

# **Analgesics - antipyretics**

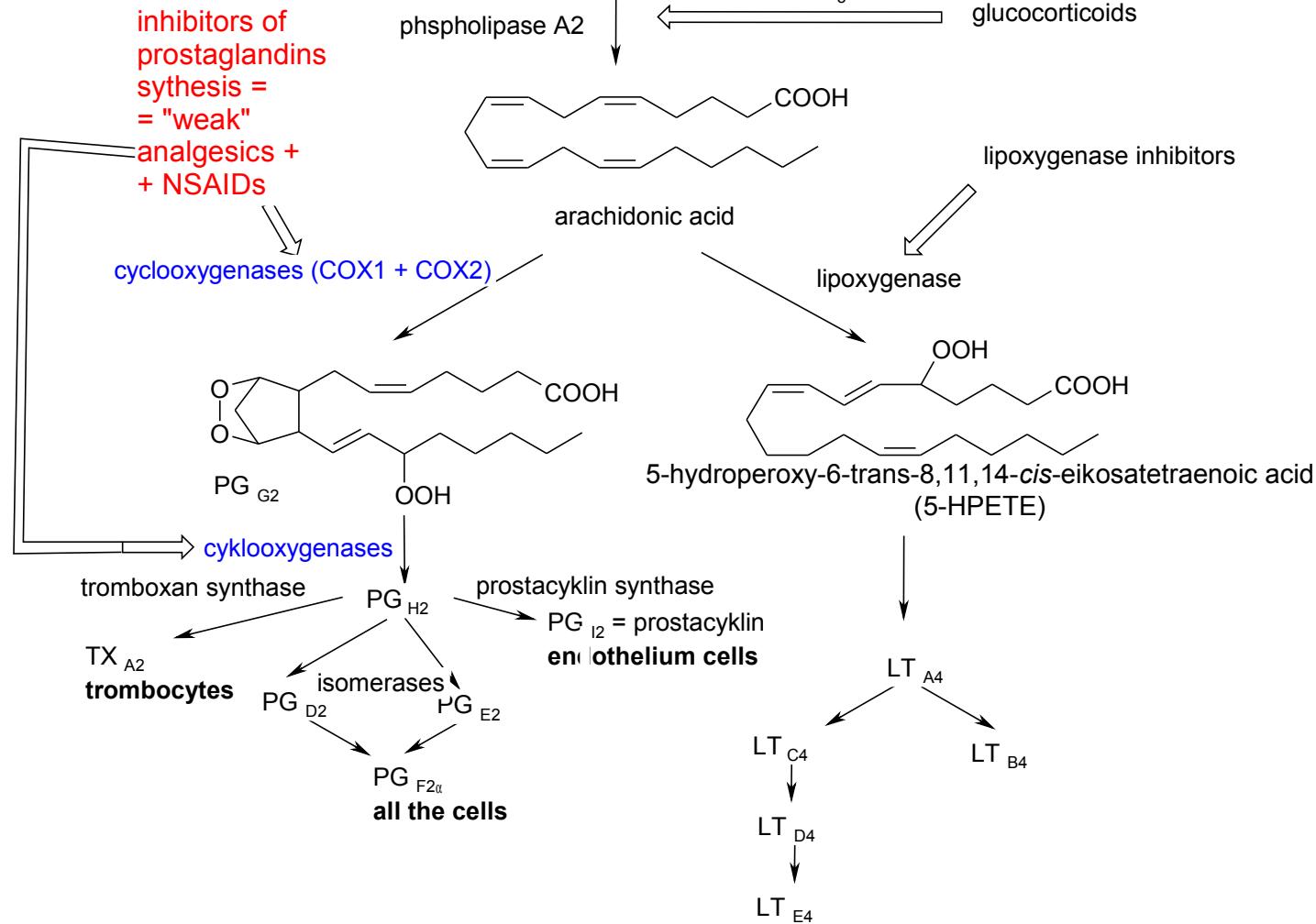
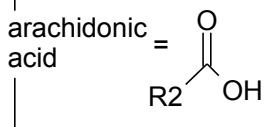
= „weak“ analgesics

= non-opioid analgesics

Most of them also

- non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- antirheumatics

# Metabolism of eicosanoids



## Effects of prostaglandins

Prostaglandin E, F<sub>2α</sub> : ache, fever, inflammation, secretion of HCl ↓,  
stomach mucosa capillaries dilation, contraction of uterus, kidneys: excretion of Na<sup>+</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>O ↑

Prostacyclin (prostaglandin I<sub>2</sub>): vasodilation, platelets aggregation inhibition

Tromboxan: vasoconstriction, platelets aggregation activation

Leukotriens: allergic reactions (e.g. asthma bronchiale)

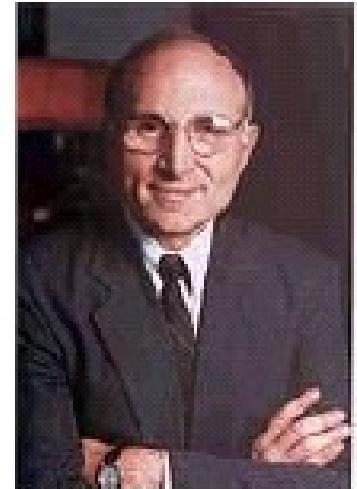
# Cyclooxygenases (= prostaglandin G/H synthases)

## COX1

Constitutive: in all the tissues

Functions:

- protection of stomach mucosa (vasodilation)
- diuresis
- platelets aggregation (TXA)



Philipp Niedermann

## COX2

Constitutive: kidneys, brain (co-localized with cyclins D<sub>1</sub> and E)

discoverer of COX  
isoenzymes

Inducible: macrophages, neutrophils, fibroblasts, endothelium cells

(1989)

Functions:

- vasodilatation (PG I<sub>2</sub>)
- childbirth (uterus contractions)
- inflammation processes

COX3 ?? (= COX1b; brain ?)

# **Classification of COX inhibitors**

## **(antipyretics, NSAIDs)**

### **Non-selective (COX1 + COX2)**

- Anilides
- Salicylates
- Phenamates
- Aryl- and heteroaryl alkanoic acids
  - Aryl- and heteroaryl acetic acids
  - Aryl- and heteroaryl propionic acids

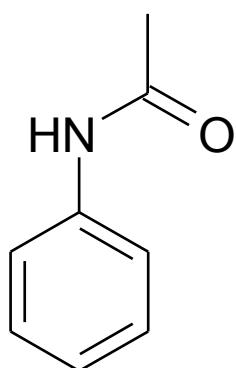
- Oxicames
- 1,2-Dihydropyrazolidine-3-ones
- 2,5-Pyrazolidinediones

**Selective (COX1<COX2): nimesulide**

**Specific (COX2)**

- Coxibes

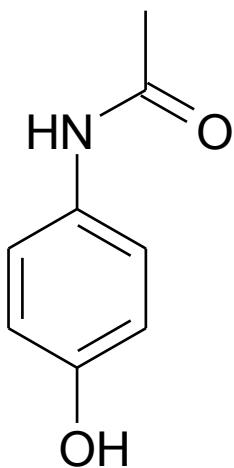
# Anilides



**acetanilide**

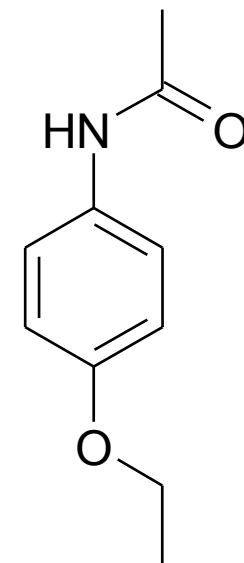
N-phenylacetamide

1886: Antifebrin®



**paracetamol  
(acetaminophen)**  
4-(acetylamino)phenol

***para*-(acetylamino)phenol**  
***p*-(acetylamino)phenol**  
Paralen®, Panadol®....



**phenacetin**  
N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)acetamide

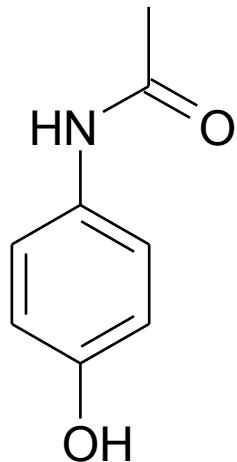
**nephrotoxicity**

Dinyl® - analg.  
mixture with caffeine,  
aminophenazone and  
barbiturates

# Paracetamol

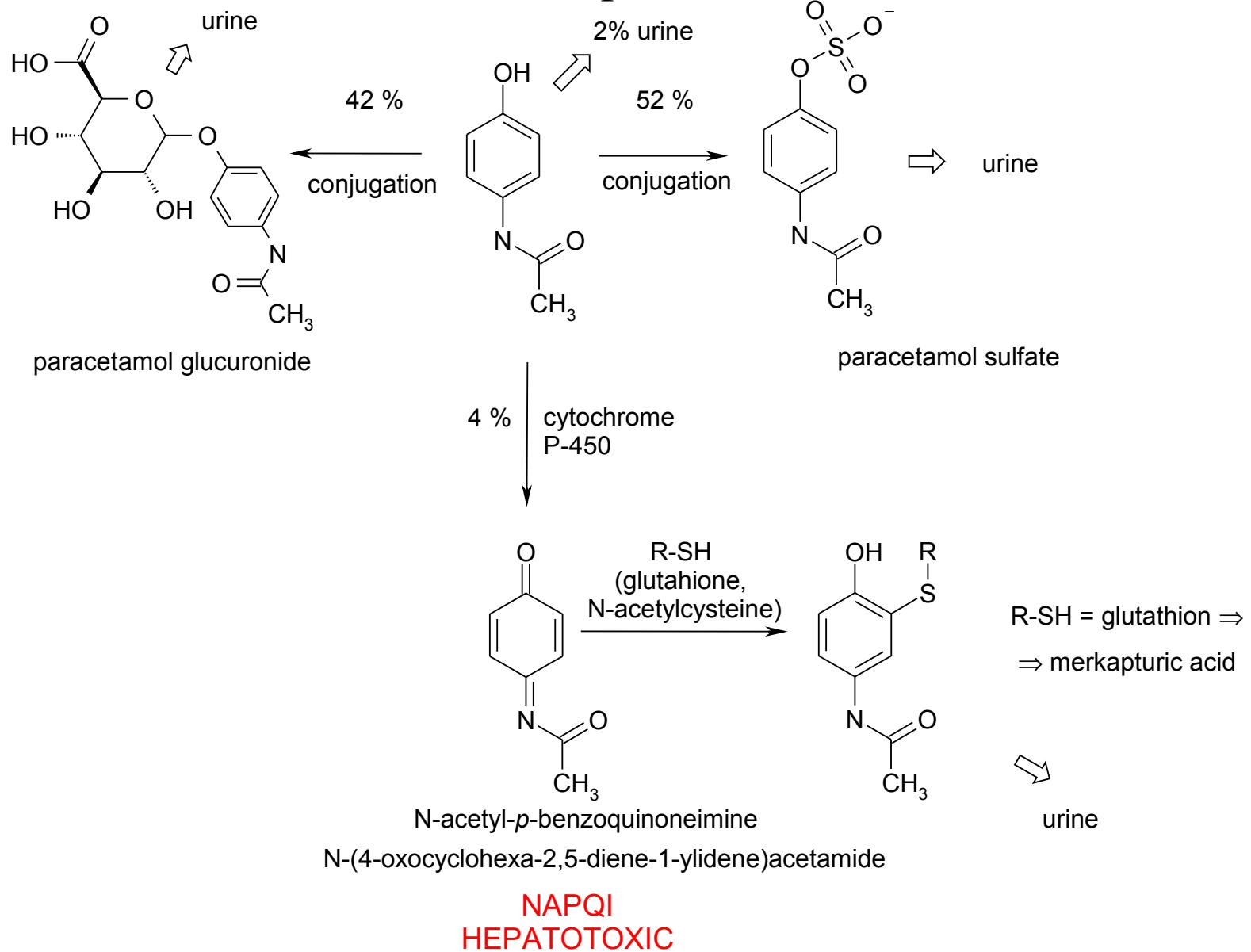
- inhibits COX only in CNS (COX3 ?) not in periphery ⇒
- effects: analgesic, antipyretic (not antiinflammatory, antirheumatic)

