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Paracetamol = Acetaminophen (USA)

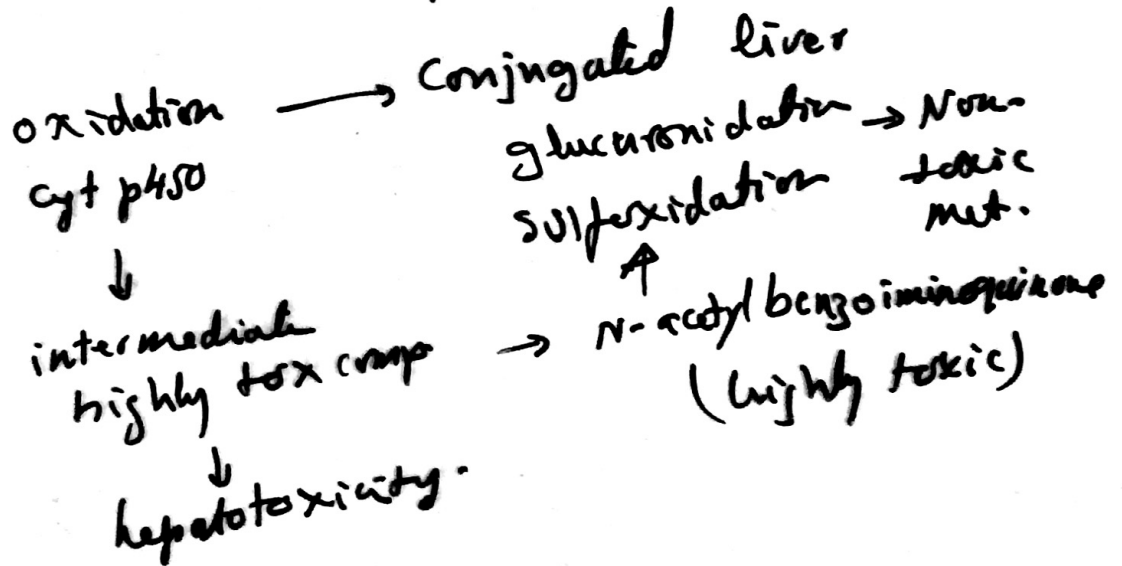
- Antipyretic
 - Analgesic
- } Inhibit prostaglandin synthesis in the brain
- weak anti-inflammatory effect
- } Less effect on cyclooxygenase inhibition in peripheral tissue.
- No effect on platelet function, or blood clotting time
 - selective inhibitor of COX-3 cyclooxygenase enzyme?

Pharmacokinetics:

Absorption:

- administered orally
- well absorbed from GIT
- significant first pass effect
 - luminal cells of intestine
 - hepatocytes.

Metabolism:



excretion = urine

Therapeutic uses:

- analgesic
- antipyretic

} particularly in patients
complaining of gastric ulcer.

- prolongation of bleeding time
- No need for anti-inflammatory activity

• in children with viral infection, Chickenpox

• Does not antagonize uricosuric agents

- Probenecid
- sulfapyrazone

• Can be used in patients with gout.

Adverse effects:

Therapeutic dose = No or few side effects

e.g. allergic skin reactions } transient
change in leukocyte count

large doses = regular over long period of time

Symptoms: Nausea
vomiting

→ Risk of kidney damage →
Renal tubular necrosis
• hypoglycemic coma

acute
Toxic dose

= attempted suicide, accidental child intake.
acute hepatic necrosis → fatal renal necrosis
2-3 times therapeutic dose of N-acetylbenzoinoquinone (intermediate toxic compound) (oxidation Cyt p450) accumulates
acetylcysteine in hepatocytes due to depletion of available
glutathione in the liver → reacts with
activated charcoal by covalent bonds with sulfhydryl groups of hepatocytes
→ hepatocytes necrosis, death

Propionic acid derivatives:

- Ibuprofen
- Naproxen
- Fenoprofen
- Flurbiprofen
- Ketoprofen
- Oxaprozin

- Effect
- anti-inflammatory
 - analgesic
 - antipyretic
 - antiplatelet

- toxicity
- low toxicity.
 - better acceptance in chronic rx of RA
 - ~~low~~ GIT toxicity
Less than aspirin
 - reversible inhibitors of Cyclooxygenase
- Naproxen = Safest**

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Pharmacokinetics

- absorption: well absorbed after oral administration
- distribution: totally bound to plasma protein
- metabolism: hepatic metabolism → excreted in urine
- half-life: oxaprozin = longest $T_{1/2}$, administered once daily.

