Lecture 5: Pharmacological Treatment of Rhinitis and Cough

Treatment of Rhinitis		
Non-pharmacological therapy	Pharmacological therapy	
	1- Antihistamines (H1 receptor antagonists)	
1) Avoidance of irritants/ allergen (pollens, animal dander, dust etc.)	2- α-Adrenergic agonists	
	3- Corticosteroids	
2)Dusting/vacuuming; washing of bed sheets	4. Conservations	
3)Intake of fluids	4- Cromolyn	
	5-Leukotriene receptor antagonists e.g.	
4)Rest	(Montelukast); new adjunct therapy for chronic	
	allergic rhinitis.	

^{*}H1 & H2 are the most important receptors in this lecture.

	H1 & H2 Histamine Receptors			
	Location	Type of receptor	Effect	Used to Treat
H1	Specifically in: *Smooth muscles *Vascular endothelial cells *Heart *CNS	G-protein coupled, linked to intercellular Gq , which activates phospholipase C	Mediate an increase in vascular permeability at sites of inflammation induced by histamine	*Allergies *Nausea *Sleep disorders
H2	-Mainly in: Gastric parietal cells -Low level can be found in: *Vascular smooth muscles *Mast cells & Neutrophils *CNS *Heart *Uterus	G-protein coupled, linked to intercellular Gs	Increases the release of gastric acid	Stomach ulcers

Effects of Histamine		
CVS	*Dilatation of arterioles, capillaries & venules → ↓ B.P *Histamine (H1) increases the permeability of capillary vessels → passage of fluid & protein into the extracellular space → edema. *Direct +ve inotropic (contraction force) & chronotropic (heart rate) effects on the heart thru stimulation of H2 receptors.	
GIT	* † Acid production + † intestinal secretion (stimulation of H2) *Contraction of smooth muscles (H1 receptor stimulation)	
Respiratory Tract	Bronchoconstriction [Contraction of smooth muscles] (H1 receptors)	
CNS	*H1: maintenance of wakeful states. *H1 & H2: -Regulation of body temperature -Affect CVS system & sexual arousal -Causes pain & itching by stimulation of peripheral nerve endings.	
Intra Dermal Injection	*Red spot *Edema *Flare & itching	
Toxicity	*Flushing *Hypotension *Tachycardia *Headache *Bronchoconstr *G.I upset.	

Classification of Antihistamines		
First Generation Drugs	Second Generation Drugs	
 Diphenhydramine Dimenhydrinate Doxylamine Cyclizine Meclizine Chlorpheniramine [Alkylamines] Promethazine [Phenothaizine Dervatives] Cyproheptadine [Cyprohepatride] Triprolidine Lipid soluble → Easily cross into brain → Produce sedation & drowsiness	1-Piperidine: Fexofenadine 2-Miscellaneous: *Loratadine = Claritin® (longer acting), *Cetirizine Less lipid soluble → Not significantly pass into brain → Do not cause sedation & drowsiness.	

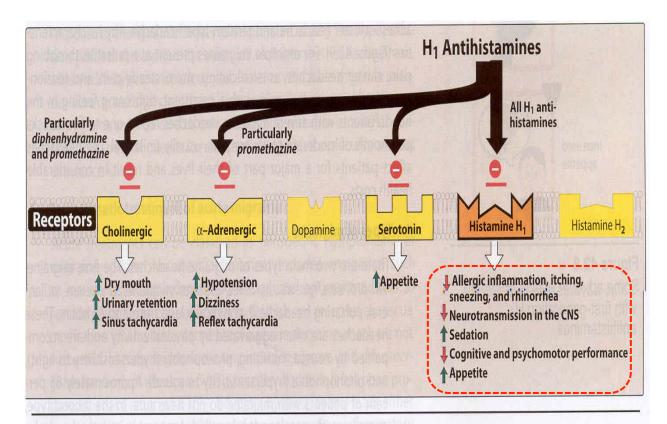


Figure 42.7Effects of H₁ antihistamines at histamine, adrenergic, cholinergic, and serotonin-binding receptors. Many second-generation antihistamines do not enter the brain and, therefore, show minimal CNS effects.

Pharmacological Actions of Antihistamine		
Sedation	*Promethazine *Diphenhydramine, *Doxylamine *Pyrilamine	
Antinausea & Antiemetic Actions	*Promethazine *Meclizine *Cyclizine *Doxylamine *Dimenhydrinate *Diphenhydramine	
Antiparkinsonism Effects	*Diphenhydramine	
Anticholinoceptor Actions	*Diphenhydramine *Promethazine *Triprolidine *Dimenhydrinate	
Alpha-Adrenoceptor Blocking Actions	*Phenothiazine sub group	
Serotonin blocking Actions	*Cyproheptadine — Antiserotonin agent	
Local Anesthesia	*Diphenhydramine *Promethazine	
Other Actions	Cetirizine	

Cough Medication		
Peripheral antitussives	Central antitussives	
e.g. Benzonatate	a. Narcotic Analgesics: Morphine – Codeineb. Synthetic Narcotic Analgesicsc. Antihistaminics (H1-Blockers)	

Central antitussives		
Narcotic Analgesics	Synthetic Narcotic Analgesics	Antihistaminics (H1-Blockers)
*Used to suppress dry cough *Used in doses below those required for pain relief.		
	E.G. Dextromethorphan –	
E.G. Codeine (methyl-	<u>Levo-Propoxyphene</u>	
morphine)		E.G. *Diphenhydramine
		*Triprolidine
Side Effects:	1- As potent as codeine.	
1- Constipation	2- No drowsiness.	Side Effects:
2- Drowsiness & mild	3- Less constipating effect.	 Anticholinergic actions
respiratory depression	4- No respiratory depression.	Sedation
3- Inhibition of mucociliary	5- No inhibition of mucociliary	Drowsiness.
clearance (thick sputum)	clearance.	
4- Decrease secretions in the	6- No addiction.	
bronchioles		
5- Dependence		
6- Dry mouth.		

Notes:

- Antitussives are used for dry cough.
- Contraindicated in:
 - Chronic bronchitis
 - Cough associated with asthma (harmful sputum thickening & retention)

Classification of Expectorants		
Sedative Expectorants	Stimulant expectorants	
*They increase the fluidity of sputum & its expulsion by cough.	* These drugs are used in chronic inflammation of respiratory mucosa (Chronic bronchitis).	
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E.G.Ammonium chlorideNa & K iodide.Guaifenesin.	*They promote healing & repair of mucosal tissues thins the mucus which helps the body to cough it up.	
	E.G. Terpene hydrate.	

Mucolytics

Acts by reducing the viscosity of sputum.

E.G.

- 1. Acetyl cysteine (interfering with disulphide bonds in mucus).
- 2. Bromohexine (destroy muco-polysaccharride structure of mucus).
- 3. Steam inhalation

Uses:

- 1. Acute & chronic bronchitis
- 2. Asthma.

