



Emetics and Antiemetic Drugs



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EMESIS

Emesis → Vomiting occurs due to stimulation of the Vomiting centre situated in the medulla oblongata

Pathways: →

NTs - Nucleus Tractus Solitarius

Area of Postrema

Smell, Pain, Sight, Psychogenic stimuli

Cerebellum

Vestibular apparatus

Motion, Ototoxic Drug

Emesis Action

- act on CTZ - Apomorphine
- act by reflex or on CTZ - Specacuanha

* Why need → To expel out unwanted substances

Enterochromaffin cells

GI irritation

Cytotoxic drug

Radiation

Injection

Foeces tickling

SHT₂ (Primary Afferent Neuron)

SHT

CTZ

SHT₂R, H₁R, M₁R

NK₁

D₂R

SHT₃

CB₁

MR

4R

Cytotoxic drug ✓

levo dopa ✓

Apomorphine ✓

Morphine ✓

Digoxin ✓

Ergot ✓

Emetine ✓

EMESIS

1) Apomorphine → on CTZ

- # Semisynthetic derivative of morphine
- # Dopaminergic agonist (+D₂R) on CTZ
- # dose = 6mg, IM/SC, → onset (5 min)
- # Not used orally because required large dose
- # Not used in Res. depression condition because it is a CNS & resp. depressant.

2) Ipecacuanha - by reflex & CTZ

- # Roots - "Cephaelis ipecacuanha"
- # active constituents - Emetin
- # Syrup - 15-30ml - adult
10-15ml - Children

Contraindication

- # Corrosive poisoning - alkali, acid
- # CNS stimulant drug poisoning - may convulsion
- # Kerosine poisoning - chance to aspiration
- # Unconscious patient
- # Morphine or phenothiazine poisoning
↳ Ineffective

ANTIEMETICS

1. Anticholinergic Drug → Block M₁R

- Hyoscine → Motion Sickness
- Dicyclomine → Motion & Morning Sickness

2. Antihistamines → Block H₁R Centrally & M₁R

- Promethazine
 - Diphenhydramine
 - Dimenhydrinate
- # Protect from motion sickness (4-6h)
 - # Sedative & Anticholinergic
 - # Reduce Extrapyramidal side effect of metoclopramide
 - # In combination - chemo-induced vomiting

Doxylamine - # Sedative anti Hist. & anticholinergic

- # Along with pyridoxine → Morning Sickness, Early pregnancy but some report → Interfere folate metabolism & Teratogenic

Meclozine → Less sedative - Sea Sickness

3. Neuroleptics → Centrally D₂R Antagonist

- Chlorpromazine, Trifluorpromazine, Prochlorperazine
- # Also having M₁R & H₁R blocking activity
- # Broad spectrum antiemetic drugs
 - ↳ Morning Sickness, Radio/chemo-induced vomiting
 - ↳ Disease (Gastritis, Uremia, migraine) induced
 - ↳ Drug & Post anesthesia induced

- Prochlorperazine - Labyrinthine Suppressant, Antivertigo, Antiemetic

4. Prokinetics - Promote GI transit & speed up gastric emptying by enhancing co-ordinative propulsive motility

- Metoclopramide → D₂ & 5HT₃R antagonist & 5HT₄ Agonist
- Domperidone → D₂ antagonist
- Cisapride, Mosapride, itopride, Levosulpride
↳ 5HT₄ Agonist, weak 5HT₃ antagonist

5. 5HT₃ Antagonist

- Ondansetron, Granisetron, Palonosetron, Ramosetron

6. NK₁ Receptor Antagonist (Neurokinin Receptor)

- chemo → Sub-P → (+) NK₁R → Vomiting
- Aprepitant - also have D₂ & 5HT₃ blocking acts
- (Ap. 120mg + Ondan 80mg + Dexamethasone 80mg)
- Fosaprepitant (prodrug - parenterally used)

7. Adjuvants

- Dexamethasone, Benzodiazepines, Droperidol

PROKINETIC ANTIEMETICS

PROKINETIC - Promote the GI transit & G. emptying

1. METOCLOPRAMIDE

Procinamide deriv. introduced in 1970 as "Gastric hurrying" agent

MOA - # D₂ antagonism (CTZ) → ↑ Gastric emptying
↳ ↑ lower esophageal Sphincter (LES) tone

SHT₄ Agonism → ↑ Ach release from myenteric motor neuron in GIT → ↑ G. hurrying & LES tone
↳ These effect ↑ by Bethenachol & ↓ by Atropine *

SHT₃ Antagonism (at high dose) - *SHT₃ (CTZ)

Pkinetics → Orally absorbed, cross BBB & placenta
t_{1/2} = 1h, duration = 4-5h, onset = 10 min (orally)

ADR - Sedatⁿ, Dizziness, and Loose stool

• Long term → EPS, Galactorrhoea, Gynomastia

Interaction - Abolish therapeutic effect of L-Dopa

Uses - # Antiemetic - drug/disease/Radio/chemo induced

- # Gastrokinetic
- # Dyspepsia
- # GERD

2. DOMPERIDONE

D₂R antagonist chemically related to "Haloperidol" but pharmacology related to Metoclopramide

Lesser antiemetic & prokinetic

Prokinetic action is related to D₂ blocking *

Poorly cross BBB so extrapyramidal motor side effect is rare

It produce Hyperprolactinemia

Pkinetic - orally absorbed but only 15% BA due to first pass metabolism

Interactⁿ - Administered with L-dopa, it counteract

their dose limiting emetic action without affect in parkinson

ADR - Dry mouth, loose stool, headache, Galactorrhoea, Cardiac arrhythmia - developed when iv adm.

Use - Antiemetic in many condition

ANTIEMETICS

CISAPRIDE

MOA - 5HT₄ Agonist mainly (Prokinetic action)

Weak SHT₃ Antagonism

- ↳ ↑ G. emptying & LES tone
- ↳ ↑ Esophageal Peristalsis
- ↳ Also ↑ Colon transit

No Extrapyramidal motor side effects

Pkinetic - Orally absorbed, 33% BA, t_{1/2} = 10h
metabolized in Liver, dose should ↓ in hepatic disorder.

ADR → Abdominal Cramp, Diarrhoea, "Torsades de point (Arrhythmia)

Interactⁿ - Along with Azoles antifungal, Macrolide antibiotics, Antidepressant, HIV Protease Inhibitor [CYP Enz Inhibitors] → ↑ Arrhythmic action

Uses - GERD, Dyspepsia, Constipation

MOSAPRIDE - Similar actⁿ as Cisapride but NO arrhythmic action

ONDANSETRON

MOA - 5HT₃ Antagonist

↳ Developed to control radio/chemo induced emesis & later also used in post operative nausea & vomiting

↳ It blocks the depolarizing actⁿ of 5HT on CTZ & NTs

↳ It has minor SHT₃ antagonism activity but no dopaminergic action

↳ Not used in morning & motion sickness

↳ For better effective take along with promethazine / Dexamethasone / BZDs

Pkinetics - Orally absorbed (60-70% BA),
Metabolised by Liver (Glucuronic acid & Sulfate conjugation), excreted through urine & Faeces.
t_{1/2} = 3-5h

ADR - Headach, Dizziness, Mild constipation, abdominal discomfort

Use - Antiemetics