

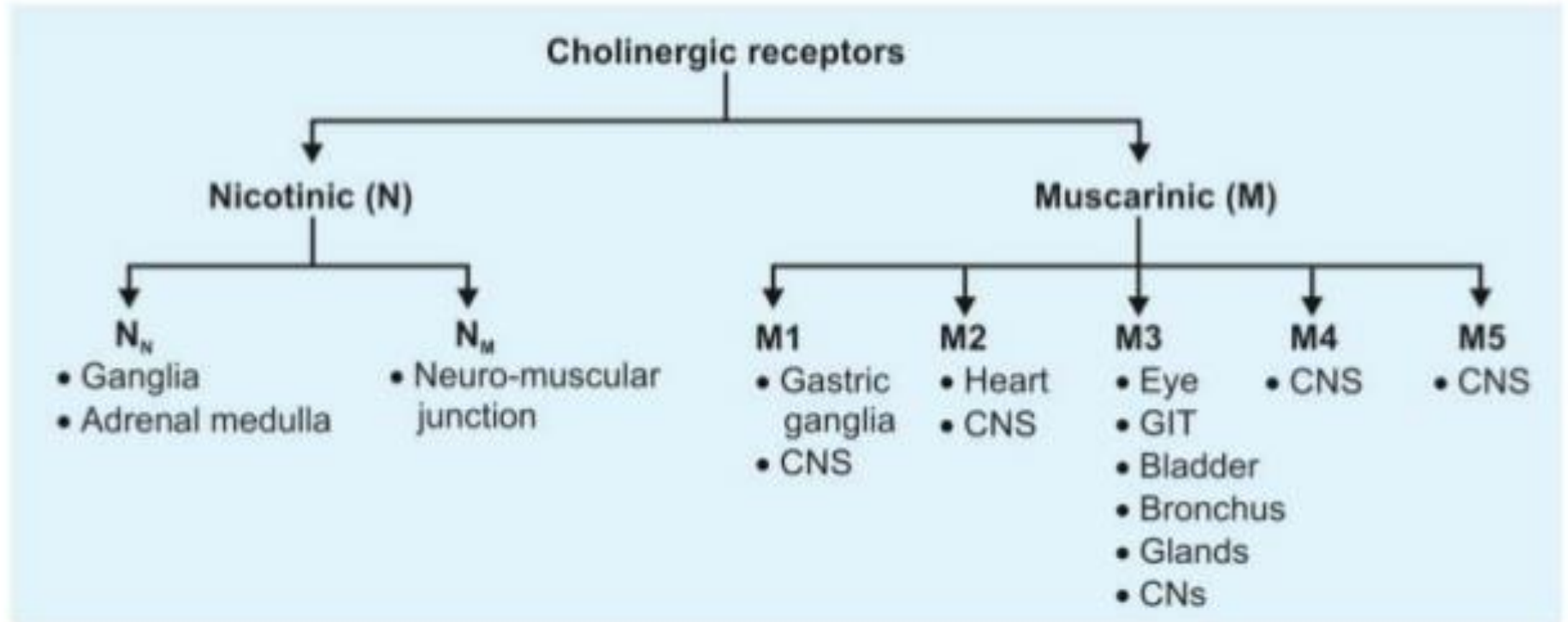
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**Anticholinergic drugs;**  
**Cholinergic antagonists,**  
**Cholinergic blockers,**  
**Cholinergic receptor blocking drugs,**

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# Classification of Cholinergic Receptors



# Anticholinergic drugs

# Cholinesterase regenerators

Antimuscarinic

Antinicotinic

M<sub>1</sub>-selective  
(pirenzepine)

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Ganglion  
blockers  
(hexamethonium)

Neuromuscular  
blockers  
(tubocurarine)

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(pralidoxime)

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M<sub>3</sub> -- darifenacin

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Trimethaphan

Pancuronium  
Atracurium  
Vecuronium

Diactylmonoxime

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# Antimuscarinic drugs; (Parasympatholytics, Muscarinic receptor blocking drugs)

## ➤ Naturally occurring alkaloids;

### –Atropine (Hyoscyamine).

- (*Atropa belladonna* & in *Datura stramonium*)

### –Scopolamine (Hyoscine)

- (*Hyoscyamus niger*)
- Levo-isomers are much more active (100 times) than the dextro-isomers.

- **Semisynthetic or synthetic;**  
substitutes of belladonna alkaloids;
- **Tertiary amines;**
  - Dicyclomine, Oxyphencyclamine, Oxybutynin.
  - Homatropine, Cyclopentolate, Tropicamide.
- **Quaternary Amines;** (less lipid soluble)
  - Ipratropium, Tiotropium, Glycopyrrate,
  - Isopropamine, Propantheline.
- **Other drugs with anti-muscarinic activity;**
  - Antihistamines, TCA, Phenothiazines.

