



# PHARMACOLOGY — II

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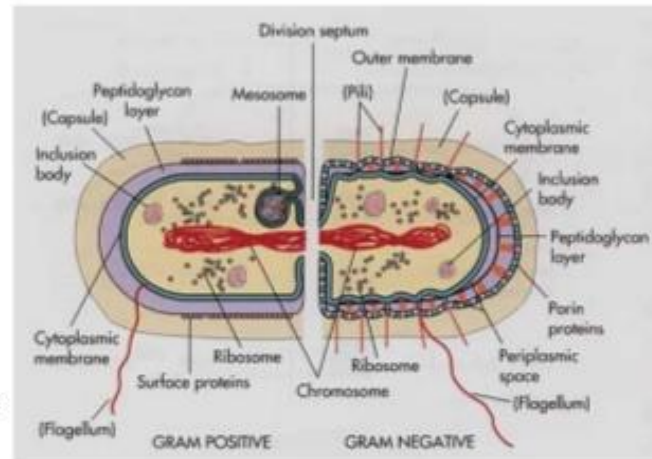
# INTRODUCTION TO BACTERIA !

## Bacterial Classification Based on Staining Methods

Bacteria are grouped as 'Gram positive' and 'Gram negative' bacteria, based on the results of Gram staining method, wherein an agent is used to bind to the cell wall of the bacteria.

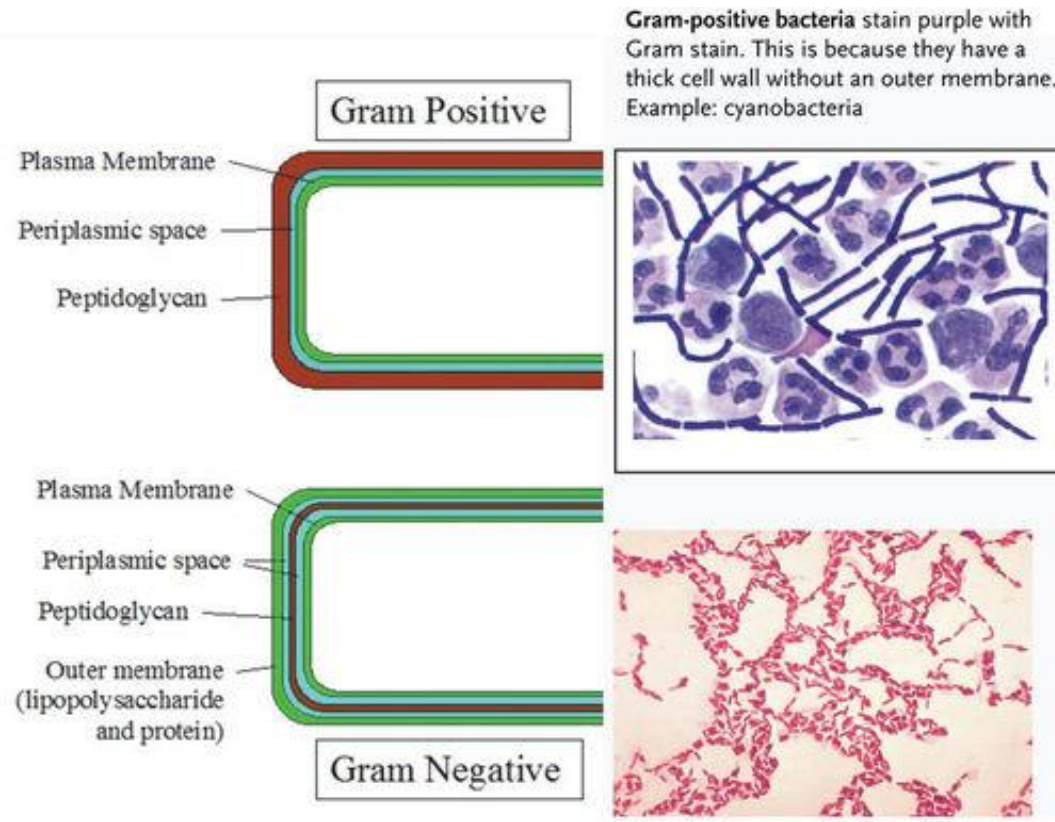
Gram positive bacteria - take up crystal violet dye and retain their blue or violet color.

