

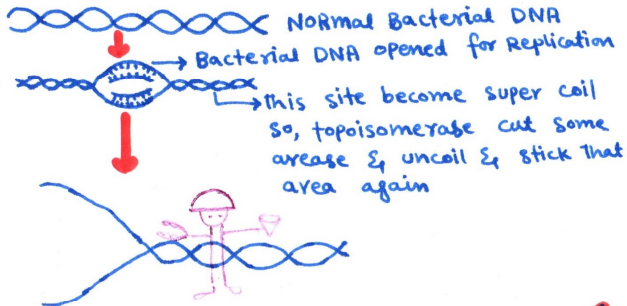
Quinolones & Fluoroquinolone By Zakirullah Yousufzai

* Quinolone = Nalidix Acid

* Fluoroquinolone = Fluorinated Nalidix Acid

MECHANISM OF ACTION

- * This Drug is Bactericidal
- * This Drug act on Topoisomerase enzyme (DNA GYRASE) & inhibit them:



DNA GYRASE has two Functional Domains:

- ① Nuclease ⇒ cut the strand
- ② 2nd domain ⇒ For Resealing Ligase

Topoisomerase II ⇒ in case of G^{-ve}
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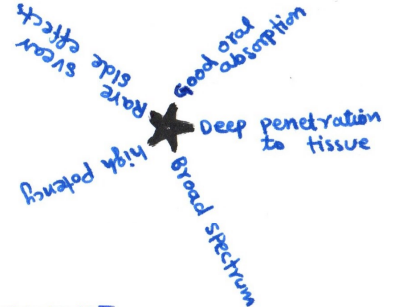
Topoisomerase IV cut the tangled point & reseal it & separate the DNA from one another



T-IV has two cutter in nuclease position



These Drugs are widely used b/c



Topoisomerase II



The Fluoroquinolone Enter to cell by Diffusion & bind to Ligase Domain of Topoisomerase & dysfunction it, so the Endo nuclease unit will work & cut the DNA But doesn't sealed so the DNA destroyed

Classification of Quinolone & Fluoroquinolones

1st generation (quinolone)

Nalidixic Acid



Gram -ve rods

But this drug is rarely used nowadays (UTI)

2nd generation

**Ciprofloxacin
ofloxacin
Norfloxacin**



↑↑↑ G-ve G+↑

Atypical like:
→ Mycoplasma
→ Chlamydia

3rd generation

Levofloxacin

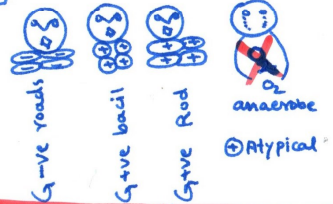


G-ve G+ve
Atypical like:
→ Mycoplasma
→ Chlamydia
→ Legionella

Streptococcus pneumoniae

4th generation

Moxifloxacin



G-ve rods

G+ve bacilli

G+ve Rod

Atypical

as the generation increase the spectrum against G+ve ↑

3rd & 4th generation are called Respiratory Fluoroquinolone

Clinical Use of Fluoroquinolone

Ciprofloxacin

(Mostly acts on → G-ve, -ve -ve
G+ve)

- ① Acute Diarrhea
- ② Traveler's diarrhea (diarrhea caused by Toxigenic E-coli)
- ③ Cystic fibrosis (caused by Pseudomonas Aeruginosa) ⇒ But not effective on other Respiratory disease
- ④ Resistant TB @ other drugs
- ⑤ Anthrax
- ⑥ Typhoid Fever
- ⑦ Alternatively of Aminoglycosides (B/c Aminoglycosides are high Toxic)
- ⑧ synergistically with β-lactam

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Difference B/w cipro & Norfloxacin

- * Norfloxacin is not well distributed so not used for systemic infection
- * norfloxacin is used for:
 - UTI (eg cystitis)
 - Traveler's diarrhea
 - prostatitis

NOTE: Ciprofloxacin is not used for respiratory disease except cystic fibrosis
* ciprofloxacin is contraindicated in children below age 18y. B/c it damage the growing cartilage, but in case of cystic fibrosis we can use cipro, b/c cystic fibrosis cause death.

