

# ADME

## Distribution

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بمجرد ما يمتص من مصل الدم ويتوزع عن طريق الدم للخلايا والأنسجة.

- Once a drug is absorbed, it is subsequently **distributed** around the blood supply and to tissues and cells.
- Distribution is the process by which a drug **reversibly** leaves the blood stream and enters the **interstitial or cellular fluid** of the body. Intestinal fluid, intracellular fluid, and transcellular fluid are 16%, 35%, and 2% of the body mass, respectively. Meanwhile, plasma is 5% of body mass and fat is 20%.
- All of the fluid in the body (total body water) in which a drug can be dissolved may be roughly divided into three compartments: intravascular (blood plasma found within blood vessels); interstitial/tissue (fluid surrounding cells), and intracellular (fluid within cells, i.e., cytosol).

سوائل الجسم

extracellular fluid  
سوائل خارج الخلية

\* توزيع الدواء بالـ (Compartment) يعتمد على  
تفاصيل الدواء نفسه.

- The distribution of a drug into these compartments is dictated by its physical and chemical properties. Compounds distribute differentially within body and PPB may limit distribution.
- Most noticeably, **lipophilic compounds may accumulate in fatty tissues**. For instance, thiopental, ethers, and minocycline tend to collect in adipose tissues.

- Additional examples of tissue storage include:
  - Iodine in thyroid gland;
  - Calcium, tetracyclines in bones and teeth;
  - Digoxin (to muscle proteins) in heart and skeletal muscles;
  - Chloroquine, tetracyclines, and digoxin in liver;
  - Tetracyclines and digoxin in kidney;
  - Chlorpromazine, isoniazid, and acetazolamide in the brain;
  - (Ephedrine and atropine (to melanin) in iris.)

(Ephedrine & Atropine) يرتبطو بالميلانين

التي بالقرنية (Iris) فلناس اللي عيونهم  
عش ملونة (بنية أو سود) يحتاجو (Dose) أقل  
من هبول الأدوية من الناس اللي عيونهم  
ملونة لوزن العيون الغير ملونة فيها ميلانين أكثر.

كل (Drug) يروج على  
مكان مخصص أو  
بالأحرى بتركز أكثر  
بهدا المكان.

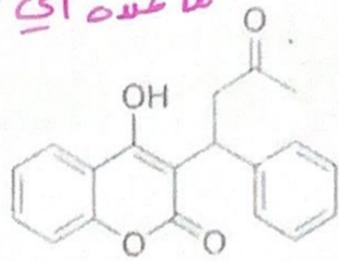
\* كلما الدواء صار له توزيع أكثر بالخلايا (يعني ماضل موجود بالبلازما / الدم) فزيد الـ (Vd) يعني توزيع أكثر بالخلايا.

- Overall, **volume of distribution (Vd)** of a drug is determined by its partitioning across various membranes; binding to tissue components; binding to blood components; and physiological volumes. Apparent volume of distribution (Vd) is a primary PK parameter and could be greater than 10,000 L.
- The larger the volume of distribution, the more likely that the drug is found in the tissues of the body. In contrast, the smaller is the volume of distribution, the more likely is the drug confined to the (circulatory system) → blood

Compounds	Vd (L/kg)	Vd (L)
Acidic	<0.4	<28 <span style="color: green;">قليل</span>
Neutral	0.4-1.0	28-70 <span style="color: green;">متوسط</span>
Basic	>1.0	>70 <span style="color: green;">دنياً عالي</span>

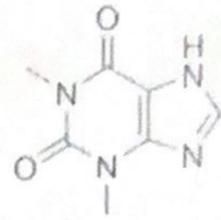
أمثلة  
على توزيع  
الدواء

neutral to acidic  
(Basic group)  $V_d$   $\uparrow$



Warfarin (60),  $V_d = 8L$

Basic & acidic  
Proparities

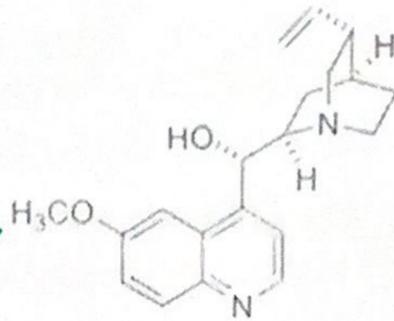


theophylline (61),  $V_d = 35L$

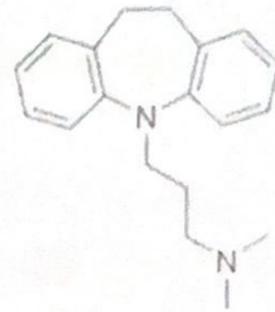
فزيادة  $V_d$

(quinidine, imipramine, theophylline)

