

# \* Antimicrobial Drugs main modes of Action:

## 1] Inhibitors of cell wall synthesis:

### a) Penicillins:

$\beta$ -aminopenicillanic acid.  $\rightarrow$  Differ in the Side chain Attached to the aminogroup.

\* The main active ingredient and the bioactive material  $\Rightarrow \beta$ -lactam Ring.

\* Penicillin Resistant Bacteria Produce an enzyme called  $\beta$ -lactamase  $\rightarrow$  Hydrolysis the Bond in the Ring of  $\beta$ -lactam.

$\rightarrow$  What is the mode of Action for penicillin?

$\rightarrow$  Blocking the enzyme that catalyzes Transpeptidation  $\rightarrow$  (Peptide Bonds in the cell wall)  $\Rightarrow$  No Peptide Bonds will be formed.

$\rightarrow$  Prevent the complete synthesis of cell wall.

$\rightarrow$  Binds to Penicillin-Binding Proteins.

\* Naturally occurring penicillin  $\rightarrow$  Produced by microorganisms.

\* Penicillin G + V  $\rightarrow$  Gram Positive Resistance  $\rightarrow$  Narrow spectrum

\* Semi-synthetic penicillins  $\rightarrow$  Broad spectrum  $\rightarrow$  it has **Polka Side**  $\rightarrow$  makes it more difficult to  $\beta$ -lactamase to destroy it.

\* Aminopenicillin (Ampicillin)  $\rightarrow$  Gram Neg Resistance.

### b) Cephalosporins: Has the Same structure and function of Penicillin.

$\rightarrow$  used for Patients that are allergic to Penicillin.  $\rightarrow$  for species that are Resistant to Peni

### c) Vancomycin: MRSA - Mithicillin Resistant **S. Aureus** $\rightarrow$ Resistance to most of Antibiotics. $\rightarrow$ used orally $\rightarrow$ last Drug choice.

glycopeptide antibiotic  $\rightarrow$  Important for the treatment of antibiotic Resistant Staphylococcus  $\rightarrow$  enterococcal.

## 2] Protein Synthesis Inhibitors: the main thing for protein is the Ribosome, so this type of antibiotics interferes with the Ribosomal function and units.

$\rightarrow$  Bind specifically to the Bacterial Ribosome and target different steps: i) Translocation ii) Peptide Bond Formation iii) mRNA Reading iv) Aminoacyl-tRNA Binding

### a) Aminoglycosides: $\rightarrow$ Cyclohexane Ring $\rightarrow$ aminogroups.

$\rightarrow$  Bind to 30s Ribosomal subunit  $\rightarrow$  interferes with Protein Synthesis by directly inhibiting the Process.  $\rightarrow$  Misreading of the mRNA.

### b) Tetracyclines: 4 Rings and it may has side chains.

Broad spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Bacteriostatic (inhibition)  $\rightarrow$  target 30s Ribosomal unit.

### c) Macrolides: 12 - 22 Carbon lacton - linked to one or more Sugars (Erythromycin)

Broad Spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Bacteriostatic  $\rightarrow$  50s Ribosomal unit (inhibit Protein elongation)  $\rightarrow$  for Patients that are allergic to Penicillin

### d) Chloramphenicol: Chemically synthesized $\rightarrow$ 50s Ribosomal subunit

Inhibition of Bacterial Protein synthesis  $\rightarrow$  So toxic

## 3] Metabolic Antagonistic $\rightarrow$ Produce metabolite that are structurally the same in eukaryotes.

$\rightarrow$  Acts As Antimetabolite  $\rightarrow$  Antagonize / Block the function of metabolic pathway (inhibit the use of metabolites)

### a) Sulfonamids OR Sulfadiazines: looks similar to compounds used for the synthesis of folic acid. $\rightarrow$ Para-aminobenzoic acid Analogs.

PAABA  $\rightarrow$  used for synthesis of folic acid  $\rightarrow$  made by many pathogens

\* Selectively toxic  $\rightarrow$  Competitive inhibition of folic acid synthesis enzymes.

### b) Trimethoprim: interferes with folic acid production. $\rightarrow$ Broad

can be combined to Sulfadiazines  $\rightarrow$  increase efficacy of treatment. (the combination blocks 2 pathways for the production of folic acid)

## 4] Nucleic acid synthesis inhibition: $\rightarrow$ Inhibit DNA Polymerase $\rightarrow$ topoisomerase. $\rightarrow$ RNA Polymerase. (Not as effective as others).

### a) Fluoroquinolones: Effect DNA synthesis (unwinding of DNA strand)

Contains the 4 quinolone  $\rightarrow$  Inhibit Bacterial DNA Gyrase  $\rightarrow$  topoisomerase.

$\rightarrow$  Broad spectrum - Ciprofloxacin.

Because bacteria & eukarya do not differ greatly in the way of synthesizing nucleic acid.

# \* Antiviral Drugs:

• Once viruses enter a host cell they start replicating and making their own structures, so these Antiviral Drugs are challenging because viruses are obligating organisms.

→ So the antiviral drugs only limit the duration of illness. (Inhibit viruses specific enzymes + life cycle process).

\* they are not preferred because they also affect the host cell.

## 1] Antiviral Drugs for Influenza:

a) **Oseltamivir** Anti-influenza agent / neuraminidase inhibitor - shorten course of illness.

b) **Acyclovir + Vidarabine**: Herpes infection + shingles.

c) **Ganciclovir**: treat systemic cytomegalovirus illness.

d) **Foscarnet**: for the resistance of acyclovir + ganciclovir. → **DNA Genome**.

↳ Herpes + cytomegaloviruses.

## \* Broad Spectrum Antiviral Drugs:

- **Cidofovir**: (inhibits viral DNA Polymerase)

## \* Anti HIV Drugs:

### 1) Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors:

Interfere with critical steps in the replication process.

### 2) Protease Inhibitors (PIs):

Block activity of HIV Protease for producing the viral proteins.

### 3) Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors:

Prevent HIV DNA synthesis → by binding to and inhibiting the viral Reverse Transcriptase enzyme.

### 4) Integrase Inhibitors:

Prevent incorporation of HIV Genome to the host's cell genome.

### 5) Fusion Inhibitors:

Prevent the entry of HIV into the host cell.

## \* Antifungal Drugs: least effective because the similarity of the eukaryot + fungal cells.

Used on outside + we may use combination of drugs.

## Treating Mycoses:

### 1) Superficial Mycoses (External)

Candida ( Gastrointestinal tract).

- topical + oral.

Disrupt permeability + inhibit DNA synthesis → Disrupts mitotic spindle + may inhibit Protein-DNA system.

### 2) Systemic Mycoses (Internal)

Difficult to be controlled.

a) **Amphotericin B**: bind to sterol membrane.

b) **5-Fluorouracil**: RNA function disruptor.

c) **Itraconazole**: low side effects.

## \* Drug Resistance by Microbs types:

### 1] Intrinsic:

Mycoplasma lack the cell wall. So it's Resistance to the  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic.

### 2] Acquired:

When there is change in the Genome that Converts it from one that is sensitive to one that is Resistant.

### 3] Drug Tolerant Bacteria:

Ignore the presence of Antibiotic  $\rightarrow$  embedded in Biofilm so cannot penetrate the organisms.

## \* What are the mechanisms for Drugs Resistance:

- Modify the target of antibiotic
- inactivation
- Minimizing Con.
- Increase Production of metabolites.

## \* How the Resistance is detected

- 1) color change  $\rightarrow$  when  $\beta$ -lactam is acts upon chromopore
- 2) PCR.

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