

# Pharmacology One.

< CNS Pharmacology Summary >

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# \* Pharmacology I :-

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CNS

## \* Chapter (8) : Drugs for Neurodegenerative Diseases

### Neurodegenerative Disease |

~~Disease~~ Drugs Related to complete loss of Neurons, in which they can't be restored.

Symptoms appear after losing large number of Neurons cause the left Neurons will try to compensate the loss.

The loss of specific types of Neurons

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any drug works centrally will effect the Neuro-transmission.

They work presynaptically

as per the mechanism of action of the drug, it will affect the release of neurotransmitters from the presynaptic terminal. Release of neurotransmitters is affected by the drug.

Later, as any other drug it can't be restored

## Synaptic Rec.

The peripheral Nervous System Drugs Mostly  
Worked postsynaptically.  
Very Rare presynaptically.

examples of Neurodegenerative diseases:-

- ↳ Multiple sclerosis <sup>amolyzetil</sup>  
Multiple  $\Rightarrow$  More than one area is damaged  
at the same time
- ↳ Sclerosis  $\Rightarrow$  Rigidity, Muscles lose their  
flexibility, loss of Myelin  
sheath in the level of CNS

Rare, but very serious.

- ↳ Parkinson's, Alzheimer's Disease:-  
Progressive loss of selective Nucleus (mainly)  
- cholinergic Nucleus, - Adrenergic Nucleus -  
these both undergo progressive loss,  
if started, will continue ..  
but it differs rates b/w patients

it will cause disorder in Movement, Cognition or both.

The disease related to the specific Neurons loss.

↳ Movement problems ⇒ Parkinson's

↳ Cognition problems ⇒ Alzheimer's

\* Neurotransmission in the CNS :-  
CNS, PNS similar in the basic function  
So ... study the difference

↳ Neural circuitry

Much more complex compare to that in  
the Axons.

↳ Preganglionic - ganglion - post

But here we can say it as simple

↳ No. of synapses in CNS is much  
greater "Spaces b/w Neurons"  
Cause No. of Neurons is greater  
w/ neurotransmission is faster,

↳ inhibitory neurotransmitters "powerful network of inhibitory neurotransmitters"

in ANS  $\Rightarrow$  Ach, NE, BA excitatory  
inhibitory for CNS

CNS  $\Rightarrow$  stimulatory, inhibitory  $\Rightarrow$  Modulation  
So communicate  $\square$  Multiple neurotransmitters  
GABA, Glutamate, Dopamine...

↳ Rec. of CNS Mess of both if sub all  
of them are ligand gated ion channel

ionotropic.  
compare  $\square$  ANS Mess of both are  
Metabotropic.

only Nicotinic in NMJ where ionic

↳ CNS  $\Rightarrow$  neurotransmitter activate it's rec. but  
the result of sub activation may  
be inhibitory depending on the  
neurotransmitter.

ex: GABA / glutamate both will  
activate these cl<sup>-</sup> rec. polarize

Due to glutamate  $\Rightarrow$  excitation  $\text{Na}^+$

GABA  $\Rightarrow$  inhibits  $\text{Cl}^-$  hyperpolarize

Describing Depolarization / Repolarization / hyperpolarize

EPSP \ IPSP  $\Rightarrow$  inhibitory postsynaptic response

$\hookrightarrow$  Excitatory postsynaptic potential  
Associated w Na<sup>+</sup> channel

For EPSP to occur, there must be number of stimulating Neurons reached to space level to reach threshold.

Since it's complex circuit, Many Neurotransmitters will be secreted at the same time working on the rec. causing IPSP.

EPSP  $\Rightarrow$  overall action is summation

of All EPSP, IPSP

### \* Parkinson's Disease :-

it's a progressive neurodegenerative disorder of the neuromuscular system  
"Neurodegenerative Neuromuscular Disorders"

هذا المرض يؤثر على  
العضلات

It's a disease of elderly, but may happen to younger people "Rare".

The disease related to Basal ganglia and the Regions in the Basal ganglia <sup>جانبار cerebellum</sup>  
Black matter = Substantia Nigra  
Neostriatum

It's near to cerebellum cause it's responsible for balance,

while the Basal ganglia → Coordination,  
initiation of movement <sup>مركبة الابدان والاشارة</sup>

output function of Basal ganglia is mostly inhibitory <sup>اي تيفرمه الزيات</sup>

The problem in Parkinson is problem in the basal ganglia, Neuronal problem in Substantia Nigra in idiopathic form.

it might be secondary due to cause affected the Substantia Nigra or the Basal ganglia in general

Characterised by →

↳ Tremors

↳ Rigidity

↳ Bradykinesia

↳ Postural instability

Stiffness in Muscles

بعض من أعراضه هي التشنج في العضلات  
والتيبس في العضلات

منه قدر بوقف

Muscle parkinson's patients die due to depression!

كأنه من أعراضه  
تشنج في العضلات

Lig 8.11

Neostriatum, Substantia Nigra specially the  
Substantia nigra are part of system in brain  
inside the Basal ganglia called  
the Extrapyramidal system.

if drug have Extrapyramidal side effect  
it affects the Substantia, Neostriatum  
directly.

Substantia Nigra is the main area in Basal  
ganglia responsible for Dopamine secretion

Dopamine in Neostriatum is inhibitory

رغم ان التشنج بسببه هو



At the same time Neurostriatum sends to the Substantia  $\Rightarrow$  GABA which is also inhibitory

The Neurostriatum inside it there is ACh which is excitatory.

being working in levels of ACh, signals of Movement is for. Muscles  
stimulatory, inhibitory ...  
of left alone "over"

Normally two inhibitory pathways sending each the inhibitory Neurons.

So...

in the system

↳ ACh

↳ Dopamine

~~↳ GABA~~  $\leftarrow$   $\leftarrow$   $\leftarrow$

GABA is inhibitory neurotransmitter & since Neurostriatum sends it.

it keeps Substantia Nigra in balance state

Substantia Nigra is dopaminergic system, its originally causing activity  $\rightarrow$

There is Activity, but  $\Rightarrow$  the Movement  
is tonic and sustaining,  
instead of giving high Activity by  
Ach, Dopamine will reduce the  
partial agonists  $\approx$  10

in case of parkinsons  $\Rightarrow$  less of Dopaminergic  
Neurons in Substantia Nigra,  
lessening the tonic sustaining Motor  
Synthetic effect.

Now Ach will directly effect  $\rightarrow$   
So Necessitates No left in Ach  
Concerning the Motor Synthesis.

lessening inhibitory effect of Dopamine  
while  $\Rightarrow$  over activity of cholinergic  
Neurons  $\Rightarrow$  idiopathic parkinsons

Secondary parkinsonism is secondary  
To the use of other drugs such as  
phenothiazines, haloperidol

Drugs are Antipsychotics

"Dopamin Antagonist"

↳ in long-term Dopamin!

↳ chronic use  $\Rightarrow$  EPSE in or the extra pyramidal system

Ach being stimulating Neurotransmitter, it's role in the Parkinson signs like tremor, muscle rigidity

"Ach  $\Rightarrow$  chorea"

in the other hand  $\rightarrow$  bradykinesia

"Dopa  $\Rightarrow$  UP"

Strategy of treatment is

↳  $\downarrow$  Ach

↳  $\uparrow$  Dopamin

Extra pyramidal side effects

# \* Pharmacology of ...

## • Lec (TM) :-

### \* Drugs used in parkinson's Disease :-

#### ↳ Levodopa and Carbidopa

ادوية  
استخدمت  
في  
مرض  
الشلل  
الرعاش

↳ First line for parkinson's, works as precursor of dopamine, must enter BBB then ~~it~~ + ~~it~~ it self into dopamine

Carbidopa doesn't have direct effect therapeutically, but gives cause it inhibits an enzyme Break down levodopa called "Dopamine decarboxylase" Break it down in periphery.

Dopa  $\rightarrow$  <sup>Dopamine</sup> NE in Adrenergic Neurons  
 $\rightarrow$  Dopamine in Dopaminergic Neurons

... levodopa ... Dopaminergic Neurons

... levodopa ...

in the early stages of disease, response to the drug is consistent,

the more developed the disease stage the less the effect of the given does

"wearing off phenomena" the effect of drug disappear.

Cause more Neurons die ..

\*Why to give levodopa Not Dopamin?!

Dopamin is a catecholamin so, contains two OH's on the benzene ring, won't penetrate the CNS.

but levodopa penetrate CNS, then later Dopamin.

\*U.S increase in the dose was noticed when given in levodopa when administered w/ carbidopa.

also if not giving carbidopa, the smaller doses of levodopa will cause side effects on the periphery  $\Rightarrow$  Dopamin will work as Adrenergic

Agonist  $\Rightarrow$  Tachycardia, hypertension

Dopaminergic, Adrenergic Rec  $\Rightarrow$  Tachycard.

Use causes Nausea, Vomiting, Cardiac Arrhythmia initiated due to overactivation of heart.

So giving Carbideps, I avoid all that

### • Therapeutic uses:-

• Get improvement of symptoms in in 2/3 of the total patients.

