# ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

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### Study of virus is called virology

➤The latin word virus means venom or poison.

Defined as sub microscopic entity consisting of a single nucleic acid surrounded by a protein coat and capable of replication only within the living cells of bacteria, animals or plants.



## **Difference Between Bacteria And Virus:**

### BACTERIA

- Living organism, unicellular, one cell
- Larger (1000nm)
- In latin means little sticks
- Usually treated with antibiotics

### **VIRUS:**

- Not living, no cells
- Smaller (20-300nm)
- In latin means poison
- Antibiotics will not effect the disease

## Characteristics Of Viruses

- They cannot be observed using a light microscope
- They have no internal cellular structure
- They contain either DNA or RNA, but not both
- They are incapable of metabolism
- Viruses are smaller than bacteria
- They replicate only inside living cells.
- Viruses lack cellular organelles, such as mitochondria and ribosomes.

## Difference Between DNA & RNA Virus

#### Double stranded

Nitrogenous bases (Adenine, Cytosine, Guanine, & Thymine
Type of sugar : Deoxyribose

• Location: in Nucleus

• Single Stranded

Nitrogenous
bases (Adenine,
Cytosine,
Guanine, &
Uracil

Type of sugar : Ribose

• Location :in Nucleus & cytoplasm



## Viral Structure - Overview



The nucleic acid plus the capsid shell of a virus particle is often called nucleocapsid

## Structure of Viruses:

- Size Between 20-300 nm diameter.
- Basic shape Rod-like ,"Spherical"
- Genomic material : DNA or RNA never both ,Single- or double-stranded



## Viral replication:

- A virus cannot replicate on its own
- It must attach to and enter a host cell
- It then uses the host cell's energy to synthesize protein, DNA, and RNA
- >Viruses are difficult to kill because they live inside the cells
- >Any drug that kills a virus may also kill cells



- 1 Virus attachment
- 2 Penetration
- 3 Uncoating
- 4 Transcription
- 5 Genome replication
- 6 Translation of virus mRNAs
- 7 Virion assembly
- 8 Release of new virus particles

## Classification of major virus groups

### DNA VIRUSES

- 1. Herpesvirus
- 2. Poxvirus
- 3. Adenovirus
- 4. Parvovirus
- 5. Papovavirus

### **RNA VIRUS**

- 1. Orthomyxovirus
- 2. Paramyxovirus
- 3. Rhabdovirus
- 4. Tagovirus
- 5. Retrovirus
- 6. Reovirus
- 7. Picornavirus
- 8. Coronavirus

Encephalitis/	Vir	Overview of ral infectio	ns	
- JC virus - Measles - LCM virus - Arbovirus - Rabies	Common cold - Rhinoviruses - Parainfluenza vi - Respiratory syn- virus	irus cytial	Eye - He - Ad - Cy Parotitis	infections erpes simplex virus lenovirus tomegalovirus
Pharyngitis - Adenovirus - Epstein-Barr v - Cytomegalovir Cardiovascula - Coxsackie B v Hepatitis - Hepatitis viru types A, B, C	Gingivostomatin - Herpes simplex rus rus ir virus s , D, E	tis type 1	- Mumps virus	<ul> <li>Influenza virus, Types A and B</li> <li>Parainfluenza virus</li> <li>Respiratory syncytial virus</li> <li>Adenovirus</li> <li>SARS coronavirus</li> <li>Myelitis         <ul> <li>Poliovirus</li> <li>HTLV-I</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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VIRUS	DISEASE	VIRUS	DISEASE
Adenovirus	Respiratory infections	Ebola virus	Haemorrhagic
Epstein barr virus	Infectious mononucleosis		fever
	Nasopharyngeal carcinoma Burkitt's lymphoma	Paramyxo virus	Mumps
Herpes simplex Type 1	Cold sores	Polio virus	Poliomyelitis
Herpes simplex Type 2	Genital warts	Rabies Virus	Rabies
		Rubella virus	German measles
HIV	AIDS	Small nox	Small nox
HPV	Warts	Sman pox	Sinan pox
		Vericella Zoster	Chicken pox,
Influenza virus	Influenza		shingles

