





MOTTO AND VISION

- To impart evidence based research oriented medical education
- To provide best possible patient care
- To inculcate the values of mutual respect and ethical practice of medicine

Model Integration Lectures Interactive Oriented Sciences Clinically Basic Umar's For Prof.





ANTI MALARIAL DRUGS

LIFE CYCLE OF PLASMODIUM

- Incubation period ; 10-35 days
- Sexual Replication....Sporogony.....In mosquito
- Asexual Replication.....Schizogony.....In humans
- Female anopheles mosquito inject salivary fluid in host containing sporozoites (No drugs are effective against sporozoites)
- EXOERYTHROCYTIC CYCLE: HEPATIC CYCLE:
- Sporozoites → Enter liver cells → Tissue/Hepatic Stage → Schizonts(Hypnozoites)
- Merozoites Into circulation
- ERYTHROCYTE CYCLE:
- Some Merozoites convert into Gametocytes (Infective to mosquitoes)
- Gametocytes → Gametes → Zygotes → Ookinetes → Oocysts
 Sporozoites IN MOSQUITO → →

human



Core subject – Pharmacology

CHEMICAL CLASSIFICATION

4 – Aminoquinolines

- Chloroquine, amodiaquine
- 8 Aminoquinoline
 - Primaquine
- Hydroxynaphthoquinine
 - Atovaquone
- Quinoline methanol
 - Mefloquine
 - Quinine, quinidine(cinchona alkaloids)
- Diaminopyrimidine
 - Pyrimethamine

• Lactone Endoperoxide

- Artemisinin & derivatives
- Phenantherine
 - Lumefantrine, Halofantrine
- Tetracyclines
 - Doxycycline
- Biguanides
 - Proguanil
- Sulfonamides & Sulfones
 - Sulfadiazine, sulfadoxine, dapsone

THERAPEUTIC CLASSIFICATION

BLOOD SCHIZOTICIDES

- Chloroquine
- Pyrimethamine
- Amodiaquine
- Lumefantrine
- Quinine
- Artemisinin
- Mefloquine
- Atovaquone

TISSUE SCHIZONTICIDES

(Radical curatives- for vivax & ovale)

• Primaquine

PROPHYLACTIC DRUGS

- Pyrimethamine
- Proguanil
- Primaquine
- Mefloquine
- Doxycycline
- Chloroquine

GAMETOCIDAL DRUGS

- For vivax and ovale
- Primaquine
- Chloroquine
- Quinine
- For Falciparum
 - Primaquine

<u>MECHANISM OF ACTION</u>

- Being a weak base it concentrates in the highly acidic parasite food vacuole and raises vesicular pH
- Inactivation of haem polymerase prevents polymerization of haemoglobin breakdown product, haem into hemozoin
- Haem accumulates & elicits parasite toxicity
- Failure to inactivate toxic haem into non toxic hemozoin kills parasite
- Damage to biological membranes
- <u>RESISTANCE</u>
 - Mutation in transporter
 - Efflux



Heme (highly toxic for malaria parasite)

Chloroquine Quinine, mefloquine (-)

(+) Heme Polymerase

Hemozoin (Not toxic to plasmodium)

• **PHARMACOKINETICS:**

- Oral, I/M, S/C (Safer when given orally)
- Large Vd ____ Large loading doses are required
- Half life : 3-5 days, excreted in urine

• <u>Dose</u>

• For chloroquine sensitive Falciparum and Malaria give 1g followed by 500mg stat at 6, 24 and 48 hour

CLINICAL USES

- Blood schizontocide against all species of plasmodia
- Moderately effective against gametocytes of vivax, Ovale & Malariae
- NOT ACTIVE against dormant liver stage of vivax and Ovale
- Chemoprophylaxis of malaria 500mg weekly
- Antipyretic properties
- Amoebic liver abscess
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- SLE
- Sarcoidosis

Anti-inflammatory properties because of accumulation in Lysosomes

ADVERSE EFFECTS

- Pruritis, Urticaria, Agranulocytosis
- Rash, Exfoliative dermatitis, alopecia, bleaching of hair
- GIT: N/V, abdominal pain, anorexia
- Corneal deposits, Blurring of vision
- Impaired hearing
- Haemolysis in G6PD-deficient patients

- CNS: Confusion, psychosis, seizures
- CVS: Hypotension, QRS widening, Cardiac arrhythmias

LONG -TERM USE

High dose for rheumatological diseases can result in

- Irreversible ototoxicity
- Irreversible Retinopathy
- Myopathy
- Peripheral neuropathy

- Quinine chief alkaloid of Cinchona bark
- Quinidine dextrorotatory stereoisomer of Quinine. More potent & toxic
- Rapid Oral absorption
- I/V route
- Widely distributed- loading dose
- Quinidine has shorter half life than quinine(decreased protein binding)
- ANTIMALARIAL ACTION & RESISTANCE
- Rapidly acting blood schizontocide (all four species)
- Gametocidal against Vivax & Ovale
- NOT ACTIVE against hepatic stage