The presence of basic amines normally leads to increase of tissue affinity, thus boosts the  $V_d$  value



quinidine (62),  $V_d = 150L$

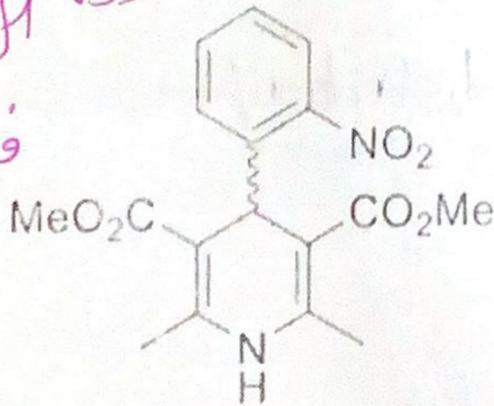


imipramine (63),  $V_d = 2,100L$

imi pramine & quinidine  
(Basic amines)  $V_d$   $\uparrow$   
(Lipophilic)  $V_d$   $\uparrow$   
(amphiphilic) drug

Lysosomotropism:  
lipophilic amines ( $\log P > 1$ ) and amphiphilic drugs (cationic amphiphilic drugs) with ionizable amines ( $pK_a > 6$ ) can accumulate in lysosomes.

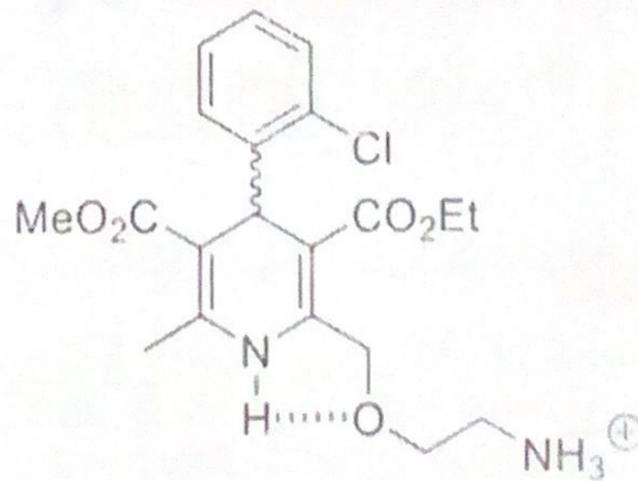
فالفروغ يكونوا unionized على  
Physiological pH  $\uparrow$  لكن لما يدخلو  
على lysosomes acidic  $\leftarrow$  فيسرو  
Protonated ويكسبو  $H^+$  وييسرو  
(ionized) وييسرو لهم (Trapping)  $V_d$   $\uparrow$



nifedipine (Adalat, 42)

$V_d, 0.75 L/kg$

$t_{1/2}, 2 h$



amlodipine (Norvasc, 43)

$21 L/kg$

$35 h!$

$V_d$  is moderate

- First-generation calcium channel blocker
- Neutral drug with a moderate  $V_d$  of  $0.75 L/kg$
- Has a short half-life of 2 h, thus has to be taken three times a day.

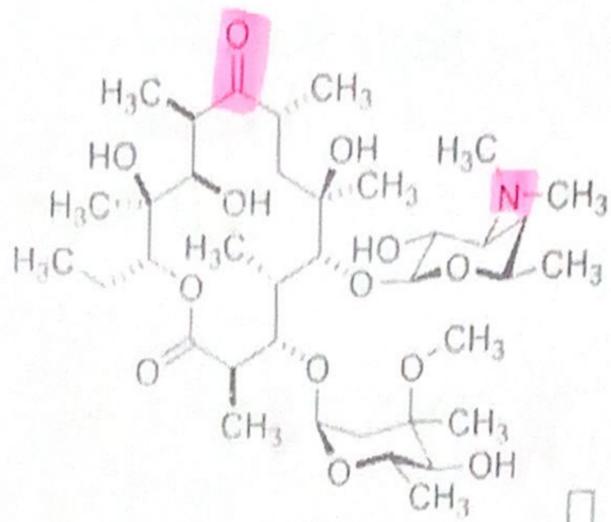
- Third-generation calcium channel blocker
- Has a basic primary amine sidechain (lysosomotropism)
- Has a very high  $V_d$  of  $21 L/kg$
- Has a half-life of 35 h (once daily regimen).

$t_{1/2}$  قصير ولهيك كان المريض ياخذة 3 مرات باليوم

modification على  
1st generation

3rd  
مرة واحدة  
يوصى

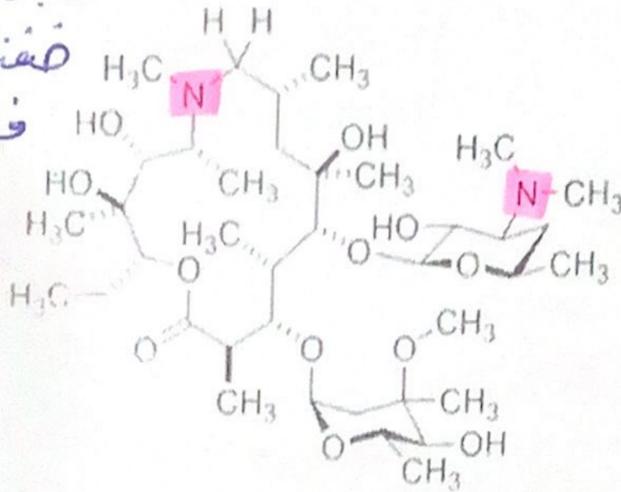
Compound (amine)  $V_d$   $\uparrow$  Compound  
في خلاصة (Lysosomotropism) يعني  $V_d$   $\uparrow$  بالانجليزية وارت  $t_{1/2}$



erythromycin (Erythrocin, 64)  
 $V_d$ , 4.8 L/kg  
 Cl, 55 mL/kg  
 $t_{1/2}$ , 3 h  
 tissue/serum ratio, 0.5-5x  
 $F\%$ , 25%  
 4x daily