• Symptoms decrease in the first 2-3 years, start to decline after the 5th year where wearing-off phenomenon appear, due to the loss of dopaminergic Neurons

though, I can't suddenly stop it even if want to replace it to ~~something~~ something else.

### • Adverse effects:-

Mostly due to its effect in Adrenergic, Dopaminergic Neurons

↳ heart → Tachycardia, arrhythmia, hypertension.

↳ GI

Nausea, Vomiting

↳ Eye

Mydriasis "Adrenergic  $\alpha$ -Rec"

↳ Saliva, Urin

Brown color, due to oxidation.

These are side effects of levodopa. Break-down in the periphery ~~is~~ not the levodopa itself.

Now levodopa itself rather than its metabolites in the CNS.

↳ Confusion.

↳ Auditory, visual hallucinations

↳ psychosis, depression, Anxiety

Due to over activity of dopamine,  
& don't know what pathes will it take

↳ inhibitory

↳ Activation

but these in chronic use, mess completely

Mets changes.

Dyskinesia is the most common side effect  
Due to effect on the CNS.

Bradykinesia ⇒  $\downarrow$  dopamine

↳ involuntary, unwanted  $\downarrow$  dopamine

↳ MAO inhibitors

They work selectively on the MAO

↳ Selegiline,

↳ Rasageline

MAO breaks down Dopamine, NE, Serotonin...  
Most of Catecholamines.

MAO

↳ MAO-A ⇒ Non-selective "for all"

↳ MAO-B ⇒ mostly Dopamine

These drugs of MAO inhibitors are selective  
for MAO-B.

So Dopamine levels in Brain stay high

May use alone or along side w levodopa



So Management of symptoms for longer time

Selectivity on MAO-B in these drugs depends on the dose.

The higher the dose the less the selectivity

A, B  $\Rightarrow$   $\xrightarrow{\text{selectivity}}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{all drugs}}$  NE

Due to this  $\Rightarrow$  Risk of hypertensive crises.

as long as you committed to the therapeutic dose the risk is low.

• Selegiline after given, it breaks down

Amphetamine, Methamphetamine

↳ Drugs of Abuse.

So using it may lead to dependence

• Rasagiline doesn't, as potency 5 times higher than selegiline.

But it's irreversible  $\Rightarrow$  1  $\rightarrow$

في كل 24 ساعة  
MAO-B  
على كل 24 ساعة

## ↳ COMT inhibitors

They can prevent the Break Down of  
levc-Dopa, but in pathway doesn't  
relate to turn into dopamine.

- ↳ Entacapone More used
- ↳ Tolcapone limited due to hepatic toxicity.

They are selective, reversible in inhibiting  
the COMT enzymes

## Fig 8.2

levodopa can be broken down in the periphery  
by different pathways.

- ↳ decarboxylation  $\Rightarrow$  In L-Dopa  
Dopamine in periphery  $\Rightarrow$  problems

- ↳ Break down by COMT to inactive  
metabolite 3-methoxydopa that  
doesn't have any effect but  
Catechol's  $\rightarrow$  levodopa in the itery  
to BBB

## Solutions:-

Carbidopa to inhibit L-Dopa pathway

Entacapone to inhibit the second one

So ...

All levodopa pass CNS,

COMT inhibitor is mostly given along side levodopa.

Cause it works on prevent it turning to B-C-Methyl dopa

The wearing-off phenomenon will be altered.

## Adverse effects:-

Since I only use it in people who take levodopa, carbidopa the problems are related to that. "L-Dopa Dependent"

+ hepatotoxicity of telcapone

# Dopamine Receptor Agonists

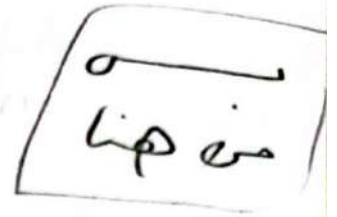
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↳ Ergot derivatives

↳ Pramipexole

↳ Nonergot derivatives

↳ Apomorphine



They all will work as Dopamine Rec. Agonists,

So there must be enough Rec. available to see effect.

Pramipexole can be given alone without levodopa.

Will give similar effects to dopamine in CNS works like it binds to dopamine Rec.

The problem of it, it will cause

Mental conditions, psychiatric issues, maybe psychosis.

I use it due to benefit-risk ratio.

Though I can't use it to be sure does for people with blood vessels, heart issues cause it will worsen the case

Chronic use causes fibrosis of the lung & retroperitoneal space.

used specifically in people can't take levodopa, can't take as  dyskinesia or people take levodopa & give small doses of this drug to enhance things it won't give the same side effects

↓  
↓

When giving any of these drugs, they can give longer duration of action, efficacy more than that of levodopa if someone suffers dyskinesias in presence of levodopa

↓  
↓  
levodopa dyskinesia

• They are effective in Parkinson's patients who have completed disease in Motor fluctuations,

dyskinesia.

they are completely ineffective so someone didn't Res pose for levodopa.

! Dopaminergic drugs Rec.  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$

Dyskinesia Risk  $\rightarrow$  these drugs is so low  
causes vaso spasm

(8.3)

### • Apomorphine

injection, Transdermal  $\rightarrow$  Not orally  
only in advanced cases Adjuvants  
for dopaminergic agents taken orally.

used in Acute Management of  $\rightarrow$  off-phenomena  
~~hypertension~~  $\rightarrow$  ~~hypotension~~  $\rightarrow$  hypotension

Brahykinesin  $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $\rightarrow$

• in early parkinson  $\pm$  can use these  
cause they will delay the need to use  
levodopa which is full of problems.

or in more advanced cases  $\pm$  use  
less doses of levodopa so less side  
effects



The main problem is Tolerance.

هذا از به البرهه و كذا الـ ...  
كردنه منتهى الـ efficacy

## Anticholinergic Agents

↳ Benztropin

↳ Trihexyphenidyl

↳ Procyclidine

↳ biperiden

rev-ol

Block cholinergic Neurons, they return  
the balance B/W Ach, Depress its substrates  
Nigra, Neostriatum.

I can't use it alone,  
always side w levodopa

Adverse effects you know xerostomia,  
urinary retention ....



## \* Alzheimer's disease :- U:3:

it's a Neurodegenerative disease characterized by Dementia,

that has 3 characteristics :-

↳ Formation of  $\beta$ -Amyloid plaques in CNS

↳ Formation of Neurofibrillary tangles inside of it  $\tau$ -Proteins.

↳ Neurodegeneration of cholinergic Neurons in CNS

↳ overstimulation of NMDA Rec. due to glutamate works on it, causing excitotoxicity

لا يوجد في NMDA مستقبلات في CNS  
وذلك لأن مستقبلات NMDA موجودة في CNS

## • Drugs for Alzheimer's Disease :-

↳ Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors

↳ Donepezil

↳ galantamine

↳ Rivastigmine

only these, cause they have higher  
affinity for Achse in CNS,  
the rest work peripherally though some  
can penetrate CNS, such as physostigmine  
that works in bladder, intestine.

I'm just delaying the progression of the  
disease,  
it will develop!

~~galantamine~~  
galantamine can also work on Nicotinic Rec on CNS  
not only Muscarinic  
so effectively the Anticholinergic  
so many have higher adverse effect profile

Rivastigmine is approved to treat dementia  
accompanied by Alzheimer's.  
the only one given transdermal but drug can

side effects you know

NMDA Rec. Antagonist 1.

↳ Memantine

The problem is that glutamate is excitatory neurotransmitter,

exists in CNS but works in other Rec.s  
if it increases it will work on these  
Rec.s + NMDA.  $\Rightarrow$  excitotoxicity

↳ Rec. if excited

has role in Neurodegeneration,  
Excitotoxicity,  
Apoptosis

Causes excess  $Ca^{+2}$  influx inside the cell

So - Free Radicals  
- Degeneration

- Damage of ~~post~~ Neurons.

So Memantine that is prescribed to  
Mild to severe Alzheimer's.

Blocks NMDA, prevents  $Ca^{+2}$  influx

Not-Teletablet  $\Rightarrow$  "Doesn't have side effects"

cause the side effects similar to  
Alzheimer's disease.

used in combination w/ AChase

# \* Pharmacology I :-

\* chapter (9) = Anxiolytic and Hypnotic Drugs

- lec (15)

Anxiolytic  $\Rightarrow$  Drugs Let Anxiety

Hypnotic  $\Rightarrow$  induce sleep sedation

Relieving of Anxiety

$\downarrow$   
sedative effect

$\downarrow$   
hypnotic effect

These are not used for everyday anxiety even if it was chronic.

only used when Anxiety is an unpleasant feeling mixed with excessive fear and apprehension all the time,

"chronic, all the time"

In some cases it's not just mental symptoms, but also accompanied w/ physical symptoms

Sympathetic  
Activation  
Mimetic Action

- ↳ ↑ Heart pumping
- ↳ heavy sweating
- ↳ hardening Breasts
- ↳  $\text{حرق}$

↑ Adrenaline,  
Epinephrine

Drugs used for chronic debilitating Anxiety, when it affects life quality.

