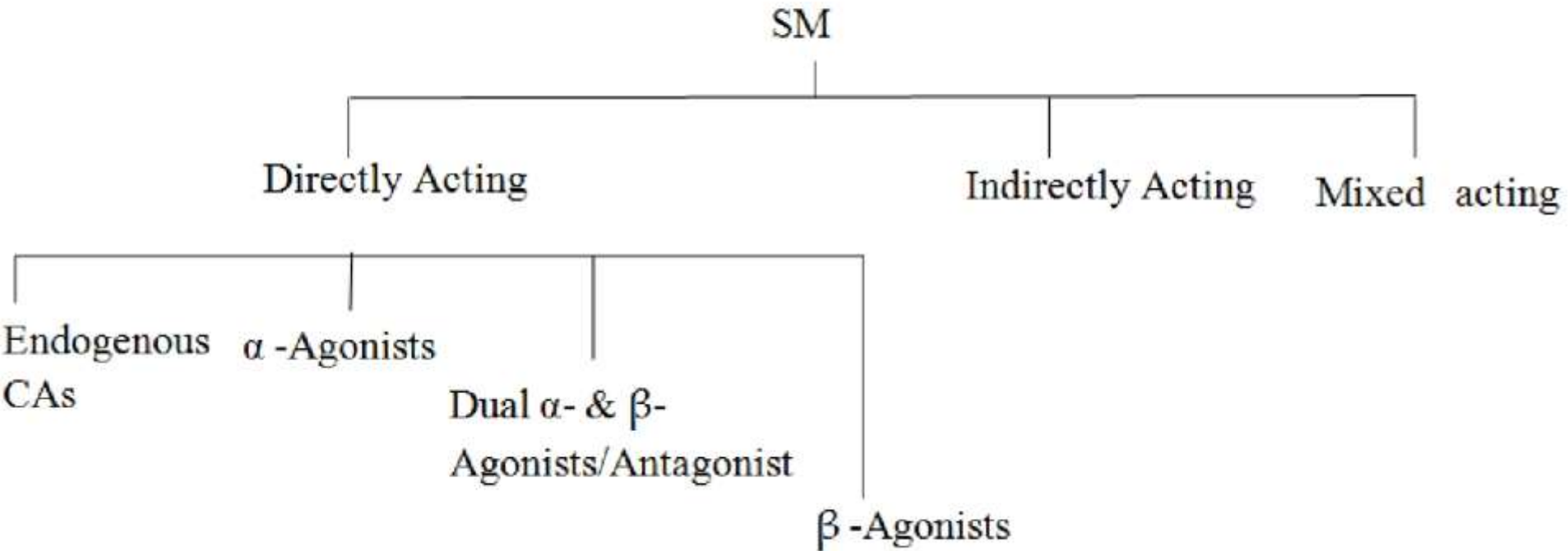


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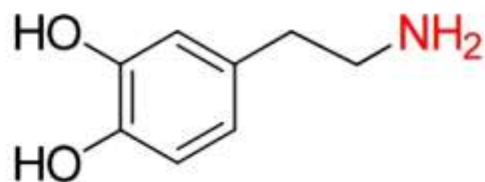
CLASSIFICATION

Endogenous CAs

(1) Dopamine

(2) Norepinephrine

(3) Epinephrine



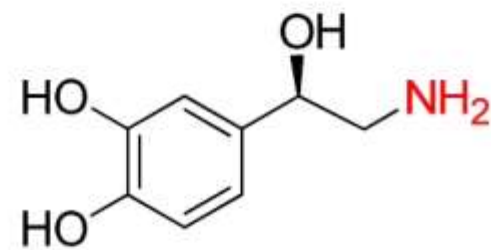
Dopamine

i.v. high dose

Vasoconstriction (α_1 action)

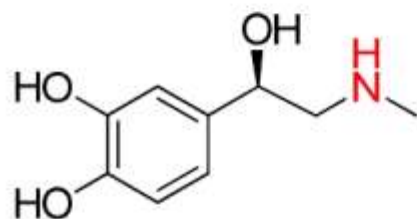
\uparrow HR (β_1 -receptors)

