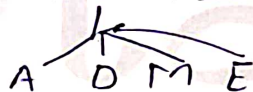


UNIT 1 INTRODUCTION TO MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

- The discipline of medicinal chemistry is devoted to discovery & development of new agents for treating diseases.
- Compound can be new natural or synthetic organic.
- As defined as IUPAC, "It is a branch of chemistry that deals with aspects of biological, medicine & pharmaceutical sciences."
- It is concerned with invention, discovery, design development, identification & Preparation of Biological active compound.

- It includes study of their Metabolism, interpretation of their Mode of Action, & Construction of Structure Activity Relationship (SAR).
- It deals with Pharmacokinetics of drug.



- Medicinal chemistry involves three major stages:-

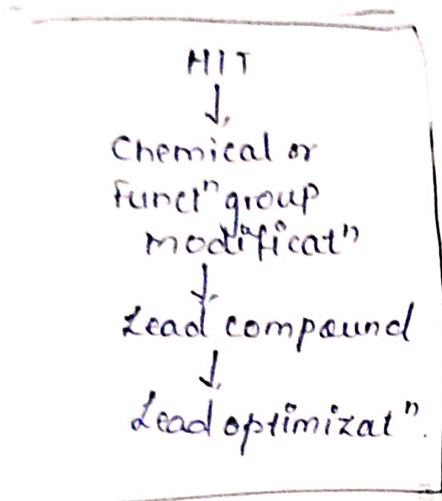
- 1) DISCOVERY - choice of target, identification of LEAD
- 2) OPTIMIZATION - Optimization of Pharmacodynamic & Pharmacokinetic properties
- 3) DEVELOPMENT - Preclinical & clinical studies.

① DISCOVERY :-

The process of drug discovery begins with identification of new previously undiscovered, Biologically active compound, called as "HITS or TARGETS", which are found by screening of many compounds.

② Optimizatⁿ :-

Hits are converted to leads, to further optimize, various properties



It is done to Enhance the lead to improve its effectiveness, diminish toxicity or ↑ absorptⁿ.

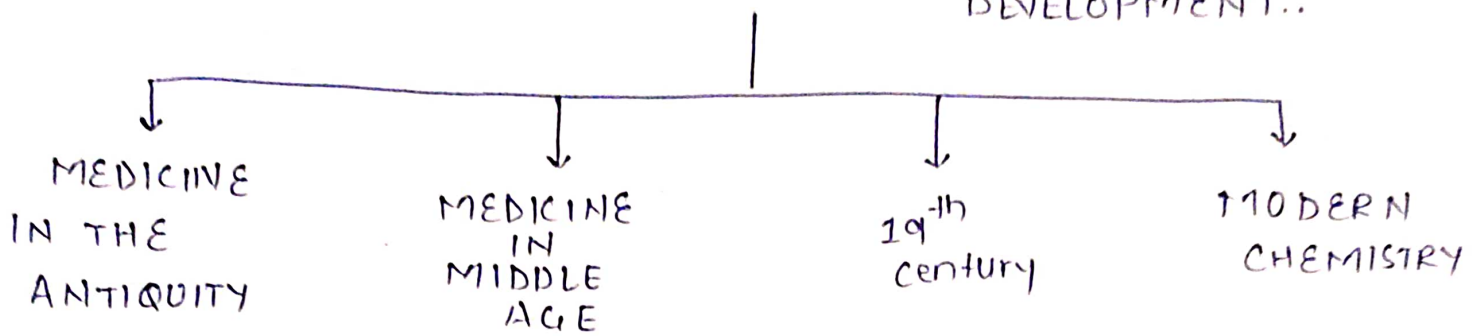
Optimization results into drug molecule which is safe & effective, also suitable for use in human clinical trials.

③ Drug Development :-

The compounds that clear optimization, undergo,

- Patenting
- Preclinical
- clinical trials,
- Marketing of Drug.

HISTORY OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY & DEVELOPMENT..



1) DRUGS/MEDICINE OF ANTIQUITY :-

The oldest record of using therapeutic plants & minerals were derived from ancient-civilizatⁿ of Chinese, Hindus & Mediterranean.

In ancient 'Greek Apothecary' were found for opium & cocoa leaves.

- Roman Medicines (approx 200 BC), gave invention to hospitals

② Medicines in MIDDLE AGES (400 - 1500 A.C).

- Era of horrible Pandemics & Epidemics (POX, TB)..

- Arabic Medicine come into existence :- development of medical procedure for drug Prptⁿ (distillation).

- Antimony & its salts used as Medicines.

③ The 19th Century / Innovation Era / Golden Period of Chemistry :-

→ 1828 - urea & 1845 - Acetic acid by Kolbe, gave rise to organic compounds to be extracted.

The Isolation of MORPHINE in 1853, in pure form, brought a revolution for compound as pure substance to be used as therapeutic agents.

→ In 1932, Med. chem received formal recognition in academic pharmacy.

→ Various other discovery in this era include,

Digitalis for stimulatⁿ of heart-

Emetine from Bark of ipe cac, for diarrhoea.

1899 Aspirin for fever & Pain.

With discovery of penicillin in 1928 by Alexander Fleming, the first class as Antibiotic, came into existence.

In 1940, Nitrogen Mustards as alkylating agent, to treat cancer was discovered.

In late 70's, Development of recombinant drugs, development of Biotechnology.

Further development of various classes of medicinal agents like psychological agents, hormones, Steroids, Anaesthetics & analgesics, hypnotics & sedatives, anticonvulsants, etc came into action.

SINCE THEN, 2000's the Period of 4 Modern chemistry exists :-

Early 2000's - Deciphering human Genome,
Gene therapy,
Molecular Diagnosis,
3D Modeling.

Future chemistry :- Personalized medicine? (maybe).

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PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES.

The Biological activity of targeted drug molecule is solely dependent on its physicochemical properties, essentially nature & type of functional moieties, its spatial arrangements

Modulating a structure of drug implies introduction, elimination or substitutⁿ of certain groups in drug.

Physicochemical properties play an important role in modifying the biological activities of many compounds.

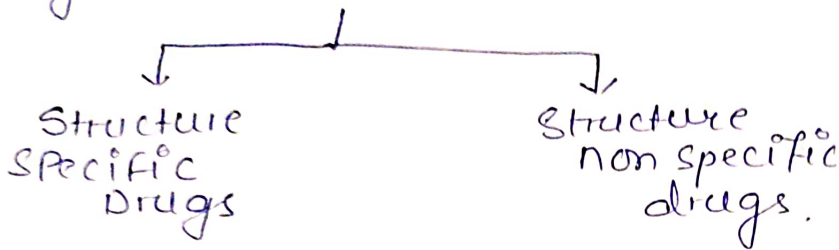
Thus, pharmacological or therapeutic effect of a drug relates to its biodistribution & certain parameters like.

- ↳ Ionization
- ↳ Solubility
- ↳ Partition Co-efficient
- ↳ Hydrogen Bonding
- ↳ Proton Bonding
- ↳ Chelation.
- ↳ Bioisosterism.
- ↳ Stereochemical Aspects.

Medicinal chemistry has its main focus on broad-based variations. Embracing influence of numerous possible manipulations with regard to chemical structure on biological activity.

FERGUSON'S PRINCIPLE :-

According to Ferguson's, it is unnecessary neither to define the nature of biophase or receptor, or nor to measure contⁿ of drug at site of action, Based on mode of action, drugs can be divided as,




Their Biological Actⁿ does not depend on Variatⁿ of structure or thermodynamic activity.

