

# Metabolism and drug design

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# ADME - Metabolism

Organisms possess a large set of enzymes able to modify xenobiotics

Original issue is to protect internal environment from toxic agents

Compounds are generally made more hydrophilic to enhance renal or hepatobiliary excretion

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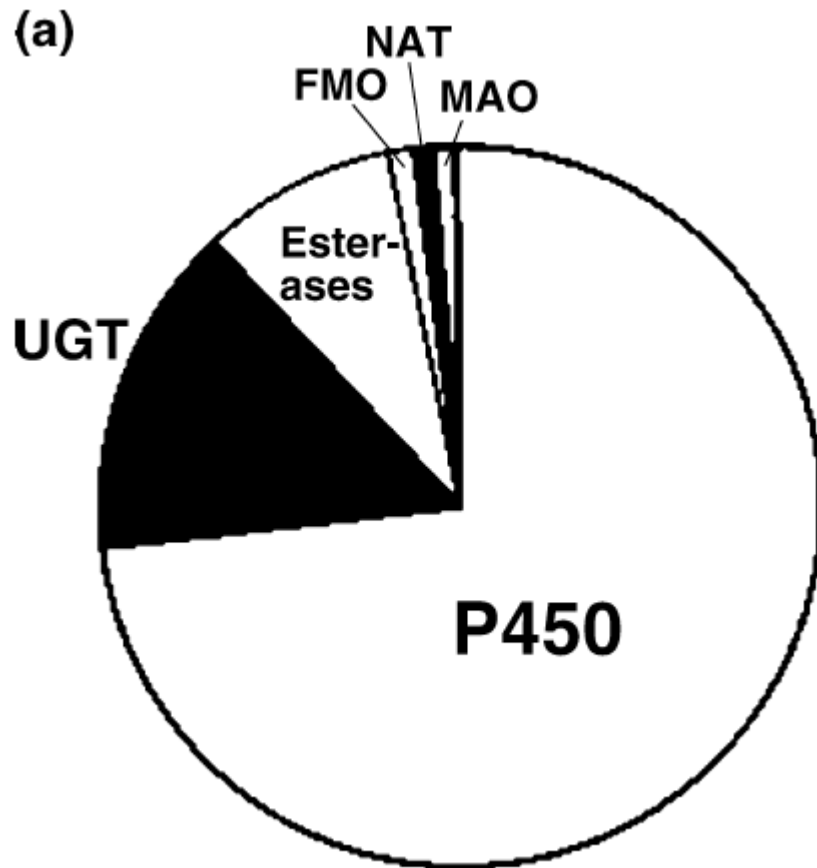
Knowledge of metabolic pathways is crucial

By metabolization, drug can be

- deactivated (most metabolites)
- made more potent (prodrugs)
- converted to reactive form (toxicity)

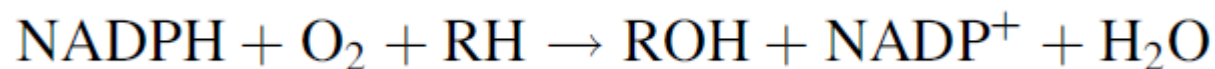
# Enzyme set ready for metabolism

## Fraction of drugs metabolized by various systems



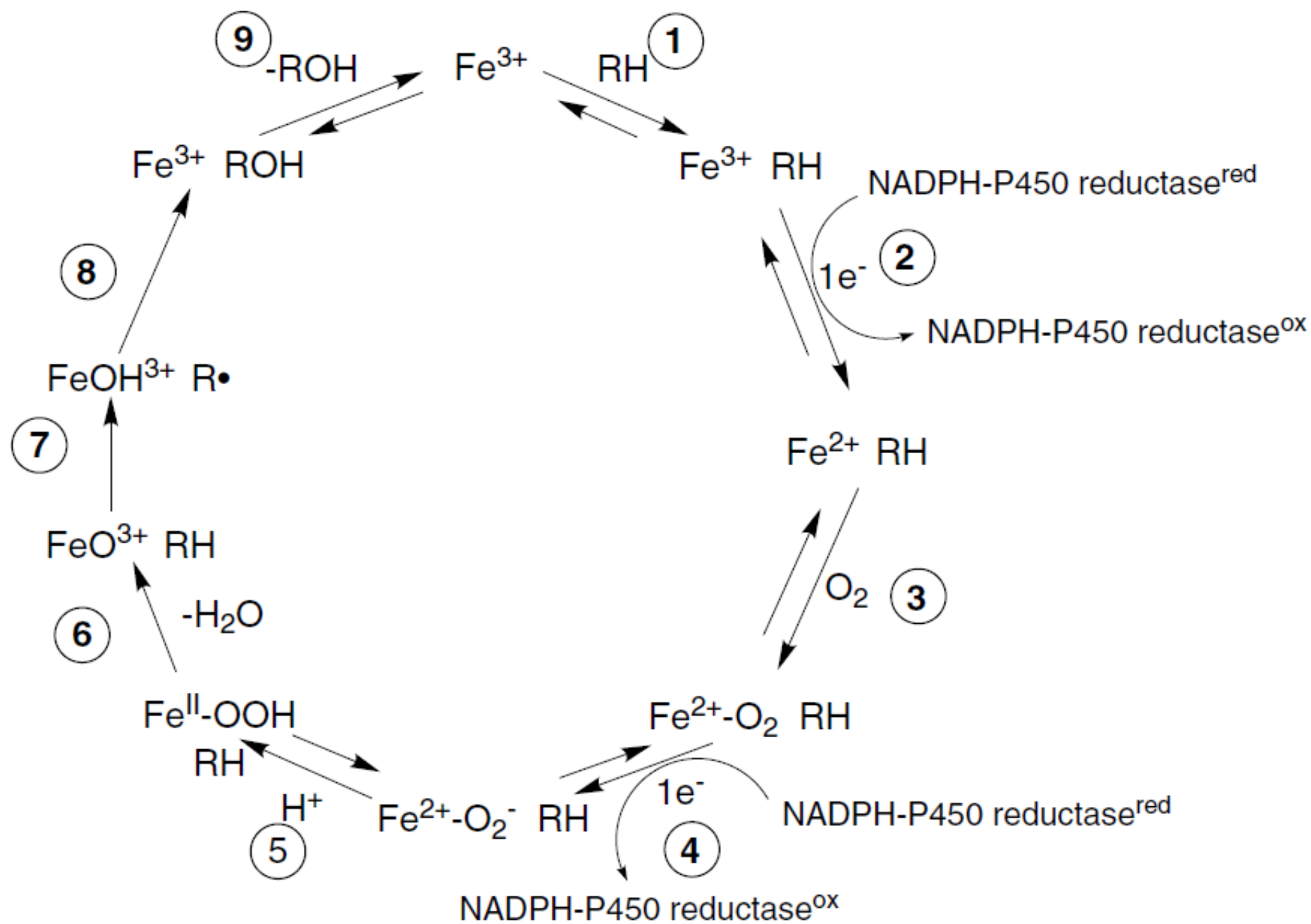
# Oxidation enzymes

## **Cytochrome P450 (CYP, P450)**

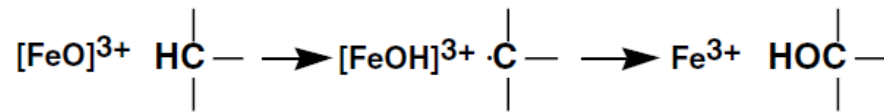


often occurs rearrangements in structure after primary oxidation

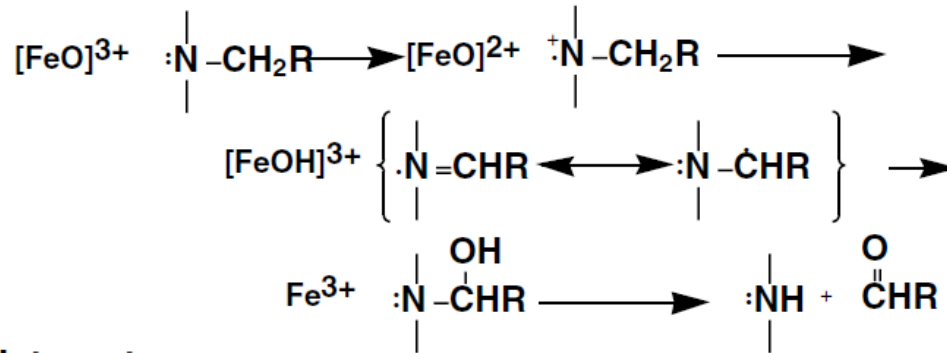
$\text{FeO}^{3+}$  involved in mechanism



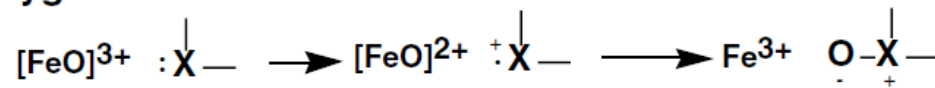
**Carbon hydroxylation:**



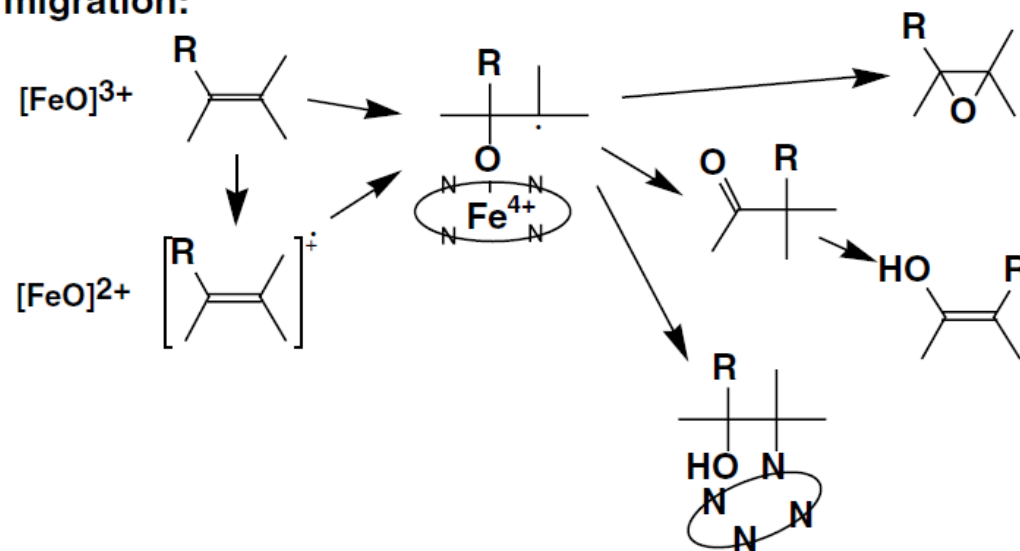
**Heteroatom release:**



**Heteroatom oxygenation:**



**Epoxidation and Group migration:**



# Oxidation enzymes

## Cytochrome P450 (CYP, P450)

human genome has 57 P450 genes

**TABLE 2.1** Classification of human P450s based on major substrate class (Guengerich, 2005; Guengerich et al., 2006).

Sterols	Xenobiotics	Fatty acids	Eicosanoids	Vitamins	Unknown
1B1	1A1	2J2	4F2	2R1	2A7
7A1	1A2	4A11	4F3	24A1	2S1
7B1	2A6	4B1	4F8	26A1	2U1
8B1	2A13	4F12	5A1	26B1	2W1
11A1	2B6		8A1	26C1	3A43
11B1	2C8			27B1	4A22
11B2	2C9				4F11
17A1	2C18				4F22
19A1	2C19				4V2
21A2	2D6				4X1
27A1	2E1				4Z1
39A1	2F1				20A1
46A1	3A4				27C1
51A1	3A5				
	3A7				

