



**TOXICOLOGÍA
AMBIENTAL Y
MINERÍA EN LAS
FUENTES
DE AGUA**

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US EPA – PESTICIDE

Any substance or mixture of substances intended for **preventing**, **destroying**, **repelling**, or **mitigating** any pest. The term pest means any harmful, destructive, or troublesome animals, plants, or microorganisms.



PESTICIDES – RISKS AND BENEFITS

BENEFITS

- ❖ Crop protection
- ❖ Food preservation
- ❖ Material preservation
- ❖ Disease control

RISKS

- ❖ **Toxic to humans**
- ❖ Impact on environment and ecosystems



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PESTICIDES – CLASSIFICATION BY USE

Chemicals designed to kill, reduce or repel pests

↓ Insects

Insecticides

Insect repellents

↓ Weeds

Herbicides

↓ Moulds

Fungicides

Wood preservatives

↓ Rats, mice, moles
(Topos)

Rodenticides

Fumigants

PESTICIDES – CLASSIFICATION BY USE AND CHEMICAL STRUCTURE

Different chemicals used for different purposes

❖ INSECTICIDES

- Pyrethroids
- Organophosphorus
- Carbamates
- Organochlorine
- Manganese compounds

❖ HERBICIDES

- Bipyridyls
- Chlorophenoxy
- Glyphosate
- Acetanilides
- Triazines

❖ FUNGICIDES

- Thiocarbamates
- Dithiocarbamates
- Cupric salts
- Tiabendazoles
- Triazoles
- Dicarboximides
- Dinitrophenoles
- Organotin compounds
- Miscellaneous

❖ RODENTICIDES

- Warfarines
- Indanodiones

❖ FUMIGANTS

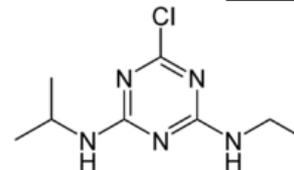
- Aluminium and zinc phosphide
- Methyl bromide
- Ethylene dibromide



❖ INSECT REPELLENTS

- Diethyltoluamide

Atrazine, 2-chloro-4-(ethylamino)-6-(isopropylamino)-triazine



Pesticides

Basic Classes of Pesticides

Insecticides

Organochlorines
Organophosphates
Carbamate Esters
Pyrethroids
Botanical Insecticides

Herbicides

Chlorophenoxy compounds
Bipyridyl derivatives

Rodenticides

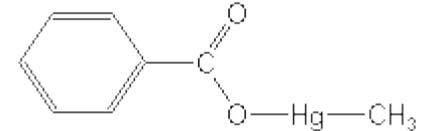
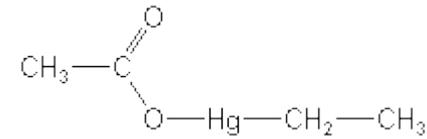
Zinc Phosphide
Fluoroacetic acid and derivatives
 α -Naphthyl Thiourea (ANTU)
Anticoagulants

Fungicides

Hexachlorobenzene
Organomercurials
Pentachlorophenol
Phthalimides
Dithiocarbamates

Fumigants

Phosphine
Ethylene dibromide
Dibromochloropropane



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Table 1 The main groups of pesticides.

Group	Subgroups	Examples
Organochlorines (OCs)		DDT Endrin Aldrin Dieldrin Endosulfan γ -Hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane)
Anticholinesterases	Organophosphates (OPs)	Malathion Fenitrothion Dichlorvos Diazinon
	Carbamates	Carbaryl Aldicarb
Pyrethrins and synthetic pyrethroids		Pyrethrum Permethrin Cypermethrin Flumethrin
Natural compounds, other than pyrethrins		Abamectin Ivermectin Rotenone Nicotine
Substances which interfere with systems specific to insects	Juvenile hormone analogues Chitin synthesis inhibitors Ecdysone agonists	Cyromazine Diflubenzuron Tebufenozide
Miscellaneous synthetic insecticides	Formamidine GABA _A blocker	Amitraz Fipronil

SOME PESTICIDES PERSIST AND BIOCONCENTRATE

❖ PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs)

- Low water solubility
- Persist in the environment
- Accumulate in the food-chain
- Lypophilic
- Travel long distances
- Concentrate in marine animals
- May produce toxic effects

PESTICIDES

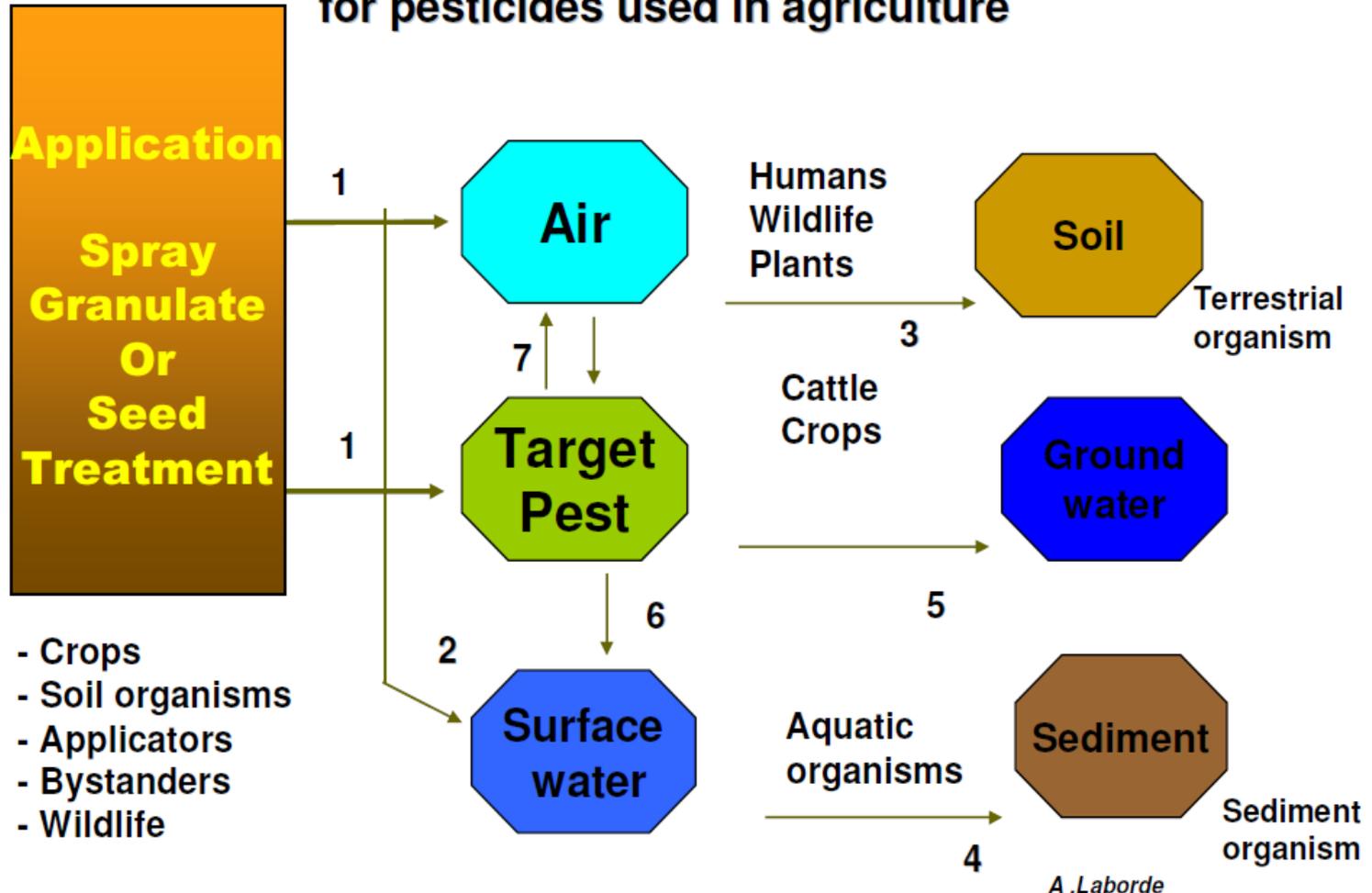
Aldrin
Dieldrin
Chlordane
DDT
Endrin
Heptachlor
Mirex
Toxaphene



ORIGIN, TRANSPORT AND FATE

Distribution routes and "receptor" organisms for pesticides used in agriculture

1. Emission
2. Drift **Arrastre**
3. Deposition
4. Sedimentation
5. Leaching
6. Drainage
7. Volatilization



PESTICIDES IN DIFFERENT MEDIA

Food residues

- ❖ Many food products have detectable levels of pesticides
- ❖ Guideline levels of pesticides in food (MRL)
- ❖ Guidelines to limit the population exposure: acceptable daily intake (ADI)



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The Dirty Dozen

Apples 1 of 13



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According to the EWG report, nearly 98 percent of apples tested positive for pesticides and 92 percent contained two or more.

Celery 2 of 13



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Ranked the "dirtiest" vegetable, more than 95 percent of celery samples tested positive for pesticides, while almost 90 percent contained more than one pesticide.

Strawberries 3 of 13



Q ZOOM SHARE THIS SLIDE

13 different types of pesticides were found on a single strawberry sample in the analysis.

Peaches 4 of 13



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More than 85 percent of peaches contained the residue of more than one pesticide -- "As a category, peaches have been treated with more pesticides than any other produce, registering combinations of up to 57 different chemicals," according to the "Methodology" section of the report.

Nectarines 6 of 13



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Every nectarine sample tested positive for pesticides, according to EWG.

Spinach 5 of 13



Q ZOOM SHARE THIS SLIDE

Spinach is the second vegetable on the list, after celery.

The Dirty Dozen

Imported Grapes 7 of 13



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While domestic grapes didn't make the "dirty dozen" list, imported grapes turned up 14 different types of pesticides on a single sample.

Sweet Bell Peppers 8 of 13



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Almost 70 percent of sweet bell peppers contained multiple pesticides.

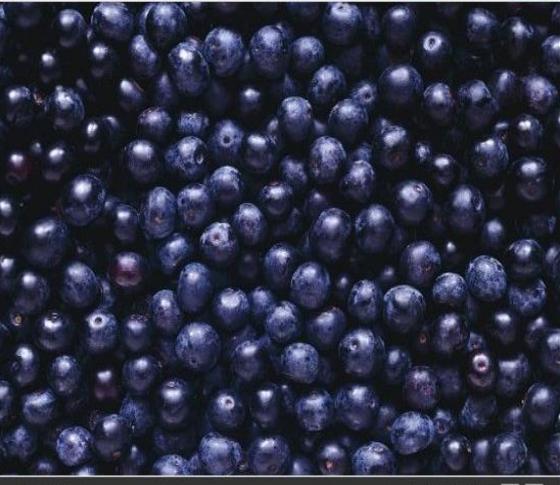
Potatoes 9 of 13



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More than 91 percent of potatoes tested positive for pesticides.

Domestic Blueberries 10 of 13



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Blueberries are the sixth and final fruit on the dirty dozen list.

Lettuce 11 of 13



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Lettuce is among the vegetables most likely to retain pesticides, according to EWG.

