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# CEPHALOSPORINS

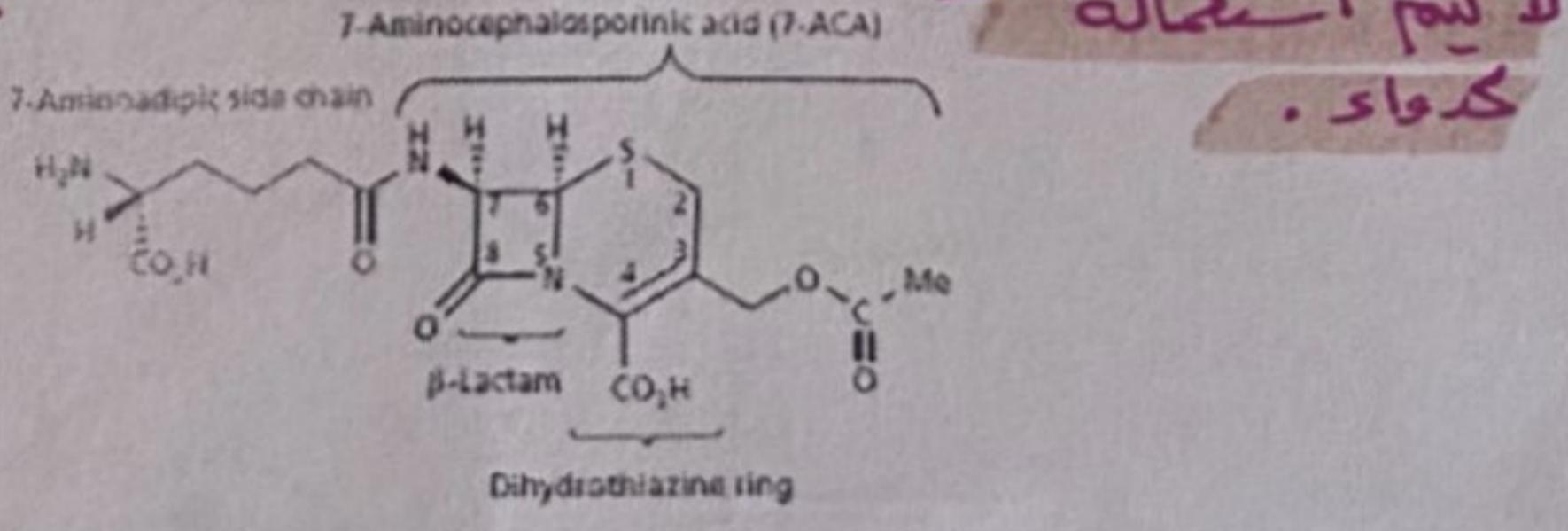
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صيغ مصادرات حيوية  
تشبه الـ Penicillin  
بوجود الـ Beta lactam ring

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# Cephalosporins.

- The earliest cephalosporin was Cephalosporin C, isolated from the fungus Cephalosporium Acremonium.



**FIGURE 19.33 Cephalosporin C.**

- It contains Dihydrothiazine ring instead of Thiazolidine ring in penicillins.
  - Has the same mechanism of action as penicillins (inhibits cell wall cross linking).
  - 7-ACA can be produces from (Cephalosporin C) and used semi synthetically to produce other cephalosporins
  - Cephalosporin C is resistant to  $\beta$ -lactamases but the activity is inferior to penicillins .

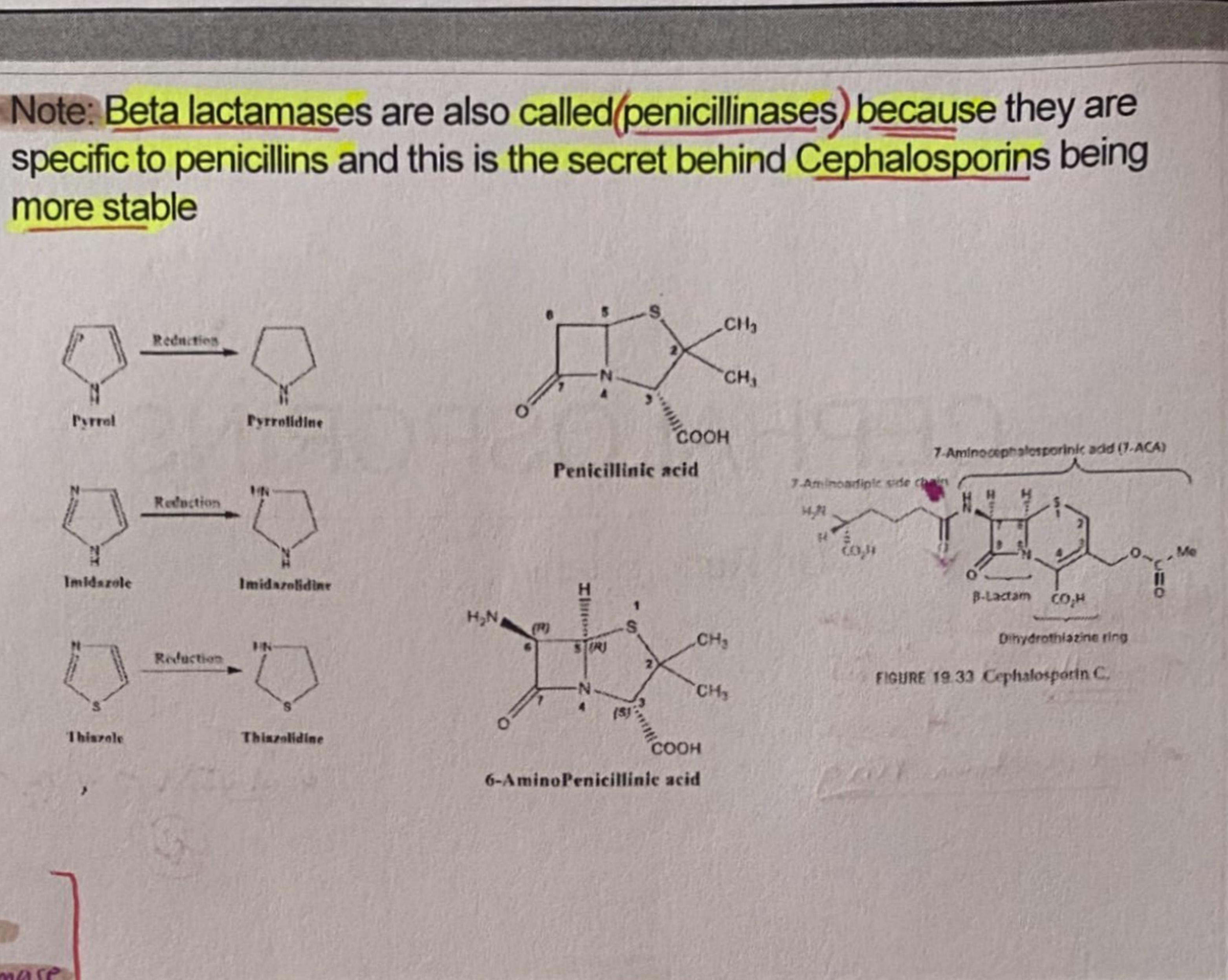
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عن الـ  
الـ cephalosporins  
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ـ لـ Beta lactamases

لـ [Beta lactamase]  
↓  
(Penicillimase)

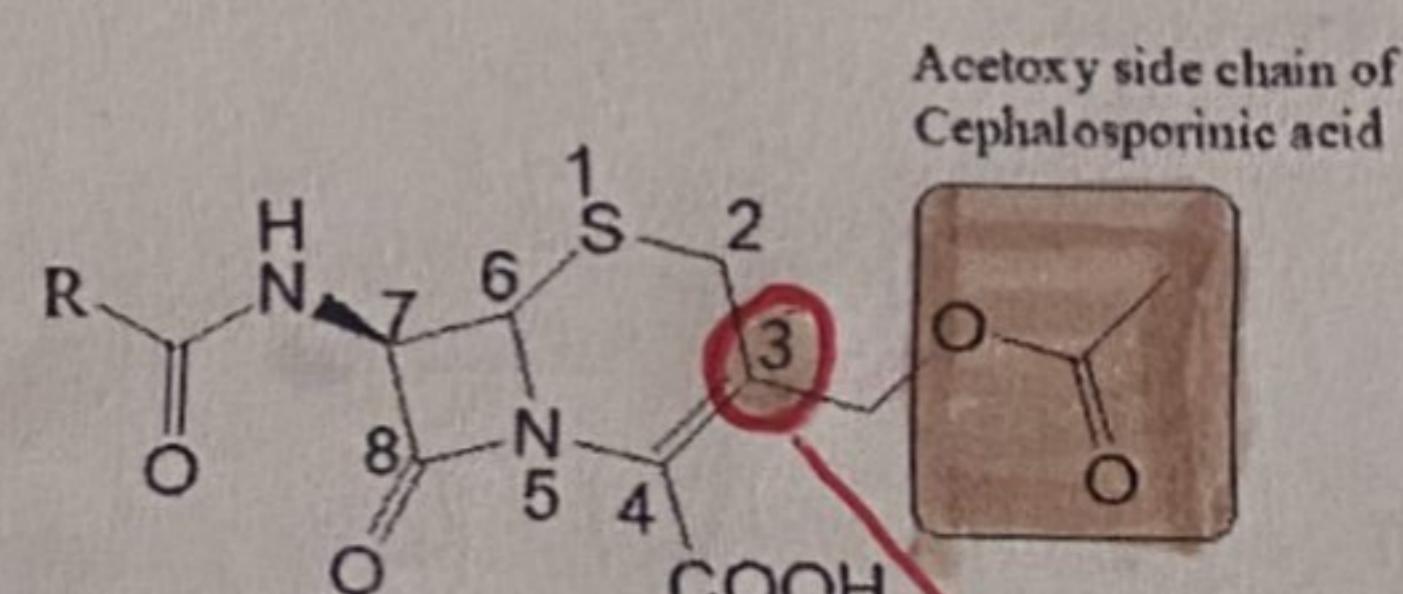
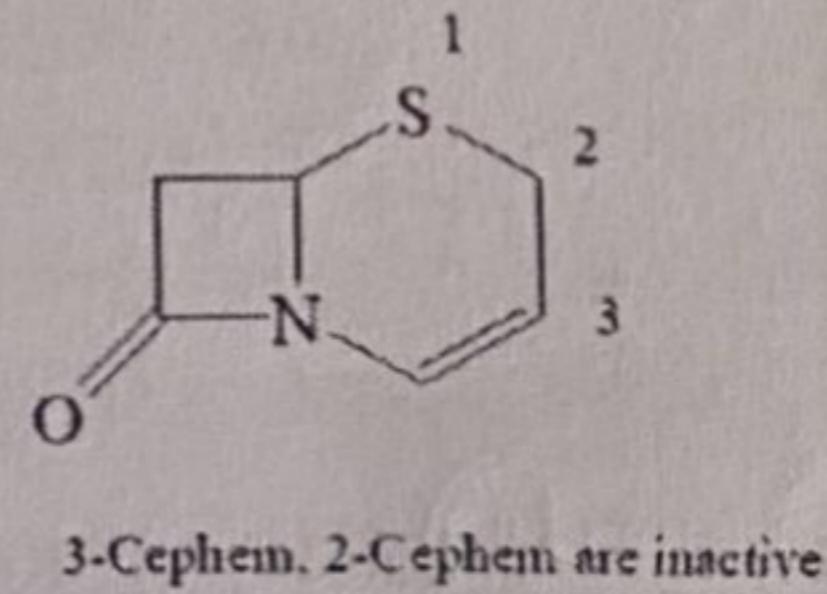
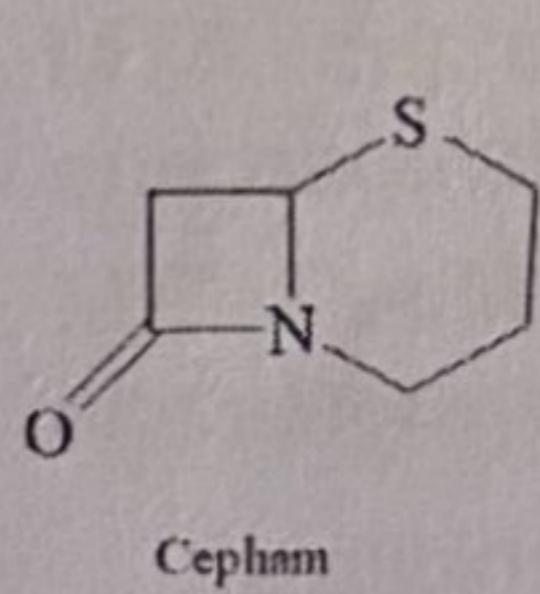
ـ Penicillin  
①  
ـ orally  
ـ wide spectrum  
ـ resistance  
ـ  $\beta$ -lactamase.

ـ قـ Cephalosporine  
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## Nomenclature

- Semisynthetic derivatives of 7-amino group of 7ACA by acylation or by nucleophilic substitution or by reduction of the 3-acetoxy group



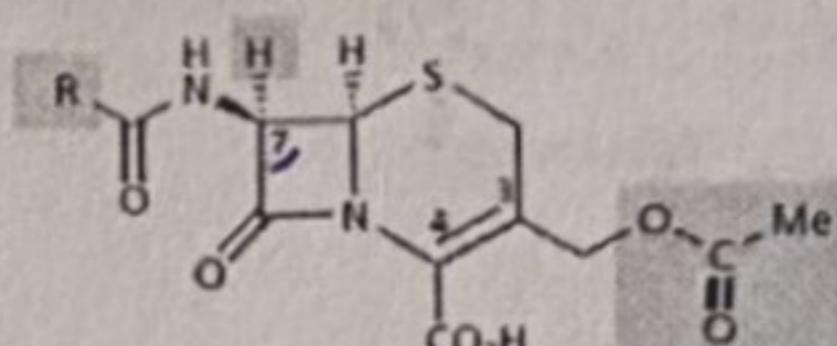
(أسيتو) Acetoxy group :-

ـ Acetyl ester

ـ Beta lactamase.