Use: treatment of shock



Norepinephrine

Use: in hypotensive crises



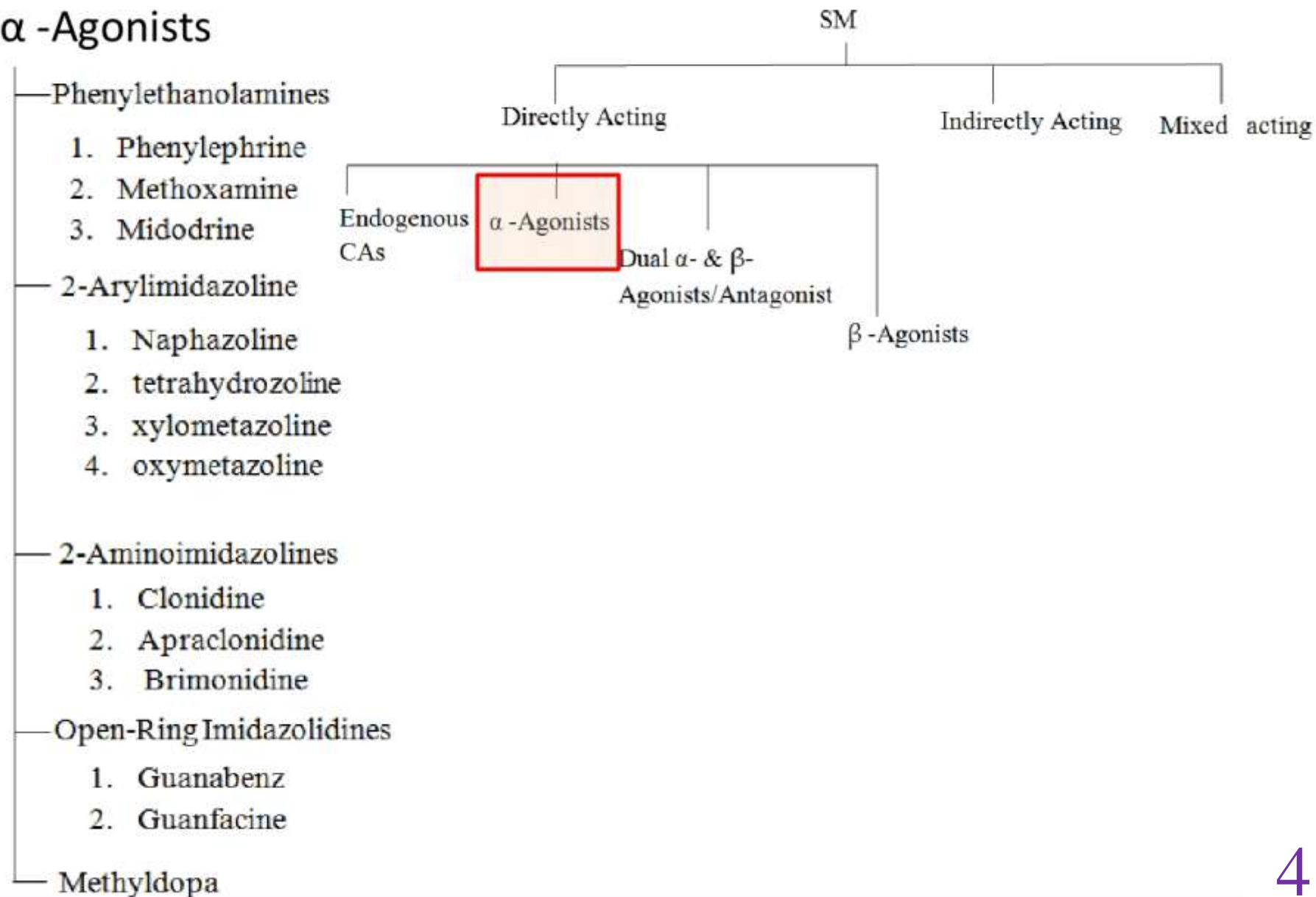
Epinephrine

Use: treat hypotensive crises and nasal congestion (α action)

in asthma (β_2 action)

CLASSIFICATION

α -Agonists

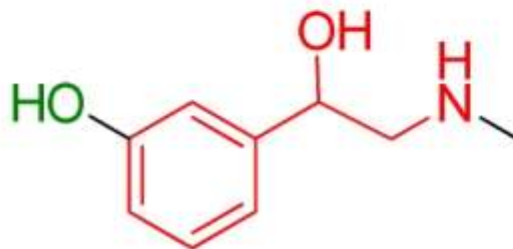


CLASSIFICATION

Phenylethanolamines

- All are α_1 -agonists
- lacks the catechol moiety i.e. not metabolized by COMT
- Thus have long duration of action (DOA)

(1) Phenylephrine



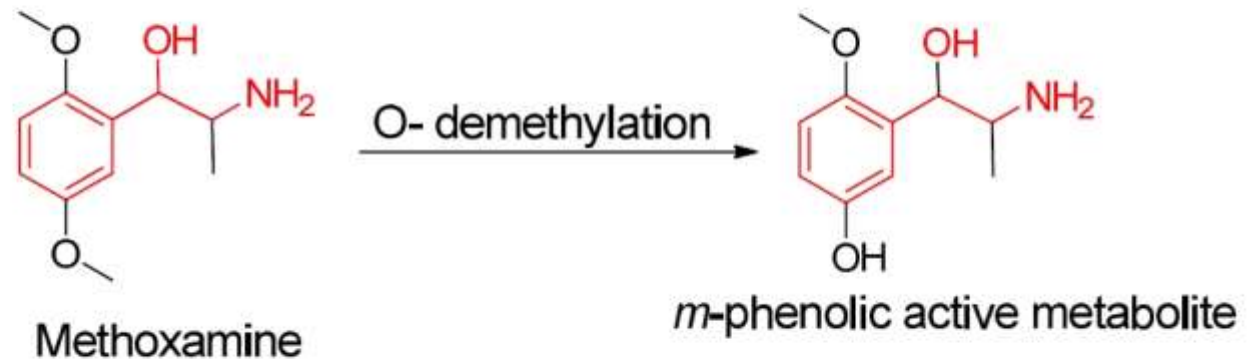
Use:

- severe hypotension, nasal decongestant
- used to dilate the pupil and in open-angle glaucoma

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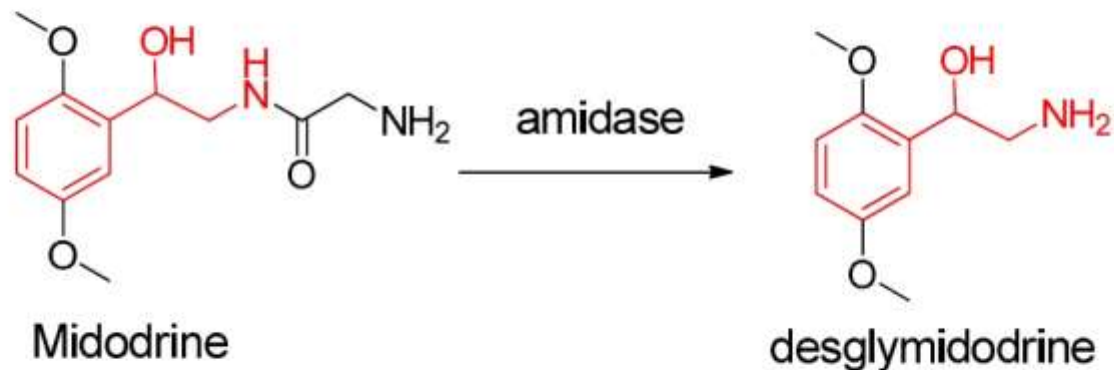
Phenylethanolamines

(2) Methoxamine



- during surgery to maintain adequate arterial blood pressure

(3) Midodrine



- N-glycyl prodrug of desglymidodrine
- Vasoconstrictor \rightarrow used for treatment hypotension

CLASSIFICATION

2-Arylimidazoline

- All are α_1 -agonists
- Used for their vasoconstrictive effects as **nasal decongestant** and ophthalmic decongestant

(1) Naphazoline

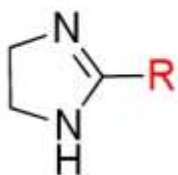
(2) Tetrahydrozoline

(3) Xylometazoline

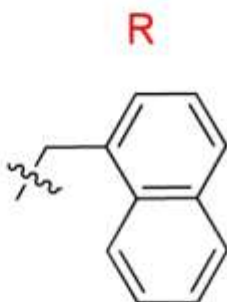
(4) Oxymetazoline

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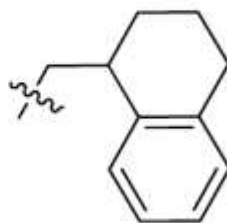
2-Arylimidazoline



