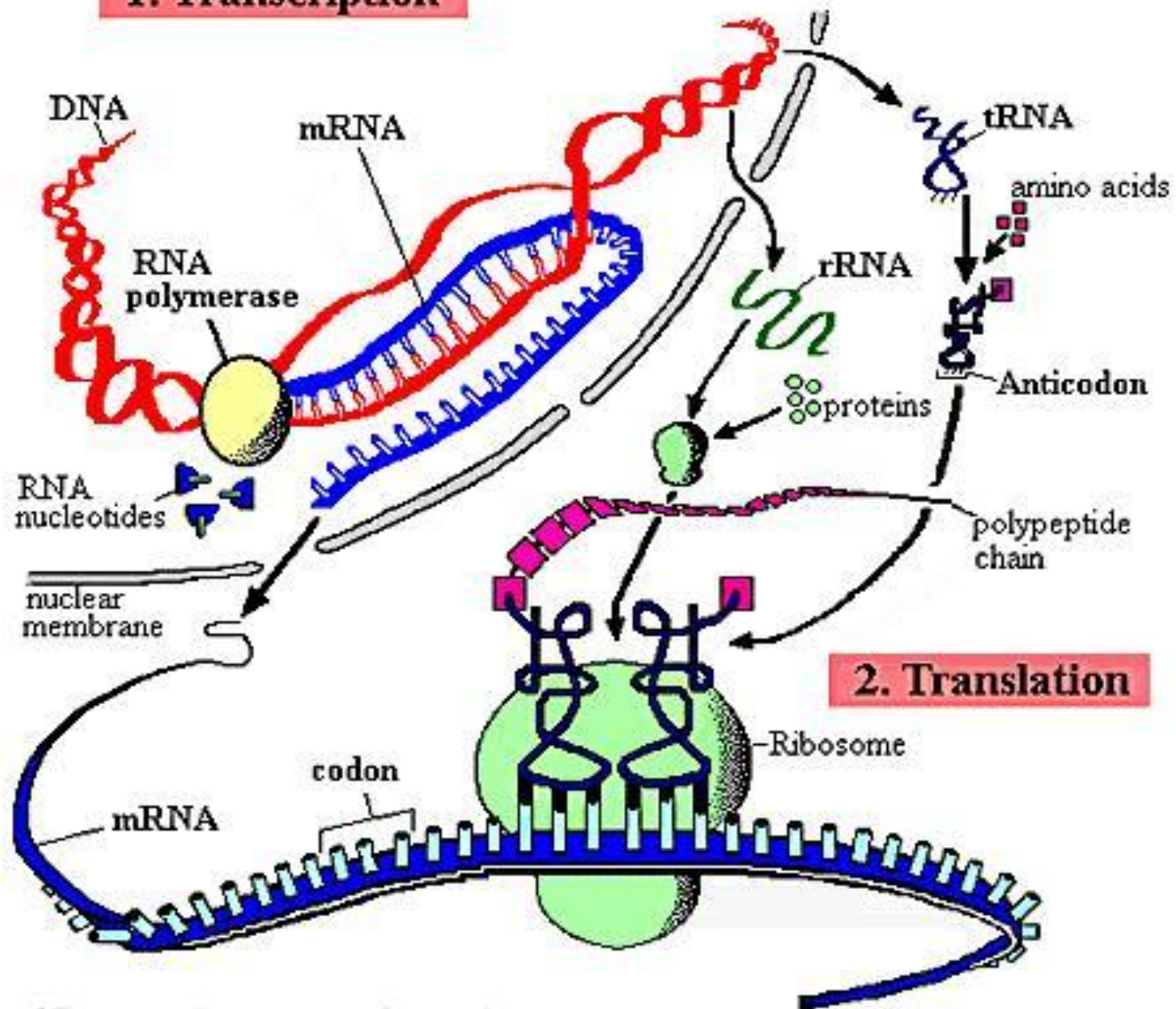


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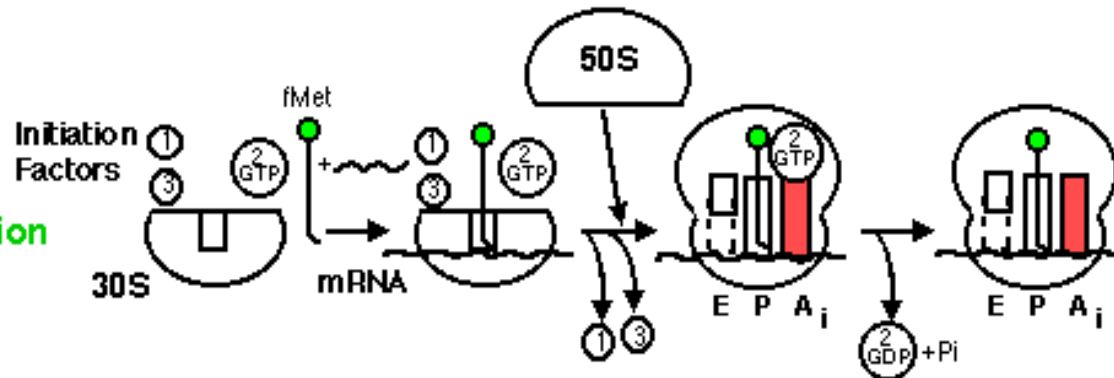
Inhibitors of nucleic acid synthesis

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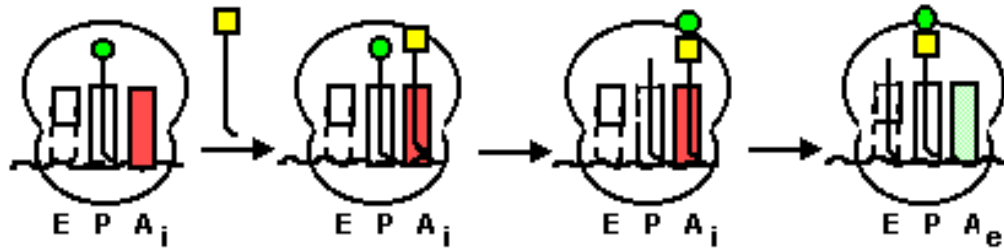


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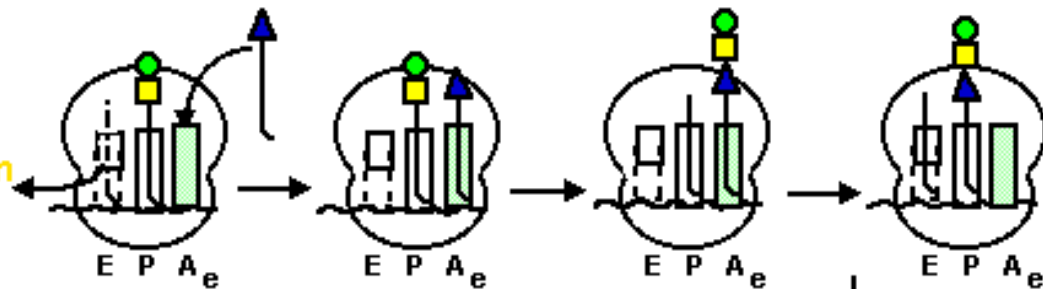
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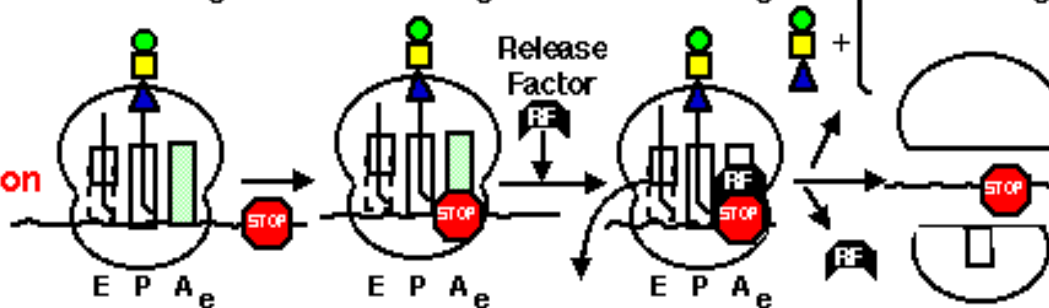
## First Peptide Bond



## Elongation



## Termination



## Initiation

Aminoglycosides

## Elongation

Aminoglycosides  
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Macrolides  
Clindamycin

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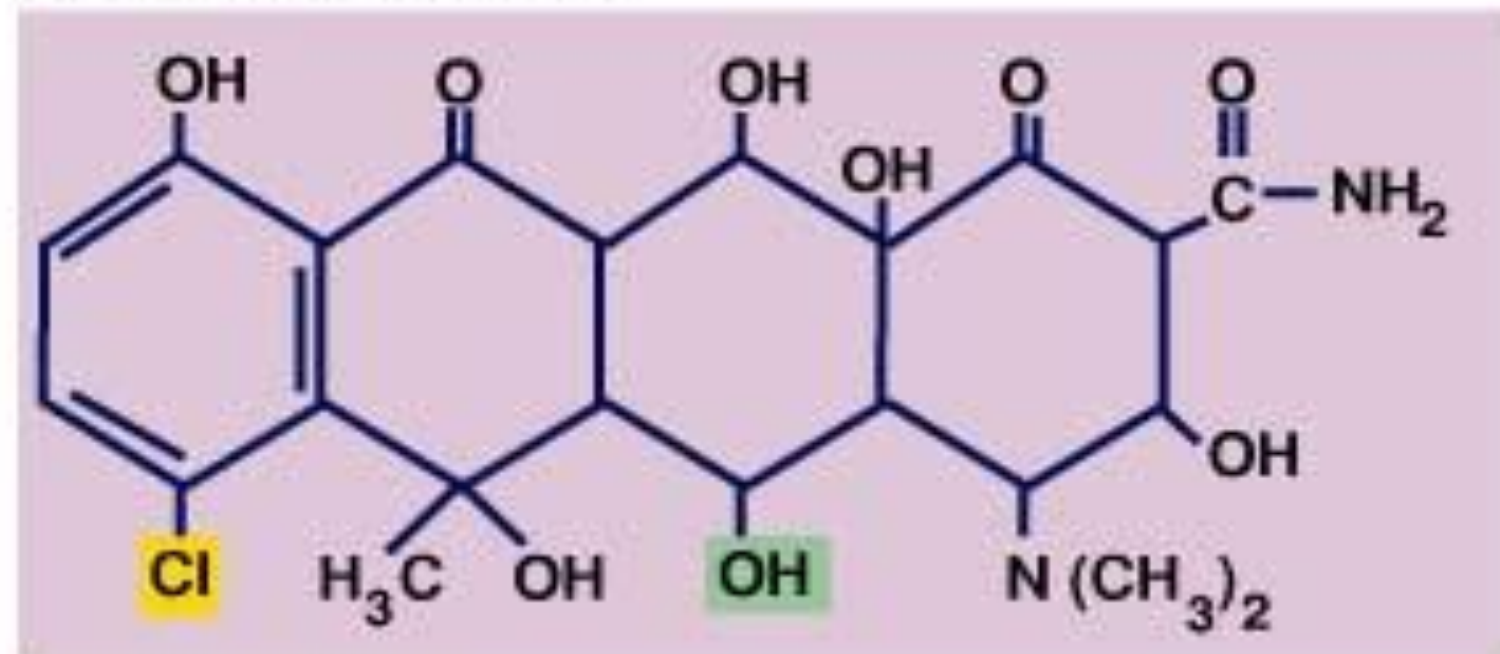
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(aminoglycosides)  
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# Tetracyclines

# Tetracyclines



## Tetracyclines:

Tetracycline—lacks **Cl** and **OH**

Chlortetracycline (aureomycin)—is a tetracycline with **Cl**

Doxycycline—is a tetracycline with **OH**

# Tetracyclines

- **Natural**

**Tetracycline**

SUMYCIN

**Oxytetracycline**

TERRAMYCIN

**Chlortetracycline**

**Demeclocycline**

DECLOMYCIN

# Tetracyclines

- **Semi-synthesized**
  - **Doxycycline**      DEOXYMYKON
  - **Minocycline**      MINOCIN
  - **Methacycline**      RNDOMYCIN
  - **Tigecycline**      TYGACIL
  - (Rolitetracycline)



# Tetracyclines

**Short-acting (Half-life is 6-8 hrs)**

Tetracycline

Chlortetracycline

Oxytetracycline

**Intermediate-acting (Half-life is ~12 hrs)**

Demeclocycline

Methacycline

**Long-acting (Half-life is 16 hrs or more)**

Doxycycline

Minocycline

Tigecycline

# Mechanism of Action

## Cell wall synthesis

Cycloserine  
Vancomycin, Teichoplanin  
Bacitracin  
Penicillins  
Cephalosporins  
Monobactams  
Carbapenems

## Folic acid metabolism

Trimethoprim  
Sulfonamides

PABA

Cell Membrane

Polymyxins

THFA

DHFA

DNA

mRNA

Ribosomes

50  
30 50  
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Chloramphenicol  
Transacetylase

