

# Pharmacology Team 431

Lecture :

## Osmotic Diuretics and Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors

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## DIURETICS

### Definition:

- ▶ Are drugs that increase renal excretion of sodium and water resulting in increase in urine volume.
- ▶ Most diuretics act by interfere with the normal sodium handling by the kidney.
- ▶ How could urine output be increased ?

you can increase the urinary output by:

↑ Glomerular filtration . Or

↓ Tubular reabsorption (the most important clinically)

### Purpose of Using Diuretics:

1. To maintain urine volume ( e.g.: renal failure)
2. To mobilize edema fluid (e.g.: heart failure, liver failure; nephrotic syndrome)
3. To control high blood pressure.

### Sites of action for diuretics

Most of them Target molecules for diuretics are specific membrane transport proteins in renal tubular epithelial cells (transporters).

### Classification of diuretics

- ▶ Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors
- ▶ Loop Diuretics
- ▶ Thiazides
- ▶ Potassium-Sparing Diuretics
- ▶ Osmotic Diuretics

**A) Diuretics that inhibit transport in the Proximal Convolved Tubule (Osmotic diuretics; Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors):**

**1-Osmotic Diuretics (e.g.: Mannitol)**

**MOA:** They are hydrophilic compounds that are easily filtered through the glomerulus with little **re-absorption** and thus increase urinary output via **osmosis**..

**PK:**

**It Given Intravenously(I.V)**

**Can it be given orally?** They can't be given orally , because they are hydrophilic &and they will poorly absorbed from GIT(they will cause diarrhea)

**Indications:**

- to decrease intracranial pressure in **neurological condition(cerebral edema)**.  
(because mannitol acts on periphery & will attract the fluids from the cerebrum)
- to decrease intraocular pressure in **acute glaucoma**(the same mechanism for intracranial pressure )
- to maintain high urine flow in **acute renal failure**(during shock, trauma& toxicities)

**Adverse Reactions of Manitol:**

- Extracellular water expansion and dehydration
- Hyponatremia due to loss more water than sodium
- **Headache, nausea, vomiting**
- **Adequate water replacement is required.**

**Can you concenter Osmotic Agents as good Diuretics?**

**No, because they cause diuresis without natriusis( Na excretion)**

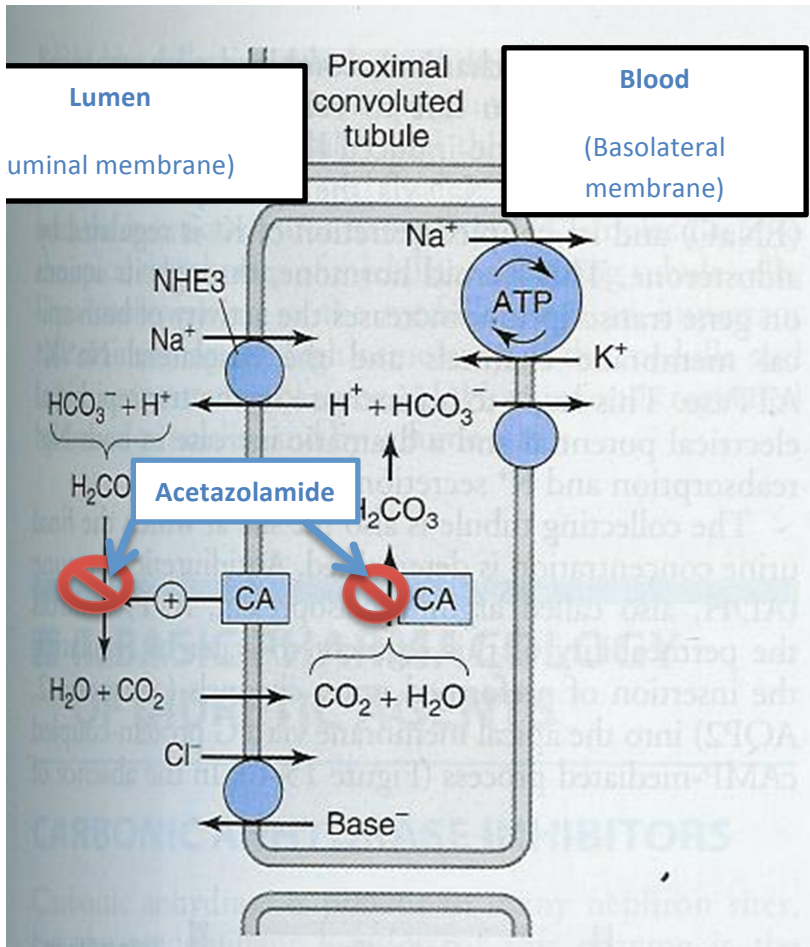
In another words, osmotic diuretics will exert their osmotic effects by prevent water reabsorption → ↑ water loss → **hypernatremia**.( So They will not be used in cases of Na retention (eg: hyperaldosteronism)



## 2. Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors

(Acetazolamide (Oral) ; Dorsolamide (Ocular) ; Brinzolamide (Ocular)