Gram negative bacteria - do not take up crystal violet dye, and thus appear red or pink.





# INTRODUCTION TO BACTERIA !

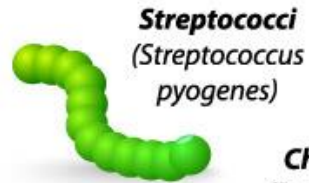




# THEY COME IN DIFFERENT SHAPES

## BACTERIA SHAPES

### SPHERES (COCCI)



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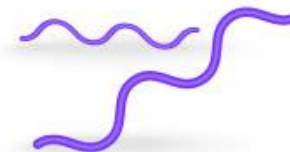
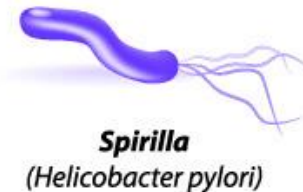
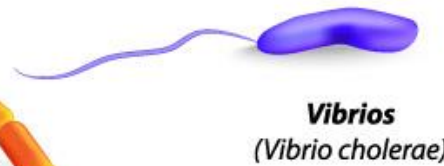


**Sarcina**  
(*Sarcina ventriculi*)

### RODS (BACILLI)



### SPIRALS





# ANTIMICROBIAL SITES OF ACTION

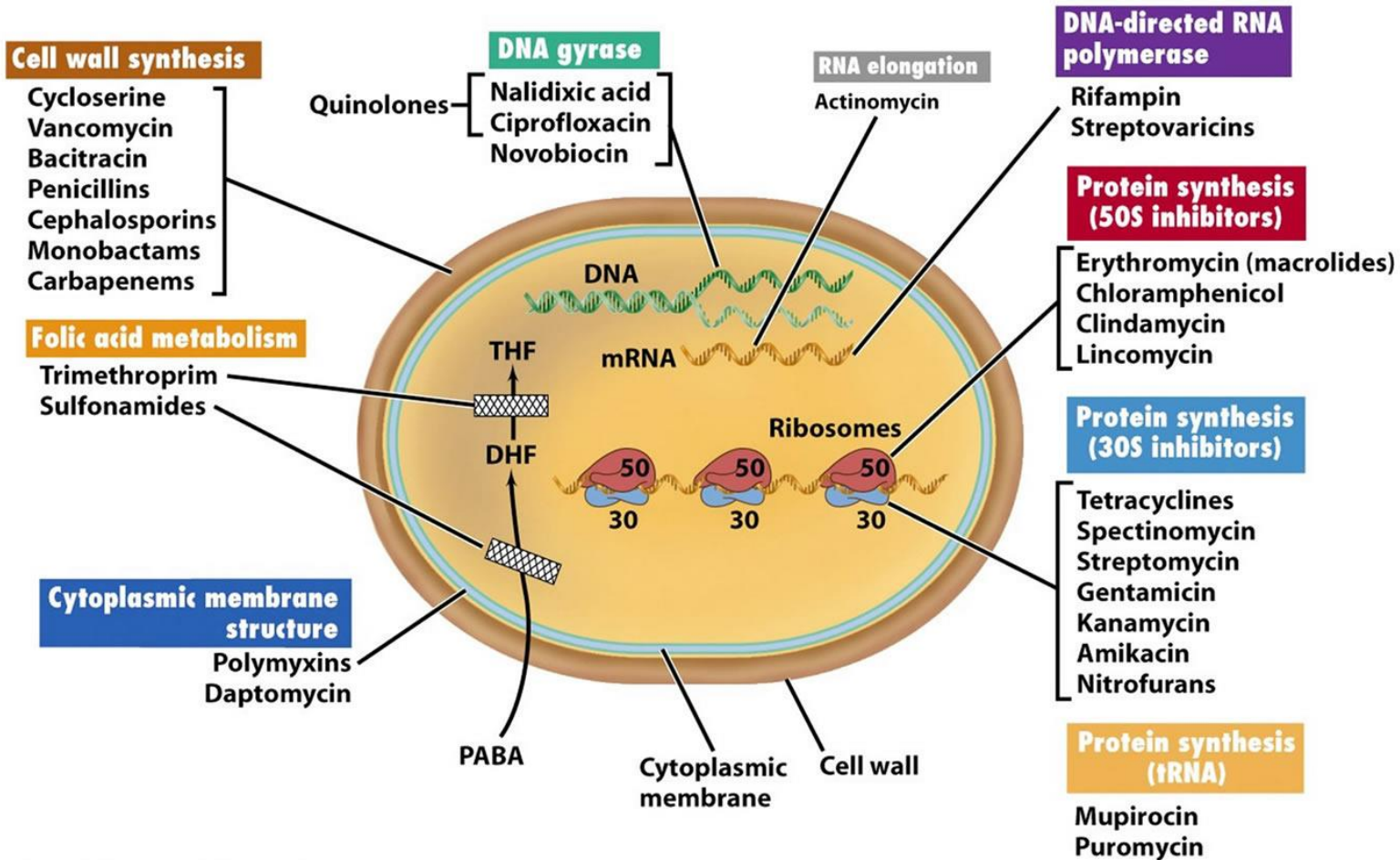
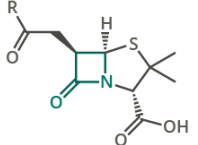
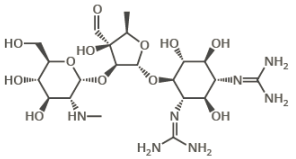
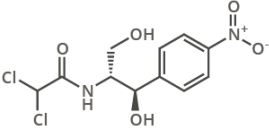
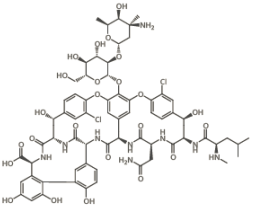
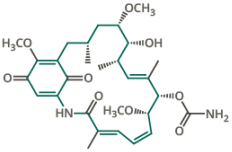
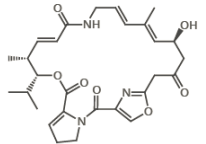