- They have same structural characteristics to produce same Biological response.

Their Biological Actⁿ depends on thermodynamic activity.

Chemical Structure are different, but produce similar Biological response.

E.g. CHCl_3 , , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{-O-C}_2\text{H}_5$ } all 3 are General Anesthetics

↓
 For such drugs,
 Physicochemical parameters are to be importantly studied..

1) IONIZATION

Most of the drugs are either weak acids or base & can be exist in either ionized or unionized state.

→ Ideally, a drug should be equal balance of ionized & unionized state to cross the lipid bilayer of cell & enter blood circulation that is water soluble.

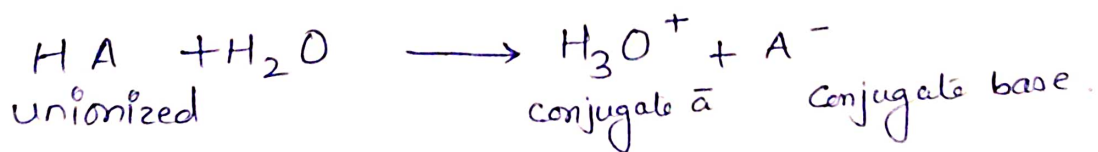
The ionizatⁿ of drug depends on its P_{ka} & P_{H} .

→ The rate of drug absorption is directly proportional to contⁿ of drug in solutⁿ form.

→ Ionization imparts good water solubility, that is required for binding of drug & receptors.

→ Unionized form helps drug to cross cell membrane.
 Eg. Barbituric \bar{a} is inactive \because it is strong acid. while, 5,5 disubstituted Barbituric \bar{a} has CNS depressant action, because it is weak \bar{a} .

Ionization can be determined by Henderson Hasselbach Eqn as,



$$\because \text{For acids, } P_{H} - P_{Ka} = \log \frac{[\text{ionized}]}{[\text{unionized}]} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

% Ionizatⁿ can be calculated, as,

$$\% I = \frac{100}{[1 + 10^{(PH - PKa)}]} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

When acid or base is 50% ionized, $PH = PKa$.

Eg. solⁿ of Aspirin in stomach ($PH = 1.0$) will get readily absorbed bec it is in unionized form (99%).

Importance of Ionization :-

- To understand lipid & water solubility of Drug.
- To understand which membrane drug will pass.
- To understand the distribution of Drugs, in body.

$$1) \text{ Ionization} = \text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log \frac{[\text{unionized}]}{[\text{ionized}]}$$

2) Solubility

3) Partition coefficient.

②

Solubility

↓
 Max amt of solute p'cle that can be dissolved in 100ml of solvent is solubility of drug at given temp.

Drug $\xrightarrow{\text{water}}$ solⁿ

↓
 sat solⁿ
 ↑
 Max solⁿ of Drug.

↳ Depend on Nature of Solute
 Temp., pH, Pressure.

- Bonds (H-Bond, dipole-dipole, Ionic Bond) etc.

Method to ↑ Solubility :-

- Alter structure
- Use of Co-solvent (ethanol)
- Addⁿ of surfactants
- complexatⁿ.

Rⁿ to B.A (Importance of solubility)

↳ B.A of drugs depends on their solubility in given solvent system.

Actual drug at site of Action

↳ Drug must be in "solⁿ" b4 it can be absorbed by membrane to give its activity

↳ must be in solⁿ to interact wth receptor

When lipid solubility is imp / first req. of drug to be transported to Membrane surface, the diffusⁿ across Membrane is dependent on drug's lipid solubility.

3) Partitⁿ coefficient

n-octanol / water system.

⇒ Ratio of contⁿ of Drug in water phase & lipid phase.

Ratio of contⁿ of drug in 2 Phases at Equil^m.

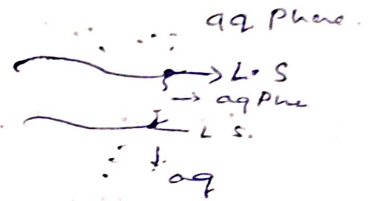
$$K = \frac{C_o}{C_w}$$

(Lipophilic)
= $\frac{\text{Cont}^n \text{ in lipid phase}}{\text{Cont}^n \text{ in aq. phase}}$
(Hydrophilic)

Relⁿ to Biological Activity.

Partitⁿ coefficient.

oil + water or
Phenol + water



Nature of drug cause understood

Measured by separatiⁿ method

- Affects drug absorptⁿ & distributⁿ.
- Generally used in combinatⁿ with P_{ka} to predict distributⁿ of Drug.

$K > 1$ Lipophilic
 < 1 Hydrophilic

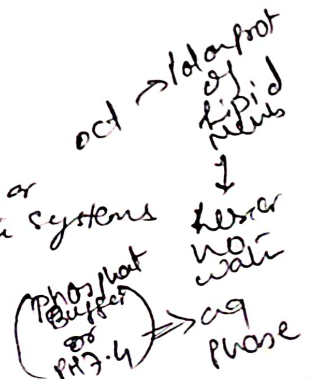
- Since Membrane is lipophilic, so rate of transfer can be noted.

Ex
↑ the Partitⁿ coeff
↑ the lipid solubility

Terms part of Diffusion

Partitⁿ co. efficient - Cause defined as Equil^m const (P), of drug contⁿ in Lipid phase & water phase.
 $P = \frac{\text{drug (lipid)}}{\text{drug (water)}}$

Difficult for B.S., So done in vitro by sat water-oct or sat noc-water systems



PARTITION CO-EFFICIENT

Partition coefficient - is one of physicochemical parameter, which influence drug transport & distribution, the way in which drug reaches site of action from site of application.

Partition coefficient - is defined as ratio of concⁿ of drug in organic phase & aqueous phase.

OR

Equilibrium constant - of drug concentration for unionized molecule in two phases.

$$P_{\text{[unionized molecule]}} = \frac{\text{Drug (lipid)}}{\text{Drug (water)}} \text{ or } K = \frac{C_o}{C_{aq}}$$

IF $K > 1$, drug is lipophilic, whereas
 $K < 1$, drug is hydrophilic.

The contributⁿ of each functional group & structure arrangement - help to determine nature of drug.

Factors affecting Partⁿ coefficient :-

- 1) PH 2) cosolvents 3) surfactants 4) complexation

Partition coefficient is difficult to measure in living systems so, they are usually determined by invitro n-octanol/sat. water system.

→ n octanol has a property similar to phospholipid layer & thus used as lipid phase.

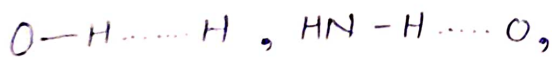
IMPORTANCE :-

- It is generally used in combination to PK_a to predict distribution of drug in B. system.
- The factors such as absorption, excretion & penetration through CNS, may be related to P. coefficient value of drug.
- As the partition coefficient increases, lipophilicity of drug increases.

4) HYDROGEN BONDING

The H-Bond is a special dipole-dipole interaction b/w hydrogen atom in polar bond such as N-H, O-H, or F-H & electronegative atom O, N, F rarely S, & Cl.

Such Dipole results from unequal sharing of electrons b/w atoms in a covalent bond. Such bonds are weak bonds & denoted by dotted lines.



