

# **Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)**

**Part 1**

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**Non-Steroidal Anti-  
inflammatory  
Drugs (NSAIDs)**

# Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)

## **Introduction:**

**NSAIDs mechanism of action:** Noncompetitive inhibition of cyclooxygenase enzyme, inhibit synthesis of Prostaglandins [PGE<sub>2</sub>: Most associated with inflammation]

Cyclooxygenase [Prostaglandin endoperoxide synthase OR PGH synthase], the rate limiting enzyme responsible for biosynthesis of PGs.

Isoforms of the cyclooxygenase enzymes [COX-1, COX-2, COX-3].

# Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)

## **Introduction:**

### **Cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1):**

A constitutive enzyme

### **Responsible for physiologic production of prostanoids:**

Gastric cytoprotection, vascular homeostasis, platelet aggregation, and reproductive and kidney functions.

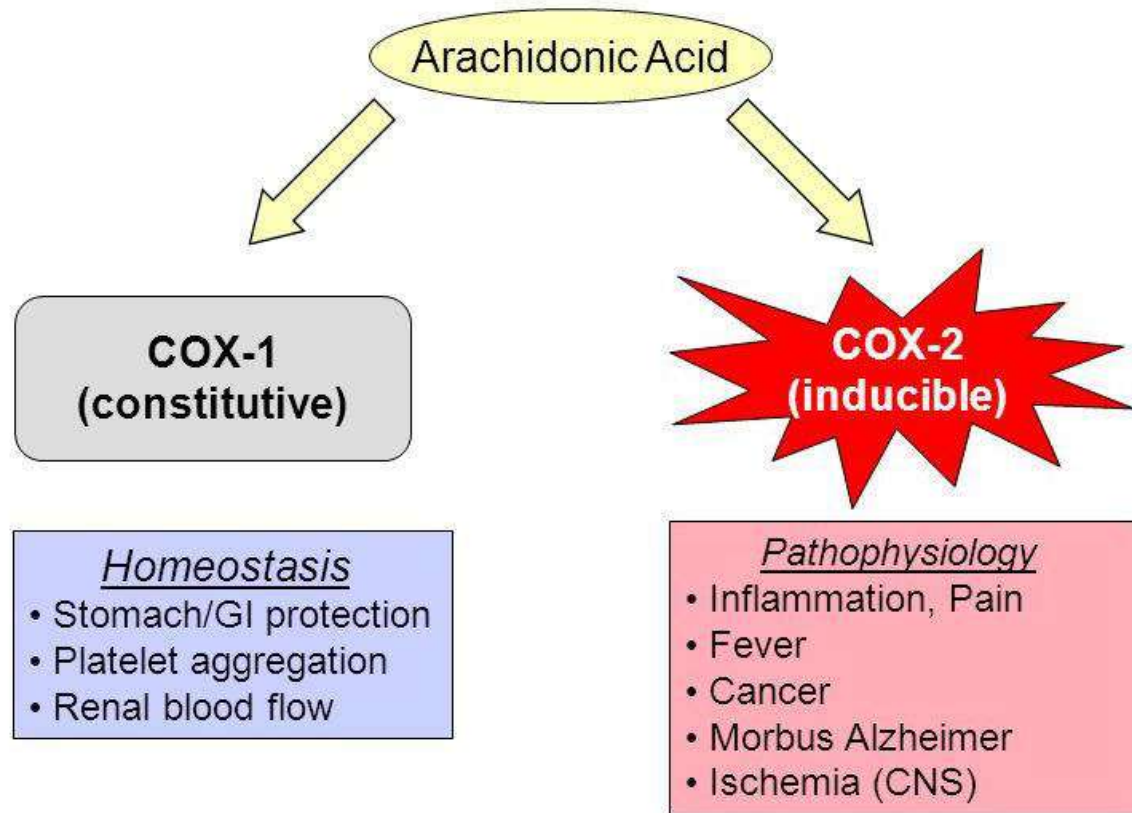
### **Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2)**

Constitutive in tissues [brain, kidney, and bone]

Inducible during states of chronic inflammation

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**COXIII** may represent a primary central mechanism by which acetaminophen is analgesic/antipyretic and little anti-inflammatory effect



Lipoxygenase pathway results in the production of leukotriene from arachidonic acid.

**TABLE 31.2 Pharmacologic Properties of Prostaglandins, Thromboxane, and Prostacyclin**

	$PGE_2$	$PGF_{2\alpha}$	$PGI_2$	$TXA_2$
Uterus	Oxytocic dilation	Oxytocic constriction		
Bronchi	Dilates	Constricts		Constricts
Platelets			Inhibits	Aggregation
Blood vessels	Dilation	Constriction	Dilation	Constriction

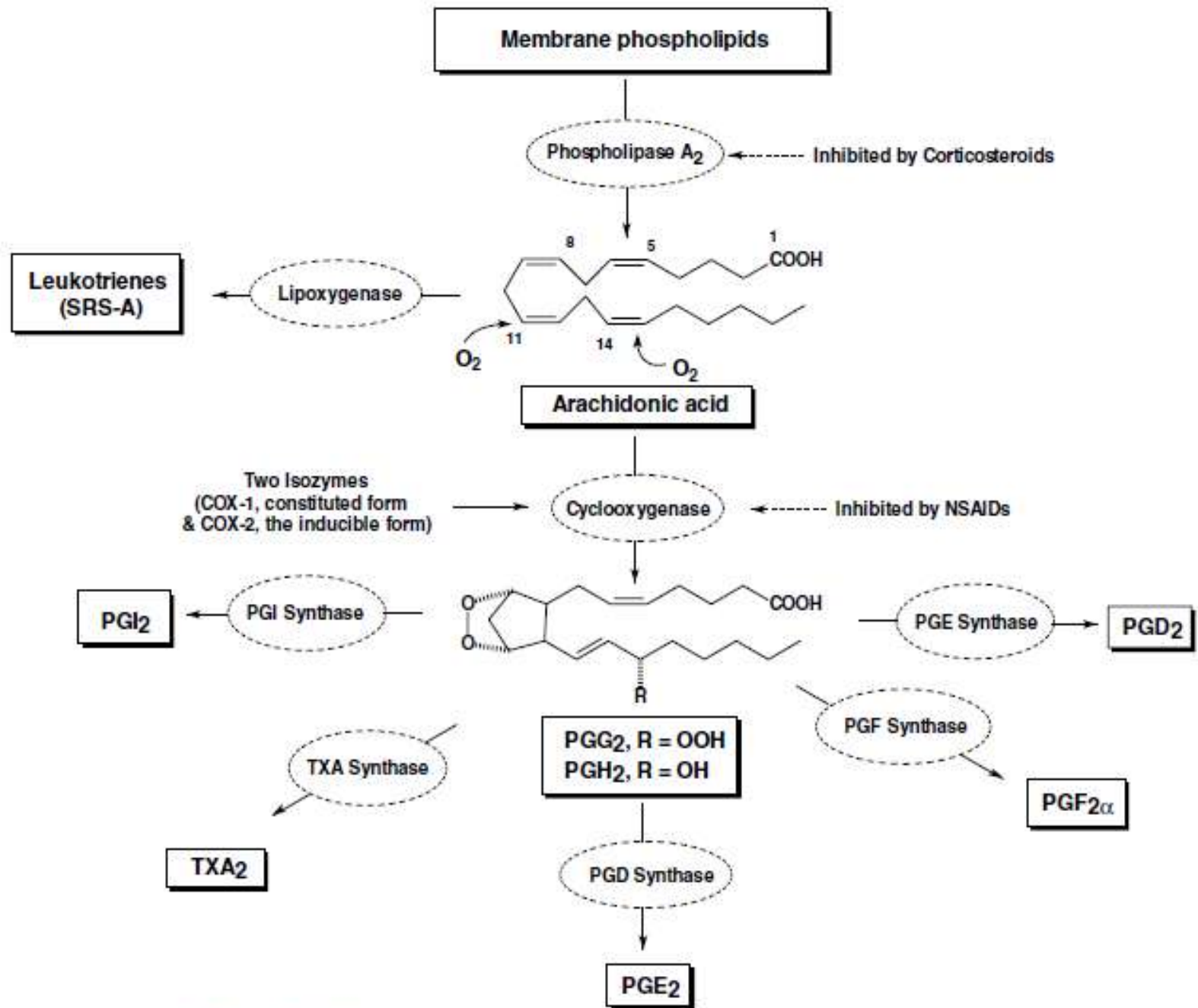
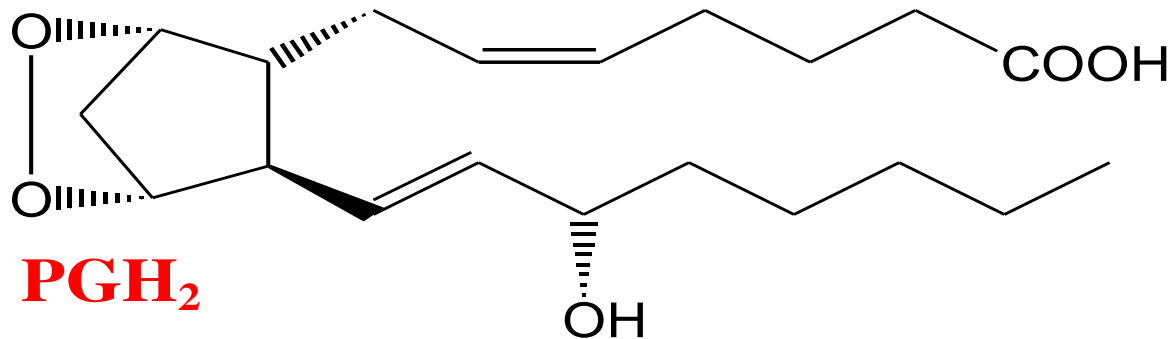
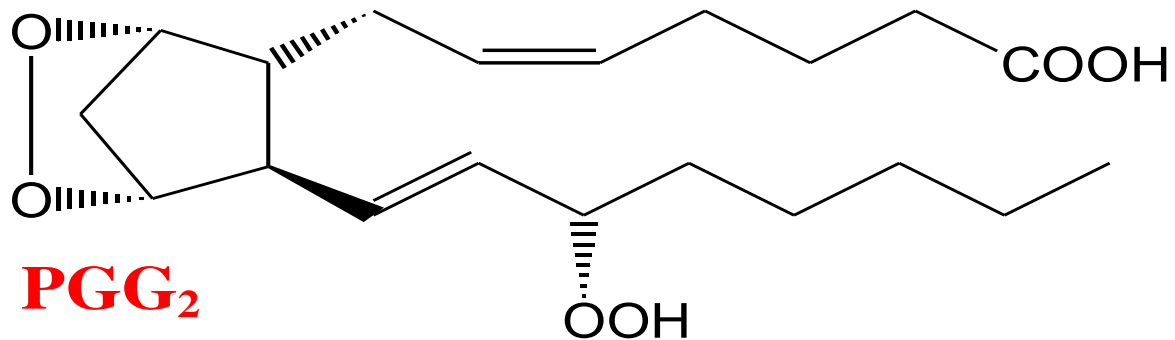
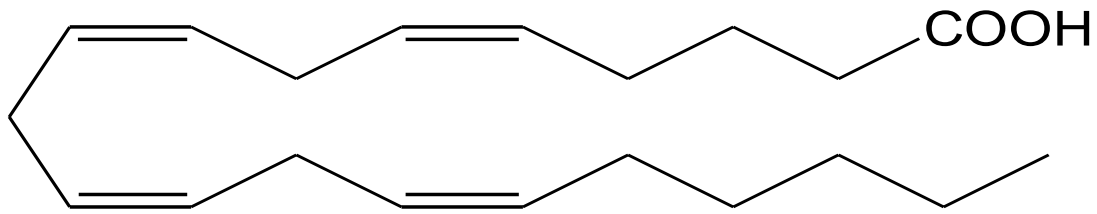


Figure 24.14 • Conversion of arachidonic acid to prostaglandins.

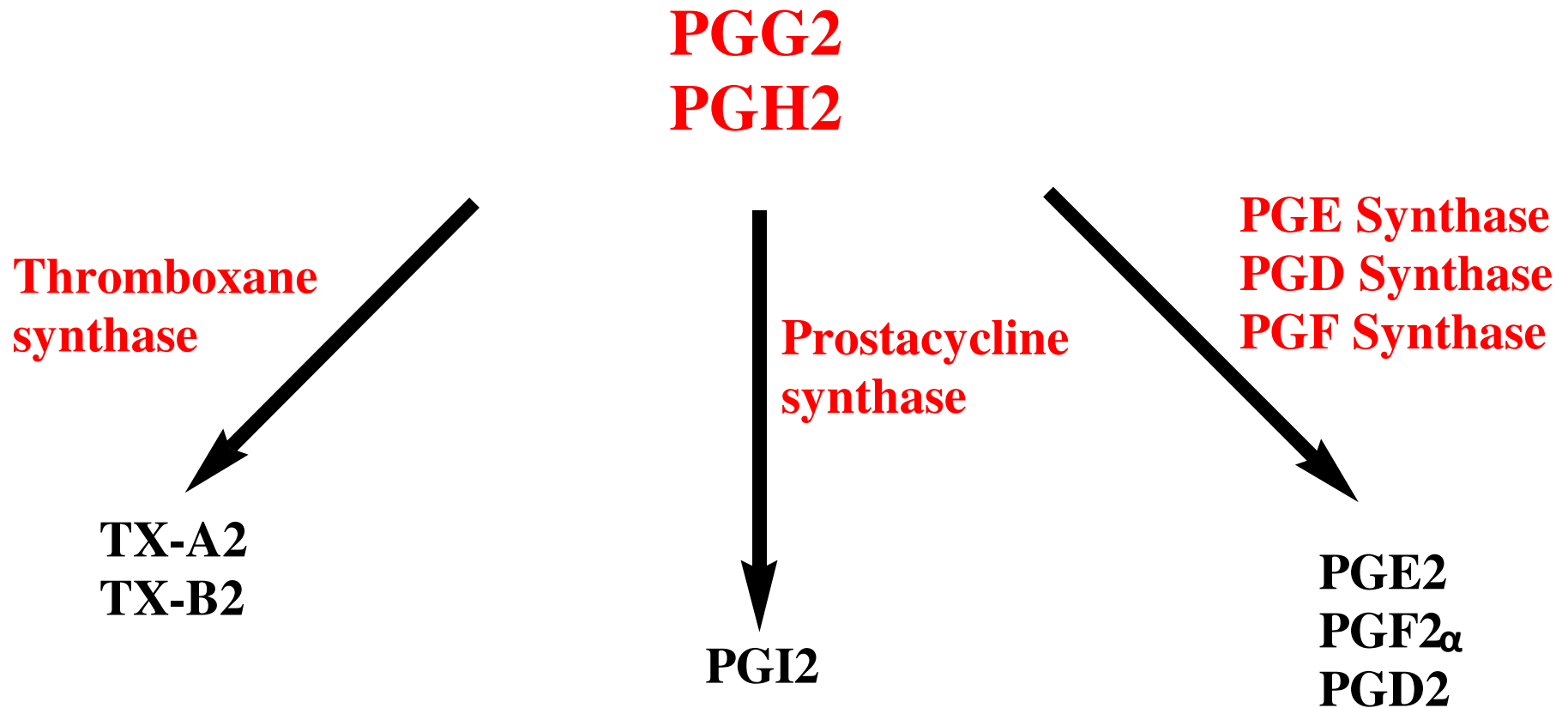




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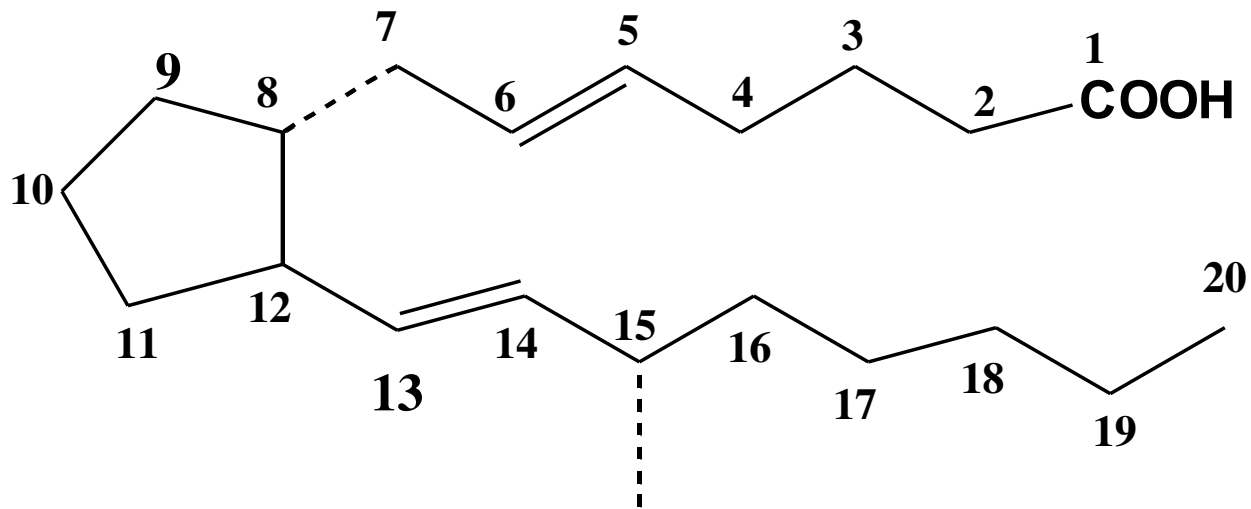
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## Introduction:



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## General Structure of Prostaglandins

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## **COX:**

Structure isoform is almost identical 599 aa for COX-1 vs 604 aa for COX-2 with 60 % homology

COX enzymes are heme containing membrane proteins that exist as dimers

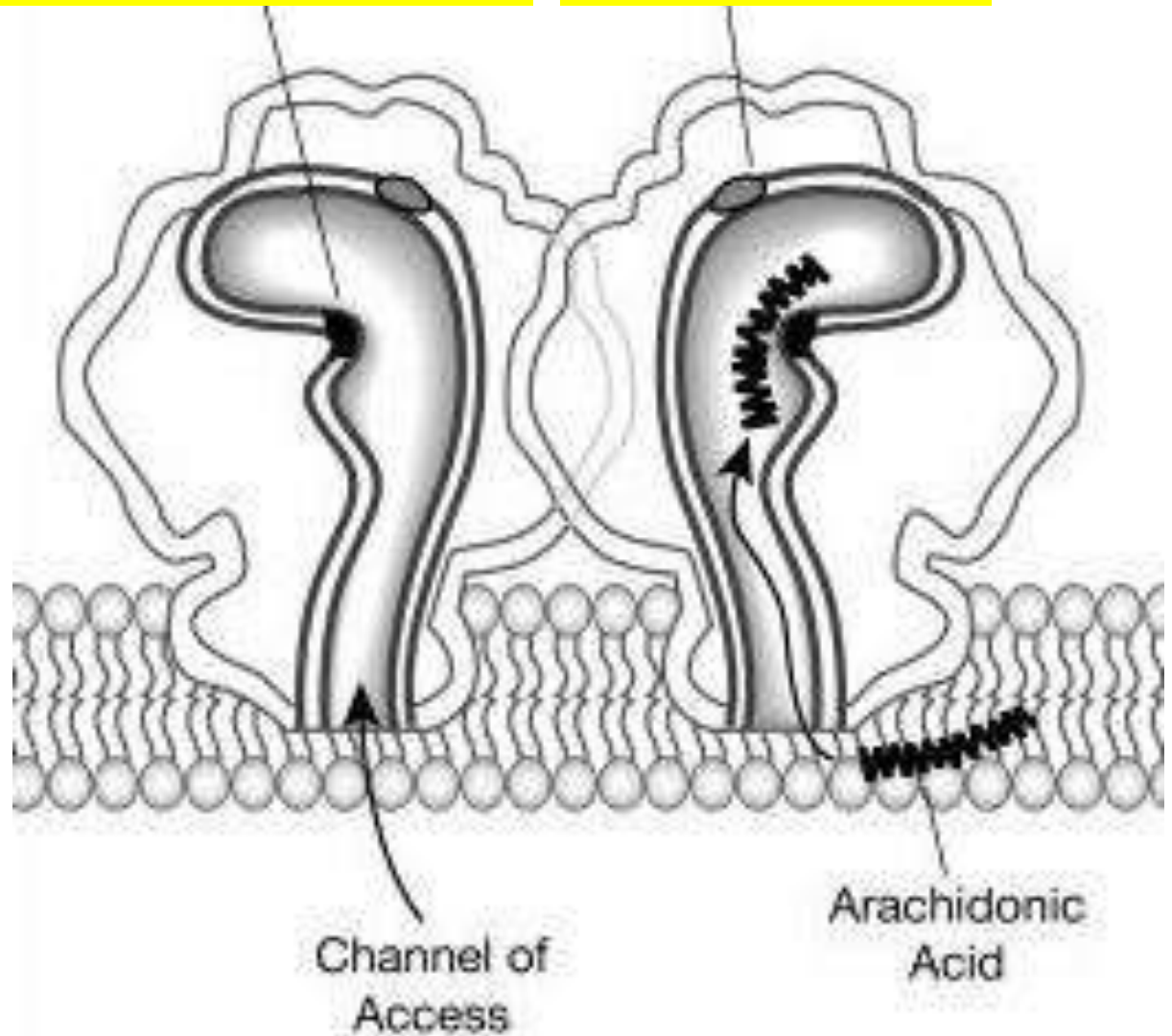
## **A little difference in binding site size and shape**

Development of selective COX-2 inhibitors **by using additional hydrophilic side pocket**

Active binding site

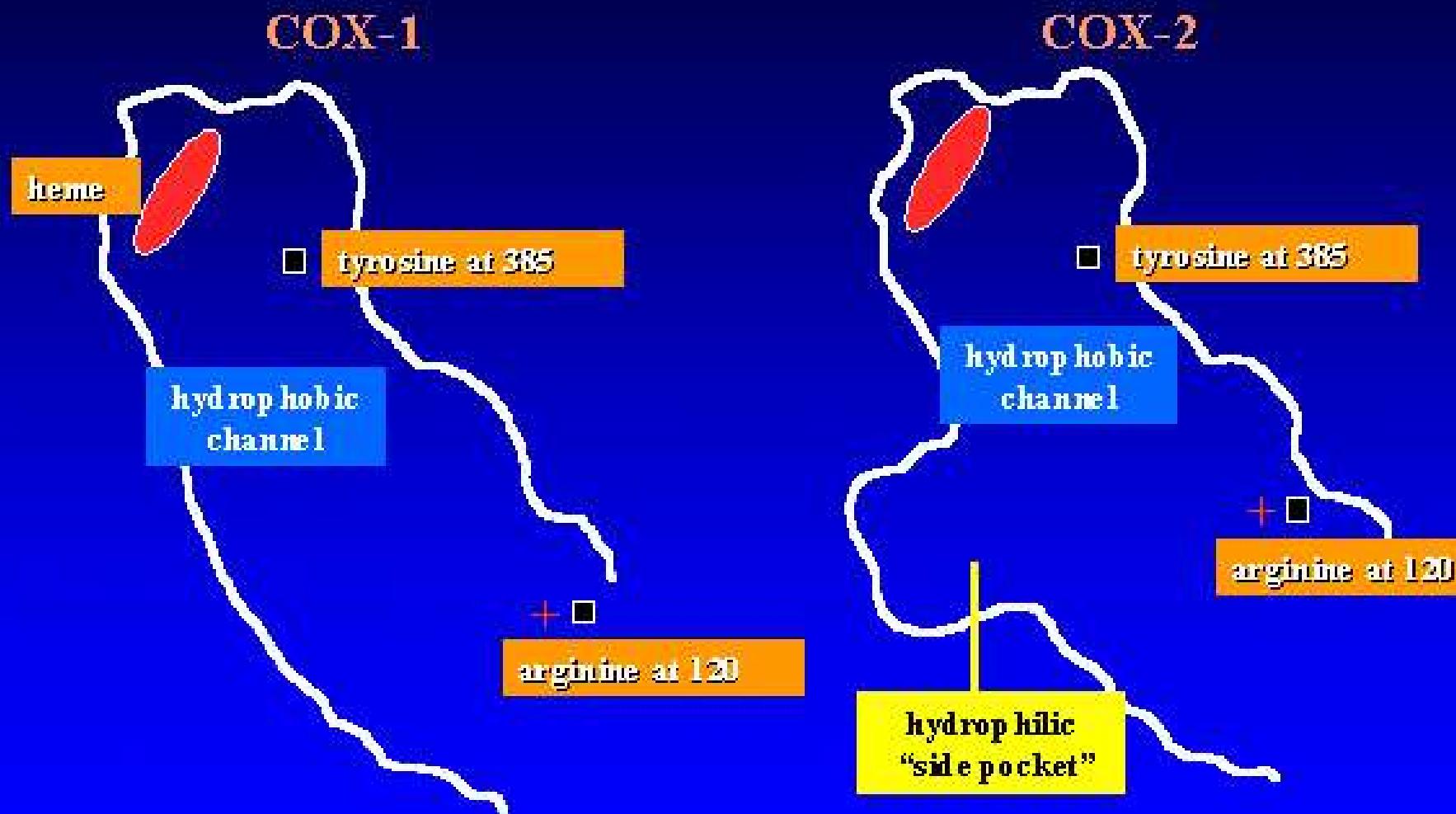
Ser 530

COX-I

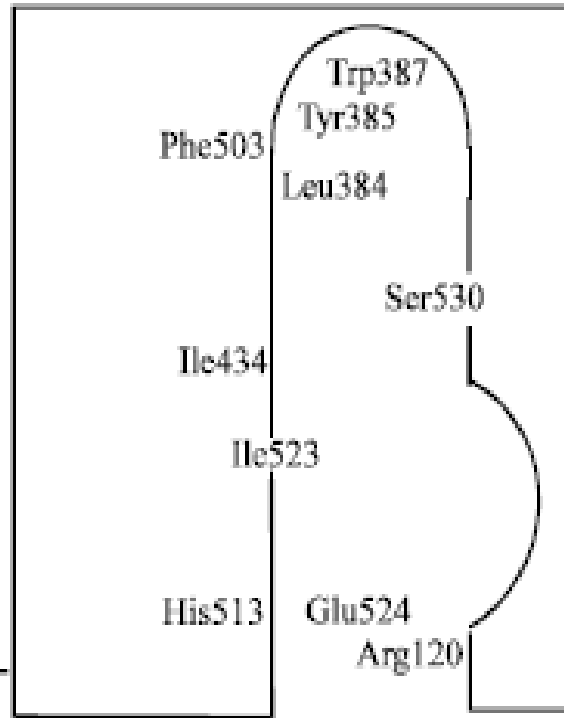


# COX-Isoenzymes: Active binding site

## Structures of COX-1 and COX-2

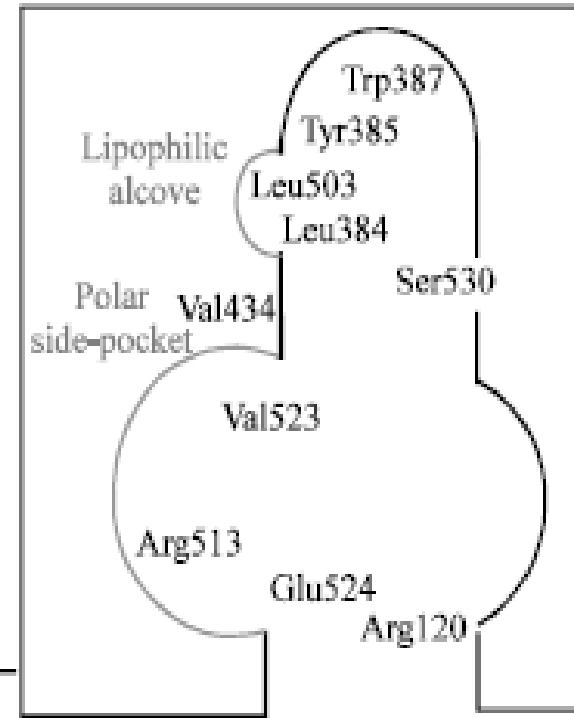


# COX-Isoenzymes: Active binding site



Membrane

COX-1



Membrane

COX-2

# COX-Isoenzymes: Active binding site

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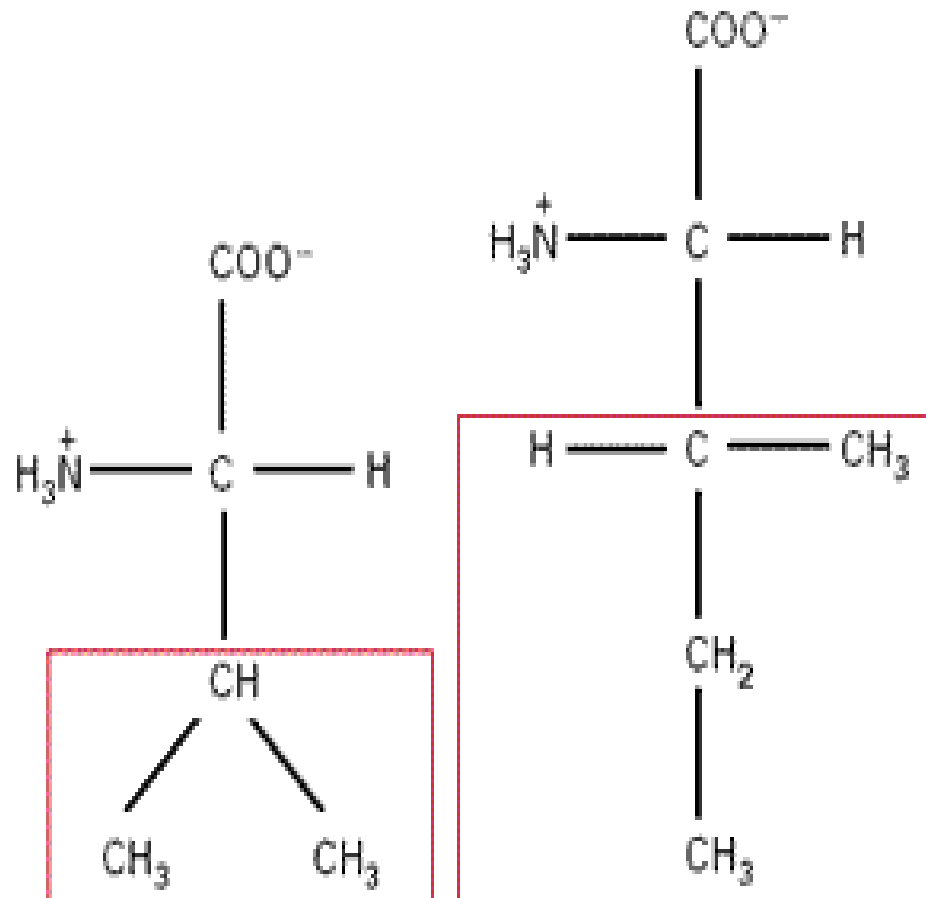
## The main difference between the two COX active sites:

- ❑ Active site for COX- 2: 20% larger than the COX-1 binding site
- ❑ The isoleucine (**Ile**) at positions **434 and 523** in COX-1 is exchanged for valine (**Val**) in COX-2.

