

## ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS

Antineoplastic drugs are the medications which are used in the treatment of cancer.

**Cancer:** The disease caused due to the uncontrolled division of abnormal cells in the part of body.

Anticancer drugs are used in the treatment of malignant diseases when surgery is not possible OR prove ineffective. Antineoplastic agents are also known as the cytotoxic agents. They act to prevent OR inhibit the development of neoplasm.

Examples : mercaptopurine , mepalol

### Classification

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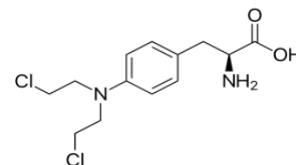
- 1) Alkylating agents
- 2) Antimetabolites
- 3) Antibiotics
- 4) Plant product
- 5) kinase inhibitor
- 6) Monoclonal Antibodies
- 7) Miscellaneous

### **1) Alkylating agents**

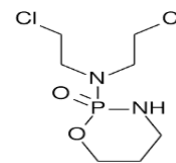
An alkylating antineoplastic agents are the alkylating agents used in the cancer treatment that attaches an alkyl group to the DNA. The alkyl group is attached to the nitrogen atom of the purine ring.

#### 1] Nitrogen mustard

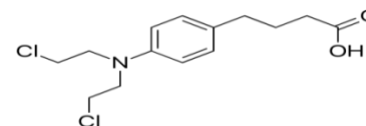
Examples : 1)Mepalol



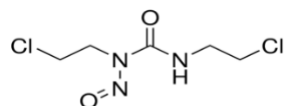
#### 2)cyclophosphamide



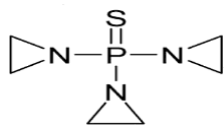
#### 3)chlorambucil



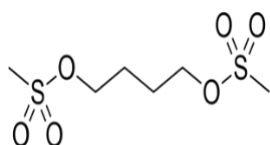
**2] Nitrosource** : E.g- Carmustine



**3]Ethylenamine** : E.g -Thiotepa

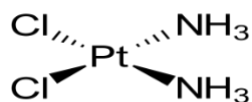


**4] Alkyl sulfone** : E.g - Busulfan

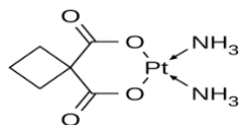


**5]Triazine** : E.g -dacarbazine

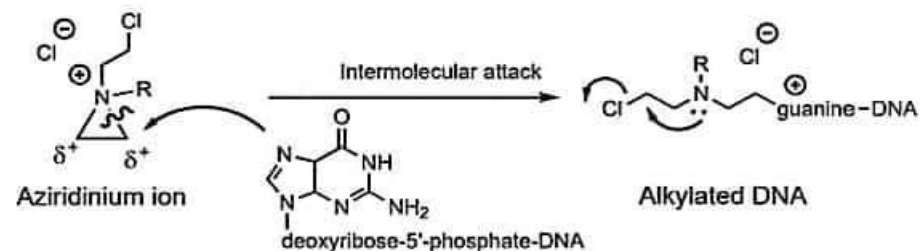
**6]Metal Salts** : E.g – 1)Cisplatin



2)carboplatin



## **Structure activity relationship**



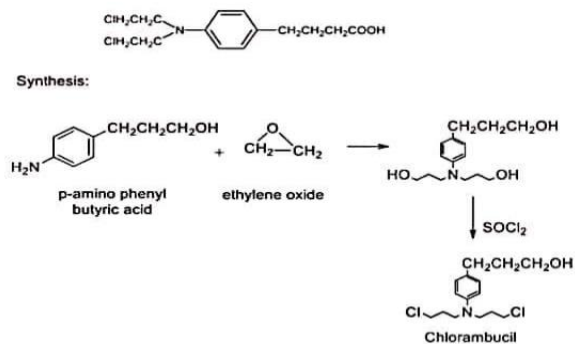
- The Bis (2chloroethyl group )is essential for activity.
- It is responsible for the formation of aziridine cation that alkylates the DNA.
- The aliphatic nitrogen mustard mechlorethamine is having reactivity. Mephalon and chlorambucil were developed that have phenylalanine and aminopenyl butyric acid in the structure.
- Nitrogen atom at 7<sup>th</sup> position of guanine is suitable for the formation of the covalent bond with bifunctional alkylating agents. The presence of aromatic ring maintains the molecule more stable , enabling the better distribution of the drug .

## Mechanism of action

Alkylating agents act by cross linkage strand of DNA, particularly at N-7 position of guanine inhibiting the replication of DNA and the transcription of RNA.

Alkylating agents are reactive to DNA and cellular protein they keep cell from reproducing (making copies of itself) by damaging the DNA

## Synthesis of chlorambucil



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**Uses :** It is used to treat cancer and work in all phases of cell cycle .

## 2) Antimetabolites

Antimetabolites are the class of anticancer drugs defined as the compounds structurally similar to natural purine OR pyrimidine base, nucleoside OR

nucleotide , molecules needed to carry out the primary metabolic reactions that by virtue of their similarity act as analogues of normal metabolites , interfere with the normal metabolic processes within the cells and thus preventing the synthesis of DNA , RNA, and cell division.

