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The Aminoglycosides

Active against gram **negative bacteria**.

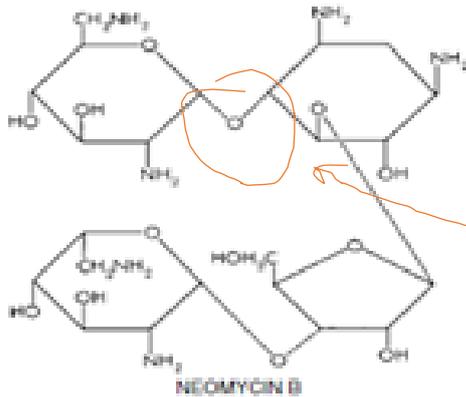
Hydrophilic compounds, **do not** cross membranes, **do not** distribute well.

All given by **injection**, or **locally** applied.

Not metabolized.

Excreted by the **kidneys**.

Ototoxic and **nephrotoxic**.+consider as a safe antibiotic.



The aminoglycosides consist of two or more **amino sugars** joined in **glycosidic linkage** to a **hexose** nucleus, which usually is in a central position.

Glycosidic linkage is a type of **covalent bond** that joins a carbohydrate (sugar) molecule to another group.

A **hexose** is a monosaccharide with six carbon atoms.

The **polycationic** aminoglycoside chemical structure results in a binding **both to the anionic outer bacterial membrane and to anionic phospholipids in the cell membranes of mammalian renal proximal tubular cells**.

The former contributes to the **bactericidal** effects of these compounds, while the latter binding accounts for their **toxicity**. Because of their hydrophilicity, the transport of aminoglycosides **across** the hydrophobic lipid bilayer of eukaryotic cell membranes is impeded.

MECHANISM OF ANTIBACTERIAL ACTION

The antibacterial actions of the aminoglycosides involve two possibly synergistic effects.

First→the **positively** charged aminoglycoside binds to **negatively** charged sites on the outer bacterial membrane, thereby **disrupting** membrane integrity. It is likely that the aminoglycoside-induced bacterial outer membrane degradation accounts for the rapid concentration dependent bactericidal effect of these compounds.

Second→ aminoglycosides bind to various sites on bacterial **30S** ribosomal subunits, **disrupting** the initiation of **protein synthesis** and inducing **errors in the translation of messenger RNA to peptides**.

They also bind to sites on bacterial **50S** ribosomal subunits, although the significance of this binding is uncertain. **[act like 30S]**

In addition, they have a post antibiotic effect; that is, they continue to suppress bacterial regrowth even after removal of the antibiotic from the bacterial microenvironment.

It is likely that ribosome disruption accounts for this **postantibiotic** activity.

The **postantibiotic** effect is characterized by **prolonged suppression** of bacterial **regrowth** after the initially high aminoglycoside concentration has fallen to a subinhibitory level.

Perhaps resumption of bacterial ribosomal function requires the time-consuming synthesis of new ribosomes after their disruption by aminoglycosides.

The **postantibiotic** effect explains why aminoglycosides can be given in single daily doses despite their **short half-life**.

Penetration of aminoglycosides through the outer bacterial membrane occurs both by **outer membrane disruption and by diffusion through outer membrane porins**.

Penetration through the **inner** bacterial membrane occurs in **two phases**.

The **first**→ requires that the cytosol have a negative electron potential and therefore be inhibited by the presence of a **low pH**.

The **second phase**→ depends on **aerobic bacterial** metabolism and therefore will be **inhibited** by low oxygen tension.

The latter two observations are of considerable clinical relevance, since both a **low pH and a low oxygen** tension frequently occur in bacterial **abscesses**.

Administration of B-lactam antibiotics will reverse the negative effects of both low pH and low oxygen tension on the ability of aminoglycosides to penetrate into bacteria, this ability accounts in part for the synergism that occurs between aminoglycoside and B-lactam antibiotic drugs.

Used to **treat** infections caused by **aerobic** gram-negative bacteria and rapidly **bactericidal**.

They **inhibit** protein synthesis by binding to the 30S ribosomal subunit and alter protein synthesis.

Streptomycin→ Used only in **TB**.

Aminoglycosides Ex:

1-Gentamicin.2-Tobramycin.3-Amikacin.4-Netilmicin.5-Neomycin.

Gentamicin:

Widely used in **hospitals**.

Good for **Staphylococcus** and **Gram-negative organisms**.

Short T_{1/2}.

Toxic, blood level monitoring is required.

Incompatible with other drugs, so given separately.

Neomycin:

Very toxic, not given **systemically**.

Given to **sterilize** the bowel before surgery.

Also **locally** as drops or **ointment** in ear, nose, eye, or skin infections.

Tetracyclines

Wide spectrum of activity (**Gram positive and negative bacteria**),
but **resistance develops very rapidly**.

Bacteriostatic, only stop **[inhibit]** bacterial growth, do not kill bacteria. So, we depend on the presence of a good patient's immune system.

Disrupt function of 30S or 50S ribosomal subunits to **reversibly inhibit protein synthesis**.

Orally absorbed, but absorption affected by food, and dairy products.

Widely distributed in the body.

Rarely used nowadays, EXCEPT:

Doxycycline: given once daily for acne.

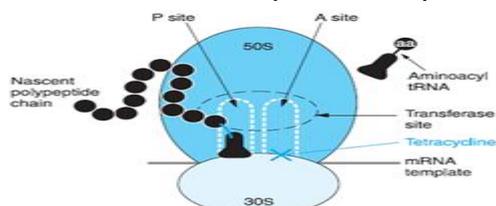
Adverse Effects →

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

#Changes in normal flora leading to diarrhea and candida infection.

#Bone deposits in children, appears on teeth.

A transfer RNA is an adaptor molecule composed of RNA, typically 76 to 90 nucleotides in length that serves as the physical link between the mRNA and the amino acid sequence of proteins.



Tetracyclines inhibit bacterial protein synthesis by binding to the 30S subunit and blocking tRNA binding to the A site.