

# Lincosamides

Lincosamides are antibiotics used mainly to treat G + infections. These include lincomycin and clindamycin. Older lincomycin is no longer used in practice.

## Mechanism of action

Lincosamides inhibit protein synthesis by binding to the 50S subunit of the ribosome.

## Antimicrobial spectrum

It acts mainly on G + bacteria such as staphylococci and streptococci. They are also effective against anaerobes, some G- rods. Clostridium difficile, Neisseria, hemophilia and others are resistant.

## Pharmacokinetics

Clindamycin after administration absorbs well. Penetrates body fluids and tissues, including bones. However, the penetration into the cerebrospinal fluid is small. It is excreted by the kidneys.

## Pharmacodynamics

The effect of clindamycin is independent of concentration.

## Resistance

The mechanism of resistance is the modification of ribosomes.

## Indication

- B-lactam variant in patients with hypersensitivity to penicillin.
- Treatment of G + and anaerobic infections. Osteomyelitis caused by *S. aureus*, infections of joints and tendons. Infections insensitive to other antistaphylococcal antibiotics.
- Hospital use in patients with bone and soft tissue infections (intra-abdominal mixed aerobic anaerobic infections in combination with aminoglycosides) mainly in infections that have arisen in connection with abdominal surgery.
- Locally in acne vulgaris.

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## Clindamycin

Clindamycin is one of lincosamides, which are antibiotics used as an alternative in the treatment of infections caused by gram-positive and anaerobic bacteria in patients hypersensitive to penicillins or other  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics.

## Mechanism of action

It consists in inhibiting proteosynthesis by binding to the 50S subunit of ribosomes of susceptible bacteria.

## Spectrum

- Anaerobic bacteria - *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Actinomyces* species, *Propionibacterium acnes*, *Fusobacterium* species, *Clostridium perfringens*
- *Clostridium difficile* is always resistant
- Gram-positive bacteria - *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*
- Other microorganisms - *Pneumocystis carinii*, *Plasmodium* species

## Resistance

- The inability of a microorganism to take up an antibiotic (due to the increased ability of the drug to efflux from the cell).
- Decreased affinity of ribosome binding sites based on genetic modification of the 50S subunit.
- Bacterial cell esterase production.
- These enzymes subsequently break down the antibiotic molecule and thus inactivate it.
- There is cross-resistance between clindamycin and macrolides.

# Pharmacokinetics

## Absorption

- After oral administration, it is well absorbed even in the presence of food.
- For severe infections, it can also be given parenterally.
- It has up to 90% bioavailability.

## Distribution

- Clindamycin has a relatively high volume of distribution - about 1.1 l / kg.
- Up to 93% of the absorbed dose is bound to plasma proteins.
- In sufficient concentrations, it penetrates most tissues and body fluids, including bones and abscesses.
- Penetration into the cerebrospinal fluid is not sufficient even in inflammation (which usually increases the permeability of the blood-brain barrier).

## Metabolism and excretion

- It undergoes oxidative metabolism in the liver and metabolites are excreted by glomerular filtration.
- The half-life of clindamycin is approximately 3 hours, but is prolonged in patients with liver or kidney disease (dose adjustment required).

## Side effects

- Rash: up to 10% of patients.
- Pseudomembranous colitis with overgrowth of *Clostridium difficile* - if present, vancomycin or metronidazole are given.
- Indigestion. Inhibition of neuromuscular transmission - increases the effect of muscle relaxants.

## Dosing strategies

Clindamycin is one of the antibiotics with a concentration-independent effect. The goal of dosing is to maintain effective concentrations above the MIC (minimum inhibitory concentration) of susceptible microorganisms for at least 50% of the dosing interval, which is 6-8 hours.

## Clinical indications

- Intra-abdominal and pelvic infections with presumed involvement of anaerobic bacteria - peritonitis, abscesses, septic abortion.
- Staphylococcal and streptococcal osteomyelitis.
- Diabetic foot infection (in combination with antibiotics effective against aerobic gram-negative sticks).
- Severe infections caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* - necrotizing fasciitis, myositis, toxic shock. Severe streptococcal and staphylococcal cellulitis.
- Severe orofacial inflammation, including retropharyngeal abscess.
- Prevention of bone inflammation in dental surgery.
- Acne vulgaris - topical administration. Aerobic vaginitis caused by streptococci, staphylococci, enterococci, *E.coli* - topical administration (vaginal tablet or cream)

## Odkazy

## Links

## Související články

- Antibiotika

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