# Cephalosporins

- There is a limited number of places where modifications
  - can be made, but there are more possibilities than with penicillins.
  - These are as follows;
  - variations of the 7-acylamino side chain;
  - variations of the 3-acetoxymethyl side chain;
  - extra substitution at carbon 7.

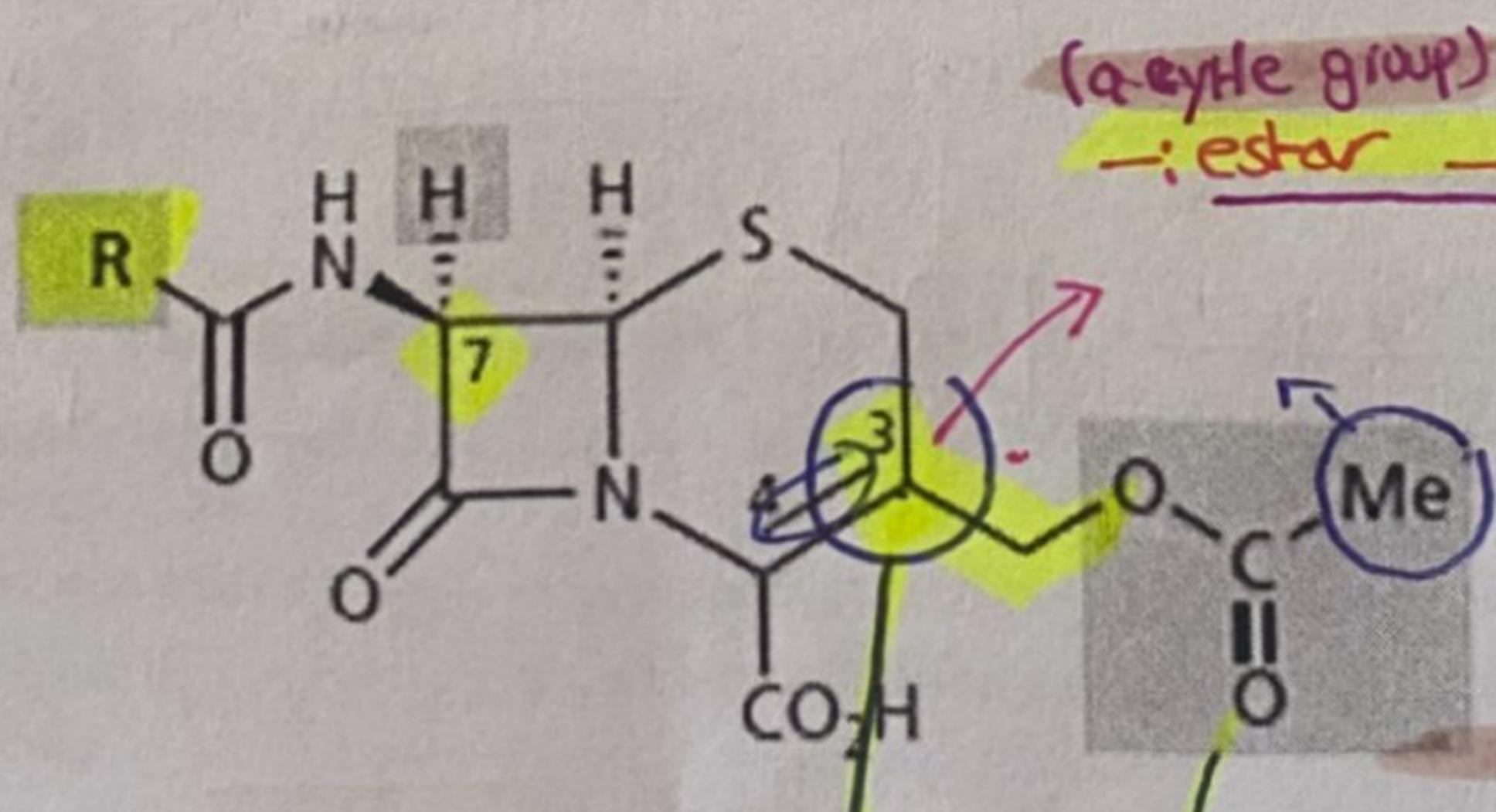


**FIGURE 19.36** Positions for possible modification of cephalosporin C. The shading indicates positions which can be varied.

\* لِبَهَ بِكَبِ الْمُتَقَلِّبَةِ: Cephalosporins -الـ 1 Generation - الـ 2 Generation

لکٹامز - lactamase، ویکون- vicuron، gram (-) لے spectrum - لکھتے نوچے الی

\* ملکن نسبت بـ ۳ اماكن واحده هون :-



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**B-lactame penicille**  
**(carboxylic acid)**

acetylo group. و methylهون هي

الاماكن التي تتشكل  
البلاليد في تحت  
توصيف.

~~history methylene side chain~~

~~amino side chain~~

~~Substitution~~

~~hydrogen bond~~

ستكون (7)

مكتوب

~~Acetyl methyl Side chain~~

7

ادا ما خُفِّهْتُوا  
لَكِي هون  
افتحوا الْلَّابِع  
الي بدرهای



substrate + phosphatase  $\rightarrow$  D-alanine  $\rightarrow$  <sup>α</sup><sub>cf</sub>  
 + target enzyme  $\rightarrow$  transpeptidase. Kephalosporin 1

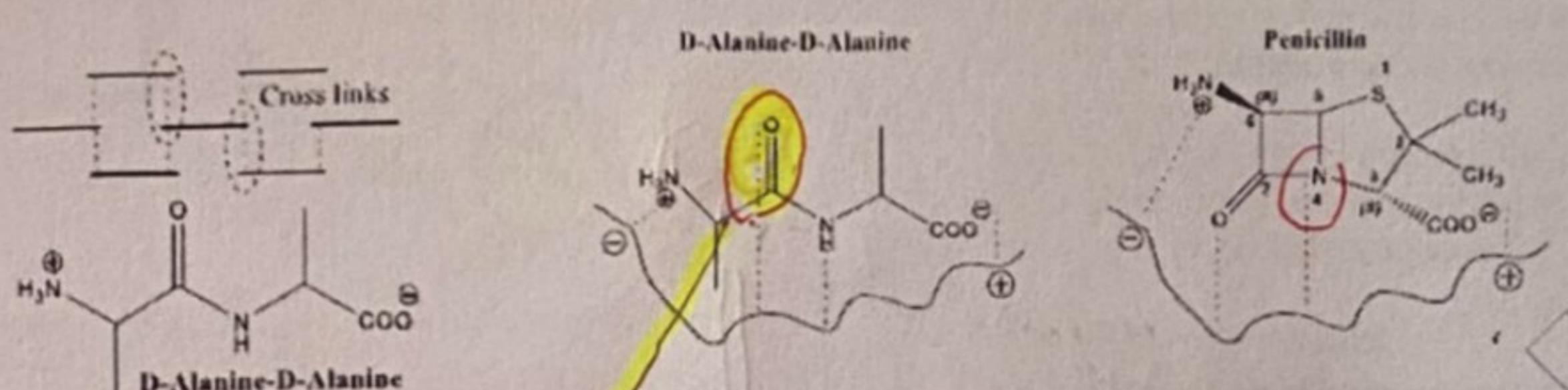
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(Dala, Dala) Penicilline  
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Why are the carboxylic acid and the amine group so important inhibiting the crosslinking?

• NOTES:

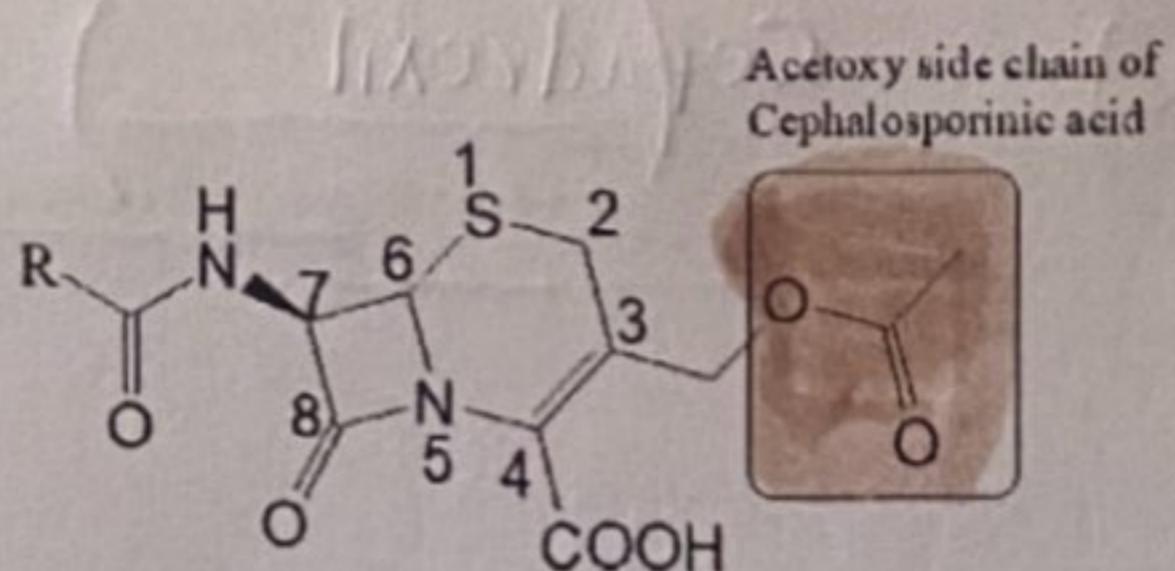
- - The amine groups and carboxyl groups are ionized at neutral PH (ammonium and carboxylate).
  - - Alanine in our bodies are L-alanine, but the bacteria use D-alanine (99% of the organisms use L-amino acids; rarely D-amino acids are used).
  - - The enzyme that uses this D-ala-D-ala as crosslinks is called "Transpeptidase" or "Penicillin binding protein".
  - When we look at D-ala-D-ala at 3D view with penicillin/ cephalosporins at the other side, we will note that both have similar pharmacophoric requirements. (Binding features). Both have carboxylate, ammonium, and amide linkage, which will make electrostatic attractions and hydrogen bonding with the catalytic binging pocket of the transpeptidase enzyme. So, the enzyme will confuse between the penicillin/ cephalosporin and its original substrate D-ala-D-ala due to their 3-dimensional similarity, and both can bind to the same binding pocket.



(أagog، كـ ١٤)

# SAR of Cephalosporins

- The acetoxyethyl (position 3) can be substituted, but still substitution will lead to decrease in activity.
  - (Cephalosporines) can be easily hydrolysed by strong acidic conditions and nucleophiles.
  - If COOH group at position 4 is esterified the product is inactive.
  - (Acylases) can cleave acyl of penicillanic acid – type structures under acidic conditions at the 7-amino position
  - Neutral and basic conditions lead to intramolecular amino-lysis of  $\beta$ -lactams
  - Enzymatic hydrolysis of 3-acetoxyethyl in some Cephalosporins is responsible for some loss in activity



**Cephalothin** One of the most commonly used first-generation cephalosporins easily hydrolysed in the blood by esterases to give the inactive alcohol metabolite mainly given parenterally

$\beta$ -lactam Backbone

- Basic مفہوم

- Neutral

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finer powder

لِهِ عَلَنَا صُلْكٌ  
وَهَادِ كَشَانٌ  
هَايَتٌ رِّبَالِمٌ

W<sup>2</sup> ester  $\xrightarrow{\text{وحضينا}}$  Pyridinium

## Pyridine گلیکول

Replacing the ester with a metabolically stable pyridinium group gives **cephaloridine**

- The pyridine can still act as a good leaving group for the inhibition mechanism but is not cleaved by esterases
  - Cephaloridine exists as a zwitterion and is soluble in water, but, like most first generation cephalosporins, it is poorly absorbed through the gut wall and has to be injected.

