

ANTIVIRAL  
CHEMOTHERAPY and VIRUS  
DRUG RESISTANCE

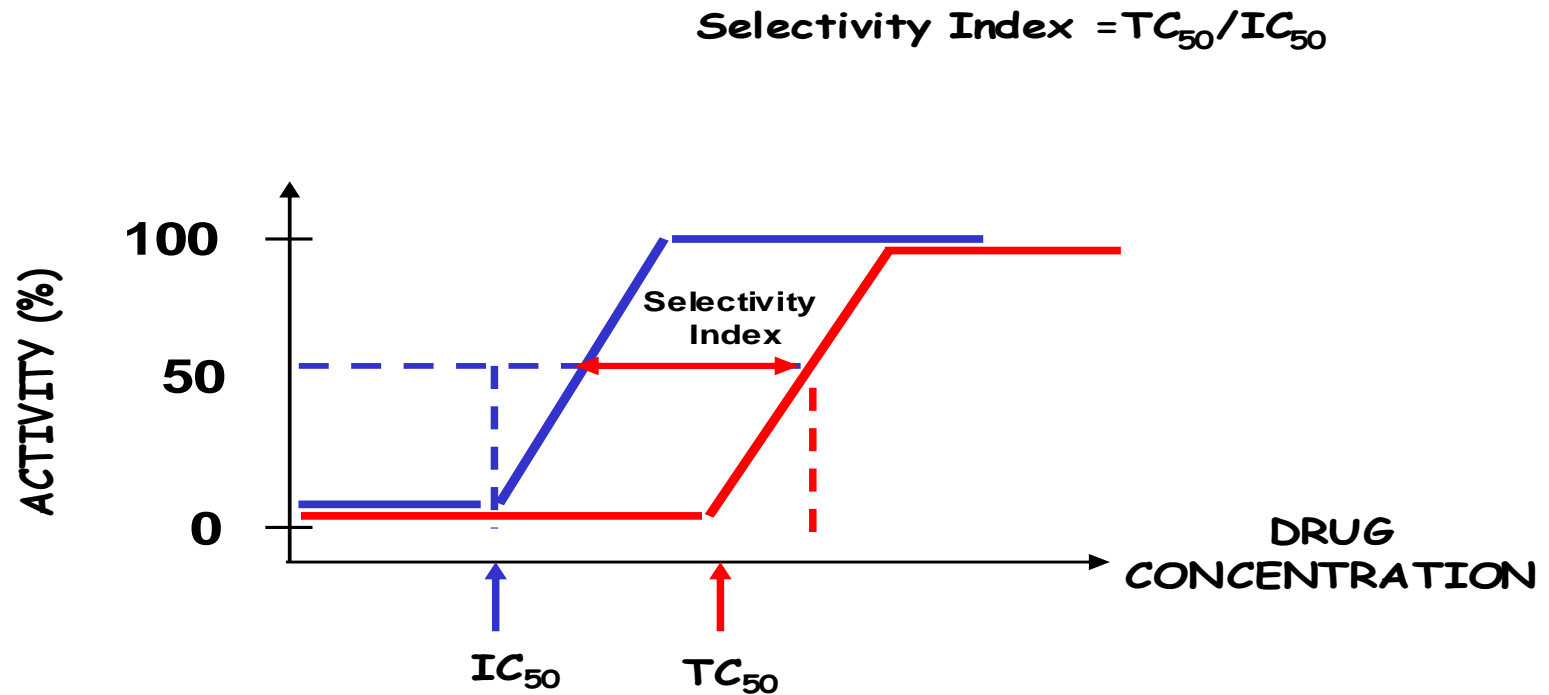
Any antiviral compound must possess  
a good selectivity index