Usage in mixtures with



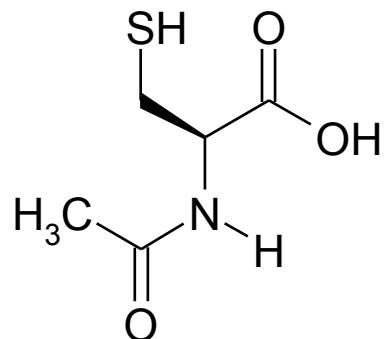
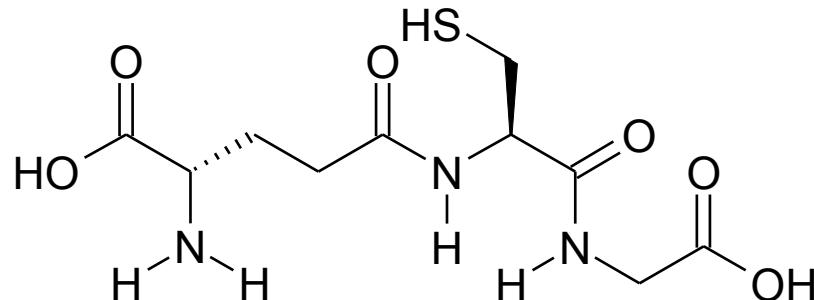
- codeine, caffeine ⇒ effect enhancement (Korylan tbl.®, Panadol tbl.®, Efferalgan codein tbl. eff.®)
- expectorants (guajfenesin, terpin)
- antitussives (dextromethorphan)
- H<sub>1</sub>-antihistamines (pheniramine, chlorphenamine, dimenhydrinate, promethazin, doxylamin) together with α-sympathomimetics (phenylefrine, pseudoephedrine)
- spasmolytics (pitophenon)
- myorelaxants (chlorzoxan, carisoprodol)
- NSAID (acetylsalicylic acid, propyphenazon – Valetol®)

# Metabolism of paracetamol



# Thiols detoxicating N-acetyl-p-benzoquinoneimine

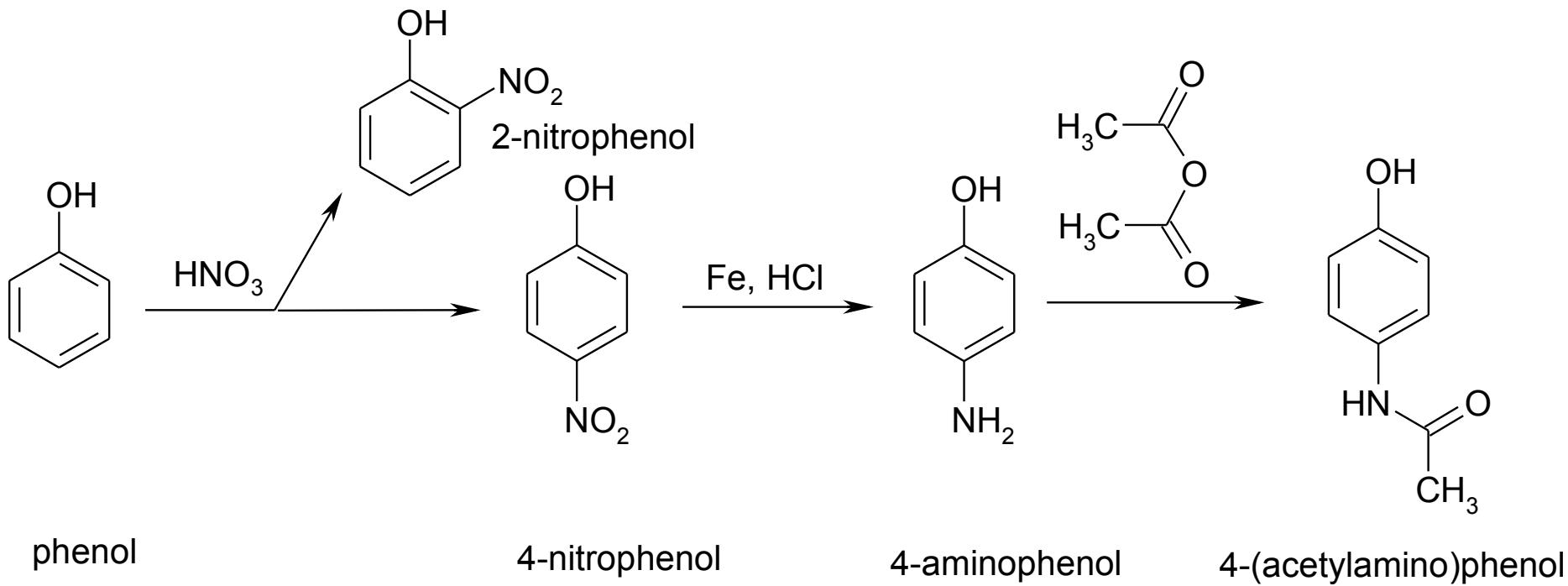
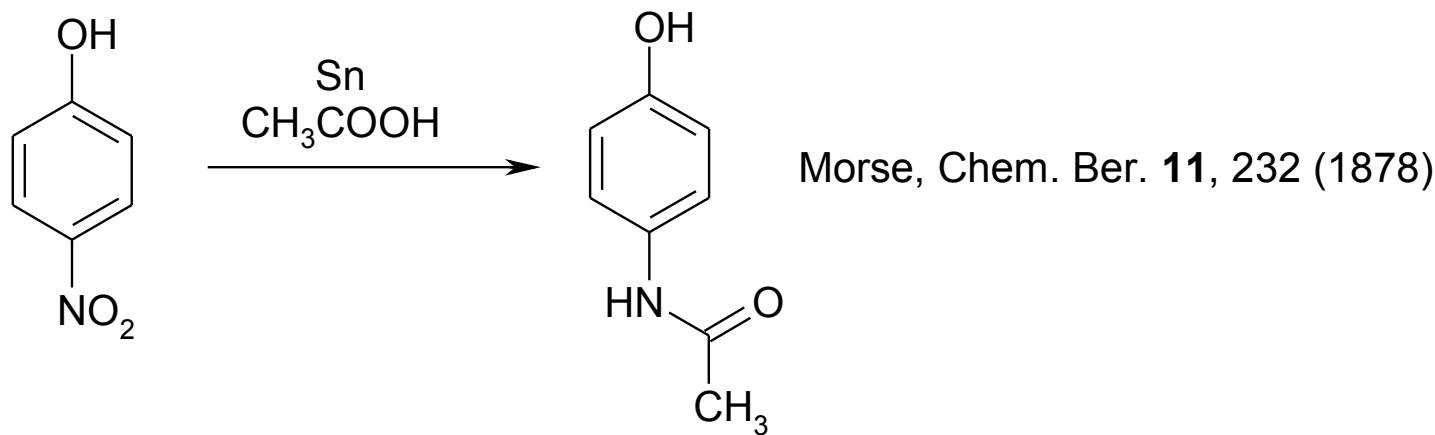
$\gamma$ -Glu-Cys-Gly



N-acetyl-L-cysteine  
mucolytic

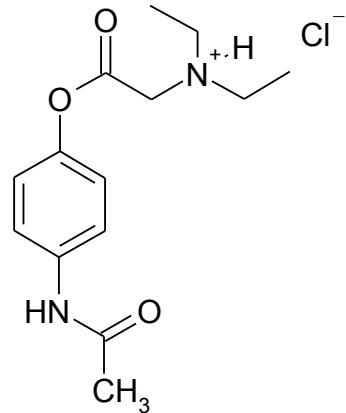
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# Synthesis of paracetamol



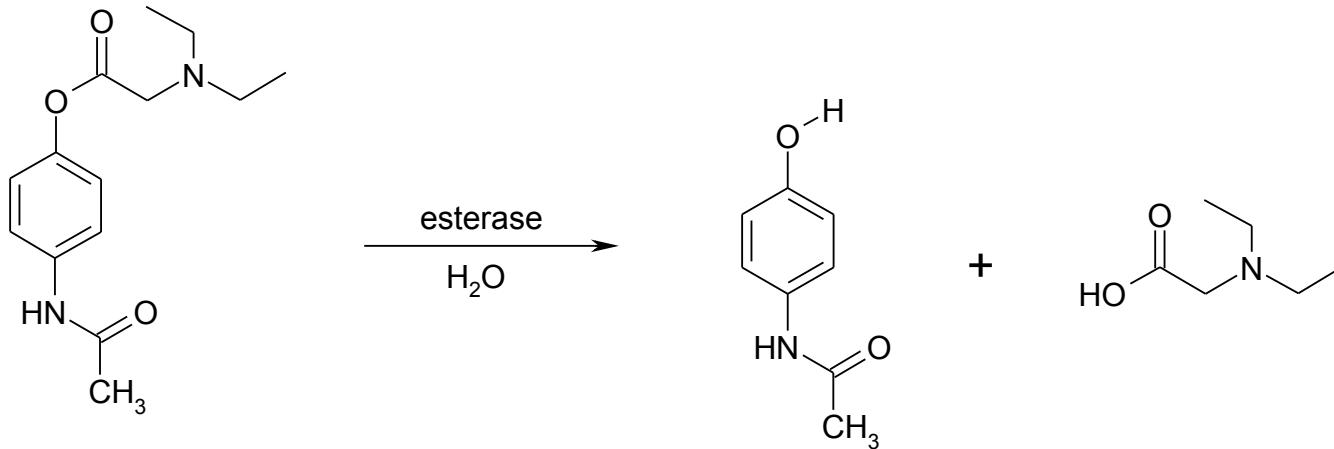
# Propacetamol – paracetamol prodrug

- for intravenous application

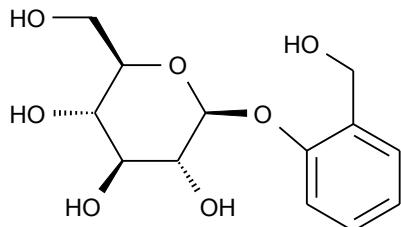


4-(acetylamino)phenyl-N,N-diethylglycinate hydrochloride  
2-[4-(acetylamino)phenoxy]-N,N-diethyl-2-oxoethaneaminium chloride  
**propacetamol hydrochloride**

Pro-Dafalgan® (*UPSA Laboratoires*)



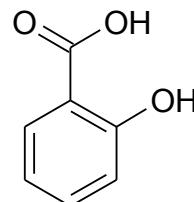
# Salicylates



salicin  
(2-hydroxymethylphenyl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside

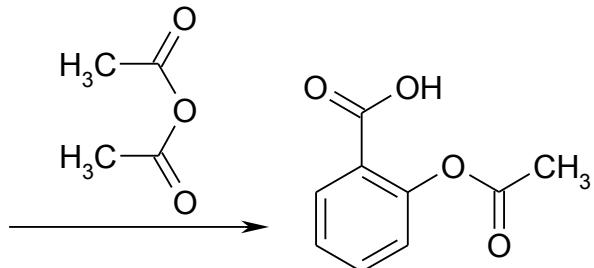
1827 Leroux: isolation from willow

hydrolysis  
oxidation



salicylic acid  
2-hydroxybenzoic acid

1838 Piria: the first synthesis  
since 1878 used as antipyretic  
and antirheumatic



acetylsalicylic acid  
2-acetoxybenzoic acid

1897 Felix Hoffmann - industrial  
synthesis  
1899 – Aspirin® (Bayer)



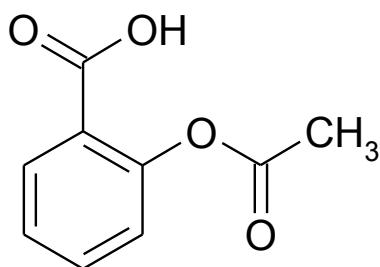
Felix Hoffmann



Sir John R. Vane



# Effects of acetylsalicylic acid



„Wanted“:

- antipyretic
- analgesic
- anti-inflammatory
- antirheumatic
- antithrombotic ( $\downarrow$  platelets aggregation) – Anopyrin®