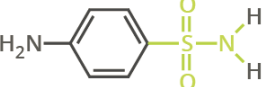
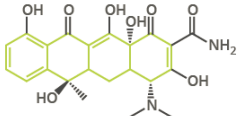
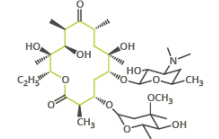
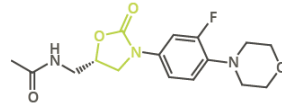
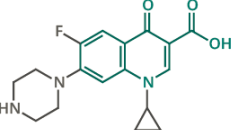
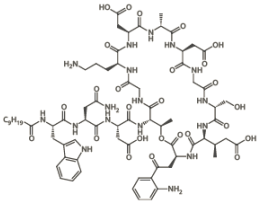
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# DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ANTIBIOTICS - AN OVERVIEW

**Key:** ● COMMONLY ACT AS BACTERIOSTATIC AGENTS, RESTRICTING GROWTH & REPRODUCTION ● COMMONLY ACT AS BACTERICIDAL AGENTS, CAUSING BACTERIAL CELL DEATH

<b>β-LACTAMS</b>	<b>AMINOGLYCOSIDES</b>	<b>CHLORAMPHENICOL</b>	<b>GLYCOPEPTIDES</b>	<b>ANSAMYCINS</b>	<b>STREPTOGRAMINS</b>
<p>MOST WIDELY USED ANTIBIOTICS IN THE NHS</p>  <p>All contain a beta-lactam ring</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Penicillins (shown) such as amoxicillin and flucloxacillin; Cephalosporins such as cefalexin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit bacteria cell wall biosynthesis.</p>	<p>FAMILY OF OVER 20 ANTIBIOTICS</p>  <p>All contain aminosugar substructures</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Streptomycin (shown), neomycin, kanamycin, paromomycin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit the synthesis of proteins by bacteria, leading to cell death.</p>	<p>COMMONLY USED IN LOW INCOME COUNTRIES</p>  <p>Distinct individual compound</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit synthesis of proteins, preventing growth.</p> <p>No longer a first line drug in any developed nation due to increased resistance and worries about safety.</p>	<p>COMMON 'DRUGS OF LAST RESORT'</p>  <p>Consist of carbohydrate linked to a peptide formed of amino acids</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Vancomycin (shown), teicoplanin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit bacteria cell wall biosynthesis.</p>	<p>CAN ALSO DEMONSTRATE ANTIVIRAL ACTIVITY</p>  <p>All contain an aromatic ring bridged by an aliphatic chain.</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Geldanamycin (shown), rifamycin, naphthomycin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit the synthesis of RNA by bacteria, leading to cell death.</p>	<p>TWO GROUPS OF ANTIBIOTICS THAT ACT SYNERGISTICALLY</p>  <p>Combination of two structurally differing compounds, from groups denoted A &amp; B</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Pristinamycin IIA (shown), Pristinamycin IA.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit the synthesis of proteins by bacteria, leading to cell death.</p>

