

MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY-I

B. PHARM IVTH SEM

UNIT-III

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* CHOLINERGIC NEUROTRANSMITTERS *

Drugs and chemicals that cause the parasympathetic division to react are termed parasympathomimetic, whereas those blocking the action are called parasympatholytics.

- Parasympathetic Nervous system is also known as cholinergic system.

* Neurotransmission :-

- Acetylcholine (ACh) is released into ~~the~~ synaptic vesicles of effector junction by an impulse across the neuroeffector junction.
- This leads to the action potential that is due to the difference in the ionic gradients of Na^+ and K^+ equilibrium and in other tissues, it is mediated along with the Ca^{+2} ion.
- ACh is synthesized locally in the cholinergic nerve ending by ATP dependent system.
- Choline is actively taken by the axonal membrane and acetylated with the help of ATP and Coenzyme A by the choline acetylase.
- Choline is the limiting substrate for the synthesis of ACh.

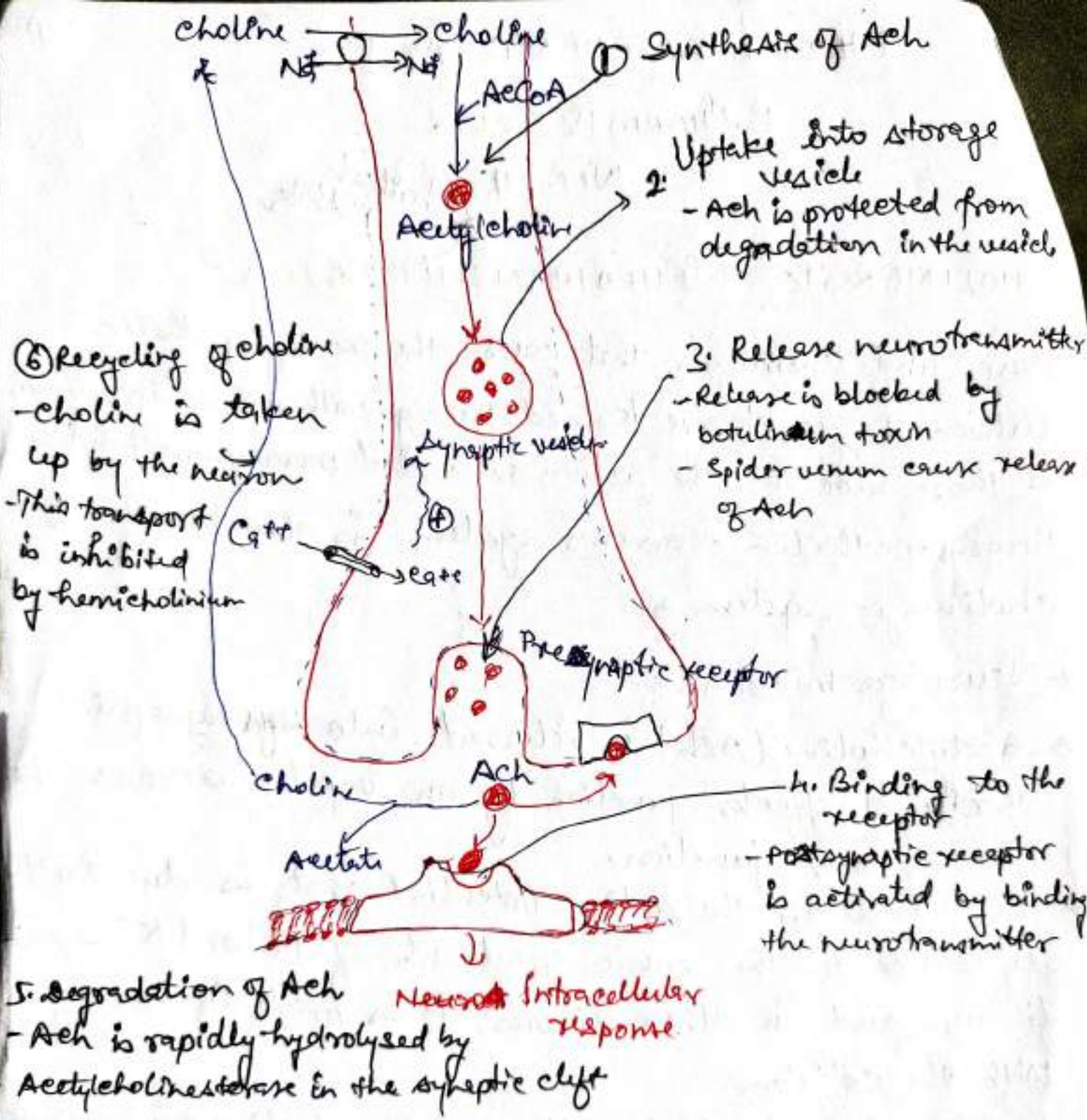
choline $\xrightarrow{NE}$ choline $\xrightarrow{AChE}$ Acetylcholine

① Synthesis of ACh

② Uptake into storage vesicle
- ACh is protected from degradation in the vesicle

③ Release neurotransmitter
- Release is blocked by botulinum toxin
- Spider venom cause release of ACh

④ Recycling of choline
- choline is taken up by the neuron
- This transport is inhibited by hemicholinium

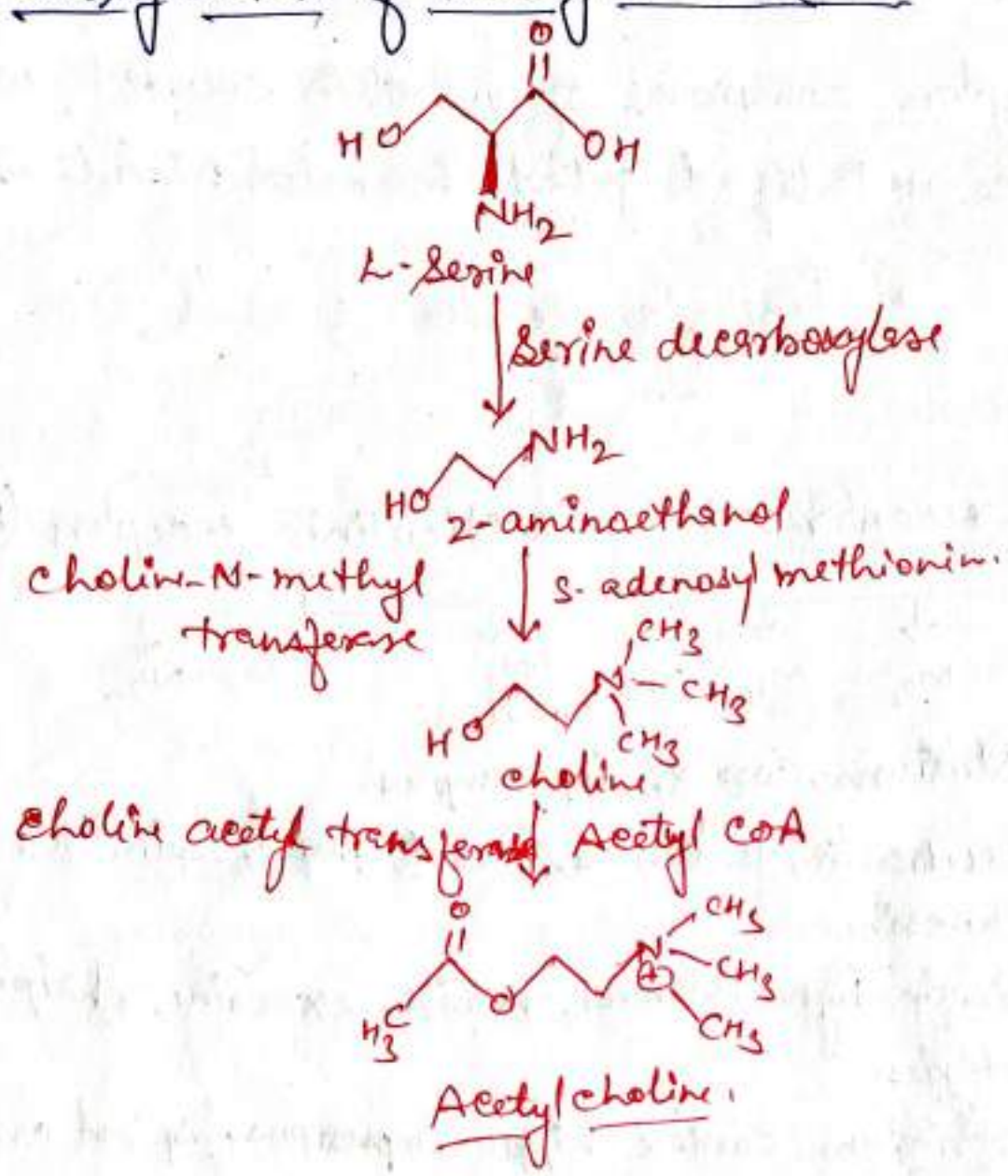


④ Binding to the receptor
- postsynaptic receptor is activated by binding the neurotransmitter

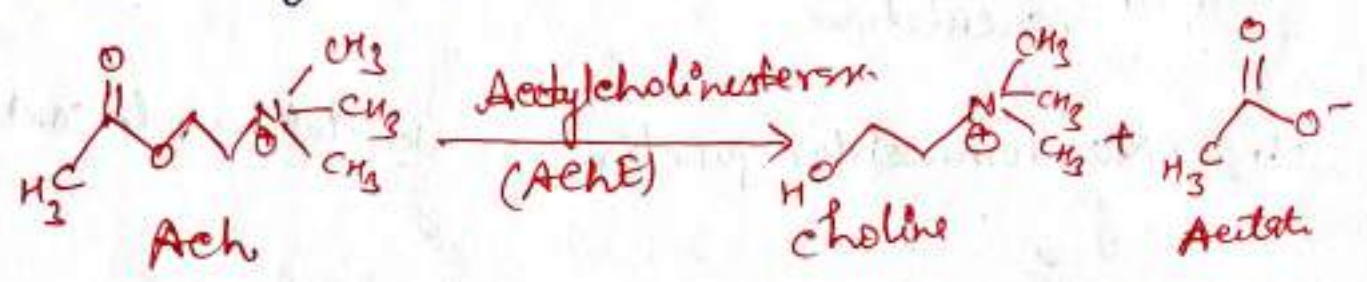
⑤ Degradation of ACh
- ACh is rapidly hydrolysed by Acetylcholinesterase in the synaptic cleft