1  
 One basic nitrogen atom

هون بيل الكاربونيل  
 قفنا amine  
 فزاد ال (Vd)



azithromycin (Zithromax, 65)  
 $V_d$ , 62 L/kg  
 Cl, 15 mL/kg  
 $t_{1/2}$ , 18 h  
 tissue/serum ratio, 10-100x  
 $F\%$ , 37%  
 qd

2  
 Two basic nitrogen atoms

زيادة ال lysosomotropism

\* من الشغل التي بتأثر على (Vd)

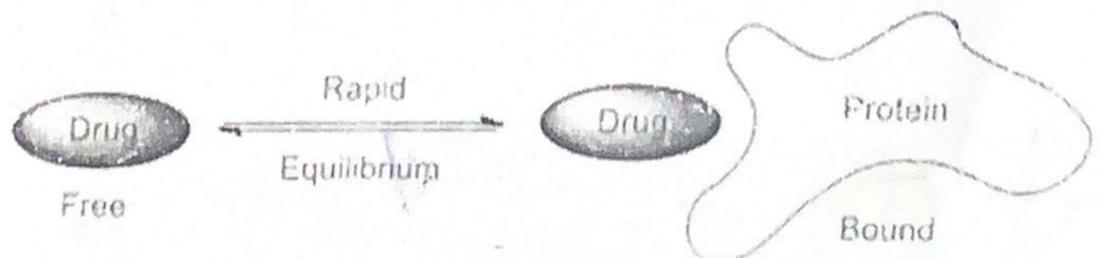
## Plasma Protein Binding

ممكن الدواء يرتبط مع البروتينات التي بالدّم  
 بالتالي بيسر الدواء  
 not available for ~~distribution~~ distribution / metabolism / elimination  
 distribution

- Drugs can bind to protein macromolecules in the blood, a phenomenon known as **plasma-protein binding (PPB)**.
- The protein-bound form of the drug must dissociate from the protein in order to be useful because only unbound compound is available for distribution into tissues. There are three types of plasma proteins: human serum albumin (HSA) and  $\alpha$ -1 acid glycoprotein (AAG) are the two more abundant proteins; whereas the third plasma protein, lipoprotein, is of less importance for PPB.

### NOTE:

Drug bound to albumin is also not available for metabolism in hepatocytes nor for renal elimination. The complex is large and cannot penetrate the cell membrane of hepatocytes.



# Clinical implications of drugs' PPB

1. There is an equilibration between the PPB fraction of the drug and the free molecules of the drug. The PPB fraction is not available for action.
2. The drugs with high physicochemical affinity for plasma proteins (e.g., aspirin, sulfonamides, chloramphenicol) can replace the other drugs (e.g., warfarin) or endogenous compounds (bilirubin) with lower affinity.
3. High degree of protein binding makes the drug (long-acting) because bound fraction is not available for metabolism, unless it is actively excreted by the liver or kidney tubules.
4. Generally expressed plasma concentrations of the drug refer to bound as well as free drug.
5. In hypoalbuminemia, binding may be reduced and high concentration of free drug may be attained.

الأهمية إلى  
ال (affinity)  
الأهم عالية البروتينات. حلوصحل للأدوية إلى  
ال (affinity)  
ال (affinity)  
ال (affinity)

لما نقيس ال conc  
للدواء بالدم نطلع التركيز  
كله (Bound & free)  
فبين انه التركيز عالي حتى لو  
معظم الدواء مرتبط بروتين

إذا قلت نسبة  
ال (albumin)  
في تزايد كمية ال  
free drug  
فلان نقل ال dose  
لتجنب سمية Toxicity

## Human serum albumin (HSA)

• Macromolecule حجم كبير فما بقدر يدخل الخلايا والأنسجة.

- Human serum albumin ((HAS): 6700 Dalton), the most abundant protein in human blood plasma, has more than six distinctive binding sites including two for long-chain fatty acids; one for bilirubin; and two for acidic drugs (acidic) HSA يرتبط أكثر مع ال (acidic)
- On the other hand, AAG has only one selective site for basic drugs. (basic) drugs أكثر من ال (basic)
- Acidic drugs, in particular, bind to serum albumin and tend to have higher PPB than neutral/basic drugs (low Vd). → for acidic drugs
- Meanwhile, bases bind to AAG. → تركيزه أقل من ال albumin
- Serum albumin binding increases as log P increases. In other words, hydrophobic drugs bind more strongly to serum albumin than hydrophilic drugs

\* كلما زادت P يعني ال (hydrophilicity) أعلى  
يعني more absorbed by serum albumin  
شبه به يهرب من الدم إلى العنبر  
(hydrophilic)