Cell wall

DNA Gyrase Quinolones  
DNA-directed RNA polymerase

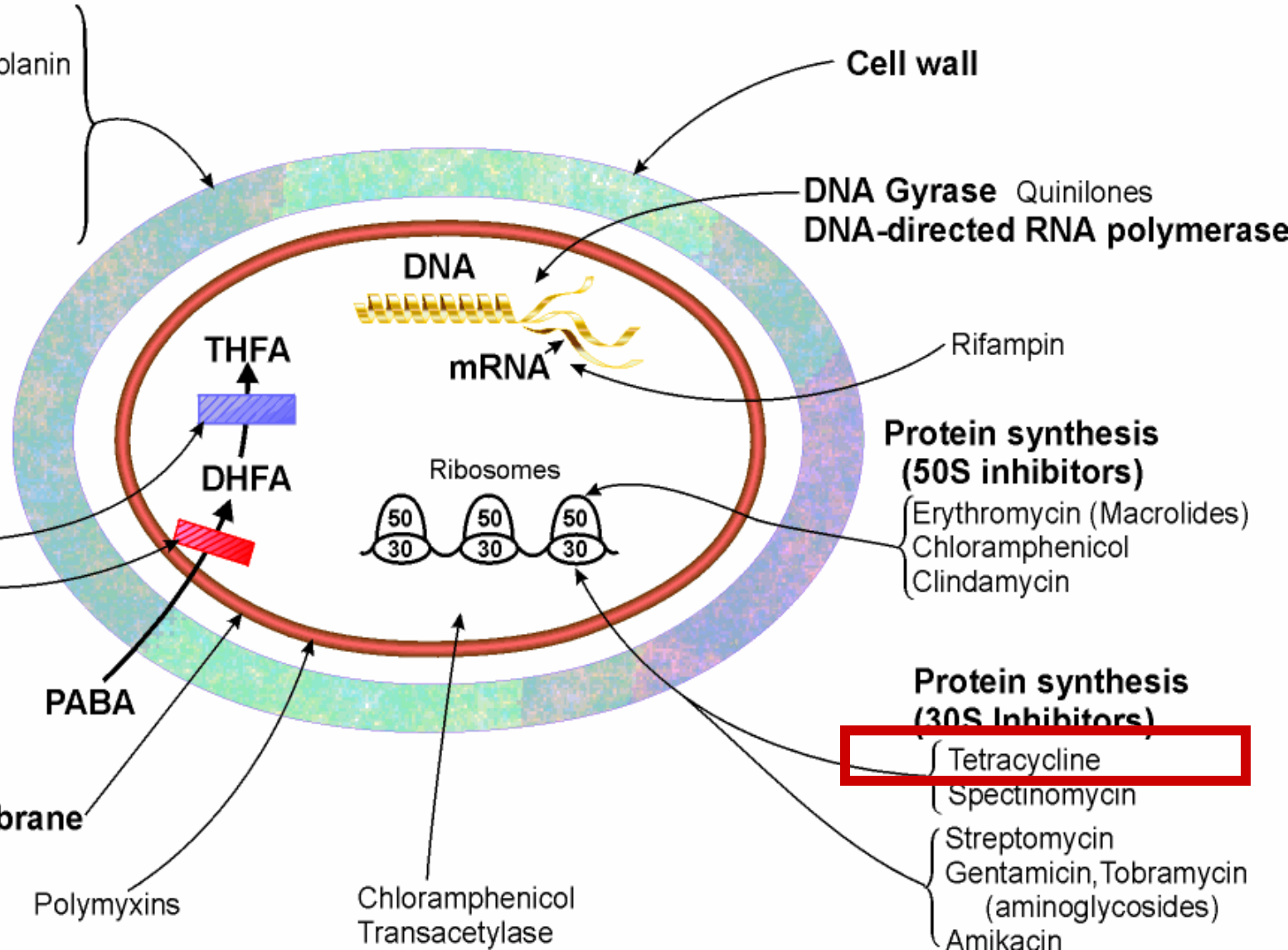
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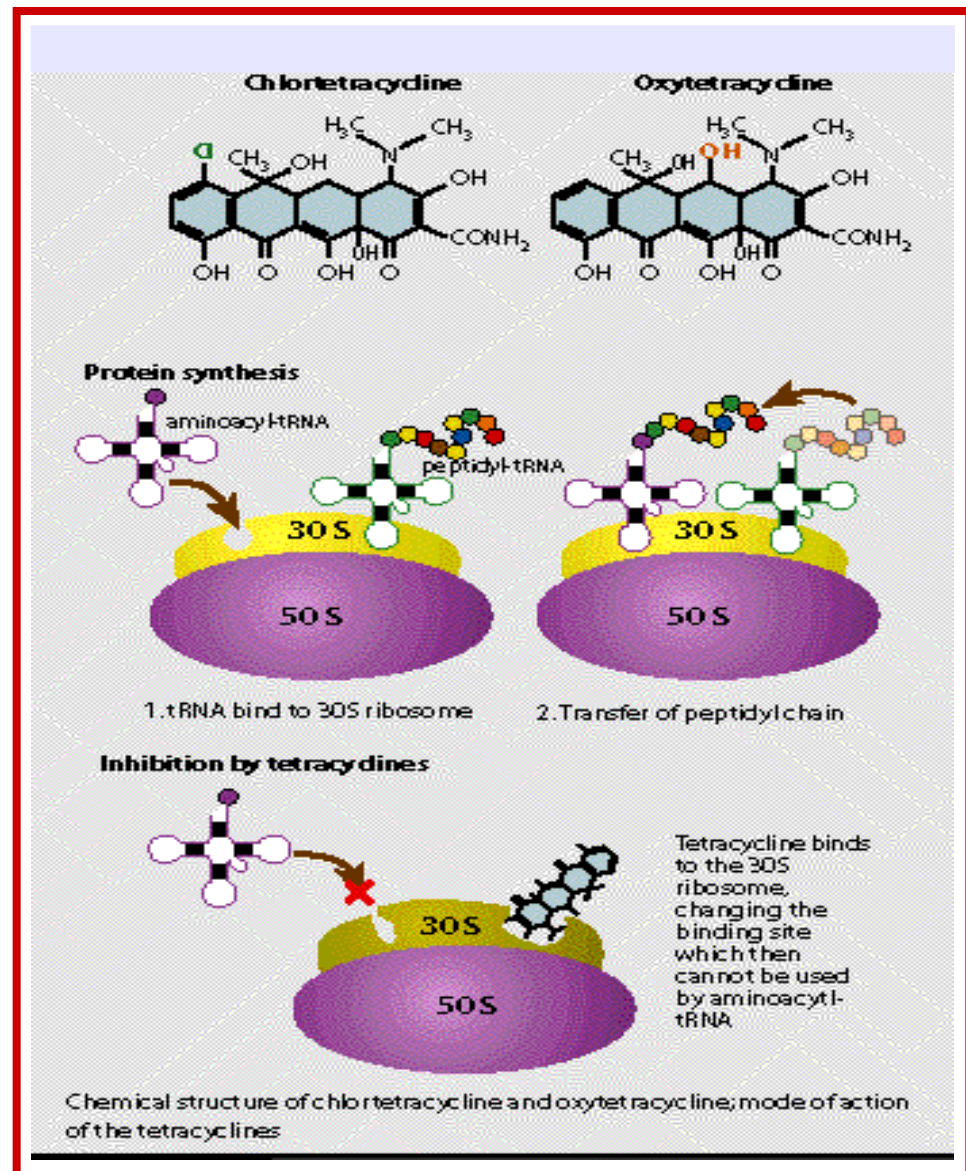
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# Mechanism of Action

- **bacteriostatic**
- **broad** spectrum ATB
- bind **reversibly** to **30S** ribosomal subunits
- block the binding of aminoacyl-tRNA to the acceptor site of mRNA-ribosome complex
- prevent the addition of AA to the growing peptide chain



# Pharmacokinetics

- **Absorption**

- 30% - 100% (doxy-, mino-)
- is affected by **food**, divalent cations ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Bi}^{2+}$  - **chelates**), dairy products, antacids (except doxy-, minocyclin)

# Pharmacokinetics

## Distribution

- distribute widely to tissues, body fluids - bile (except cerebrospinal fluid)
- bind and damage growing **bone** and **teeth**
  - cross **placental** barrier
- excreted in **milk**

## Elimination

- occurs mainly via liver and kidney
- some of TTC have **enterohepatic** circulation

# Clinical Uses

- many G+, G-, anaerobes, rickettsiae, chlamydiae, mycoplasma, some protozoa – amebias
- drug of choice in *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, *Spirochetes*
- respiratory, urinary tract, biliary infection, tularemia, brucellosis, shigelosis, acne vulgaris....
- in combination - ulcer disease caused by *Helicobacter pylori*

# TTC - Adverse Effects

- Gastrointestinal irritation
  - nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
  - intestinal flora - superinfection
- Bony structures and teeth
  - teeth discoloration
  - bone growth inhibition
  - contraindication in young children to 12 years and during pregnancy - teratogen

# TTC - Adverse Effects

- toxicity to liver and kidney
- skin photosensitivity (!! sun, intense light)
- **Fanconi syndrom** - expired TTC
  - !!!! time of expiration
  - urinary excretion of large amounts of amino acids, glucose, phosphates, uric acid bicarbonate
  - symptoms - osteomalacia, rickets, muscle weakness, cystinosis



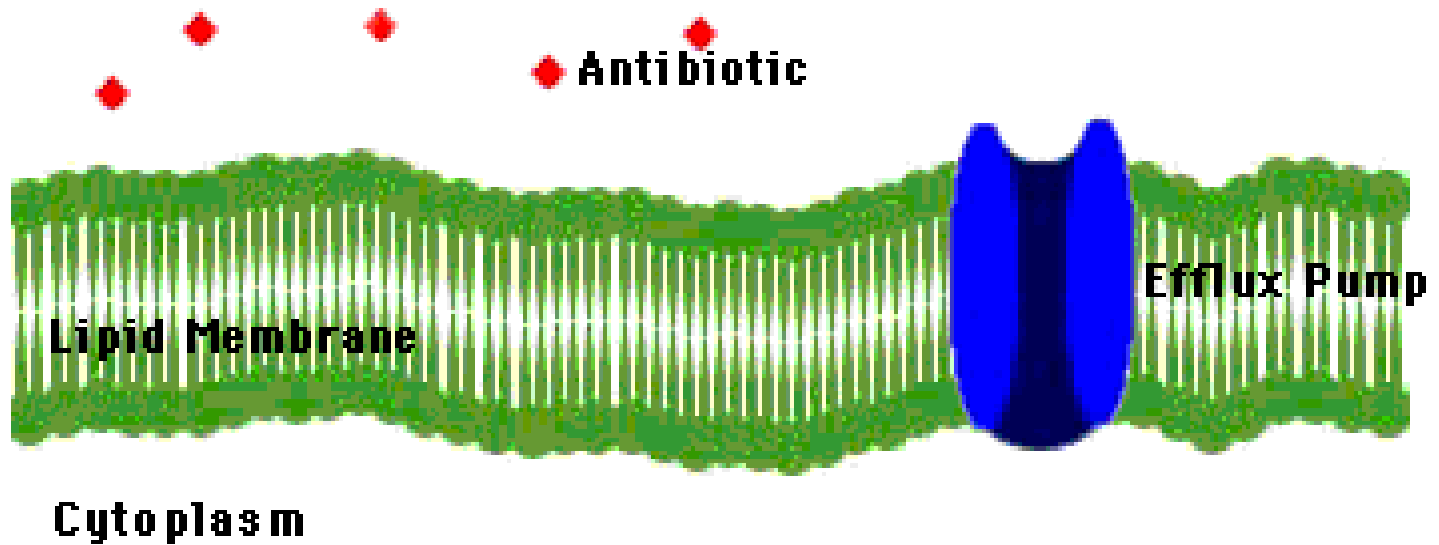
# Tetracycline teeth



## Mechanisms of Resistance

- altered expression of proteins in drug resistant organisms
  - modification of target sites
  - **decreased accumulation**
    - **efflux pump** - tetracycline resistance is a marker for resistance to multiple drugs
  - enzymatic inactivation

# Efflux pump



# Doxycycline

- Capsules
- Injection
- Tablet
- (Suspension)
- Dosing:
  - Adults: 100-200 mg/day in 1-2 divided doses  
p.o. or i.v.
- Give with meals to decrease GIT upset
- Take with water to avoid esophageal irritation, ulceration