Neurotransmitter Intracellular response

* Biosynthesis of Acetylcholine (ACh)



* Metabolism of Acetylcholine ⇒



* Cholinergic receptors and their distribution →

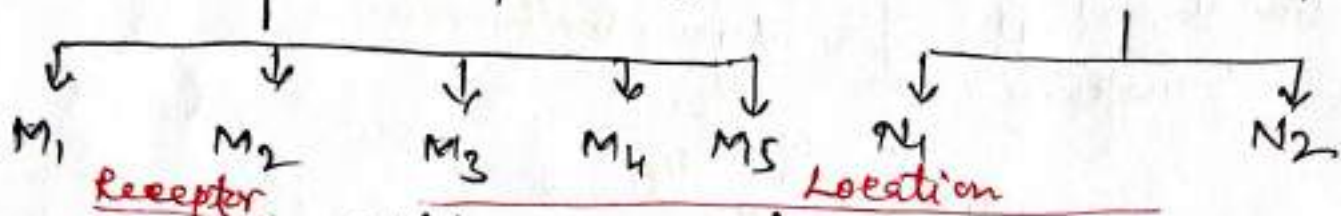
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Cholinergic receptor



1. Muscarinic receptors (M)

2. Nicotinic receptors (N)



- Receptor
- M₁ → Striatum, cortex, hippocampus.
 - M₂ → Forebrain, thalamus, heart, pupil, spinal cord, Exocrine.
 - M₃ → Brain, hypothalamus, pupils, exocrine, peripheral arteries.
 - M₄ → Striatum, cortex, hippocampus, spinal cord, Dopaminergic neurons, basal ganglia, brain.
 - M₅ → Vasculature.
- Location
- N₁ → Neuromuscular junction. → skeletal muscle contraction.
 - N₂ → Autonomic ganglia, CNS, Adrenal medulla.

* Muscarinic Receptor (M):-

Receptor Location

Function

M₁: CNS, gastric & salivary gland, autonomic ganglia, enteric nerve

- ↑ Cognitive function
- ↑ Seizure activity
- ↑ Autonomic ganglia

M₂: Autonomic nerve terminal, CNS, heart, smooth muscle

- ↑ Smooth muscle contraction
- Neural inhibition in periphery
- ↓ ganglionic transmission
- Neural inhibition ↓ heart rate
- ↑ Tremors, hypothermia & analgesia

M₃: CNS, heart, smooth muscle, gland

- ↑ Smooth muscle contraction (bladder)
- ↑ Salivary gland secretion
- ↑ Food intake, body fat deposits.
- Inhibits dopamine release
- Synthesis of nitric oxide.

M₄: CNS-

- Inhibition of autoreceptor and heteroreceptor mediated transmitter release in CNS.
- Analgesia
- Facilitates dopamine release

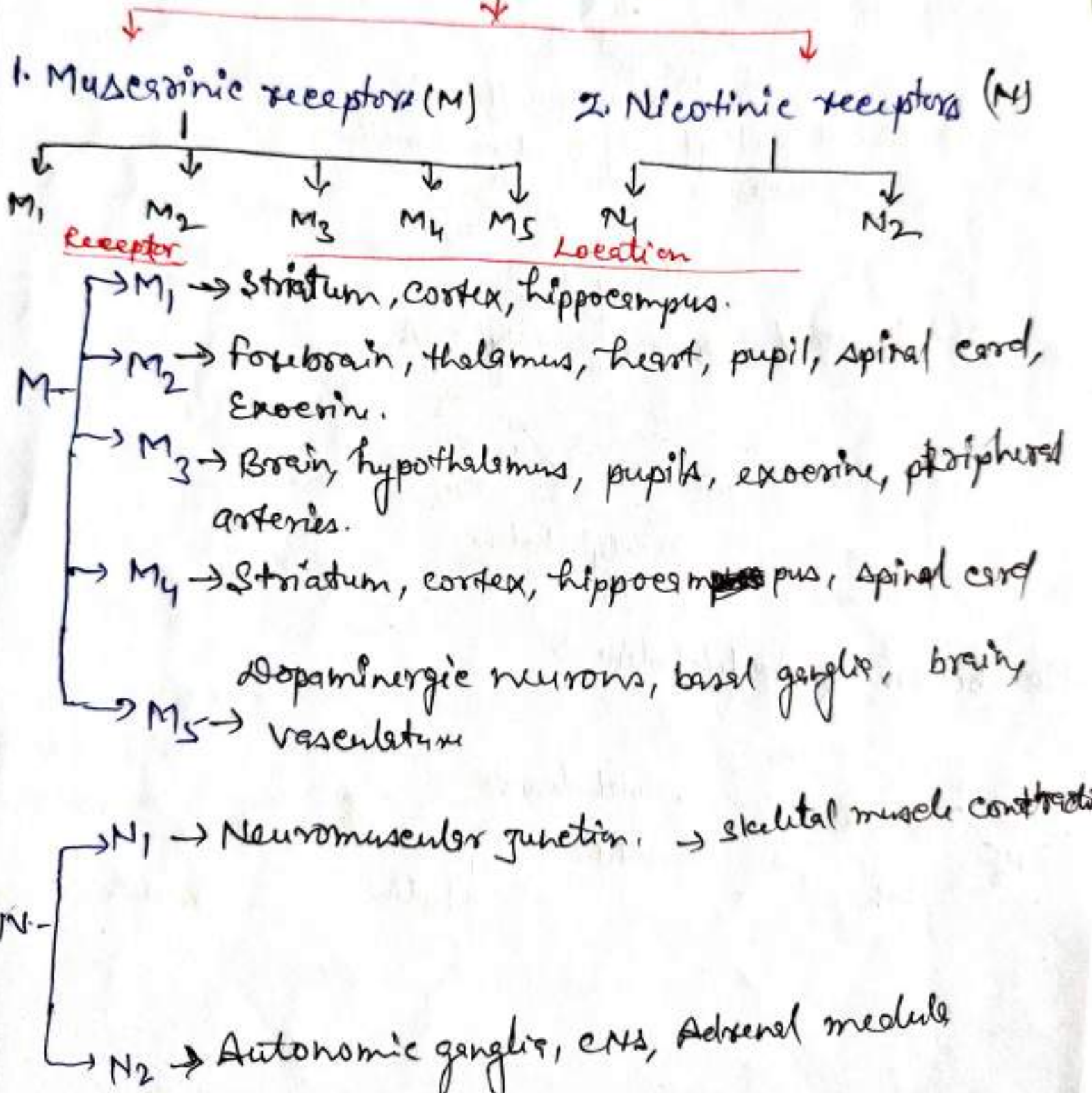
M₅: Low level of CNS & periphery

- mediates dilation of cerebral arteries
- Facilitates dopamine release
- drug seeking behavior and reward

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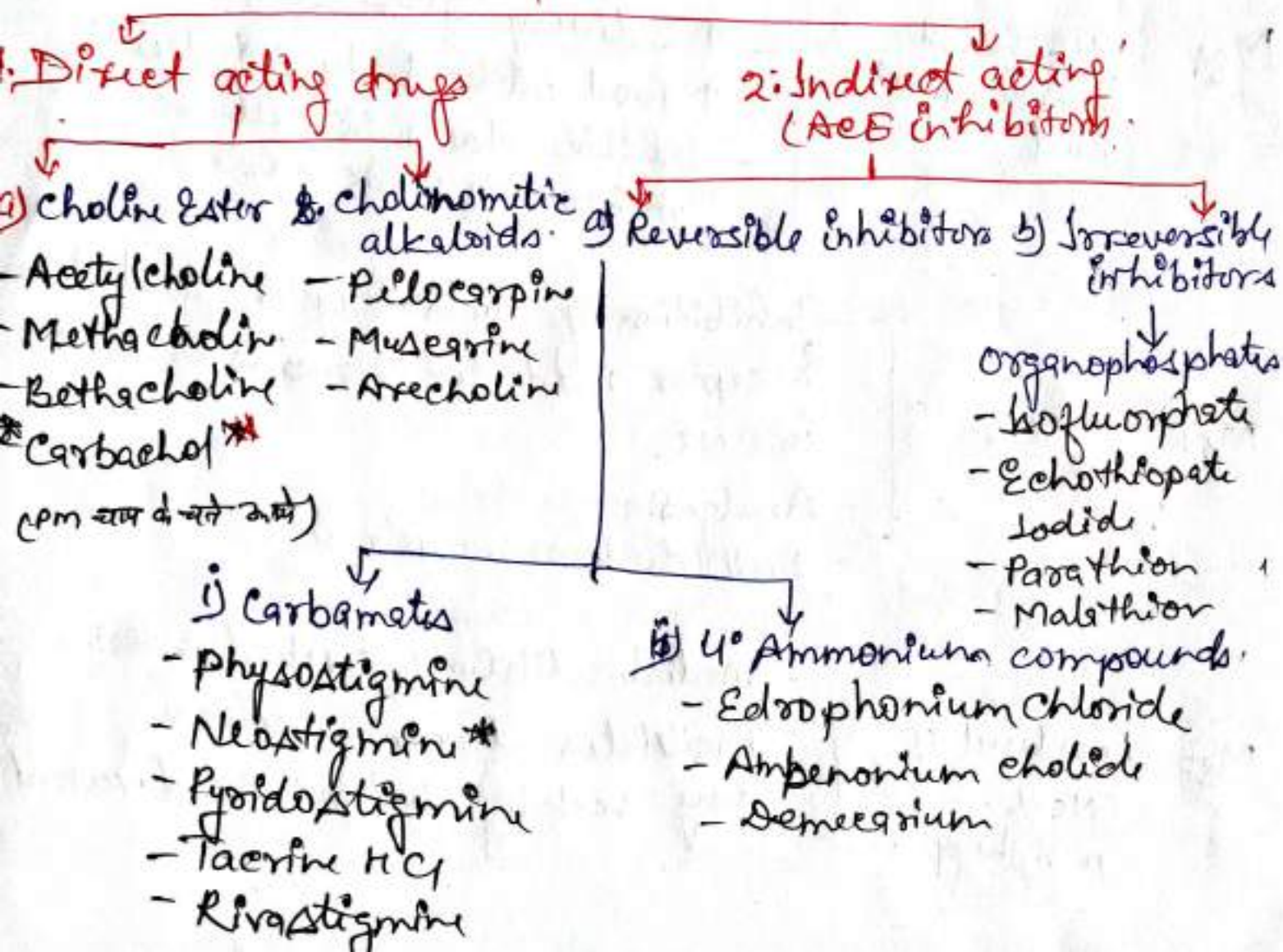
Cholinergic receptor