كيف يرتبط الأسبرين بالalbumin

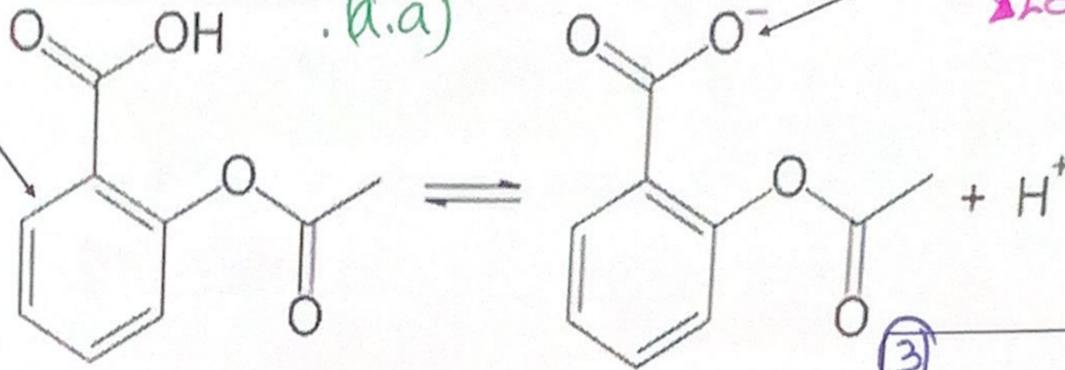
(حدود 554)  
 albumin كثير فيه (amino acids) Arginine & Lysine  
 بالكثير وهو موجب شحنتهم  
 بالأسبرين (الأسبرين) net charge  
 albumin (-) بالتالي الأسبرين فقط  
 يرتبط على المواقع الموجبة (a.a)

## Example 1: Aspirin

① Aromatic ring will bind to other aromatic rings found in aromatic amino acids in albumin (by  $\pi$  stacking) **van der waal**

② >80% will bind to the positively charged arginine and lysine in albumin

الأسبرين عنده  
 Carboxyl group  
 يعني (acidic group)  
 فهو جوا البلازما عليه  
 شحنة سالبة (-)

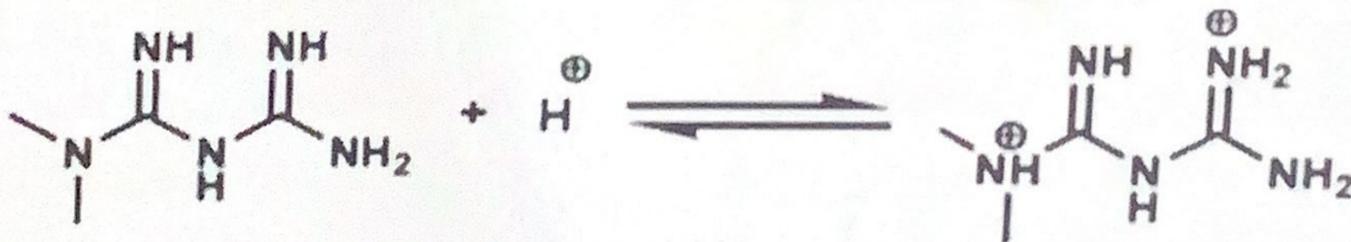


loss of 20%  
 from aspirin

③ H-bond forming groups  
 ويمكن يصير ارتباط بين ال (Hydrogen Bond)  
 التي بالأسبرين وبتالي (a.a) ونزيد نسبة  
 ارتباط الأسبرين حوالي (5%)

Aspirin at pH 7.4 will be in the ionized form (negatively charged) (-)  
 → 95% is bound to albumin

## Basic compound (Negatively charge) Example 2: Metformin



weak binding of metformin to BSA was governed by hydrogen bonds and van der Waals forces

ال Binding ال (metformin) مع

ال Serum albumin قليل جدا

يمكن يصير شوي (10-5%)

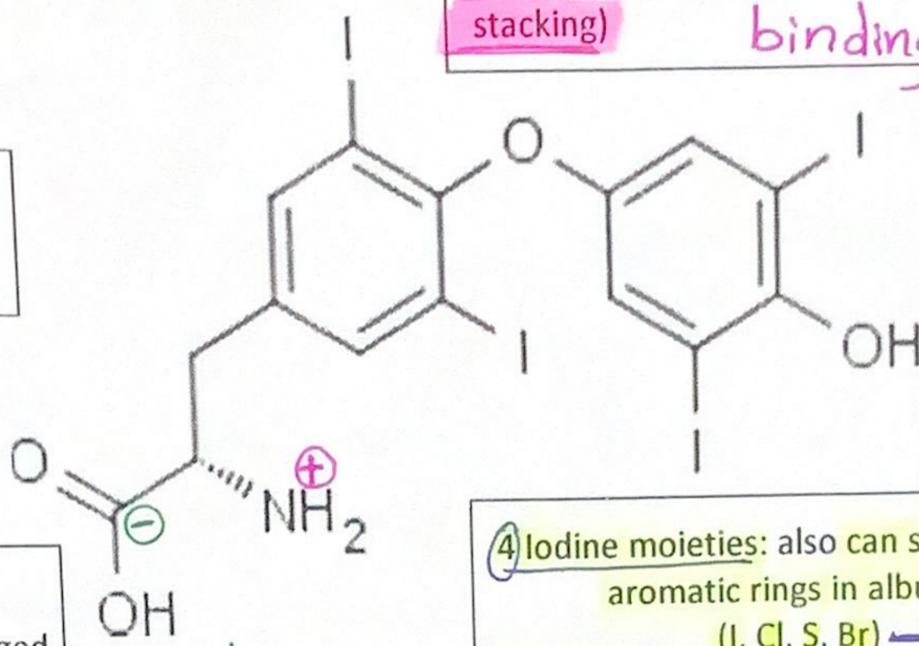
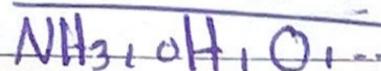
بسبب ال (forces) ال van der