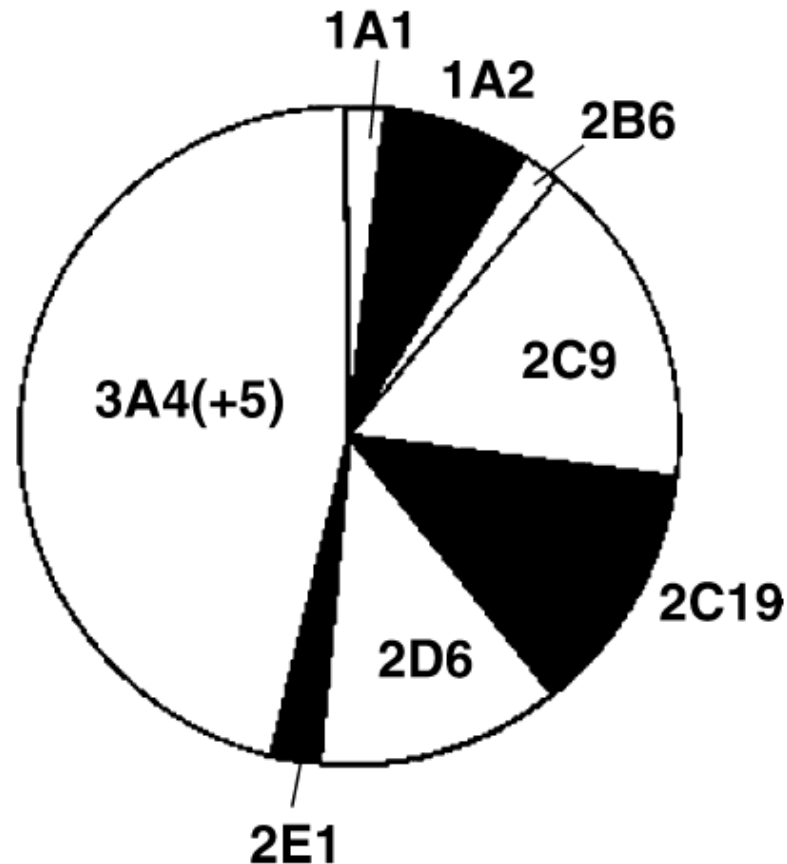


# Oxidation enzymes

## **Cytochrome P450 (CYP, P450)**

only few are of high importance

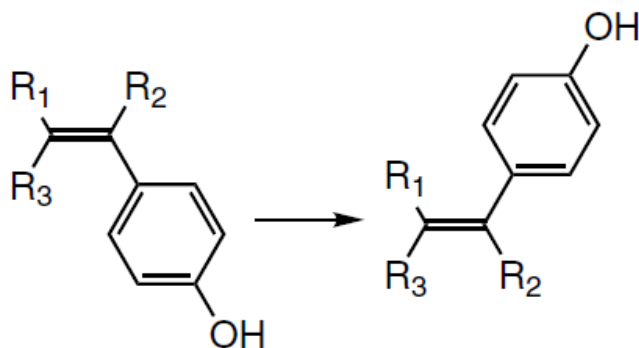
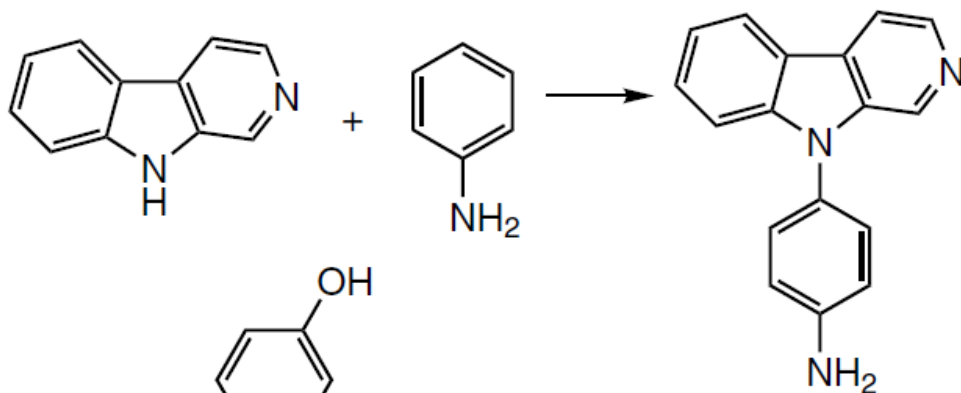
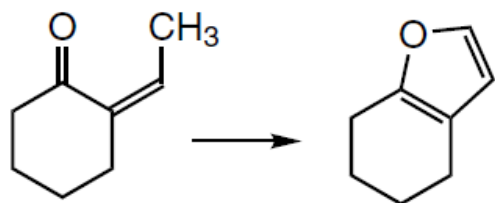
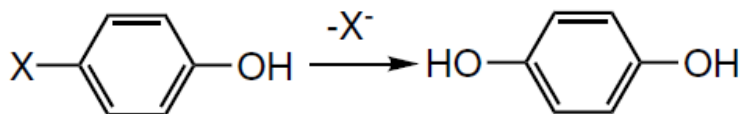
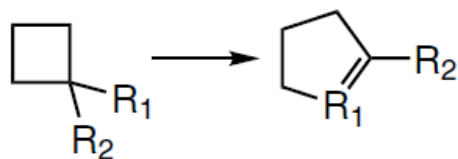
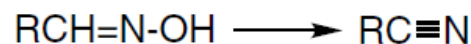
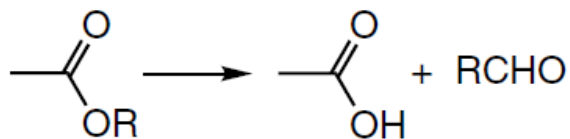
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# Oxidation enzymes

## Cytochrome P450 (CYP, P450)

some uncommon reactions



# Oxidation enzymes

## Cytochrome P450 (CYP, P450)

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Reaction	Product	Typical example
Aromatic hydroxylation	Phenyl to phenol	Phenytoin
Aliphatic hydroxylation	Methyl to carbinol	Ibuprofen
<i>N</i> -dealkylation	Tertiary to secondary amine	Lidocaine
<i>O</i> -dealkylation	Ether to alcohol	Naproxen
<i>S</i> -dealkylation	Thioether to thiol	6-methylthiopurine
<i>N</i> -oxidation	Pyridine to pyridine <i>N</i> -oxide	Voriconazole
<i>S</i> -oxidation	Sulphoxide to sulphone	Omeprazole
Alcohol oxidation	Alcohol to carboxylic acid	Losartan

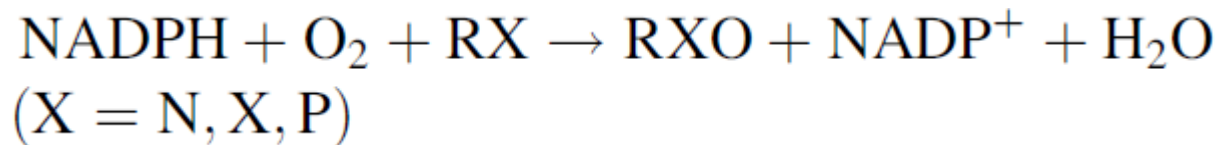
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# Oxidation enzymes

## **Flavin-containing Monooxygenase (FMO)**

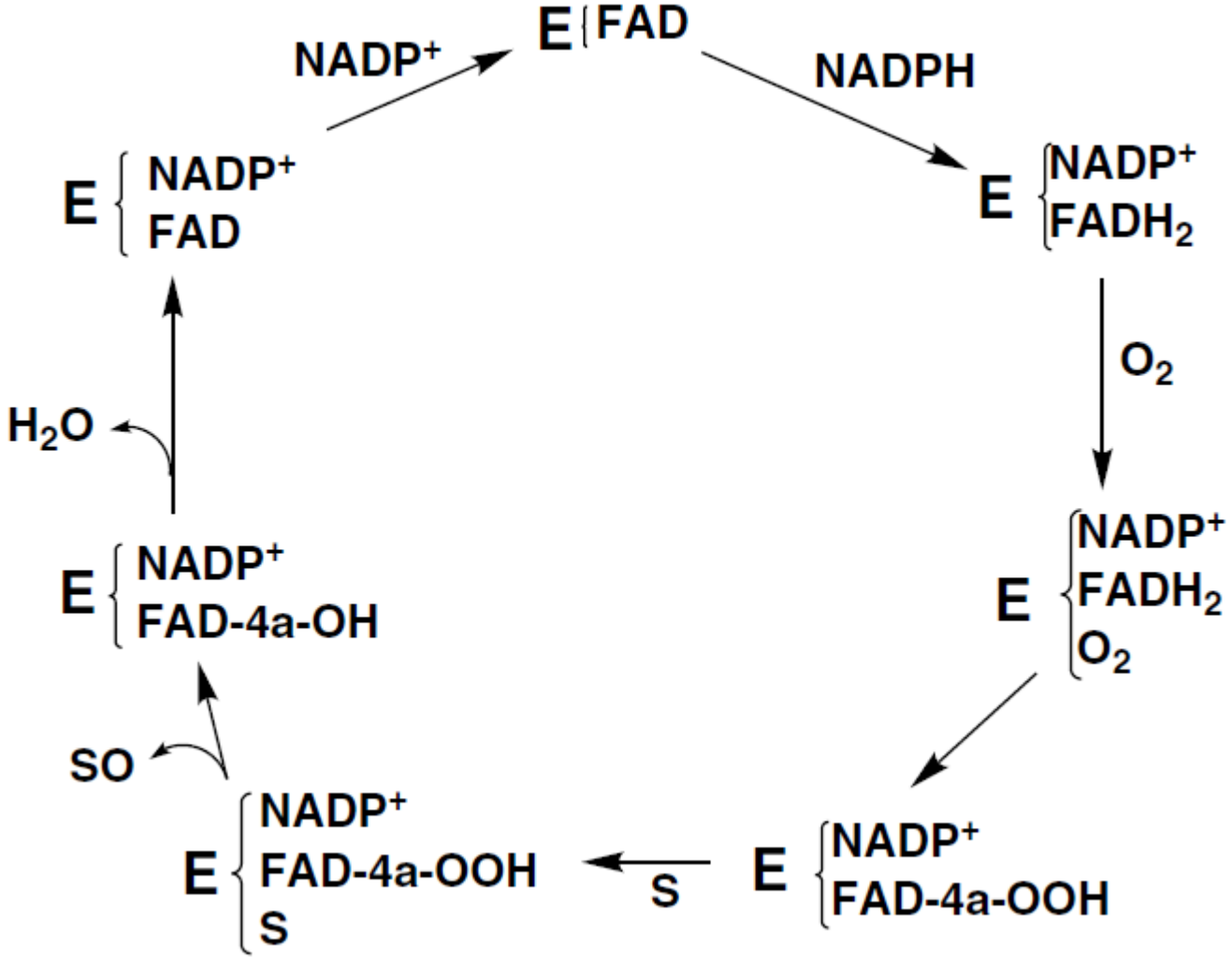
7 forms of FMO, located in endoplasmatic reticulum

distinctly from CYP P450, only soft nucleophiles are substrates (N, S, P in phosphines)



# Oxidation enzymes

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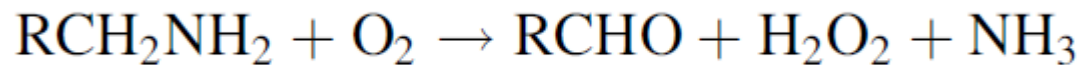
# Oxidation enzymes

## **Monoamine Oxidase (MAO)**

two forms – MAO A and MAO B

present in mitochondrial membrane of hepatocytes and neurons

flavoprotein oxidase protein as FMO, but with different mechanism releasing ammonia and hydrogen peroxide

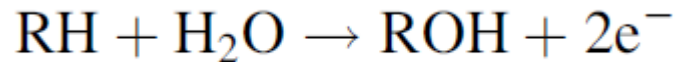


# Oxidation enzymes

## **Aldehyde Oxidase**

## **Xanthine Dehydrogenase**

contains molybdenum and iron in active center  
present in cytosol, mainly in hepatocytes



electron can be transferred to an oxidized pyridine nucleoside or to oxygen forming  $H_2O_2$

substrates are: various aldehydes

heterocycles containing N

(purines are substrate for both enzymes)

# Oxidation enzymes

## **Peroxidases**

similar mechanism with CYP system involving FeO  
generating of radical



radical further undergoes propagation, dimer formation  
or dealkylation

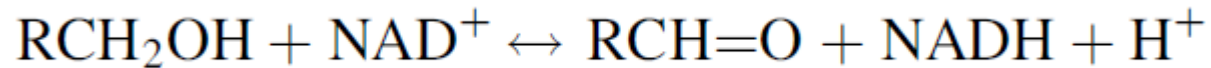


# Oxidation enzymes

## **Alcohol Dehydrogenases (ADH)**

concentrated in liver, specificity for primary and some secondary alcohols

reaction is generally reversible

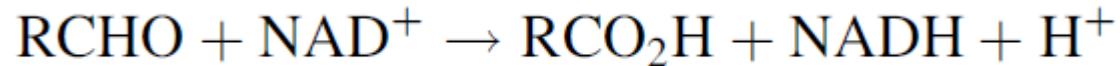


at least 7 different genes for ADHs

Oxidation enzymes

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concentrated in liver, mainly in mitochondria

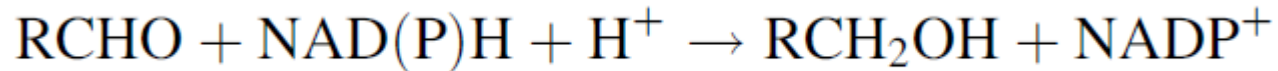


at least 19 genes for ALDHs are known

# Reduction enzymes

## **CYP P450, ADH**

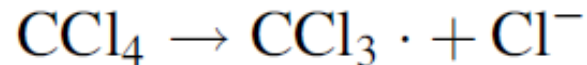
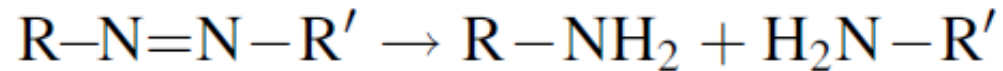
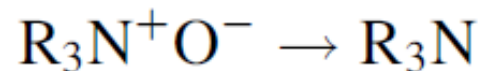
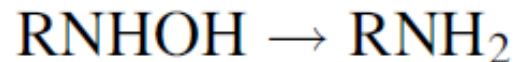
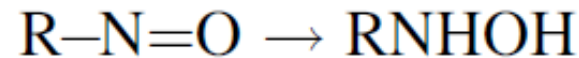
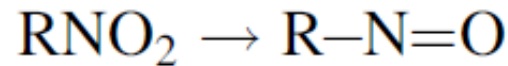
both can catalyze reductions of aldehydes and imines



these reverse reactions occurs in environments with low O<sub>2</sub> tension (e.g. venous section of liver)

# Reduction enzymes

## CYP P450, ADH



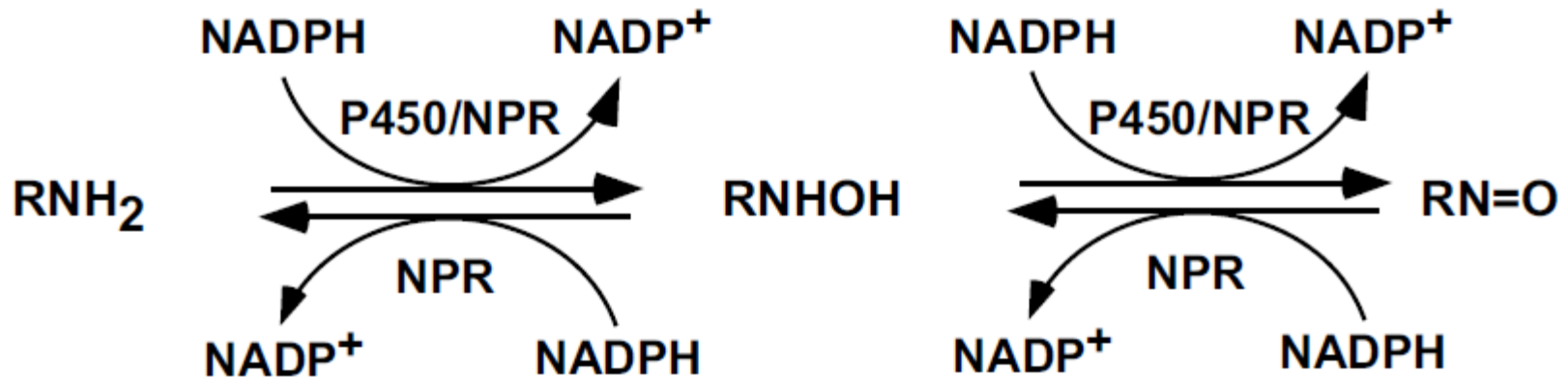
Benzo[*a*]pyrene 4,5-oxide  $\rightarrow$  benzo[*a*]pyrene

