ZSMU Pharmacology Department

Lecture № 8

Sulfonamides, Fluoroquinolones, Oxiquinolines, Nitrofurans, Quinoxalines, Oxazolidinones and Antifungal Drugs



Sulfonamides – the synthetic antimicrobial agents,

containing a sulfonamido $(-SO_2-NH-)$ group.

This group is present in other compounds like antidiabetic sulfonylureas, diuretics like *thiazides, furosemide*, and *diacarb*.

The structure of the sulfonamides is similar to

Para-Aminobenzoic Acid (PABA).

Sulfonamides tend to be much more soluble at alkaline than at acid pH. Solubility may be decreased in acidic urine, resulting in precipitation of the drug or its acetylated metabolites.



CLASSIFICATION of SULFONAMIDES

- I. <u>Oral, Absorbable</u> (*Systemic Action*):
 - 1. Short-acting (6-9 hours):
 - Sulfadimezine, Sulfazine, Ethazol, Urosulfane
 - 2. Long-acting (24 hours) :
 - Sulfapyridazine, Sulfadimethoxine
 - 3. Ultra-long acting (72 hours): Sulfalen
 - 4. Combined preparations with:
 - Trimethoprim: Co-trimoxazole [Biseptol]
 - Aminosalicylic acid: Salazopyridazine, Sulfasalasine

Salazodimethoxine



III. For Topical Use: Sulfacil-natrium (Albucid)–

Silver Sulfadiazine (1% cream)











Clinical Uses of Sulfonamides :

- Respiratory infections
- Acute urinary tract infection: Urosulfan
- Combined with **Pyromethamine** –

for drug-resistant *malaria*, and for *toxoplasmosis*

- Inflammatory bowel disease, non-specific ulcerative colitis
 Sulfasalazine (*Sulfapyridine* + *Aminosalicylate*)
- Some sexually transmitted infections -

trachoma, chlamydia

Co-trimoxazole: the combination of

Sulfamethoxazole and Trimethoprim:

is generally bactericidal

- acts by sequential blockade of folic acid enzymes in the synthesis pathway:
 - Sulfamethoxazole inhibits formation of dihydrofolic acid from PABA,
 - Trimethoprim inhibits dihydrofolate reductase responsible for formation of tetrahydrofolic acid from dihydrofolic acid

Co-trimoxazole is effective against : Escherihia coli Klebsiella Enterobacter Streptococcus pneumoniae Staphylococcus aureus Salmonella Shigella **<u>Clinical uses</u>**: Chronic Bronchitis, Urinary tract infections, Otitis media, Pneumocytis carini pneumonitis, Traveller's Diarrhea, Pertussis, Cholera.

Adverse Effects of Sulfonmides:

- Hypersensitivity Reactions: rashes, angioedema.
- All sulfonamides and their derivatives, including
- Diacarb, Thiazides, Furosemide, Glibenclamide, Diazoxide are CROSS-ALLERGIC
- Nephrotoxicity, Urinary tract disturbances:
- Sulfonamides precipitate in urine, esp. at neutral or acid pH, producing crystalluria, haematuria, or even obstruction.

Adequate HYDRATION and ALKALINIZATION of urine prevent the problem

 Haemopoietic disturbances: hemolytic anemia, agranulocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia
 CNS: Depression, aseptic meningitis, seizures Acute Poisoning/Overdose with Sulfonamides

Sulfonamides are able to:

- form methemoglobin and sulf-methemoglobine,
- block the haemopoiesis and
- produce hepato- and nephrotoxicity.

