Antiviral agents

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The main characteristics of viruses:

All viruses are obligate intracellular parasite [rely on host for the growth, development, and replication]

Consist of a core genome in a protein shell and some are surrounded by a lipoprotein

Lack cell membrane or cell wall (Not cell)

Do not carry out metabolic process (Can not make food, take in food, or produce waste)

Don not grow or respond to stimuli.

The main characteristics of viruses:

Replication depends on host cell machinery causing acute infections such as Influenza virus as well as chronic such as herpes virus

Nucleic acid is DNA or RNA (never both)

Viral genome can be single or double stranded, linear or circular

Viral genome and nucleoproteins may be surrounded by a capsid [Nucleocapsid] which can comprises the entire virus

Nucleocapsid maybe surrounded by an envelop

The main characteristics of viruses:

Some viruses have spikes to help attach host cell

Most viruses infected only specified host cell type.



Read about

Viral diseases: Aids, influenza, hepatitis

HIV: Life cycle, reverse transcriptase (RT), integrase

Influenza: Types A and B, life cycle

Hepatitis viruses: A, B, and C

Interferon α

According to genome

DNA virus Single / o

RNA virus Single / double/ linear / circular

Adenovirus Herpes simplex type 1, & 2 HBV Epstein-Barr virus Poxvirus Human papillomavirus

HIV-1 & HIV-2 HAV, HCV Influenza virus A,B, C Ebola virus Viral genome

DNA genomes		Examples
	ss, linear	Parvoviruses
	ds, linear	Poxviruses
\bigcirc	ss, circular	Phage φX174
\bigcirc	ds, circular	Baculoviruses
RNA genomes		
	ss, linear	Tobacco mosaic virus
	ds, linear	Reoviruses
\bigcirc	ss, circular	Hepatitis delta virus

Introduction: Replication cycle

- 1. Attachment (Adsorption)
- 2. Penetration (Viral entry)
- 3. Uncoating
- 4. Replication (Viral genome and protein synthesis)
- 5. Assembely
- 6. Release



Introduction: Replication cycle

Attachment:

is a specific binding between viral capsid proteins and specific receptors on the host cellular surface

Example: viral extracellular gp-120 of HIV attaches to CD 4 receptor on T-lymphocyte.

Penetration:

Virions enter the host cell through receptor-mediated <u>endocytosis</u> or <u>membrane fusion</u>. This is often called viral entry.

Uncoating:

It is a process in which the viral capsid is removed.

The viral genomic nucleic acid is released

Introduction: Replication cycle

Replication

primarily involves multiplication of the genome (DNA or RNA) and viral protein synthesis (Transcription and translation)

Self-assembly of the virus particles

:Release

Release from the host cell by lysis, a process that kills the cell by bursting its membrane and cell wall if present or by budding.

Introduction: Antiviral treatment

Prevention

Immunization Chemoprophylaxis

Chemotherapeutics

Introduction: Sites of drug action





Viral Chemotherapy

□ Inhibiting viral attachment and entry/ penetration

Enfuvirtide, maraviroc: HIV

Interferon α: Chronic hepatitis B and C, others

Inhibiting viral uncoating Amantadine and Rimantadine: Influenza A

□ Inhibiting viral release

Zanamavir and Oseltamivir: Influenza A, and B

□ Inhibiting viral replication:

DNA Polymerase inhibition: For Herpes Nucleoside antimetabolite (Purine-, pyrimidine analogue)

Reverse transcriptase inhibition (RTI) For HIV Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibition: NRTI Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibition: NNRTI

Direct inhibitor of DNA polymerase and RT Foscarnet **Protease Inhibitor: For HIV**

Peptidomimetic inhibitor: Saquinavir

Nonpeptidomimetic inhibitor: Tipranavir

□ Integrase Inhibitor: For HIV

Raltegravir

Class I viruses

Double-stranded DNA genomes

Genome is double-stranded DNA

mRNA is synthesized in the normal fashion using negative-strand DNA as a template.

Examples: Adenovirus, Hepatitis B virus

Class II viruses

Single-stranded DNA genones

Form a double stranded DNA intermediate during replication and this intermediate used for transcription.

Examples: parvovirus, maize streak virus.

Class III viruses

Double-stranded RNA genomes

Genome is double-stranded RNA, one strand of which is therefore equivalent to mRNA.