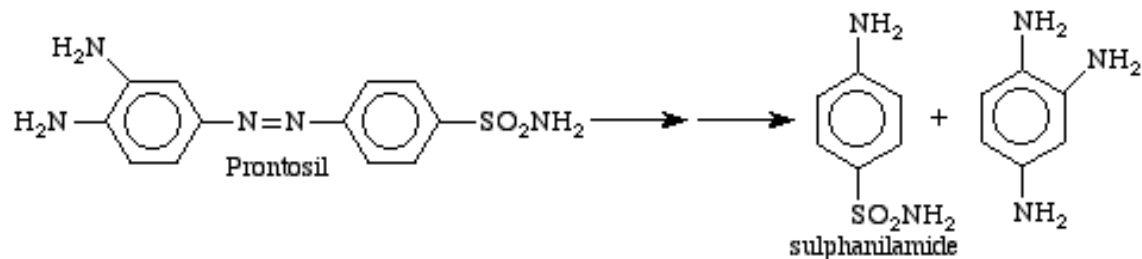


<b>SULFONAMIDES</b>	<b>TETRACYCLINES</b>	<b>MACROLIDES</b>	<b>OXAZOLIDINONES</b>	<b>QUINOLONES</b>	<b>LIPOPEPTIDES</b>
<p>FIRST COMMERCIAL ANTIBIOTICS WERE SULFONAMIDES</p>  <p>All contain the sulfonamide group</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Prontosil, sulfanilamide (shown), sulfadiazine, sulfisoxazole.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Do not kill bacteria but prevent their growth and multiplication. Cause allergic reactions in some patients.</p>	<p>BECOMING LESS POPULAR DUE TO DEVELOPMENT OF RESISTANCE</p>  <p>All contain 4 adjacent cyclic hydrocarbon rings</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Tetracycline (shown), doxycycline, limecycline, oxytetracycline.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit synthesis of proteins by bacteria, preventing growth.</p>	<p>SECOND MOST PRESCRIBED ANTIBIOTICS IN THE NHS</p>  <p>All contain a 14-, 15-, or 16-membered macrolide ring</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Erythromycin (shown), clarithromycin, azithromycin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit protein synthesis by bacteria, occasionally leading to cell death.</p>	<p>POTENT ANTIBIOTICS COMMONLY USED AS 'DRUGS OF LAST RESORT'</p>  <p>All contain 2-oxazolidone somewhere in their structure</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Linezolid (shown), posizolid, tedizolid, cycloserine.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Inhibit synthesis of proteins by bacteria, preventing growth.</p>	<p>RESISTANCE EVOLVES RAPIDLY</p>  <p>All contain fused aromatic rings with a carboxylic acid group attached</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Ciprofloxacin (shown), levofloxacin, trovafloxacin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Interfere with bacteria DNA replication and transcription.</p>	<p>INSTANCES OF RESISTANCE RARE</p>  <p>All contain a lipid bonded to a peptide</p> <p><b>EXAMPLES</b> Daptomycin (shown), surfactin.</p> <p><b>MODE OF ACTION</b> Disrupt multiple cell membrane functions, leading to cell death.</p>