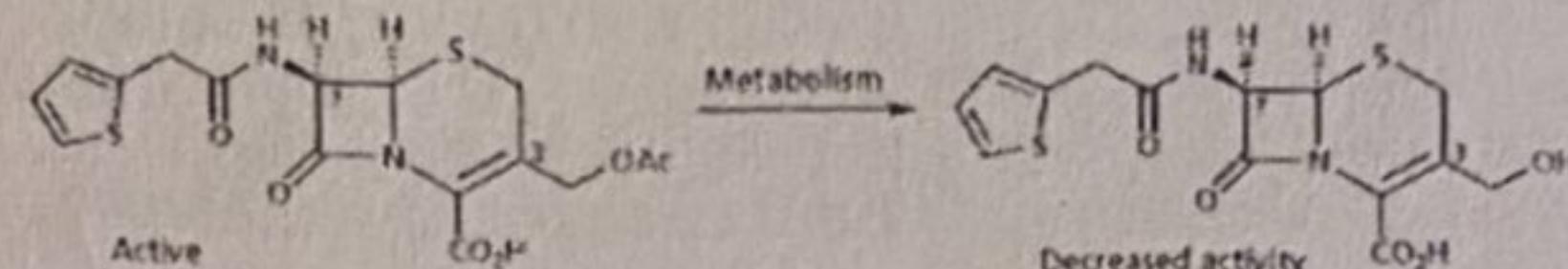
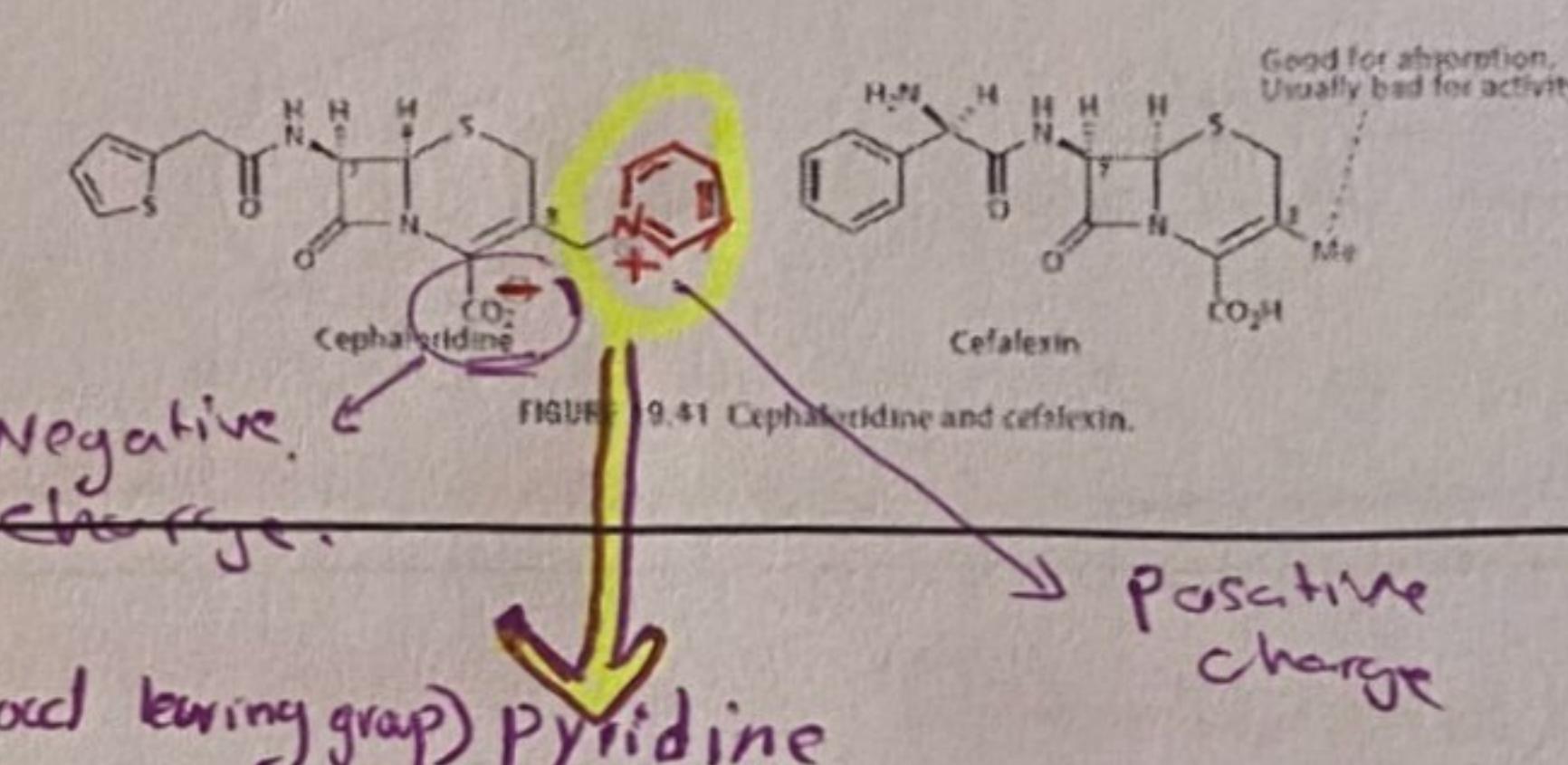


FIGURE 13-4D Metabolic hydrolysis of carbamylcholine.



Cefalexin

(good leaving group) Pyridine

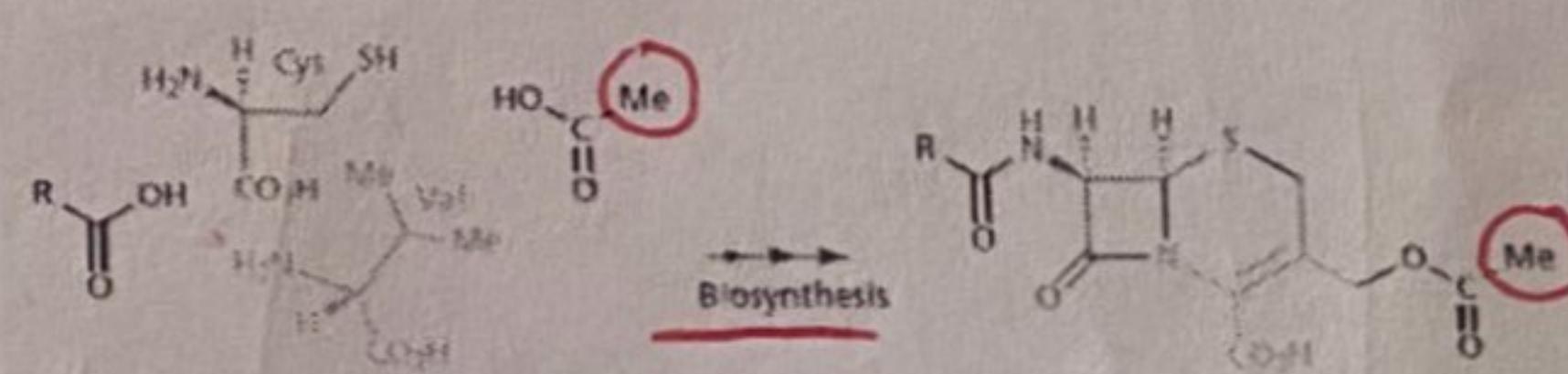
→ Positive charge

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Acetoxy  
absorbed orally

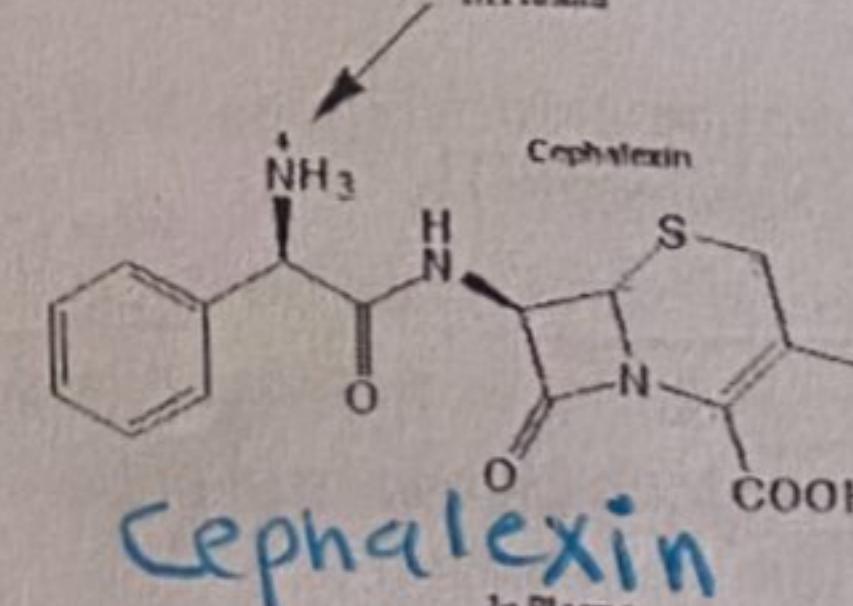
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# Oral Cephalosporins (less active)

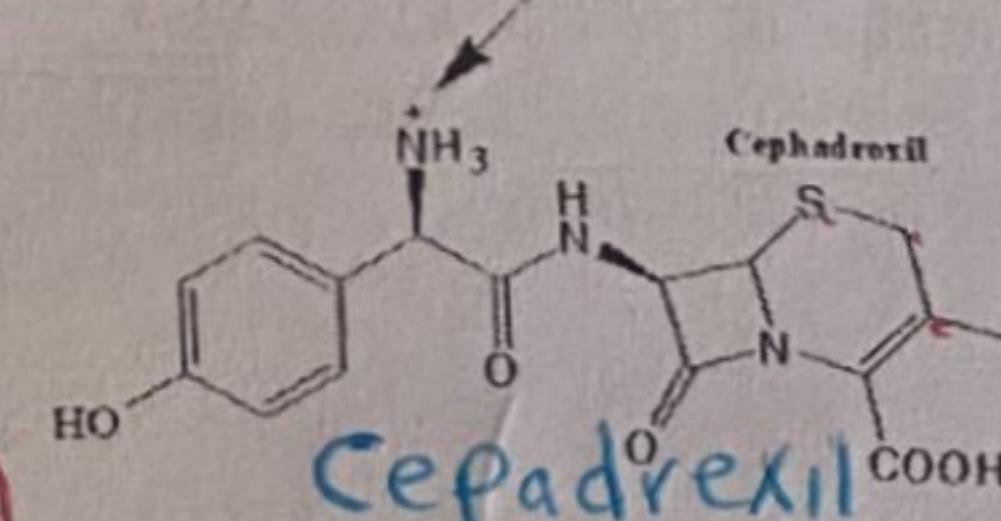
- 1.  $\alpha$ -amino groups stabilizes the carbonyl and prevent breakdown by azalactonization
  - 2. Zwitter ionic cephalosporins are dipeptides (cysteine and Valine) like and are actively transported by carriers through the GIT (just like Ampicillin and Amoxicillin)



**FIGURE 19.34** Biosynthetic precursors of cephalosporin C.



# Cephalexin



**Cephalexin and Cephadroxil**  
less active than cephalothin due to the poor leaving methyl group  
better oral bioavailability than cephalothin

-amoxicillin  
-ampicillin

سلیولال  $\leftarrow$  Cephalexin

+ (Cephadroxil)

لے سبے ہر دل ع C<sub>3</sub>  
لائیو گروپ  
(Methyl group)

لمرحلوا من  
بسنه بيض  
تألق و اخرج  
ريمارن

(ampicillin)  $\xrightarrow{\text{يسبه}} \text{cephalexin} \rightarrow$  على  
ampi

(ampoxicillin)  $\xrightarrow{\text{يسه}} \text{cephadroxil} \rightarrow \text{OH}$

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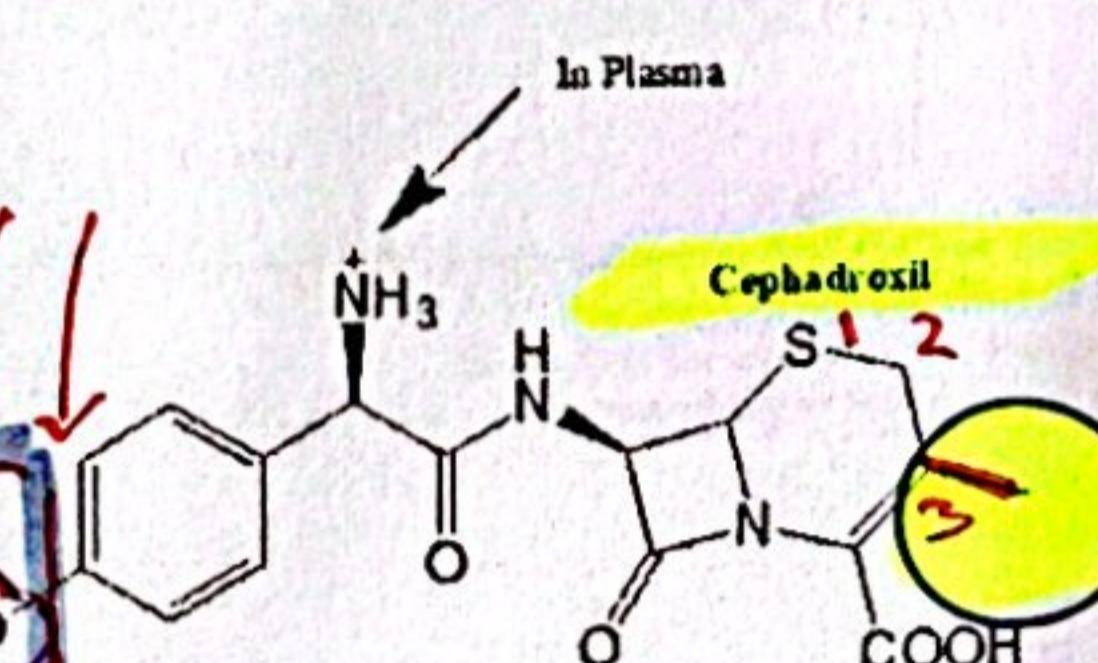
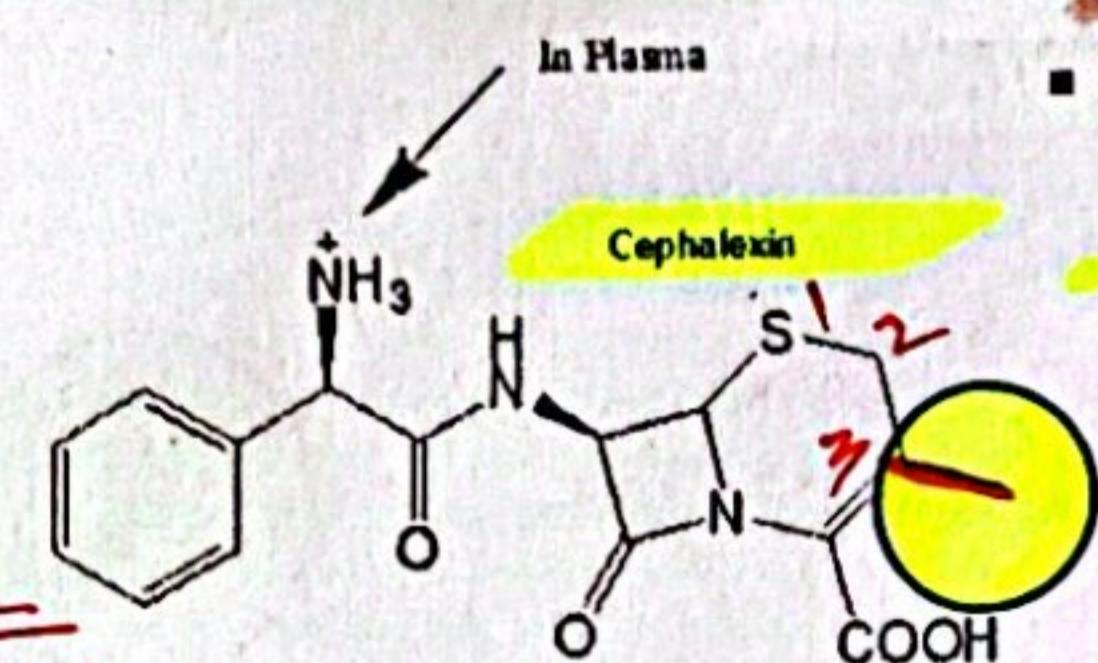
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**Examples of orally active cephalosporines**

- Reduction of 3-acetoxy to methyl gives oral   
activity
  - Cephalosporines degrade by nucleophiles in a similar manner to penicillins by breaking the  $\beta$  lactam ring .