لهذا الراء عالي جدا (270) لتر تقريبا

# Example 3: Thyroxine

Aromatic ring will bind to aromatic rings found in albumin (by  $\pi$  stacking) ربط  $\pi$  stacking

H-bond forming groups



4 Iodine moieties: also can stack against aromatic rings in albumin

(I, Cl, S, Br)  $\rightarrow$  aromatic ring

(albumin) ربط  $\pi$  stacking

pH 7.4

charge will bind to +vely charged binding pocket in albumin

albumin (a.a)  $\oplus$  تربط مع

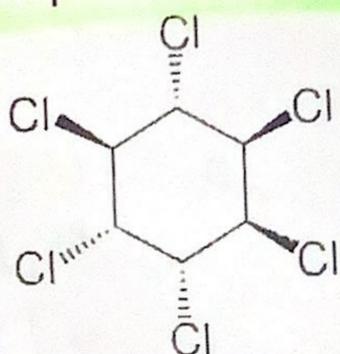
Carboxyl  $\ominus$

Thyroxine is more than 98% bound to albumin

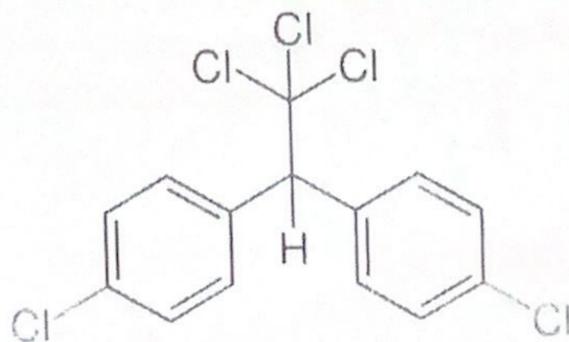
So ( $V_d$ ) is very low for thyroxine.

## عامل آخر بأثر عال ( $V_d$ ) Fat Deposition

- Lipophilic drugs and multi-halogenated drugs tend to deposit in fats adipose Tissue
- 20-30% of human weight is fat
- Drugs deposit in fat are biologically inactive, neither metabolised nor renally eliminated.
- Fat deposition caused sustained release of the drug.



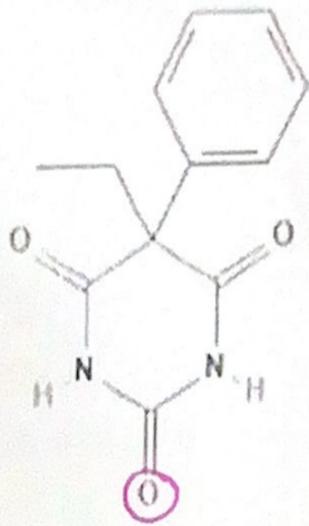
Hexachlorohexane



dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane

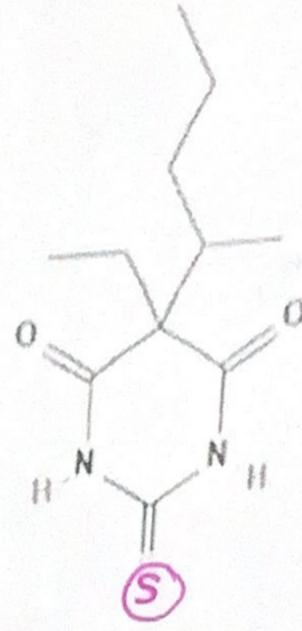
سبب التركيب بغيرهم deposition  $\leftarrow$  ربط  $\pi$  stacking  
طيلة فترة حياة الإنسان  $\leftarrow$  for life long of human

# Example



Phenobarbital  
Onset of action: 1.5hr  
t<sub>1/2</sub> = 8 hr

تركيزه أقل بال Fat  
وأعلى بالبليزما  
لأنه أقل (Lipophilicity)



