

Unit - 4

Adenohypophyseal Hormones:

Ch-1 Adenohypophyseal Hormones.

Ch-2 Thyroid Hormones.

Ch-3 Parathormone Calcitonin.

Ch-4 Insulin Glucagon.

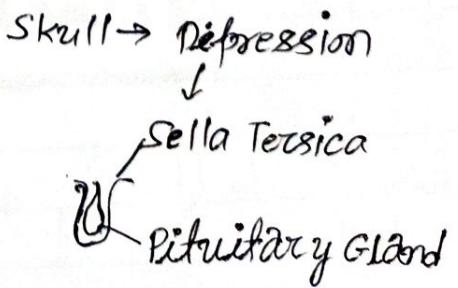
Ch-5 ACTH and Corticosteroids.

Chapter 1

Adenohypophyseal Hormone (Pituitary Gland)

Pituitary Gland: Pituitary Gland is also known as hypophyseal gland which is present Hypothalamus part of brain.

- In the skull small depression is present which is known as sella turcica and inside the sella turcica small gland like 'pea' is hanging with the infundibulum.
- Which is known as pituitary gland.
- Its diameter is 1 cm only.
- The pituitary gland on the basis there size and function is divided into three part
 - (i) Anterior Pituitary
 - (2) Median Pituitary
 - (3) Posterior Pituitary.



- 1) Anterior Pituitary is also known as Adenohypophyseal Pituitary.
- 2) Median Pituitary is also known as Mesen Hypophyseal pituitary.
- 3) Posterior Pituitary is also known as Neuro Hypophyseal pituitary.

→ The Anterior Pituitary is release five hormone.

- i) ACTH - Adreno Cortico tropic hormone.
- ii) PLH - Prolactine hormone.
- (iii) FSH - Follicular Stimulating hormone.
- (iv) TSH - Thyroid Stimulating hormone.
- (v) GH - Growth hormone.

→ The median Pituitary release one hormone.

- (i) MSH → Melanin Stimulating hormone.

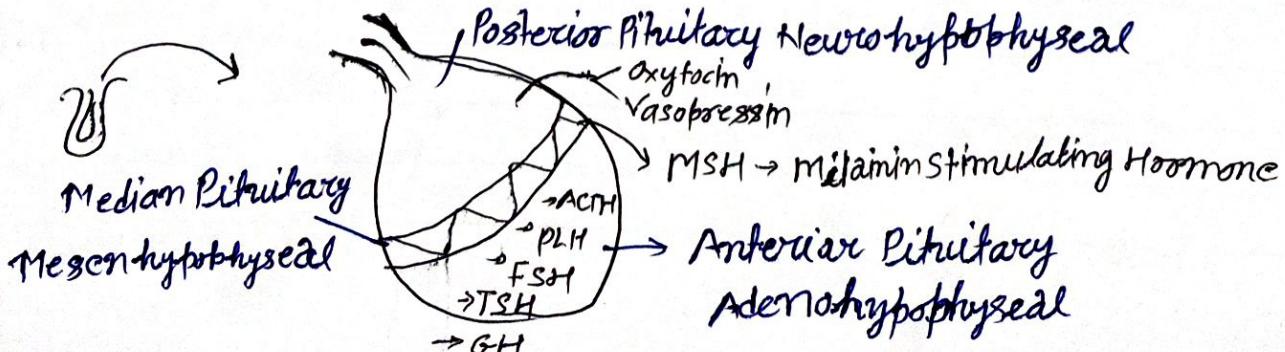
which is decide the color of the body.

→ The last one is Posterior Pituitary or Neurohypophyseal release the two hormone.

- (i) Oxytocin
- (ii) Vasopressin.

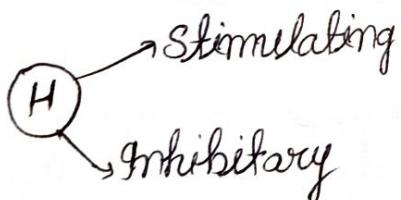
→ Pituitary gland is also called master gland.

→ And hypothalamus is called master of master gland.



Hypothalamic Control of Adenohypophysis:

- Because Pituitary Glands controls the release^{of hormone} of diff-2 glands. so they are called master gland.
- But the control of Pituitary gland hormone is regulated by the Hypothalamus. So Hypothalamus is known as the master of master gland.
- Because Hypothalamus secrete two types of hormone for the same gland.
 - (i) Stimulatory
 - (ii) Inhibitory.
- Hypothalamus is a very highly vascular organ in which Hypophyseal pituitary gland is present and it is covered with the network of blood vessel capillary this is called Hypothalamic-Hypophyseal Portal Capillary Network.



Hypothalamic Hypophyseal
Portal Capillary Network.

- Hypothalamus Secrete ten types of diff-2 hormone which control the function of Anterior Pituitary.
 - (1) Growth hormone releasing factor.
 - (2) Growth hormone inhibitory factor.

- (3) Prolactin releasing factor.
- (4) Prolactin Inhibitory factor.
- (5) Gonadotrophin releasing factor
- (6) Gonadotrophin Inhibitory factor.
- (7) Thyrotrophin releasing factor
- (8) Thyrotrophin Inhibitory factor.
- (9) Melanin stimulating hormone releasing factor.
- (10) Melanin stimulating hormone Inhibitory factor.

Pathological disorders of Adenohypophysis.

- The pathological disease appears the body when the hormone secretion is hyper or becomes hypo.
 - On the basis of hypothalamic hormone it is divided into two category.
- (i) Trophic Hormone: These hormone influence the function of other gland indirectly. Ex- TSH, ACTH.
- (ii) Non Trophic Hormone: These hormone affect the function of any gland directly. Ex GH.
- On the basis of Pathological disorder or Secretion of hormone disease can be classified into two type.
- (i) Hyperpituitarism
 - (ii) Hypopituitarism.

(i) Hyperpituitarism:

→ When the secretion of hormone becomes excess from the pituitary gland this is called hyperpituitarism.

Ex:- Exophthalmic Goitre, Acromegally.

(ii) Hypopituitarism:

When the hormone secretion from the pituitary gland becomes less or hypo in nature this is called hypopituitarism.

Ex- Goitre, Dwarfism.

Adenohypophyseal Hormones

Group - I :

Growth-hormone → 191 amino acid

Prolactin → 198 Amino Acid

Placental Lactogen → 191 Amino Acid.

Group - II :

LH → 89 α -Amino Acid, 115 β -Amino Acid

FSH → 89 α -Amino Acid, 115 β -Amino Acid

Thyrotropin → 89 α Amino Acid, 112 β -Amino Acid

Gonadotropin → 92 α -Amino Acid, 145 β Amino Acid.