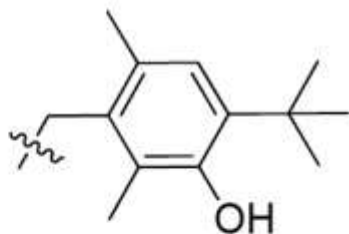
Naphazoline



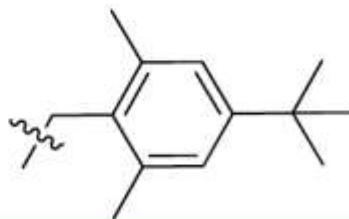
Tetrahydrozoline



Oxymetazoline



xylometazoline



Imidazoline moiety

pKa 9-10

Limited access to the CNS

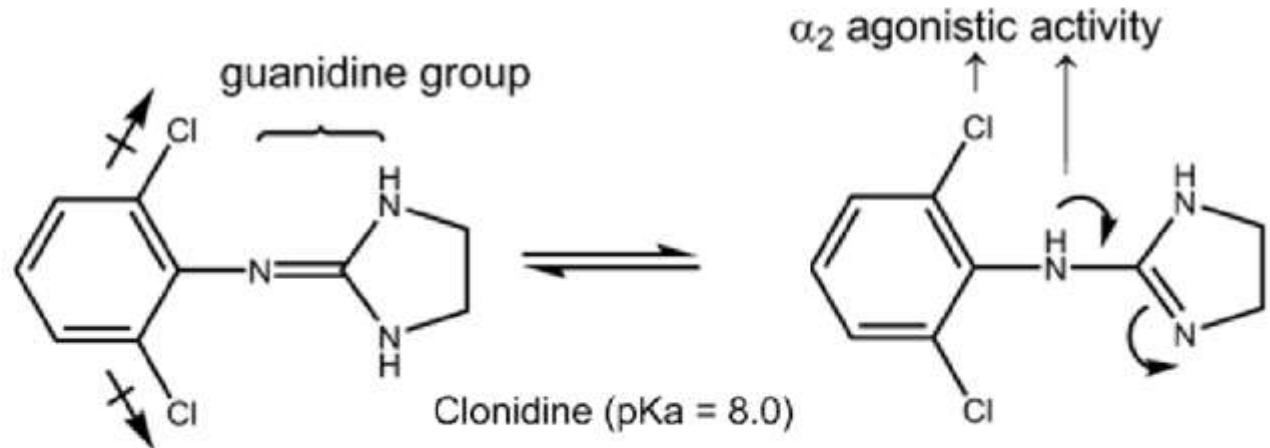
- one-carbon bridge between imidazoline ring and a phenyl ring, and thus has a phenylethylamine structure
- lipophilic substituents on the phenyl ring may be important for the α_1 -selectivity

CLASSIFICATION

2-Aminoimidazolines

- presence of O-chlorine groups and NH bridge.

(1) Clonidine



inductive and resonance effects of the dichlorophenyl ring decrease pKa of clonidine

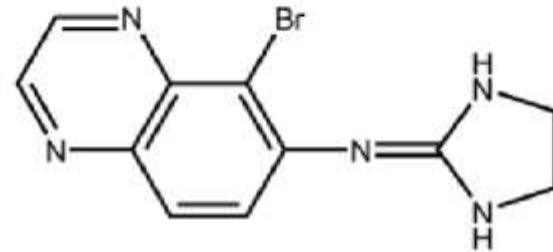
- [nasal decongestant to hypotensive]
- PNS \rightarrow α_1 -agonist \rightarrow nasal decongestants + hypertension
- Low pKa \rightarrow remains nonionized \rightarrow crosses the BBB
- CNS \rightarrow α_{2A} -adrenergic agonist \rightarrow causing inhibition of sympathetic output \rightarrow vasodilation \rightarrow \downarrow HR \rightarrow hypotension

CLASSIFICATION

2-Aminoimidazolines

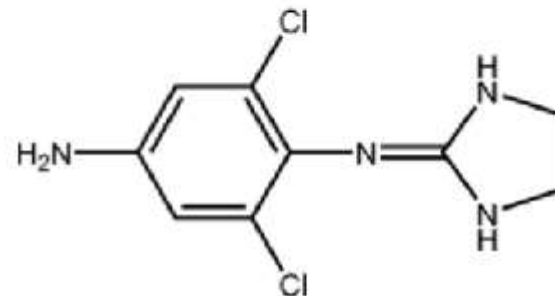
(2) Apraclonidine

- Does not cross the BBB.
- α_1 agonist and α_2 agonist effect in eye
- used specifically to **control the intraocular pressure** that can increase during laser surgery on the eye



(3) Brimonidine

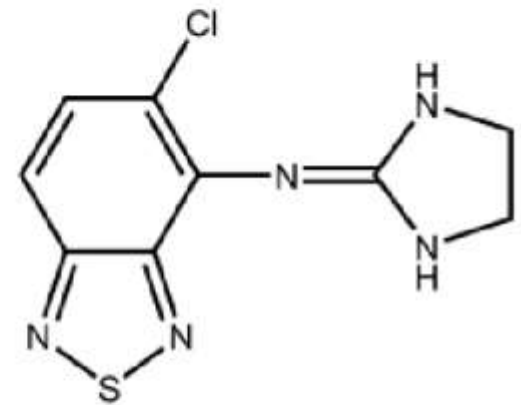
- cross the BBB \rightarrow produce hypotension like clonidine + and sedation
- First-line agent for treating **glaucoma**
- reducing aqueous humor production and increasing outflow



CLASSIFICATION

2-Aminoimidazolines

(4) Tizanidine



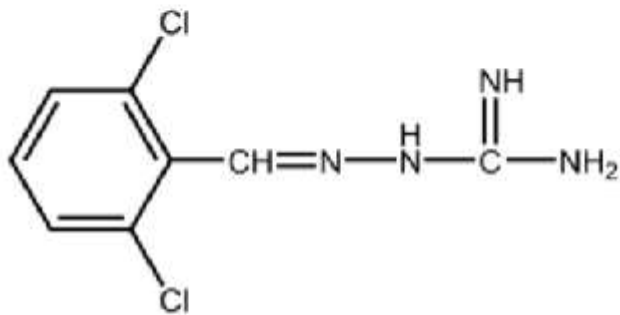
- α_2 -adrenergic agonist spinal interneurons \rightarrow causing inhibition of sympathetic output \rightarrow decreased muscle tone and frequency of muscle spasms \rightarrow reduce spasticity [spasm] associated with cerebral or spinal cord injury.