The smaller size of Val-523 in COX-2 allows inhibitor access to a side pocket off the main substrate channel, whereas the longer side chain of Ile in COX-1 sterically blocks inhibitor access

# COX-Isoenzymes: Active binding site

The main difference between the two COX active sites:



Valine

Isoleucine



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- ❑ In the apex of the COX-2 binding site, substitution of **Phe 503** in COX-1 by **Leu 503** generates a small hydrophobic alcove [Leu 384, Tyr 385 and Trp 387]
- ❑ COX-2 isozyme has an additional **hydrophilic side pocket** accessible for drug binding, extended from the main binding pocket

# COX-Isoenzymes: Active binding site

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- ❑ Substitutions **His-513** in COX-1 with a more basic Arg-513 in COX-2.  
[**Determinant for the size and nature of hydrophilic side pocket**]
- ❑ This additional **Arg 513 in COX-2** is responsible for further ionic interaction with celecoxib
- ❑ COX-1 more specific [metabolize Arachidonic acid]  
COX-2 accepts a wider range of fatty acid substrates [C18 and C20]

# COX-Isoenzymes: Active binding site

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## In both Isoenzymes:

### Arg 120:

Only positively charged amino acid residue in the COX active site, on one end of the active

Responsible for binding, via an ionic interaction, with the carboxylate anion of the substrate (**arachidonic acid**) and of NSAIDs

### Tyr-385:

serve as the catalytic residue for activating O<sub>2</sub> and addition to the 11-double bond of the substrate to form PGG<sub>2</sub>

### Ser-530:

Irreversible inactivation by aspirin and NSAID action but not contributing to any substrate binding

# Classes of NSAIDs: Analgesic, Antiinflammatory

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**Oxicam:** Piroxicam, meloxicam

**Selective COX-2 Inhibitor:** Celecoxib, Rofecoxib, lumiracoxib, valdecoxib

# **Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs NSAIDs**

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**NSAIDs**

**Antipyretic/ Analgesic**

**p-Aminophenol derivative**

# Classes of NSAIDs: Analgesic, Antipyretic

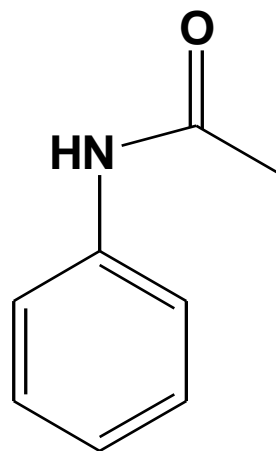
## Anilide [p-Aminophenol derivatives]

Acetanilide was too toxic causes jaundice

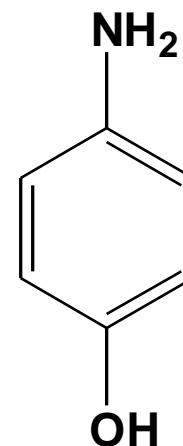
Phenacetin was withdrawn nephrotoxicity.

P-Aminophenol is too toxic to be used therapeutically

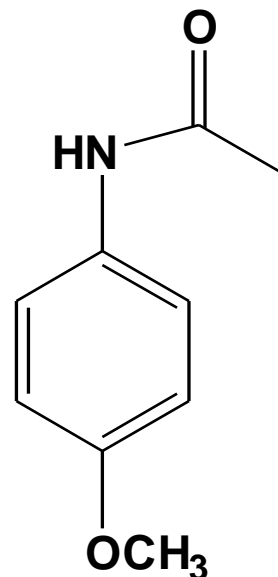
Acetaminophen is still used



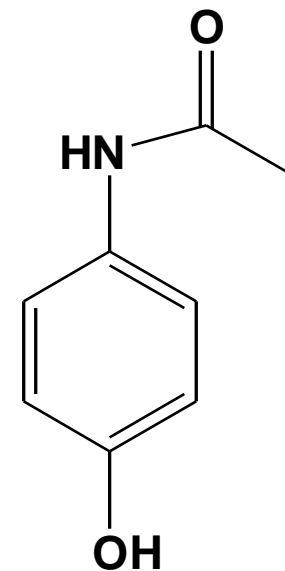
**Acetanilide**



**p-Aminophenol**



**Phenacetin**



**Acetaminophen**

# Classes of NSAIDs: Analgesic, Antipyretic

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## Anilide [p-Aminophenol derivatives]

### SAR:

Etherification of the phenolic functional groups with methyl or propyl groups produce derivatives with greater side effects than the ethyl derivative.

Substituents on the Nitrogen atom, which reduce the basicity, also reduce activity unless the substituent is metabolically labile e.g., acetyl.

Amides derived from **aromatic acid** e.g. Benzanilide are less active or even inactive



# Anilide [p-Aminophenol derivatives]

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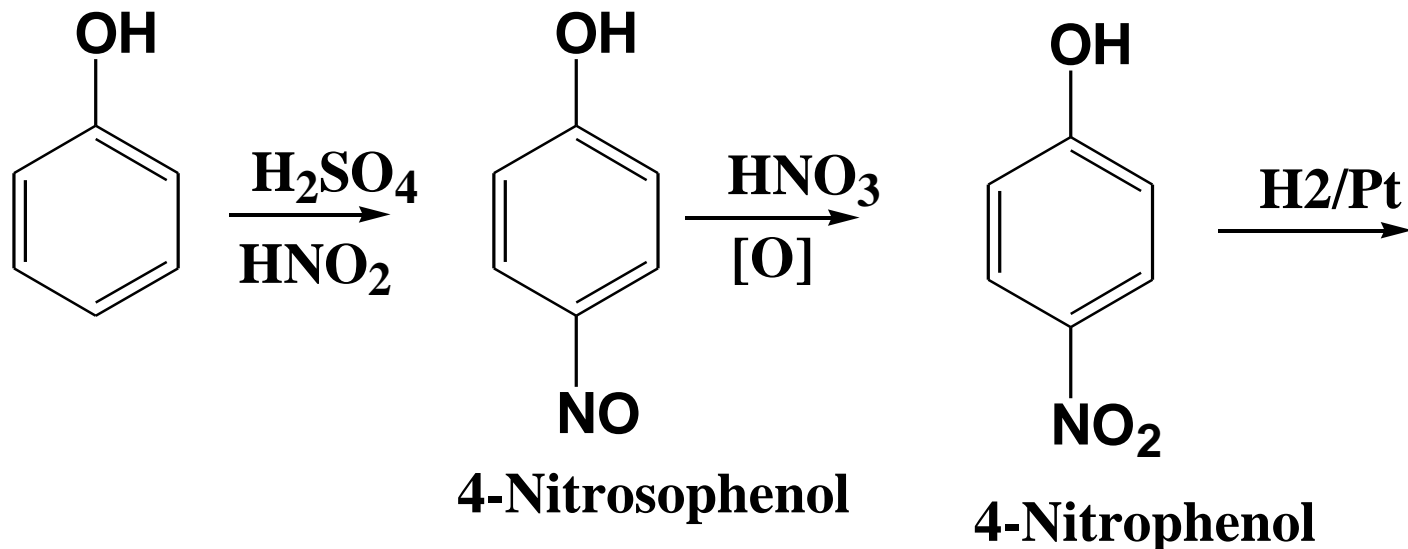
## Acetaminophen [Paracetamol]

Weak inhibitor of COX1 and COX2 [NO anti-inflammatory effect, NO effect on platelet aggregation, and GIT]

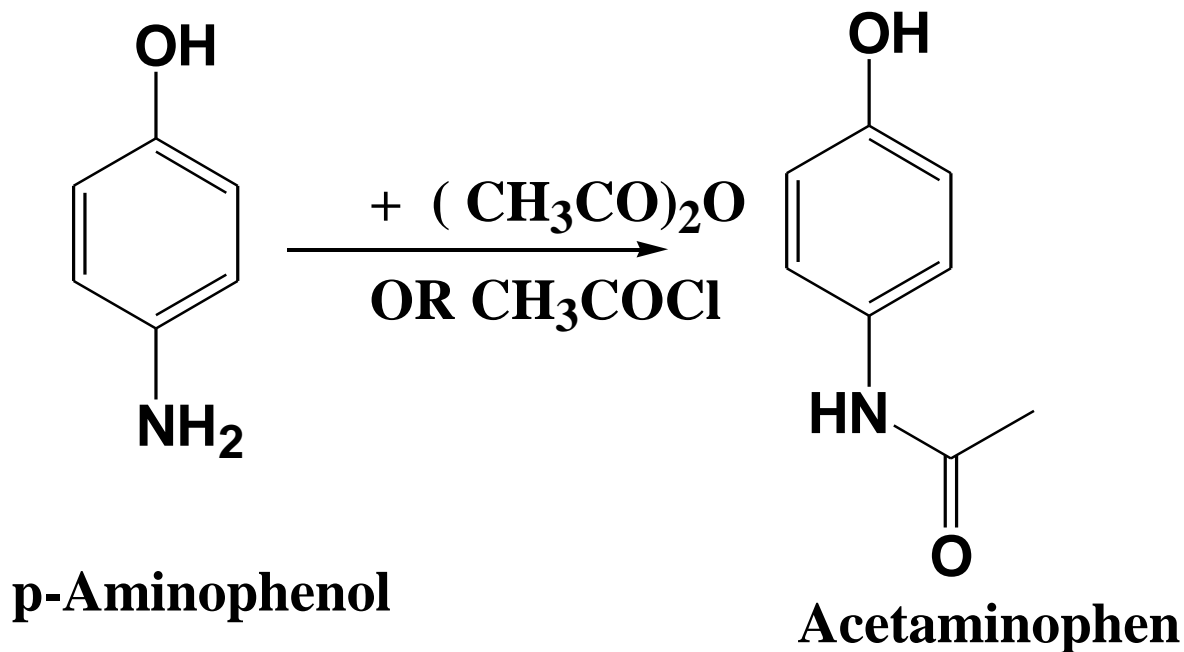
Evidence of inhibition of COX3 in CNS

Analgesic antipyretic

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**Synthesis:**

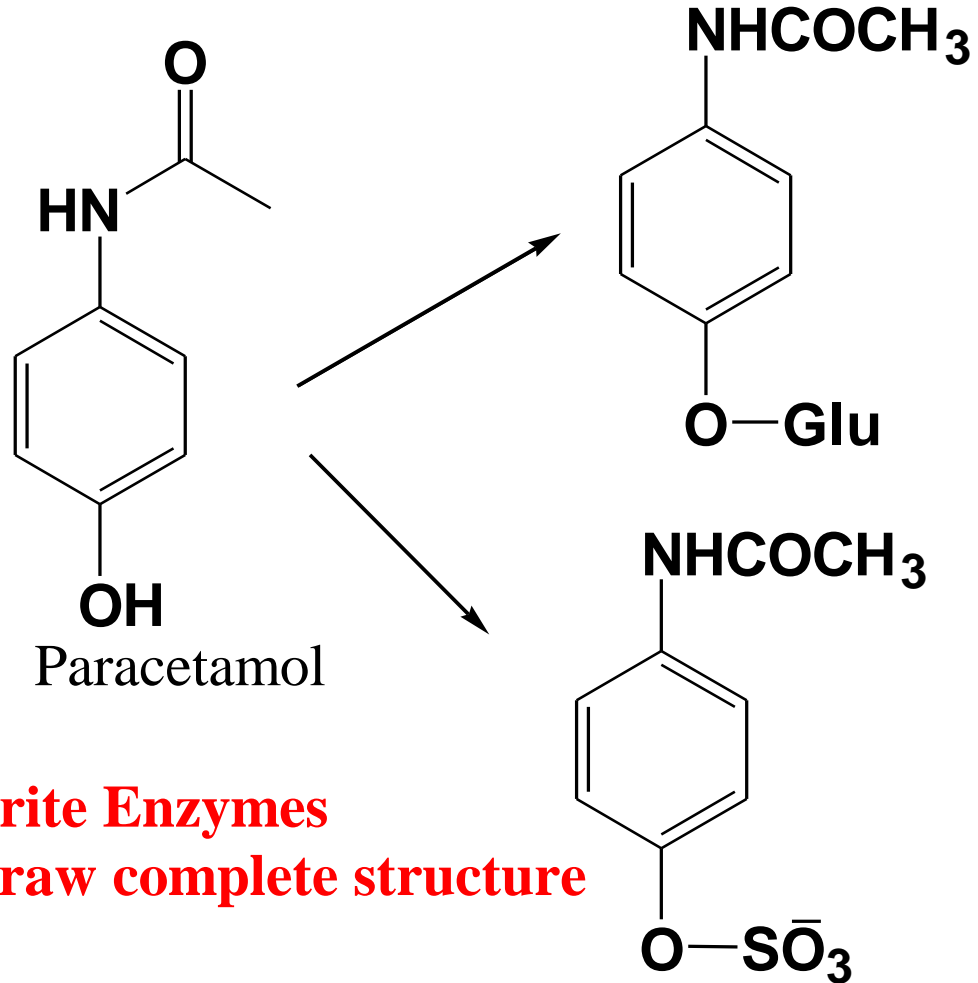


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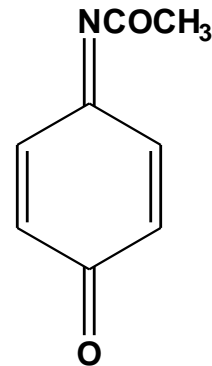
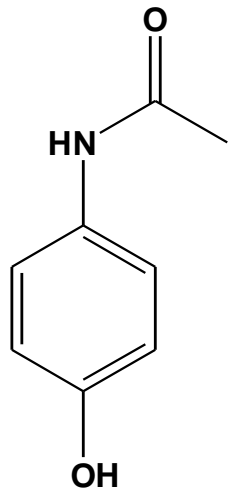
## Biotransformation and toxicity of paracetamol

Conjugation with Glucuronic acid and sulfate at phenolic OH

Produce O-Glucuronide and O-sulfate conjugate [**Major metabolite**]



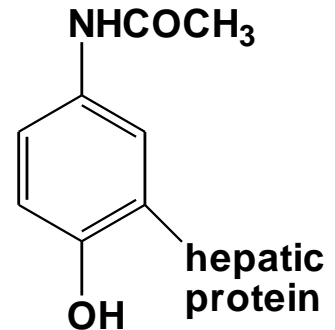
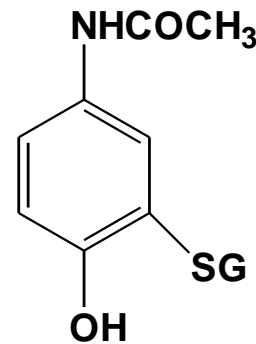
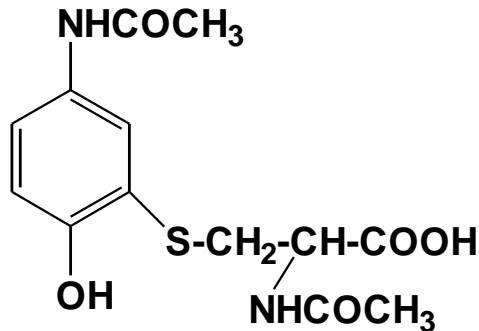
# Biotransformation and toxicity of paracetamol



**N-Acetylcysteine is Antidote**

Glutathione  
GSH: Nucleophile

Hepatic proteins



Renal excretion  
as mercapturic acid or  
cysteine conjugate

liver necrosis

**NSAIDs**

**Analgesic/ Anti-  
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**Salicylate derivative**

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# Salicylate: Development

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B.C. 5 Century, Chewing willow bark can relief pain

1838, Salicylic acid firstly isolated

1860, Kolbe firstly synthesized salicylic acid

1875, sodium salicylate clinically used as antipyretic analgesic

1886, phenol salicylate went on the market

1899, aspirin introduced into medicine although it's first prepared in 1853

# Salicylate: Development

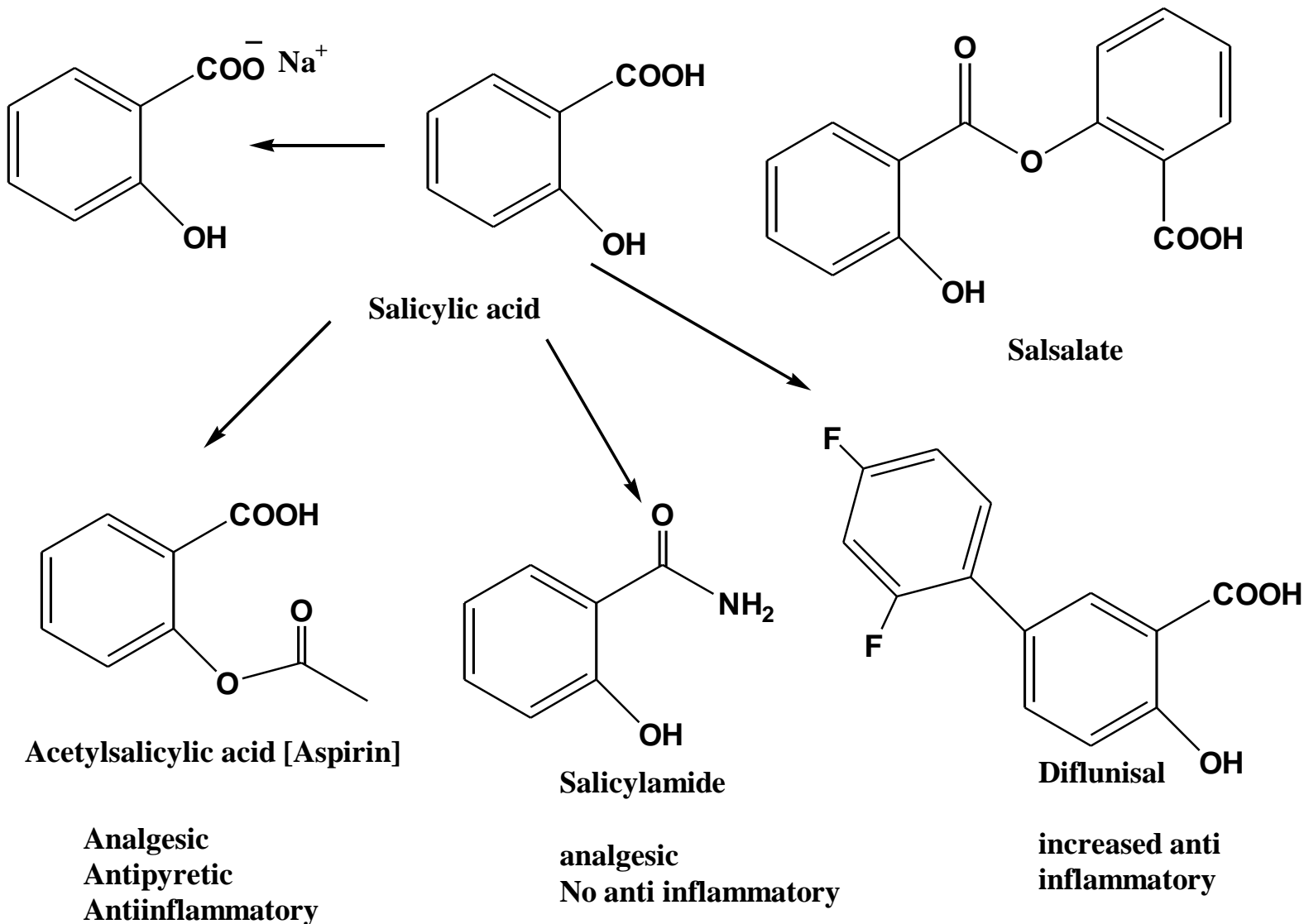
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The term “aspirin” was given to acetylsalicylic acid by Dreser, the director of pharmacology at Frederick Bayer and Company in Germany, as a contraction of the letter “a” from **acetyl** and “**spirin**,” an older name given to **salicylic acid (spiric acid)** that was derived from a natural source in spirea plants.



# Salicylate

## Derivatives of salicylic acid: 2-Hydroxybenzoic acid



# Salicylate

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## **SAR of salicylic acid derivatives**

Benzoic acid has mild anti inflammatory activity

**2-hydroxybenzoic acid [Salicylic acid]** is potent anti-inflammatory activity with mild analgesic and antipyretic activities

Placing OH in m- or p- position to carboxylic group abolishes this activity

Salicylate are mainly potent inhibitor of COX-1, responsible for GI-side effect

Reduce acidity of COOH [Salicylamide] maintain analgesic but eliminate anti inflammatory activity

Substitution of halogen on aromatic ring increases potency and toxicity

# Salicylate

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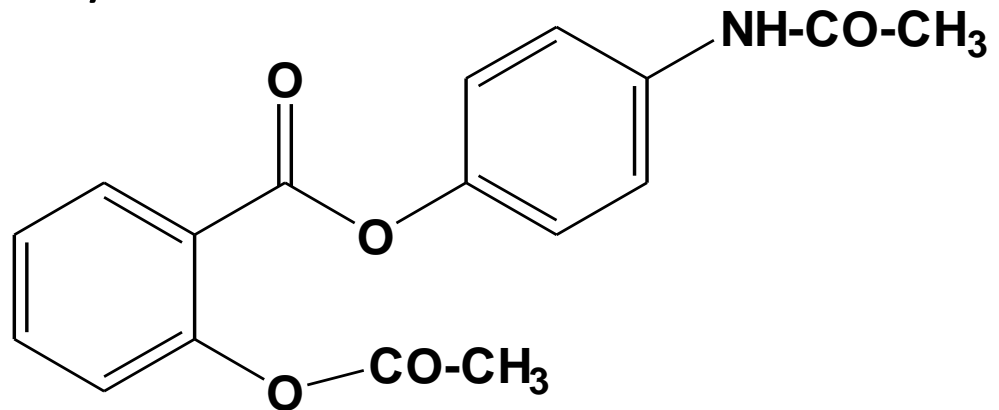
## SAR of salicylic acid derivatives

Substitution on position 5 [difluorophenyl, lipophilic substituent]

Diflusal increases anti inflammatory.

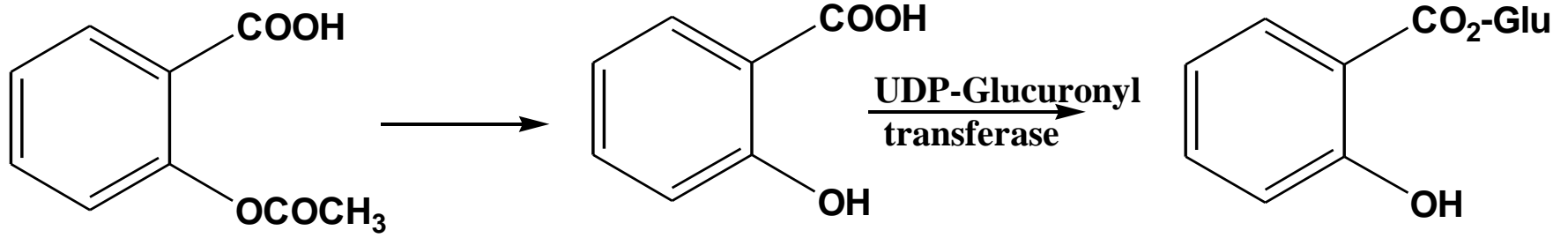
Methylation in position 3 remain analgesic activity, but metabolism is slower

Mutual prodrug of aspirin Benorylate: its action is more than paracetamol and aspirin

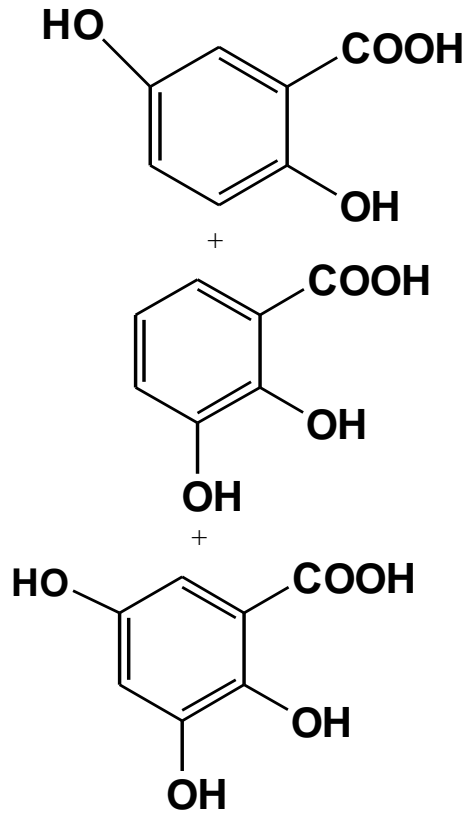


**Benorylate**

# Salicylate Metabolism

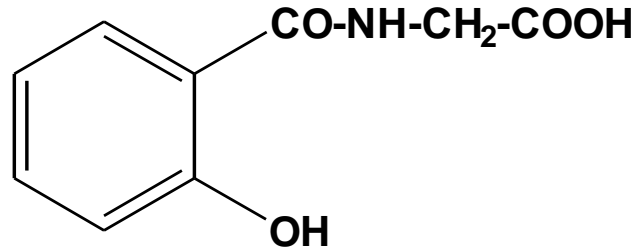


**Aspirin  
other Salicylate**



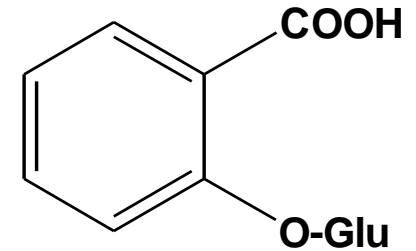
**Salicylic acid**

**glycine-N-  
Acytransferase**



**Salicyluric acid**

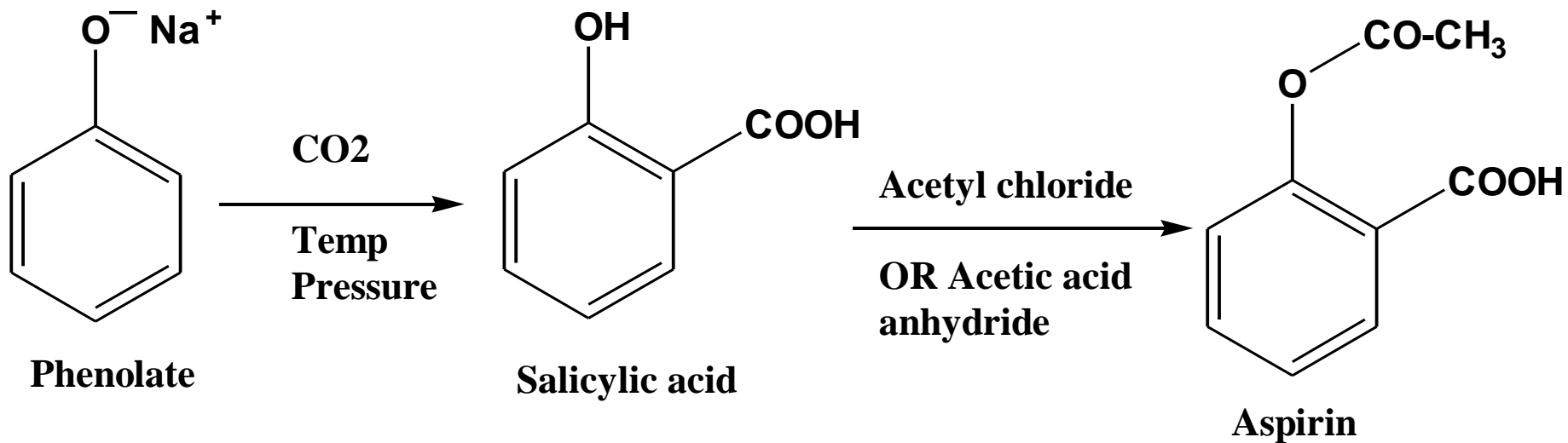
**UDP-Glucuronyl  
transferase**



**Ether Glucuronide**

**Ester glucuronide**

# Salicylate Synthesis



# Salicylate

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## Salicylic acid:

Applied doses gastric irritation and ulceration.