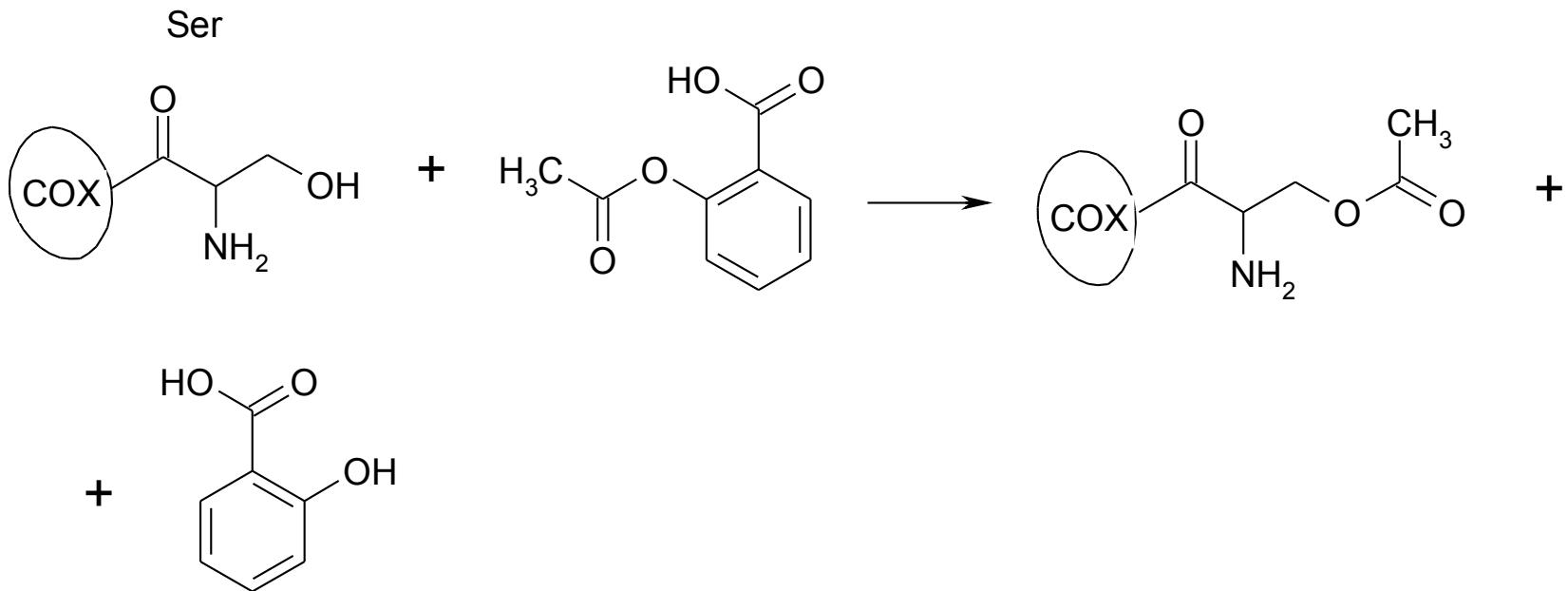
„Unwanted“:

- ulcerogenic
- Rey syndrom in children after viral infection (hepatopathy, encephalopathy)  $\Rightarrow$  **contra-indication in children**
- bleeding (e.g. from nose -  $\downarrow$  platelets aggregation)

**Intoxication** = „salicylism“ – infliction of CNS (psychical malfunctions, buzz in ears, dizziness, deafness), metabolic acidosis

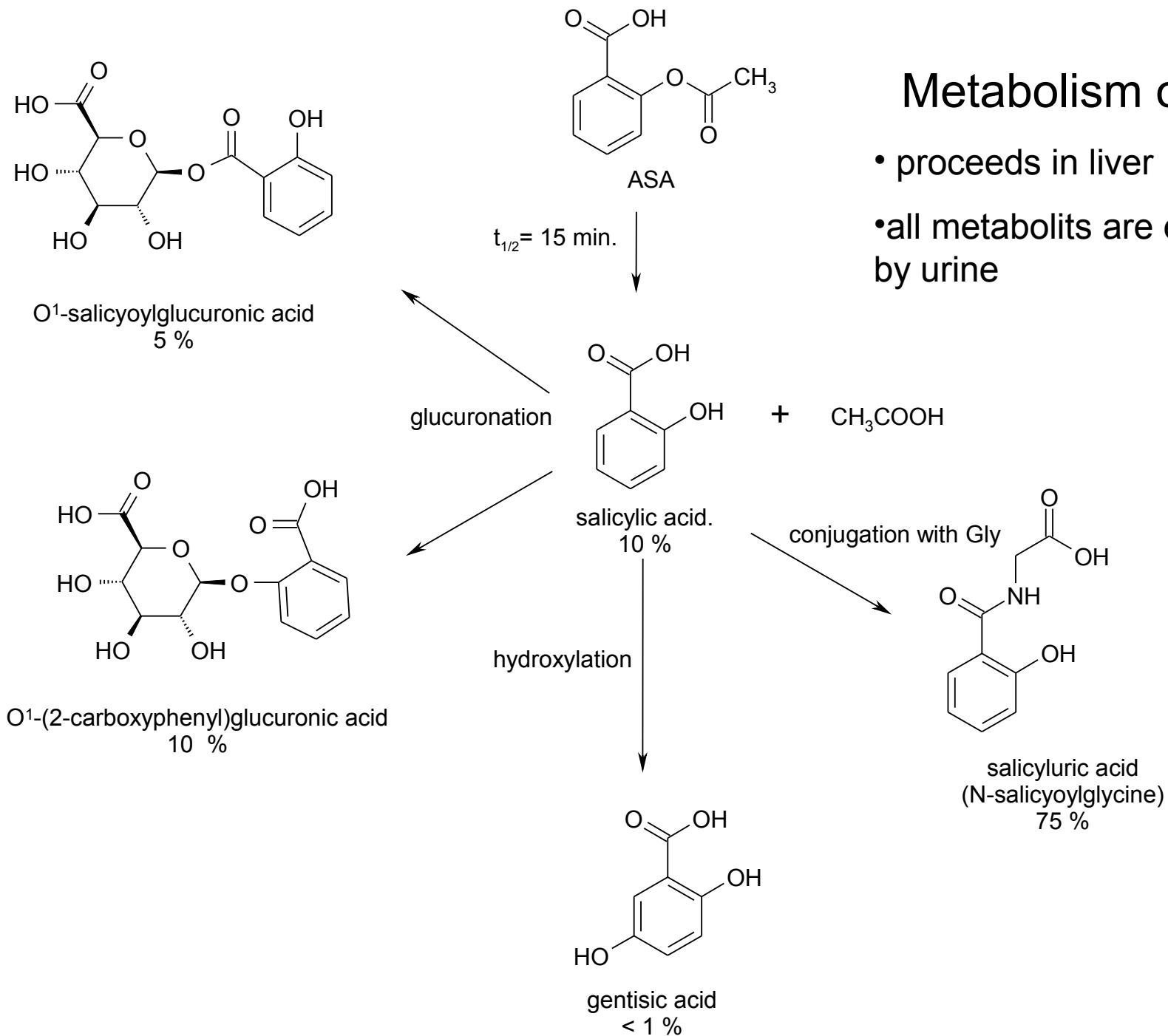
# Mechanism of action of acetylsalicylic acid (ASA)

- irreversible inhibition of cyclooxygenases by acetylation of serine rest

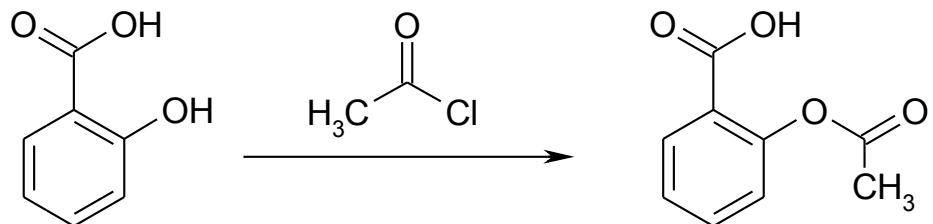


## Metabolism of ASA

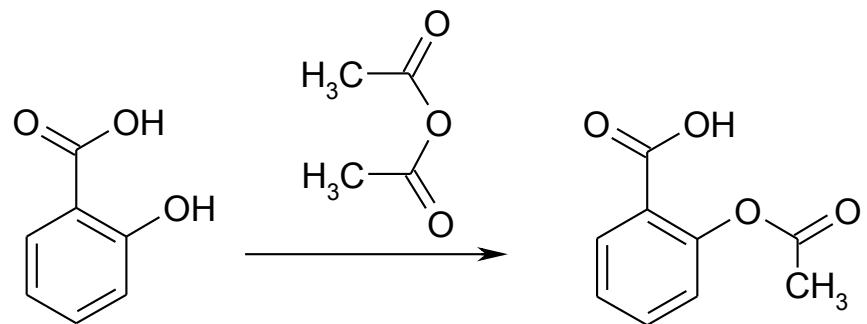
- proceeds in liver
- all metabolites are excreted by urine



# Syntheses of ASA

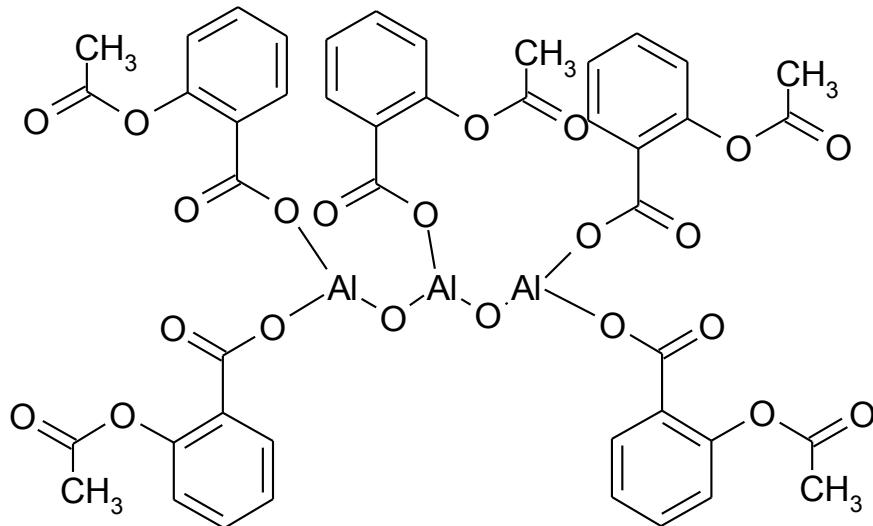


Gerhardt, Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem. **87**, 164 (1853)  
Gilm, Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem. **112**, 181 (1859)  
Kraut, Justus Liebigs Ann. Chem. **150**, 10 (1869)



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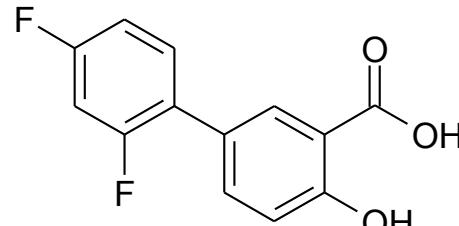
## Other salicylates



pentakis(acetylosalicyloyloxy)trialuminium dioxide

aloxiprin

Superpyrin®



2',4'-difluoro-4-hydroxy-1,1'-biphenyl-3-carboxylic acid

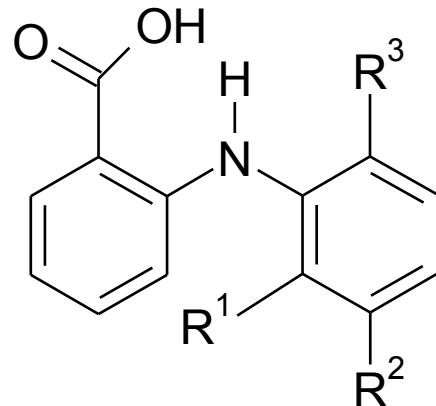
diflunisal

Unisal® tbl.

