcription Factors) | |
| M.O.A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peroxisome Proliferator Activator Receptor [PPARα] AGONISTS - FA oxidation (↓ TGs in plasma, ↓ VLDL Formation by liver) -(↓ LDL 5-20%, ↑ HDL 10-20% > (G), ↓ TG & VLDL 20-50%, ↓ Fibrinogen, ↓ Vascular inflammation > (G), ↑ glucose tolerance > (F)) | |
| Pharmacokinetics | Gemfibrozil 100% BV 95% protein binding (pass through placenta) Hepatic metabolism (CYP3A4) t _{1/2} = 1.5hrs 94% renal, 6% feces excretion | Fenofibrate less BV 99% protein binding Glucuronidation metabolism t _{1/2} = 20 hrs 60% renal, 25% feces excretion |
| Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hypertriglyceridemia; Type IV lipoproteinemia (mono therapy use G) - Mixed dyslipidaemia and in diabetes (combined therapy use F) * <i>F uricosuric action help in insulin resistance syndrome</i> - As Combined therapy with other lipid lowering drugs; in severe treatment-resistant dyslipidaemia. | |
| Adverse effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G.I.T upset, headache, fatigue, weight gain - Rash, urticaria, hair loss - Myalgia, myositis, rhabdomyolysis → acute renal failure | |
| Contraindication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renal or hepatic impairment - Pregnant or nursing women - Gall-bladder disease & morbid obesity - In hypoalbuminaemia - In alcoholics - Clofibrate <i>cause Gall stones, Cancer, hypoglycemia, ADRS</i> | |
| Drug interaction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They displace warfarin from their protein binding sites → ↑ bleeding tendency - They ↓ metabolism of lipophilic statins → toxicity → myalgia, myositis | |

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| <u>Nicotinic acid</u> | Is known as Vit B₃. Its amide derivative nicotinamide has no lipid lowering effects | |
| M.O.A | Bind to a specific receptors in adipose tissue (<i>reverse effect of b-AR stimulation</i>) → ↓ cAMP → ↓ PKA → -ve TGs breakdown → ↓ FFA to liver → ↓ TGs hepatic synthesis & VLDL formation, This eventually ↓ LDL & ↑ HDL in plasma: ↑ LPL activity → ↑ VLDL & CMs clearance ↓ LDL 5-25%, ↑ HDL 15-30%, ↓ TG & VLDL 20-50%, ↓ LP(a), ↓ Fibrinogen, ↑ Tissue plasminogen activator | |
| Uses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type IIa hypercholesterolemia - Type IIb hypercholesterolemia & any combined hyperlipidemia - Patient with hypertriglyceridemia & low HDL-C. - Hyperchylomicronemia | |
| Adverse effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sensation of warmth & flushing (prostaglandin induced /-ve by aspirin ½ h before niacin). - Pruritus, rash, dry skin - Dyspepsia: nausea, vomiting, reactivation of peptic ulcer (↓ if taken after meal). - Reversible ↑ liver enzymes → hepatotoxicity. - Impairment of glucose tolerance → overt diabetes - ↑ uric acid | |
| Contraindication | - Gout, Peptic ulcer, Hepatotoxicity, Diabetes mellitus | |

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| <u>Adjuvant agents</u> | Omega-3-FA | β-sitosterol (found in plants with structure similar to C) |
| M.O.A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decrease TGs Inhibit enzymes involved in TG synthesis FA oxidation - vascular protection Inhibit platelet function Prolong bleeding time Anti-inflammatory effect | Compete with dietary & biliary C absorption → ↓ levels LDL levels ±10% |
| Uses | Approved as adjunctive for treatment of very high TGs | Given as food supplement before meal in hypercholesterolemia |
| Adverse effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eructation, dyspepsia, altered taste - Can worsen glycemic control in diabetics - Can increase bleeding tendencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIT ; nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, gases, constipation... - Impotence & ↓ sex drive - Avoided in pregnancy & breast feeding |