Salicylic acid in the unionized form has a bad taste, thus the sodium salt is used more frequently

## Sodium salicylate:

Freely soluble in water

Rapid dissolution and faster absorption.

Only half as potent as an analgesic/antipyretic as Aspirin

Less GI irritation.

Stable, aqueous formulation is available

# Salicylate

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## **Magnesium salicylate:**

Stable aqueous solution and show some success in overcoming the GI problems

## **Salsalate**

Diester of salicylic acid, prodrug

Salsalate is insoluble in gastric pH but soluble in the small intestines, thus causing less gastric problems.

Further, it is useful in hypersensitivity to Aspirin.

Hypersensitivity to ASA is a result of acetylated plasma proteins.

**Benorylate** is Aspirin is esterified with Acetaminophen

# Salicylate

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## **Aspirin: Acetylsalicylic acid [ASA]**

Searching for a less toxic better tolerated derivative of salicylic acid produced aspirin [pka 3.5].

It is slightly soluble in water, **absorbed as such partially from stomach**, but is hydrolyzed rapidly to salicylate and acetate by esterases

Pharmacological actions are attributed to both the aspirin and salicylic acid

Aspirin irreversibly inhibits the enzyme acetylating a serine residue

Salicylic acid forms a reversible ionic bond with the cationic site on cyclooxygenase



# Salicylate

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## Salicylamide:

Carboxylic group is changed to non acidic amide [pka 8.6]

Stable in aqueous preparations and does not cause GI tract ulceration

Absorbed only in intestine.

Effective as Aspirin: analgesic/antipyretic but loss anti-inflammatory actions.

## Diflunisal:

Diflunisal is absorbed only in intestine

Not soluble in gastric fluid.

Gastric bleeding and GI upset is not as common.

Longer duration of action than aspirin.

The potency is increased

# ASPIRIN AND ITS COX-1 SELECTIVITY

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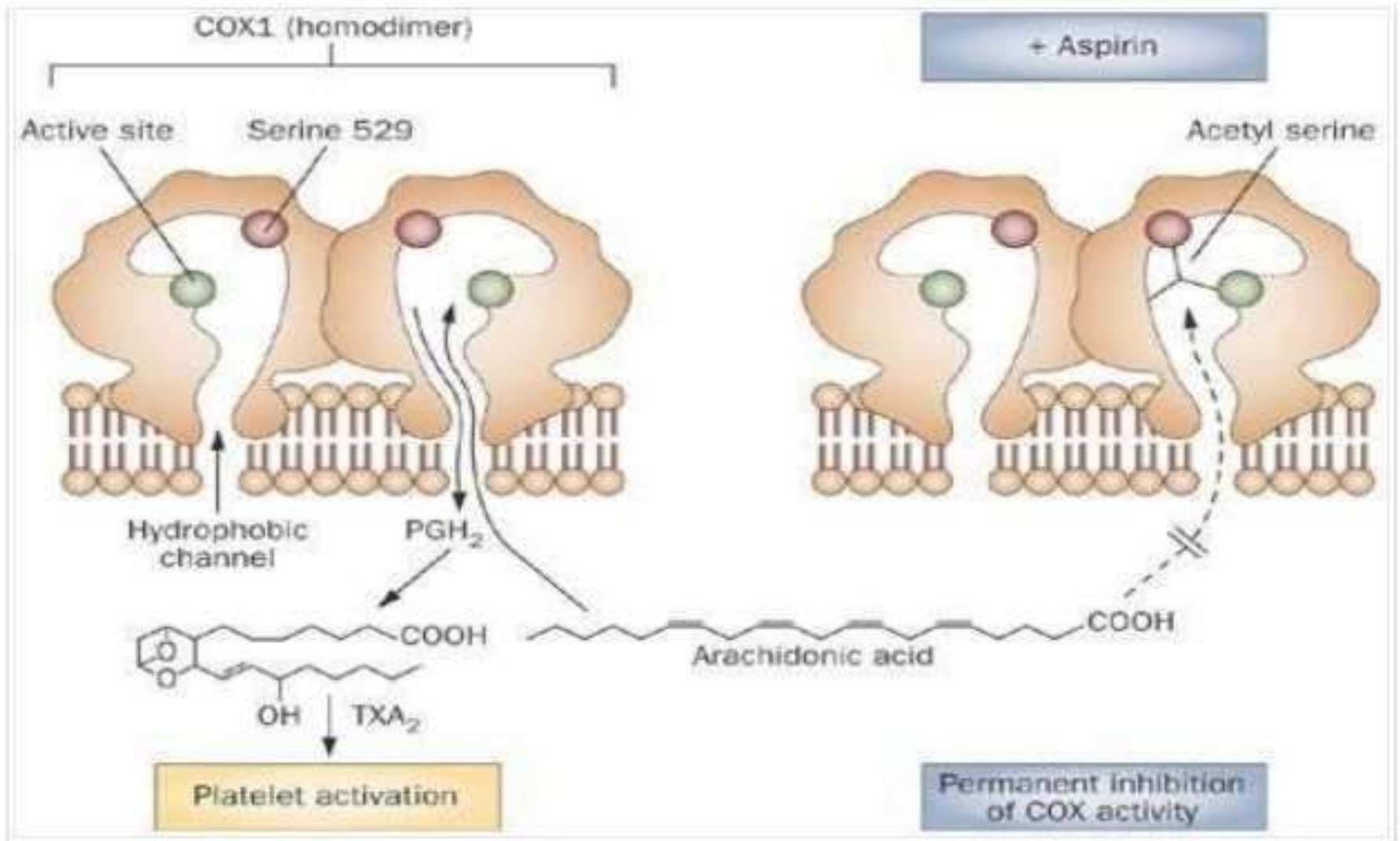
Aspirin **covalently binds** by acetylating the OH group of Ser-530 in COX-1 and COX-2. [**Irreversible inhibition**]

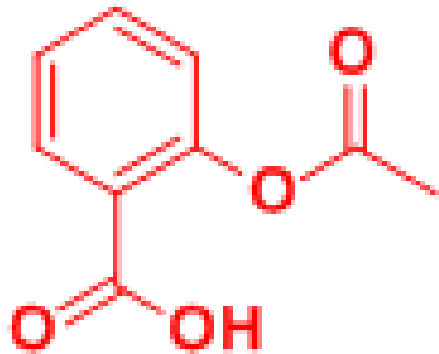
Ionic attraction between the carboxylate anion of aspirin and the cationic Arg-120 thereby positioning the acetyl group of aspirin for acetylating the COX isozymes.

Acetylation of COX-1 Ser residue totally blocks the accessibility of substrate AA from entering into the active site, whereas an acetylated COX-2 is still able to form a significant amount of PGG<sub>2</sub>.

Aspirin is a highly selective COX-1 Inhibitor [10-100 folds more potent against COX-1 more than COX-2] esp. in platelets.

# Mechanism of action of Aspirin:-



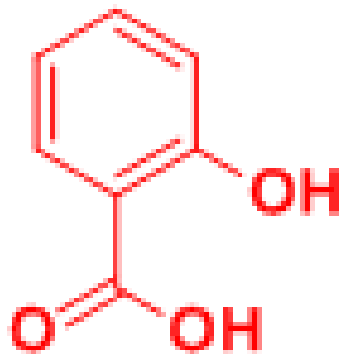
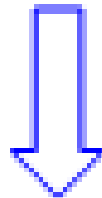


**Aspirin**

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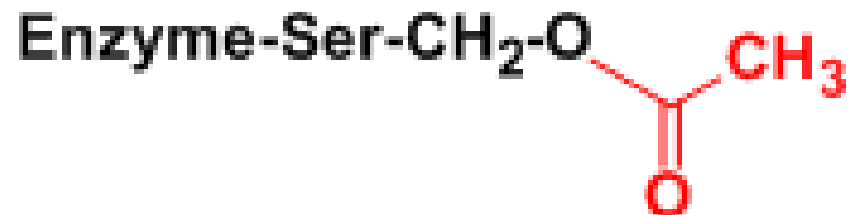
**Enzyme-Ser-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH**

**Active site of COX**



**Salicylic acid**

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# **Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs NSAIDs**

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# **COX 1 versus COX 2**

**Function (physiological and pathological roles) and activity**

**Active site aspects:**

**Substrate and shape**

**Differences and similarities in aa residues and their significance**

# Antipyretic/ Analgesic

Anilide (p-Aminophenol derivative)

Paracetamol (Structure, metabolism, toxicity, synthesis)

# Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory

Salicylate

Sod salicylate, Diflusinal, salicylamide

Aspirin (Structure, metabolism, synthesis, mutual prodrugs, irreversible inhibition of COX1 in platelets)

**Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

**Aryl- & heteroaryl acetic acid**

**Indomethacin (Structure)**

**Sulindac (Structure)**

**Tolmetin & zomepirac**

**Nabumetone**

**Diclofenac & lumiracoxib (Structure)**

**Etodolac**

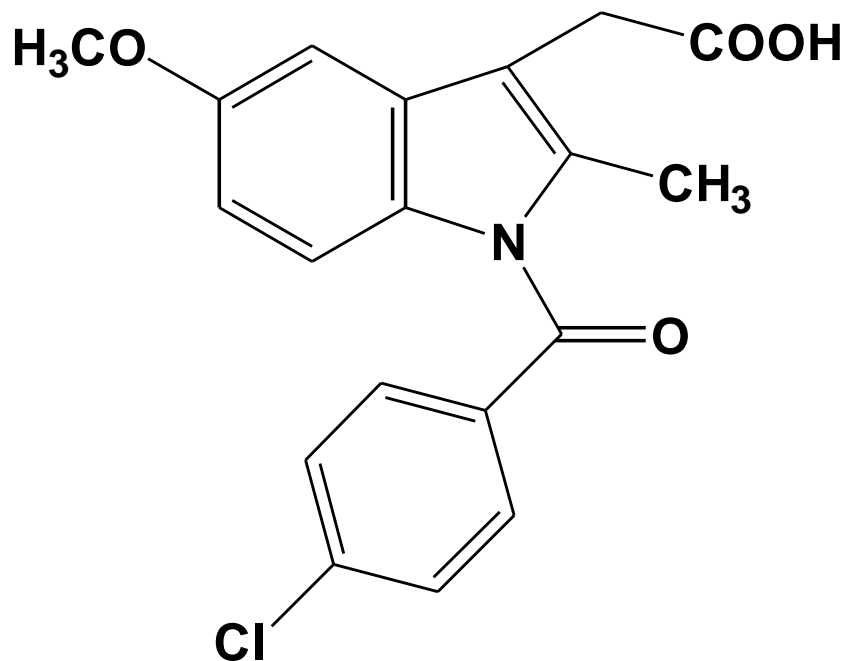


# Aryl- & heteroaryl acetic acid



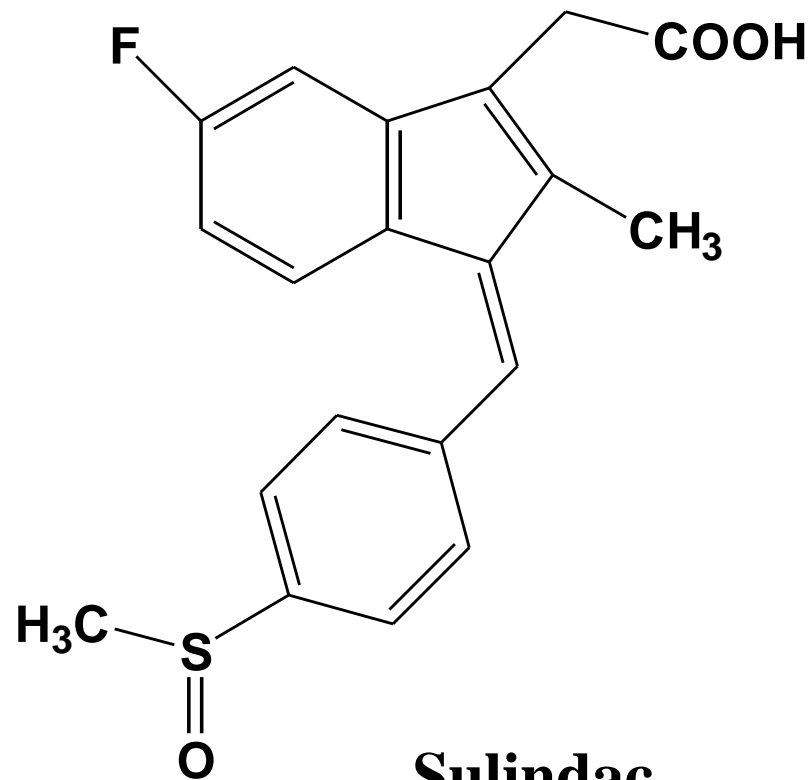
Ground structure

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid



**Indomethacin**

**Indole ring**



**Sulindac**

**Indene**

**Isoster: analgesic antiinflammatory**

**less CNS, GI irritation**

**longer duration**

**F: lipophilic**

**prodrug metabolite has long duration**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## Indomethacin

A potent antipyretic more than acetaminophen and aspirin

It is 10 folds more potent analgesic than aspirin

No aqueous solution [Instable like aspirin-----hydrolysis]

Side effect:

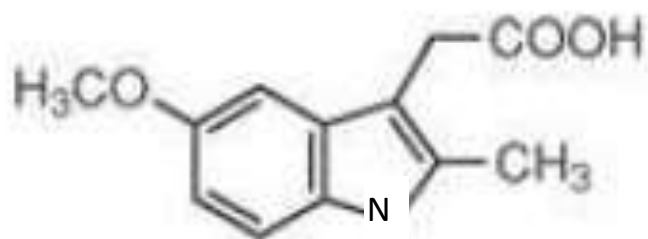
CNS side effect due to indole ring

GI irritation

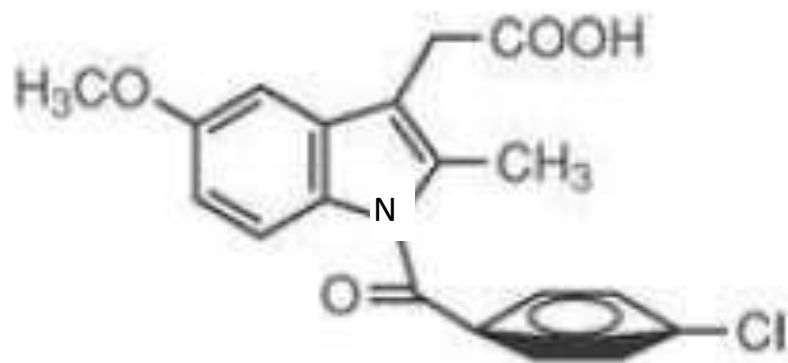
Indole ring and phenyl are separated by one carbon (amide, partially double bond character, restricted rotation ) and two sigma bonds.

Both rings **are not coplanar**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid



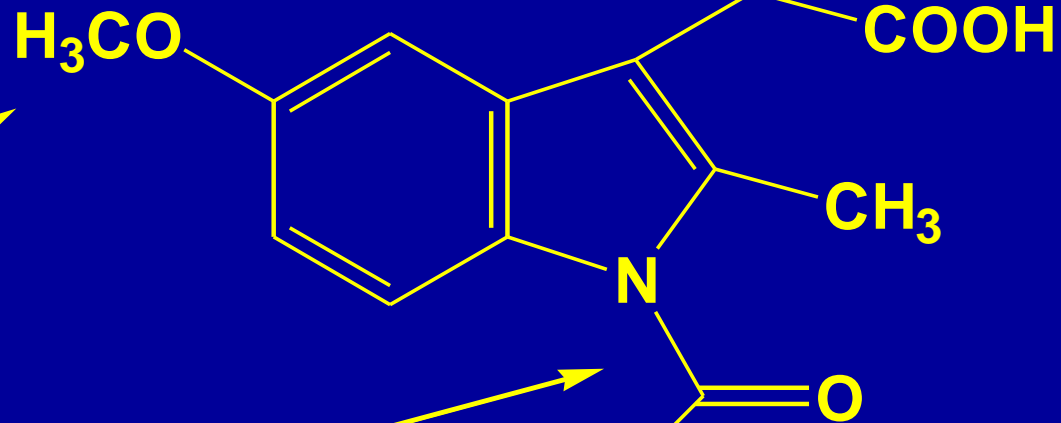
"cis-like"



"trans-like"

Indomethacin

# SAR of Indomethacin



# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## SAR: Indomethain

- ❖ Molecule must have an ionizable acid group and an aromatic ring system. Amide analog are inactive
- ❖ Acylation of nitrogen in indole with p-chlorobenzoic acid is optimal
- ❖ Acylation with aliphatic carboxylic acid and aralkylcarboxylic acid are less active
- ❖ Substituents at position 5 of indole increases activity [ methoxy fluoro, methyl, acetyl ,---]
- ❖ Addition of methyl at  $\alpha$  position to COOH produces active compound.

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

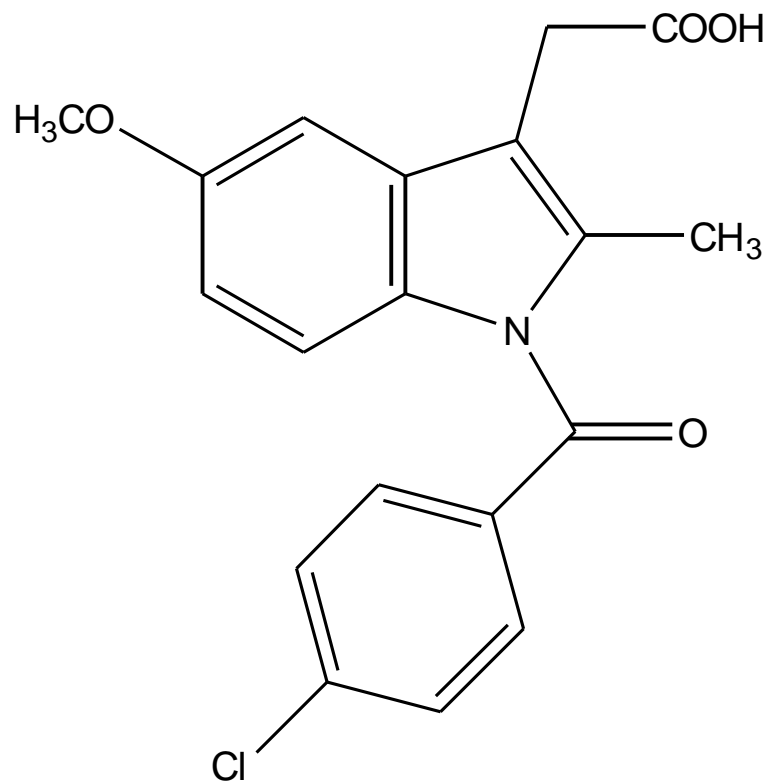
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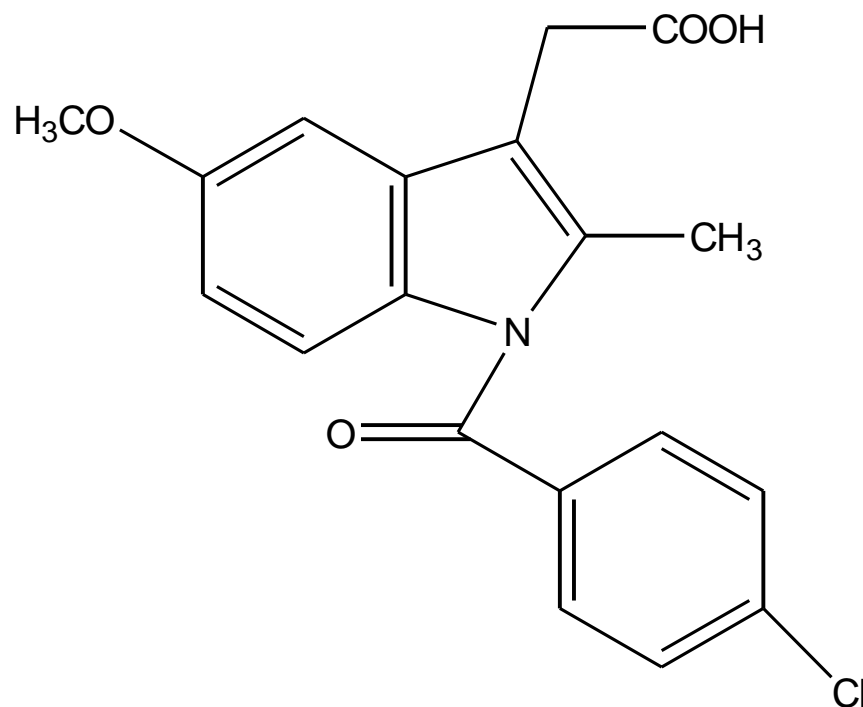
- ❖ Methyl at  $\alpha$  position to COOH produced chiral center. **S(+)** isomer is only potent anti-inflammatory.
- ❖ Indole nitrogen is not essential [Sulindac]
- ❖ A second non coplanar aromatic ring increases potency.  
P- chlorobenzoyl is not coplanar with indole due to 2-methyl and 7-hydrogen thus steric hindrance.
- ❖ Acetic acid side chain has different conformation
- ❖ A preferred conformation when p-chlorobenzoyl is directed away from acetic side chain (cis-like) conform

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

## Indomethacin



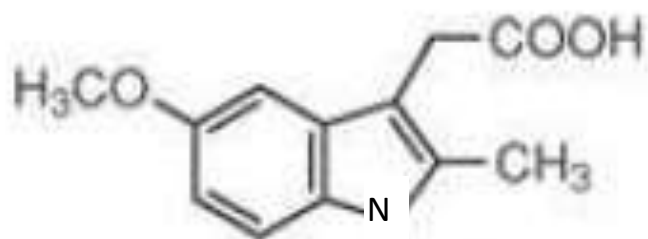
**Z-like isomer**



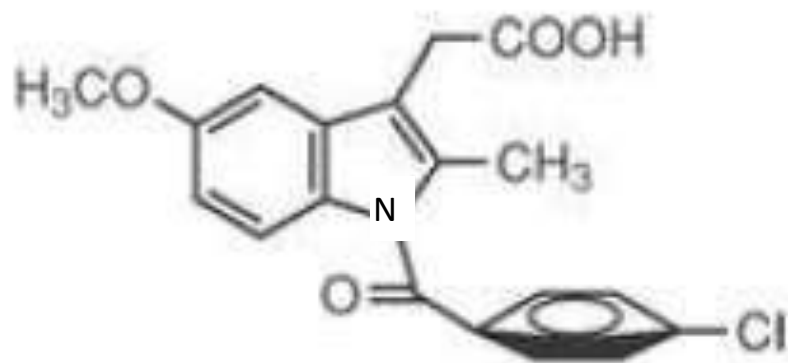
**E-like isomer**



# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid



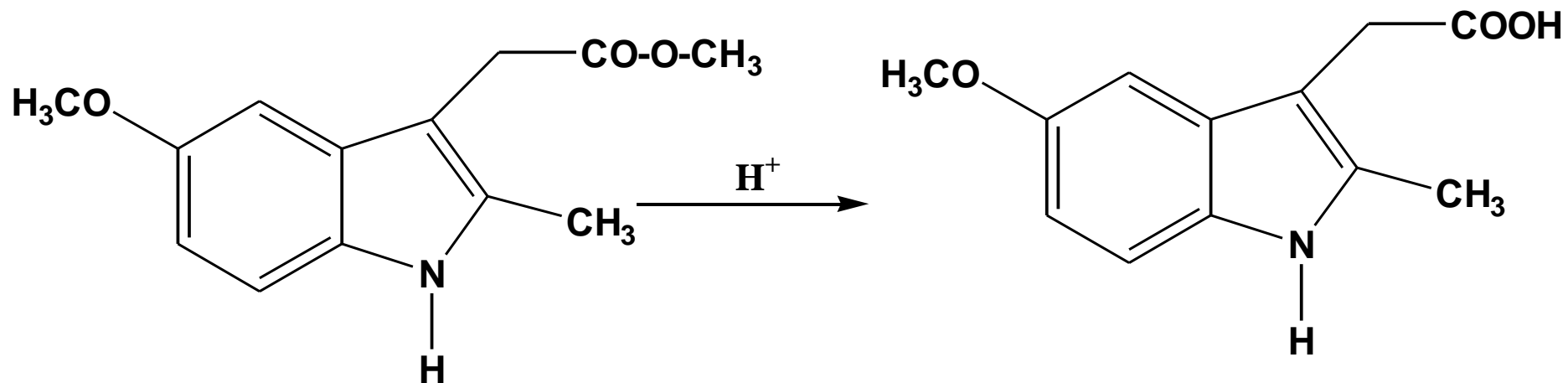
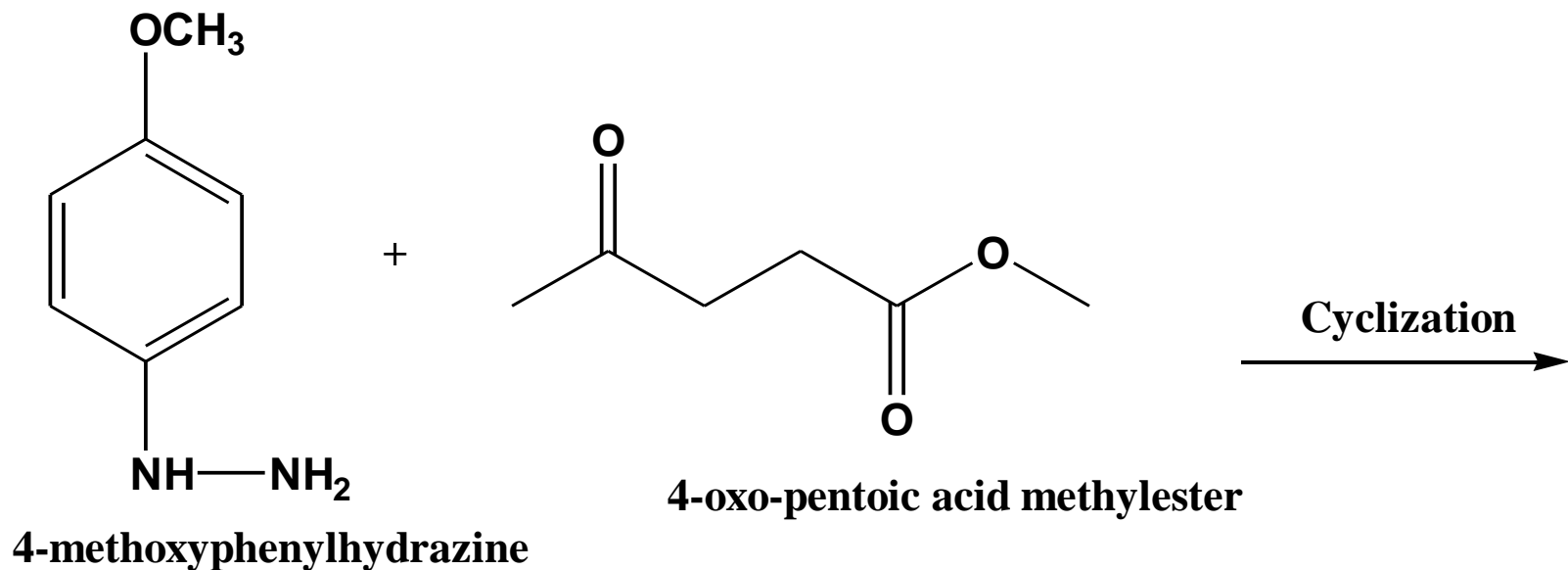
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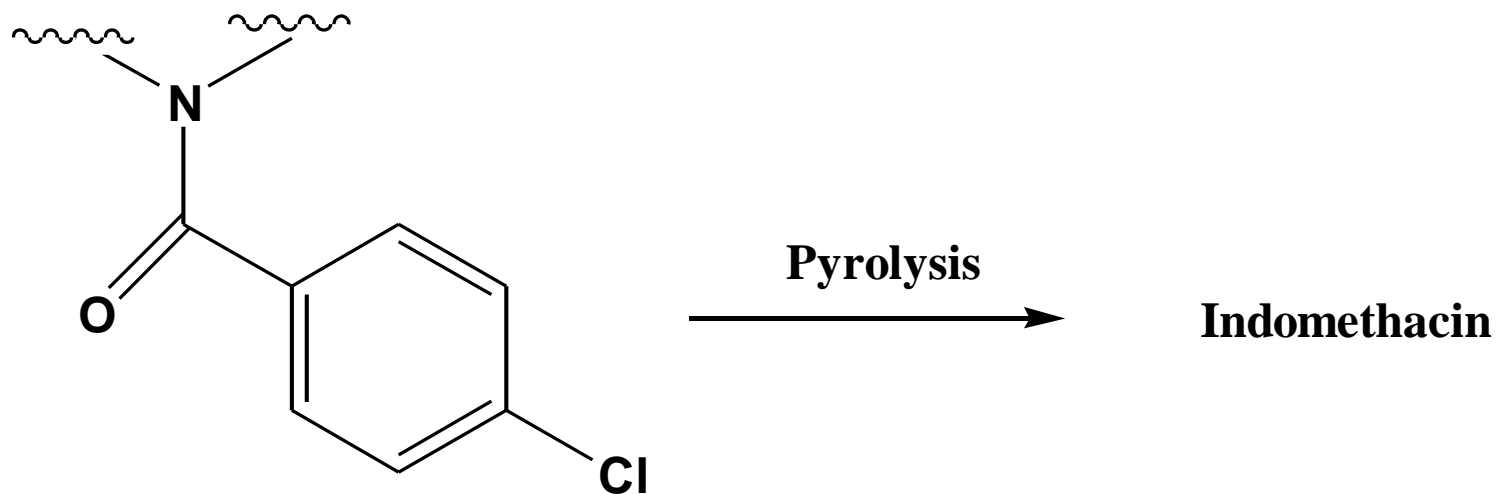
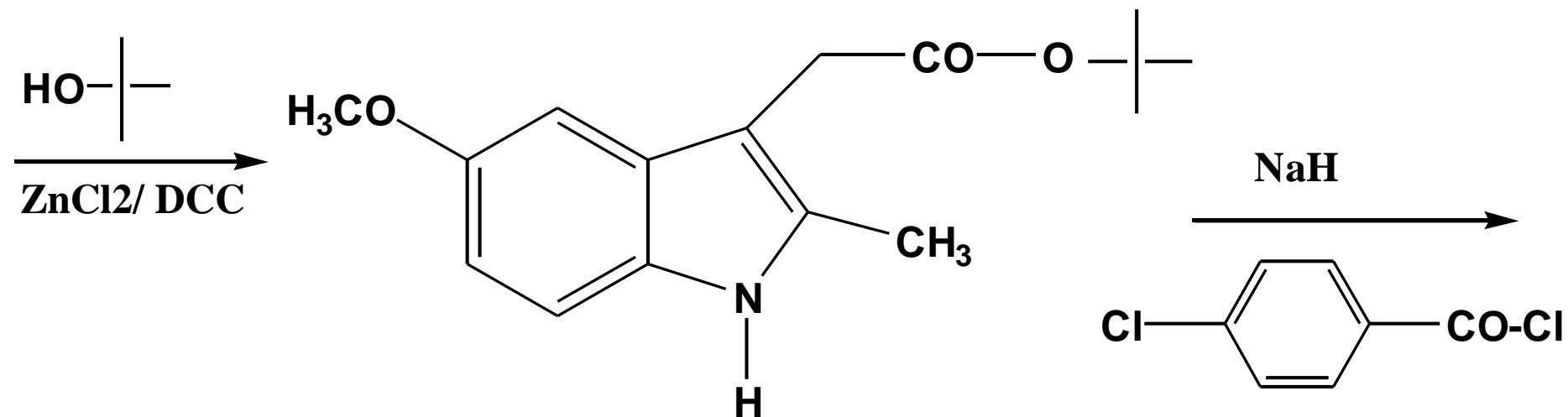
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Indomethacin

