Gujarat Technological University
Master of Pharmacy
Semester – II
Paper code -2920103
Specialization paper - III
Pharmacometrics and Methods of biological evaluation of drugs

Theory
(Six hours per week, 7 credits)

1. Biological standardization, general principles, Scope and limitation of bio-assay, bioassay of some official drugs.
2. Preclinical drug evaluation of its biological activity, potency and toxicity-Toxicity test in animals including acute, sub-acute and chronic toxicity, ED50 and LD50 determination, special toxicity test like teratogenecity and mutagenecity. Various guidelines for toxicity studies. Animal experiments assessing safety of packaging materials.
3. Pyrogens: Sources, Chemistry and properties of bacterial pyrogens and endotoxins, Official pyrogen tests
4. Microbiological assay of antibiotics and vitamins.
5. Biological evaluation of drugs--Screening and evaluation (including principles of screening , development of models for diseases : In vivo models / In vitro models / cell line study) techniques of the following:
6. Parasympathomimetics, Parasympathetic blocking agents, Sympathomimetics, Sympathetic blocking agents, Ganglion stimulants and blockers, Neuromuscular stimulants and blockers.
7. General and local Anesthetics, Sedatives and Hypnotics, Antiepileptics, Psychopharmacological agents, Analgesics, Anti-inflammatory agents, Anti-Parkinson's drugs, CNS Stimulants.
8. Cardiotonics, Anti-hypertensive drugs, Anti-arrhythmic drugs, Drugs used in Ischemic Heart Diseases, Drugs used in Atherosclerosis.
9. Drugs used in Peptic Ulcer, Respiratory disorders, Hormone and Endocrine disorders. Anti fertility agents and diuretics.
10. Various models for Cataract, glaucoma, inflammatory bowel disease

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Practical
(Six hours per week, 8 credits)

1. **Bioassays of drugs**: Bioassay of agonists (Graphical, Matching, 3 Point, 4 point method) and Bioassay of antagonists using various isolated preparations.
2. **Toxicity studies**
3. **Evaluation of drugs based on theory syllabus.**

Illustrative examples

Evaluation of the antiepileptic activity of drug using maximum electro convulsive shock seizures (M. E. S.) and chemical induced convulsions methods.

1. Determination of the time required for induction and recovery from anesthesia for various volatile general anesthetics.
2. Evaluation of the effect of pentobarbitone sodium and diazepam in mice.
3. Evaluation of the effect of various tranquilizers and sedatives on motor co-ordination by rota rod test in mice.
4. Evaluation of the effects of drugs on spontaneous motor activity and to evaluate their nature as CNS stimulants or depressants.
5. Evaluation of the antiparkinsonian activity of drugs by pheno-thiazine induced catatonia.
6. Evaluation of the effect of psychotropic drugs on condition avoidance response.
7. Evaluation of the compulsive behavior (stereotypy) induced by apomorphine and its modification by chlorpromazine in mice.
8. Evaluation of anxiolytic (antianxiety) effect of diazepam in mice using elevated plus-maze apparatus.
9. Study the effect of caffeine in human volunteers.
10. Evaluation of the effect of cimetidine in drug induced gastric (peptic) and duodenal ulcers and hyper secretion of gastric acid in rats.
11. Evaluation of the antisecretory and ulcer protective effect of cimetidine in pylorus-ligated rats.
12. Evaluation of the analgesic potency of drug by thermal method.
13. Evaluation of analgesic effect of morphine in mice using hot plate method.
14. Evaluation of the analgesic effect of drugs by acetic acid induced writhing method in mice.
15. Evaluation of the anti-inflammatory property of indomethacin against carrageenan-induced acute paw oedema in rats.
16. Evaluation of the effects of various drugs (diuretics) on the output of the urine in rats.

References Books:

1. Screening methods in pharmacology (vol I & II)–R.A. Turner
2. Drug Discovery and Evaluation in Pharmacology assay: Vogel
3. Design and analysis of animal studies in pharmaceutical development, Chow, Shein, Ching.
4. Evaluation of Drug Activity: Pharmacometrics D.R. Laurence
5. Animal and Clinical pharmacologic Techniques in Drug Evaluation-Nodine and Siegler
6. Pharmacology and Toxicology- Kale S.R.
7. Fundamentals of experimental Pharmacology- Ghosh M.N.
8. Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology- Goyal R.K.
9. Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology- Kulkarni S.K.