* Parasympathomimetic agents:

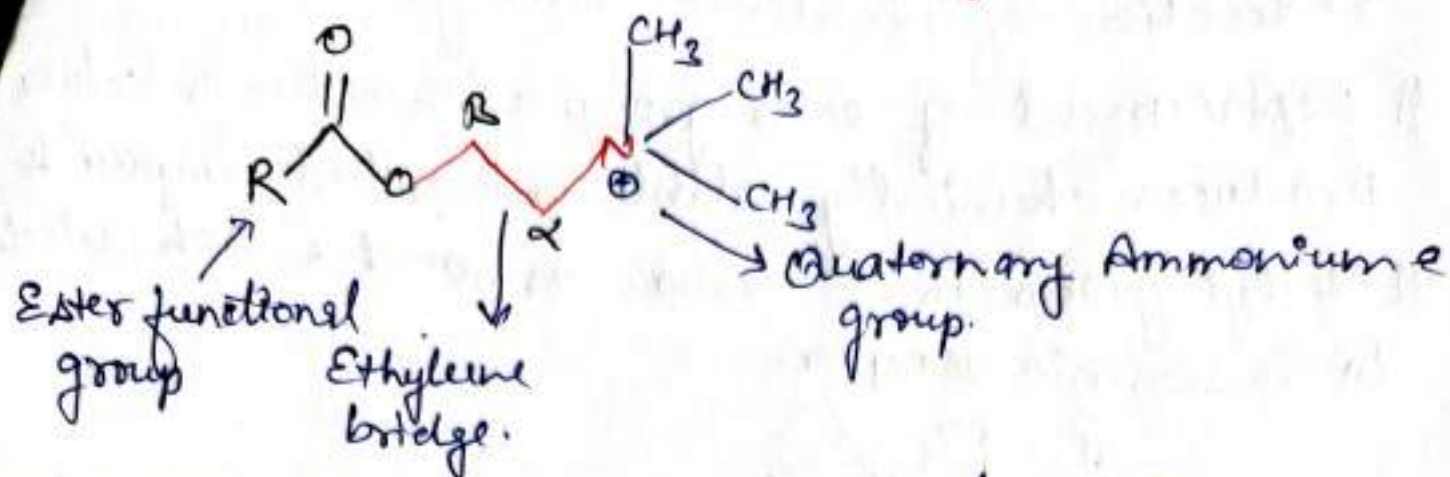
- ⇒ Drugs and chemicals that cause the parasympathetic division are termed as parasympathomimetic.
- ⇒ The cholinomimetic or parasympathomimetic or cholinergic drugs are those which cause a muscarinic action on the the receptors of effector organ provided by the post ganglionic cholinergic nerves.
- ⇒ Acetylcholine receptor stimulants and cholinesterase inhibitors together comprise a large group of drugs called as cholinergic drugs that mimic the action of ACh.

CLASSIFICATION of Parasympathomimetic agent ⇒



SAR of Parasympathomimetic agents:-

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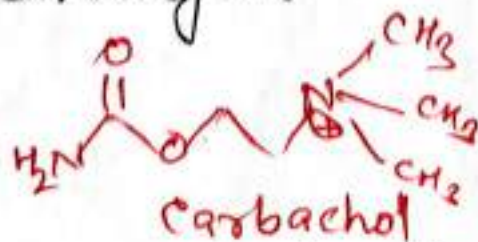


① Modification of Ester functional group -

- Ester group of Ach contributes to the binding of the compound to the muscarinic receptor
- Replacement of methyl group by ethyl or large alkyl group produces inactive compounds
- Ester of aromatic or higher molecular weight acids possess cholinergic antagonist activity
- Essential for affinity

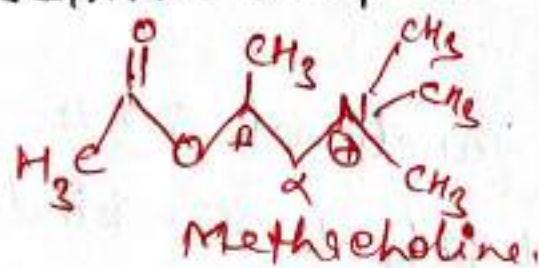
② Modification of Ethylene bridge:-

- Methyl ester is rapidly hydrolysed by cholinesterase. To reduce susceptibility to hydrolysis, methyl ester is replaced by carbamate esters, were found to be more stable than carboxylate.



- Placement of α -substitution in choline moiety results in a reduction of both nicotinic and muscarinic activity.

- c) Incorporation of β -substitution lead to reduction of nicotinic activity.
- d) Replacement of ester group with ether or ketone produces chemically stable and potent compounds.
- e) Methyl group in β -carbon as potent as ACh select to muscarinic receptor.



③ Modification of Quaternary Ammonium Group-

- a) The Quaternary Ammonium group is essential for intrinsic activity and contributes to the affinity of the molecule for the receptors.
- b) The trimethyl ammonium group is the optimal functional moiety for the activity.
- c) Placement of 1°, 2° & 3° amines leads to decrease in activity.

① Directly Acting drugs -

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① Acetylcholine -



Acetyl choline

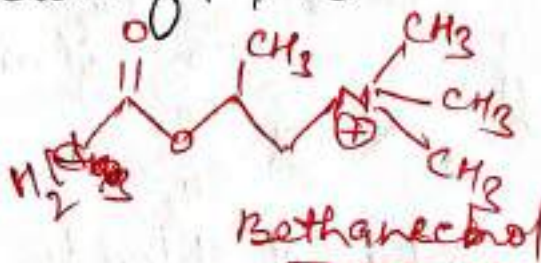
MOA - It exerts agonistic effect on muscarinic M₃-receptor, causing contraction of ciliary muscle

Uses - Cataract surgery.

- Iridectomy (removal of small portion of iris)

- MioA/A (dilation of pupils)

② Bethanechol -



Bethanechol

MOA - Directly stimulates muscarinic receptors. causing increased intestinal motility etc.

Uses - Relief of urinary retention

- Abdominal distension (swelling of abdominal)

③ *Carbachol ⇒



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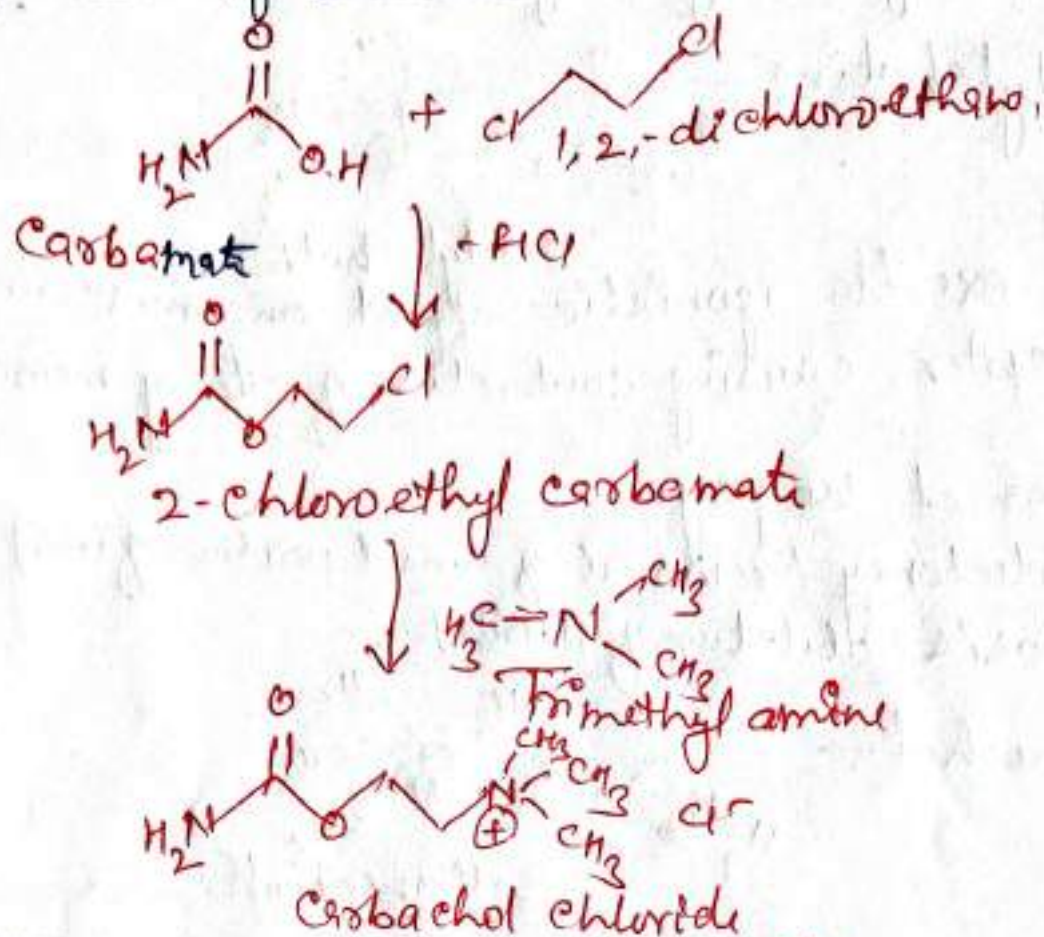
2-[(aminocarbonyl)oxy]-N,N,N-trimethyl ethanaminium

MOA ⇒ It is an ester of choline and thus possesses both muscarinic and nicotinic properties. Action like ACh.

