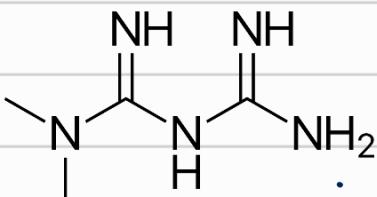


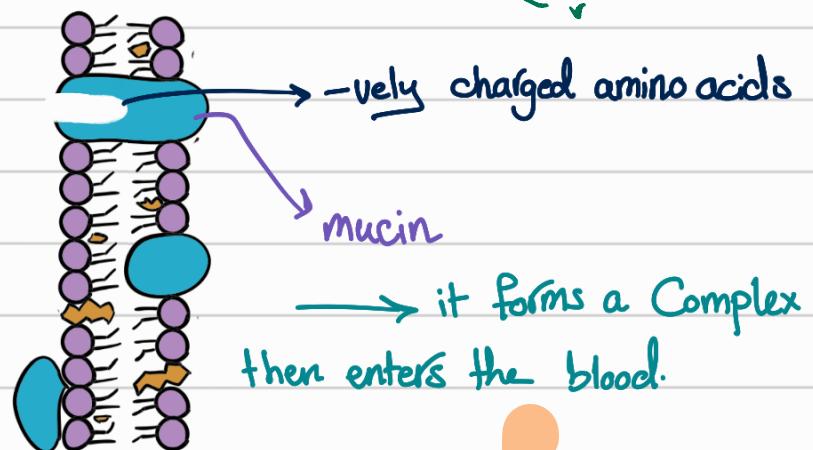
# LO3 - How Structure affects the Absorption of Drugs.

week 02

\* Absorption of metformin is through Complexation w/ mucin → which is a -vely charged protein that transfers metformin to the blood. ~~metformin~~



Metformin (+vely Charged through GI)



→ This mechanism is called "Ion Complexation"

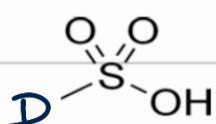
\* it explains the Absorption of +vely charged compounds.

## functional Groups Categories:-

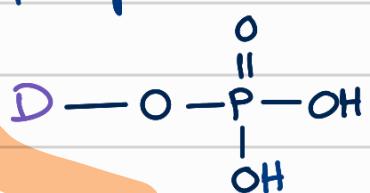
### \* Strong acidic groups-

- strength of the acid is determined by the stability of its Conj base, the more the Conj base is stable, the more the strength of the acid.

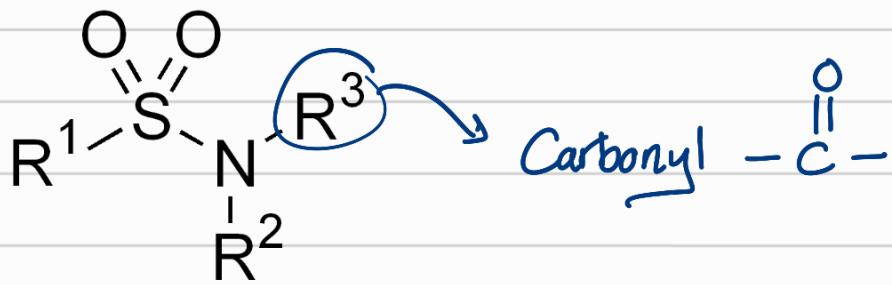
#### 1) Sulfonic Acid



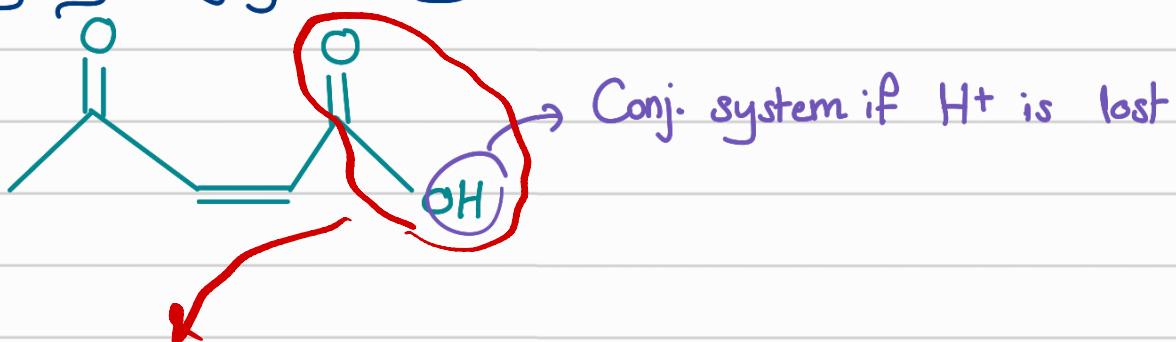
#### 2) Phosphoric acid:



3) Sulfonamide, if one of the R groups is Carbonyl



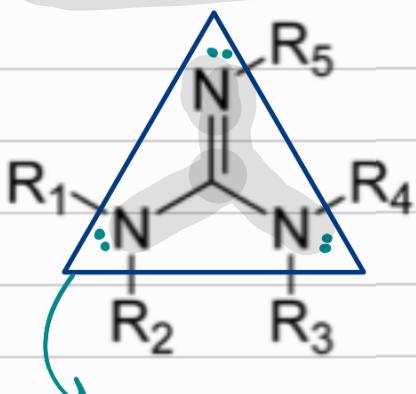
4) highly Conjugated Systems



- \* Carboxylic acid moiety (with no Conjugated system, i.e. alone), is Considered moderate acid.
- \* strong acidic drugs don't get absorbed, thus they're usually given for local GI use.

