# Autocrine /Paracrine mediators (Autacoids)

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# LOCAL COMMUNICATION

# PARACRINE MEDIATORS

Secreted by one cell & acts upon adjacent cells or surrounding extracellular matrix [ECM]



AUTOCRINE MEDIATORS

Secreted from a cell and acts on the same cell





## Paracrine Autocrine Mediators

#### **General Features**

### Act mostly on:

smooth muscles (SMC) vascular,or non vascular.
nerve endings [> nonadrenergic non-cholinergic (NANC) co-transmission]
+ heart + exocrine glands + CNS +kidney...etc

## Exist either:

Preformed & stored in tissues & released by a stimulus [Monamines (histamine), most peptides ]

Formed in response to a stimulus

[NO, eicosanoids, some peptides( angiotensin II ,bradykinins), cytokines]

### Their presence is either:

**Constitutive:** present all times, to share in normal basic functional regulation within the cells (eNOS / COXI) **Inducible:** only present upon demand i.e. gets expressed [gene transcription, mRNA formation and ribosomal translation into protein] (iNOS / COXII)



NO

# DRUGS Acting On Paracrine Autocrine Mediators

- Nitric Oxide
- Angiotensin & Bradykinin
- Eicosanoids
- Histamines



# DRUGS Acting OnParacrine Autocrine Mediators

## ILOS

## <u>By the end of this lecture you will be able to:</u>

- Recognize the role of NO in cellular communication.
- Classify the different NOS available
- Expand on its formation, actions termination and pharmacological modulation.
- Identify role of angiotensin in body homeostasis and local regulation.
- Explain its formation, target receptors, feedback regulatory actions, breakdown, intersection with the kinin system and pharmacological modulation.

# Nitric Oxide

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Shear Stress or Agonists as; Ach, histamine, bradykinin, .....when bind to receptors  $\uparrow$  intracellular Ca  $\rightarrow$ activate eNOS  $\rightarrow$ NO formation



#### **Role of NO in blood vessels**

**Relaxation of VSMC (Vasodilatation) + Cytoprotection on ECs** 



- 2. Cytoprotection **PARACRINE AUTOCRINE**
- inflammatory cell recruitment
- Cholesterol deposition...etc.





#### **Drugs modulating**

 1. Express eNOS:
 Statins, like atorvastatin and Estrogens -> CVS Cytoprotection



2. Act as NO donners:
 a. Nítrates → >Venulodilators in angina
 b. Na Nítroprusside → Arteriolar dilator in hypertension

Selective PDE<sub>5</sub> Inhibitors; **Sildenaiil →** Erectile dysfunction

# Angiotensin



# Angiotensin [Ag] A vasoconstrictor peptide

**Synthesis** Precursor is **Angiotensinogen**; a plasma  $\alpha$ -globulin synthesized in the liver.









Agll acted upon by peptidases aminopeptidases (angiotensinase) to Ag III [a less active] & then to fragmentation products







### **Difference between ACE Is & ARBs action**

Inhibit activation of AgI to AGII + decrease degradation of bradykinin



Block action of AgII on AT1 in VSMCs that is causing vasoconstriction The AgII act on non-blocked AT2 on endothelial cells causing vasodilatation

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