

### \* Anti - Asthmatic Drugs :

- These are those drugs which are used in treatment of Asthma.

Asthma : It is condition in which a person's airways become inflammed, narrow, swell and produce extra mucus, which makes it difficult to breathe.

- It is recognized to be a primarily inflammatory condition. → Hypersensitive.

### • causes :

- Infections
- Stress
- Irritants
- Allergen
- Pollutions
- Smoke
- Exercise
- Dust

### • Symptoms :

- Dyspnoea (Shortness of Breath)
- Wheezing (whistle sound during respiration)
- cough

## \* classification :

### Anti - Asthmatic Drug

#### 1. Bronchodilators

##### a. Beta-2 receptor agonist :

##### i. SABA → short acting $\beta_2$ agonist

- Salbutamol (Albuterol)

- Terbutaline.

##### ii LABA → Long acting $\beta_2$ agonist

- Salmeterol

- Formoterol

- Vilanterol.

##### b. Methylxanthine

- Theophylline

- Hydroxyethyl

- Aminophylline

- Doxophylline

- Oxtriphylline

##### c. Anticholinergics ( $M_3$ muscarinic) receptor antagonist)

##### i. SAMA → Ipratropium

##### ii. LAMA → Tiotropium, Glycopyrrolate, Umeclidinium.

#### 2. Corticosteroids

a. Inhalational : Fluticasone, Budesonide, Beclomethasone, Mometasone, Flunisolide, Ciclesonide.

b. Systemic : Hydrocortisone, Prednisolone.

#### 3. Leukotriene receptor antagonist

- Montelukast

- Zafirlukast.