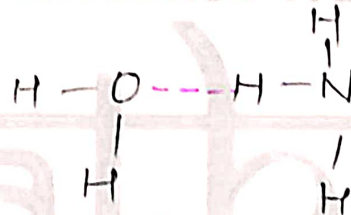
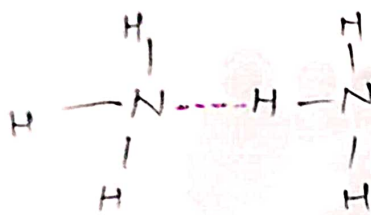
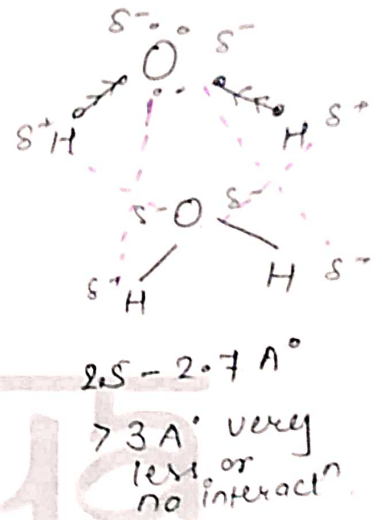
The compounds that are capable of forming H-Bond is only soluble in water.

- H-Bonding can be classified as
 - (i) Intermolecular
 - (ii) Intramolecular.

(i) Intermolecular

It occurs b/w two or more than two molecules of same or different compound.

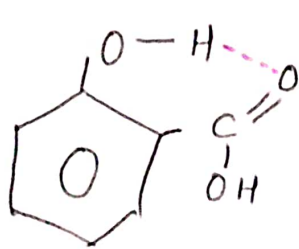
→ This causes increase in Boiling point of compound, & increase MWt of compound, hence more energy is reqd to dissociate the molecule for vaporization.



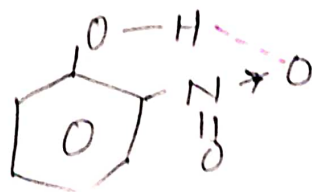
(ii) Intramolecular

- H-Bonding occurs, within two atoms of same molecule,
- This may lead to develop 5- or 6 membered ring like structure
- Due to this Boiling Point decreases.

Ex



Salicylic Acid

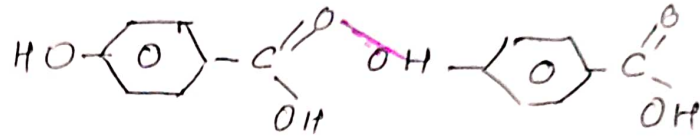
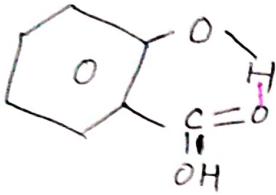


o-nitrophenol

Hydrogen Bonding & Biological Action.

1) s.a (o-hydroxy Benzoic a)

2) p/m hydroxy Benzoic acid



- has Anti Bacterial Activity

- Intra molecule Bonding

- Less Mpt

Inter Molecule Bonding

are inactive & no Anti Bacterial effect.

↑ Mpt ↓

(Results in DIMER format that doesn't pass Membrane easily.)

Factors affecting

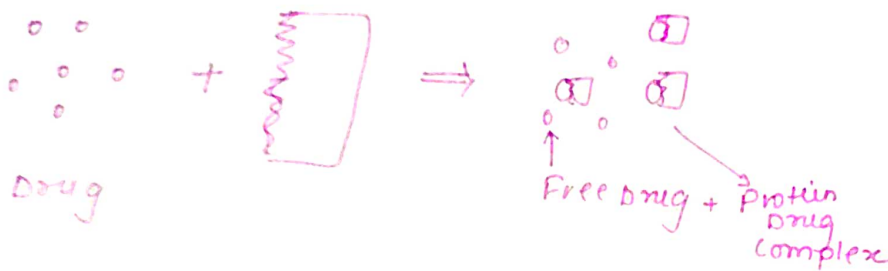
- (i) physical state
- (ii) Temp & PH
- (iii) Solvent.

Effects of H-Bonding

- To determine & prove basis of α helical structure of protein in DNA, that are held by H-Bond.
- Base Pairing of nucleic acid.
- Physical state of water, DNA, Protⁿ & Drug molecules are maintained by H Bonding.

5) PROTEIN BINDING.

- It is a process in which drug molecule bind with Protein, it form a complex & this is known as Protein Binding.
- Protein usually + in Blood system.



After Absorption of Drug, when drug reaches into systemic Circulation, it binds with plasma protein, which is + in Blood & form Plasma Protein Drug Complex.

Plasma Proteins include : Albumin (90% attaches to albumin), Globulin, Glycoprotein, Lipoprotein.

The form Drug-Protein complex can be

- 1) Reversible
- 2) Irreversible.

(i) Reversible : Here drug binds \bar{c} weak forces or bonds like Vanderwals or H-Bond, & thus easily detach & it become free at site of action to provide its therapeutic effect.

ii) Irreversible: Here drug binds with protein with strong bonds like covalent or ionic bond, so they cannot easily detach & not become free to give its effect.

Importance to B-system

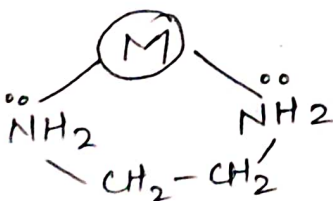
- It influence Bioavailability & Distribution of active drug.
- Both complex & free drug are important - for complete Pharmacological action.

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COMPLEXATION / CHELATION:

- Since complex drugs cannot cross natural Membrane barriers, they reduce rate of absorption of drug.
- The compounds that are obtained by donating electron to Metal ion, with format of ring structure are called "chelates".
 - The compounds that are capable of forming ring structure with Metal ions are 'ligands'.
- Biological molecules & Medicinal Agents may develop chelate structure by forming ring with Metal through Co-ordinate Bonds (Bonds in which e⁻ pair are from same atom)
- Ligand can be unidentate (single group capable of binding) Ex - NH₃
- Multidentate (more than one group capable of binding) eg. EDTA.
- * "A substance containing two or more ligands (lone pair of electron (donor) group), may combine with Metal ion to form complex, known as 'chelates' & the phenomenon is called 'chelation'.



EDTA.

Importance :

EDTA is a powerful chelating agent, it can displace toxic heavy metals, such as lead & Mercury from cellular layer.

But EDTA is not highly selective in its action; bec it tightly binds \bar{c} calcium & create loss of calcium.

∴ to avoid excess loss of calcium from the body, during EDTA therapy, it is necessary to administer this antidote as disodium calcium salts.

→ Iron deficiency Anemia can be treated with EDTA complex & on other hand Deferoxamine ^{iron} is highly selective antidote, that chelates iron in iron poisoning.

→ Dimercaprol (BAL) — lead poisoning works with same phenomenon.

→ Numerous antimicrobial & Neoplastic agents exert their action by complex formation with DNA base pairs.

7) BIOISOSTERISM :-

Isosterism is of vital importance in medicinal chemistry bcz biological characteristic of isosters appear to be similar; more frequently than physical & chemical characteristics.

BIOISOSTERS, are group of chemical substituents which have similar physical or chemical property with similar biological activity.

Isosters simply means compounds \bar{c} same e^- configuration.

Example :- CO_2 & N_2O , CO & N_2 , etc.

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Friedman proposed a definition of Bioisosterism as "the phenomenon by which compound usually fit with similar functional group & possess same type of biological activity."