Examples: reovirus, rotavirus

Classification according to genome replication Class IV viruses

Positive-strand RNA genomes

Genome is single-stranded RNA that can serve as mRNA directly, so these are positive-strand viruses.

Examples: poliovirus

<u>Class V viruses</u> Negative-strand RNA genomes

Genome is single-stranded RNA that serve as template for synthesis of viral mRNA.

Since genome is complementary to mRNAs, these are negativestrand viruses. Therefore, complementary positive strand is synthesized by RNA polymerase and used as mRNA.

Examples: rabies virus, mumps virus

<u>Class VI viruses</u> Retroviruses

Genome is positive-strand RNA. This RNA virus require reverse transcriptase to copy the information found in RNA to DNA but its expression and replication require synthesis of a double- stranded DNA molecule

Example: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Class VII viruses

Double-stranded DNA with RNA intermediate

Double-stranded DNA genome that replicates with RNA intermediate.

Required reverse transcriptase



Influenza virus: Structure



Influenza virus: Surface protein



Influenza virus is classified into:

□ Influenza A: Most important (Wild water birds, chicken, flying birds, cats, dogs, horses, pigs, human, marine mammals, bats????)

□ Influenza B: Known only in man

□ Influenza C: Uncommon, Known only in man



Host range of influenza A viruses. Wild water birds represent the natural reservoir of influenza A viruses, from which they can be transmitted to a wide variety of other hosts

Influenza virus Type A

 Influenza A viruses are further classified into subtypes based on the antigenicity of their surface glycoproteins (HA & NA)

Hemagglutinin (HA)	Neuraminidase (NA)
H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, H12, H13, H14, H15, H16	N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9
So far at least 84 serotypes (H	IA &NA combination) are found in ivour



Spanish flu

Spanish flu: Known as 1918 influenza pandemic

February 1918 to April 1920

Influenza pandemic caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus.

Infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time.

Death ca. 100 million (One of the <u>deadliest pandemics</u> in human history.

Spanish flu



Life cycle of Influenza virus



Life cycle of Influenza virus

Replication of influenza A viruses in the lung epithelium. Binding of haemagglutinin (HA), expressed on the surface of the influenza virion, with sialic acid residues linked to cell surface glycans induces binding and fusion of the virion with the plasma membrane of the target cell. The HA in human viruses interacts with sialic acid residues linked to surface glycans via an α -2,6 linkage, which is found in the upper and lower human airway epithelium and in alveolar type II cells. The virus then enters the cell via endocytosis or micropinocytosis and is trafficked to the lysosome where acidification activates the proton selective matrix protein-2 viral channel (M2), inducing membrane fusion and dissociation of the viral **ribonucleoprotein** (**RNP**) core, which is then transported to the nucleus where viral RNA replication occurs. Progeny viral RNP cores are generated in the cytosol and, with the viral surface proteins, HA and neuraminidase (NA), and other viral proteins, are concentrated in and near lipid rafts at the plasma membrane. Budding of these plasma membrane regions forms complete viral progeny, which is linked to the plasma membrane by HA/sialic acid interactions.

Cleavage of sialic acid residues by neuraminidase releases the viral progeny so they are then free to infect other cells, which can be **prevented by NA inhibitors**.

Viral Chemotherapy: Influenza virus

1. M2- Ion channel inhibitor

- Drugs: Adamantanes and Rimantadine
- M2-ion channel is only in Influenza A

Influenza A virion in endosome undergoes fusion with endosomal membrane upon drop in pH. M2-ion channels allow hydrogen ion to enter in virion, releasing RNP from the matrix protein, leading to viral uncoating.

M2 proton channel blockers protect only against the A viruses

Viral Chemotherapy: Influenza virus



Influenza virions in endosomes undergo fusion with endosomal membrane upon drop in pH induced by an endosomal proton pump. The M2 protein allows hydrogen ions to enter virion, releasing the RNP from the matrix protein. Amantadine blocks the M2 channel, inhibiting this process.
Viral Chemotherapy

Amantadine:

Amantadine: 1-adamantanamine hydrochloride

A symmetric tricyclic primary amine

Inhibits penetration of RNA viral particles into the host cell, and viral genome uncotaing.

Prophylaxis of Influenza A

Side effect: Cross BBB-----CNS (Dopamine release) GIT



Amantadine

Viral Chemotherapy

Rimantadine:

α-methyl derivative of amantadine,

4 to 10 times more active than amantadine

Interfere with virus uncoating. It does not interfere with viral adsorption or penetration

It has similar uses like amantadine HCl.