Hans  
amputating

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(amo) xicalli

مُسْتَقِلٌ

Cephalexin  
Cephaclor → Cephalothin

less  
active

**Cefalexin (First generation Cephalosporin)** has a methyl substituent at position 3 which appears to help oral absorption. A methyl group would normally be bad for activity as it is not a good leaving group. However, the presence of a hydrophilic amino group at the  $\alpha$ -carbon of the 7-acylamino side chain in cefalexin helps to restore activity and cefalexin is one of the few cephalosporins which is orally active. The mechanism of absorption through the gut wall is poorly understood and it is not clear why the 3-methyl group is so advantageous for absorption.

Cefazolin is another example of a first-generation cephalosporin.

~~acetoxy~~ → metlyl → oral

للس فطحيه اد  
ـ ساعدت methyl  
ـ بالامتصاص عن طريق  
ـ مع انه اد  
ـ bad activity  
ـ not a good leaving  
ـ group

ولکن وجود الـ  $\alpha$  carbon of the F-acyl amino side.

Cephadroxil  $\xrightarrow{\text{esterase}}$  Cephalexin (esterase  
ester hydrolysis)

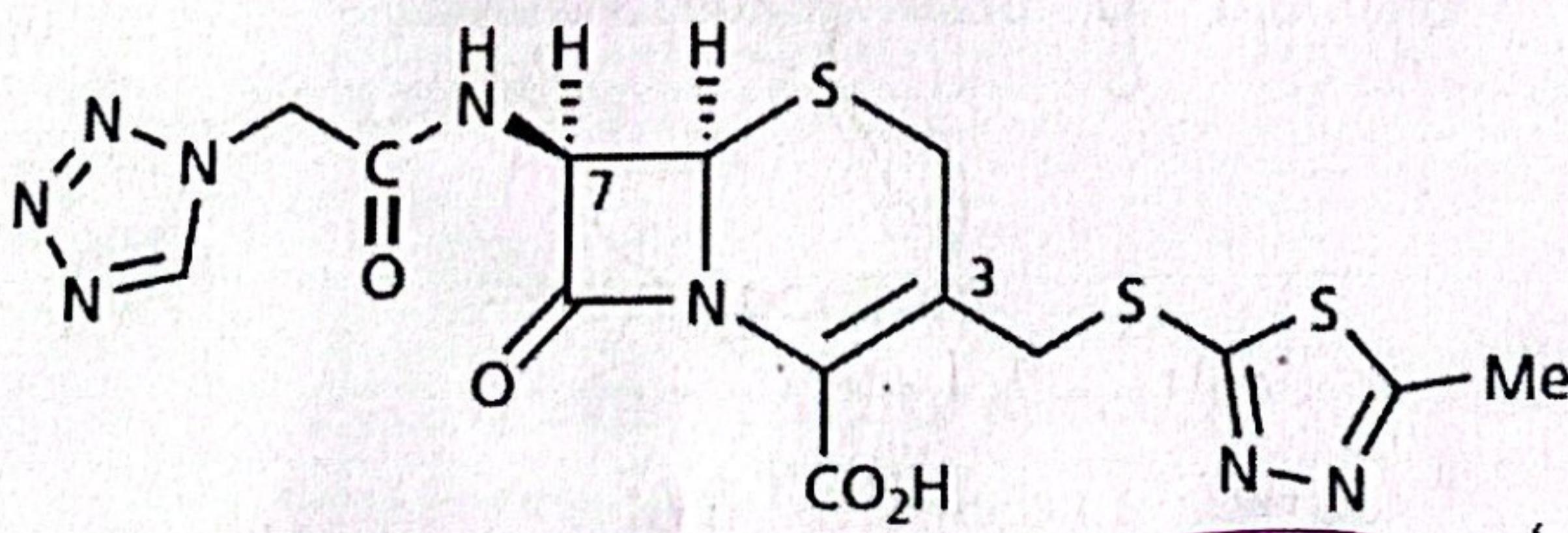
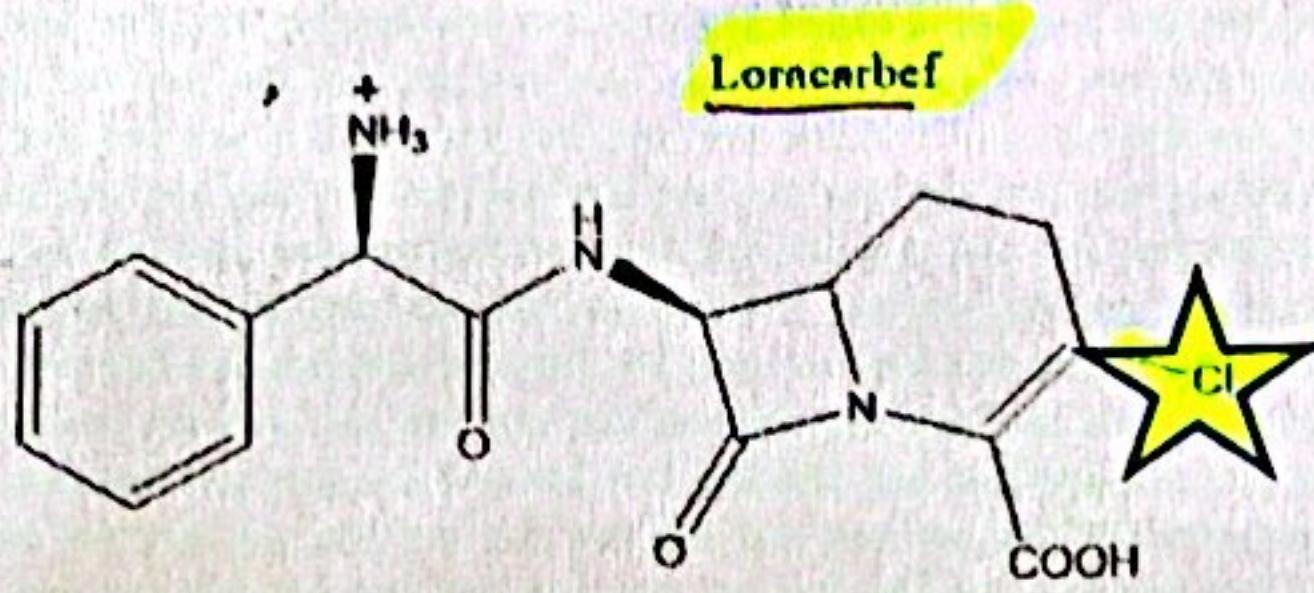
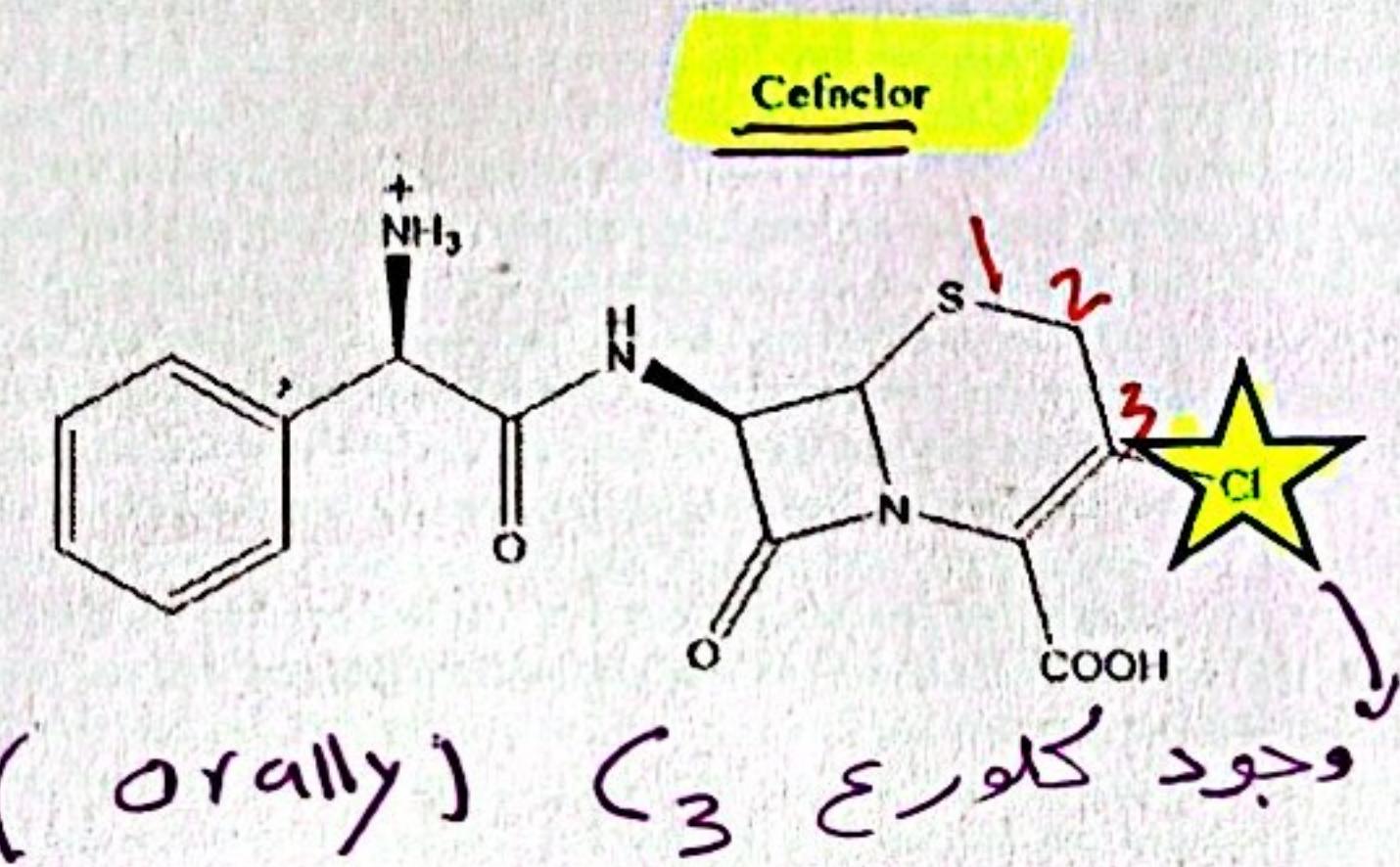
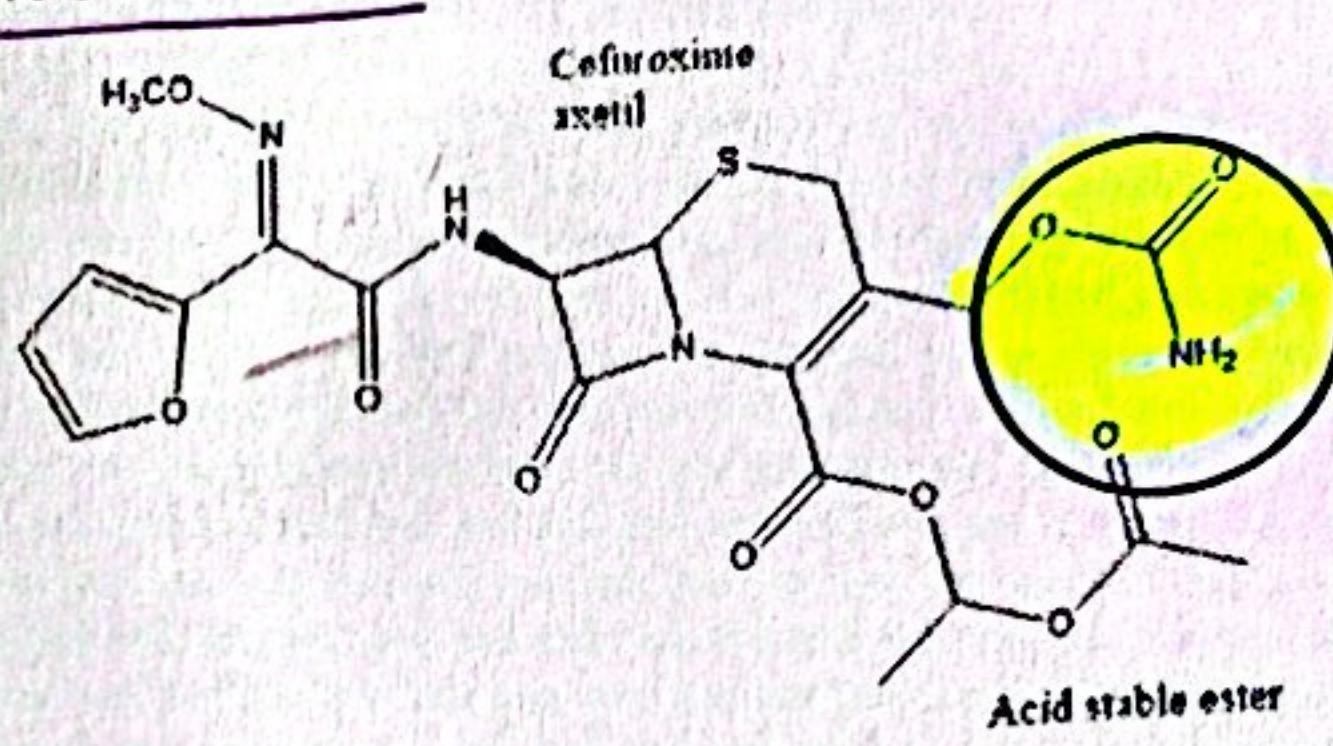


FIGURE 19.42 Cefazolin. (thiazole)  
First generation.