#### 4. Mast cell stabilizers :

- ketotifen (Anti-Histamine effect)
- Sodium Cromoglycate
- Nedocumil

#### 5. Anti-IgE antibody (IgE receptor Antagonist)

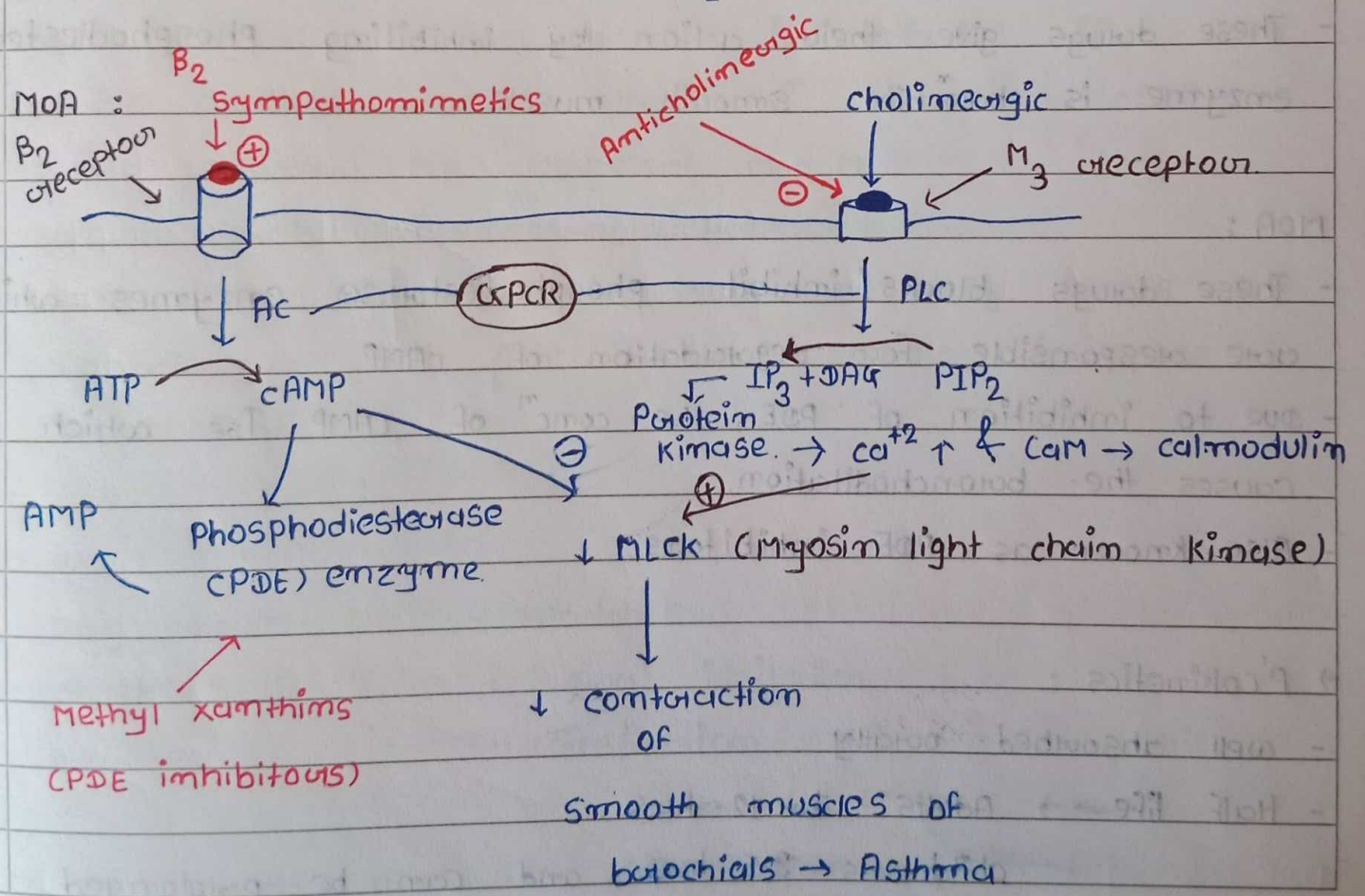
- omalizumab

#### 1. Bronchodilators :

These are those drugs which basically open the airways of lungs to make breathing easier.

##### i. $\beta_2$ Sympathomimetics :

- These drugs give their action by stimulating the sympathomimetic system through  $\beta_2$  receptors.



- These drugs bind with  $\beta_2$ -receptor and activate Adenylate cyclase (AC) pathway of GPCR.
- which increase the cAMP, which further decrease the concentration of MLCK which are responsible for contraction.
- Due to this, Bronchial muscle relaxed.

→ ADR :

- Trembling, Particularly in the hands.
- Headaches
- Dry mouth
- cough
- Nausea & vomiting
- Palpitations
- Diarrhoea.
- Muscle cramps.

ii. Methyl xanthines :

- These are mostly used to treat asthma.
- These drugs give their action by inhibiting phosphodiesterase enzyme in bronchial smooth muscle.

MOA :

- These drugs blocks / inhibit phosphodiesterase enzymes which are responsible for degradation of cAMP.
- Due to inhibition of PDE, the conc<sup>n</sup> of cAMP ↑ which causes the bronchodilation.
- Also known as PDE inhibitors.

→ Prokinetics :

- well absorbed orally.
- Half life → Adults 7 - 12 hrs

childrens 3-5 hrs. and can be prolonged.

→ ADR :

- Headache
- Nervousness
- Nausea
- GIT irritant.
- children are more liable to develop CNS toxicity.

iii. Anticholinergics :

- These drugs give their bronchodilation effects by inhibiting the  $M_3$  receptor.

MOA :

- when cholinergic neurotransmitter (drugs) bind with  $M_3$  receptor it cause activation of PLC (Phospholipase C) because  $M_3$  is a  $\alpha$ PCR.
- Now, due to activation of PLC, it activates  $IP_3$  + DAG which further increase the conc<sup>n</sup> of  $Ca^{+2}$  & cAMP, which increase the activation of MLCK.
- which cause bronchoconstriction.
- Now, when Anticholinergic introduces they blocks the  $M_3$  receptor which stop further reaction & cause bronchodilation.

→ ADR :

- Dry mouth
- Headaches
- Cough
- Throat irritation
- Nausea
- Constipation.

→ Use : mostly used for COPD.