# SULPHONAMIDES

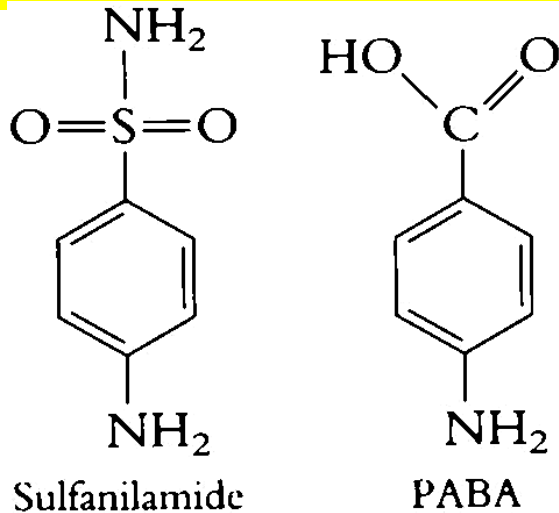
- ❖ 1930, Physician/researcher Domagk showed that a drug could affect bacterial infection
- ❖ Drug was “Prontosil” by Bayer a dye, inactive pro-drug that gets converted to active Sulfanilamide
- ❖ The drug showed action against Streptococci & other infections
- ❖ Class of drug contain :  $\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2$  ; Sulfonamido group



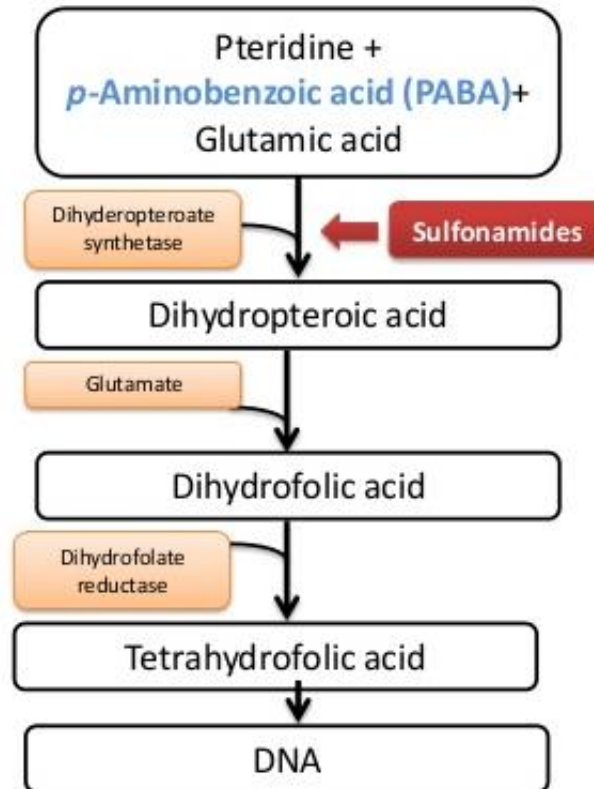


# SULPHONAMIDES; MOA

Sulfonamides have structural similarity with PABA, compete & substitute PABA



Ineffective in presence of pus & tissue breakdown with large amounts of PABA



- Inhibition of Folic Acid synthetase leads to Folic Acid deficiency
- Injury to bacterial cell,
- Injured cell easily phagocytosed





# CLASSIFICATION (THERAPEUTIC UTILITY)

## Classification

Used for treatment of systemic infections

Short acting

Sulfadiazine  
Sulfamethazine  
Sulfacetamide  
Sulfisoxazole  
Sulfamethizole

Biological Half life's of  
~ 7 hrs

Intermediate acting

Sulfamethoxazole  
Sulfamoxazole

11-12 hrs

Long acting

Sulfadoxine  
Sulfametho-  
pyrazine  
Sufadimethoxine  
Sulformethoxine

Biological Half life's of  
~ 35 hrs

Used for treatment of ulcerative colitis

Sulfasalazine

Used topically

Mafenide, silver sulfadiazine, sulfacetamide



# SULPHONAMIDES

- ❖ Pharmacological Actions:
- ❖ Effective against wide variety Gram + / Gram -
- ❖ Streptococci, Staphylococci, Gonococci, Pneumococci
- ❖ H. Influenzae, Vibrio comma
- ❖ Mainly *Bacteriostatic* but can be *Bactericidal* in high conc in UTI
- ❖ Clinical potency, efficacy less compared to other antibiotics
- ❖ For ex MIC for Sulphonamides is 1: 10,000 compared to 1: 50 million Penicillin