SELECTIVITY INDEX=

TOXIC CONCENTRATION

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ACTIVE CONCENTRATION

# SELECTIVITY INDEX



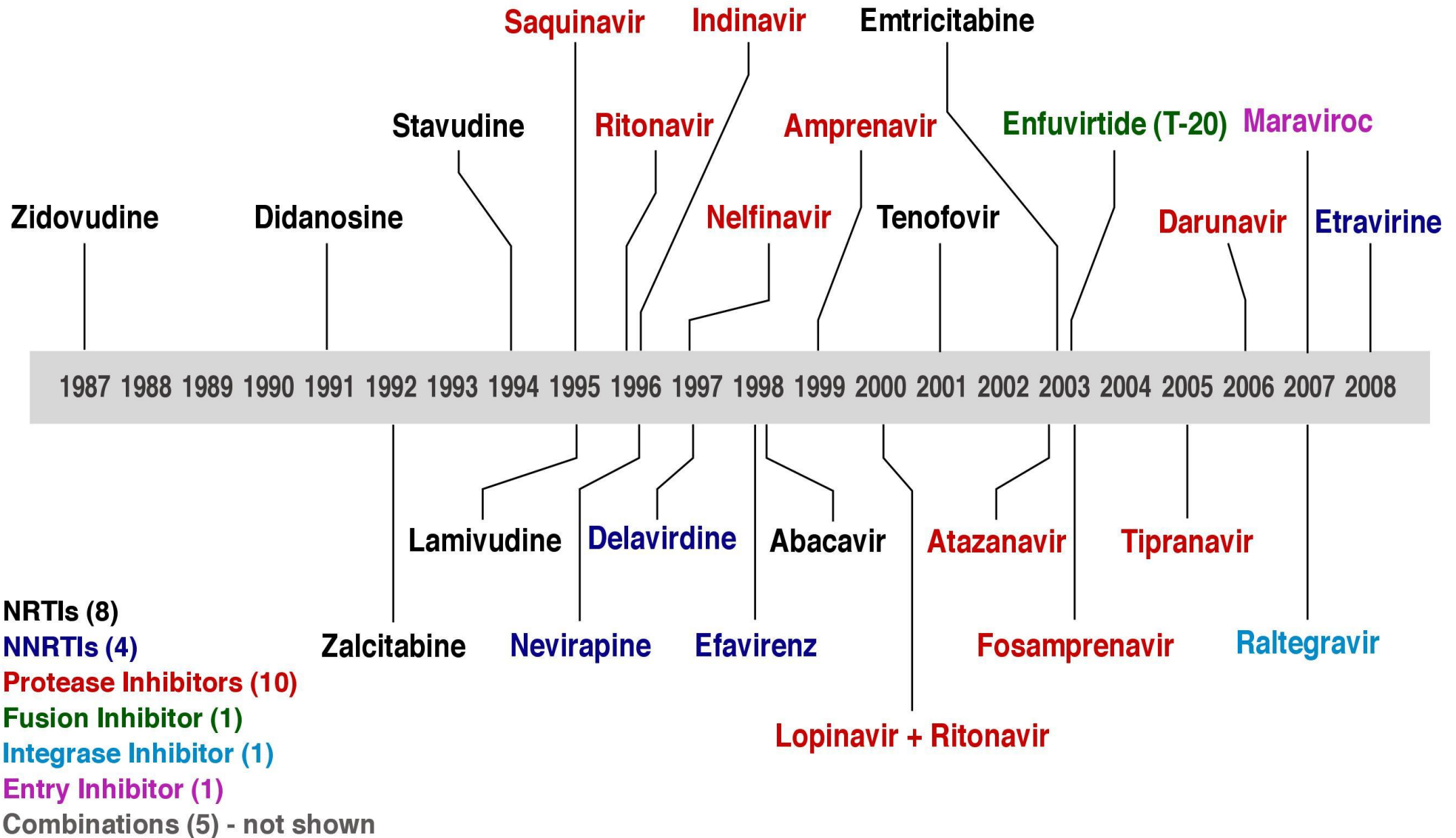
$\text{IC}_{50}$  = 50% Inhibitory Concentration

$\text{TC}_{50}$  = 50% Toxic Concentration

# MILESTONES IN ANTIVIRAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT

DISCOVERY (years)	COMPOUND	ACTIVITY VS
Hamre et al. (1950)	Thiosemicarbazone	Poxvirus
Davies et al.(1964)	Amantadine	Orthomixovirus
Isaacs et al.(1957)	Interferon	Many viruses
Prusof, (1959)	Iododeoxyuridine	Herpesvirus
Kaufman, (1964)	Trifluorothymidine	Herpesvirus
Elion et al.(1971)	Acyclovir	Herpesvirus