Replacement - May increase biological activity,
sometimes decrease " " "
remain neutral / no effect.

Types of Bioisosterism

- i) Classical
- ii) Non classical..

1) Classical Bioisoster's

They have similar shape & configuration of atom (same valence e⁻).
 when one bioisoster is replaced or substituted by other,
 it give similar response.
 further it can be classified as;

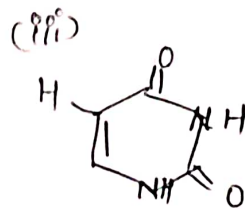
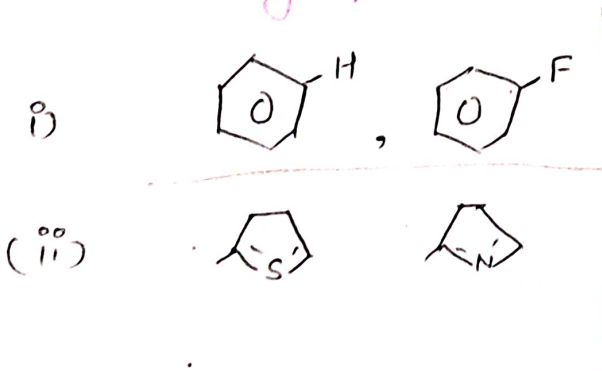
i) Monovalent / univalent := $-H, F$
 (one valency left to be attached) $-CH_3, -NH_2,$
 $-BR, I$

ii) Bivalent / Divalent := $-CH_2-, -NH-$ / $-COCH_2-, -CONH-$

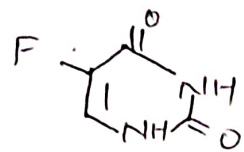
iii) Trivalent := $>CH-, >N-$

(iv) Tetravalent := $=N^+=, =C=$

v) Ring Equivalent :=



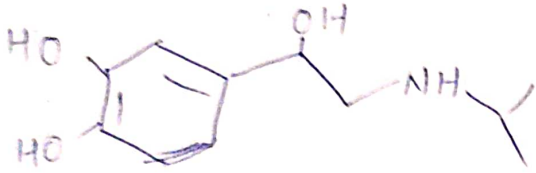
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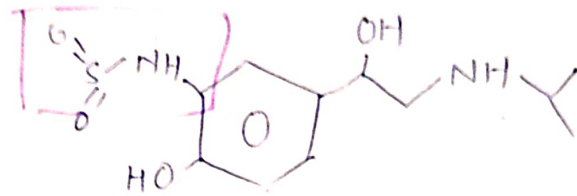
5-Fluorouracil

ii) Non classical Bioisosters :-

They do not have same steric or electron configuration, but have same properties, due to this they give similar biological properties (activity)



Isoproterenol



Soterenol

Importance :-

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↳ It is used to develop potent compound, reduce toxicity & change Bioavailability.

→ During drug design, exchanging one bioisoster for another is used to enhance desired effect without changing much of structure.

- Helps to produce safe & more effective drug.

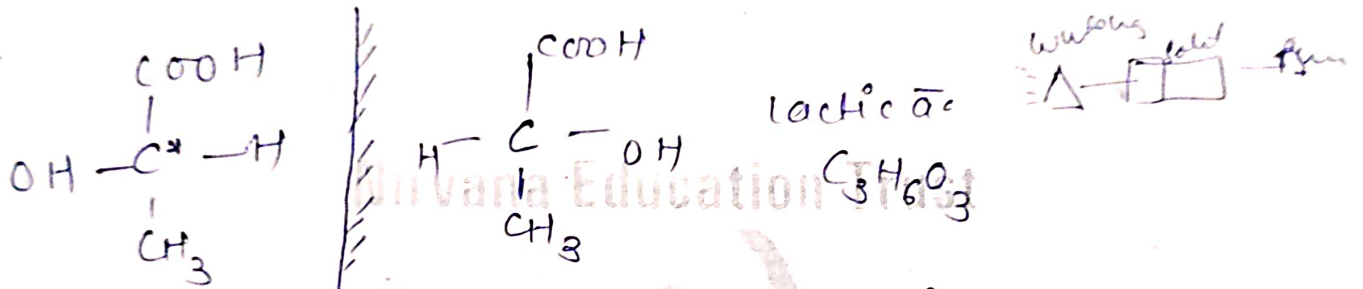
Stereochemistry

optical iso

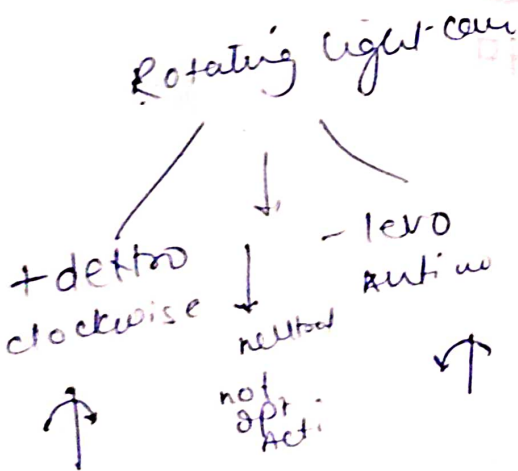
↳ those molecule & have same molecular, structural formula & same properties, but differ in behaviour towards light

↳ such molecules, which rotate plane pol. light are optically active

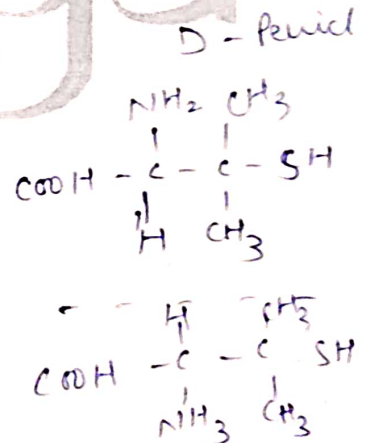
↳ such molecule contain chiral carbon
 Four different group/atoms



Enantiomers → super imposable mirror image
 Diastereomers → not



- adrenaline is more active than (+)



D- used for Antifungals

L- ↑ toxic

due to drug receptor specificity.

- Humans are exposed to variety of drugs & nonessential exogenous (foreign) compounds, collectively called Xenobiotics.
- Metabolism plays a central role in eliminatⁿ of drugs & other compound from body.
- Most organic compound entering the body are lipophilic, to be absorbed through membrane, Once in blood stream, Molecules can diffuse passively other membranes & distributed to reach site of action, to exert P'ological effect.
- Being Lipophilic, they get reabsorbed from renal tubule & again circulate into body. Thus it is necessary to transform such molecule to hydrophilic nature or polar form.
- Once, they are sufficiently polar, it can be easily excreted through body.