1) Benzodiazepines

7th group

2) Barbiturates

These families are used mainly to treat Anxiety, unlike Anesthetics that have major use, but also used to treat Anxiety for a side effect they have.

Serotonins are older and abit worse when it comes to physical, psychological dependens,

the more or drug have propability of dependence, the worse it is. "it's

Dangerous"  $\Rightarrow$  Tolerance, then addiction.

So they are used for very short period of time if the case needs it

Now this group isn't used that often cause there are alternatives, such as Benzodiazepens to treat than one agents

↳ Some for anxiety

↳ Some for insomnia

↳ other things

### 3 Antidepressants

Some of Antidepressants are used as the first defense line against Anxiety.

1) other hypnotic Agents :-  
 More New group, so ~~less~~ less problems  
 Better to be used.

Review of all the chapter

⊕ Benzodiazepines :- کنزولہ الیجینک  
 used as Anxiolytic, and as hypnotic  
 "less".

main goal is Relief of Anxiety, insomnia  
 اگر نیند نہ آئے تو انوم دیکھ انوم

\* ضروری :-  
 Selective = دوا ہر ربط صوموعی القلبہ واقدرہ سے انوم  
 Hypnotic = دوا انوم و جیاضہ سے انوم

give Anxiolytic, <sup>selective</sup> ~~hypnotic~~ effect,  
 but Not always hypnotic effect

کنزولہ الیجینک سے انوم  
 Sleep cycle



• This group is safer, More effective than other groups and there ~~that~~ <sup>are</sup> used as anxiolytic

if I need a drug to give the calming sedative effect I can use other drugs such as morphines, these drugs are analgesic ~~but~~ but can also cause sedation.

I use Benzodiazepines cause it's ~~the~~ more safe (Fig 9.2)

Safety  $\rightarrow$  1 to 6  $\rightarrow$  1

It shows the ratio B/W the lethal Dose, and the therapeutically used dose.

The more the ratio the better it's a safer drug.

So it's preferred to be used, though in some anxiety cases or

$\rightarrow$  other groups are used.

\* Mechanism of Action -  
Fig (9.3)

# benzodiazepines work on GABA Rec.

it's a ligand gated  $\text{Cl}^-$  channel  
inhibitory  $\rightarrow$  Rec.

linked  $\bar{c}$   $\text{Cl}^-$  channel  
as we studied.

\*you should know that there are  
two types of GABA Rec.

$\hookrightarrow$  GABA A  $\Rightarrow$  ionotropic

$\hookrightarrow$  GABA B  $\Rightarrow$  Metabotropic "G-protein  
coupled"  
Muscarinic  $\bar{c}$

it binds  $\bar{c}$  GABA which is inhibitory  
Neurotransmitter,  $\text{Cl}^-$  channel is opened  
So much  $\text{Cl}^-$  inside of the cell so  
Hyperpolarization  $\rightarrow$  Neurotransmission in  
the CNS so the desired inhibition

"Anxiety and insomnia is a type of CNS"  
excitatory stimulation of CNS

the more inhibition, the better results w  
~~inhibition~~  $\rightarrow$  Reducing Anxiety.



The Binding site of GABA is  $\Rightarrow \alpha, \beta$

The Binding site of Benzodiazepine  $\Rightarrow \alpha, \gamma$

Knowing subtypes is important;  
you should know that it is an Allosteric  
Agent  $\rightarrow$  binding site called

Benzodiazepine Rec.  $\Rightarrow$  "BZ-Rec"

BZ-1  $\Rightarrow$  includes  $\alpha-1$  subunit

BZ-2  $\Rightarrow$  includes  $\alpha-2$  subunit  
are the Rec's Benzodiazepine  
with the subtype is  
1 or 2

after binding  $\rightarrow$  either,  $\Rightarrow$  GABA  
binding  $\rightarrow$  so all the mechanisms  
that GABA does.

$\hookrightarrow$  Neurotransmission

$\hookrightarrow$  hyperpolarization

$\hookrightarrow$  CNS inhibition

it doesn't have any effect on the  
duration of Cl channel opens

but it just gave ~~me~~ GABA (Gint) and does its function

Barbiturates ناروس و نوليد

\*Actions 1. 8 ادوية

↳ Phenetics of anxiety

• the most important subunits  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$   
when the GABA A Receptor contains  
 $\alpha-2 \Rightarrow$  Anxiety, muscle relaxant

while  $\alpha-1 \Rightarrow$  hepatic and other things

↳ Relative hepatic effect

GABA activity increases in a Receptor  
contains  $\alpha-1$

↳ Antetograde amnesia

قصور ذاكرة مؤقتة لفترة القارة، نوليد  
Very temporary loss of Consciousness  
Memory

also mediated by  $\alpha-1$

نفسه نوليد  
الصفات نوليد  
مختلفة نوليد  
بنسبة

↳ Anti-convulsant, Muscle Relaxant

•  $\alpha-1$  "seizures"

•  $\alpha-2$  spasm of skeletal muscle  
Diazepam

the first 3 Actions can be achieved  
w/ the normal Therapeutic dose used  
for anxiety. "less than the use of  
selective hepatic effect"

The last 2 Actions can be achieved  
w/ higher doses.

\* Therapeutic uses: - (7)

### Anxiety Disorders

- most famous CAD  $\rightarrow$  generalized Anxiety disorder.
- "highest levels of Anxiety" requires Benzodiazepines
- Anxiety in general
- panic disorder.
- page 99  $\rightarrow$  take a lot
- Anxiety Related to other things like Depression, Schizophrenia, OCD  $\Rightarrow$  obsessive compulsive disorder

\* Serotonins:

سروتونين

We know that the problem w depression is that there is inhibition to the CNS, how using CNS inhibitors can be useful?!

The inhibition in depression is w different complicated mechanisms "different pathways or different receptors" gives symptoms of Aches, & sometimes need stimulation to prevent depression, at the same time inhibitors to prevent Anxiety

A person might be Anxious, depressed in the next chapter  $\Rightarrow$  we will study Mania disorder  $\Rightarrow$  Bipolar  $\Rightarrow$  half Depression, half over Activity

• there is Addiction potential of using this family if used for long period of time

لازم اوقفه فتره  
Tolerance

very long acting and preferred to use.

- ↳ Clenazepam
- ↳ Lorazepam
- ↳ Diazepam

Can take one tablet away "effective" if ↓ Anxiety  
& gradually reduce the  
Does not if needed  
& use it again

Seizures نوبات صرع

\* if the drug is long acting,  
the tolerance is less.

↳ الابرار  
لا تفرح  
ازيه  
تفوق  
الفضل

• Alprazolam "XANAX<sup>®</sup>", "XANAXIS<sup>®</sup>"

• used in GAD, All other Anxiety disorders,

But it's the drug of choice in panic attack

• used for ~~long~~ short, long term treatment



- less tolerance than others
- intermediate to short acting?

### ↳ sleeping disorders :-

these are used for insomnia when the goal is to use drugs that can work rapidly.

selective effect  
 sleep interaction

↳ temazepam ⇒ intermediate

↳ triazolam ⇒ short acting

↳ work without symptoms

\* I may prefer benzodiazepine's member depending on therapeutic use, pharmacokinetics ex for sleeping:

Short onset ⇒ triazolam for people who can't sleep.

⇒ temazepam for people who sleep but

Difficulty staying sleep  $\Rightarrow$  induction  $T_{E1}$   
Difficulty going to sleep  $\Rightarrow$  maintain  $T_{E1}$



$\hookrightarrow$  Eszazolam intermetabol

$\hookrightarrow$  Quazepam

$\hookrightarrow$  Lurazepam

> very long acting

$\hookrightarrow$  for sleeping, used less

$\hookrightarrow$  Amnesia :-

it's temporary loss of memory when  
first taken, though it's considered  
as therapeutic use not ~~side~~ adverse  
effect, there is drug that causes  
that more than other drugs.

$\hookrightarrow$  Midazolam

used cause it causes some Amnesia  
so it causes Cognitive Sedation.

used preoperatively to facilitate  
Sedation "swill", and use less doses  
of Anesthetics.