Group - III :

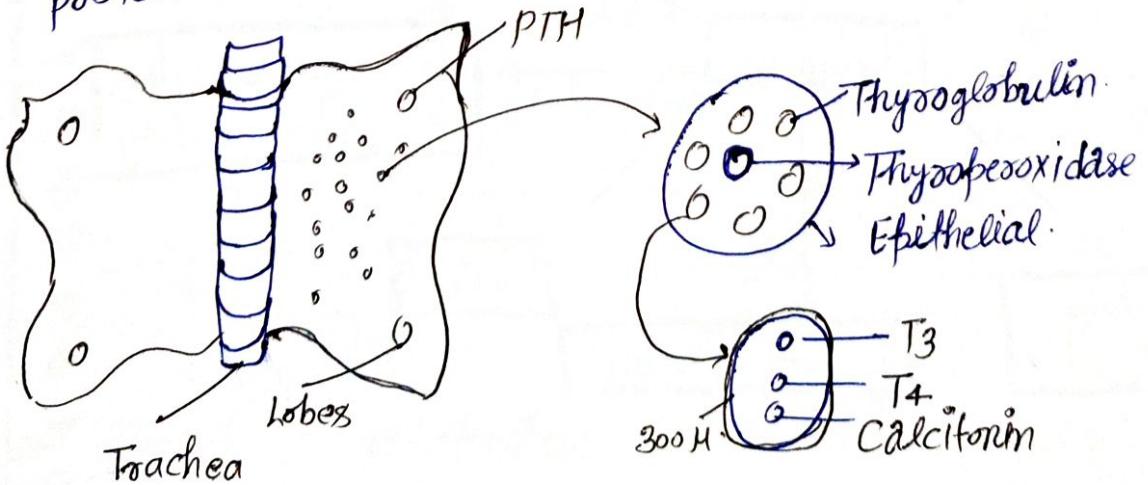
ACTH → 39 Amino Acid

MSH → 13 α -Amino Acid 18 β -Amino Acid

Lipoprotein → 91 α -Amino Acid 58 β -Amino Acid.

Thyroid Gland and their Hormone

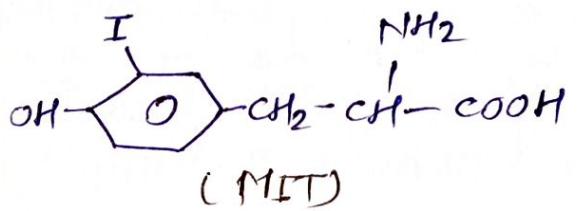
- Thyroid Gland: In the foachea of human both side two lobes are present basically they are called Thyroid Gland
- And it was discovered by the Hharden in 1656.
 - It is a butterfly or H shaped gland which is located on both side of the Thraehe and on the anterior posterior four corners of the thyroid gland Parathyroid gland is also present.
 - In the structure of thyroid gland a singal unit is called thyroglobulin.
 - And inside the thyroglobulin it is a glycoprotein structure thyroglobulin in which the enzymes are stored.
 - Basically there are three enzyme T_3 , T_4 , & Calcitonin.
 - T_3 means Triodothyronine, T_4 means Tetraiodothyronine.
 - The weight of the thyroid gland is about 25g and the gland size is slightly larger in female than male.
 - The diameter of thyroglobulin which is unit of thyroid gland have the size of $300\text{ }\mu$ and it is made by the colloidal protein.



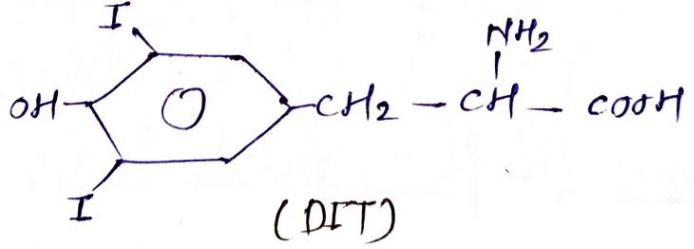
Role of Thyroid Gland :-

- Thyroid gland play two major role in human body they have in the growth and development of the body and it also controls the mental health of any human.
- The need of iodine is very necessary for the production of thyroid hormone in our body.
- Our body need 6 to 7 mg iodine in per day and about these fatal quantity for the 90% of the quantity is uptake by the thyroid gland to produce these (T_3 , T_4 & calcitonin) hormone.
- After the hydrolysis of the thyroglobulin it release the thyroid hormone. T_4 , T_3 , DIT & MIT.

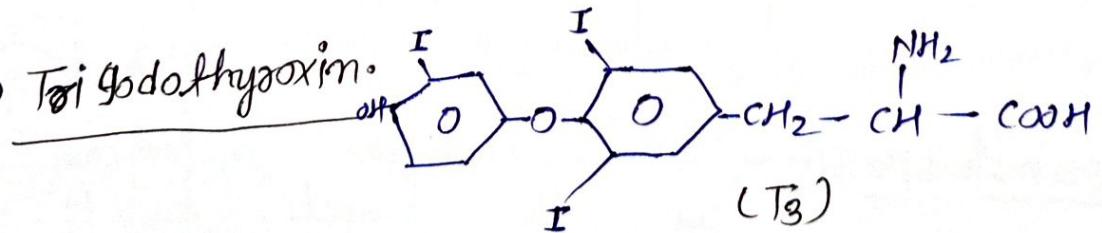
(i) Mono Iodo Thyroxin.



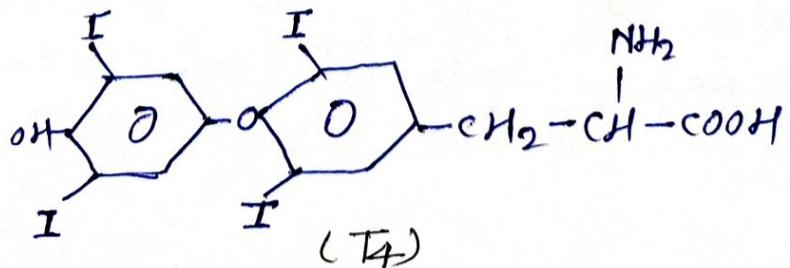
(ii) Di Iodo Thyroxin.



(iii) Tri Iodo Thyroxin.



(iv) Tetra Iodo Thyroxin



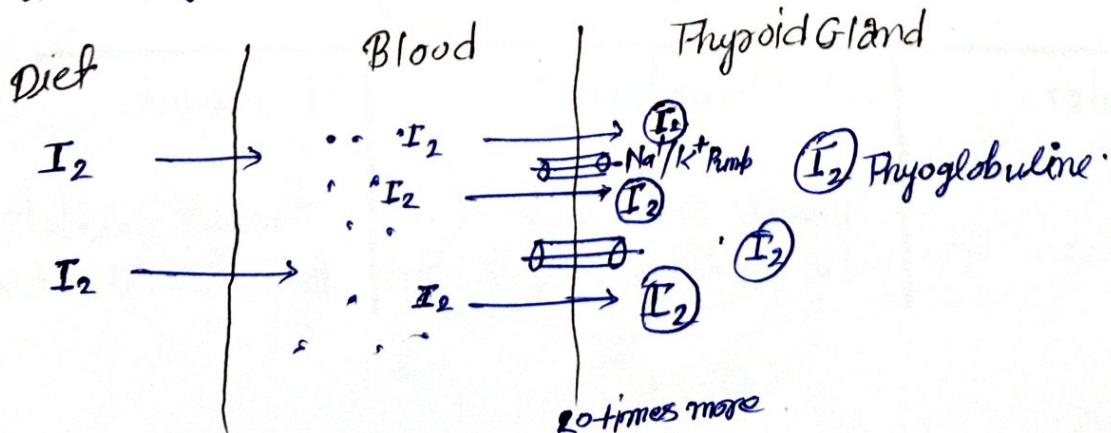
Biosynthesis Storage and Release of Thyroid Hormone:

→ Biosynthesis of thyroid hormone takes place inside the thyroglobulin of thyroid gland and it involves following four steps -

- (i) Iodine Uptake by the Thyroid Gland.
- (ii) Oxidation of iodine and iodination of Tyrosyl Group.
- (iii) Oxidative Coupling of Iodo Tyrosyls to form T₃ & T₄
- (iv) Release of Thyroid Hormone.