Side effect: fewer CNS side effects than amantadine

Amnatadine and rimantadine interfere with M2 protein an ion channel in influenza A



Rimantadine

Viral Chemotherapy: Influenza virus

2. Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI)



Influenza A virus infects a host cell







Neuramindase and hemagglutinin are a glycoprotein embedded in envelop of Influenza virus A and B.

Viral Chemotherapy: Influenza virus

Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI)

- Neuroamidinase (NA) is an enzyme -a sialidase-, cleaving a bond between a terminal sialic acid unit and a sugar which results in release of new virions and their spread from cell to cell.
- Neuraminidase inhibitors block viral neuraminidase enzyme, which is critical in releasing virions from the infected host's cells.
- **These drugs are active against influenza A and B**
- Neuraminidase inhibitors, are not cures and do not 'kill' the flu virus but merely slow the virus replication down to a level where the immune system can more easily destroy it.

Viral Chemotherapy: Influenza virus

Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI)

- Ideally, they should be given as early as possible especially within 48 hours of influenza illness onset.
- □ They can reduce the severity and duration of a flu illness.
- There are three FDA-approved influenza antiviral drugs (Neuraminidase inhibitors)
- 1. Oseltamivir (trade name Tamiflu[®])
- 2. Zanamivir (trade name Relenza®)
- 3. Peramivir (trade name Rapivab[®]).

Mechanism of Neuroaminidase



Sialic acid, N-Acetylneuraminic acid , Neu5Ac

Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI): Transition state inhibitors



FIGURE 20.44 Transition-state inhibitors for the enzyme neuraminidase.

Neu5Ac2en (DANA): 2-deoxy-2,3-dehydro-*N-acetylneuraminic acid, is a highly active* neuraminidase inhibitor (not specific for the viral enzyme).

DANA: Lead compound

Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI): Transition state inhibitors



Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI): Transition state inhibitors/ development of Zanamivir

- The transition state has a planar trigonal centre at C-2 and so sialic acid analogues containing a double bond between positions C-2 and C-3 were synthesized to achieve that same trigonal geometry at C-2. Discovery of the inhibitor 2-deoxy-2,3-dehydro- N -acetylneuraminic acid (Neu5Ac2en, DANA).
- □ 4-Amino-Neu5Ac2en contains the aminium group / more potent than Neu5Ac2en/ selective against the viral enzyme
- Substitution at C 4 with larger guanidinium group was 100 X more potent than aminogroup

Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI): Transition state inhibitors/ development of Zanamivir



FIGURE 20.42 Hydrogen bonding interactions between sialic acid and the active site of neuraminidase.

Neuroaminidase inhibitor (NAI): Transition state inhibitors/ development of Zanamivir



with the active site of neuraminidase.

Neuroamidinase Inhibitor

Zanamivir



A sialic acid analog, replacement of the 4' OH with an amino- or guanidinyl group

Selective for viral neuroamidinase

Prophylactic for the prevent ion of influenza A and B infections

Neuroamidinase Inhibitor



the onset of influenza symptoms, the drug is effective

Neuroamidinase Inhibitor



FIGURE 20.52 Development of peramivir (BCX 1812).

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Part 2

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Inhibiting viral replication:

DNA Polymerase inhibition: For Herpes Nucleoside antimetabolite (Purine and pyrimidine analogue)

Reverse transcriptase inhibition (RTI) For HIV Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibition: NRTI Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibition: NNRTI

Direct inhibitor of DNA polymerase and RT Foscarnet

Review

Synthesis of DNA/ Role of DNA polymerase



Synthesis of DNA/ Role of DNA polymerase



Nucleosides = Base + Sugar

nucleosides









HÒ

2'-deoxycytidine



CH₃

Acyclovir (Zovirax):





2'-deoxyguanosine DNA component

Acyclovir

DNA terminator

Acyclovir (Zovirax):

Acyclovir is a purine **nucleoside analog** One of the most successful antiviral drugs Targets herpes virus infection (HSV-1&2, and VZV) It lacks C-2', C-3' and the **3'-OH**

It is a prodrug.