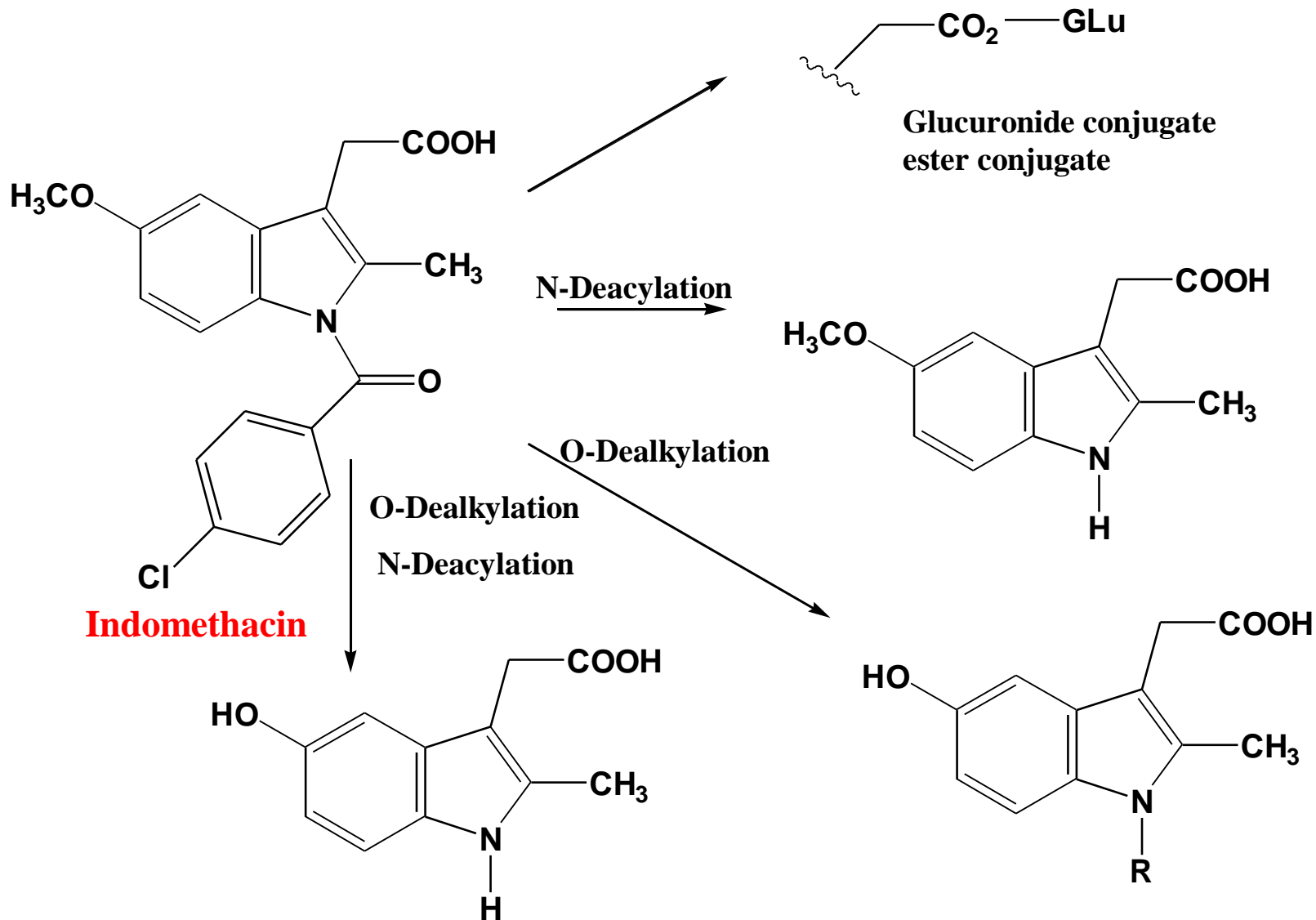
# Synthesis: Indomethacin



# Synthesis: Indomethacin



# Metabolism: Indomethacin



**Indomethacin**

**Followed by Glucuronide conjugation at phenolic OH**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## **Sulindac:**

Isosteric replacement of indole with indene

Prodrug

Sulfoxide is reduced to **active metabolite sulfide**

F is lipophilic enhance analgesic effect

Z isomer is more potent anti-inflammatory than E-isomer

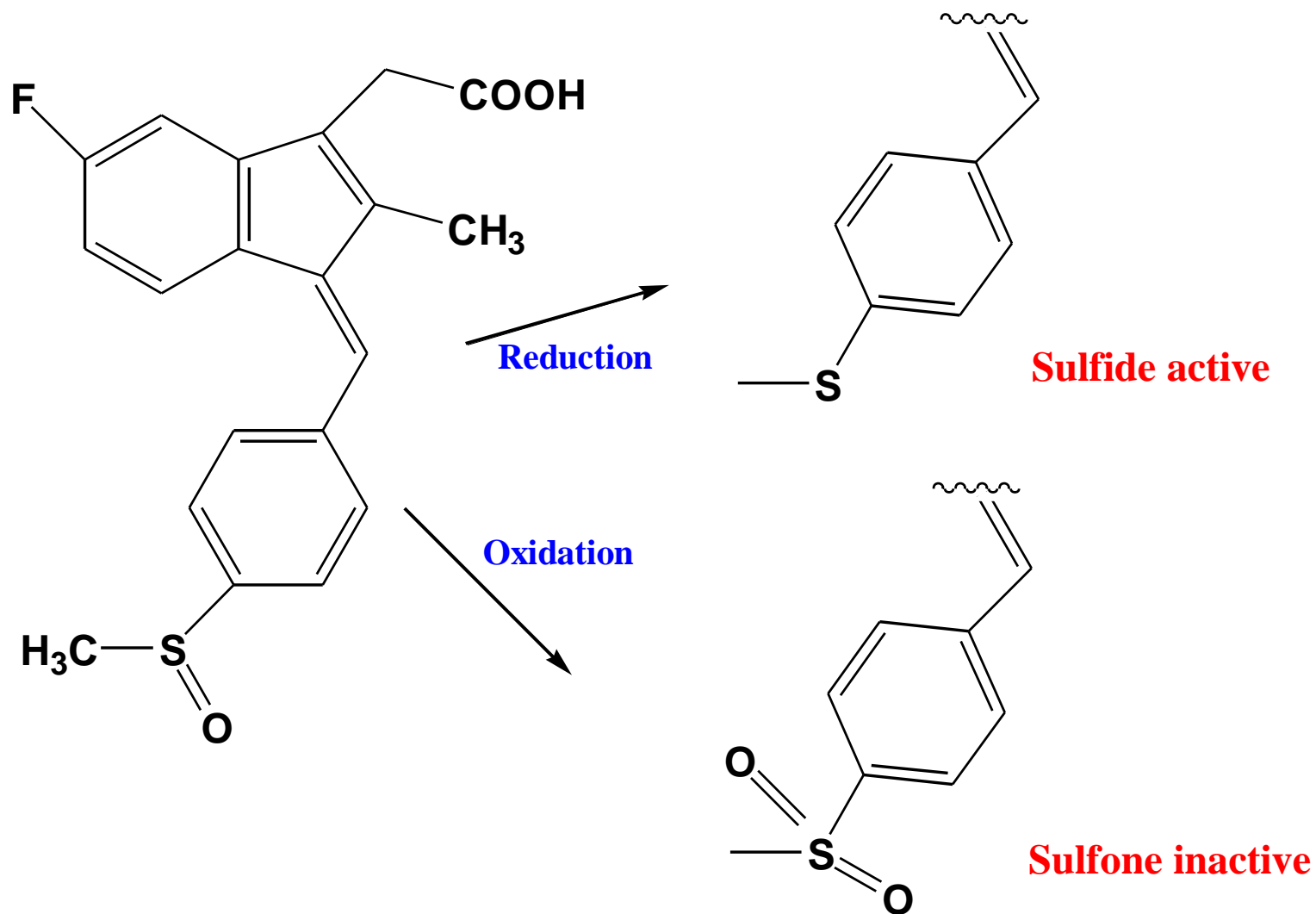
equipotent analgesic like indomethacin

Less anti-inflammatory than indomethacin

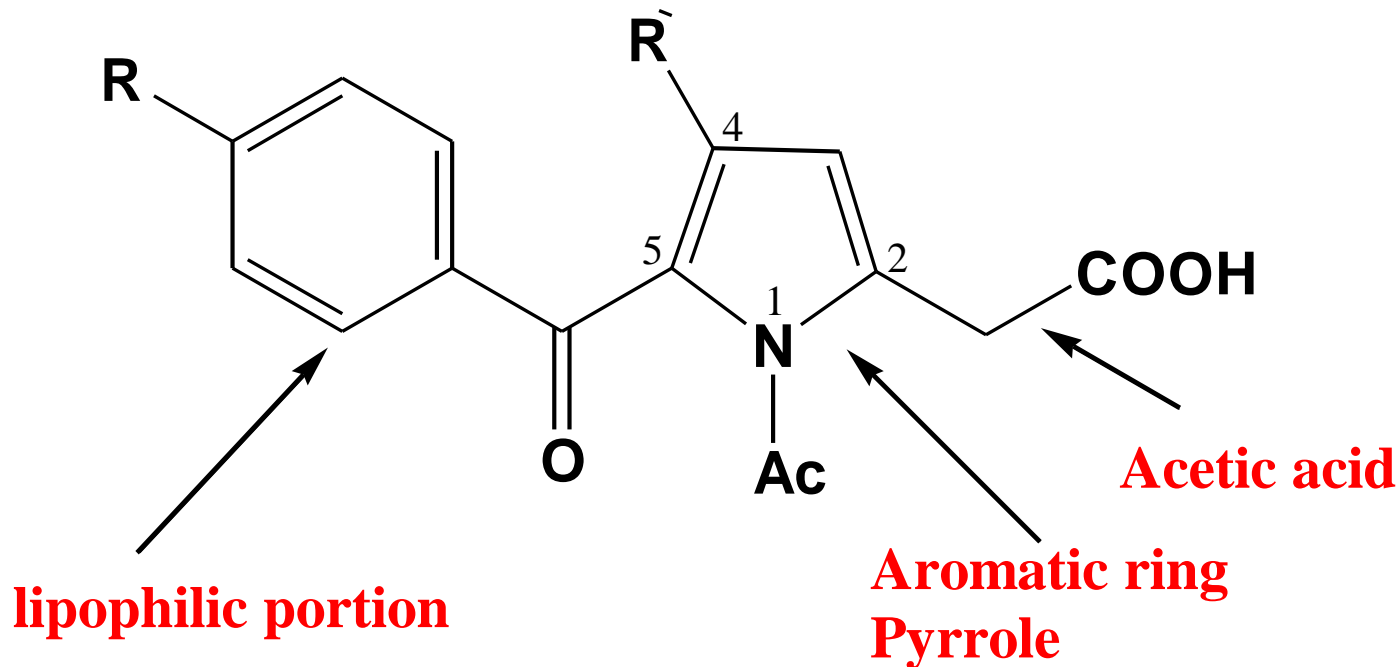
**Less CNS and GI side effect**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

## Sulindac: Biotransformation



# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid



**R: CH<sub>3</sub>**

**R': H**

**Tolmetin**

**R: Cl**

**R': CH<sub>3</sub>**

**Zomepirac**

## **Tolmetin**

Flat carboxylic group

Aryl ring pyrrole instead of indole

Phenyl ring

Rings are non coplanar

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## **Tolmetin**

Non selective COX inhibitor

Short duration of action [less than 5 h]

## **Zomepirac:**

P-chlorobenzoyl Instead of 5-p-Toluoyl  
CH<sub>3</sub> at position 4

Zomepirac is more potent than tolmetin (4X)

longer duration of action (**Why??**)

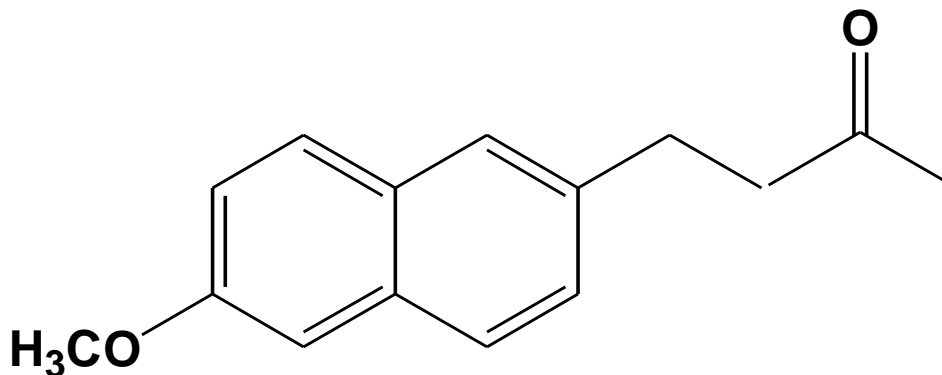
Withdrawal from the market: Anaphylactic reactions



# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

## Nabumetone

Prodrug [Non-acidic ketone, alkanone]

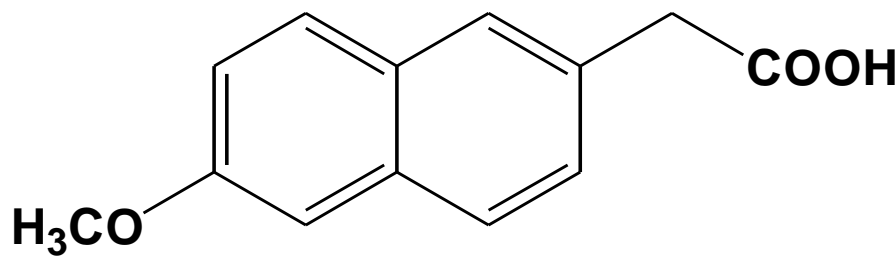


### Nabumetone (Prodrug)

Metabolized to give **6MNA active form** of the drug which has a long half-life (24hrs)

Metabolism

Preferential COX 2 inhibitor



Less GI side effect

**6-Methoxynaphthalene-2-acetic acid (6MNA)**

**Active metabolite [Metabolite is related to naproxen]**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## Diclofenac

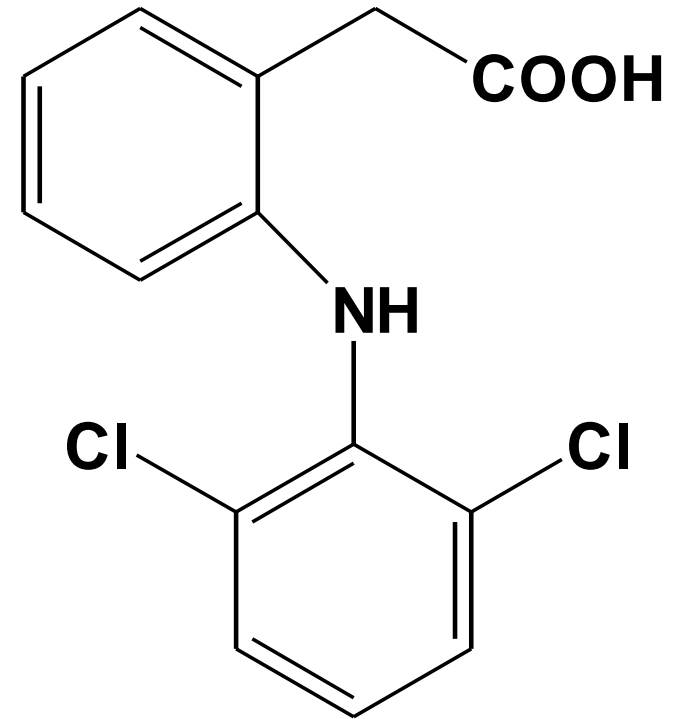
Arylacetic acid and anthranilic acid derivative (Na-, k- salts)

Analgesic, antipyretic,  
Anti-inflammatory [**look for MOA**]

Most widely used NSAIDs in the world

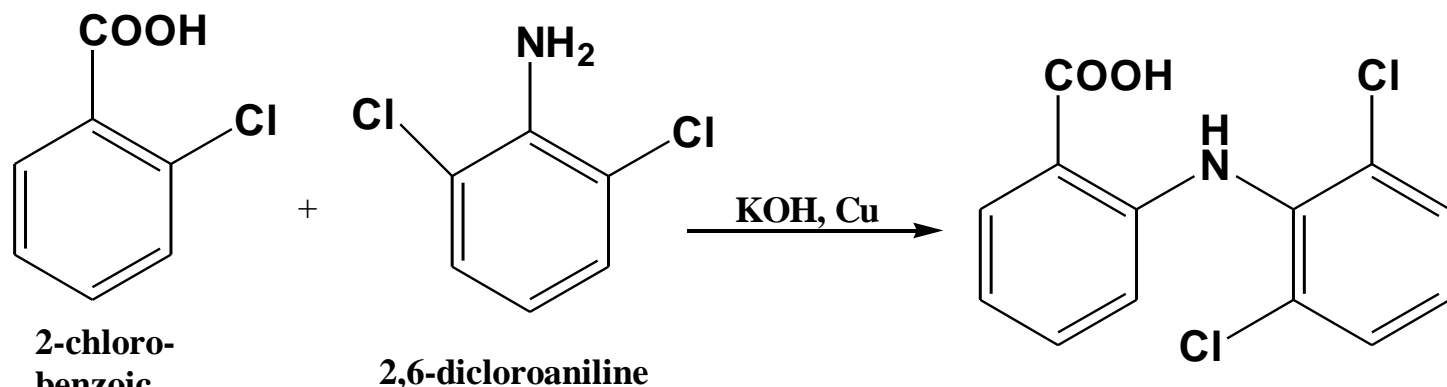
More potent than indomethacin and aspirin

Two o-Chloro groups force the anilinophenyl ring out of plane of the phenyl acetic acid ring

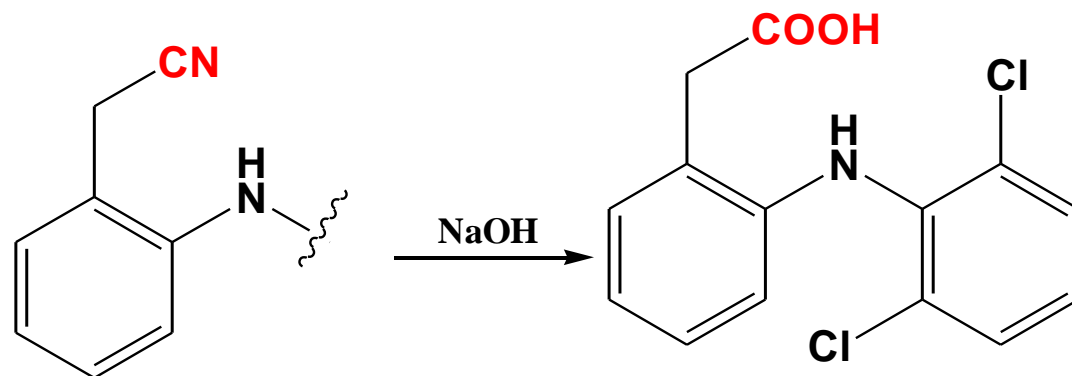
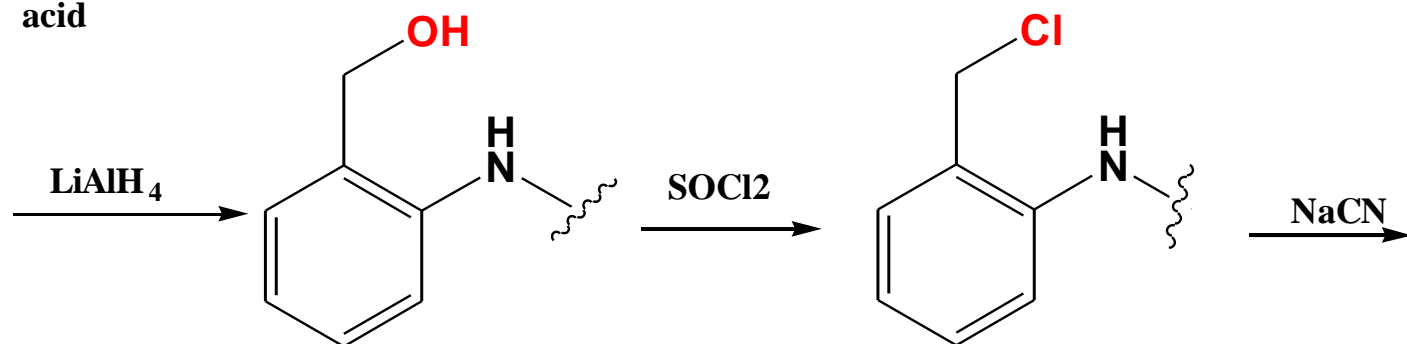


**Diclofenac**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

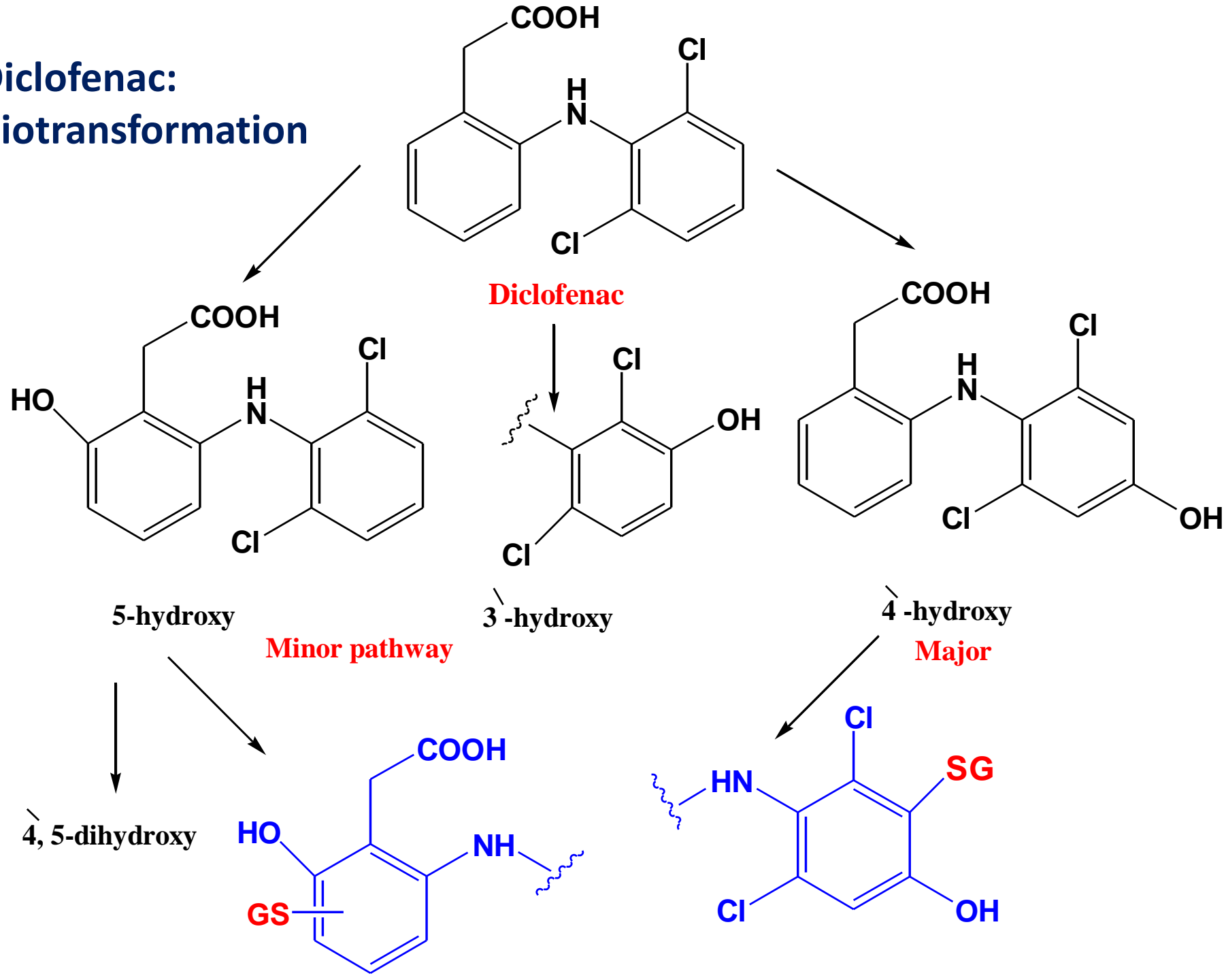


## Diclofenac: Synthesis



**Diclofenac**

# Diclofenac: Biotransformation



# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## Diclofenac: Biotransformation