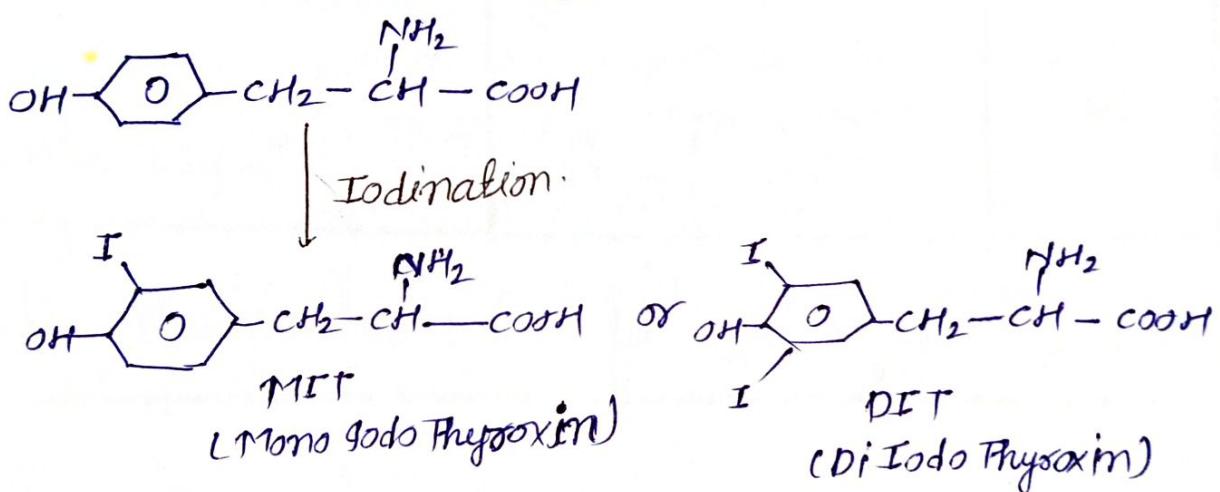
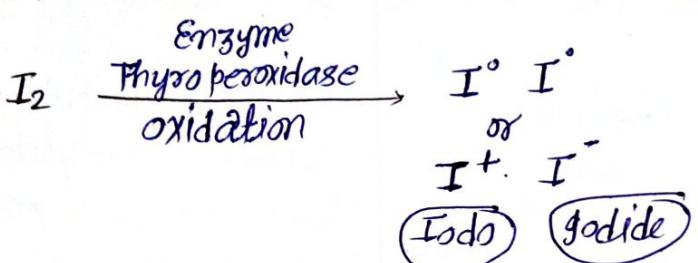
(i) Iodine Uptake by the Thyroid Gland:

- From the diet iodine is goes and absorb into the blood and its systemic circulation.
- And from the blood iodine is uptake by the thyroglobulin inside the thyroid gland by the active transport.
- The conc. of iodine is 20 times more in thyroid gland than blood.
- So the energy is required for the transport of iodine from blood to thyroid gland.
- They contains Sodium Potassium ATPase pump and with the help of sodium potassium ATPase pump the iodine is taken by the thyroglobulin and goes inside the thyroid Gland.



(2) Oxidation of Iodine and Iodination of Tyrosyl Group :-

- The enzyme Thyroperoxidase which is present inside the thyroglobulin it helps in the oxidation and cleavage of the iodine molecule.
- And by this enzyme I_2 (iodine) molecule is broken into the iodo group.



(3) Oxidative Coupling of Iodo Tyrosyls to form T₃ & T₄

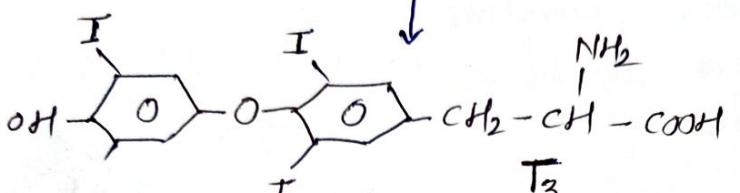
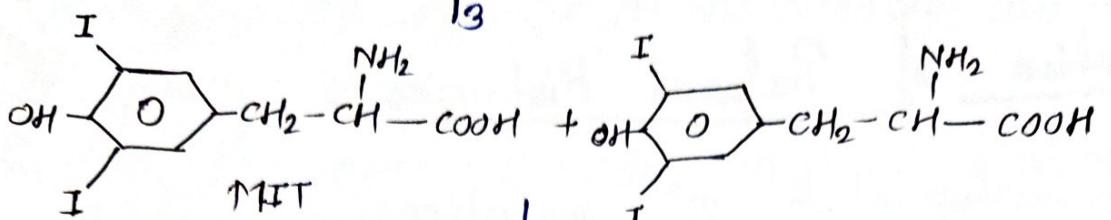
After the formation of MIT and DIT Precursor molecule with the help of enzyme Thyroperoxidase then they are coupled to each other and they form T_3 and T_4 hormones.

- When the one molecule of MIT coupled with the one molecule of DIT in the presence of Thyroperoxidase enzyme then form T_3 hormone (Tri Iodo Thyroxine).
- And when the two molecules of DIT are coupled with each other then they form T_4 hormone (Tetra Iodo Thyroxine).

MIT + DIT

↓ Thyroperoxidase

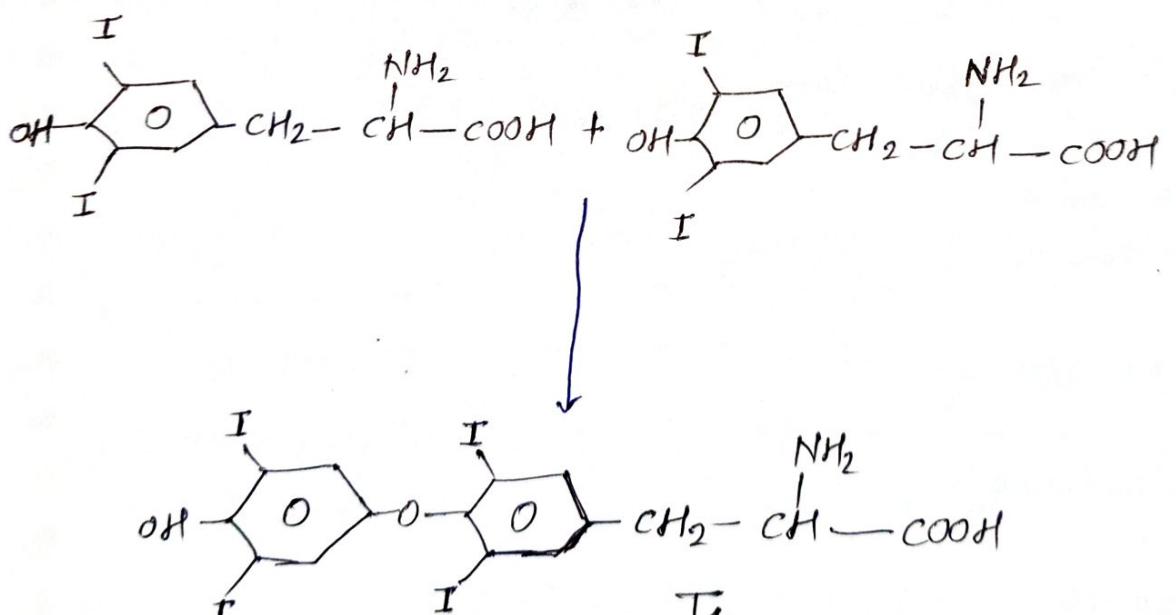
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DIT + DIT