## Other examples of orally active Cephalosporins

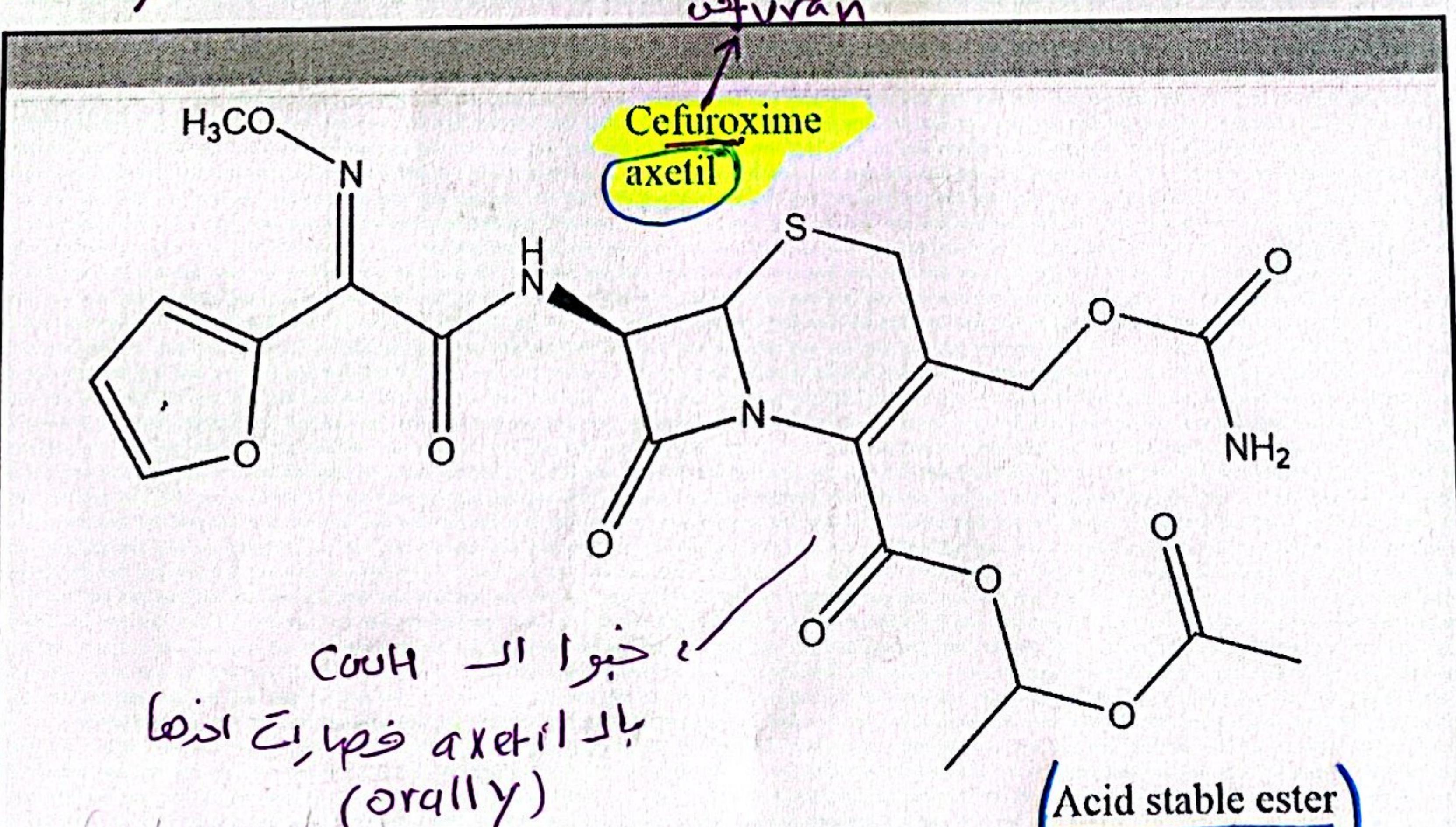


- If the 3-acetoxymethyl was replaced by lipophilic acid-resistant ester then it gives oral activity.



Orally active prodrug of cefuroxime that release the drug in plasma by esterases  
Carbamate is a bad leaving group has an increased resistance to  $\beta$ -lactamases and mammalian esterases (Second generation cephalosporin)

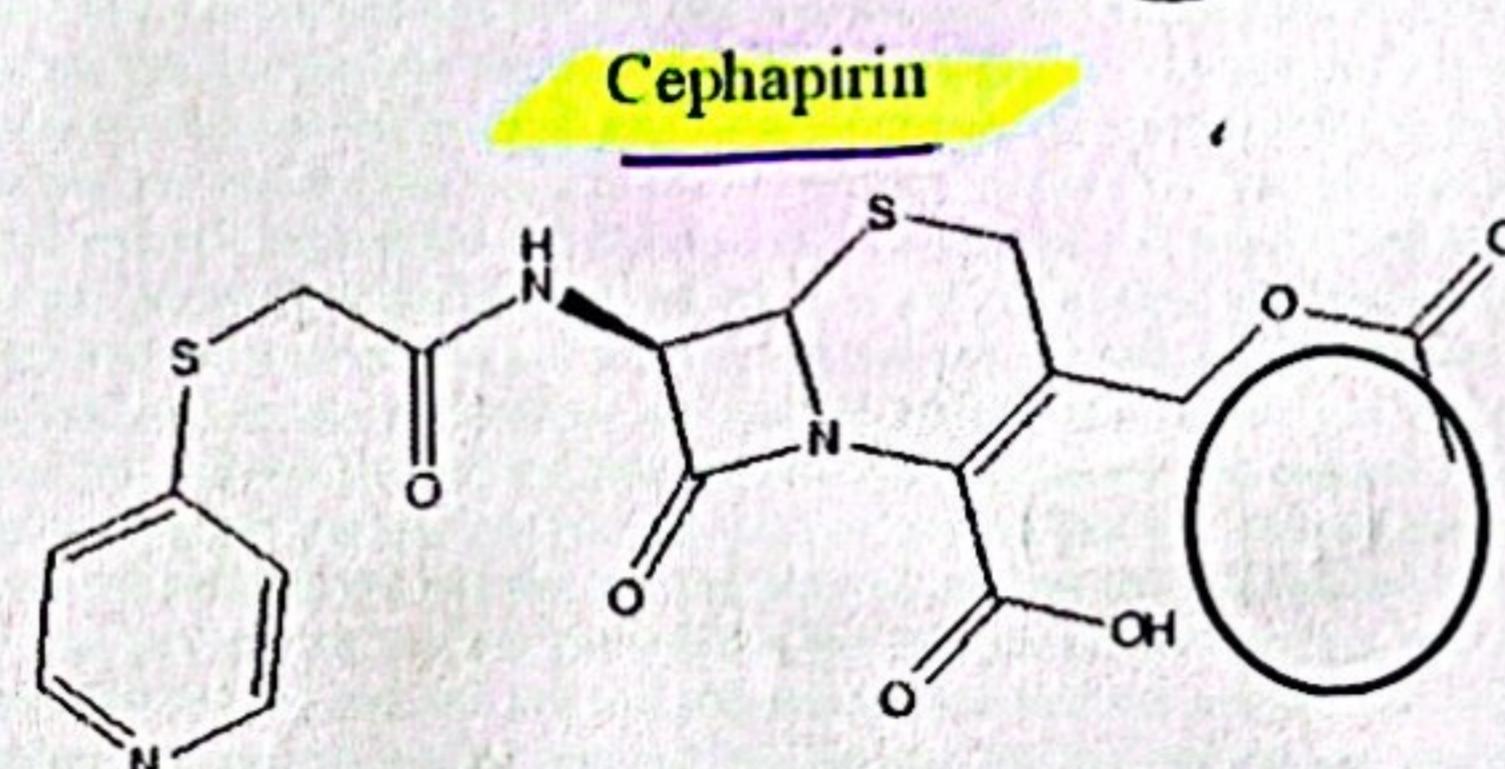
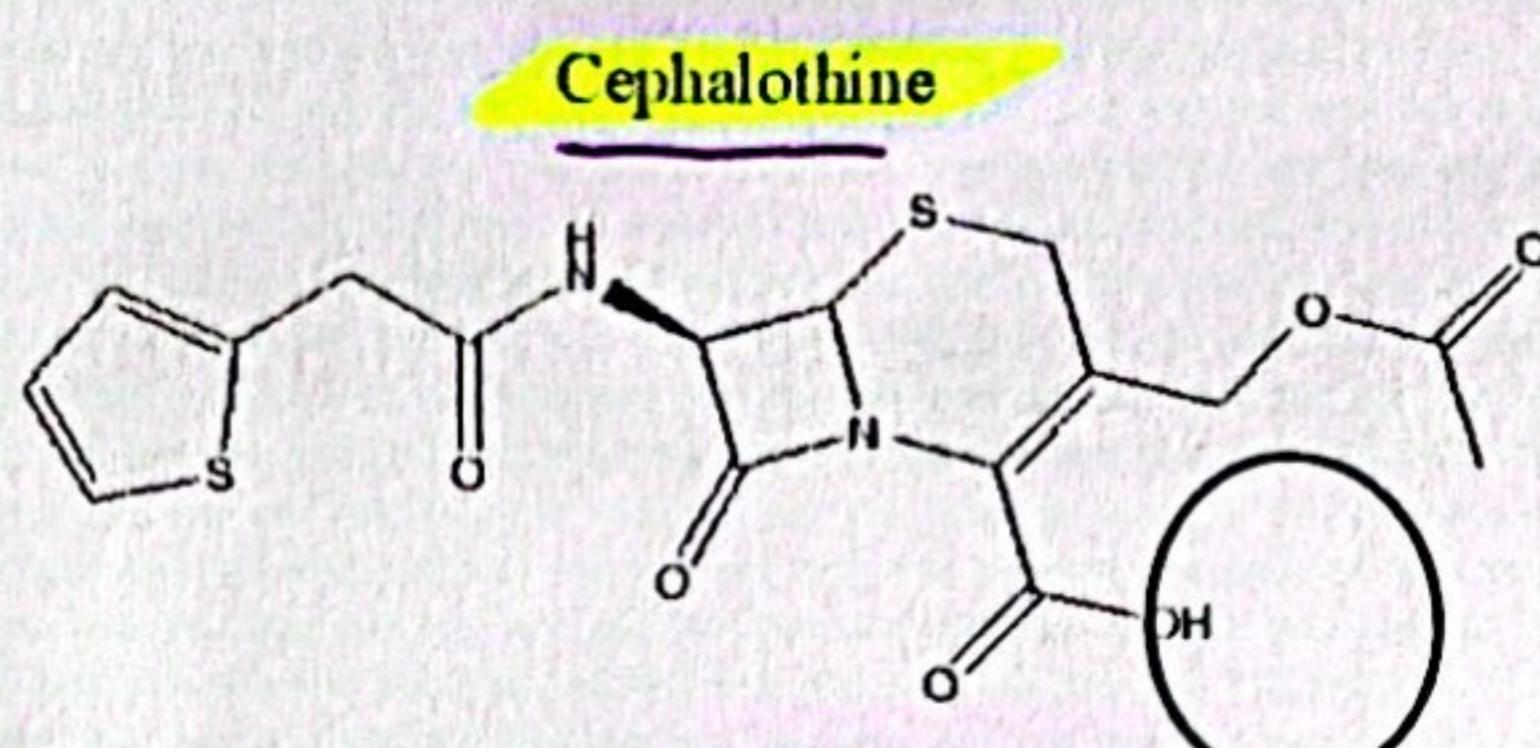
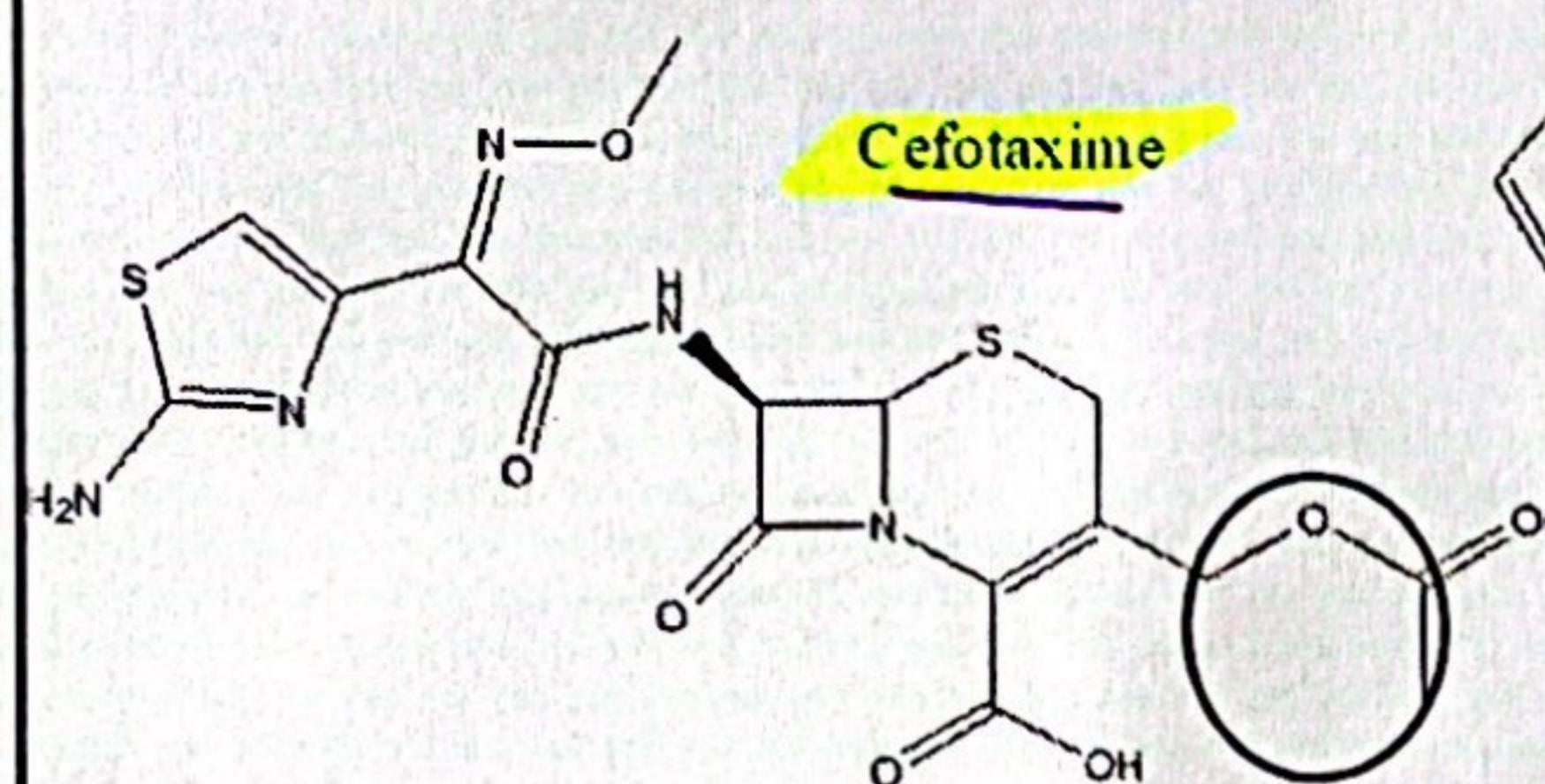
Cefuruxime  $\rightarrow$  Parental  
Cefuruxime axetil  $\rightarrow$  orally