Halothane  $\rightarrow$  2-Cl-1,1,1-F<sub>3</sub> ethane + 2-Cl-1,1-F<sub>2</sub> ethylene

# Reduction enzymes

## NADPH-P450 Reductase

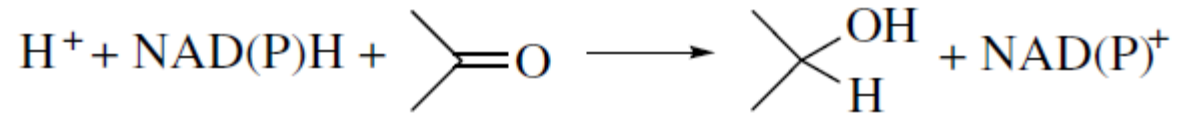
main function is to restore P450 system, but has enzymatic activity to some P450 substrates as well



# Reduction enzymes

## **Aldo-Keto Reductase (AKR)**

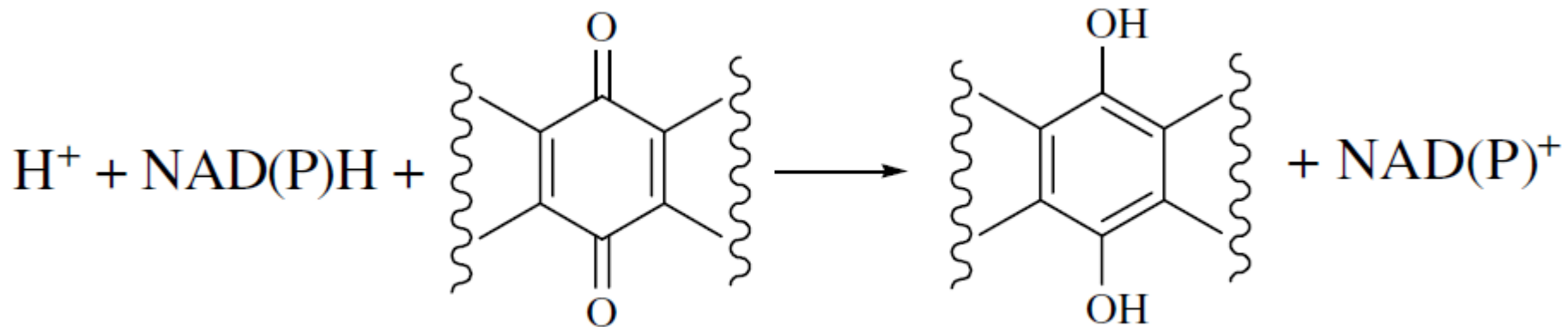
substrates are mainly sugar aldehydes, steroids, prostaglandines



# Reduction enzymes

## Quinone Reductase (NQO)

present in cytosol, substrates are quinones (both ortho- and para-), iminoquinones, nitro- and azo-compounds



# Reduction enzymes

## Glutathione Peroxidase (GPX)

reduces hydroperoxides including  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$   
six different enzymes, most of them contains  
selenocystein in the active site



restored by GSH reductase



overall reaction can be written as

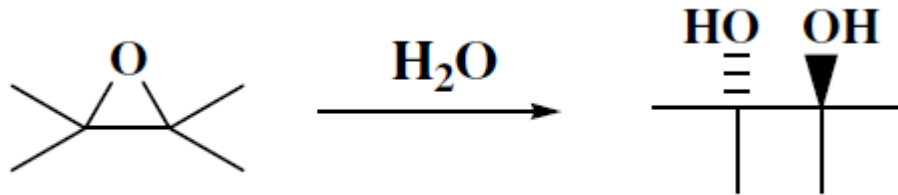




# Hydrolysis enzymes

## **Epoxide Hydrolase (GPX)**

located in microsomes and endoplasmic reticulum  
catalyses simple addition of water to epoxide:



# Hydrolysis enzymes

## **Esterases and Amidases**

heterogenous group of enzymes with similar basic mechanism of action

present in all environments in the organism

most important:

lipases

acetylcholin esterase (ACHE)

butylcholin esterase

# Conjugation enzymes

## **UDP-Glucuronosyl Transferases (UGT)**

conjugation of glucuronic acid to various functional groups:

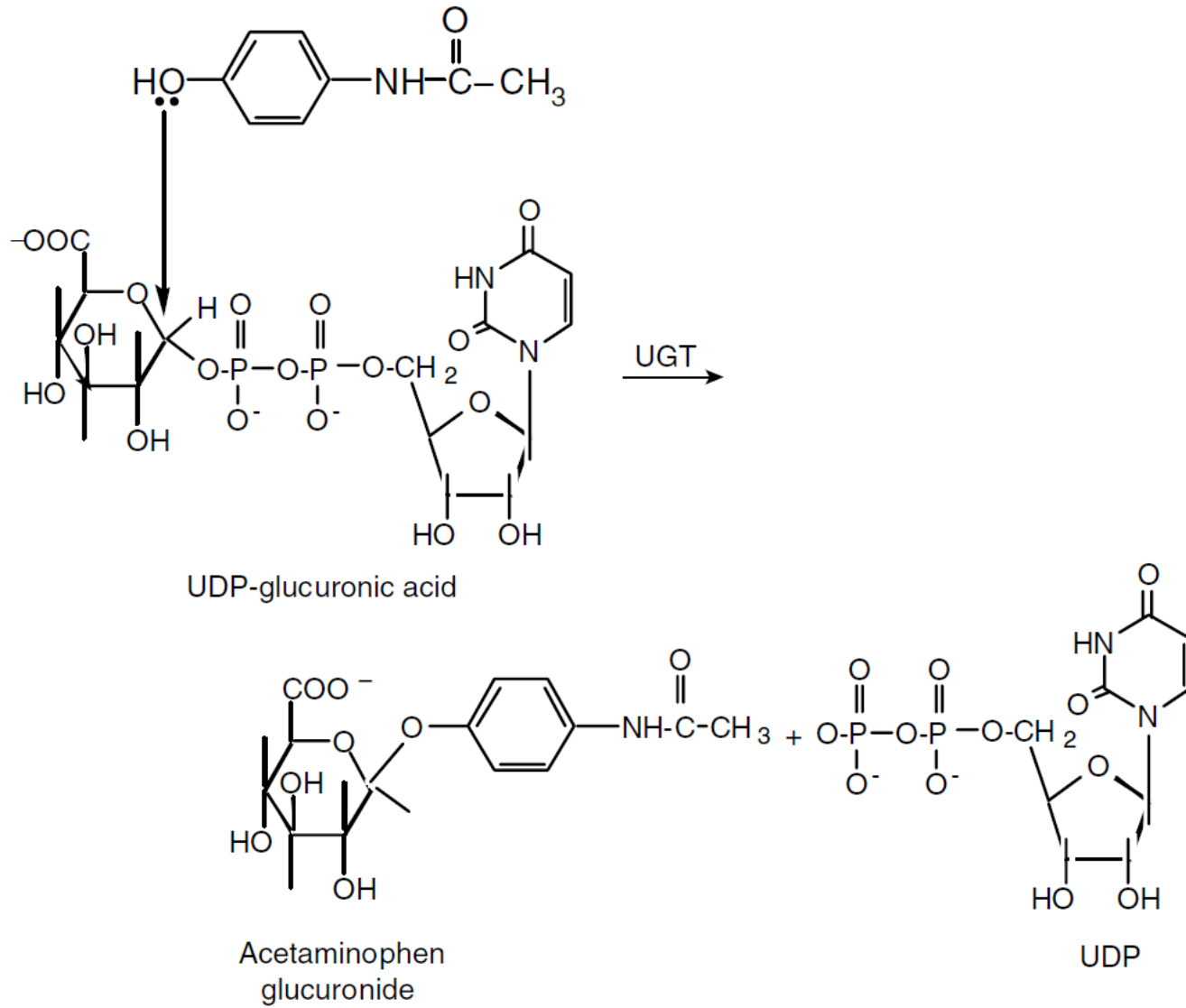
alcohols, phenols, amines, heterocyclic nitrogens, amides thiols, acids

conjugates are:

- more polar
- ionized at physiological pH
- have increased Mr
- are actively excreted by carriers in liver and kidney

# Conjugation enzymes

## UDP-Glucuronosyl Transferases (UGT)



# Conjugation enzymes

## **UDP-Glucuronosyl Transferases (UGT)**

endogenous substrates:

bilirubin, steroids, lipids, leucotrienes, thyroid hormones, vitamins A, D

three major gene families:

- UGT1—various forms catalyze conjugation of planar phenols, bulky phenols, amines, tertiary amines, and bilirubin. (Nine active human forms now cloned are expressed, i.e., 1A1, 1A3–1A10).
- UGT2A—olfactory (nasal) UGTs.
- UGT2B—xenobiotics, steroids and bile acids ( $\geq 4$  human active enzymes, i.e., 2B4, 2B7, 2B10, 2B15, 2B17).

# Conjugation enzymes

## UDP-Glucuronosyl Transferases (UGT)

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Function	Typical example
Aliphatic hydroxyl	Tiaramide
Phenol	Morphine
Aromatic carboxyl	Furosemide
Aromatic tetrazole	Losartan
Aliphatic carboxyl	Benoxaprofen
Imidazole	Tioconazole
Aromatic amine	Dapsone
Tertiary amine	Chlorpromazine
Triazine	Lamotrigine

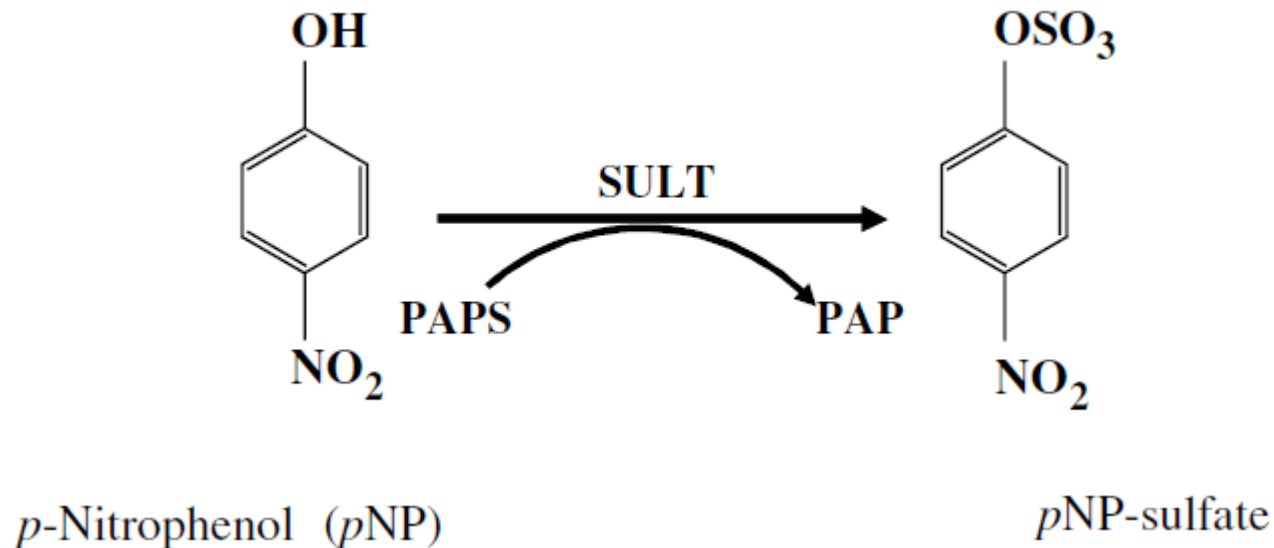
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# Conjugation enzymes

