SAR of β-receptor antagonist

The general structure of β -receptor antagonist is represented below

$$X - C - CH_2 - NHR$$
 $R_1 - OH$

- For β-receptor antagonist activity an aromatic ring and β-ethanolamine group is essential.
- The aromatic ring can either be benzene/heterocyclic ring such as indole or carbazole.
- For highest β₁ antagonist activity (cardio selectivity) the preferred position of the substituent should be in the following order Para>meta>ortho
 - e.g. Atenolol, Metoprolol

- Large para substituent usually decrease activity but large ortho substituent retain activity.
- Polysubstitution on aromatic ring makes the compound inactive or less active.
- ❖ The aromatic ring can either liked directly to the ethylene amine side chain or through X atom (-O-CH₂-group).
- ❖e.g. in labetalol the aromatic ring is directly linked however in in propranolol the aromatic ring is linked through -O-CH₂- group.

- ❖When X is CH₂-CH₂ or S-CH₂ or -N-CH₂ there is little or no activity.
- Presence of alky group at α position in compound containing -O-CH₂- group decrease β antagonist activity.