One of stages of Anesthesia is Amnesia

↳ Seizures :-

تشنجات  
او مصروفات

علاج  
↳

↳ lorazepam

↳ diazepam

↳ clonazepam

↳ Adjuvant effect  
in the drugs of  
seizures

> status epilepticus  
emergency  
epilepsy

علاج

↳ Muscle disorders :-

Diazepam

# Dependence :-

القوة على الذات اعان

## ↳ Physical Dependence

البار و النور و اوانك اوانك → ربة

يجب ان البس ، تكبير بالسر و فورد  
"Withdrawal symptoms"

## ↳ Psychological Dependence

هو الة و New York في الة و الة  
عور الة فاله و الة

High Dependence is this group and  
Discontinuation causes withdrawal symptoms  
& can't suddenly stop it it will  
eject

\*they are controlled substances

- ↳ heart
- ↳ Body
- ↳ muscle

very rapid onset, very rapid acting

Lig (9,5) =>

Triazolam is the worst withdrawal symptoms

• Cause it's potent  
• Also it's the shates eject

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half life => فان

## Adverse effects :-

Since they are CNS inhibitory drugs they cause CNS inhibition

↳ Drowsiness, Confusion دrowsiness و confusion

↳ Ataxia at very high doses

↳ effect on the brain specifically the cerebellum  
تأثير على توازن الحركة

"Coordination of movement"

↳ Cognitive impairment

تأثير على الذاكرة و التفكير و التحصيل

↳ High tolerance in some of them  
Such as Triazolam

لوا زيادة التحمل في بعضها  
مثل تريازولام

↳ Metabolized in liver, should be careful when given to someone w/ liver problems

↳ Contraindicated for people w/ glaucoma  
Such as angle closure glaucoma cause



- very rapid onset
- Duration is very short

↳ So if overdose is very long acting diazepam give it as inhalatics benzodiazepines ⇒ will all the side effect vanish  
it may cause Nausea, vomiting

### III Other Anxiolytic Agents :-

↳ Antidepressants

↳ SSRIs ⇒ Escitalopram "Cepralex"<sup>®</sup>

↳ SNRIs

Though these are Antidepressants, they are the first line for people w/ CAD.

Can be used alone or combination w/ Benzodiazepine, So the Adv. of using Benzodiazepine ~~used~~

less doses.

unlike Benzodiazepines that give rapid effect, these drugs ~~have~~ ~~are~~ cause accumulation effect

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تعمل بسرعة في البداية  
ولكنها تتراكم مع الاستخدام المستمر

• have much lower potential for addiction.

↳ Risperidone

• other Antipsychotic Agents w/ different Mechanism.

works on Serotonin Rec.  $\Rightarrow$  5HT<sub>1A</sub>  
and less on Dopamine D<sub>2</sub>

• only useful for long term effect on Anxiety

• Not useful for acute Anxiety Attacks, if the effect is desired now.



slow onset, ~~A~~ Duratol

• efficacy is comparable to Benzodiazepin and give effect ~~L~~ Anxiety

• the difference is that it doesn't increase CNS depression if gives to Alcohol

• also it Doesn't cause Muscle Relaxation or Anti-compulsive effect even if we ~~A~~ Does.

• Adverse effect profile is much better than the ~~Sedative~~ Benzodiazepin.

• No potential Addiction as Much as Benzodiazepin.

• Though, it's not used as often as Benzodiazepin

history  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{2}$  less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  Benzodiazepin  
تاریخچه استعمال  $\frac{1}{2}$  کمتر از بنزودیازپین

# \* Pharmacology &

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## \* Chapter (10): Antidepressants

### Antidepressant

Decrease in the level of some neurotransmitters responsible for happy feeling, Activity feeling, Accomplishment.

Most neurotransmitters affected are:

Serotonin, NE, also there is decrease in the levels of Dopamine,

But Dopamine has bigger functions than reward system

↳ Coordination of movements

↳ Cognition ..

- loose the desire of life,
- suicidal thoughts,
- Make changes,

• there are several depressive disorders

↳ Major depression

↳ Bipolar depression

## Major depression

The sever, general depression,  
The most difficult type to deal with

Cause some times depression depends on  
The conditions of patients

ex: Postnatal depression that  
is specific after birth  
as long as the condition exists  
the prognosis is good!

But here it's not the same,  
not easy to get past for it

if I started therapy I can't just  
stop.

## Bipolar depression

Very serious, not cause it's depression  
but cause it's bipolar.

The person suffers conditions of depression,  
Sadness  $\rightarrow$  depression in CNS

but at the same time also suffers  
CNS activation, a condition called

Almaniac  $\Rightarrow$  over-happiness, Much talking  
Absentmindedness, Anger.

depression  $\rightarrow$  حزن

In this case  $\&$  should use other drugs  
Along side the Antidepressants  
Such as Mood stabilizers

The use of Antidepressant isn't just used  
for depression,

Also for psychiatric disorders:-

Anxiety for example  
SSRIs, SNRIs

### \* Mechanism of Antidepressants :-

These drugs will cause increase in Serotonin or  
NE (Directly or indirectly).

\* While today the Antidepressants are based on a  
theory not an evidence.

### "The theory of Biogenic Amines"

all neurotransmitters that are consists  
of amines (NE, Serotonin),  
These neurotransmitters that influences  
the mental health condition.  
Cause simply depression results from  $\downarrow$  it

## Neurotransmitters,

And Mania is not preferred in these Neurotransmitters.

Science doesn't agree  $\square$  But, 'cause if so, when drug is first taken, patients ~~will~~ should feel better.

M.O.A aren't 100% understood, <sup>immediately</sup> the levels of Neurotransmitter <sup>directly</sup> increase but the effect is seen after 2-3 weeks.

## \* SSRIs :-

Drugs w a mechanism of blocking the ~~the~~ transporter of Neurotransmitter serotonin selectively. No matter the dose.

Selectivity to serotonin transporter is 300-3000 times more than that of NE.  $\square$

Since it's selective, side effects are less, save in over-does

SNRIs, TCAs

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they all have the same mechanism.

Block transporter,  
inhibit reuptake

زنب الاضربى

TCAs بتكربى

Ser - NE

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No. 1 in Depression Managed by  
SNRI's.

The effect of these Drugs require 2-3 weeks  
to start appear.

Can't see Max Effect unless 12 weeks pass.

If patient didn't respond to one of  
that family, may respond to other

↳ Citalopram

↳ Escitalopram

↳ Fluoxetine "Prozac®"

↳ Luvoxamine

↳ Paroxetine

↳ Sertraline

Primary therapeutic indication is depression,  
might also be used for CAD, all other  
Anxiety disorders

• Other therapeutic uses :-

• Fluoxetine used for bulimia Nervosa  
"التورم المرضي"





• SSRIs induce sexual dysfunction  
Reaches a stage where it should  
be replaced w/ Atypical Anti-depressant

• Use in children, teenagers -  
Must be used carefully, only few  
cases & can use SSRIs w/ children

↳ Fluoxetine

↳ Sertraline

↳ Venlafaxine

used to treat children obsessive -  
compulsive disorder. ~~العلاج القوي~~ #

↳ Fluoxetine

↳ Escitalopram

used to treat childhood depression

• overdose,

May cause arrhythmia Citalopram  
causing QT-prolongation

Seizures maybe

## Serotonin Syndrome

↑ Serotonin level too much Accumulated

↳

↳ hyperthermia

↳ Rigidity

↳ Classic Muscle Twitching \* (تلفيف)

↳ Change in Mental State

انتقبات  
متغيرة

May lead to Death

occurs due to giving Drug that ↑ Serotonin  
↳ other one that also ↑ Serotonin.

ex: MAO inhibitor + SSRI's

always contraindicated ~ "يجوز ان يجمع"

## Discontinuation Syndrome :-

Stop taking these drugs is Miss functioning

↳ Drugs that have short duration of Action.

Doesn't have Active Metabolite.

after stop taking them, No effect of these drugs stays in body.

should stop taking them gradually

\* Lexapro has the lowest discontinuation syndromes, cause it has long half life, has Active Metabolites.

See

\* SNRIs :-

↳ Venlafaxine

↳ Duloxetine

SNRIs :-

↳ for people w/ depression

↳ people w/ depression + muscle pain

↳ Serotonin only bone pain

They prevent reuptake of Serotonin, NE used to treat depression.  
very similar to SSRIs.

I use them for people who didn't respond to SSRIs in treating depression

also for people w/ depression accompanied w/ muscle, Bone pain result less Nerv pain.

has ability to manage pain.

Best or to use

لانها ترفع Ser, NE والامر مربوط بار  
Set-NE  
Pathways  
∴ السيطرة على مستوياته بـ

الامر .  
بالعلاج  
**TCA**

### Venlafaxin

Blocks reuptake of Ser, NE b/w  
depending on the dose.

low therapeutic doses  $\Rightarrow$  only blocks Serotonin

Medium - high doses  $\Rightarrow$  Also blocks NE

Break down  $\bar{w}$  **ZD6**

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هذا الانترين يوم  
من الامور .

Nausea, headache, May cause sexual  
dysfunction "not like SSRIs"

higher doses  $\rightarrow$  BP.

### Duloxetine

Same as Venlafaxin, But all doses block

NE, Ser.

Break down in liver, it inhibits ZD6

## ATYPICAL Antidepressants :-

They are Antidepressants, but unlike the "Typical" Antidepressants when it comes to Mechanism compare to SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs, MAO inhibitors etc.

↳ Bupropion

↳ Mirtazapin

• Bupropion

Though being Atypical Antidepressant, the Mechanism is similar to previous Serotonins,

Difference is  $\Rightarrow$  Dopamine instead of Serotonin.