CLASSIFICATION

Open-Ring Imidazolidines

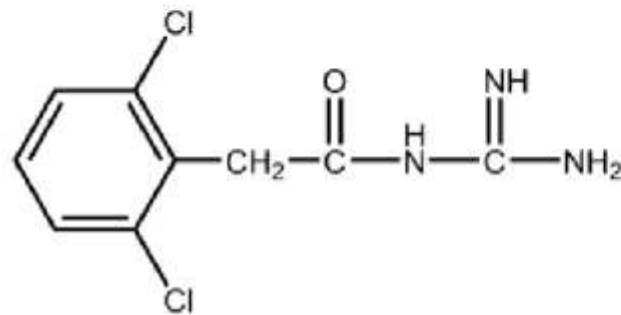
- All are α_2 -agonists
- Used as antihypertensive drugs
- Mechanism is same as clonidine

(1) Guanabenz and (2) Guanfacine



Guanabenz

pKa = 8.1 → mainly nonionized →
penetrate the CNS
oral bioavailability = 70-80%



Guanfacine

pKa = 7 → mainly nonionized →
penetrate the CNS
oral bioavailability = >80%

CLASSIFICATION

Methyldopa



Chemistry : L- α -Methyldopa is a pro-drug zwitterion

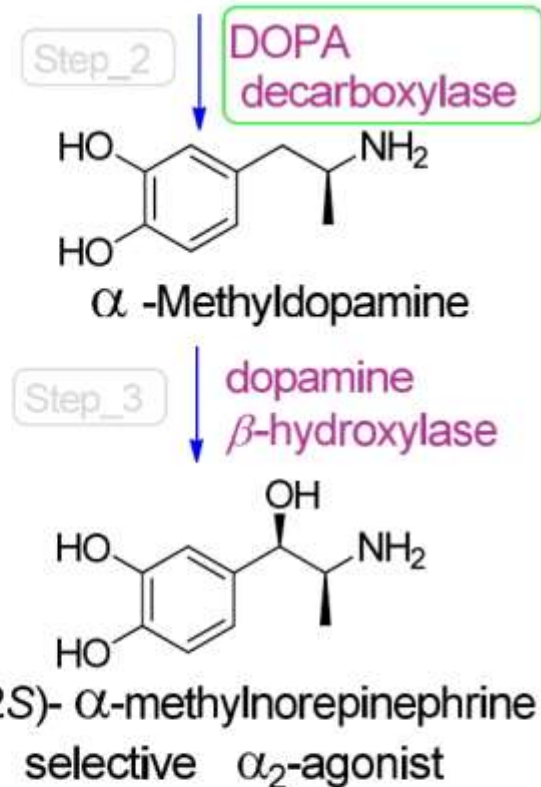
M/A:

- originally designed as DOPA DC inhibitor but it is metabolized by enzymes and gives active metabolite α -methylnorepinephrine which is α_2 -agonist acting in the CNS \rightarrow decrease sympathetic outflow \rightarrow lower blood pressure.

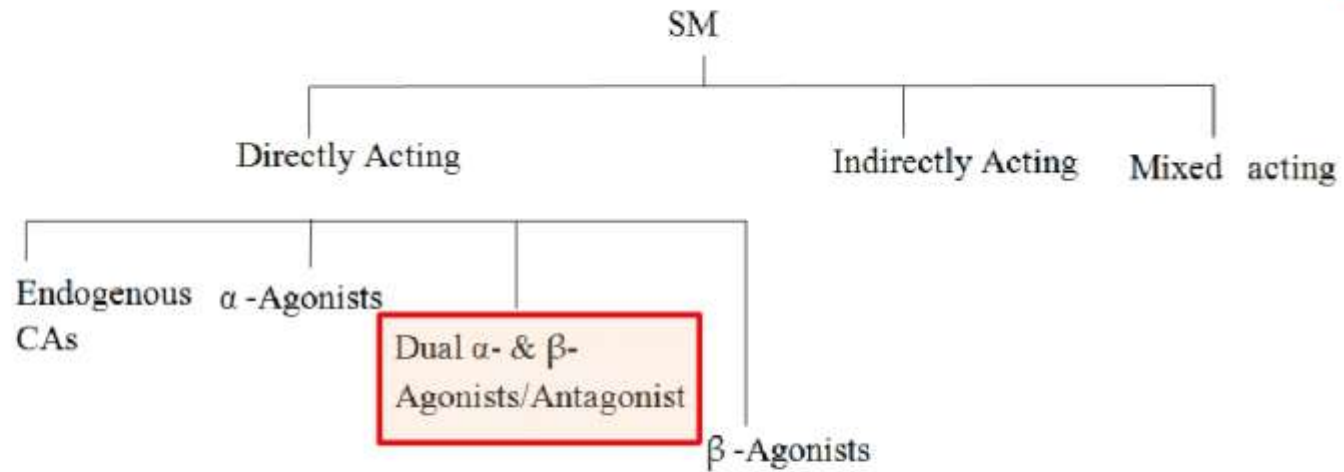
- only oral dosage form are possible

- Its ester form **Methyldopate** in i.v. formulation

Use : antihypertensive



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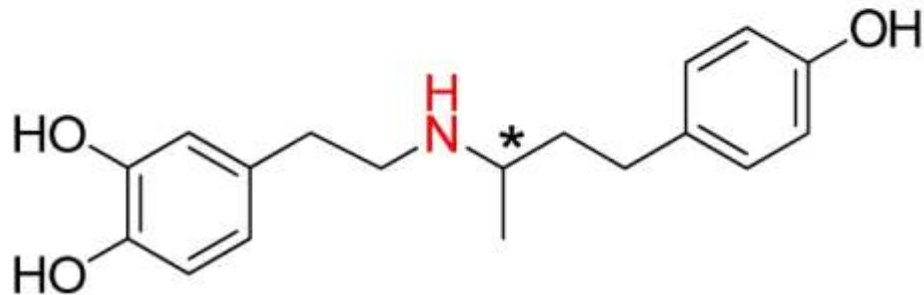
Dual α - & β -Agonists/Antagonists

1. Dobutamine

CLASSIFICATION

Dual α - & β -Agonists/Antagonists

(1) Dobutamine

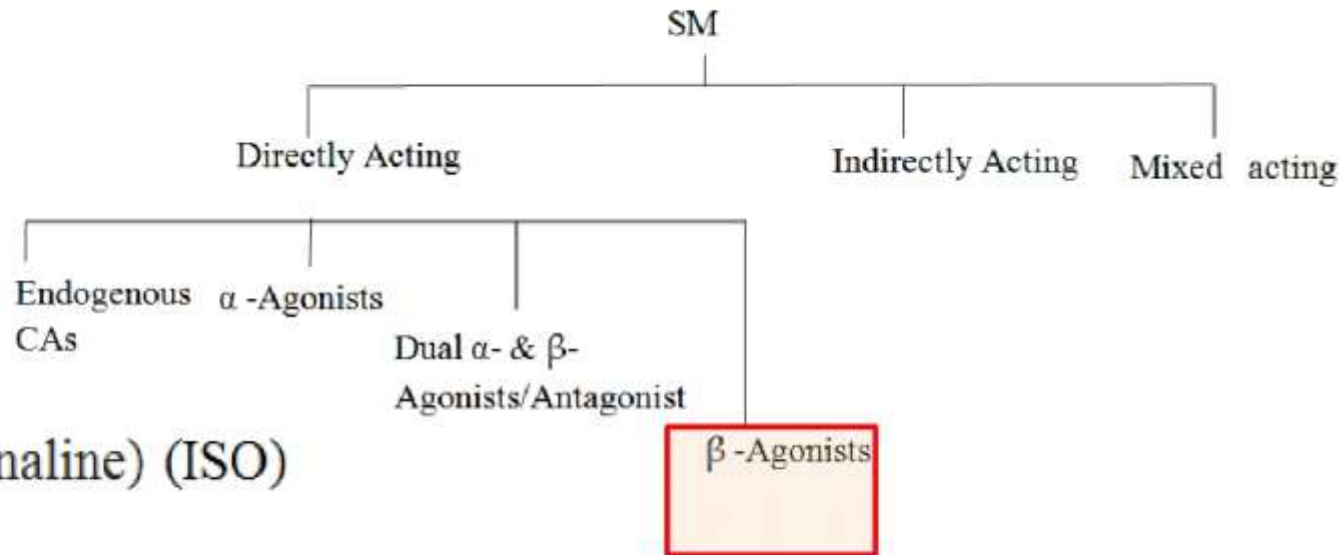


Chemistry:

- (-) isomer is a potent α_1 -agonist
- (+) isomer is a potent α_1 -antagonist
- isomers are β_1 -agonist [(+) > (-)]
- thus, when the racemate is used clinically, the α -effects of the enantiomers cancel each other, leaving primarily the β_1 -effects.

Use: used as a cardiac stimulant after surgery or congestive heart failure (CHF)

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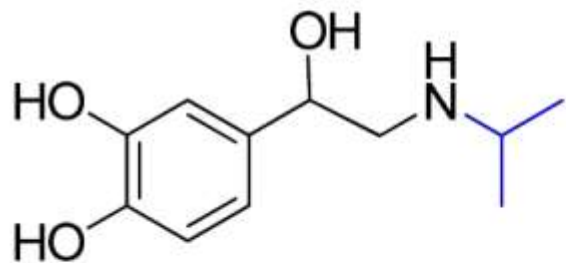
β-Agonists

1. Isoproterenol (Isoprenaline) (ISO)
 2. Metaproterenol
 3. terbutaline
 4. Albuterol (Salbutamol)
 5. pirbuterol
 6. salmeterol
 7. Formoterol
 8. Isoetharine
 9. Bitolterol
 10. Ritodrine
- } Resorcinol bronchodilators

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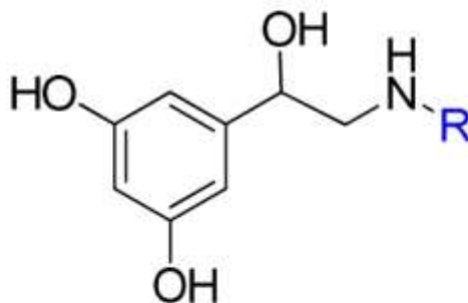
resorcinol bronchodilators

(1) Isoproterenol

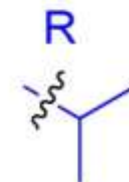


β_1 agonist \rightarrow \uparrow HR \rightarrow use
for treatment of heart block
 β_2 agonist \rightarrow bronchodilation
 \rightarrow asthma, COPD

(2) Metaproterenol (3) terbutaline



Metaproterenol :



Terbutaline :



- Resorcinol moiety \rightarrow selective β_2
agonist + not metabolized by COMT

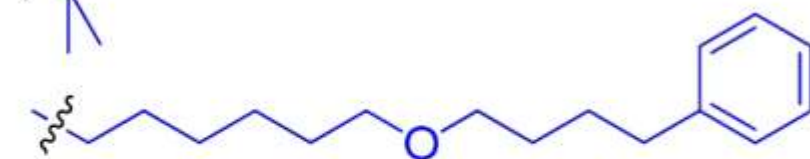
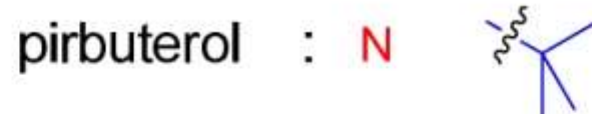
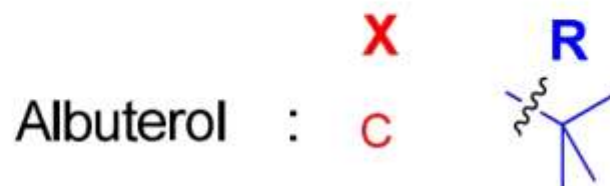
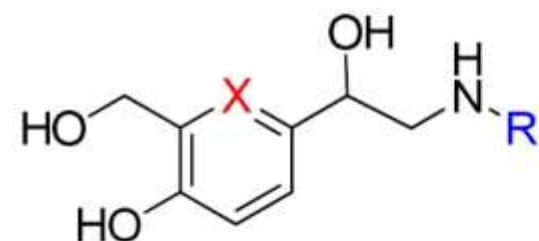
CLASSIFICATION

(4) Albuterol

(5) pirbuterol

(6) Salmeterol

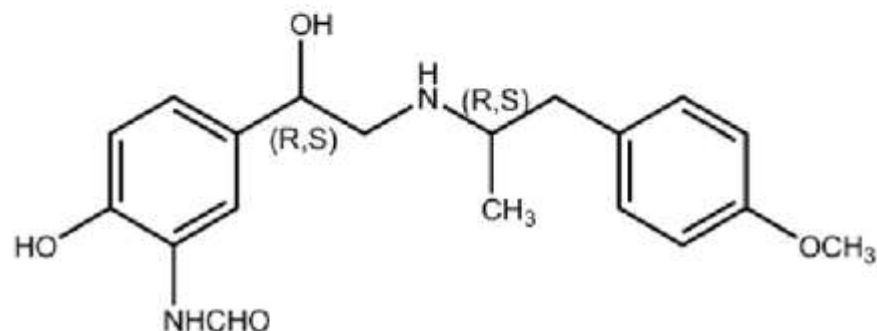
- 3' Hydroxymethyl moiety → selective β_2 agonist + not metabolized by COMT
- Bulky N-substituents → selective β + not metabolized by MAO
- N-phenylbutoxyhexyl substituent in salmeterol → very long acting
- **Levalbuterol** = (*R*) isomer of racemic albuterol



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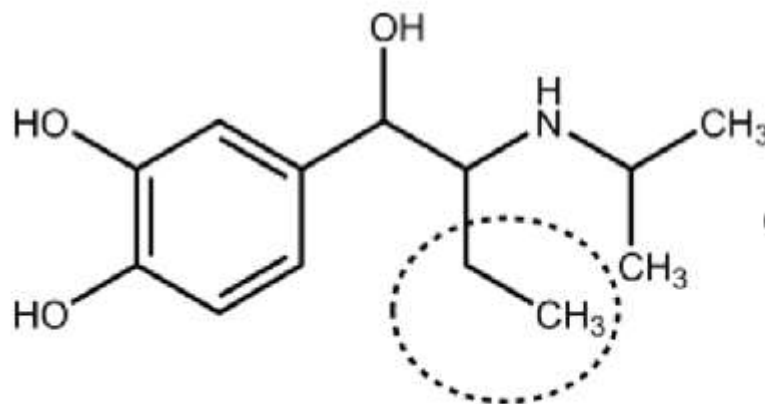
(7) Formoterol