## 2. Corticosteroids :

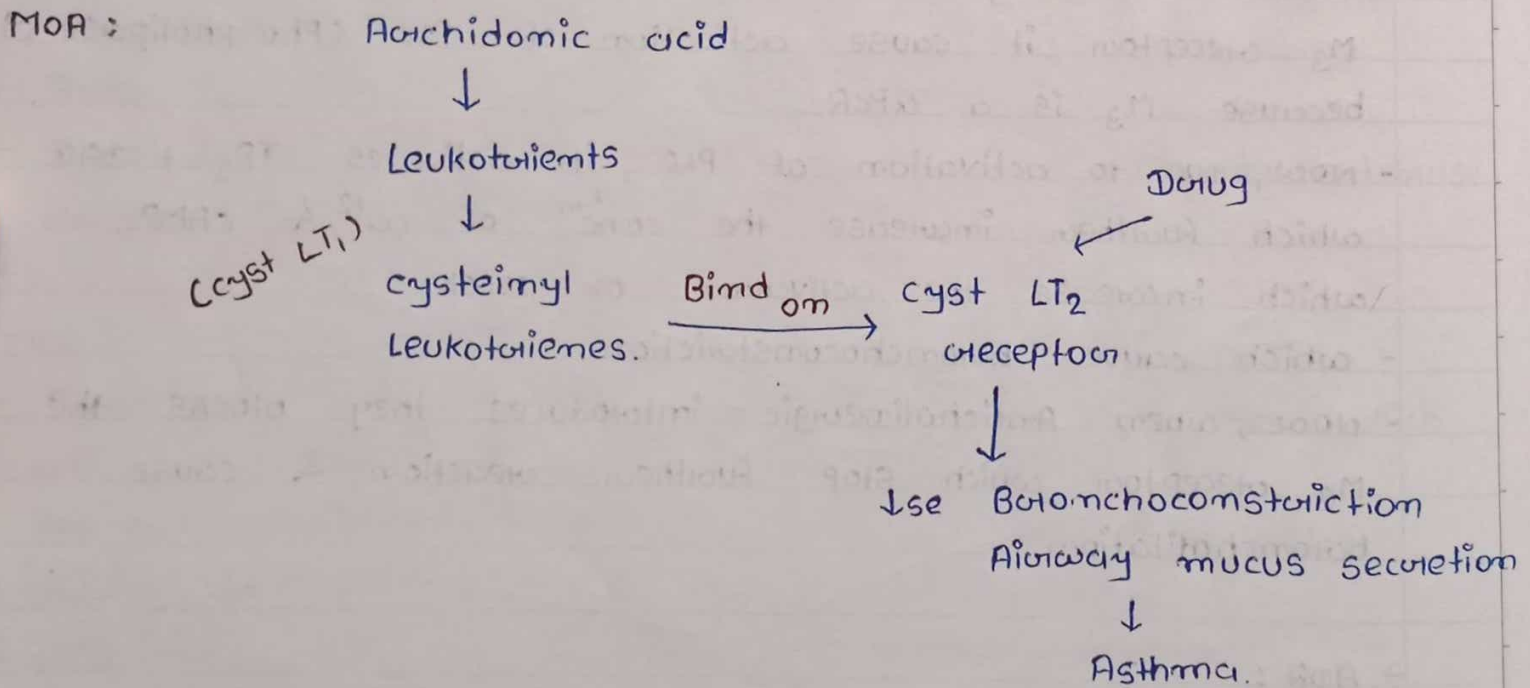
- These are not a bronchodilators, They give their action by producing anti-inflammatory action.

### MOA :

- corticosteroids inhibit the release of Arachidonic acid through phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> inhibition thereby producing direct anti-inflammatory properties in the airways.

## 3. Leukotriene Receptor Antagonists :

- These drugs give their action by inhibiting the leukotrienes receptors.



- These drugs completely antagonizes cyst LT<sub>2</sub> receptor which are responsible for bronchoconstriction → Asthma.
- So, these drugs causes bronchodilation.