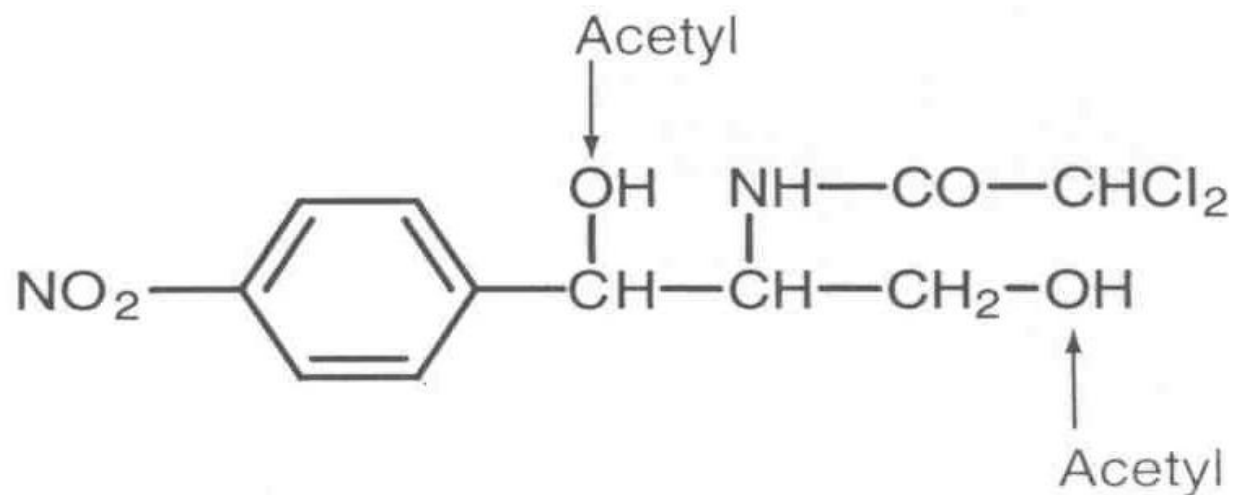
# Tigecyclin

- glycylicycline antibiotic
  - very broad spectrum
  - not affected by specific efflux pump
  - by slow i.v. infusion
- 
- G+, G- bacteria, anaerobes, MRSA
  - it has no activity against Pseudomonas, Proteus
  - for the treatment of skin, soft tissue, intra-abdominal infections

# Tigecycline

- **Distribution:**
  - gall bladder, colon, lung > serum
  - bone, synovial fluid < serum
- **Elimination:**
  - Mostly feces/biliary excretion (59%)
  - Some excretion in urine (33%)
- **Adverse Effects**
  - Nausea
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Local reaction

# Chloramphenicol



**CHLORAMPHENICOL** inj.

**CHLORAMPHENICOL** cps.

**BETABIOPTAL** gtt. opht.

**BETABIOPTAL** ung. opht.

**OPHTALMO-CHLORAMPHENICOL** ung. opht.

**SPERSADEX** gtt. opht.



# Mechanism of Action

- **broad**-spectrum **bacteriostatic** ATB
- inhibitor of microbial protein synthesis
- bind reversibly to **50S** ribosomal subunits
- inhibits the peptidyl transferase step of protein synthesis

# Mechanism of action

## Cell wall synthesis

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Cephalosporins  
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Polymyxins  
**Chloramphenicol**  
Transacetylase

## Cell wall

DNA Gyrase Quinolones  
DNA-directed RNA polymerase

DNA  
mRNA

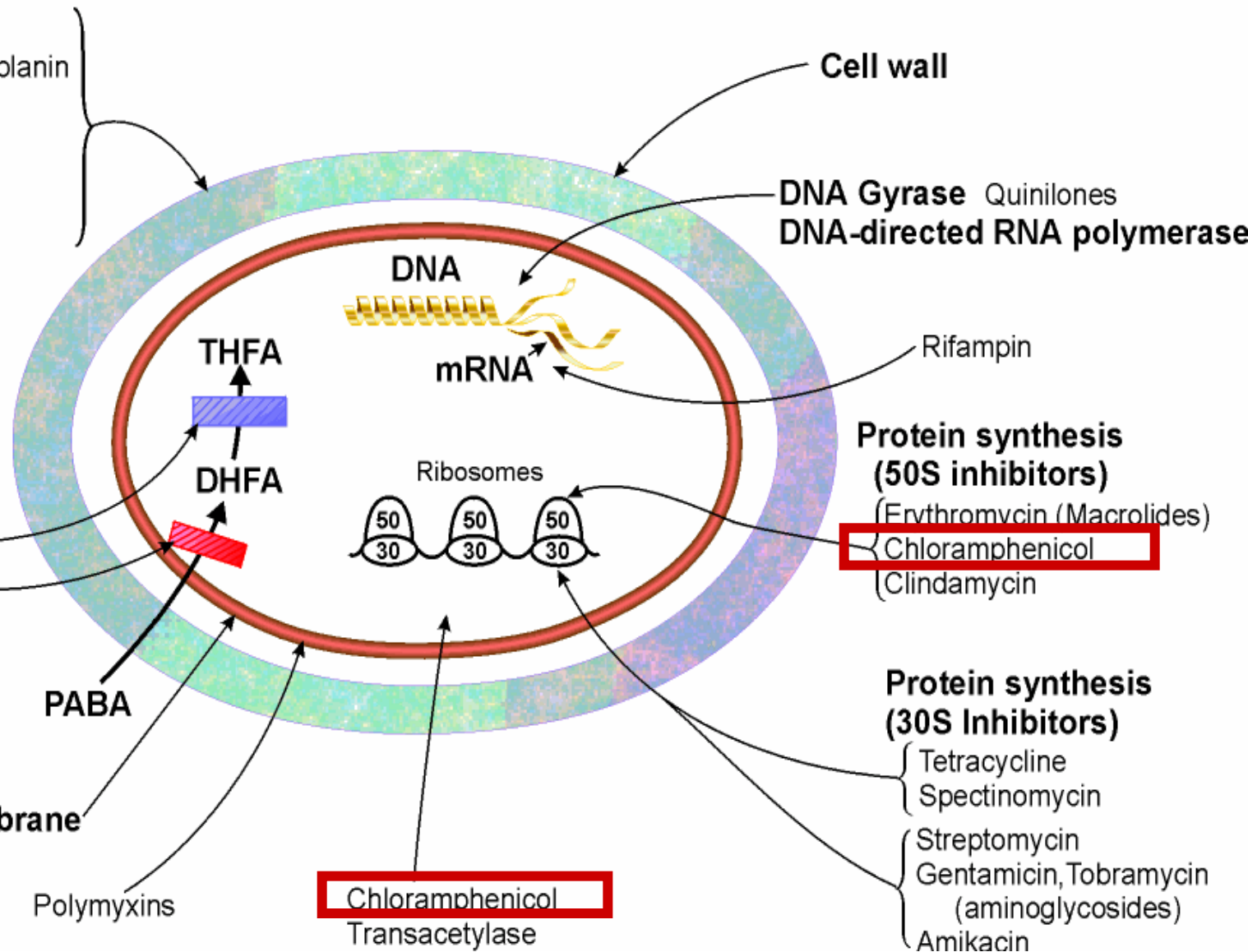
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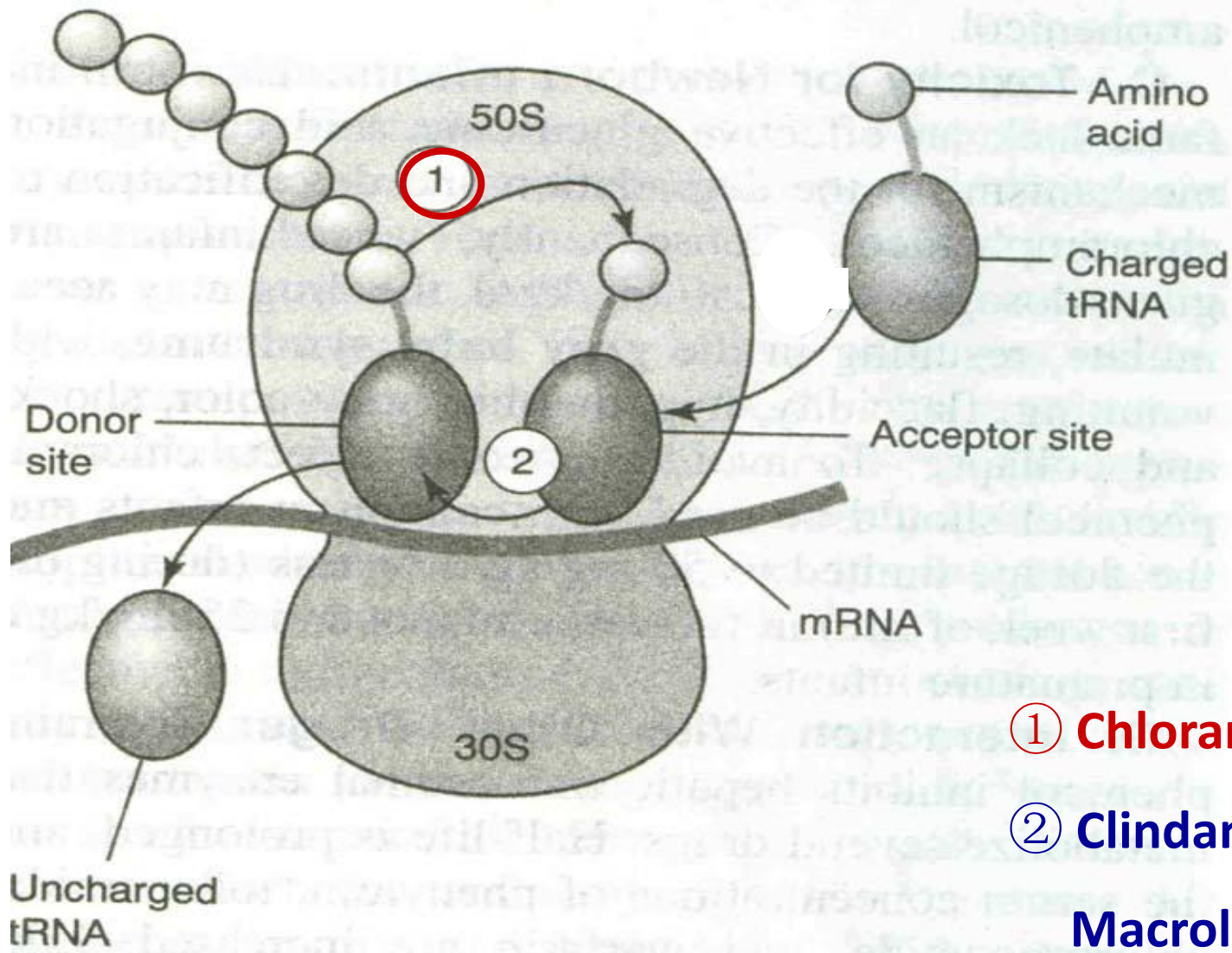
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① Chloramphenicol

② Clindamycin

Macrolides

# Pharmacokinetics

- absorbed rapidly, completely from GIT  
parenteral - IV
- weak protein bound (less than 30%)
- well distributed into body fluids including CNS  
cerebrospinal fluids, bile
- metabolized in the liver – conjugation with  
glucuronic acid - **!!! newborn**
- excreted in the urine

# Antimicrobial activity

- G+ G- aerobic and... anaerobic organisms
- Rickettsiae, spirochetes, mycoplasma  
*H. influenzae*, *S. typhi*, *E. coli*,  
*N. meningitidis*, *S. Pneumoniae*  
*V. cholerae*, Clostridium, *B. fragilis*...  
50-100 mg/kg/d p.o. or i.v. divided into 4  
doses

# Clinical uses

- toxicity and resistance limits the use of chloramphenicol
- **typhoid** and **paratyphoid fever**, serious *Salmonella* infections, serious rickettsial infections
- **topical use** for treatment of eye infections
- **bacterial meningitis** in penicillin-resistant bacteria or penicillin-allergic patients
- anaerobic infections - *B. fragilis*

# Adverse reactions

- GIT disturbances - nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- superinfections - oral, vaginal candidosis
- **Bone marrow** disturbances - two types
  - **reversible** dose-related suppression of RBC production - interference with Fe metabolism
  - aplastic anemia - rare reaction unrelated to dose - **irreversible**, can be fatal

- **Irreversible idiosyncratic aplastic anemia**
  - onset may be delayed until after therapy has been discontinued
- **The reversible form** is likely to occur with:
  - High doses (> 50 mg/kg/d)
  - A prolonged course of treatment (1-2 weeks)
  - In patients with liver disease
- **Signs of the reversible form**
  - Serum iron and saturation of serum iron-binding capacity increase
  - Reticulocytes decrease
  - Vacuolization of RBC precursors
  - Anemia
  - Leukopenia
  - Thrombocytopenia