Aromatic hydroxylation

Major: 4`-hydroxymetabolite

Minor: 5-hydroxy and 3`-hydroxy, 5,3`-dihydroxy metabolite

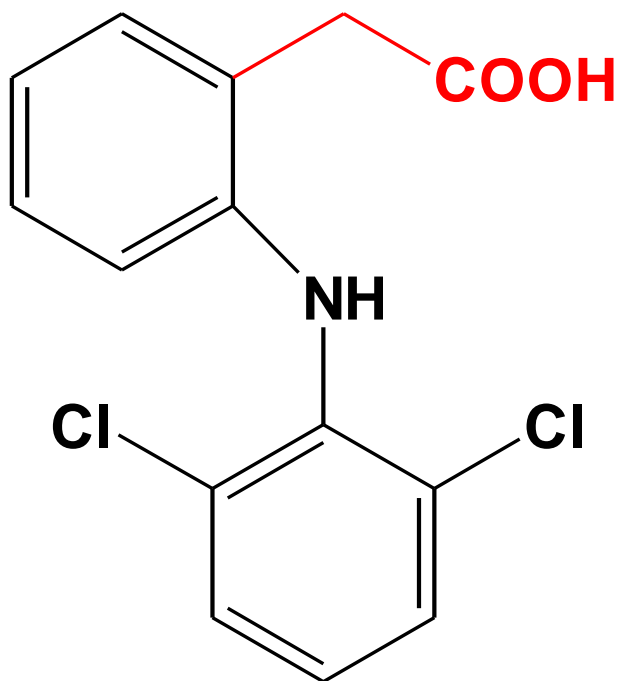
Hepatotoxicity more than other NSAIDs [Benzoquinonimine]

Deactivation of benzoquinoimine [An electrophile] by phase II conjugation with glutathione GSH

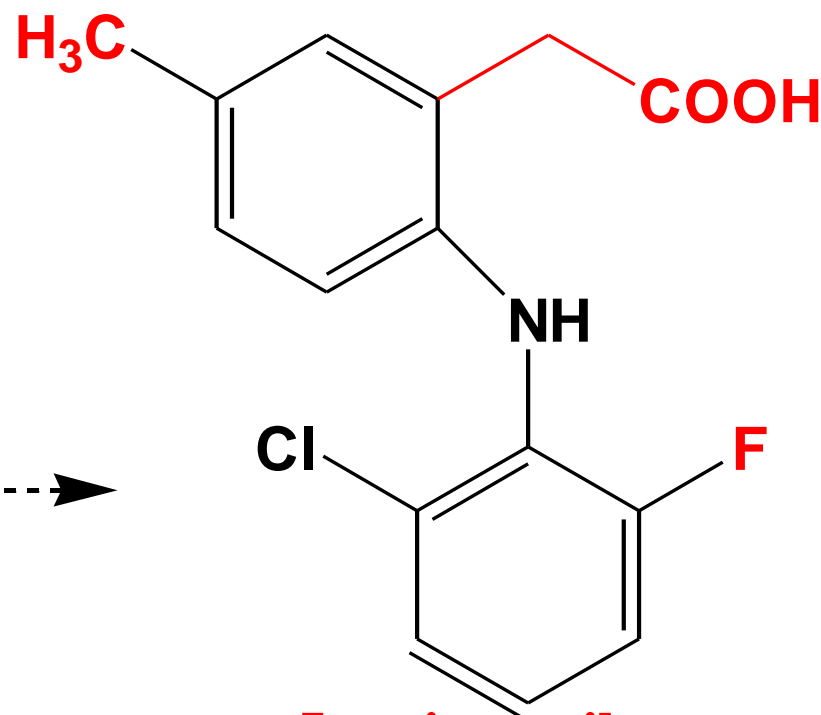
**(It was discussed in paracetamol)**

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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**Diclofenac**



**Lumiracoxib**

Lumiracoxib: Potent selective COX-2 inhibitor

Marketed in 2004, withdrawn in 2007 [Serious adverse liver reactions]

# Aryl- Heteroarylacetic acid

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## Etodolac:

Two carbon separate COOH from indole ring but still belong to heteroaryl acetic acid derivative

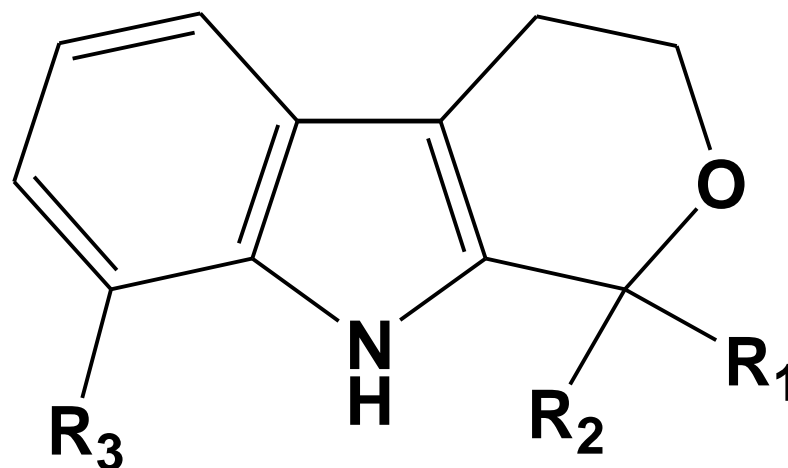
Marketed as racemic mixture

Only S(+) enantiomer is active

Less GI side effect

Antiinflammatory: 1/3 potency of indomethacin

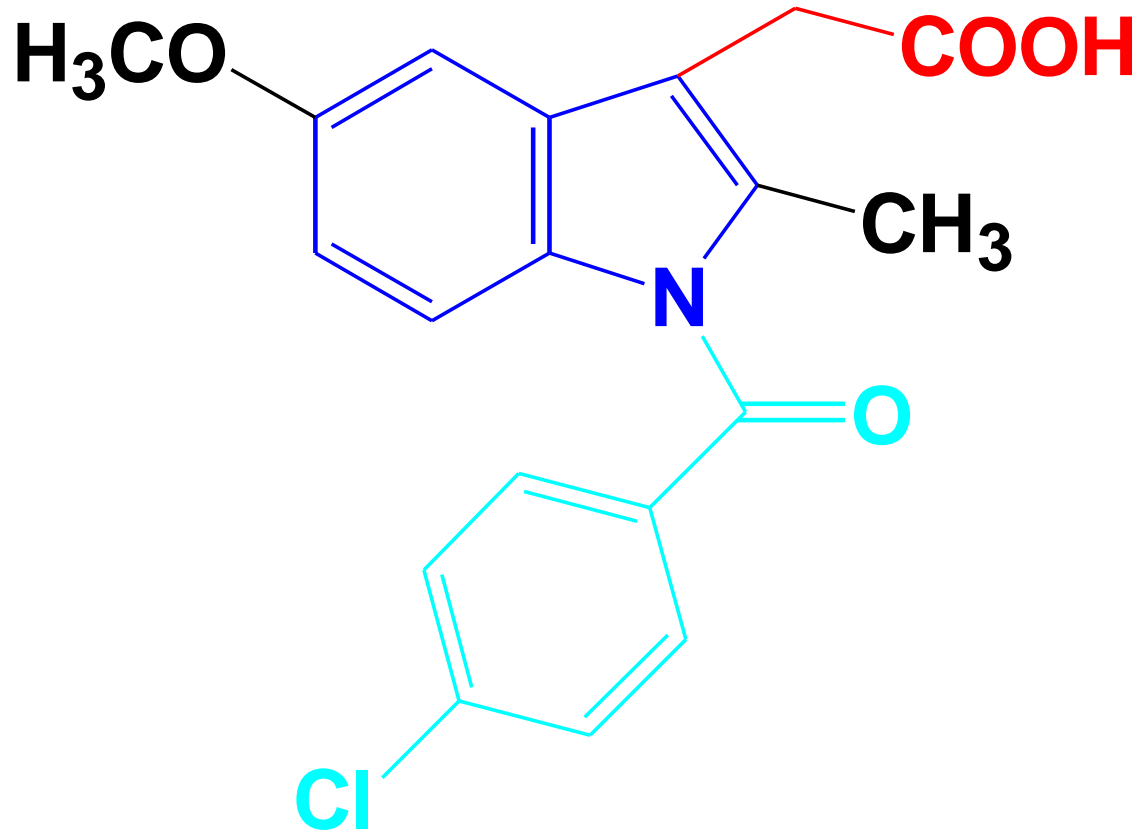
## Pyranocarboxylic acid



## Etodolac

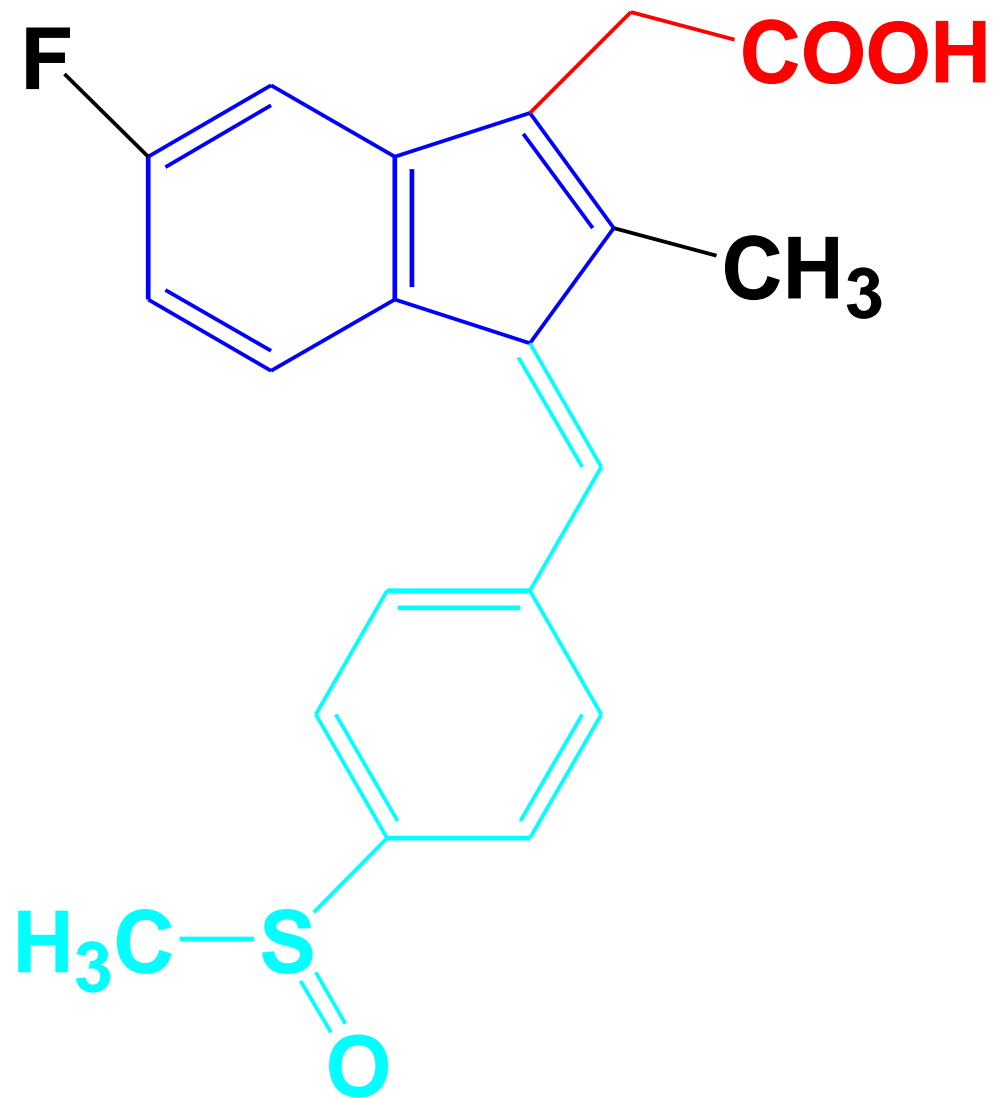
R1:  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$ , R2:  $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ , R3:  $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$

**Selective COX 2 inhibitor later recognized**

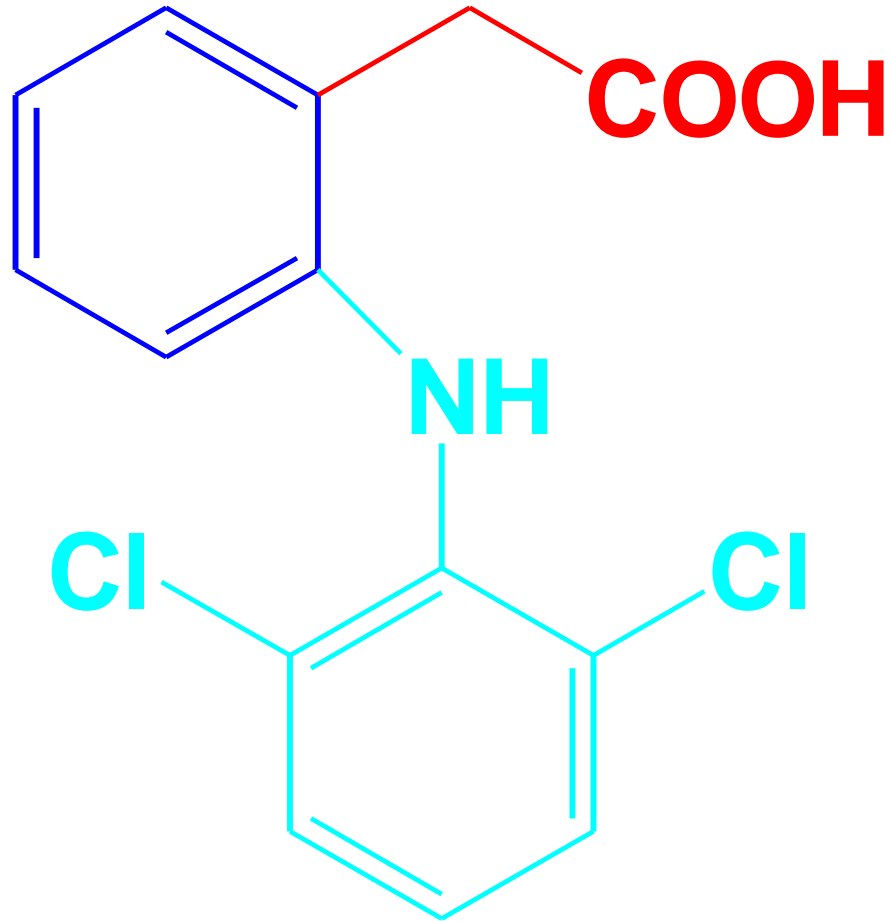


**Indomethacin**

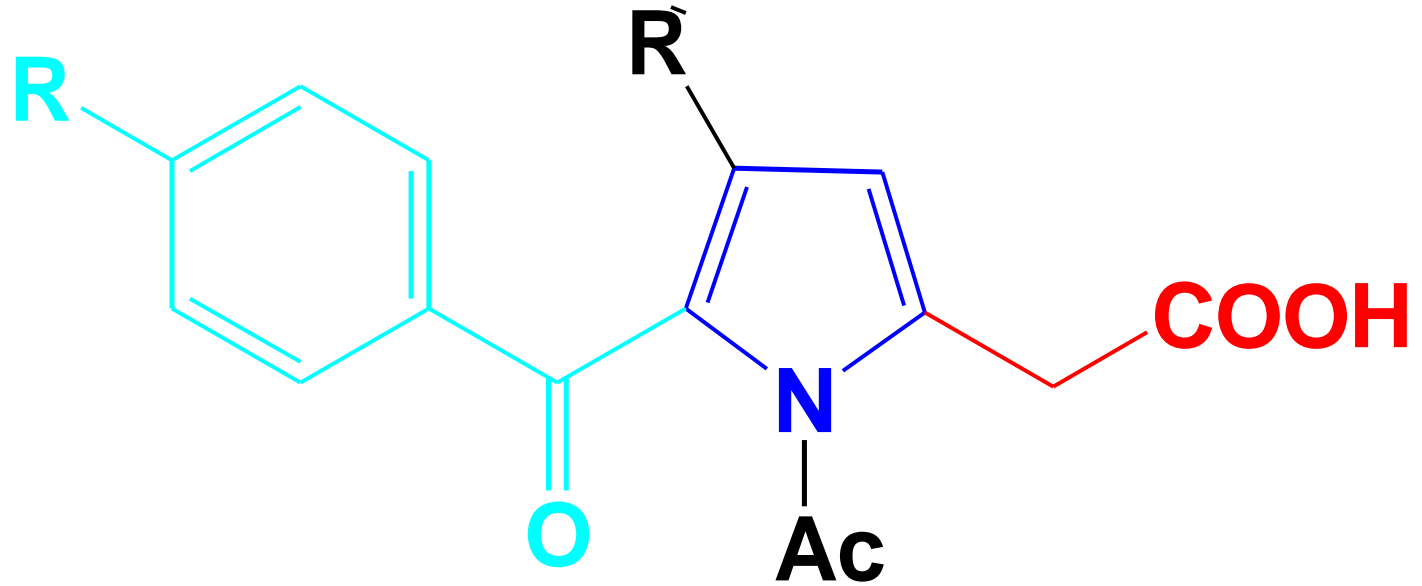




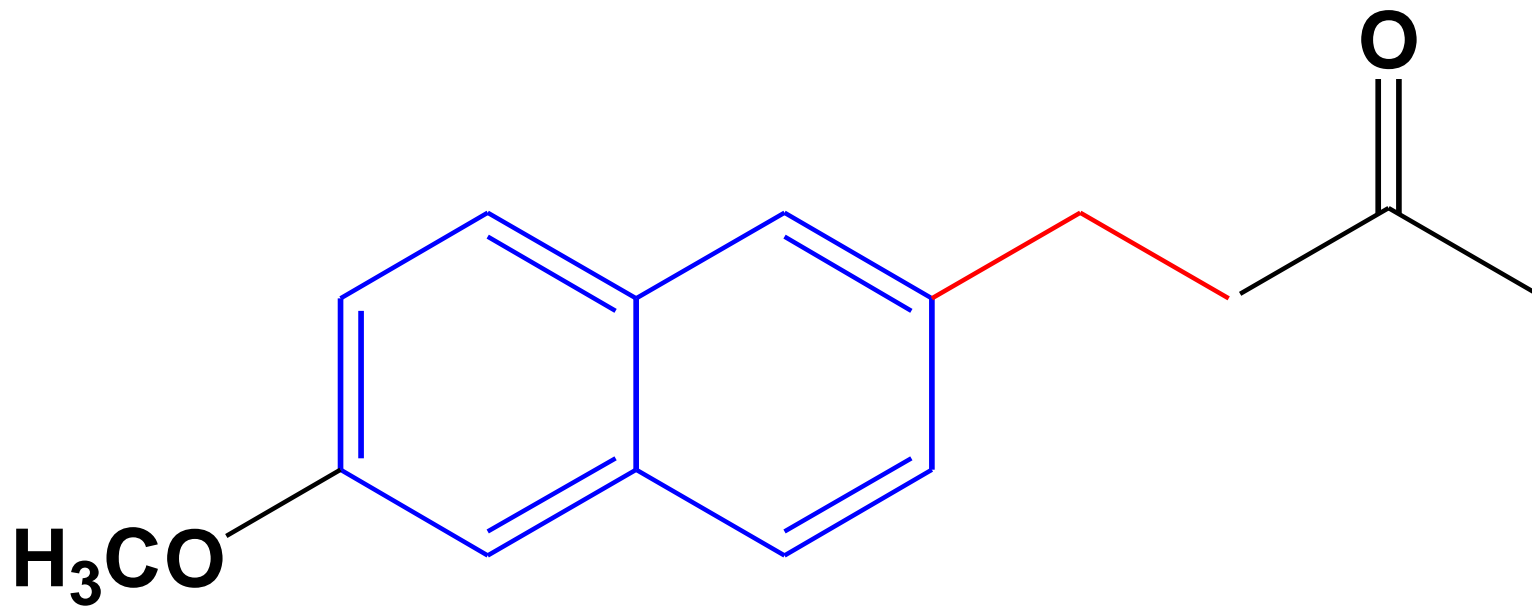
**Sulindac (Prodrug)**



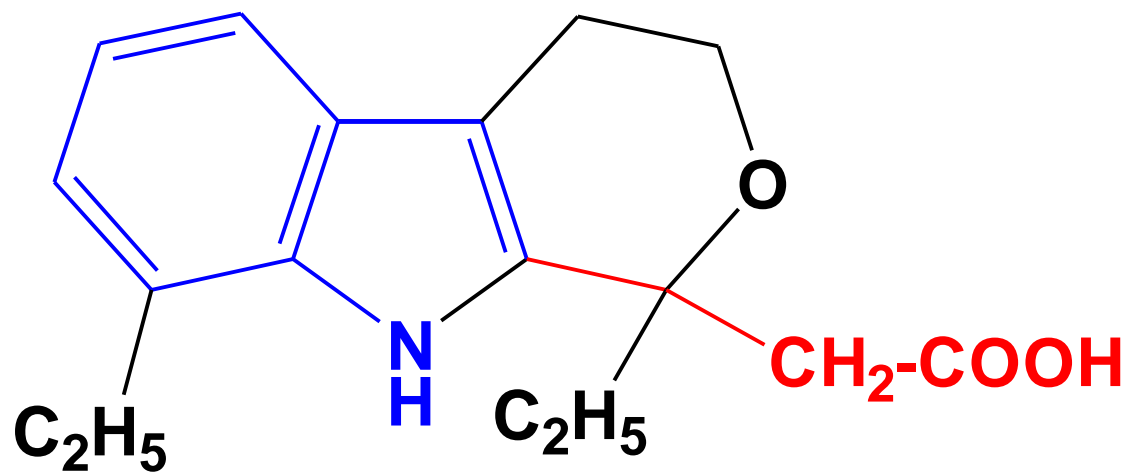
**Diclofenac**



**Tolmetin & Zomiperac**



**Nabumetone (Prodrug)**



**Etodolac Pyranocarboxylic acid**

# **Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs NSAIDs**

**Part 4**

**Dr. Mai Ramadan**

# **COX 1 versus COX 2**

**Function (physiological and pathological roles) and activity**

**Active site aspects:**

**Substrate and shape**

**Differences and similarities in aa residues and their significance**

# Antipyretic/ Analgesic

Anilide (p-Aminophenol derivative)

Paracetamol (Structure, metabolism, toxicity, synthesis)

# Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory

Salicylate

Sod salicylate, Diflusal, salicylamide

Aspirin (Structure, metabolism, synthesis, mutual prodrugs, irreversible inhibition of COX1 in platelets)



**Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

**Aryl- & heteroaryl acetic acid**

**Indomethacin**

**Sulindac**

**Tolmetin & zomepirac**

**Nabumetone**

**Diclofenac & lumiracoxib**

**Etodolac**

**Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

**Aryl- & heteroaryl propionic acid**

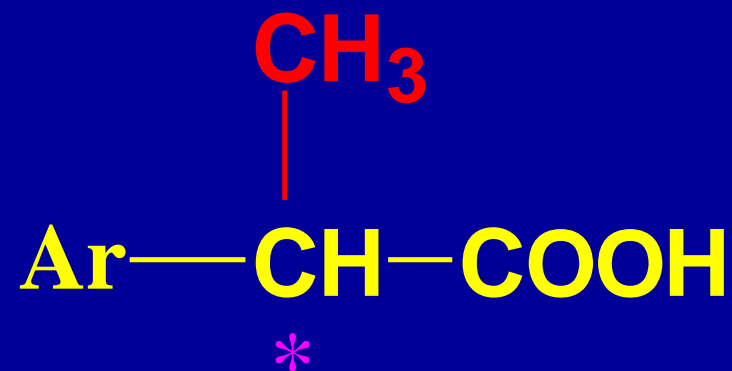
**Profen (Ibuprofen)**

**Naproxen**

**Ketorolac**

**Oxaprozin**

# Aryl- & heteroaryl propionic acid

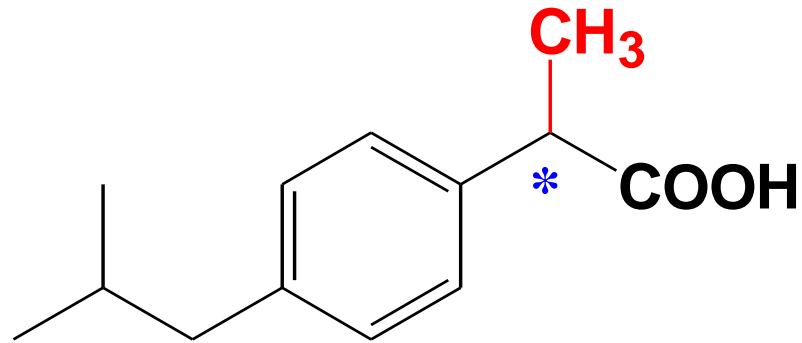


Ground structure

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

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**Profen:**

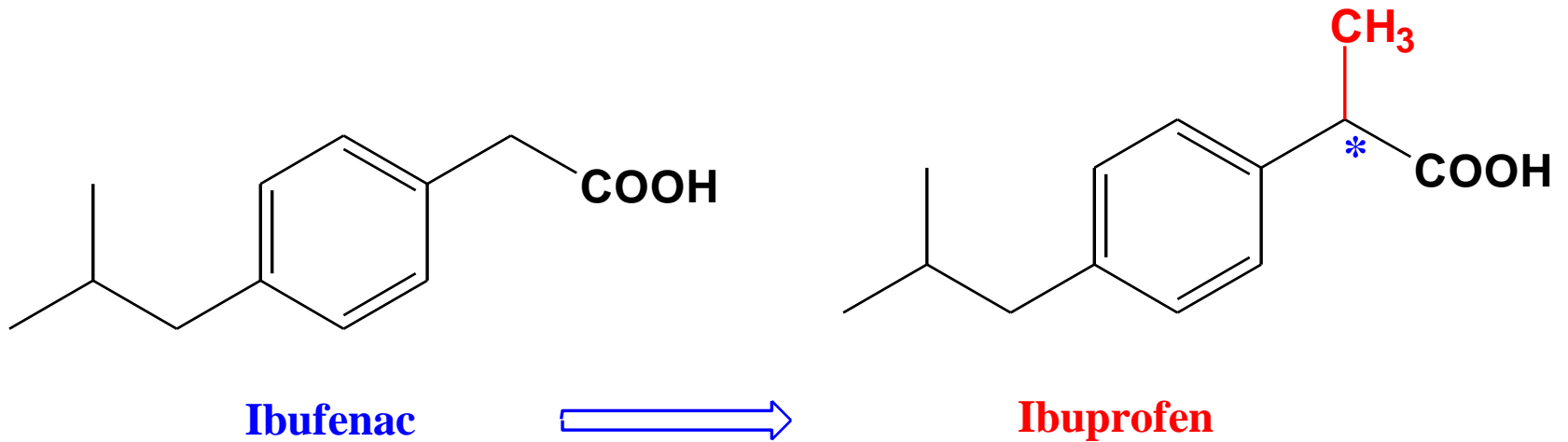


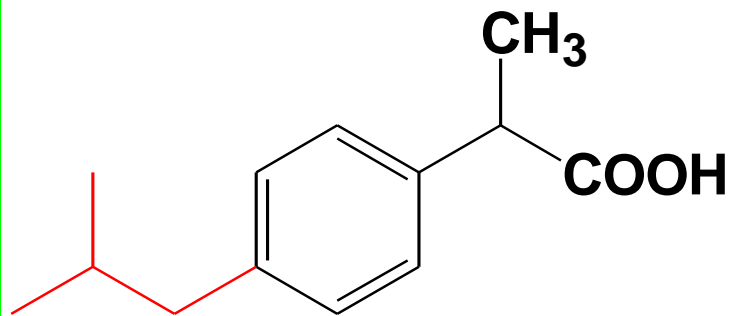
**Ibuprofen**

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

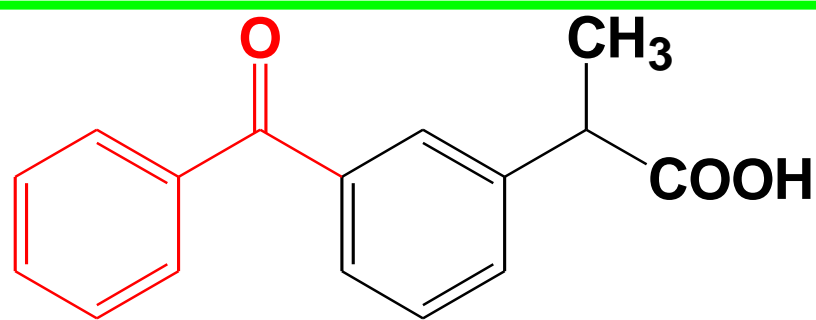
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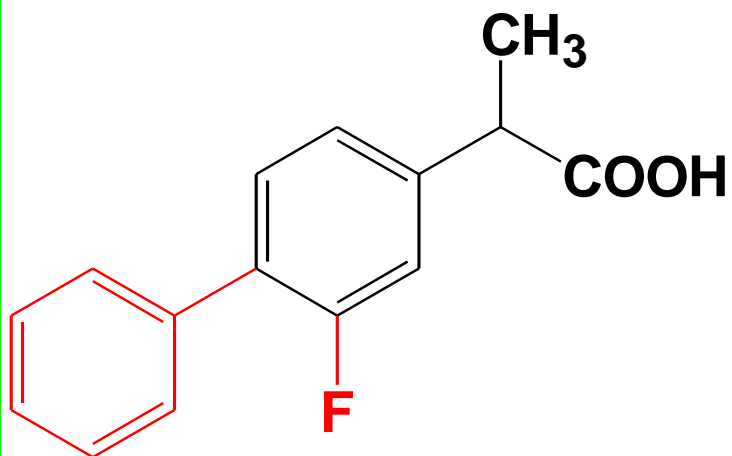




