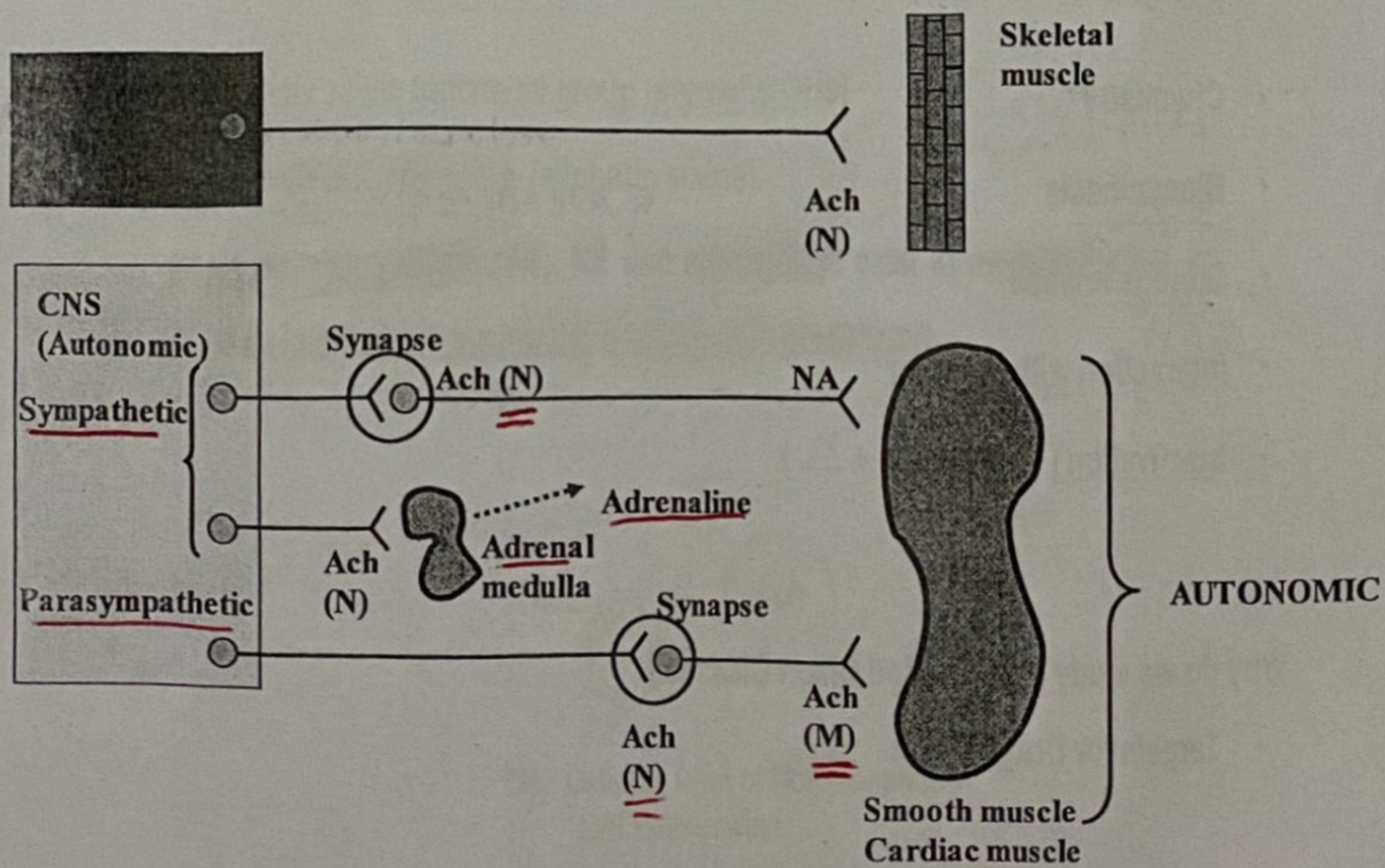


# Drugs Acting on the Adrenergic (Sympathetic) Nervous System

## 1. Nerve Transmission

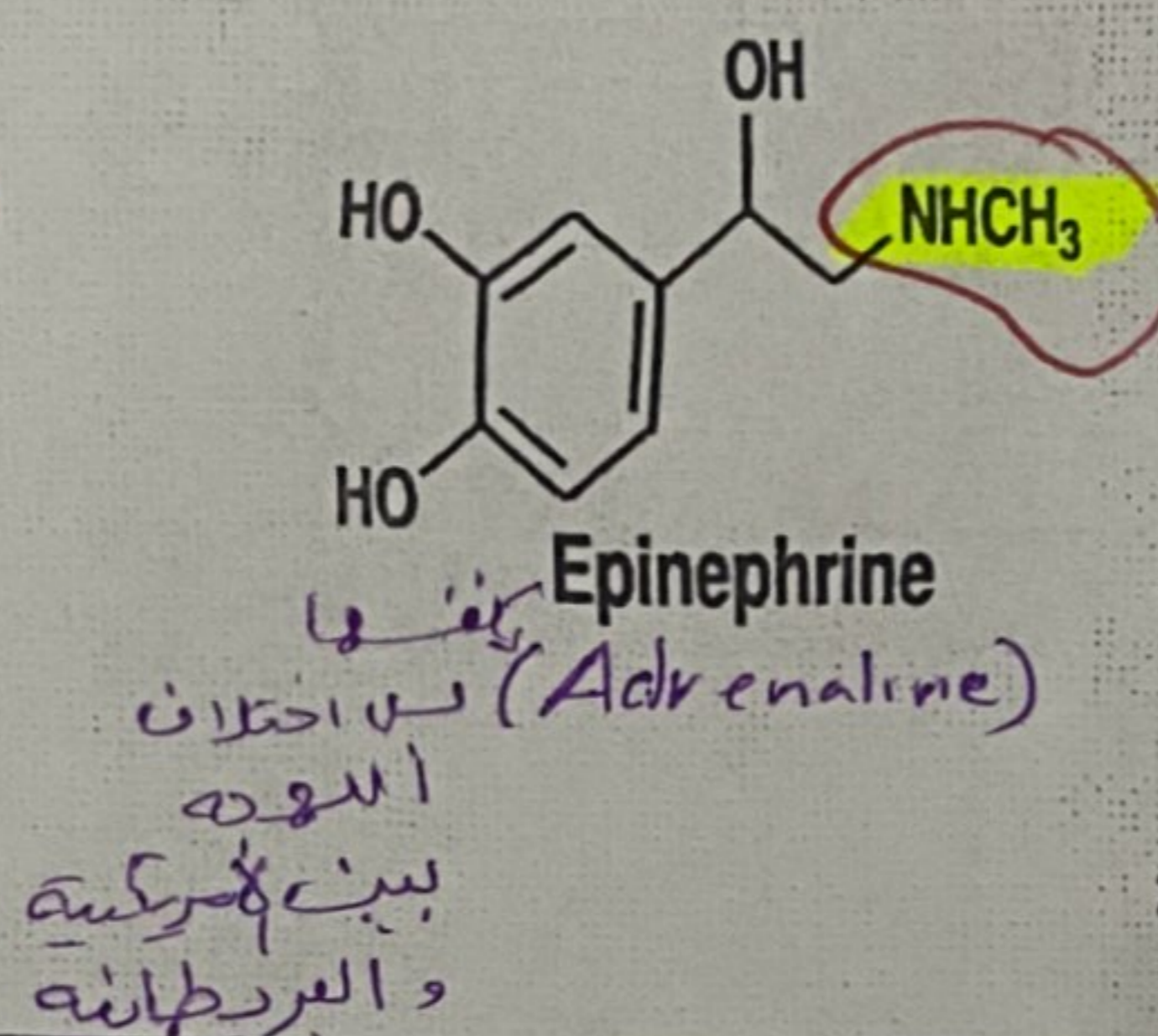
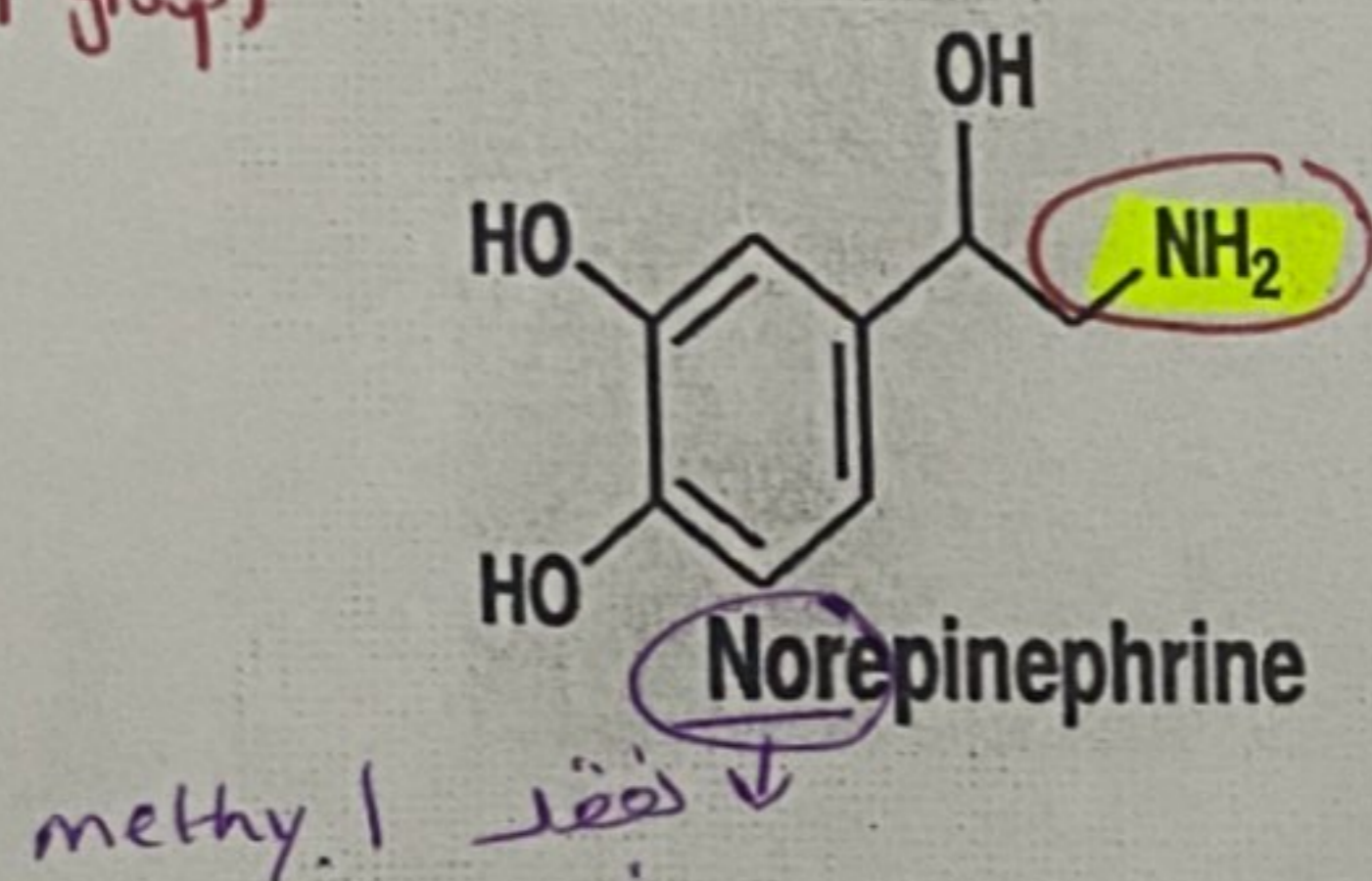
Peripheral nervous system



## Adrenergic Neurotransmitters

- **Norepinephrine (NE)** is the **main adrenergic neurotransmitter**.
- It is liberated from the post-ganglionic sympathetic neurons as a result of sympathetic nerve stimulation.
- **Epinephrine (Adrenaline)** is synthesized and stored in the **adrenal medulla**. Neurohormone.

الفرد بيت  
adrenaline  
وال  
noradrenaline  
(one methyl group)



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## Neurotransmitters

What is important about Neurotransmitters in our Med Chem Classes

- Chemistry
- Biosynthesis
- Storage/release
- Interaction with receptor
- Inactivation (Metabolism + ....)

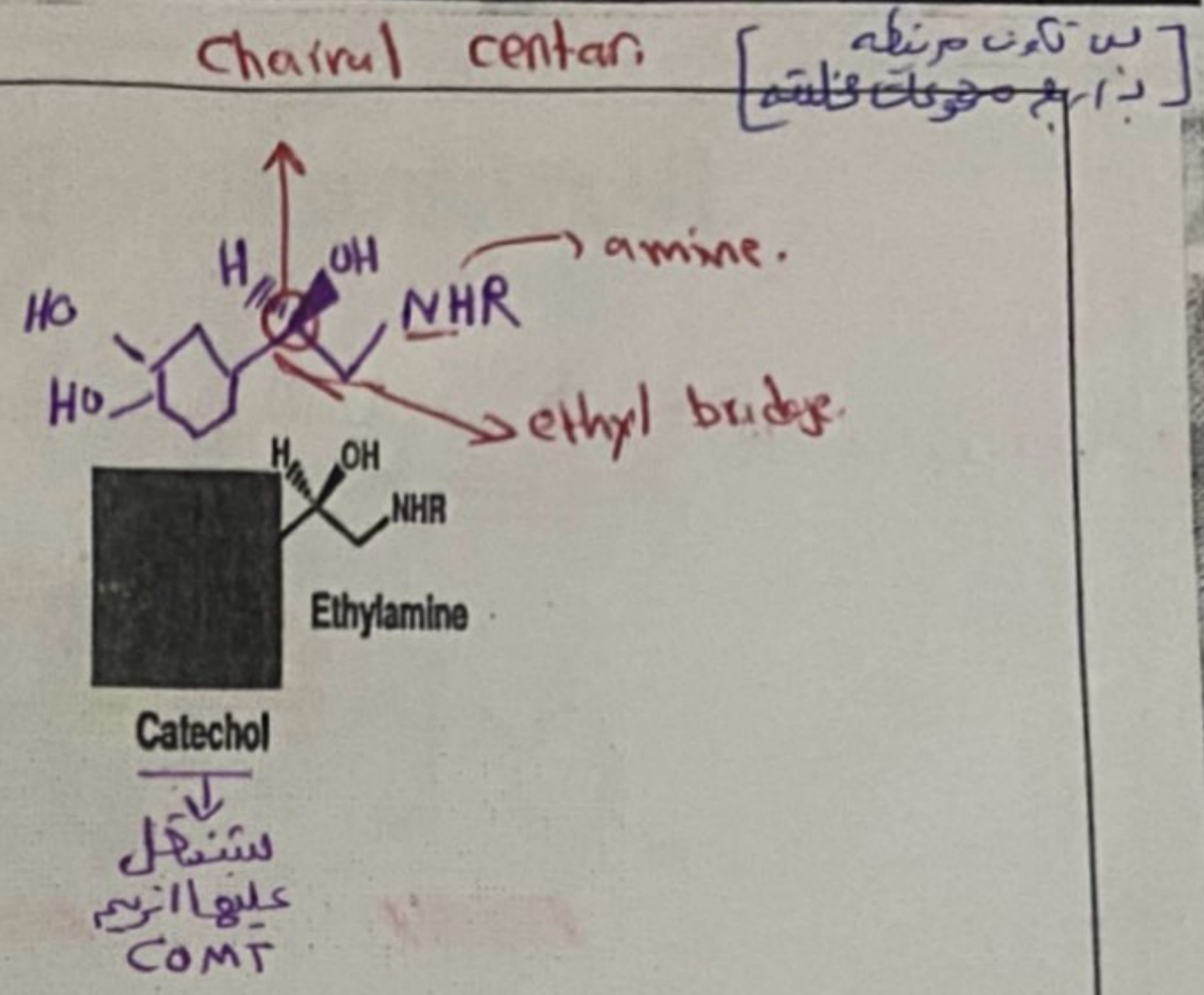
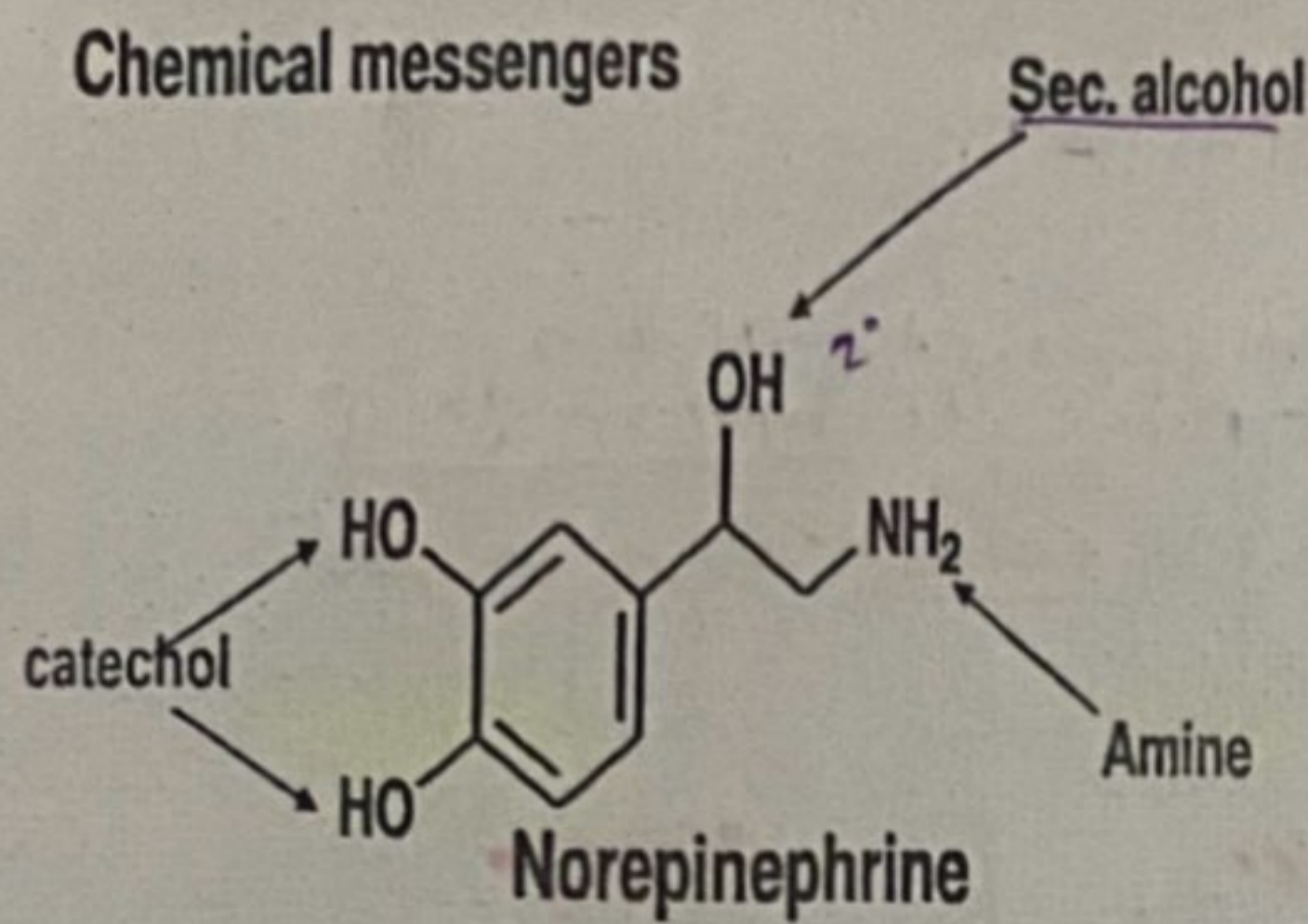
\* شوائب الازيم من الmetabolism  
 من noradrenaline و adrenaline  
 COMT

Why do we study these in Med Chem Classes?

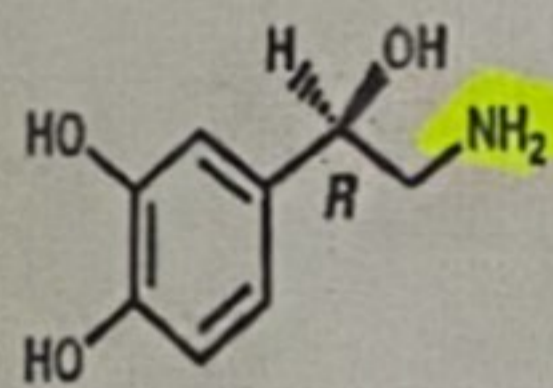
- Targets for Drug Design

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# Neurotransmitters



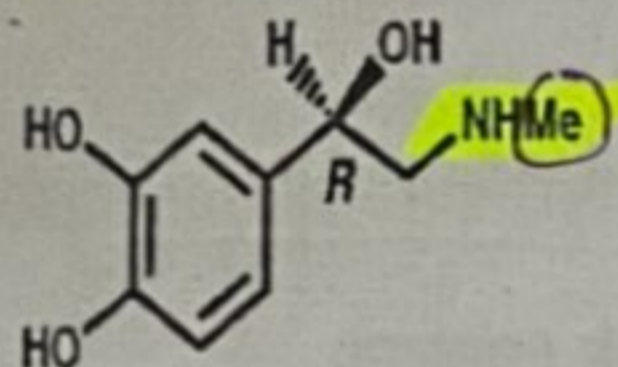
Noradrenaline - neurotransmitter



ال adrenaline بنو فوان

1. Catecholamine derivative
2. Phenylethylamine derivative

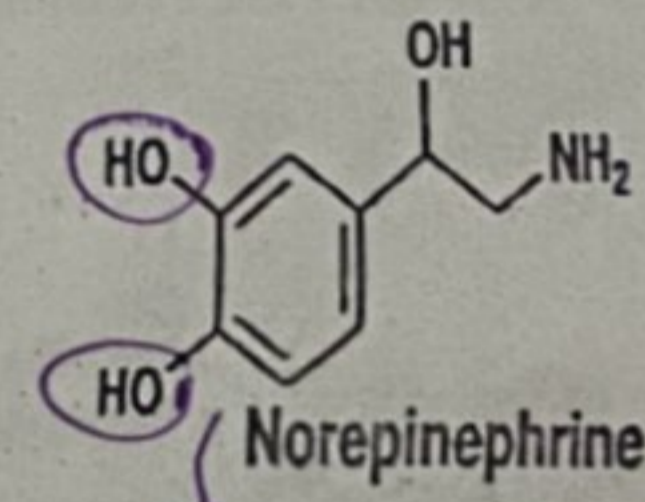
Adrenaline - hormone



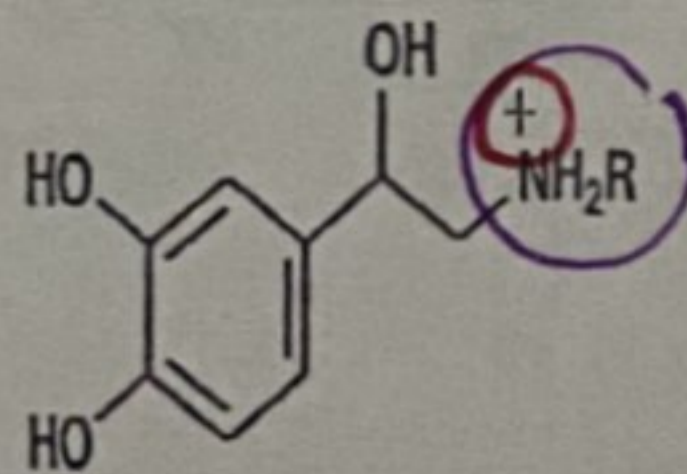
## Neurotransmitters. Chemistry

two phenols

- Slightly acidic functional group (aromatic OHs)
- Basic functional group (aliphatic amine).
- At physiological pH (7.4), NE and epinephrine exist in more than 95% in the cationic form in which the nitrogen is protonated.



phenol ال  
مركب ال  
عائبات

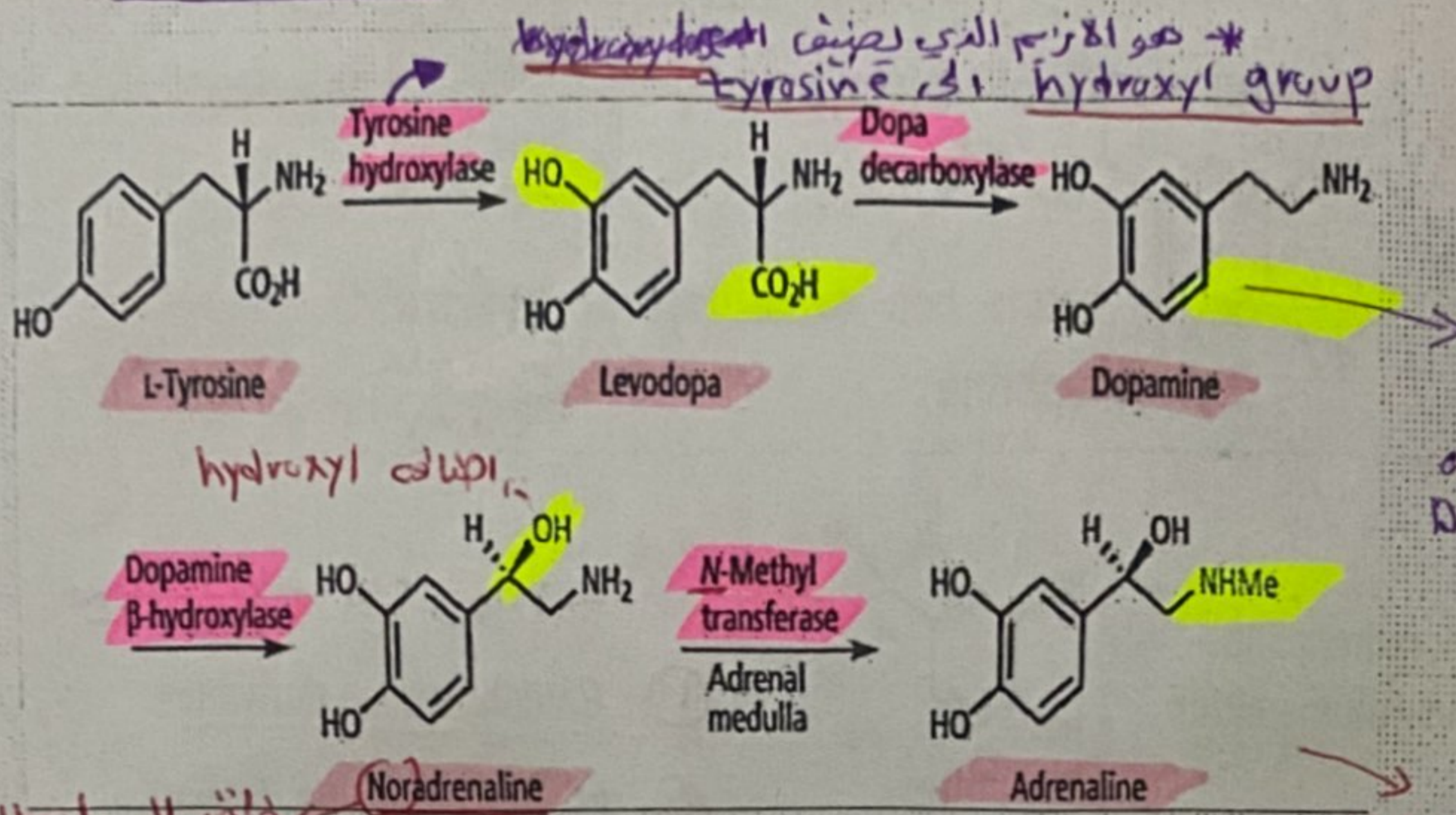


R = H or CH<sub>3</sub>; Cationic form of Norepinephrine and Epinephrine

# Neurotransmitters. Biosynthesis

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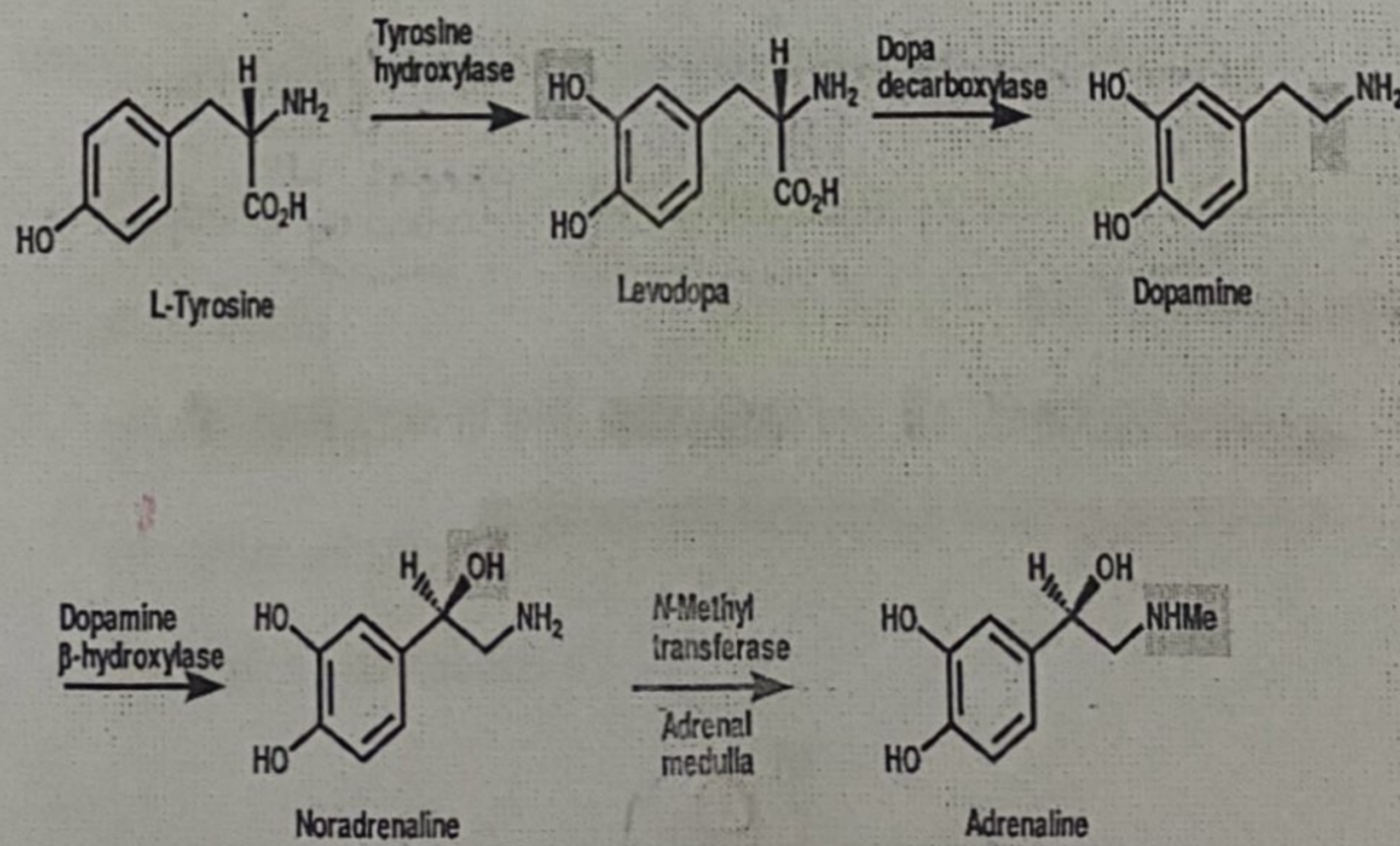
\* كيف يُصنع الـ adrenaline لجسم الإنسان؟؟؟  
From amino acid tyrosine



- Pathway controlled by regulation of tyrosine hydroxylase
- Inhibited by noradrenaline - feedback control