"Reuptake inhibitor" of NE, Dopamine

Along side of being used to treat Atypical depression that doesn't respond to any other drugs than those MAO inhibitors, it's also used for

people who want to quit smoking  
- prevent withdrawal symptoms of Nicotine

bus

• Mirtazapin | ①  
it's α-2 Antagonist ⇒ -ve feed back  
New Antagonist.  
Release serotonin, NE.

also...  
it works as 5-HT<sub>2</sub> Rec. Antagonist  
which is Serotonin Antagonist. (?!?)

it's thought  
that activating  
it induces depression  
unlike other serotonin  
Rec.

②  
has very strong Antihistaminic Activity  
similar to first generation  
↳ high sedative effects.

NO Anti-Muscarinic side effects as in TCA

No Serotonin impairment as SSRIs

② its used as alternative in case of Serotonin dysfunction.

7:00 - 3:00

\* TCA's :-

- ↳ Imipramine ⇒ #1 1st Antidepressant in this group,
- ↳ Chlorthalimide though now other derivatives
- ↳ Amitriptyline ... are used.
- ↳ Doxepine Due to the S.E profile

This group works in two M.O.A

↳ Inhibit the reuptake of NE, Serotonin

↳ Block Rec.

That Mechanism is thought to be responsible for the side effects not the therapeutic use.

Blocks Rec include

- ↳ Adrenergic
- ↳ Serotonin
- ↳ Cholinergic
- ↳ Histaminic

5-HT<sub>2</sub>

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## Actions and Therapeutic Uses:

↳ TCAs can elevate mood, improve depression in depressed patients.

↳ 50-70% of Morbid-preoccupations  
"suicidal thoughts and all related"  
thoughts

The effect starts to appear after 2-3 weeks

very slow withdrawal, should be stopped  
gradually

used to treat moderate - severe depression,  
panic disorders, Anxiety

• other uses: -

Imipramine | depression  
panic disorder  
nocturnal enuresis

used to treat enuresis "Bed-wetting"  
but only used in children after 6  
years.

as an alternative of ~~Amitriptyline~~  
Diazepam Analogue of Antidote  
Hypnotic



mitriptyline  
Might not be better, Neuropharmac Penit

Doxepin

Very good for the  $\alpha_1$  of insomnia

, along side  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  uses

### • Adverse effect profile:-

↳ Weight gain

Special for TCAs, Mirtazapine is  
the Atypical Antidepressant.  
Cause they are Appetite stimulants

↳ Dry mouth, Constipation, Urinary retention,  
Blurred vision

Cholinergic Antagonism

↳ Tachycardia, orthostatic hypotension

Adrenergic Antagonism

Messy  $\alpha_1$  Imipramine, Directly

↳ Arrhythmic

in high doses, Result Low ~~Adrenergic Antagonism~~  
TCAs effects.

→ Nausea, drowsiness, sedation  
Anticholinergic effects.

↳ These drugs have very narrow  
therapeutic index.  
only 5 times the therapeutic dose  
of Imipramine is lethal.

↳ Although they are very useful for  
depressed person.  
They might be dangerous for patients  
↳ bipolar disorder. منهول و لا ب كذا

↳ They will worsen Epilepsy, Arrhythmia,  
prostatic hyperplasia.

\* MAO inhibitors - side effects only

↳ phenelzine.

↳ selegiline

↳ Tranylcypromine

they will prevent Breakdown into MAO, but works inside the Neuron after neurotransmitter is being reuptaken with MAO, that may Break down NE in two ways

↳ NE that is about to enter the vesicle

↳ the NE that is out side, will be reuptaken so MAO inhibitors will prevent degradation of leaked neurotransmitters.

only works in cytoplasm not vesicle "MAO"

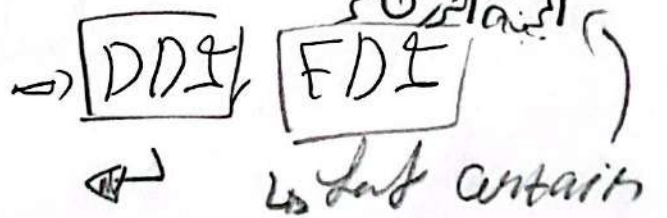
these drugs have good effect, but they are non-selective,

• so blocking all MAOs

• prevent degradation of NE in periphery.

• all side effects of NE

• has dietary restrictions  
other antidepressants



like others, the effect needs time  
• Selegiline, Tranylcypromine have Amphetamines  
like stimulant effects.  
"Metabolite"

- Can't be used w/ TCAs, SSRIs
- very useful for Atypical depression but  
doesn't respond to anything.

M.O.A. -

Blocking breakdown of neurotransmitters.

Lophenzine

that is irreversible, body needs to  
synthesize new MAO

• Adverse effects

if taken w/ tyramine that helps w/ release  
of Epinephrine, NE in the synaptic space.

So ~~↑~~ ↑ Catecholamines in body.

↳ Hypertensive crises

if I have to use after Antidepressants will lead to serotonin syndrome.

should undergo washout period.

\* if giving should wait for 6 weeks before giving MAO inhibitor.

Fig 10.10 | take a look

\* TTT of Mania, bipolar disorder :-

since it's part depression, part Mania

Antidepressants

lithium

Antiepileptic  
Drugs that  
have mood  
stabilization

- ↳ Carbamazepine
- ↳ Valproic Acid
- ↳ Lamotrigine

Can also use  
Anti psychotics  
as mood stabilizers

Most dangerous SE  
is on CNS  
causing  
stere speech,  
Ataxia

↳ Bipolar depression

Lidriw has an unclear  
Mechanism

but I know that  
it can treat Malaria  
Acutely, prophylactically

60-80% effective

Natural therapeutic window

May decrease thyroid  
gland function.

Should be Monitored

\*Pharmacology & :- Muscle relaxants  
مفردات  
صفا

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\*Chapter (11): Antipsychotic Drugs

↳ Drugs used to treat

الذهان = psychosis, common  
psychotic Disease:

الذهان المزمن Schizophrenia

• Antipsychotics ⇒ also called Neuroleptics  
or Major tranquillizers  
نقل النبضات  
نقل النبضات

• Used mostly in Schizophrenia, also used  
for Mania, Bipolar.

• These drugs aren't safe, they are full  
of side-effects,  
but using them in Schizophrenic  
patients is a benefit-risk ratio

↳ choose to inhance the symptoms, despite  
the problems the Drug can make.



Cause they are normally compared to what the patients suffers.

### \*Schizophrenia :-

it's translated to Arabic as "شذوذه" though it's not Multiple personality, other disorder related to psychosis called Multiple personality disorder, that's the one where Multiple personality is

last manifestation of schizophrenia is the appearance of other personality

in the early stages the patients will suffer hallucinations, delusions

↳ Auditory hallucinations mostly

↳ Visual hallucinations other

these hallucinations may lead to suicidal thoughts,

after development in mental status it leads to bigger problems like the appearance of new personality

• Antipsychotics don't act as cure, they don't cure schizophrenia but they control it, reduce the intensity of hallucinations to less level than w/out drugs.

• Starts mostly in teen age to adulthood  
"very rare in children"

• No idea how it happens, it's thought that it's upstream in Dopamine pathway.  $\Rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  Dopamine but not in a level that leads to parkinsons  
but why? We don't know  
Maybe genetic component

\* Antipsychotic Drugs :-

- ↳ first generation
  - ① ↳ low potency
  - ② ↳ High potency
- ↳ second generation
  - ⑤

replacable with

potency usually describe strength of drug but here it's used to describe affinity

high potency of second gen as D-2 antagonist, higher affinity  
no it's related to side effects

length of drug but  
re it's used to describe  
similarity

High potency  
المرتبة الأولى  
المرتبة الثانية  
المرتبة الثالثة  
المرتبة الرابعة

Depot Rec - 1  
Low potency drug - 2

Depot Rec as D-2 Rec  
as D-2 Antagonist,

The more the affinity  
of Drug the more it  
will bind to Receptor, it's  
thought that it will give  
higher effect, but here  
No it's related to  
side effects.



• a low potency 780 generation drug  
effects EPS "Extra pyramidal side effects"  
is much less is Chlorthalidone  
in potency

• When it comes to the first generation in  
general the efficacy isn't affected  
whether it's high or low potency  
the difference is how much EPS  
it causes.

### \* Second generation Antipsychotics -

they cause much less EPS cause they  
block Dopamine Rec., in weaker  
manner.  $\Rightarrow$  to a level that is not enough to  
cause EPS

The bigger effect comes from blocking  
Serotonin Rec. Related to psychosis

though they cause other problems called  
"Metabolic disturbances"

long term use may lead to Diabetes  
"Drug induced diabetes"

or lead to hypercholesterolemia  $\Delta$  LDL  
in blood  $\Rightarrow$  weight gain  $\Rightarrow$  Metformin + TCAs

\* Based on what will I choose the drug?  
Since there are 5 drugs in this group?

↳ the 5 drugs have the same efficacy

↳ When it comes to choose drug, second generation,

I mostly prefer using the 2nd, cause the side effects profile is better.

Doesn't cause EPS as 1st generation does, though it's less potency 1st gen.

↳ also as efficacy 2nd is higher than 1st.