## Anthrаниlic acid derivatives – phenamates

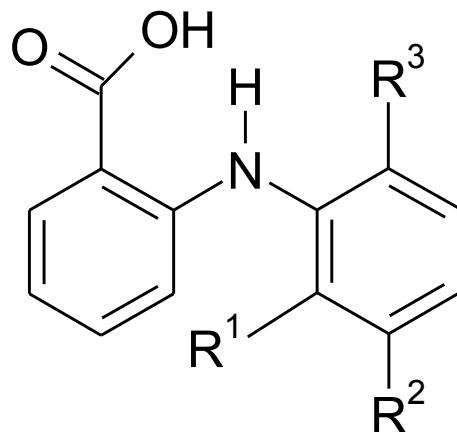
= substitution derivatives of 2-phenylaminobenzoic acid

- derived from salicylates by substitution of hydroxy group with (phenyl)amino moiety



- aromatic amino acids
- substituted on the aniline ring only
- inhibit both COX1 and COX2 (selectivity?; COX3?)
- analgesics, antipyretics, antimigraines, anti-inflammatory

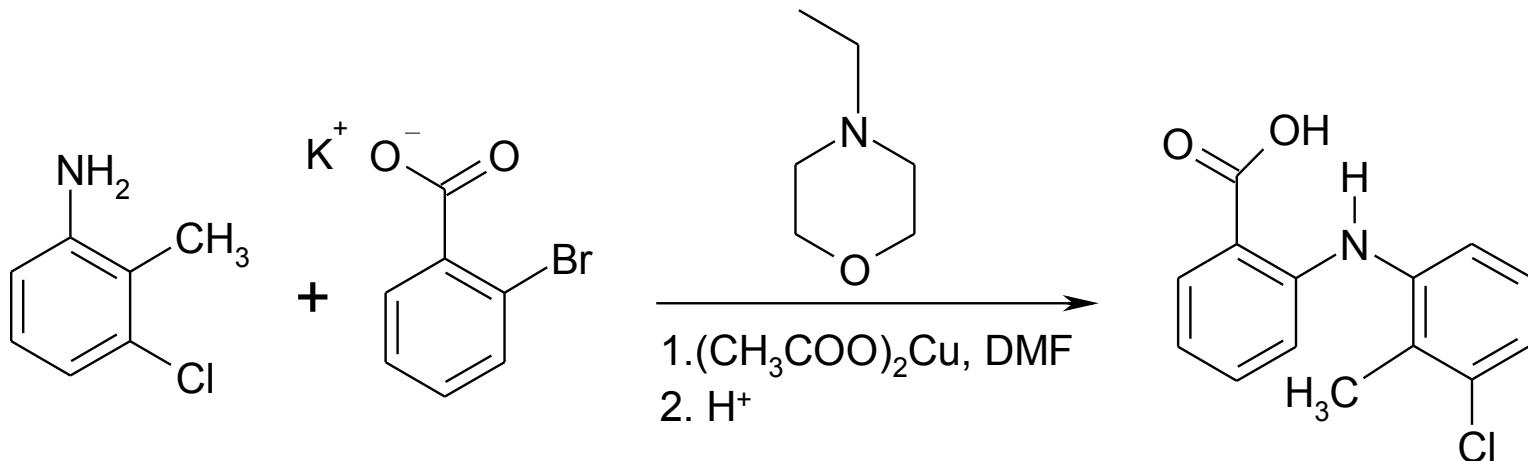
# Phenamates



R¹	R²	R³	Chemical name	INN / preparation
-CH <sub>3</sub>	-CH <sub>3</sub>	-H	2-(2,3-dimethylphenylamino)-benzoic acid	<b>mephenamic acid</b>
-Cl	-CH <sub>3</sub>	-Cl	2-(2,6-dichloro-3-methylphenylamino)benzoic acid	<b>meclophenamic acid</b>
-CH <sub>3</sub>	-Cl	-H	2-(3-chloro-2-methylphenylamino)benzoic acid	<b>tolphenamic acid</b> Migea rapid®
-H	-CF <sub>3</sub>	-H	2-(3-trifluoromethylphenylamino)benzoic acid	<b>fluphenamic acid</b>

## Tolphenamic acid

### Synthesis



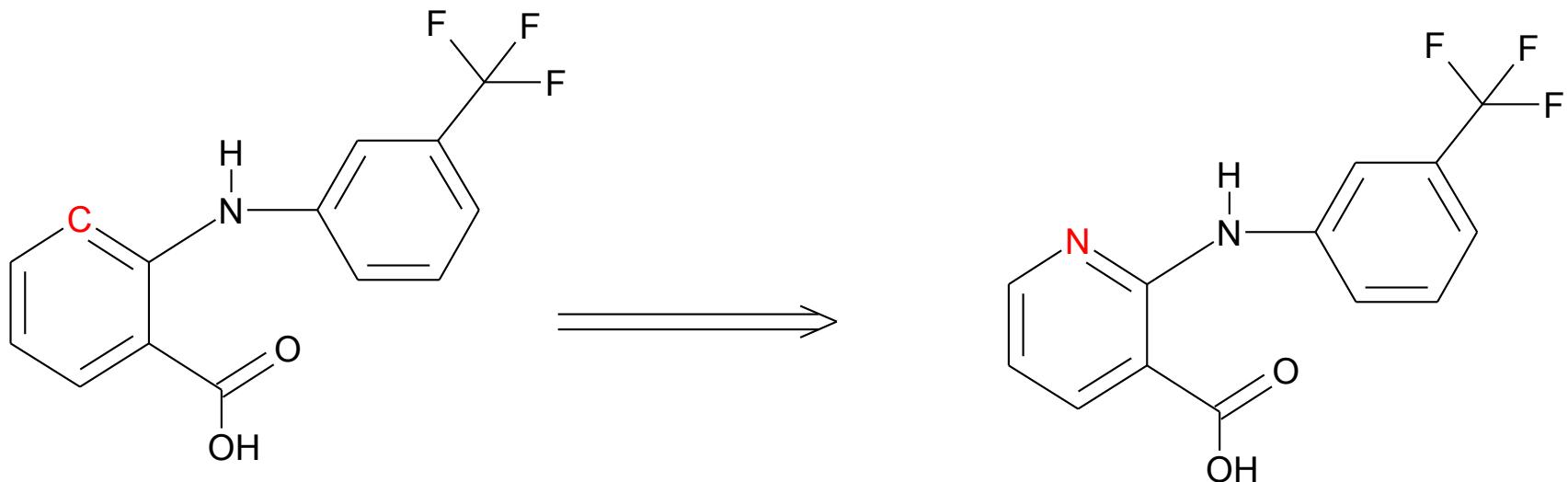
Kaltenbronn J.S. et al., Arzneim. Forsch **33**, 621-627 (1983)

### Selectivity against COXs

$$\frac{IC_{50}(COX1)}{IC_{50}(COX2)} = 10$$

Grossmann C. J. et al., Inflammation Res. **44**, 253-257 (1995)

## Niflumic acid and its esters



fluphenamic acid

**niflumic acid**

- isosteric substitution benzene  $\Rightarrow$  pyridine, or  $-\text{CH}= \Rightarrow -\text{N}=$
- inhibit both COX1 and COX2
- anti-inflammatory, antirheumatics; usually topically administered

## Niflumic acid and its esters

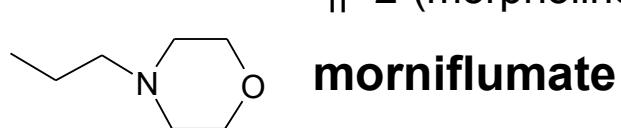
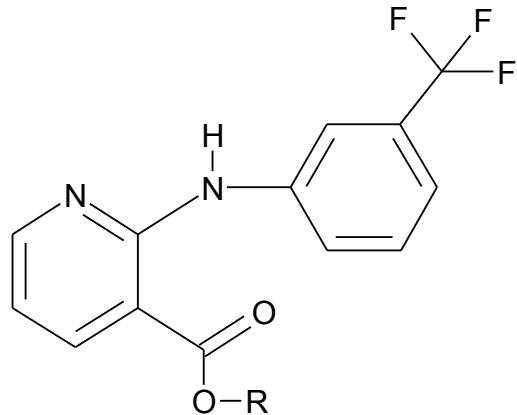
- esters are prodrugs which can better penetrate through the skin

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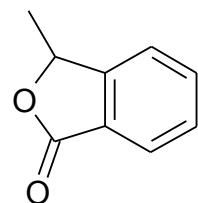
2-{[(3-trifluormethyl)phenyl]amino}nicotinic acid

—H    **niflumic acid**

Niflугel®, Nifluril®



-||- 2-(morpholine-4-yl)ethylester  
**morniflumate**

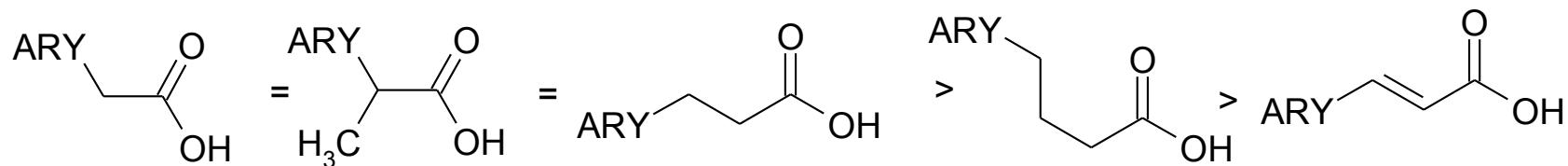


-||- 1-oxo-2-(3H)-benzofurane-3-ylester  
**talniflumate**

# Aryl- and heteroarylalkanoic acids

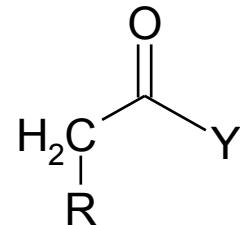
## Structure-activity relationships (SAR)

- the aliphatic part of the molecule is more specific for the effect than the aromatic one



ARY = aryl, heteroaryl

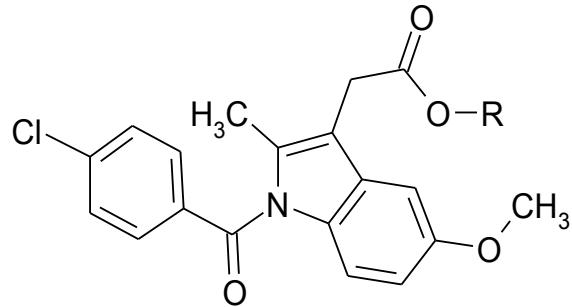
## Aryl- and heteroarylacetic acids and their functional derivatives



R = aryl or heteroaryl  
Y = OH, NHOH, NHR, OCH<sub>2</sub>COOH, or other

- antirheumatics, anti-inflammatory, analgesics, antipyretics
- inhibition of both COX1 and COX2
- adverse effects (AE) like in salicylates

## Aryl- and heteroarylacetic acids and their functional derivatives (fenacs)



R = H

[1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl]acetic acid  
**indomethacin**

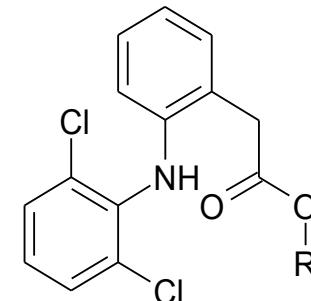
- used since 1963

- now mainly topically

Indobene® cps, Bonidon® gel,  
Elmetacin® spr

R = OCH<sub>2</sub>COOH

[1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl]acetic acid  
caboxymethylester  
**aceemetacin**



R = H

{2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl}acetic acid  
**diclofenac**