# 30 FDA-Approved Antiretroviral Drugs





- Interferons
- Ribavirin analogs
- NS3 Protease Inhibitors
- NS5A inhibitors
- NS5B Nuc. Polymerase Inhibitors
- NS5B Non-nuc. Polymerase Inhibitors
- Cyclophilin inhibitors

**PegIFN $\alpha$ 2b**  
Schering-Merck

**PegIFN $\alpha$ 2a**  
Roche

**Ribavirin**  
Valeant/Schering

**Launches**

1<sup>st</sup> wave of  
New Oral  
Compounds

**Boceprevir**  
Schering-Merck

**Alb-IFN**  
Novartis/HGS

**Telaprevir**  
Vertex/J&J

**Nitazoxanide**  
Romark

**Taribavirine**  
Valeant/Schering

**Locteron**  
Octoplus/Biolex

2<sup>nd</sup> wave of New  
Oral  
Compounds

**TMC435**  
J&J/Tibotec

**Debio - 025**  
Novartis/Debio

**ITMN-191**  
Roche/  
Intermune

**MK7009**  
Schering-Merck

**BI201335**  
Boehringer

**R7128**  
Roche/  
Pharmasset

**GS9190**  
Gilead

**VCH-759**  
Vertex

**Filibuvir**  
Pfizer

**BMS790052**  
BMS

**SCH900518**  
Schering-Merck

**BI207127**  
Boehringer I

**VCH-222**  
Vertex

**SCY635**  
Scynexis

**IDX-320**  
Idenix

**IDX-375**  
Idenix

**IDX-184**  
Idenix

**Nucs**  
J&J/Medivir

**ANA598**  
Anadys

**PegIFN I**  
BMS

Pre-2009

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

>2019

Patent Expiries / Generic entries

**Ribavirin**

**Standard IFN**

**PegIFN $\alpha$ 2b**

**PegIFN $\alpha$ 2a**

**Alb-IFN**

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Main Approved Antiviral Drugs and Their Mechanism of Action**	
Anti-HIV	Mechanism of action (Main)
<b>Entry inhibitors</b>	
Enfuvirtide	It interferes with glycoprotein 41-dependent membrane fusion blocking virus entry.
Ibalizumab	It binds CD4 extracellular domain, preventing conformational changes in the CD4–gp120 complex essential for viral entry.
Maraviroc	Negative allosteric modulator of the CCR5 receptor that is an essential co-receptor for the entry process of HIV.
<b>Reverse transcriptase inhibitors</b>	
<i>Nucleoside analogs</i>	Active as triphosphate derivatives which prematurely terminate DNA synthesis.
Abacavir	
Emtricitabine	
Lamivudine	
Stavudine	
Zidovudine	
<i>Nucleotide analog</i>	
Tenofovir	They bind to a hydrophobic pocket of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase, blocking polymerization of viral DNA.
<i>Non-nucleoside inhibitors</i>	
Doravirine	
Efavirenz	
Etravirine	
Nevirapine	
Rilpivirine	
<b>Protease inhibitors</b>	
Atazanavir	They bind to the active site of viral protease.
Fosamprenavir	
Lopinavir	
Darunavir	They bind strongly and selectively to the HIV-1 protease.
Tipranavir	
<b>Pharmacodynamic enhancer</b>	
Cobicistat	These drugs inhibit CYP3A4 leading to higher drug exposure
Ritonavir	
<b>Integrase inhibitor</b>	
Dolutegravir	They bind viral integrase inhibiting the strand transfer step of HIV-1 integration
Bictegravir <sup>a</sup>	
Elvitegravir <sup>a</sup>	
Raltegravir	

<b>Anti-Herpes viruses</b>	
<b><i>DNA polymerase inhibitors</i></b>	
<i>Nucleoside analogs</i>	
Aciclovir	Active as triphosphate derivates, which prematurely terminate DNA synthesis.
Brivudine <sup>b</sup>	
Famciclovir	
Ganciclovir	
Valaciclovir	
Valganciclovir	
	It selectively inhibits the pyrophosphate binding site on viral DNA polymerases.
<b><i>DNA maturation and packaging inhibitor</i></b>	
Letermovir	It inhibits CMV replication by binding to components of the terminase complex
<b>Anti HBV</b>	
<b><i>Reverse transcriptase inhibitors</i></b>	
<i>Nucleoside analogs</i>	
Entecavir	Active as triphosphate derivates, which prematurely terminate viral DNA synthesis
Telbivudine	
Lamivudine	
<i>Nucleotide analog</i>	
Tenofovir	