- ➢ Viruses have no cell wall and made up of nucleic acid components
- ➢ Viruses containing envelope antigenic in nature
- ➢ Viruses are obligate intracellular parasite
- They do not have a metabolic machinery of their own uses host enzymes
- Certain viruses multiply in the cytoplasm but others do in the nucleus
- > Most multiplication take place before diagnosis is made

### **ANTIVIRAL DRUGS :**

- Many antiviral drugs are Purine or Pyrimidine analogs.
- Many antiviral drugs are Prodrugs. They must be phosphorylated by viral or cellular enzymes in order to become active.
- Anti-viral agents inhibits active replication so the viral growth resumes after drug removal.

### • characteristics of antiviral drugs :

- >Able to enter the cells infected with virus
- >Interfere with viral nucleic acid synthesis and/or regulation
- Some drugs interfere with ability of virus to bind to cells
- Some drugs stimulate the body's immune system
- Best responses to antiviral drugs are in patients with competent immune systems
- A healthy immune system works synergistically with the drug to eliminate or suppress viral activity







#### **Different Methods of Classification = Drug Acting on Viral Replication Steps:**

Viral Replication Steps	Effective Drugs
Viral attachment and entry	Enfuvirtide, Maraviroc, Docosanol, Palivizumab
Uncoating	Amantadine, Rimantadine
Transcription	Interferons
Translation of viral proteins	Fomivirsen, Interferons
Nucleic acid synthesis, DNA	Acyclovir, Cidofovir, Famciclovir, Ganciclovir,
and KNA	Foscarnet, Idoxuridin
Replication	NRTIs, NNTTIs, PIs, Ribavirin, Sorivudine
<b>Budding and Release</b>	Zanamivir, Oseltamivir

#### **Different Methods of Classification = According to Clinical Conditions**

<b>Clinical Conditions</b>	Drugs used to Treat Clinical Conditions
Herpes Viral Infection	Idoxuridine, Acyclovir, Ganciclovir, Valacyclovir, Famciclovir, Penciclovir, Docosanol, Trifluridine (Purine and Purine Analog)
Cytomegalovirus Infections	Ganciclovir, Valganciclovir, Foscarnet, Cidofovir, Fomivirsen
Anti-Influenza Virus	Amantadine, Rimantadine, Oseltamivir, Zanamivir
Anti-Retroviral Drugs	Zidovudine, Stavudine, lamivudine, Didanosine, Zalcitabine, Emtricitabine, Tenofovir, Delavirdine, Efavirenz, Etravirine, Nevirapine, Amprenavir, Saquinavir, Ritonavir
Drugs for Hepatis B and Hepatitis C	Interferons, Adefovir, lamivudine, Entecavir, Entecavir, Ribavirin, Sofosbuvir, Ledipasavir

### **Different Methods of Classification = For Retroviral Infections :**

Category	Related Examples
Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs)	Zidovudine, Didanosine, Stavudine, Lamivudine, Abacavir, Emtricitabine, Tenofovir
Non Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs)	Nevirapine, Efavirenz, Delavirdine, Etravirine, Rilpivirine
<b>Protease Inhibitors (PIs)</b>	Ritonavr, Atazanavir, Indinavir, Nelfinavir, Saquinavir, Fosamprenavir, Lopinavir, Darunavir
<b>Entry Inhibitors</b>	Enfuvirtide
<b>CCR-5 Receptor Inhibitors</b>	Maraviroc
<b>Integrase Inhibitors</b>	Raltegravir, Dolutegravir

## ANTIHERPs: ACYLOVIR

ACTIVE against herpes group of DNA virus( herpes simplex virus, varicella zoster virus, Epster barr virus

Deoxyguanosine analogue requires virus specific enzymes for conversion to the active metabolites that inhibit DNA synthesis and viral replication

## **MECHANISM OF ACTION :**





acyclovir preferentially taken up by infected virus cell
 It has low toxicity towards host cell
 Active against herpes group of virus
 Sensitivity : *HSV-I* > *HSV-II* > *VZV* HSV & VZV developed resistance