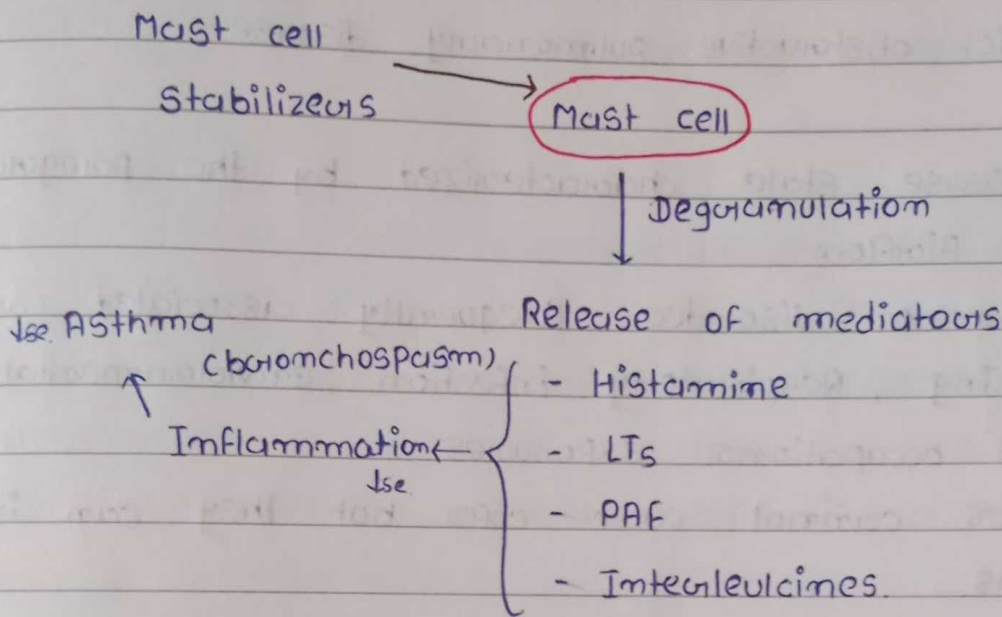
### ADR : Very few

Headache, Abdominal Pain, rashes.

## 4. Mast cell stabilizers :

- These are anti-inflammatory agents which give their action by inhibiting the degranulation of mast cells.

MOA :



- These are anti-inflammatory agents which give their action by inhibiting the degranulation of mast cells.
- which further stop the release of mediators & ↓ se the risk of asthma.

ADR :

- cough
- Nausea
- Irritation
- Dizziness

## 5. Anti-IgE antibody.

MOA :

- These drug bind with free IgE in circulation which further cannot bind with mast cell.

- Due to this, mast cells does not activate & not release any other inflammatory mediators.
- Resulting cause Bronchodilations.

\* COPD :

COPD - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

- COPD is a disease state characterized by the progressive obstruction of Airflow.
- COPD is a common disorder frequently associated with cigarette, smoking, Respiratory infection, environmental pollution and occupational exposures.
- COPD medicines cannot cure COPD but they can improve the symptoms.

COPD includes

A. Chronic Bronchitis



- chronic smoking inhaling dust or irritants.

↳ chronic inflammation of bronchioles.



& ↑ mucus production with coughing

B. Emphysema:



↓ se  $\alpha_1$  - Antitrypsin on

↑ se Protease



↑ se Elastase Activity.



Damage to Alveoli.



## Risk factors of COPD.

- History of COPD
- Age
- Family history of COPD
- Repeated exposure to lung irritants.
- childhood history of respiratory infections.

### Asthma

### COPD

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| - occurs at any age, common in childhood.                                   | - Usually >40 years age.  |
| - Asthma is caused due to an inflammatory reaction.                         | - COPD is caused by damage due to smoking.                                  |
| - Allergic reactions of asthma can be reversible.                           | - COPD is a progressive disease.  |
| - Initial treatments of asthma include corticosteroids.                     | - Initial treatments of COPD include bronchodilators.                       |
| - No less sputum production.  | - often sputum production seen.   |
| - IgE increases.  | - IgE decrease.   |
| - cells involved<br>→ CD4 <sup>+</sup> cells<br>Macrophages<br>Eosinophils. | - cells involved<br>→ Neutrophils<br>CD8 <sup>+</sup> cells<br>Macrophages. |

## \* Expectorants and Antitussive

- These are those drugs which are used in treatment of cough.

Antitussives: These are those drugs which suppress the coughing, used to treat dry cough.

- Also known as cough center suppressants.

cough: It is protective reflex, its purpose being exclusion of respiratory secretion and foreign particles from the lungs and air passage.

- Basic Two types of cough:

1. Non-productive or dry cough:

- Dry cough is harmful.
- It's considered as useless.
- No mucus produce.

causes - • caused by irritation from cigarette, smoke, allergies or asthma.