↓ Thyroperoxidase

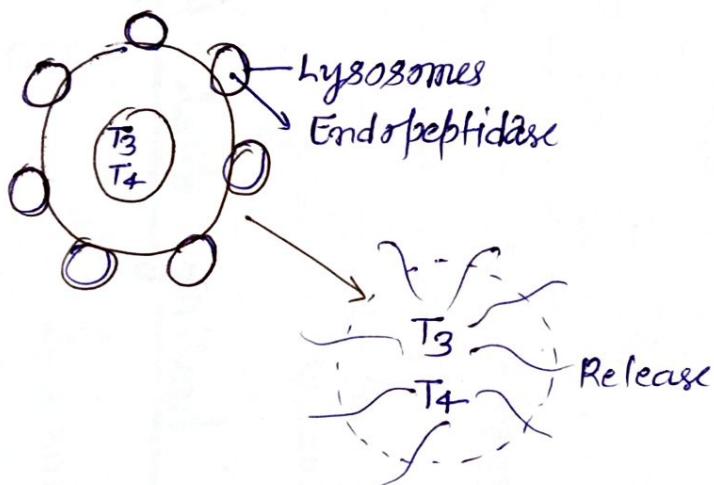
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(Tetra Iodo Thyroxin)

(4) Release of Thyroid Hormone

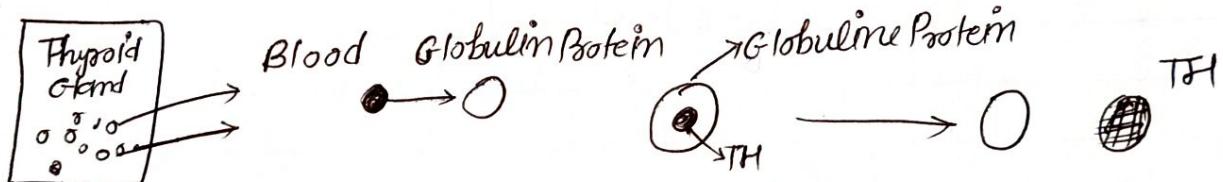
- The release of Thyroid Hormone is basically controlled by the Hormone TSH, which is released from the Anterior Pituitary of the Pituitary gland.
- But they also control by the self method.
- In the besides of the thyroglobuline lysosomes cells are present and these lysosome cells are release the enzyme endopeptidase.
- And when the enzyme endopeptidase is release
- The thyroglobuline surface is ruptured then the hormone T_3 & T_4 release in the systemic circulation.



Pharmacokinetics of Thyroid Hormone

- When the thyroid gland release the hormone then it goes the systemic circulation into blood then they can't reach each and every tissue along.
- So they bind with the globuline protein which is present in the blood and make a complex with the globulin protein.

- And this globulin protein helps to carry the thyroid hormone to each and every organ of the body.
- Until the thyroid hormone is bonded with the globulin protein so they can't be metabolize with the various enzyme
- So there duration of action inside body is increase. and the average half life for the thyroid hormone in body is 6 to 7 hours.
- And then after 6 to 7 hours ^{in then} globulin protein is again released then Thyroid hormone is free and by the diff - 2 chemical reactions like-
 - Decarboxylation Reaction
 - Deamination Reaction.
 they are metabolise and they are excreted from the urine.



Physiological Action of Thyroid Hormone:

- (1) Growth and Development.
- (2) Calorigenic Effect.
- (3) CVS Effect.
- (4) Miscellaneous Effect.

(i) Growth and Development:

→ Thyroid Hormone is basically involved in the Growth & development of the body and their body organ. by the effect of metabolism. When the thyroid hormone is not release in properly then the development of body and its part becomes diminished this is called dwarfism.

(2) Calorigenic Effect :

Because Thyroxin hormone helps in the metabolism then by the process of Gluconeogenesis, Lipolysis, Glycogenolysis they increase the production of energy which is called calorigenic effect.

(3) CVS - Cardio Vascular System Effect :

They increase the force of contraction of CVS.

(4) Miscellaneous Effect:

Breakdown of lipid, cholesterol inside the body.

⇒ Disease of Thyroid Glands :

When the level of thyroxin hormone either more or less it can cause diff-2 disease they are called disease of thyroid gland.

- When the hormone secrete less in quantity then it called Hyposecretion.
 - Due to hyposecretion basically three disease can occurs -
 - (i) Simple Goitre
 - (ii) Myxoedema.
 - (iii) Cretinism.
- When the level of thyroxin hormone is more than the normal level then they called the hyper secretion. it causes to disease -
 - (i) Grave disease
 - (ii) Plummer's disease .

(i) Simple Goitre: The term goiter denotes any enlargement of thyroid gland.

- ⇒ Normal secretion by thyroid gland needs an adequate intake of iodine.
- ⇒ If the dietary supply of iodine does not meet the daily requirement, Thyrotropin is released in higher concentration which results into the enlargement of thyroid gland.
- ⇒ This enlarged thyroid gland is known as goitre.

⇒ Drug used in therapy of Hyperthyroidism:

(1) Radioactive Iodine.

(2) Antithyroid drug.

- (A) Thiocamides
- (B) Aniline derivatives
- (C) Polyhydroic Phenol
- (D) Gonic Inhibitor
- (E) Miscellaneous
 - (i) Lithium carbonate
 - (ii) Adrenergic Blocker.

(i) Thiocamides: Thiourea and thiouracil derivatives are among the primary drugs to treat thyroid hyperactivity.

- ⇒ The methyl and Propylthiouracil are effective drugs. They inactivate the peroxidase enzymes.

(ii) Aniline derivatives: These agents interfere some of the processes catalyzed by thyroid peroxidases like iodine oxidation, organification and coupling of iodothyrosines. ex - includes sulfathiazole, Sulfadiazine, p-amino salicylic Acid.

(iii) Polyhydroxy Phenols: The only clinical agent from this category is resorcinol.

→ It possesses some mechanism like that of thioamides.

(iv) Ionic Inhibitors: These are all monovalent hydrated anions and resemble in size with iodide ions.

→ They effect the powder of thyroid gland to accumulate iodine by inhibiting the iodide transport mechanism. Ex - Thiocyanate, Perchlorate, Fluoride.

(v) Miscellaneous Agents:

(i) Lithium Carbonate: Lithium appears to prevent the release of both hormonal and non-hormonal iodine from the thyroid gland.

→ It is less preferred agent due to its adverse effects which include tremors with high risk of cardiac failure.

(ii) Adrenergic blockers: Hyperthyroidism has some of the symptoms common with adrenergic oversimulation.

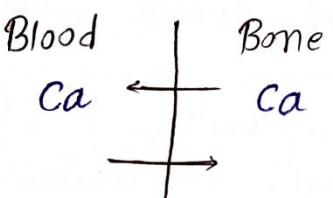
due to this reason the adrenergic blockers are sometimes used in alleviating many of the signs and symptoms of hyperthyroidism usually for short term treatment.

Ex - Reserpine, Guanethidine, and Propranolol.

→ They may help in reducing tachycardia, tremor anxiety, sweating and heat intolerance associated with hyperthyroidism.

Parathyroid Hormones Calcitonin and Vitamin D:

- Parathyroid Gland: Parathyroid Gland is small gland which is located on the four corner of the thyroid gland.
- It is a yellow in color so it is called yellow glandular body.
 - And the weight of these gland approx 0.05 to 0.3 gm it means some to 300 mg.
 - The parathyroid hormone basically work to maintain the calcium level in both blood plasma as well as in bone.

