



# **H<sub>1</sub> ANTIHISTAMINES**

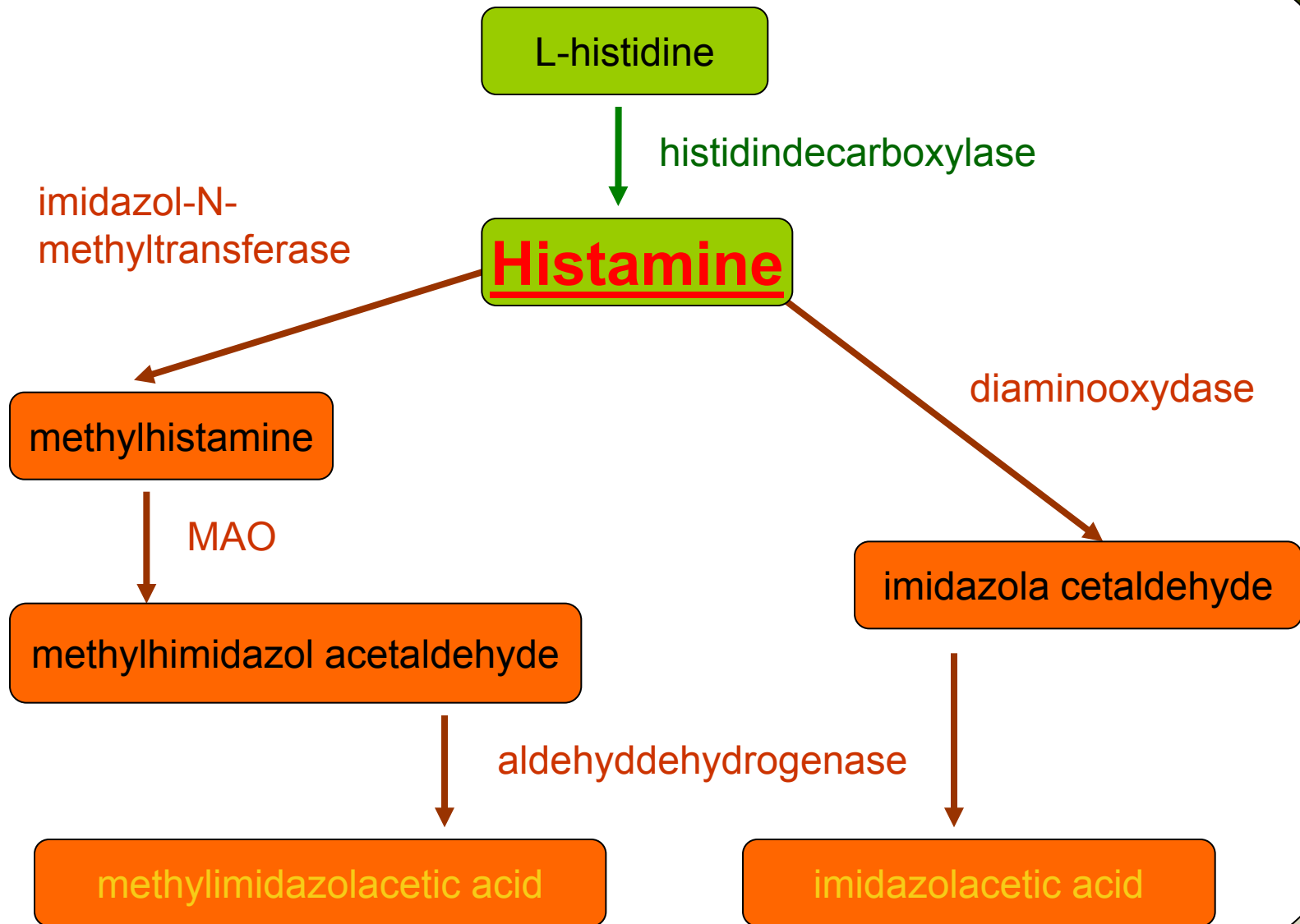
**Histamine, histamin receptors, H<sub>1</sub>  
antihistamines**

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# HISTAMINE

- **biogenic amine, autacoid**
- **in plants and animals as well**
- **human – 3 functions**
  - **allergy mediator**
  - **HCl production**
  - **neurotransmitter**
- **stored in mast cells**
- **impulses for histamin release:**
  1. **antigen + IgE**
  2. **physical influence**
  3. **drugs**

# HISTAMIN- metabolismus



# HISTAMINE - receptors

- subtypes H<sub>1</sub>-H<sub>4</sub>
- G protein coupled
- stimulation = changes in intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration

## H<sub>1</sub>

- endotel, smooth muscles of GIT, uterus and bronchi
- capillary permeability increase, smooth muscles contractions, nervous system – CNS alertnes, PNS sensitive neurons stimulation

## H<sub>2</sub>

- gastric mucosa, imune system, vessels
- HCl secretion, + ino a chronotropic effect
- vasodilation

# HISTAMINE - receptors

## H<sub>3</sub>

- CNS and PNS
- negative feedback of histamine liberation
- sedation, negative chronotropic action, bronchoconstriction

## H<sub>4</sub>

- basophils, bone marrow, thymus, intestine, spleen
- influence on immune system activity
- essential for chemotaxis

# HISTAMINE - effects

## CVS

- **vazodilation - H<sub>1</sub> a H<sub>2</sub> receptors**
- **↓ BP, ↑ capillary permeability**
- **+ chronotroic and inotropic effect H<sub>2</sub> Rc**

## Neurons

- **itching, pain H<sub>1</sub> Rc**

## CNS

- **regulation of vigilance**

## GIT

- **HCl secretion H<sub>2</sub> Rc**
- **smooth muscle contraction H<sub>1</sub> Rc**

# HISTAMINE - effects

## Erection

- H<sub>2</sub> receptors

## Uterus

- contraction

## Skin

- Lewis reaction (triple response)
  - capillary smooth muscle – red colour
  - capillary endothelium - swelling
  - sensory nerves –itching/pain

# HISTAMINE - effects

## Antagonism of histamine effects

### Symptomatic

- vasoconstring. agents, sedatives, antacids, tocolytics atc.