## Cytosolic Sulfotransferases (SULT)

works with cosubstrate PAPS (3-phosphoadenosin-5-phosphosulfate)

both O-sulfates and N-sulfates can be formed

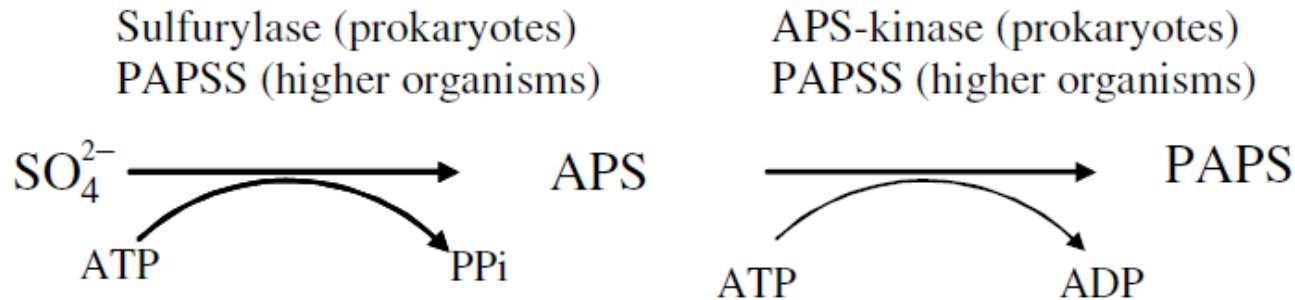


# Conjugation enzymes

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### PAPS formation



Inorganic sulfate

Adenosine 5'-phosphosulfate

3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate



# Conjugation enzymes

## Cytosolic Sulfotransferases (SULT)

Human SULT cDNA	Substrates	Human SULT cDNA	Substrates
SULT1A1	Simple phenols 17 $\beta$ -estradiol Iodothyronines Acetaminophen Minoxidil 17 $\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol Isoflavones Hydroxy-tamoxifen	SULT1C2 SULT1C4 SULT1E1	<i>N</i> -hydroxy-2-acetylaminofluorene <i>N</i> -hydroxy-2-acetylaminofluorene Estrone 17 $\beta$ -Estradiol 17 $\alpha$ -Ethinylestradiol Equilenin Diethylstilbestrol
SULT1A2	Catecholestrogens Simple phenols		Thyroxine 0-desmethylnaproxen
SULT1A3	Dopamine (catecholamines) Tyramine Serotonin Salbutamol Isoprenaline Dobutamine Hydroxylated tibolone 4-Hydroxypropranalol	SULT2A1	3-OH-benzo[ <i>a</i> ]pyrene Phytoestrogens DHEA Pregnenolone Cholesterol Cortisol Testosterone Bile salts PAHs (benzylic alcohols) Hydroxy-tamoxifen
SULT1B1	Simple phenols Catechols Iodothyronines 0-desmethylnaproxen	SULT2B1_v1  SULT2B1_v2	DHEA Pregnenolone 3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy steroids DHEA Pregnenolone 3 $\beta$ -Hydroxy steroids

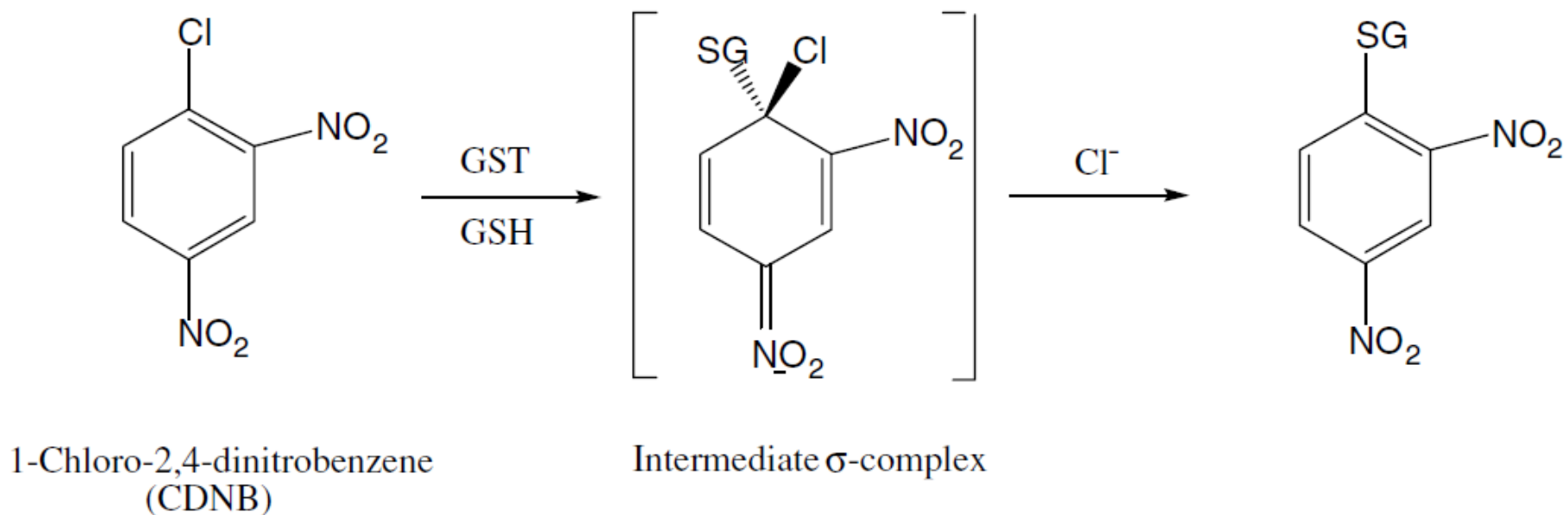
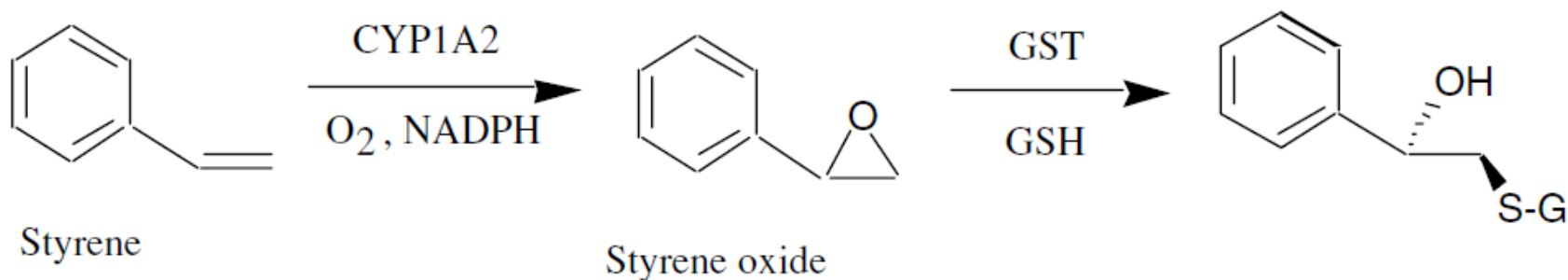
# Conjugation enzymes

## **Glutathione-S-Transferases (GTS)**

- glutathione is endogenous nucleophile
- attacks electrophilic molecules
- glutathione conjugates are excreted by transporters into bile
- six major classes of GTS

# Conjugation enzymes

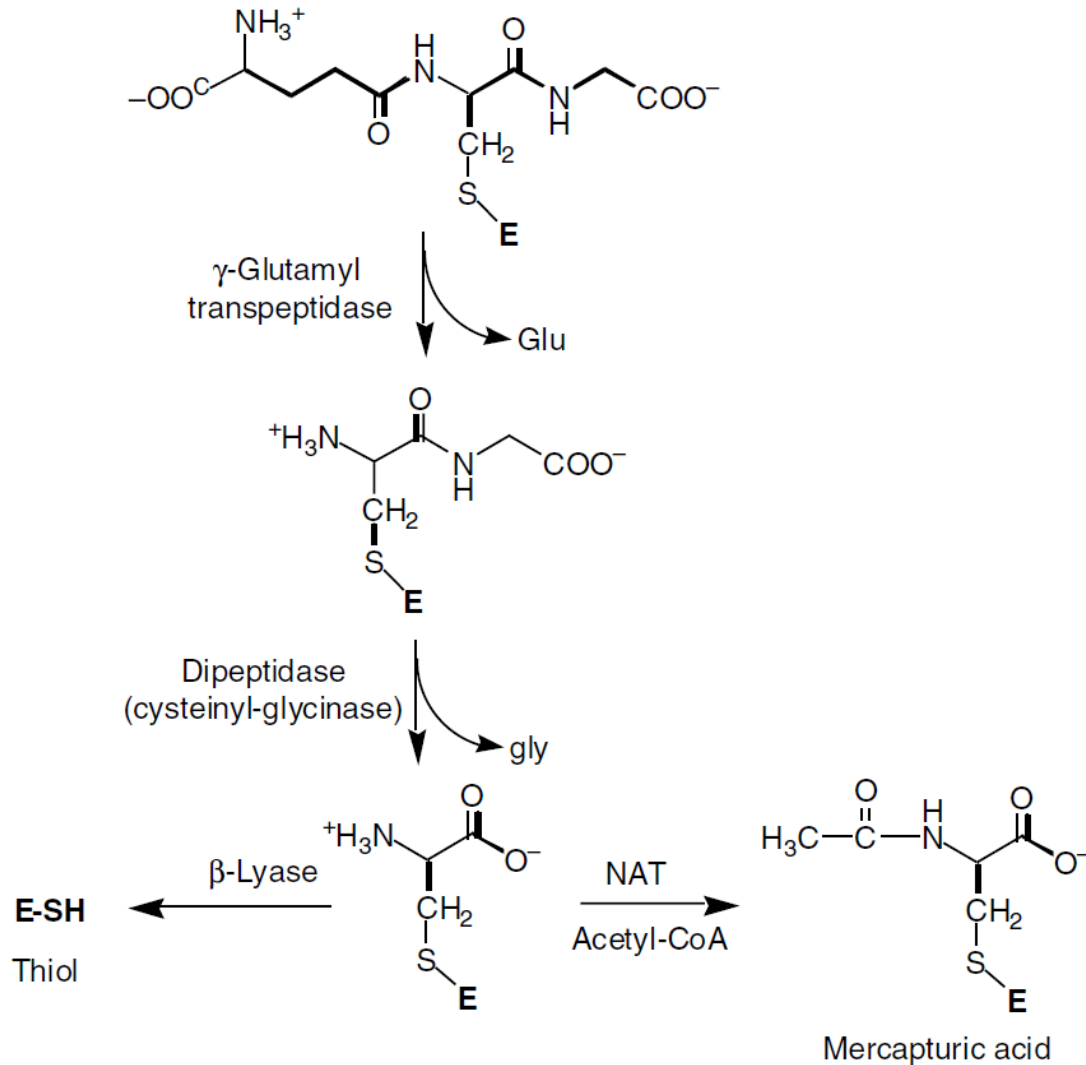
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# Conjugation enzymes

## Glutathione-S-Transferases (GTS)

conjugates may be further converted to N-acetylcystein, mercaptouric or thiol derivatives and excreted by urine



# Metabolism-induced toxicity

Part of molecule is altered by oxidation, reduction or conjugation to form a reactive electrophile

Electrophiles reacts with internal nucleophiles  
(proteins, nucleic acids, small peptides)

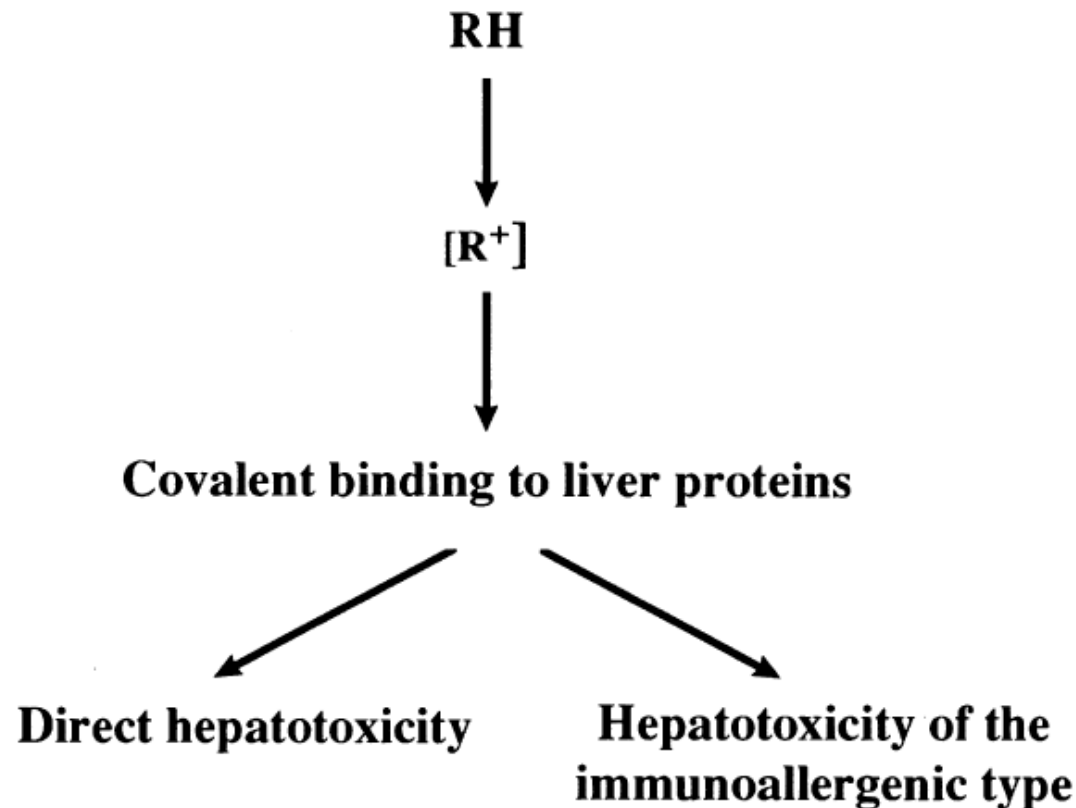
Alkylation of such structures may cause organ toxicity and cancerogenity.