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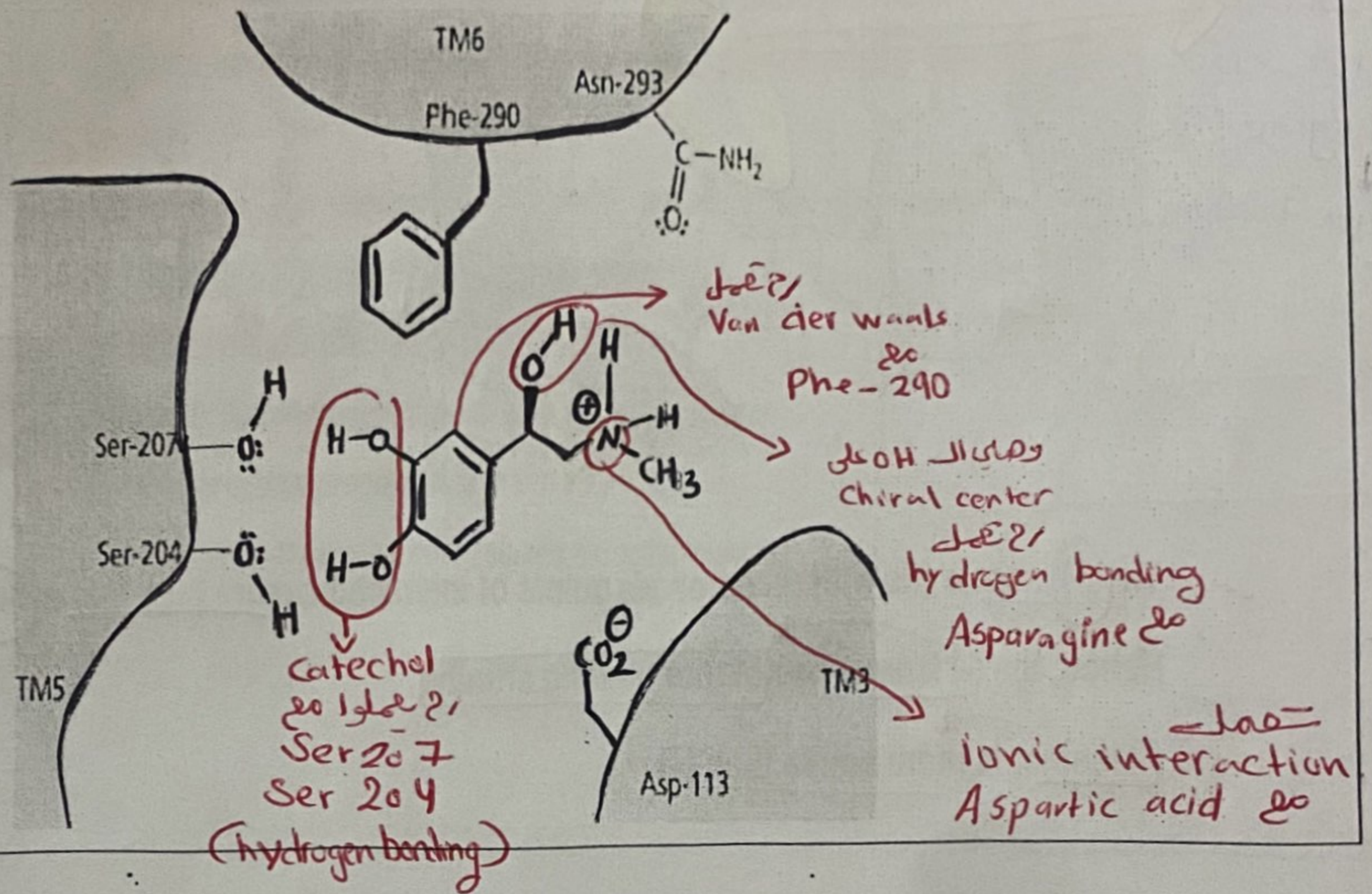
# Neurotransmitters. Biosynthesis



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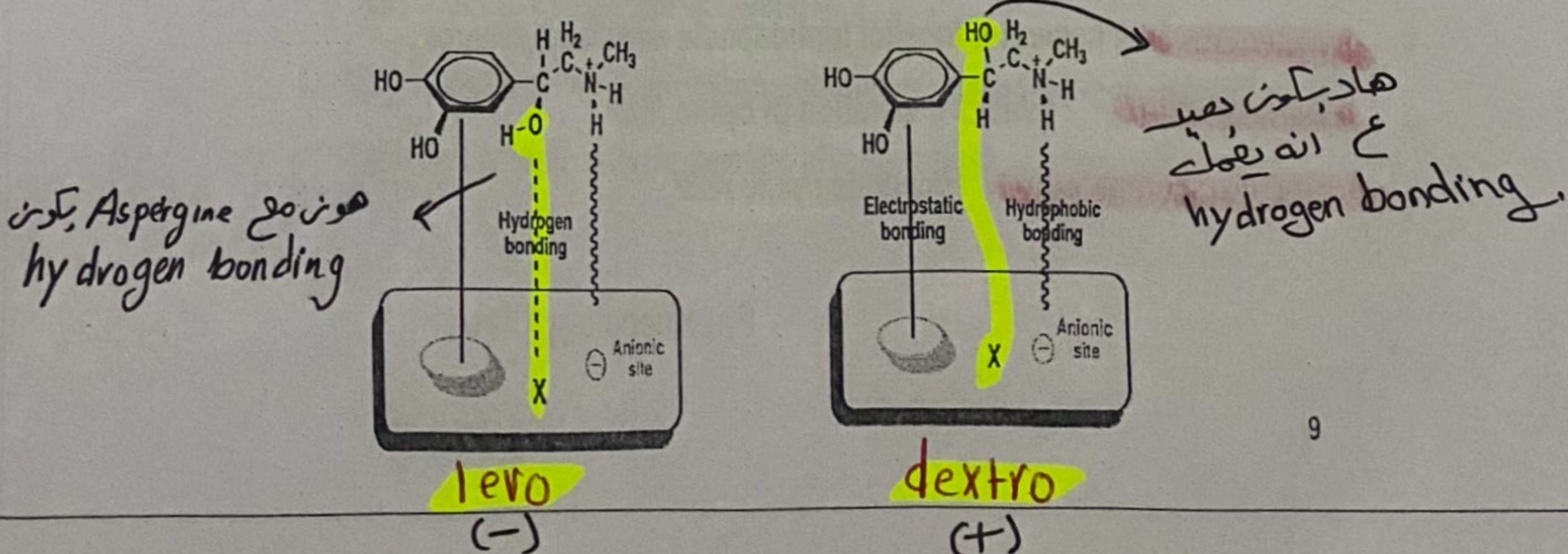
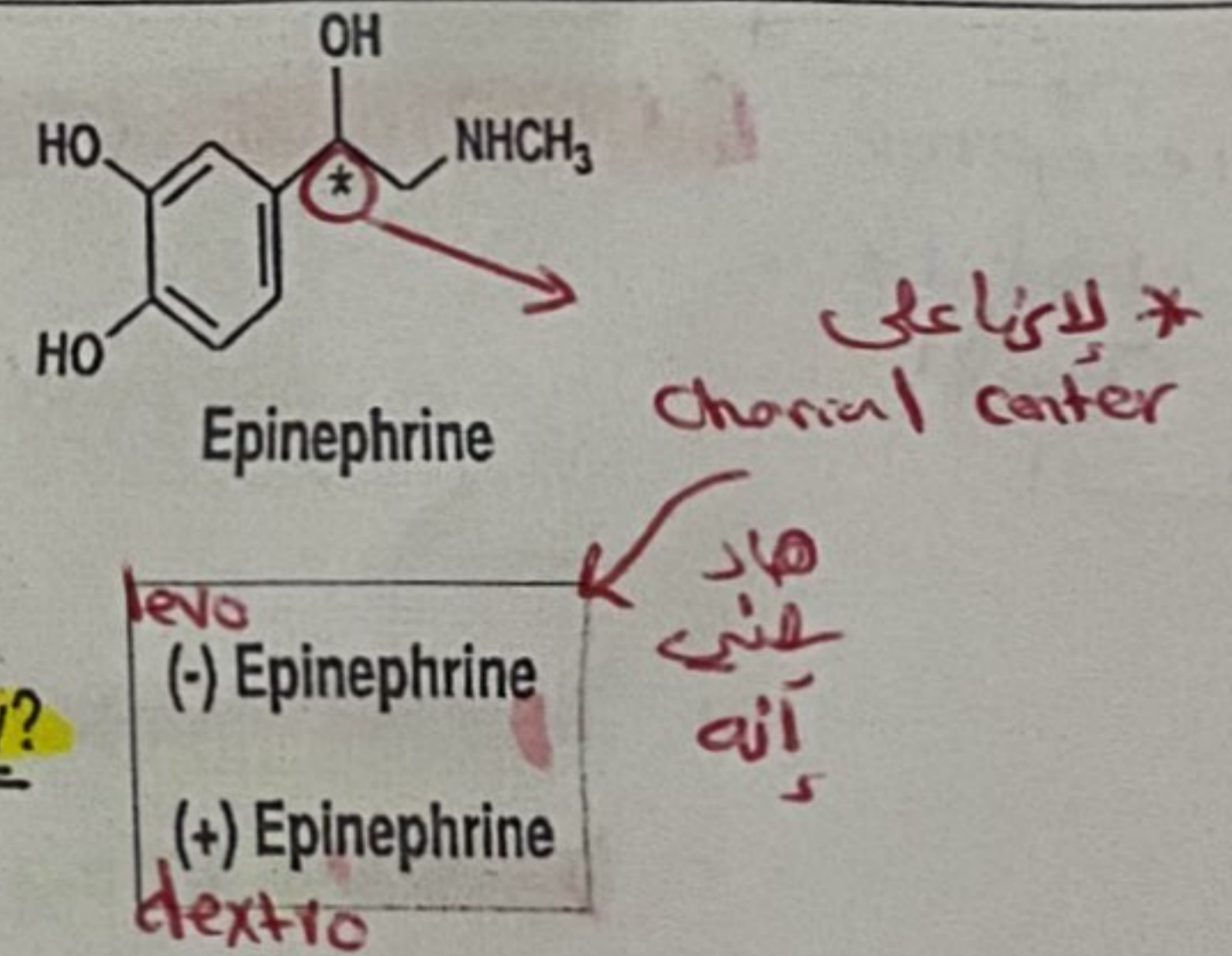
# Adrenergic binding site

## Drug Receptor Interactions D-R interaction



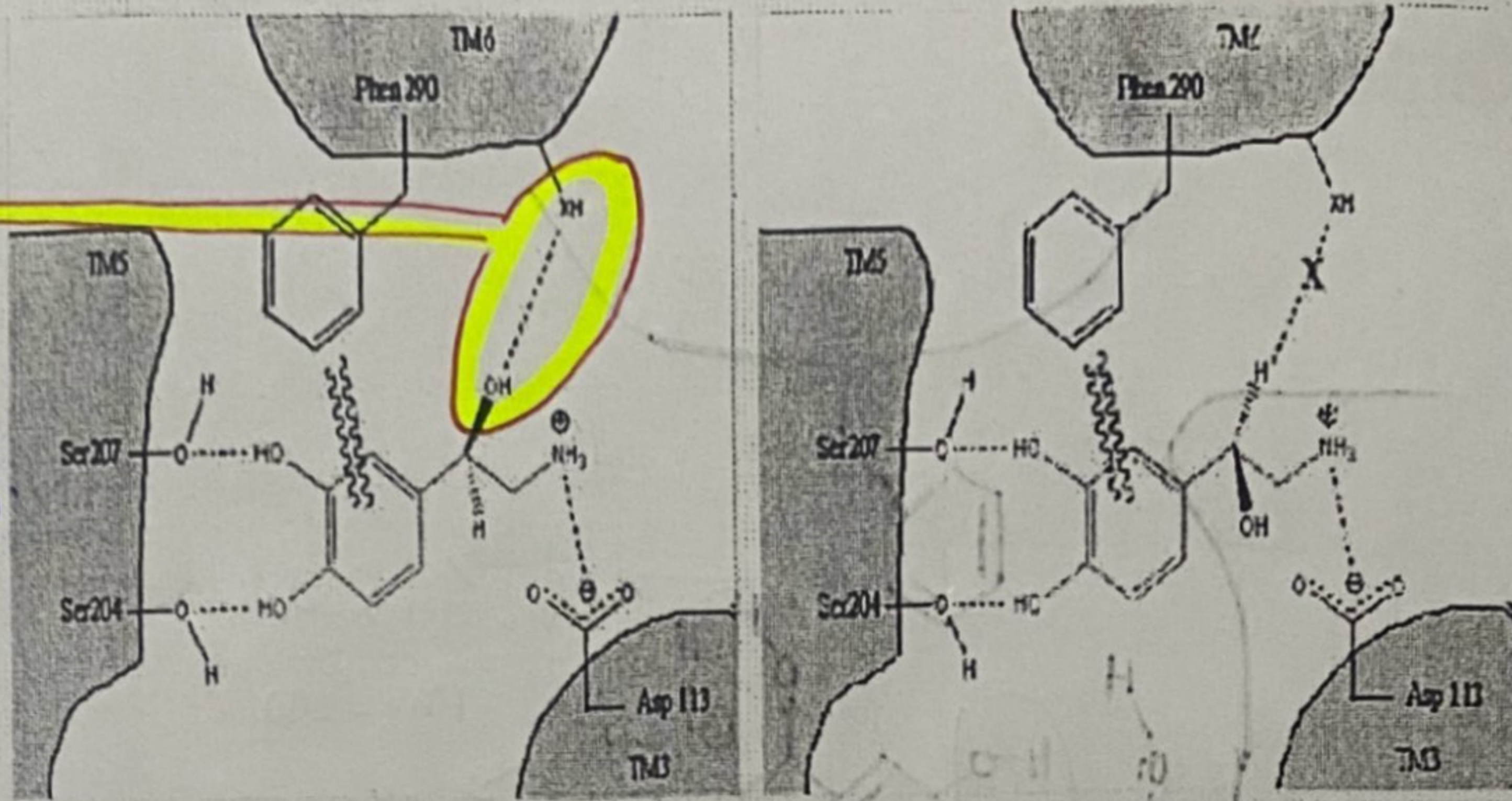
## Stereochemistry of NE and Epi

- There is a chiral carbon.
- There are two optically active isomers: (-) and (+)
- (-) Epinephrine is more active than (+) Epinephrine. Why?**
- Different binding
- (-) isomer fits with receptor via points of interaction, more than that of (+).
- Hence, the (-) isomer has higher affinity and activity.



# Binding of (-) and (+) isomers

levo ←  
قد يرتبط مع  
Asparagine  
↓  
hydrogen bonding



The (-) isomer fits with receptor via points of interaction, more than that of (+).

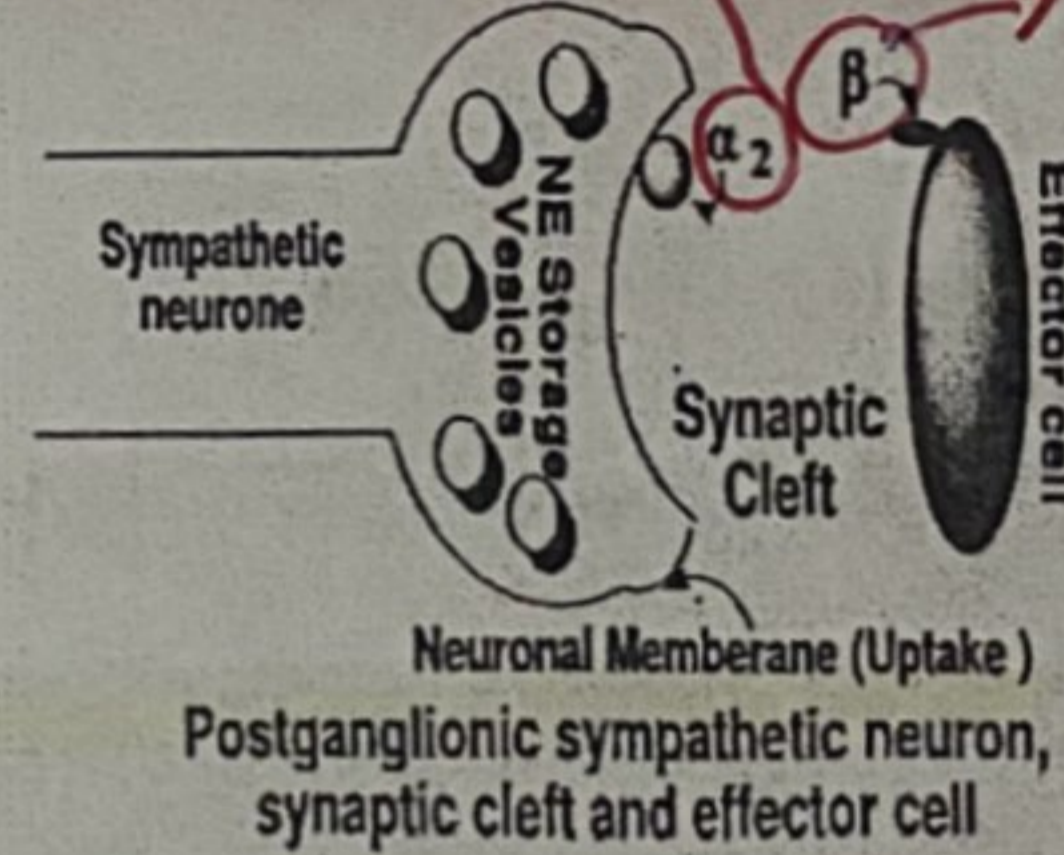
Hence, the (-) isomer has higher binding affinity.

(-) isomer is more active than (+)

## Adrenergic Receptors

سبب تفهم مكان وجود  
subtype و receptor  
خليصاً عنهم أكثر كيف  
الأدوية تستعمل في علاج  
الـ receptors

أسيتونية موجودة



موجودة مع  
effector cell  
(post synaptic)

- Two types of adrenoceptor ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )
- Subtypes ( $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ ;  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$ )
- Subtypes of subtypes ( $\alpha_{1A}, \alpha_{1B}, \alpha_{1D}, \alpha_{2A}, \alpha_{2B}, \alpha_{2C}$ )

( $\alpha, \beta$ ) → G-protein coupled receptors

### Signal transduction

- $\alpha_1$ -adrenoceptor : generates inositol triphosphate and diacylglycerol
- $\alpha_2$ -adrenoceptor : inhibits generation of cyclic AMP
- $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$ -adrenoceptors : generate cyclic AMP

Pharmacology Class

## Adrenergic Receptors (adrenoceptors)

### Distribution and effects

### Pharmacology Class

- Receptors are distributed differently in different organs and tissues
- Receptor selective drugs act selectively at different organs and tissues
- Activating  $\alpha_1$ -adrenoreceptors generally (contracts) smooth muscle  
(except gut = relaxation of GIT smooth muscle)
- $\beta_1$ -Adrenoceptors predominate in the heart
- Activating  $\beta_1$ -adrenoceptor contracts cardiac muscle
- $\beta_2$ -Adrenoceptors predominate in the airways
- Activating  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptors relaxes smooth muscle

\* الـ  $\alpha_1$  بالـ ان بعد relaxation  
لانه احنا مش بجله لعينه  
tract او تستغل  
كالة كوز

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## Receptor activation

### Pharmacology Class

The receptor activation may result in:

1.  $\alpha_1$ - Adrenergic receptors: Vasoconstriction, relaxation of GIT smooth muscle, salivary secretion and hepatic glycogenolysis.
2.  $\alpha_2$ - Adrenergic receptors (Auto-receptor): Inhibition of transmitter release including NE from autonomic nerves, platelet aggregation.
3.  $\beta_1$ - Adrenergic receptors: Increase cardiac rate and force, relaxation of GIT smooth muscle and lipolysis.
4.  $\beta_2$ - Adrenergic receptors: Bronchodilation, vasodilatation, relaxation of visceral smooth muscle, hepatic glycogenolysis and muscle tremors.

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## Inactivation of Catecholamines

\* الله سبحانه وتعالى خلق عمل الـ adrenaline يتوقف عن طريق reuptake. حين الـ adrenaline يتقل ثقله بعدين بربط  $\alpha_2$  receptor ويرجع للـ Vesicle مرة ثانية.

1. **Reuptake into the adrenergic nerve ending, stored into storage granules until sympathetic nerve stimulation.** (الطريقة (1))

2. **Enzymatic metabolism:** Two principle enzymes involved in Catecholamines metabolism: (الطريقة (2))

a) **Monooxidase (MAO)**, acts via **oxidative deamination** of catecholamines  
 عليه فقدان الـ H

هو انتريم تحول الـ (amine) الى (Carboxylic acid)

b) **Catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT)**, methylates the meta hydroxyl group of catecholamines.

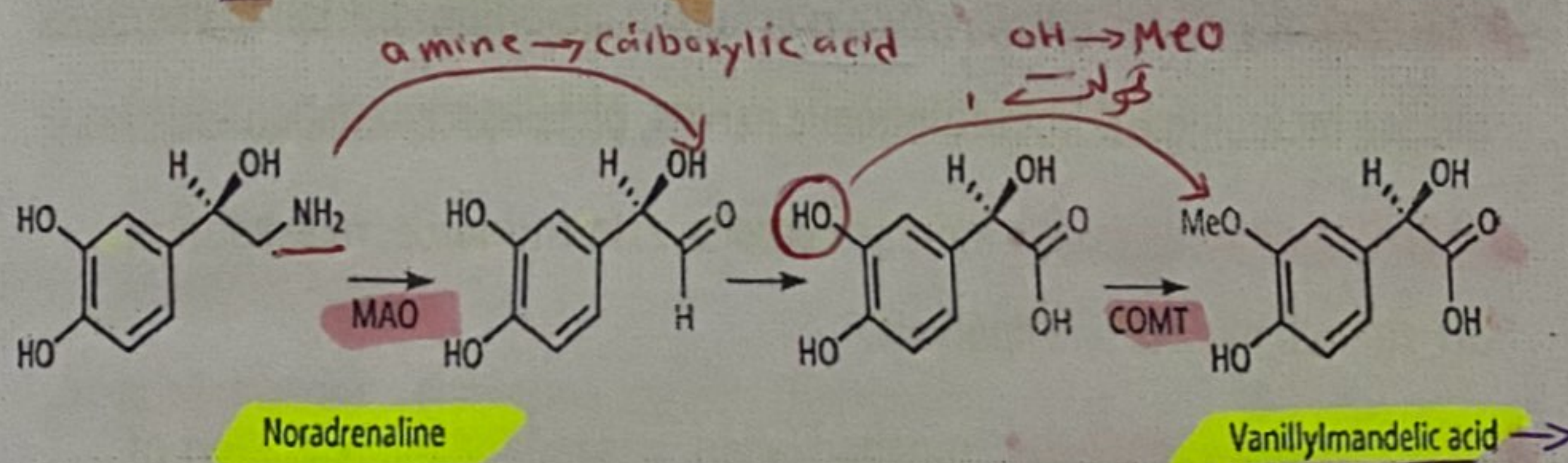
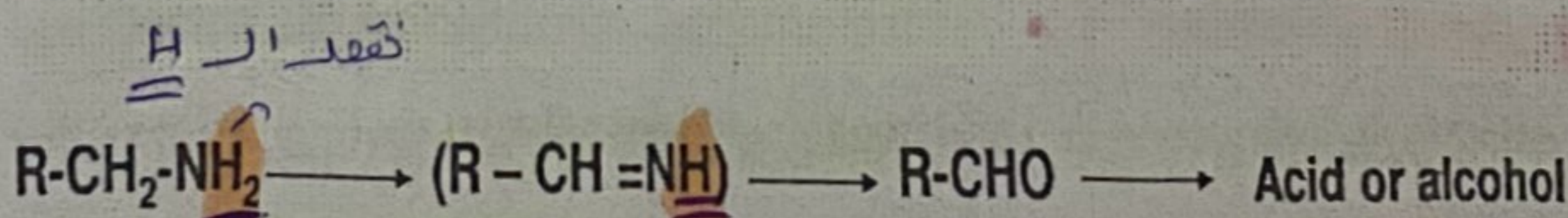
موجود بالاصغار لهيك  
 ما نقد اخذ الـ adrenaline  
 عن طريق الدم لانه حيوي  
 COMT ويهل عليه  
 metabolism  
 ونحوه الى inactive

عن طريق ازالة الـ amine  
 ونتم اضافة الـ OH  
 في الله سبحانه وتعالى خلق  
 هار الاتريم لحدته يتوقف عمل  
 الـ noradrenaline ويتوقف  
 افة بعدة جملة كقول قنلا.

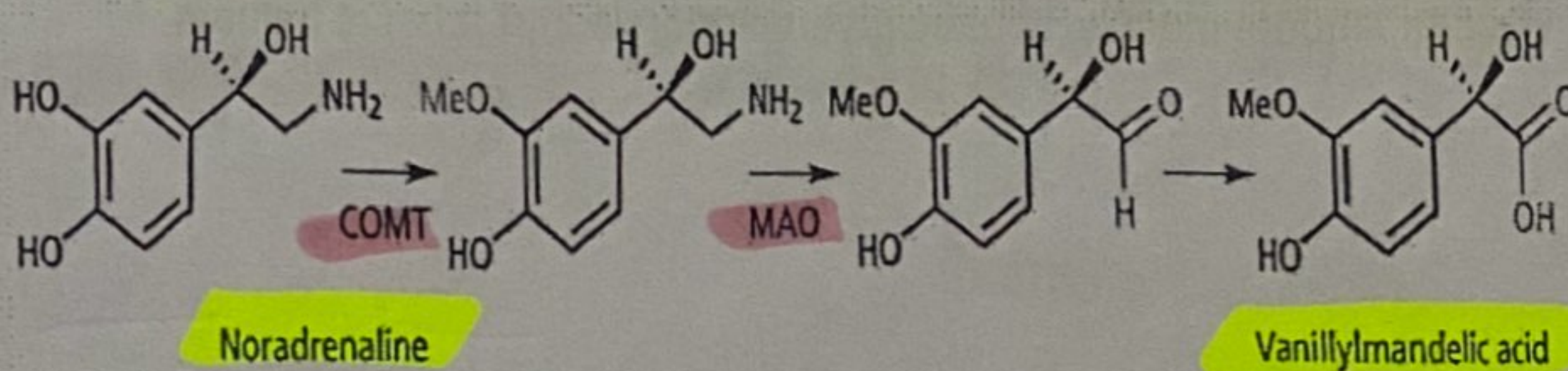
عمل metabolism عن طريق  
 اضافة الـ OH  
 methyl group

## Metabolism by MAO and COMT

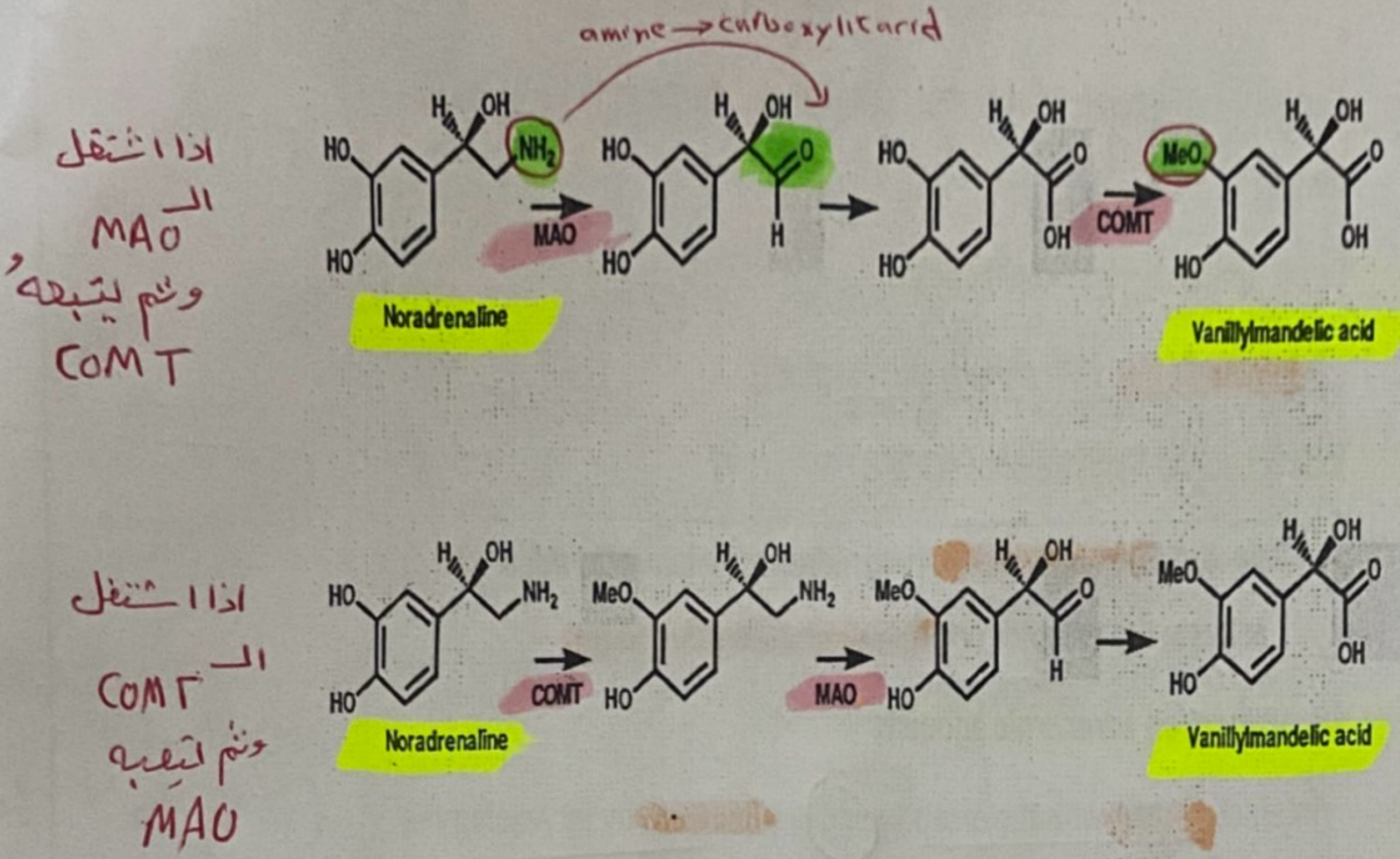
• **Effect of MAO: Oxidative deamination.** i.e. Oxidation of the carbon carrying the nitrogen accompanied by loss of the nitrogen atom.



هو عبارة عن ترتيب  
 يكون بالبوك  
 بعد  
 metabolism of adrenaline



## Metabolism of Noradrenaline



## Adrenergic Drugs

\* هي الـ drug التي احاطت بخصائصها

- ▶ The drugs that act on the peripheral sites of the sympathetic nervous system are collectively named adrenergic drugs.
- ▶ They act via either enhancing or inhibiting the sympathetic activity.

تقريباً يشابه

**Stimulating.**

Sympathomimetic.

Adrenomimetics.

or adrenergic stimulants.

Agonists.

**Inhibiting.**

Sympatholytic.

antiadrenergic.

or adrenergic-blocking agents.

Antagonists.