3'-formylamino group (β -directing)



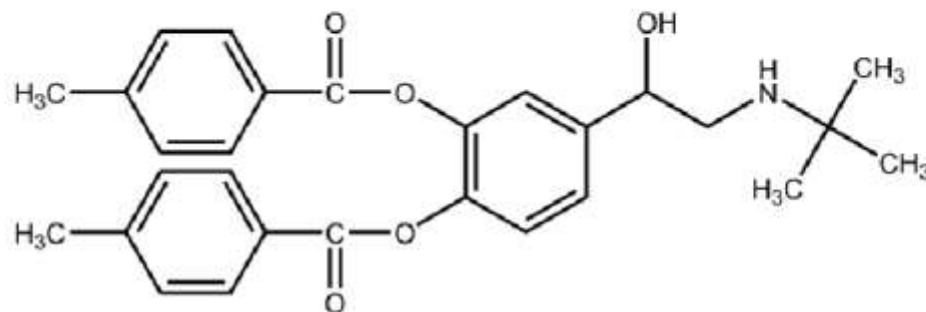
(8) Isoetharine (α -ethyl ISO)

- Because of the presence of the β_2 -directing α -ethyl group and β -directing isopropyl group, isoetharine is a potent β_2 -agonist and is resistant to MAO



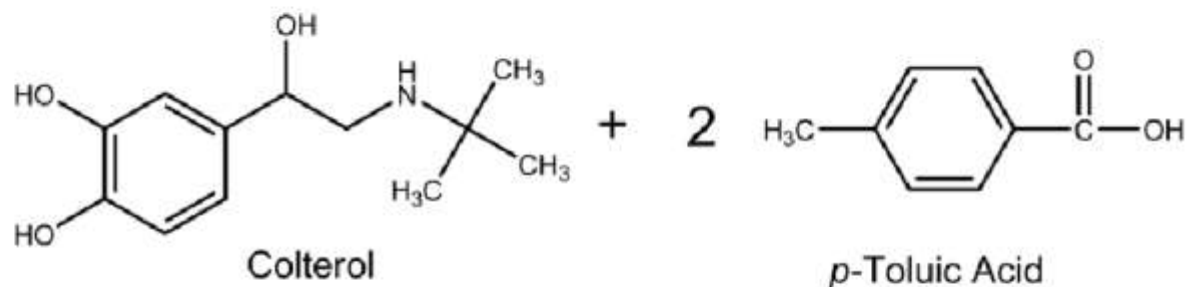
CLASSIFICATION

(9) Bitolterol



Bitolterol (a prodrug of Colterol)

esterases in the lung
and other tissues



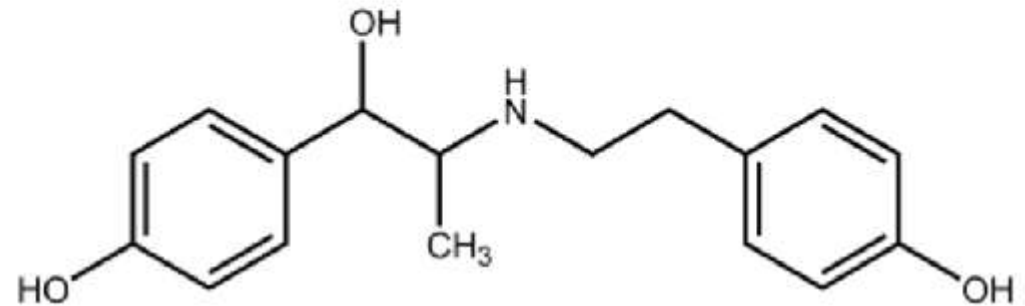
Colterol

p-Toluic Acid

- *N-tert-butyl* group
→ selective β_2 + not metabolized by MAO
- Prodrug resist to metabolism by COMT

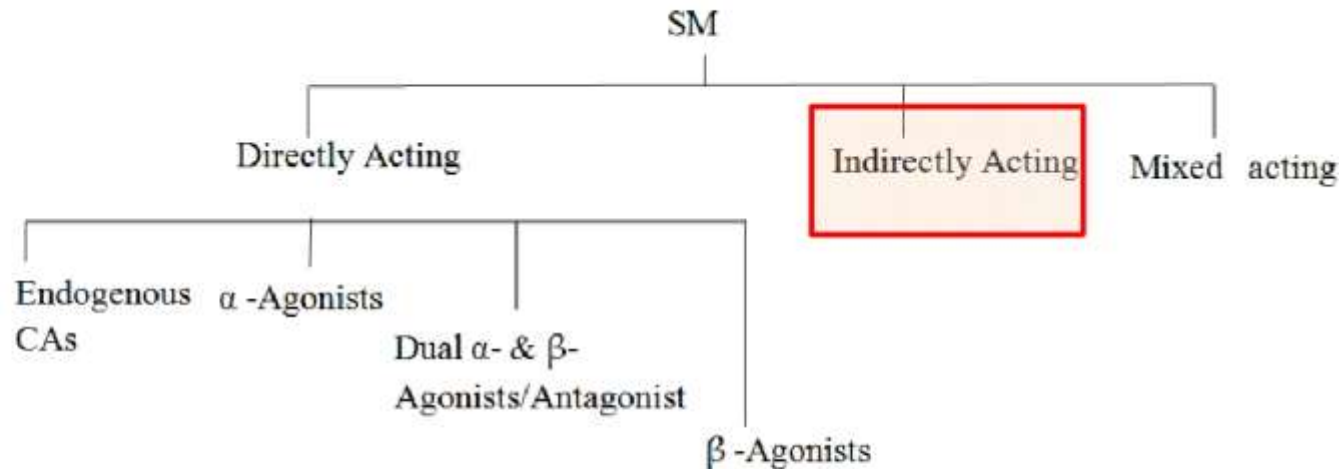
CLASSIFICATION

(10) Ritodrine



- Selective β_2 -agonist that was developed specifically for use as a uterine relaxant.

CLASSIFICATION



Indirect-Acting Sympathomimetics

Phenylisopropylamines

1. Amphetamine
2. Methamphetamine
3. Hydroxyamphetamine

Phenylpropanolamines

1. (+)-Pseudoephedrine

M/A

- Act by releasing endogenous NE.
- They enter the nerve ending by way of the active-uptake process and displace NE from its storage granules.