❖ **UTI : Urinary Tract infections; MIC: Minimum Inhibitory Conc**



# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ ADME:

- ❖ Classified in **3 groups**: oral, oral non-absorbable, non-absorbable topical
- ❖ Oral absorbable category: Rapid absorption from Intestine, peak levels 2- 4 hrs
- ❖ short , medium, or long acting based in half lives (7 – 35 hrs range)
- ❖ Generally ~ Min 50 % protein bound; Higher protein binding, slower excretion
- ❖ Sulfadiazine is less bound, can penetrate brain (Higher CSF Levels) used for treatment of Brain infections (Meningococcal meningitis)



# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ ADME:

- ❖ Liver is main site of elimination
- ❖ Acetylation (Phase I reaction) Major elimination reaction
- ❖ Individuals vary in acetylation capacities (Rapid, Slow Acetylators)
- ❖ Acetylated form inactive, Toxic to body
- ❖ Sulfonamides & acetylated metabolites eliminated in urine (High conc in Urine)
- ❖ Excretion rate of long acting drugs is low



# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ Therapeutic Uses:

- ✓ Low cost drugs, Broad spectrum
- ❖ Single use is rare because of severe **allergic reactions**, development of **bacterial resistance**
- ✓ Used in primary care only when first-line recommended antibiotics have been ineffective or are contraindicated.
- ❖ Routine use: Short acting; Sulfadimidine, Sulfadiazine



# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ Therapeutic Uses:

### 1. UTI (Urinary Tract Infections)

1. Rarely used as single agents
2. Fixed drug combination of trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (800 mg BID)
3. Sulfisoxazole and sulfamethoxazole are used almost exclusive to treat UTI



# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ Therapeutic Uses:

### 1. Meningococcal Meningitis

1. Fixed drug combination of trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole

### 2. IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease)

1. Ulcerative Colitis (Oral, Non-absorbable drugs: Sulfasalazine)
2. Crohns Disease



# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ Adverse Drug Reactions:

### 1. Allergic reactions

- a) Most common skin rash, drug fever
- b) Uncommon is cutaneous photosensitization
- c) Severe skin lesions: Steven Johnson Syndrome (Long acting sulfa drugs)

### 2. GI Symptoms (nausea, vomiting)

- a) Manageable, not as serious as other broad spectrum drugs

### 3. Renal Toxicity

- a) Due to metabolites precipitation
- b) Obstruction, tubular necrosis
- c) Changing the pH of urine can prevent precipitation





# SULPHONAMIDES

## ❖ Adverse Drug Reactions:

### 1. Haemopoietic Toxicity

- a) Thrombocytopenia, granulocytopenia
- b) Drugs tend to oxidise hemoglobin to Methhemoglobin

### 2. Bilirubin Metabolism

### 3. Nervous System Toxicity

- a) CNS disturbances: confusion, depression, ataxia common in children



# SULPHONAMIDES

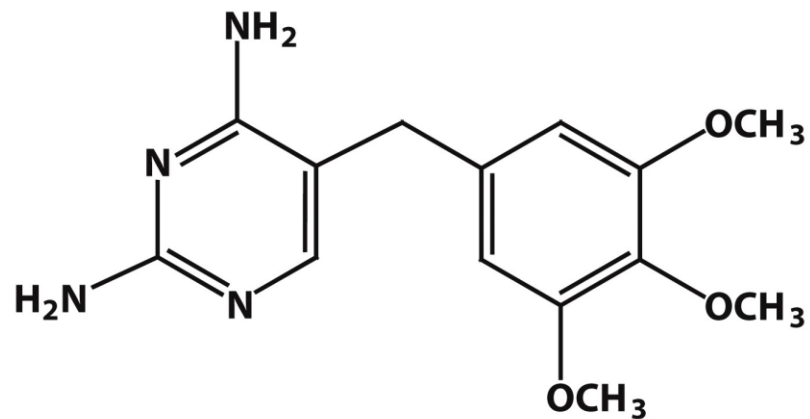
## ❖ Drug Resistance

1. Major issue with Sulfa drugs
2. Staphylococci, Streptococci, Pneumococci, Meningococci can acquire resistance
3. Resistance in Enterobacteria is common
4. Resistance mediated by R-plasmids
5. Resistant strains synthesize enzymes with low affinity for sulfonamides, while others overproduce PABA
6. Widespread resistance has limited clinical use of Sulfonamides