# Classify antimuscarinics according to their clinical uses;

## ➤ Antispasmodics (Spasmolytics);

(Drugs used in GIT & genitourinary conditions)

### – Tertiary Amines:

- 1). Atropine
- 2). Scopolamine
- 3). Dicyclomine
- 4). Oxyphencyclamine
- 5). Oxybutynin

### – Quaternary Amines:

- 1). Anisotropine
- 2). Clidinium
- 3). Glycopyrolate
- 4). Isopropamine
- 5). Mepenzolate
- 6). Methantheline
- 7). Propantheline.

## ➤ *Anti-ulcer drugs:*

– Pirenzepine, Telenzepine, Dicyclomine.



## ➤ **Anti-Parkinsonian;**

- 1). Benzhexol
- 2). Benztropine
- 3). Biperidone
- 4). Procyclidine
- 5). Chlorphenoxamine
- 6). Tolterodine

## ➤ **Mydriatics;**

- 1). Atropine,
- 2). Homatropine
- 3). Cyclopentolate
- 4). Tropicamide
- 5). Eucatropine.

## ➤ **Anti-asthmatic and to treat COPD;**

- Ipratropium
- Tiotropium.

## ➤ **Pre-anesthetic agents;**

- Atropine,
- Glycopyrrolate.

## ➤ **Drugs for Stress incontinence, irritable bladder;**

- Oxybutynin, Tolterodine & Darifenacin.

# Selectivity of Anti-Muscarinic drugs;

## ❖ Non-Selective;

- Atropine,
- Hyoscine.
- highly selective for all muscarinic receptors.

## ❖ $M_1$ – Antagonists:

- 1). Pirenzepine
- 2). Telenzepine
- 3). Dicyclomine.

## ❖ $M_2$ – Antagonists;

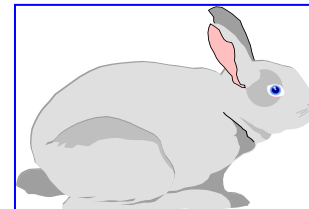
- 1). Methoctramine
- 2). Gallamine( also at Nm)

## ❖ $M_3$ – Antagonists:

- 1). Darifenacin
- 2) Oxybutynin,
- 3). Tolterodine.

# Pharmacokinetics;

- Most are **tertiary comp.** & well *absorbed* from:  
GIT & Conjunctiva or even Transdermal.  
So Atropine & Hyoscine are rapidly absorbed and widely *distributed* & significant levels to CNS are achieved within 1/2hr.
- **Quaternary comp.** are less lipid soluble and are almost free of central effects.
- **50%** of atropine is **metabolized in the liver** and **50%** excreted unchanged in urine.
- It has  **$t_{1/2}$  2–3 hrs.** All systemic effects rapidly decline but of eye persist for > 72 hrs.
- **Some rabbits** have a specific **atropine esterase** which degrades atropine very rapidly.



# PHARMACODYNAMICS;

## Mode of action;

- **Atropine** and other antimuscarinic drugs bind to **muscarinic receptors** and **competitively block** the **action of Acetylcholine** at these receptors.
- **Atropine** is a **inverse agonist** at the muscarinic receptors and binds them in the dynamic state.
- **Others** are **competitive muscarinic antagonists**.

# PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS; CNS; (M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>, M<sub>3</sub>, M<sub>4</sub>, M<sub>5</sub> Receptors);

- **Atropine** has a *stimulant action on the CNS especially at high doses*.
- Atropine **stimulates medullary centers** – vagal, respiratory and vasomotor.
- **High doses** cause **cortical excitation**, restlessness, disorientation, hallucinations and delirium followed by respiratory depression and coma.
- By blocking the relative cholinergic over-activity in basal ganglia, it **suppresses tremors and rigidity in parkinsonism**.
- *Hyoscine produces central depressant effects* even at low doses. **Amnesic action**—block short term memory.

# CVS; (M<sub>2</sub> Receptors);

- Atropine causes ***tachycardia*** due to blockade of M<sub>2</sub>-receptors on SA node.
  - *The tachycardia is more **marked in young adults** than in children and the elderly.*
- Atropine ***shortens the refractory period of AV conduction***, especially if it has been depressed by high vagal tone.
- Atropine does **not influence BP**.
  - Normal dose has **no effect on blood vessels**.
- **Dilatation of cutaneous vessels of the face, head, neck and trunk ---- Atropine flush --- red as a beet --- diagnostic of overdose.**

- **Atropine causes -- Transient initial bradycardia**, especially at low doses.
  - By **blocking Presynaptic M<sub>1</sub> receptors** (autoreceptors) on vagal postganglionic fibers that normally limit ACh release in the SA node and other tissues.
  - **Transient initial vagal stimulation (in CNS).**
  - **Clinical significance** – when used along with neostigmine for reversal (**Atropine + neostigmine** to antagonize curare like drugs) may cause bradycardia.
    - Atropine to be given a few minutes before neostigmine to avoid summation.

A landscape photograph featuring rolling green hills in the foreground and middle ground. The foreground is dominated by a field of bright yellow wildflowers. The sky is a deep blue, filled with soft, white, wispy clouds. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

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