Manifestation: dizziness, drowsiness, unconsciousness, anorexia, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, haemolytic anemia, acidosis, agranulocytosis, sensitivity reactions, jaundice, hepatomegalia
 Treatment: gastric lavage, forced diuresis

ANTIDOTES:

*Nicotinic acid IV 1% solution 2–5 ml or Nicotinamide
*Chromosmon (1% Methylene Blue solution in 25% glucose)
IV 0.1 ml/kg
*Lipoic acid IV 0.5% solution 60-80 ml

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*Folic acid PO 1 mg tid

Sulfasalazine - Tab 0.5 g:



is split into its component parts by bacteria in the colon. <u>Clinical Uses:</u>

- Ulcerative Colitis, Enteritis, Inflammatory Bowel Diseases
- Rheumatoid diseases: acts by scavenging the toxic oxygen metabolites produced by neutrophils
- IgA and IgM Rheumatoid Factor production
- Suppression of T cell responses

Sulfapyridine + Aminosalicylic Acid -

- Inhibition of B cell proliferation
- The absorption of *folic acid* is impaired this can be countered by giving Folic Acid supplements



Sulfacyl-sodium (Albucid) –

10%, 15%, 30% ophthalmic solution or ointment - effective for:

Bacterial Conjunctivitis and

as adjunctive therapy for Trachoma.





- Ocular gonorrheal infection in *newborns* and adults.
- It acts by **inhibiting the uptake of PABA**, which is required in the synthesis of **Folic Acid** needed for **bacterial growth**.



New Born Baby with Gonorrhoea Eye Infection





Naphthyridine derivatives: Nalidixic acid Quinolone derivatives: Oxalinic acid





Mechanism of action: inhibition of DNA-gyrase and supression of protein synthesis and cell division.
 The type of action - bactericidal.
 The action spectrum - gram(-) bacteria.
 Side effects: dyspeptic disorders, headache, transitory photodermatoses.

Fluorquinolone derivatives: First generation - Ofloxacin, Ciprofloxacin, Pefloxacin, Norfloxacin, Lomefloxacin, Fleroxacin, Enoxacin, Levofloxacin.

🔁 Second generation - Sparfloxacin, Moxifloxacin,

🙀 Third generation - Tosufloxacin, Rufloxacin, Sitafloxacin,

Mechanism of action: inhibition of DNA-gyrase and supression of protein synthesis and cell division.
 The type of action - bactericidal.
 The action spectrum - extended: gram(+) and gram(-) bacteria (including Pseudomonas aeruginosa, obligate anaerobes, Chiamidia, Mycopiasma).
 Side effects: dyspeptic disorders, headache, multisms

- Ciprofloxacin (Tab. 0.5 g; amp. 1%-10 ml) a synthetic, broad-spectrum, bactericidal antibiotic,
- effective against both Gr(+) and Gr(-) bacteria.
- It has excellent activity against:
- Enterobacteriaceae
- Enteric coliform bacilli, including resistant to Penicillins, Cephalosporins and Aminoglycosides
- Haemophilus influenzae,
- Penicillinase-producing Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Campylobacter and Pseudomonads.

 Gr(+) organisms, streptococci and pneumococci are only weakly inhibited and there is high incidence of staphylococcal resistance.





Clinical uses of Fluoroquinolones

- Urinary tract infections: Norfloxacin, Ofloxacin
- Complicated respiratory tract infections Gr(-) flora
 Pseudomonas aeruginosa respiratory infection
- External otitis caused by P. aeruginosa
- Chronic Gr(-) bacillary osteomyelitis
- Eradication of Salmonella typhi in carriers
- Gonorrhoea: Norfloxacin, Ofloxacin



Anthrax







Quinoxalines

Chinoxydin (**Quinoxydin** – tab. 0.25 g) **Dioxydin** (amp. 1%-10 ml for topical use; amp. 0.5%-10 ml IV). have broad-spectrum antibacterial effect including **Proteus vulgaris**, blue pus bacillus, pathogen anaerobes and others. • are used in **severe pyoinflammatory processes**. are toxic and adverse effects are not infrequent and include GIT upsets, headache, chill, seizures, allergic reactions.









Nitroxoline (5-NOK, Nitrox) – Tab. 0.05 g a Urinary Antiseptic -

- a broad-spectrum, bacteriostatic agent.
- blocks replication of nucleonic acids, forming chelate complexes with microelements (Fe, Cu)of microbes => enzyme systems inhibition.
- is quickly absorbed from GIT,
 eliminates in unmodified mode with urine,

where it is accumulated in bacteriostatic concentrations.