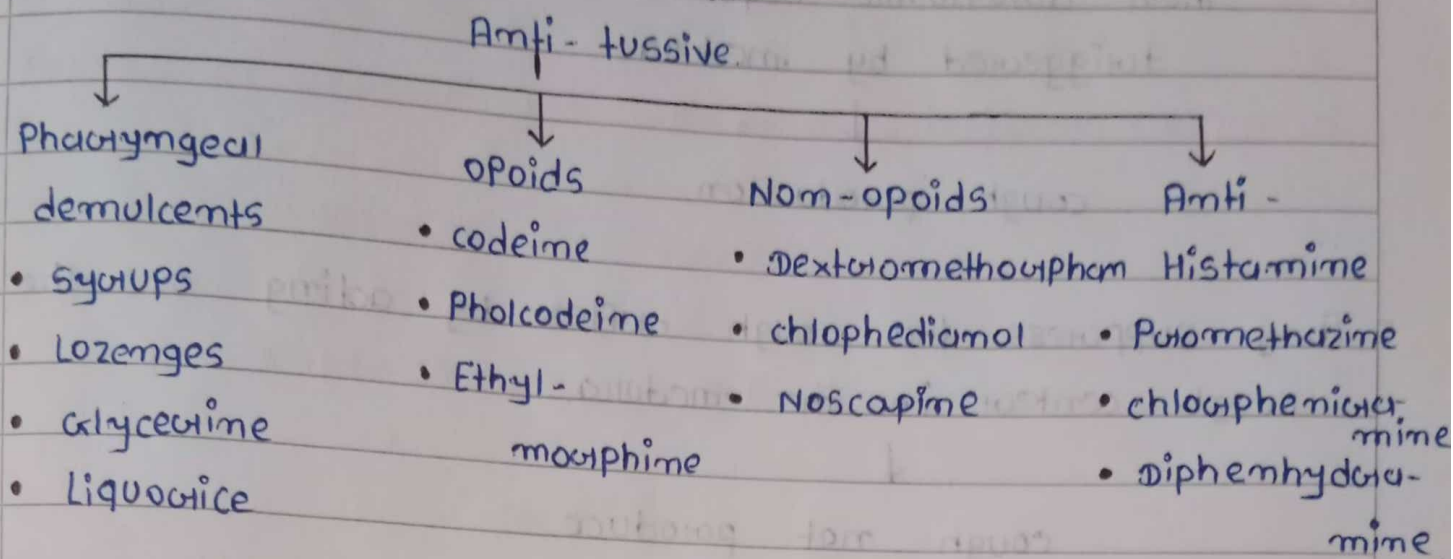
• Gastric reflux may also cause a chronic dry cough.

2. wet cough or productive cough:

- Produce some mucus.

- causes -
- Infection such as cold or flu.
  - Asthma and COPD can also cause cough.
  - Inflammation, cold etc...

- classification of Anti-tussive :



1. Pharyngeal demulcents :

- They soothe the throat and reduce the afferent impulses from the inflamed/irritated pharyngeal mucosa, thus provide symptomatic relief in dry cough arising from throat.

- Lozenges, Syrup, glycerine etc...



act locally from throat and clear passage.

2. Opioids anti-tussive :

MOR :

The cough Receptors present in the mucosa of the bronchial tree



Afferent impulses pass to the medulla.



Then autonomic sequence of events is triggered by medulla.

↓  
cough production.

They suppress the cough reflex by acting on the cough center in the medulla.

↓  
cough not produce.

• codeine :

- It is very popular narcotic Anti-tussive drug.
- Depress the CNS activity.
- Less potent analgesic properties than morphine.
- At higher doses respiratory depression and drowsiness can occur, especially in children.
- In most humans 10% of codeine dose is transformed, to

↓  
morphine through demethylation in the liver.

ADR: Vertigo, Mild central Nervous effect.  
Sweating, Retention of urine itching.

### 3. Non - opioid :

MOA : Stimuli like microbes , irritants etc.

↓  
irritation in throat.

↓  
Stimulate cough center

↓  
coughing

- Non - opioid agent inhibit the cough center

↓  
NO coughing.

#### • Dextromethorphan :

It is an effective as codeine , does not depress mucociliary function of the Airway mucosa.

It appears to be the most popular cough suppressant and is often used in combination with other agents such as

↓  
Anti-histamines and bronchodilators in cough mixtures.

ADR : Dizziness , Nausea , Drowsiness , Ataxia.

Uses : used in tickling cough and disturbed cough dry and non-productive cough.

#### 4. Anti - Histamine :

- Many  $H_1$  anti-histamine have been conventionally added to antitussive / expectorant formulations.
- They affords relief in cough due to their sedative and anticholinergic actions, but lack selectivity for cough center.

#### • Diphenhydramine :

MOA : It is competitive antagonists of  $H_1$ -receptor.

↓

Also act on CNS and cause sedation, drowsiness

↓

Also have antimuscarinic activity.

## → Expectorants :

- These are those drugs which promotes the secretion of sputum by the air passage and used to treat cough.