Kale/Collard Greens 12 of 13

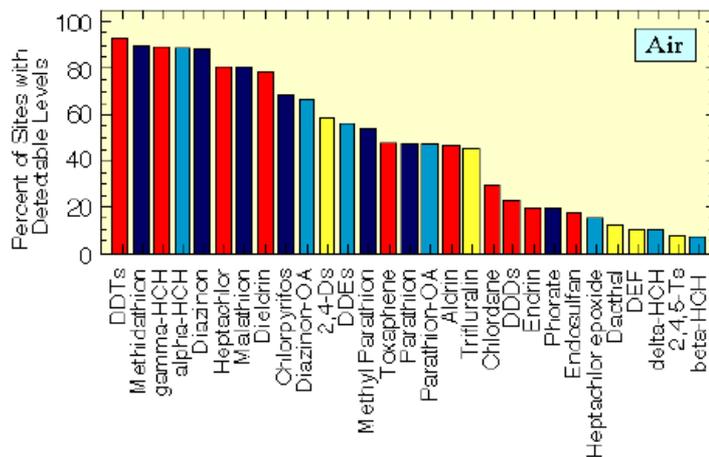


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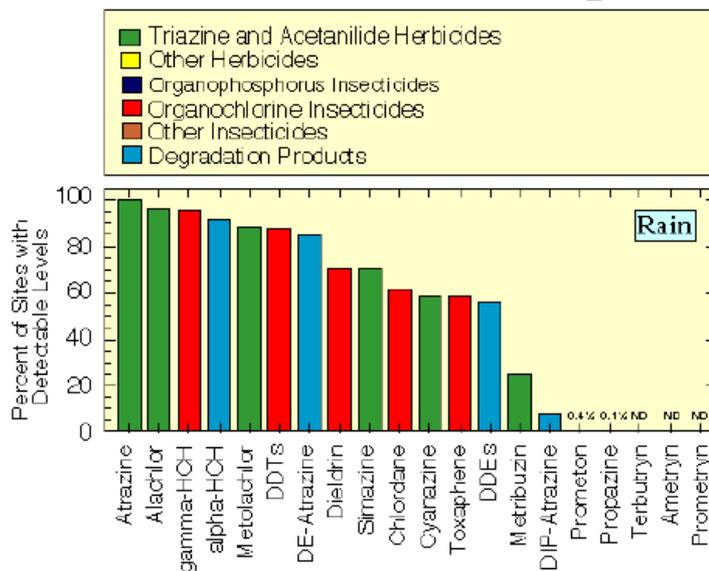
Rounding out the dirty dozen list is kale/collard greens.

PESTICIDES IN THE ATMOSPHERE

AIR



RAIN



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CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE



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A cause of concern

- ❖ Multiple chemicals
- ❖ Multiple sources of exposure
- ❖ Multiple routes of exposure
- ❖ Multiple effects



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CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE

- ❖ Pesticides in: homes and schools, playgrounds, parks
fields, hospitals and other public places
- ❖ Children in: farms, agricultural areas (rural setting)
- ❖ Pesticides present in: air, soil, food, water, parents' clothing
and shoes, other objects...

SOURCES AND SETTINGS OF EXPOSURE...

HOME, SCHOOL, DAY-CARE, INSTITUTIONS, ...

Indoor and outdoor application

- ❖ Mosquito control
- ❖ Professional/domestic application

Health uses

- ❖ Lice or scabies (Sarna)
- ❖ Fleas or ticks on pets

Pesticide residues

- ❖ Dust, soil, furniture, carpets, toys, food...
- ❖ Playgrounds, playing fields, lawns, gardens
- ❖ Wood preservatives in play structures (e.g. PCP: pentachlorophenol)
- ❖ Long range transport of POPs (e.g. DDT)



ROUTES OF EXPOSURE

Multiple/simultaneous routes of exposure

❖ Ingestion ←

❖ Inhalation ←

❖ Dermal absorption ←

❖ Transplacental

PERINATAL EXPOSURE

- ❖ Mother's intake and body burden is transferred across the placenta
- ❖ Breast milk may be contaminated
"The very top of the food chain"

- ❖ Breastfeeding
- ❖ Accidental ingestion
- ❖ Residues in food
- ❖ Mouthing

- ❖ Indoor and outdoor spraying
- ❖ Occupational exposure

- ❖ Accidental contact
- ❖ Occupational exposure
- ❖ Residues on surfaces
- ❖ Contaminated clothing
- ❖ Medical use: scabies, head lice



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TOXICOKINETICS VARIES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF PESTICIDE

Important to consider:

❖ Routes of Absorption

- Dermal, ocular, ingestion, inhalation, injection

❖ Biotransformation

- Into inactive or more active metabolites

❖ Distribution and storage

- Fat soluble pesticides are stored in adipose tissue
- Other

❖ Elimination

- Urinary excretion
- Biliary / faecal excretion
- Excretion in milk



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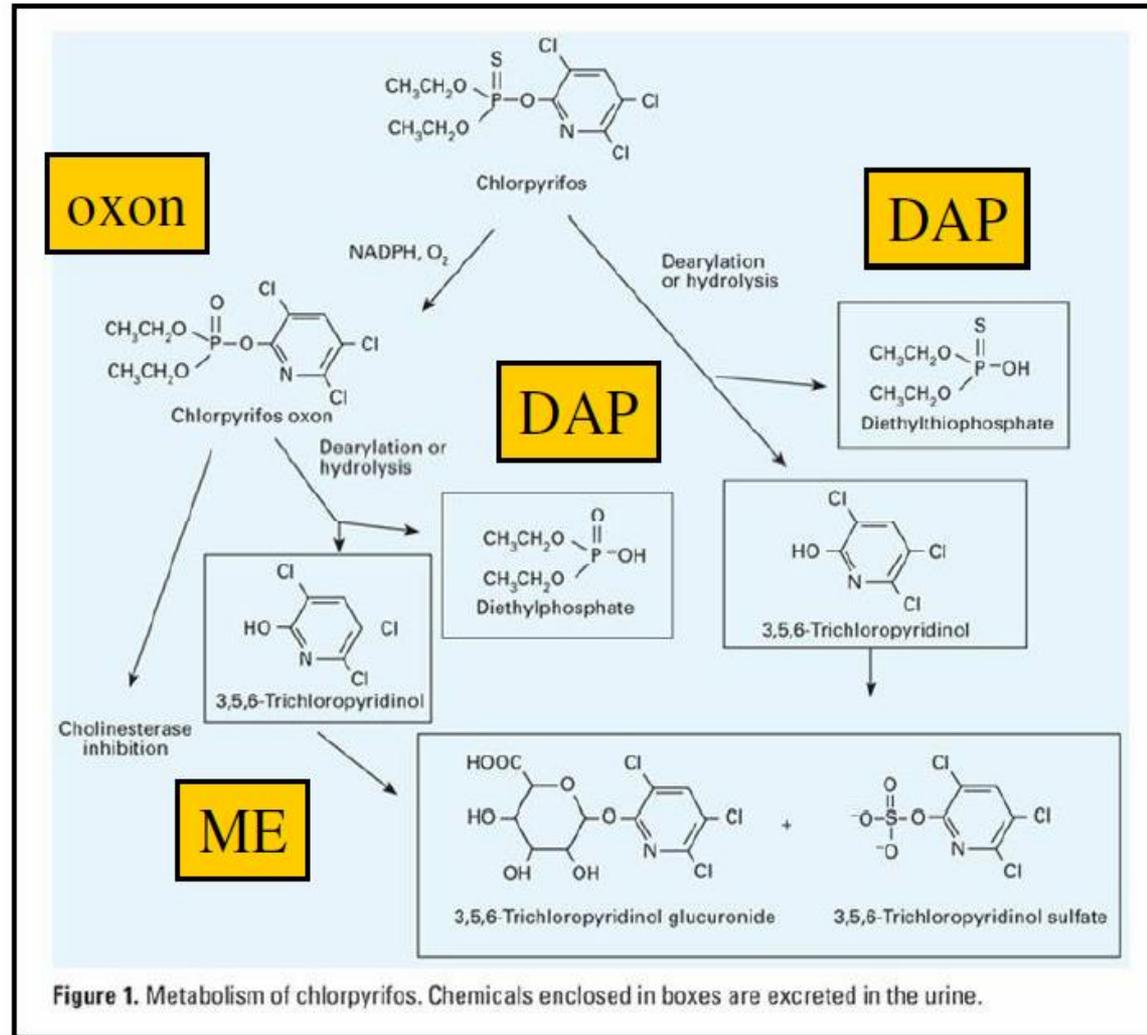


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METABOLIC PATHWAYS

❖ Organophosphates metabolize into:

- Oxones
- Specific inactive metabolites (ME)
- Non-specific metabolites: dialkylphosphates (DAPs)



Toxicity of Pesticides

Many different pesticides in use with very different modes of action and levels of toxicity

The WHO Recommended Classification of Pesticides by Hazard

CLASS		LD ₅₀ FOR THE RAT (mg/kg BODY WEIGHT)			
		ORAL		DERMAL	
		SOLIDS	LIQUIDS	SOLIDS	LIQUIDS
Ia	<u>Extremely hazardous</u>	≤5	≤20	≤10	≤40
Ib	<u>Highly hazardous</u>	5–50	20–200	10–100	40–400
II	<u>Moderately hazardous</u>	50–500	200–2000	100–1000	400–4000
III	<u>Slightly hazardous</u>	>500	>2000	>1000	>4000
III+	<u>Unlikely to present hazard in normal use</u>	>2000	>3000	—	—

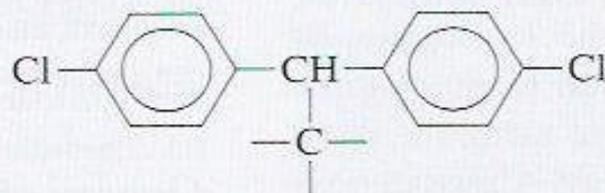
Pesticides

Organochlorine insecticides

Table 22-5

Structural Classification of Organochlorine Insecticides

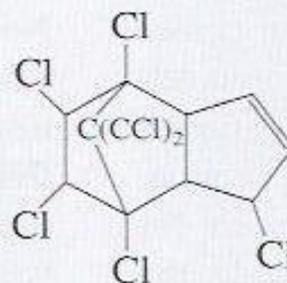
Dichlorodiphenylethanes



DDT, DDD

Dicofol
Perthane
Methoxychlor
Methlochlor

Cyclodienes

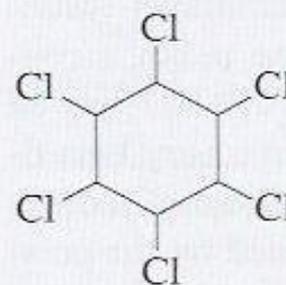
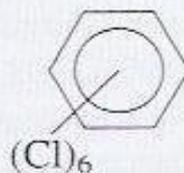


Aldrin, Dieldrin

Heptachlor
Chlordane
Endosulfan

Chlorinated benzenes

Cyclohexanes



HCB, HCH

Lindane (α -BHC)

Organochlorine insecticides

- **DDT**

- **First commercially produced insecticide (1940's)**
- Banned in the US in the 1970's but is still manufactured and exported (1 ton/day)

- **Cyclodienes**

- **Most toxic (CNS) and persistent pesticides known.**

- **HCH and Cl-benzene**

- Mixtures of isomers
- Medicinal use (lice shampoo) (lindane)

- $T_{1/2} = 7-30$ y
- Bioaccumulates
- Persistent
- Lipophilic

- Non-selective
- Endocrine disrupter
- Reproductive toxins
- Neurotoxic (Lindane)

Observed effects

- DDT
 - Enzyme induction
 - Competes with estradiol for receptor.
- Cyclodienes
 - Reproductive toxicity (reduced fertility, loss of pups, teratogenic)
 - CNS toxicity
- HCH and Cl-benzene
 - CNS toxicity
 - Increased hepatocellular tumors (mice).



Mechanisms of action

- **DDT**

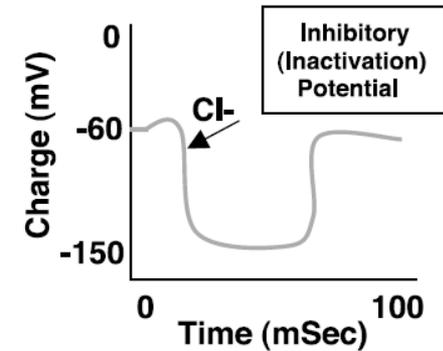
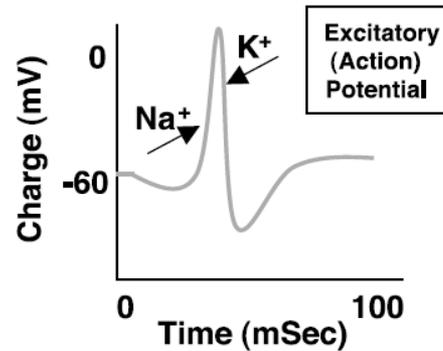
- Peripheral sensory neurons
- prolonged negative afterpotential in neurons.
- \downarrow K^+ transport, inactivate Na^+ channel closure, inhibit Na^+ / K^+ and Ca^{2+} / Mg^{2+} ATPases, inhibit calmodulin-transport of Ca^{2+} .