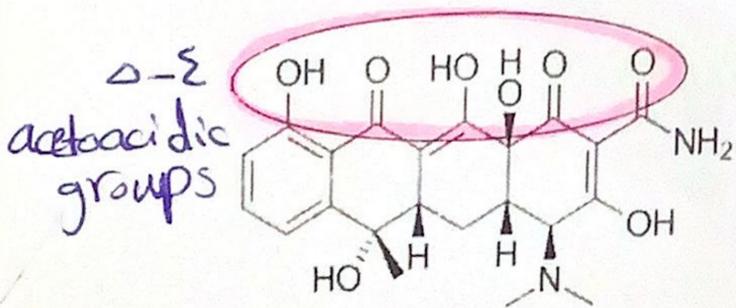
Thiopental  
Onset of action: 5 min  
t<sub>1/2</sub>: 2 days  
Quickly cross the BBB and deposit in the body fat

صار أعلى لما بدلنا  
O بـ S لأنه  
زيادة (Lipophilicity)

لكن تأثيره أفضل لفترة أعلى  
لأنه زاد تركيزه أكثر بال Fat  
ورج يطلع شوي شوي منهم (Sustained release)

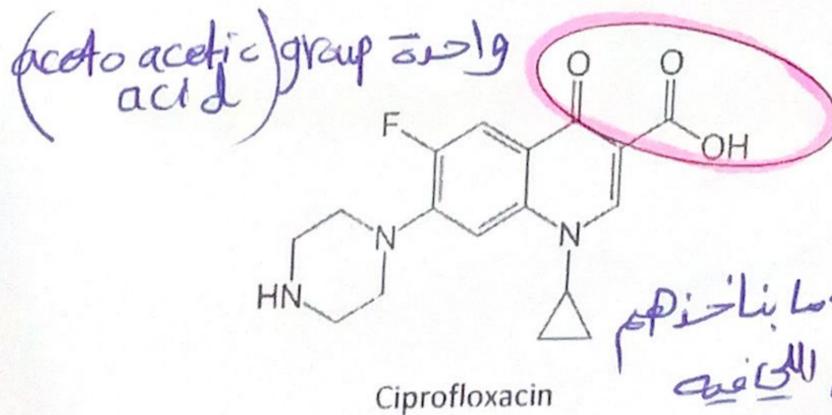
## Bone Adsorption

- Any drug contains acetoacetic acid or acetoacetone group will form a complex with metals in bones (Chelation)
- Bone deposits remain for a long time (sometimes for a life time)
- Drugs chelate to bones are biologically inactive, neither metabolised nor renally eliminated.



4 acetoacetic acid groups  
Tetracycline  
بعد صبغة/لون  
للعظام والأسنان

الرابطة تحدث عندما يرتبط lone pair  
اللي بال acetoacetic acid/ acetoacetone  
مع ال D orbitals اللي بال (metals)  
ويخلقوا رابطة تناسقية (Coordination)



Ciprofloxacin

هاي الأدوية ما يخالصهم  
مع الأكل اللي فيه  
كالسوم أو فوسفسيوم  
مثل الكلب مثلا  
فلانهم تتجمع لهي  
السننات

# Distribution to Blood Brain Barrier

hydrophilic

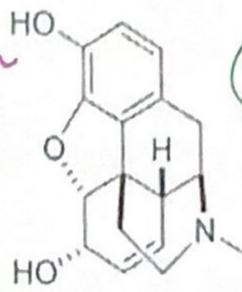
- Normally, high potential for hydrogen bonding generally results in decreased BBB permeability, thus highly polar molecules (nominally defined as drugs with  $\log P < 0$ ) with strong hydrogen bonding capacity do not traverse BBB readily.

ما راح يتصرف (BBB)

## Lipinski rule for CNS penetration:

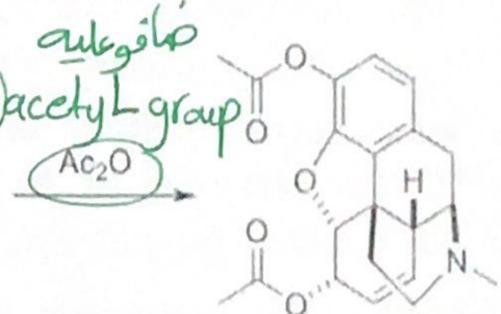
1. Molecular weight  $\leq 400$
2.  $\log P \leq 5$
3. Hydrogen bond donor  $\leq 3$
4. Hydrogen bond acceptor  $\leq 7$

شروط صوية CNS Penetration (1-4)



morphine (68)  
Clog P: -0.22

natural



Heroin (69)  
Clog P: 0.68

Heroin's brain penetration is 100-fold greater than that of morphine

لما عدنا على المورفين وبنينا عليه acetyl group

فكاد لخص ال (Hydrogen Bond) فزاد ال (CNS Penetration) مشهور.

## multiple-drug resistance (MDR) value

A measure of P-glycoprotein (Pgp) 1-mediated efflux  
The smaller the number, the less likely the drug is pumped out of BBB.

\* ال BBB على ال Efflux Pump

ال ال (P-glycoprotein) بس يدخل الدواء  
(Resistance) → للدماغ بفضحه لبرا (Pumping out)  
وهذا بقل تركيز الدواء داخل الدماغ.