بالفة  
التثبيته  
تثبيته  
الحلقة  
اثر الـ  
aldrenergic

مدرجات الدوائيه التي لها اثر للجهاز العصبي  
 الودي تحتأثر الـ adrenaline الذي تخزنه الكبد  
 على افراز السكر و تنظيم افراز insulin  
 والـ noradrenaline والتي ليس  
 تنوع النوعية الدويه وبالتالي زيادة  
 منظم الدم وزيادة سرعة نبضات القلب

## Sympathomimetic Drugs

According to the mechanism of action, sympathetic drugs may be classified into :

### 1. Direct acting Sympathomimetics.

(interact directly with adrenergic receptors)

### 2. Indirect acting Sympathomimetics.

(initiate the release of NEpi from adrenergic nerve terminal which activate the receptor or inhibit its uptake mechanism)

### 3. Mixed function adrenergic agonists

(interact directly with the receptor and act indirectly by increasing the conc. of Nepi at the receptor site)

## Direct-Acting Sympathomimetics

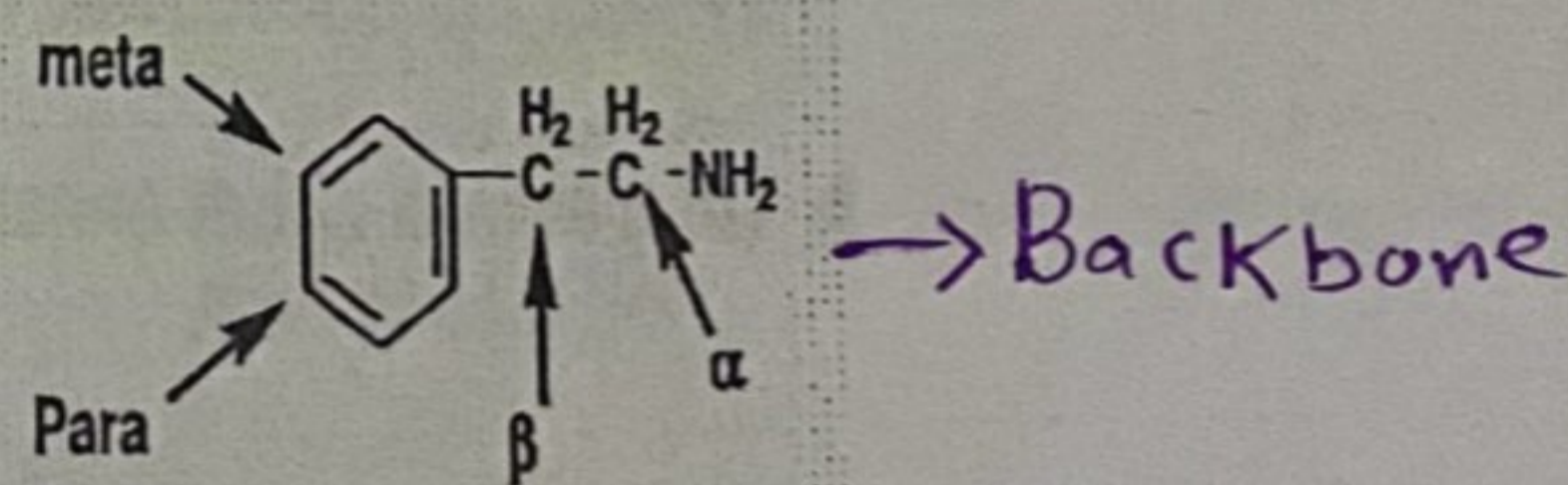
هو الاب لروحي  
 لراحي الجوى

(Prototype) of direct-acting sympathomimetics: **Norepinephrine, epinephrine** and **isoproterenol**.

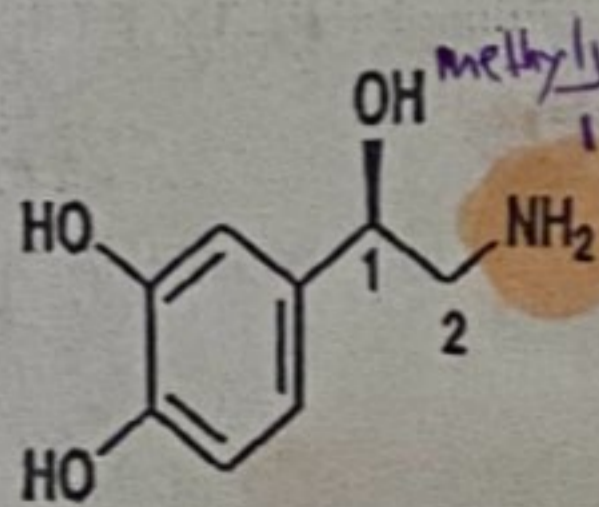
ليس كذري (3methyl group)

They are phenylethylamine derivatives that contain the appropriate substituents.

Also, they are Catecholamines.

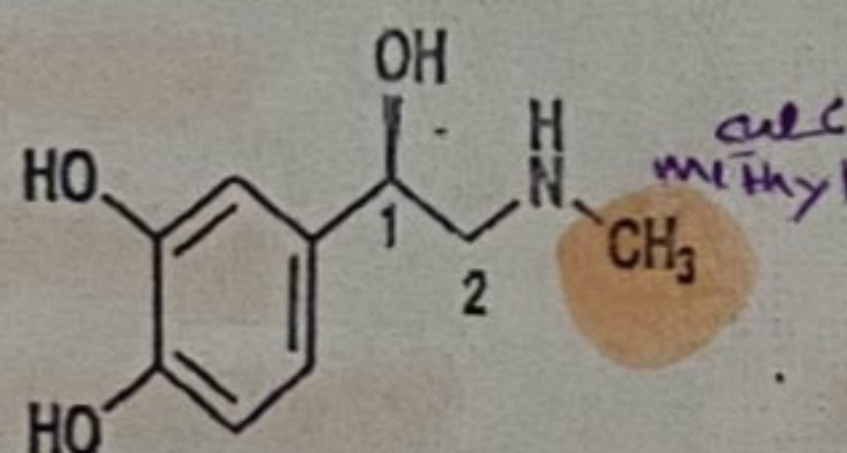


Phenylethylamine



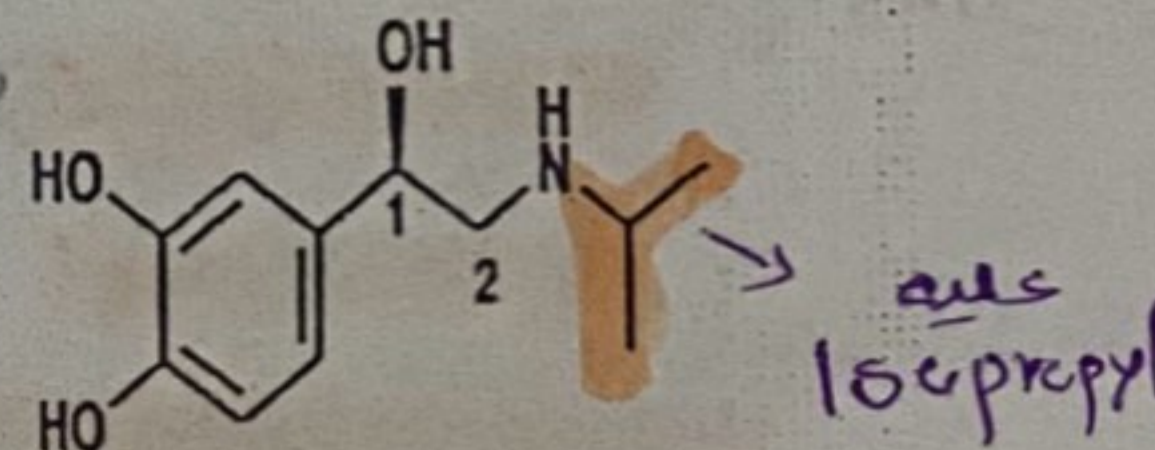
NorEpinephrine

(ارتبط بـ α)



Epinephrine

(ارتبط بـ α و β)



Isoprenaline

(ارتبط بـ β)

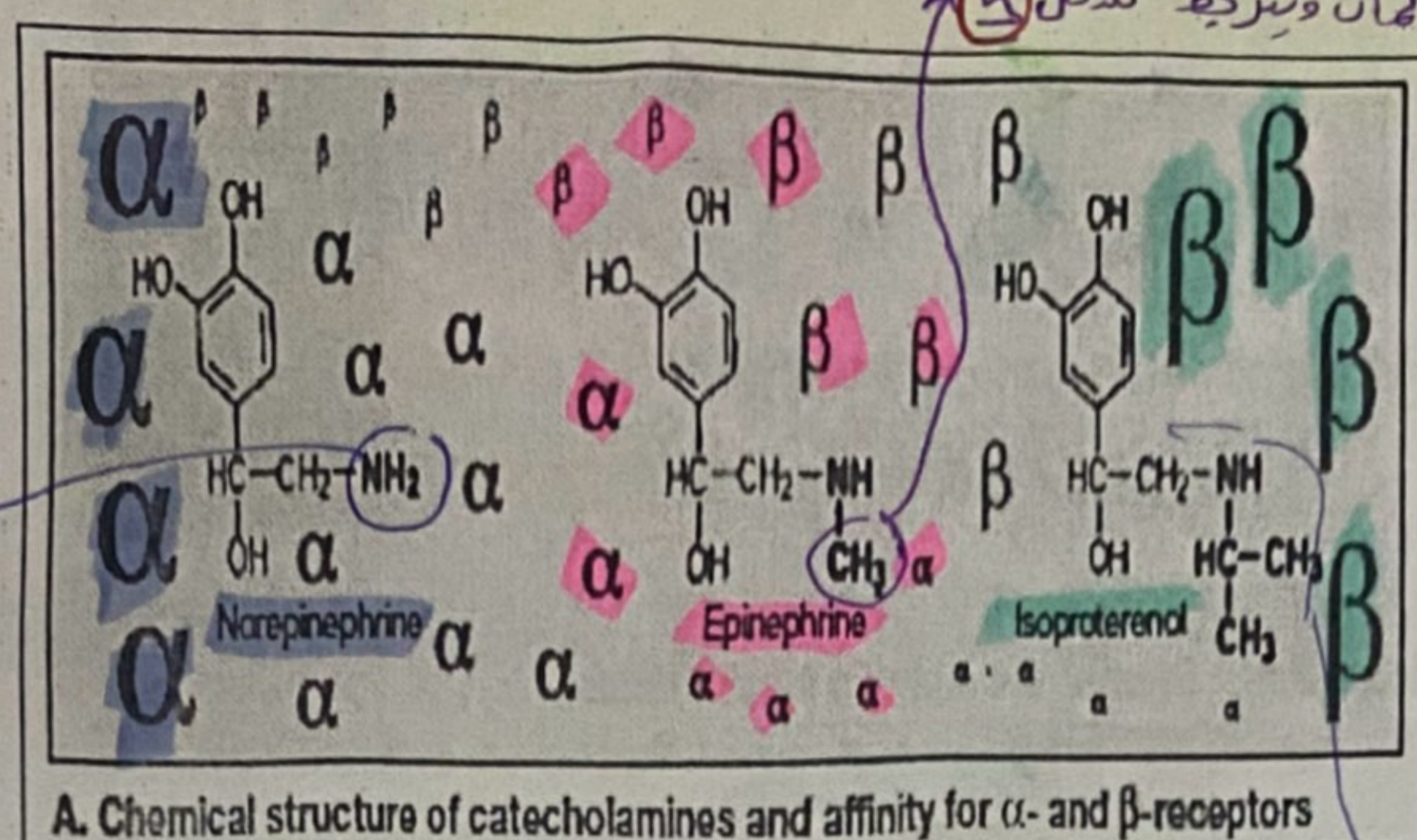
Norepinephrine and Epi are natural neurotransmitter and neurohormone.

Isoproterenol is a synthetic compound.

# Catecholamines

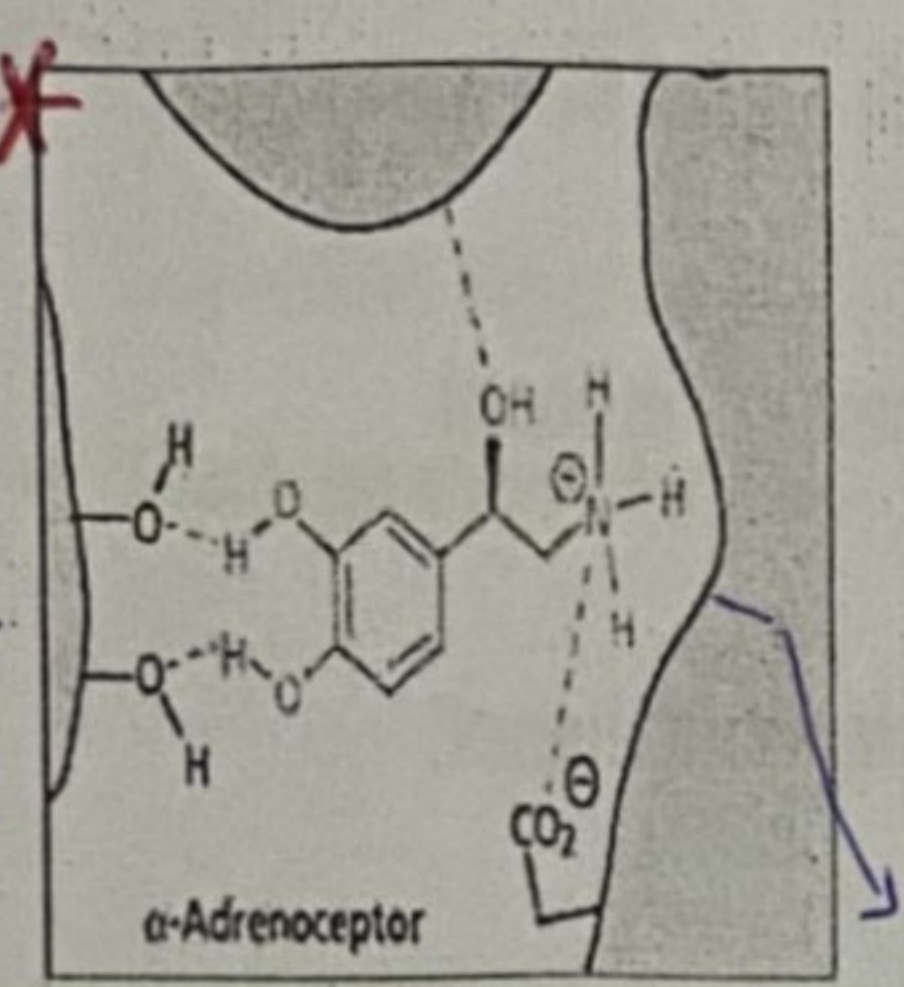
كثير مهم لفهم هياي لرحمة

بعد مسامحة  
 \* عندي epinephrine (ابو جوبين زي) لانه زيغ مع  $\alpha$  و  $\beta$  فال methyl كافيه تعلق و صغيرة كمان و تيزيد لتقل  $\alpha$  (B receptor interaction)

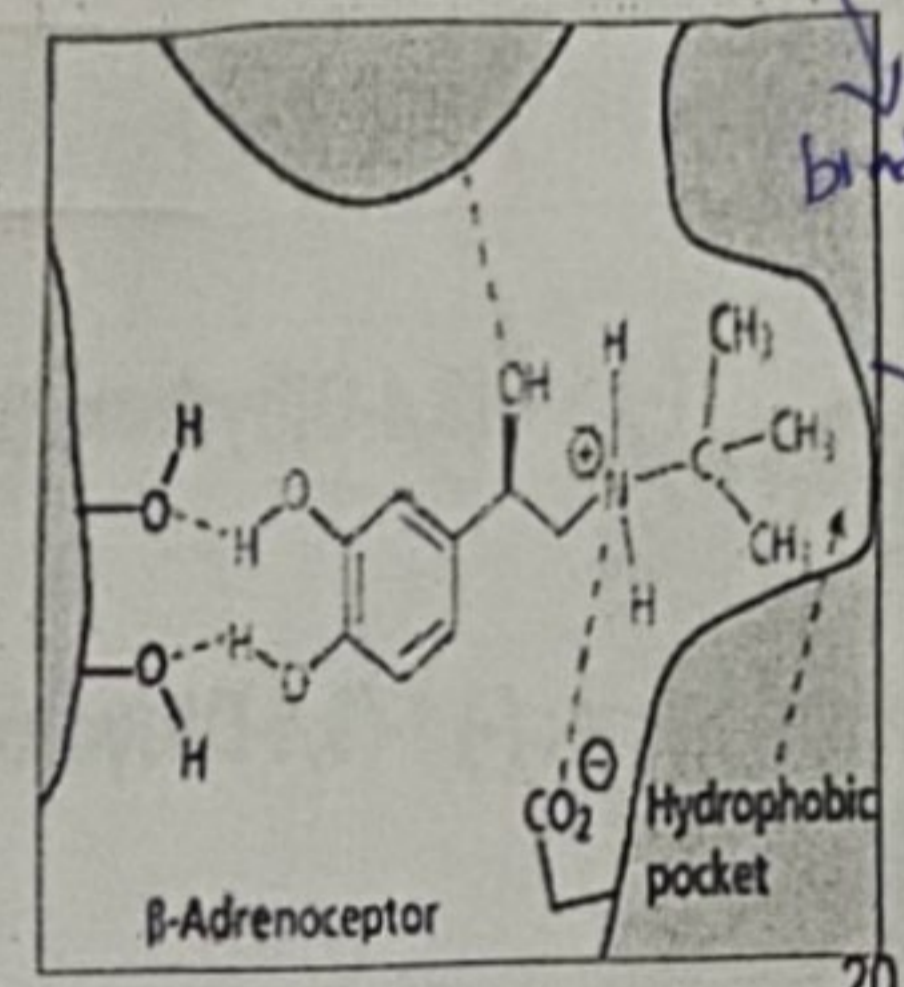


\* هياي ال norepinephrine مش راجع زيغ يرتبط بال (B) لانه كبير عليه

\* لو بيدي اخله ال Isoproterenol يرتبط بال  $\alpha$  (Stretch Hydrolysis) هياي راجع زيغ و يرتبط لانه كبير و ضخم و ال (binding pocket) صغير



Chemistry explains the differences. isopropyl is  $\beta$ -directing



\* هاد يرتبط هون هو binding pocket ال يتوجه ال \* ال binding pocket ال B و ال

ال binding pocket ال \* هياي

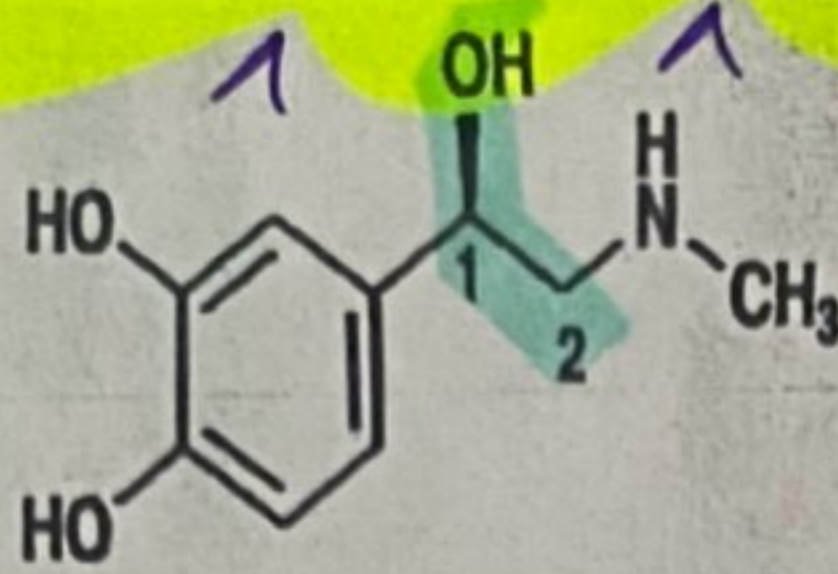
## Members of Direct-Acting Drugs

What we discuss in Med Chem Class:

- Chemical structure / Chemical name
- Structural features / Effect of structure on activity
- Properties / Physico-chemical properties
- Mode of action
- Metabolism / Duration of Action
- Uses
- ...
- Synthesis
- Analysis

# Epinephrine (Adrenaline) as a drug

نظف بحالة الحساسية  
او هبوط ضغط الدم  
او توقف عضلة القلب



Epinephrine (Adrenaline)



Chemical name: Choose the suitable parent name:

Name it as ethanol derivative

Name it as benzyl alcohol derivative

Name it as catechol derivative

عائلة نسوية

(-) 1-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)- 2-methylamino ethanol

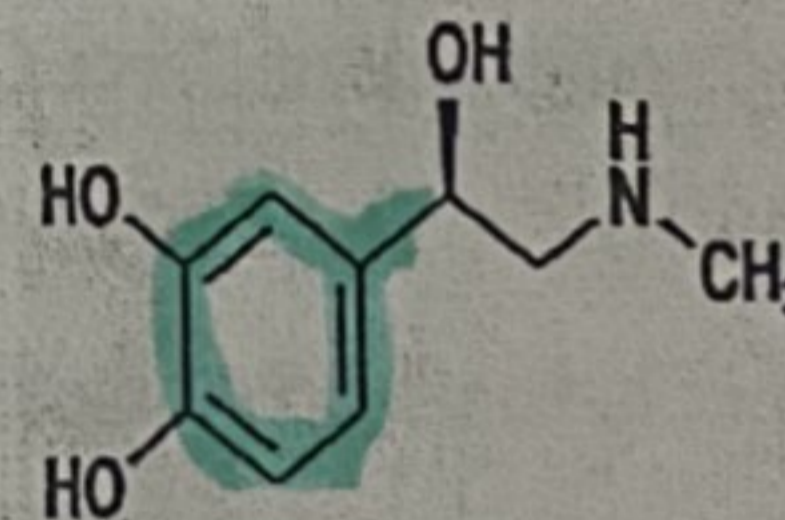
Chemical name: (-) 1-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)-2-methylaminoethanol

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# Epinephrine (Adrenaline)

أromatic ring على  
CH<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>

Chemical name as benzyl alcohol derivative.



(-) 3,4-Dihydroxy- α-[(methylamino)methyl] benzyl alcohol

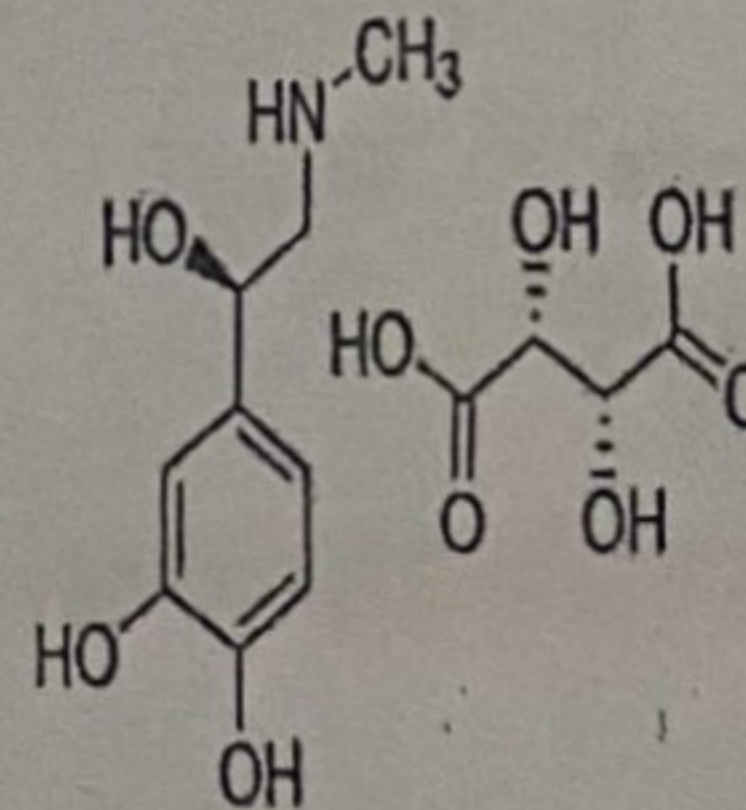
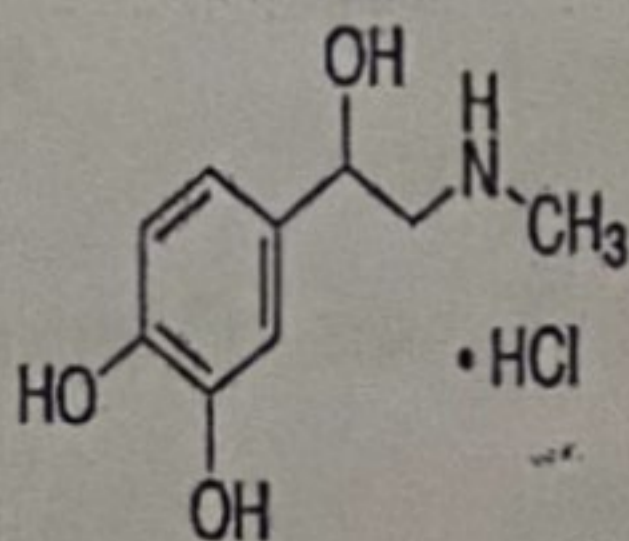
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Chemical name: (-) 3,4-Dihydroxy-α-[(methylamino)methyl]benzyl alcohol

Salts:

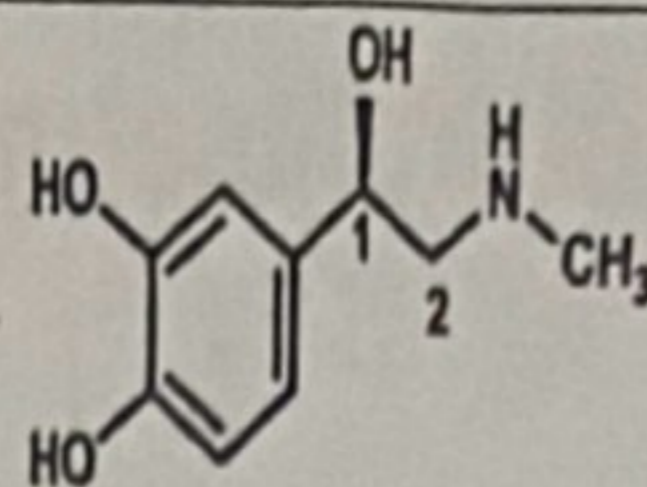
Present as acidic salt: HCl or bitartrate

عائلة Salts  
لمزيد ذاتيها



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## Structural features



Epinephrine (Adrenaline)

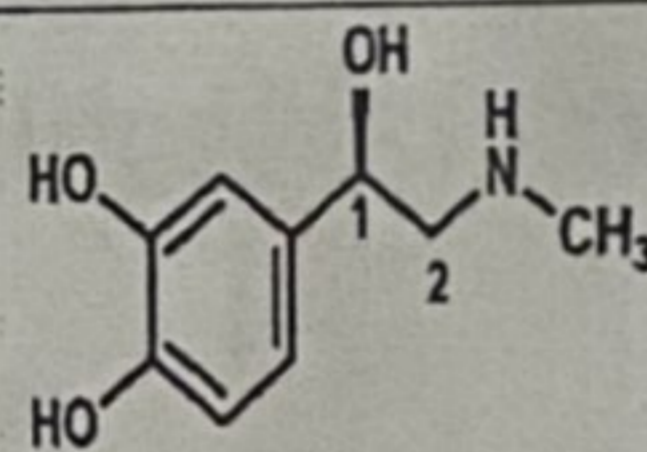
- **Prototype.**
- **Direct adrenergic agonist, due to the presence of the catechol OHs, the  $\beta$ -OH and a secondary amine group.**

Primary amine is norepinephrine

- The (N) atom is a **secondary amine** with a methyl substituent, which provides **non selective adrenergic activity: both  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ - activities.**
- Epinephrine has **both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -effects. No selectivity ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )**
- The amine function is affected by **MAO.**
- **Short duration of action**



## Structural features

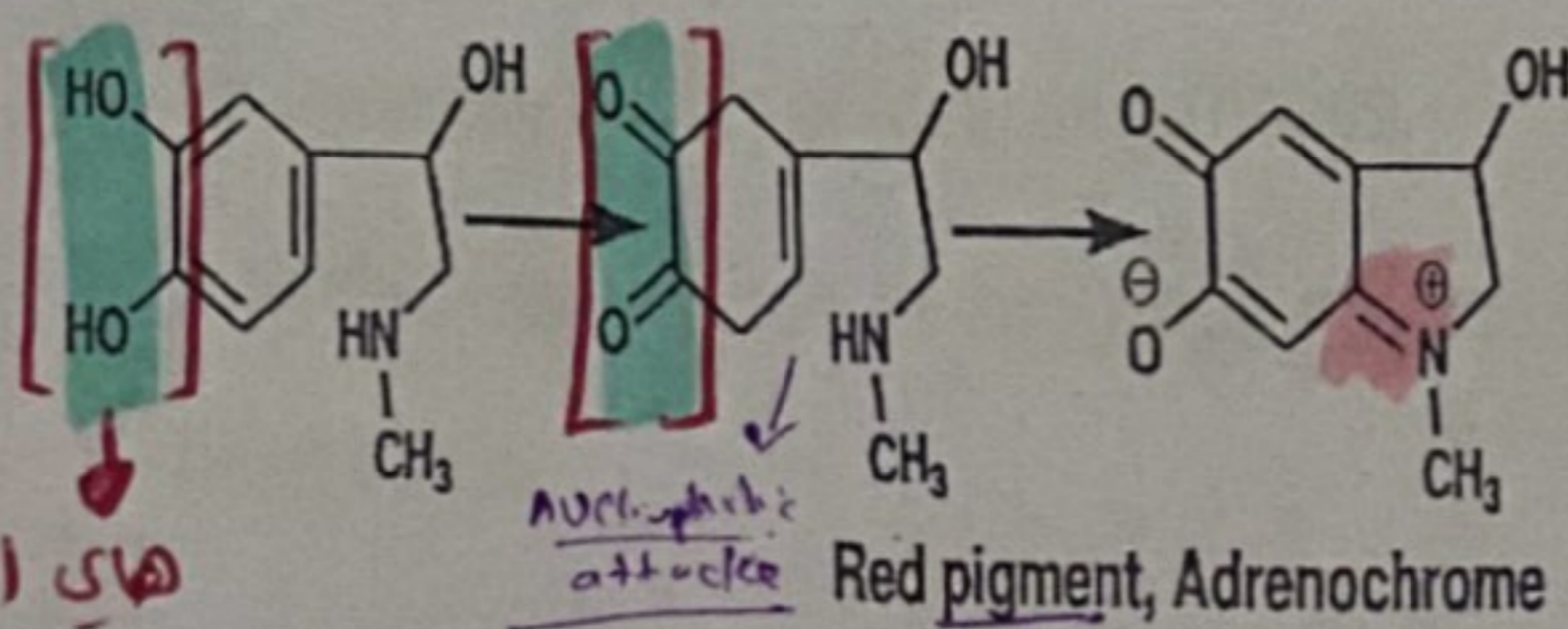


Epinephrine (Adrenaline)

- **Because of the catechol nucleus, it is metabolically vulnerable; rapidly affected by COMT.**
- **Short duration of action and oral inactivity.**
- **Highly polar molecule: decreased penetration into the eye.**
- **Because of the catechol nucleus, it is oxidized easily and darkens slowly on exposure to air (chemical instability) due to formation of inactive quinone.**

الpinephrine يتأثر  
بواسطة COMT  
لفظي orally

ليس  
COMT



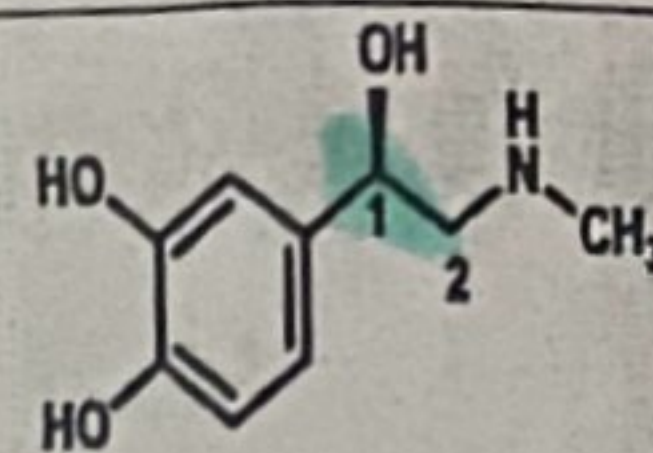
Thus, solutions are stabilized by adding reducing agents as ascorbic acid.