Orally active ester prodrug of cefuroxime that release the drug in plasma by esterases  
Carbamate is a bad leaving group has an increased resistance to  $\beta$ -lactamases and mammalian esterases (Second generation cephalosporin)

# Parenteral Cephalosporins

- Examples :

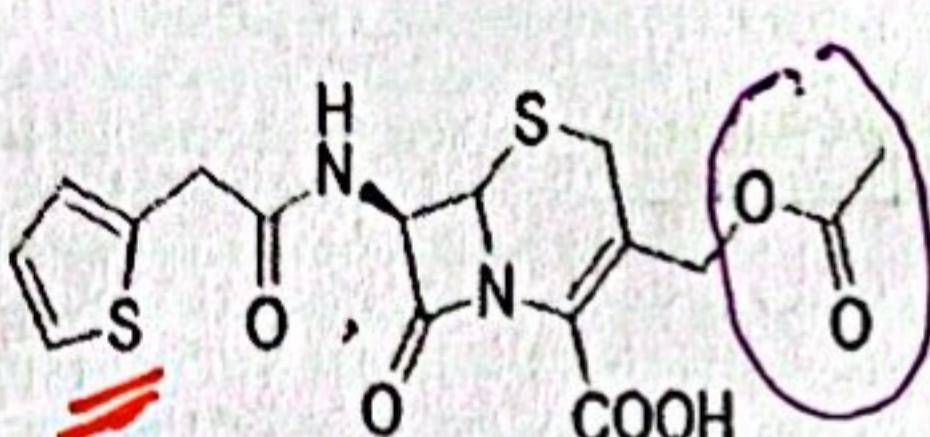


# Classification of Cephalosporins

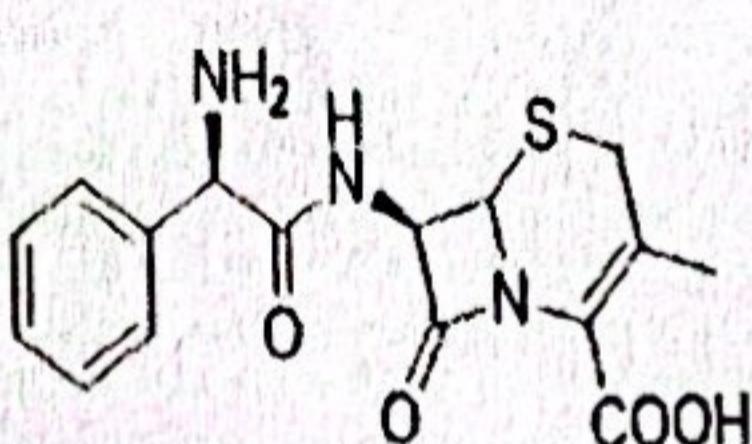
- Divided into first, second, third, fourth, and fifth generations based on their time of discovery and antimicrobial properties.
  - From first to third :
    - 1. broader Gram-negative spectrum
    - 2. some reduction in Gram-positive spectrum
    - 3. enhanced resistance to  $\beta$ -lactamase

## 1st Generation Cephalosporins

- Have lower activity than penicillin but they have broader spectrum action.
- Still susceptible to  $\beta$ -lactamase degradation.



Cephalothin  
easily hydrolysed to give the inactive alcohol metabolite mainly given parenterally



Cephalexin  
less active than cephalothin due to the poor leaving methyl group better oral bioavailability than cephalothin

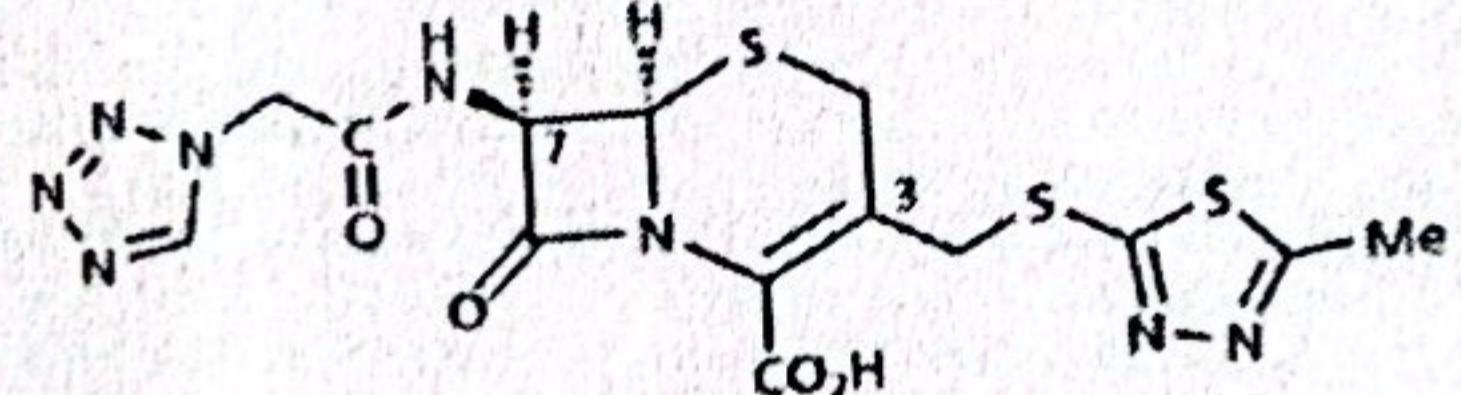
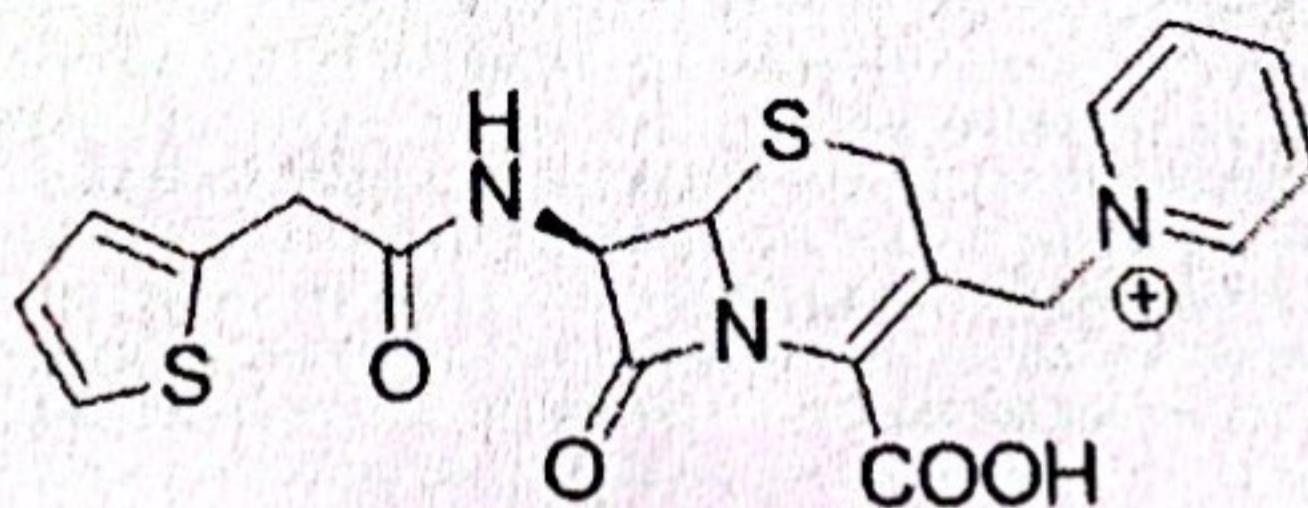


FIGURE 19.42 Cefazolin.

## 1st Generation Cephalosporins

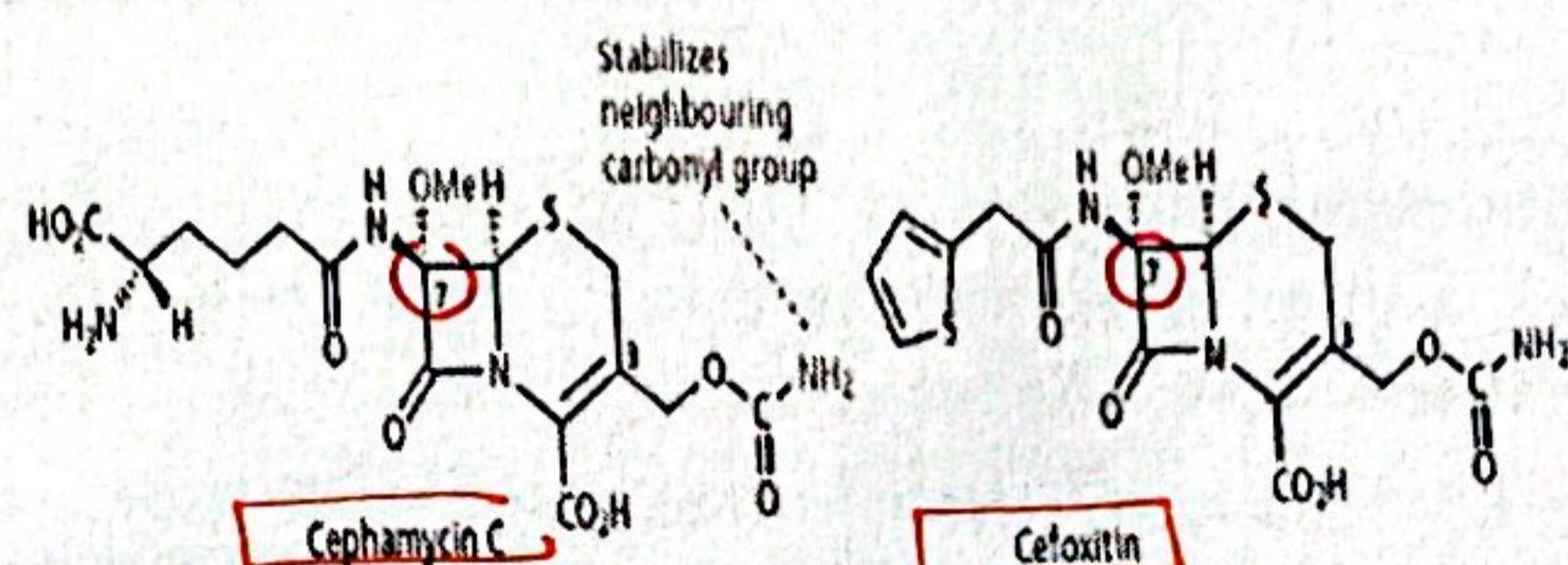


Cephaloridine

- Have the good leaving group, pyridinium ion. This improves the activity.
- This group is not hydrolysable compared to the acetyloxy group found in Cephalothin.
- Poorly absorbed from the gut because it will be ionized all the time.
- Only given parenterally.

## Second-generation cephalosporins Cephamycins

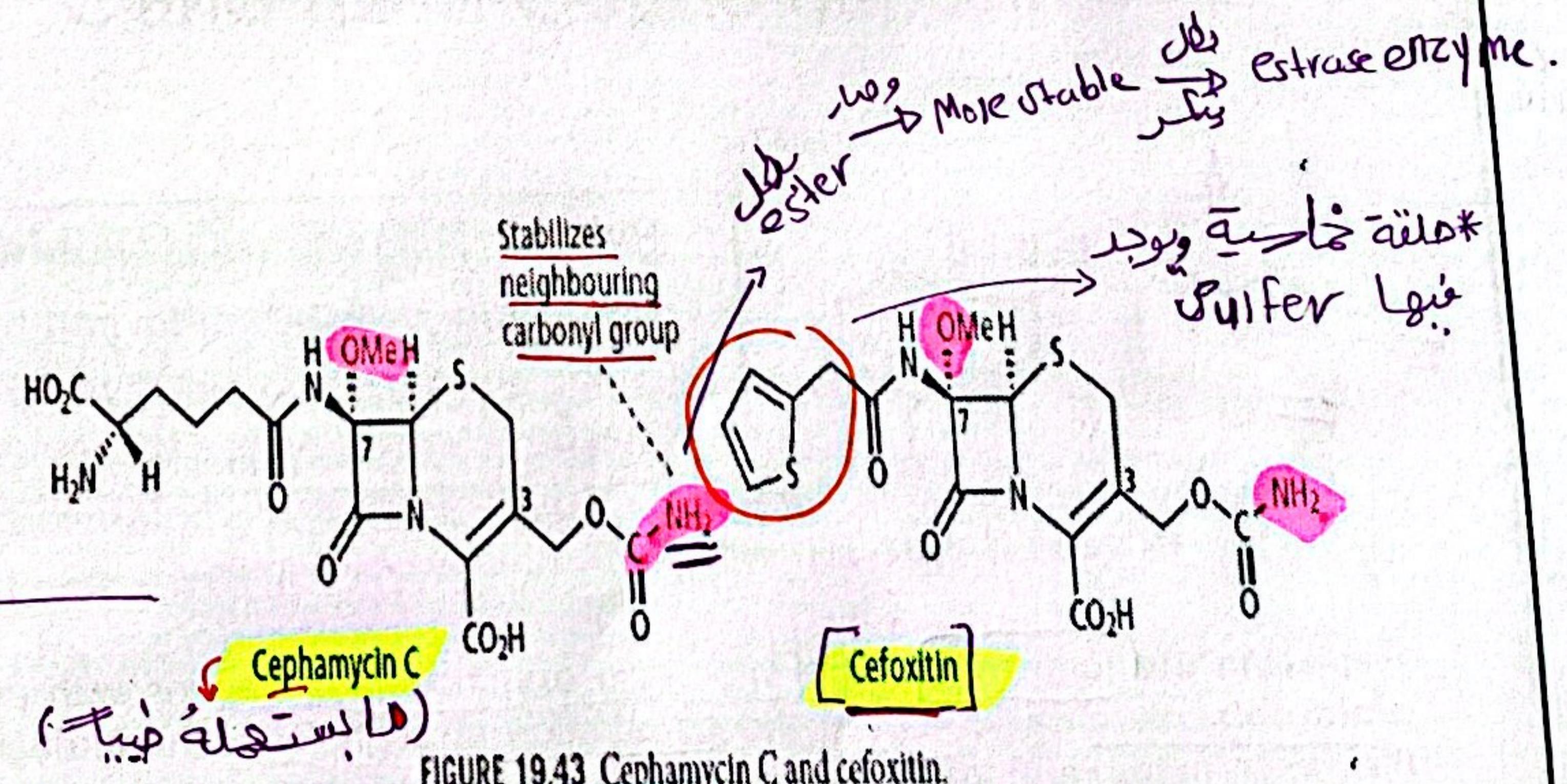
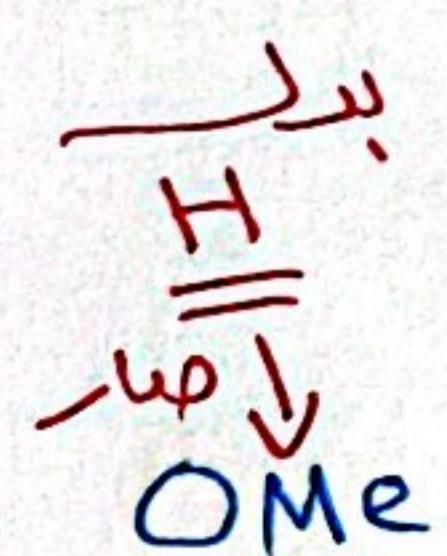
- Cephamycins contain a methoxy substituent at position 7 which has proved advantageous.
- The parent compound cephamycin C was isolated from a culture of *Streptomyces clavuligerus* and was the first  $\beta$ -lactam to be isolated from a bacterial source.
- N.B: The functional groups that  $\beta$ -lactamase resistance at  $\alpha$ -carbon group of penicillins lead to complete loss of activity for the cephalosporins against *Staph. aureus* and other Gram-positive bacteria.