### **PHARMACOKINETICS**:

- ➤ orally 20 % absorbed
- ≻Topically : systemic availability is very less

### **ADVERSE EEFECTS :**

>TOPICAL : Stinging and burning sensation

≻ORAL: Headache, Nausea

≻IV: rashes , sweating . Emesis , ↓ BP

≻In dose dependent manner ↓ in GFR

>Disorientation, hallucination, convulsion, coma

Till now no teratogenic potential has been reported

### USES :

## ≻GENETIAL HERPES INFECTION :

- Caused by type-II virus
- Primary disease 5% ointment t applied locally 6 times/day

## >MUCOCUTANEOUS INFECTION :

- Type –I viral disease remains localized to lips, gum
- Usually do not required specific treatment
- Acyclovir cream is used

### **>HERPES ZOSTER VIRUS :**

- Less susceptible to acyclovir high dose is required
- It should be used in severe cases and immunodeficient patient
- Dose : 10mg/kg for 7 days

## **CHICKEN POX :**

- ADULT : 15mg/kg/day for 7 days
- Decreases severity of disease

## **GANACLOVIR :Drug for cytomegalo virus**

≻Analogue of Acyclovir

≻Most effective for *cytomegaly virus* 

>Activated intracellularly by virus specific enzyme (Thymidine kinase)

It's triphosphate nucleotide preferentially *inhibit viral DNA polymerase* attains higher conc at infected cell

➢ Precursor cell in bone marrow are sensitive for Ganaclovir



➢Poor oral absorption : low bioavailability

- ≻It's prodrug : Valganciclovir
- Better absorbed orally

Cytomegaly virus may developed re*sistance by mutation of viral phosphokinase and DNA polymerase* ( it's effective ness)

## **SIDE EFFECTS :HIGH SYSTENIC TOXICITY**

Bone marrow depression , fever,Rashes ,vomiting, neuropsychiatric disturbance reported

## **USES: USES IS RESTRICTED**

➤Used in case of severe infection and prophylaxis which occurs in immunocompromised people

≻TREATMENT : IV injection with *10mg/kg/day* 

Prevents blindness in AIDS

# **ANTIINFLUENZA VIRAL DRUGS:**

- **INFLUENZA**: RNA virus with segmented genome and core protein which define it's type A,B 0r C
- Majority of human infection is caused by *INFLUENZA A*
- CHARACTERIZED BY **HAEMAGLUTININ-H**
- Produce epidemic & pandemic situations

H5N1-BIRD FLU (1997) H1N1 SUBTYPE – SWINE FLU 2009 Neuraminidase-N surface glycoprotein

## **AMANTIDINE : Introduce in 1960s**

- ➤Tricyclic amines unrelated to nucleic acid
- ≻Inhibit influenza A virus but not *H5N1*, *H1N1*
- Act by in inhibiting M2 protein and prevent uncoating of viral genome infected cell
- Resistance may developed on mutation of M2 protein
  Use is now limited due to availability of newer & effective drug
  Use for parkinsonism

## OSELTOMIVIR:TAMIFLU

- MOST COMMONLY USED DRUG NOW
- Sialic acid analogue
- Spectrum of activity is broad
- Cover influenza A with Amantadine resistance and sensitivity
- Includes H5N1 7 H1N1 & Influenza B
- OSELTOMIVIR : An ester prodrug that rapidly and fully hydrolysed during absorption in intestine
- By liver esterase it is converted into it's active form

## **OSELTOMIVIR CARBOXYLATE**)

• Bioavailability is 80%

## **MECHANISM OF ACTION :**

- Acts by inhibiting Influenza A viral enzyme *NEUROMINIDASE*
- Neuraminidase helps *in release of virus from host cell*
- On inhibition of this prevents from release of virus from infected cell
- Resistance may developed by mutation of this enzyme
- Drug regimen should be started within few hours of discovery of infection
- It decreases the severity, duration and complication
- May not be effective in infant because they may unable to generate active metabolite
- **SIDE EFFECTS :** Nausea, abdominal cramps, weakness, headache, sadness, diarrhoea, cough insomnia