### Causal

- synthesis inhibition - **glucocorticoids**
- release inhibition – **cromoglycate, nedocromil, betablockers, glucocorticoids**
- receptor blockade
  - indirect – **epinephrine**
  - selective **H<sub>1</sub> H<sub>2</sub> antihistamines**



# Antihistamines - allergy

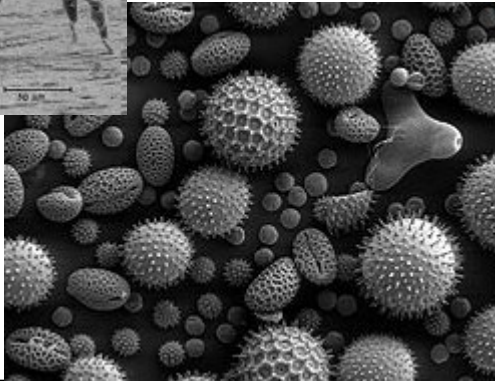
## Alergie

- inappropriate immune system reaction to harmless environmental substances
- frequent illness 10-30%
- increasing incidence
- hereditary

# Antihistamines - allergy

## Allergens

- nonparasitic antigens causes I. type of hypersensitivity
- herbal, animal, synthetic



# Antihistamines - allergy

## Allergic reaction

- acute response – reaction on antigen, histamine release, production of IL 4 and IgE
- late-phase response – with 4 and more hours of onset
  - migration of leukocytes into site of reaction and development of inflammation

# Antihistamines - allergy

## Allergic reaction symptoms

- allergic rhinitis
- allergic conjunctivitis
- allergic skin reaction
- allergic eczema
- allergic asthma
- anaphylactic reakce

# Antihistamines - allergy

## Diagnostic tools

- case history
- intradermal or prick tests
  - set of allergens is tested
  - principle – local allergic reaction is evoked
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5i5ni8E0spc>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-tyrYDgTQw&feature=related>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvUp6eqdG88&feature=related>

# Lewis reaction

- after histamine intradermal injection



# Antihistamines - allergy

## Therapy

- prevention
- Immunotherapy
  - hyposensitisation + sublingual immunotherapy (SIT)
  - Omalizumab – anti IgE
- Pharmacotherapy
  - epinephrine – anaphylactic reaction
  - corticoids
  - H<sub>1</sub> antihistamines

# H<sub>1</sub> Antihistamines

- H<sub>1</sub> receptors competitive antagonists
- high specificity against H<sub>1</sub> subtype
- II. gen. – irreversible bound to R<sub>c</sub>
- all administration routes
- classification into 2 generations

**Indications:** pharmacotherapy of allergic reactions  
adjuvans in therapy of anaphylaxis  
pruritus  
insect bite or sting  
nausea, vomitus  
insomnia  
loc. anaesthesia



# H<sub>1</sub> Antihistamines

## Effects

- smooth muscles – block of bronchoconstriction and decrease of GIT smooth muscle tone
  - vessels - vasodilation block (partially via – H<sub>2</sub> Rc)
    - ↓ capillary permeability
  - nervous system - CNS inhibition - sedation
    - local anaesthetic effect
    - block of sensitive nerves
- irritation

# H<sub>1</sub> Antihistamines

## I. generation

- less selective to H<sub>1</sub>
- cross BBB
- action lasts for 4-6h
- higher incidence of side effects

**AE:** sedation

antimuscarinic (atropine) activity

allergy

paradox stimulation

abdominal discomfort

antiserotonine and antiadrenergic effect

# H<sub>1</sub> Antihistamines

## I. generation

- clemastine (Tavegyl)
  - dimetindene (Fenistil, Vibrocil)
  - promethazine (Coldrex, Prothazin)
  - bisulepine (Dithiaden)
  - cyproheptadine (Peritol)
  - antazoline (Spersallerg, Sanorin-Analergin)
  - diphenhydramine (Psilo-Balsam)
  - ketotifene (Zaditen, Ketotifen)
  - chlorphenamine (Grippostad, Humex, Trigrip)
  - azelastine (Alergodil)
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- embramine (Medrin) • moxastine (Kinedryl)

# H<sub>1</sub> Antihistamines

## II. generation

- higher selectivity against H<sub>1</sub>
- do not cross BBB = sedative activity not present
- lower incidence of adverse effects
- long biol. halftime 12-24h

### Adverse effects:

arythmias (terfenadinue and astemizole)  
sedation after overdosing  
inhibition of P450

# H<sub>1</sub> Antihistamines

## II. generation

- **cetirizine (Analermin, Zyrtec, Zodac)**
- **levocetirizine (Sintir, Xyzal)**
- **loratadine (Claritine, Flonidan, Roletra)**
- **desloratadine (Aerius, Azomyr, Neoclarityn)**
- **fexofenadine (Afexil, Ewofex, Telfast)**
- **rupatadine (Tamalis)**
- **acrivastine**
- **ebastine**
- **terfenadine**
- **mizolastine**