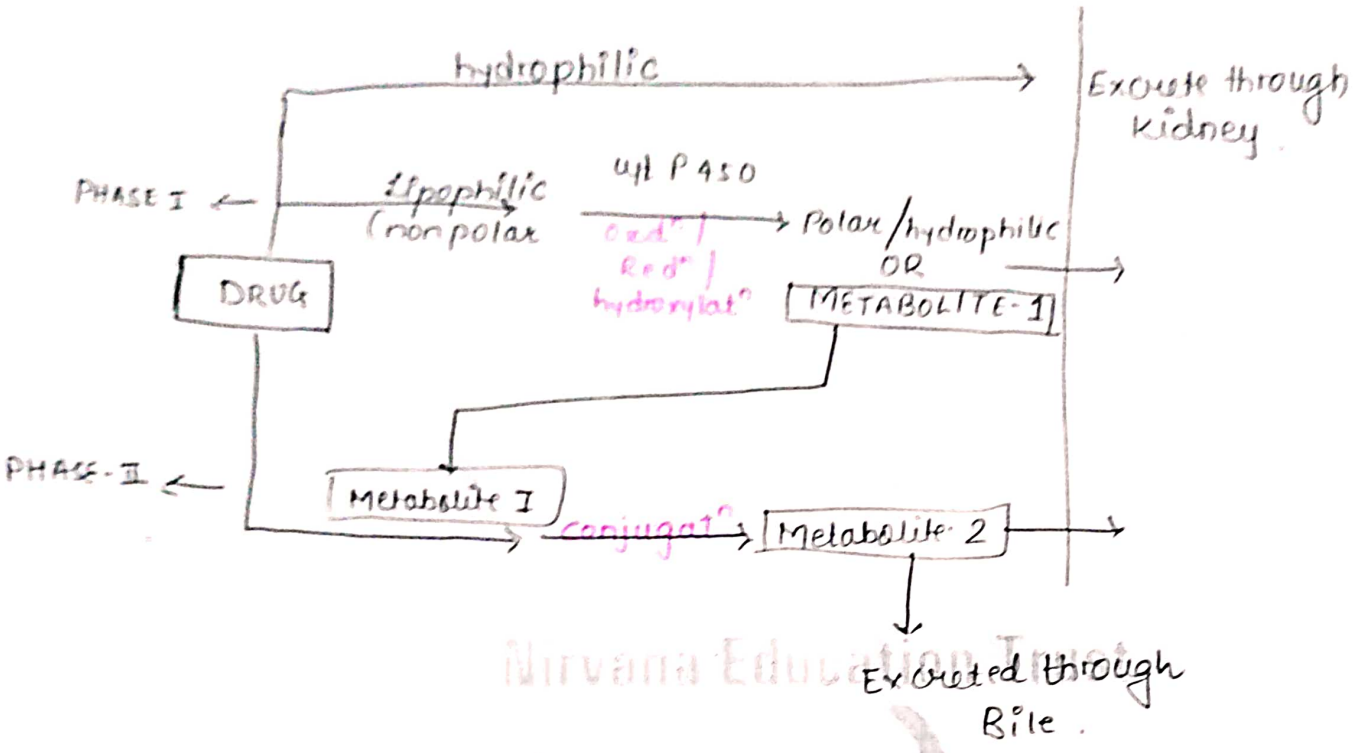
Drug Metabolism Rxn can be divided into two phases :-

PHASE I - Functionalization rxns (oxidatⁿ, Redⁿ & hydrolytic Biotransformatⁿ)

PHASE - II - CONJUGATION rxns

→ Metabolism renders the drug to be - inactive or
 - toxic or
 - active (prodrug).

Brief Overview of Metabolic pathways.



PHASE I.

The purpose of these reactions is to introduce functional polar group Eg (OH, COOH, NH₂, SH) into xenobiotic molecule to produce a more water soluble compound.

This can be achieved by direct introduction of functional group (aromatic or aliphatic hydroxylation) or modifying existing functional groups (Redⁿ of ketones & aldehydes to alcohols; oxidⁿ of alcohols to acids)

Although Phase I rxn may not sufficiently produce hydrophilic or inactive Metabolite, they generally undergo phase-II rxn, to conjugate further.

Phase I rxn

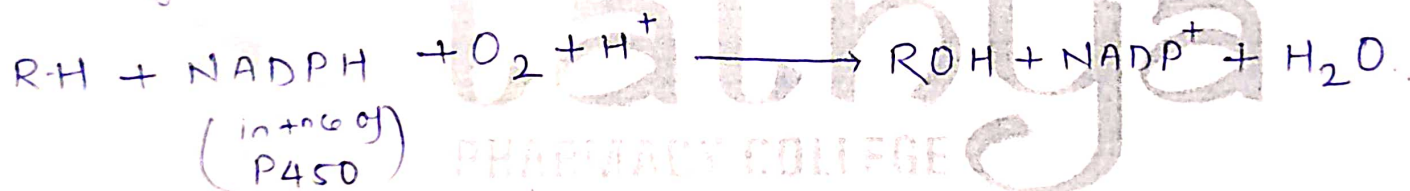
- ALSO known as Non Synthetic or functionalizatiⁿ reaction.

- Phase - I rxns include :- (i) oxidative biotransformatⁿ
 (ii) Reductive " "
 (iii) Hydroxylation / Hydrolysis rxn's.

by far, oxidative biotransformatⁿ is most common & imp in drug metabolism.

General stoichiometry include that describe oxidⁿ of xenobiotic (R-H) to convert it into oxidated metabolite as (R-OH).

Can be given as,

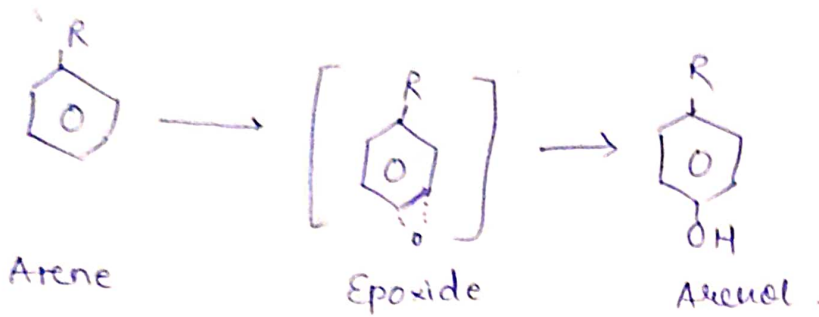


The enzyme system carrying out this metabolism as referred as Mixed-function oxidase or Monoxygenase.

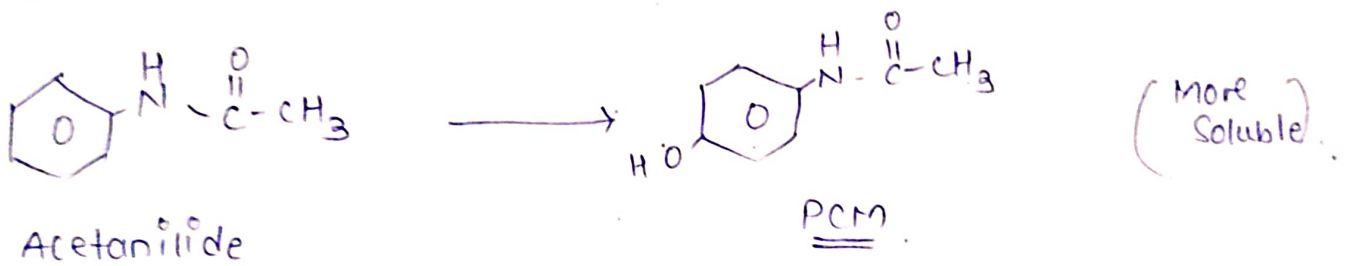
(i) Oxidative Rxn's (addⁿ of oxygen).
 ↳ (a) Oxidⁿ of Aromatic Moieties :-

Aromatic oxidⁿ refers to oxidⁿ of Aromatic compounds to their corresponding phenolic metabolites (arenoles).

