

# Anti-inflammatory drugs

NSAIDs (non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory drugs)

① Non-selective COX inhibitors inhibits both COX-1

- Salicylic acid derivative & Aspirin COX-2
- Acetic acid derivatives & Indomethacin, sulindac, etodolac
- propionic acid derivatives & ibuprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen  
fenoprofen
- Fenamates & Mefenamic
- Oxicams & piroxicam, meloxicam
- Miscellaneous & Heteroaryl acetic acids diclofenac, tolmetin  
ketorolac

② Selective COX-2 inhibitors

Celecoxib

③ Central effect (CNS)

Acetaminophen - panadol

## Aspirin (Acetyl salicylic Acid)

• kinetics (Absorption)

Acid  $\rightarrow$  well absorbed in the stomach

### Dual Route of elimination

two routes of elimination according to concentration

- ① First order elimination - therapeutic dose
- ② zero order elimination - overdose

Increased in elimination by Alkalinization of urine.  $\leftarrow$

Elimination by kidneys

MOA: COX inhibitor - COX-1      side effects  $\times$   
COX-2      inflammation  $\checkmark$

$\downarrow$  [PGI] peripheral & central

$\downarrow$  V.D

$\downarrow$  chemotaxis

$\downarrow$  immune cell activation

Effects: ① Anti-inflammatory

endogenous pyrogen

② Anti-pyretic  $\downarrow$  PGE<sub>2</sub>  $\downarrow$  IL-1<sup>α</sup> cut. VD

③ limits the spread of infections

change  
pH  $\rightarrow$   $\text{HCO}_3^-$  --- metabolic  
 $\rightarrow$   $\text{CO}_2$  --- Respiratory

## ① Respiratory ~~Acidosis~~

### Effects

Aspirin increases the excretion of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  <sup>Metabolic acidosis</sup>  
which induces Respiratory center to release  
 $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$  Hyperventilation, Respiratory alkalosis

High toxic dose  $\rightarrow$  patients die due to  
respiratory + metabolic Acidosis

$\therefore$  depending on the dose Aspirin can cause  
Metabolic Acidosis, Respiratory alkalosis

Respiratory acidosis

But never Metabolic Alkalosis

## ② Cardio - no effects

## ③ G.I.

$\rightarrow$  Acute gastric ulcer, stomach burn (Empty stomach Ion trap)

$\rightarrow$  chronic peptic ulcer

caused by natural stomach HCl; Attach <sup>thin</sup> mucosa  
due to prolonged inhibition of  $\text{PGI}_2, \text{E}_1, \text{E}_2$

$\rightarrow$  Reye's syndrome - necrosis in brain & liver  
in children that take aspirin

#### ④ Hematologic effects

→ prevents platelets aggregation

↓ TXA<sub>2</sub>

• low dose aspirin (75 mg)

↓ platelets adhesion inhibition

is given as anti-thrombotic

to patients who are susceptible to thrombosis

↓ inhibits ADP

release by platelets

• it inhibits TXA<sub>2</sub> produced by platelets while maintaining PGI<sub>2</sub> of endothelium

← more sensitive

irreversible effect of Aspirin on COX causes damage that stays till the end of 1/2 of platelet life

this is the reason why Aspirin is stopped a week prior to surgery

(NSAIDS)

#### ⑤ Kidneys - Analgesic nephropathy

PE<sub>2</sub>, PE<sub>1</sub> ⇒ Regulate Renal blood flow

↓ PGI<sub>2</sub> ↓ Renal blood flow ↑ Renin-Angiotensin as a compensatory reflex

Salt & water retention

~~contraindication~~  
contraindication

diuretics, beta-blockers

## Contra indications for using Aspirin

⇒ Gout; Hyperuricemia (↑ uric acid)

Acute Attack of gout

75-150 mg - anti thrombotic dose

doesn't affect the uric acid

cardiovascular disease + Gout on low dose

no problem ☺

⑤ Metabolic effect of aspirin

→ uncoupling of oxidative phosphorylation  
at toxic doses

$O_2 \not\rightarrow ATP$

$O_2 \rightarrow$  Hyperthermia

## Uses of Aspirin

- ① Analgesic
- ② Anti-pyretic
- ③ Anti-rheumatic
- ④ Anti-thrombotic 75-150 mg
  - Hypertension + end-organ damage
  - cardiovascular disease
    - ↳ transient ischemic attack
    - ischemic heart disease
  - Hypertension, 50 years, DM
  - 10 years - c.v. risk score above 20%
- ⑤ Keratolytic for warts
  - ↑ salicylic acid additive
- ⑥ counter-irritant

## Adverse effects

- ① GI ulcers
- ② liver → mild  
→ Reye syndrome
- ③ uterus prolonged labor due to ↓ PG<sub>I</sub> no contractions
- ④ Blood - thinning
- ⑤ Hyper-sensitivity Rxn
  - aspirin-induced asthma
  - Acute Attack, bronchoconstriction
  - ↓ leukotrien By

## Contraindications

- ① Gastric ulcers
- ② Hemophilia, hemoregic blood disease
- ③ surgery / recent operation
- ④ severe hypertension - fatal bleeding
- ⑤ children
- ⑥ 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester / near full term pregnant women

## Drug-Drug interactions

- ① Beta-blockers, loop diuretics
- ② prednisone - Gout
- ③ Anti-acids chemical complex w/ drugs
- ④ plasma protein bound drugs e.g warfarin

## Acute Aspirin toxicity

Symptoms & hyperpyrexia

Metabolic acidosis - Hyperventilation

tachypnoea

Earliest sign

## Treatment:

- Gastric lavage  $5 \times 200 \text{ ml}$
- IV fluids + Bicarbonates for dehydration
- vitamin K IM, slow IV to regenerate the clotting factor + stop bleeding
- Hemodialysis 100 mg/dl of aspirin

Diclofenac → voltaren

More nephrotoxic, less gastric irritant than aspirin

\*propionic Acid derivatives:

ibuprofen, naproxen, fenoprofen, ketoprofen

↓  
nephrotic syndrome

Indometacin

more potent than aspirin not give

Most toxic; neurotoxicity → Epilepsy, CNS

Ductus arteriosus Indometacin closes this open  
Artery

Dysmenorrhea: painful menstrual symptoms  
Indometacin is the most preferred drug  
to treat dysmenorrhea

Best options: diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen

Oxicam

piroxicam - long half-life 36h

same side effects as aspirin

## selective COX-2 inhibitors

celecoxib

less G.I irritant

Renal injury

C.V. increases TXA<sub>2</sub>

and platelet aggregation

→ thrombosis, clots