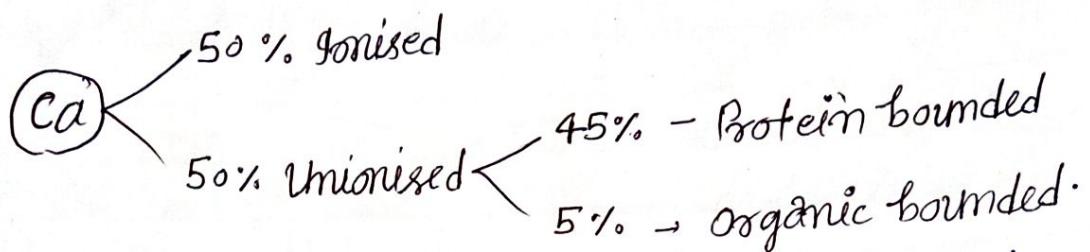


- When the calcitonin is release then they decrease the concentration of calcium level in blood and increase in the bone. they causes the hypokalemia.
- And when the parathyroid Hormone is release they increase the ~~Ca⁺⁺~~ into the blood and decrease into the bone they called Hyperkalemia.
- The total calcium level in our blood is on average 107 to 111 mg in per 100 ml of the blood.
- And the total concentration of the calcium in the blood devide into two part.
 - (i) 50% ionised form
 - (ii) 50% un-ionised form.

→ The 50% ionised form is further it can be divided into form.

→ (i) 45% of this protein bounded.

→ (ii) And the 5% of this is organic bounded.

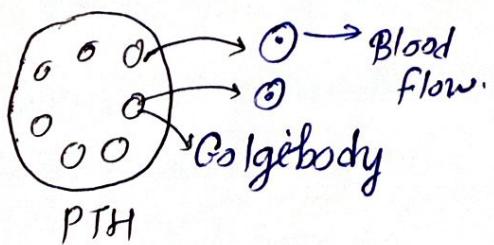


→ The parathyroid hormone is made up of the 84 amino acid in a single chain sequence and their molecular weight is about 9500.

Synthesis and Secretion of Parathyroid Hormone:

→ It is derived from the 84 amino acid sequence and they are synthesized inside the parathyroid gland.

→ Basically they are synthesized inside the parathyroid gland with the help of Golgi body and they secrete (with the help of) in the form of vesicles and release into the systemic circulation.



→ The parathyroid hormone basically act on kidney bone and GIT to maintain the blood plasma calcium level by the three method -

- (i) Promoting Absorption of Calcium from GIT.
- (ii) Mobilising the Calcium in bones.
- (iii) Decrease Ca^{++} Excretion.

Physiological function of Parathormone on body :-

- (i) Effect on bone :- Basically Parathormone by the mobilising the cation into the bone they maintain the level of Ca^{++} and PO_4^{-} ion into the bone.
- (ii) Effect on kidney :- It increase the rate of reabsorption.
- (iii) Effect on GIT :- It converts the calcifidol into the calcitriol.

Disorder of Parathyroid Hormone :-

- (i) Hyperparathyroidism :- If the Parathyroid hormone level is increase more than the normal range this is called hyperparathyroidism.
 - Decrease Plasma concentration.
 - Skeleton abnormalities.
 - Bone deformation
- (ii) Hypoparathyroidism :- If the level of Parathyroid hormone is decrease than the normal range this is called Hypoparathyroidism.
 - Muscle spasm.
 - Tetany
 - Tachycardia.

÷ calcitonin :

- Calcitonin is a hormone protein that lowers the concentrations of blood calcium when it has risen to an above normal level.
- In humans and other mammals, calcitonin is secreted by the parafollicular cells of the thyroid gland while in fish, bird, and reptiles it is secreted by the ultimobranchial gland.

÷ Pharmacological Actions :

The main actions of calcitonin are the lowering of blood calcium and the suppression of cell activity that causes calcium to be lost from bones.

- Some of the main actions of calcitonin are described below.

(1) In Postmenopausal Women With Osteoporosis :

- Osteoporosis leads to brittle and easily fractured bones as a result of decreased bone mass along with architectural breakdown of the bones.
- Common Fracture sites includes the vertebrae, hip, forearm and wrist.
- The most common type of osteoporosis occurs in postmenopausal females, when the rate of bone resorption by osteoporosis is faster than the rate of bone formation by osteoblasts.

(2) Maintenance of calcium balance in the body:

- Calcitonin opposes the effects of parathyroid hormone, which acts to increase the blood calcium level.
- Calcitonin lowers blood calcium level by suppressing osteoclast activity in the bones and increasing the amount of calcium excreted in the urine.

(3) Effect on the kidney: Calcitonin also regulates the level of calcium and other minerals in the kidneys.

- This hormone prevents the re-absorption of phosphates by the kidney and increases the kidney's re-absorption of calcium and magnesium.

(4) Calcitonin also affects hunger and appetite and has been shown to reduce the volume and acidity of gastric juice as well as the volume of the pancreatic juice and its trypsin and amylase content.

Pharmacokinetics of calcitonin: Calcitonin-containing

medicines are usually administered as solutions than can be injected but for the past couple of decades, they have also been available in the form of nasal sprays.

- When used as a nasal spray, calcitonin takes around 13 to 15 minutes to be absorbed into the blood.
- The half-life of commercially prepared calcitonin is around 18 to 20 minutes.

- ∴ Side effect of Calcitonin: Nasal spray use is associated with side effects such as runny nose and nasal crusting, dryness, bleeding, itching and redness.
- The majority of these symptoms are mild and resolve as a patient adjust to using the spray.
 - There may be symptoms that mimic flu such as tiredness, fever and chills.
 - Skin rash
 - Muscle pain and arthritis.
 - Sinusitis, chest, tightness, difficulty breathing.
 - High blood pressure, chest pain, Palpitations.
 - Abdominal pain, nausea, Diarrhea, vomiting, Flatulence and decreased appetite.

← Vitamin D →

- Vitamin-D is a fat soluble vitamin.
- Vit. D is a sterol, it contains steroid nucleus.
- Cyclopentanoperhydro Phenanthrene ring)
- Vitamin-D function like a hormone.

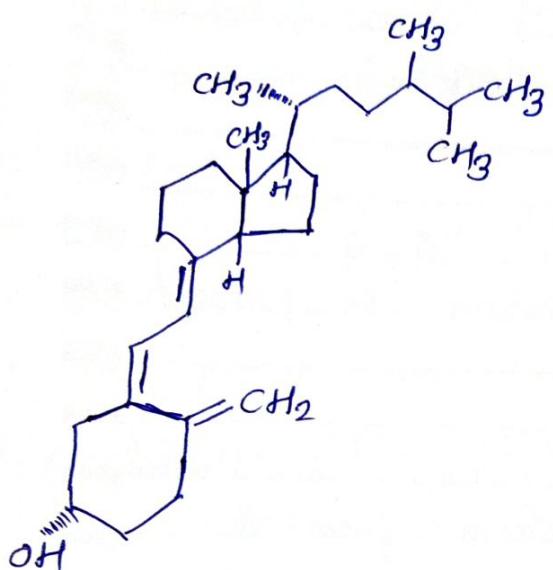
∴ Forms of Vitamin D:

- Vitamin D in the diet occurs in two forms.
- Vitamin-D₂ (Ergocalciferol)
- Vitamin-D₃ (Cholecalciferol)