# **ANTIHEPATITIS DRUGS :**

### **HEPATITIS B VIRUS :**

- DNA Virus
- Can integrate into host chromosomal DNA to cause permanent infection

### **HEPATITIS C:**

- RNA VIRUS
- DOES'NT integrate into chromosomal DNA
- Does not establish non-curable infection
- But cause hepatitis

#### RIBAVIRIN & INTERFERON –ALPFA NONSELETIVELY EFFECTIVE AGAINT HEPATITIS B & C DRUG FOR HEPATITIS C

- ≻Can not be *eradicated completely* from the body
- >Treatment : suppression of virus and it's inflammation response
- Sudden stoppage of ANTIHBV can result in **EXACERBATION**
- SHOULD BE USED UNLESS ANY DEVELOPMENT OF TOXOCITY OR LOSS OF EFFICACY
- ≻It improved liver function
- Reduction of risk of development of liver cirrhosis and hepatic carcinoma occur.

## ADEFOVIR: ADEFOVIR DIPIVOXIL

- Monophosphate analogue of AMP
   Active against HBV, DNA Or RNA Virus
- Esterase in the intestine and liver release active drug
- On entering the cell *—* phosphorylates (diphosphaste)
- ➢It has high affinity for HBV DNA polymerase as compared to host cell DNA polymerase
- ➢ It also incorporated into viral DNA results OF DNA CHAIN
- ➢Used for chronic HEPATITIS B (ALSO FOR LAMIVUDIN RESISTANCE)

### **SIDE EFFECTS :**

- SORE THROATS
- HEADACHE
- WEAKNESS
- FLU SYNDROME
- ABDOMINAL PAIN
- AT HIGH DOSE :*Nephrotoxicity in pt with renal disorder*

well tolerated dose is 10mg/day



DRUG FOR HEPATITIS C: To attain sustained viral response

### RIBAVIRIN: Prodrug

- ➢Purine nlueotide analogue
- Nucleoside inhibitor with broad antiviral activity including HCV (A & B also)
- >mono and triphosphate derivative generated intracellularly by host kinase caused inhibition of GTP Synthesis and viral RNA synthesis
- ≻Viral resistance is rare, bioavailability is 50%
- >Accumulate in body and remains for months even after discontinuation

### **Use for hepatitis C:**

≻Shouldn't be used alone

Combined with infected PEGInterferonfor 6 to 12 months

Active against all genotype of HCV
 ACHIEVE SVR 50-80 %
 SIDE EFFECTS:

Dose dependent hemolytic anemia

➢Bone marrow depression

≻Headache

≻GIT discomfort

>SHOW TERATOGEGIC EFFECTS



# **INTERFERON:**

- IT is low m.w glycoprotein cytokines produced by host cell in response to viral infection
- Have nonspecific antiviral and other complex effect on immunity and cell proliferation
- Interferon binds to specific cell surface receptor and affect viral Replication of multiple steps:
  - Penetration
    - Viral mRNA synthesis
    - Assembling of viral particle
  - Release

Widespread of effect is direct or indirect suppression of viral protein synthesis Inhibition of translation Interferon are JAK-STAT Tyrosine protein kinase receptor On activation Phosphorylates cellular protein Phosphorylated protein ---migrate to nucleus & starts transcription And this interferon induced protein exert antiviral effect

✓ Interferon may inhibit many DNA & RNA virus

- IFN alfa 2A & IFN alfa 2B Produced by RDNA Technology
- Given by SC or IM route









## ZIDOVUDIN : Thymidine analogue

- First prototype of NRTIs
- After phosphorylation (in host cell)--- Zidovudine triphosphate
- Zidovudine triphosphate selectively decreases viral reverse transcriptase in preference to Cellular DNA polymerase



- Proviral DNA translocate to nucleus & is integrated with chromosomal DNA of host cell
- Under direction of m RNA viral regulatory and structural protein are formed in the form of polyprotein:
- Finally viral particles are assembled & matured to be released
- Zidovudine prevents infection of new cell from HIV but no effect on proviral DNA that has already integrated into host chromosomal DNA
- Active against retroviral disease only
- Zidovudine itself incorporated into proviral DNA & Terminate chain elongation
- Resistance may be developed on mutation, affect reverse transcriptasr activity

