



# *Sympatholytic drug (adrenergic antagonist)*

*$\alpha$  – receptor blocker:*

blockade of  $\alpha$ -R  $\longrightarrow$

$\downarrow$  sympathetic tone on BV  $\longrightarrow$

$\downarrow$  peripheral resistance  $\longrightarrow$

$\downarrow$  BP  $\longrightarrow$   $\uparrow$  HR

# 1) non selective $\alpha$ -blocker

## \* Phenoxybenzamine

-covalent bond, metabolite is active form

- Block  $\alpha_1$  (BV) & pre synaptic  $\alpha_2$  in heart producing  $\uparrow$  HR ( $\beta_1$ )

So it  $\downarrow$  BP but  $\uparrow$  HR

So clinically not used in HT

- used in **pheochromocytoma** (catecholamine-secreting tumor in adrenal medulla)
- in **pre-operation** to prevent HT crises & in its management
- Reynaud's** diseases



**SE:**

**- postural hypotension**

**-nasal congestion**

**-tachycardia & arrhythmia**

**Due to baroR & block  $\alpha_2$  pre synaptic R**

**-male sexual dysfunction**

# \*Phentolamine:competitive

- used to **terminate local anesthesia**
- cause postural hypotension
- cause tachycardia (baroR) & block  $\alpha_2$  pre synaptic R
- In pheochromocytoma

## 2) selective $\alpha$ -blocker

Prazosin , Terazosin , Doxazosin  
Tamsulosin & Alfuzosin

- competitive blocker of  $\alpha$ -1 R

- P, Te, D used in treatment of  
hypertension

( because relax sm of artery and  
veins)

- Tam & A treatment of benign  
prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)

## SE:

- nasal congestion
- exag post hypoT in 1<sup>st</sup> dose  
(1/3 or in bed time)
- orthostatic hypotension
- sever HypoT if prazosin used  
with diuretic &  $\beta$  blockers
- sexual dysfunction

**NOTE: Finasteride, dutasteride**  
inhibit **5  $\alpha$ -reductase** then prevent  
conversion of testosterone to di hydroT  
So they used in BPH

# yohimbine

- selective  $\alpha_2$  blocker
- act centrally ,it increase sympathetic outflow to the periphery
- not used in CNS & CVS disorder  
Because it ST them
- used in sexual dysfunction

# $\beta$ - adrenergic blocker (comp)

1-selective or non selective antagonist

2-differ in **intrinsic sympathomimetic activity** (ISA) & in kinetics.

3-  $\beta$ - blocker not induce postural

HypoT (**because  $\alpha$  R stay active**)

## **Uses:**

- angina , arrhythmia , MI , glaucoma , prophylaxis of migraine, CHF,

**$\beta$ - blocker without ISA( pure antag)**

**A- non-selective  $\beta$ - blocker:**

**\* Propranolol( anderal)**

-sustained release preparation

- **-ve** inotropic & chronotropic eff }  
- **depress** AV & SA node }

**both** cause Bradycardia &  **$\downarrow$ CO**

and  **$\downarrow$  O2 demand**

**So used in angina**

## Prepheral vasoconstriction:

- prevent  $\beta_2$  mediated vasodilation
- $\downarrow$  CO  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  BP  $\rightarrow$  reflex vasoconstr
- $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  preph blood flow (kidney)  $\rightarrow$

Na retention  $\downarrow$

No post hypoT (preph resis not affe

Other:

- blocking  $\beta_2$  in lung
- $\downarrow$  glycogenolysis & glucagons sec

I:

- MI
- Angina pectoris
- hyperthyroidism
- glaucoma ↓ production of humor
- prophylaxis migraine headache
- hypertension by ↓ CO, ↓ sympathetic outflow centrally

# Adverse effect:

- bronchoconstriction
- arrhythmia prevented by withd rawell gradually
- sexual impairment (reasons not clear)
- hypoglycemia

CI: Asthma and COPD

DIA:

Cimetidine , furosemide ,  
chlorpromazine **enzyme inhibitor**

Increase its **antihypertensive** effect

Barbiturate , phenytoin , rifampin are  
enzyme inducer so decrease its  
effect

## \*Timolol and Nadolol

- they potent than propranolol
- Timolol orally and ophthalmic
- Nadolol given orally
- Timolol reduce aqueous humor in eye
- used glaucoma
- in systemic hypertension.

## **B- Selective $\beta$ - blocker:**

**Atenolol ( tenormine),  
Metoprolol , Esmolol ,  
Betaxolol**

- all are cardio **selective  $\beta_1$**   
blockers

-block  $\beta_1$  R at dose **50 time less**  
**than needs for blocking  $\beta_2$  R**

# Uses:

- **hypertension** are useful in :
  - \*hypertensive patients **with impaired pulmonary function**
  - \***diabetic hypertensive** patients who are receiving insuline or oral hypoglycemic agents.

**2)  $\beta$ - blocker with ISA**

**( partial agonist)**

**\* selective : Acebutolol**

**-weakly ST  $\beta$ 1**

**-prevent binding of EP & NOR EP  
on main R**

**So decrease rat & CO**

**-used in hypertension**

**\*non selective : Pindolol**

- $\beta_1, \beta_2$

- used in **hypertension**


-both drug **↓disturbances of lipid and carbohydrate metabolism**

**So can be used in diabetic**

-they not used in arrhythmia due to its partial agonist effect

**$\beta$ - blocker with  $\alpha_1$ -blocking eff**

**Labetalol and carvedilol**

- produce **peripheral vasodilation**  
↓ BP 
- used in treatment of **emergency hypertension**

- **labetalol** used in elderly HT or black HT  
( whom with increased Preph vasc resis)
- alternate methyldopa in pregnancy HT
- in hypertensive emergencies
  
- **Carvedilol** decrease lipid peroxidation  
and vascular thickening in HF
- in hypertensive emergencies

# Reserpine

- alkaloid
  - block Mg/ATPase
  - prevent storage of dopamine
  - decrease NE release
- Slow onset, long duration-