هذا  
reaction  
غير  
irreversible

هذا ال catechol  
يتم بسهولة ليصبح  
oxidation

هذا اللون  
طبعاً يكون فيها  
conjugated system

## Structural features

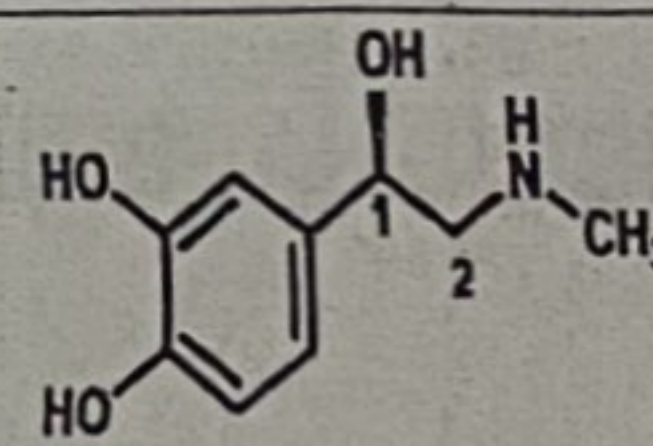


Epinephrine (Adrenaline)

- There is a chiral carbon
- There are 2 isomers
- The *levorotatory* isomer of epinephrine is more active than other isomer.
- So, the drug should be prepared as R(-) isomer.

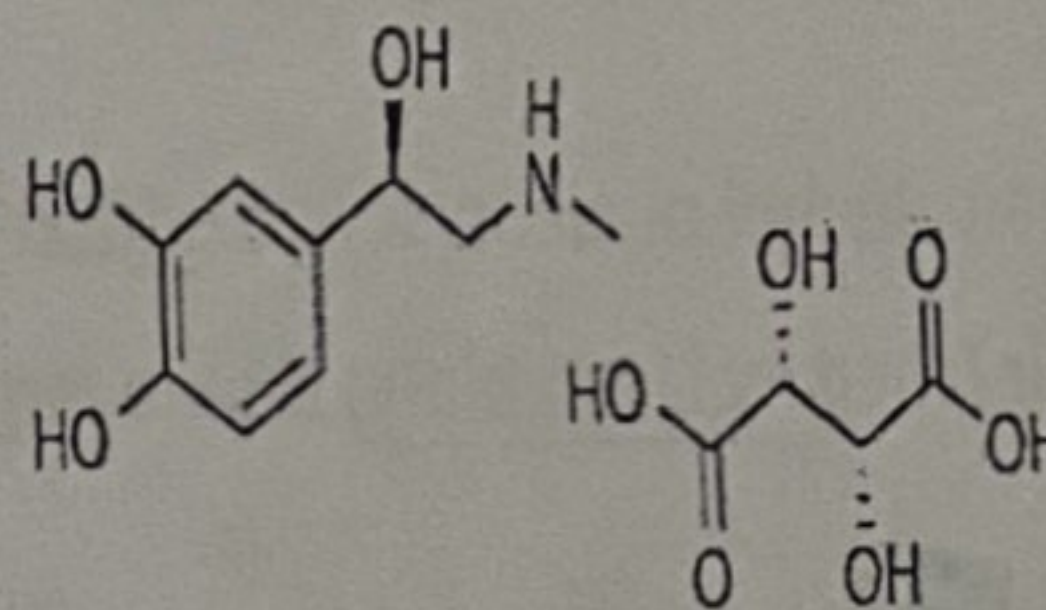
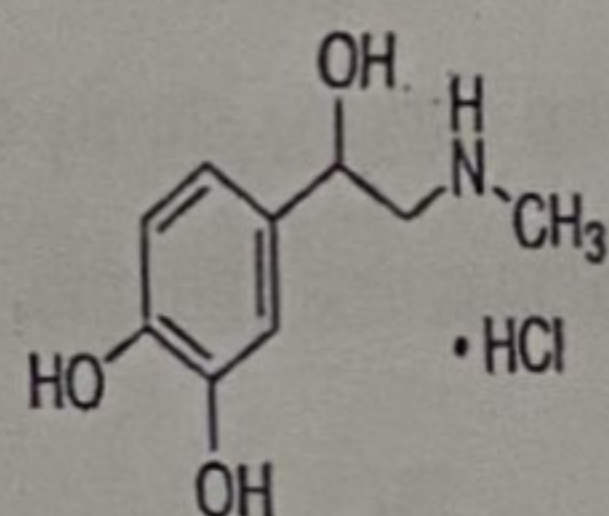
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## Structural features



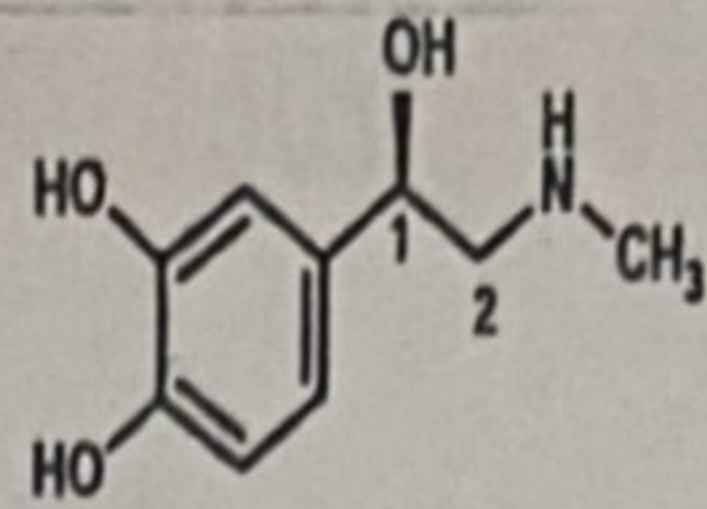
Epinephrine (Adrenaline)

- As a drug, epinephrine is available as HCl and bitartrate salts.
- Salts are of high degree of water solubility.
- Bitartrate salt shows increased *in vitro* stability against alkaline media.



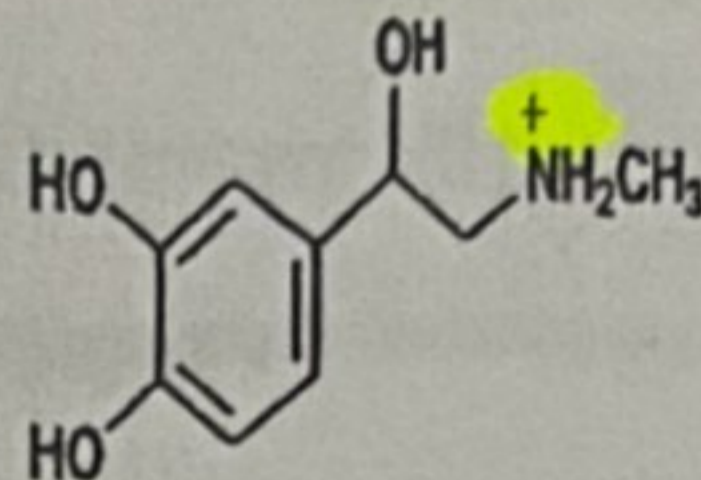
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## Structural features



Epinephrine (Adrenaline)

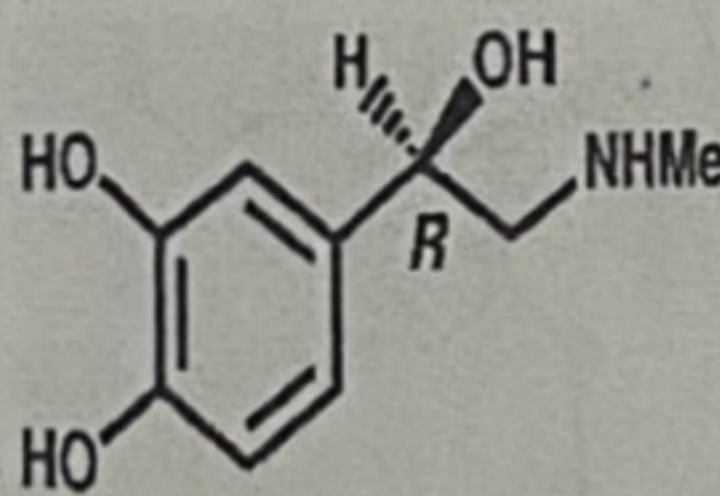
- At physiological pH (7.4), NE and Epi are found to exist in more than 95% in the cationic form in which nitrogen is protonated.
- Henderson-Hasselbalch equation
- pKa of epinephrine = 8.55



See introductory part of Med Chem

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## Adrenaline. Uses



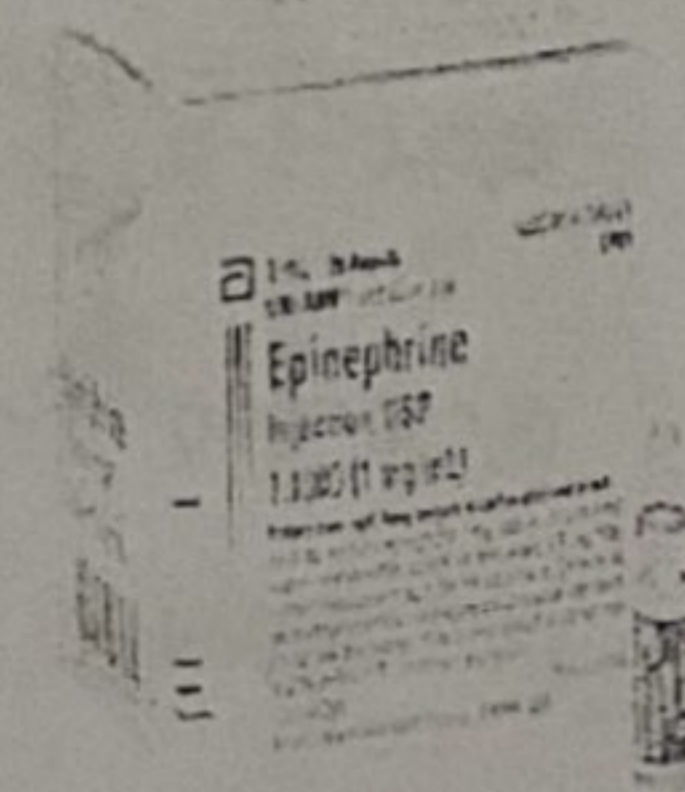
Adrenaline



- Adrenaline used for severe anaphylactic shock
- Vasoconstrictor in patient with hemorrhage.
  - fast acting, but short acting
  - unsuitable for long term medication
  - cardiovascular side effects
- Vasoconstrictor in nasal decongestion.
- Increase the activity of local anesthetics.
- a limited use in case of bronchial asthma and heart block

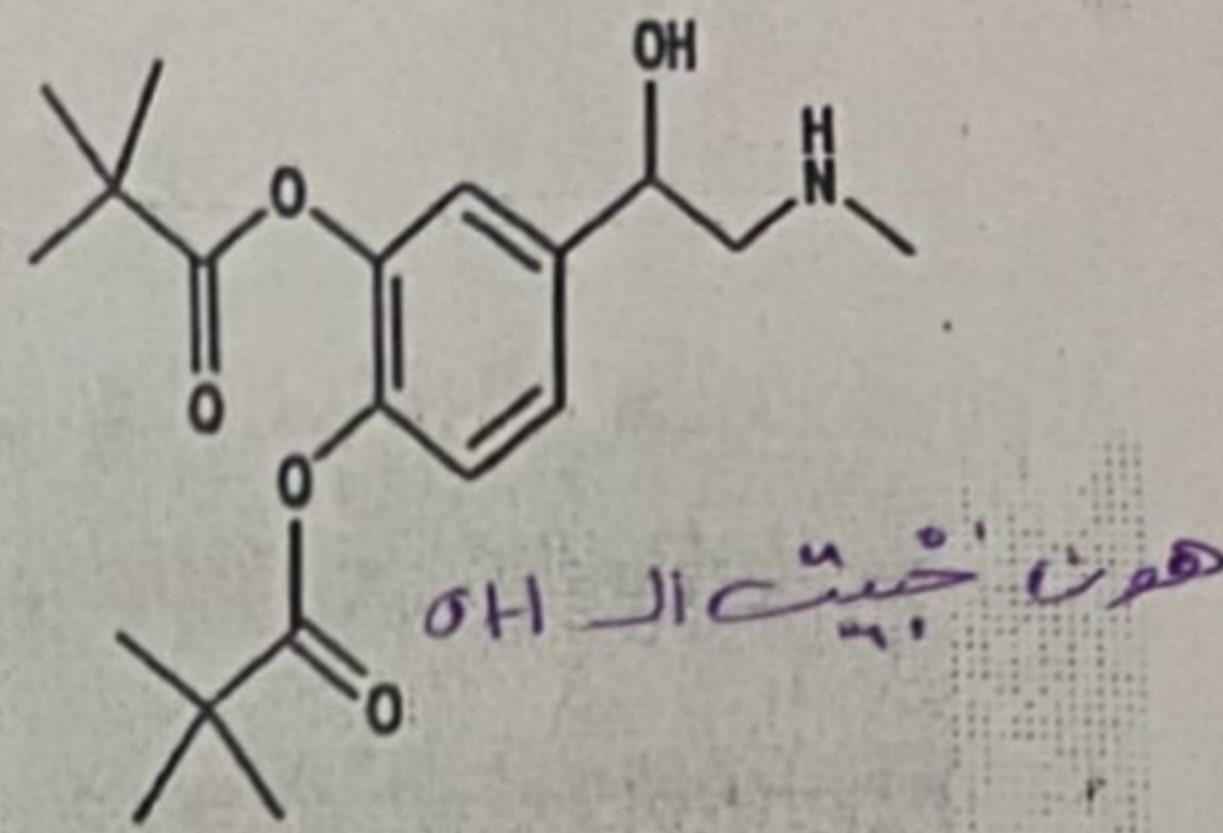
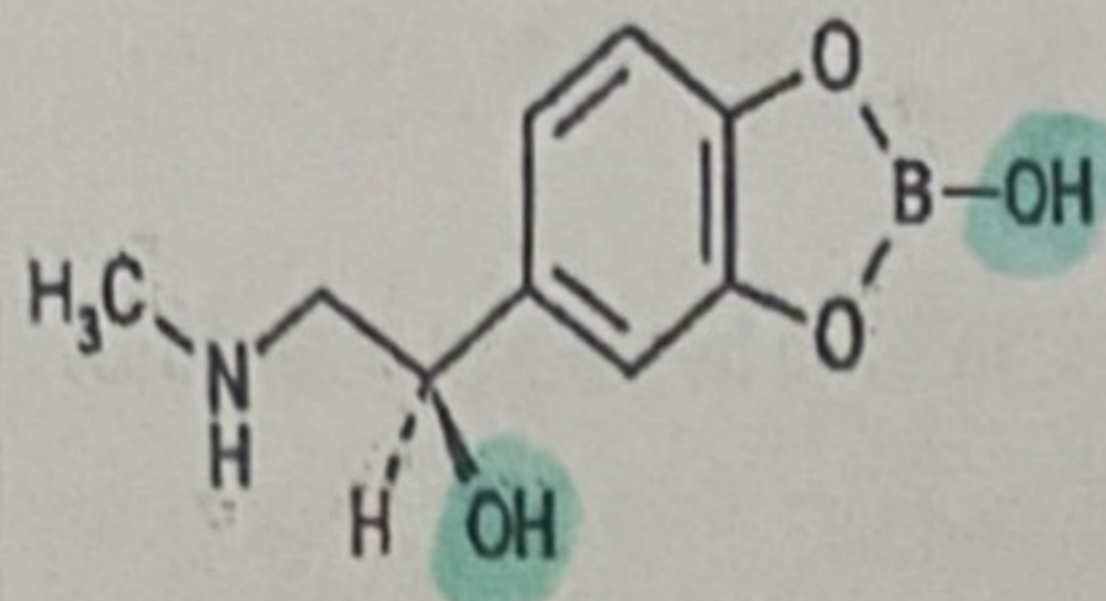
### Disadvantages

- Short duration. (rapid metabolism)
- Not taken orally



# Modified structures of Epinephrine

عنه هيك  
Ewo OH groups  
عنه علاج ال  
glaucoma  
لوبيه اسطيه من طبيع  
هيك



## Epinephryl borate

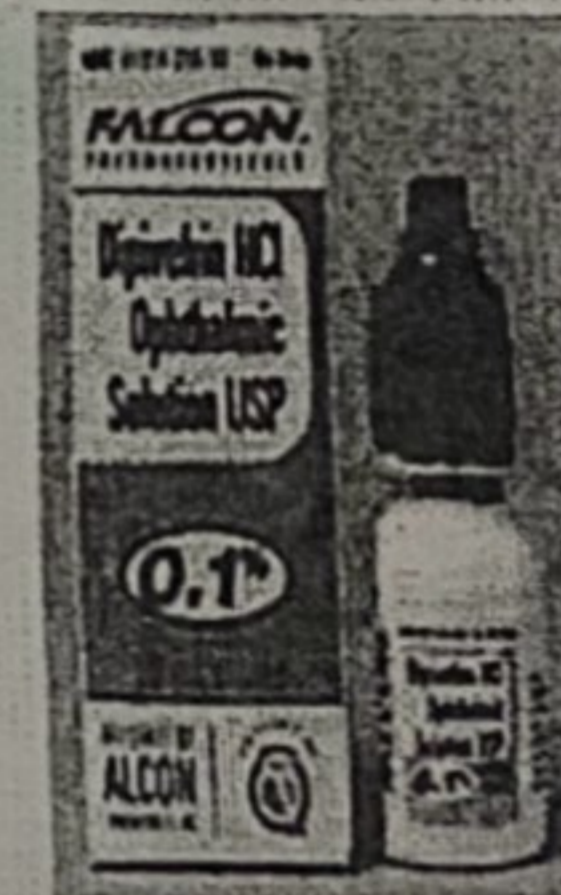
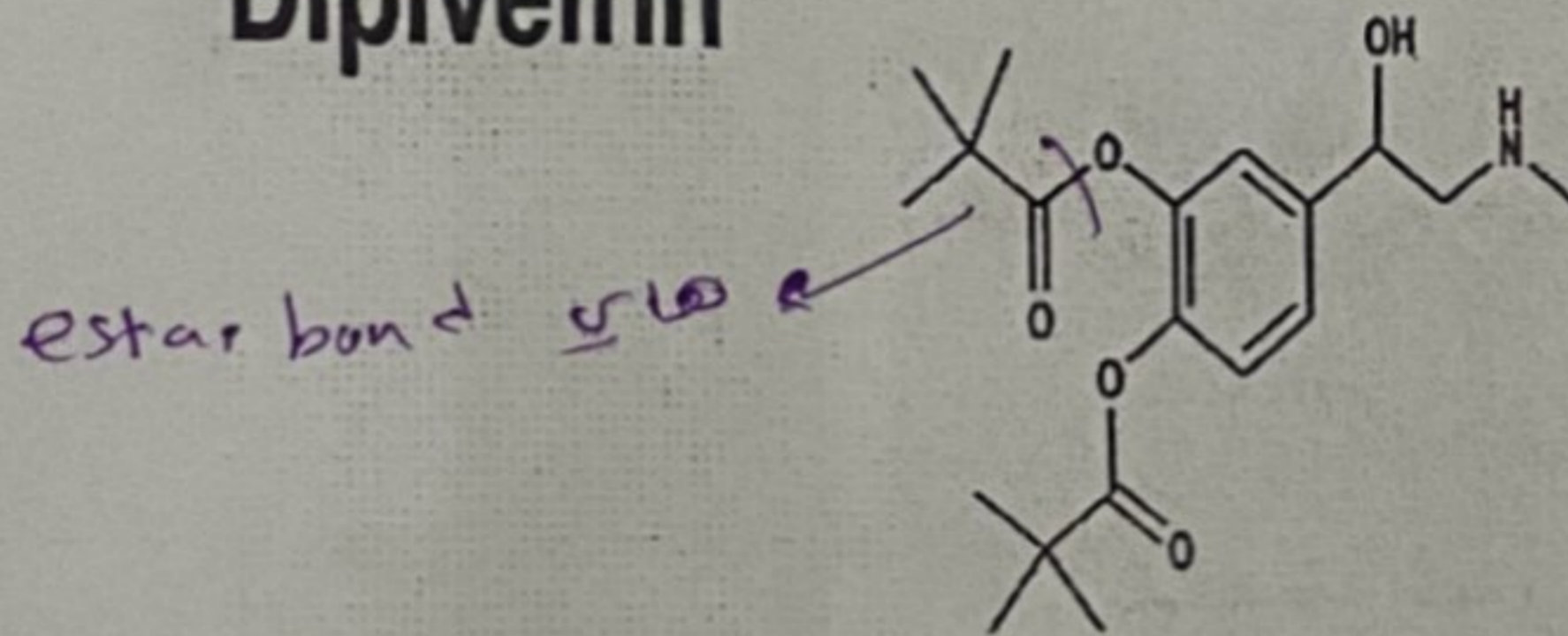
- It is used in the treatment of primary open angle glaucoma.
- Less irritant than epinephrine.

## Dipivefrin

- Ophthalmic for Glaucoma
- Less irritant than epinephrine

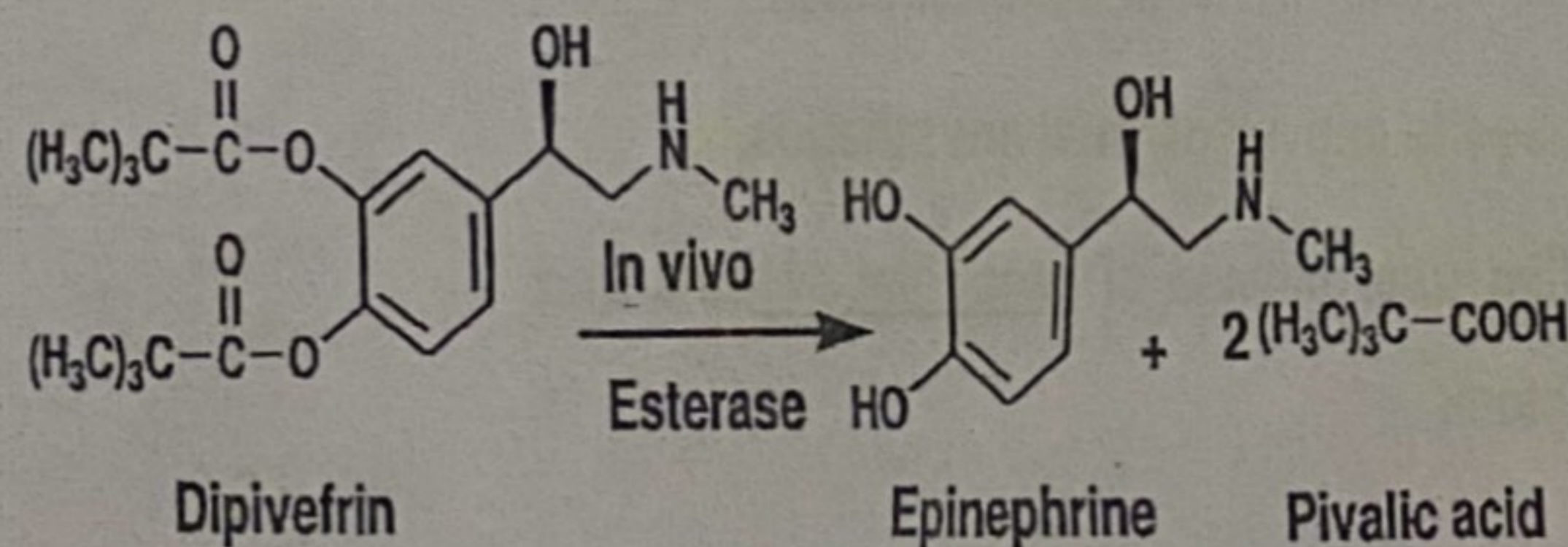
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# Dipivefrin



- It is the pivalic acid prodrug of epinephrine, with higher lipophilic character so with better ocular penetration when used in glaucoma
- Less irritant than epinephrine.
- A Prodrug. It is converted to epinephrine by esterases in in the cornea and anterior chamber.

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Dipivefrin  
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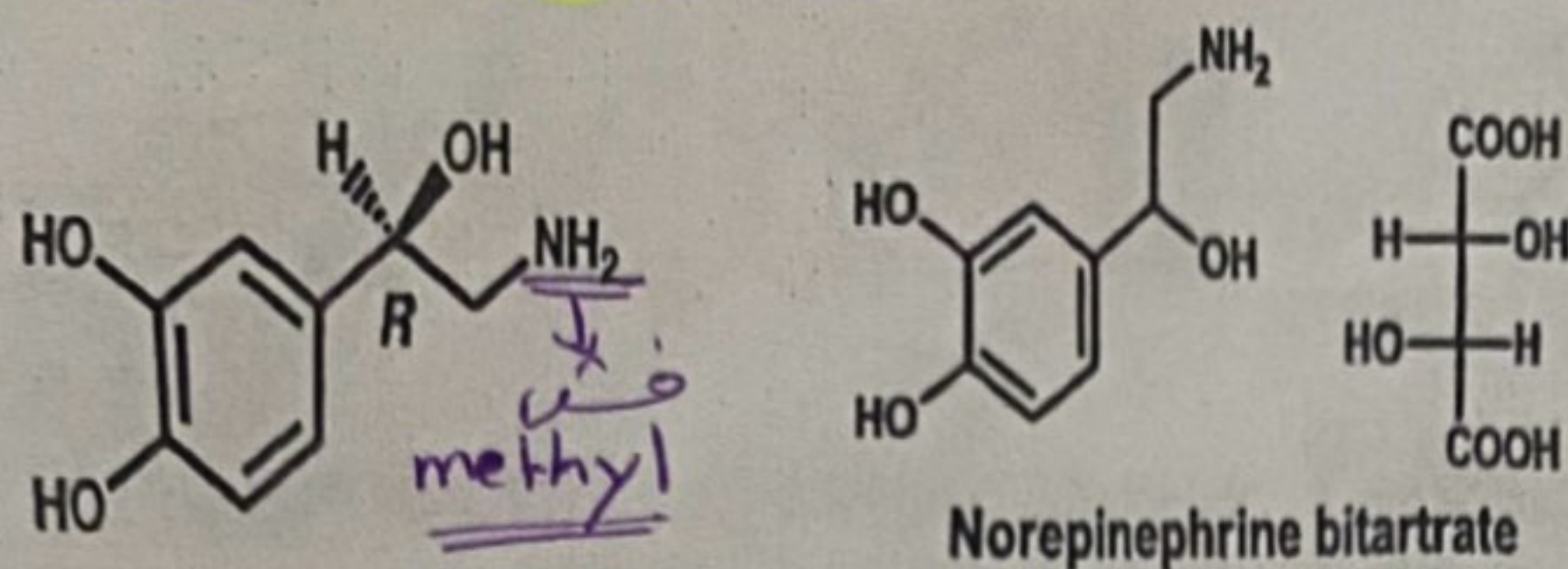


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(α)

## Norepinephrine, bitartrate

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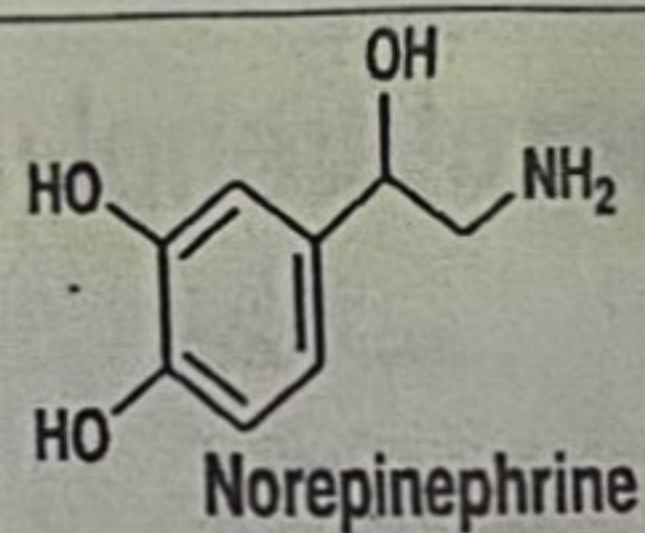
(-) 2-Amino-1-(3,4-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethanol, bitartrate

- The bitartrate salt forms stable injectable solution.
- Used to maintain blood pressure in acute hypotensive states.
- Not used as bronchodilator. Why??

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## Norepinephrine

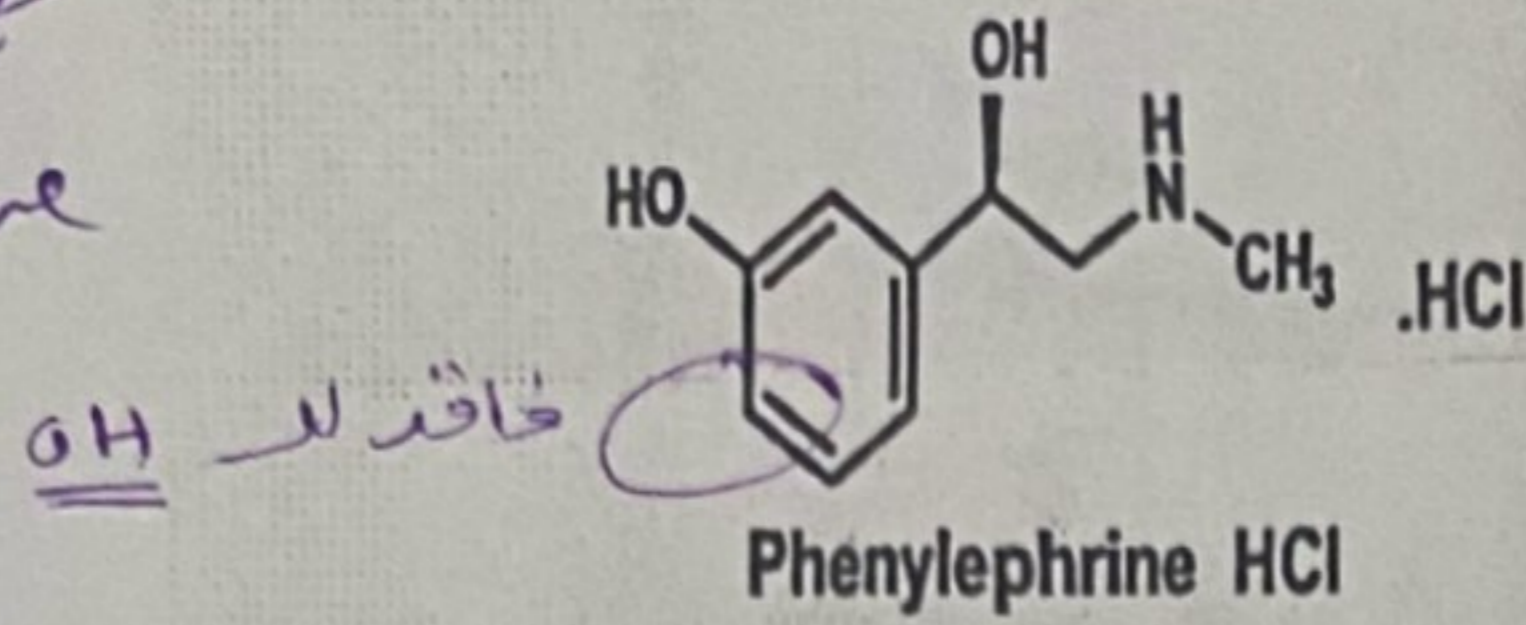


- Presence of the β-OH and the catechol OHs and the amine, so optimal direct action.
- It is a 1ry amine; so, α-adrenergic activity. Mainly α agonist activity.
- Metabolically vulnerable to MAO and COMT, so short duration of action and no oral activity.
- Short acting: Unsuitable for long term medication
- Chemically unstable where photo-oxidation is possible, so protect from light and OH<sup>-</sup>.