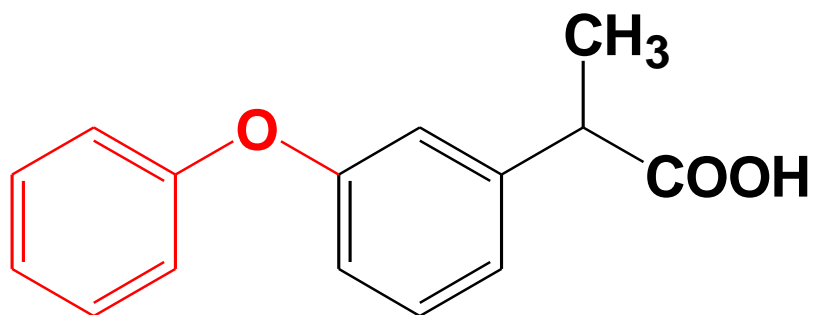
**Ibuprofen**



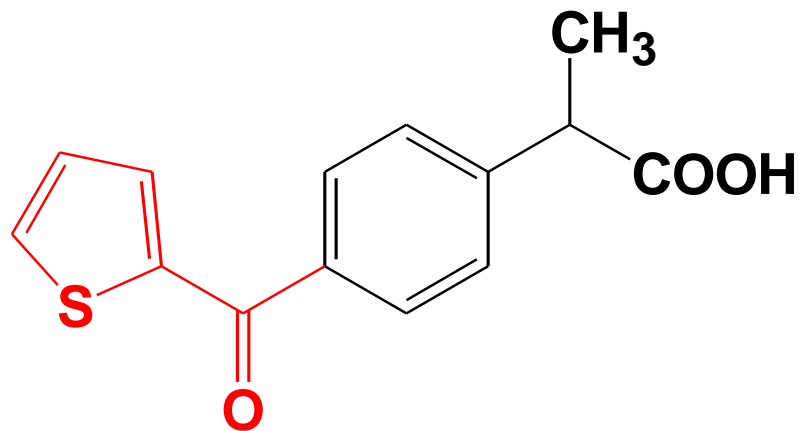
**Ketoprofen**



**Flurbiprofen**



**Fenoprofen**

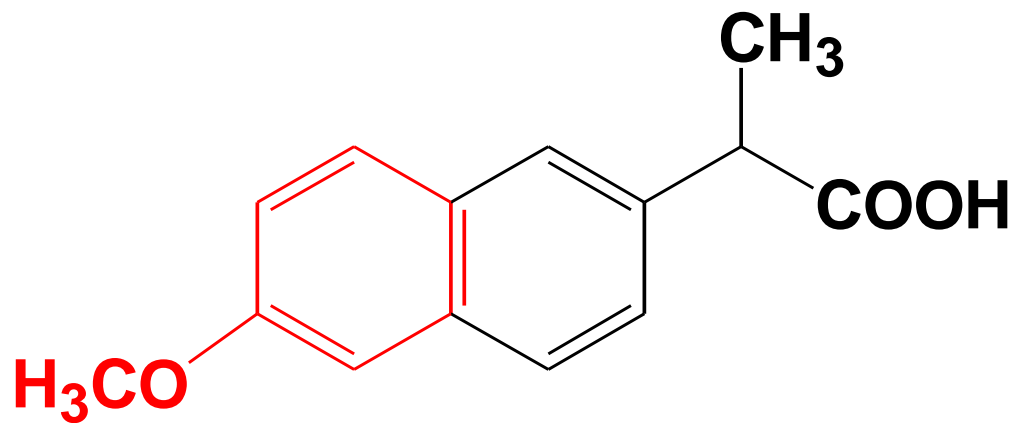


**Suprofen**

**Aryl- Heteroaryl  
propionic acid**

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

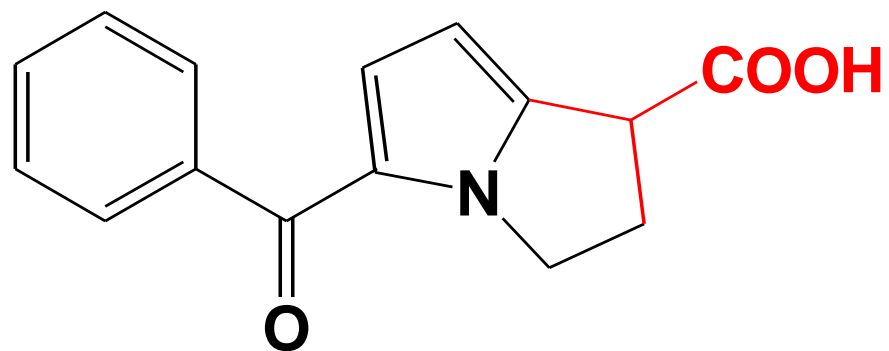
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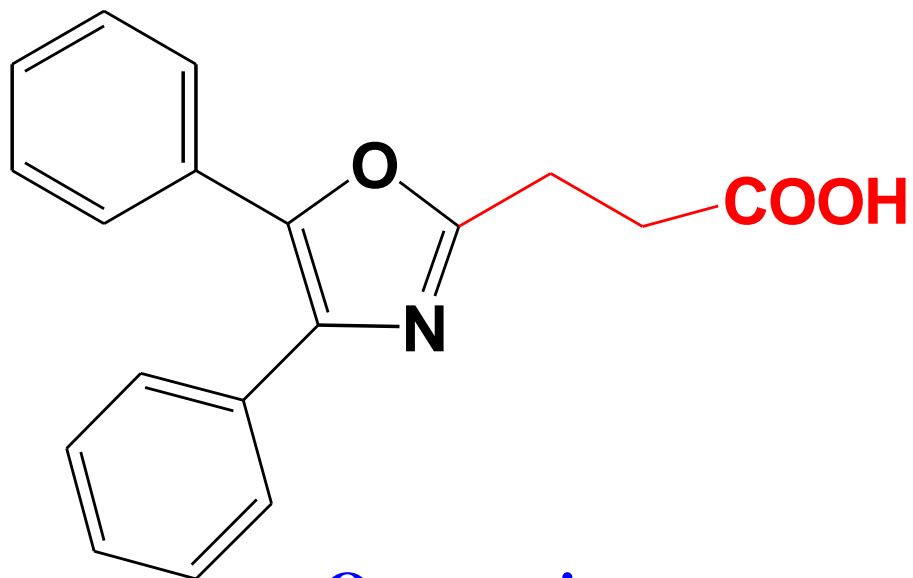
**Naproxen**

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

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**Ketorolac**



**Oxaprozin**



# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

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## **Profen:**

Ibuprofen , fenoprofen, Ketoprofen, Flurbiprofen,

Suprofen: withdrawal [due to transient renal failure] Reintroduced for ocular application

## **Naproxen:**

2-naphthylacetic acid derivative

## **Ketorolac**

## **Oxaprozin**

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

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## SAR of Profen:

The aryl propionic acids are characterized by the general structure  $\text{Ar}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{COOH}$  which conforms to the required general structure

Substitution of  $\alpha$ -methyl group on alcanoic acid enhances anti-inflammatory activity and reduces side effects. Acetic acid analog of ibuprofen is less potent and hepatotoxic (Ibuprofen)

S (+)- enantiomer has greater activity

Isobutyl substituent has more activity with reduced toxicity.

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

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## Profen:

Replacement of carboxylic functional group with ester, amide or azole generally produces less active compound.

Placing the phenoxy group at ortho or para position of aryl propionic acid  $\longrightarrow$  less active compound e.g. fenoprofen.

Replacement of oxygen with carbonyl in fenoprofen  $\longrightarrow$  yields ketoprofen which has more activity than ibuprofen.

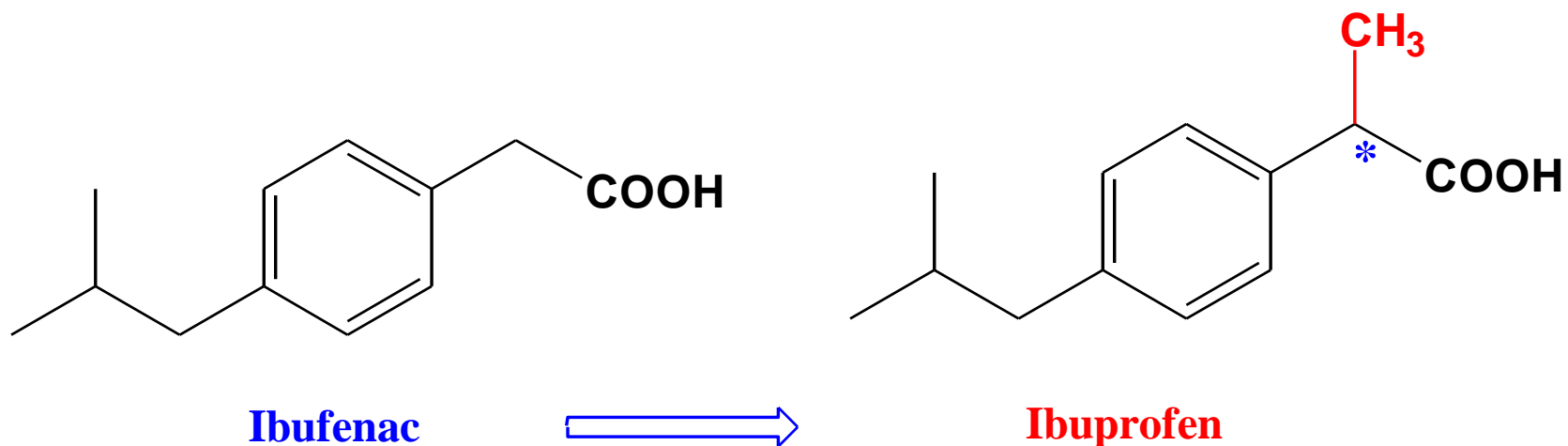
Aryl substituent with -Cl, -F is best for activity (Flurbiprofen is more potent analgesic and anti-inflammatory than ibuprofen)

Substituted the aryl group with 2-naphthyl acetic acid leads to maximum activity (Naproxen)

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

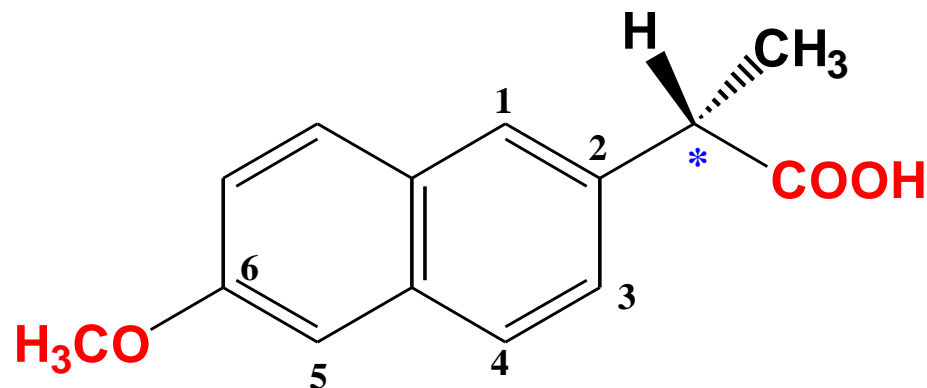
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## SAR of Profen:



# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

**SAR of 2-Naphthylacetic acid:**  
**Naproxen is marketed as**  
**Pure S- isomer**



Replace -COOH group by a group [COOCH<sub>3</sub>, CHO, CH<sub>2</sub>OH], which is metabolized in vivo to -COOH retain activity

Remove -OCH<sub>3</sub> decrease activity

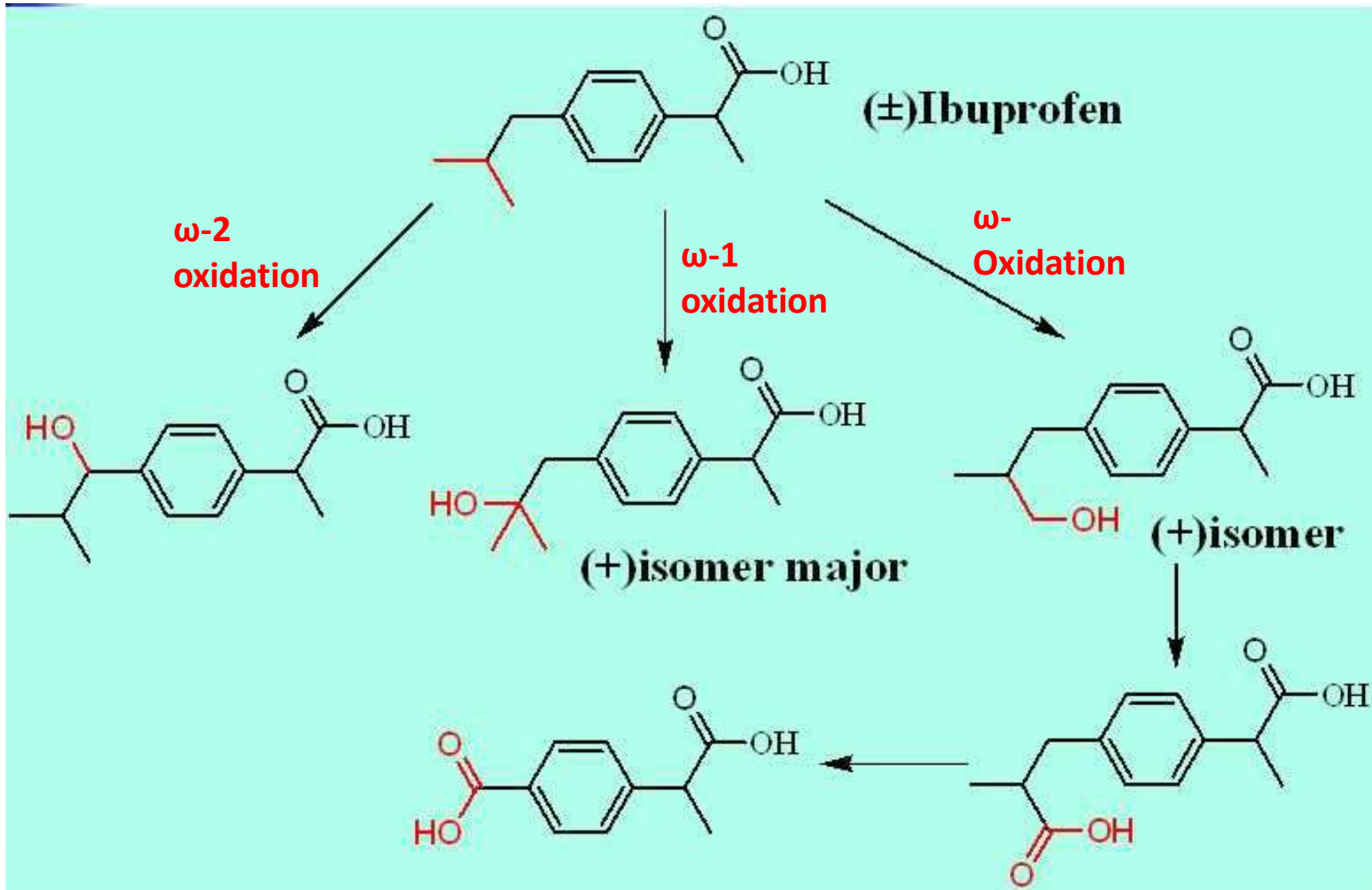
Small lipophilic group at position 6 like -Cl, -SCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCHF<sub>2</sub> yields active analogue. -OCH<sub>3</sub> in naproxen is most potent.

Larger group on place of methoxy at position 6 yields less active compounds

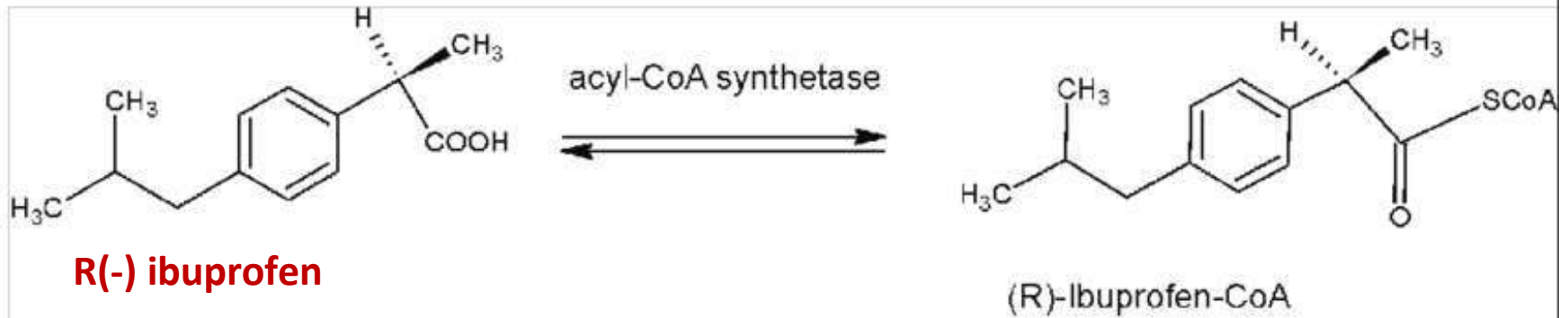
S(+)- is more potent isomer

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

Metabolism of ibuprofen: All metabolite are inactive

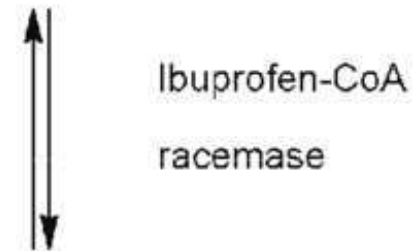
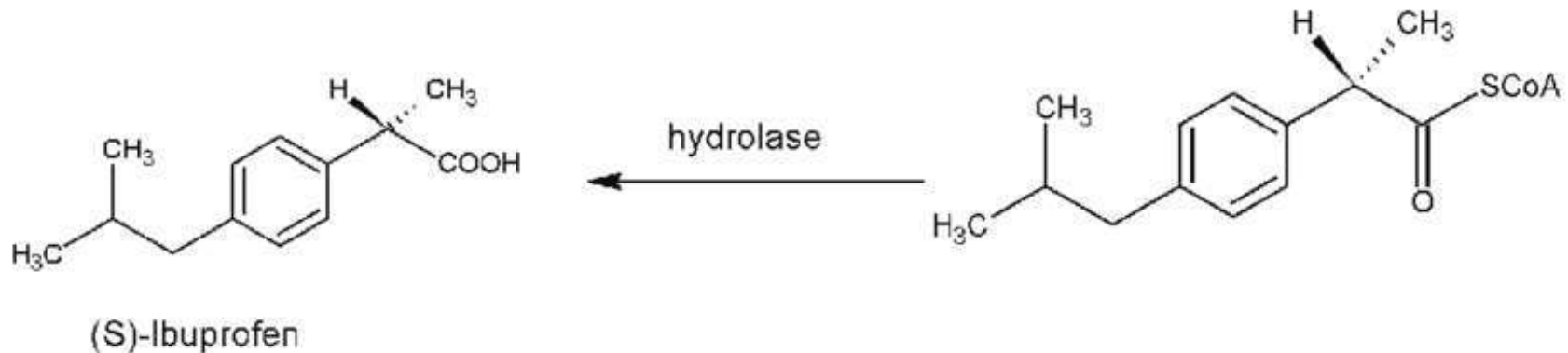


# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

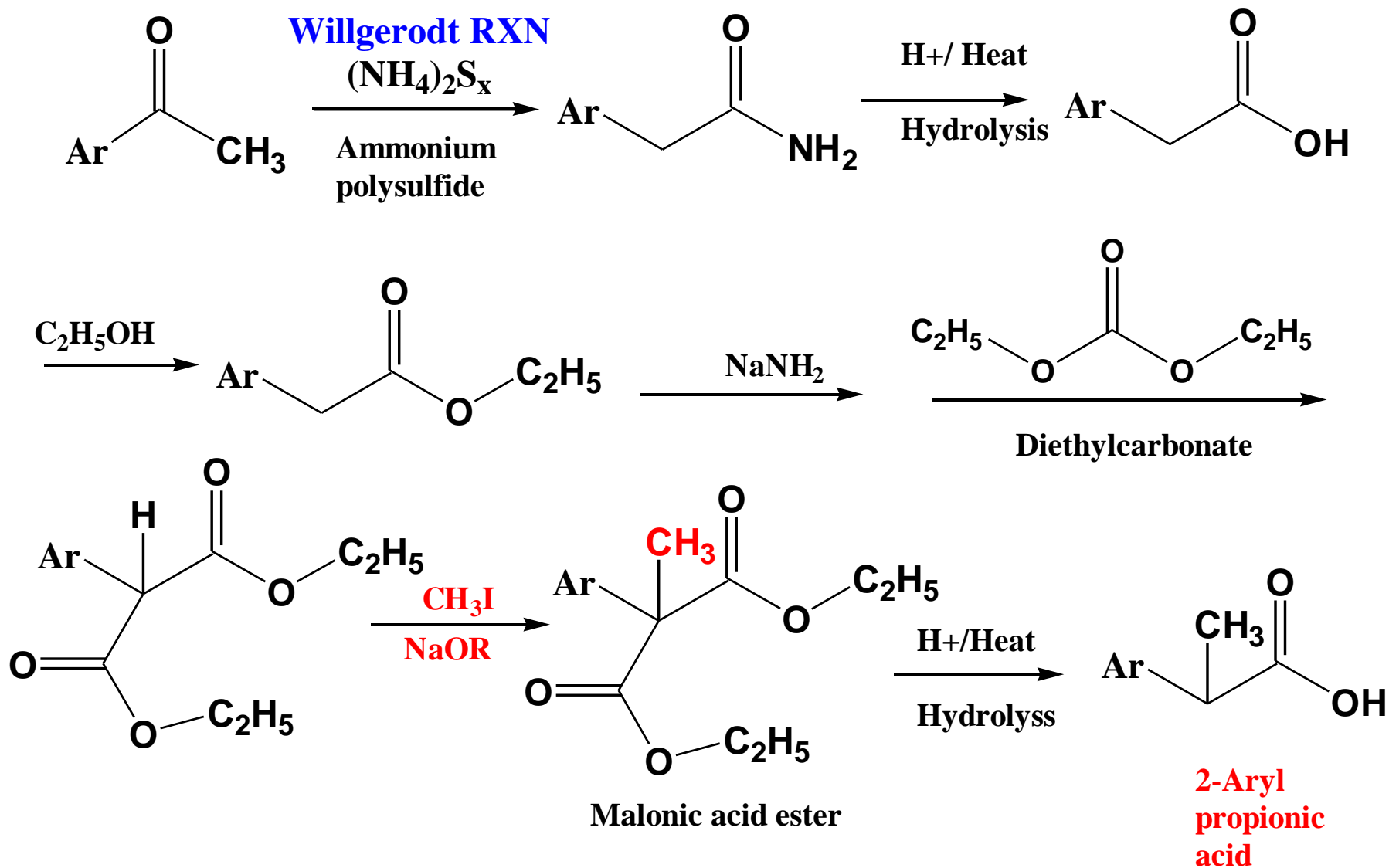


Mechanism of metabolic inversion of R(-) ibuprofen: Epimerization

**Note that: S(+)** ibuprofen is not epimerized to R(-) isomer



# General synthesis of Aryl-propionic acid

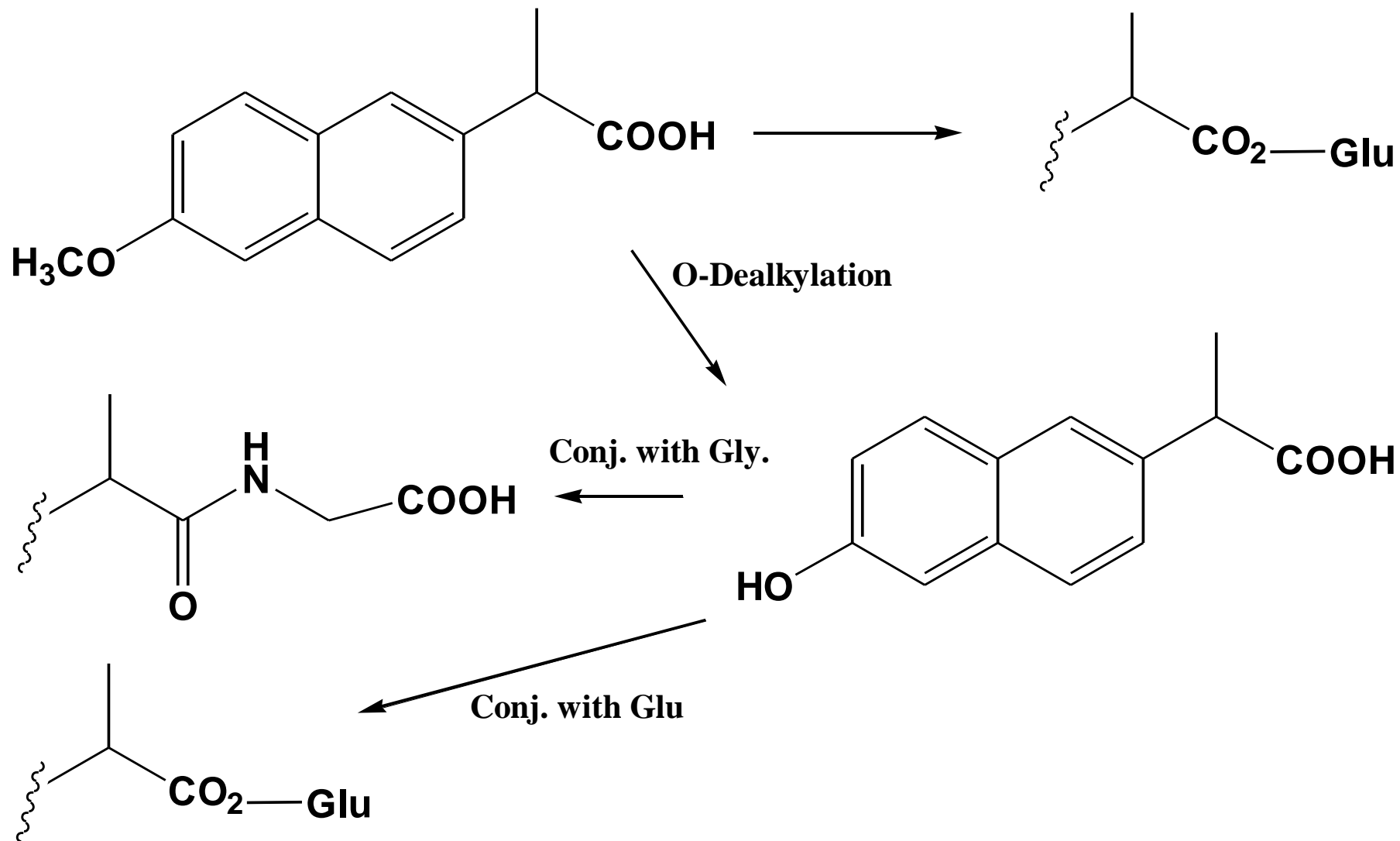


**Willgerodt RXN: Oxidation RXN of Aryl alkyl ketone to corresponding amide and carboxylic acid**



# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

## Naproxen biotransformation:



# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

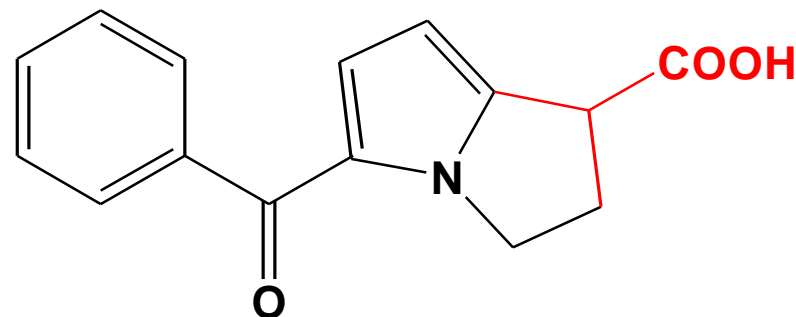
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## Ketorolac:

A cyclized, heteroaryl propionic acid derivative, with the  $\alpha$ -methyl group being fused to the pyrrole ring.