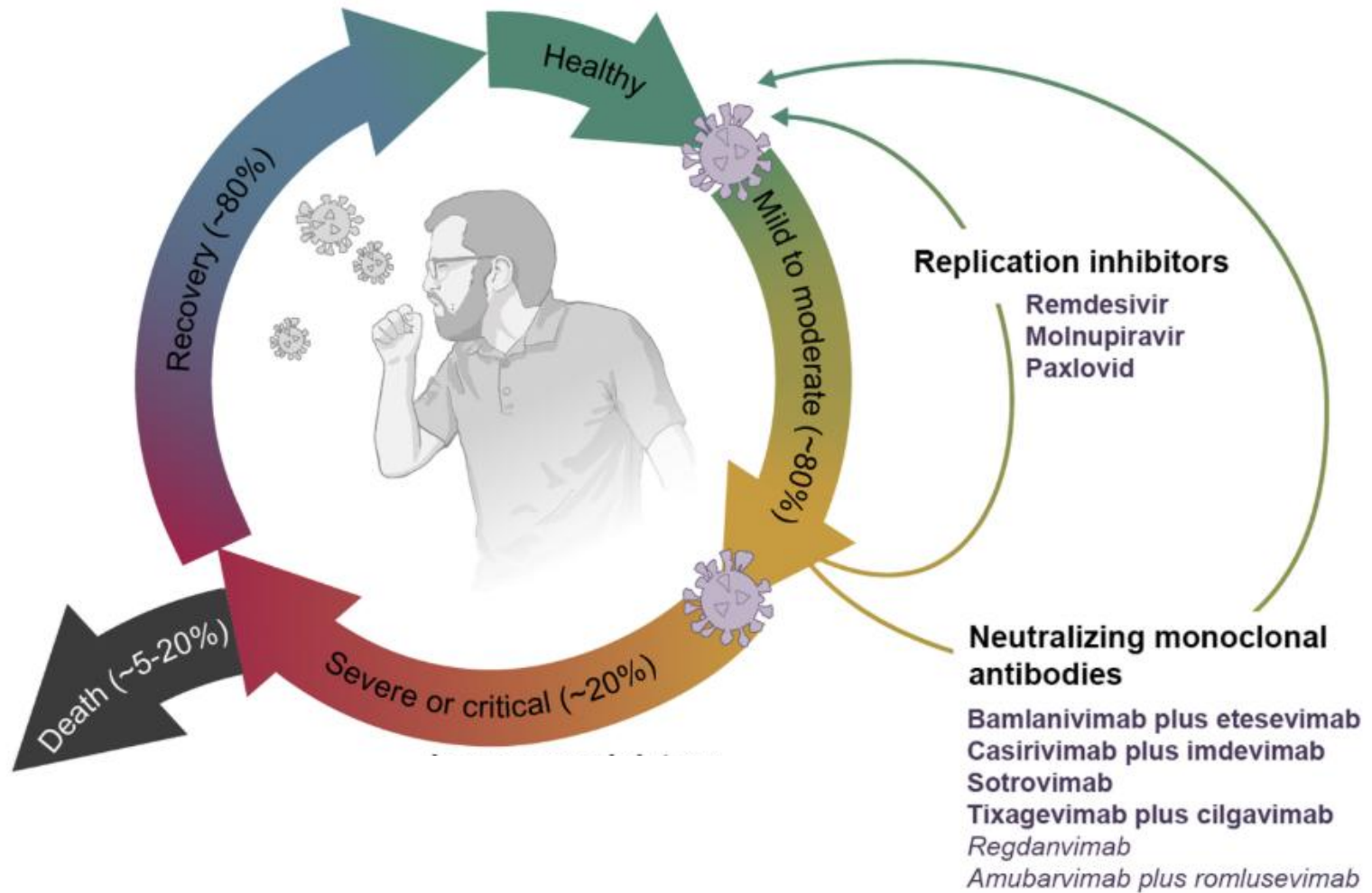
<b>Anti-HCV</b>	
<i>NS5B RNA polymerase inhibitor</i>	
<i>Non nucleoside inhibitor</i>	
Dasabuvir	It binds HCV NS5B polymerase and blocks viral RNA synthesis and replication.
<i>Nucleotide analog</i>	
Sofosbuvir	Potent inhibitor of the NS5B polymerase. It blocks viral RNA synthesis and replication.
<i>Nucleoside analog</i>	
Ribavirin	Active as triphosphate derivatives, which prematurely terminate viral nucleic acid synthesis <sup>e</sup>
<i>NS5A protein inhibitor</i>	
Elbasvir	They bind to the replication complex protein NS5A, disrupting HCV RNA replication and virion assembly
Ledipasvir	
Ombitasvir	
Pibrentasvir	
Velpatasvir	
<i>NS3/4A protease inhibitor</i>	
Glecaprevir	They prevent viral replication by inhibiting the NS3/4A serine protease of HCV
Grazoprevir	
Paritaprevir	
Voxilaprevir	