The expectorants can provides Relief by ↑se the bronchial secretion.



and reducing the viscosity of the mucus

These drug either ↑se the volume or ↓se the viscosity or both.



The respiratory secretions and facilitate them



Removal by ciliary action and coughing

## - classification :

### Expectorant



#### Secretion enhance

- Pot. citrate
- Pot. iodide
- Guaiacum
- Vasaka
- Ammonium chloride



#### Mucolytics

- Bromhexine
- Ambroxol
- Acetylcysteine
- Carbocysteine

## 1. Secretion Enhancers :

- By increasing bronchial secretions.
- They work by two methods :

i. Direct Stimulants : These drugs give their action by increasing the aq. secretion, which dilute the mucus and also increases the respiratory secretion.

- which easily clear out by coughing.  
eg., Pot. iodide - irritate the airway mucosa and increases secretions.

sodium & Pot. citrate - directly increases bronchial secretion by salt action.

ii. Reflux Stimulants : These drugs causes irritation of the GI tract.

↓  
↑se the respiratory tract secretion.

↓  
Thinning of respiratory secretion which can easily clear out by coughing

eg., Guaiphenesic - It is less irritating derivative of guaiacol.

↓  
After absorption guaiphenesic is secreted through bronchial glands to ↑se airway secretion and

↓  
mucosal activity  
↑  
ciliary

- orally administered



- So, All expectorants give their action by increasing the bronchial secretion and also ↓ their viscosity

## 2. Mucolytics :

- These are those drugs which break the mucus & reduce its activity. viscosity.

- mostly used in case of COPD and wet cough.

### i. Bromhexime :

- It is derivatives of alkaloid vasicine

↓  
obtained from Vasaka.

### MOA :

Bromhexime  
Ambroxol

Mucus

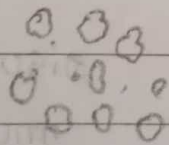
↓ Polymerisation



← mucus plug or Tenacious Sputum } mucopolysaccharides

↓ Depolymerises

(Breakdown mucus plug)



Less viscous, thin → which easily clean out from air passage.

- Mostly useful if mucus plug are present.

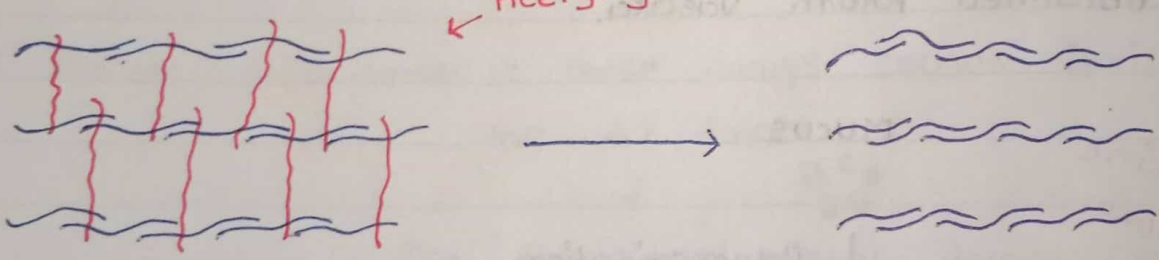
ADR : - Nausea  
- Gastric irritation  
- Hypersensitivity.

ii. Ambroxol :  
MOA : Same as bromhexine.  
Both orally administered.

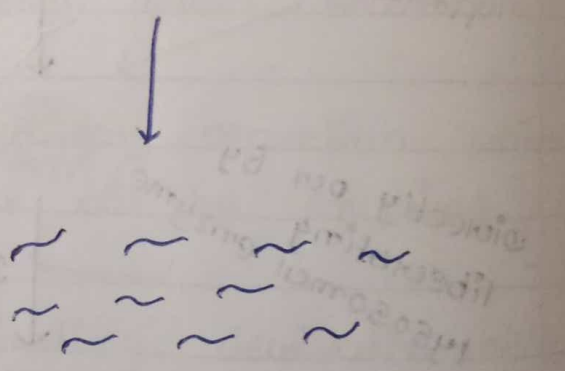
iii. Acetylcysteine : Also known as N-acetyl L-cysteine.  
It opens disulfide bonds in mucoproteins present in sputum and make it less viscid.