- All aromatic oxidⁿ, Proceeds by initially forming 'epoxide' intermediate, that changes instantly to 'arenole' form.



Example include,



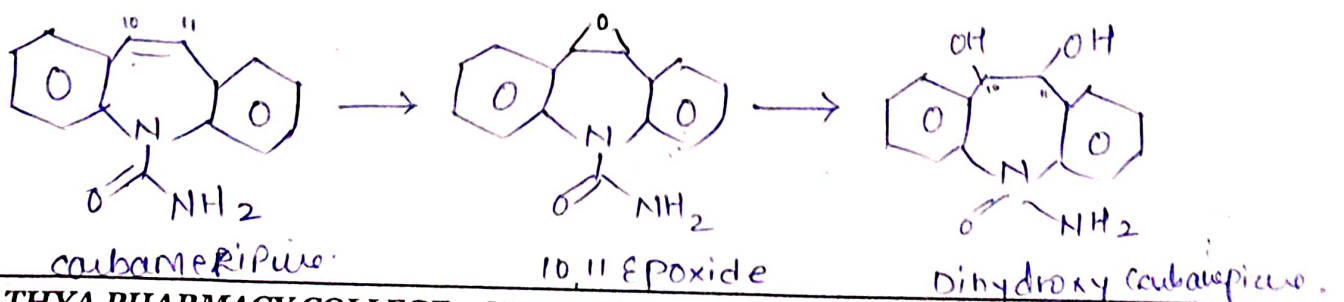
Other drugs that follows this path include, Propranolol, Phenytoin, Phenobarbital, Atorvastatin, Warfarin.

In compounds with two aromatic rings, oxidⁿ occurs in more electron rich ring.

(ii) oxidatⁿ of olefins \therefore (double bond C=C)

The oxidⁿ of olefinic carbon-carbon double bond leads to corresponding epoxide. Epoxides formed from olefins are more stable & Aromatic epoxides.

Example of olefinic Metabolism is drug Carbamazepine.



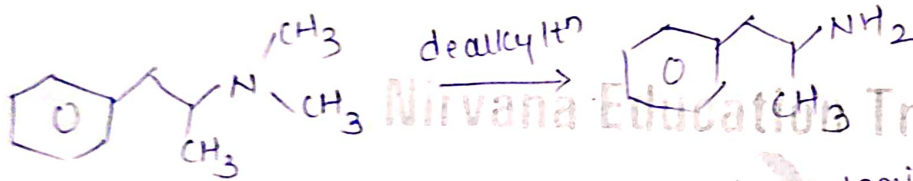
(iii) oxidⁿ of Hetero atom

Oxidⁿ of
 Carbon atom attached
 to Hetero atom

Oxidⁿ of
 Hetero atom
 (S, N, O)

- Dealkylatⁿ
- Oxidative deaminatⁿ

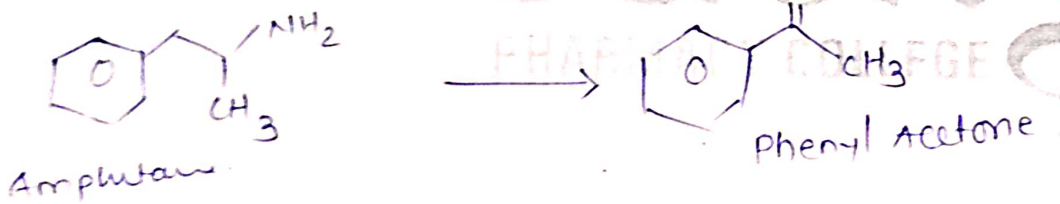
(i). dealkylation - Removal of alkyl group.



Methamphetamine

Amphetamine.

(ii) oxidative deamination = Removal of amino group



Amphetamine

Phenyl Acetone.

(iii) oxidatⁿ of hetero atom :=



Dimethyl
 Aniline

N-oxide
 Metabolite.

↳ REDUCTION (Addⁿ of hydrogen / removal of oxygen).

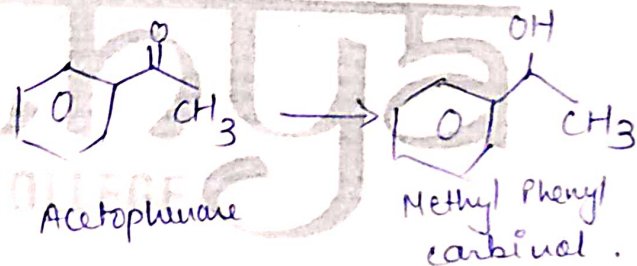
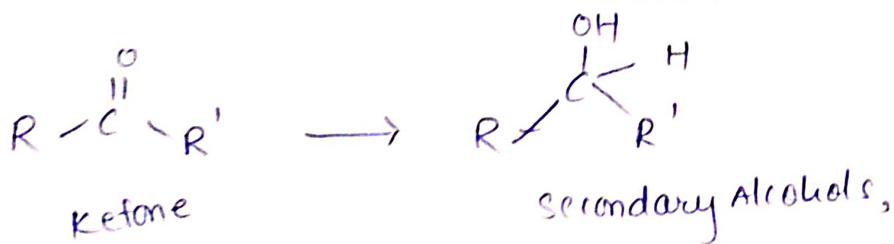
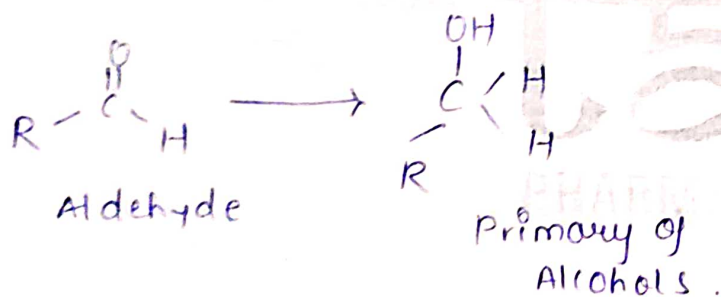
Reduction plays an imp role in metabolism of many compounds containing carbonyl, nitro & azo groups.

Redⁿ of Carbonyl gives alcohol derivatives, nitro & azo generate amino derivatives.

The hydroxyl & amino moieties of Metabolites are more susceptible to conjugation than functional group of parent-compounds. Hence, Reductive Process, as such, facilitate conjugation.

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General reactions include,



Alcohol metabolite arising from reductⁿ of carbonyl compounds; generally undergo further conjugation.

③ Hydrolysis :- (Breakdown in trace of water)

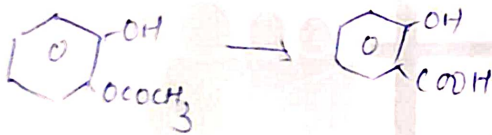
The metabolism of ester & amide linkage is catalyzed by hydrolytic enzymes

The Metabolite Products can be (carboxylic acids, alcohols, Phenol & amines).

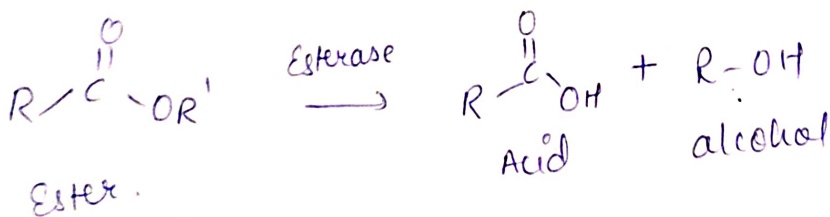
- This Products are more susceptible to conjugation & excretⁿ than Parent drug.