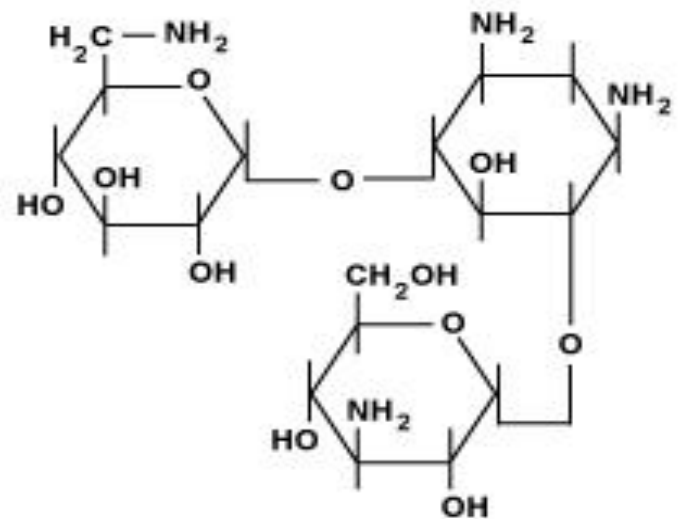
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- toxicity for newborn infants
  - dose > 25 mg/kg/d
  - **Gray baby syndrom** - vomiting, shock, limp body tone, hypotension, hypothermia, gray coloration (skin, lips)
- interaction with other drugs
  - inhibits liver microsomal enzymes
- nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
- hypersensitivity- uncommon, low incidence

## Mechanisms of Resistance

- frequent (50%) connected to TTC resistance
- altered expression of proteins in drug resistant organisms
  - decreased accumulation
  - enzymatic inactivation

# Aminoglycosides



# Aminoglycosides - classification

## - mycin (*Streptomyces* spp. )

- **Streptomycin**
- **Neomycin** (Framycetin, **Paromomycin**, Ribostamycin)
- Kanamycin (**Amikacin**, Arbekacin, Bekanamycin, Dibekacin, **Tobramycin**)
- Hygromycin B · **Spectinomycin**
- **Paromomycin**

## - micin (*Micromonospora actinomycetes*)

- **Gentamicin** (**Netilmicin**, Sisomicin, Isepamicin)
- Verdamicin
- Astromicin

	<b>Representative Sources of Antibiotics</b>
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<b>Microorganism</b>	<b>Antibiotic</b>
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**Gram-Positive Rods**

*Bacillus subtilis*

Bacitracin

*Bacillus polymyxa*

Polymyxin

**Actinomycetes**

*Streptomyces nodosus*

Amphotericin B

*Streptomyces venezuelae*

Chloramphenicol

*Streptomyces aureofaciens*

Chlortetracycline and  
tetracycline

*Streptomyces erythraeus*

Erythromycin

*Streptomyces fradiae*

Neomycin

*Streptomyces griseus*

Streptomycin

*Micromonospora purpureae*

Gentamicin

**Fungi**

*Cephalosporium* spp.

Cephalothin

*Penicillium griseofulvum*

Griseofulvin

*Penicillium notatum*

Penicillin

# Aminoglycosides

- Streptomycin STREPTOMYCIN inj.
- Gentamicin GARAMYCIN, GARASONE inj, loc
- Tobramycin NEBCIN, TOBREX inj, loc
- Amikacin AMIKIN, MIACIN inj
- Netilmicin NETROMYCIN inj, loc
- Kanamycin KANTREX inj, po, loc
- Neomycin MYCIFRADIN, PAMYCON po, loc
- Paromomycin HUMATIN po

## Bacterial Targets for AG

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Quinolones

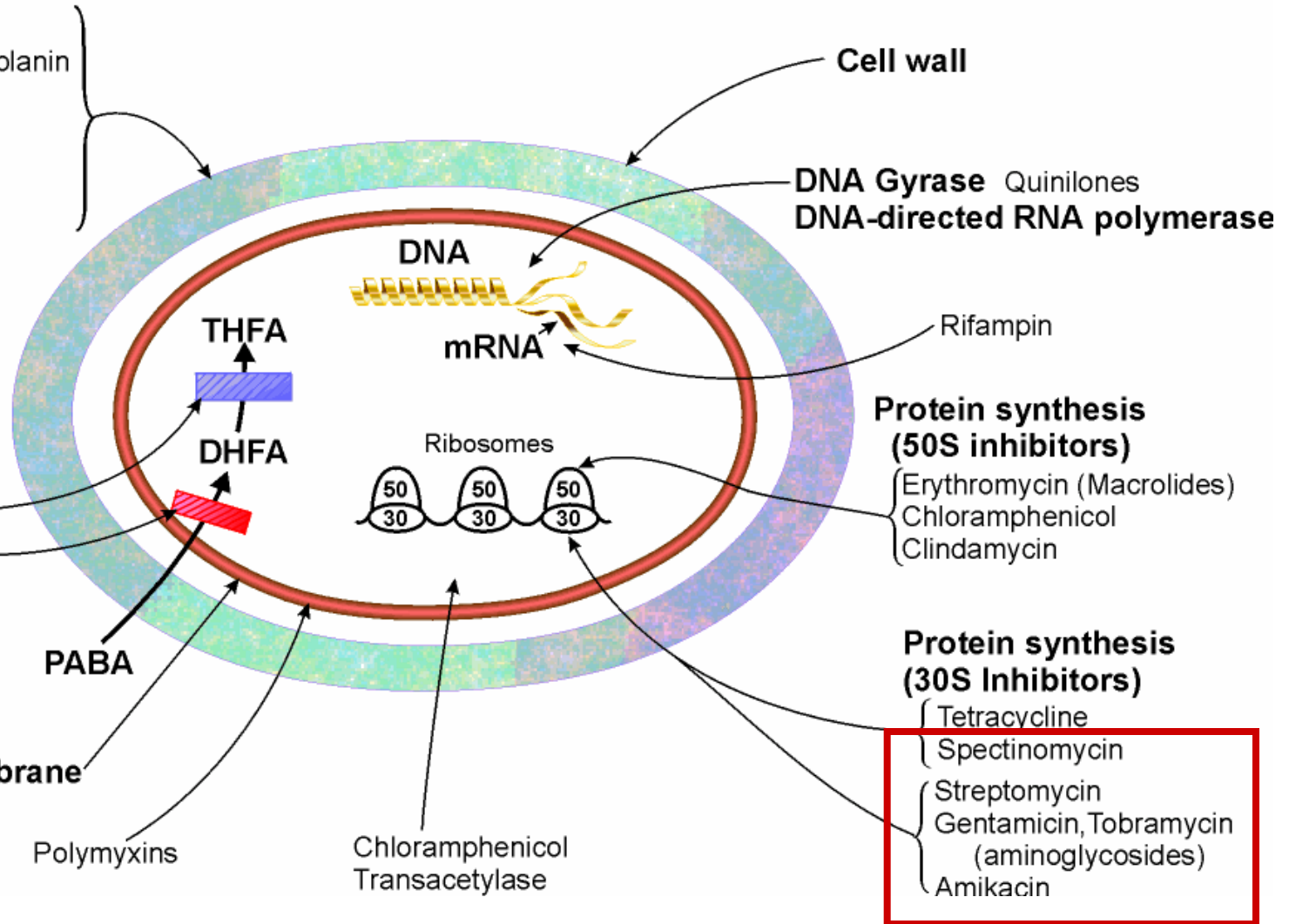
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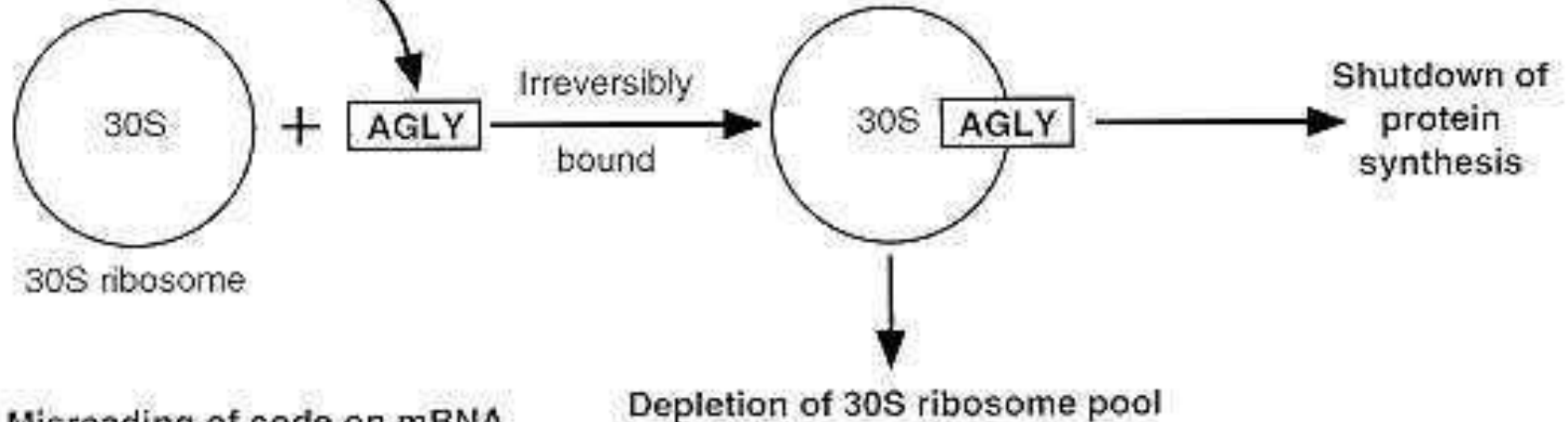
- They interfere with the „initiation complex“ of peptide formation
- They induce misreading of mRNA which causes an incorporation of incorrect amino acids into peptide resulting in a non-functional or toxic protein
- They cause a breakup of polysomes into non-functional monosomes



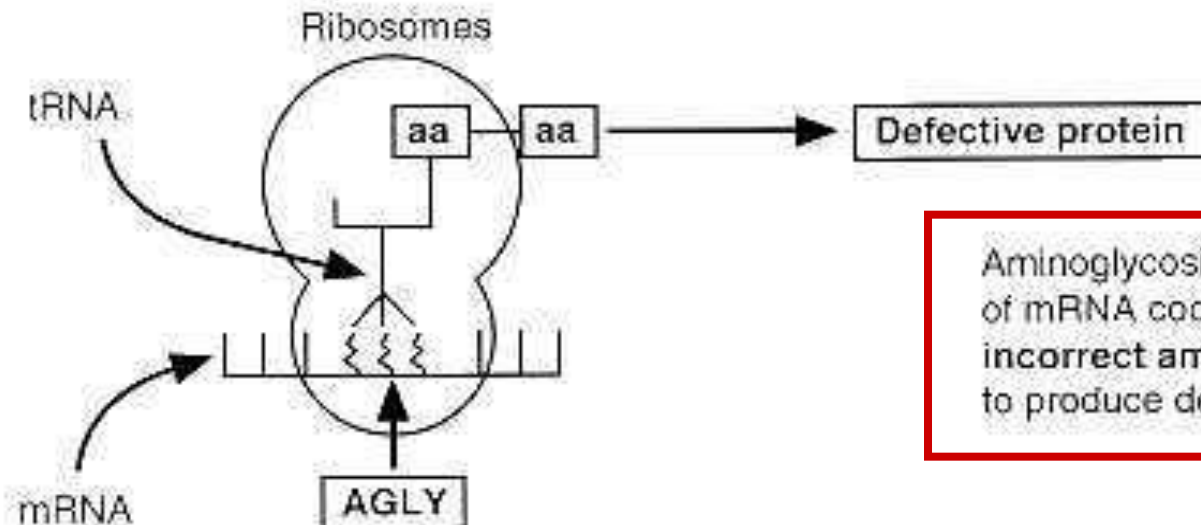
# AG - Mechanism of Action

## Inhibition of 30S ribosome-RNA complex formation

Aminoglycoside antibiotic



## Misreading of code on mRNA



Aminoglycoside causes misreading of mRNA code and incorporation of incorrect amino acid(s) to produce defective protein

# AG - Pharmacokinetics

- poor oral absorption
  - oral administration only for intestinal infection
    - GIT decontamination
  - parenteral administration – i.m., i.v.
  - topical - tobramycin in a nebulized form
- minimally protein bound (10%)
  - do not penetrate into the CNS, eye, milk
  - may cross the placenta

# AG - Pharmacokinetics

- high concentrations kidney, cochlea, vestibul.app.
- strong tissue binding at the injection site
  - elimination  $T_{1/2}$  from tissues - much longer than from plasma
- **postantibiotic effect** (2 - 8 hrs)
- are not metabolized
- 90% eliminated by kidney
  - renal dysfunction - ↓ dose, ↑ time interval,

# AG - Antibacterial Spectrum

- most bacterial species are sensitive
- **intracellular** concentration - dependent up on a oxygen transport system in the cell membrane - absent in anaerobes
- only clinically useful against organisms growing in **aerobic** conditions
- much stronger than the protein synthesis inhib.
- aerobic G-, Pseudomonas, Proteus, Klebsiella, Serratia, *E. coli*, mycobacteria

# Therapeutic Uses of Aminoglycosides

# Streptomycin

- Tularemia, brucellosis, plague
- G- bacillary infections of the urinary tract
- The use of streptomycin in the management of tuberculosis has declined

# Gentamicin

- wide range of activity - *Enterobacter*, *Serratia*, *Staphylococcus aureus*
- combination with penicillins - bacterial endocarditis
- *Pseudomonas* - effective with gentamicin, carbenicillin or ticarcillin
- initial treatment of bacteremia

# Other Aminoglycosides

- amikacin, netilmicin, tobramycin
  - used as gentamicin
- tobramycin - more active against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- tobramycin, netilmicin - less ototoxic and nephrotoxic



# AG - Adverse Effects

- dangerous factors:
  - using continuously more than 5 days
  - high dose
  - elderly and children
  - renal insufficiency
  - concurrent use with loop diuretics or other nephrotoxic drugs

# AG - Adverse Effects

- **Dose related !!!!**
- **Concentration x Time** dependence
  - proximal tubular cell damage
  - destruction of sensory cells in cochlea
  - destruction of sensory cells in vestibular apparatus
  - neuromuscular paralysis

# AG - Adverse Effects

- **Ototoxicity** – irreversible damage
  - auditory - tinnitus, hearing loss
  - vestibular - vertigo, ataxia, loss of balance
  - audiometric testing for early detection
- **Nephrotoxicity** - retention of AG in kidney up to necrosis
- **Suppression of neuromuscular transmission**
- **Allergic reaction** – after local administr.