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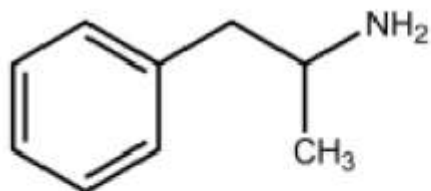
Phenylisopropylamines

(1) Amphetamine (2) methamphetamine

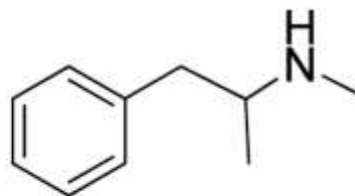
- By mimicking the release of the CAs NTs, NE, DA + serotonin action → **CNS stimulant** and central appetite suppressant effects

(3) Hydroxyamphetamine

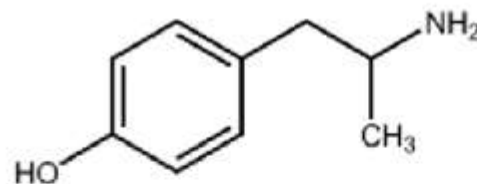
- presence of *p*-OH group → no CNS stimulant action
- used **to dilate the pupil** diagnosis / surgical procedures on the eye.



Amphetamine
Log P = 2.81



Methamphetamine



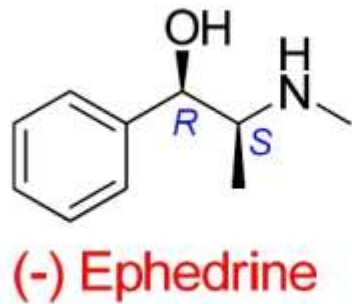
Hydroxyamphetamine
Log P = 1.07
pKa = 10.71

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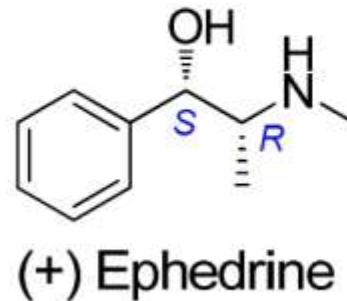
Phenylpropanolamines

(1) L-(+)-Pseudoephedrine

- β -OH has *S*- stereochemistry, Thus no directly acting mechanism
- Causes indirect vasoconstriction → Use: nasal decongestant

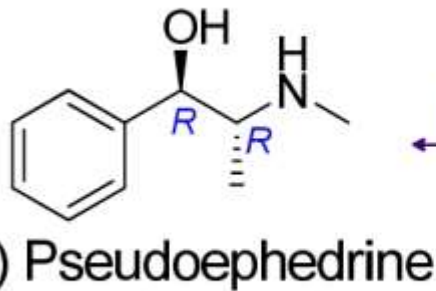


Enantiomers



Ephedrine
(*threo* racemate)
Mix acting drug

Diastereomers



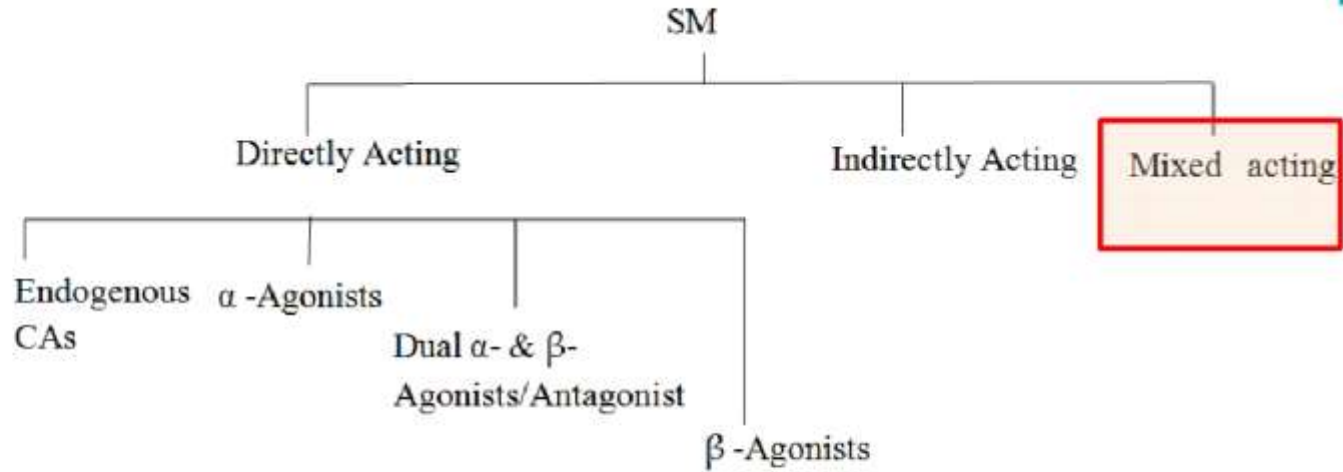
Enantiomers



Diastereomers

Pseudoephedrine
(*Erythro* racemate)
Indirectly acting drug

CLASSIFICATION



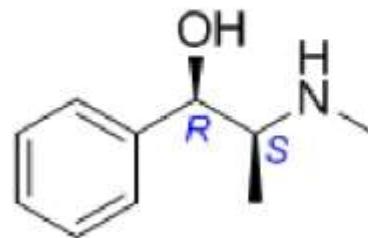
Mixed-Acting Sympathomimetics

1. (-) Ephedrine

CLASSIFICATION

Phenylpropanolamines

(1) D-(-)-Ephedrine



(-) Ephedrine

- (*1R,2S*)-D-(-)-ephedrine is **most active** from all four isomers
- An α - and β -adrenergic agonist (β -OH has *R*- stereochemistry) and also enhance release of NE
- As it is mix acting , it has Ephedrine can be used for a variety of purposes, a bronchodilator, vasopressor, cardiac stimulant, and nasal decongestant

CLASSIFICATION

Phenylpropanolamines

(2) Phenylpropanolamine / β -hydroxyamphetamine

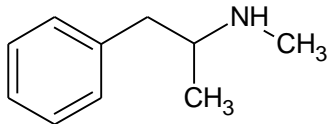


- *N*- desmethyl analog of ephedrine
- lacks *N*-methyl group \rightarrow more polar \rightarrow much less stimulation
 \rightarrow α selective \rightarrow higher vasopressive action
- Use : appetite suppressants and cough and cold medications
- **FDA discontinued**

ABUSED SYMPATHOMIMETICS

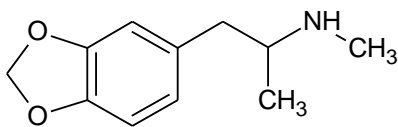
Central Nervous Stimulants

Metamphetamine :



(**N-methylamphetamine**) is a potent central nervous system (CNS) stimulant that is mainly used as a recreational drug and less commonly as a second-line treatment for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and obesity.