- A classical Example of hydrolysis pathway is

Aspirin \longrightarrow salicylic acid



\rightarrow General Ester's conversion include



MISC Rxn

- (i) cyclizatⁿ - ring struc. from straight chain. Eg. Proguanil
- (ii) decyclizatⁿ - cyclic \longrightarrow straight. Eg. Phenytoin.

PHASE-II METABOLISM :-

The purpose of phase II rxn is to attach small, polar & ionized endogenous compound such as glucuronic acid, sulfate, glycine & other amino acid to functional handles of phase I Metabolite or parent compound that already have suitable functional group to form w.s. Products.

- Conjugated Metabolites are readily excreted in urine & generally devoid of Pharmacological activity & toxicity in humans.

Phase I rxn donot always produce hydrophilic inactive Metabolite. Various phase II/conjugatⁿ rxns, however can convert these Metabolites to more polar & water soluble products.

Types of phase II rxn's :-

- (i) Glucuronic acid conjugation.
- (ii) Sulfate conjugation
- (ii) Conjugatⁿ with glycine, glutamine or other amino acids.
- (iv) GSH or Mercapturic acid conjugation.
- (v) Acetylation.
- (vi) Methylation.

(i) Glucuronic Acid Conjugation

It is most common pathway, bcz of easily available of D-glucuronic acid (derived from D-glucose) & when attached to xenobiotic, greatly increase water solubility of product.

It includes two steps:-

(i) Synthesis of activated co-enzyme UDPGA
 (Uridine 5' diphosphate α D glucuronic acid).

(ii) Subsequent transfer of glucuronyl group from UDPGA to appropriate substrate, by the action of UDP glucuronyl transferase enzyme.

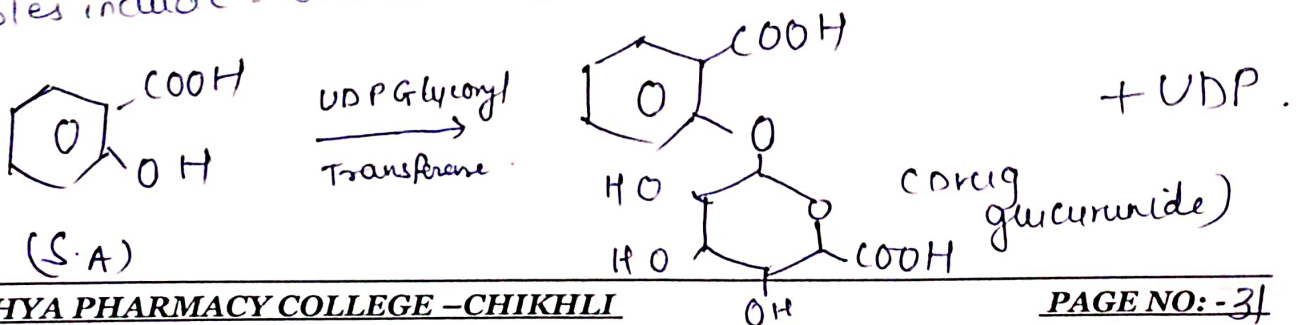
All glucuronide conjugates have β-configuration or β-linkage at C-1, so called as β-glucuronides.

These metabolite products are excreted through Bile.

Glucuronidation increases MW of drug & thus favours excretion through bile.

This drug can further be hydrolyzed in gut & reabsorbed to undergo recycling of drug.

→ Examples include - oral contraceptives, chloramphenicol, metronidazole.



2) Sulfate Conjugation

Conjugation of xenobiotics with sulfate primarily occurs with phenols & occasionally with alcohols & aromatic amines & N-hydroxy compounds.

- Here amt of sulfur is limited.
- Process involves activatⁿ of inorganic sulfate to Coenzyme 3' phosphoadenosine-5' phosphosulfate (PAPS) sulfotransferase ~~to~~ enzyme is used as catalysis.

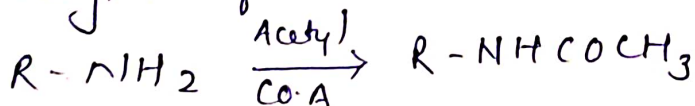
Sulfate conjugation generally leads to w.s & inactive metabolite.

Ex. = α methyl dopa, Terbutaline.

(iii) Acetylation :-

Acetylation constitutes an imp metabolic route for drug containing Primary Amino groups & hydrazine group

- Req^d Factor is Acetyl Co.A, & enzyme responsible is N-Acetyl transferase.



- This route is imp in sulfonamides, as this are less soluble than parent compound & may cause renal toxicity due to PPLⁿ in kidney.

(iv) Amino Acid Conjugation

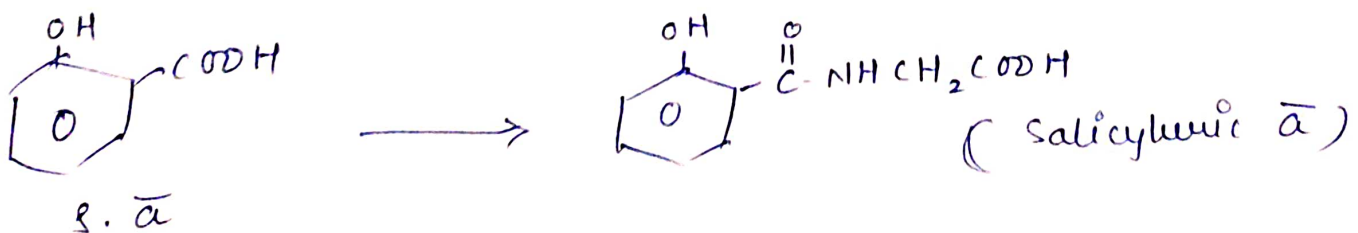
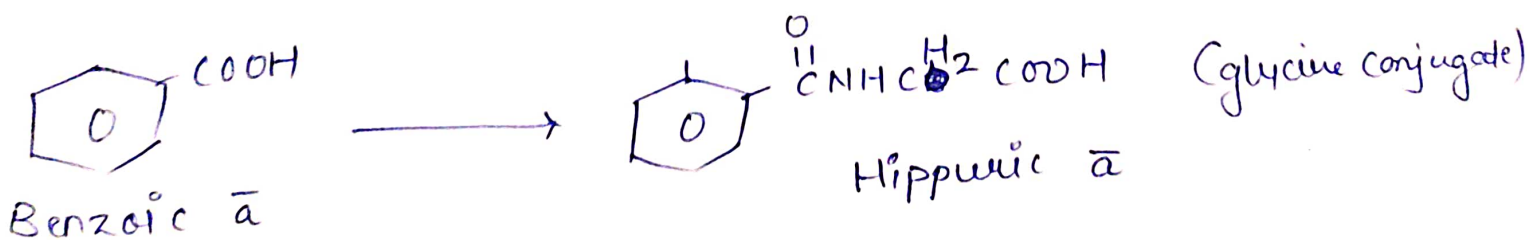
The Amino acids like Glycine & Glutamine are used primarily, to conjugate carboxylic acids, specifically Aromatic & aryl alkyl acids.

The quantity of Amino acid conjugation is very minute, as less availability of amino acid, compared to D-glucuronic acid.

Here, Carboxylic acid substrate is activated with "ATP" & "CoA", to form Acyl-CoA Complex.