دائماً السيفالوسام كورس .  
ثالثاً :  
رابعاً : ⇒

↳ 10-20% of patients won't respond to either 1st, 2nd.

I'll use the drug clozapine ~~among~~ side to them.

its use is limited to refractory patients cause the S.E profile is really bad.

causing - bone marrow suppression  
- leukopenia

- Cardiovascular side effects
- Agranulocytosis → WBC.

### \* Mechanism of Action: -

- Dopamine Antagonism  
Block D-2 Rec "Mostly 1st gen"  
"less 2nd gen"

- Serotonin Blocking Activity  
Blocking 5HT Rec which is Serotonin Rec, have many subtypes, each subtype A, B, C ...  
here the block on 5-HT<sub>2A</sub>  
"only 2nd gen"

### \* Actions: -

come from blocking

↳ Serotonin 2nd gen

↳ Dopamine

but it will also cause other things  
"similar to non-selectivity problems of  
Anti-depressants" TCA Also Adrenergic,  
Cholinergic, Histamine Rec."

### ± - Antipsychotic effect: -

which is the main therapeutic use



Comes from the Management of +ve symptoms of schizophrenia, -ve symptoms of schizophrenia.

↳ +ve symptoms  
the known, core symptom of schizophrenia  
which is sever hallucinations.  
but not every schizophrenic patient  
starts w the same severity of  
hallucinations,

Maybe some patients have some mental  
disorders but not exactly schizophrenia  
so it's :

↳ -ve symptoms  
having no feelings at all Apathy,  
Cognitive impairment, ~~Memory~~ Memory  
swing, Blunted affect

المرض في كلا الطرفين  
منه...

تطبيقات في علاج  
المرض في كلا الطرفين  
منه...

Disease is mix of both -ve, +ve  
symptoms both are bad.

• 2nd gen was found to cause -ve symptoms  
More than the 1st gen altery side

• 1st gen only the +ve symptoms, the  
hallucinations, their severity - the  
let side

\* Must drug give results w -ve symptoms  
Clozapin that we use w refractory  
patients, cause -ve symptoms are  
caused by refractory disease

### III - Extrapyramidal Effects -

they are adverse effects as an  
action

EPS: it's a Motors problem w

• parkinson like symptoms ↓ Dopamine  
• Tardive dyskinesia: effects movement  
of face, jaw is  
mainly.

Chronic use irreversible

"involuntary facial movements"

More common w 1st gen than 2nd  
Atypical  $\downarrow$  affinity  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
D-2 Rec

### III - Antiemetic effects :-

therapeutic use, for Nausea, Vomiting

I can use all the family care drug

Block Dopamine Rec in the Chem Rec.

trigger zone (CTZ) where activation

it is who causes Nausea, Vomiting

except for AMPIPIZOLE that is a  
partial Agonist it can block dopamine  
to certain level with strong effect  
of blocking it.

but can't use for the Antiemetic  
effects.

### IV - Anticholinergic effects :-

only found w

↳ chlorpromazine

↳ cloczapin

↳ clonazapin

Adverse effects

V - other effects :-  
Sedation

## \* Therapeutic Uses :-

↳ TTT of Schizophrenia as Antipsychotic effects

1st  $\Rightarrow$  +ve

2nd  $\Rightarrow$  -ve Mue

Atypical Antipsychotic 2nd gen are  
more  $\Rightarrow$  SHT<sub>2A</sub>? effective Mue

for people det'd Respat  $\Rightarrow$  1st gen

↳ prevention of Nausea, Vomiting  
Mostly Prochlorperazine  
erazil

↳ other uses  $\hookrightarrow$

chlorpromazine very effective  $\hookrightarrow$   
curing intractable hiccups

الجازونة التي معاملة الله بشارك السيد

$\hookrightarrow$  can also use Antipsychotics as Anti-epileptics  
 $\hookrightarrow$  people w Bipolar disorders, Mania

علاج الازونة

## \* Adverse Effects :-

↳ EPS

Block Dopamine

parkinson like symptoms

↳ Tardive dyskinesia is irreversible, require stop drug  
involuntary facial movements, jaw

↳ Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome  
Letal RAN appear in <sup>few</sup> some people  
using Antipsychotic.

↳ should stop drugs

↳ Change Mental status }  
↳ Fever } Neuroleptic  
↳ Muscle Rigidity }

Successive Malignant 1st Malignant  
type 2nd Malignant

• (2nd Malignant)

Fig 11.8

انتزاع  
القدح

Rec 1st Malignant

# \*Pharmacology I:-

• Lec (18) + (15 slides)

\*Chapter (12): Drugs for Epilepsy

## Epilepsy

3rd most common neurological disorder,  
causes are unknown.  
So it's harder to treat.

it's accompanied by overactivation, desynchronization  
in the CNS level,

Due to excessive firing in neurons

"paroxysmal" - successive the whole time  
there is active action potentials

No rest!

The problem isn't the release of neurotransmitters  
but what allows that:

↳  $\text{Na}^+$  voltage channels open

↳  $\text{Ca}^{+2}$  " " " "

So A.P. don't keep repeating  
"successive activation."

So as Result:-

## Seizure

That has different forms, Doesn't always Mean contraction of muscle  
\*The common form of it is muscle contraction.

The form depends on the type of seizure,  
different ranges of signs, symptoms  
patients may

↳ lose consciousness

↳ involuntary muscle movements

↳ Convulsions

تنجيس

↳ hallucinations

↳ visual

↳ Auditory

↳ Autolytic

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

# Epilepsy

↳ Result of unknown cause

Idiopathic

↳ Cause that I can't treat  
Following major Accidents,  
Trauma -

if I know cause, I treated the  
cause.

No need for Antiepilepsy drugs  
But these cases with unknown cause  
it's chronic,  
Must use these drugs all the time

~ 75% of cases respond to one  
drug only.

~ Monotherapy is enough?



# \* Etiology of Seizures, Classification -

Seizure |

Very strong Activity of Neurons in the Brain.

"paroxysmal firing"

هناك انفجار في النشاط الكهربائي  
في خلايا الدماغ  
بشكل مفاجئ.

it might be in a part of the Brain, or maybe the whole Brain

the generalized may start as local "جزئية" the area of that local determines the type of the seizure.

→ بداية النوبة  
التي تبدأ من منطقة  
التي هي جزئية.

ex: if the Motor cortex is the area affected:

Contractions, convulsions

"Convulsive seizure is not the major seizure"



# Classification of Epileptic Seizures:-

## L1 Local "Partial"

مركز  
مركز  
مركز

Means part of brain is affected "Local point"   
 منطقة مركزية

L2 Simple if the area affected certain neurons, ex neurons of motor cortex only

L3 Complex, other areas but not the whole brain so still local

## L4 Generalized

includes the whole brain, but the symptoms of seizure may differ in 6 cases

### L5 Tonic-clonic

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generalized seizure   
 generalized seizure

Tonic part: continuous contraction   
 توتر مستمر

توتر مستمر  
العضلات

Clonic part: very short contractions   
 very short then relax   
 انقباضات - توترات

Tonic

قوي

Clonic

قوي

usually these seizures 2-3 minutes  
then loss of consciousness

Myoclonic :-

short episodes of tonic contraction  
of contraction

Atonic :-

sudden the muscles relax followed  
by drop of the patient "drop attack"

يحدث فجأة مع فقدان الوعي

أحد أنواع نوبات الصرع

Absence

Blanking out "eyes open but he  
is not there"

No blinking

\*Widened eye

نوبات الغيب

# \* M.O.A of Antiepileptic Medications:

- ↑ inhibition
- ↓ excitation

↳ Block Voltage gated ( $Na^+$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ )

↓ threshold not  $\rightarrow$

↓ threshold  $\rightarrow$  prevent  $\rightarrow$  release

Release of neurotransmitter  $\rightarrow$

↳ Activation of GABA  $\rightarrow$  ↑ presynaptic inhibition  $\rightarrow$  ↓ presynaptic transmission

↳ Interfering with glutamate Rec. and  
Prevents its excitatory "NMDA Rec."  
 $\rightarrow$  Tonic drugs

↳ Multiple targets on CNS

(SVA2) Block

\* These drugs don't cure Epilepsy, they  
but suppress it

## \* Drugs Selection:

There are old, New generation, Drugs  
They are all used.

Use depends on the type of seizure,  
age of patient, other diseases,  
physiological "pregnant".

\* usually I prefer using Monotherapy  
Medication.

↑ Adherence

↓ Side Effect.

\* Antiepileptic drugs with least DDI

↳ Levetiracetam → [SVAZ] الليتين

↳ Carbamazepine > Analgesia (opioids)

↳ Phenytoin

Let example useful for elderly using  
Polypharmacy

\* It Don't start therapy w the first seizure

if repeats only ✓

⇒ first choice drug ✓

↳ if 3rd seizure ok ↓

↳ if after seizure? ↓

⇒ I use AER Monotherapy, ✓ دواء  
or I use AER drug  
along side w it

~ دواء A زائد بوقت دواء B  
ويعطى اوقت بيها ادر د با استفاد الستي  
therapeutic dose w epilepsy B

I Don't leave the patient  
unleaved.