• **RESISTANCE**

Un common

OTHER PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS

- Oxytocic action
- Atropine like effects
- Alpha blocking effect
- Insulin releasing action
- Local anesthetic action
- Antipyretic action
- Curare like action- blocking of NMJ

- <u>MOA:</u>
- Exact Mechanism unknown. May be the same as chloroquine.
- <u>CLINICAL USES</u>
- QUINIDINE----Parenteral treatment of drug resistant and severe falciparum malaria, cerebral malaria
- Oral treatment of uncomplicated falciparum
- Used with a second drug like doxycycline or clindamycin to shorten duration of use
- Babesiosis (Quinine+ clindamycin)
- Nocturnal leg cramps

ADVERSE EFFECTS

- <u>CINCHONISM</u>
- Hearing disturbances tinnitus, decreased hearing, vertigo
- <u>Visual disturbances</u> blurred vision, disturbed colour perception, photophobia, diplopia, night blindness, mydriasis, blindness
- <u>GI symptoms</u> vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhoea
- <u>Cutaneous</u> flushing, sweating, rash, angioedema
- <u>Cardiac</u> Arrhythmias, Torsades de pointes, QT interval prolongation (I/V quinidine)
- **BLACKWATER FEVER** (massive hemolysis, hemoglobinemia, hemoglobinuria leading to anuria and renal failure)
- Thrombophlebitis (I/V)

ADVERSE EFFECTS



Tinnitus, high tone deafness, headache, nausea, flushing, visual disturbances, hyperthermia

Hypoglycemia

Hypotension

Due to hyperinsulinemia because of stimulatory effect on pancreas

<u>CONTRAINDICATIONS</u>

- Discontinue if signs of
 - Cinchonism
 - Hemolysis
 - hypersensitivity
- Caution in cardiac abnormalities
- Dosage reduction in renal failure
- Not given subcutaneouslyparenteral solutions are highly irritating

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Mefloquine
- Aluminium antacids(Reduce absorption)
- Warfarin & Digoxin(Increase levels)
- Enhance effect of NMJ blockers & antagonize effect of AChE inhibitors
- Clearance enhanced by urinary acidification & rifampicin

ARTEMISININ & DERIVATIVES

- Artemisinin: oral
 - Artesunate oral I/V, I/M & rectal
 - Artemether oral I/M, rectal
 - Dihydroartemisinin oral
- Standard treatment for uncomplicated falciparum malaria
- Blood schizonticides, weak Gametocidal effect

MOA

 Production of free radicals that follow the iron-catalyzed cleavage of the artemisinin endoperoxide bridge in parasite food vacoule OR inhibition of parasite Calcium ATPase

ARTIMISININ BASED COMBINATION THERAPY: (ACT)

- 1. Artemether Lumefantrine (Coartem)
- 2. Dihydroartemisinin Piperaquine
- 3. Artesunate Mefloquine
- 4. Artesunate Amodiaquine
- 5. Artesunate-Sulfadoxine-Pyrimethamine

Artemisinin has short half life which led to relapse after short therapy so long acting drugs were combined with it to protect against artemisinin resistance

ARTEMISININ & DERIVATIVES

- I/M Artemether efficacy is equal to quinine
- I/V Artesunate superior to I/V quinine esp for cerebral malaria due to
 - Faster parasite clearance time
 - Safer and better tolerance
 - Higher safety lower mortality
 - Simpler dosing schedule
- Cannot be used for chemoprophylaxis of malaria
- Effective against chloroquine and quinine resistant strains

Adverse effects:

- NVD, dizziness
- Rarely: neutropenia, anemia, hemolysis, allergic reactions
- Neurotoxicity and QT prolongation

Use in pregnancy

WHO recommends

- Quinine Plus Clindamycin in first trimester
- ACT for uncomplicated falciparum malaria during second and third trimesters of pregnancy
- I/V Artesunate for treatment of severe malaria(all stages of pregnancy)
- <u>**RESISTANCE</u>**: Not developed yet</u>

AMODIAQUINE

- Closely related to chloroquine
 - Widely used
 - low cost
 - Effective against chloroquine resistant strains of falciparum

ADR:

- Agranulocytosis, aplastic anemia & hepatotoxicity
- serious toxicity is rare

• **COMBINATIONS**:

• Amodiaquine + Artesunate for

falciparum malaria resistant

Amodiaquine + sulfadoxine pyrimethamine if artemisinin
 containing therapies are unavailable)

MEFLOQUINE

- Mechanism unknown but appears to damage parasite's membrane
- Oral administration Only
- Long half life, gets concentrated in liver and lungs

ANTIMALARIAL ACTION

- Blood Schizontocide (P. falciparum, & P. vivax)
- NOT ACTIVE against hepatic stage or gametocytes
- Effective for prophylaxis and treatment of Chloroquine resistant strains of P. Falciparum & others
- Artesunate + Mefloquine: For treatment of uncomplicated malaria