- **Cyclodienes**

- CNS localized
- $GABA_A$ receptor/channel antagonists, inhibit Cl^- -uptake and Na^+ / K^+ and Ca^{2+} / Mg^{2+} ATPases,

- **HCH and Cl-benzene**

- Suggested similar to cyclodienes.



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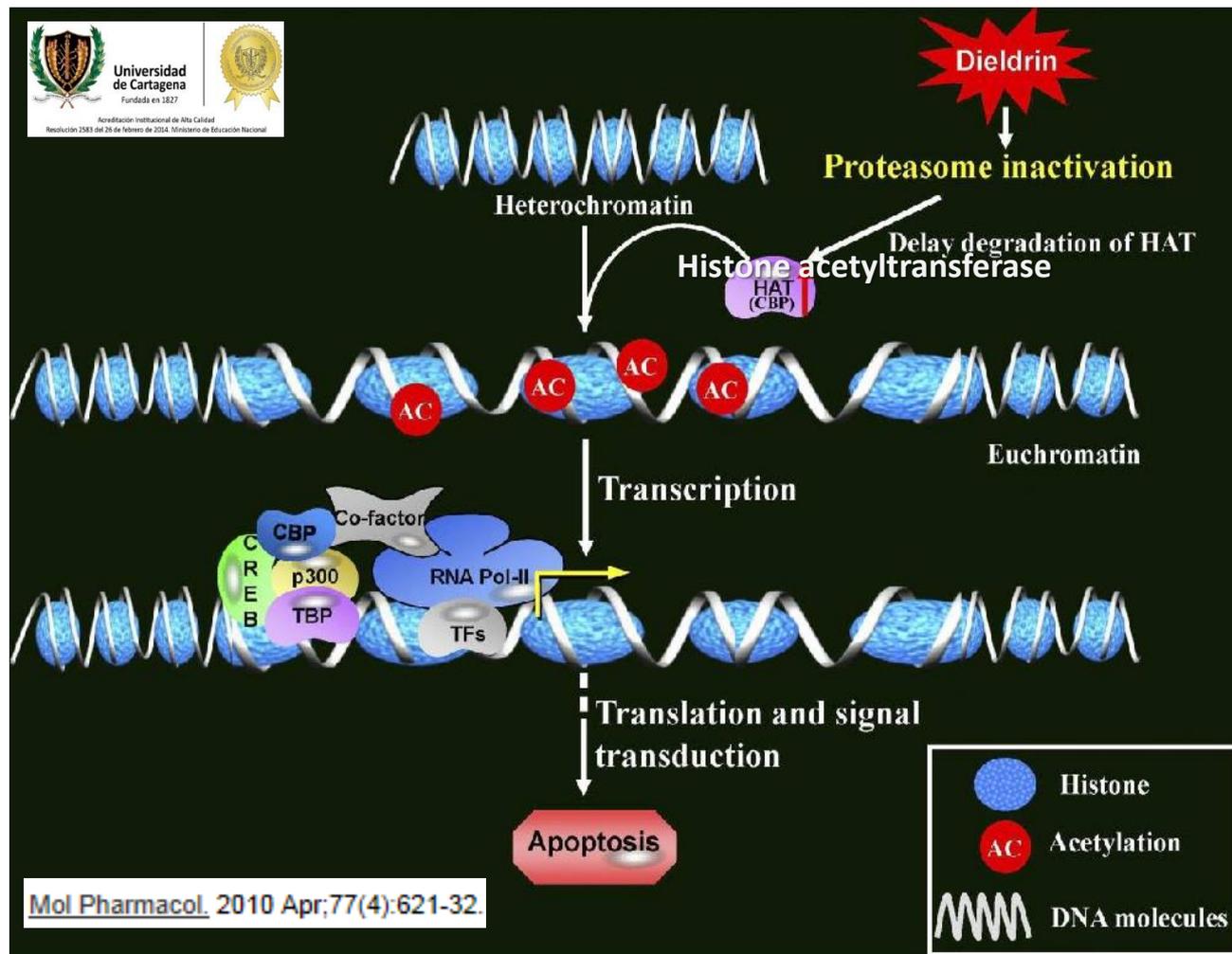
DDT-induced Prolonged Repolarization

- **DDT affects the permeability of the nerve cell membrane to K^+ ions reducing K^+ transport across the membrane.**
- **DDT alters the Na^+ channels, they open normally but are closed (inactivated) slowly.**
- **DDT inhibits neuronal ATPase activity particularly Na/K ATPase and Ca ATPase which play a role in repolarization of the neuron.**

All of these factors reduce the rate at which repolarization occurs and increase the sensitivity of the neurons to small stimuli that would not elicit a response in a fully repolarized neuron.



In dopaminergic neuronal cells, dieldrin induced a time-dependent increase in the acetylation of core histones H3 and H4. Histone acetylation occurred within 10 min of exposure indicating acetylation is an early event in dieldrin neurotoxicity. The hyperacetylation was attributed to dieldrin-induced proteasomal dysfunction, resulting in accumulation of a key histone acetyltransferase (HAT), cAMP response element-binding protein.



Schematic representation of mechanisms underlying dieldrin-induced hyperacetylation. Exposure to neurotoxic insult dieldrin inhibits proteasome dysfunction, resulting in accumulation of a major HAT CBP. Increased CBP results in greater acetylation of nuclear histones in the chromatin, which ultimately results in alterations of gene expression associated with the neurodegenerative process, including oxidative damage and apoptosis in dopaminergic neurons.

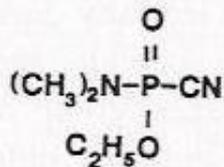
Cholinesterase inhibitors

- **Organophosphates (OP) and Carbamates**
 - Strong Acute neurotoxicity - AChE inhibition (cholinergic effects).
 - Nervous system toxins - nerve gas (sarin).

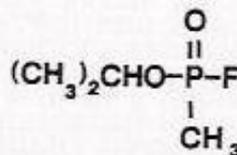


1st OP: TEPP (tetraethylpyrophosphate), followed by parathion
1st carbamic: 1930

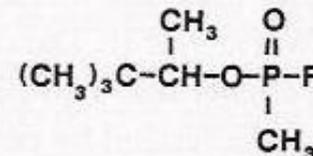
WWII chemical warfare
1988 Iraq- against Kurds
1994 Japan
1995 Tokyo subway



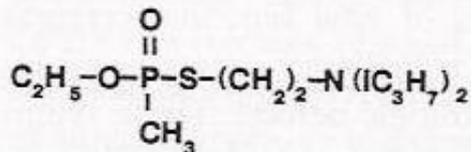
Tabun (GA)



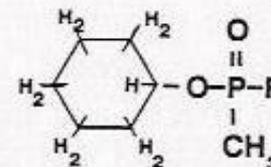
Sarin (GB)



Soman (GD)



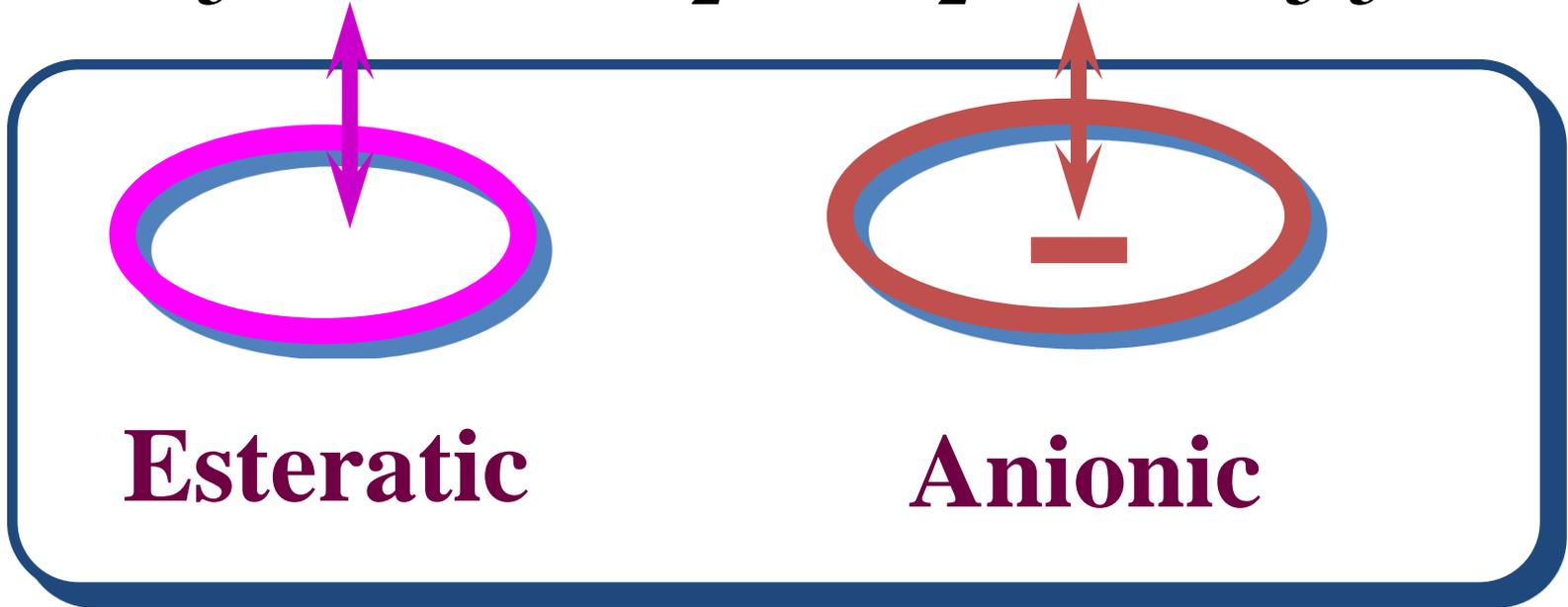
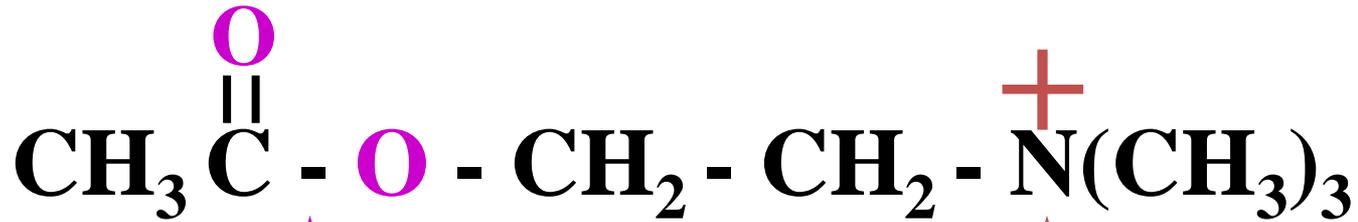
VX



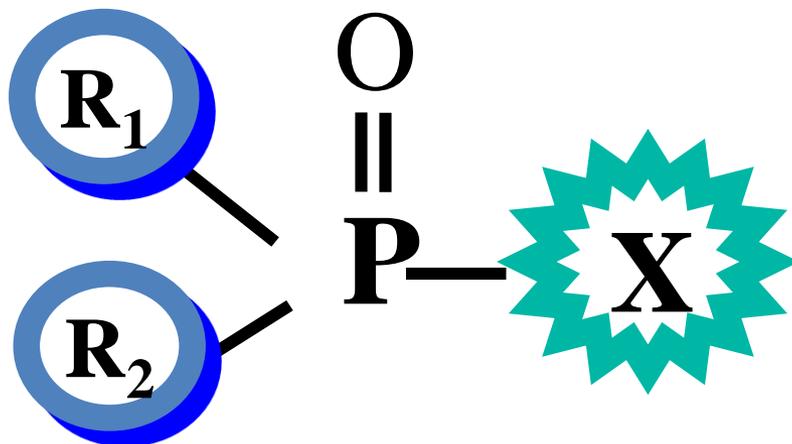
CMPF (GF)

Figure 22-11. Structures of the organophosphorus ester chemical warfare nerve gases, the forerunners of the organophosphorus ester insecticides.