# Spectinomycin TROBICIN

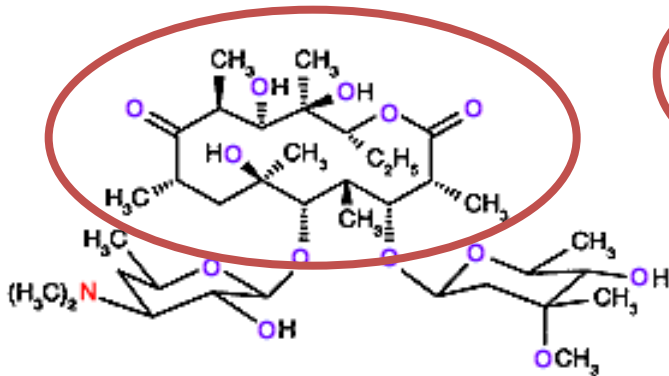
- aminocyclitol - similar to AG
- interaction with 30S – inhibition of protein synthesis
- as one i.m. dose for gonorrhea treatment caused by penicillinase-producing *Neisseria gonorrhea*
- or in patients allergic to PNC

**Adverse effects** - hypersensitive reactions

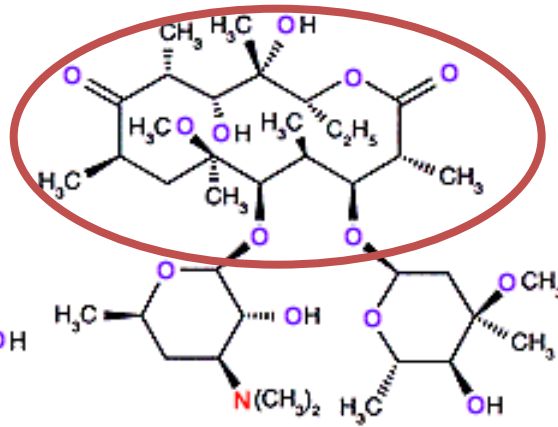
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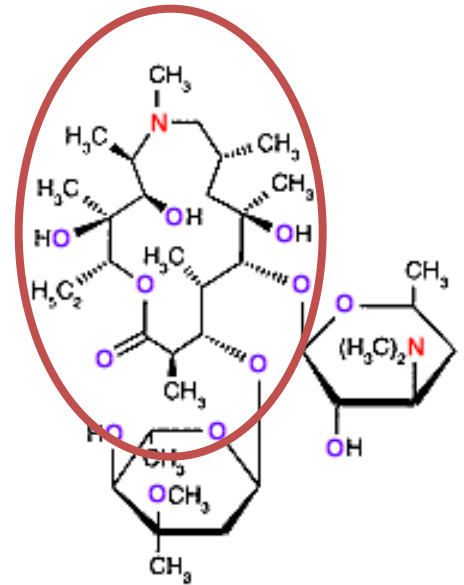
Macrocyclic lactone ring



Erythromycin



Clarithromycin



Azithromycin

# History

- **1952 Erythromycin**
- **1970s Acetylspiramycin**  
**Medecamycin, josamycin**
- **1980s Clarithromycin**  
**Roxithromycin**  
**Azithromycin**

# New macrolides antibiotics

- **Advantage**
  - broader spectrum, higher activity (G-)
  - improved tolerability
  - less toxicity
  - improved PK properties
    - orally effective
    - better bioavailability
    - better tissue penetration
    - high blood concentration
    - prolonged half-lives

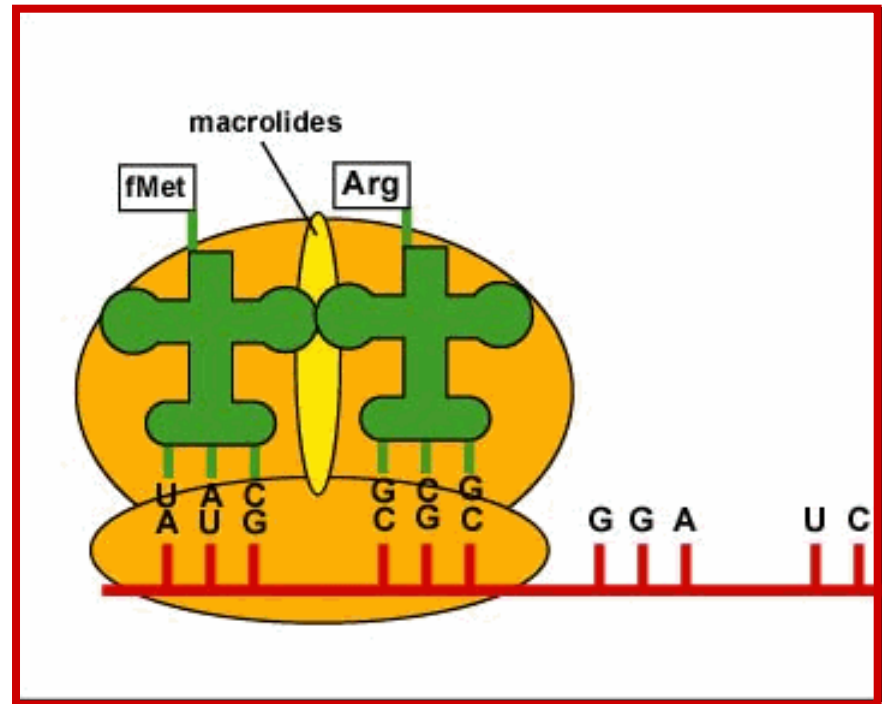


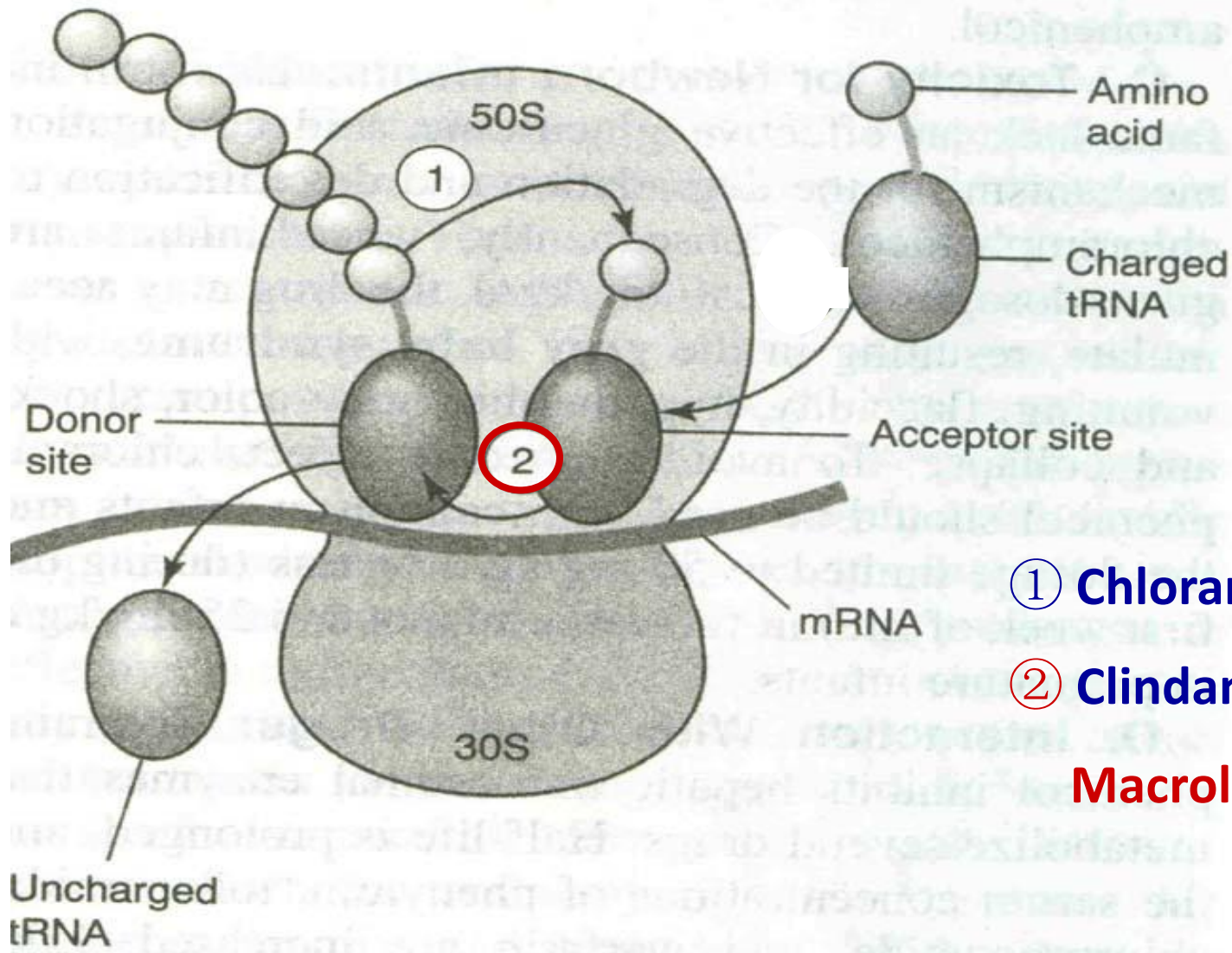
# Macrolides

- **Erythromycin** generic, ERYTHROCIN
- **Josamycin** WILPRAFEN
- **Spiramycin** ROVAMYCINE
- **Roxithromycin** RULID, SURLID, ROXID
- **Azithromycin** SUMAMED, AZITROX, ZITHROMAX
- **Clarithromycin** FROMILID, KLACID, KLABAX, BIAXIN
  
- Dirithromycin DYNABAC

# Mechanism of Action

- Bind reversibly to the **50S** subunit
- Inhibit elongation of the protein by the peptidyltransferase
- Suppression of RNA-dependent protein synthesis





① Chloramphenicol

② Clindamycin

**Macrolides**

**Cross-resistance occurs among all macrolides**

# Macrolides

- bacteriostatic activity

bactericidal - at high concentrations against very susceptible organisms

- time-dependent activity
- extra-, intracellular activity
- **postantibiotic effect** (3 – 7 hrs)

# Macrolide Spectrum

## G-Aerobes

- *H. influenzae* (not erythro), *M. catarrhalis*, *Neisseria sp.*
- Do NOT have activity against any *Enterobacteriaceae*

## Gram-Positive Aerobes

Methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus*

- *Streptococcus pneumoniae* – resistance
- Group and viridans streptococci
- *Bacillus sp.*, *Corynebacterium sp.*

Anaerobes – activity against upper airway anaerobes

Atypical Bacteria –excellent activity:

- *Legionella pneumophila*
- *Chlamydia sp.*
- *Mycoplasma sp.*
- *Ureaplasma urealyticum*

Other Bacteria – *Mycobacterium avium*, *Treponema pallidum* *Campylobacter*,  
*Borrelia*, *Bordetella*, *Brucella*. *Pasteurella*

# Pharmacokinetics

## absorption

- erythromycin base - destroyed in stomach
  - is administered with enteric coating
  - esters and ester salts: more acid stable
- clarithromycin – acid stable and well absorbed regardless of presence of food
- azithromycin – acid stable – food can decrease absorption of capsules
- i.v. risk of the thrombophlebitis
- i.m. - painful

# Pharmacokinetics

## distribution

- extensive tissue and cellular distribution
- clarithromycin and azithromycin
  - extensive penetration
- into body fluids (except brain, CSF)
  - into prostatic fluids, also
- special ability - to accumulate in the macrophages
- inflammation - ↑ penetration into tissue

# Pharmacokinetics

## metabolism

- metabolized, concentrated in the liver
- erythromycin and clarithromycin
  - inhibit cytochrom P-450
  - drug interactions !!!!!

