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Anti-tubercular Drug

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Tuberculosis (TB)

- TB is a communicable disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, which is a gram positive, acid fast bacilli
- MT has characteristic cell wall that is made up of peptydoglycan (amino acids and sugars)covered by a lipopolisaccharide made up of mainly mycolic acid
- Most of the antibiotics are not effective against MT due to its characteristic cell



Anti-TB drugs

- First agent used as an anti-TB drug was sulfanilamide, but, since, sulfonamides are bacteriostatic, resistance occurred rapidly
- Second agent tried was dapsone, though it was effective, but in long-term therapy found to be toxic.....discontinued



• In TB treatment, major breakthrough

was the development of streptomycin-an aminoglycoside, that was highly effective against MT. Afterwards, many synthetic drugs were developed to eradicate TB, despite such developments, it is still prevailing due to emergence of multidrug resistant stains

Classification of anti-TB drugs

- First line drugs for tuberculosis
- Isoniazid,
- Rifampicin,
- Ethambutol
- Pyrizanamide.
- Streptomycin.
- Second line drugs
- Amikacin, Kanamycin.
- Capreomycin.
- Ciprofloxacin, Levofloxacin, Moxifloxacin

Ethionamide, Prothionamide Cycloserine Para aminosalicylic acid Third line drugs for tuberculosis Rifabutin Macrolides like clarythromycin Linezolid Thioacetazone Vitamin D Thioridazine

Antitubercular drugs are also classified on the basis of Chemical moiety as:-

1.Salicylic acid derivatives: Para amino salicylic acid.

2.Pyridine derivatives:Isoniazid (Isonicotinic acid hydrazine), Ethionamide, Prothionamide.

3.Pyrazine derivatives:Pyrazinamide

4.Ethylenediaminobutanol derivatives: Ethambutol. 5.**Antibiotics:**Streptomycin, Refampin (Refampicin),

Kanamcin.

6.Miscellaneous drugs: Fluoroquinolones: Ofloxacin, Ciprofloxacin.Macrolides: Clarithromycin, Azithromycin

Isoniazid

- It is synthetic anti-TB drug introduced in 1950
- Chemically, it is isonicotinic acid derivativecombination of isonicotinic acid and hydrazine: (Hydrazide)
- It is a prodrug- in body is converted into electrophilic species which inhibit the synthesis of mycolic acid
- It is effective against rapidly dividing MTB but less effective against dormant and semi- dormant MTB



Structure activity relationship

- Pyridine ring, if replaced with piperidine then the compound is less active than the original
- Hydrazide linkage when converted into hydrazone derivatives, a series of active compounds are produced.
 Later it was found that in the body
 Hydrzones are converted into isoniazid





 If hydrazide is shifted to position 2 or 3 instead of 4 then the compound is less active

- INH contains two nitrogen atoms, when an alkyl group is introduced at N1 then the compound became inactive
- When any alkyl group is introduced at N2 then a series of active compounds are obtained but these are less active
- If hydarzide group is replaced totally by alkyl or aryl then the compound remains active but less than isonaizide

Metabolism of isoniazid



Chemical synthesis



4-cyano pyridine

Isonicotinamide

Isoniazid

Basic hydrolysis of 4-cyano pyridine converts cyano/nitrile group to an amidelsonicotinamide- which then reacts with hydrazine to produce isoniazid

Mechanism of action

- INH undergoes oxidation reaction by endogenous catalyzing enzymes, producing reactive species capable of acylating the enzyme (*inhA*)-found in MT
- Under the influence of (kat G) a gene also called (*inhA*), INH is converted into isonicotinic aldehyde, isonicotinic acid and isonicotinamide

 From these compounds, highly reactive electrophilic species such as isonicotinyl radical and isonicotinyl peroxy radical are formed



 These radicals acylate NADPH dependent βketoacyl carrier protein reductase, involved in elongation of mycolic acid. It results in the inhibition of cell wall leading to cell death

- This enzyme selectively acts on fatty acids (more than 26 carbon). Mycolic acid is a α-branched fatty acids having short arm of 20-24 carbon and long arm of 26-50 carbon
- Additionally, acylating agents combine with position 4 of the NADPH and make it inactive for reduction