Activation by <u>viral</u> thymidine kinase, and cellular kinase to acyclguanosine triphosphate (Acyclo-GTP)

Inhibit DNA polymerase and terminate DNA elongation (lack 3⁻OH necessary for phosphodiester formation, Chain terminator)



Acyclovir Mode of Action



Acyclovir Mode of Action



Valacylovir (Valtrex):

Apro-prodrug

L-Valylester of acyclovir

Improve oral bioavailability (3-5 times higher than that of acyclovir)







Oral bioavailability less than 10%.

Difference: Presence of hydroxyl methyl moiety on acyclic part Greater activity against CMV (Cytomegalovirus), while maintaining the activity of acyclovir towards Varicella-Zoster virus (VZV) and (HSV)

Nucleoside antimetabolite (Purine analogue) Famciclovir and penciclovir: HN H_2N METABOLIC H_2N Ν ACTIVATION HO Ac_O Act HO Famciclovir Penciclovir Famciclovir

Famciclovir(oral): Diacetyl prodrug of penciclovir. The mechanism of action like acyclovir. Penciclovir (topical): less oral bioavaialbility

Famciclovir and penciclovir:









Famciclovir and penciclovir:



Vidarabine(ara-A)

- is an adenosine nucleoside
- arabinose instead of ribose (differ in the stereochemistry of the <u>2'-OH</u>.
- It is activated to mono- , di- and triphosphate derivative
- Competitive inhibitor of viral DNA polymerase, incorporation into and inhibition of the growing viral DNA (Formation of faulty DNA)

Originally used as antineoplastic, but found effective antiviral superior to that of idoxuridine.





Idoxuridine (Stoxil) 5-iodo-2-deoxyuridine

The drug is an iodinated analog of thymidine

It is converted in cell to mono-, di-, and

triphosphate.

Activation is not selective to virally infected

cells



kinases in both virus and normal cells convert idoxuridine to the corresponding nucleotide monophosphate, nucleotide diphosphate, and nucleoside triphosphate (NTP)

Idoxuridine (Stoxil)

The triphosphate is believed to be both a substrate and inhibitor of viral DNA polymerase.

It is used **only topically** due to cardiotoxicity

The ability of idoxuridine to substitute for deoxythymidine in viral DNA may be a result of the similar van der Waals radii of iodine (2.15 Å) and the thymidine methyl group (2.00 Å). The resulting DA is faulty and breakable.



Cidofovir (Vistide)

(S)-3-hydroxy-2-phosphonomethoxypropyl cytosine (HPMPC)

An acyclonucleotide analog (dexycytidine-5-monophosphate analogue)

A phosphonic acid derivative.



The phosphonic acid is not hydrolyzed by phosphatases in vivo

Phosphorylated by cellular kinases to yield a diphosphate. [antimetabolite to deoxycytosine triphosphate (dCTP).

Approved for treating CMV retinitis in patients with AIDS.


Direct inhibitor of DNA polymerase and RT

Foscarnet

Trisodium phosphonoformate is an inorganic pyrophosphate analog

Not requiring an activation step before attacking the target viral enzyme (Not a prodrug)

It is a reversible, noncompetitive inhibitor with respect to nucleoside triphosphate, that binds to pyrophosphate binding site of viral DNA polymerase and reverse transcriptase (RT).



Trisodiumphosphonoformate



Pyrophosphate

Direct inhibitor of DNA polymerase and RT

Foscarnet

- It is non selective and toxic.
- Difficult crossing cell membrane due to its high charge.
- Synergistic effect with nucleoside antimetabolite.



Antiviral agents

Part 3

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Antiretroviral agents

Retrovirus: HIV

Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor: NRTI

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI)

Protease inhibitor

□ Integrase inhibitor

Retrovirus: HIV



Key to Terms

HIV capsid: HIV's core that contains HIV RNA

HIV envelope: Outer surface of HIV

HIV enzymes: Proteins that carry out steps in the HIV life cycle

HIV glycoproteins: Protein "spikes" embedded in the HIV envelope

HIV RNA: HIV's genetic material

HIV Lifecycle (RNA virus)









The affinity of AZT to RT is much higher than cellular DNA polymerase (Selective to viral enzyme)

Zidovudine

Zidovudine (ZDV,AZT) : One of the first anti-HIV drugs

The drug enters the host cells by diffusion and is phosphorylated by cellular enzymes to mono-, di-, and triphosphates.