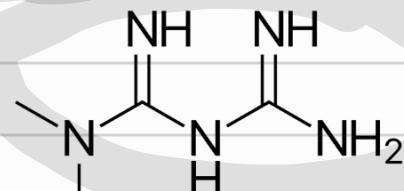
## ★ Strong Basic Groups:-

1) Guanidine  $\Rightarrow$  it's ionized through GI tract ( $pK_a > 12$ )  $\rightarrow$  always ionized  $\Rightarrow$  so absorption is pH independent

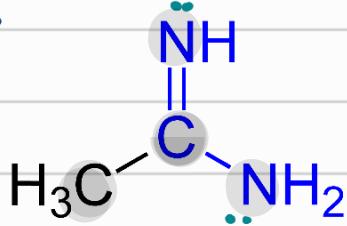


Guanidine

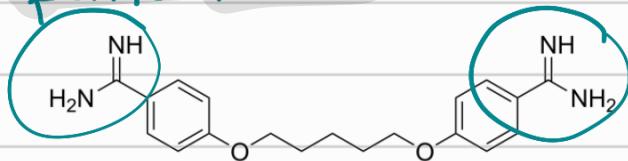
e.g.: (drugs Contain Guanidine)  
 $\rightarrow$  Metformin



## 2) Amidine:



e.g.: (Drugs Contain Amidine)  
pentamidine



Drug  
pH

Basic

pH independent

Acidic

pH independent

Absorption

Could be absorbed

not absorbed

ionization

ionized through  
GI ( $\text{pKa} > 12$ )

ionized through  
GI ( $\text{pKa} < 2$ )

## ★ Weak Acidic Groups :-

1) Alcohols & phenols :  $\text{pKa} > 12$ , unionized at physiological pH.  
 $\text{R}-\text{OH}$

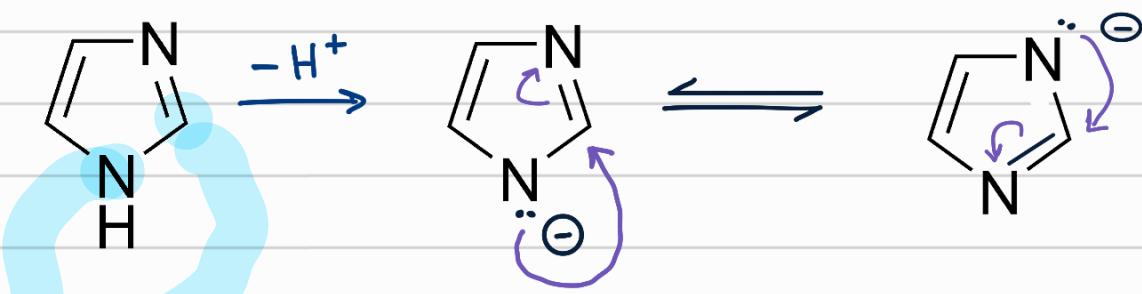


2) Amide  $\text{R}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NH}_2$  & Imide  $\text{R}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{N}(\text{H})-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{R}'$