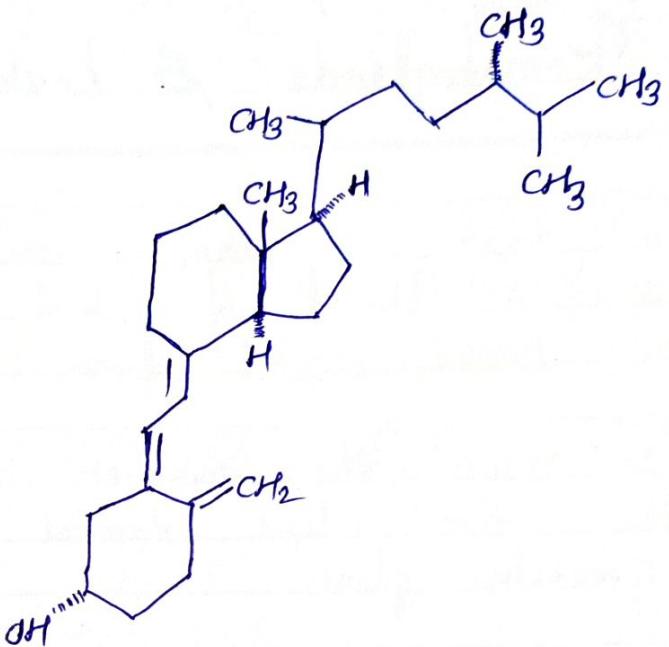
Chemistry

→ Ergocalciferol (vit-D₂) is formed from ergosterol is present in plant

Vit-D₂



Vit-D₃



← Vitamin D is a sunshine →

- During the course of cholesterol biosynthesis 7-dehydrocholesterol is formed as an intermediate.
- On exposure to sunlight, 7-dehydrocholesterol is converted to cholecalciferol in the skin (dermis and epidermis)
- Dark skin pigment (Melanin) Adversely influences the synthesis of cholecalciferol.
- Skin is the largest organ in the body.
- The production of vitamin D in the skin is directly proportional to the exposure to sunlight and inversely proportional to pigmentation of skin.

→ Excessive exposure to sunlight does not result in vit. D toxicity since excess provitamin D_3 are destroyed by sunlight itself.

Absorption : → Diet from animal sources such as animal liver contains vitamin D_3 .

→ Diet from plant sources contains vitamin D_2 .

→ Vit. D_2 & D_3 are absorbed from upper small intestine and bile is essential.

Mechanism : Vitamin D_3 and D_2 form mixed micelles by combining with bile salts (Micelles).

→ Mixed micelles are presented to mucosal cells.

→ Absorption occurs by passive transport.

Transport : Vit. D-binding globulin - vit. is transported from intestine to the liver by binding to vitamin D binding globulin.

→ 25-Hydroxy D_3 and 1,25-dihydroxy D_3 are also transported in the blood by binding to vitamin D binding globulin.

Storage : → 25-hydroxycholecalciferol is the major storage and circulatory form of vitamin D

Biochemical function :

→ calcitriol (1,25-DHCC) acts at three different levels to maintain plasma calcium.

Action on intestine : calcitriol increases the intestinal absorption of calcium and phosphate

→ in the intestinal cells, calcitriol binds with a cytosolic receptor to form a calcitriol-receptor complex.

- This complex interacts with a specific DNA leading to the synthesis of a specific calcium binding protein.
- This protein increases calcium uptake by intestine.
- The mechanism of action of calcitriol is similar to that of steroid hormone.

Action on bone: In osteoblasts of bone, calcitriol stimulates calcium uptake for deposition as calcium phosphate

Recommended dietary Allowance (RDA)

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|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| → Children | - | 10 gm/day or 400 IU/day |
| → Adults | - | 5 gm/day or 200 IU/day |
| → Pregnancy lactation | - | 10 gm/day or 400 IU/day |
| → Above the age of 60 years | - | 600 IU/day |

Source of Vit-D: → Exposure to sunlight produces cholecalciferol.

- Good sources includes - Fatty fish, fish liver oils egg, yolk etc.
- Milk is not a good source.

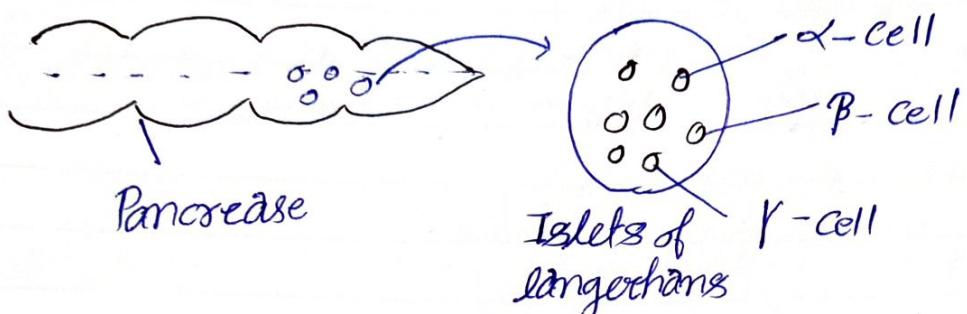
Deficiency of Vitamin-D: Deficiency of vitamin D causes rickets in children and osteomalacia in adults.

- Rickets.
 - It is a vitamin D deficiency state in children.
- Causes: Dietary deficiency and non exposure to sunlight.
- Rickets in children is characterized by bone deformities due to incomplete mineralization.

Insulin and Oral Anti-Diabetic Drugs:

Insulin & Glucagon: Insulin is the hormone secreted in the pancreas by the beta cells of islets of Langerhans.

- Insulin lowers blood sugar level.
- Diabetes mellitus occurs in the absence of insulin secretion



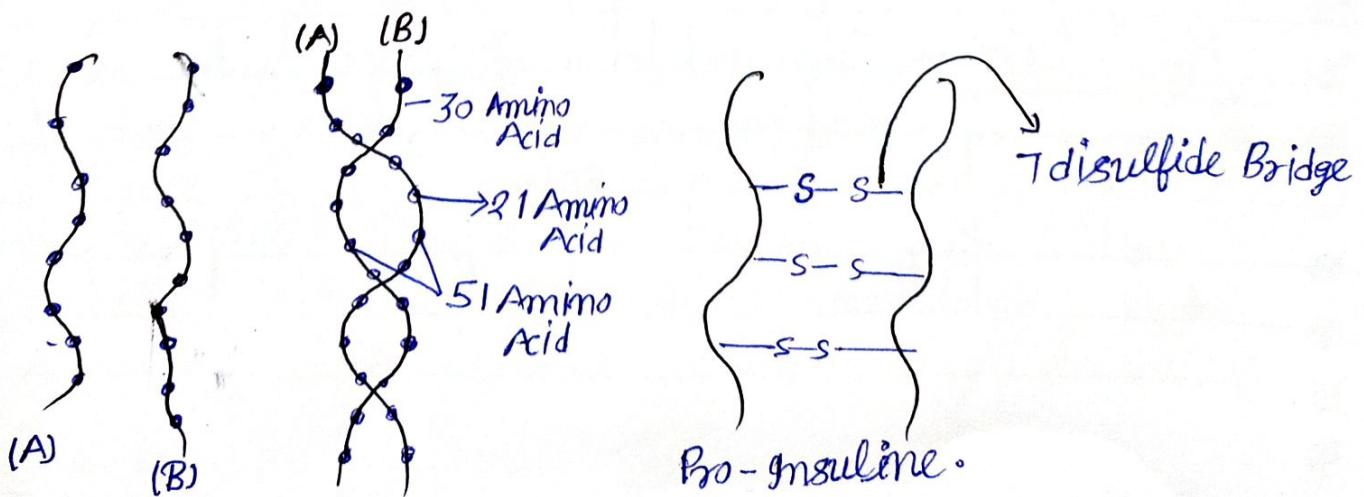
α-cell - Glucagon

β-cell - Insuline

γ-cell - Somatostatin (GH)

Chemistry: Insuline is a polypeptide and it has a molecular weight of about 6000.