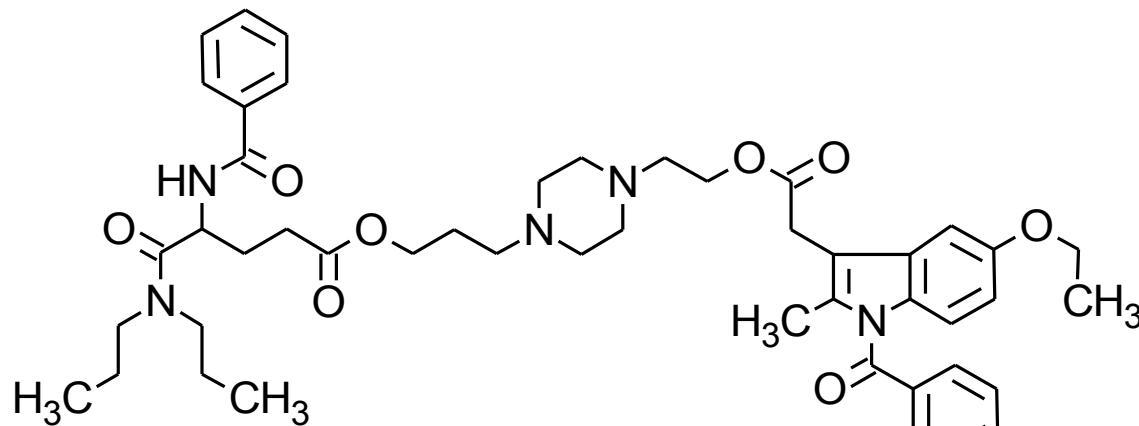
- used since 1975

Voltaren®, Veral®, Myogit®,  
Diclorem®

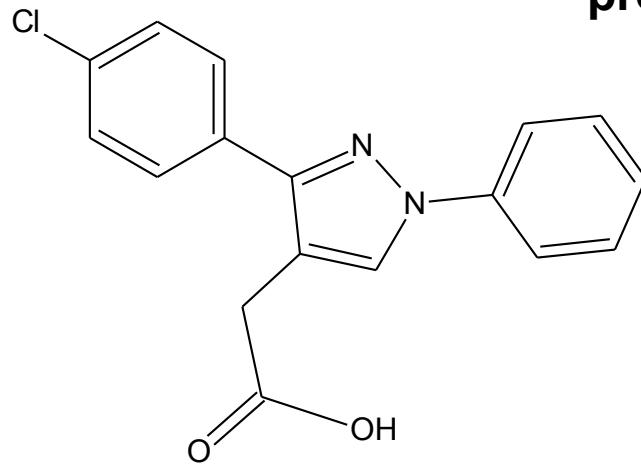
R = OCH<sub>2</sub>COOH

{2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]phenyl}acetic acid  
carboxymethylester  
**aceclofenac**

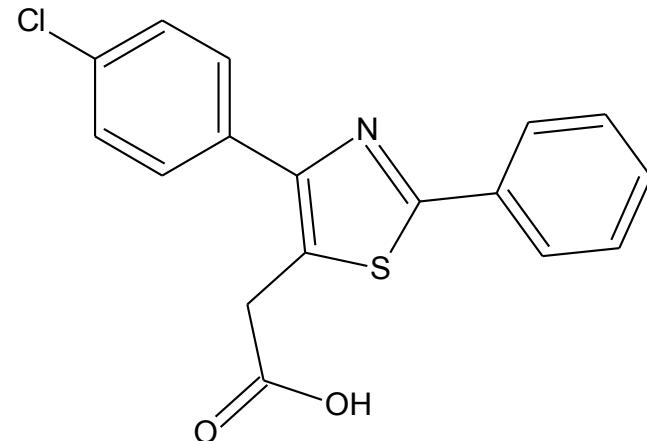
# Heteroarylacetic acids and their derivatives



# **proglumetacin**



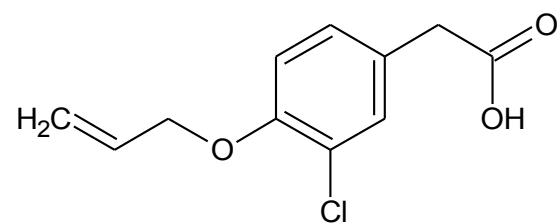
[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole-4-yl]acetic acid  
**lonazolac**



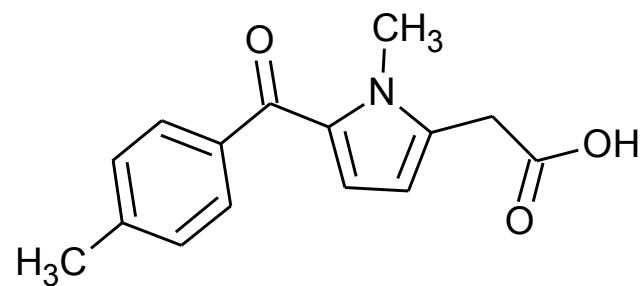
**[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazole-5-yl]acetic acid  
fentiazac**

- isosteres

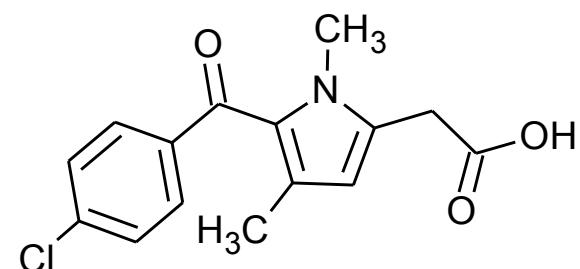
## Aryl- a heteroarylacetic acids



**alclofenac**



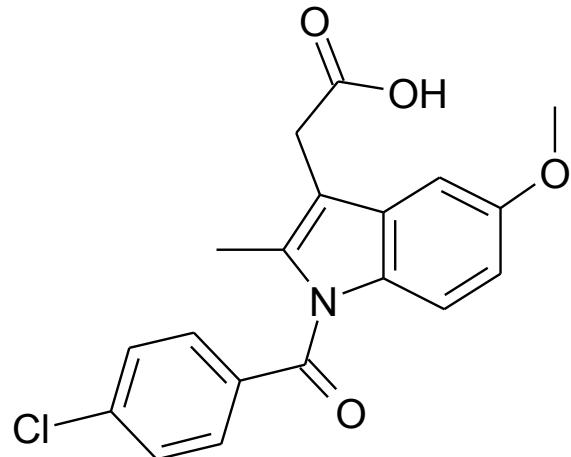
**tolmetin**



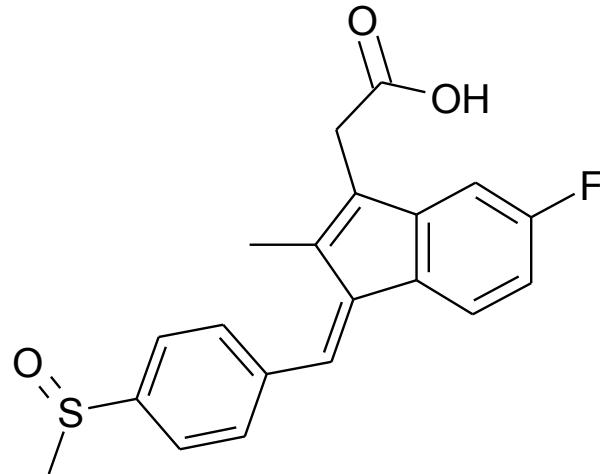
**zomepirac**

## Aryl- a heteroarylacetic acids

- examples of isosterism of rings and functional groups

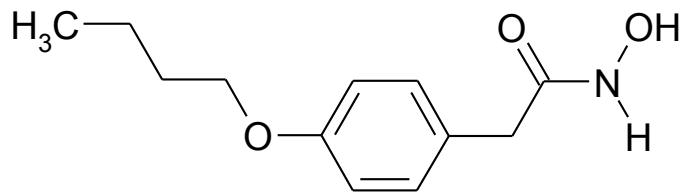


[1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-  
1H-indol-3-yl]acetic acid  
**indomethacin**



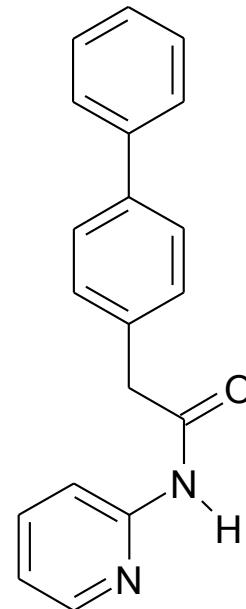
[6-fluoro-3-(4-methanesulfinylbenzylidene)-2-methyl-  
3H-indene-1-yl]acetic acid  
**sulindac**

# Nitrogenous functional derivatives of aryl- and heteroarylacetic acids

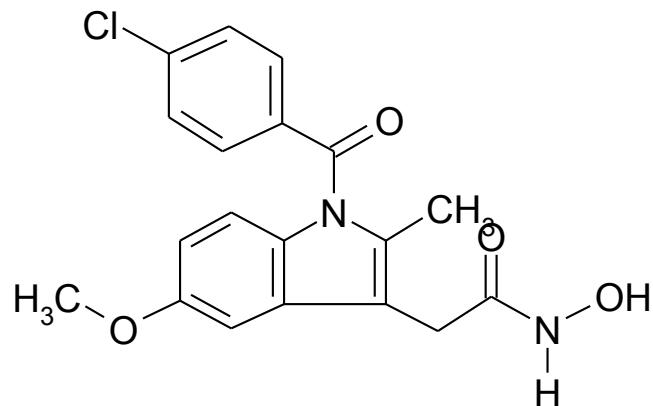


2-(4-butoxyphenyl)-N-hydroxyacetamide  
2-(4-butoxyphenyl)acetohydroxamic acid

**bufexamac**



1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl-N-pyridine-2-yl-acetamide  
**difenpiramide**



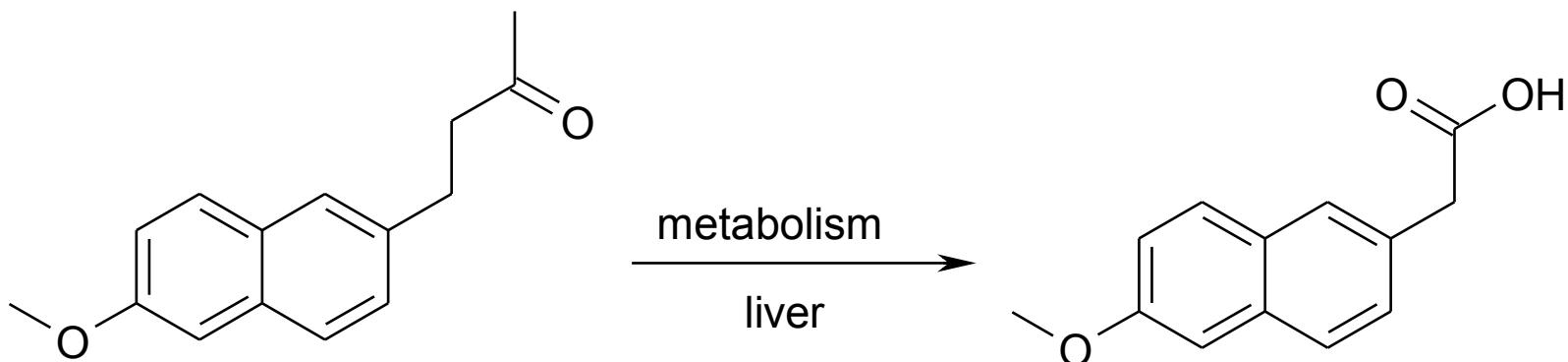
2-[1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indole-3-yl]-  
N-hydroxyacetamide

2-[1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indole-3-yl]-  
acetohydroxamic acid

**oxametacin**

## Nabumeton

•a prodrug



4-(6-methoxynaphthalene-2-yl)butan-2-one

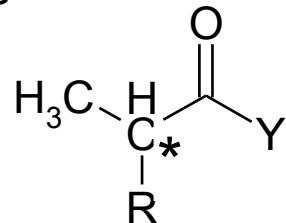
**nabumetone**

Relifex® tbl. obd.