\* Imide is stronger than amide, but it's still weak

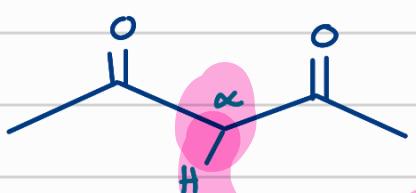
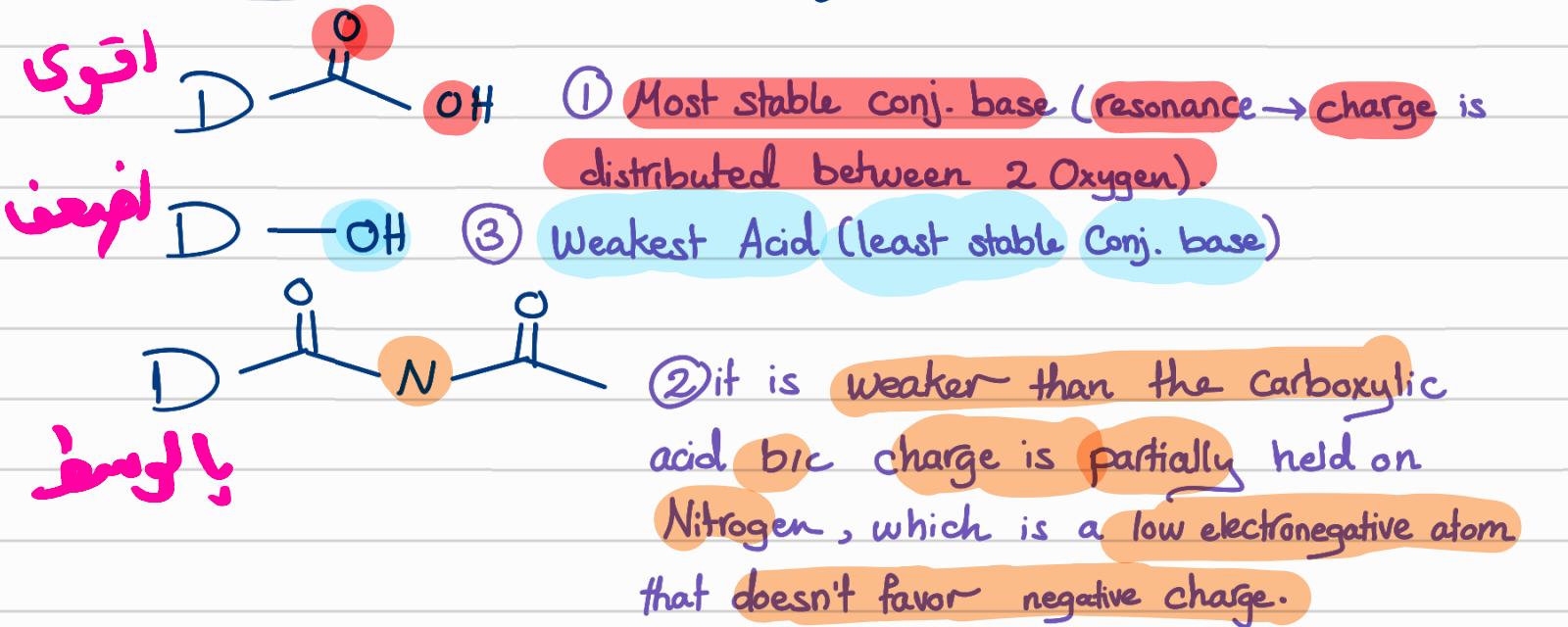
\* Both amide & Imide  $\text{pKa} > 10$  so they're unionized @ physiological pH

### 3) Imidazole (can behave as an acid)



- \* Both N & C are low electronegative atoms, so they don't favor having negative charge.
- \* in this situation, the Conj base has low stability, So the acid is very weak.

e.g: Order these acidic Compounds according to their strength (1 stands for strongest).



$\alpha$  - carbon is acidic (moderate acid)  
charge is partially held on the Carbon which is a low electronegative atom that doesn't favor negative charge.

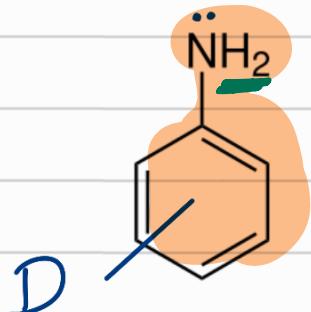
# ★ Weak Basic Drugs 8-

1) Amines



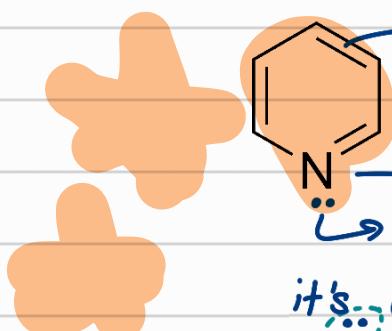
\* N is sp<sub>3</sub> hybridized, so the lone pair are available for donation.

2) Aniline



→ here electrons are busy w/ Resonance, so the lone pair are less available → Weaker base

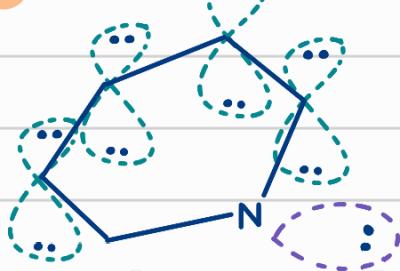
3) Pyridine



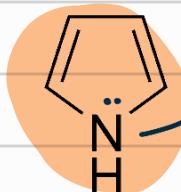
pi bond are perpendicular to the plane  
(in y-axis)

sp<sub>2</sub> hybridized

Whereas this lone pair is out of the plane so it's available for resonance (in x-axis)

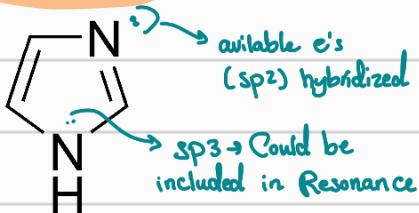


4) Pyrrole



Nitrogen is sp<sub>3</sub> hybridized, so they're included in the resonance  
→ Weaker than pyridine

5) Imidazole



available e's  
(sp<sub>2</sub>) hybridized

sp<sub>3</sub> → Could be included in Resonance

\* stronger than pyrrole

but weaker than pyridine