(theophylline, anticoagulants, astemizol, terfenadine, carbamazepine, statines, antiarrhythmic drugs I. class)



# Pharmacokinetics

## **excretion**

- excreted in bile in the active form - all
  - clarithromycin - partially - by the kidney
- partially reabsorbed
  - enterohepatic circulation

# Erythromycin

- a naturally- occurring macrolide *Str. erythreus*
- problems
  - acid lability,
  - narrow spectrum,
  - poor GI intolerance,
  - short elimination half-life
- used
  - as PNC substitute in PNC-allergic or resistant patients with infections caused by Staphyl., Strept., Pneumoc.
  - pertussis, diphtheriae
  - Legionella, *Mycoplasma pneumonia*
  - *H. pylori* infection

p.o. 0.25-0.5 g every 6 h, i.v. 0.5-1 g every 6 h

Children – 40 mg/kg/d

# Clarithromycin

- structural derivative
  - include broader spectrum of activity
- strongest activity on G+, *L. pneumophila*,  
*Ch. pneumoniae* and *H.pylori*
- good pharmacokinetic property
- low toxicity
- p.o. 0.25-0.5 g every 12 h or 1 g once daily

# Azithromycin

- **azalid**
- the strongest activity against *Hemophilus*, *M. pneumoniae*, *Neisseria*, *H. pylori*, *Campylobacter*, atypical mycobacteria
- more effective on G-
- does not inhibit CYP 450
- well tolerated
- T<sub>1/2</sub> - 35~48h - once daily, 3 days only
- mainly in respiratory infection
- Daily dose 500 mg

# Roxithromycin

- The highest blood concentration
- Bioavailability 72%~85%
- Respiratory infection  
soft tissue infection
- Low adverse effects
- interval 12 hrs

# Spiramycine (ROVAMYCINE)

- produced by *Streptomyces ambofaciens*
- effective against G+ aerobic pathogens, *N. gonorrhoeae*, staphylococci
- used for infections caused by bacteria and *Toxoplasma gondii*

# Macrolides - Adverse Effects

- **Gastrointestinal** – up to 33 %
  - nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dyspepsia
  - erythro, less with new agents
- Cholestatic **hepatitis** - rare
  - > 1 to 2 weeks of erythromycin estolate

# Macrolides - Adverse Effects

- Thrombophlebitis – i.v. Erythro and Azithro
  - dilution of dose, slow administration
- **Other** - ototoxicity (high dose erythro, RI)
  - QTc prolongation
  - allergy
  - drug interactions



# **ATB RELATED TO MACROLIDES**

- **STREPTOGRAMINS**

- Quinupristin/Dalfopristin

**(SYNERCID)**

- **KETOLIDES**

- Telithromycin

**(KETECK)**

- **OXAZOLIDINONES**

- Linezolid

**(LIZOLID, ZYVOX)**

# Quinupristin/dalfopristin

- Quinupristin – streptogramin A
- Dalfopristin – streptogramin B
- Binds 50S ribosome - each agents at different place - synergic inhibition of the protein synthesis
- Bactericidal, long postantibiotic effect
- High activity against MRSA and VISA
- Synergy with  $\beta$ -lactams,  
Additive with vancomycin

# Quinupristin/dalfopristin

- Intravenously; 7.5 mg/kg every 8-12 h
- Penetration into macrophages and PMNL
  - important (VRE are intracellular)
- Low level in the CSF
- Both metabolized
  - (less active metabolite - quinuprostin  
similar active – dalfopristin)
- Eliminated by bile, feces

## **Adverse effects:**

- Arthralgias, myalgias
- Hyperbilirubinemia

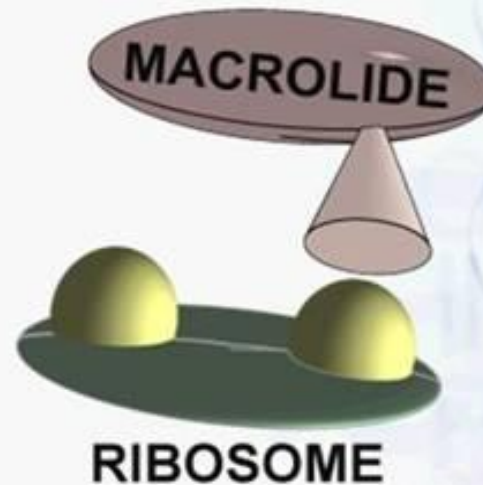
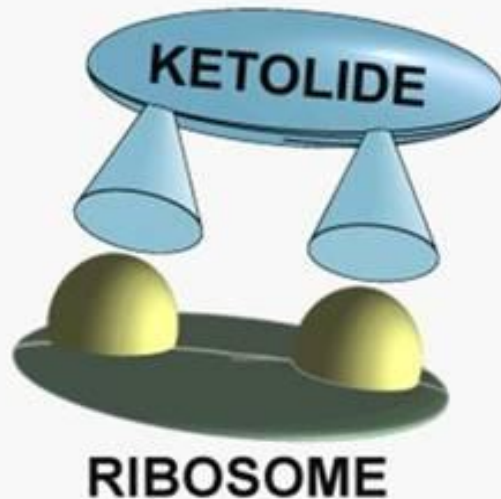
# Telithromycin (Ketek)

## **Mechanism of action**

- binds to the subunit 50S of ribosome, blocks growing polypeptide chain
- 10 x higher affinity to 50S than Eryth
- strongly binds to two domains 50S – older agents bind strongly only to one domain
- can also inhibit the formation of ribosomal subunits 50S and 30S

# ***Ketolides: Mechanism of Action***

***Ketolides tightly bind to two sites on ribosomal RNA***



❖ Ketolides block bacterial protein synthesis

# Telithromycin

- acid-stable – orally tbl. with or without food  
rapidly absorbed (800 mg/d)
- diffused into most tissues and phagocytes
  - transported to the site of infection
- during phagocytosis - large concentrations of telithromycin is released
  - concentration in the tissues is much higher than in plasma
- **Metabolism**
- metabolized mainly in the liver
- elimination - the bile
- half-life is approximately 10 hours

# Telithromycin

## **Adverse effects**

- GIT - diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain vomitus
- headache, disturbances in taste
- blurred vision, rashes
- rare but severe side effects - liver damage
- palpitations, prolongation QT interval
- can cause myasthenia gravis
- safety - controversies
- used - treatment of community acquir. pneumonia  
(mild to moderate severity)

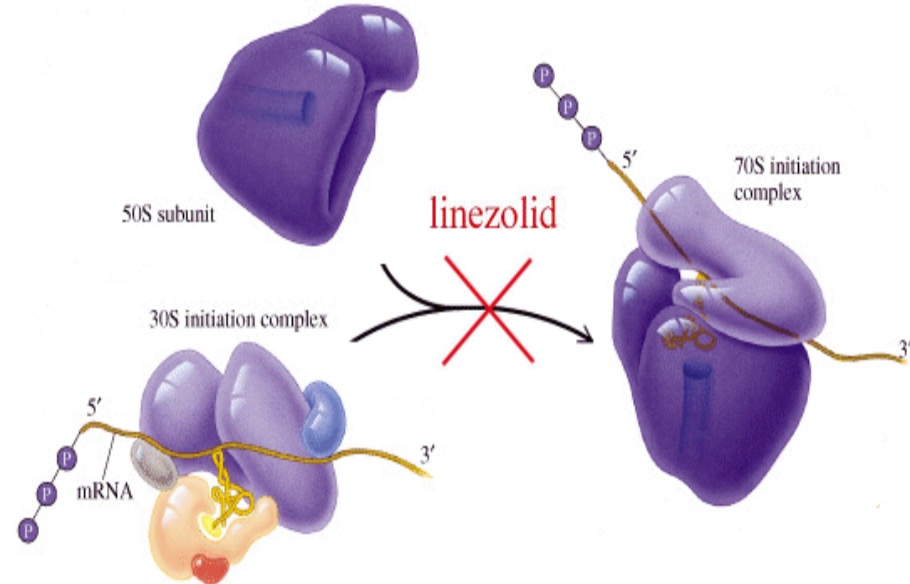


# Linezolid

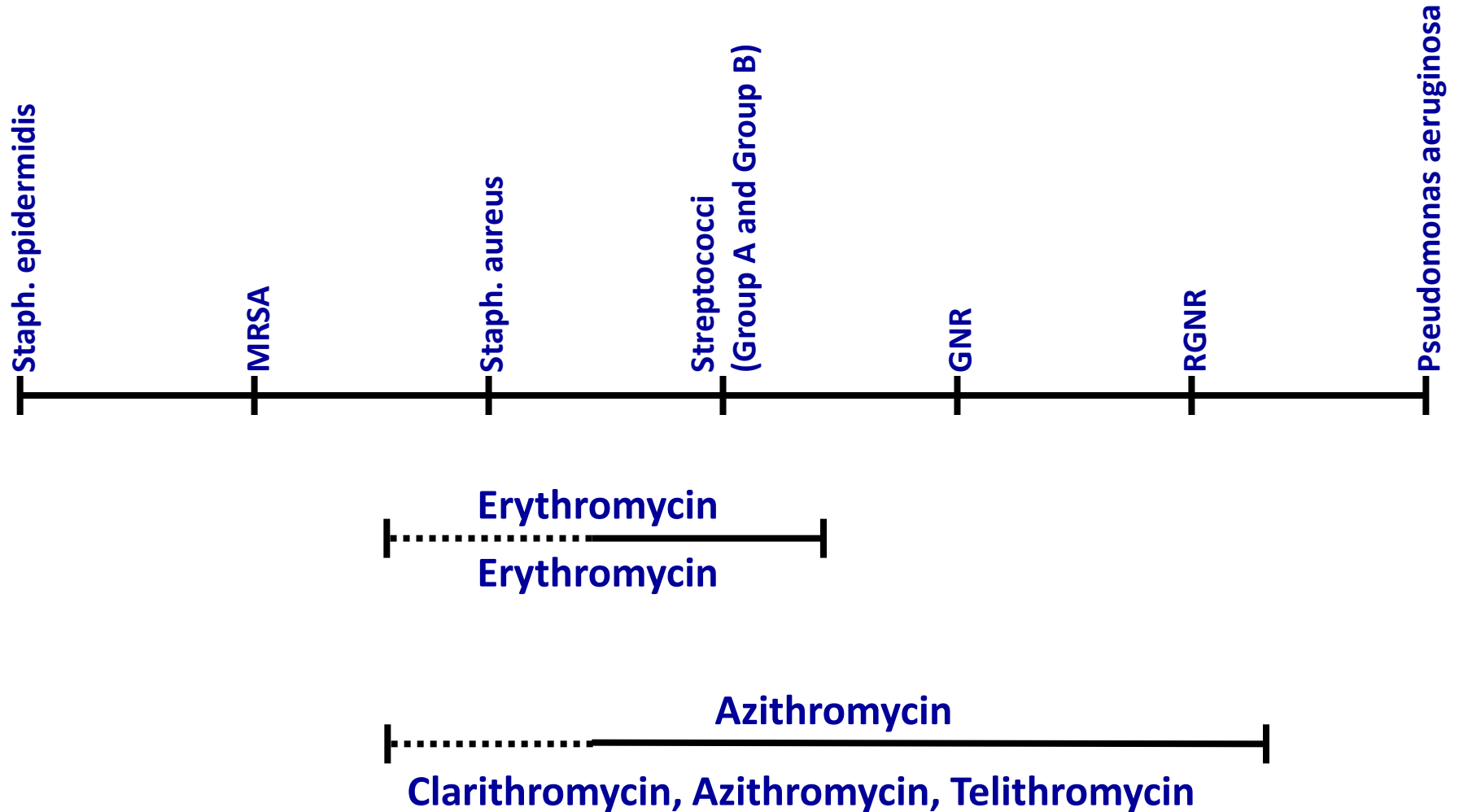
- oxazolidinone – i.v., p.o.
- high bioavailability
- inhibits the protein synthesis by preventing formation of 70S
- spectrum – G+
- lack cross-resistance – other mode of action
- P.o. or i.v. administration 600 mg every 12 h

## Adverse effects

- myelosuppression
- thrombocytopenia



# Macrolides, Azalides and Ketolides



# **Inhibitors of Nucleic Acid Synthesis**

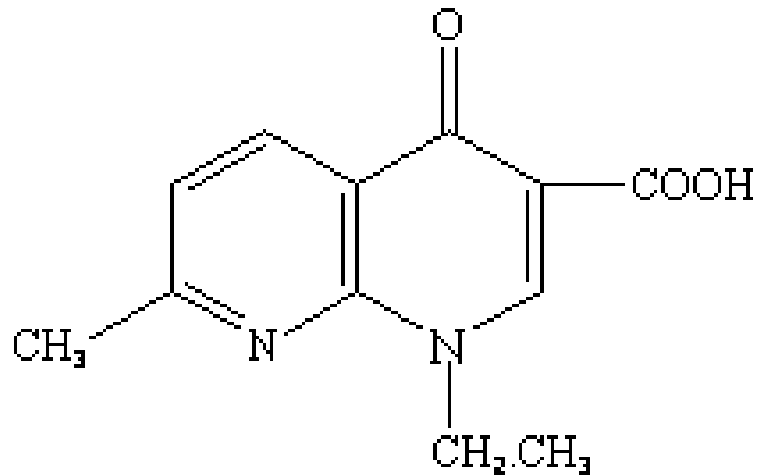
## **Quinolones**

# Classification

- **Quinolones – non-fluorated**  
**(1<sup>st</sup> generation)**
- **Fluoroquinolones**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> generation)**