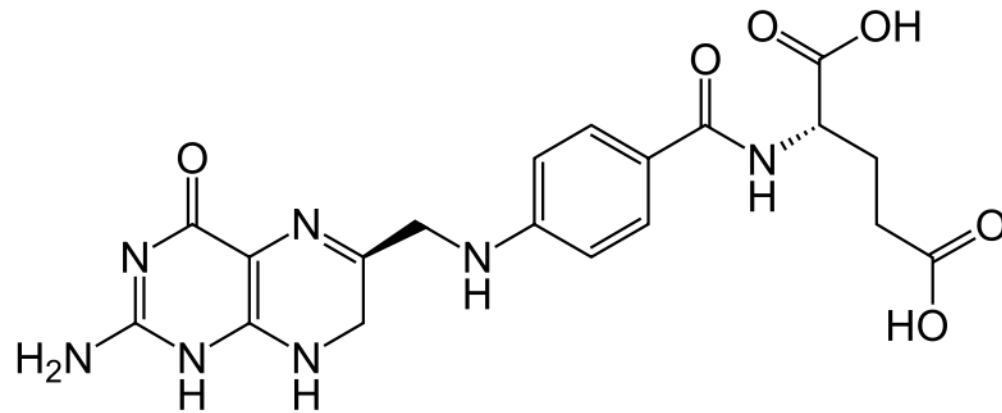


# TRIMETHOPRIM

- ❖ Structurally similar to Folate, Pyrimidine derivative
- ❖ Interferes in Folic Acid Pathway



**Trimethoprim**

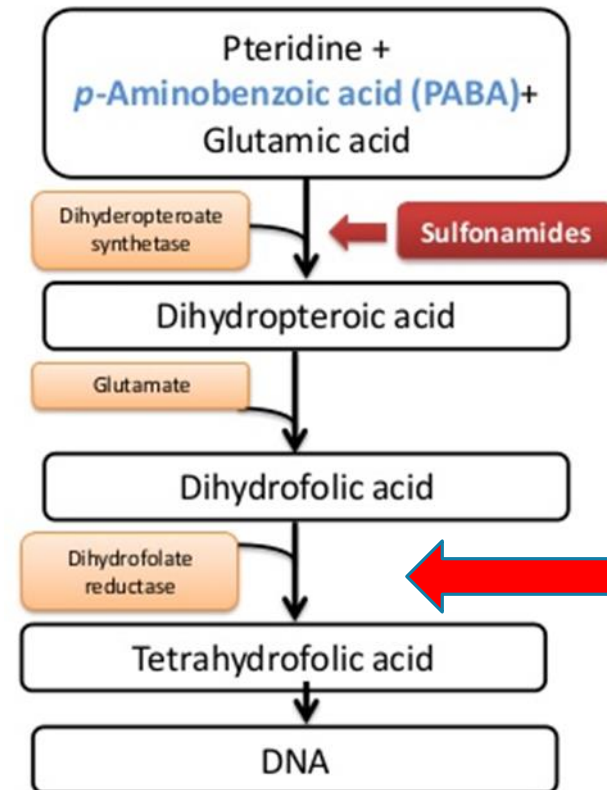


**Dihydrofolic Acid**



# TRIMETHOPRIM

- ❖ Mechanism of Action:
- ❖ Trimethoprim inhibits enzyme Dihydrofolate reductase
- ❖ Bacterial enzyme is MORE sensitive than Human
- ❖ Human can also get Folic Acid from diet, Bacteria CANNOT !

