

Other β -lactam Antibiotics

Tetracyclines (Broad spectrum antibiotics)

* These drugs come under the category of protein synthesis inhibitors.

* First discovered Tetracycline $\rightarrow$ Chlortetracycline.

$\downarrow$ Streptomyces aureofaciens
 $\downarrow$ no longer used but was active against all gram +ve, gram -ve, Rickettsia, Chlamydia etc.

Oxytetracycline $\rightarrow$ Streptomyces rimosus

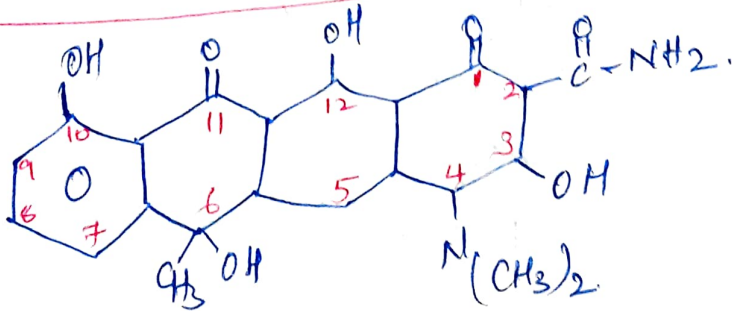
Natural tetracyclines $\rightarrow$ $\begin{cases} \text{chlor} \\ \text{oxy} \end{cases}$

* Tetracycline is a semisynthetic derivative of Chlortetracycline obtained from

* Demeclocycline $\rightarrow$ mutant strain of S. aureofaciens

Methacycline
Doxycycline
Minocycline $\rightarrow$ Semisynthetic derivative.

Chlortetracycline, Oxytetracycline, Demeclocycline, Methacycline, Doxycycline, Minocycline.



changes in position $\rightarrow$ 5, 6, 7 $\rightarrow$ give diff. types of tetracyclines.

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1*) chlortetracycline

2*) oxytetracycline. -OH

3) Demeclocyclin

-OH

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4) methacyclin -OH

 $=CH_2$

5) doxycycline -OH

-CH₃6) Minocycline
more lipophilic.

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-H-N(CH₃)₂Antibacterial spectrum

Against all anaerobic, aerobic gram +ve & -ve

gram +ve is more effected than gram -ve. bacteria

*) active against organisms which are resistant to cell-wall active agents.

Eg: Rickettsia
 Coxiella burnetii
 Mycoplasma pneumoniae
 Chlamydia species
 Legionella species.
 Ureaplasma
 Atypical mycobacteria
 Plasmodium species.

Active against many spirochetes like.

- *Borrelia recurrentis*
- *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme disease)
- *Treponema pallidum*
- *T. pertenue*

No action against Fungi.

MIC

< 4 µg/ml.

S. aureus ≤ 0.5 µg/ml.

H. influenza }
S. pneumoniae } ≤ 2 µg/ml.

Streptococcus
& *Enterococcus* ≤ 0.25 µg/ml

N. gonorrhoea → ≤ 0.25 µg/ml.

Anaerobic bacteria → 8 µg/ml.

Bacteriostatic

Against

V. cholerae

Brucella

H. pylori

C. jejuni

~~Yersinia~~ *Yersinia pestis*

N. gonorrhoea ; *Neisseria meningitidis*

for

others

Bacillus anthracis

Listeria monocytogenes

Bacteriodes fragilis.

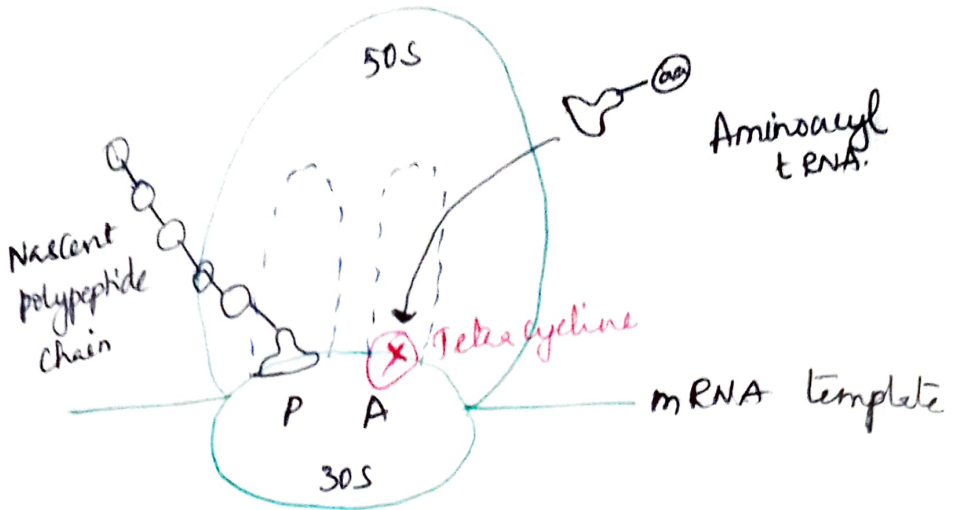
Tetracycline, Doxycycline, Minocycline → Highly active against
Staphylococci including MRSA.

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Can also act
against bacteria
sensitive to tetracyclines.