Cholinesterase



Organophosphates



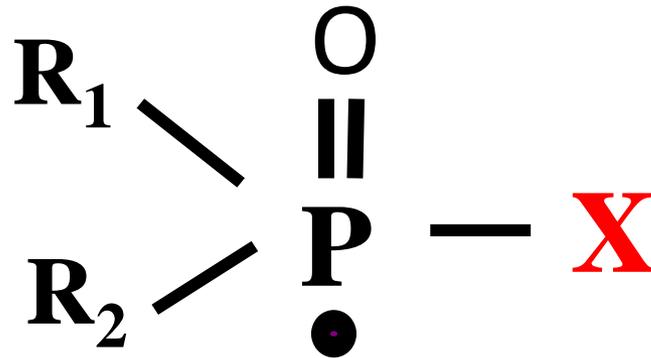
Parathion
Malathion

R_{1-2} = aliphatic

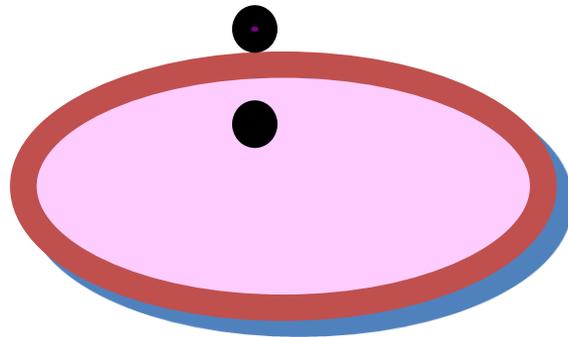
X = e⁻ withdrawing

Organophosphates

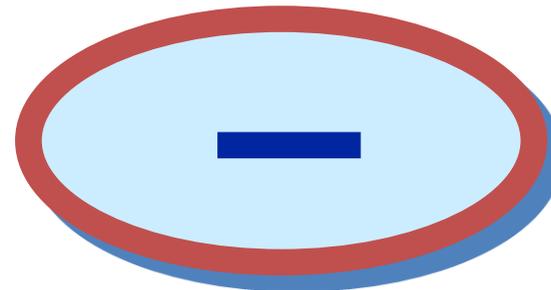
**Strong Covalent Bond,
Inactivates Enzyme
(stable >100h)**



Aging of complex



Esteratic



Anionic



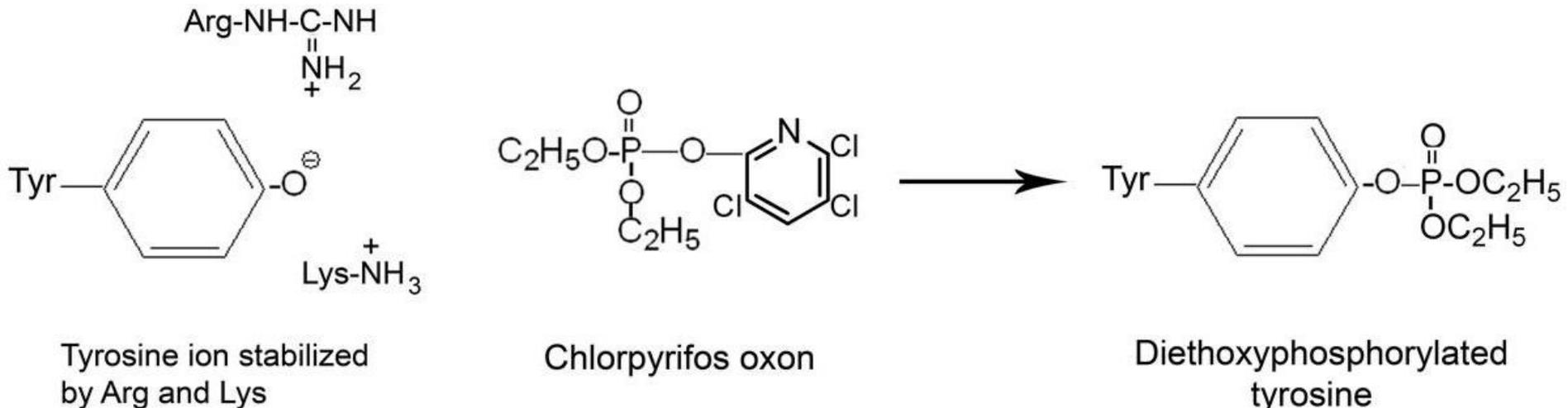
Review of tyrosine and lysine as new motifs for organophosphate binding to proteins that have no active site serine

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Abstract

Other Sections ▾

The accepted target for organophosphorus agent (OP) binding to enzymes is the active site serine in the consensus sequence Gly × Ser × Gly. New motifs have been identified by using mass spectrometry to fragment OP-labeled peptides. It has been found that OP can make covalent bonds with tyrosine and lysine in proteins that have no active site serine. The OP-tyrosine bond is stable, and does not undergo the decay seen with OP-serine.



Reaction of tyrosinate anion with chlorpyrifos oxon to yield diethoxyphosphorylated tyrosine. The anion of tyrosine is stabilized by interaction with positively charged arginine and lysine side chains. The tyrosine anion reacts with chlorpyrifos oxon to make a covalent bond with diethoxyphosphate while displacing 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol.

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Proteins labeled by OP on tyrosine.

protein	accession number	OP-labeled tyrosine	reference
human albumin	gi 28592	NALLVRY ₄₁₁ TKKVPQ	[25,27]
bovine albumin	gi 30794280	NALIVRY ₄₁₀ TRKVPQ	[45]
guinea pig albumin	gi 33518896	NALAVRY ₄₁₁ TQKAPQ	[29]
mouse albumin	gi 3647327	NAILVRY ₄₁₁ TQKAPQ	present report
mouse albumin	gi 3647327	YEKLGEY ₄₀₁ GFQNAI	present report
bovine tubulin alpha	gi 73586894	EVRTGTY ₈₃ RQLFHP	[36]
bovine tubulin beta	gi 75773583	EATGGKY ₅₉ VPRAVL	[36]
bovine tubulin beta	gi 75773583	SRGSQQY ₂₈₁ RALTVP	[36]
bovine tubulin beta	gi 75773583	SKIREEY ₁₅₉ PDRIMN	[36]
mouse tubulin beta	gi 21746161	LERINVY ₅₀ Y ₅₁ NEATGN	[41]
human transferrin	gi 136191	RKPVDEY ₂₅₇ KDCHLA	[46]
human transferrin	gi 136191	RKPVEEY ₅₉₃ ANCHLA	[46]
human kinesin 3C motor domain	gi 160286524	YLVASY ₁₅₇ LEIYQE	[47]
mouse transferrin	gi 21363012	RKPVQDY ₂₅₇ EDCY ₂₆₁ LARIPS	[46]
mouse transferrin	gi 21363012	RMDYRLY ₃₃₃ LGHNY ₃₃₈ VTAIRN	[46]
mouse transferrin	gi 21363012	GIFPKGY ₄₄₈ Y ₄₄₉ AVAVVK	[46]
mouse transferrin	gi 21363012	QGCAPGY ₅₁₀ EKNSTL	[46]
mouse transferrin	gi 21363012	PNNKEEY ₅₃₄ NGY ₅₃₇ TGAFRC	[46]
mouse ATP synthase	gi 20455479	QKILQDY ₄₃₁ KSLQDI	[47]
papain	gi 129614	NEGALLY ₂₅₆ SIANQP	[13]

Pesticides

The following effects of organophosphorus agents have been demonstrated in animals

The inactivation of the cholinesterases occurs in the blood and in a wide range of nerve, neuromuscular (skeletal, smooth and cardiac) and glandular tissues where these enzymes have a role in cell-to-cell communication and the hydrolysis of xenobiotics. These enzymes have possibly as yet unidentified roles such as cell development and growth.

The inhibition of AChE leads to the accumulation of acetylcholine, the neurotransmitter at all ganglia in the autonomic nervous system and at many synapses in the brain, skeletal neuromuscular junctions, at some post-ganglionic nerve endings of the sympathetic nervous system and adrenal medulla.

1. Inactivation by phosphorylation of other beta esterases.
2. Altering the release of neurotransmitters, e.g. γ -aminobutyric acid (GABA) and glutamate.
3. Increasing the number of GABA and dopamine receptors.
4. Acting as agonists at M2/M4 muscarinic receptors.
5. Inhibition of mitochondrial enzymes, respiration and ATP generation.
6. Induction of mast cell degranulation, probably causing the release of histamine or histamine-like compounds.
7. Inhibition of nitric oxide.
8. Interference with surfactant in the lung.
9. Inhibition of phospholipase A₂.
10. Interference with humoral and cellular immunity, e.g. the function of T lymphocytes.



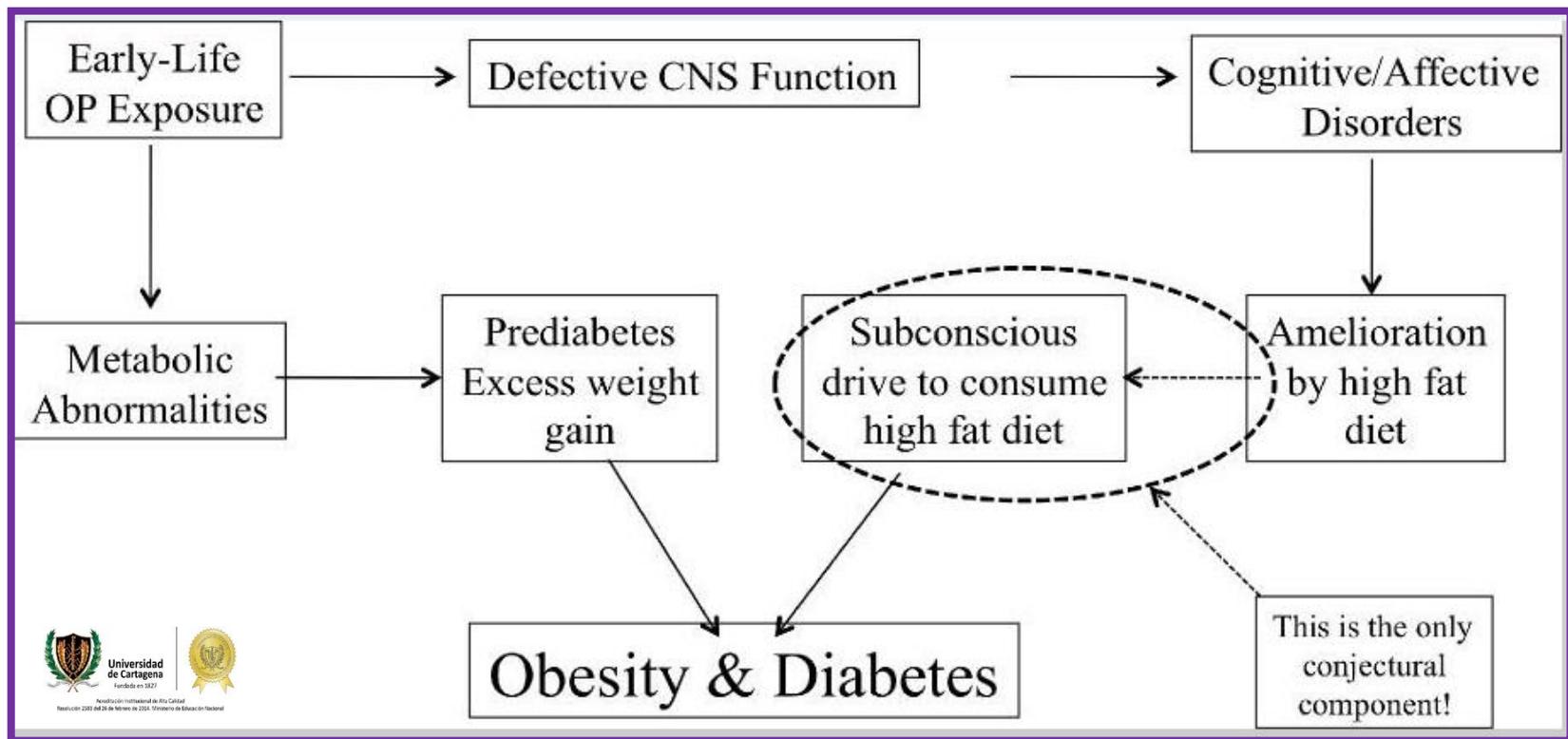
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The inactivation of AChE by alkyl phosphorylation of a serine hydroxyl group at the esteratic site of this enzyme leads to accumulation of acetylcholine at the following locations.