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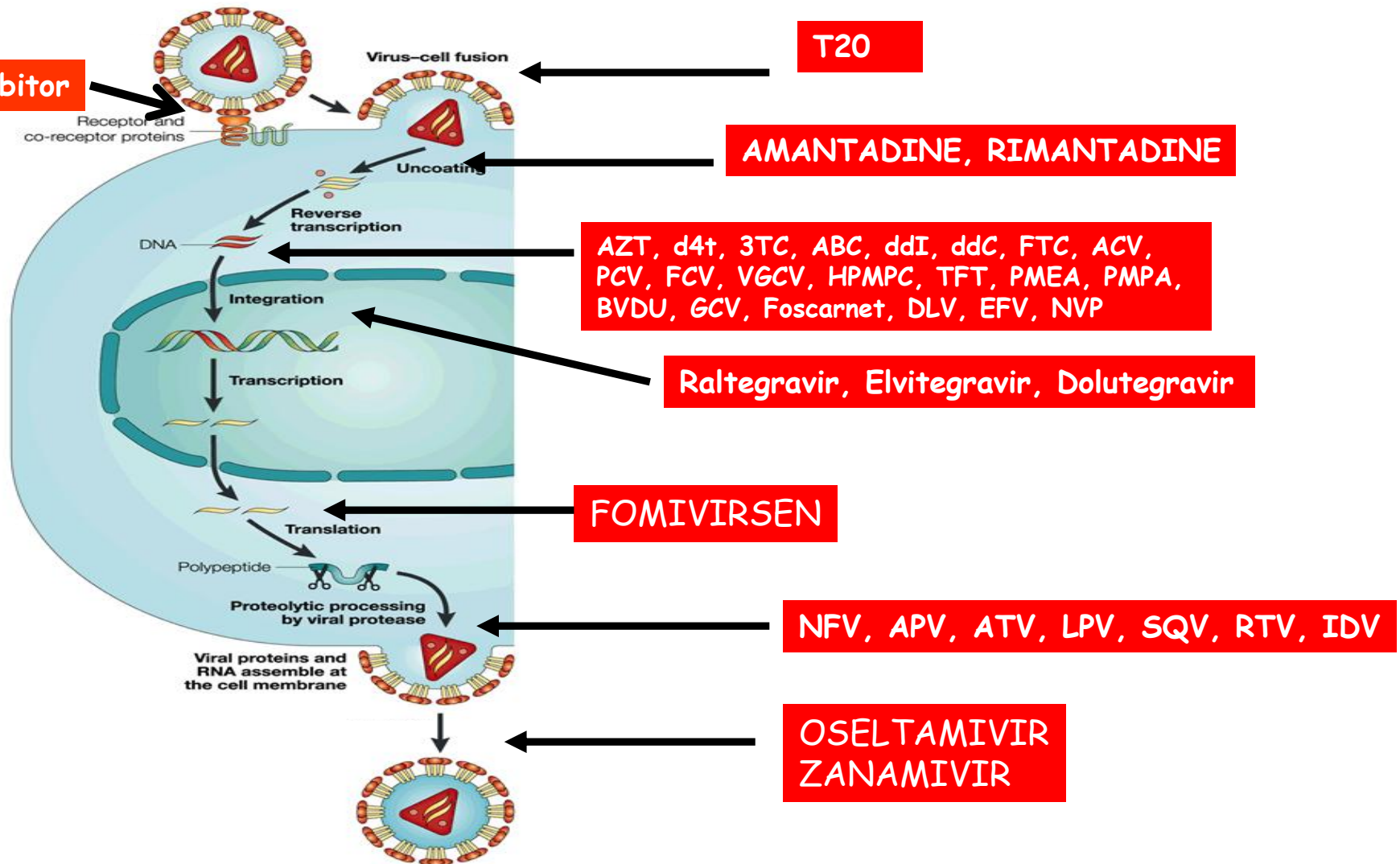
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<b>Anti-influenza virus</b>	
<i>Encoating inhibitor</i>	
Amantadine	Inhibitors of the viral M2 channel. The activity of channel is required for uncoating
Rimantadine	
<i>Neuraminidase inhibitors</i>	
Oseltamivir	Block influenza neuraminidase and prevent the cleavage of sialic acid residues, thus interfering with progeny virus release
Peramivir	
Zanamivir	
<i>Endonuclease inhibitor</i>	
Baloxavir marboxil	It inhibits cap-dependent endonuclease, a key enzyme involved in the initiation of influenza virus mRNA synthesis.
<b>Anti-RSV</b>	
<i>Entry inhibitors</i>	
Palivizumab <sup>c</sup>	It Binds to RSV F protein, which plays a role in virus attachment and fusion.
<i>RNA inhibitor</i>	
Ribavirine	It interferes with viral RNA synthesis <sup>e</sup>