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# Phenylephrine HCl

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Epinephrine



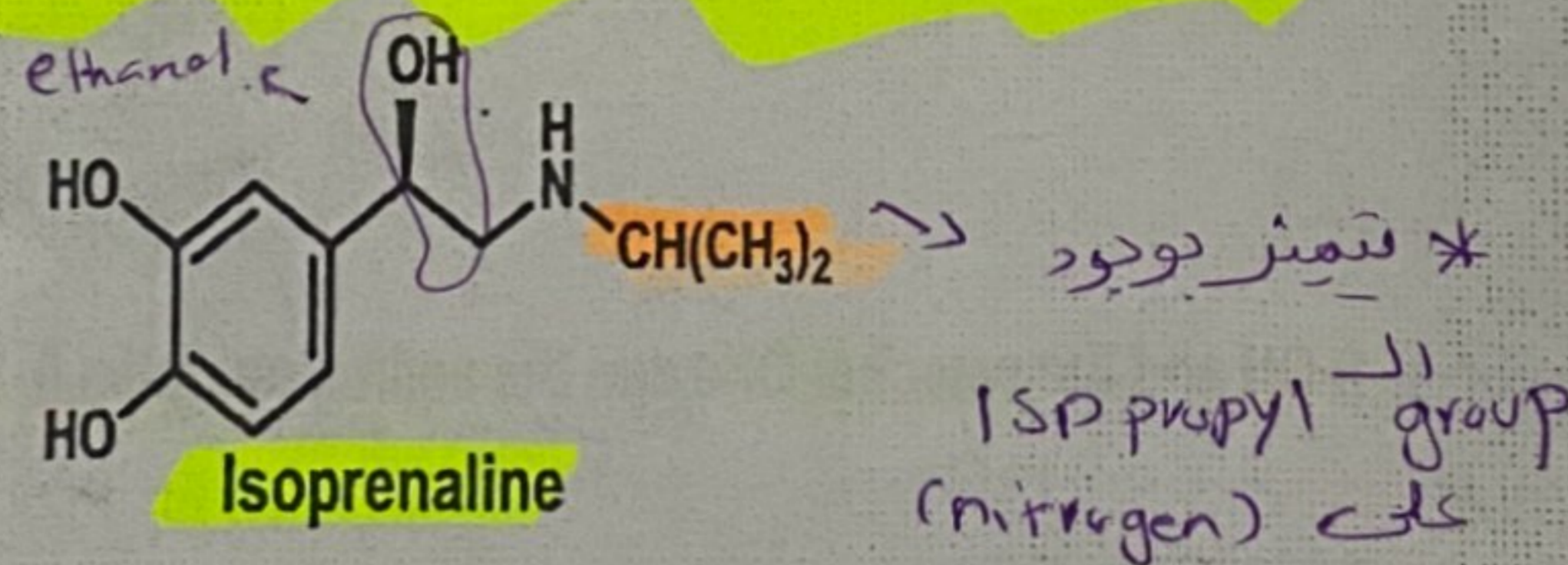
(-) 1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(methylamino) ethanol, hydrochloride

- **$\alpha$ -agonist.**
  - **Duration of action twice epinephrine.**
  - **Used as nasal decongestant**
  - **and to maintain blood pressure.**
  - **Effective orally and by injection.**
- ما يصير انهم  
اكثر من 3 ايام  
عشرات ما يصير  
تاثير عكسي



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# Isoproterenol (Sulfate) (Medihaler Iso)



- (-) 1-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-2-(isopropylamino)ethanol
- (-) 3,4-Dihydroxy- $\alpha$ -[(isopropylamino)methyl]benzyl alcohol

**$\beta$ -adrenergic agonist**

**Medihaler Iso is used for treatment of bronchial asthma.**

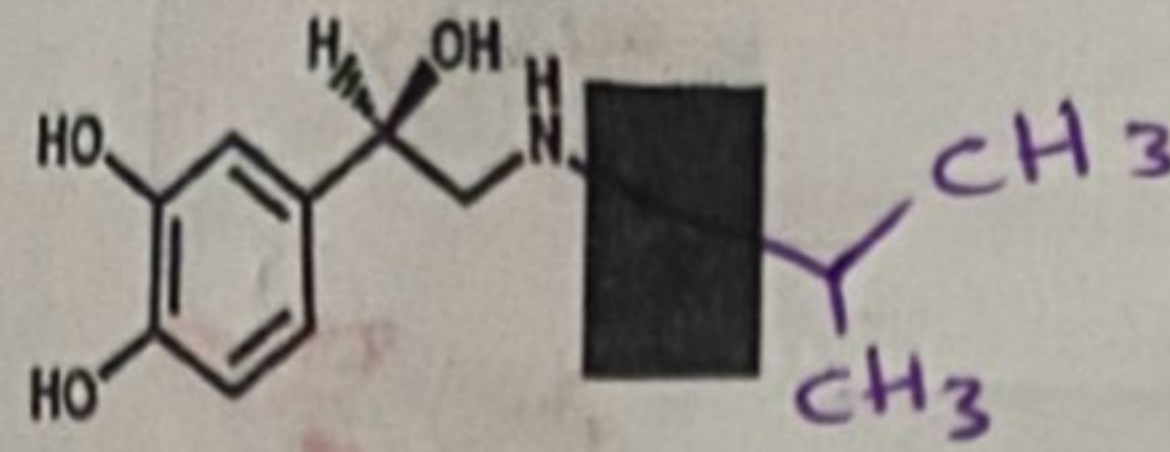
But

**Non-selective (affects both  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  receptors)**



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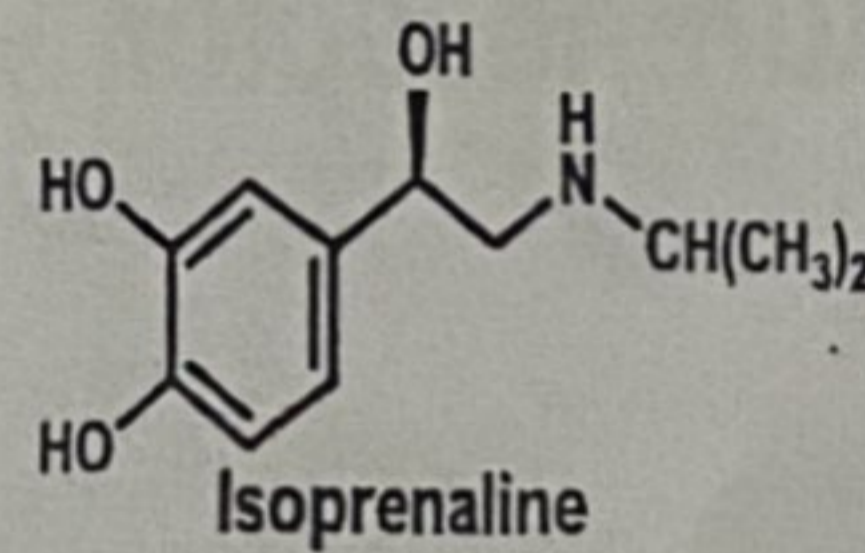
## Isoproterenol = Isoprenaline



- Shows selectivity for  $\beta$ -adrenoceptors over  $\alpha$  receptors
- Bulky isopropyl group introduces  $\beta$ -selectivity
- But, No selectivity between  $\beta$ -subtypes ( $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ )
- Cardiovascular side effects
- a non selective  $\beta$ -adrenergic agonist, it acts equally on :
  - $\beta_1$  receptors resulting in cardiac stimulation.
  - $\beta_2$  receptors resulting in bronchodilation.
- This non selectivity reduce utility for treatment of bronchial asthma.

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## $\beta$ -Adrenergic Agonists



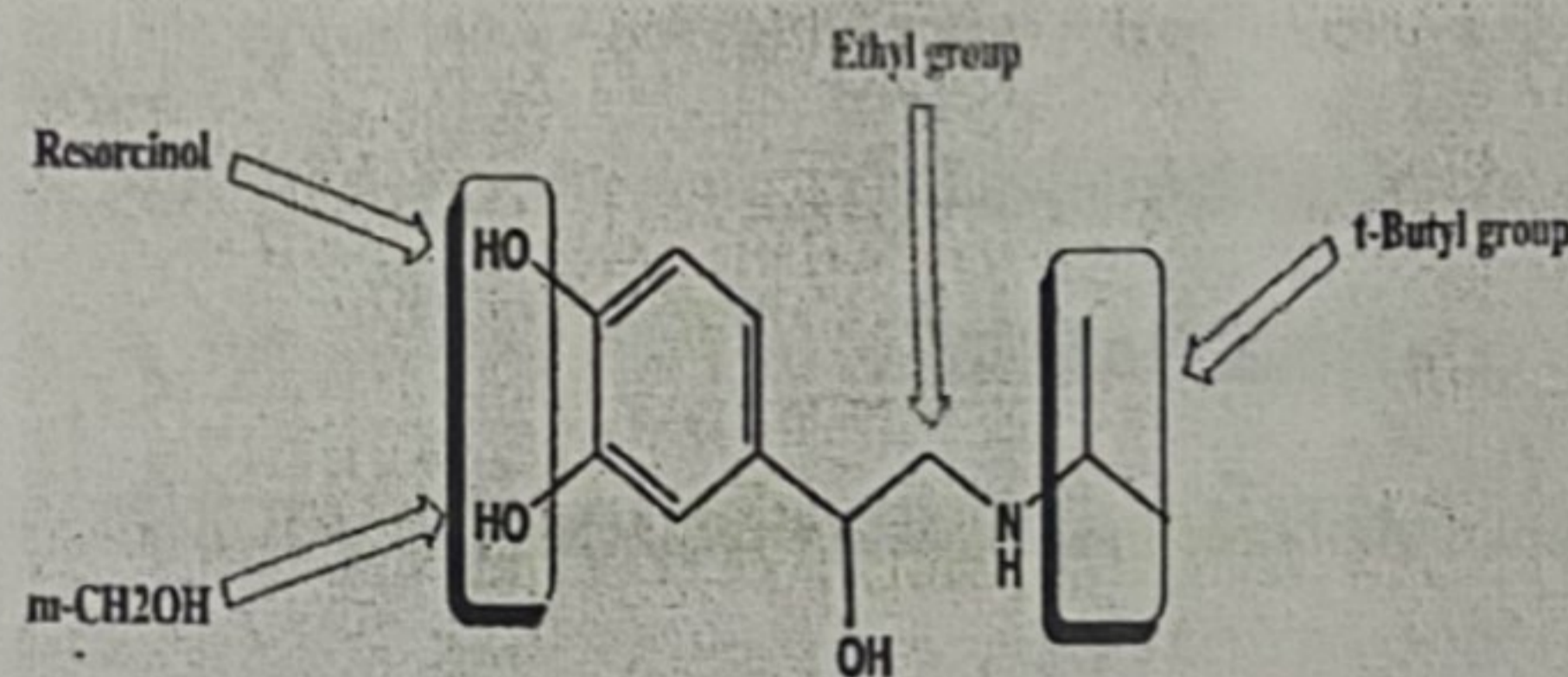
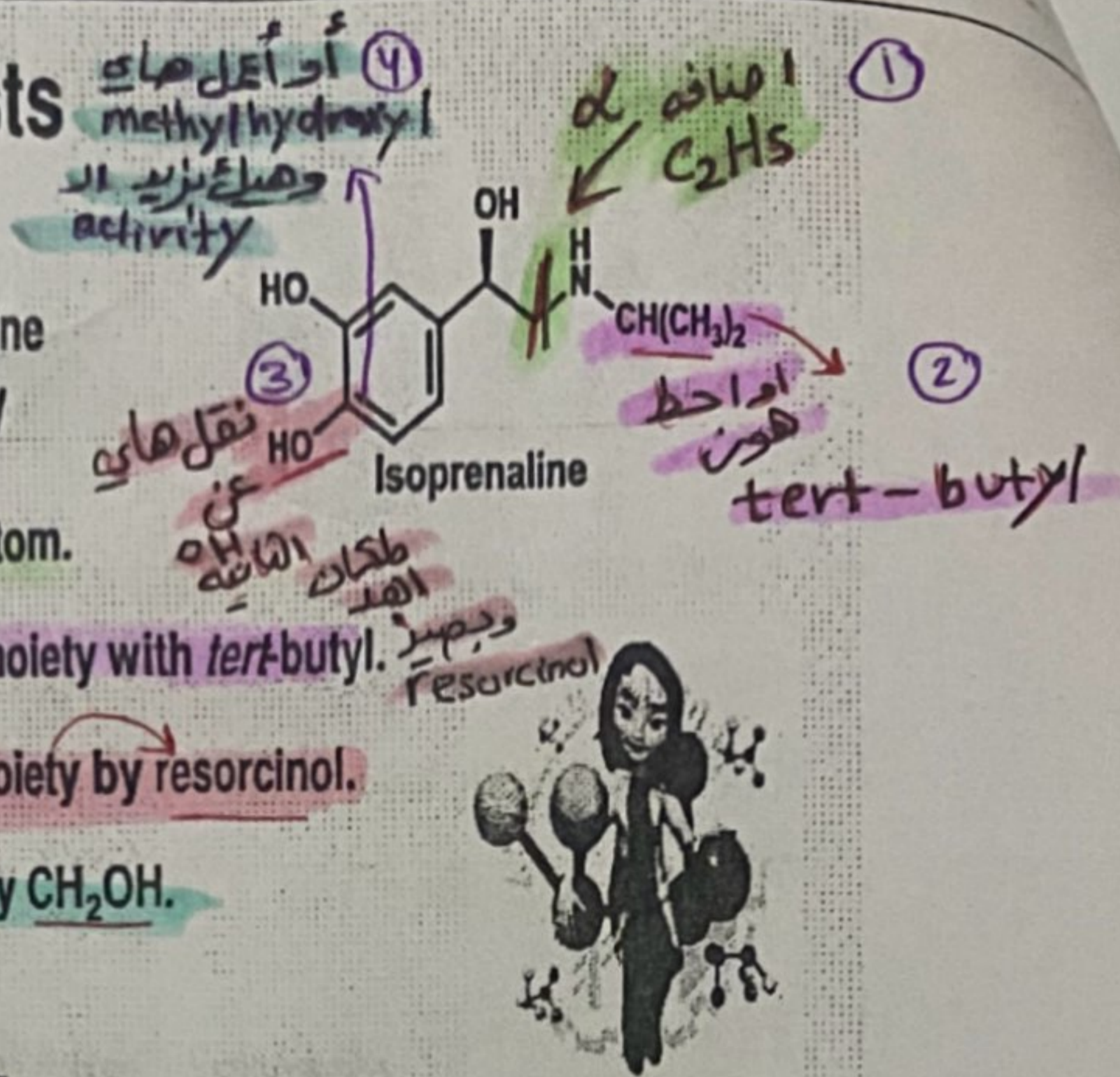
- The selective affinity towards  $\beta$ -receptors over  $\alpha$ -receptor is achieved by replacement of the methylamine of the epinephrine by a bulk alkylamine group (e.g. isopropylamine).
- The bulkiness of the alkyl group appears to hinder the interaction of the drug with the  $\alpha$ -receptor, but it has no inhibition on  $\beta$ -receptors.
- Isoproterenol is the prototype
- But, the non selectivity ( $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ ) of isoproterenol reduces its utility for treatment of bronchial asthma.
- How would you get a selective  $\beta_2$ -agonist ???

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## $\beta_2$ -Adrenergic Agonists

Structural modification in isoprenaline to enhance the  $\beta_2$ -agonist selectivity

- 1) Insertion of  $C_2H_5$  at  $\alpha$ -carbon atom.
- 2) Replacement of the isopropyl moiety with *tert*-butyl.
- 3) Replacement of the catechol moiety by resorcinol.
- 4) Replacement of the *meta*-OH by  $CH_2OH$ .



Structural modifications in Isoprenaline

result in  $\beta_2$ -agonists used mainly as bronchodilator.

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## $B_2$ -Adrenoceptor

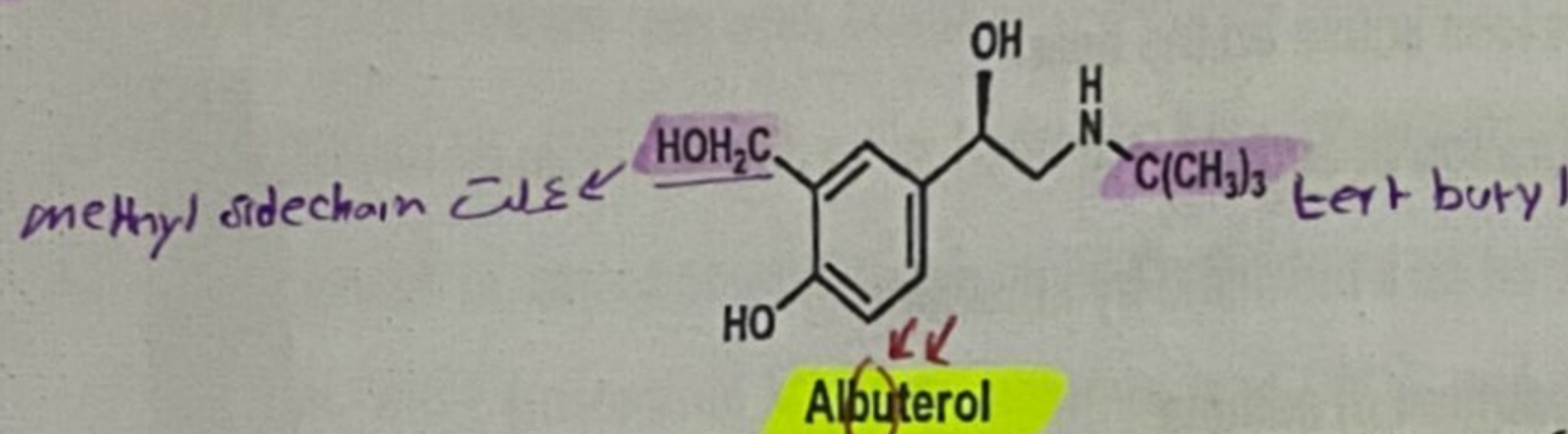
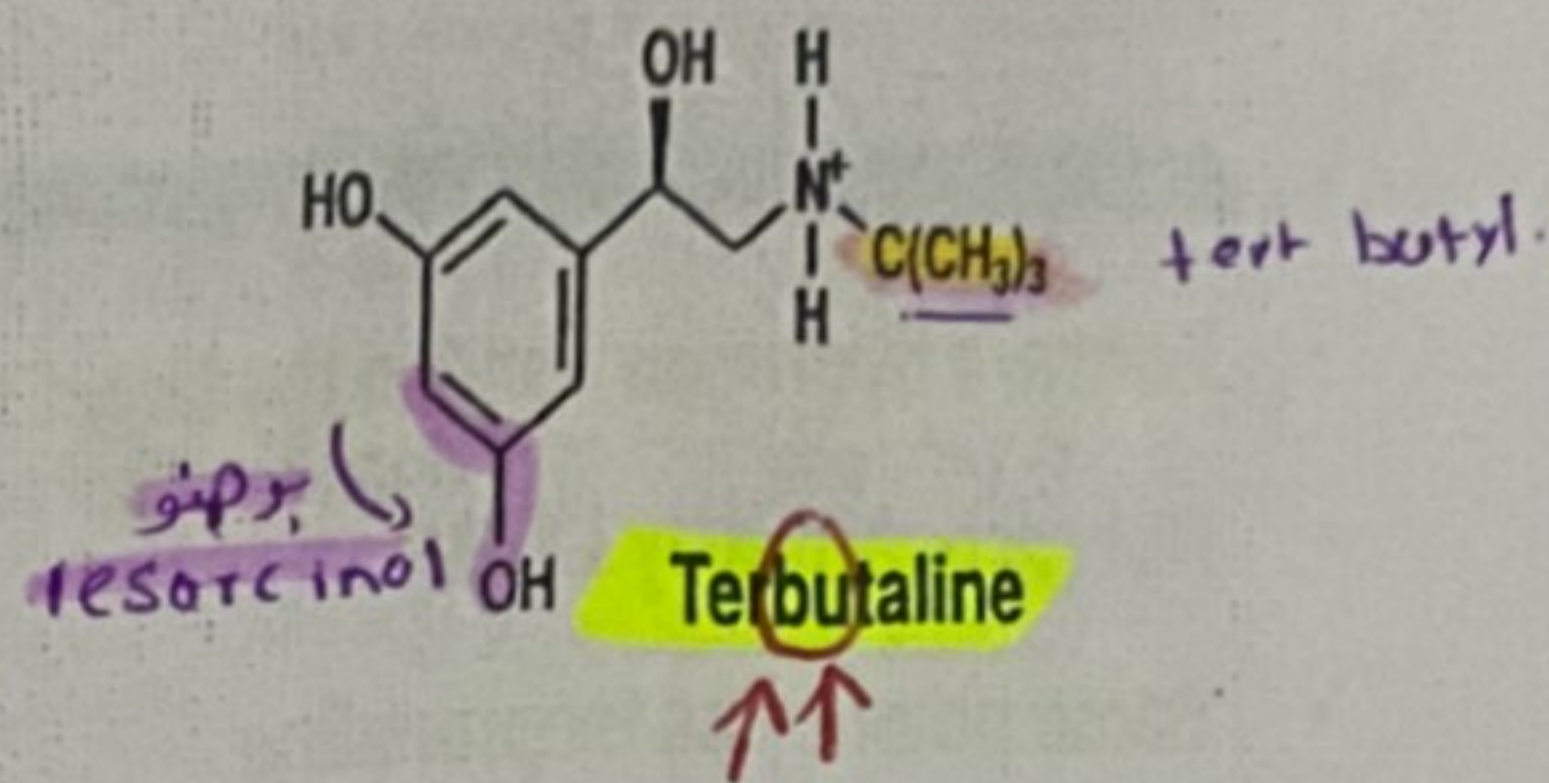
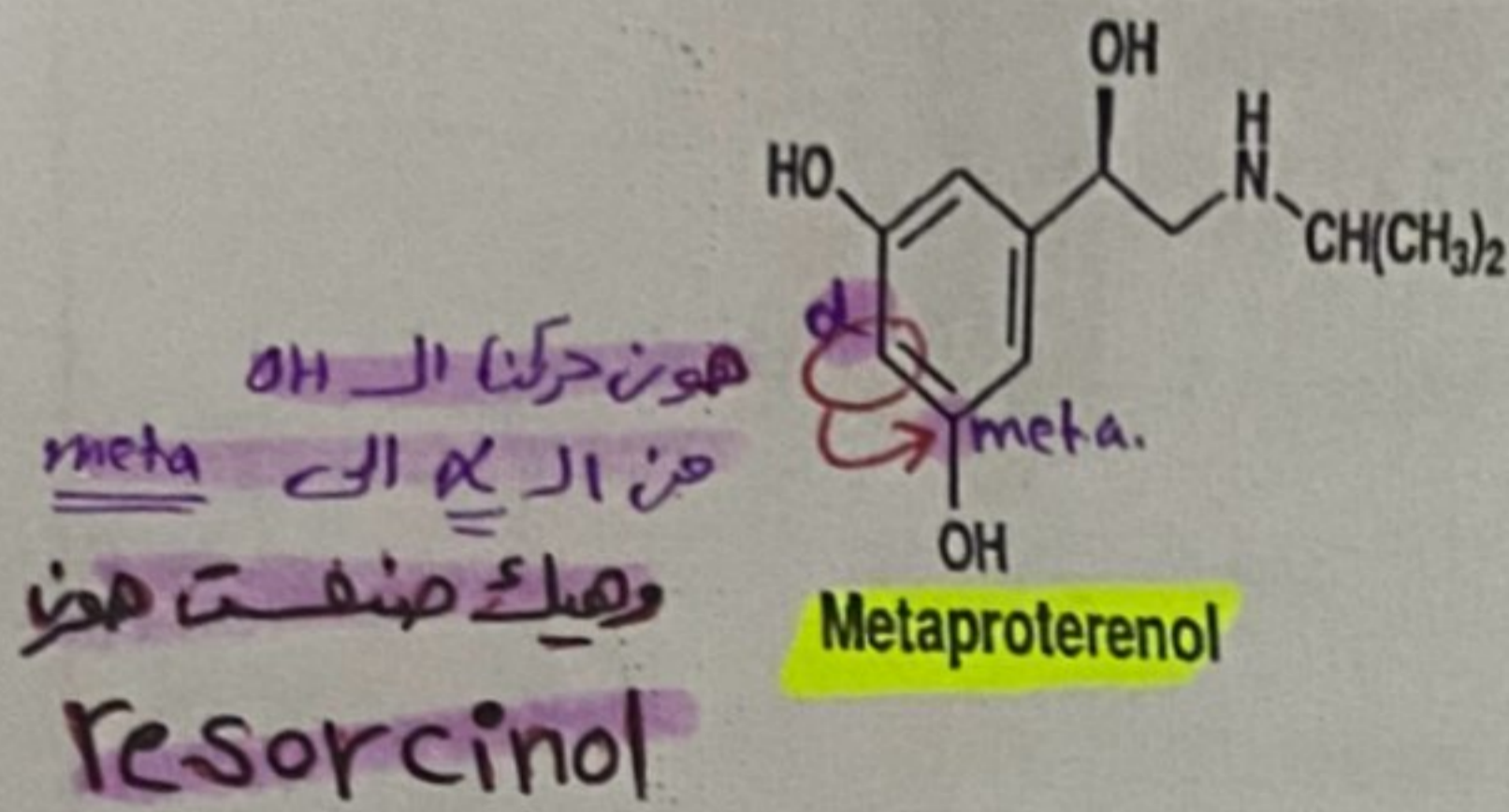
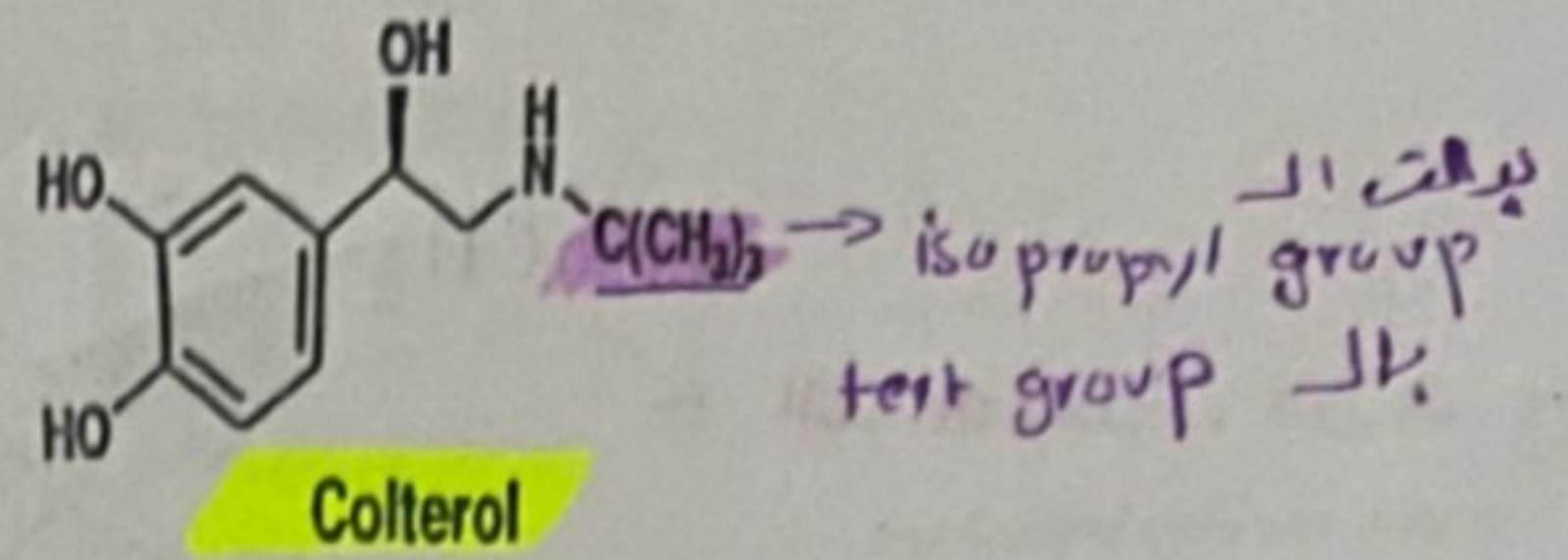
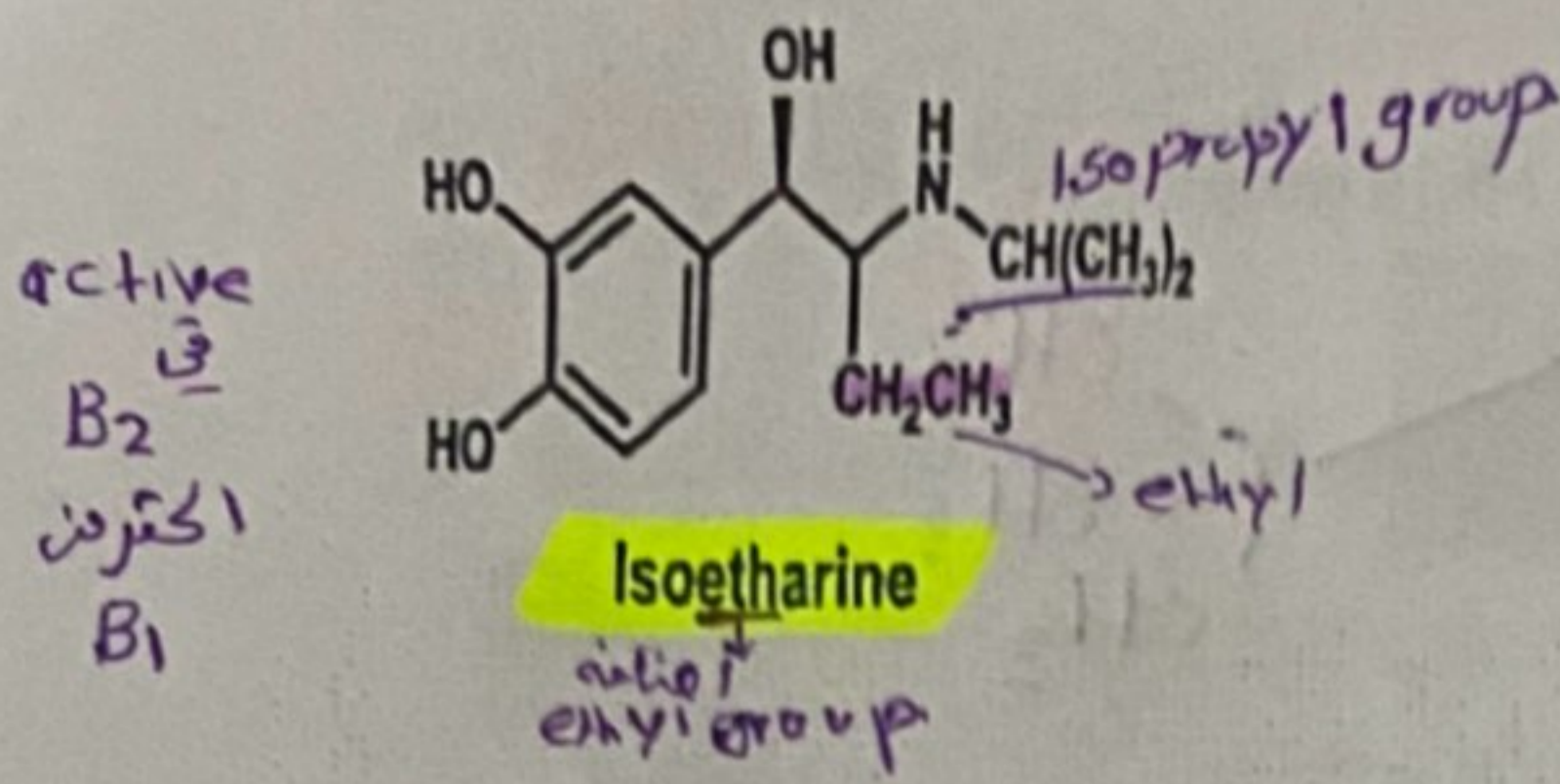
Pharmacology Class