1. Muscarinic sites, which causes an increase in secretions (bronchorrhoea, salivation, tearing and sweating), bronchoconstriction (tightness in the chest and wheezing), bradycardia, vomiting and an increase in gastrointestinal motility (abdominal tightness, cramps and diarrhoea). Organophosphates cause the diagnostic miosis in the eye, which results in blurring of vision.
2. Nicotinic sites (e.g. neuromuscular junctions), which causes muscle fasciculations and a flaccid paralysis in severe exposures.
3. Within the central nervous system, which causes headache, insomnia, giddiness, confusion, drowsiness and, in severe exposures, slurred speech, convulsions, coma and respiratory depression.



Early-life exposure to OP pesticides contribute to later dietary choice, obesity and diabetes.

OP exposure during a critical developmental window altered the trajectory of hepatic adenylyl cyclase/cyclic AMP signaling, culminating in hyperresponsiveness to gluconeogenic stimuli. Animals developed metabolic dysfunction resembling prediabetes. When the OP-exposed animals consumed a high fat diet in adulthood, metabolic defects were exacerbated and animals gained excess weight compared to unexposed rats on the same diet. At the same time, the high fat diet ameliorated many of the central synaptic defects caused by organophosphate exposure, pointing to nonpharmacologic therapeutic interventions to offset neurodevelopmental abnormalities, as well as toward fostering dietary choices favoring high fat intake. Common insecticides may contribute to the increased worldwide incidence of obesity and diabetes.

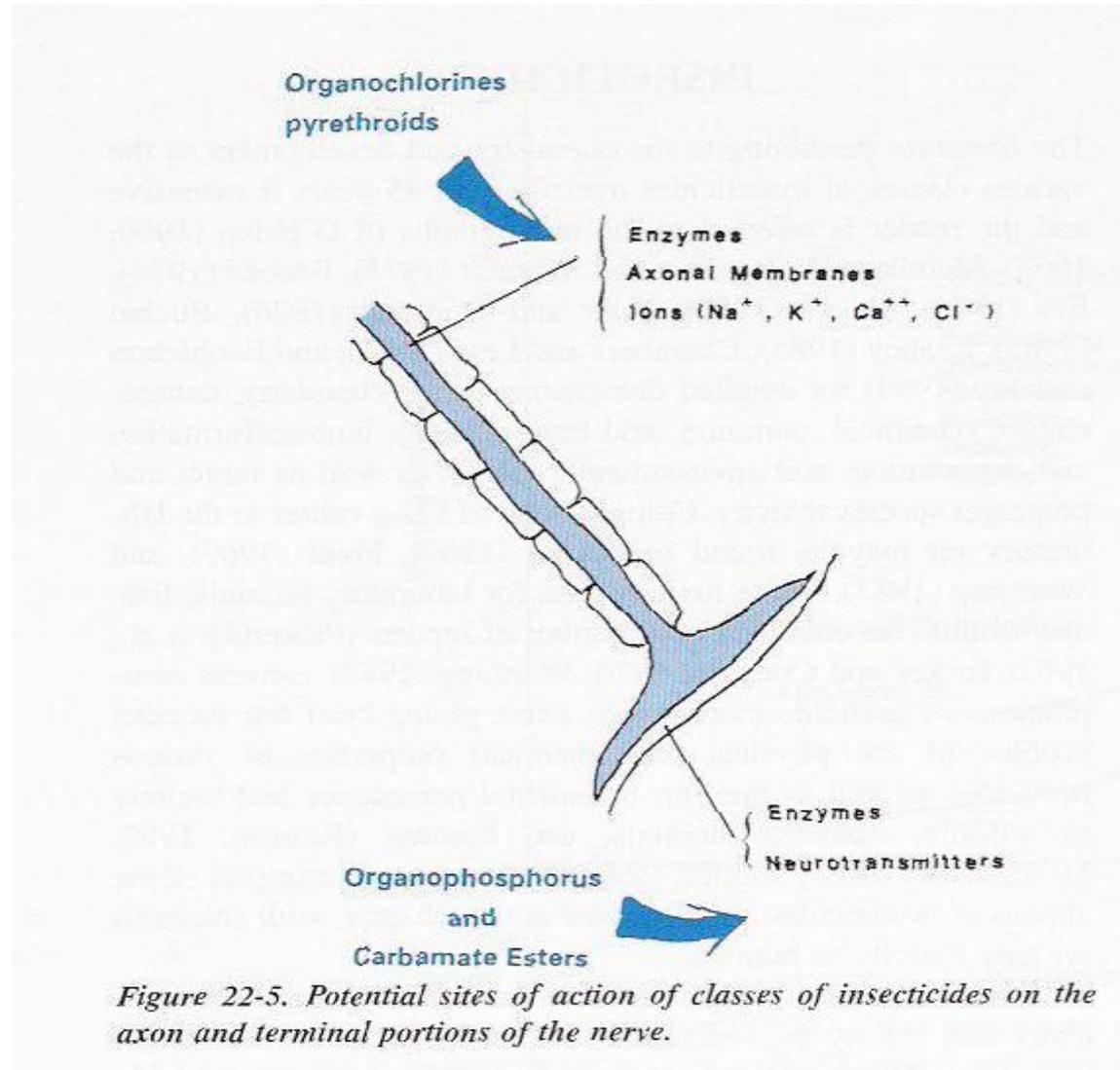
Reprod Toxicol. 2011 Apr;31(3):297-301.

Organophosphates
are slower to release
from AchE –
“also aging effect”

Carbamates are
faster: reversible

Phase I metabolic
activation .

Multiple metabolic
reactions.



Pesticides

Neurobehavioral,
muscular and
cognitive effects

Delayed Neuropathy
(OPIDN) - ginger jake.

Organophosphate-
induced delayed
neuropathy

OP-Carbamate insecticides

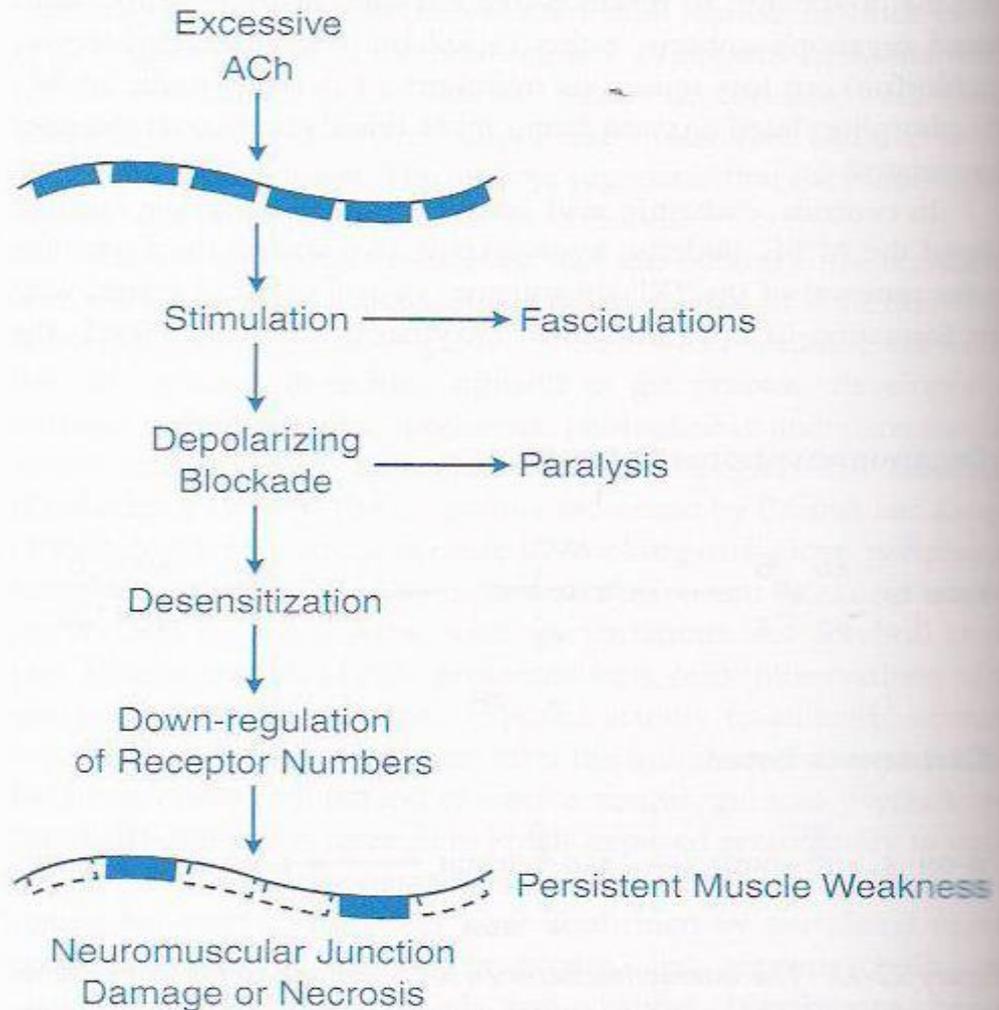


Figure 22-15. A schematic diagram illustrating the impact of excessive concentrations of acetylcholine (ACh) on muscarinic and nicotinic acetylcholine receptors in order to explain neuromuscular weakness and damage.

Pyrethroids

Newer (1980)

Extensive agricultural use.

Indoor use.

Pet flea control.

Household plants.

Modify Na⁺ channel kinetics.

Abnormal repetitive
discharges.

Type A shorter action than
type B

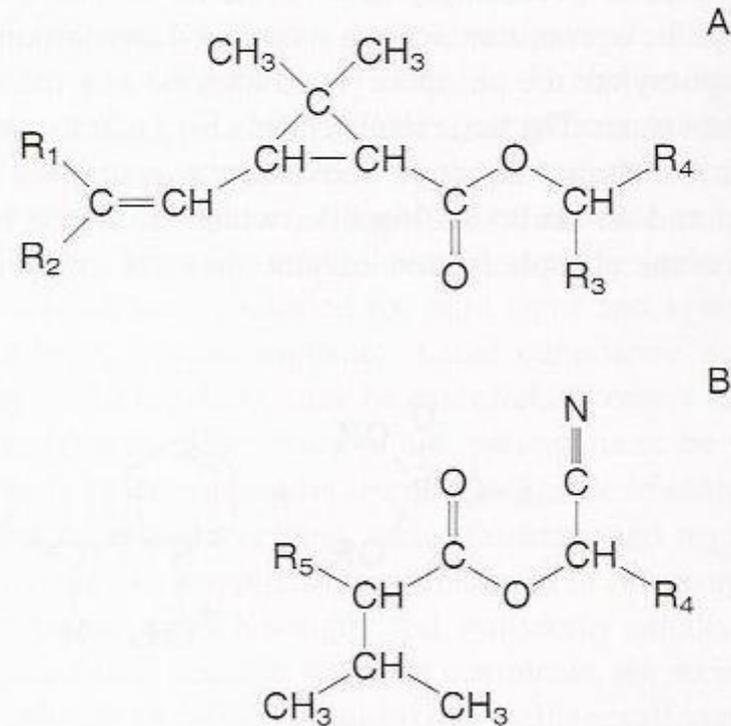


Figure 22-18. The basic structures of the synthetic pyrethroid ester insecticides showing (A) the intact cyclopropane ring in type I esters, with R₁ and R₂ (methyl, bromine, chlorine, etc.), R₃ (hydrogens or cyano) and R₄ (3-phenoxybenzoate, other) substituents; and (B) the “open” structure of type II esters with R₄ (3-phenoxybenzoate, other) and R₅ (substituted phenyl substituents).