Clinical uses: urinary tract infections (Cystitis, Prostatitis, Pyelonephritis, Urethritis), prophylaxis of infections

after kidney and urinary tract surgery.

Side effects: GIT upsets. Urine is discolored brightly yellow during administration of drug.





Nitrofuran derivatives:

- Agents for treatment of the urinary tract infections -Furaginum *[Furazidin]*, Furadoninum *[Nitrofurantoin]*, Nifurtoinol, Nifuratel.
- Agents for treatment of the intestinal infections -Furazolidone, Nifuroxazide.
- Agents for local use Furacillinum.
 - Mechanism of action: inhibition of enzymes of cell membranes of the micro-organisms.



- The type of action bacteriostatic, in high dose bactericidal.
- The action spectrum extended.
 - Side effects: dyspeptic disorders, fever, allergic reactions.

Furacilin (*Nitrofurazone*, *Furacin*)



- 0.02% water solution, Tab. 0.02 and 0.1 g
- is a synthetic, broad-spectrum antibacterial nitrofuran derivative used mainly for topic application as ANTISEPTIC:
- Externally for the treatment and prevention of pyoinflammatory processes, major burns
- (esp. when resistance to other antibacterial agents occurs);
- Prevention of skin graft infections.
- 0.02% Furacilin Solution is applied directly to lesion or to dressing used to cover the affected area daily or
 - as indicated,
 - **depending** on **severity** of **burn** or **injury**.





Furazolidone (Tab 0.05 g) is a nitrofuran compound active against many Gr(–) bacilli including Salmonella, Shigella, Giardia lamblia and Trichomonas.



Clinical Uses:

For giardiasis 100 mg tid for 5–7 days is inferior to

Metronidazole or Tinidazole.

- Intestinal infections: Bacterial Enteritis
- Food poisoning diarrhoeas, Bacillary Dysentery
- Trichomonad colpitis

Furazolidone is partly absorbed from intestines and excreted in urine which **turns orange** – patients should be told about it.

It is used orally, intravaginally and rectally.

Adverse effects are mild and infrequent – nausea, headache, dizziness.

Furadonin (*Nitrofurantoin* – Tab. 0.05 g, Caps. 0.1 g) is

an effective urinary antiseptic.

- Is a bacteriostatic compound, but may be cidal at higher concentrations and in acidic urine:
- its activity is enhanced at lower pH 5.5 or below.
- Ihibits many Gr(+) and Gr(–) bacteria.
- It antagonizes the action of Nalidixic acid.



<u>Mechanism of action</u>. Susceptible bacteria appear to **enzymetically reduce furadonin** to generate the **active form**:

it is highly reactive and damages DNA.

- <u>Clinical uses</u>: urinary tract infection.
- Adverse reactions: Interstitial changes in the lung,
 - bronchoobstructive syndrome, cough; neuropathies and
 - hemolytic anaemia occur in glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency.

Rashes, pulmonary infiltration and other hypersensitivity reactions (chills, fever, anaphylaxis); nausea, epigastric pain, diarrhoea.

OXAZOLIDINONES



- Linezolid (*Zyvox*) tab. 0.6 g, amp. 15% 2 ml
- a synthetic antibiotic for the treatment of resistant
 Gr(+) coccal (aerobic and anaerobic) and bacillary infections.

Gr(–) bacteria ARE NOT INHIBITED!

- It is active against methicillin resistant and vancomycin resistant
 - Staph. Aureus (VRSA), vancomycin resistant enterococci (VRE),
- penicillin resistant Strep. pyogenes, Str. viridans and Str. pneumoniae, Corynebacterium, Listeria, Clostridia and Bact. fragilis.
- Linezolid is primarily bacteriostatic, but cidal against some streptococci, pneumococci and *Bact. Fragilis*.
- MOA: It binds to the 23S fraction of the 50S ribosomes and
- interferes with formation of the ternary tRNA-ribosome-mRNA complex and stops protein synthesis before it starts.
- There is no cross resistance with ²³ any other class of antibiotics.

