# Syntheses and metabolism of selected general & local anesthetics

**General anesthetics** 

Syntheses of some inhalation general anesthetics

Preparation of nitrous oxide: heating of ammonium nitrate to 180 – 250°C:  $NH_4NO_3 \rightarrow N_2O + H_2O$ 

Synthesis of diethyl ether



• known since 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> century: Abu al-Khasim al-Zahravi Ibn Zuhr, an Arab alchemist

Synthesis of halothan



## Synthesis of midazolam



#### Metabolism of benzodiazepins, especially midazolam



## A detail of midazolam oxidative metabolism



Syntheses of some intravenous general anesthetics







Local anesthetics

# Classical synthesis of lidocaine



An alternative: a one-pot synthesis of lidocaine: Ugi condensation