MEFLOQUINE

ADVERSE EFFECTS

- Nausea, vomiting, epigastric pain, dizziness, headache, sleep
 & behavioural disturbances, rash.
- Neuropsychiatric toxicities like psychosis & seizures (reserved for infections where other agents cannot be used)
- Higher doses: leucocytosis, thrombocytopenia & LFT elevation
- Can alter cardiac conduction arrhythmias
- <u>CONTRAINDICATION</u>: in epilepsy, psychiatric disorders, cardiac conduction defects
- Should not be co-administered with quinine, quinidine

PRIMAQUINE

- Drug of choice for eradication of dormant liver forms of P vivax & P ovale
- Used for chemoprophylaxis of all species
- Well absorbed orally
- Widely distributed to tissues
- ANTIMALARIAL ACTION
- Act on exo-erythrocytic stages of plasmodia
- Active against hepatic stage of all species
- **ONLY AGENT** active against dormant **<u>HYPNOZOITE</u>** stage of Vivax & Ovale
- GAMETOCIDAL against all four species
- Weakly active against erythrocytic stage. Given in combination with chloroquine and mefloquine
- Mechanism unknown (maybe free radical generation & interfering with parasite's mitochondrial electron transport)



PRIMAQUINE

• <u>USES</u> :

- Drug of choice for eradication of dormant liver forms of P vivax & P ovale
- Radical Cure of Acute Vivax & Ovale malaria
- Chemoprophylaxis of all species: Initiated shortly before or immediately after a person leaves an endemic area
- Gametocidal: single dose can render P falciparum gametocytes non-infective to mosquitoes
- Pneumocystosis (Primaquine+Clindamycin)

- ADVERSE EFFECTS & CONTRAINDICATIONS
- Mild abdominal discomfort
- Mild anaemia, cyanosis, leucocytosis
- Haemolysis (G6PD deficiency)
- Methemoglobinemia
- Marked hypotension (Never given I/V)
- Arrhythmias, agranulocytosis
- Avoided in pregnancy & lactating mother(foetus is G6PD deficient)

ATOVAQUONE-PROGUANIL

- In combination are used for chemoprophylaxis and treatment of chloroquine resistant P. Falciparum
- Proguanil (100mg)
- Antimalarial action due to metabolite-cycloguanil
- Inhibit plasmodial dihydrofolate reductase- thymidylate synthetaseinhibiting DNA synthesis as well as depletion of folate cofactors
- Atovaquone- (250mg)
- inhibits mitochondrial processes like electron transport, ATP and pyrimidine synthesis

Pharmacokinetics

- Given orally
- Metabolized by CYP2C9- genetic polymorphism resulting in poor metabolism in some patients
- Combination should be taken with milk or food to enhance absorption
- Shorter period of treatment (21 days) than mefloquine and doxycycline but is more expensive

ANTIFOLATE DRUGS

- Pyrimethamine
- Sulfadoxine
- Proguanil
- Dapsone



PYRIMETHAMINE

- Pyrimethamine is related to trimethoprim
- Slow acting blood schizonticide
- Selectively inhibit plasmodial dihydrofolate reductase
- Adequately absorbed given orally
- Given once weekly
- Pyrimethamine + Sulfadoxine (FANSIDAR)
- Sulfonamides are weakly active so not used alone
- Resistance & toxicity
- <u>USES</u>
- Chemoprophylaxis
- Chloroquine Resistant Falciparum Malaria
- Used in combination only

PYRIMETHAMINE

Adverse Effects & Contraindications

- Well tolerated
- Severe cutaneous reactions Fansidar
- Agranulocytosis with maloprim (pyrimethamine + dapsone)
- Caution in hepatic & renal disease

HALOFANTRINE & LUMEFANTRINE

• HALOFANTRINE

- Effective against erythrocytic stages of all four species
- Cardiac toxicity
- LUMEFANTRINE
- Available only with Artemether (COARTEM) Uncomplicated F. Malaria

ANTIBIOTICS

• TETRACYCLINE

• DOXYCYCLINE

- Active against erythrocytic schizonts
- Not used alone slower action
- Used in combination with quinine allowing shorter and better tolerated course of quinine
- Chemoprophylaxis

CLINDAMYCIN

- Slowly acting against erythrocytic schizonts
- After treatment course when doxycycline cannot be given
- AZITHROMYCIN
- Under study as an alternative chemoprophylactic drug

Spiral integration – Community medicine

Drug resistant malaria

- Definition:
 - Ability of the parasite species to survive and/or multiply despite the administration and absorption of a drug given in doses equal to or higher than those usually recommended
- MDR Malaria:
 - Resistance to 3 or more antimalarials of different chemical classes of which two are 4-aminoquinolines and diaminopyridine

Treatment of drug-resistant malaria-new policy

- This strategy is based on use of combination therapy based on artemisinin derivatives offers hope to preserving the efficacy of antimalaria drugs and prolonging their useful therapeutic.
- 1. Artemether+Sulfadoxine/pyrimethamine (1st line)
- 2. Artesunate +lumefantrine(2nd line)
- Quinine (3rd line as well a the drug of choice for treatment of severe malaria)



The Four Key Principles of Bioethics



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