The 3'-OH in thymidine is replaced by Azido group, thus the 5',3'diester formation is inhibited

AZT causes DNA chain termination, yielding an incomplete proviral DNA (chain terminator)



Stavudine 2',3'-Dideoxy-2',3'didehydrothymidine (D4T) Lamivudine 2'-Deoxy-3'-thiacytidine, 3TC

Zalcitabine

2`, 3`-dideoxycytidine

Cytosine analogue

Causes peripheral neuropathy.



Others Didanosine: 2`, 3`-dideoxyinosine In vivo transform by metabolic activation to 2`, 3`-dideoxyadenosine triphosphate

Abacavir: Carbocyclic nucleoside analoge



Abacavir

Not prodrug (Do not require bioactivation by kinases/ phosphorylation).

□ Binding directly to RT.

□ Not incorporated in DNA.

□ They are more selective

□ They have high therapeutic index

Orally bioavailable

Problem of NNRTI: Resistance among HIV isolates

Mechanism of action

NNRTIs bind to an <u>allosteric site</u> (a hydrophobic pocket) that is distinct from the substrate (nucleoside triphosphate)-binding site (Active site) of RT, which causes conformational change in the threedimensional structure of the enzyme, and affecting the catalytic activity of enzyme, and blocking HIV viral replication.





NNRTIs show a wide variety of different structures. Despite the structural diversity, the NNRTIs show high specificity for the HIV-1 reverse transcriptase (RT), as they do not inhibit the HIV-2.

NNRTIs have lipophilic aromatic ring system which interact with the hydrophobic pocket in the binding site.

Second-generation NNRTIs were developed specifically to find agents that were active against resistant variants as well as wildtype viruses

Efavirenz (For Wild type and resistant mutant HIV-1)

Efavirenz: Teratogenicity

Nevirapine

Noncompetitive binding to RT and direct inhibition at a site different from AZT and others. $CH_3 \qquad 0$

May be active against AZT-resistant strains.

Can be used in combination.

Main adverse effect is rash.



Neverapine prevent transmission of HIV from mother to newborn when given at onset of labor and to the neonate at delivery HIV-1 protease is a crucial enzyme for the maturation and assembely of infectious viral particles



Role of HIV protease

HIV protease cleaves a peptide bond of Tyr-Pro OR Phe-Pro

HIV protease belongs to aspartyl proteases enzymes (Aspartic acid in the active site)

Mammalian peptidase do not cleave amide bonds of prolines (Selectivity to HIV protease)

Inactivation of protease leads to production of immature, noninfectious particles

Protease inhibitors work by mimicking the transition state of the peptide –peptidase complex

HIV Protease Inhibitors (PIs)



HIV protease inhibitor: PI





HIV protease inhibitor: PI



FIGURE 20.18 Mechanism of the reaction catalysed by HIV protease.

HIV protease inhibitor: PI



Replace CO-NH peptide bond with ethylene alcohol (-CH2-CHOH-)

An isosteric replacement for the scissible peptide bond that mimics the transition state for the hydrolysis of that bond but is not scissible.



HIV protease inhibitor: PI [Peptidomimetic]

Saquinavir



MW: 670

Absorption of saquinavir is poor but is increased with a fatty meal.

Others: Indinavir, amprinavir, ritonavir













HIV protease inhibitor: PI [Non-Peptidomimetic]

Tipranavir

Tipranavir is not a peptidomimetic compound.

It does appear to bind to the active site of HIV-1 protease the same as the peptidomimetics do.

Lead compound is Phenprocomoun, an anticoagulant

Cross-resistance does not develop to the same extent as seen with the peptidomimetics.

The drug is administered with a booster dose of ritonavir. This protocol inhibits CYP3A4, causing the levels of tipranavir to increase.

HIV protease inhibitor: PI [Non-Peptidomimetic]

Tipranavir



Integrase Inhibitor

Raltegravir



Integrase is a viral enzyme that inserts the viral genome into the DNA of the host cell

For HIV treatment

HIV entry and fusion inhibitor

Enfuvirtide: HIV

Entry inhibitors, also known as fusion inhibitors, are a new class of drugs for the treatment of HIV infection (Inhibitor of gp 41 activity)

Enfuvirtide It is a 36-mer synthetic peptide that is derived from the C-terminal repeat of gp41.

The drug is administered twice daily, SC

Used in combination with other anti-HIV medicines.

HIV entry inhibitor

Maraviroc

An entry inhibitor

CCR5 receptor antagonist for HIV treatment



FDA approved 2007

Hepatotoxicity

Interferon

Read about INF-α



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