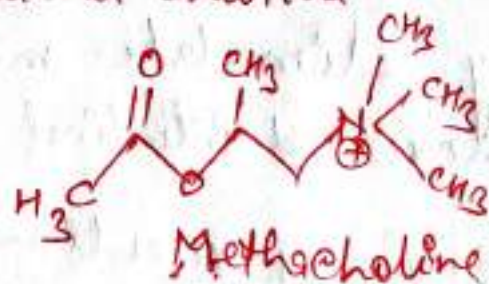
Uses ⇒ Glaucoma (damage of optical nerve, vision loss)

- Ocular Surgery

* Synthesis of Carbachol :-



④ Methacholine $\Rightarrow$



MOA $\Rightarrow$ Binds with muscarinic receptor and induces bronchoconstriction

Uses - - Diagnosis of BHR (bronchial hyperreactivity)
 - Asthma.

⑤ Pilocarpine



MOA $\Rightarrow$ It act on M₃ receptor in smooth muscles and cause contractions in gut, trachea & eye.

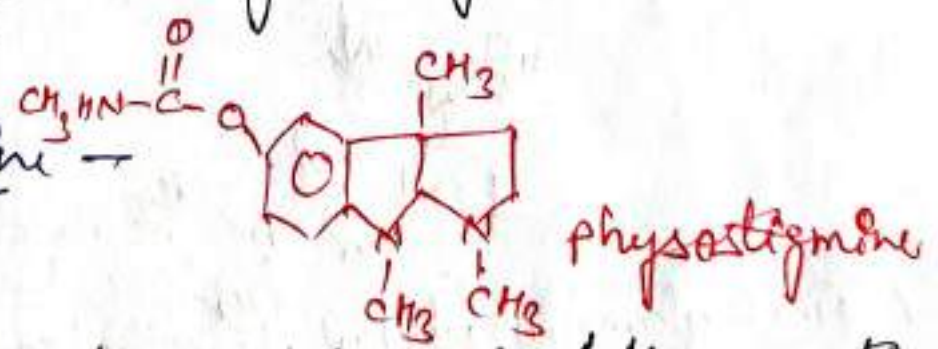
Uses - Glaucoma

- Sjogren syndrome (dry mouth and lack of tears).

Indirect / Cholinesterase Inhibitors -

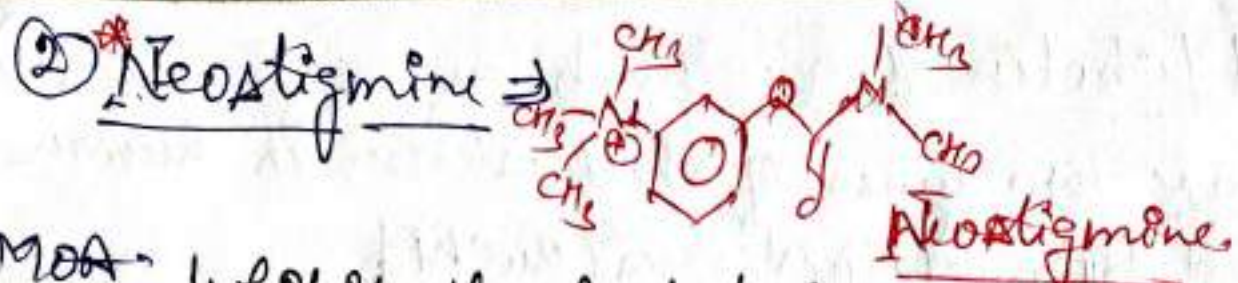
- There are two types of cholinesterases in humans, AChE and butyrylcholinesterase (BuChE)
- BuChE (pseudocholinesterase) is located in human plasma. Although its biological function is not clear, it has catalytic properties similar to those of AChE.
- Inhibition of AChE prolongs the duration of the neurotransmitter in the junction and produces pharmacological effect similar to those observed when AChE is administered.
- These inhibitors are indirect-acting cholinergic agonist. AChE inhibitor have been used in the treatment of myasthenia gravis, glaucoma, and atony in G.I tract.

① Physostigmine -



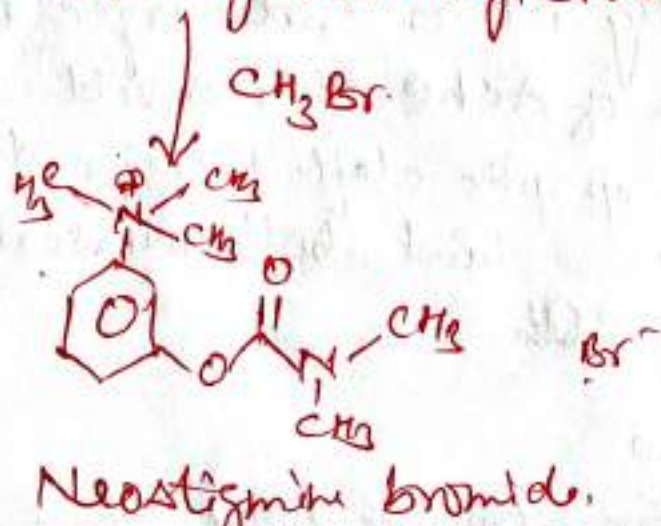
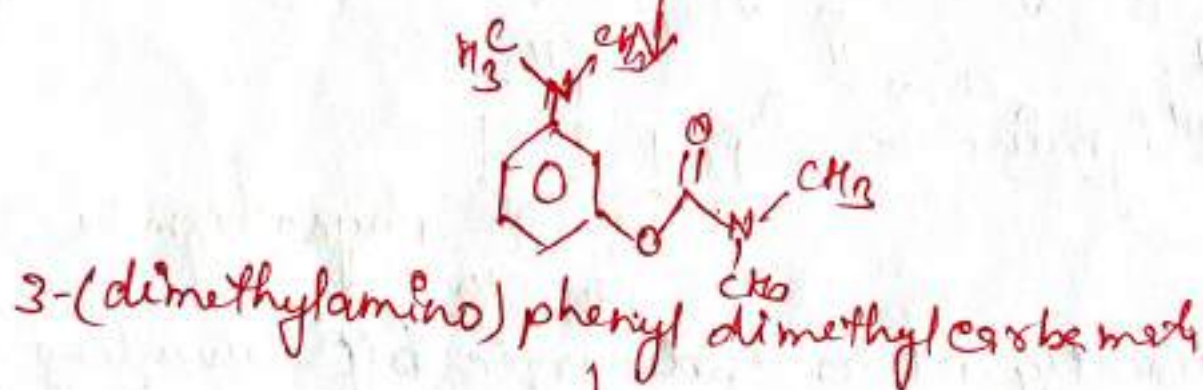
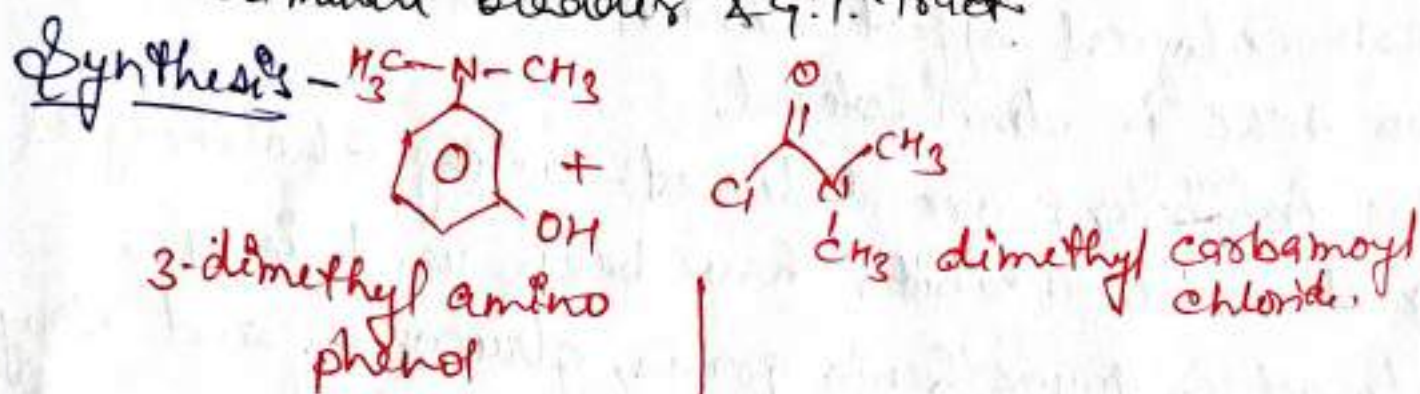
MOA - Indirectly act as cholinergic ~~by~~ preventing the degradation of ACh. This results in an accumulation of ACh in the synaptic cleft. Therefore drug produce response. It bind both muscarinic and nicotinic receptor.