- PHARMACOKINETICS :
- Rapidly absorbed through oral route
- Bioavailability 60 %
- It may cross blood placenta barrier ADVERSE DRUG REACTION:
- ➢Bone marrow depression, Anemia
- >Neutropenia, Nausea, anorexia, headache Abdominal pain, insomnia
- Infrequent : myopathy, abdominal pain, nail pigmentation, hepatomegaly

#### **DRUG INTERACTION:**

➢Paracetamol increases toxicity

- STARVUDIN & ZIDOVUDIN : Exhibit mutual antagonism by competing for the same binding pathway
- >Nephrotoxic drugs increases toxicity
- ➢Azole antifungal drugs decreases metabolism increases toxicity USES:
- ≻In HIV infected patient
- ≻No longer included in 1<sup>st</sup> line drug by WHO REGIMEN (2016)

## **RETROVIRAL PROTEASE INHIBITOR:**

### **PROTEASE:**

- ➢HIV specific enzyme
- ➢Aids in production of structural protein and enzyme including reverse transcriptase, integrase
- $\succ$ It is formed from the virus polyprotein in infected cell
- ≻It also acts in late step in HIV Replication (maturation)

## PROTEASE INHIBITORS: ATAZANAVIR, IMDINAVIR, RITONAVIR

- Bind to active site of protease molecule, interfere with it's clearing
- More effective than zidovudine
- Don't need intracellular activation by phosphorylation
- Effective for both new & chronically infected cell
- Combination of NRTIs with protease inhibitors is more effective **ADVERSE DRUG REACTION:**

GIT Disturabances , headache , dizziness, rashes, tingling of nail & facial parts, numbness, rashes

Drug	description
ATAZANAVIR	Administered with light meal , increase abs Antacid decrease abs BA & EFFICACY INCREASE BY COMBINING WITH RITONAVIR ADR: Nausea, diarrhea, Jaundice, Abdominal pain
INDINAVIR	Has to be taken at empty stomach Excess fluid must be consumed to avoid nephrolithiasis
RITONAVIR	Potent protease inhibitor Used to boost other protease inhibitor Nausea , diarrhea , fatigue are common
DARANAVIR	Newest protease inhibitors useful in several resistance B.A. can be improved by co-administering Ritonavir (retards 1 <sup>st</sup> pass metabolism & systemic clearance decreases Rifampin makes it's less effective Approved for use only in combination with Ritonavir or other booster

# **INTEGRASE INHIBITORS:**

- HIV integrase enzyme enter host cell along with genomic DNA
- After HIV proviral DNA is transcriptwd in cytoplasm of host cell, this enzyme translocate to nucleus along with proviral DNA
- Host chromosomal DNA ,integrase the proviral DNA with it resealed it
- Thus proviRal DNA becomes a part of chromosomal DNA ( Cell get permanently infected)
- Integrase inhibitors : *inhibit this process of virus*

### **RALTEGRAVIR :**

- $> 1^{ST}$  Integrase inhibitor available to Treat HIV
- ➢Prevent integration of proviral DNA into host chromosomal DNA
- ≻Interrupt viral cycle
- ≻Useful for both HIV-I & HIV-II
- ≻No cross resistance with other class of antiviral drugs
- ≻Clear HIV RNA from circulation
- Antacid containing Ca+2, Mg+2 or iron substance shouldn't taken together
- **Side effects :** nausea , headache, diarrhoea , weakness, myopathy

### **ENTRY or FUSION INHIBITOR : ENFUVIRTIDE:**

- HIV derived synthetic peptide acts by binding to HIV-I envelope transmembrane glycoprotein
- Involved in fusion or viral and cellular membrane
- Fusion of two membrane is prevented & entry of virus into the cell is blocked
- No active against HIV-II
- No cross resistance with other class of ANTIVIRAL DRUG
- Administered S.c twice daily
- Used as add on to other resistance