## Efflux Transporters

- Contrary to active drug transports, which ferry drugs across the cell membrane from outside the cell to cytoplasm, efflux transporters shuttle drug outside the cell membranes.
- Pgp belongs to a class of ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporters. exist in various tissues such as liver, intestine, kidney, and BBB.
- Pgp can transport drugs back out of the gut wall and into the gut lumen, thus reducing absorption. It transports drugs out of the kidney and into the urine. Pgp is mainly expressed in cells of large/small intestines, liver, kidney, pancreas, and the BBB and plays an important role in pumping foreign substance/toxins out of the cells in the gut and/or the brain, etc.

مادة طاي الخاصة بانه بتخلص الجسم من أي مواد غريبة وسطه

\* معظم الأدوية تعبر (Substrate) لوصول ال (Pgp) فيصير ال (efflux) برا ال cells فلا يكون عندي (inhibitors of Pgp)

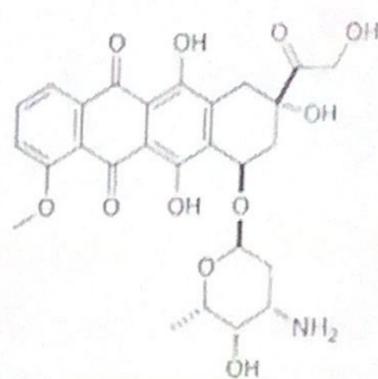
# Why is it important to study about Pgp?

- Half of the marketed drugs are Pgp substrates. Pgp substrates are defined as compounds transported by the Pgp, whereas Pgp inhibitors are compounds that have been shown to inhibit Pgp.
- Pgp is characterized by having a binding pocket that allows for hydrophobic and aromatic interactions which allow for a variety of structurally diverse drugs to be transported out of the cell from the plasma membrane, resulting in low intracellular drug levels.
- Most Pgp substrates tend to be amphipathic in nature, containing both hydrophobic and hydrophilic moieties that are spatially separated.

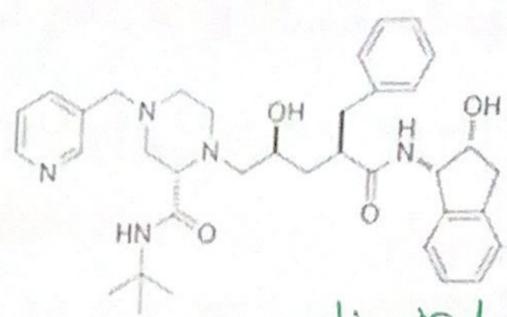
← يكونو بعمار عند بعض

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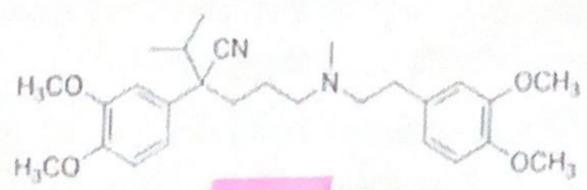
## Examples of Pgp substrates and inhibitors



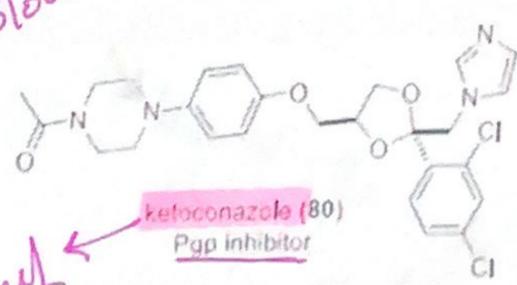
anti cancer agent  
doxorubicin (77)  
Pgp substrate



anti-viral  
indinavir (Crixivan, 78)  
Pgp substrate



Calcium channel Blocker  
verapamil (79)  
Pgp inhibitor



anti-fungal  
ketoconazole (80)  
Pgp inhibitor

• Strategies to control the Pgp issue include: (Pgp substrate) عشان الدواء يدخل

- (i). Co-administer an effective/selective Pgp inhibitor that does not cause cytotoxic effects and is reversible with the drug
- (ii). Evade Pgp by optimizing physicochemical properties to make the drug's permeability higher going into the cell than going out.

(Petrauskas and colleagues) proposed a rule of 4 (Ro4) regarding Pgp substrates. It states that a compound is more likely to be a Pgp substrate if its:

\*  $N + O \geq 8$ ;

\*  $MW > 400$ ; and

\*  $pKa > 4$

} Pgp substrate خصائص المركب اللي

In contrast, a compound is more likely to be a non-Pgp substrate if its:

\*  $N + O \leq 8$ ;

\*  $MW > 400$ ; and

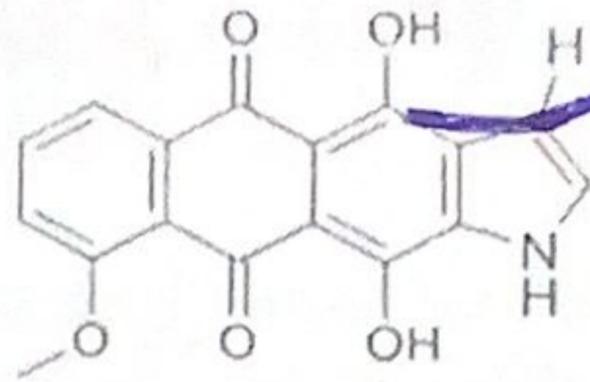
\*  $pKa < 8$  (acids and neutrals).