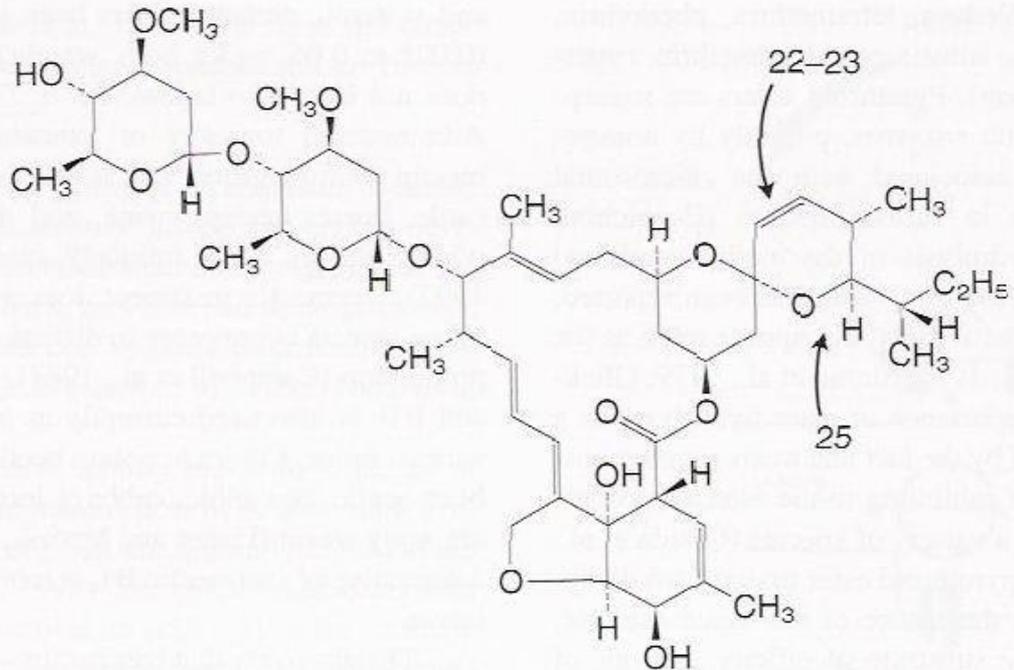
Pesticides

Avermectins

Ivermectin binds with high affinity to **glutamate-gated chloride channels** which occur in invertebrate nerve and muscle cells, causing an increase in the permeability of the cell membrane to chloride ions with **hyperpolarization** of the nerve or muscle cell.

Hyperpolarization results in paralysis and death of the parasite either directly or by causing the worms to starve.

Streptomyces avermitilis



Common Name	Structural Positions	
	22-23	25
Avermectin B1a	As above	As above
Avermectin B1b Abamectin	As above	—CH(CH ₃) ₂
Ivermectin	—CH ₂ —CH ₂ —	80% As above 20% —CH(CH ₃) ₂

Figure 22-20. A structural representation of the macrocyclic lactone avermectin (B1a), abamectin (B1b), and the semisynthetic insecticide ivermectin showing the structural differences at positions 22 to 23 and 25 of the ring.



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Phenoxyherbicides

- Introduced in 1946
- 2,4-Dichloro- and 2,4,5-Trichloro phenoxy acetic acids.
- Defoliants (Vietnam war) – Forestry.
- Nerve toxicity, peripheral neuropathy.
- Controversy about NHL and HL.
- Contaminants may be responsible for toxicity.

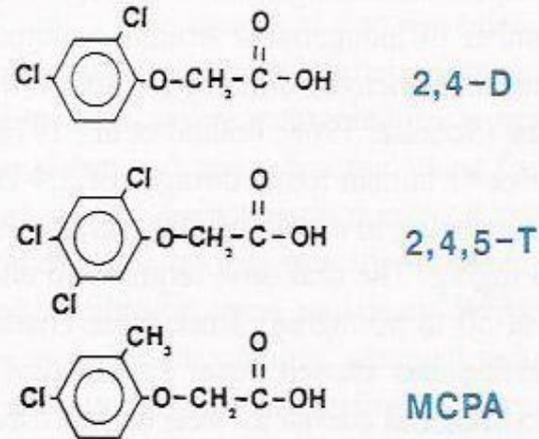


Figure 22-22. The molecular structure of the three most common chlorophenoxyacetic acid herbicides: 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T), and 4-chloro-o-toloxycetic acid (MCPA). Ester and amine salt derivatives are also marketed.

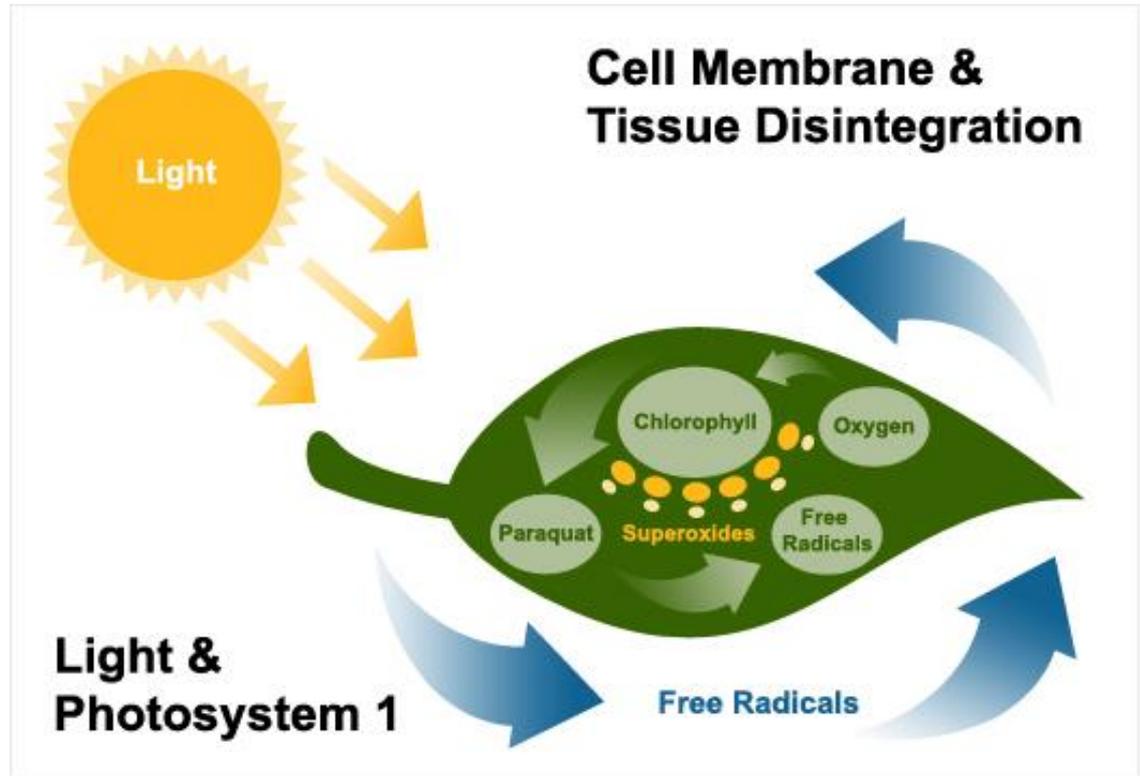
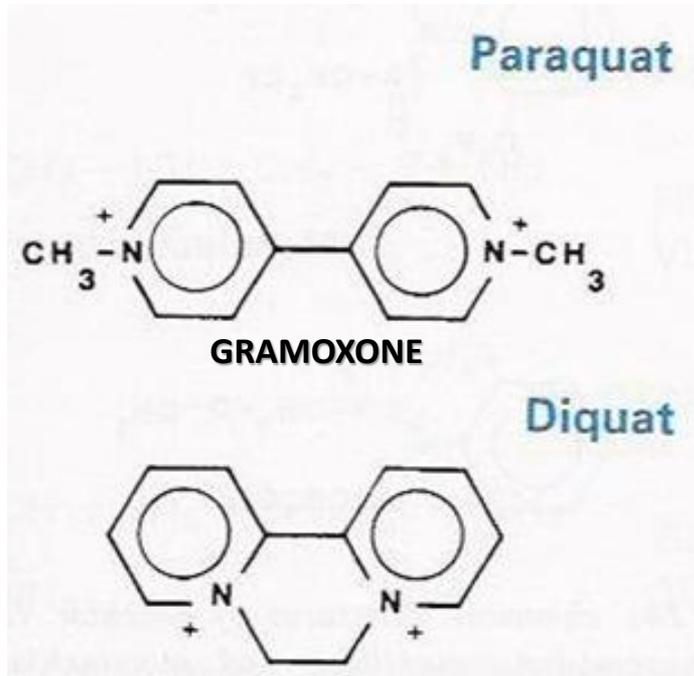


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Dipyridyl derivatives



“Startling human toxicity”

Banned in many countries but still in use in 130 others

Lung is the most susceptible target organ

Highly polar- poor GI absorption (5-10%)