# Metabolism-induced toxicity

<b>Nucleophiles</b>	<b>Electrophiles</b>	<b>Soft</b>
● <b>Sulfhydryl of cysteine or glutathione</b>	● <b><math>\alpha,\beta</math>-unsaturated carbonyl compounds, quinones and quinone imines.</b>	↑
● <b>Sulfur of methionine</b>	● <b>Epoxides, alkyl sulphates and halides</b>	↑
● <b>Primary or secondary amino of lysine, arginine or histidine</b>	● <b>Aryl carbonium and nitrenium ions</b>	↑
● <b>Amino groups of purine bases in RNA and DNA</b>	● <b>Benzylic carbonium ions</b>	↑
● <b>Oxygen of purines and pyrimidines in DNA and RNA</b>	● <b>Alkyl carbonium ions</b>	↑
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		<b>Hard</b>

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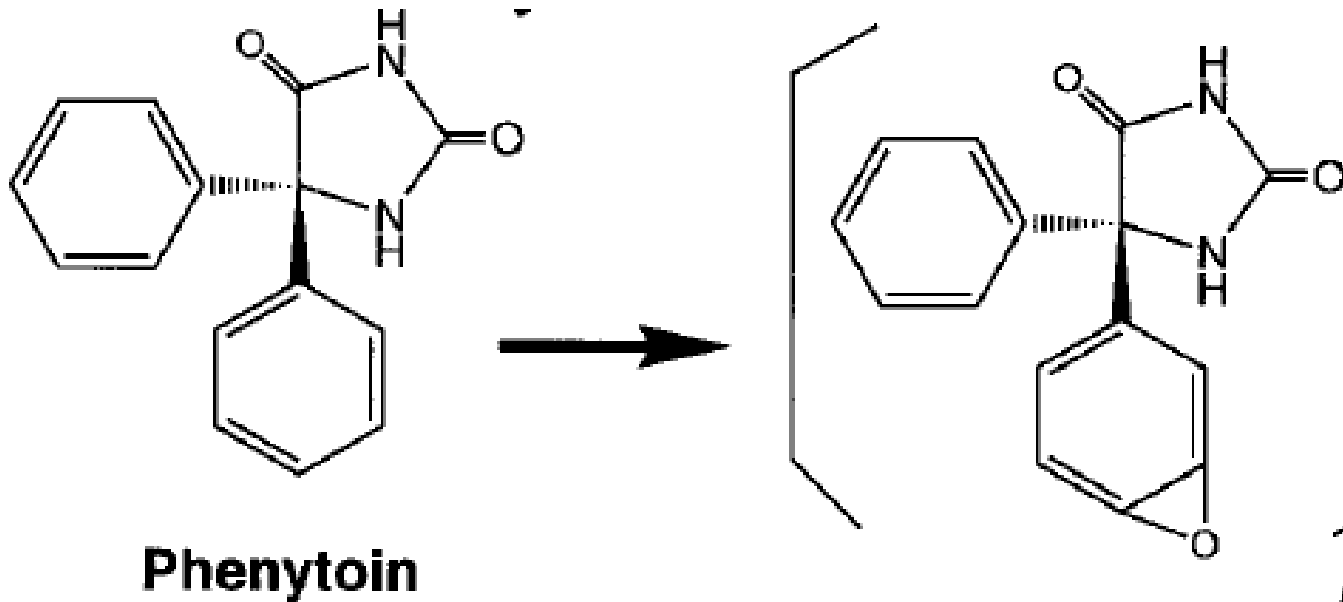
two kinds of toxicity – altering protein functions  
- triggering immunity reaction



# Toxicophores

## Epoxides

phenytoin is metabolized by P450 to epoxide metabolite causing hepatic necrosis and aplastic anaemia





# Toxicophores

## Epoxides

carbamazepine epoxide causes teratogenicity and skin rash

oxcarbamazepine is much less toxic

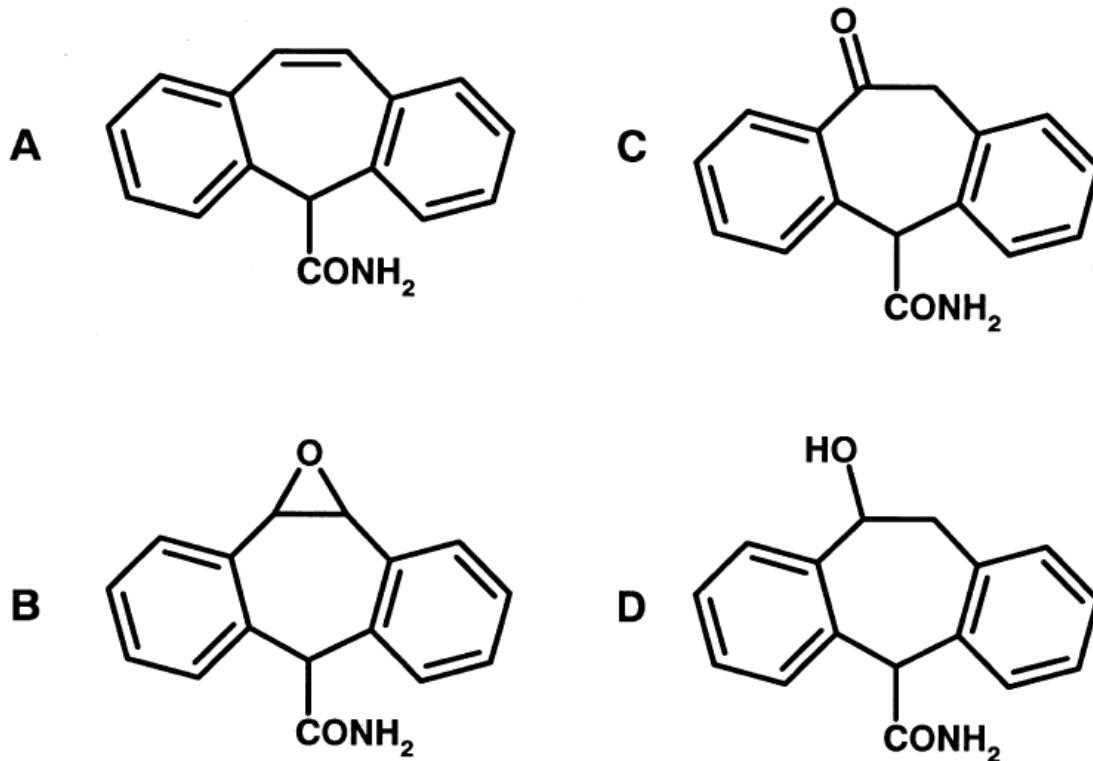
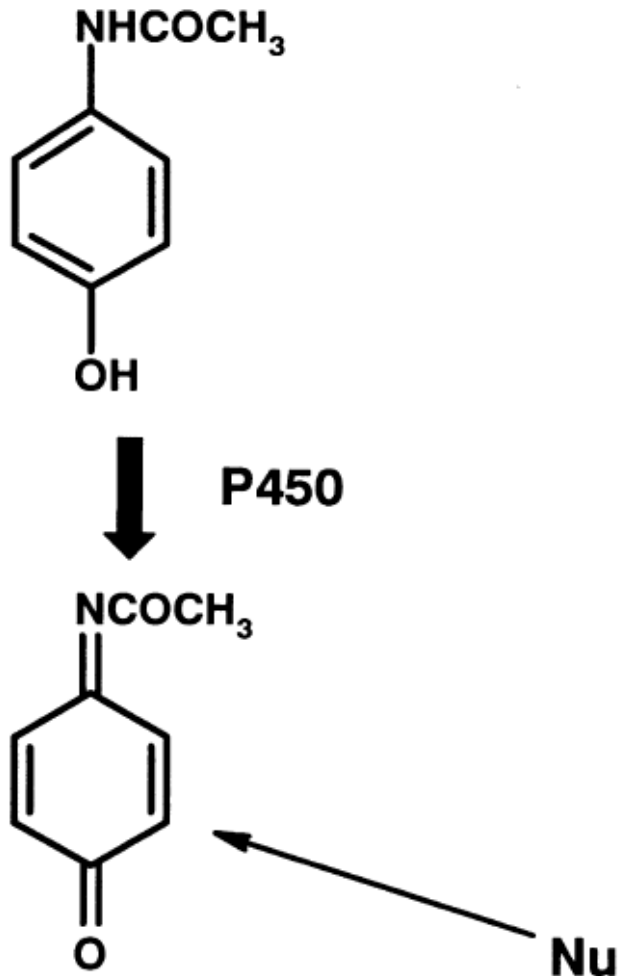


Fig. 8.7 Structures of carbamazepine (A), its 10-11-epoxide metabolite (B), and oxcarbazepine (C) and its hydroxyl metabolite (D).

# Toxicophores

## Quinone Imines

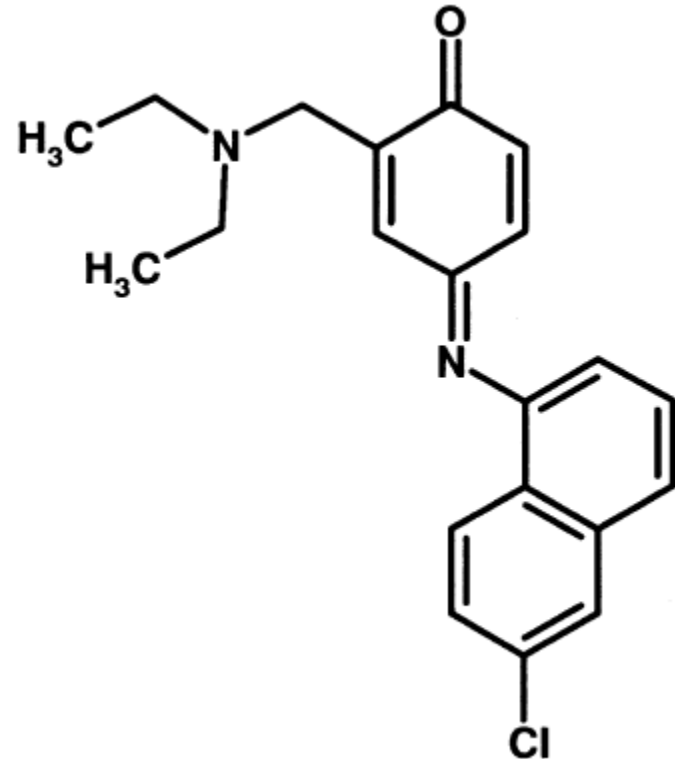
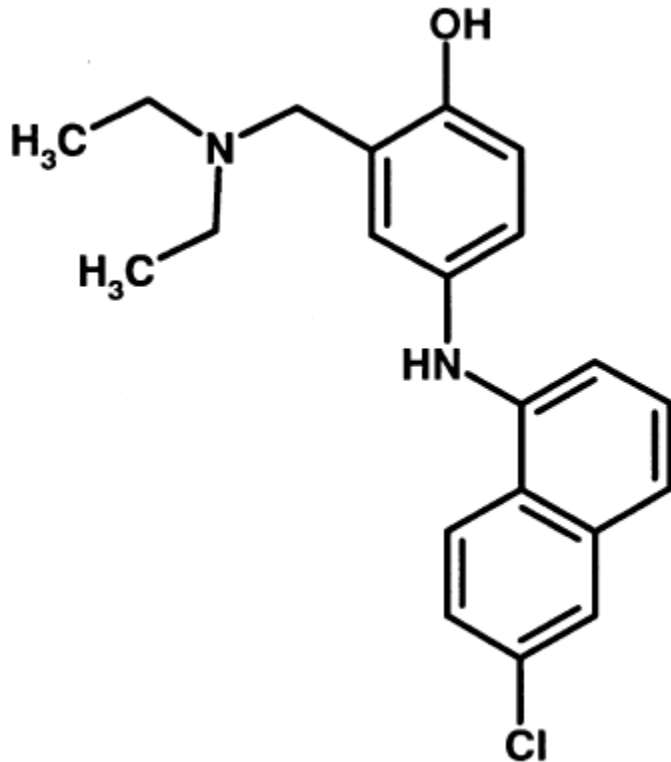
phenacetin is oxidated by P450 and causes cellular hepatotoxicity



# Toxicophores

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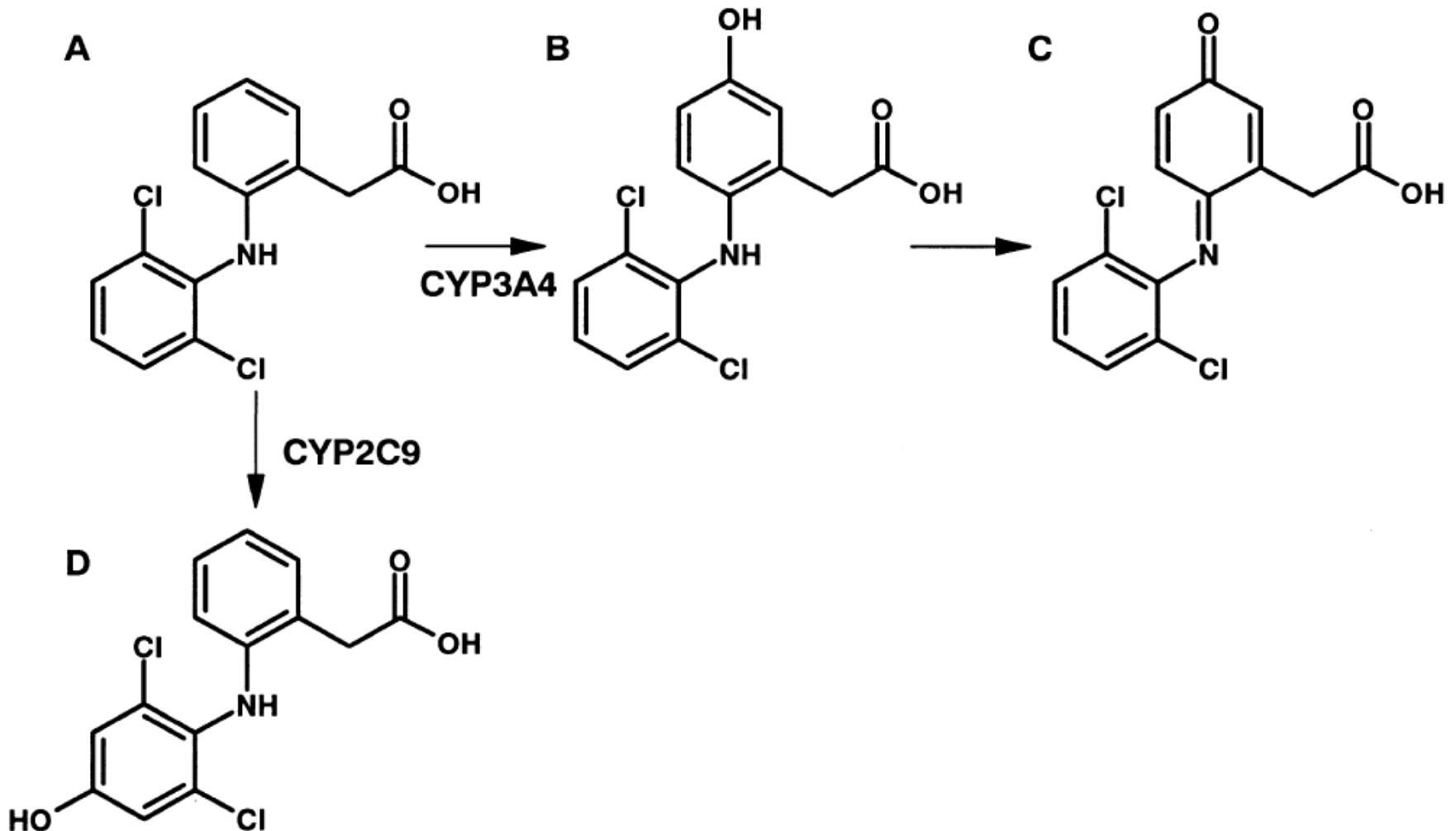
Antimalaric agent amodiaquine causes hepatotoxicity