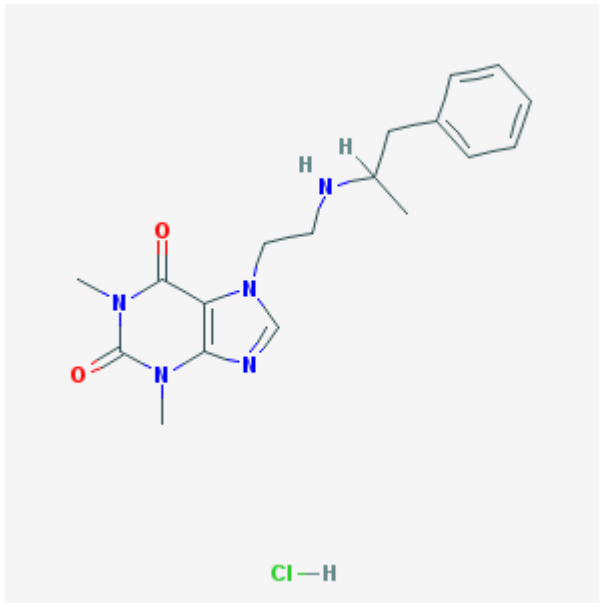
3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)



Commonly known as **ecstasy (E)**, is also recreational drug. The desired effects include altered sensations and increased energy, empathy, and pleasure. When taken by mouth, effects begin after 30–45 minutes and last 3–6 hours.

Adverse effects include addiction, memory problems, paranoia, difficulty sleeping, teeth grinding, blurred vision, sweating, and a rapid heartbeat. Deaths have been reported due to increased body temperature and dehydration.

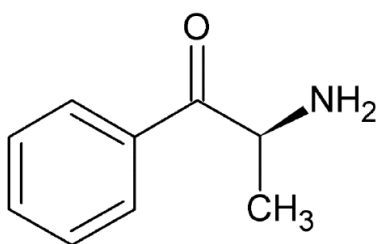
Fenethylamine hydrochloride (CAPTAGON)



1,3-dimethyl-7-[2-(1-phenylpropan-2-ylamino)ethyl]purine-2,6-dione; hydrochloride

Fenethylamine is a codrug of amphetamine and theophylline which behaves as a prodrug. 12–22 age group in Saudi Arabia are addicted to fenethylamine. In 2017 captagon was the most popular narcotic in Saudi Arabia. Fenethylamine is a popular drug in Western Asia, and is allegedly used by militant groups in Syria.

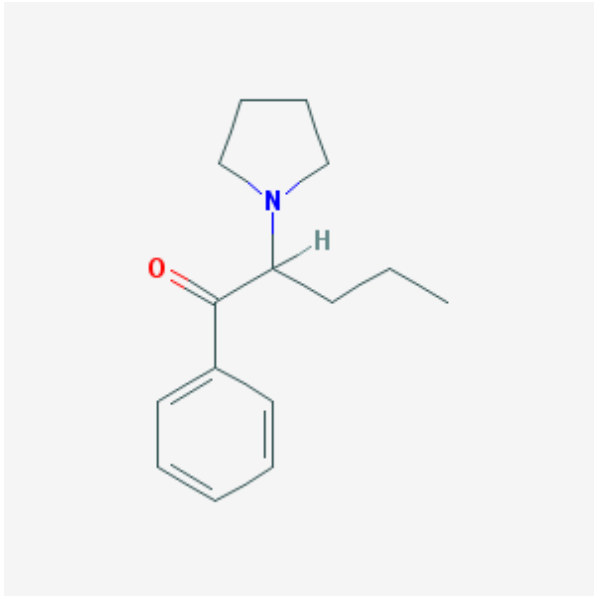
Cathinone β -keto-amphetamine



(S)-2-Amino-1-phenyl-1-propanone

Cathinone has been found to stimulate the release of dopamine and inhibit the reuptake of epinephrine, norepinephrine and serotonin in the central nervous system (CNS). Origin is plant, it is used by chewing.

Alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone; Alpha-PVP;

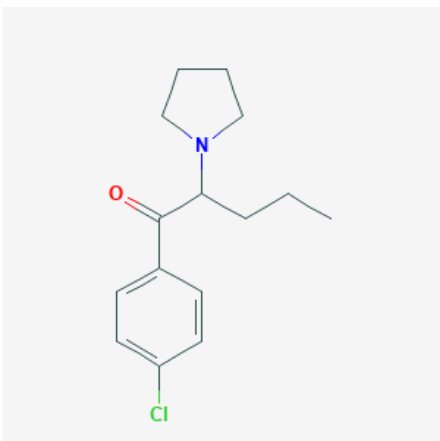


1-Phenyl-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)pentan-1-one;

Desmethyl pyrovalerone; Alpha-Pyrrolidinopentiophenone

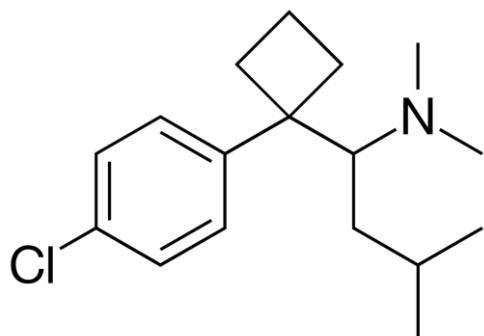
In 2011, **FLAKKA** was legal with the names of "**Ivory Wave**", "**Vanilla Sky**", "**Bliss**" and "**Purple Rain**".

The heart rate is increasing, the emotions are getting stronger, the person feels like a superhero. It releases high amounts of dopamine and increases body temperature excessively. For this reason, those who use clothes disintegrate. It is named as 'Beath Salt' (bath salt), because it was like a bath salt. It was produced in China and sold for only \$ 25 a dose. When the zombie pill dosage was increased, it turned people into zombies.



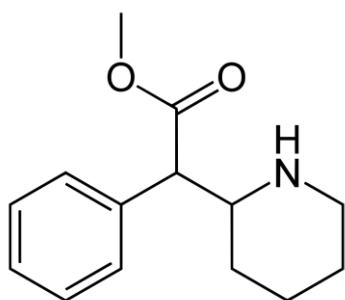
4-Chloro-alpha-PVP

Antiobesity Sympathomimetic amines :



Sibutramine (REDUCTIL), is an appetite suppressant which has been discontinued in many countries. Until 2010, it was widely marketed and prescribed as an adjunct in the treatment of obesity along with diet and exercise. It has been associated with increased cardiovascular events and strokes and has been withdrawn from many countries on the World.

Methylphenidate RITALIN



It is a stimulant medication used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and narcolepsy.