## Classification Of Antimetabolites

### 1) Folate Antagonist

E.g.- methotrexate

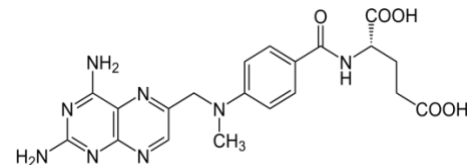
### 2) Purine Antagonist

E.g- mercaptopurine

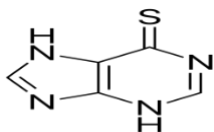
### 3) Pyrimidine Antagonist

E.g- fluorouracil, cytarabine.

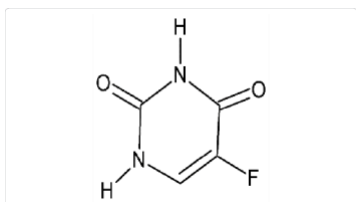
## 1] Folate Antagonist : E.g –methotrexate



## 2]Purine Antagonist : E.g – mercaptopurine



## 3]Pyridine Antagonist : E.g –flurouracil

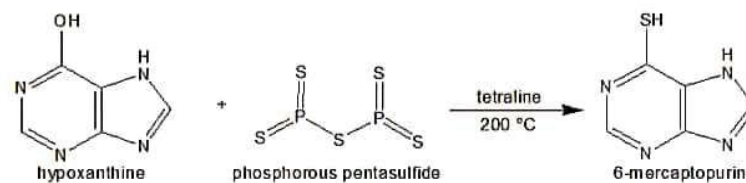


### Mechanism of action

Antimetabolites are the drugs that are structurally related to naturally occurring compounds such as vitamin, amino acid, nucleotides. These drugs can compete for binding sites on enzymes or can themselves become incorporated into DNA or RNA and thus interfere with cell growth or proliferation. They work by mimicking the molecule cell needs.

**Uses :** It is used to treat cancer of breast, ovary, and intestinal tract. They work by slowing the growth of cancer cells and suppress the immune system to reduce joint damage in rheumatoid arthritis.

## Synthesis of mercaptopurine



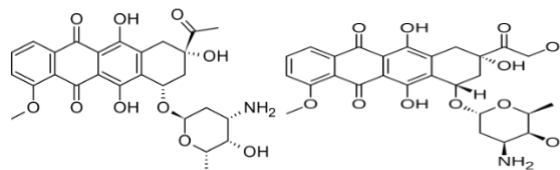
## 3) Antibiotics

Antineoplastic antibiotics also called as anticancer antibiotics or antitumor antibiotics that affect the DNA synthesis and replication by inserting into DNA or by donating electron that result in the production of highly reactive oxygen compound (superoxide) that cause breakage of DNA strand.

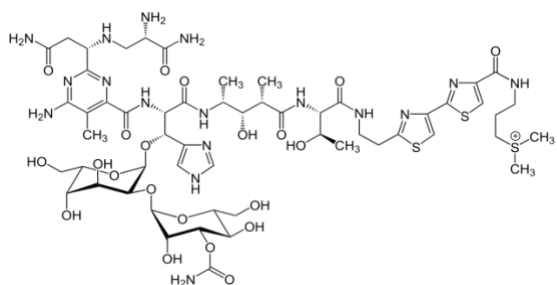
Examples : 1] Doxorubicin and Daunorubicin

2] Belomycin

### 1] Doxorubicin and Daunorubicin



## 2]Bleomycin



### Mechanism of action

They are free radical generator act by induction of DNA strand break

**Uses :** Doxorubicin and Daunorubicin are used in leukemias and other solid tumors . Bleomycin is used in squamous cell carcinoma and lymphoma.

**Adverse Effect :** Doxorubicin and Daunorubicin are dose dependent and causes nausea vomiting . Bleomycin causes pulmonary toxicity, fever etc.

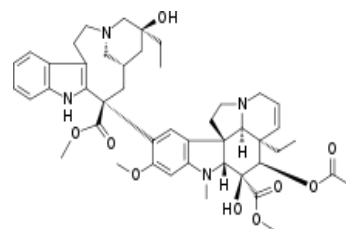
## **4) Plant products**

**1]Vinca Alkaloid** : Vincristine , Vinblastin , and Vindesine are the main vinca alkaloids used in the cancer chemotherapy. It is obtained from plant Vinca rosea. It inhibits mitosis.

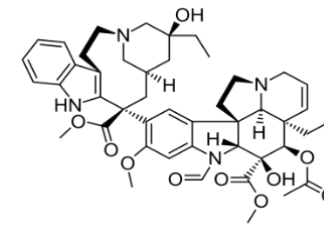
### Mechanism of action

It binds to tubulin and inhibits its polymerisation into microtubules ,preventing spindle formation in dividing cell and causing arrest at metaphase.