2-(6-methoxynaphthalene-2-yl)acetic acid  
(6MNA)

active metabolit

## **2-aryl- and 2-heteroarylpropionic acids and their functional derivatives**

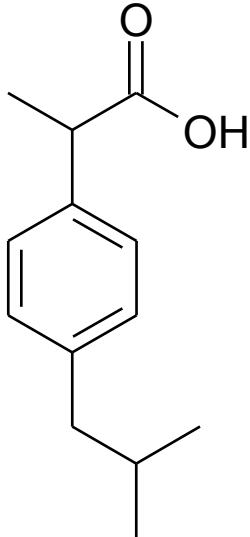


R = aryl or heteroaryl

Y = OH or NHOH

- chiral compounds (S-enantiomer often much more active)
- pain relief, antirheumatics, anti-inflammatory, antipyretics
- inhibition both COX1 and COX2; COX2 a little more
- AE like salicylates but weaker

## 2-arylpropionic acids



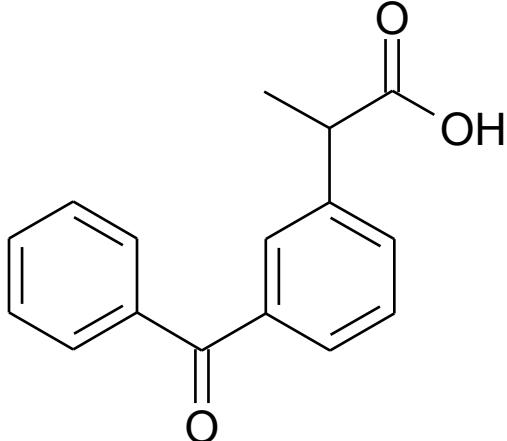
R = OH  
(R,S)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)-  
propionic acid

**ibuprofen**

Brufen®, Ibalgin®

(S)- form = dexibuprofen  
Seractil®

R = NHOH **ibuproxam**

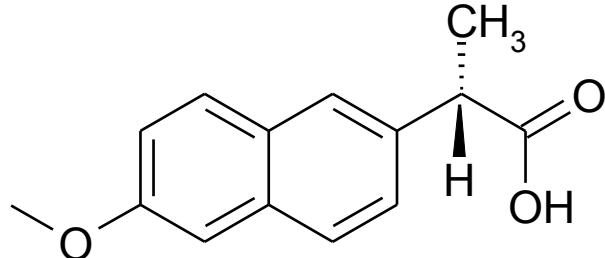


2-(3-benzoylphenyl)-  
propionic acid

**ketoprofen**

Fastum®Gel,  
Kepabene®tbl

(S)-form =  
**dexketoprofen**  
Sympal®  
tbl.obd.

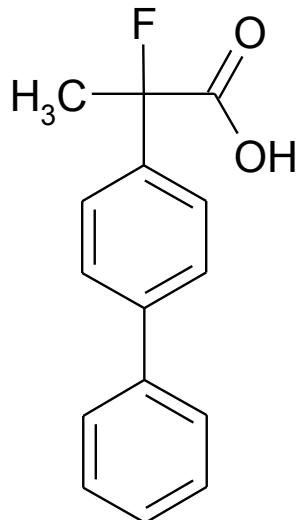


(+)-S-2-(6-methoxynaphthalene-2-yl)-  
-propionic acid

**naproxen**

Naprosyn®,  
Naprobene®

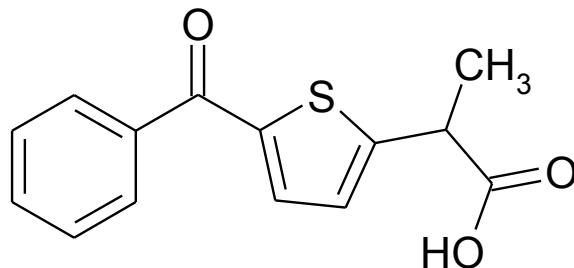
## 2-aryl- and 2-heteroarylpropionic acids



2-biphenyl-4-yl-2-fluoropropionic acid

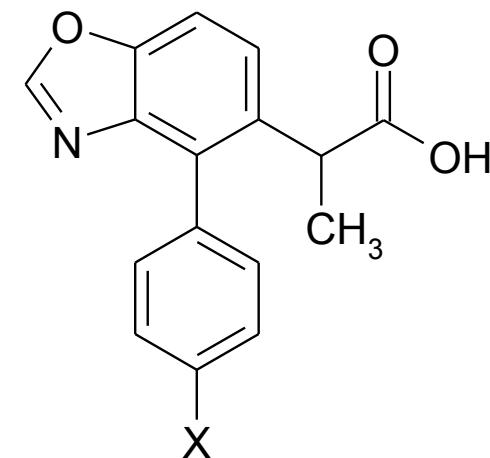
**flurbiprofen**

Ansaid®, Flugalin®



**tiaprofenic acid**

Surgam®, Thialgin®



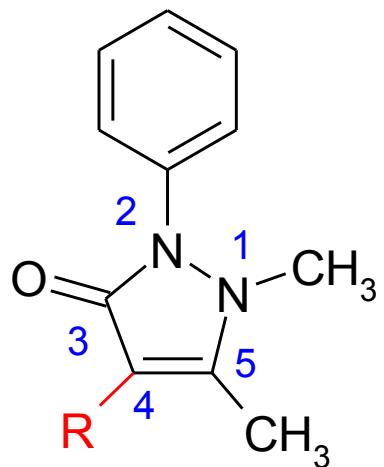
X = Cl  
2-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)benzoxazole-5-yl]-propionic acid

**benoxaprofen**

X = F  
2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)benzoxazole-5-yl]-propionic acid

**flunoxaprofen**

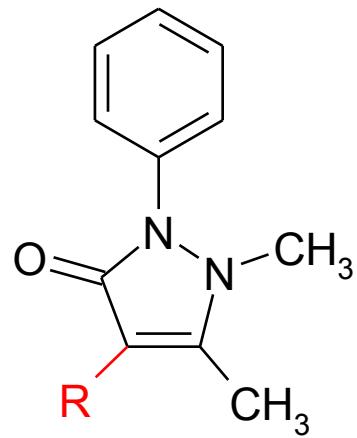
## 1,2-dihydropyrazole-3-on derivatives



4-substituted-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydro-3*H*-pyrazole-3-ones

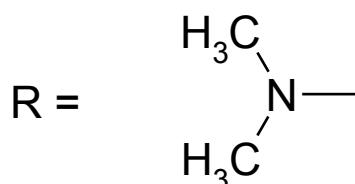
- inhibit both COX1 and COX2
- pain relief, antipyretics
- contemporarily usually used in mixtures

## 1,2-dihydropyrazole-3-on derivatives



R = H

**phenazone**, syn. antipyrine [JAN]  
*obsolete*

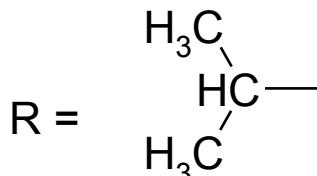


**aminophenazone**, syn. aminopyrine  
[JAN]

Dinyl® (+ phenacetin, caffeine, butobarbital, allobarbital)

Eunalgit® inj. (+ allobarbital)

•isosterism ↓

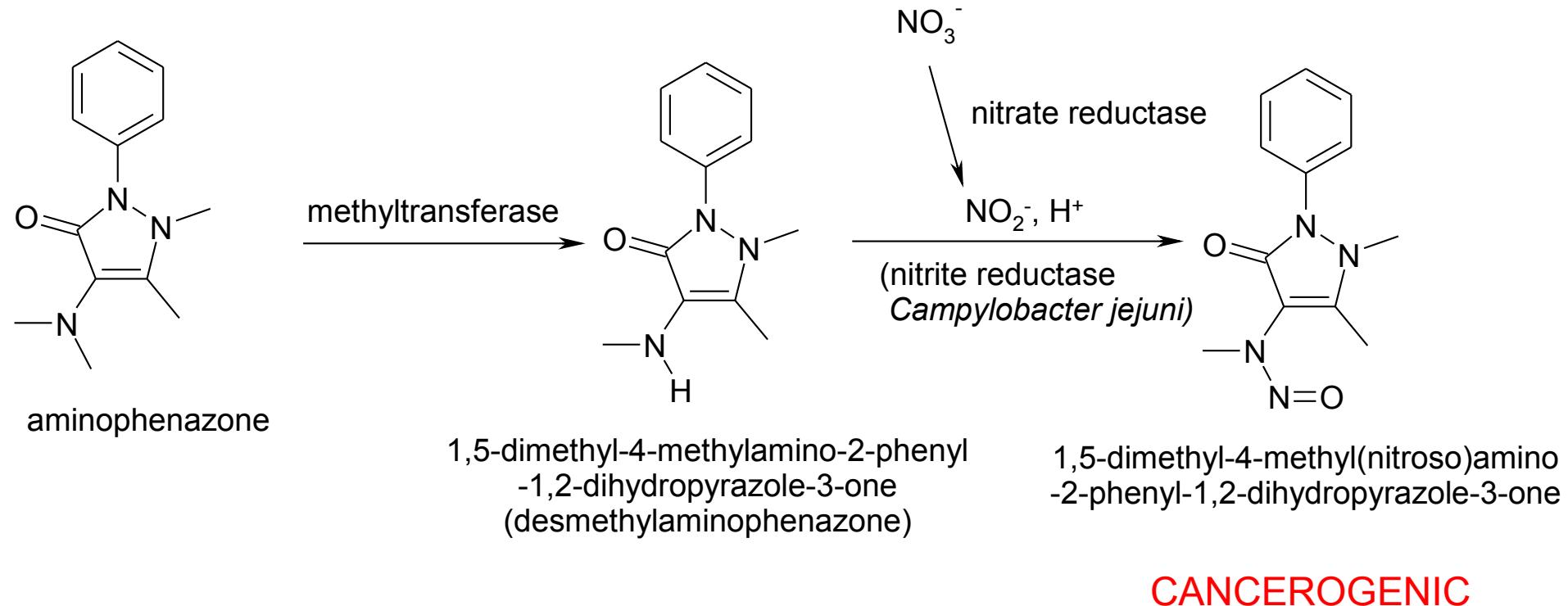


**propyphenazone**

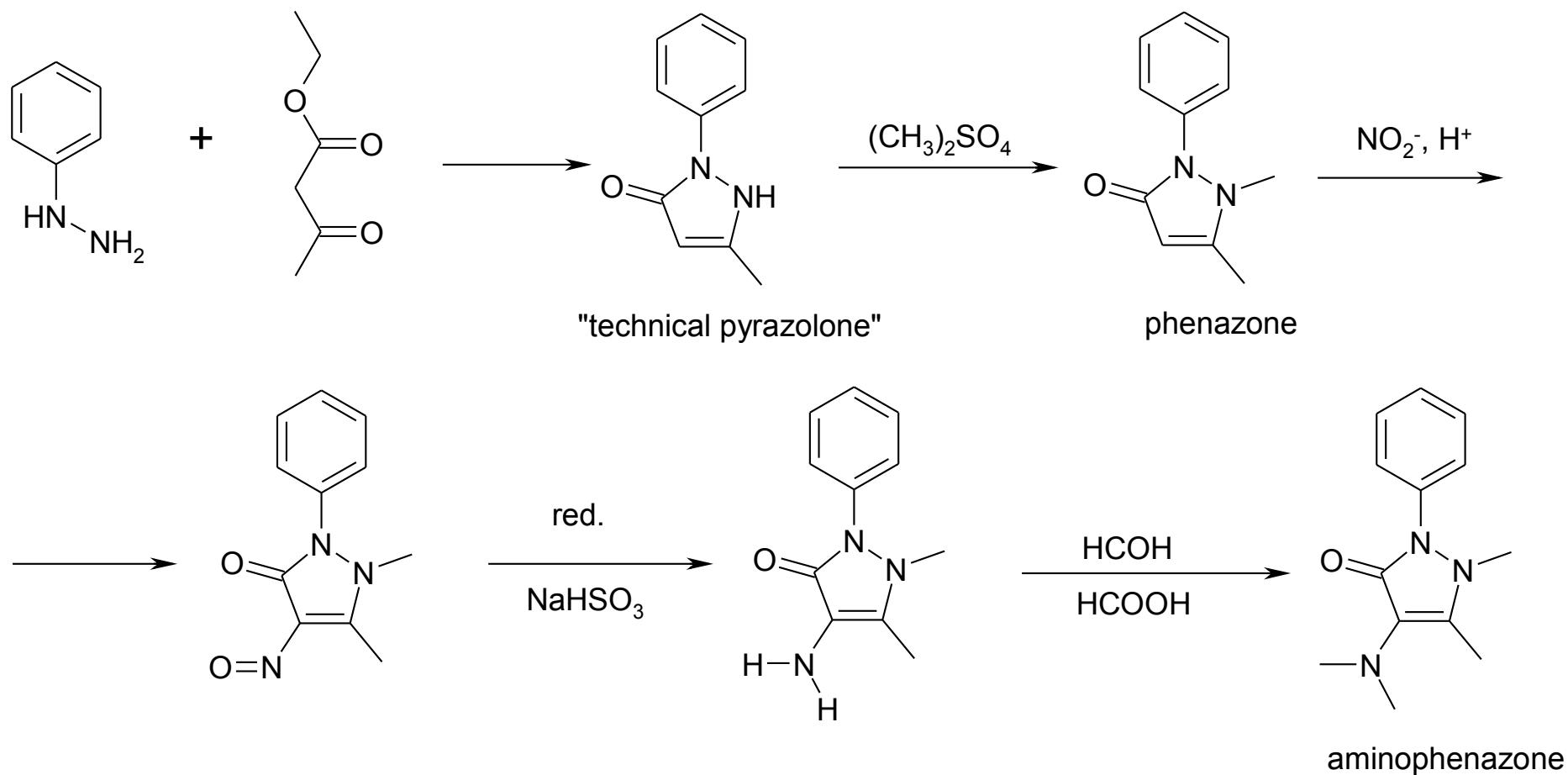
Valetol®, Saridon® (+ paracetamol, caffeine)

