

Alpha agonists

-Phenylephrine-	-Imidazolines (Naphazoline; Xylometazoline)-	-Clonidine-	-a-methyl dopa-
Selective α_1 agonist...VC	Safe nasal decongestant (doesn't cross BBB)	Acts on brain α_2 receptors to cause long-phase hypotension	Becomes α -methyl NE and acts on α_2 receptors to decrease release of NE from brain.
Used as nasal decongestant, mydriatic		Centrally acting antihypertensive agent	Sympatholytic used as antihypertensive agent.
Orally active.			

B2 agonists

Terbutaline	Metaproterenol	Salbutamol/albuterol	Salmeterol	Formoterol
Not metabolized by COMT or MAO	Not metabolized by COMT		Resistant to COMT & MAO	Resistant to COMT & MAO
			Its highly lipophilic, which causes slow onset of action	Lipophilic, but has a faster onset of action than salmeterol
			Long-acting ($t_{1/2}=12$ hrs)	Long-acting

All are bronchodilators used for treatment of asthma.
 Long acting b2 agonist should not be given as monotherapy.

B agonist

-Isoproterenol-

acts on B1 & B2 receptors.

B1: positive cardiotropic side effect

B2: **Bronchodilation**

As inhalation, injection or *sublingual*

Catecholamines biosynthesis inhibitors

Metyrosine(a-methyl tyrosine)	Reserpine "Rawlfia alk."	Guanethidine & Guanadrel
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Inhibits tyrosine hydroxylase	Inhibits neuronal reuptake of NE & Serotonin	Inhibit U2 of NE
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Passes BBB	Don't pass BBB (due to high polarity)
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Used for VD	Used for VD
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Side effects:

1. Mental depression	no CNS side effects
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2. Impotence

3. Breast cancer

SAR of direct acting sympathomimetics

B-OH group: in NE & E makes the molecule **chiral** and thus, the **(-)(R) enantiomer is the most potent** due to attachment of the OH on 3 receptor binding sites instead of 2.

Phenolic OH

Resorcinol (such in metaproterenol) increases B2 selectivity and results in longer activity duration.

Replacing one phenolic OH with CH₂OH results in albuterol/salbutamol, which increases B2 selectivity and longer action duration.

Removal of the para-OH, such as in phenylephrine, results in a1 agonist.

N-atom

Essential for alpha receptor activity.

Bulky gp on N-atom results in decreased a-activity.

alpha-carbon substitution

Decreases direct receptor agonist activity, but increases a2 and B2 selectivity if a-methyl gp.

Increases oral absorption, duration and CNS activity.

Beta Blockers

-Propranolol *aryloxypropanol amine* - for treatment of HTN, angina and arrhythmia-but it is **non-cardio selective** (acts on B1 & B2)

-Timolol-treatment to glaucoma

both may have SE broncho-constriction due to non-selectivity.

Cardio selective BB (B1 blockers): Atenolol, Acebutolol

a1 antagonists: Quinazolines

-Prazocin-

-Tamsulosin-

Structure has NH₂ gp on quinazoline ring responsible for a1 receptor antagonism.

Relaxes muscles of prostate.

Used for HTN and BPH.

Used for BPH, **chronic prostatitis**, for passage of kidney stones.

a2 antagonists are indole alkaloids.