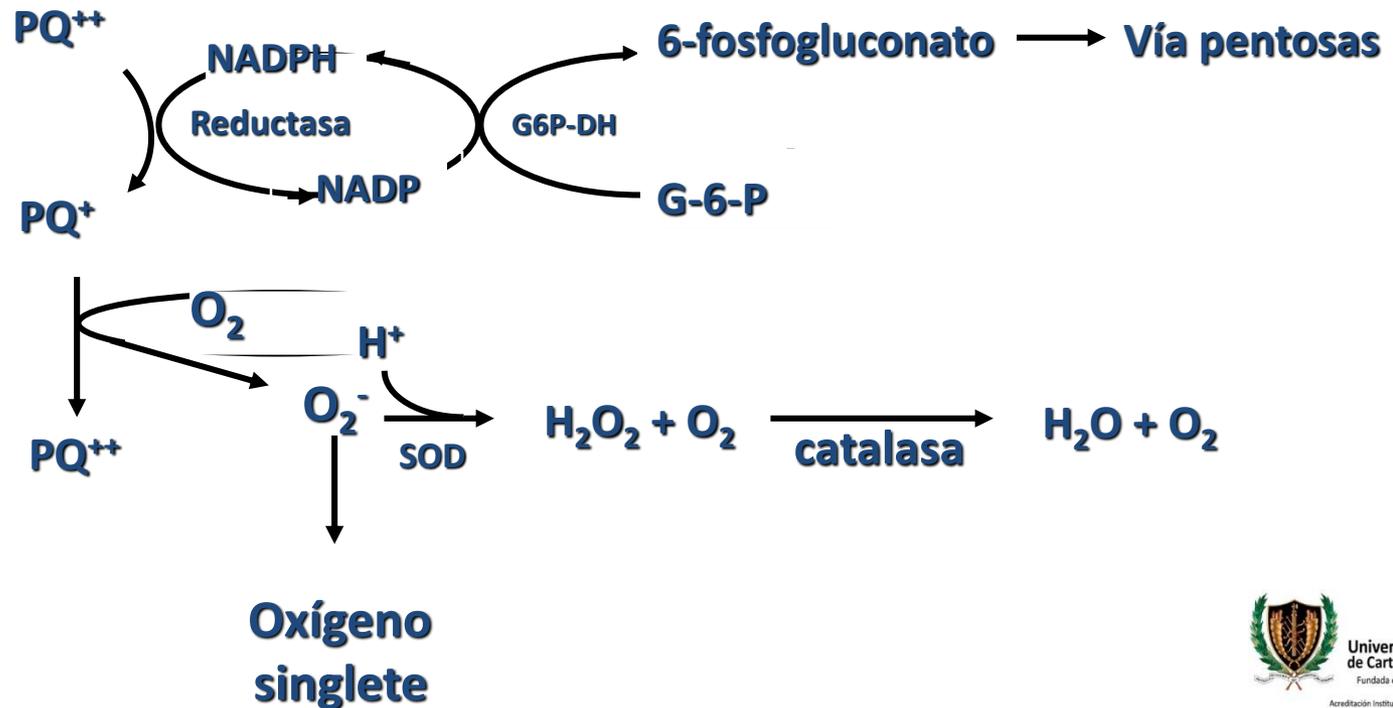
LD50=22-262 mg/kg

LD50=100-400 mg/kg

Dipyridyl derivatives

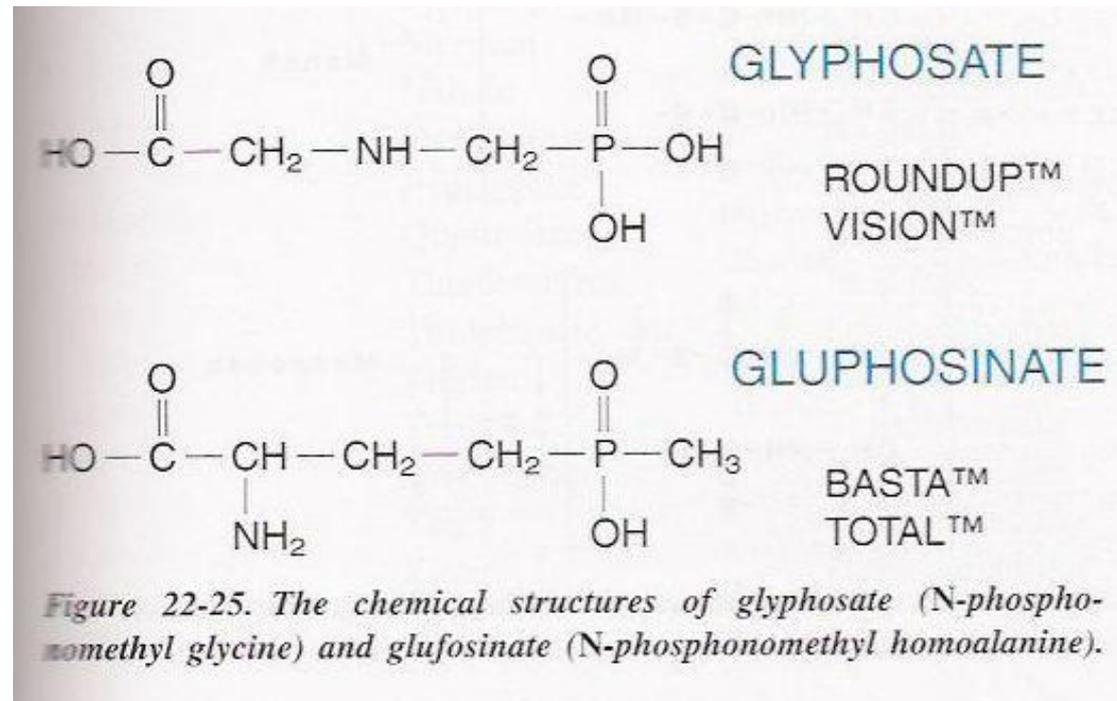
MECANISMO DE ACCIÓN

👉 **Generación de Radicales Superóxido:**



Phosphomonomethyl aminoacids

- Non-selective systemic herbicides.
- Free acids or salts - ocular and mucus membrane irritants.
- Class E carcinogens (EPA)
- Solvent may be the toxic compound (POEA)



Fungicides

- Lipophilic, accumulate
- 90% are carcinogenic in animal models.
- Contaminants are dioxins and furans.
- Hexachlorobenzene (banned)
- Pentachlorophenol (banned).
- Phthalimides.
- Dithiocarbamates

TBZ inhibits mitochondrial, helminth-specific enzyme, fumarate reductase

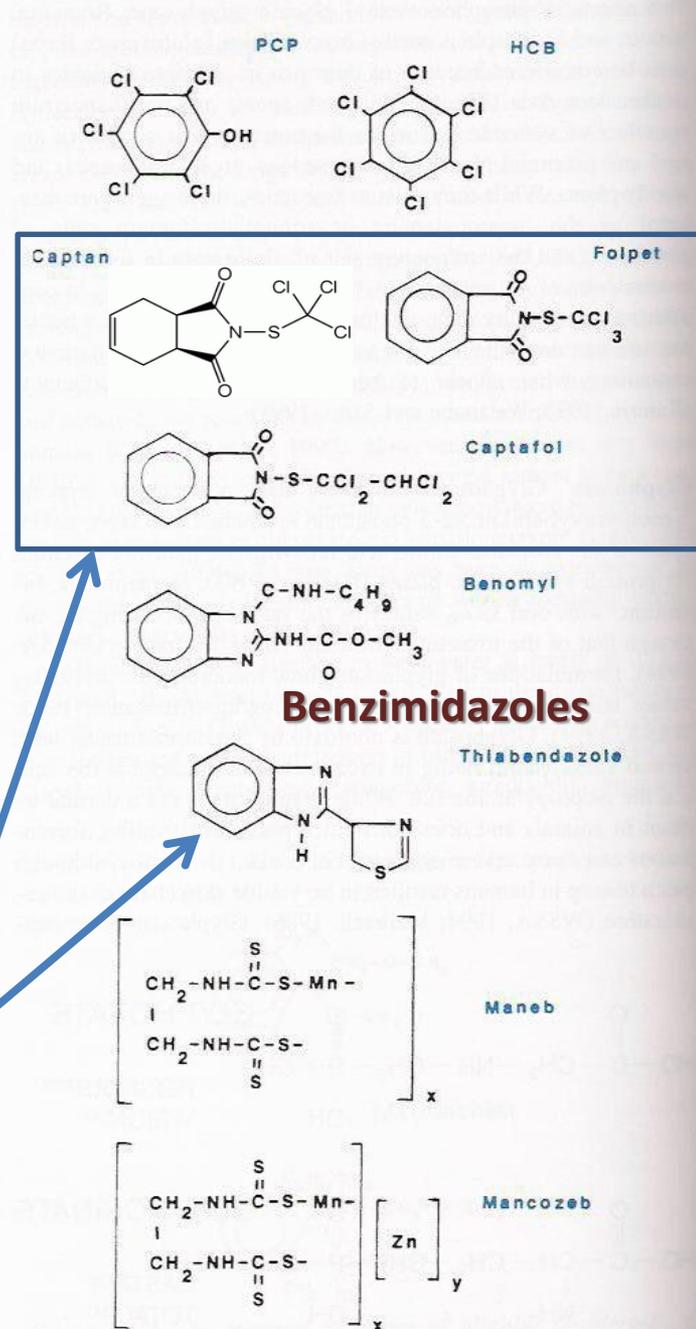
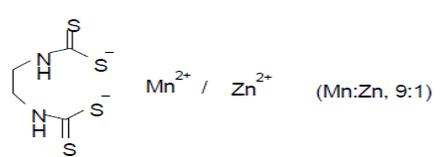
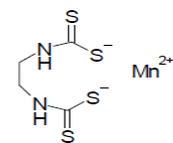
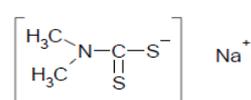
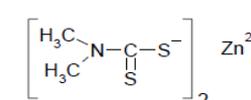
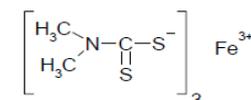
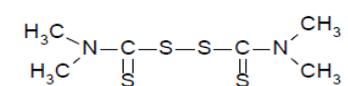


Figure 22-26. Chemical structures of fungicides representative of various chemical classifications.

Structures of the Dithiocarbamates in the Candidate Group

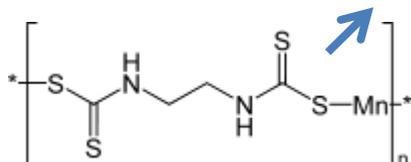
Dithiocarbamates

Chemical	Structure	CAS No.
EBDC's ¹		
Mancozeb		8018-01-7
Maneb		12427-38-2
DMDTC's ¹		
Na-Dimethyl-dithiocarbamate		128-04-1
Ziram		137-30-4
Ferbam		14484-64-1
Thiram		137-26-8

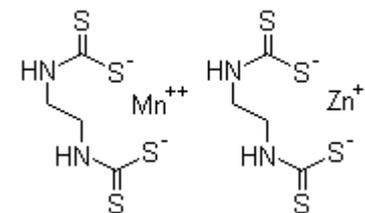
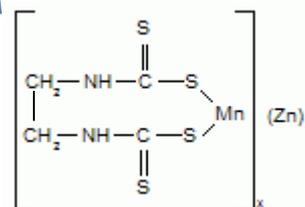
EBDC's = Ethylene-(bis)-dithiocarbamates.
DMDTC's = Dimethyldithiocarbamates.

Dithiocarbamates.

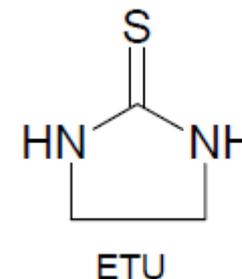
Used to create an animal model of Parkinson's disease



- Ferbam, ziram, **maneb**, **mancozeb** (metal-based names)
- Some reported as teratogenic.



- Degradation to ethylene thiourea (ETU): a known mutagen, carcinogen, teratogen and antithyroid compound.
- Some neurotoxicity at high doses.
- May cross into CNS if bound to divalent metals.



Dithiocarbamates.

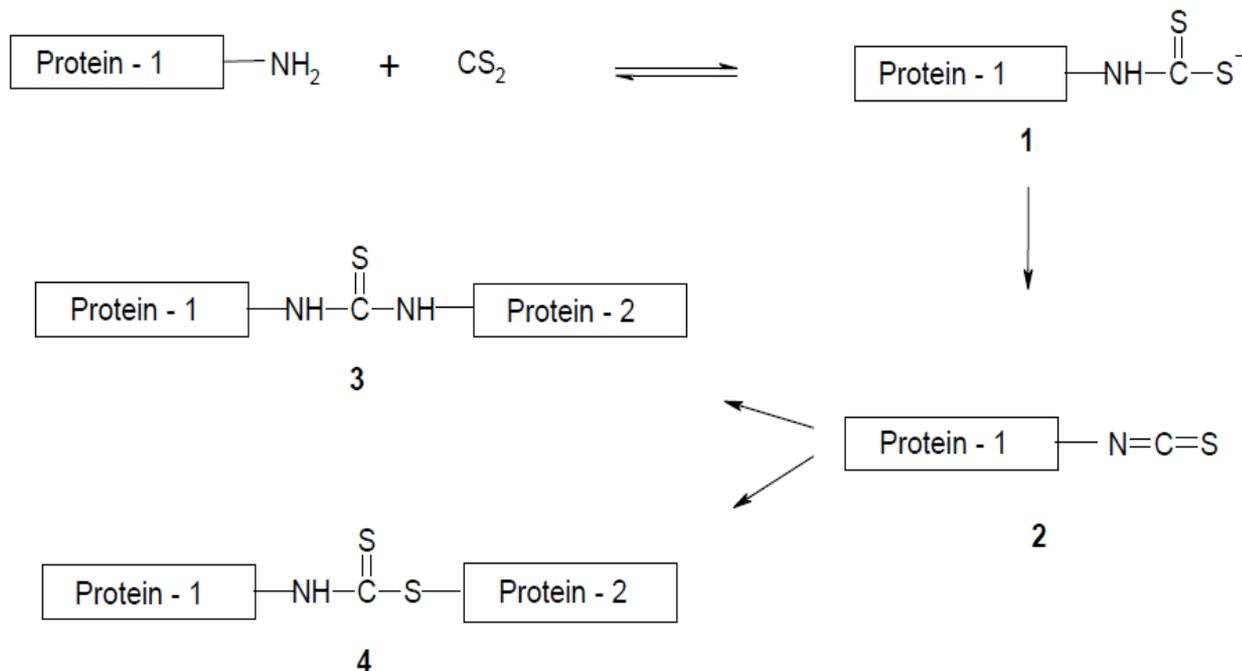
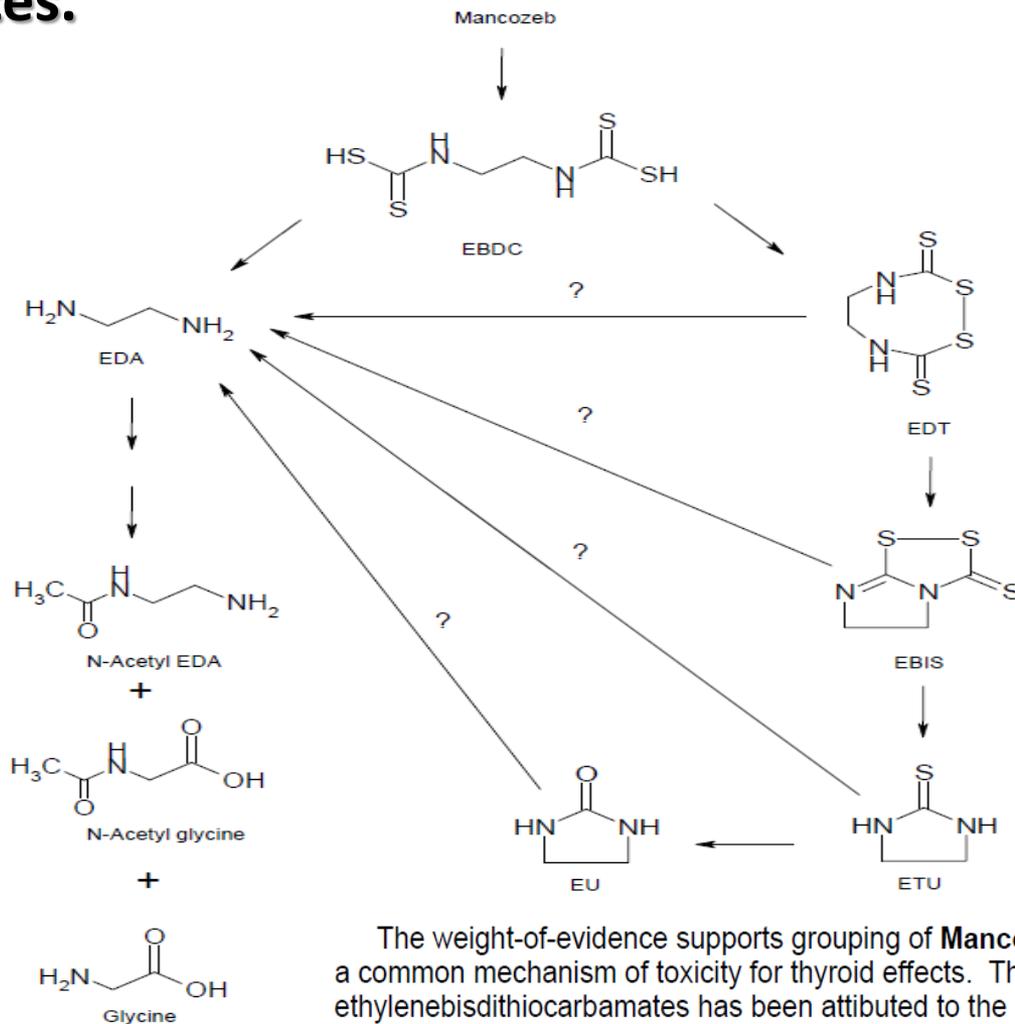