Spasmoveralgin neo® (+ papaverin, phenobarbital, ephedrin, codein, methylatropin)

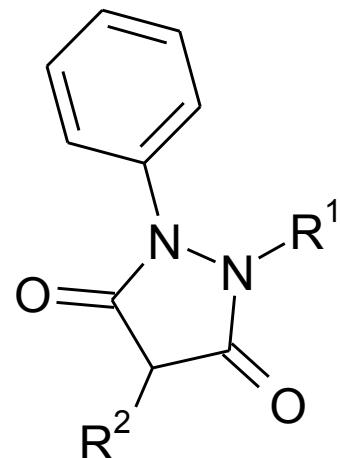
## Aminophenazone cancerogeneity



# Synthesis of aminophenazone

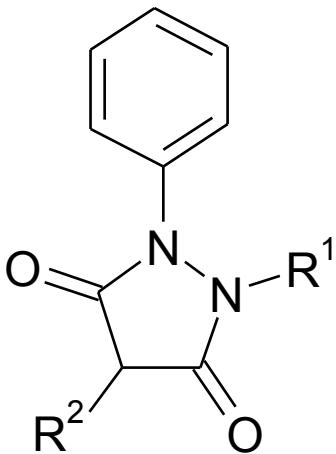


## Pyrazolidine-3,5-dione derivatives



- anti-inflammatory, pain relief, antipyretics
- inhibit both COX1 and COX2
- reserved for *m. Bechtereiv* in some countries (CH ...)
- in CZ only external and veterinary preparations
- AE: GIT intolerance, diarrhoea, ulcer disease exacerbation and bleeding into GIT, skin rash, CNS disorders, Na<sup>+</sup> and water retention, renal malfunctions, bone marrow disturbances

## Pyrazolidine-3,5-dione derivatives

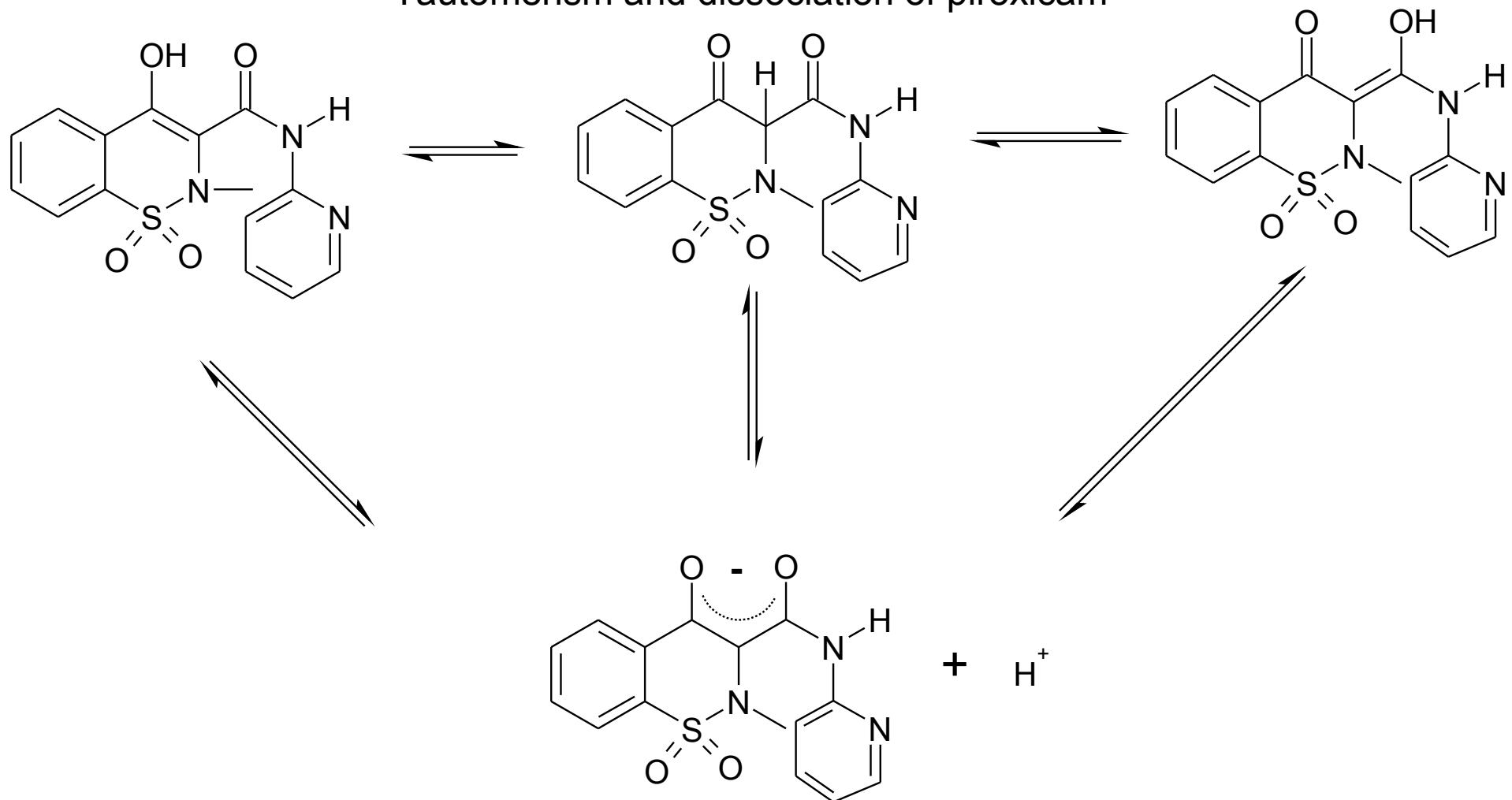


R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	Chemical name	INN / preparations
	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> -	4-butyl-1,2-diphenylpyrazolidine-3,5-dione	<b>phenylbutazone</b> Butasan® a.u.v
	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> -	4-butyl-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-phenylpyrazolidine-3,5-dione	<b>oxyphenbutazone</b> Tanderil® sup. <i>reg. in SR</i>
		1,2-diphenyl-4-(4-oxobutyl)pyrazolidine-3,5-dione	<b>kebuzone</b> Ketazon® ung
H-	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> -	4-butyl-1-phenylpyrazolidine-3,5-dione	<b>mephebutazone</b>

## Heterocyclic enols-“keto-enolic acids” -oxicams

- contain „keto-enolic“ structural fragment

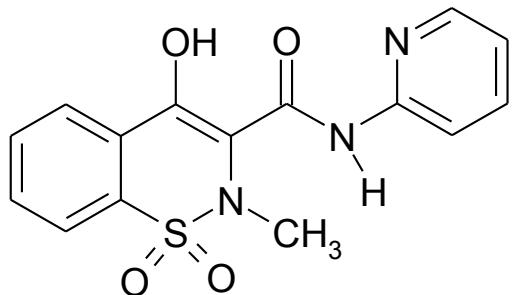
Tautomerism and dissociation of piroxicam



## Oxicams

- acid character
- inhibit both COX1 and COX2 (meloxicam about 3x more COX2)
- effects: anti-inflammatory, pain relief, antipyretic
- using: arthrosis, rheumatoid arthritis ...

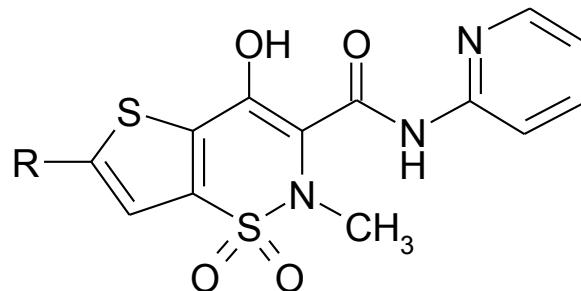
## Oxicams



4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-pyridine-2-yl-2*H*-1,2-benzothiazine-3-carboxamide-1,1-dioxide

### piroxicam

Arthremin<sup>®</sup>, Feldene<sup>®</sup>,  
Flamexin<sup>®</sup> - complex with  
 $\beta$ -cyclodextrine



4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-pyridine-2-yl-2*H*-thieno[2,3-e][1,2]thiazine-3-carboxamide-1,1-dioxide

### tenoxicam

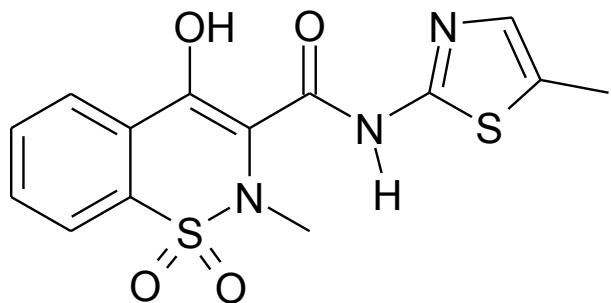
R = Cl

6-chloro-4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-pyridine-2-yl-2*H*-thieno[2,3-e][1,2]thiazine-3-carboxamide-1,1-dioxide

### lornoxicam

Xefo<sup>®</sup>

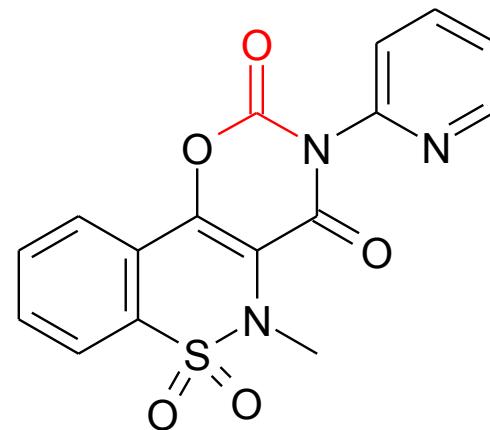
## Oxicams



4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-  
(5-methyl-1,3-thiazole-2-yl)-2*H*-  
1,2-benzothiazine-3-carboxamide-1,1-dioxide

**meloxicam**

Movalis®tbl., Metacam® a.u.v.,  
Melokssia®

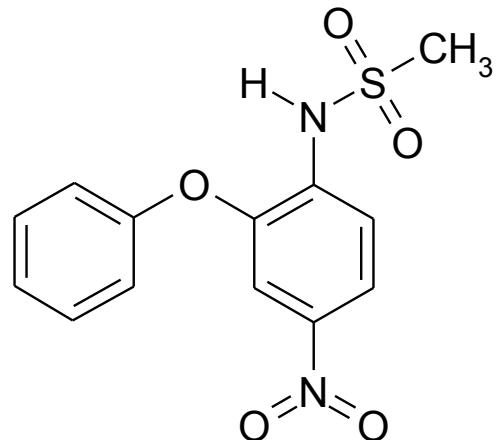


5-methyl-3-pyridin-2-yl-2*H*,5*H*-  
[1,3]oxazino[5,6-c][1,2]benzothiazine-2,4(3*H*)-dione-  
6,6-dioxide