ANTIFUNGAL DRUGS

- For the treatment of mycoses cause by Pathogenic Fungi:
- 1. For subcutaneous and systemic my

Antibiotics:

Amphoterici Mycoheptin





Amphotericin P

OR INTRAVENOUS US



Azole derivatives:

- Imidazoles: Ketoconazole, Miconazo
- Triazoles: Itraconazole, Fluconazole



2. Drugs for **Superficial Fungal Infections**:

Antibiotics: Griseofulvin

Methylnaftaline derivative:

Terbinafine (Lamizyl – Tab. 0.25 g; 1% cream)

Imidazole derivatives:

Miconazole

Clotrimazole (1% cream, Tab. vaginal 0.1 g)

Nitrophenol derivatives:

Nitrofungin

Iodine preparations: Iodide alcohol solution

Potassium iodide solution







II. Drugs for the treatment of mycoses caused by

Conditional Pathogenic Fungi:

Antibiotics: Nystatin Amphotericin B Levorin





Imidazole derivatives:

Miconazole Clotrimazole





Amphotericin B is a macrolide antibiotic, produced by Streptomyces nodosum.

the drug of choice in the treatment of the Systemic Mycoses.

MOA: Several polyene molecules bind to ergosterol in cell membrane of fungal cells to form pores disrupting membrane permeability and transport functions, allowing electrolytes (esp. K+) and small molecules to leak from the cell, leading to cell death.





Synthetic Antifungal Agents

- Azoles: Miconazole, Ketoconazole
- Triazoles: Fluconazole, Itraconazole
- MOA: produce inhibition of the fungal CYP-450 enzyme,
- lanosine 14α-demethylase which is responsible for converting lanosterol to ergosterol,
 - the main sterol in the fungal cell membrane.
- The depletion of ergosterol =>
- => alters the fluidity of the membrane
- => interferes with the action of

the membrane-associated enzymes.

=> Inhibition of Replication.

Ketoconazole (*Nizoral-* Tab. 0.2 g, 2% cream, 1% Shampoo) is distinguished from *Fluconazole and Itraconazole* by its greater propensity to inhibit human CYP-450 enzymes Inhibition of human CYP-450 enzymes:



- Interferes with biosynthesis of adrenal and gonadal steroid hormones, producing significant endocrine effects such as gynecomastia, infertility, and menstrual irregularities.
- ↓↓ Metabolism of other drugs, leading to enhanced toxicity



Clotrimazole – only for local administration

1% cream, lotion; Tab. vaginal 0.1 g -

- a synthetic imidazole derivative for dermatophytic infections,
 - including Tinea corporis, Tinea pedis, Tinea cruris;
 - Vulvovaginal and Oropharyngeal Candidiasis, Keratitis.
- MOA: by binding with phospholipids in the fungal cell membrane,
 - alters cell membrane permeability
- It inhibits or kills many fungi, including **yeast** and **dermatophytes**, and also is acting against **some Gr(+) bacteria**.
- <u>Pharmacokinetics</u>: Absorption is negligible and adverse effects are rare.





Terbinafine (Lamizil – Tab 0.25 g; 1% cream) Methylnaftaline derivative for
Superficial Fungal Infections –



a highly lipophilic keratophilic fungicidal compound

- Inhibits the enzyme squalene epoxidase, which is involved in the synthesis of ergosterol from squalene in the fungal cell wall.
- The accumulation of squalene within the cell is toxic to the organism.
- Given orally, it is rapidly absorbed and is taken up by skin, nails and adipose tissue.
- Given topically, it penetrates skin and mucous membranes.
- 1 tab. PO for 12 weeks achieves a cure rate of up to 90% for onychomycosis (ringworm of nails)

Unwanted effects: GIT upsets, rashes, pruritus,

joint and muscle pains, hepatitis.







Thank You for Attention!