methoxy group gave cefoxitin, which showed a broader spectrum of activity than most first-generation cephalosporins.

This is due to greater resistance to  $\beta$ -lactamase enzymes, which may be due to the steric hindrance provided by the methoxy group.

Cefoxitin shows good metabolic stability to esterases owing to the presence of the urethane group at position 3, rather than an ester



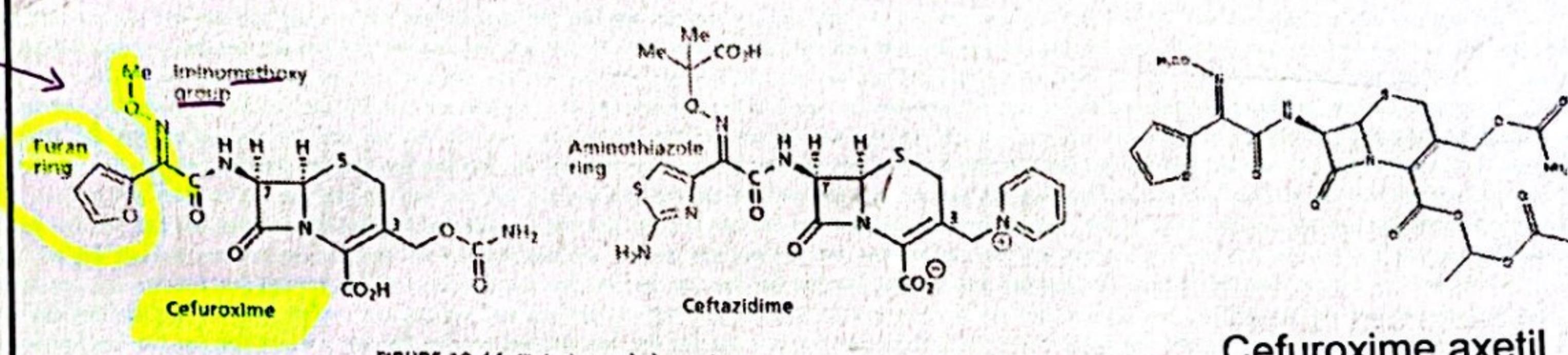
[7  $\leftarrow$  OMe] Second  $\rightarrow$  not resistant to  $\beta$ -lactamase  
 [3  $\leftarrow$  NH<sub>2</sub>]

Cefoxitin.  
 Cefoxitin  $\downarrow$   
 Cephalosporin  $\downarrow$   
 methoxy group, carbon ester.

oxime, مُنْدِل goes first  
لأنه يَحْتَاج مُوجَد  
مُكَوَّن صَوَاب

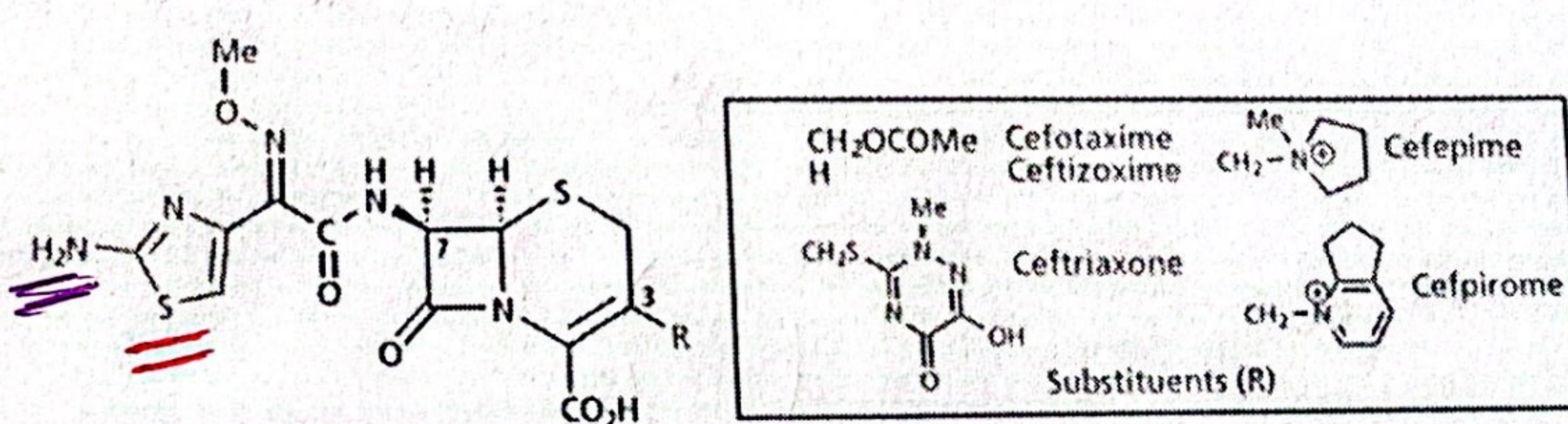
# Oximinocephalosporins

- The development of **oximinocephalosporins** has been a major advance in cephalosporin research.
  - These structures contain an iminomethoxy group at the  $\alpha$ -position of the acyl side chain, which significantly increases the stability of cephalosporins against the  $\beta$ -lactamases produced by some organisms (e.g. *Haemophilus influenza*).
  - The first useful agent in this class of compounds was cefuroxime which, like cefoxitin (mentioned in the previous slide), has an increased resistance to  $\beta$ -lactamases and mammalian esterases. Unlike cefoxitin, cefuroxime retains activity against streptococci and, to a lesser extent, staphylococci.



**FIGURE 19.44** Oximinocephalosporins.

# Third-generation cephalosporins



**FIGURE 19.45** Third- and fourth-generation oximinocephalosporins.

Replacing the furan ring of the aforesaid oximinocephalosporins with an aminothiazole ring enhances the penetration of cephalosporins through the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria and may also increase affinity for the transpeptidase enzyme.

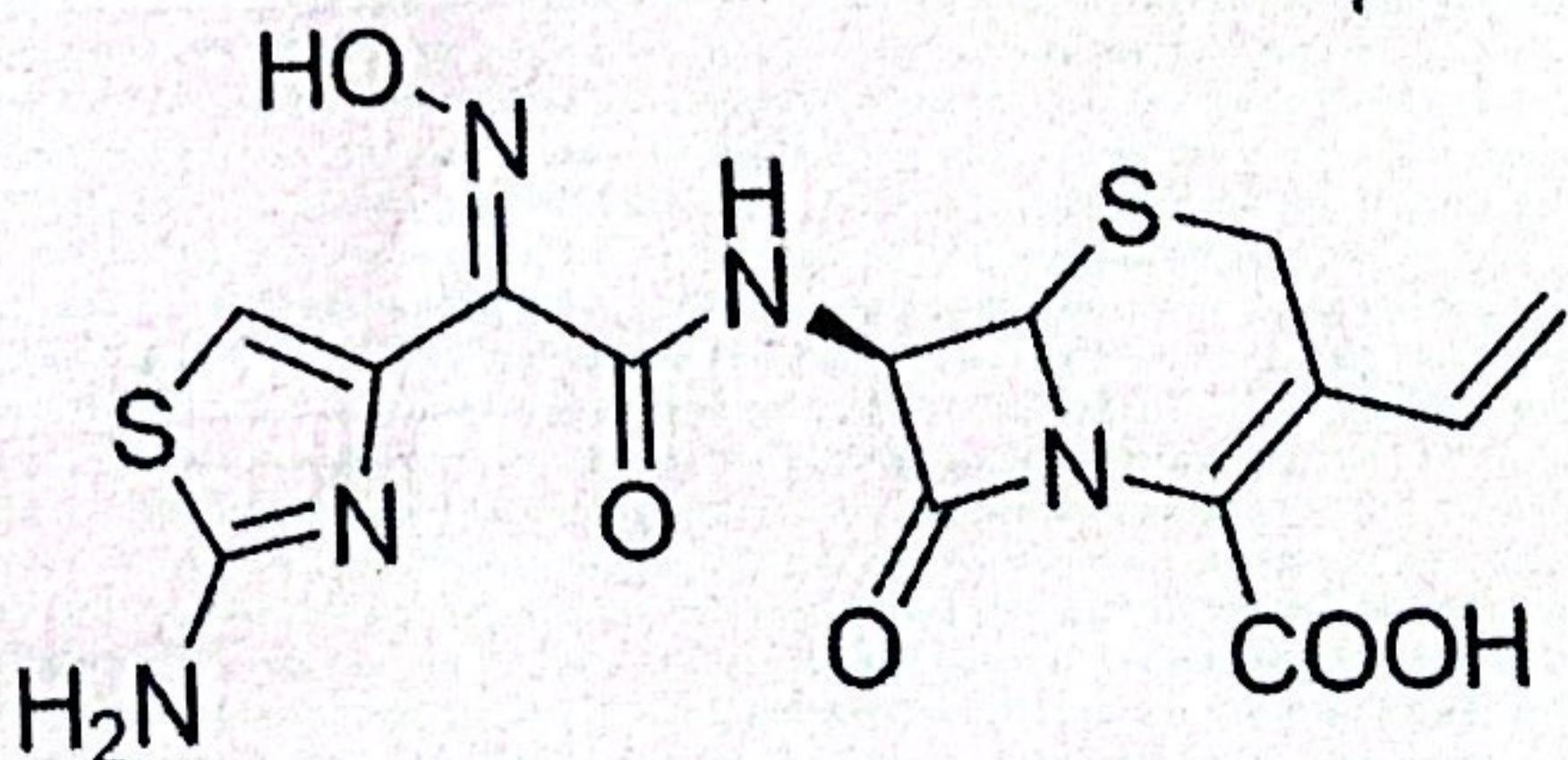
## Third-generation cephalosporins

- As a result, third-generation cephalosporins containing this ring have a marked increase in activity against Gram-negative bacteria. A variety of such structures have been prepared, such as **ceftazidime**, **cefotaxime**, **ceftizoxime**, and **ceftriaxone**
- With different substituents at **position 3** to vary the pharmacokinetic properties. They play a major role in **antimicrobial therapy** because of their activity **against Gram-negative bacteria**, many of which are **resistant to other β-lactams**. As such infections are uncommon outside hospitals, physicians are discouraged from prescribing these drugs routinely and they are viewed as 'reserve troops' to be used for troublesome infections which do not respond to the more commonly prescribed β-lactams.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Cephalosporins

### Cefdinir (Omnicef®):

- It has a **broad-spectrum activity**.
- More active on **Gram-ve** bacterial infections such as **respiratory, skin and soft tissues infections**.
- Estimated **oral bioavailability** is **20-25%**.
- LogP = 0.02**
- pKa = 3.27**



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## Fourth-generation cephalosporins

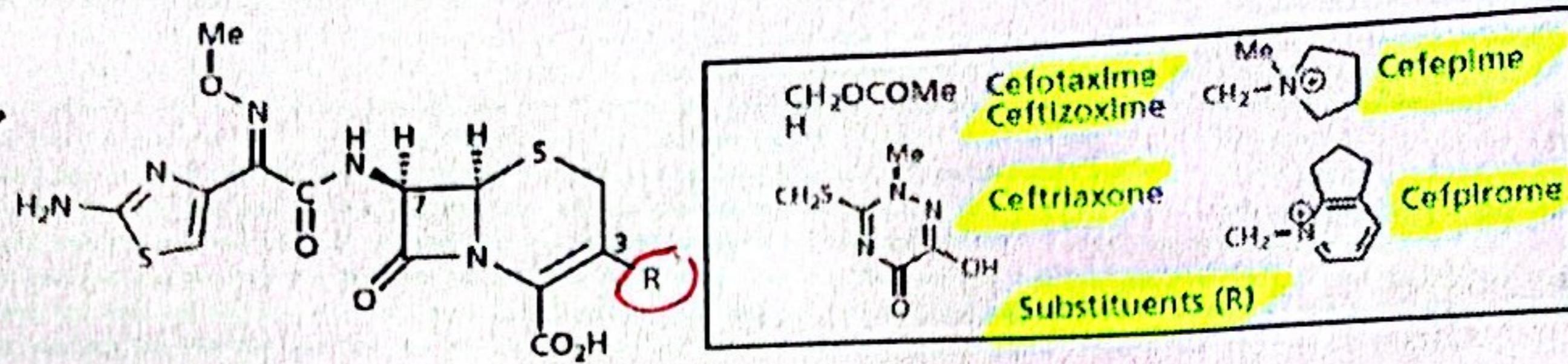


FIGURE 19.45 Third- and fourth-generation oximocephalosporins.