- G-Protein-coupled receptor
- Activates the generation of cyclic AMP
- Predominant receptor in bronchial smooth muscle
- Activation results in smooth muscle relaxation
- Dilates or opens airways
- Agonists for the  $\beta_2$ -adrenoceptor are potential anti-asthmatic agents (bronchodilator effect)

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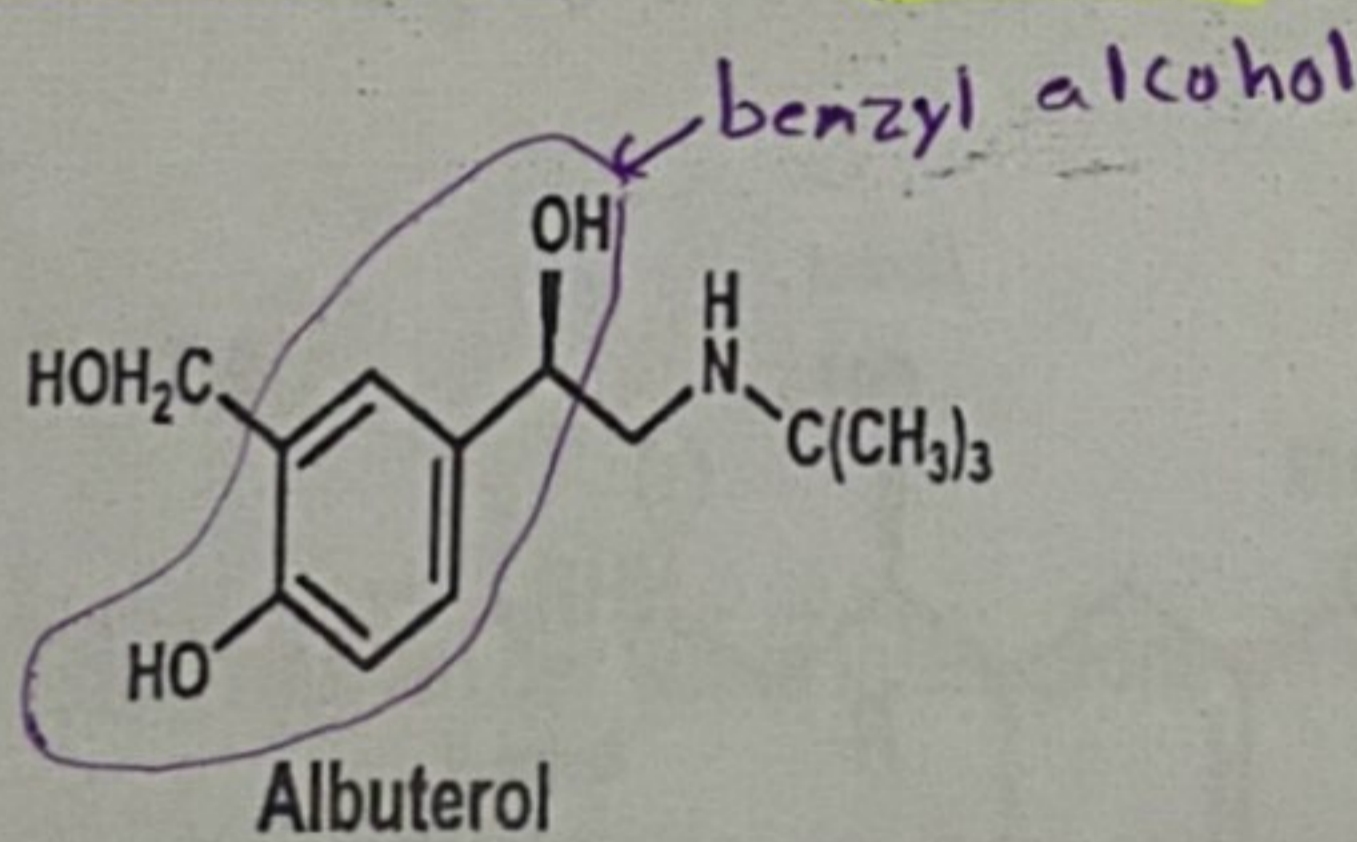
أقله يوجد فيها الحالات الأربعة السابقة:-

## B<sub>2</sub>-Adrenoceptor



tert-butyl 40 (bu) 40

## Salbutamol = Albuterol (Ventolin®)



3-hydroxymethyl-4-hydroxy-α-[(t-butylamino)methyl]benzyl alcohol

- The hydroxymethyl group has an obstructive effect towards the action of **COMT**.
- longer duration of action compared to the **catechol analogues**.
- Albuterol is used in treatment of bronchospasm associated with asthma.

Ventolin™  
(Salbutamol)  
Inhaler

100 mg Salbutamol BP

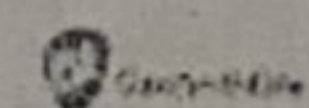
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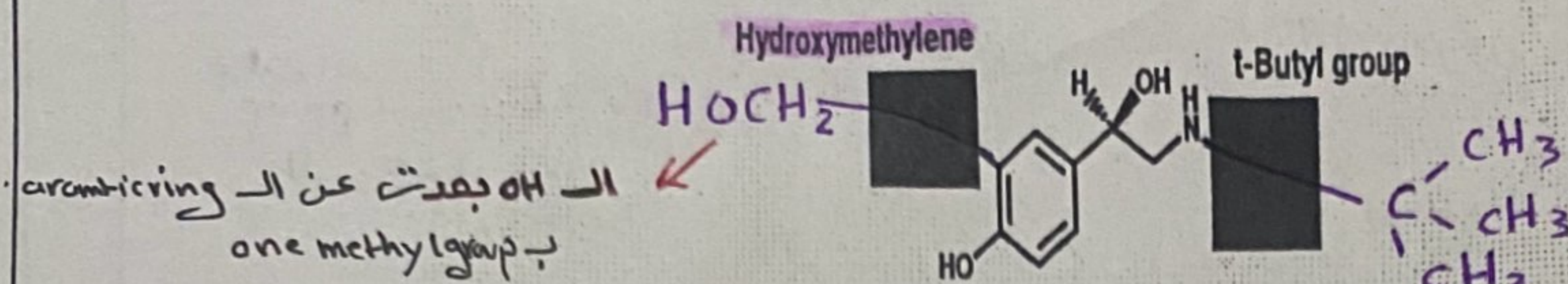
Ventolin™  
Evohaler™

Each actuation contains  
salbutamol (as sulphate)  
100 micrograms

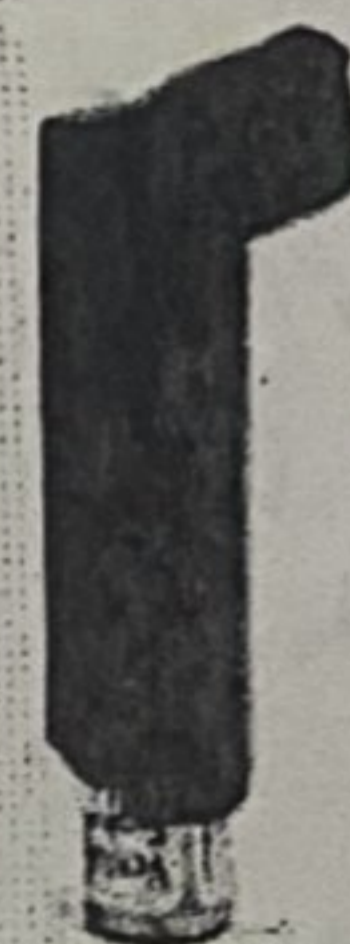
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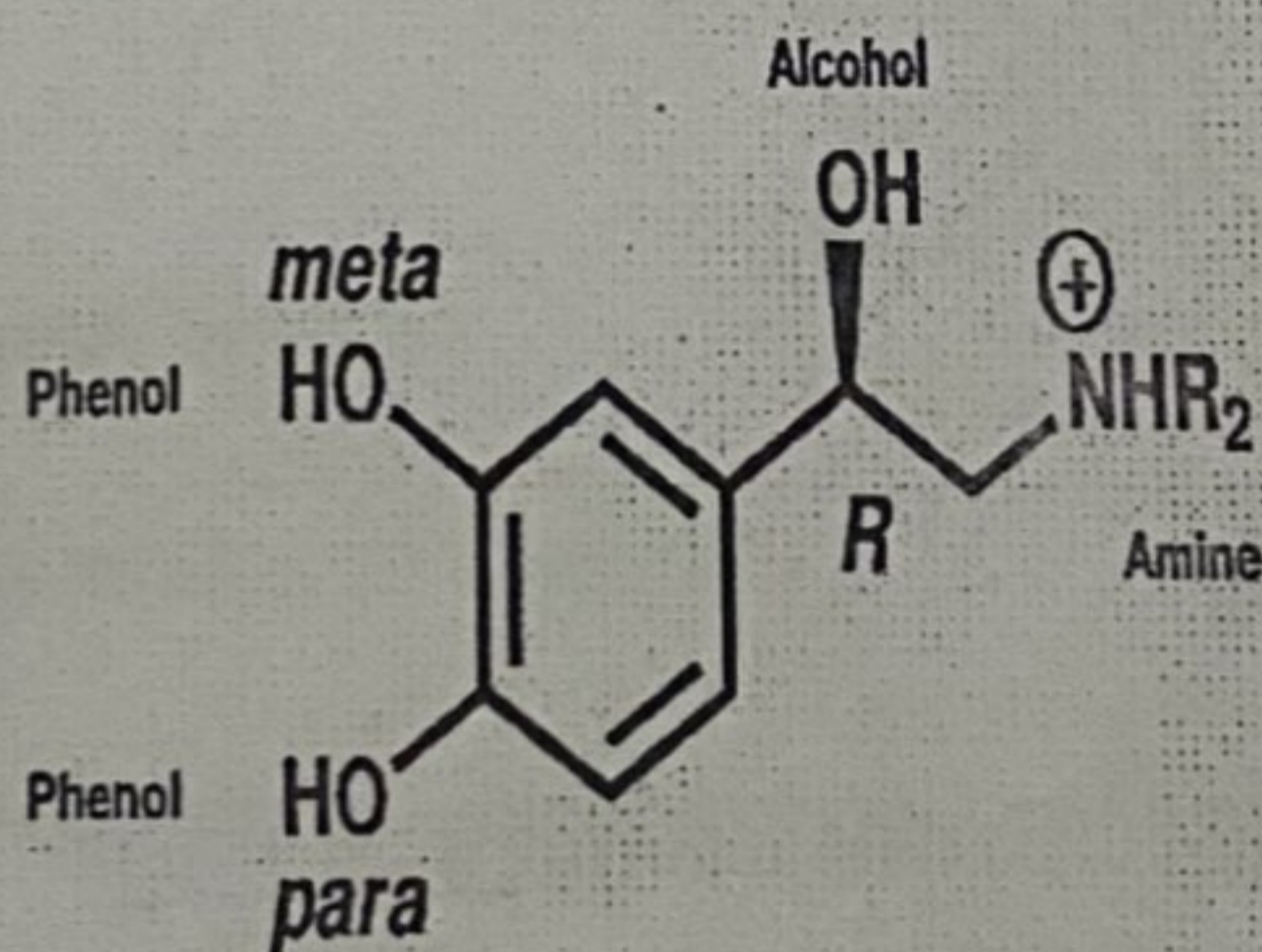
## Salbutamol = Albuterol (Ventolin®)



- Hydroxymethylene group retains  $\beta_2$ -agonist activity
- OH shifted from aromatic ring by one bond length
- Forms a hydrogen bond to the target receptor
- Not recognized by COMT
- Same potency as isoprenaline
- 2000 times less active on the heart
- 4 hours duration of action
- Administered as a racemate by inhalation
- For the treatment of asthma



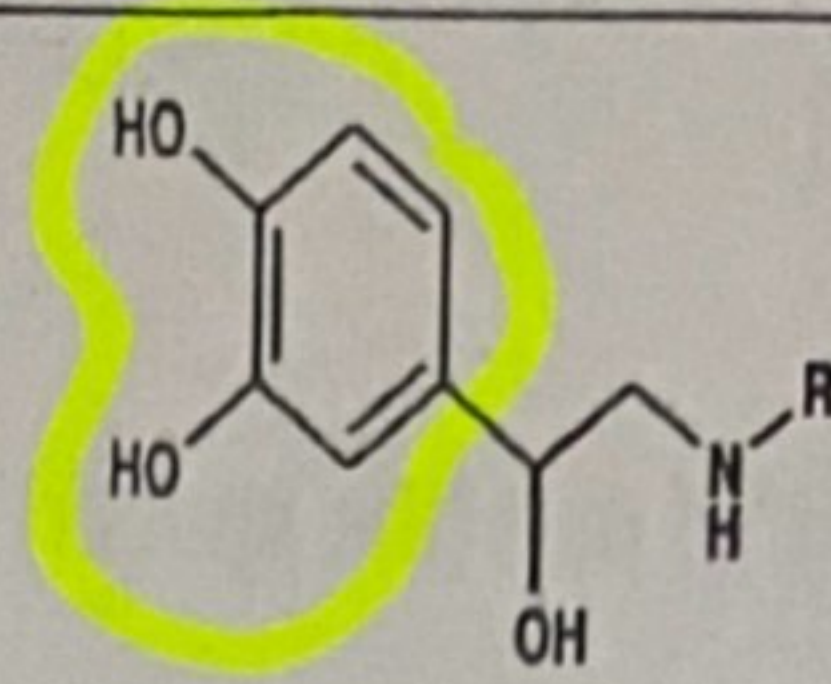
## SAR of Direct-acting Adrenomimetics



- Catechol and Aromatic ring
- Distance and alcoholic group
- Amine and N-alkyl substituent

# Summary

## SAR of Direct-acting Adrenergics



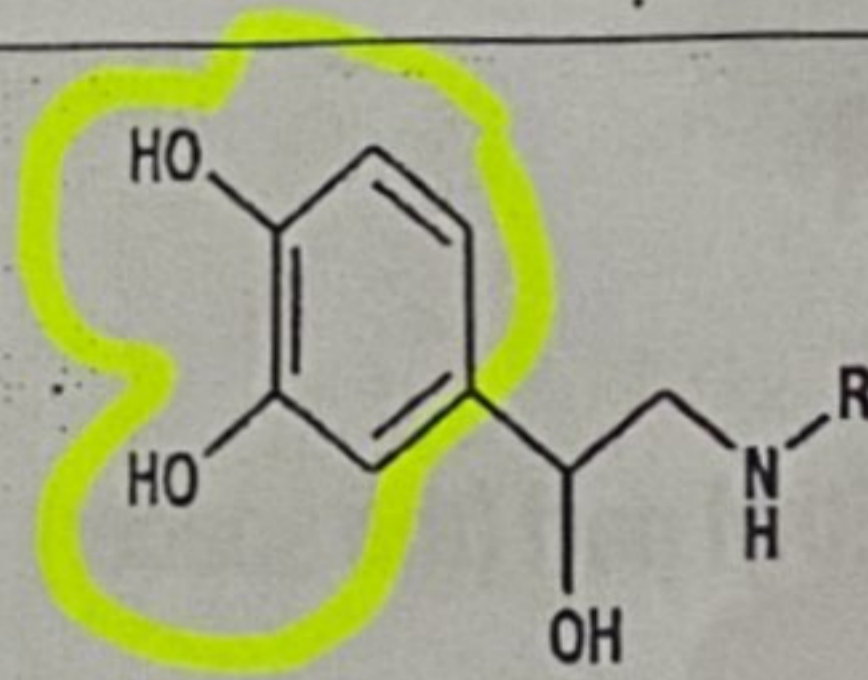
### A. Aromatic ring

- Catechol hydroxyl groups in the *meta*- and *para*- positions of the aromatic ring, relative to the phenethylamine moiety.
- The catechol OH groups are more important for  $\beta$ -activation ( $\beta$ -agonist activity) than for  $\alpha$ -activity. (form H-bonds to binding site (especially  $\beta$ ))
- So, removal of one of them results in loss of  $\beta$ -activity. (but keeping  $\alpha$ -agonist activity)
- When OH groups are removed, compound retains  $\alpha$  affinity.
- *meta*-OH can be replaced with other hydrogen bonding groups, CH<sub>2</sub>OH
- Replacement of catechol with resorcinol afford compound with longer duration, why? (resorcinol is not a substrate for COMT), and enhances  $\beta_2$ -selectivity

اذا نزلت OH  
الـ B ← مع متغير  
الـ A ← بديل

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## SAR of Direct-acting adrenergics



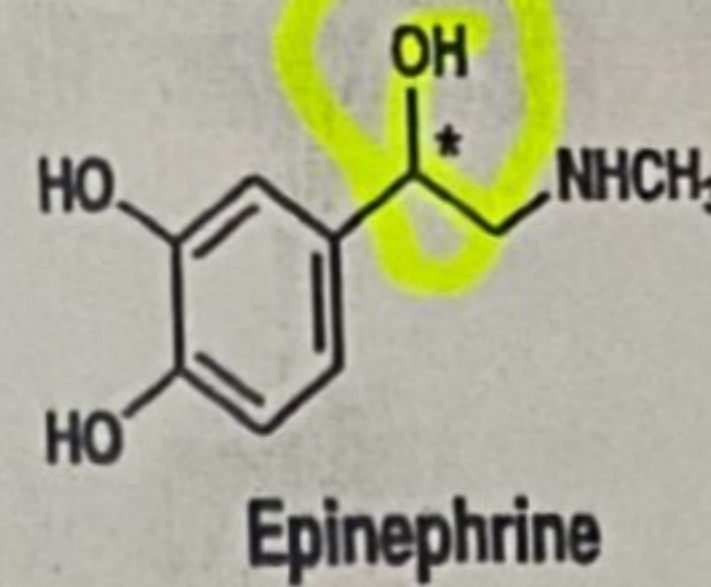
### A. Aromatic ring

- Aromatic ring forms van der Waals interactions with the binding site
- The aromatic ring itself seems to be more essential for  $\beta$ -activity rather than  $\alpha$ -activity,
- so replacement of the aromatic ring with aryl or alkyl or alicyclic ring resulting in compounds with  $\alpha$ -adrenergic activity.
- Reduction of the aromatic ring or its replacement with an alkyl group does not affect the  $\alpha$ -effects (the pressor activity).

(aromatic ring)  
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ببعضها لـ متغيرة

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## SAR



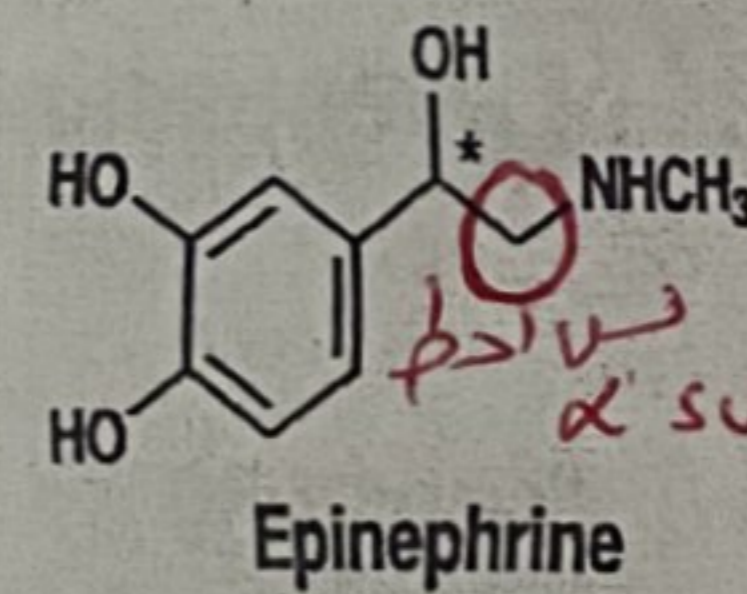
### B) Ethyl part (the spacer)

- Two C-atoms separating the amino from the aromatic ring provide optimal activity.
- **β-Hydroxyl group** on the ethylamine portion of the molecule enhances the activity since it is involved in binding of the compound with receptor (direct action).
- **Alcohol** forms a **hydrogen bond** to the **binding site**
- Stereochemistry of the **-OH** is important, since it is involved in the binding of the compound with the receptor.
- Proper stereochemistry of the **β-OH** group enhances the activity of NE and other catecholamines since it is involved in the binding of the compound with the receptors.
- **R(-)NE** fits with the receptor better than the other enantiomer.

قوة التفاعل في المستقبل  
binding pocket  
asparagine

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## SAR



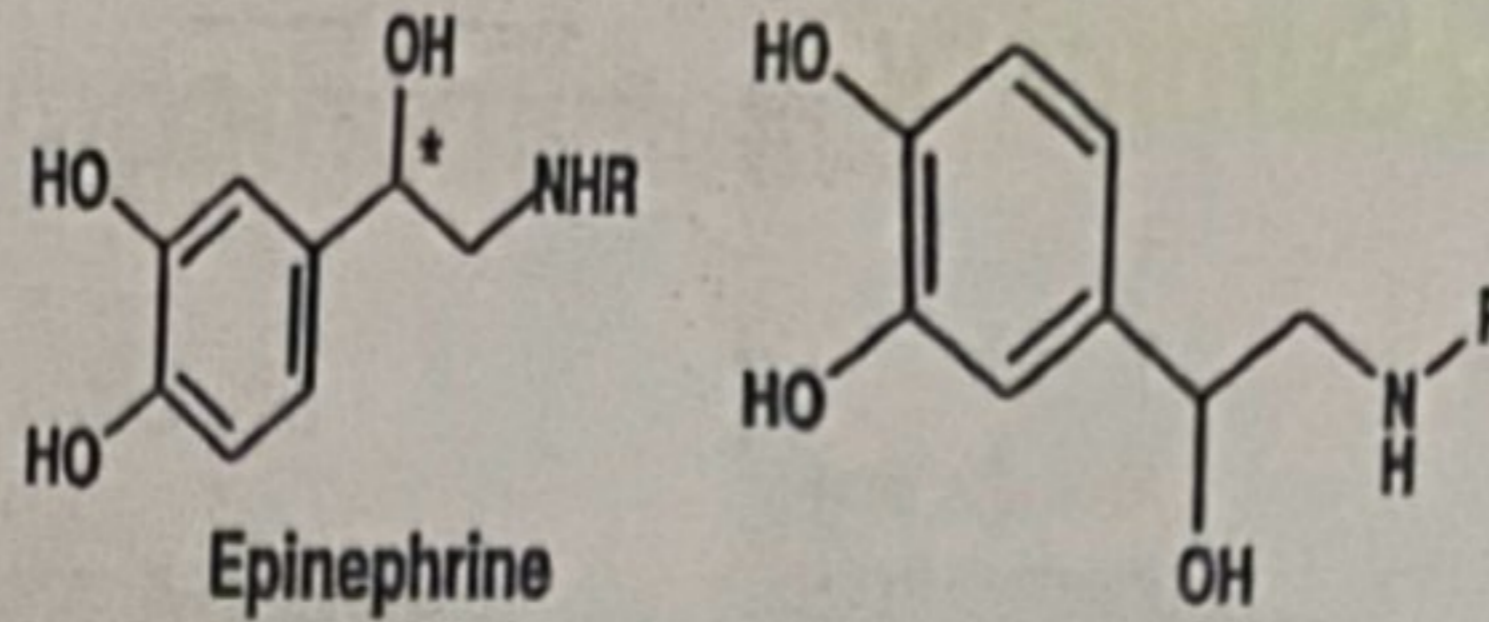
### B) Ethyl part (the spacer)

- **Alkyl substitution** on the **α-carbon atom** increases the duration of **action** of the phenethylamine agonists by making the compound **resistant to metabolic deamination** by MAO.
- **Methyl substitution** on the **α-carbon** increase the **duration of action** by **making the compound resistant to metabolic deamination** by MAO.
- The presence of **α-ethyl group** enhance **β<sub>2</sub>-agonist** activity with **less cardiac stimulation**.

α substitution  
كأسبب في مقاومة  
NHCH<sub>3</sub>  
↓  
Monooxidase

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# SAR

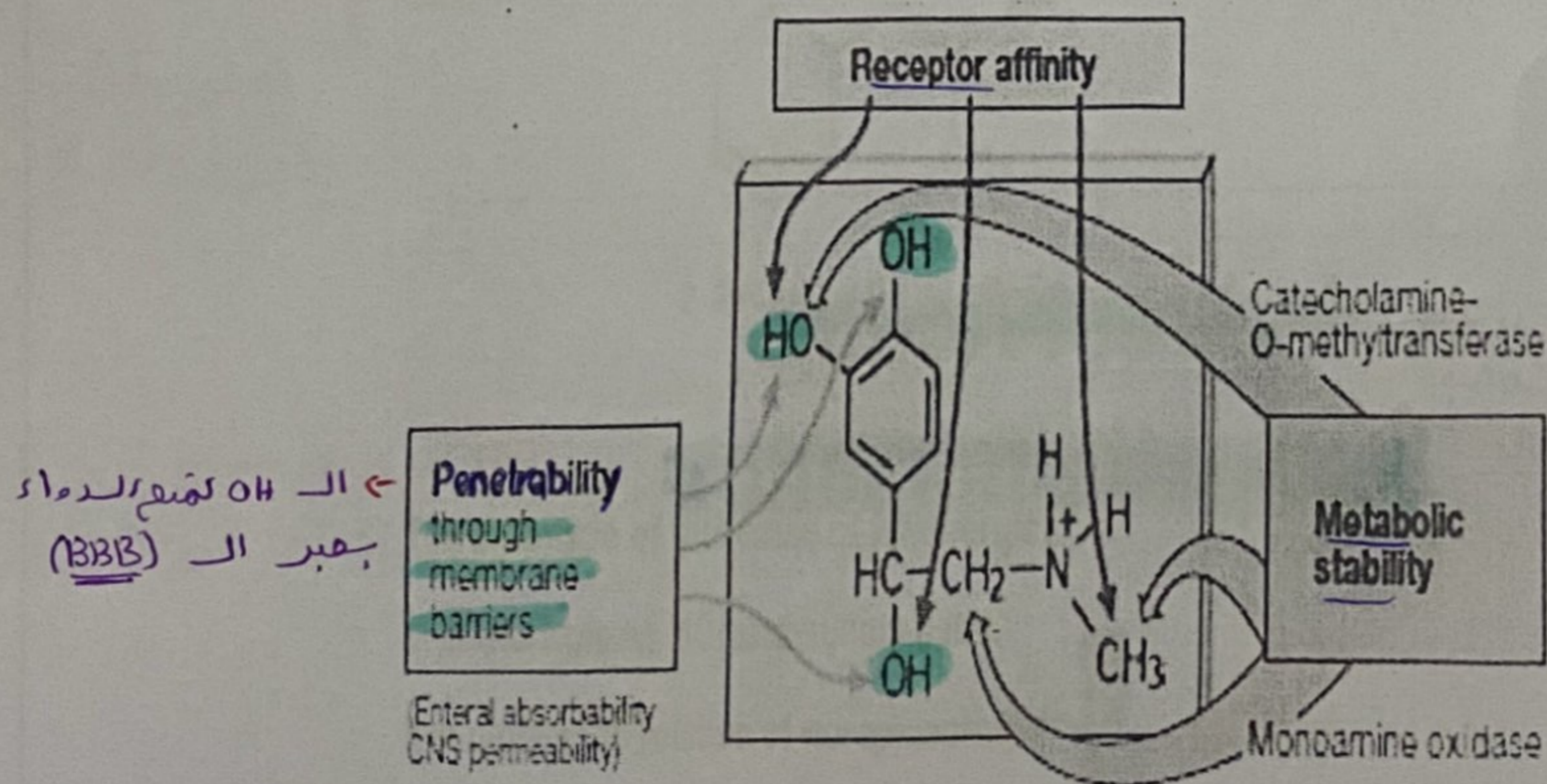


## C) The amine part

- Amino group is essential for binding. (protonated)
- ammonium ion (after protonation) forms an ionic bond to the binding site
- Amino group: is either primary or secondary. No tertiary.
- In case of 2ry amines, *N*-alkyl substitution affect selectivity ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ )
- increasing the size of the alkyl grope, enhances the  $\beta$ -affinity.
- Larger *N*-alkyl groups lead to selectivity for  $\beta$ -adrenoceptors
- Large alkyl groups on the N atom diminish stimulation of the  $\alpha$ -receptors.
- isopropyl or tert. Butyl are named  $\beta$ -directing groups
- tert. Butyl is a  $\beta$ 2-directing groups

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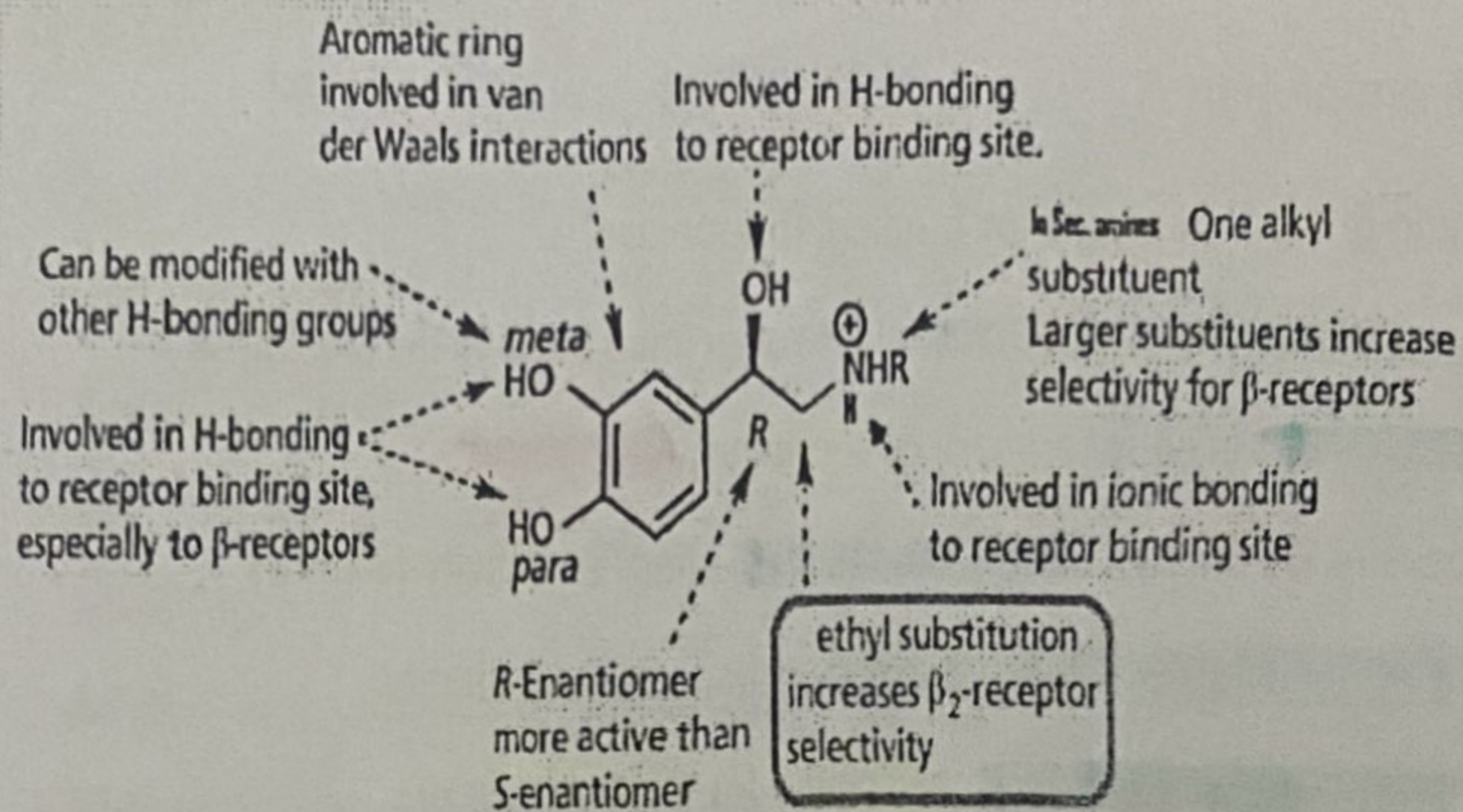
## Structural Features and SAR



Question: Discuss the effect of the structural features in Epinephrine on its pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties.