- ↳ Glaucoma
- antidote for atropine poisoning

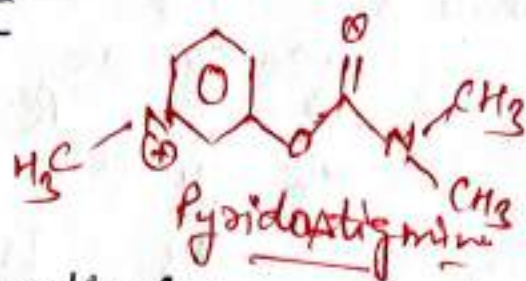


MOA - Inhibit the hydrolysis of AChE by competing with acetylcholine for attachment to acetylcholinesterase at site of cholinergic transmission.
- It enhances cholinergic action by facilitating the transmission of impulses across neuromuscular junctions.

Uses - Improve muscle strength
- Myasthenia Gravis (certain muscle disease)
- Stimulate bladder & G.I. tract.



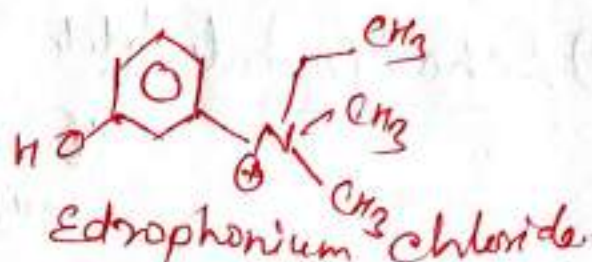
④ Pyridostigmine -



* MOA $\Rightarrow$ Same as neostigmine

Uses - Myasthenia Gravis (muscles weakness & fatigues)

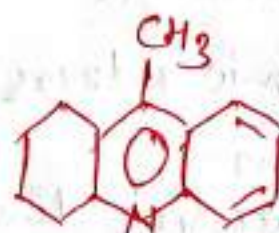
⑤ Edrophonium chloride $\Rightarrow$



MOA Indirectly provide a cholinergic action by preventing the degradation of ACh

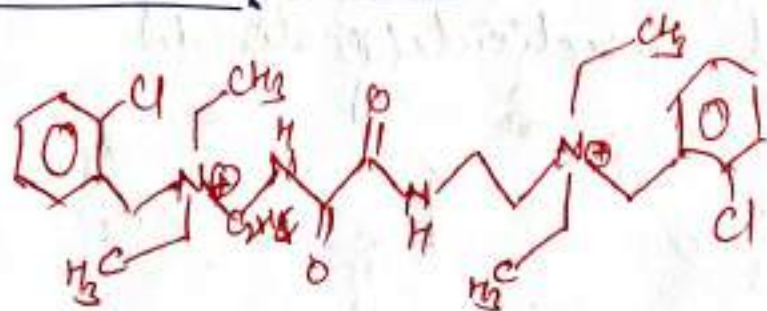
Uses $\Rightarrow$ Myasthenia Gravis
- Anti arrhythmic.

⑥ Tacrine $\Rightarrow$ HCl



MOA - It is reversible inhibition of AChE which thereby slow the breakdown of the chemical messenger ACh in the brain.
Uses - Alzheimer disease (neurodegenerative disorders that affect memory, thinking & reasoning)

⑦ Amibenonium chloride -

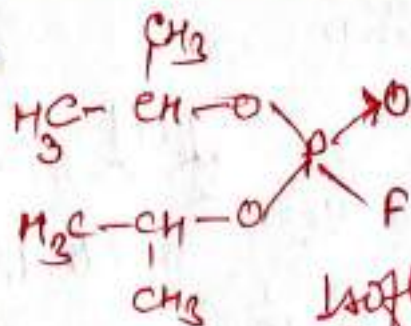


MOA - suppressing the activity of AChE.

Uses - Myasthenia Gravis

Amibenonium chloride

⑧ Isopluorophate →

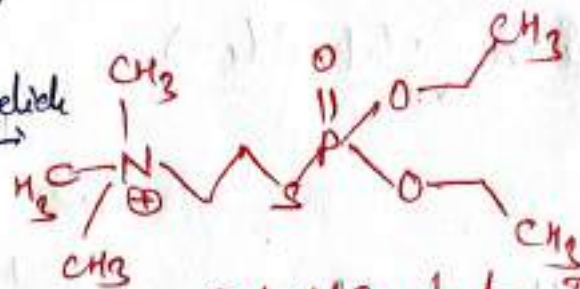


Isopluorophate

* MOA - It acts as an irreversible cholinesterase inhibitor.

Uses - Glaucoma.

⑨ Echothiophate Iodide



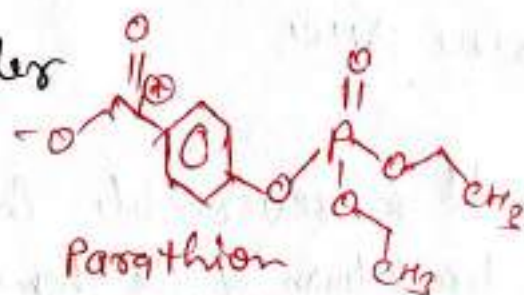
Echothiophate Iodide

* MOA - Echothiophate potentiates the action of ACh at cholinergic synapse.

Uses - ophthalmic drugs

- Glaucoma
- eye focusing disorder

⑩ Parathion :-

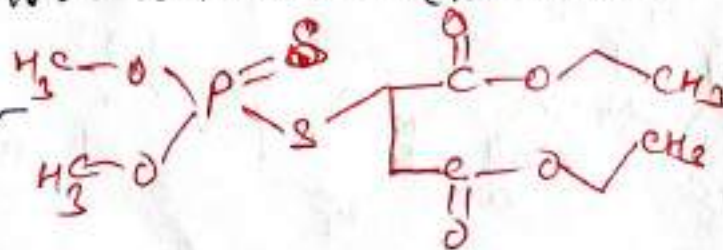


Parathion

* MOA - It blocks the degradation of AChE. It is relatively weak inhibitor of cholinesterase.

Uses - Agricultural Insecticide (Pesticide).

⑪ Malathion :-

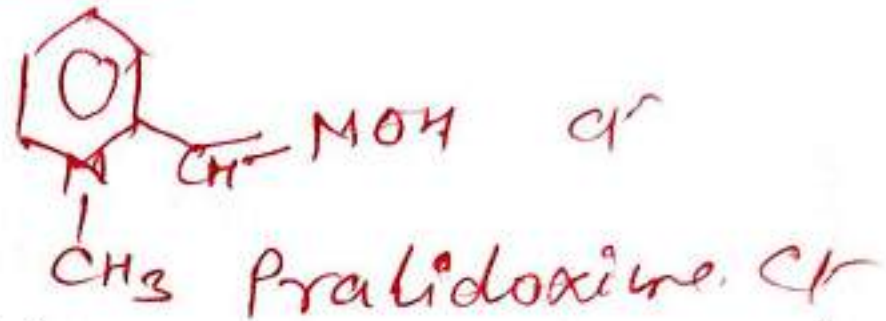


MOA & Uses same as Parathion

* Cholinesterase reactivator :-

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① Pralidoxime chloride :-



* MOA It is a reactivator of cholinesterase (mainly outside of CNS) which has been inactivated by phosphorylation due to an organophosphate pesticide.

↳ 1st antidote for poisoning by parathion
- Myasthenia Gravis

MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY-II

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UNIT-III (B)

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* CHOLINERGIC BLOCKING AGENT ⇒

- It is also known as Anticholinergic agent or parasympatholytic agent or antimuscarinic agent
- Anticholinergic action by drugs and chemical apparently depends on their ability to reduce the no. of free receptors that can interact with ACh.
- * Drugs that block or inhibit the action of ACh in the ^(Para Sympathetic) nervous system (PNS).

* Classification :- Anticholinergic drugs

① Natural alkaloid ② Semi-synthetic derivatives ③ Synthetic compounds

- Atropine
- Hyoscyne (Scopolamine)
- Hyoscyamine

- Atropine methanolate
- Hyoscine butyl bromide
- Homatropine
- Ipratropium bromide
- Tiotropium bromide

- ↓
- mydriatic
- cyclopentolate
- Tropicamide

② Antisecretory & Antispasmodic

③ Vasoselective

④ Antiparkinsonian

- oxybutynin
- Flavoxate
- Toltrodine

- Trihexyphenidyl
- Procyclidine
- Biperiden

① Tertiary compound ② Quaternary compound

- Dicyclomine
- Valerhamate, Pirenzepine

- Propantheline, Ciniadin
- Oxyphenonium, Isopropamide
- Glycopyrrolate, Pipenzolate

Classification of Anticholinergic drug -

① Solanaceous alkaloid & analogs ② Synthetic cholinergic blocking agent

- Atropine sulphate
 - Hyoscyamine sulphate
 - Scopolamine HBr
 - Homatropine HBr
 - * Ipratropium bromide,
- a) Amino alcohol esters
- Clinidinium bromide,
 - Cyclopentolate HCl
 - Dicyclomine HCl
 - Glycopyrrolate
 - Mepenzolate

b) Amino alcohol ether -

- Benztropine mesylate
- Orphenadrine citrate
- Methantheline bromide,
- Oxypheencyclimine, brom
- Propanteline bromide,
- Oxybutinin
- Solifenacin

c) Amino alcohol -

- Biperidine HCl
- Procyclidine HCl
- Trihexethyl chloride
- Patteradine

d) Aminamide -

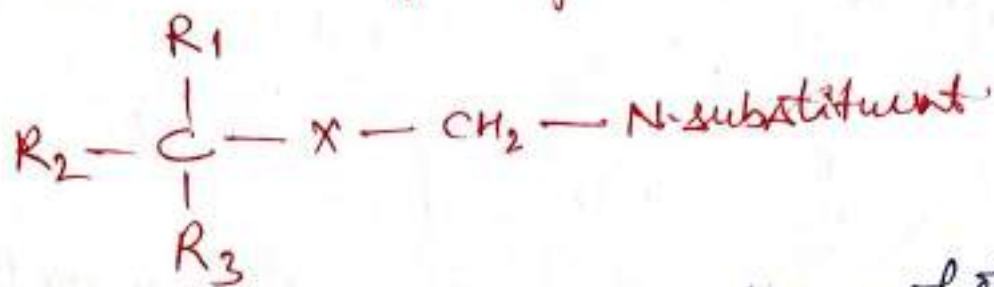
- Isopropamide iodide
- Tropicamide
- Darifenacin.

e) Miscellaneous -

- Diphenhydramil
- Ethopropazine HCl
- Papaverine.