Injection, newly orally

Analgesic [15-30 mg resemble activity  
Of 12 mg morphine] effect after 10 min  
Of injection



**Ketorolac**

available as the tromethamine salt.

The tromethamine moiety enhances water solubility.

Alternative for narcotic analgesics

# Aryl- Heteroarylpropionic acid

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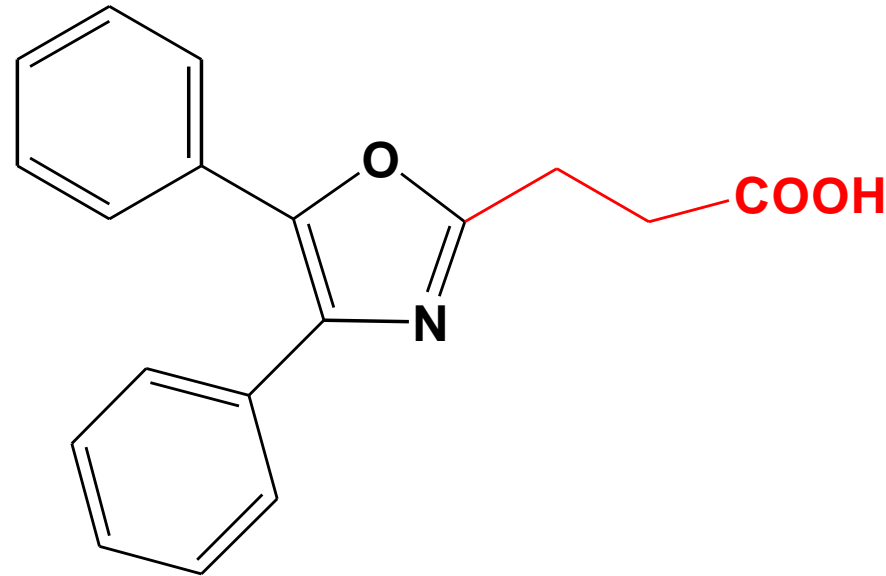
## Oxaprozin:

Differ from  $\alpha$ -methyl acetic acid

Long duration of action

Once daily dosing

Rash and mild photosensitivity



**Oxaprozin**

# **Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs NSAIDs**

**Part 5**

**Dr. Mai Ramadan**

**Antipyretic/ Analgesic**

**Anilide (p-Aminophenol derivative)**

**Paracetamol**

# **Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

**□ Salicylate**

**Sod salicylate**

**Diflusal**

**salicylamide**

**Aspirin**

**Mutual prodrug**

# **Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

## **□ Aryl- & heteroaryl acetic acid**

**Indomethacin**

**Sulindac**

**Tolmetin & zomepirac**

**Nabumetone**

**Diclofenac & lumiracoxib**

**Etodolac**

# **Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

**□ Aryl- & heteroaryl propionic acid**

**Profen (Ibuprofen)**

**Naproxen**

**Ketorolac**

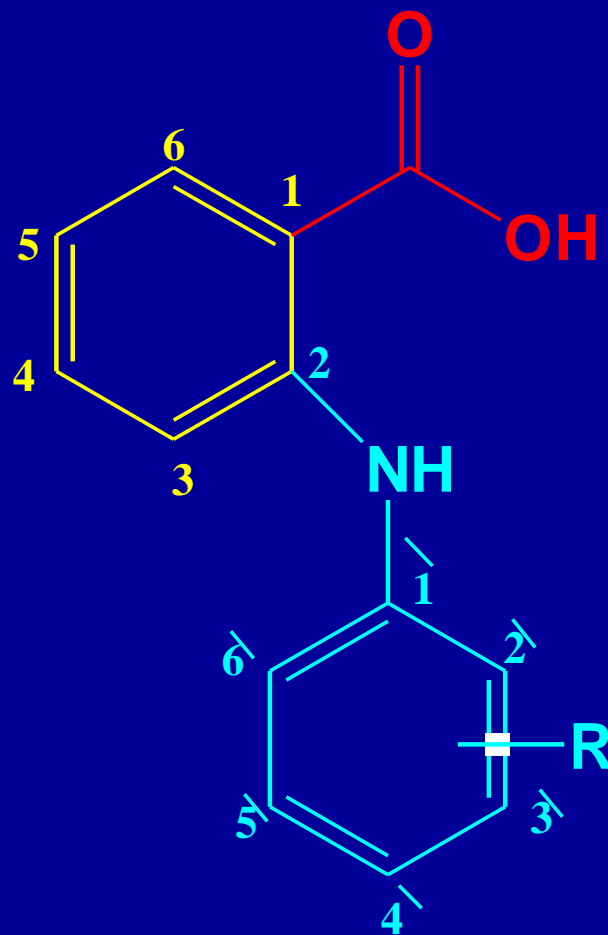
**Oxaprozin**



## **Antipyretic/ Anti-inflammatory**

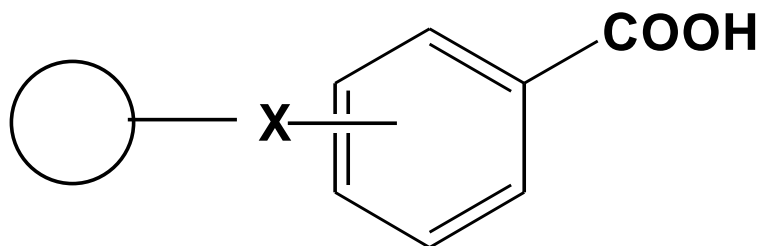
- ☐ N-Arylanthranilic acid [Fenamonic acid]**
  
- ☐ Oxicam [4-hydroxy-1,2-benzothiazine]**

# N- Arylranthranilic acid (Fenamamic acid)

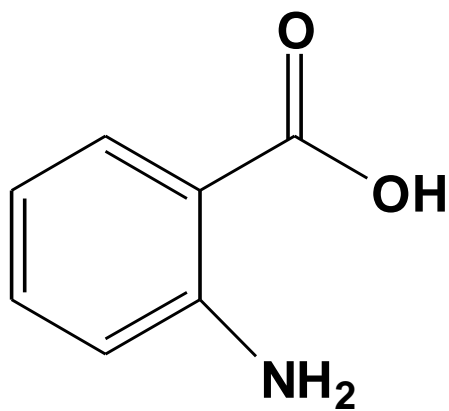


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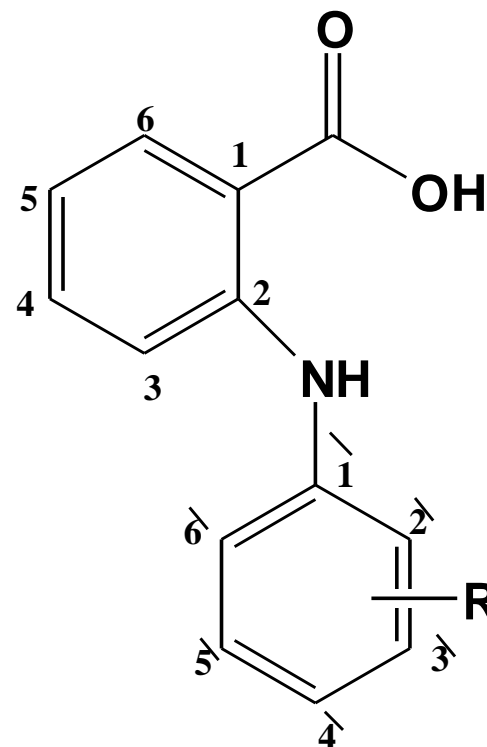
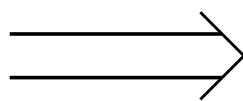
# N-Arylanthranilic acid [Fenamic acid]



**General structure of NSAIDs**



**Anthranilic acid**

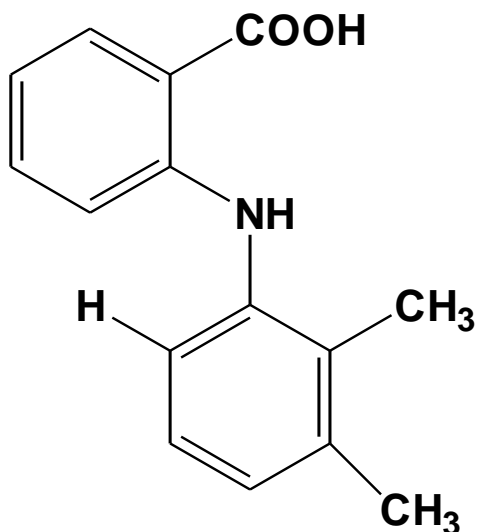


**General structure of anthranilate**

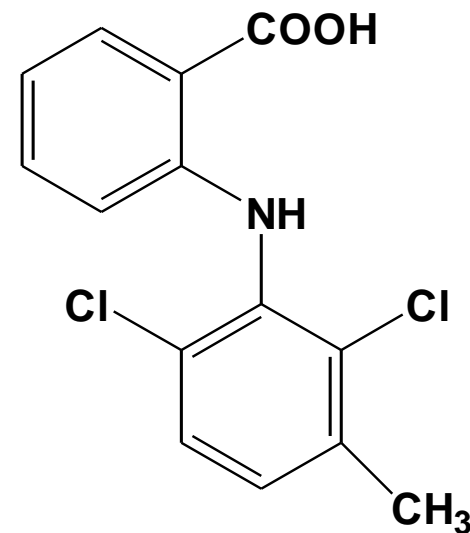
# N-Arylanthranilic acid acid [Fenamic acid]

## Anthranilic acid:

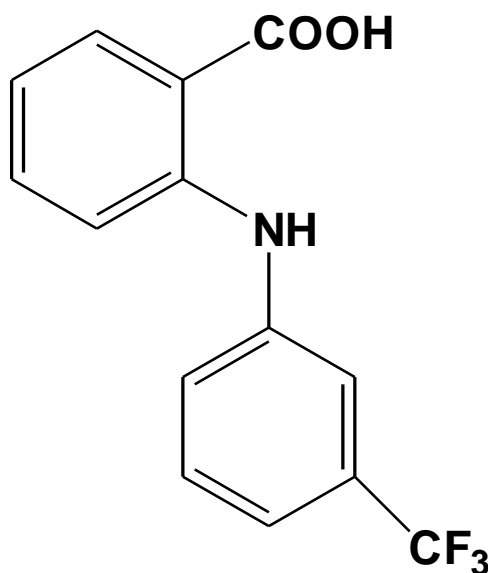
Classical  
bioisosteric  
replacement of  
salicylic acid (o-  
OH) by (o-NH<sub>2</sub>)



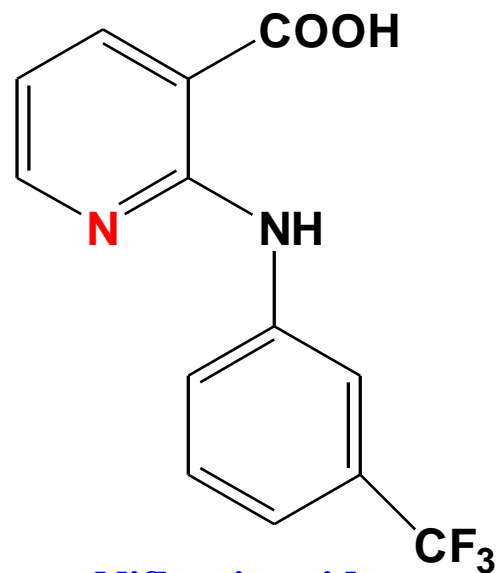
**Mefenamic acid**



**Meclofenamic acid**



**Flufenamic acid**



**Niflumic acid**

# N-Arylanthranilic acid [Fenamic acid]

## **SAR of fenamic acid**

Substitution on the anthranilic acid ring generally reduced the activity.

Substitution on the N-aryl ring can lead to conflicting results.

In the assay for the anti-inflammatory activity the order of activity was generally  $3' > 2' > 4'$  for mono substitution with CF<sub>3</sub> group (flufenamic acid).

The 2'Cl derivative being more potent than 3'Cl analogue.

In di-substituted derivatives, where the nature of two substituent is the same, 2',3' di-substitution appear to be the most effective (mefenamic acid).

## N-Arylanthranilic acid [Fenamamic acid]

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Meclofenamic acid (two ortho-Cl) forcing this ring out of the plane of the anthranilic acid ring, over flufenamic acid (no ortho-substituents) and mefenamic acid (one ortho-CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Meclofenamic acid possesses 25 times greater anti-inflammatory activity than mefenamic acid**

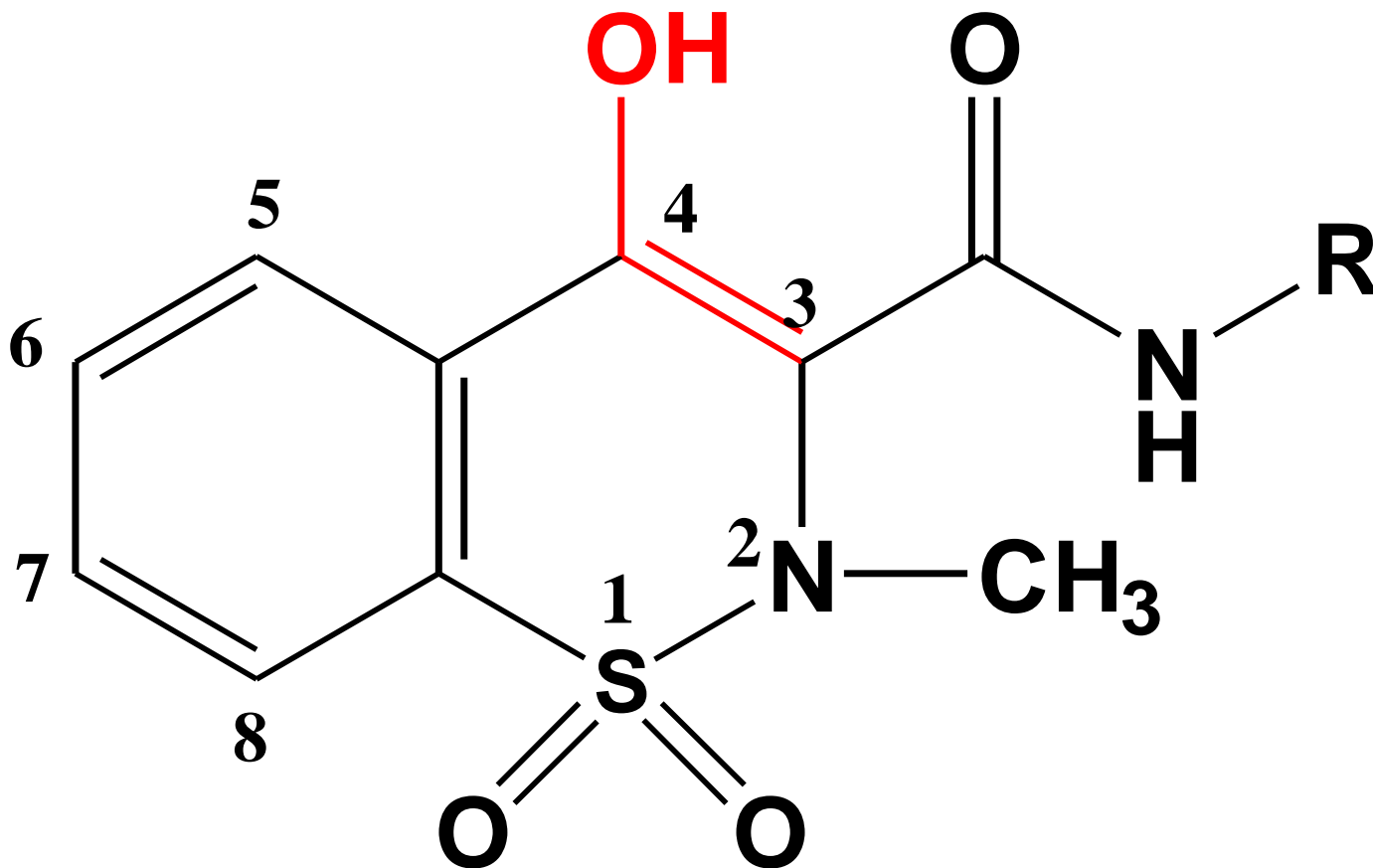
The NH moiety of anthranilic acid appears to be essential for activity since replacement of NH functional group with O, CH<sub>2</sub>, S, SO<sub>2</sub>, N-CH<sub>3</sub> or N-COCH<sub>3</sub> functionalities significantly reduce the activity.

Anthranilic acid derivatives are active. m- and p-Aminobenzoic acid analogs are not active.

Replacement of carboxylic acid functions with the isosteric **tretrazole** has little effect on the activity.

# Oxicam

## 4-hydroxy-1,2-benzothiazine carboxamide



# Oxicam

## 4-hydroxy-1,2-benzothiazine carboxamide

No free carboxylic group

Acidic group is **enol**

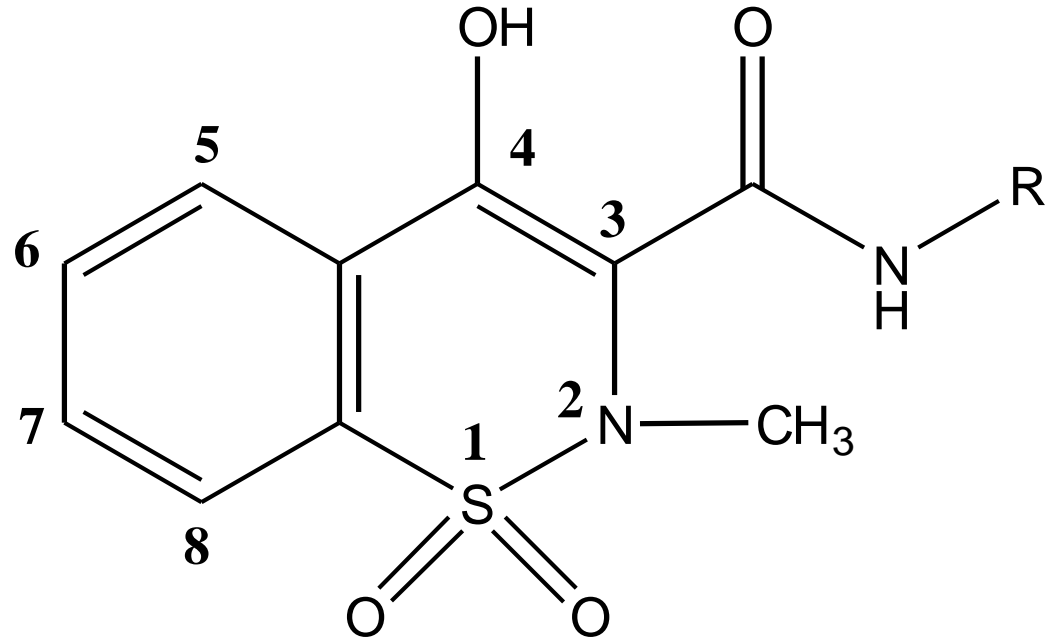
Analgesic

Anti-inflammatory

The advantage: long half life

Allow once daily dosing

GI and CNS disturbances

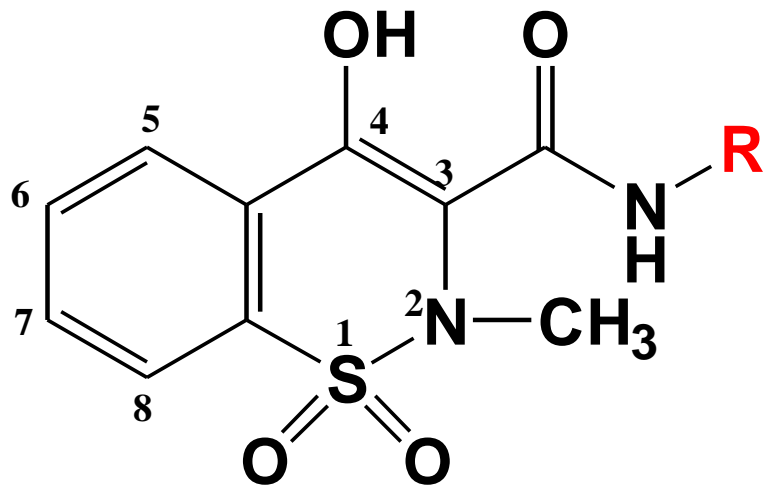




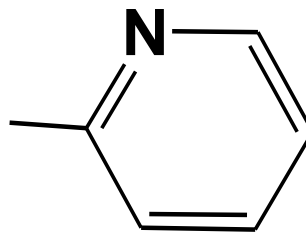
# Oxicam

## 4-hydroxy-1,2-benzothiazine carboxamide

Meloxicam a selective COX 2  
inhibitor

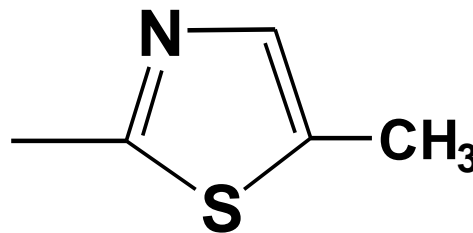


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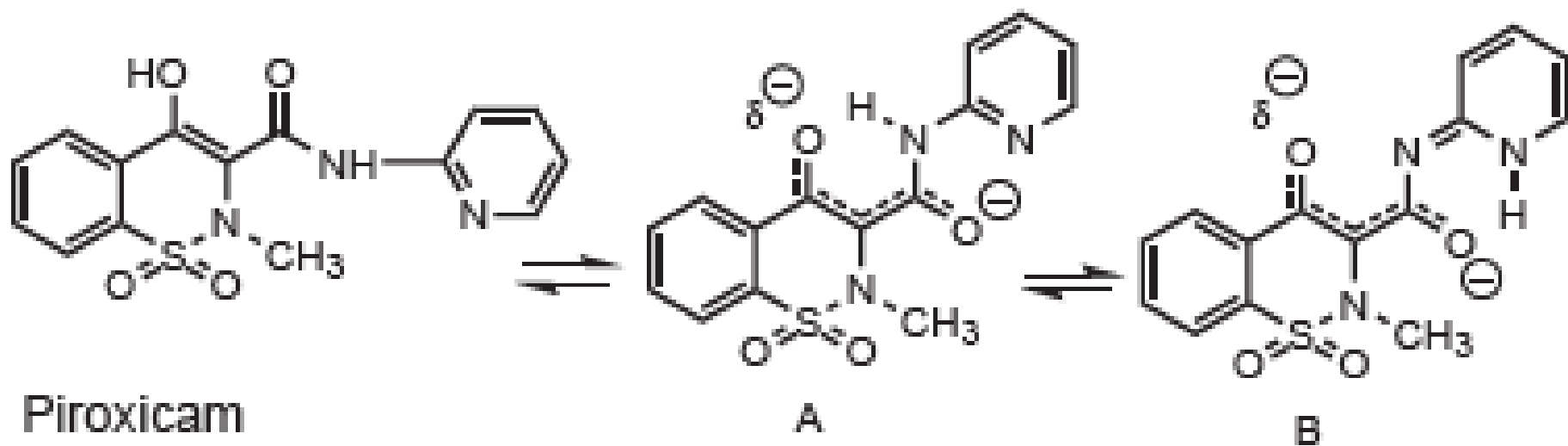
Compound

Piroxicam



Meloxicam

# Oxicam: Stabilization of enolate anion

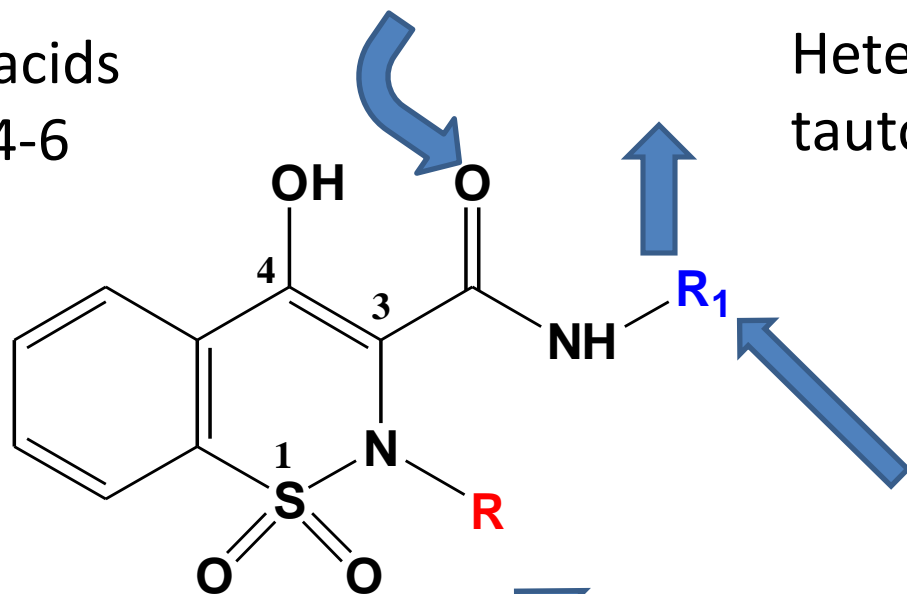


# SAR of Oxicam

Carboxamide group (-CO-NH-) stabilize enolate anion

**R1**: Heterocyclic enhances activity (7X) than aryl at carboxamide  
Like 2-pyridyl, 2-thiazolyl, isoxazolyl  
Heterocycles lower pKa [See tautomerism]

Enol acids  
Pka: 4-6



Aryl substituent: meta position compound will be most potent than para or ortho e.g. -Cl group observe max. activity.

Electron withdrawing group at 1

**R**: Optimal activity -CH<sub>3</sub>

**Next video**

**Selective COX II inhibitors**

**Review structure of COX  
active site**

# **Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs NSAIDs**

**Part 6**

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# Selective COX II inhibitors

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graph TD; A[Selective COX II inhibitors] --> B[Sulide<br/>Diaryl & arylheteroaryl ether]; A --> C[Coxibs<br/>Vicinal diarylheterocycle]
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**Sulide**  
**Diaryl &**  
**arylheteroaryl**  
**ether**

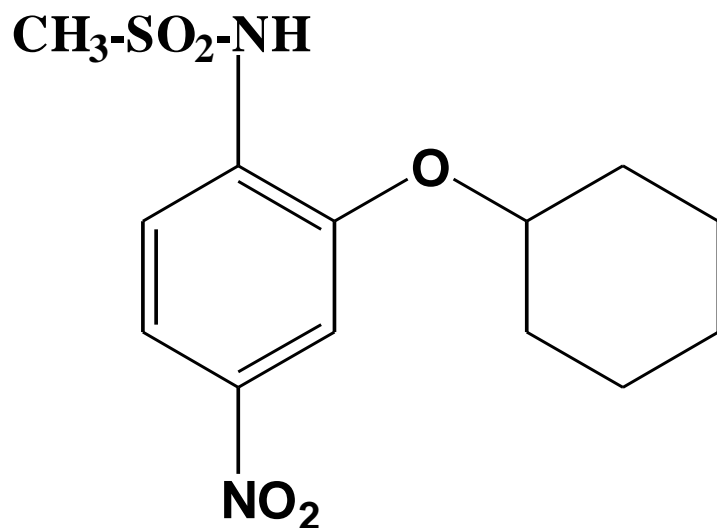
**Coxibs**  
**Vicinal**  
**diarylheterocycle**

# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor :

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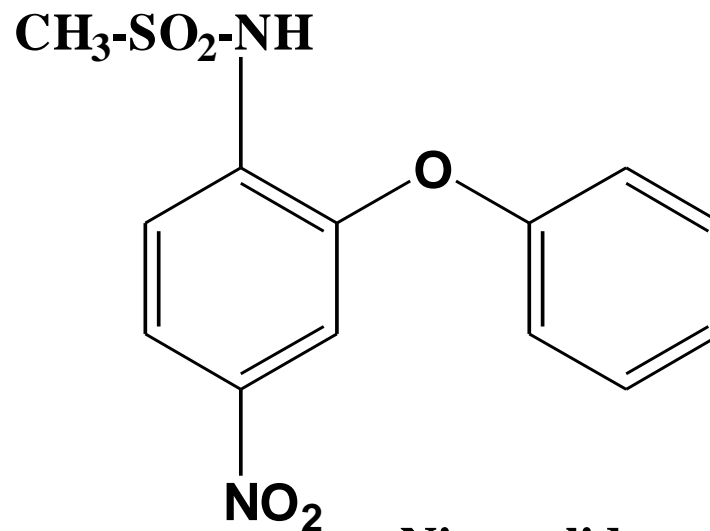
COX-2 inhibitors **do not contain carboxylic acid** groups. They have different chemical structures

Diaryl-and arylheteroaryl ether (sulfonanilide inhibitors): Known as sulides e.g. **Nimesulide, NS-398, flosulide**



NS-398

**Lead compound**



Nimesulide

# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor:

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## **Nimesulide**

A relatively COX-2 selective

NSAID with pain medication and fever reducing properties.