#### 1)Vinblastine



#### 2)Vincristine



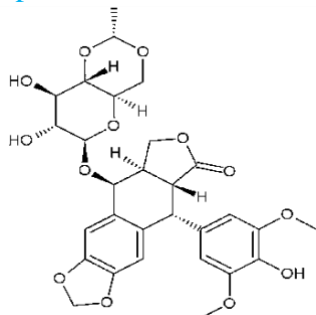
**Uses :** vincristine used in treatment of children leukemia and Vinblastine to treat Hodgkin's diseases.

**Adverse Effect :** Nausea , Vomiting ,Constipation , tiredness , loss of appetite.

**2] Taxanes** : They are obtained from western yew tree. It interferes with mitosis cell death, binds to tubulin and results in formation of microtubules .

**3] Epipodophyllotoxin** : It is a semisynthetic derivative of podophyllotoxin obtained from podophyllum peltatum . It inhibits the enzyme topoisomerase 2 ,leading to DNA damage and blocks the cell in the S/G2 phase of the cell cycle.

### 1)Etoposide



#### **Uses :**

In combination with other medications to treat certain type of lung cancer (small cell lung cancer) and slows or stops the growth of cancer cells.

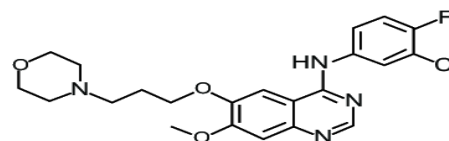
#### **Adverse effect :**

Nausea , Vomiting , Diarrhoea , tiredness , weakness , loss of appetite.

### **5)Kinase Inhibitor**

Antineoplastic tyrosine kinase inhibitors are the type of targeted therapy that identifies and attacks specific type of cancer cell while causing less damage to normal cells.

### 1)Gefitinib

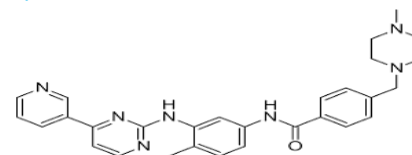


#### **Mechanism of action**

It inhibits intracellular phosphorylation of numerous tyrosine kinase associated with transmembrane cell surface receptors.

**Uses :** It is used to treat non-small cell lung cancer that has spread to another part of the body in people with certain types of tumors.

### 2)Imatinib



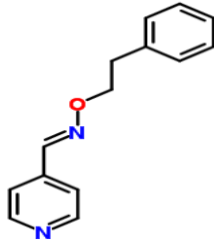
**uses :** It is used to treat certain types of leukaemia and other cancers and cell disorders.

**Adverse effect :** upset stomach, Nausea.

### **6) Monoclonal Antibodies**

They are created from the beta lymphocytes fused with the immortal beta lymphocyte tumor cell. The resulting hybrid cell can be individually cloned and each clone will produce antibodies directed against the single antigen type. Currently, several monoclonal antibodies are available for the treatment of cancer.

### 1) Cetuximab



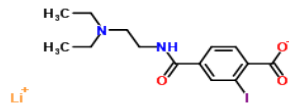
#### Mechanism of action

They act by inhibiting the growth and the survival of the epidermal growth factor expressing the tumor cell.

**Uses :** Treat certain type of cancer of the head and neck that has spread to nearby tissue or part of body.

**Adverse Effect :** Diarrhoea, Nausea, Vomiting, fatigue.

### 2) Bevacizumab



#### Mechanism of action

They act by selectively binding circulating vascular endothelial growth factor thereby inhibiting the binding of this factor to its cell surface receptor.

**Uses :** In combination with atezolizumab to treat epidermal carcinoma that has spread or cannot be removed by surgery in people who have not previously received chemotherapy.

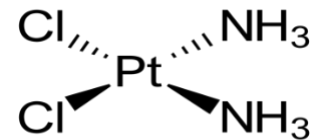
### 7) Miscellaneous

These agents include L-asparaginase, cisplatin, mitotane.

Antineoplastic or anticancer drugs affect the growth and cell division that are antiproliferative.

Examples : Cisplatin, Mitotane

#### 1) Cisplatin



It is a square planar coordination complex (cis-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]).

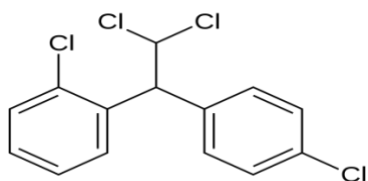
### Mechanism of action

It induce its cytotoxic properties through binding to a nuclear DNA and subsequent interference with normal transcription or DNA replication mechanism.

**Uses** :It is used to treat testicular , ovarian , bladder ,cervical cancer .

**Adverse effect** : Cough,drowsiness,burning,numbness

### 2)Mitotane



### Mechanism of action

It modifies periperal metabolism of steroids and directly supress adrenal cortex

**Uses**: It is used to treat cancer of adrenal gland that cannot be treated by surgery.

**Adverse Effect** : Nausea, Diarroeaa,skin rashes.

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