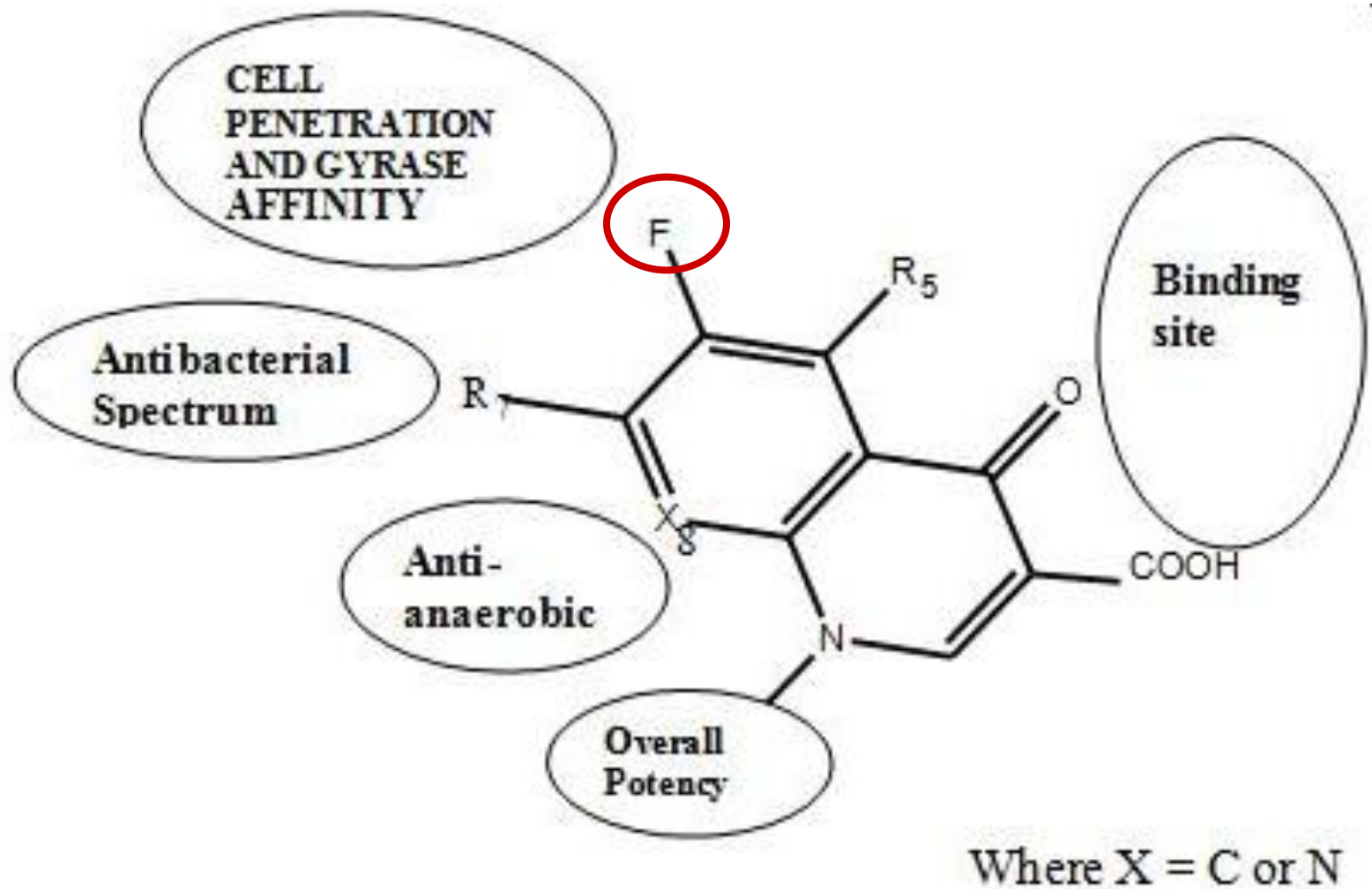
# Quinolones

- parent drug: nalidixic acid



# Quinolones (1<sup>st</sup> generation)

- Non-fluorated
- Narrow spectrum
- Low antimicrobial activity
- Low bioavailability
- High metabolism
- Adverse effect and resistance
- Low concentration - serum, tissue
- Mostly used in UTIs



Structural Sites Determining Antibacterial  
Activity Of **Fluroquinolones**

# Fluoroquinolones

## (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> generation)

- Modified 1<sup>st</sup> generation quinolones
- Fluorine atom C-6 or C-7 position
- Better pharmacokinetics
- Bactericidal
- Broad spectrum
- High antimicrobial activity
- Intracellular pathogens, too
- Post-antibiotic effect
- Wide distribution to urine and other tissues  
limited CSF penetration



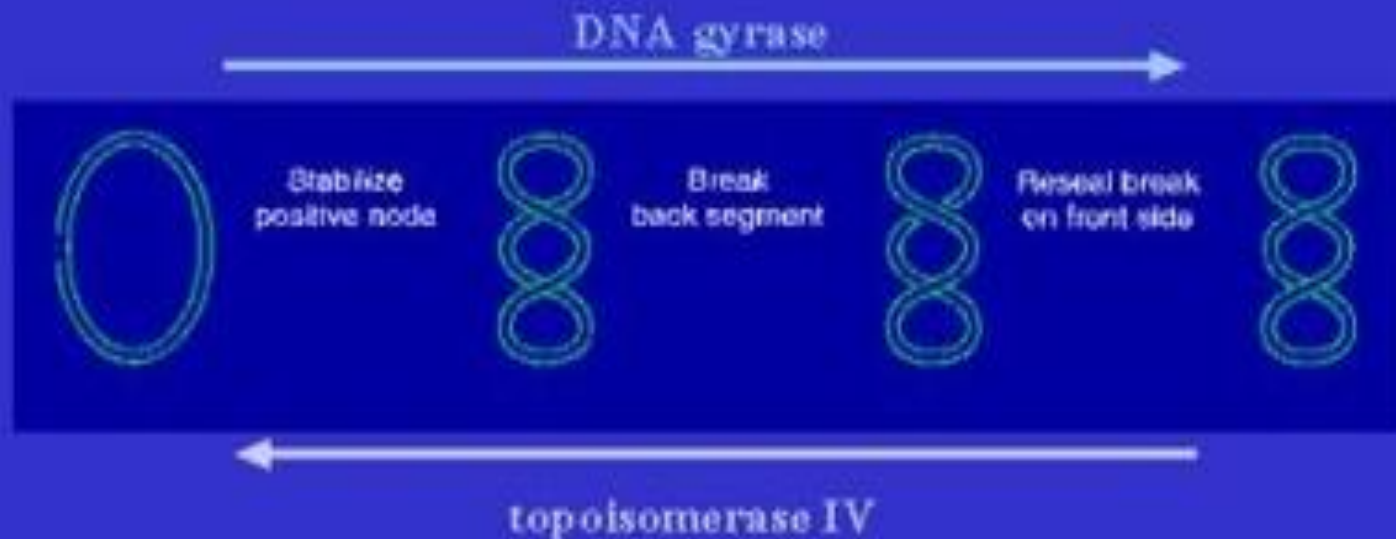
# Quinolones

- bactericidal agents - broad spectrum
- both concentration dependent effect
- act intracellularly
  - (*Legionella pneumophila*,  
*Mycoplasma pneumoniae*)
- **Post-antibiotic effect** - 1 to 2 hours
  - ↑ with increasing concentration

Generation	Drug Names	Spectrum
<b>1st</b>	nalidixic acid (NEGRAM) cinoxacin	G- but not Pseudomonas sp
<b>2nd</b>	norfloxacin (NOROXIN) ciprofloxacin* (CIPRO) enoxacin (PENETREX) ofloxacin (FLOXIN,TARIVID) lomefloxacin (MAXAQUIN)	G- (Pseudomonas species), some G+ (S. aureus) and some atypicals * intracellullary
<b>3rd</b>	levofloxacin * (LEVAQUIN) sparfloxacin (ZAGAM) moxifloxacin (AVELOX) gatifloxacin (TEQUIN) pefloxacin (ABACTAL)	Same as 2 <sup>nd</sup> generation with extended G+ and atypical * intracellullary
<b>4th</b>	trovafloxacin (TROVAN) (hepatotoxicity) gemifloxacin (FACTIVE)	Same as 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation with broad anaerobic

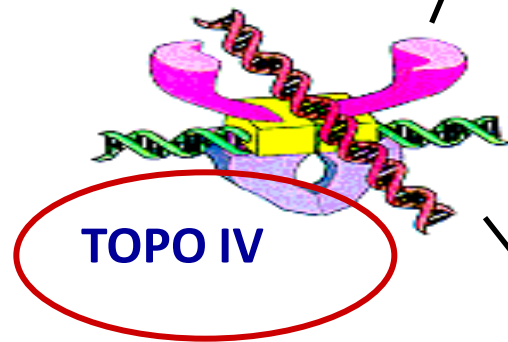
## Mechanism of action

### 2 key enzymes in DNA replication:



bacterial DNA is supercoiled

## REPLICATION

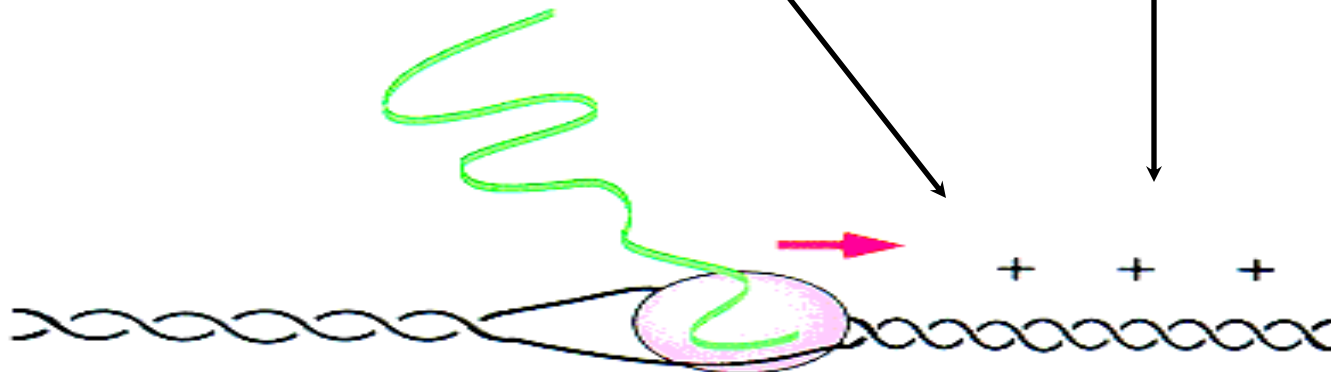


TOPO IV



GYRASE

## TRANSCRIPTION

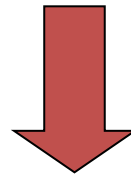


# Mechanism of Action

## **1. Inhibition of bacterial DNA Gyrase (Topoisomerase II)**

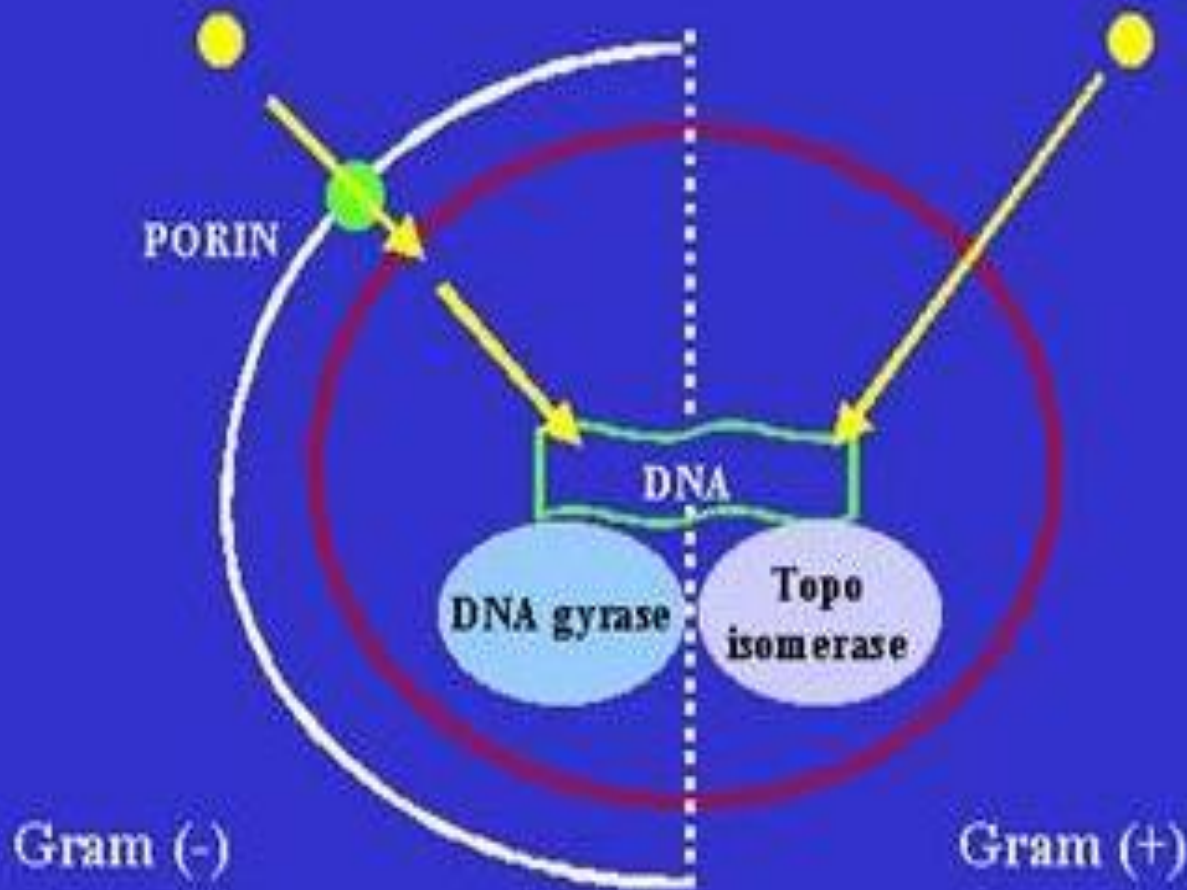
## **2. Inhibition of bacterial Topoisomerase IV**

