Antiparasitics

- = compounds used for treatment of parasitary infestations
- 1. Antoprotozal drugs
- 2. Anthelmintics
- 3. Insecticides, ixodecides and repellents

1. Antiprotozoal drugs

= compounds killing pathogenic protozoa

1.1. Antimalarial drugs

·infectious agents – protozoa of the genus Plasmodium: P. vivax, P. falciparum, P.

malariae, P. ovale



quinine

•isolation from cinchona bark *Cortex chinae* (+ its stereoisomers quinidine, cinchonine, cinchonidine)

•except antimalarial effects has also antirheumatic and antipyretic ones

·"lead compound" for design of newer antimalarials with quinoline skeleton

Antimalarial drugs Quinoline derivatives



 $X = CI \quad R^1 = H \quad chloroquine$ Delagil[®] tbl.

X = F $R^1 = H$ fluoroquineX = CI $R^1 = OH$ hydroxychloroquinePlaquenil[®] drg.

·also treatment of rheumatoid arthritis

•mech. of action: inhibition of transformation of heme, which is toxic for the parasite, into hemozoine, which is not (= "malarial pigment" - non-toxic for *Plasmodium*)

Antimalarial drugs Quinoline derivatives





mefloquine

Lariam[®] tbl. •also prophylactic before a travel to a tropic region primaquine Primaquine[®] tbl. obd. Antimalarial drugs Quinoline derivatives



Antimalarial drugs Pyrimidine derivatives





pyrimethamine

Daraprim[®] •also treatment of toxoplasmosis in combination with sulfadiazine

trimethoprim

Triprim ® tbl. •now more frequently used in antibacterial combinations with sulfonamides Antimalarial drugs Biguanide derivatives



proguanil

Malarone[®] por. tbl. flm. •spectrum: *P. falciparum*

mech. of action: inhibition of dihydrofolate reductase
avoids formation of tissue schizonts (hypnozoites)

Antimalarial drugs Artemisinin and its analogues •cyclic endoperoxides •mech. of action: forming of free radicals, toxic for *Plasmodium*, catalyzed by Fe of heme





artemisinin

sesquiterpene lactone isolated from wormwood Artemisia annua
poor biological availability

artesunate

·used as sodium salt for i.m. administration

Antimalarial drugs Sulfones



dapson

1,1'-bis(4-aminophenyl)sulfone

mode of action: inhibition of folic acid synthesis, inhibition of dihydropteroate synthase (like sulfonamides) in particular
also drug for leprosy

1.2 Antiprotozoal drugs other than antimalarials 5-nitroimidazole derivatives





metronidazole

Entizol® tbl., tbl. vag.

•spectrum: *Trichomonas vaginalis, Entamoeba histolytica, Treponema,* anaerobic bacteria

mechanism of action:
 interference with metabolism

ornidazole

Avrazor® inj.

•spectrum: *Trichomonas vaginalis, Entamoeba histolytica, Giardia intestinalis, Bacteroides,* anaerobic bacteria

mechanism of action: interference with metabolism 1.2 Antiprotozoal drugs other than antimalarials Sulfonamides



sulfadiazine

•One of the short-acting sulfonamides used in combination with pyrimethamine to treat toxoplasmosis in patients with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and in newborns with congenital infections.

sulfadimidine

syn. sulfamethazine [USP] •sodium salt against coccidiosis (caused namely by *Eimeria sp.*) in poultry and rabbits SULFADIMIDIN BIOVETA ® plv. sol. ad us. vet.

mode of action: inhibition of dihydropteroate synthase

= compounds against parasitic worms

Benzimidazole derivatives



tiabendazole

syn. thiabendazole [USAN, BAN]

Mintezol[®] tbl.

·also fungicidal effect

Benzimidazole derivatives

Methyl 1H-benzimidazole-2-carbamates

•mech. of action: selective inhibition of mitosis of both worms and protozoa (binding to tubuline)





Vermox[®] tbl., por. sus.

albendazol Zentel[®] por. sus.

CH

 CH_3

 spectrum: human pinworm *Enterobius vermicularis*, whipworm *Trichuris trichiura*, human large roundworm *Ascaris lumbricoides*, hookworm *Ancylostoma duodenale*, threadworm *Strongyloides strercoralis*, tapeworms *Taenia spp.* etc., also protozoa *Girardia lamblia*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*

Imidazothiazole derivatives



levamisole

S-(-)-2,3,5,6-tetrahyro-6-phenylimidazo[2,1-b]thiazole Decaris[®] tbl.