# Toxicophores

## Quinone Imines

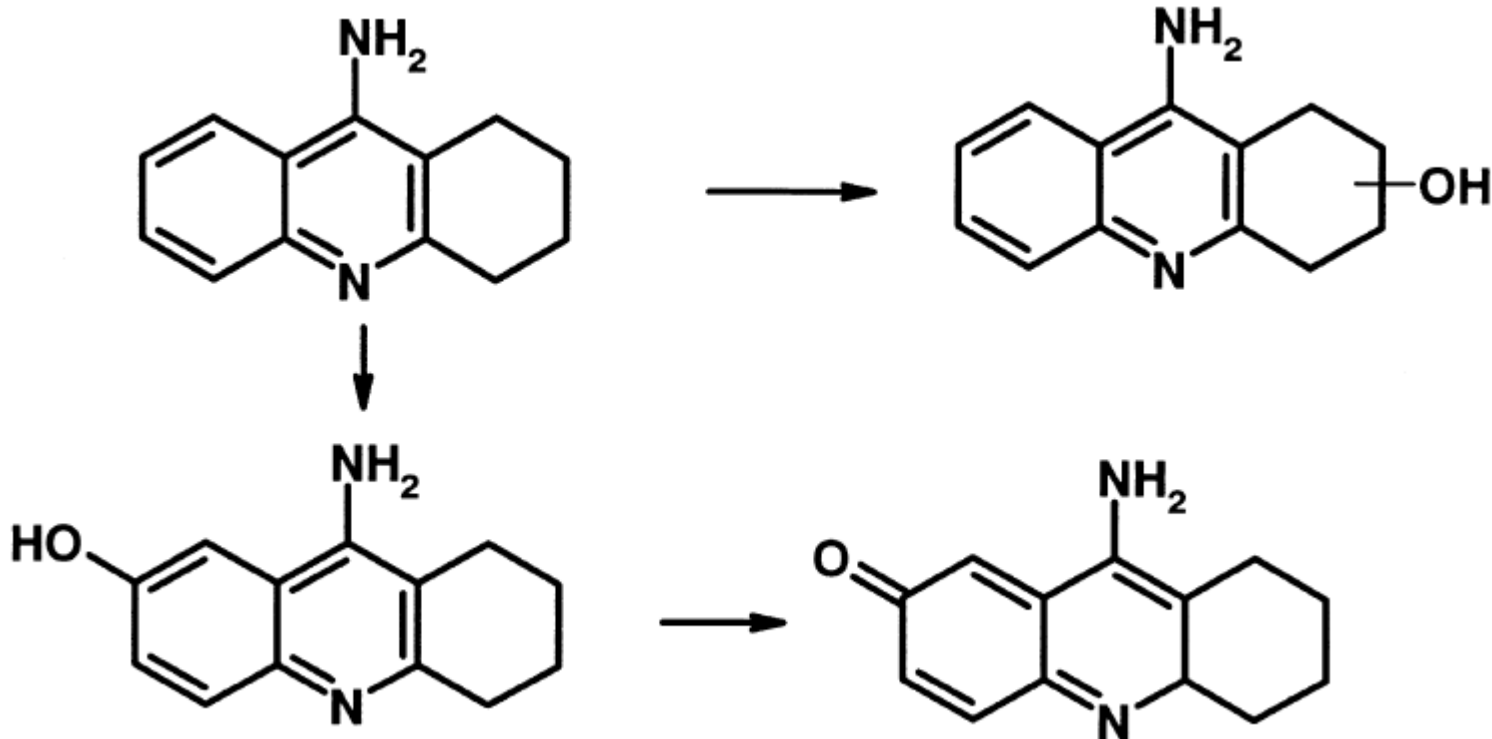
One pathway for diclofenac causes hepatotoxicity



# Toxicophores

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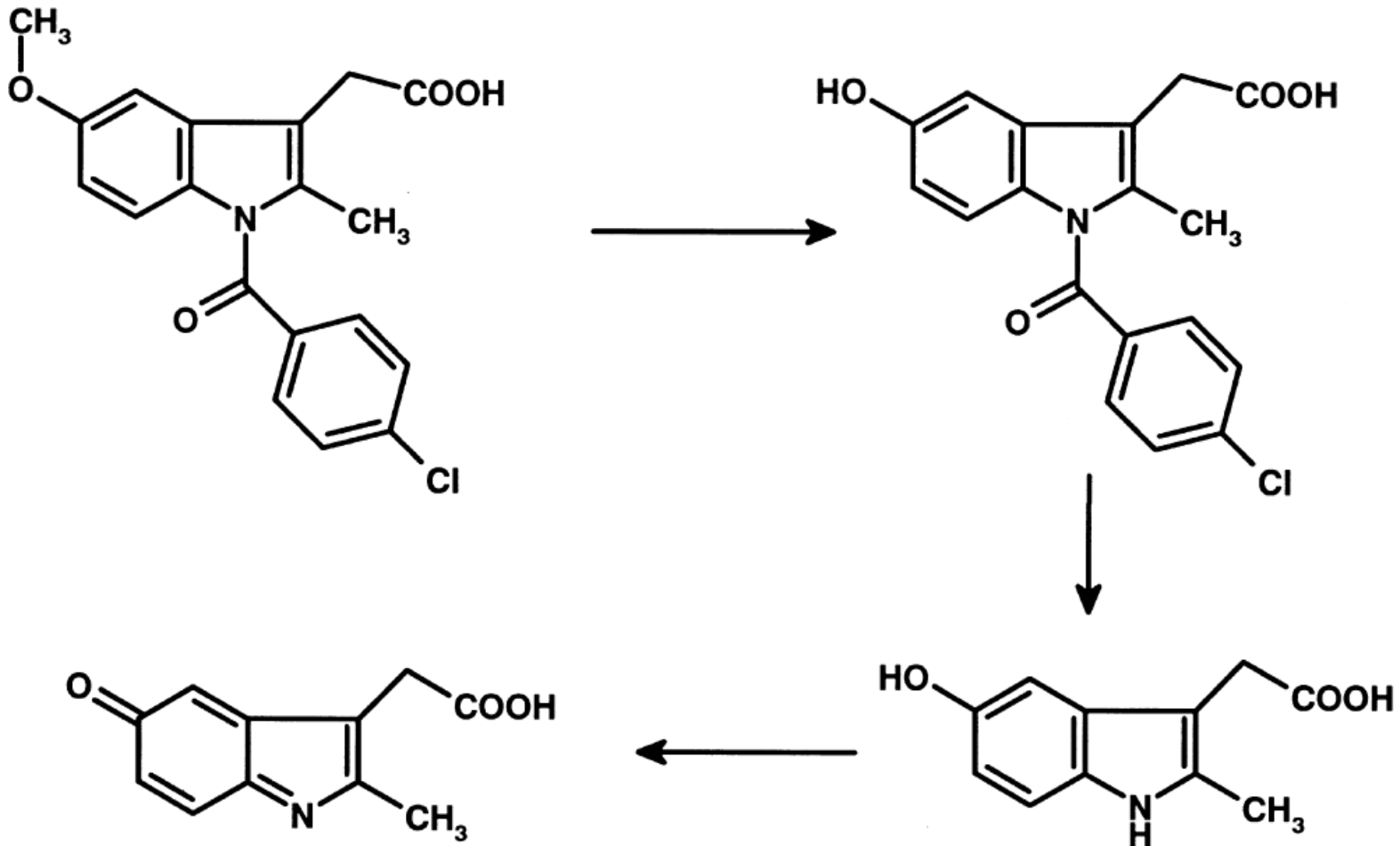
ACHE inhibitor tacrine causes hepatotoxicity