- It contains 51 amino acid arranged in two chains viz.
- A chain containing 21 amino acids and B chain containing 30 amino acid.
- These two chains are linked by disulfide bridges.



- Synthesis, storage and release: In the pancreas, insulin is synthesized by beta cells of islets of Langerhans.
- Initially it is synthesized as a single chain polypeptide called proinsulin.
- Proinsulin is $\frac{1}{8}$ th as active as insulin.
- It is later cleaved into A and B chains which are connected by disulfide bridges.
- Insulin is stored in the granules of beta cells.
- It is released in response to a rise in blood glucose level.
- The release of insulin is controlled by the concentration of glucose in blood.

- Transport Fate and Extraction: Insulin circulates in plasma partly in a protein bound form and partly in a free form.
- It is taken up mostly by the liver, kidney and skeletal muscle. No insulin is taken up by red blood cells and brain.
- Insulin is degraded by tissues like liver, kidney, testes and placenta.
- It is metabolized by glutathione - insulin transhydrogenase (insulinase).
- This enzyme separates the two chains.
- The individual chains are degraded by proteolytic enzymes.

- Action of insulin:
 - (A) Liver: In the liver, insulin increases the activity of two enzymes:
 - (i) Glucokinase which increases glucose uptake.
 - (2) Glycogen synthetase which increases glycogen deposition.

→ It decreases the activity of two other enzymes.

- (1) Phosphorylase and cyclic AMP, inhibition of which decreases glycogenolysis (breakdown of glycogen).
- (2) Enzymes concerned with gluconeogenesis (fresh synthesis of glucose from non-carbohydrate sources)
- As a result the breakdown of liver glycogen and fresh synthesis of glucose is decreased.
- But glucose is mobilized to the liver and deposited as glycogen.

(b) Adipose Tissue: insulin increases the permeability,

uptake and metabolism of glucose in the fat cell.

- Increased glucose utilization leads to the synthesis of glycerol, Alpha glycerophosphate and fatty acid.
- The latter two compounds combine to form triglyceride (storage form of fat).
- Thus, insulin induces lipogenesis (synthesis of fat).
- But it prevents lipolysis (break-down of fat).

(c) Skeletal Muscle: insulin stimulates the uptake of glucose

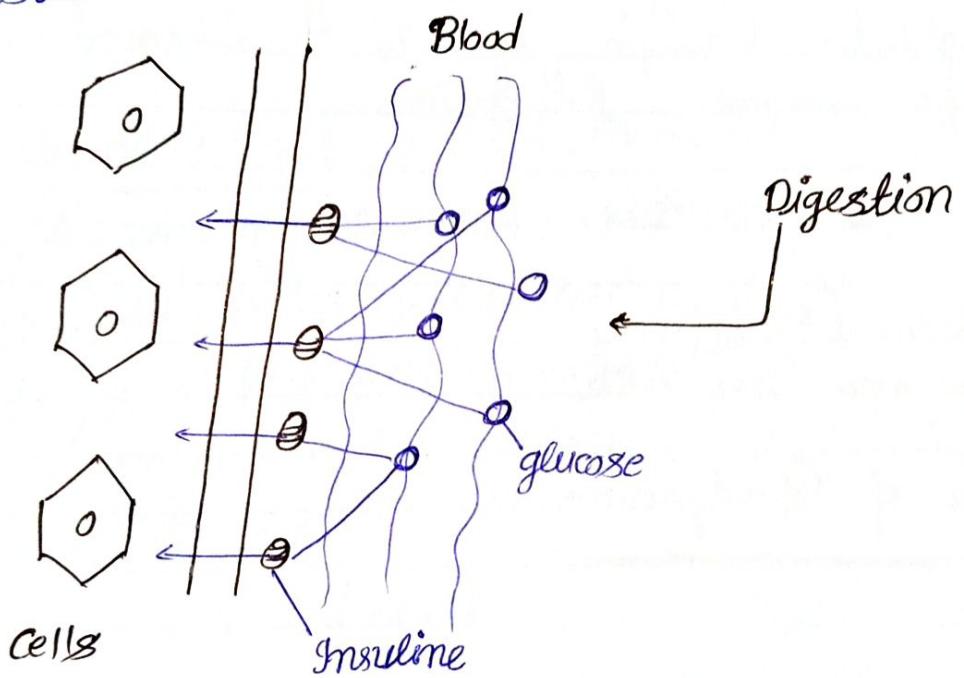
by the muscle cell.

→ It stimulates the entry of amino acid into the cell and its incorporation into protein (Anabolic effect).

→ But it prevents the breakdown of fat in the muscle (Anti-lipolytic Effect).

→ Mechanism of hypoglycemic Action : Insulin lowers blood glucose level by the following mechanisms.

- (1) Insulin promotes glycogen synthesis but prevents glycogen breakdown in the liver.
- (2) It also prevents gluconeogenesis.
- (3) It promotes the uptake and utilization of glucose in the skeletal muscles.
- (4) It also promotes the conversion of glucose to fat in adipose tissue.



Administration : Insulin is destroyed by gastrointestinal enzyme.

- So it is ineffective on oral administration.
 - It is given by parenteral route like subcutaneous injection.
- Adverse Reaction :
- (1) Hypoglycemia : Which may lead to coma and convulsions.

- (2) Allergy : Characterized by itching redness and swelling at the site of injection.

(3)

Lipodystrophy : Due to Atrophy of subcutaneous tissue at the site of frequent injection.

(4) Presbiopia : Due to alteration in the physical properties of lens (of the eyes).

(5) Obesity : Leading to increase in body weight.

→ Therapeutic uses : (1) Treatment of diabetes mellitus.

(2) Treatment of diabetes due to pancreatic diseases.

(3) In schizophrenia where insulin induced coma is useful (insulin shock therapy)

(4) For improving appetite and increasing body weight.

∴ Preparation of insulin : Insulin is a very soluble

→ It is rapidly absorbed and rapidly eliminated.

→ So it has short duration of action.

→ The addition of substances like protamine or zinc decreases the solubility of insulin, these preparations are slowly absorbed and hence have a long duration of action.

→ The common preparation of insulin can be classified as -

Short Acting	Plain insulin insulin zinc suspension (semilente)
Intermediate Acting	Globin zinc insulin Isophane insulin insulin zinc suspension (ultralente)
Long Acting	Protamine zinc insulin insulin zinc suspension

Newer Insulins : Those are purer form of neutral and stable preparations free from proinsulin.

→ Also they are less antigenic and so can be used in patient allergic to beef insulin.

→ But these preparation are expensive.

The preparation are -

(1) Nuiso : It is bovine insulin in clear neutral solution.

(2) Actrapid : It is a clear neutral solution of monocomponent porcine insulin.

(3) Rapidard : It is a cloudy mixture of actrapid and bovine insulin.

(4) Monotard : It contains highly purified porcine insulin.
It is non antigenic.

(5) Human Insulines : They are obtained by recombinant DNA technology from E-coli or yeast. They are widely used as present.

Advantages :

(1) More water soluble.

(2) Rapid S.C absorption.

(3) Useful in insulin resistance.

(4) Useful in allergic to commercial insulin.

(5) Useful for short term use in surgery or infection.