Also against org. causing

Rocky mountain spotted fever.
Murine typhus
Scrub typhus
Epidemic typhus
Q-fever & Rickettsial pox.

MOA



- Inhibit the protein synthesis by binding to the 30S ribosomal unit and preventing access of aminoacyl tRNA to acceptor site on the mRNA ribosome complex.
- These drugs enter gram -ve bacteria by passive diffusion through hydrophilic channels formed by porin proteins of the outer cell membrane.
- Entry into cytoplasmic membrane is an energy dependent process through active transport across the membrane.
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 - which pumps all drugs.
- In gram +ve bacteria, they require metabolic energy but the process is not well understood.
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Development of Resistance :-

1 → ↓ Accumulation of tetracycline by

↓ antibiotic influx or
↑ in energy-dependent efflux pathway

Eg: *S. aureus* prod. *tetK* →

2 → production of a ribosomal protection protein that displaces tetracycline from its target which occurs by mutation.

Eg: *S. aureus* producing *tetM*

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Cross resistance to
doxycycline & minocycline

3 → Enzymatic inactivation of tetracyclines

ADME :-

A → incomplete oral absorption — stomach & upper small intestine
Tetracycline and Demeclocycline → 60-80% absorbed.
doxycycline and Minocycline → 95% & 100% respectively.

→ The percentage of unabsorbed drug rises as the dose increases.

→ absorption greater in fasting state.

→ impaired by ingestion of divalent & trivalent ions.

[Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Al^{3+} , $\text{Fe}^{2+/3+}$, Zn^{2+}] due to

chelation of ions to form complex structures with poor solubility.

→ Doxycycline & Minocycline less affected with ions but co-admin. of antacids or mineral supplements should be avoided.

→ Variable absorption of orally given drugs leads to wide range of plasma concn. in diff. individuals.

→ peak plasma levels → 2-4 hrs.

P.T.O.

- $1/2$ life of drugs Vary from 6-12 hrs.
frequently are administered 2 to 4 times daily
- Doxycycline and minocycline 16-18 hrs $1/2$ life
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plasma concⁿ are same if given orally or parentally

D → widely distributed throughout the body and in tissues, secretions including urine & prostatic

- Accumulates in reticuloendothelial cells of liver, spleen, Bone marrow, Bone, dentine, enamel of unerupted teeth.
- Tigecycline distributes rapidly and extensively in tissues. ~ 7 to 10 L/kg.
with peak plasma levels ~ 1 μ g/ml.
- penetrate CSF, synovial fluid & mucosa of maxillary sinus. plasma levels same in these.
- cross placental barrier & enter into fetal circulation and Amniotic fluid.
60% in Amniotic fluid & 20% in umbilical cord plasma.
- High concⁿ found in Breast milk.

E → primary route of elimination is kidney, liver & bile.

- After biliary excretion, they are partially reabsorbed via enterohepatic recirculation.
- Elimination via intestinal tract when drugs given parentally.
- Doxycycline excreted via both bile & urine.

→ Tigecycline mostly excreted in unchanged form along with small amount of glucuronidated metabolites.

→ Minocycline is extensively metabolized in liver before excretion.

→ ↓ Hepatic function or obstruction of common bile duct ↓ biliary excretion ∴ ↑ $t_{1/2}$ life and higher plasma concn.
∴ Dose adjustments required in such patients.

→ Bcoz of their enterohepatic circulation, these drugs may remain in the body for a long time after cessation of therapy.

DI :-

→ Hepatic enzyme inducers like phenytoin, Rifampin seen only with Doxycycline.

T. Uses :-

RTI

Skin and soft tissue infections.

Intra abdominal infections.

GI infections.

UTI

STD

Rickettsial infections, Anthrax etc.

Adverse effects : →

→ GI distress, N, V, abdominal discomfort, & diarrhoea may occur.

→ Since most tetracyclines are incompletely absorbed, they affect the microflora of intestines.

→ Photosensitivity → mild to severe reaction.

→ ~~Ony~~ Onycholysis and pigmentation of nails may develop with or without photosensitivity

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painless separation of Nail from Nail bed

→ Hepatotoxicity → developed in patients with renal failure but can also occur in large quantities admin. orally.

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Rarely reported for Doxycycline, Minocycline, Tigecycline admin.

Pregnant women → susceptible to tetracycline induced hepatic damage

→ Renal toxicity → aggravate Azotemia in patients with renal diseases

→ Fanconi syndrome → Characterised by N, V, polyuria, polydipsia, proteinuria, acidosis, glycosuria, aminoaciduria
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seen in patients ingesting outdated & degraded tetracycline.

- due to toxic effect of degraded products on proximal renal tubules.

→ Children receiving long term or short term therapy may develop brown discoloration of teeth. Since large doses are deposited in Enamel.

develop when given 2 months to 5 years & due to formation of tetracycline - calcium orthophosphate complex.

→ Deposited in skeleton during gestation & may result in depressed Bone growth in premature infants. (Reversible feature)

→ Thrombophlebitis

→ Long term therapy may produce leucocytosis, Atypical lymphocytes, toxic granulation of granulocytes, Thrombocytopenic purpura.

→ ↑ intracranial pressure in infants with usual therapeutic dose.

→ Minocycline — dizziness, Ataxia, N, V. with vestibular toxicity.

→ Hypersensitivity reactions, Asthma