Figure 3. Proposed reaction sequence in CS₂ mediated cross-linking of proteins. Lysyl amino groups of proteins (e.g. protein 1) react with CS₂ to yield the dithiocarbamate 1, part of which is converted to isothiocyanate 2. Conceptually, nucleophilic attack by amino or thiol groups in another protein (e.g. protein 2) may take place yielding the thiourea 3 or the N,S-dialkyl dithiocarbamate ester 4.

Dithiocarbamates.



The weight-of-evidence supports grouping of **Mancozeb**, **Maneb**, and **Metiram**, by a common mechanism of toxicity for thyroid effects. Thyroid toxicity induced by the ethylenebisdithiocarbamates has been attributed to the metabolism of these chemicals to ETU.

Biotransformation of Mancozeb. Adapted from Accession Nos. 262834 and 262835. EBDC: Ethylenebisdithiocarbamic acid; EDA: Ethylenediamine; ETU: Ethylenethiourea; EU: Ethyleneurea. Conversion of Mancozeb to EBDC and then to EDA or EDT are known chemical, nonenzymatic conversions. For reactions with a “?”, it is not known to what extent do these reactions take place.

Summary of effects of treatment of rats or mice with dithiocarbamate

Chemical	Neuropathology	Thyroid	CNS - developmental	Cholinesterase inhibition
mancozeb	+	+	+	not measured
maneb	+	+	+	-
metiram	+	-	no study	not measured
Na-dimethyldithio- carbamate	-	-	-	-
ziram	+	+	-	+
thiram	+	±	+	not measured
ferbam	-	+	+	no study
metam sodium	+	-	-	+

The widely used fungicide mancozeb has been shown to cause **hypothyroxinemia** and other adverse effects on the thyroid hormone system in adult experimental animals. In humans, **hypothyroxinemia** early in pregnancy is associated with adverse effects on the developing nervous system and can lead to impaired cognitive function and motor development in children.

Mancozeb exposure did reduce T(4) levels in dams and may therefore still be a potential contributor to thyroid disruption in humans and in result adversely affects the developing brain.

Low thyroid hormone levels (hypothyroxinemia). There is a dose-response relationship in the lower range of the thyroid hormone distribution with verbal and nonverbal delays in early childhood. This means that the lower the T4 level, the worse the delay.

Thyroid peroxidase or thyroperoxidase (TPO) is an enzyme expressed mainly in the thyroid that liberates iodine for addition onto tyrosine residues on thyroglobulin for the production of thyroxine (T₄) or triiodothyronine (T₃), thyroid hormones.

Mancozeb must be considered a multipotent carcinogenic agent.

Fumigants

- **Very volatile - inhalation exposure**
- **Non-selective, highly reactive and cytotoxic.**
 - **Acrylonitrile**
 - **Carbon disulfide**
 - **Carbon tetrachloride**
 - **Ethylene dibromide (gastric carcinomas, sterility)**
 - **Ethylene oxide (carcinogen, developmental tox.)**
 - **Phosphine (PH₃) released from aluminum phosphide (ALP) in moist conditions (grain storage)**

ACUTE PESTICIDE-RELATED ILLNESS

- ❖ Dermal and ocular irritation (or allergic response)
- ❖ Upper and lower respiratory tract irritation
- ❖ Allergic responses / asthma (fungicides)
- ❖ Gastrointestinal symptoms
- ❖ Neurological symptoms
- ❖ Specific syndromes
 - Cholinergic crisis (organophosphorus pesticides)
 - Bleeding (warfarin-based rodenticides)
 - Caustic lesions and pulmonary fibrosis (herbicide, paraquat)



*Paraquat lesions courtesy
of Dr. J Pronczuk*

ACUTE POISONING BY "ACCIDENTAL" INGESTION

- ❖ Storage of leftover pesticide in a medicine or soft drink bottle
- ❖ Confusion with pharmaceutical
- ❖ Pesticide container reused for storing drinks or food
- ❖ Pesticide container present in the child's environment



*Bottles containing pharmaceuticals and the pesticide chlorpyrifos
Laborde, CIAT, Montevideo*

LOW-LEVEL CHRONIC EXPOSURE

Growing body of epidemiologic and animal data and research studies suggests a link between long-term exposure and:

- ❖ Abnormal growth and development
- ❖ Impaired neurobehavioral development / functions
- ❖ Cancer
- ❖ Increased susceptibility to infections

PRECONCEPTIONAL PRENATAL EXPOSURE

Pesticide exposure before or during pregnancy has been associated with increased risk of:

- Infertility
- Perinatal death
- Spontaneous abortion
- Premature birth
- Fetal growth retardation
- Congenital malformations
- Early childhood cancer



WHO

Exposure during brain growth has subtle and permanent effects on:

- Brain structure and function
- Neuronal and axonal differentiation
- Serotonergic system
- Synaptogenesis
- Programming of synaptic function

PESTICIDES AND CHILDHOOD CANCER

Some studies have found an association between postnatal pesticide exposure and an increased risk of paediatric cancer

- **Brain tumours**
- **Acute lymphocytic leukaemia**
- **Non-Hodgkin lymphoma**

ENDOCRINE DISRUPTION

- ❖ **Low doses of certain pesticides may mimic or block hormones or trigger inappropriate hormone activity**
- ❖ **Endocrine disruption may alter development and reproduction and induce birth defects**
- ❖ **Endocrine disruption has been linked to:**
 - **Infertility**
 - **Low sperm count**
 - **Early puberty**
 - **Hormone-dependent cancers (testicular, breast, prostate)**
 - **Altered sex ratio**

PESTICIDES IN CHILDREN'S COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT

PESTICIDES

Agriculture
Veterinary
"Cosmetic"
Human health
Public health

Air, water, food, soil and objects

Home
School
Playground
Farms
Fields

Eating and drinking contaminated food and beverages
Playing in contaminated areas
Reaching unsafely stored pesticides
House and farm help/child labour

SUSCEPTIBILITIES

Paraoxonase (PON)
Critical windows
Age
Nutritional status
Poverty



- ❖ Acute effects
- ❖ Poisoning
- ❖ Neurotoxicity
- ❖ Impaired development
- ❖ Endocrine disruption
- ❖ Cancer?

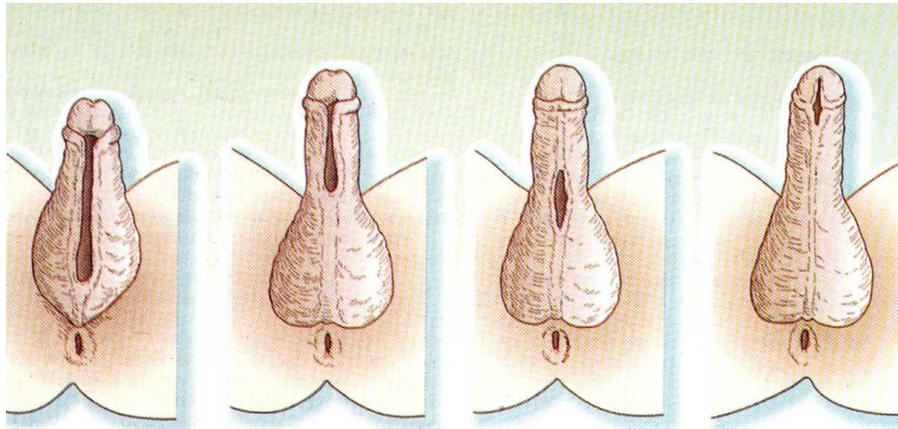
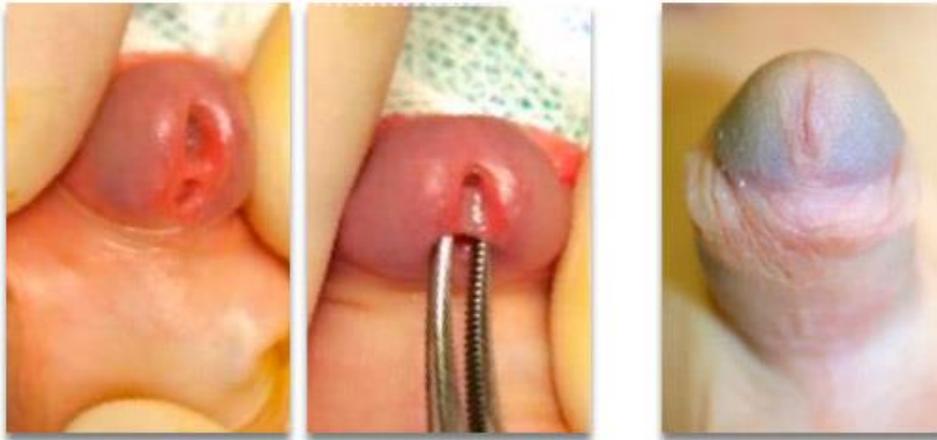


Figura 15-36 Variaciones en el grado de hipospadias.

Hipospadias

OBSOLETE PESTICIDES

Obsolete pesticides are pesticides that can no longer be used for their intended purpose or any other purpose.

They may include:

- ❖ Pesticides in liquid, powder or dust, granule, emulsion form.
- ❖ Empty and contaminated pesticide containers
- ❖ Heavily contaminated soil
- ❖ Buried pesticides

Causes of obsolete pesticides:

- ❖ Use prohibited for health/environmental reasons
- ❖ Product deteriorated as result of improper or prolonged storage
- ❖ Product not suitable for intended use and cannot be used for other purposes, nor can it easily be modified to become usable.

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