SAR of Anticholinergic agent

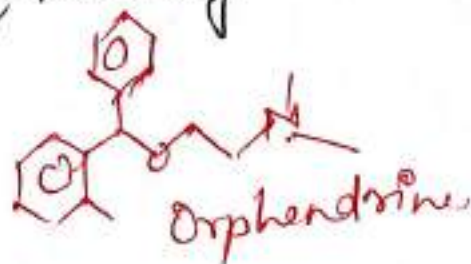
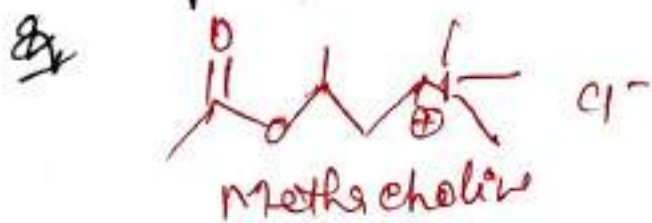
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- ① R_1 or R_2 group must be carbocyclic or heterocyclic.
- ② R_3 group can be H, -OH, -CH₂OH, amide.
- ③ X is mostly ester in most potent derivatives but it can be ether oxygen or absent completely.
- ④ The N substituent can be both quaternary ammonium salt or tertiary amine with different alkyl groups.
- ⑤ The distance between the ring substituted carbon and nitrogen is not fixed but maximum potency requires about 2 carbon units.

A) Nitrogen group -

- It agonist the N can only be quaternary but antagonist N can be both quaternary or tertiary.

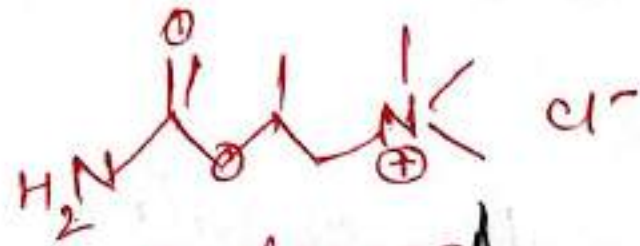


B) Ethylene bridge

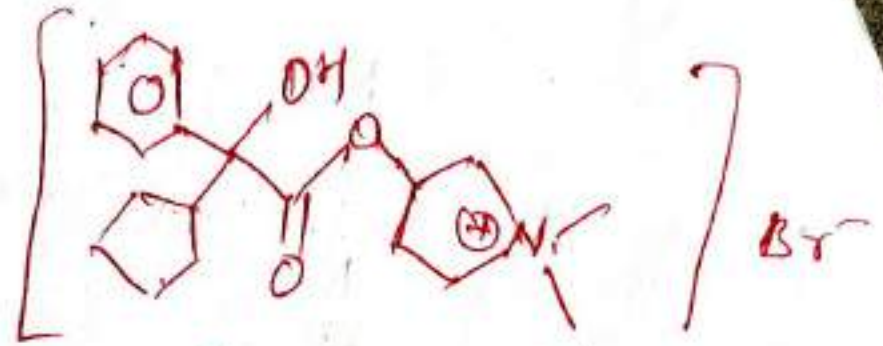
- In agonist the no ethylene is fixed at only 2
- but
- In antagonist no. of ethylene can range from 2-4



Carbamate



Bethanechol



Glycopyrrolate

③ Selectivity -

- In agonist the methyl substitution on ethylene group controls selectivity of muscarinic or nicotinic
- In antagonist no such feature is present. Still it only antagonize ex. Methacholine

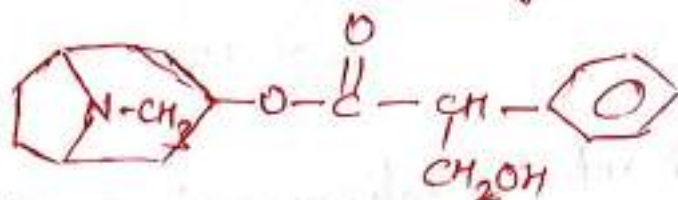


Methacholine

* Solenaceous alkaloids and analogues -

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① Atropine :-



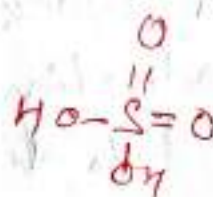
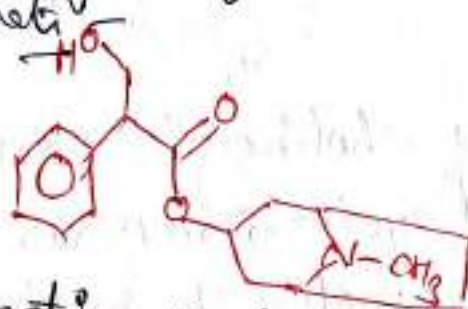
* MOA → It is competitively binds to muscarinic receptor and antagonizes it thus blocking all cholinergic effect

Uses - Bradycardia

- Reduce secretion before surgery

- Treat Iritis (painful inflammation of eye)

② Hyoscine sulphate



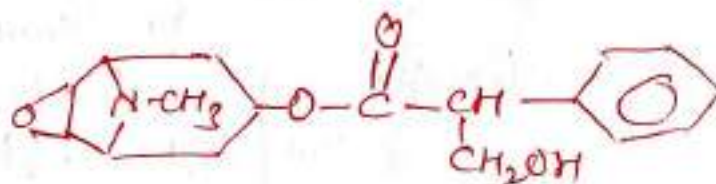
MOA - Inhibit the action of ACh

Uses - Anti emetic

- Anti spasmotic

Parkinsonism, mania & delirium (confused thinking)

③ Scopolamine HBr -



* MOA - It is competitively binds to muscarinic receptor and antagonizes it thus blocking all cholinergic effect

* Uses - It depresses CNS

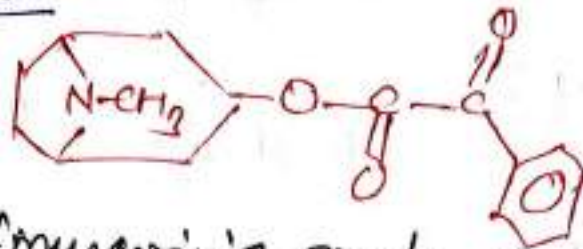
- Treat Iritis (eye inflammation)

- Treat Parkinson's neurodegenerative disorder

- Treat motion sickness (nausea, dizziness & vomiting)

Tremors, ataxia slows movement

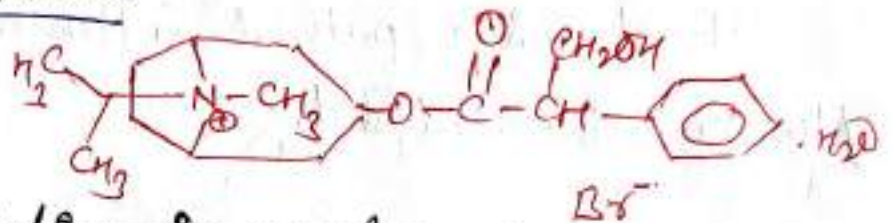
④ Homotropium HBr -



MOA → act as antimuscarinic agent, blocking the effect of ACh, a neurotransmitter in PSNS.

Uses → Mydriatic
Suppress cough

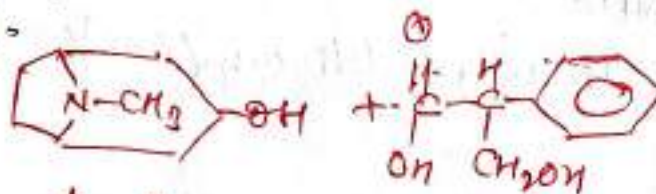
⑤ Ipratropium bromide -



MOA - Blocking cholinergic receptors decreases the production of cyclic GMP (Guanosine mp) → in lung airway leads to ↓ contraction of smooth muscle.