(6) Useful in pregnancy (to treat Gastrointestinal diabetes).

→ Insulin Analogues : They are obtained by recombinant DNA technology.

- They have similar pharmacodynamics as commercial insulins.
- But Pharmacokinetics on s.c injection can be modified so to produce less hypoglycemic episodes. The insulin analogues are (1) Insulin lispro (2) Insulin aspart (3) Insulin glargine.

Newer Insulin delivery devices : The following are the newer insulin delivery devices.

- They have the advantages of easy and accurate administration

- (1) Insulin Syringes.
- (2) Jet injection.
- (3) Pen devices.
- (4) Insulin Pumps
- (5) Implantable Pump.
- (6) External Artificial Pancreas.

⇒ Glucagon :

- It is a polypeptide containing 29 amino acid and has a molecular weight of 3485.
- It is secreted by the alpha cells of the islet of Langerhans.

⇒ Actions :

- (1) A fall in blood glucose level and a rise in plasma amino acid level stimulates the release of glucagon.
- (2) It produces glycogenolysis. As a result, there is a rise in blood glucose level.
- (3) It stimulates gluconeogenesis. The presence of glucocorticoids is necessary for this effect.

(4) It also stimulates lipolysis in peripheral tissue.

Administration : It is destroyed by proteolytic enzyme of gastrointestinal tract. so it is administered by parenteral route.

Preparation And dose : Glucagon hydrochloride 1 mg by subcutaneous or intravenous injection.

Therapeutic uses : It is mainly used in the treatment of insulin induced hypoglycemia.

Oral Antidiabetic Drugs :

→ Insulin is ineffective orally and so it has to be injected but the oral antidiabetic drugs (oral hypoglycemic agent) lower blood glucose level on oral administration.

Classification of drugs :

1. Sulfonylureas	Tolbutamide Chlorpropamide
(a) First Generation	
(b) Second Generation	Glibenclamide Glipizide Glyclazide Glymepride
2. Biguanides	Metformin

Sulfonylureas : These compounds are chemically related to sulfonamides.

→ They have the following basic structure : $R_1-SO_2-NH-CO-NH-R_2$

Pharmacological Actions

- (i) These drugs lower blood sugar level on oral Administration.
- (2) They lower blood sugar lower in diabetic (only in type-2 and not in type-1) and in all non-diabetic individuals
- (3) They are effective only in presence of functional pancreas
- (4) They produce increase in body weight like insulin.

Mechanism of Action: Sulfonylureas act by the following mechanism.

- (i) Stimulation of the synthesis and release of insulin from the beta cells of islets of langerhans.
- (2) Increase in the number of beta cells.
- (3) Inhibition of glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis.
- (4) Decrease in the rate of insulin degradation

Absorption fate and Excretion: Sulfonylureas are rapidly absorbed from gastrointestinal tract.

- They are partly bound to plasma proteins.
- They are metabolized in liver and excreted in urine.

Adverse reaction: (i) Hypoglycemia and this effect is potentiated by salicylates.

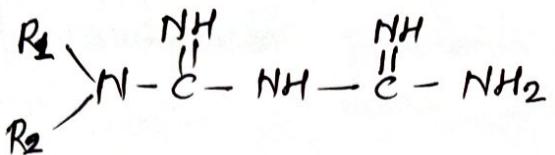
- (2) Allergic reactions leading to skin rashes.
- (3) Bone marrow changes like leucopenia and thrombocytopenia.
- (4) Hypothyroidism and goitre.
- (5) Potentiation of barbiturates and other sedative hypnotics.

Preparation and dose: (i) Tolbutamide tablets - 0.5 g to 1 g daily

(ii) Chlorpropamide Tablets - 250 to 500 mg daily

Therapeutic uses In the treatment of maturity onset diabetes, insulin resistant diabetes and diabetes insipidus.

Biguanides Biguanides have the following general chemical structure.



Pharmacological Action (i) Biguanides lower blood sugar level only in a diabetic individual but not in a normal individual.

- (2) They potentiate the hypoglycemic action of insulin and sulfonylureas.
- (3) They inhibit lipogenesis in adipose tissue.
- (4) They increase fibrinolytic activity of plasma.

Mechanism of Action (1) The presence of exogenous or endogenous insulin is necessary for the action of biguanides but insulin release from pancreas is not stimulated.

- (2) Peripheral utilization of glucose is stimulated.
- (3) Absorption of glucose from intestine is inhibited.

Absorption fate and excretion Biguanides are well absorbed from GIT maximum activity occurs in 4 hrs they are eliminated through urine within 24 hours.

Adverse Reaction (1) Unpleasant bitter or metallic taste.
(2) Abdominal discomfort anorexia and nausea.
(3) Lethargy and muscle weakness.
(4) Lactic acidosis it can be precipitated by alcohol.

Preparation and dose: Metformin tablet 500 to 2000 mg daily

Therapeutic Use: (i) Obese mild diabetics.

(2) Non-diabetic obese patients.

(3) In patients allergic to sulfonylureas.

α -Glucosidase Inhibitors:

Acarbose: It is an α -Glucosidase inhibitor. By reversibly binding with this enzyme, it prevents the absorption of glucose.

This effect occurs in the brush border of small intestine. It can be used with insulin, sulfonylureas or biguanides.

Meglitin: It is another α -Glucosidase inhibitor. It acts by similar mechanism as acarbose.

\therefore ACTH And Corticosteroid:

Pharmacological Action:

- (1) Carbohydrate Protein and Fat Metabolism.
- (2) Electrolyte and water Balance
- (3) Cardio Vascular System.
- (4) Nervous System.
- (5) Skeletal Muscle.
- (6) Anti-Inflammatory Action.
- (7) Anti Allergic Immunosuppression.

(1) Carbohydrates Protein and Fat Metabolism:

- Carbohydrates is the richest source of energy. and they produce ATP in our body.
- And the corticosteroid basically Glucocorticoid maintain the glucose level in our body by the process of breakdown of glucose into glycogen and again breakdown of Glycogen into glucose.
- They also perform the Glycogenolysis, Glycolysis, Gluconeogenesis process and so maintain the glucose level.
- They also helps the breakdown of Protein into amino acid and into the fatty acid and alcohol in the body.

(2) Electrolyte and Water Balance: The second hormone

Mineralocorticoids decrease the excretion of mineral & water.

- And it help in the balancing of the conc of mineral and water in our body.

(3) CVS: They basically do not affect directly into the heart but by the process of water and mineral balance

- They increase the conc. of Na^+ and K^+ , Ca^{2+} in body so it causes the vasoconstriction and they causes the hypertension in the CVS.

(4) Nervous System: Basically they do not affect directly to the nervous system but by the increasing of conc of ions they helps in the repolarisation and depolarisation rate.

(5) Skeletal Muscle: Due to the prominent effect of corticoids upon electrolyte balance Gluconeogenesis and circulatory system the functioning of skeletal muscles is greatly influenced by alterations in plasma corticoid concentrations.

(6) Anti Inflammatory Properties: Edema, Fibrin deposition, capillary dilation, migration of leucocytes into the affected area are the early signs of inflammation which are then associated with redness, swelling and increased pain sensation.

→ The glucocorticoid activity runs parallel with Anti-inflammatory effect of these steroid.

(7) Anti Allergic And Immunosuppressive Action:

Besides their antiinflammatory activity, corticosteroids also have antiallergic activity and when given systemically they alleviate the symptoms of Asthma.

→ They modify the clinical course of a variety of diseases in which hypersensitivity is imp.