MOA :

Acetylcysteine



Disulfide + High mol. wt.  
bond mucoprotein



Disulfide bond break,  
mucus is less viscous

Remove easily  
by coughing

ADR : - Vomiting and Diarrhoea.  
- contraindicated in peptic ulcer.

iv carbocisteine :

- It liquefies viscid sputum in the same way as acetylcysteine.
- Administered orally.

ADR : - gastric discomfort  
- Rashes  
- contraindicated in peptic ulcer.

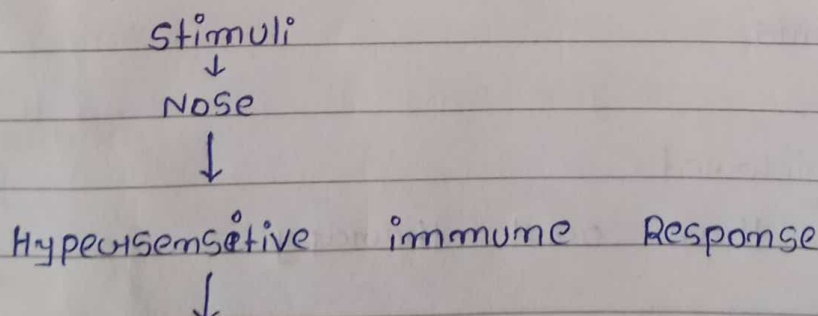
## \* Nasal Decongestants :

- Nasal Decongestants are agents that constrict dilated blood vessels in the nasal mucosa by stimulating Alpha-adrenergic nerve receptors by vascular smooth muscle.
- Nasal decongestants are administered either topically, by inhalation or orally.
- Topically used decongestants are effective rapidly.
- A common problem in the use of these agent is "Rebound Nasal Congestion".

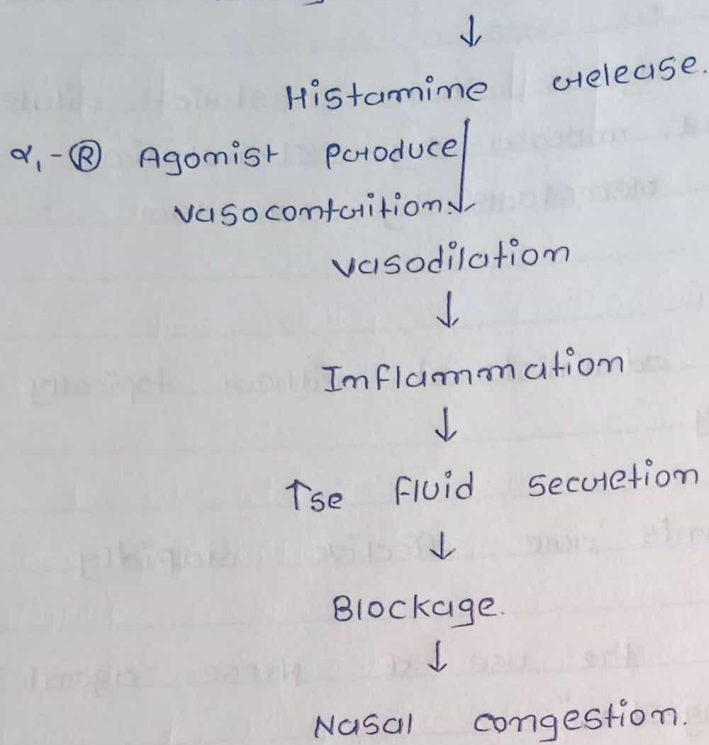
→ Main Drugs :  $\alpha_1$  receptor agonists.

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| 1. Orally           | 2. Topically (nasal spray) |
| eg, Pseudoephedrine | eg, oxymetazoline          |
| Phenylephrine       |                            |

- MOA :  $\alpha_1$  - agonists drugs.



Allergic reaction to stimuli



Orally administered  
Less effective than topical formulation.

It is avoid in → Heart disease  
→ Diabetes mellitus  
→ Hyperthyroidism  
→ Arrhythmia.

They generally have a longer duration of action than the topical agents.

Topically administered  
More effective than oral therapy.

- Should not be used for > 3-5 days because of Risk of Rebound congestion.
- Common uses :
  - common cold
  - Acute or chronic rhinitis
  - Hay fever
  - Sinusitis
  - other allergies
- side effects :
  - Adrenergic effects
    - Insomnia
    - Tremors
    - Nervousness
    - Palpitations
  - steroid effects
    - Local mucosal dryness
    - Irritation.