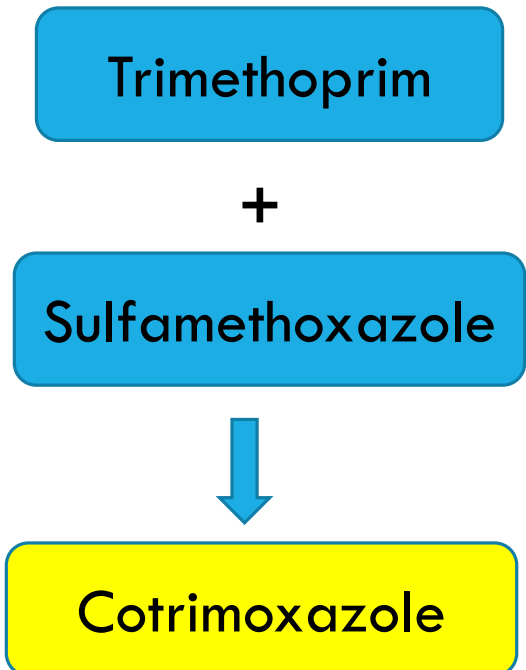


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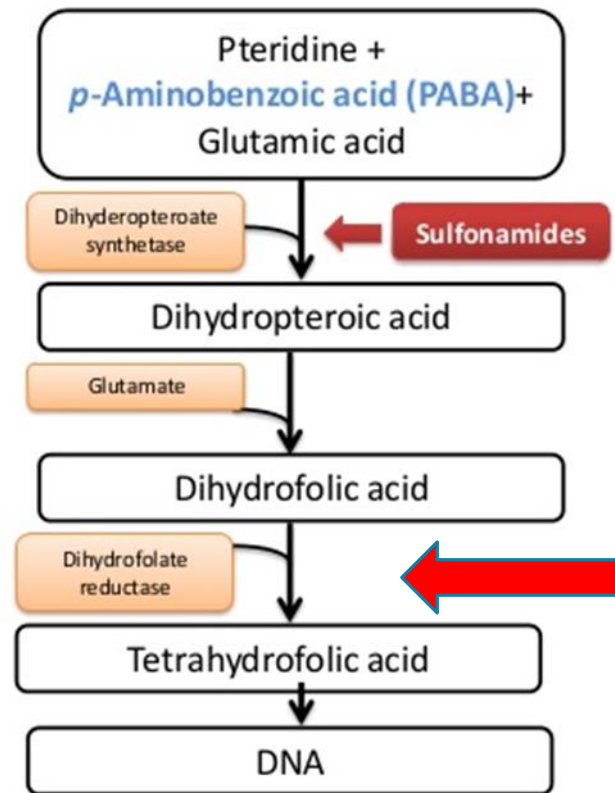


# TRIMETHOPRIM

## ❖ Mechanism of Action:



- *Combines action of both*
- *Trimethoprim is >> sulfa*
- *Combination is bactericidal, resistance not easily developed*



Trimethoprim



# TRIMETHOPRIM

- ❖ **ADME:**
- ❖ Oral administered, Rapid absorption from GI tract
- ❖ Peak levels : 1 - 3 hrs
- ❖ Half life : 16 hrs, Distributed extensively in body (ECF, Bile)
- ❖ Weak base, acidification of Urine increases Urinary Excretion
- ❖ 80 % Dose excreted in Urine



# TRIMETHOPRIM

- ❖ **ADME:**
- ❖ Administered in combination with Sulfamethoxazole
- ❖ 1:5 combination (80:400 mg), less drug used due to good distribution properties



# TRIMETHOPRIM

- ❖ ADVERSE REACTIONS:
- ❖ Combination (Sulfa+Tri) has more GI (Pain, nausea, diarrhea) than drugs alone
- ❖ Trimethoprim may cause megaloblastic anemia in folic acid deficient patient
- ❖ Liver toxicities in AIDS patients
- ❖ Dose reduction needed in kidney damaged pts
- ❖ Avoided in pregnant women due to teratogenic effect of large doses





# TRIMETHOPRIM, THERAPEUTIC USES

- ❖ **Urinary Tract Infections:** Due to E. Coli, S. Aureus, Proteus group
- ❖ **Prostatitis:** Alone & also in combination with Sulfa; Drugs of choice
- ❖ **Respiratory tract infections :** Bronchitis, Sinusitis
- ❖ **Infection by Pneumocystis Jiroveci:** Serious Pneumonia esp amongst immunocompromised patients,
- ❖ Trimethorprim also used as prophylactic in special category of susceptible patients
- ❖