**droxicam**

# Selective COX2 inhibitors

## Nimesulide

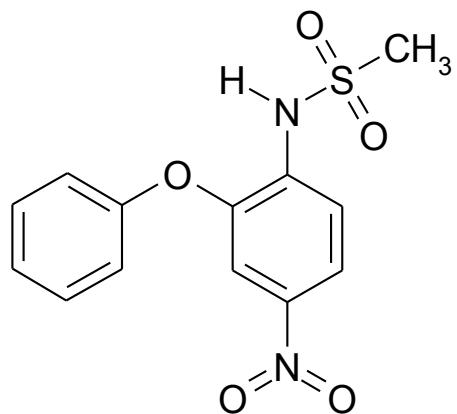


N-(2-phenoxy-4-nitrophenyl)methanesulfonamide  
**4'-nitro-2'-phenoxymethanesulfonanilide**

**nimesulide**

Coxtral®, Aulin®, Mesulid®

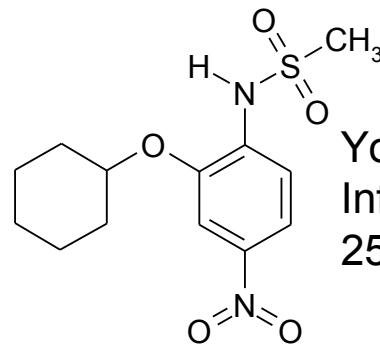
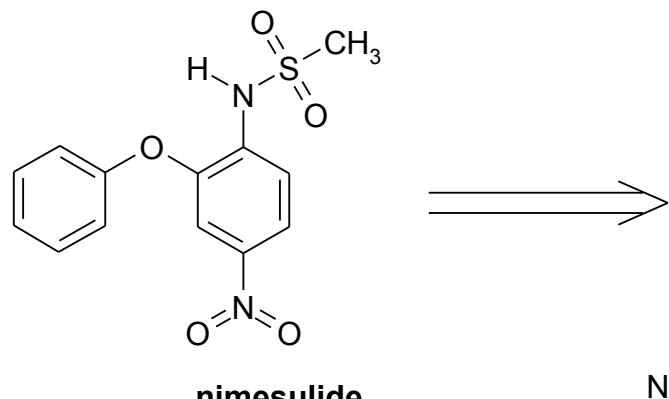
## Nimesulide



- inhibits COX2 4x more than COX1  $\Rightarrow \downarrow \text{AE in GIT and platelets}$
- antirheumatic, antiarthrotic, pain relief
- AE: hepatotoxicity; increased in fever  $\Rightarrow$  not suitable as antipyretic

„Radical analogy“

- substitution benzene  $\Rightarrow$  cyclohexane



Young J.M. et. al.,  
Inflammation Res. **45**, 246-253 (1996)

N-[2-(cyclohexyloxy)-4-nitrophenyl]methanesulfonamide  
**NS-398**

Selectivity

COX2:COX1

4 : 1

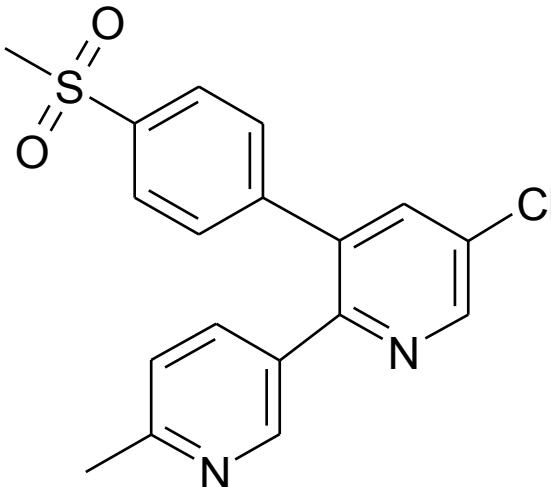
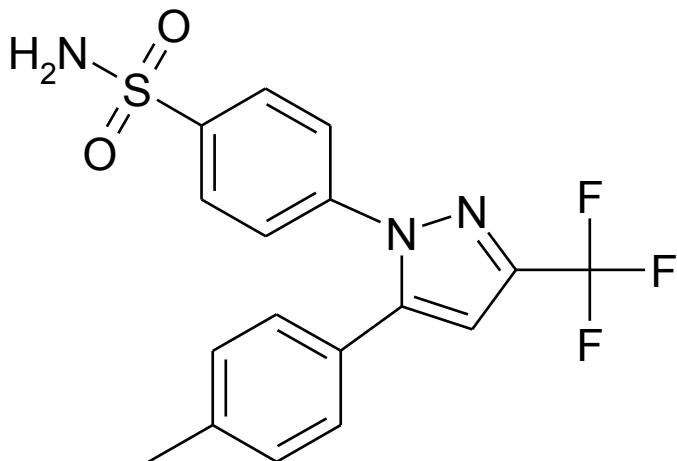
30 : 1

# Specific COX2 inhibitors

## Coxibs

- aromatic sulfonamides or sulfones (exception: lumiracoxib)
- high selectivity to COX2 ⇒ AE to GIT and increased platelets aggregation eliminated
- usage: rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, primary dysmenorrhea
- also neurodegen. diseases (Alzheimer) – colocalization of cyclines D<sub>1</sub> and E<sub>1</sub> with COX2 in CNS neurones
- AE: ↑ risk of sudden cardiovascular incidents (⇐ ↓ production of prostacycline which **inhibits** platelets aggregation but does not affect production of thromboxane which **activates** platelets aggregation), skin damage (mainly valdecoxib)

## Coxibs



4-[5-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-  
1H-pyrazole-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide

**celecoxib**

Celebrex®

Onsenal® – as an orphan drug for  
familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)  
only

Selectivity  
COX2 : COX1      30 : 1

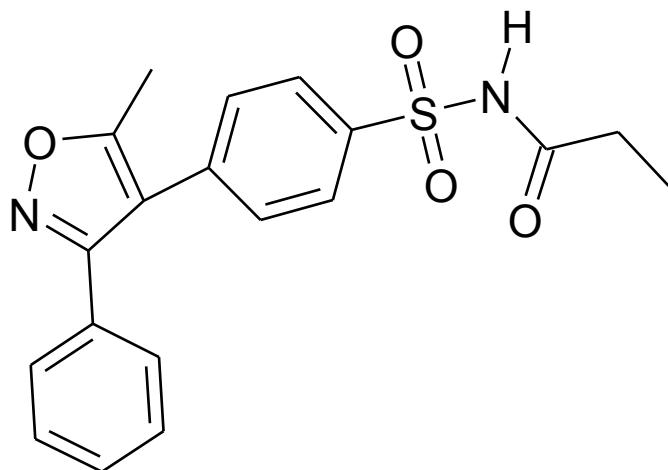
5-chloro-6'-methyl-3-  
[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2,3'-bipyridine

**etoricoxib**

Arcoxia®

340 : 1

## Coxibs



N-{[4-(5-methyl-3-phenylisoxazole-4-yl)phenyl]sulfonyl}propanamide

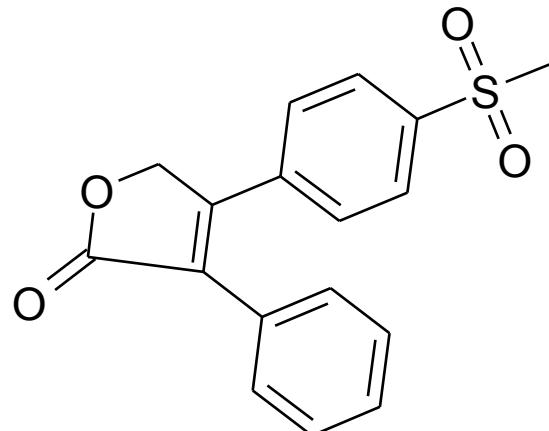
**parecoxib**

- allergic skin reactions mainly in persons hypersensitive to sulfonamides

Dynastat® - for postoperative pain only

Selectivity

COX2 : COX1



4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one

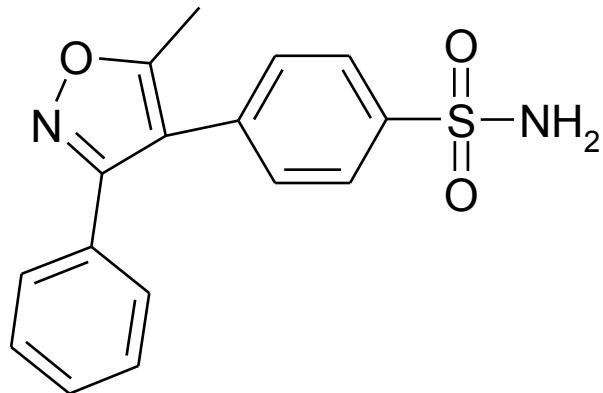
**rofecoxib**

~~Ceeoxx®, Vioxx®~~

**withdrawn due to dangerous cardiovascular effects**

270 : 1

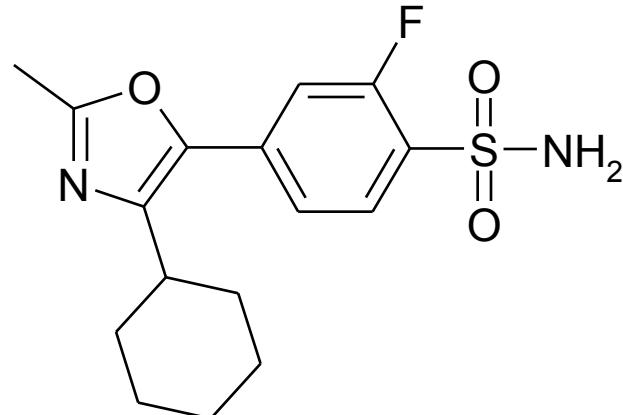
## Coxibs



4-(5-methyl-3-phenylisoxazole-4-yl)benzenesulfonamide

**valdecoxib**

Bextra® withdrawn



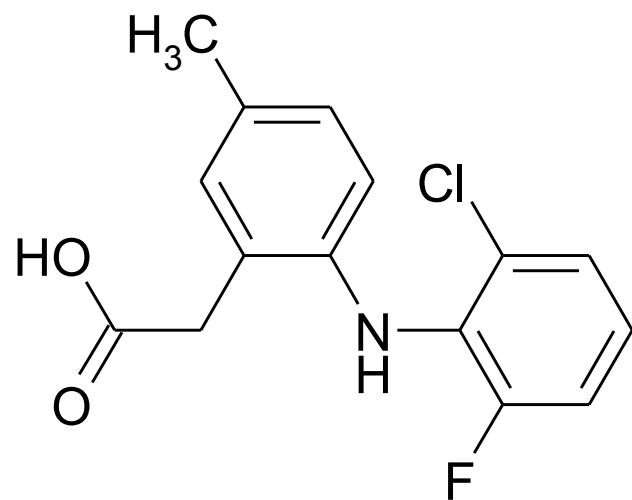
4-(4-cyclohexyl-2-methyl-1,3-oxazole-5-yl)-2-fluorobenzenesulfonamide

**tilmacoxib**

Selectivity

COX2 : COX1      60 : 1

## Coxibs

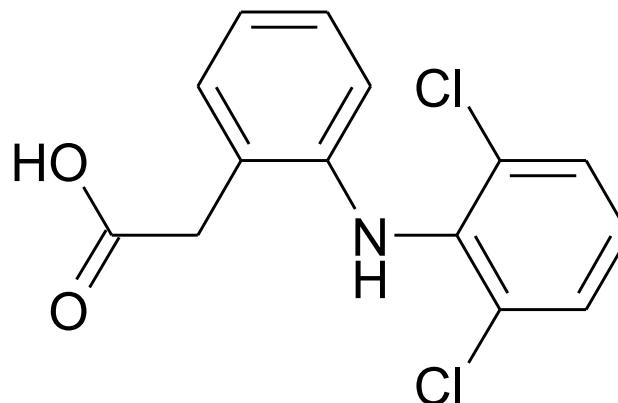


2-(2-fluoro-6-chlorophenylamino)-5-methylphenylacetic acid

**lumiracoxib**

Prexige®

For comparison:



diclophenac