⇒ I expect that Jesus New Line

⇒ If Not !!!

I know that switching to AER  
drug isn't enough so I switch  
to AER drug ⇒ Carbamazepine

if the combination of two - 3 drugs  
Didn't work,

⇒ Now I ~~was~~ Next Vagus Nerve  
Stimulation "surgery"

← low ← low

• Mechanism (New to Me) : -  
an Area in the Neurons called: synaptic  
Vesicle proteins 2A

**SV2**

it's thought that this protein must be  
activated,

so neurotransmitters are released

not enough only  $Ca^{2+}$  ...

So drugs must block this protein

actually the drug targets this mechanism



## Antiepilepsy Medications:

The only difference b/w New, old is the adverse effect profile, pharmacokinetics but efficacy is the same.  
"Might be used more than the New"

~~They~~ Most of them associated w/ hypersensitivity rxn

## • Benzodiazepines:

You know the mechanism!

Chlorthalidone  
clonazepam } Adjuvants to other drugs

Diazepam  
Levetiracetam } used in status epilepticus in emergency, as premedication for tonic-clonic emergency (status epilepticus)

## Carbamazepine:

عنصر

↳ Blocker of  $Na^+$ -gated Voltage Channel

So prevent A.P

↳ Very effective in Local, generalized tonic-clonic

↳ Mentioned in Antipsychotics in Mood stabilizers Control Mann's part of bipolar disease

↳ potent enzyme inducer

↳ induces its own metabolism "Auto-inducer"  
لا يزرع ارضه الجبره و لا يزرع ارضه الجبره

So DDI

\* Adverse effects -

hypertension in elderly (propyl)

Contraindicated in absence seizure  
Will worsen it.

Ethosuximide:-

• Ethosuximide -

↳ inhibitor of voltage gated  $Ca^{+2}$  channel

↳ effective in Absence seizure

Sedburate:-

↳ one of the drugs w broad spectrum of Mechanism of Action

• Sedburate, Tepirrate are the only drugs that can effect NMDA.

• close  $Na^{+}$  gated Voltage channel

glycine is Antagonist of NMDA receptor  
- NMDA receptor is  $Ca^{+2}$  antagonist

Glutamate receptor  
Glutamate is Antagonist of NMDA receptor

• Block Voltage gated  $Ca^{2+}$  channel

• potentiate  $Ca^{2+}$  Action.

• effect cytochrome enzymes inhibits some  
itself some

• Since it works in  $\beta$ -adrenergic neurons

↳ Redness prophylaxis

• Adverse effects

↳ Aplastic Anemia

↳ hepatic failure

• Carbamazepine -

↳ Adverse effects, interactions

↳ but not really strong in seizure  
↳ used Adjuncts in Seizure only

↳ other use is useful for Neuropathic  
Pain. "Postherpetic Neuralgia"

viral infection "مزارع نازع"  
هو فايروس بجزب الالتهاب

Structure similar to GABA, so Direct Agonist  
on GABA, "I expect that"  
though, it doesn't !!!

Mechanism is unknown

used for epilepsy and ↓ S.F

• lamotrigine

- Most famous drug used
- effective, doesn't have DD<sub>2</sub>
- less adverse effects
- blocks  $Na^+$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$  channels
- first line / cause it treats
  - ↳ Seiz
  - ↳ generalised
  - ↳ Absence

\*used as mood stabilizer in bipolar,  
Mania

when given w

L Carbamazepine

L phenytoin

enzyme inducer, effect enzymes

Break it down

though if given w Valproic Acid ~~the~~

laboratory levels  
in both cases dose adjustment  
gradually

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الاسئلة~~

الباقي من الاسئلة

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SUCCESSIVE ACTIVATION

\*Pharmacology I :-

• Lec (20) Final lecture :

\*Chapter (14) = opioids :-

↳ the opium plant "الأفيون",  
we extract the A.I  
"Morphin" that is the one  
that represents the opioids

opioids are "Narcotics"  
the goal of using them  
is Anesthesia - Analgesics  
- Management of pain

pain diagnosis is only based  
on asking patients how  
he feels only.

Nothing can measure the  
amount of pain,

based on what we can do to  
relieve the pain

الألم الناتج عن مستقبلات الألم  
Nociceptive pain

الألم الناتج عن تلف الأعصاب  
Neuropathic pain

الألم الناتج عن تضيق القناة الفقرية  
Neuropathic pain  
Cancer

↳ Nociceptive pain (NSAIDs)

↳ Neuropathic pain (Ant)

↳ Malignant / Metastatic pain





↳ Withdrawal syndromes  
even worse than barbiturates  
but..  
it's time limited

لو صبرنا أيام، نطلع من الأمان  
الانسحاب أو الانسحاب  
موجود.

opioids can bind to opioid rec., these rec.  
were called that according to the entogenerous  
opioids.

↳ for binding to these rec, so Managing  
the pain.

↳ Dynorphins

↳ Endorphins

↳ Enkephalins

} if you have even a  
small pain will feel  
like huge one

substance b, <sup>ألم</sup>  
glutamate

Morphine-like drugs all work the way  
they do.

The most dangerous thing when using this  
family is the hazard of addiction,  
so we will discuss Antagonists & Antagonists,  
used in case of addiction.

over does lead to death due to Respiratory depression,

by closing the respiratory center in CNS, so no sensation of  $CO_2$ ,  $O_2$  levels.

Berebete 118

### \*Mechanism of pain:-

To feel pain there is stimulus comes on the Nociceptors, Nociceptors start on the periphery, No pain in CNS "yet".

So for pain sensation to start, the signal should go in spinal cord due to thalamus, hypothalamus in brain.

Nociceptors that start in certain stimulus moves through sensory neurones,

causing rising to Action potential

reaching  $\Rightarrow$  "first order neurones" that will

be the complement of neurones in periphery.

reaching dorsal-horn of spinal cord that is full of neurones.

giving sign to the thalamus, s. (pain signal)

learning excitations, Neurotransmitter Release,  
Leading to Action potential.

Since it's excitatory, the Neurotransmitters involved  
are glutamate

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نورون NT

Fig 14,4: excitation of pain

in the Nerve, there are excitatory Neurotransmitters,  
Neuromodulators.

in this case the Neurotransmitter responsible for pain  
sensation is glutamate,  
and the Neuromodulator that will help it,  
give the same effect but in different  
rel. is: Substance P.

The pain sensation starts when entering the  
dermatome area,

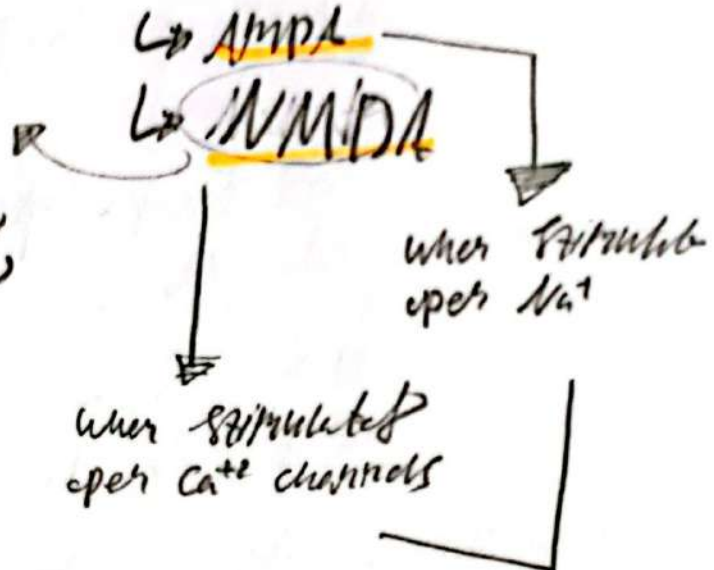
very strong activation,

many neurones, these neurones include  
vesicle, inside it: glutamate substance P

Action potential  $\Rightarrow$   $Na^+$  voltage gated channels  
opening. So  $Na^+$  reaching threshold, &  
Now  $Ca^{2+}$  channels opening

Neuron of  $Ca^{+2}$  releasing, vesicles surface is Now  
 glutamate, substance P  
 glutamate binds w its two Rec.

Excitotoxic effects  
 of Activated Tox  
 Much.  
 pain  $\rightarrow$  Manifests of  
 toxicity



- Substance P excitotoxicity  
 of pain, binds w Rec. called  
 Neurokinin-1.  
 that will do the same thing  
 open  $Na^+$ ,  $Ca^{+2}$  channels  
 but indirectly through  
 protein kinases.  
 "enzymes"

propagation  
 of new AP  
 to the next  
 Neurons.  
 "series of Neurons"  
 sending AP  
 to each other

So as result of all that  $\uparrow$  excitation  
 which is the pain.

the opioids will cancel that by binding  
to Receptors  $\Rightarrow$  Gi-Protein Coupled Rec.

also by affecting ion channels.