This complex later acylates glycines or glutamines, under influence of specific glycine or glutamine N-Acyltransferase enzyme.

Amino Acid Conjugates, being Polar & water soluble, are Excreted mainly renally & sometimes in Bile.



FACTORS AFFECTING DRUG METABOLISM

Drugs & xenobiotics are metabolized by either phase I or phase II pathways, to give several metabolites.

The relative amt of any metabolite is determined by contⁿ & activity of enzyme, responsible for Biotransformⁿ.

Many factor may affect this Metabolism, such as Age, species, Strain, Genetic & Heredity factors, enzyme inducⁿ & inhibition, etc.

→ BIOLOGICAL FACTORS

(i) AGE DIFFERENCE :-

In most fetal & newborn animals, undeveloped or deficient oxidative & conjugative enzyme are responsible for reduced metabolic capacity.

In humans, oxidative & conjugatⁿ capabilities are low in newborns than in adults.

Example, the oxidative metabolism of Tolbutamide appears to be markedly low in newborns.

→ Neonates & newborns (upto 2 months - 1yr)

↳ Metabolism is slow due to less development of microsomal enzyme.

→ Childrens (1-12yr) → Metabolism is rapid compared to adults.

→ Elderly → slow Metabolism.

(ii) DIET :-

The enzyme content & activity is affected by dietary components.

Eg low Protⁿ diet → Slow Metabolism

High " " → Rapid "

BCZ Protⁿ stimulate enzyme synthesis.

(iii) SEX DIFFERENCE :-

The rate of metabolism, varies according to gender

Eg Benzodiazepines $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Metabolize slow in women,} \\ \text{Rapid in men.} \end{array} \right.$

Some factors may affect due to pregnancy, hormonal imbalance.

II) CHEMICAL FACTORS :-

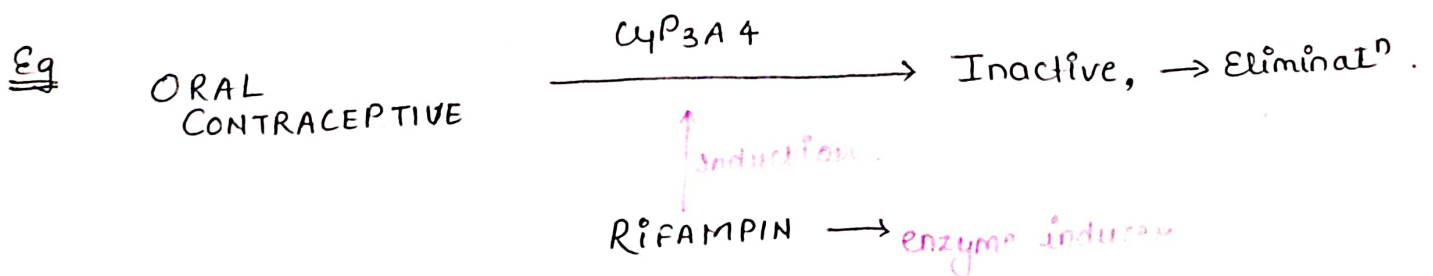
- a) Enzyme induction
- b) enzyme inhibition.

A) ENZYME INDUCTION :-

The process by which, activity of drug metabolizing enzymes is increased is called Enzyme induction. Agents are called "inducers".

Enzyme induction increases rate of drug metabolism & decreases duration of action.

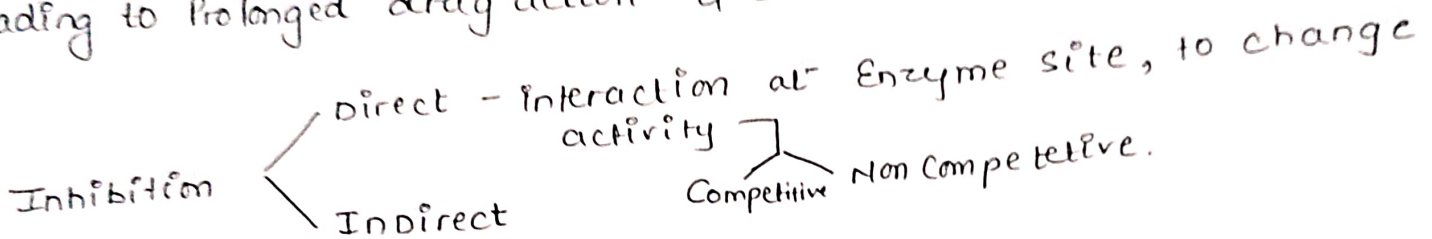
→ It occurs due to increased stability of Cyt P450 enzymes.



B) ENZYME INHIBITION :-

Several drugs & other xenobiotics, have ability to inhibit drug metabolism, such agent are called "Inhibitors".

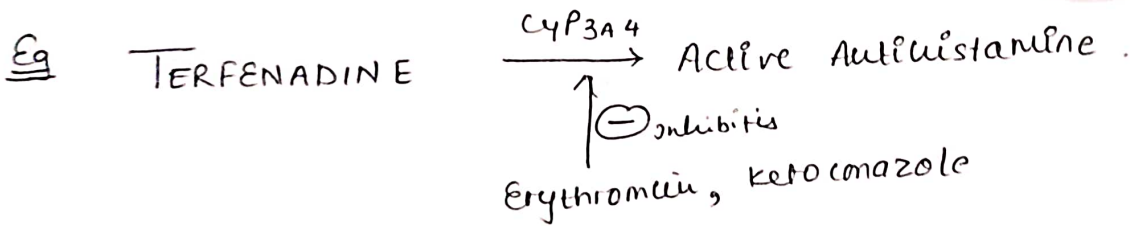
With decreased metabolism, a drug often accumulates, leading to prolonged drug action & several adverse effects.



↓
 Due to fall in rate of enzyme synthesis (repression)

OR
 Due to nutritional deficiency

OR
 Hormonal imbalance.



Eg → Metabolism of phenytoin is inhibited by drugs such as Chloramphenicol, Disulfiram.

III) PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES :-

↳ Pka, solubility, Polarity, size, shape, etc. also effect drug Metabolism.

IV) STEREOCHEMICAL ASPECTS OF DRUG METABOLISM :-

Many drugs like Warfarin, Propranolol, hexobarbital, ketamine, ibuprofen, etc are often administered as racemic mixture in humans,

The two enantiomers present in mixture may differ in their ^{pharmacological} effect. usually, one enantiomer is more active than the other.

Eg (S)(-) enantiomer of warfarin is 5 times more potent as an oral anticoagulant than (R)(+) enantiomer.

In other instance, two enantiomer have totally different-activities

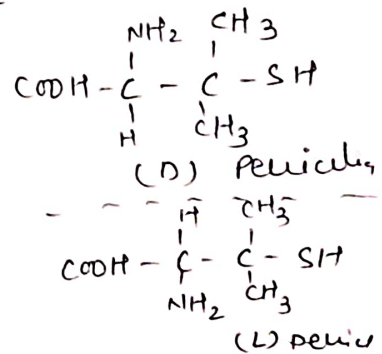
for Eg - (+) Propoxyphene is analgesic, whereas

(-) Propoxyphene is an antitussive.

Eg D Penicillinase → arthritis, L - toxic,

Eg (-) quinine → treat Malaria

(+) quinine → No effect on Malaria.



This is due to, Metabolizing enzyme has preference for one enantiomer of the drug, than other.

Eg D(+) glucose easily metabolised than L(-) glucose.