Levofloxacin

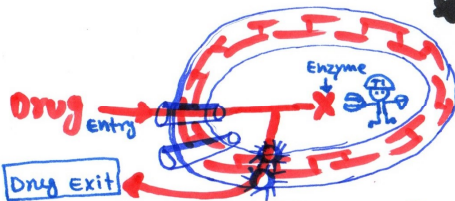
- ① prostatitis (note: use for some weeks)
- ② STDs
- ③ skin infection (B/c of broad spectrum)
- ④ Acute sinusitis
- ⑤ Acute Exacerbation of chr. bronchitis
- ⑥ pneumonia
- ⑦ osteomyelitis

NOTE: Most of Fluoroquinolone are eliminated by kidney, BUT Moxifloxacin is eliminated by liver (so best used in Renal impairment)

Moxifloxacin

same like levofloxacin but also used in mixed infection b/c of anaerobe activity.

Resistant to Fluoroquinolone



* **Porin:** are channels through which bacteria gets its nutrients, so the drug also enter to bacteria

* **Efflux:** are active transporters through which the substances come out of bacteria.

HOW RESISTANT OCCUR:

- ① No Entry of Drug to cell (due to narrow porin)
- ② Exit of Drug by Efflux channels.
- ③ No Reach of Drug to topoisomerase, b/c destroyed by enzymes, or altered before reaching to topoisomerase, or ~~altered~~
- ④ alteration of target: → so drug can't bind to this site.


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Gram -ve organism have outer & inner membrane, & thin Peptidoglycan, & the Gram +ve organism have only inner membrane & thick Peptidoglycan

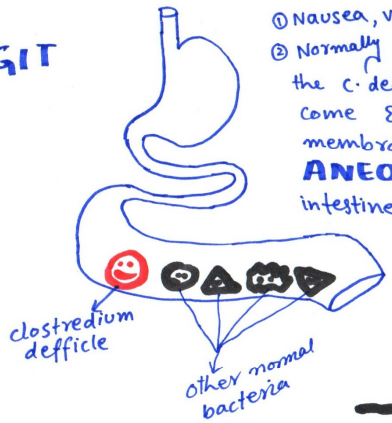
⇒ Porin
 ⇒ Efflux

Pharmacokinetic of Fluoroquinolone

- * Fluoroquinolone are well absorbed ^{when orally taken}: BUT Di & Triketines can disturb the absorption like:
 - Sucralfate
 - Al^{3+}, Mg^{2+}
 - Fe^{2+}, Ca^{2+}
 these are +ve charged & fluoroquinolone are -ve charge so bind, & can't absorb.
- * ofloxacin can enter to CNS.
- * injectible form of ciprofloxacin & levofloxacin are available  (Parenteral)
- * Except Moxifloxacin all are excreted by kidney & Moxi are excreted by Liver. Levofloxacin & Moxifloxacin are long half life so taken OD.

Sideeffect of Fluoroquinolone

① GIT



- ① Nausea, vomiting & mild diarrhea
- ② Normally the Clostridium difficile are very low, when the other bacteria died by drug, the C. difficile increase its growth, & damage the mucosal membrane, so WBCs come & fight with C. difficile, as a result of inflammatory reaction a membrane are formed & cause severe abdominal pain called **PSEUDOMEMBRANOUS Colitis**, & in some cases the ganglionic network destroyed in intestine & cause **MEGACOLON**, & eventually **DEATH**.

How to avoid Pseudomembranous Colitis

- * Crush the C. difficile by METRO OR VAN: it means give Metronidazole, & Vancomycin

② CNS

- ⇒ Headach, dizziness + epileptic attack b/c (seizure)
 - ↳ Especially (ciprofloxacin)
 - ↳ inhibit GABA_A Receptor (GABA keep abnormal discharge of electric activity)
 - ↳ use with theophylline (fluoroquinolone inhibit P450), so over accumulation of theophylline
 - ↳ warfarine
 - ↳ high caffeine

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- ③ SKIN ⇒ phototoxicity (in this case stop fluoroquinolone & use alternative).
- ④ CARTILAGE ⇒ Damage growing cartilage so avoid use in
 - child < 18y (except cystic fibrosis)
 - pregnant mother
 - Nursing mother
] b/c damage baby growing cartilages.
- ⑤ RUPTURE of TENDON ⇒ also cause tendonitis,
 - * cause rupture specially in persone age > 60y & using steroids.
- ⑥ MOXIFLOXACINE increase QT interval & cause TORSADES DE POINTS (twisting of points)

QRS upward than downward



* so carefully use in Arrhythmic patient.

NOTE: the severe sideeffects are Rare

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