Adenosine P

CO-NH₂

 Its therapy causes peripheral neuritis /neuropathy, hence prescribed with vitamin-B6

Pyrazinamide (PZA)

- Contains pyrazine ring in its structure, which is a six memberd heterocyclic ring containing two nitrogen at a distance of 2 carbon atoms
- Pyrazinamide has amide group at position 2
- It is a prodrug and converted into pyrazinoic acid in the body



- Activity is pH dependent and maximum activity takes place at pH 5.5
- It can be considered a derivative of isonicotinic acid, isonicotinic acid has 1 N while pyrazinamide has 2
- Both are called isosteres -those having same biological and physicochemical properties.
- Nitrogen has atomic number 7 whereas CH also has 7, hence isosteres
- OH group of isonicotinic acid/pyrazinoic acid is isosteric with NH₂group of PZA because both have atomic number 9
- It is active against dormant MT

Ethionamide

- Ethionamide may be **bacteriostatic or bactericidal** in action, depending on the **concentration** of the drug attained at the site of infection and the susceptibility of the infecting organism.
- The exact <u>MECHANISM OF ACTION</u> of ETHIONAMIDE has not been fully elucidated, but the drug appears to inhibit peptide synthesis in susceptible organisms.
- Antimicrobial **spectrum** of Ethionamide comprises <u>M.</u> <u>tuberculosis</u>, M. bovis and M. Segmatis.
- Ethionamide is structurally similar to <u>methimazole</u>, has been shown to **inhibit thyroid hormone synthesis**, and was reported to cause hypothyroidism in several TB patients.

Ethambutol

- An antitubercular agent that inhibits the transfer of mycolic acids into the cell wall of the tubercle bacillus.
- It may also inhibit the synthesis of spermidine in mycobacteria.
- The action is usually bactericidal, and the drug can penetrate human cell membranes to exert its lethal effect.
- The most commonly recognized toxic effect of ethambutol is **optic neuropathy**, which generally is considered uncommon and reversible in medical literature.



Para-Aminosalicylic Acid

 Aminosalicylic acid is an antimycobacterial agent used with other anti-tuberculosis drugs (most often isoniazid) for the treatment of all forms of active tuberculosis due to susceptible strains of tubercle bacilli.





Para-Aminosalicylic Acid

- There are two mechanisms responsible for aminosalicylic acid's **bacteriostatic action** against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
- Firstly, aminosalicylic acid inhibits folic acid synthesis (without potentiation with antifolic compounds). The binding of paraaminobenzoic acid to pteridine synthetase acts as the first step in folic acid synthesis.
- Aminosalicylic acid binds pteridine synthetase with greater affinity than para-aminobenzoic acid, effectively inhibiting the synthesis of folic acid.
- As bacteria are unable to use external sources of folic acid, cell growth and multiplication slows.
- Secondly, aminosalicylic acid may inhibit the synthesis of the cell wall component, mycobactin, thus reducing iron uptake by M. tuberculosis.

<u>Rifampicin.</u>

- **Mechanism of action:** incorporation into DNA spiral, inhibition of DNAdependent RNA-polymerase \rightarrow inhibition of replication and transcription in microorganisms.
- Spectrum of action: wide, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, leprosy. Bactericidal.
- **Indications:** tuberculosis, leprosy, infections caused by multidrug-resistant pathogens.
- **Side effects:** allergic reactions of heavy genesis, manifested by liver damage; flu-like syndrome, hemolytic anemia.



Cycloserine

- Inhibitor of cell wall synthesis
- 0.5–1 g/d in two divided oral doses
- peripheral neuropathy and central nervous system dysfunction, including depression and psychotic reactions



Capreomycin

- Peptide protein synthesis inhibitor antibiotic obtained from Streptomyces capreolus
- Treatment of drug-resistant tuberculosis
- Strains of M tuberculosis that are resistant to streptomycin or amikacin - susceptible to capreomycin.
- Nephrotoxic and ototoxic Tinnitus, deafness, and vestibular disturbances occur



Thank you!!!!



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