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## SAR. Summary



### Effect of:

- Replacement of Catechol by Resorcinol
- N-isopropyl substitution
- N-tert. Butyl substitution
- Replacement of the m-OH by  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

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## Indirect Acting Sympathomimetics



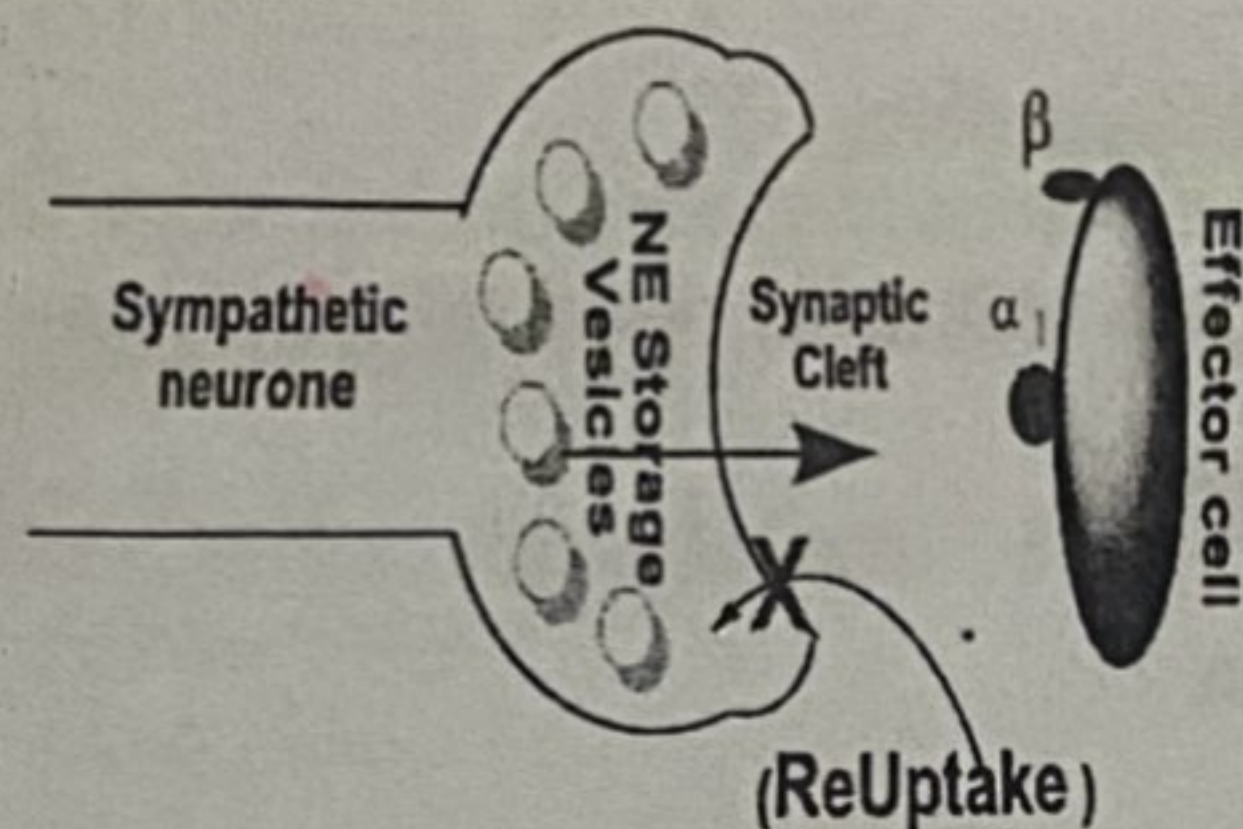
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# Indirect-Acting Sympathomimetics

Indirect adrenergic drugs are taken up by the pre-synaptic neurons, where they:

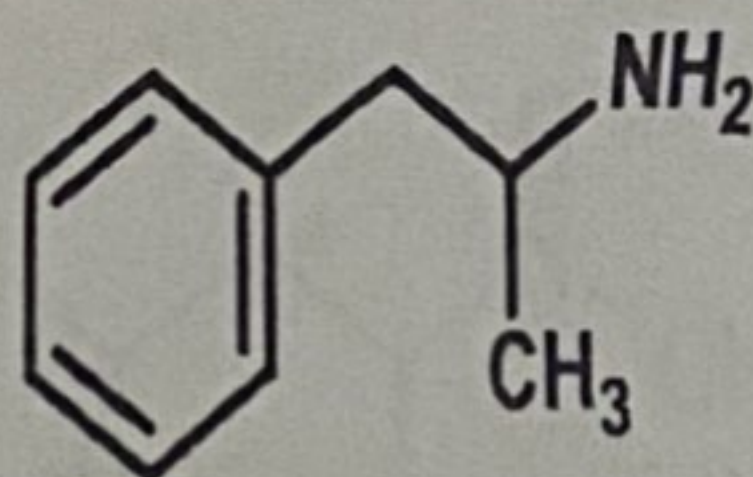
- **stimulate release** of NE from adrenergic nerve terminals, which activates the receptors
- **inhibit reuptake** mechanism of neurotransmitter



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## Amphetamine

كاتيكولامين  
Catechol



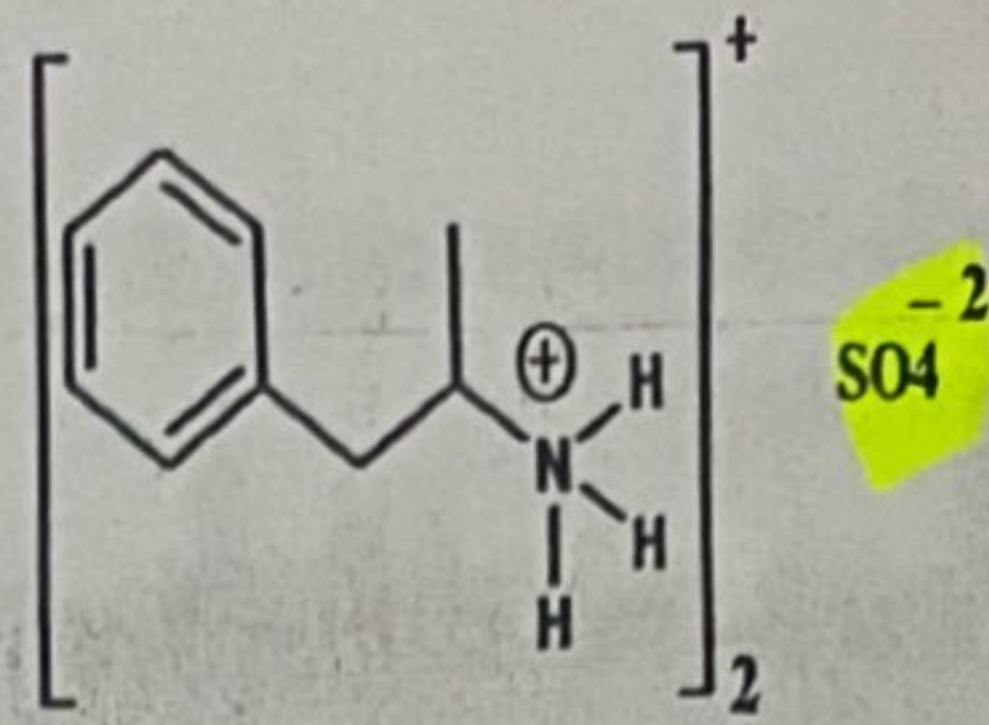
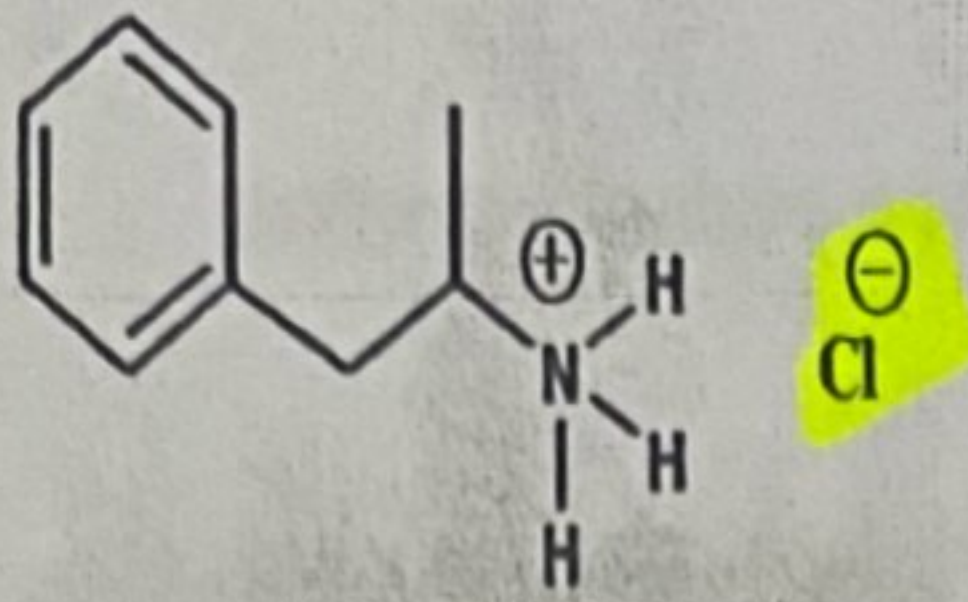
2-Amino-1-phenyl-propane

- The **prototype** of this class of adrenergics.
- It is available as **HCl** and **sulfate salts**.
- It stimulates the **release of norepinephrine**.
- **No direct action**
- **No phenolic OHs, no alcoholic OH ... no direct action**
- The **absence of phenolic and alcoholic OH group increase the lipophilicity**, so **penetrate the BBB giving CNS activity**.

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# Amphetamine

كما ما يعطى فترة  
طويلة لأنه  
يسبب الإدمان



It is available as HCl and sulfate salts.

- The clinical utilities of Amphetamine are based on CNS stimulant and central appetite suppressant effects.

- Uses: Narcolepsy / Hyperkinetic syndrome of children / Attention-deficit disorders / obesity.

- There is a chiral carbon.
- The S(+) isomer is more potent than the R(-) isomer.

ما يقدر الشخص يصل قاعد  
ليزيد مهمه عليه  
فتلا يكون قاعد  
لقد فترة  
ليدرس فيعطوا  
الamphetamine  
حتى يقدر يقدر ويدرس.

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بكون الشخص قاعد  
عادي وبنام حاجة  
فهو احد اضطرابات  
النوم يجعل الاعراض  
لصوت النفس الشديد  
اشارة النهار ويجروا  
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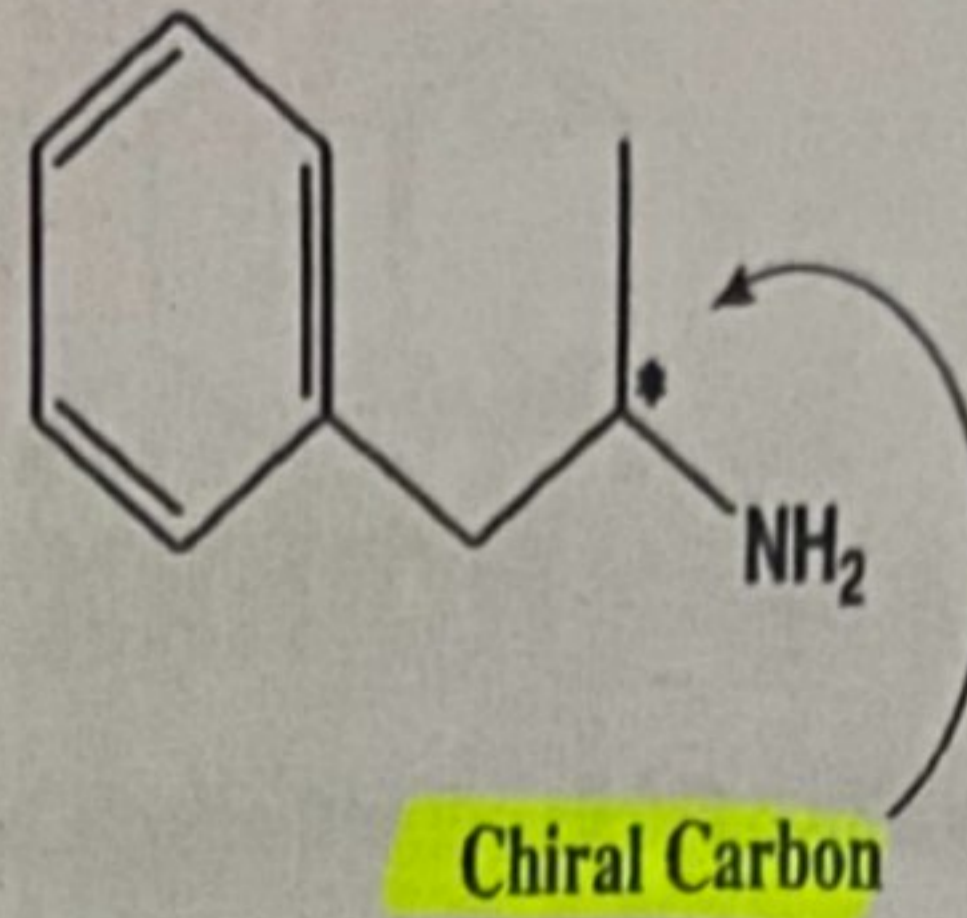
اضطراب فرط الحركة

يظهر في صدمة الطفولة

Hyperkinetic disorder is a psychiatric syndrome emerging in early childhood that features an enduring pattern of severe, developmentally inappropriate inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity across different settings (e.g., home and school) that significantly impair academic, social and work performance

# Dextroamphetamine

S(+)  
Amphetamine



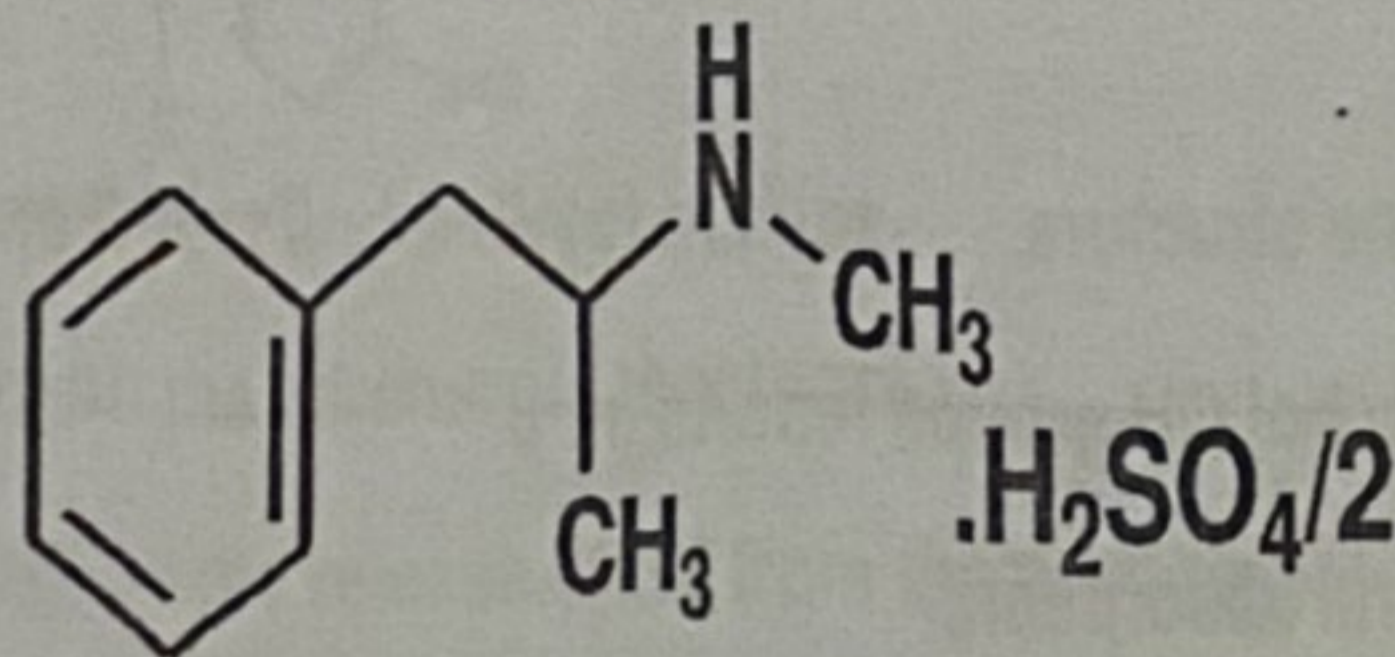
Also available as sulphate or hydrochloride

- Has greater CNS action and less peripheral action
- Is generally preferred to amphetamine
- it is used in obesity, narcolepsy, and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder

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# Methamphetamine Sulfate

کمیته دوا  
(نوع من انواع  
المخدرات)



Chemical name: ..... think about it !!!!

the N-methyl derivative of amphetamine

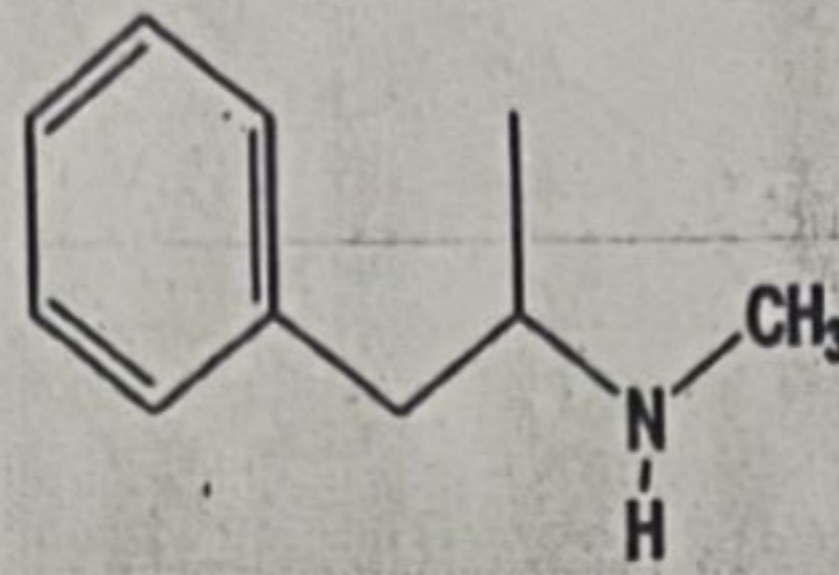
Available as sulphate salt

Structure: No catechol OHs, no beta-OH, an alpha methyl, N-methyl.

Discuss the effect of each??

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# Methamphetamine



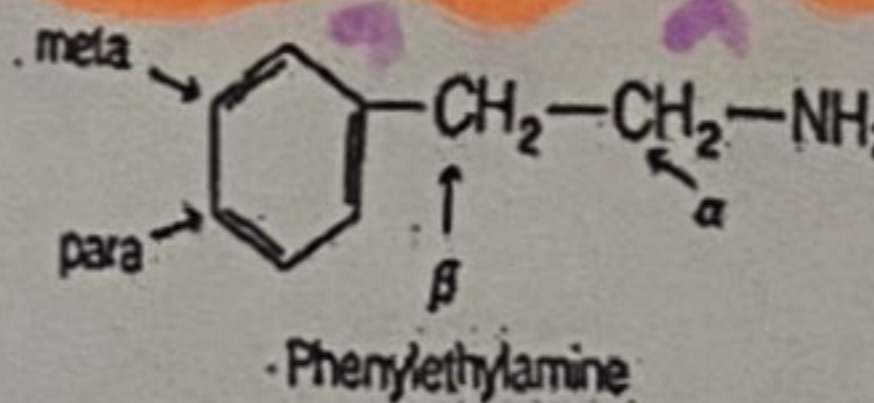
It is used principally for its **central effects**, which are **more pronounced** than those of amphetamine and are accompanied by **less prominent peripheral actions**.

Meth is an **abused drug**.

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## Chemistry of indirect acting Structural Features

## Phenylethylamine



- Phenylethylamine structure**
- Absence of catechol OH groups results in:**
  - Increase oral absorption.**
  - COMT has no effect. Increase duration of action.**
  - Increase lipophilicity so pass through blood-brain barrier.**
- Phenyl group may be replaced by other systems as cyclo / alkyl group.**
- Presence or absence of  $\beta$ -hydroxyl group.**
  - If present, stereochemistry is not important.**
  - Its absence provides more lipophilic agents with central stimulation**
- $\alpha$ -CH<sub>3</sub> in the phenethylamine structure provides more resistance to MAO.**
- The amino nitrogen: primary, or secondary (small alkyl gr).**

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## Dual Function Adrenomimetics

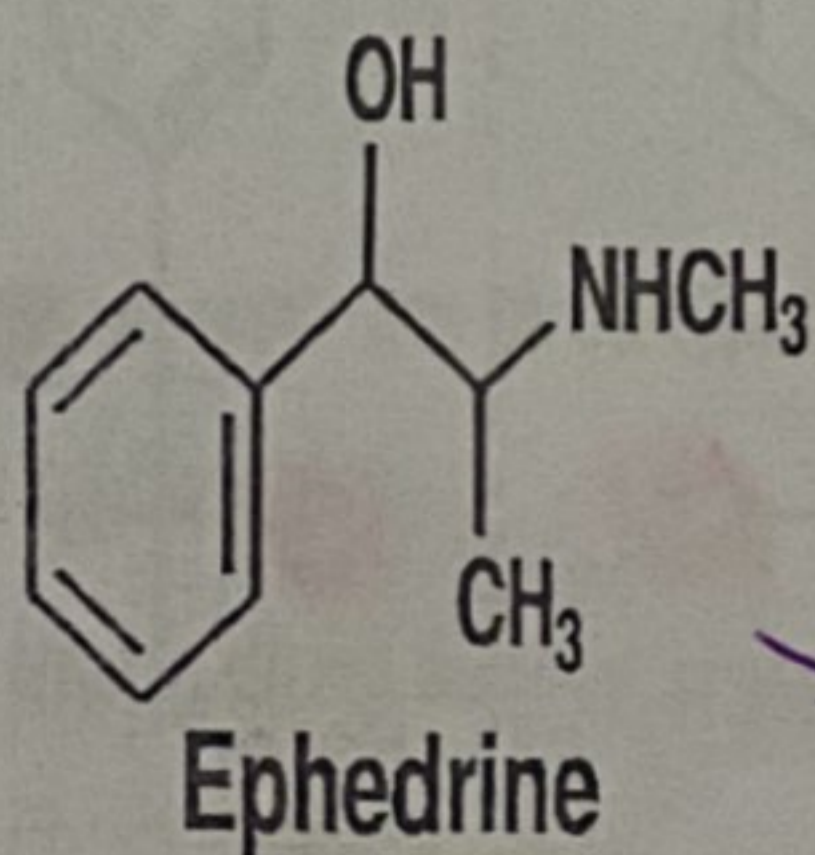
Direct  
Indirect



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## Mixed-Action Adrenergic Agonists

- Mixed means **Direct** and **Indirect** actions.
- **direct action** on the **adrenergic receptors**.
- **indirect effect** on the **release of NE from the storage site**
- The **prototype** of this group is the natural alkaloid **ephedrine**.

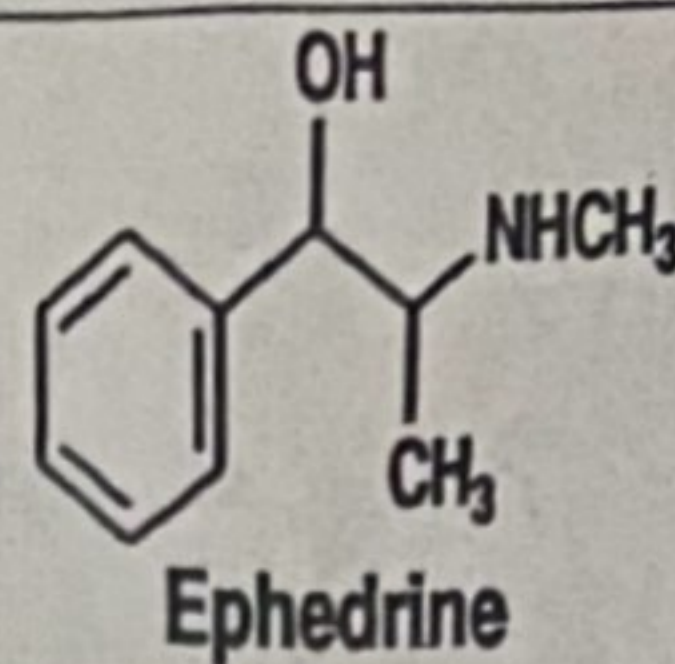


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What are the structural Features?



## Ephedrine: Structural Features



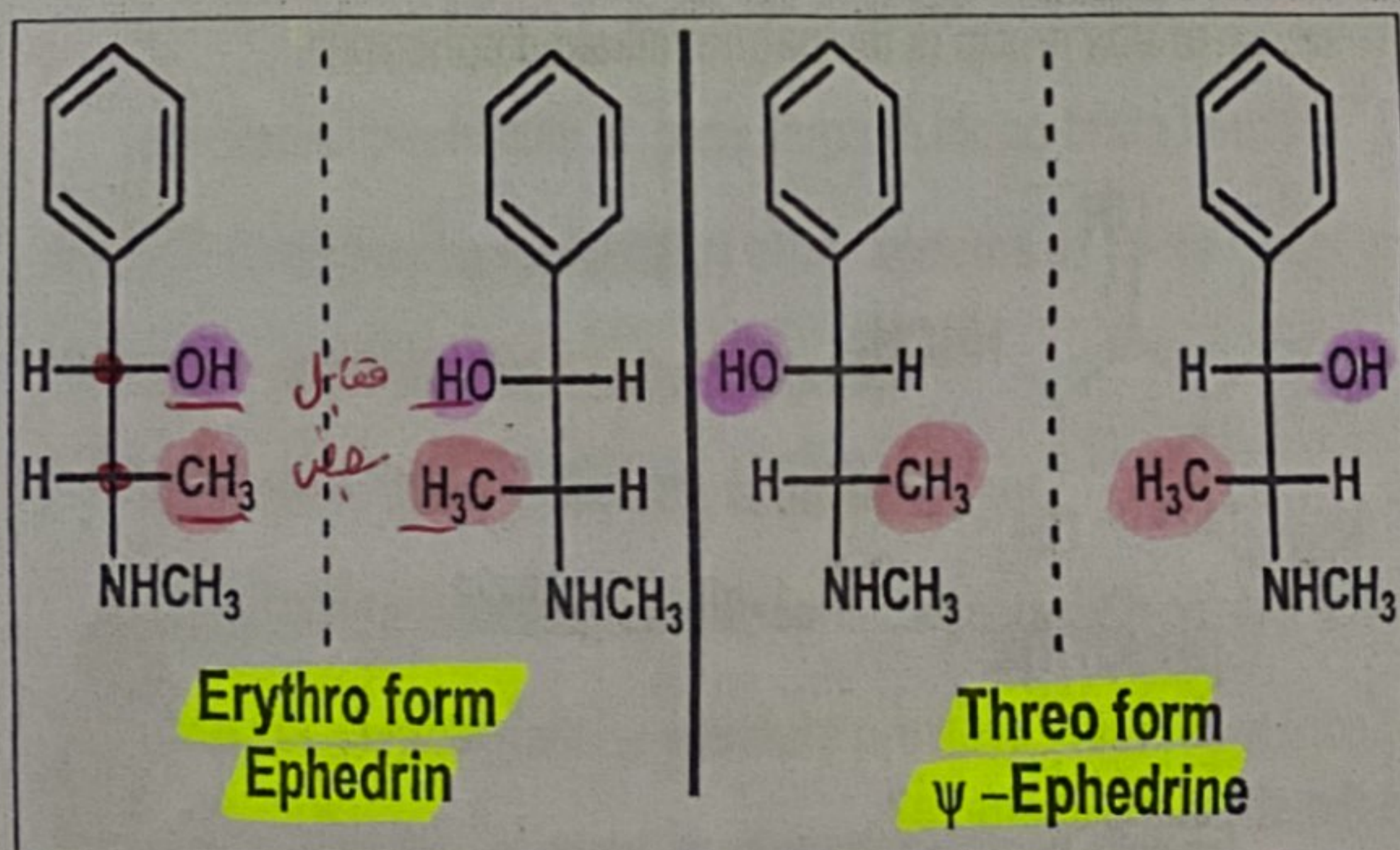
1. Absence of phenolic OH groups leads to increase oral absorbance, increase lipophilicity and a CNS effect. Also, it is not a substrate for COMT, similar to indirect adrenergic agonists.
2. The presence of  $\beta$ -hydroxyl group brings similarity to other catecholamines acting directly on adrenergic receptors
3. Presence  $\alpha$ -methyl group provides resistant to MAO and hence longer duration.
4. ephedrine is less polar than the catechol derivatives, so it can cross blood-brain-barrier, so used as CNS stimulant.

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## Ephedrine

Ephedrine has two (asymmetric) chiral carbons: so four stereoisomers (4 optically active isomers that exist as two pairs of enantiomers.)

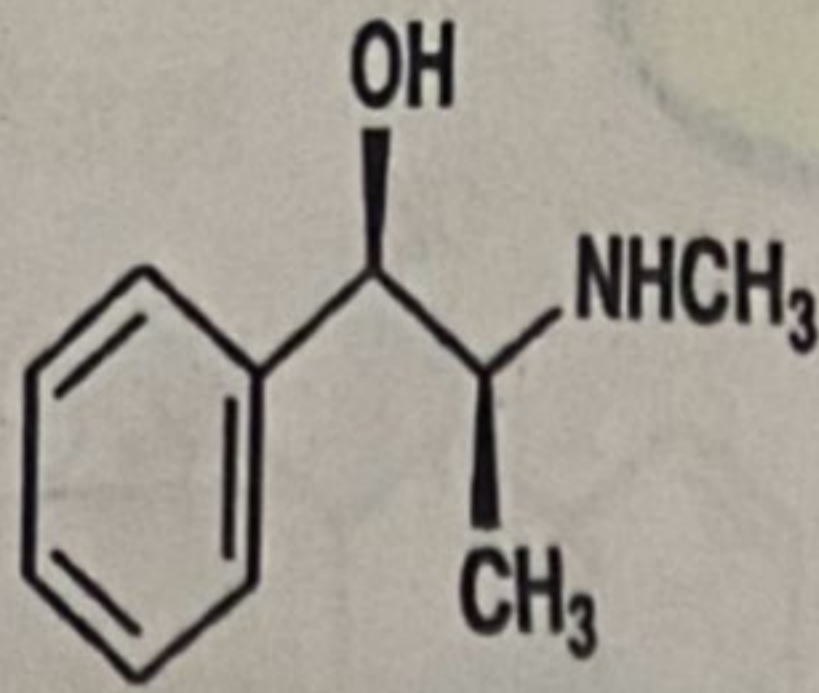
- The *erythro* pair is known as ephedrine.
- The *threo* is known as pseudoephedrine ( $\psi$ -ephedrine).