Its approved indications are the treatment of acute pain, the symptomatic treatment of osteoarthritis and primary dysmenorrhoea

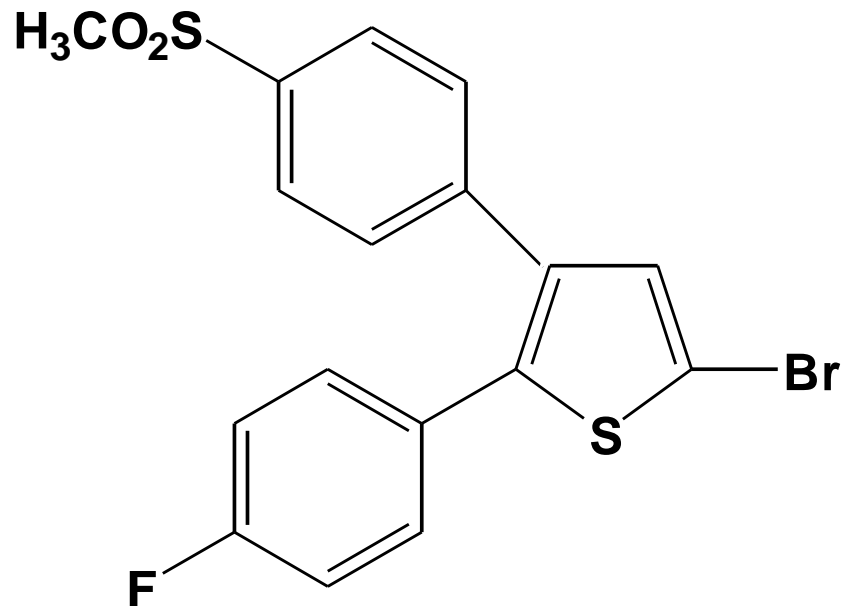
**Remember:** NSAIDs known to have high COX-2 selectivity e.g. **Meloxicam, etodolac**



# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor :

Vicinal diarylheterocycles: Coxibs

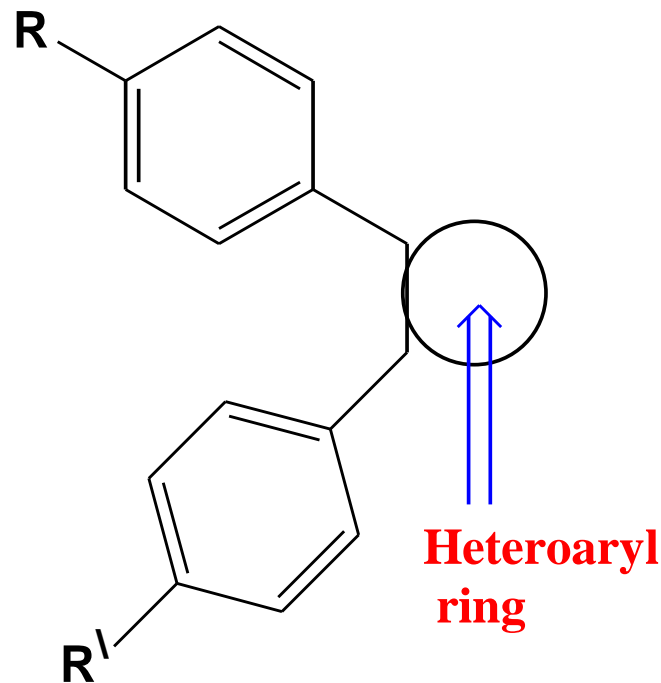
**Celecoxib, rofecoxib, valdecoxib, parecoxib**



**DuP 697**  
**Lead compound**

**R: -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> , -SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>**

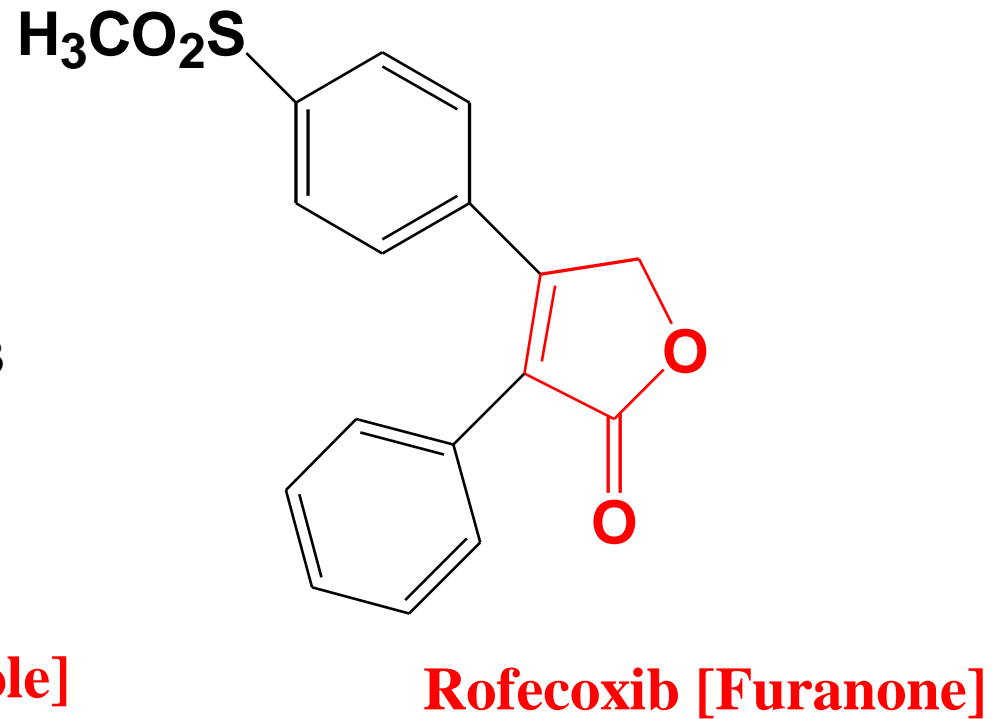
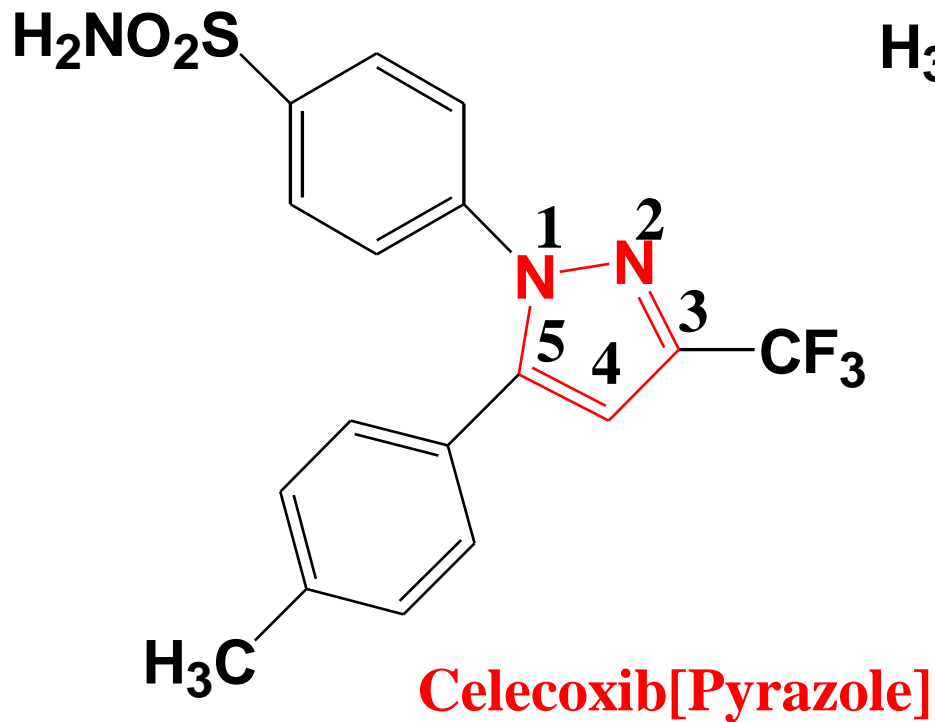
**Sulfonamide, methylsulfone**



**Ground structure**

# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor: Coxib

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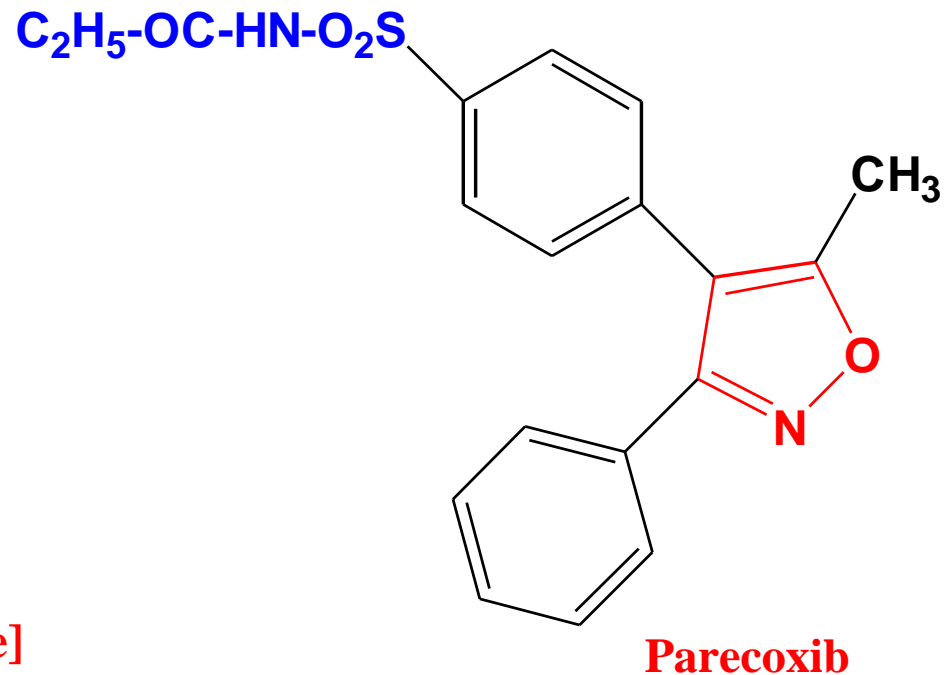
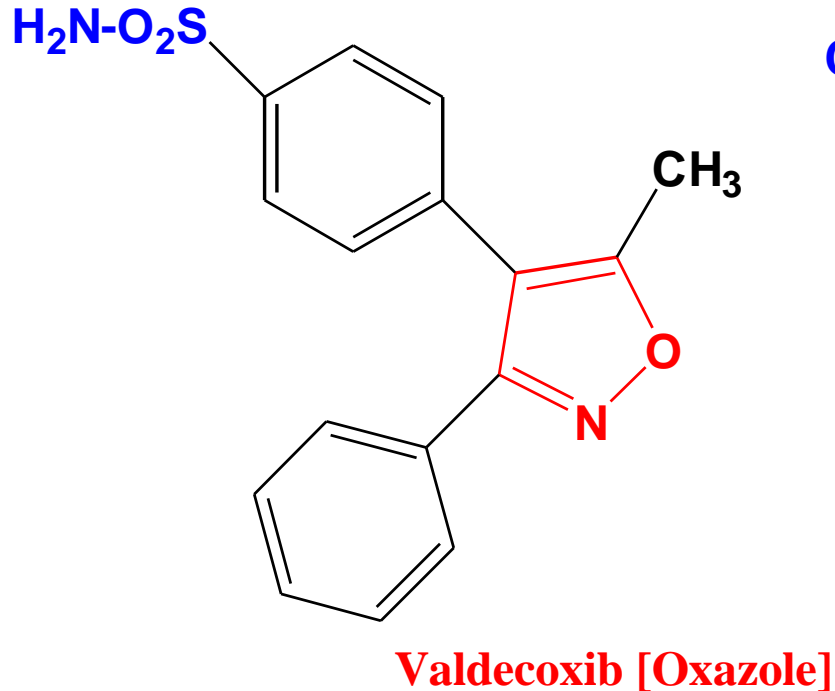


# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor: Coxib

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Parecoxib is a prodrug of valdecoxib

Precoxib sodium salt is a water-soluble and injectable



# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor: Coxib

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Long term clinical trial showed high risk of myocardial infraction.

Merck voluntarily withdrew rofecoxib from the U.S. market in 2004, followed by Pfizer's withdrawal of valdecoxib in 2005.

Celecoxib may cause an increased risk of serious cardiovascular thrombotic events, myocardial infarction, and stroke, which can be fatal. All NSAIDs may have a similar risk. This risk may increase with duration of use. .

Celecoxib **causes like other NSAIDs** an increased risk of serious GI adverse events, including bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the stomach or intestines, which can be fatal.

# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor : Coxib

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## SAR of celecoxib

Two aryl rings at **1,5** of pyrazole heterocyclic ring are essential for activity.

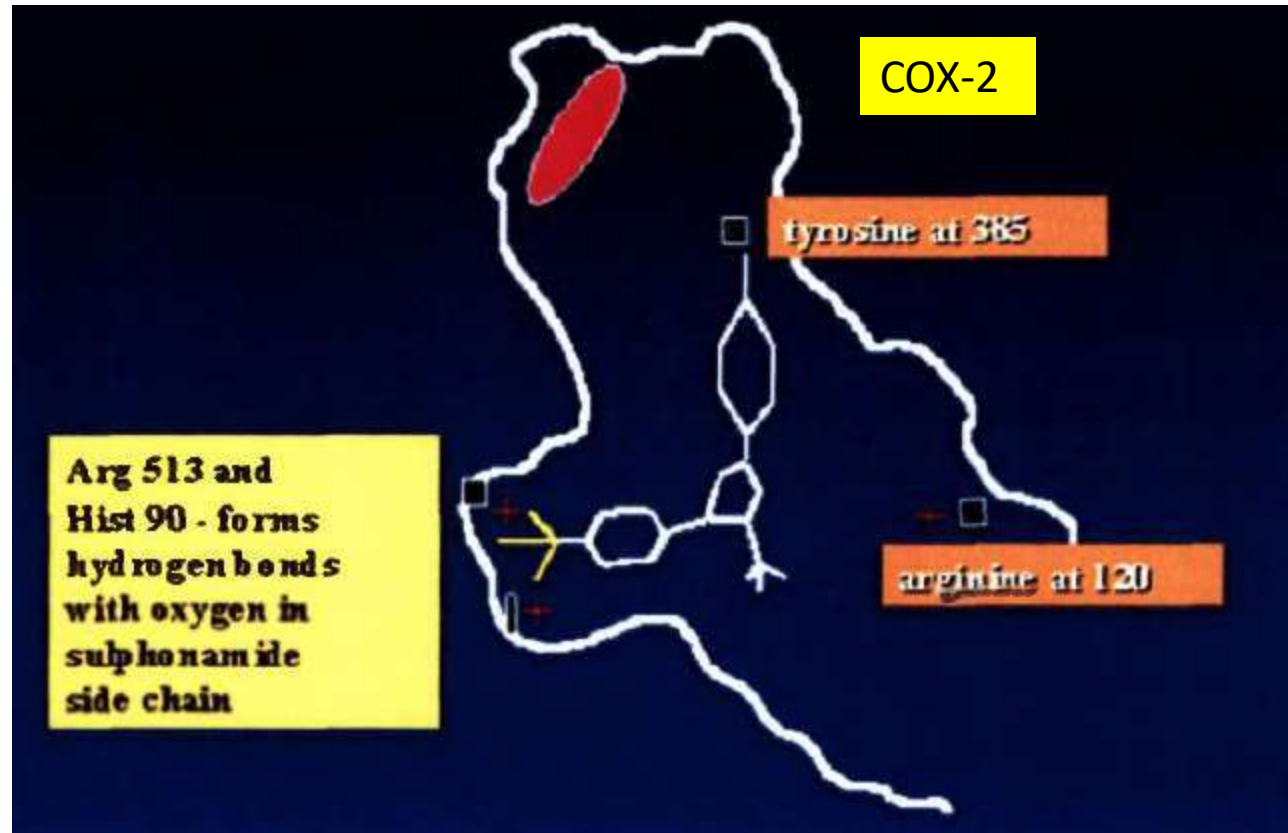
Substituent on **para**-position of one of the aryl rings play an important role in COX-2 selectivity

-SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> Or -SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> on p-phenyl ring is essential for activity and selectivity. Sulfide and sulfoxide are not selective COX-2

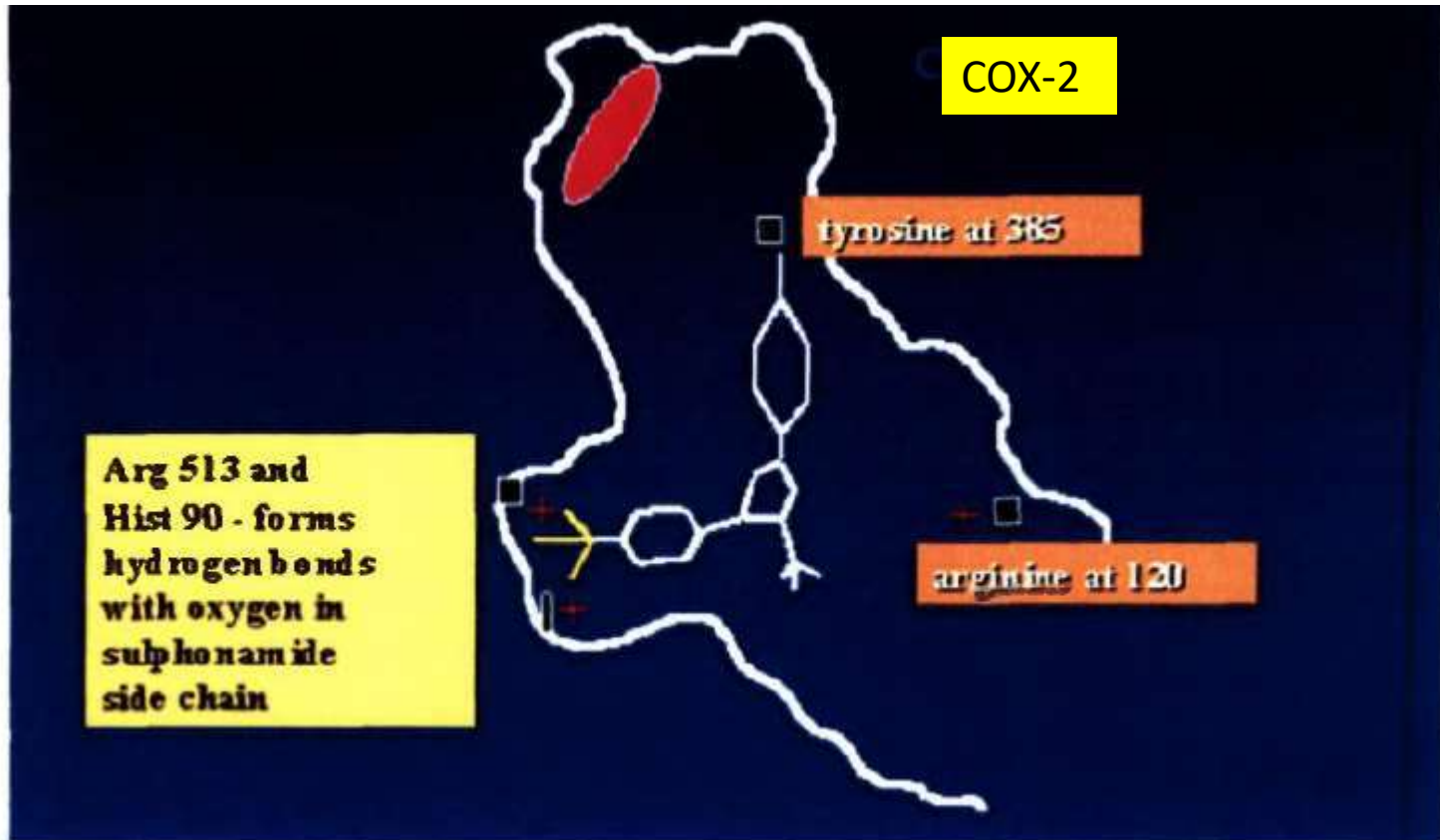
Replace -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> by other group like -OCH<sub>3</sub> a decrease of activity and selectivity.

At position **3** of pyrazole ring -CF<sub>3</sub> is optimal, -CHF<sub>2</sub> has high activity but -CH<sub>2</sub>F or -CH<sub>3</sub> decreases activity and selectivity.

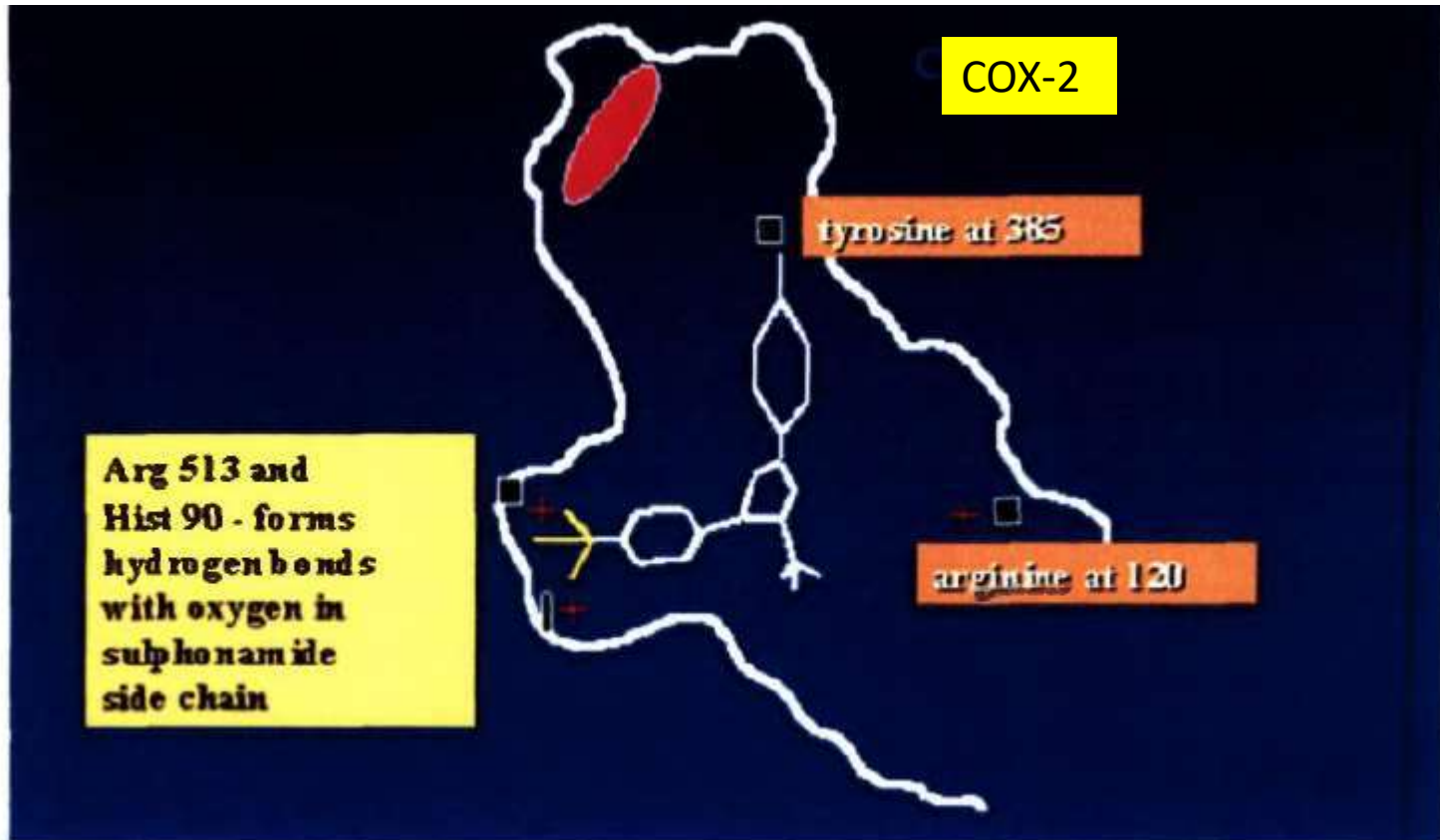
The COX-2 inhibitors lack COOH and binding with COX active site does not require ionic interaction with Arg120.



The hydrophilic side-pocket of COX-2, the oxygen of the sulfonamide (or sulfone) group interacts with **His 90, Arg 513, and Gln 192** and forms hydrogen bonds.

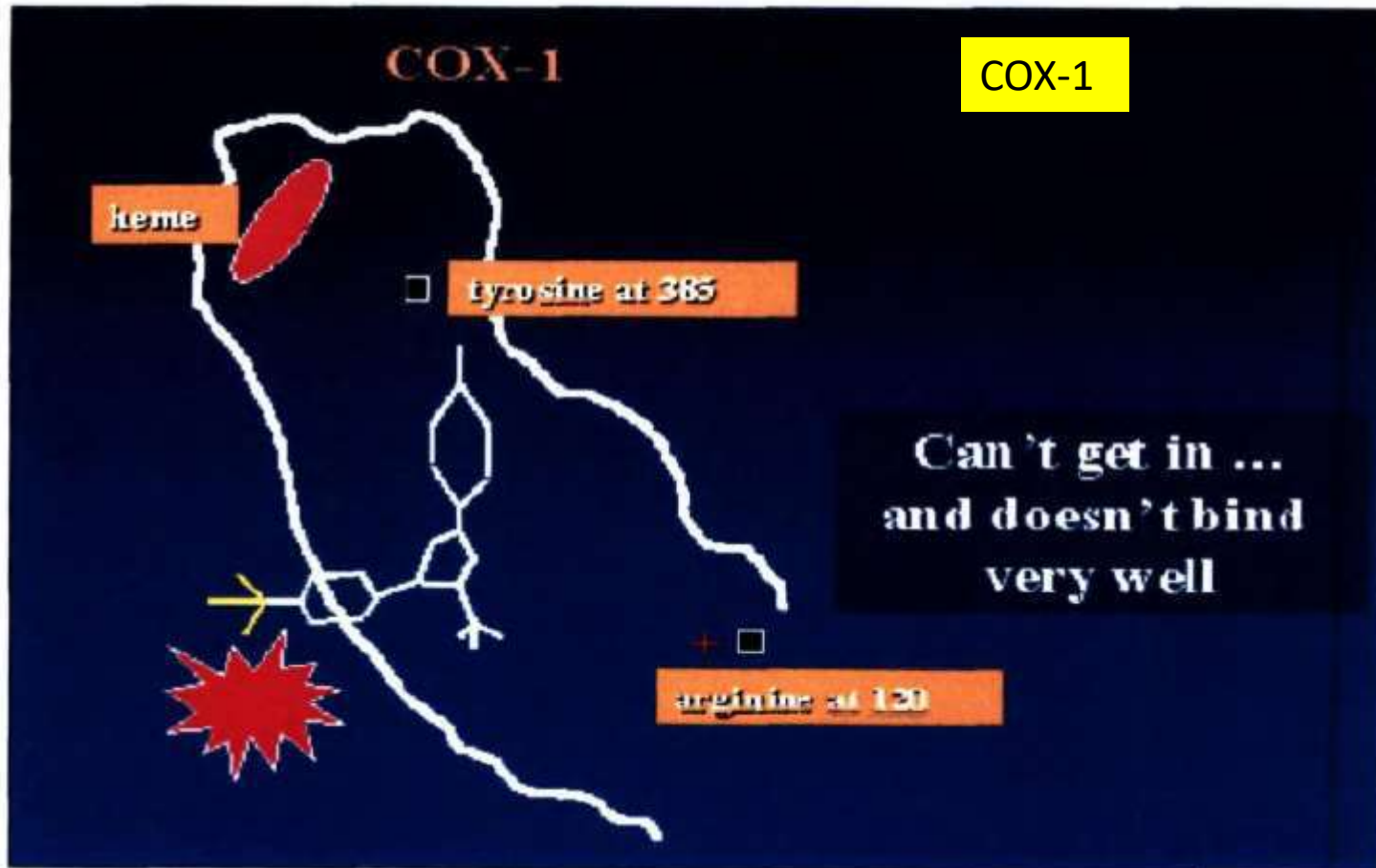


The substituted phenyl group at the top of the channel interacts with the side-chains of amino acid residues through hydrophobic and electrostatic interactions.



Tyr385 makes for some sterical restrictions of this side of the binding site so a small substituent of the phenyl group makes for better binding.





The bulky sulfonamide group in COX-2 inhibitors such as celecoxib and methylsulfone in rofecoxib prevent the molecule from entering the COX-1 channel

# Selective COX-2 Inhibitor : Coxib

Metabolism of celecoxib occurs in the liver, involves hydroxylation of 4-methyl group to primary alcohol, which is subsequently oxidized to its corresponding carboxylic acid