Uses - COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease)
- runny nose (rhinorrhea)

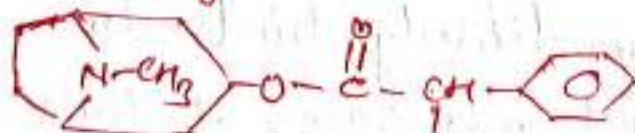
Synthesis -



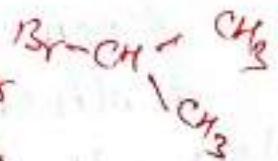
Tropine

Tropic acid

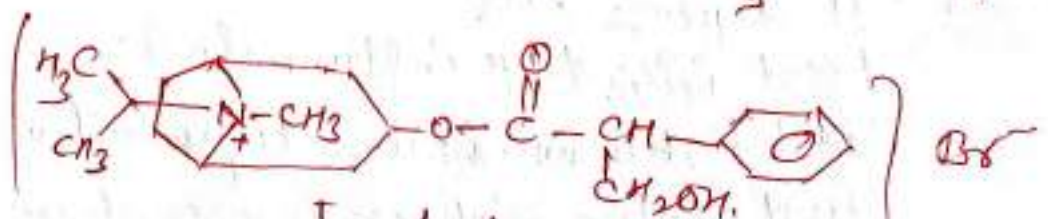
-H₂O ↓ Esterification with HCl



Atropine



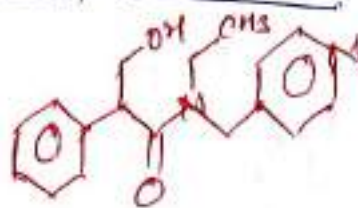
RBr



Ipratropium bromide

* Synthetic cholinergic blocking agent - 2

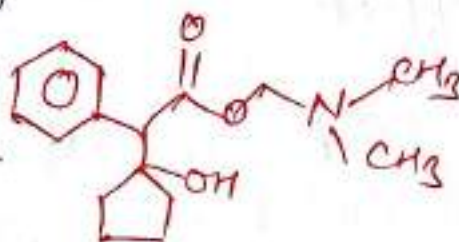
① Physostigmine - Tropicamide ⇒



MOA ⇒ It antagonizes mA receptor

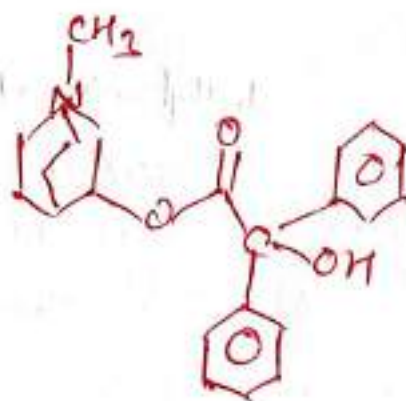
Uses - Mydriatic (abnormal dilation of pupils)
- cycloplegia (paralyzes the eye's ciliary muscle which control the pupil)

② Cyclopentolate Hydrochloride ⇒



* MOA - Competitively inhibits the binding of Acetylcholine to muscarinic

Uses - Spasmodic activity
- Mydriatic
- Cycloplegia



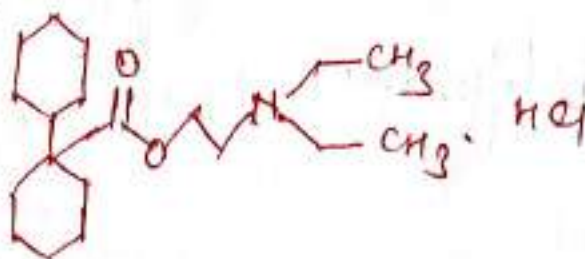
HCl

③ Clinidinium Bromide ⇒

MOA - Same above.

Uses - Peptic ulcer, hyperchlorhydria, ulcerative colitis
GIT disturbance

④ Dicyclomine HCl

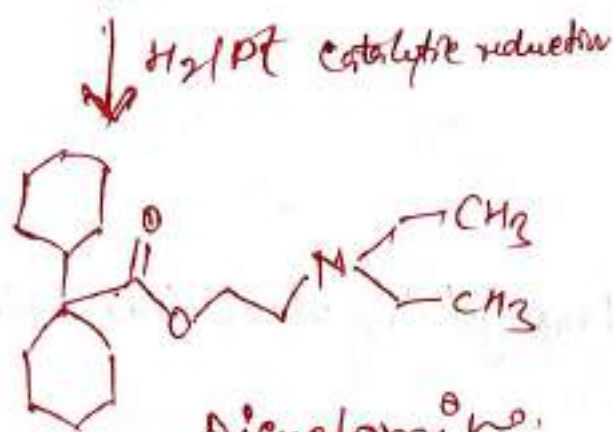
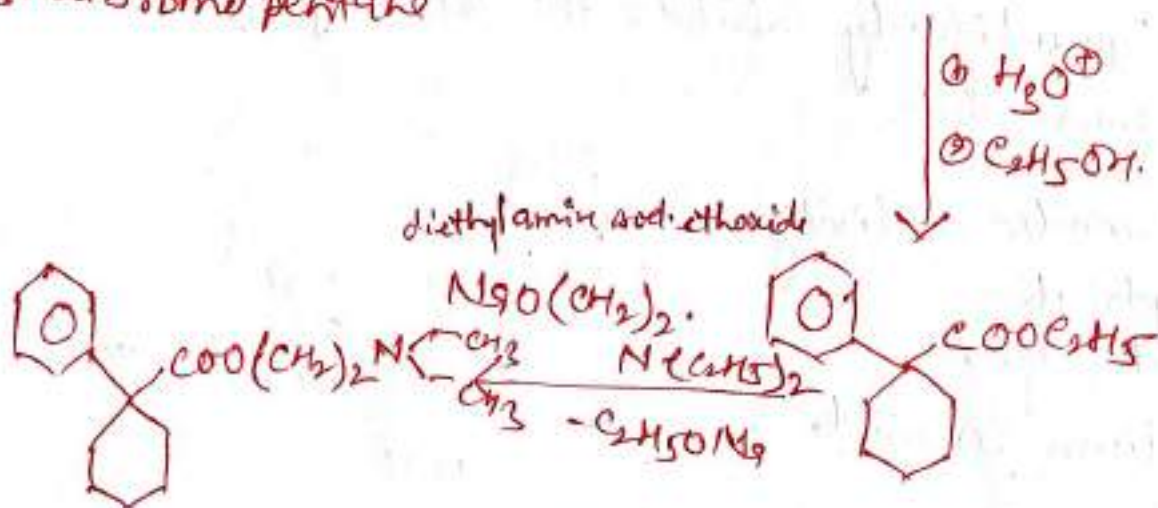
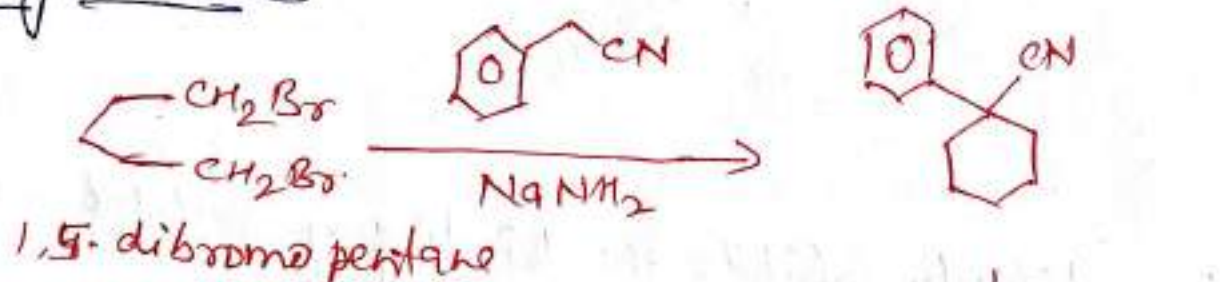


MOR - It binds more firmly to M_1 & M_3 than to M_2 & M_4 receptor.

Uses -

- Smooth muscles spasm
- biliary dysfunction
- dysmenorrhea (cramps & pelvic pain with menstruation)
- Neurotropic effect

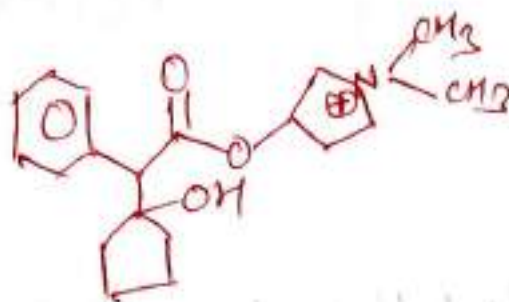
Synthesis



Dicyclomine

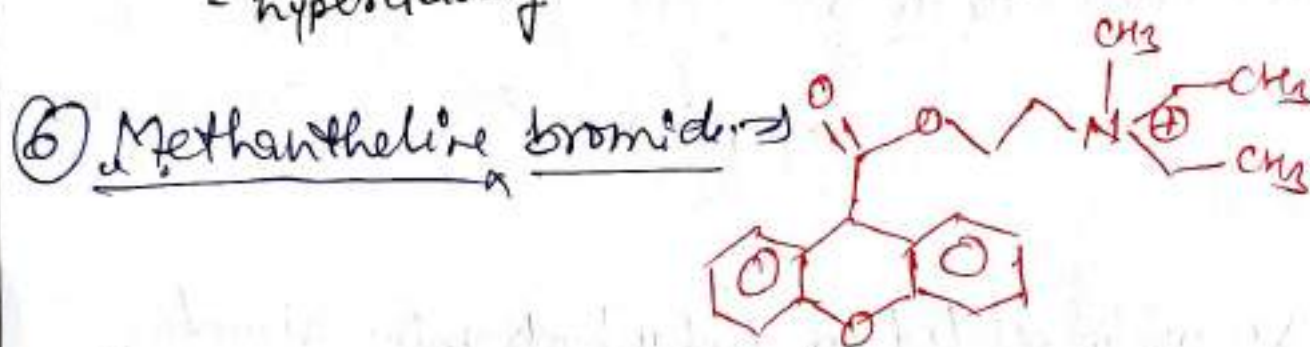
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⑤ Glycopyrrolate $\Rightarrow$



MOA $\Rightarrow$ It blocks the M_2 and M_3 receptors. M_1 has low affinity.

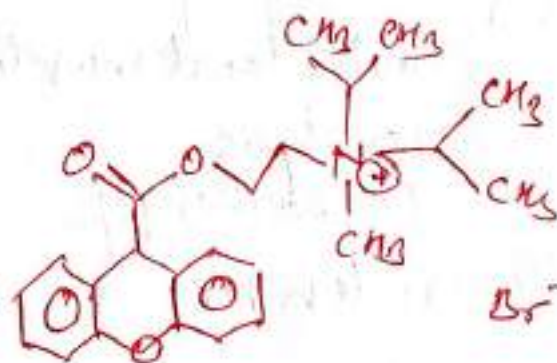
Uses $\Rightarrow$ Peptic ulcer
 - GI spasm
 - hyperacidity



MOA $\Rightarrow$ Block the nicotinic receptor

Uses $\Rightarrow$ - Peptic ulcer.
 - bladder irritability.