# Toxicophores

## Quinone Imines

Indomethacin caused agranulocytosis

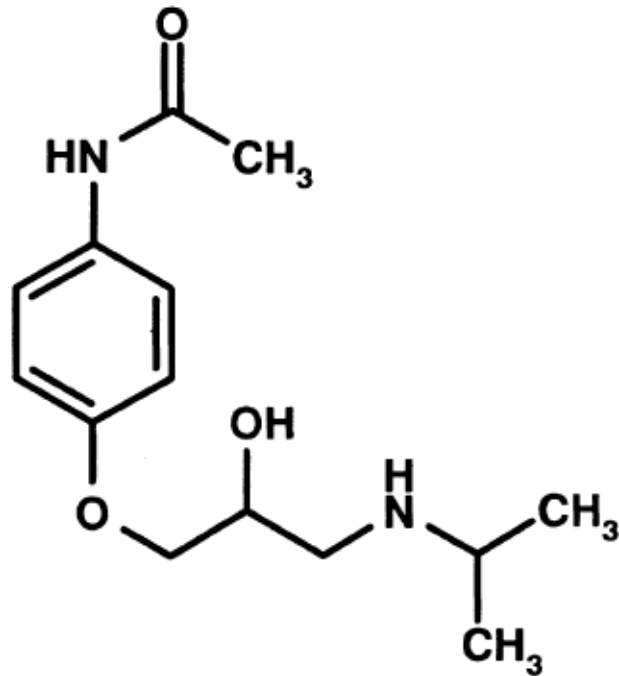


# Toxicophores

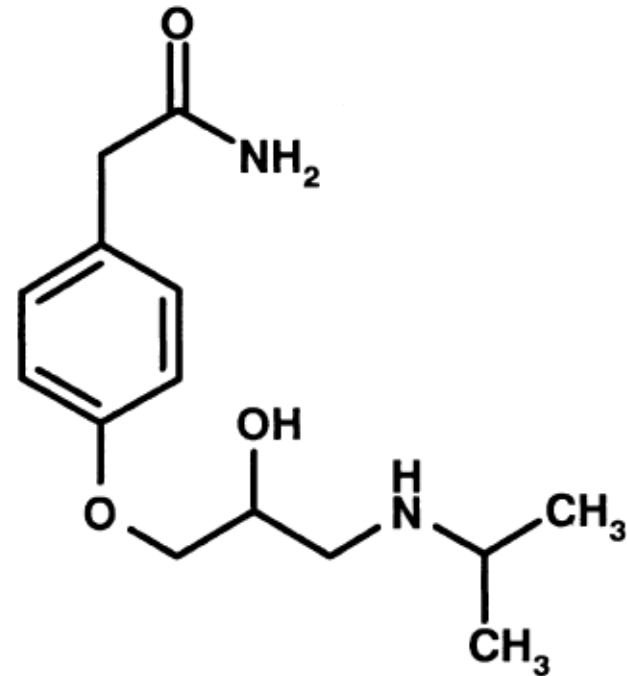
## Quinone Imines

Practolol had to be withdrawn from the market due to skin and eye lesions

Atenolol have not toxic acetanilide moiety



practolol

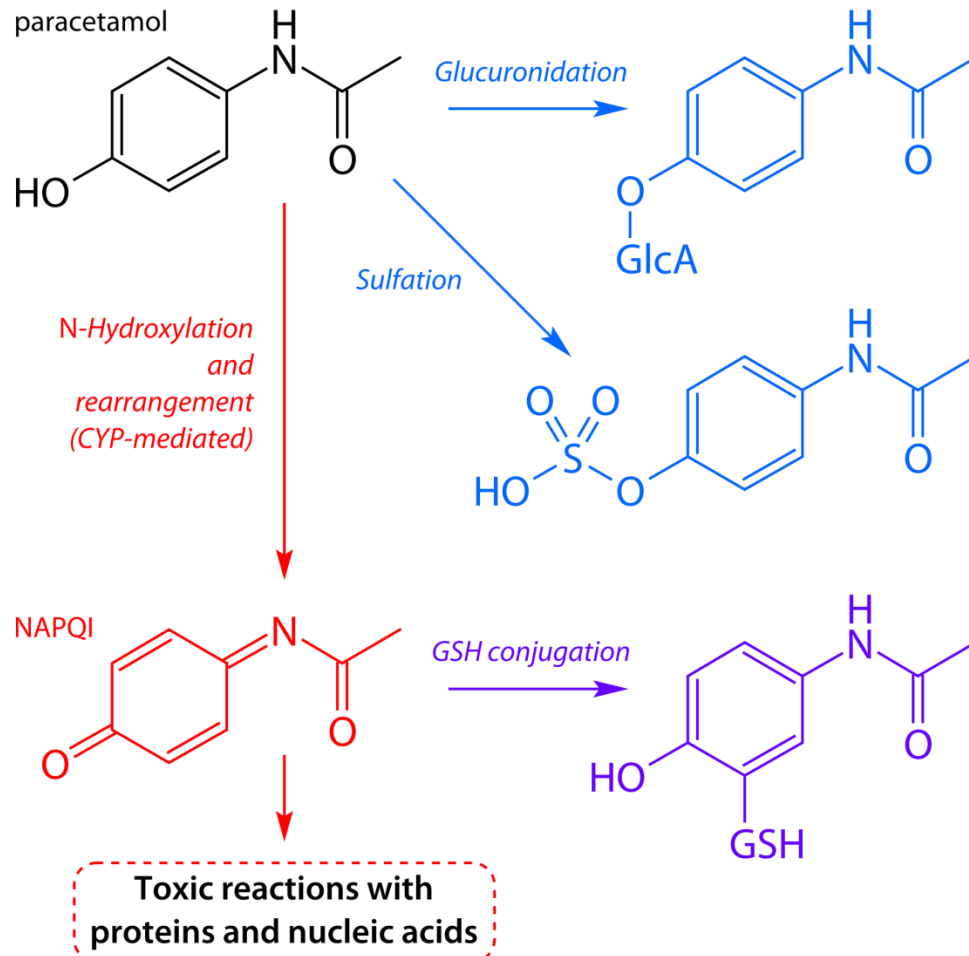


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# Toxicophores

## Quinone Imines

Paracetamol has the same toxicologic issue



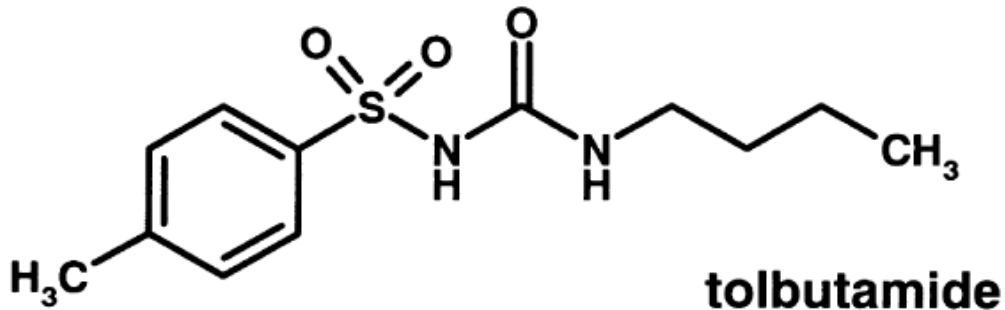
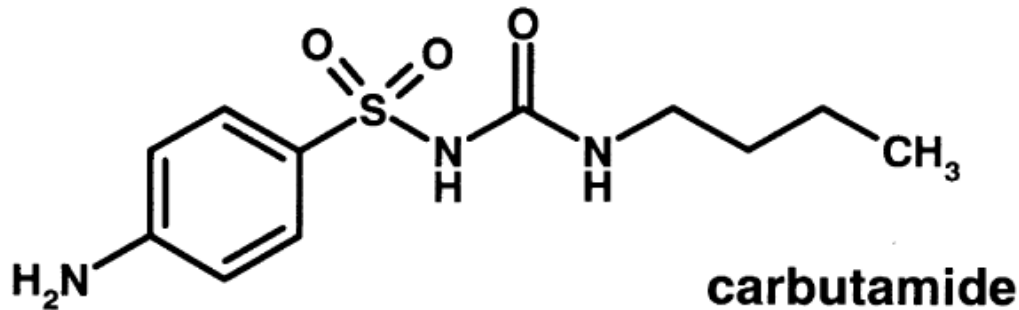


# Toxicophores

## Quinone Imines

Carbutamid caused bone marrow toxicity and was withdrawn

Tolbutamid have not this problem

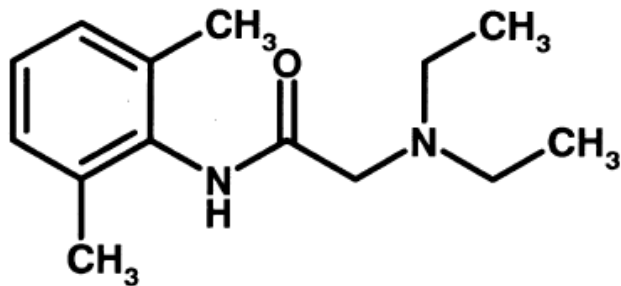


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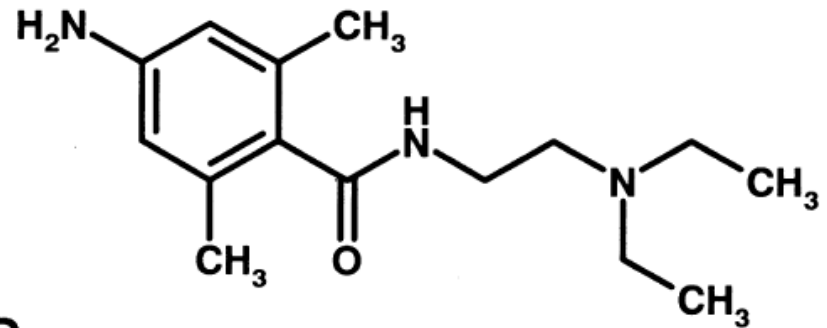
## Quinone Imines

Lidocaine as antiarrhythmic has short biological half-time. Longer acting analogues procainamide and tocainide are toxic, flecainide do not so.

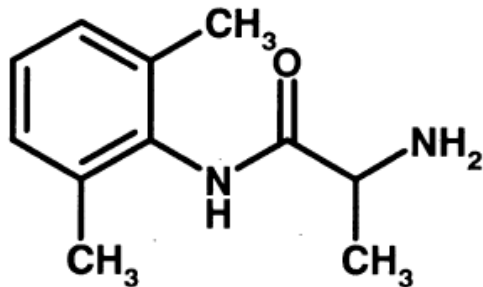
A



B



C



D

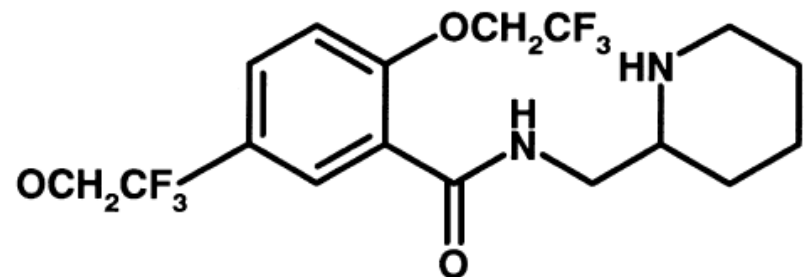
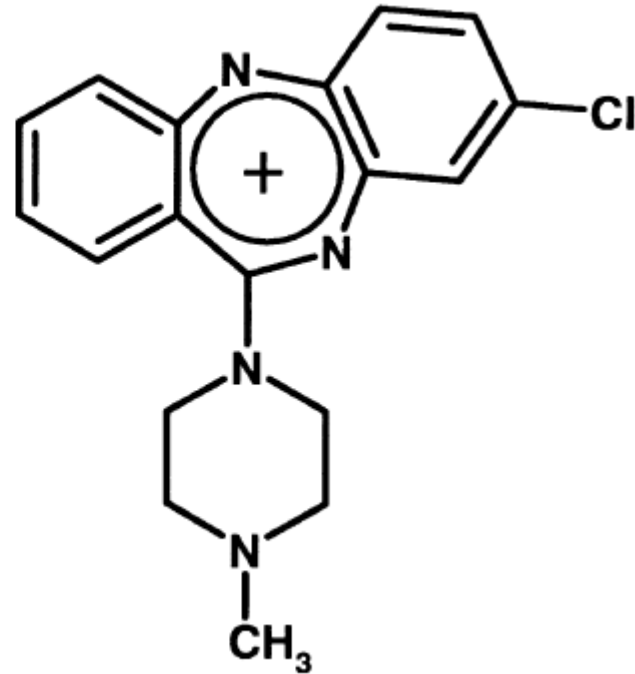
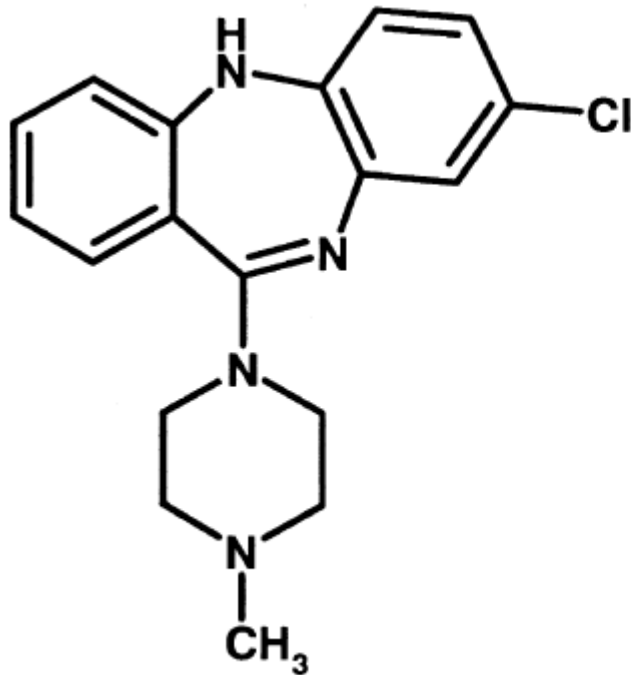


Fig. 8.16 Structures of Na<sup>+</sup> channel blocker antiarrhythmics: lidocaine (A), procainamide (B), tocainide (C) and flecainide (D).

# Toxicophores

## Nitrenium Ions

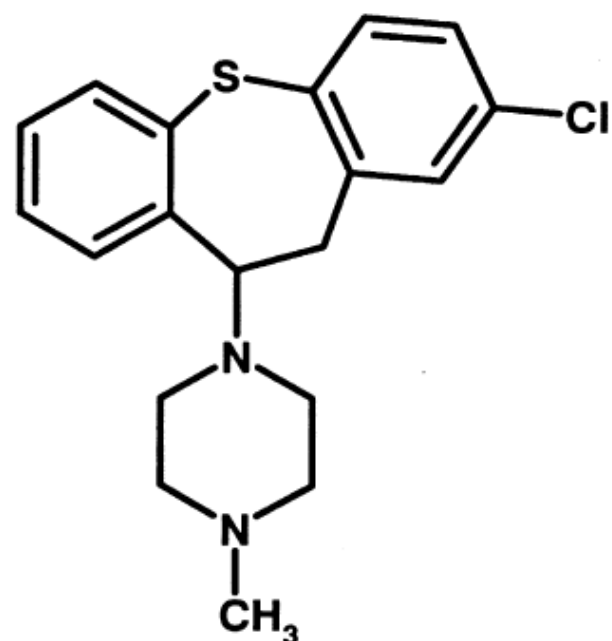
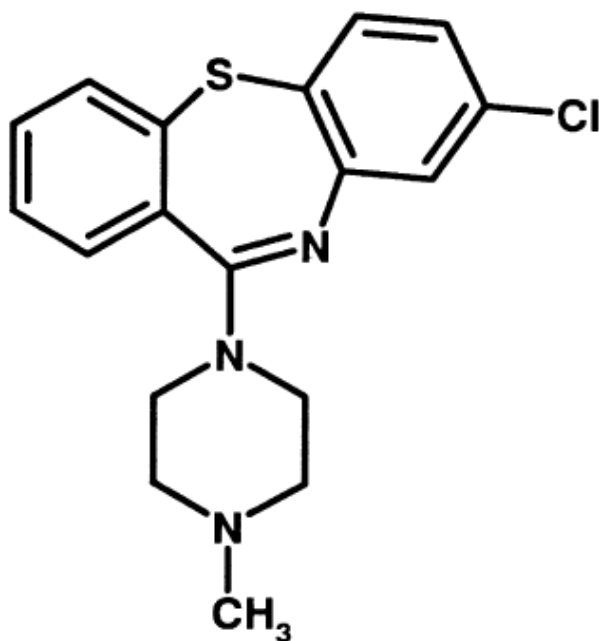
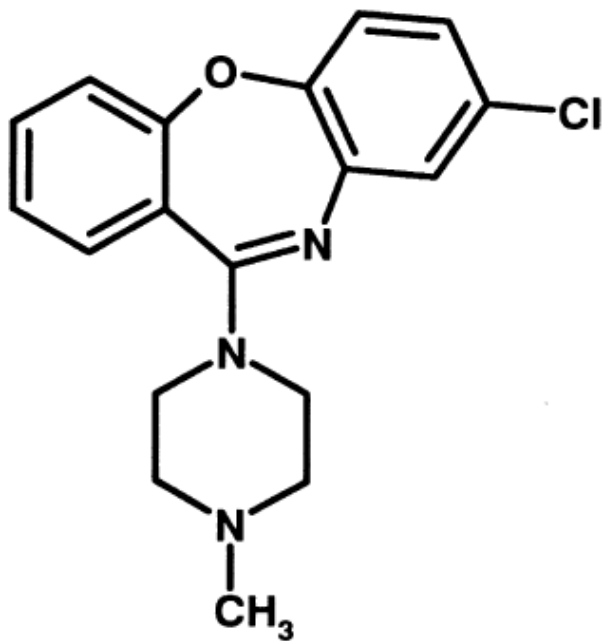
Clozapine forms reactive nitrenium ions causing agranulocytosis