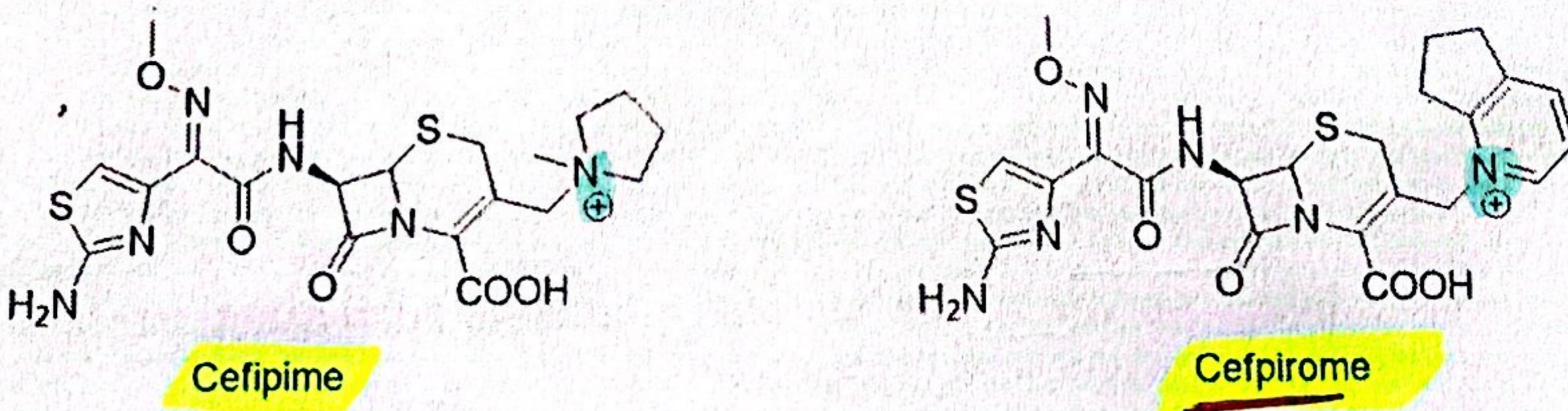
fourth  
Positive  
charge

*Cefepime and cefpirome are oximocephalosporins which have been classed as fourth-generation cephalosporins. They are zwitterionic compounds having a positively charged substituent at position 3 and a negatively charged carboxylate group at position 4. This property appears to radically enhance the ability of these compounds to penetrate the outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria. They are also found to have a good affinity to the transpeptidase enzyme and a low affinity to a variety of  $\beta$ -lactamases.*

*جلي' target JL abi - و  
عول (عول)  $\beta$ -lactamis abi - و*

*جولي' resistance  
affinity towards  
transpeptidase.*

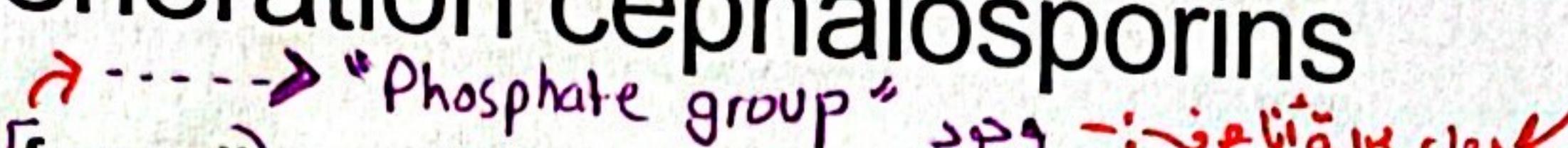
## 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Cephalosporins

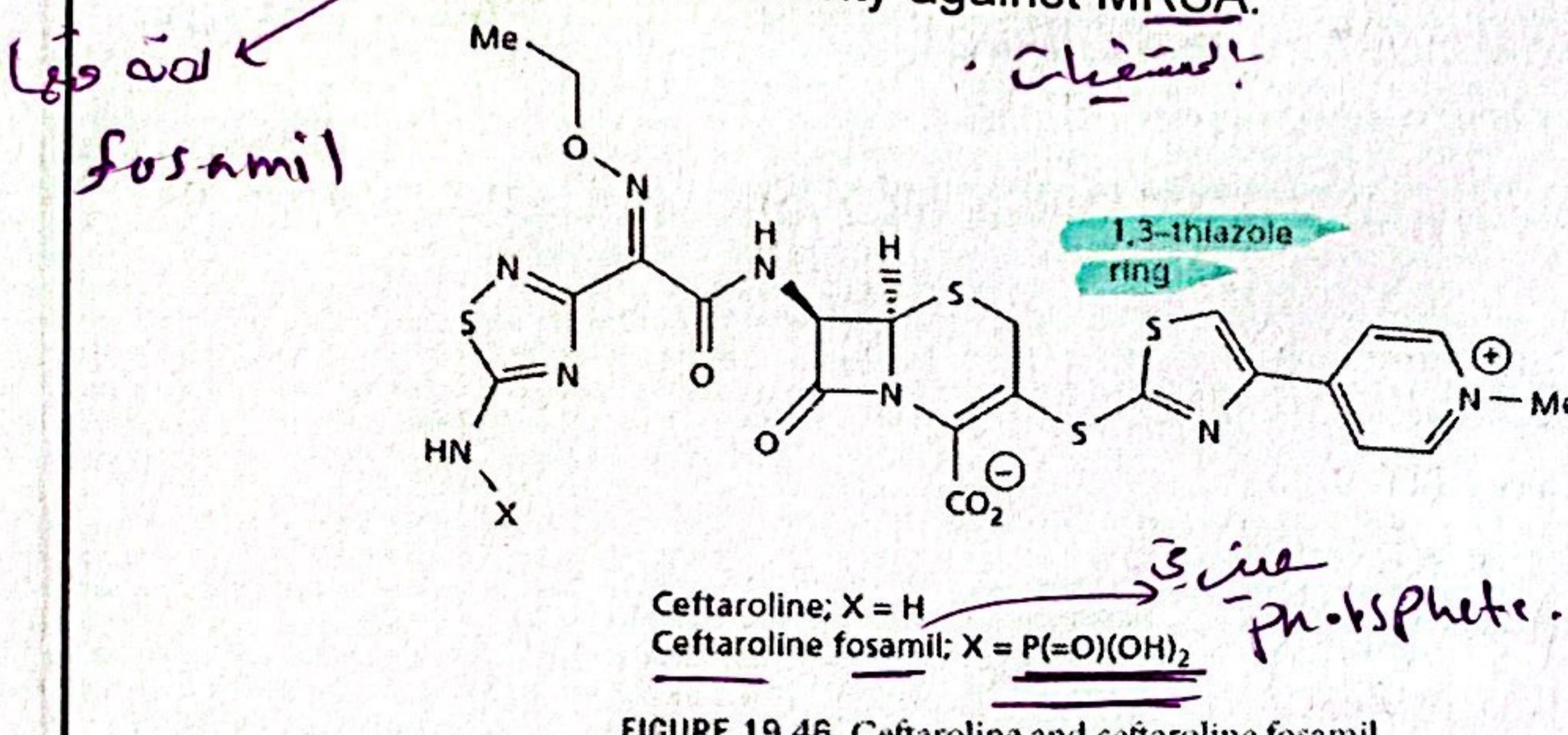


- They have a positively charged group at C<sub>3</sub> which become a good leaving group during the binding with transpeptidase.
- They are more polar than the old generation, better penetration for the outer membrane of gram -ve bacteria.
- More stable toward  $\beta$ -lactamase.

## Fifth-generation cephalosporins

مثابة prodrug

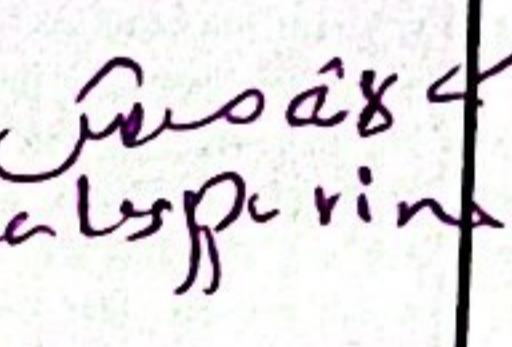
- Ceftaroline  is a fifth-generation cephalosporin that has activity against various strains of MRSA and multi-resistant Streptococcus pneumonia (MDRSP).
- It acts as a prodrug for ceftaroline, and the 1,3-thiazole ring is thought to be important for its activity against MRSA.

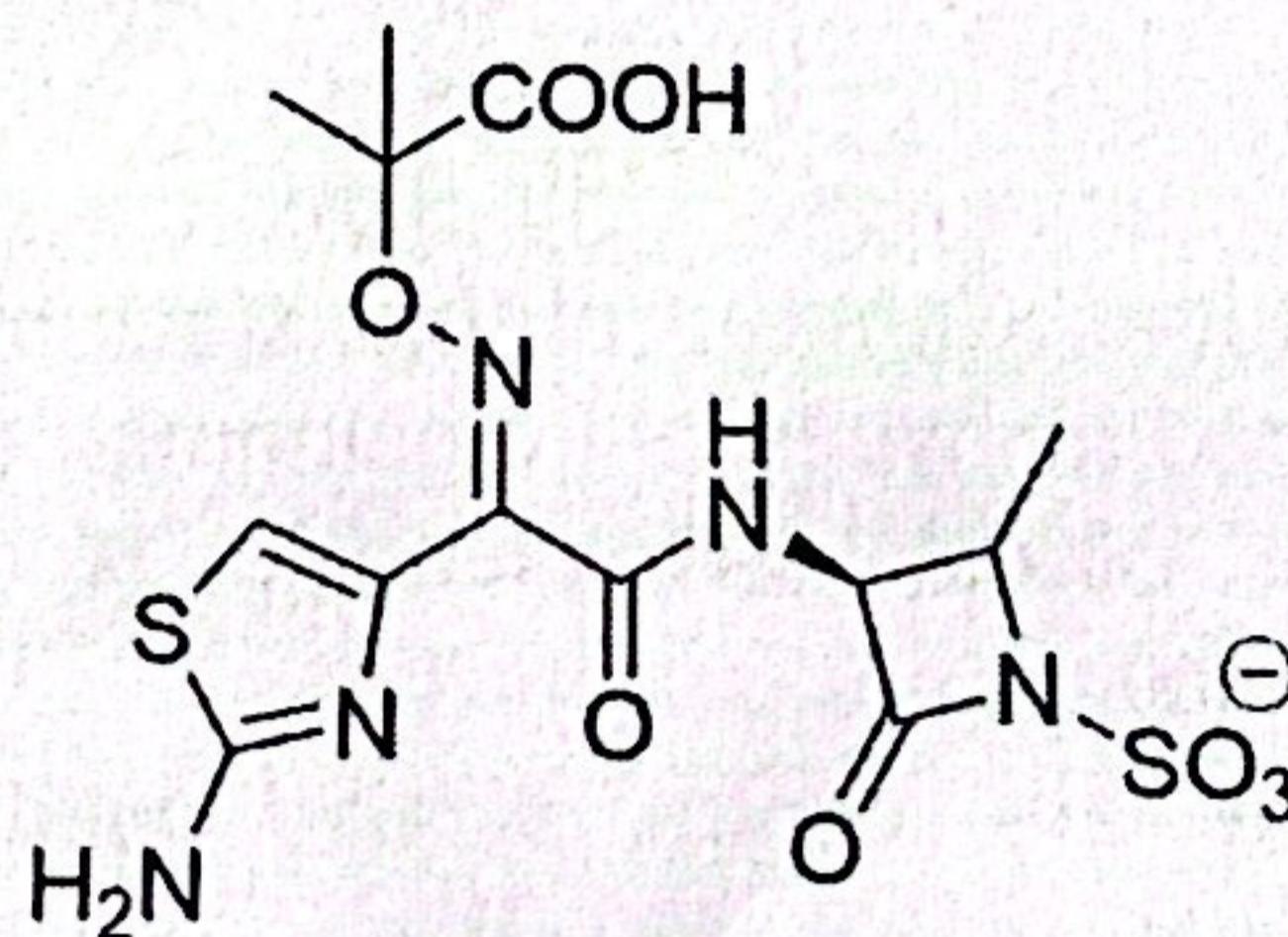


مثابة  
لـ MRSA

MRSA :-  
كثير خطيرة  
لا مع الله لا صدح لها  
اصابه فيروس اصبعه  
مهلك توصى لوريد  
انجع ماتقد بتخلص  
منها لا ينفع خبطة

## Monobactams

cefhalosporin 



Aztreonam

- It has a limited activity against gram +ve bacteria.
- Because it does not have the fused ring system, Aztreonam is believed to have different mechanism of action.
- highly polar structure which reduce the oral bioavailability. It is recommended to be given parenterally.

## Side effects and drugs interactions

- Comparatively non-toxic and selective action to bacterial cell wall by inhibiting cell-wall cross linking enzymes similar to penicillins
- Most common side effect is hypersensitivity
- Allergic reactions are believed to be less frequent in cephalosporins than penicillins
- Cross - allergy between penicillins and cephalosporins is very low (3%-7%) only.

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عِنْ دِلْزِمِ Penicillin

لَوْنَتِ عِنْ دِسَاسِ Cephalosporins.

(عِنْ دِلْزِمِ Penicillin)

دِسَاسِيَّةِ دِلْزِمِ

لِنَسْبَةِ (7.1% - 3%)

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Cefamandol, Cefotetan, Cefmetazol, Moxalactam, and Cefoperazone have been implicated in hypoprothrombinemia, might lead to severe bleeding in some cases. The bleeding is reversed by vit. K administration (weakly).

- MTT cephalosporin are contraindicated with heparin and oral anticoagulants therapy.
- MTT Cephalosporins inhibit aldehyde dehydrogenase which oxidizes acetaldehyde to acetic acid leading to alcohol intolerance.