} Pgp Substrate. خصائص المركب اللي مش

## Tactics to Reverse the Pgp Issue (not Pgp substrate) طيب شو ممكن نعمل structural modification على drug

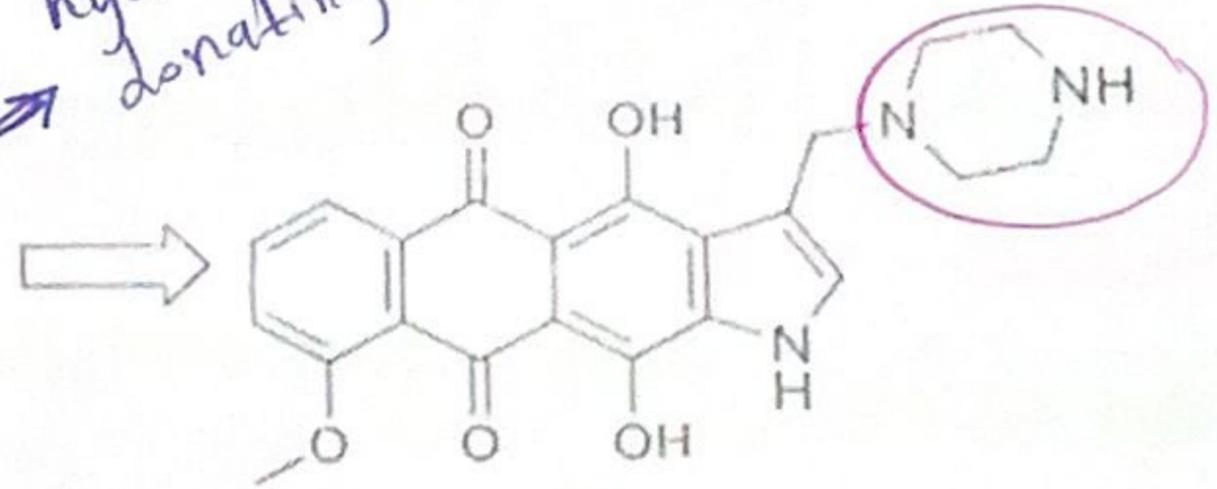
1. introduce steric hindrance to the hydrogen bond-donating atoms by attaching a bulky group (Hydrogen Bond) نقل (O, N) بالتالي نقل الـ bulky group
2. methylate the nitrogen atom (methylation)
3. decrease hydrogen bond acceptor potential by adding an adjacent electron withdrawing group
4. replace or removing the hydrogen bonding group, e.g. amide
5. modify structural features to interfere with Pgp binding, e.g., adding a strong acid
6. modify log P to reduce penetration into the lipid bilayer where binding to Pgp occurs.

# Example



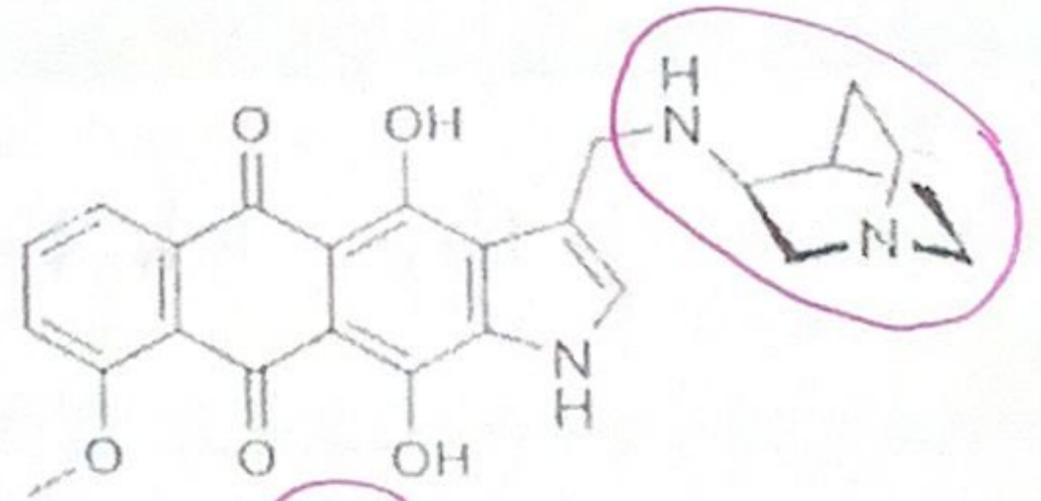
81. Pgp substrate

دوني كذا  
hydrogen Bond  
donating Potential



82. NOT a Pgp substrate

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The (steric hindrance) of cyclic amines (piperazine and quinuclidine) minimized the hydrogen bonding-donating potential of the adjacent phenol group.



83. NOT a Pgp substrate

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