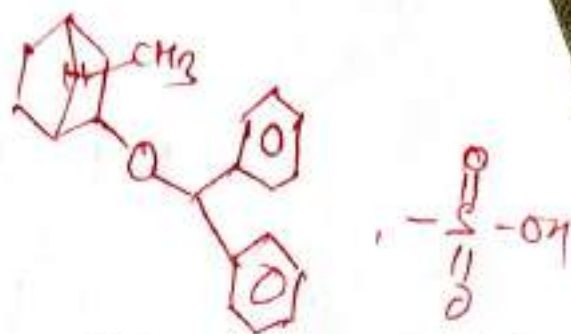
⑦ Propantheline Bromide $\Rightarrow$



MOA $\Rightarrow$ ganglionic blocking activity to muscarinic activity

Uses $\Rightarrow$ Peptic ulcer.
 Antispasmodic.

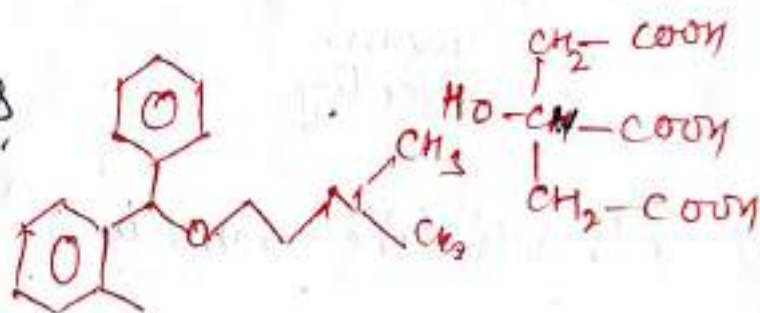
⑧ Benztropine mesylate:-



MOA It has anticholinergic, antistimulant & local anesthetic properties.

Uses as atropine.

⑨ Cyclophosphamide



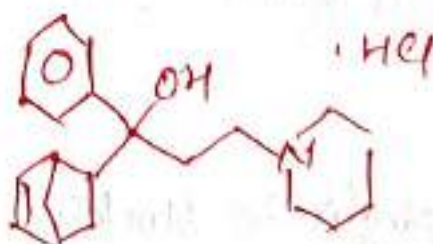
MOA Closely related to diphenhydramine structurally but has much lower antihistaminic activity and much higher anticholinergic activity.

Uses

pain local muscle spasm

- paralysis
- physiotherapy.

⑩ Biperiden HCl

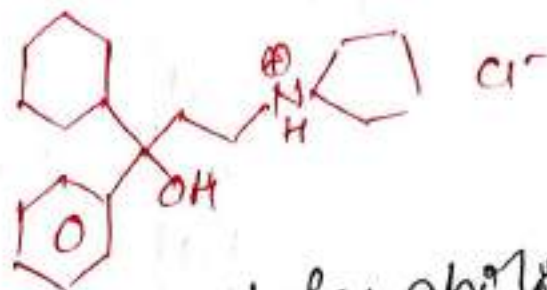


MOA Block the nicotinic receptor

Uses Spinal cord injury, Epilepsy
- Parkinsonism

① Procyclidine HCl ⇒

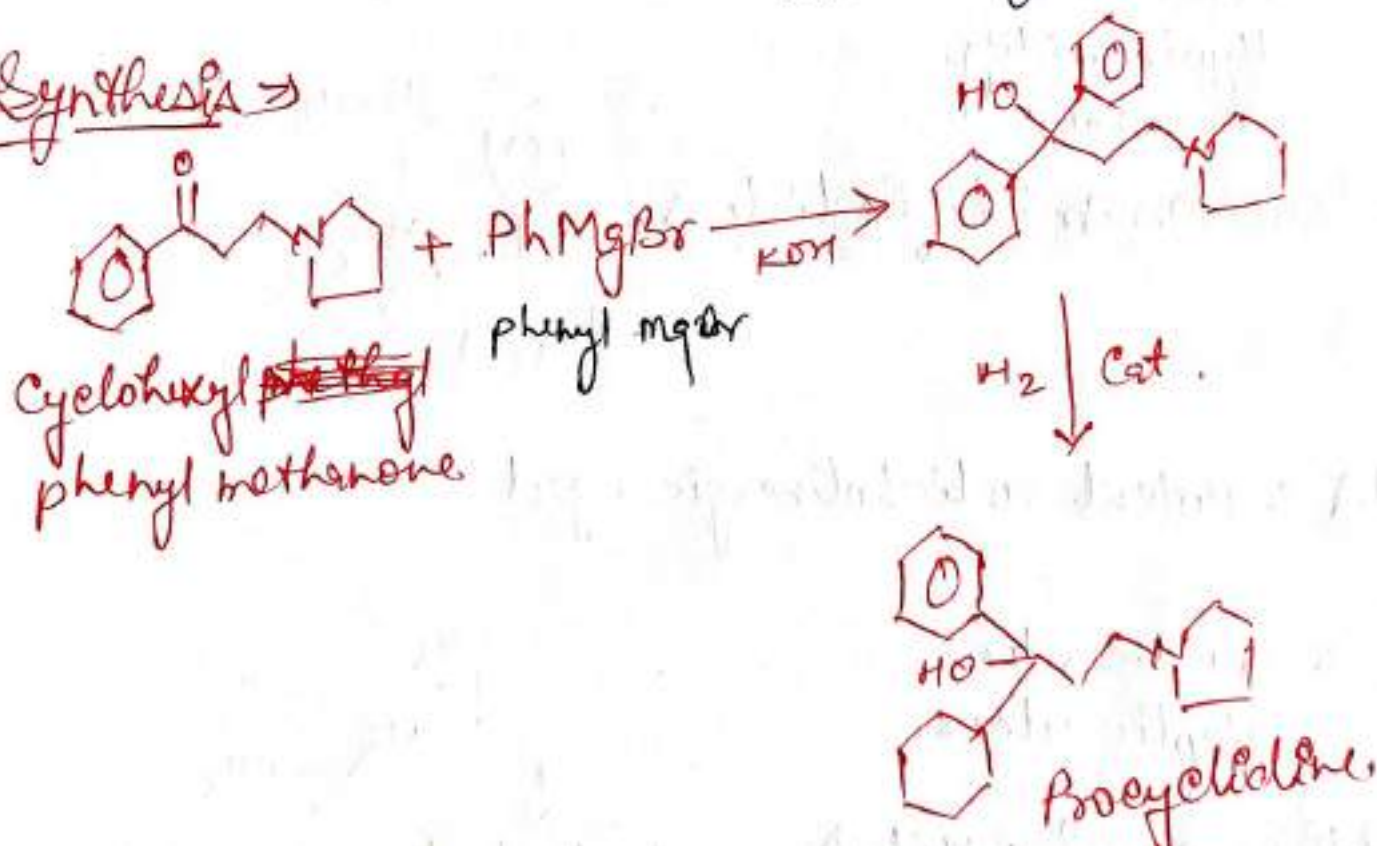
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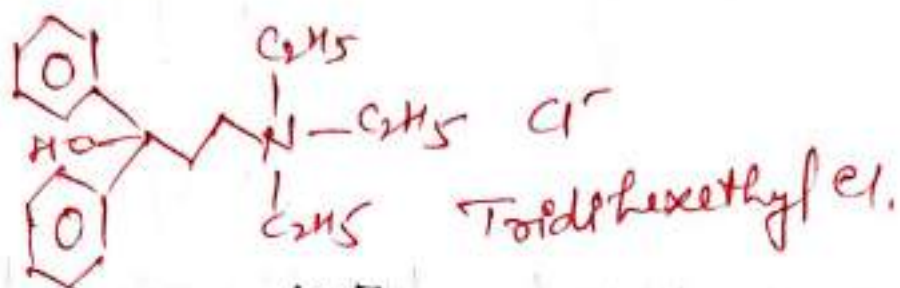
Mechanism ⇒ Peripheral anticholinergic and has ability to relieve voluntary muscle spasticity (dystonic spasm and pain caused by damage or disruption to the brain & spinal cord).

Uses ⇒ Parkinson Syndrome. (nerve cell damage in the brain cause loss of balance)

Synthesis ⇒



(12) Tridihexethyl chloride:-

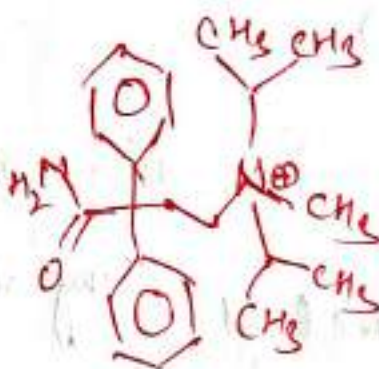


MOA $\Rightarrow$ Ganglion blocking activity.

Uses $\Rightarrow$ G.I. disease.

- Peptic ulcer.
- Hyperacidity.
- Diarrhea.

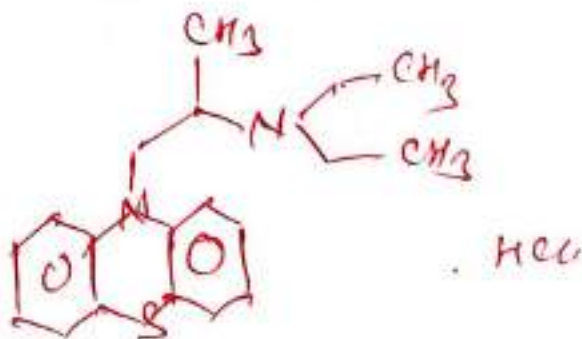
(13) Isopropamide iodide $\Rightarrow$



MOA $\Rightarrow$ Potent anticholinergic agent

Uses $\Rightarrow$ G.I. disorder.
Peptic ulcer.

(14) Ethopropazine HCl $\Rightarrow$



MOA $\Rightarrow$ block muscarinic receptor.

Uses $\Rightarrow$ Parkinsonism