See introductory part about stereochemistry of drug molecules

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## \* Ephedrine

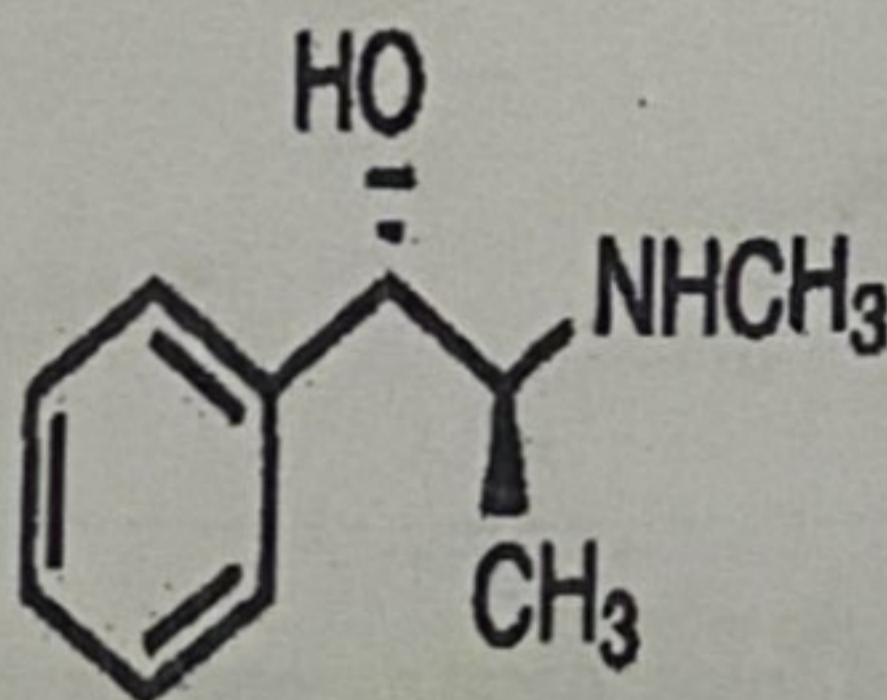


(-)-Erythro-2-(methylamino)-1-phenyl-1-propanol  
 (-)-Erythro- $\alpha$ -[(1-methylamino)ethyl] benzyl alcohol.

- It is available as HCl or as Sulphate. Can U draw ???
- Used by injection and orally.
- Used as adrenergic, as vasopressor, cardiac stimulant, nasal decongestant and bronchodilator and CNS stimulant activity.
- in hypotensive conditions
- In allergic disorders, colds, nasal congestion
- In asthma
- in narcolepsy

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## \* Pseudoephedrine



(+)-Threo-2-(methylamino)-1-phenyl-1-propanol  
 (+)-Threo- $\alpha$ -[(1-methylamino)ethyl] benzyl alcohol

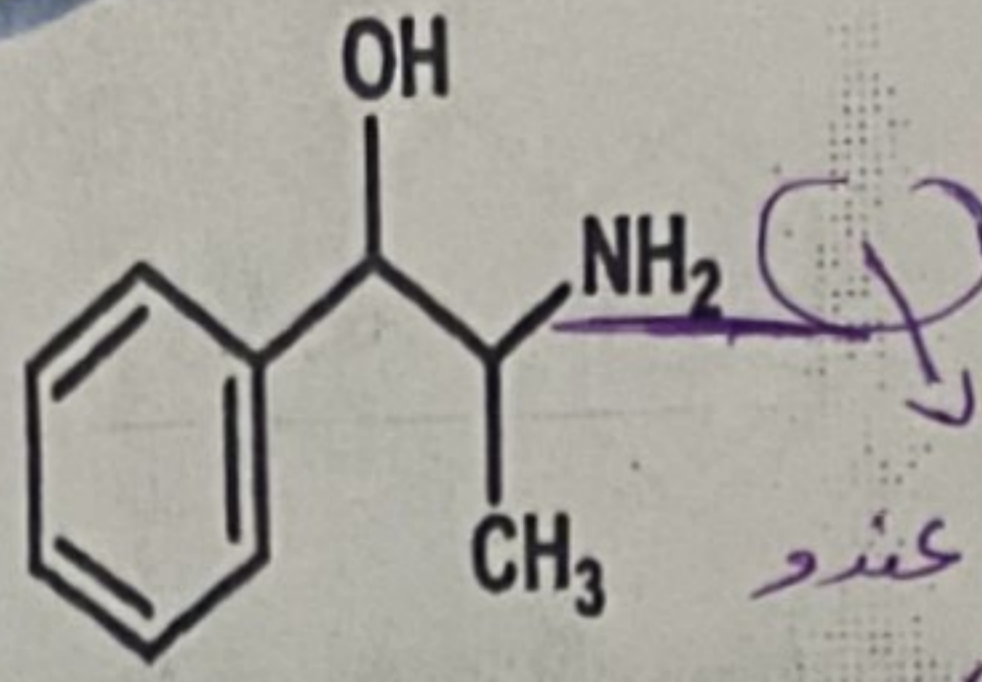
- Pseudoephedrine is the threo-diastereoisomer of ephedrine
- HCl and Sulphate salts
- has virtually no direct activity
- Mainly indirect action.
- widely used as nasal decongestant.

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# Phenylpropanolamine

(Norephedrine)

(±)-2-Amino-1-phenyl-1-propanol

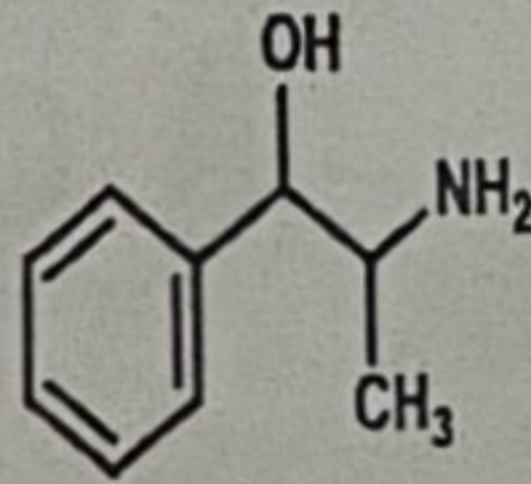


فصل عند  
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methyl  
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ephedrin  
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- Used as HCl salt
- (+) phenylpropanolamine
- Mainly indirect action
- N-desmethyl analog of ephedrine. Lacking N-methyl group,
- So, no  $\beta_2$  agonist activity, no bronchodilator as ephedrine
- Slightly less lipophilic, low CNS activity.

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# Phenylpropanolamine



- It is an active ingredient in OTC cold drugs: nasal decongestant.
- It was active ingredient in OTC appetite suppressants (anorexiant)
- In 2000, cerebral hemorrhage in women
- Risk of haemorrhagic stroke

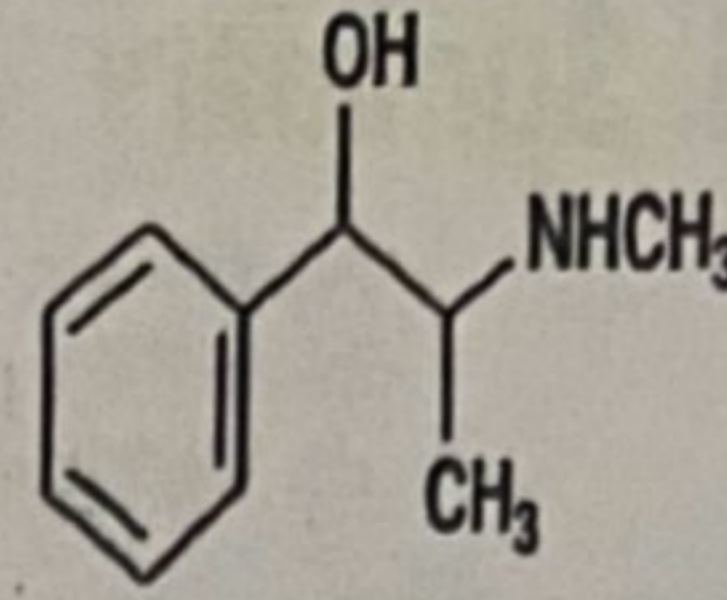
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But still available in  
the Egyptian  
Market



SAR :-

## Mixed Function Adrenomimetics: Structural Features

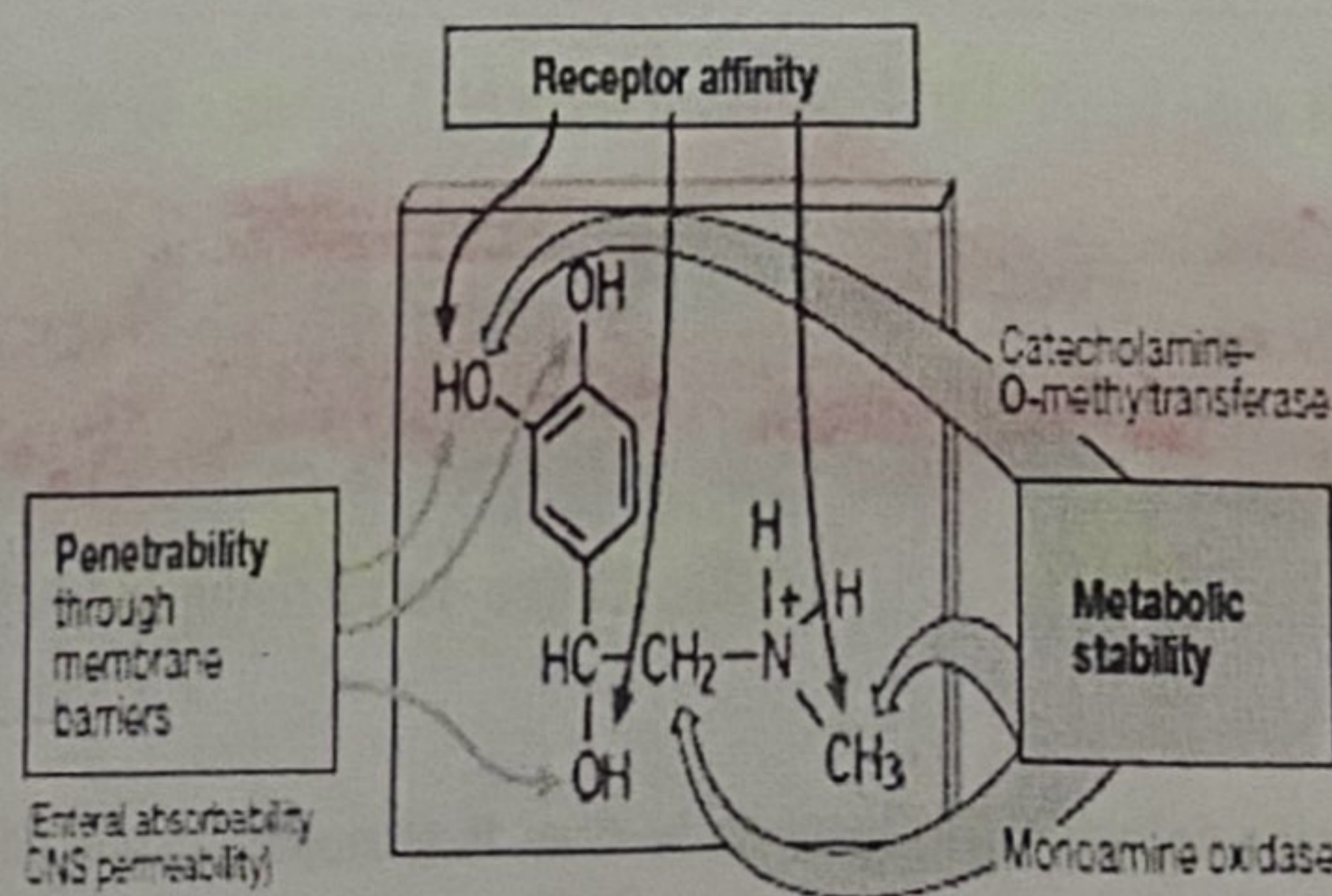


1. Absence of phenolic OH groups leads to increase oral absorbance, increase lipophilicity and a CNS effect. Also, it is not a substrate for COMT, similar to indirect adrenergic agonists.
2. The presence of  $\beta$ -hydroxyl group brings similarity to other catecholamines acting directly on adrenergic receptors
3. Presence  $\alpha$ -methyl group provides resistant to MAO and hence longer duration.
4. ephedrine is less polar than the catechol derivatives, so it can cross blood-brain-barrier, so used as CNS stimulant.

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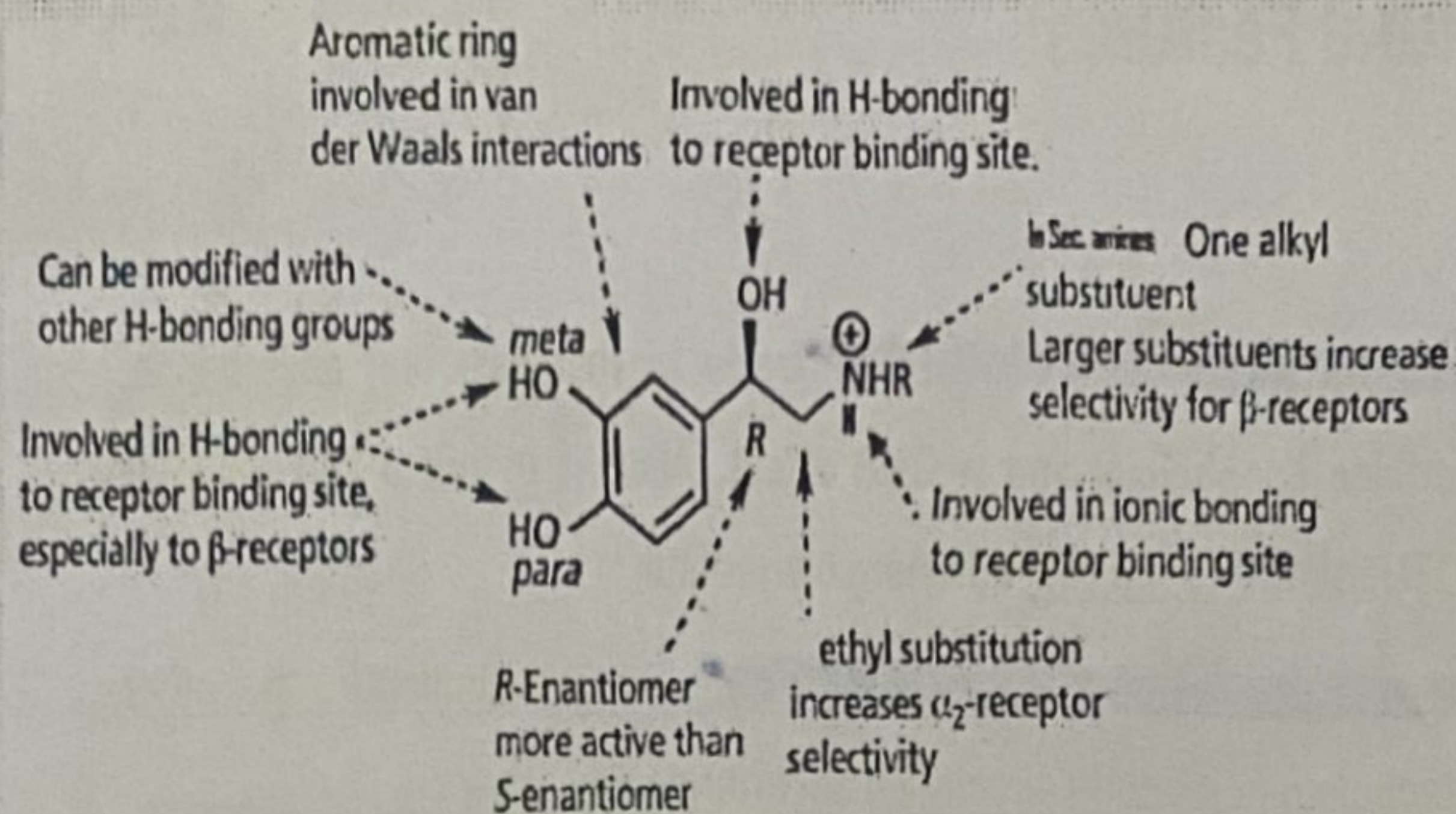
## SAR of all phenethylamines

Think about it !!!!!



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## SAR. Summary



Also discuss the effect of:

- Replacement of Catechol by Resorcinol.
- N substitution (methyl, isopropyl, t-butyl)
- Replacement of the m-OH by  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
- Removal of catechol OHs
- Removal of  $\beta$ -OH
- $\alpha$ -alkyl substitution (methyl or ethyl)
- Presence of 2 chiral centers
- .....

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## Imidazoline Adrenergic Agonists

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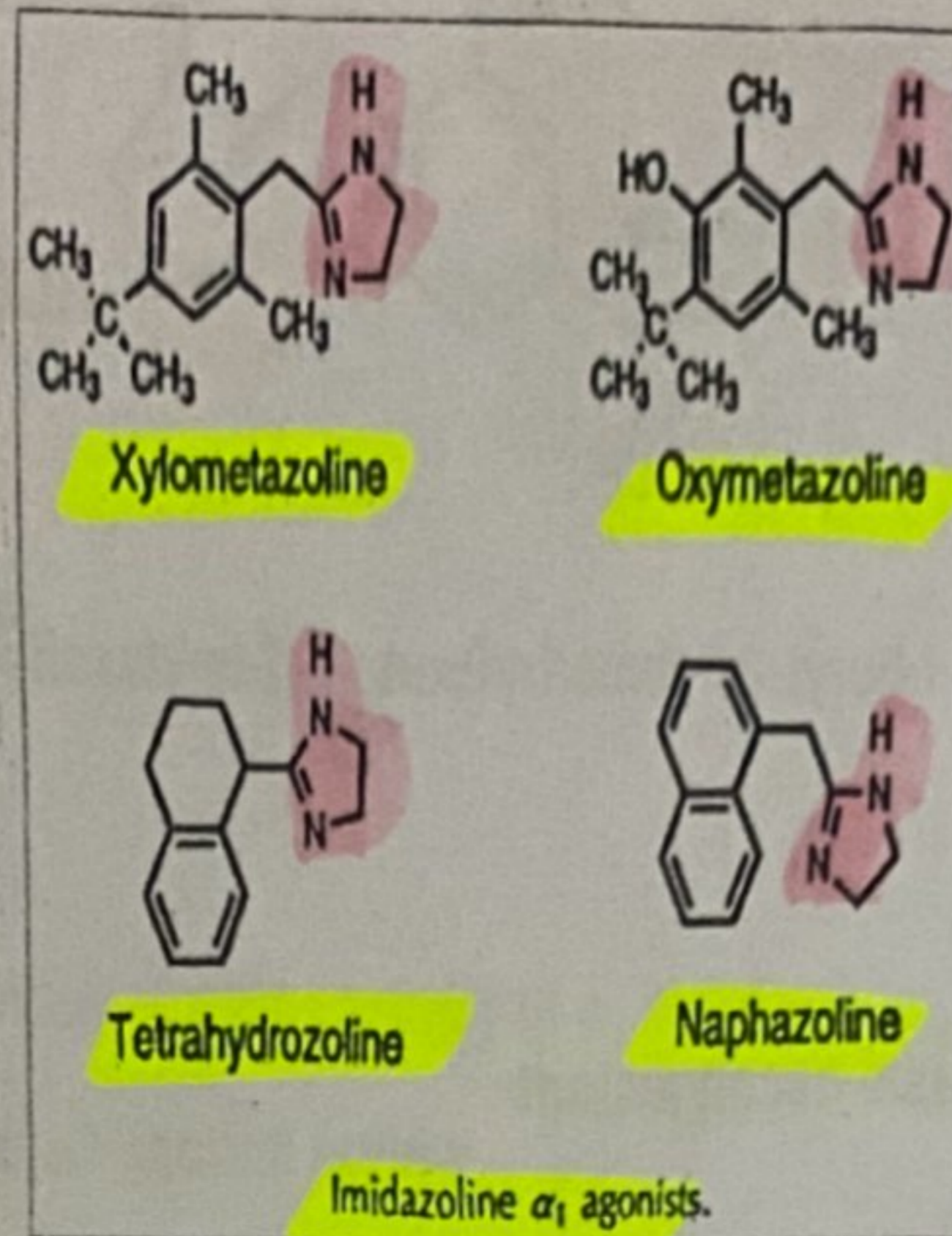
They act on  $\alpha_1$ - and  $\alpha_2$ -receptors.

Those that act on  $\alpha_1$ -receptors have vasoconstrictor activity and are

used as:

nasal decongestive agents and eye drops.

Used in the form of HCl salts.



→ imidazole group

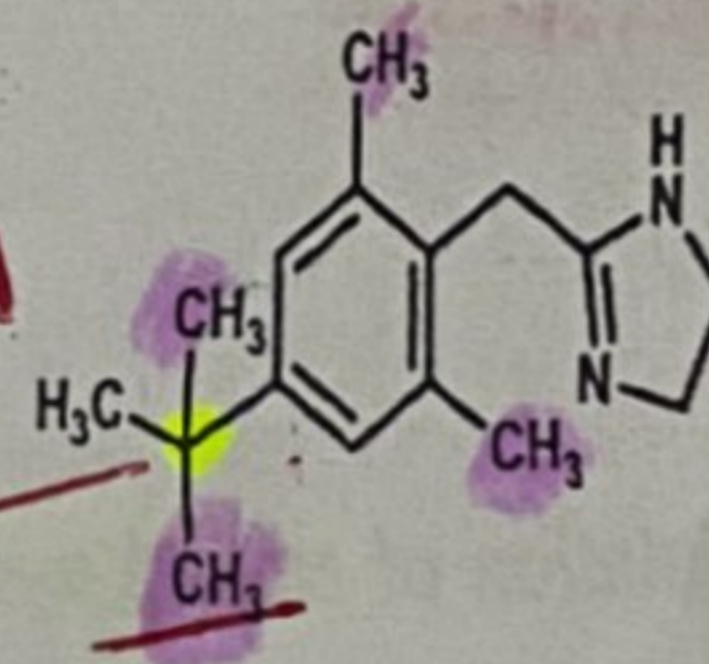
$\alpha_1$

Is there any similarity with the phenylethylamine structure ?

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## Imidazolines: SAR

های ترکیبات اصلی تاثیر علی  $\alpha_1/\alpha_2$   
 دیت tert butyl تحت تاثیر  $\alpha_2$



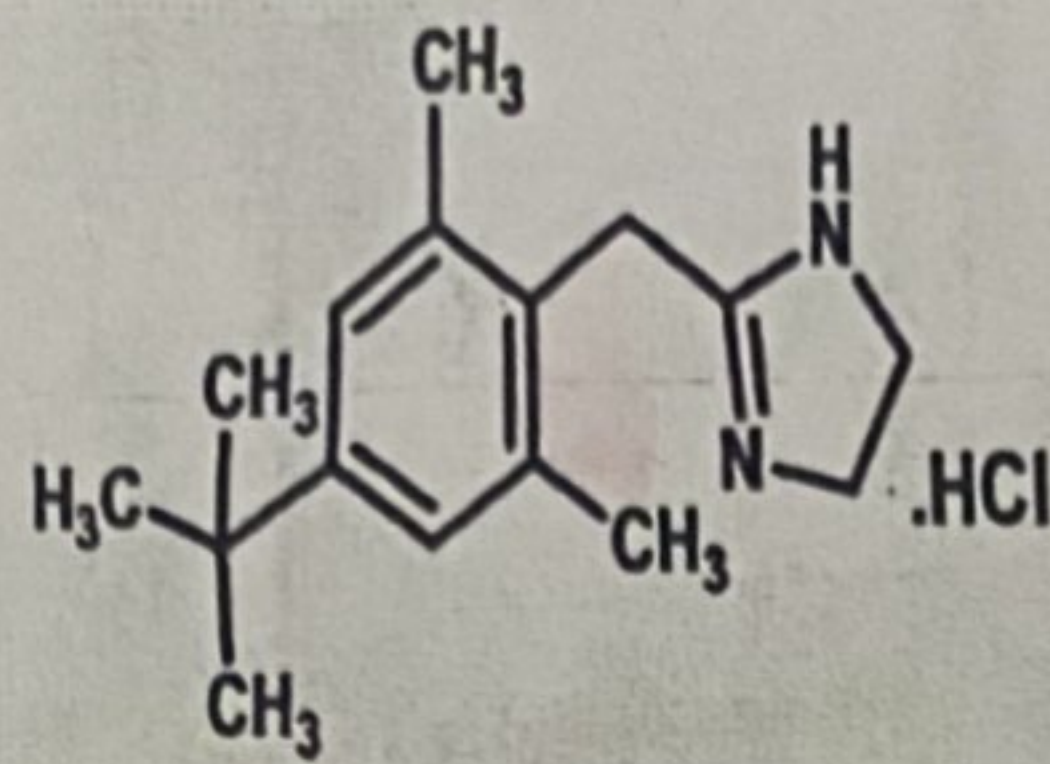
They contain one carbon bridge between C-2 of the imidazoline ring and a phenyl moiety. Therefore, the skeleton of the phenethylamine is present.

Lipophilic substitution on the phenyl group *ortho* to the methylene bridge appears to be required for  $\alpha_1$ - and  $\alpha_2$ -affinity.

Bulky lipophilic substituents at *meta* or *para* position diminish affinity for  $\alpha_2$ -receptors and thus provide selectivity for  $\alpha_1$ -receptors.

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## Xylometazoline Hydrochloride (Otrivin)



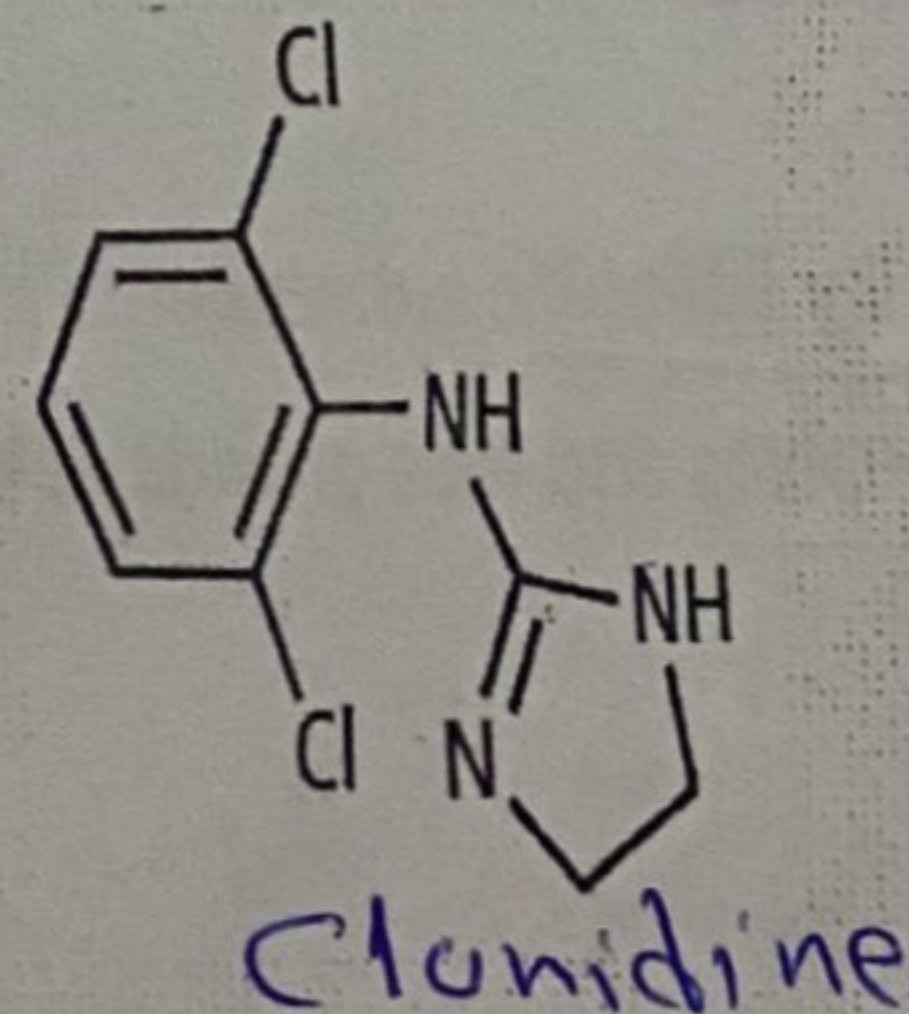
2-(4-t-butyl-2,6-dimethylbenzyl)-2-imidazoline HCl

Nasal decongestant

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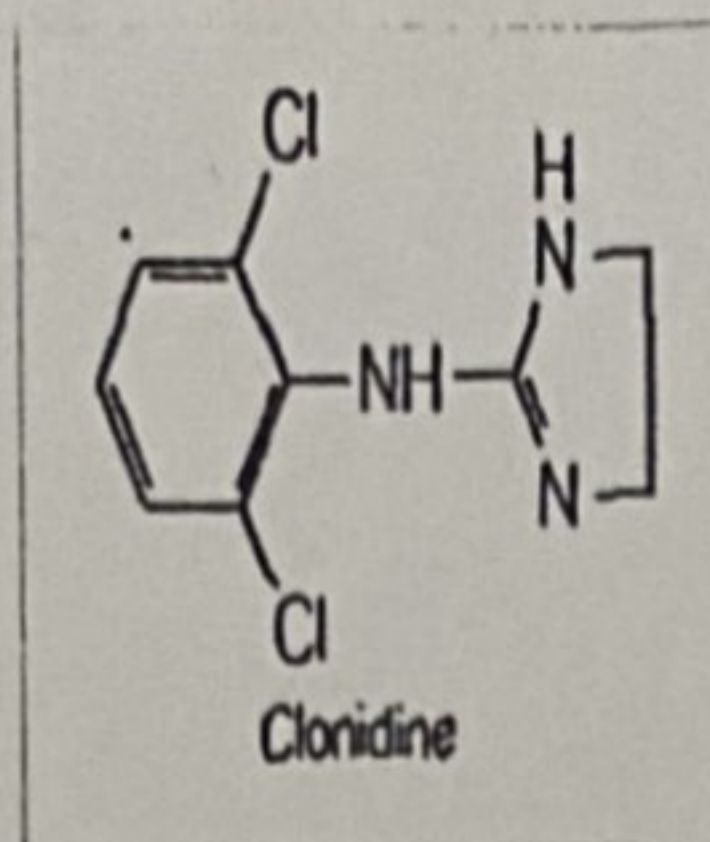
## $\alpha_2$ -Agonists

- Stimulation of central  $\alpha_2$ -receptors (agonist effect) plays a regulatory role in the release of NE.
- Thus, compounds possessing central  $\alpha_2$ -receptors agonist activity could be used for management of hypertension.
- The imidazoline derivative, clonidine, is an important  $\alpha_2$ -agonist.



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## Clonidine Hydrochloride



### Catapres-TTS®-3

(clonidine)

Transdermal Therapeutic System

Programmed delivery in dose of 0.3 mg clonidine per day for one week.

To avoid possible burns remove the Catapres-TTS® patch before undergoing an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) procedure.

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2-(2,6-Dichloroanilino)-2-imidazoline.

- It is an imidazoline dr.
- The chlorine atoms : lipophilic; compound acts centrally at  $\alpha_2$ -receptors.
- The compound has some peripheral  $\alpha_1$ -agonist activity.
- There is no methylene bridge but an -NH- which makes a guanidine moiety.
- The imidazoline nucleus is not essential for central  $\alpha_2$ -agonist activity
- Oral and transdermal therapeutic system

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Best wishes

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