So as if opioids has 3 Mechanisms

Each Neuron includes opioid Rec.

- $\hookrightarrow$   $\mu$   $\mu$
- $\hookrightarrow$   $\kappa$   $\kappa$
- $\hookrightarrow$   $\delta$   $\delta$

order  
of pain  
relief

These three Rec. order Analgesic effects  
when excited,  
when opioids stimulate them

different spreading along CNS  $\Rightarrow$  Brain, spinal cord

M-Rec is Gi-Protein Coupled.

in case of too much release of glutamate substance P  
there will be pain sensation.

M-Rec present both presynaptically, postsynaptically  
when there is binding to M-Rec there will be

① Inhibition of Adenyl cyclase  $\rightarrow$   $\text{cAMP} \rightarrow \text{PKA} \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+}$

②  $\mu$

②

• Postsynaptically, opioids open K channels "it's thought to be a complementary effect" of Actual Mechanism still uncertain. So  $K^+$  outflow so leaving the +ve charge inside.

Hyperpolarization  $\Rightarrow$  So the excitability decreases

③ Pre-synaptically blocking the  $Ca^{2+}$  channel, so prevents  $Ca^{2+}$  influx so prevents release of glutamate, substance P

all opioids including those inside the body will work the same way

Lig 11, 2 ✓

- ↳ Natural
- ↳ Semisynthetic
- ↳ Synthetic

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\*Actions of opioids :-

↳ Analgesia I want to relieve pain without reaching a level of anaesthetics

one of Anesthetics levels is Analgesia

opioids offer pain relief without loss of consciousness, unless  $\Delta$  level  $\Rightarrow$  بعد النوم

اما في البرية اطلاقا ، لا اذوق انه بعد النوم

بفقد الوعي  
~~في انحاء اخرى~~

نذكر ان لا اتم بالانام الا لو  $\Delta$  level  
الانام انما يحصل في حال  $\Delta$  level يتعدى  $\Delta$  level  
بفقد الوعي  $\Delta$  level.

بغير  $\Delta$  level.  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level

انما  $\Delta$  level هو  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  
انما يكون في  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  
هنا يكون  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level  $\Delta$  level.

### Depression of Cough Reflex

Not All opioids can work as Antitussive  
it's basically Morphine Action,  
but usually they use Cocaine in cough  
sympoms.

it has Analgesic effect but weak  
Analgesic effect compare to other  
members of family.  
Should be used in high doses  $\Rightarrow$  Dependence.

## Miosis

Constrictive of pupil, which is a characteristic of opioids.

The pupil is pin point, characteristic of Morphine Abusers. "Toxicity sign"

Cause Miosis is direct stimulation of M, M Rec.

## Euphoria

Feeling very happy, GABA suppression,

↓ Dopamine levels.

Causing psychological dependence

↳ Does dependent respiratory depression  
w/ overdoses, therapeutically ± Neef

To ↓ does in case of tolerance.

So ↑ hazard of respiratory depression

centrally acting CO<sub>2</sub> / O<sub>2</sub>

## Emesis, Nausea :-

(CPT 8)

by stimulating the chemorec. trigger zone,

"Area in Brain" so stimulate vomiting



GI Tracts -

↳ Gastric Motility, gas, B&B  
if I need them as Antidiarrhoeal effect  
that's therapeutic use.

if someone suffers constipation,  
it's an adverse effect.

**Lebetamide**

opioid-like effect of codeine  
opioid like effect of codeine

↳ Mostly caused by codeine &  
given laxative w codeine.

↳ CVS

all of opioids except of **pebeticin** cause

**Bradycardia** w **hypotension** →

Tachycardia بعد

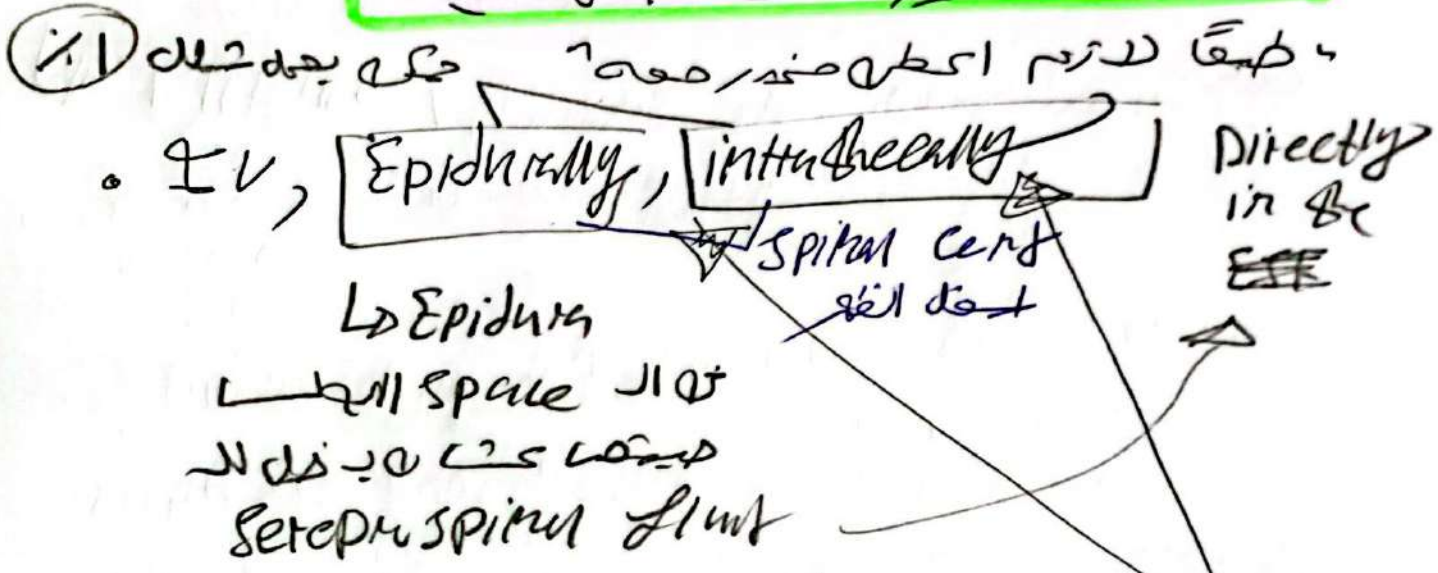
pebeticin

↳ Histamine Release in  
Morphine, Meperidine in higher doses



• its type 1/2, so gives its effect in very short time 15 min gives the effect of Analgesia, Anesthesia

لقد وجد للتخدير من حيث



The goal is to get high Analgesia with entry to CSF. used mostly in Birth pain so local Anesthesia.

لو I.V. نخر ايسه كلو.

\* Mefenone :-

opioid works at M<sub>1</sub>, in Addition effect to Block NMDA. "Just for pain excited by glutamate"

Additional Mechanism SNRI, Serotonin - NE have role in pain sensation



Adverse effects of All opioids :-

↳ Hypotension

↳ Anxiety | DisEuphoria

Metabolism → Euphoria  
→ DisEuphoria

ادوية لا يعطى ال  
للسرعة → فوراً  
بسرعة ال  
بسرعة ال

↳ Urinary Retention  
↳ Constipation

Amidolent

↳ Nausea

↳ Potential for Addiction

↳ Sedation

↳ Respiratory Depression & Apnoea

\* Other Analgesics :-

Centrally Acting, but binding power, isn't as strong as the rest of family.

• Tapentadol

M Agent, but not as strong as Morphine

also prevents the uptake of NE

- used for Moderate - severe pain

• Acute, chronic  
↳ cancer, neuropathic  
↳ post operatively

• Treatment

- same exactly as previous

- SNRI

- the thing here is that it will give effect, as being metabolized in the liver metabolites will be produced that are stronger than the parent compound "stronger activity on the same target"

للاهم الكثرة فالتزم  
كسواء تفعل  
الضعيف

"not pro-drug"

give efficacy  
and duration of  
action.

• gives effect in lower level than opioids, so I keep the stronger agents of the case needs that with respiratory depression very

we are

• Similar in all other things.

\* Antagonists:-

Reverse the effects of Morphine like drugs in cases of over-doses respiratory depression.

↳ Naloxone ⇒ used more though

↳ Naltrexone

The duration of action is less

• Works as Antagonist on the 3 Rec  $\mu$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\delta$  compete to opioids take their place

• Higher affinity than opioids

• Highest affinity to  $\mu$  which is mainly involved in Analgesia, respiratory depression

افعال التوافقية  
لا فكلتيفات  
كالام فبدر  
مزيجه  
NMP

1. افعال التوافقية  
التنافسية  
لكه ففادك انه افقد

خبر مرصن السرطان

منه مشكلة لانه الجيرة

لانه هو من ادعاه

لان في حالات فيكون

منه .

بناظر ياخذها اميد لا يعرف

منه في انشوا كره

الاسم



having very short duration,  
if the overdose is really high  
I should give it infusion

if the case will be to worse

• Naltrexone :-

I avoid it since it's hepatotoxic  
only used if there is a reason  
not to use the first one