- they prevent bacterial DNA from unwinding and duplicating
- inhibiting DNA synthesis, replication and transcription

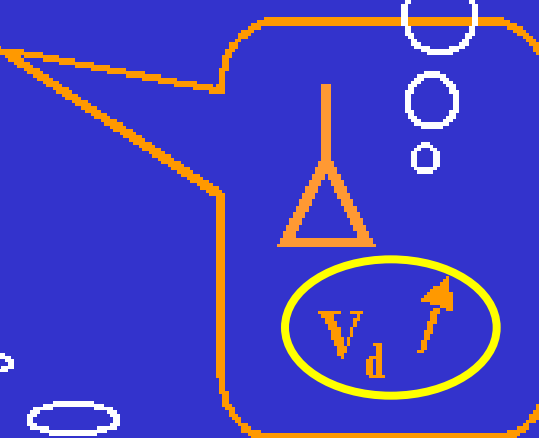
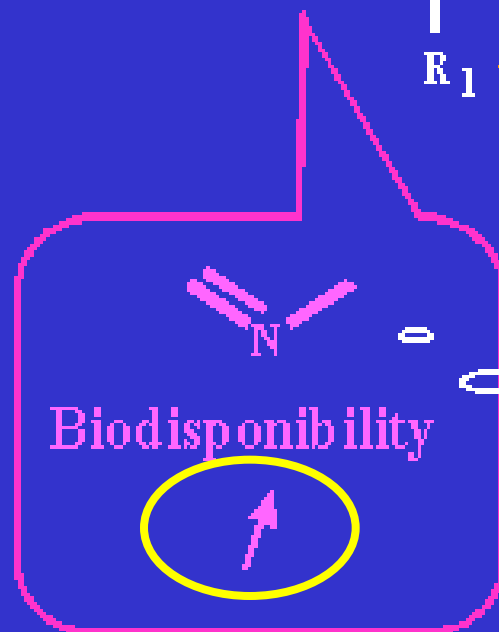
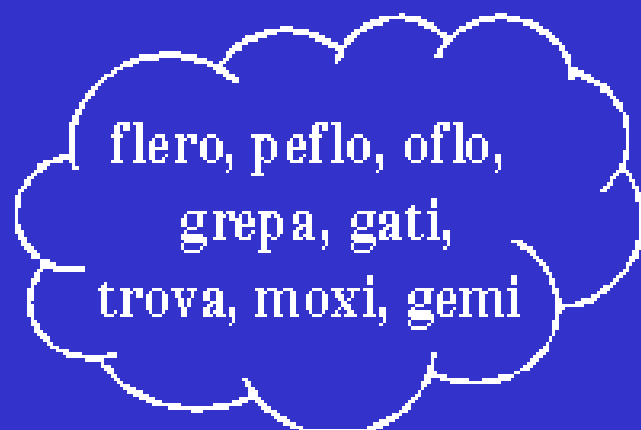
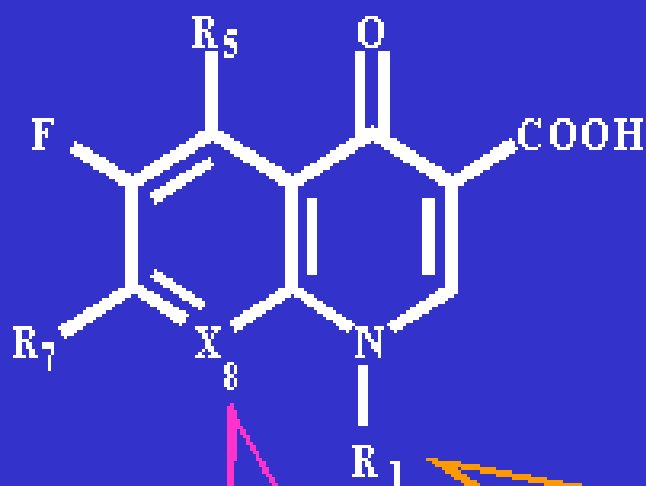
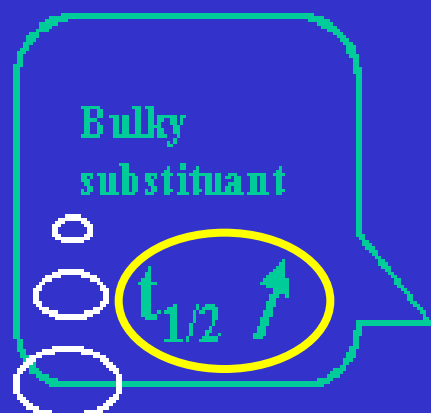


**– rapid cell death**

# Mechanism of Action



## Pharmacokinetics



Drug by brand name	Orally absorb	C <sub>max</sub> (Mg/dl)	T <sub>½</sub> (hrs)	Regards to food	Protein bound	Elimination path	Dosage forms
Norfloxacin	30-40%	1.5	3.5	Empty stomach	10-15%	Biliary and renal	Oral
Ciprofloxacin	70%	2.4	4.0	Empty stomach	20-40%	Renal 66% Hepatic 33%	Oral, IV
Ofloxacin	98%	2.9	4.5	Not studied	32%	Renal	Oral, IV, Ophthalmic
Lomefloxacin	>95%	-	8.0	Empty stomach	10%	Renal, 65% unchanged in urine	Oral
Levofloxacin	99%	5.7	6-8	No effect	24-38%	Renal, 87% unchanged in urine	Oral, IV
Sparfloxacin	-	-	16-30	No effect	45%	Hepatic glucuronidation	Oral
Moxifloxacin	90%	4.5	12	No effect	50%	Renal, 45% unchanged in urine, Hepatic conjugation	Oral
Gatifloxacin	96%	3.8	7.8	No effect	20%	Renal, 70% unchanged in urine	Oral, IV
Trovafloxacin	88%	2.1	9.6	No effect	76%	Conjugation, 43% unchanged in faeces	Oral, IV



# Pharmacokinetics

- absorption
  - significantly ↓ with  $\text{Al}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $\text{Fe}^+$ ,  $\text{Zn}^+$
  - chelation complex
  - administer 4 h before or 2 h after agent
- longer half life in newer agent - 1 x or 2 x daily
- eliminated by kidneys - !! renal function
- urine concentration of Cipro and Floxin  
are 25 x higher than serum
- Moxifloxacin - excreted by liver, low urinary conc.
  - do not use in UTIs

# Quinolones

- **Conc > serum**

- Prostate tissue
- Stool
- Bile
- Lung
- Neutrophils
- Macrophages
- Kidneys

- **Conc < serum**

- Prostatic tissue fluid
- Bone
- CSF

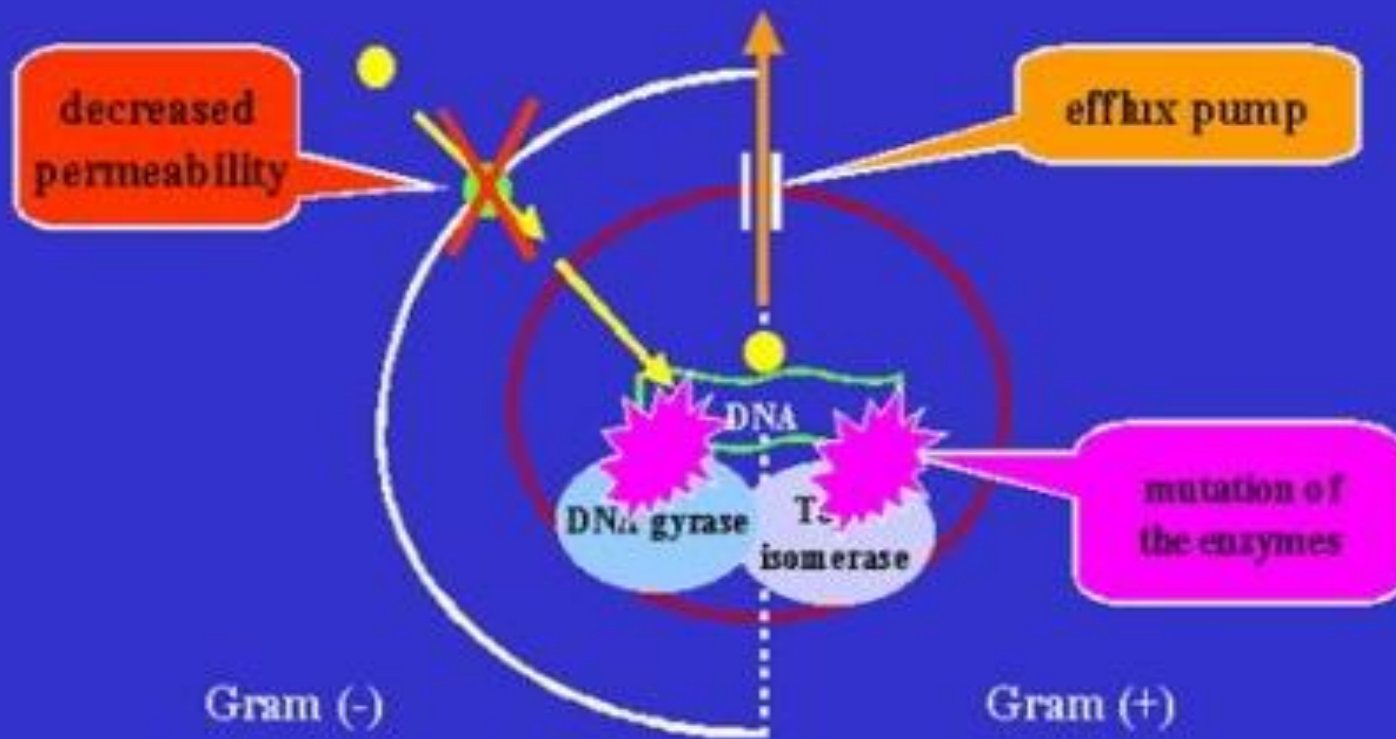
# Quinolones - adverse effects

- GIT - nausea, vomiting
- CNS - headache, dizziness, confusion, insomnia, seizure (rare)
- Cardiovascular - torsades de pointes (rare)
  - arrhythmias
- Musculoskeletal - rupture of tendon (rare)  
arthropatogenic effect  
(!! contraindicated to 18 years)

# Quinolones - adverse effects

- Neurologic - polyneuropathy (rare)
- Photosensitivity
- Blood picture
- Liver function
- Blood glucose disturbances in DM patients
- Dysmicrobia – enterocolitis
- Resistance
- !!! pregnancy, lactation

# Resistance to fluoroquinolones



# Quinolones - adverse effects

- **Drug interactions**

- ↓ absorption -  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Bi}^{2+}$
- antacids
- $\text{H}_2$  antihistaminics



↓ of Fch bioavailability

# Quinolones - adverse effects

- **Drug interactions**

**CYP 450 inhibition** – ciprofloxacin

warfarin, coumarin, ranitidine,

theophylline, cyclosporine, caffeine,

opioids, rifampicin, glibenclamide

# Therapeutic Use

- Urinary tract infection (complicated also)
- Skin, Soft Tissue Infections
- Urethral, Cervical gonococcal infections
- Prostatitis
- Sexual, Chlamydia, gonococcal infections
- Bone, joint Infections (G-)
- Infectious diarrhea
- Typhoid fever, salmonellosis, shigelosis
- Nosocomial pneumonia, CF
- Acute sinusitis, otitis