·ascaridosis, ancylostomosis, strongyloidosis, trichuriosis

•also immunomodulation effect – useful in rheumatoid arthritis, *lupus erythematodes*

Quinoline derivatives



pyrvinium

Pyrvinium[®] susp. as embonate, i.e. salt with 4,4-methylenebis(3-hydroxynaphtalene-2carboxylic)acid •human pinworm *Enterobius vermicularis* Pyrvinium embonate



·pyrvinium embonate (syn. pamoate)

Tetrahydropyrimidine derivatives



1-methyl-2-[(E)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)ethenyl]-1,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine

pyrantel

 mechanism of action: depolarizing neuromuscular-blocking agent, that causes persistent nicotinic activation resulting in spastic paralysis of susceptible nematodes

drug of second-choice after benzimidazoles for

treatment of ascariasis, hookworm, and pinworm infections

•effective after a single dose

Pyrazinoisoquinoline derivatives



2-(cyclohexylcarbonyl)-1,2,3,6,7,11b-hexahydro-4H-pyrazino[2,1-a]isoquinolin-4-one

praziquantel

•treatment of schistosomiasis (blood-flukes or bilharzia or Schistosoma infection)

Halogenated salicylanilides





niclosamide •tapeworms

oxyclozanide

 veterinary medicine: for fasciola (liver fluke) and tapeworms infestations in grazing animals (cattle)

Halogenated salicylanilides



tribromsalan

3. Insecticides Chlorinated compounds



DDT

•fundamental importance for eradication of stings which spreaded malaria and yellow fever •accumulated in organism and in the environment \Rightarrow not used any more



 γ -hexachlorocyclohexane

lindan

Skabicid® drm. eml.

•spectrum: *Sarcoptex scabiei, Phtirius pubis,* louse *Pediculus capitis*

·topical treatment of scabies

·contact, alimentary and inhalation neural poisons for insects

Insecticides Chlorinated compounds



dieldrine

•mechanism of action: inhibition of GABA-receptors

•obsolete: resistance, residues in environment

Insecticides Organic compounds of phosphorus Esters of (thio)phosphoric acid & (thio)phosphonic acids





Y= O, S $R^{1}- R^{4} = alkyl, aryl$

organophosphates, organophophothioates

organophosphonates, organophosphothionates

·irreversible cholinesterases inhibitors \Rightarrow strong parasympathomimetics

Insecticides Organic compounds of phosphorus Esters of phosphoric acid & phosphonic acids





dichlorvos Nuvan Top[®] spray a.u.v.

metriphonate syn. trichlorfon [USAN] Arpalit[®] spray a.u.v.

against fleas in furs (hair) of dogs and cats

Insecticides Organic compounds of phosphorus Esters of thiophosphoric acid & thiophosphonic acids



$H_{3}C \qquad N \qquad CH_{3}$ $H_{3}C \qquad O-P=S$ O-P=S O CH_{3}

cythioate

Cyflee[®] sol. a.u.v.

dimpylate

syn. diazinon Droplix[®] a.u.v.

•transcutaneously absorbed, kills parasites on whole body surface

Insecticides Selective inhibitors of GABA-receptors



fipronil

•blocks GABA-receptors of insects which basically differs from mammalian ones in both structure and function

highly selective toxicity for insects

Certifect $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ "spot-on" pipettes (+ (S)-methoprene and amitraz) against ticks, fleas and chewing lice in dogs

Insecticides Insect hormone analogues H₃C CH₃ H₃C CH₃ Η CH_3 H₃C CH_3

methoprene

juvenile hormone analogue and insect growth regulator used to control insects by disrupting metamorphosis
absorbed into flea eggs or larvae, where it stops their development
effective also in controlling mosquito larvae

Certifect ®





N-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-*N*-{(*E*)-[(2,4-dimethylphenyl)imino]methyl}-*N*-methylimidoformamide

1,5-bis(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-methyl-1,3,5-triazapenta-1,4-diene

amitraz

•mode of action: stimulates the nervous systems of ticks, leading to hyperactivity and death of them.

Certifect ®

Repellents





R = H N,N-diethylbenzamide

 $R = CH_3$

N,N-diethyl-*m*-toluamide (= 3-methylbenzoic acid diethylamide)

•only repel, do not kill insects and ticks
•used in repellent gels, creams and lotiones in concentrations 10 – 20 %

N-butylacetanilide (= N-butyl-N-phenylacetamide)