**MOA:** Simply inhibit reabsorption of sodium and bicarbonate by inhibiting carbonic anhydrase ( on the other hand they will inhibit  $H^+$  secretion)



### In the physiological situation:

the goal of this mechanism :The body try to **reclaim  $HCO_3^-$  & Na** .  $HCO_3^-$  are reabsorbed indirectly by the flowing mechanism:

Na get reabsorbed &  $H^+$  secreted into the luminal tubule (by **NA/H exchanger**)

The  $H^+$  combines with  $HCO_3^-$  in the lumen to form carbonic acid ( **$H_2CO_3$** )

$H_2CO_3$  are (**unstable**) . Hence, it is transformed by (**carbonic anhydrase CA**) into  **$H_2O$  &  $CO_2$**

$CO_2$  moves into epithelial cells and combines with cytoplasmic  $H_2O$  to form  **$H_2CO_3$**  (by **cytoplasmic carbonic anhydrase**)

$H_2CO_3$  cleavages into  **$H^+$  and  $HCO_3^-$**  . (So we restore  **$HCO_3^-$** )  $HCO_3^-$  go to the circulation

$H^+$  is secreted into the tubular lumen by (**NA/H exchanger**) with Na and the cycle will start again.

### Mechanism of Acetazolamide and others CAIs:

#### Dr.Najeeb Explanation:

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It inhibit both luminal **CA** and Cytoplasmic **CA** . Will prevent  $HCO_3^-$  re-absorption . This Will lead to :**acidosis of the blood** ( $HCO_3^-$  are the main compound that keep the PH alkaline). In addition, reduce Na level and **hypokalemia**.

**Excreted by active secretion in proximal convoluted tubules forming alkaline urine**

### Pharmacological action:

- alkaline diuresis (urine)** because increase excretion of bicarbonate ,sodium ,potassium
- increase urine phosphate (because the urine is alkalosis)
- weak diuretic      -metabolic acidosis
- decrease its action after several days (self limiting as the blood bicarbonate falls) (bicarbonate is consume)

**Side Effects:**

- **Hyperchloremic Acidosis** ( Due to excessive loss of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and low secretion of  $\text{H}^+$ )
- **Hypokalemia**
- **Renal Stone** (How? They cause alkalization of urine (Due to presence of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) (the phosphate will loss as calcium phosphate then will deposit in the urine because its alkaline)
- **Drowsiness and parwthesia** at high doses
- **metabolic acidosis**
- **hypersensitivity reaction** (rare)

Usually, Hypokalemia are accompanied with alkalosis (except in few situations: Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, Diarrhea....)

**Contraindication:**

**Hepatic failure** due to decrease elimination of Ammonia.

( Ammonia get eliminated in **Acidic** urine " $\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}^+$  (in **acidic** medium) =  $\text{NH}_4^+$ " )

**Clinical Uses of Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors:**▶ **Glaucoma**

▶ (what is the Mechanism? acetazolamide inhibits production of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ . In health, it is the production of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  which draws  $\text{Na}^+$  into the eye; water follows by osmosis to form the aqueous humour. In glaucoma treatment, the goal is to reduce the intraocular pressure and acetazolamide does this by reducing production of aqueous humour.)

EXTRA

- ▶ **Urinary alkalinization to enhance renal excretion of acidic substances (uric acid and cysteine in cystinuria)** ( cystinuria =genetic abnormality )
- ▶ **Alkalization of urine** and metabolic alkalosis.
- ▶ **Epilepsy; Benign intracranial hypertension** (rare) (decrease cerebrospinal fluid, CSF)
- ▶ **Acute mountain sickness (Prophylactic)** (to decrease CSF and pH of brain)
- ▶ **Hyperphosphatemia**

**Side Effects of Acetazolamide:**

- ▶ Sedation and drowsiness; Hypersensitivity reaction Why?  
(because it contains sulfonamide compounds)
- ▶ Renal stone
- ▶ Acidosis; Hyperchloremia, hyponatremia and hypokalemia

**Why Acetazolamide is not used as a diuretic?**

Because the **compensatoey mechanism**

**Dorzolamide**

- Is a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor
- Used topically for treatment of increased intraocular pressure in open-angle glaucoma
- no diuretic or systemic side effects (because it is topically

**Questions:**

1-Uses of Acetazolamide include all the following except:

- a. Calcium urinary stones
- b. Emphysema & high altitude sickness
- c. alkalinize urine for secretion of salicylates
- d. alkalinize urine for secretion of barbiturates

2-which one of these drugs can cause alkaline urine ?

- a. acetohexamide
- b. mannitol
- c. furosemide
- d. hydrochlorothiazide

3-which one of these drugs can treat glaucoma topically ?

- a. mannitol
- b. furosemide
- c. dorzolamide
- d. acetohexamide

4-what is the best drug for emergency ?

- a. potassium
- b. loop diuretics
- c. osmotic diuretics
- d. CA inhibitors

5- mannitol may be useful in the following conditions except:

- a. treatment of increased intracranial pressure
- b. treatment of increased intraocular pressure
- c. treatment of acute renal failure and pulmonary edema.
- d. Prophylaxis in acute renal failure

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