- Side effects:
- GIT = dyspepsia → bleeding
 - CNS = headache, tinnitus, dizziness

Acetic acid derivatives:

- Indomethacin
- Sulindac
- Tolmetin
- ~~etc~~ etodolac

- action
- anti-inflammatory
very potent:
 - analgesic
 - antipyretic

therapeutic use

- only after less toxic agents have proven ineffective
- toxicity limits its use
- Not used as antipyretics & gouty attacks.
- used in ankylosing spondylitis & osteoarthritis of hip

Side effects

- GIT
- CNS - common
- Cardiac

Sulindac

prodrug
long $T_{1/2}$ - once or twice daily.

Oxicams

Piroxicam } # of RA =
- Meloxicam }
· ankylosing spondylitis
· osteoarthritis

- long half-life = once daily

- renal ~~elimination~~ elimination & metabolism

side effects = GIT

Inhibit both COX-1 & COX-2

Fenamates = Mefenamic acid
Meclofenamic acid

* anti-inflammatory

* side effects - diarrhea - can be severe
- bowel inflammation
- haemolytic anaemia

Celecoxib

= COX-2 inhibitors

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Mechanism of action:

- More selective inhibitor of COX-2 than COX-1
- time dependent & reversible.
- No effect on platelet aggregation.

uses: - RA

- osteoarthritis
- pain
- patients with gastric ulcers.

Kinetics:

- well absorbed from GIT
- extensively metabolized in liver by CYP-2C8 system
- excreted met. in urine & faeces.
- $T_{1/2}$ about 11 hours.

adverse effects:

Headache
dyspepsia
diarrhea
abdominal pain

- allergy - sulfonamide allergy
- avoid in = kidney toxicity → avoid in chronic renal insufficiency.
- severe heart disease
 - dehydration
 - hepatic failure

drug interactions

β-blockers
antidepressants
antipsychotics.

H of Gout

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- Metabolic disease.
- High uric acid in blood. $\begin{matrix} \nearrow \uparrow \text{production} \\ \searrow \downarrow \text{excretion} \end{matrix}$
- ppt of sodium urate crystals in tissues specially joints
- arthritis = due to deposition in synovial membrane
- inflammation
 - kinin secretion
 - leukotrienes B₄
 - accumulation of neutrophils
 - tissue damage
 - etc.

Drugs used to treat gout:

- allopurinol \rightarrow inhibit uric acid synthesis
- probenecid & sulfapyrazone } \rightarrow uricosuric agents \rightarrow \uparrow uric acid secretion
- Colchicine \rightarrow inhibit leucocyte migration into the joint.
- NSAIDs \rightarrow - antiinflammatory
- analgesics

Allopurinol

Mechanism of action

inhibit xanthine oxidase enzyme \rightarrow \downarrow of synthesis of uric acid.

- \rightarrow reduce urate crystals deposition in tissues
- reduces formation of urate renal stones

- Drug of choice in chronic treatment of gout (Long term ttt)
- Not effective in treatment of acute attack (may make acute attack worse)



Kinetics

- = orally
- well absorbed
- $T_{1/2} = 2-3$ hours
- Metabolism \rightarrow xanthine oxidase \rightarrow alloxanthine $t_{1/2} 18-30$ hrs
- Renal excretion \rightarrow urine.

Colchicine

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- used in acute attacks.

- prevention

- treatment

act on neutrophils.

Kinetics

• orally

• well absorbed

• excreted mainly in GIT partly by urine

unwanted effects

GIT = mainly

• Nausea

• vomiting

• abdominal pain

• diarrhoea

• haemorrhage

• kidney damage

• Rashes

• peripheral neuropathy

• blood dyscrasias.