# Toxicophores

## Nitrenium Ions

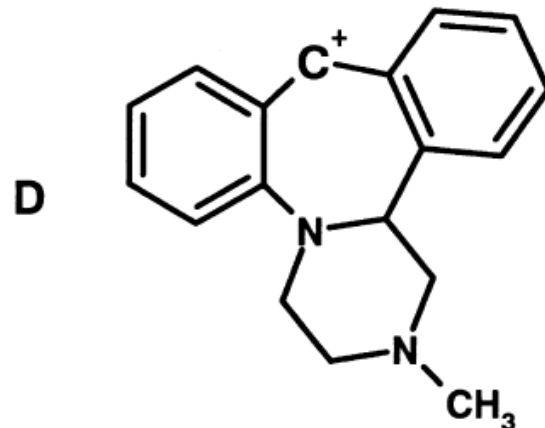
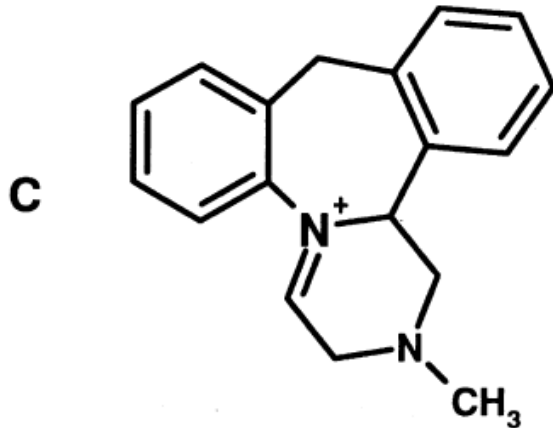
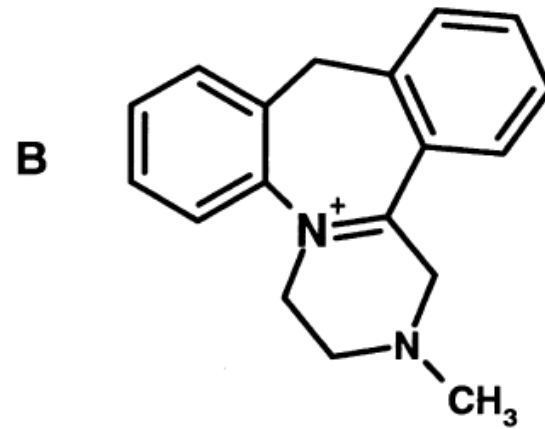
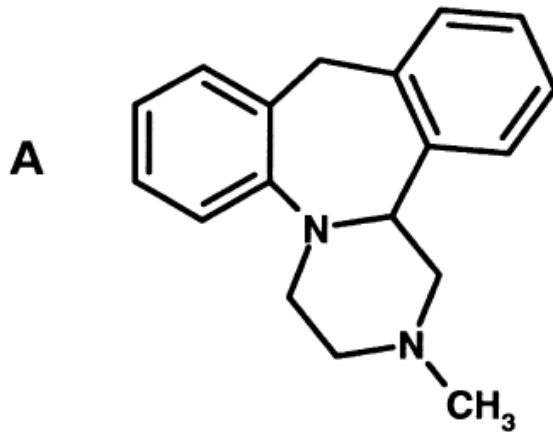
Modification of circle brought non-toxic analogues



# Toxicophores

## Iminium Ions

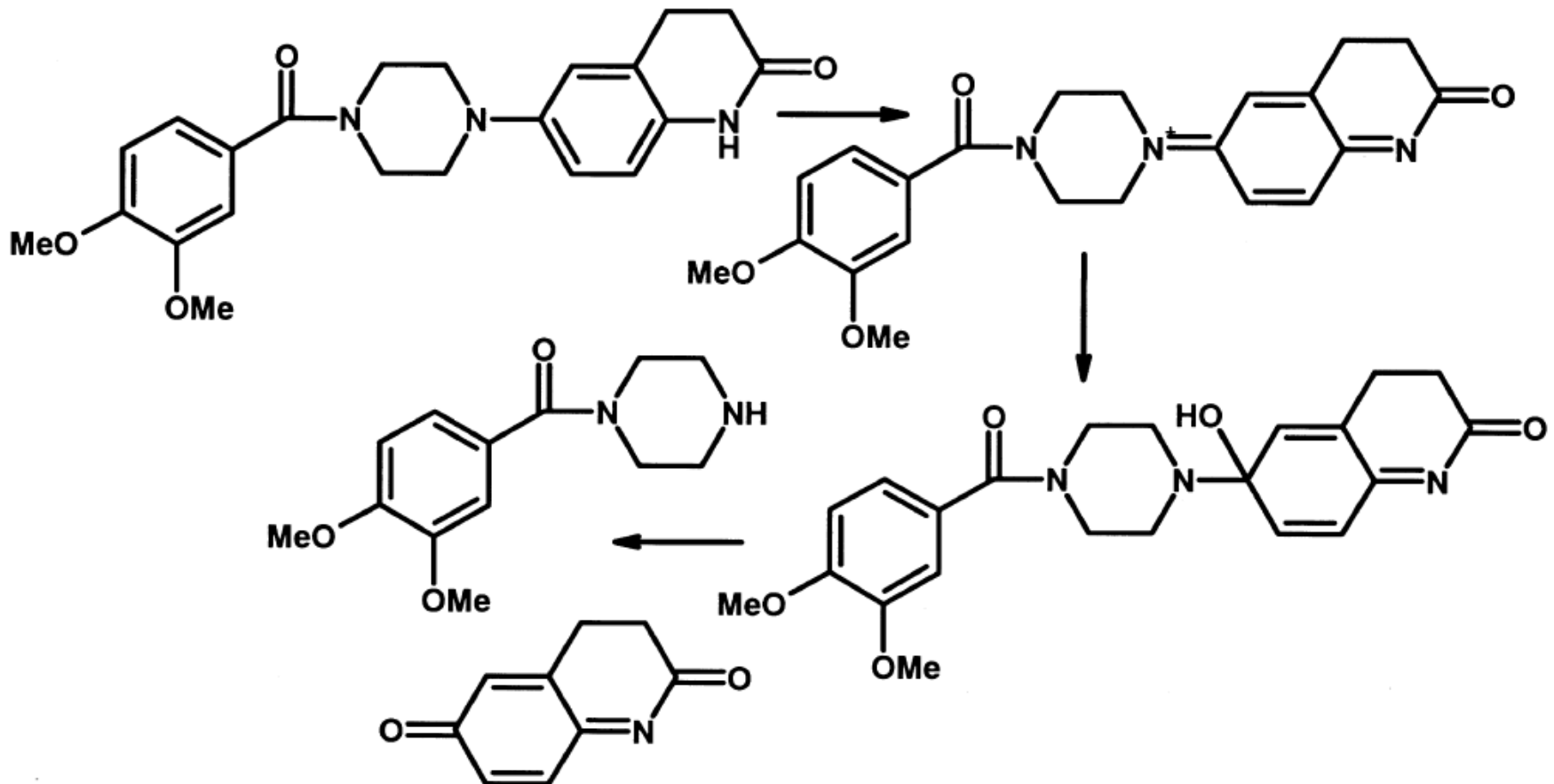
Antidepressant mianserin causes agranulocytosis



# Toxicophores

## Iminium Ions

Cardiotonic vesnarinon causes agranulocytosis both due to iminium and quinone imine formation

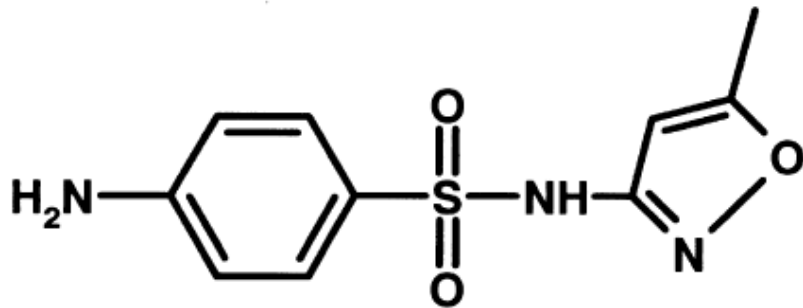


# Toxicophores

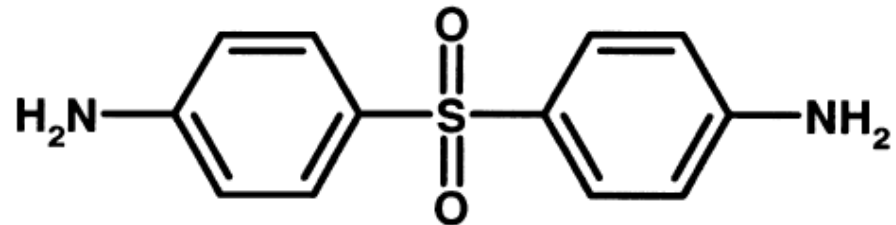
## Hydroxylamines

hydroxylamines are further metabolized to reactive nitroso derivatives

Sulphonamides and dapson are metabolized that way - causes agranulocytosis and skin hypersensitivity



**Sulphamethoxazole**



**Dapsone**

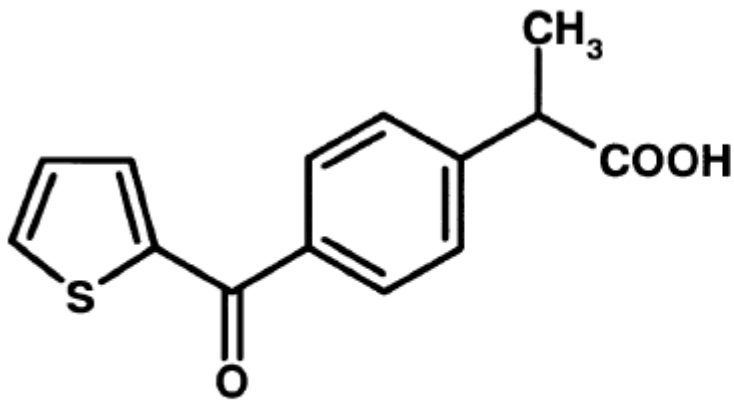
# Toxicophores

## Thiophene ring

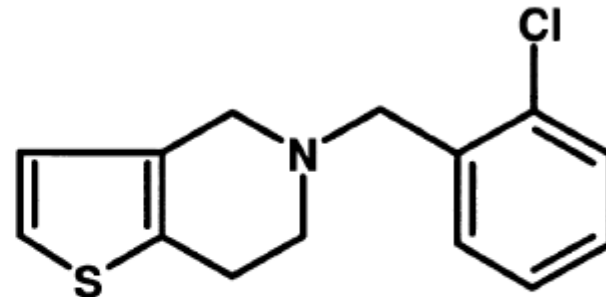
thiophene S-oxides and S-chlorides causes covalent protein bonding

agranulocytosis by ticlopidine (platelet inhibitor)

nephrotoxicity of suprofen (NSA, withdrawn)



**Suprofen**



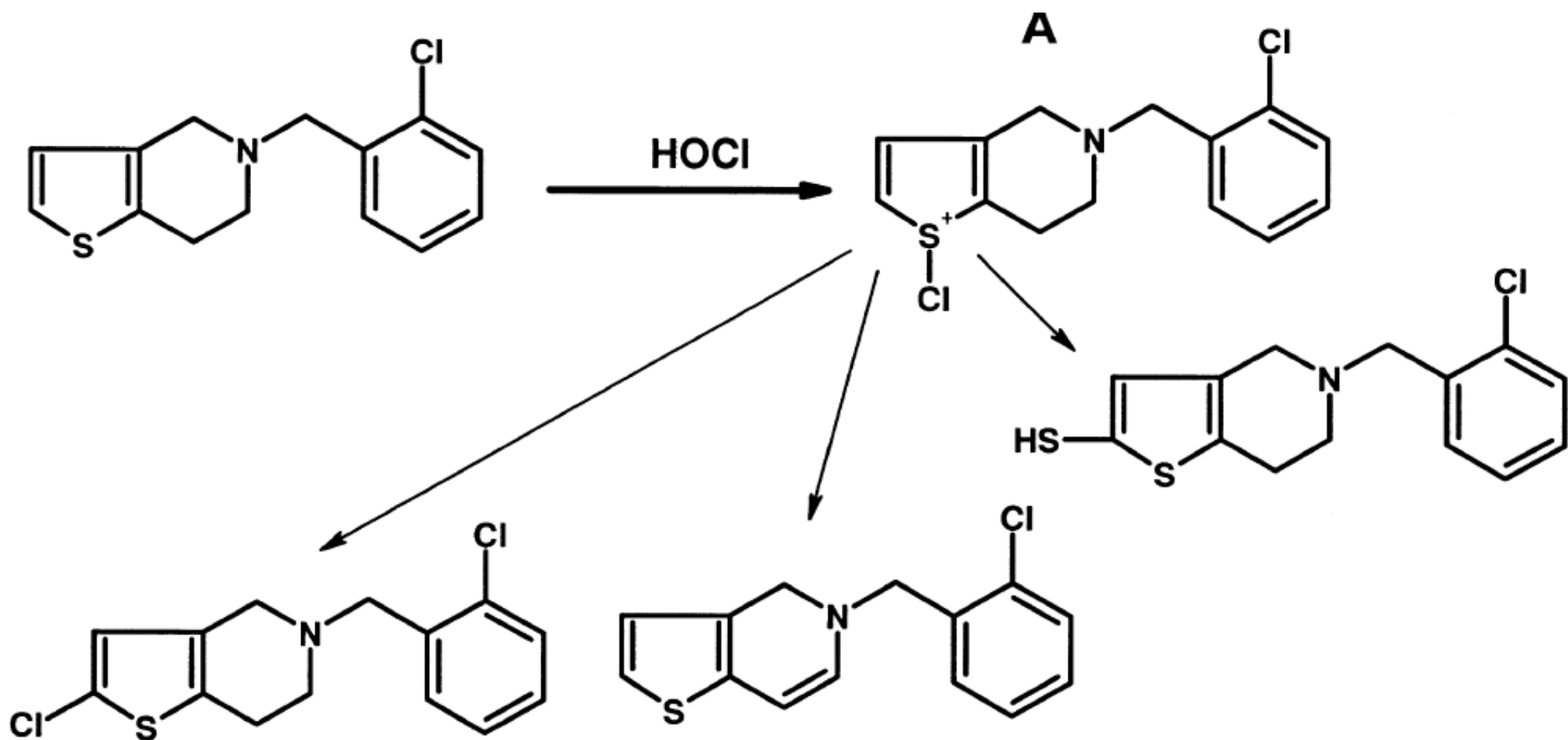
**Ticlopidine**



# Toxicophores

## Thiophene ring

ticlopidine metabolism in white blood cells



# Toxicophores

## Thioureas

thioureas are metabolized to sulfon acids

Metiomid was withdrawn due to blood dyscrasias

Cimetidine not shows this problem