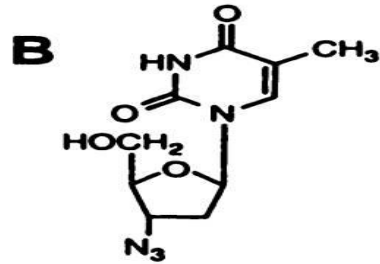
# Antiviral agents for the treatment of COVID-19



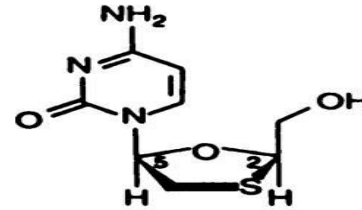
# THE VIRAL LIFE CYCLE (EXEMPLIFIED BY HIV) AND TARGET FOR ANTIVIRAL THERAPY



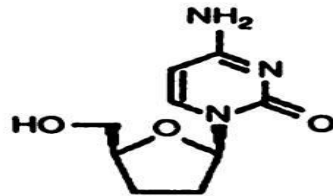
# MAIN NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES USED TO TREAT HIV INFECTION



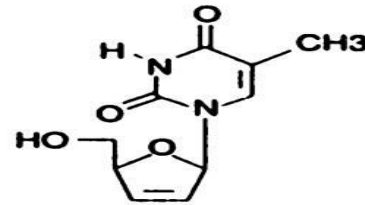
**Zidovudine**



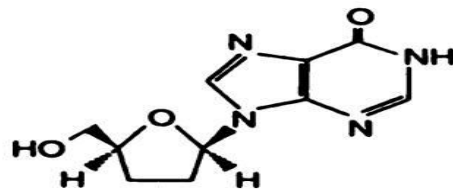
**Lamivudine**



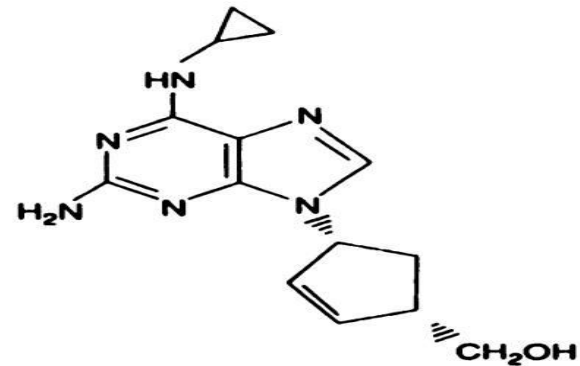
**Zalcitabine**



**Stavudine**

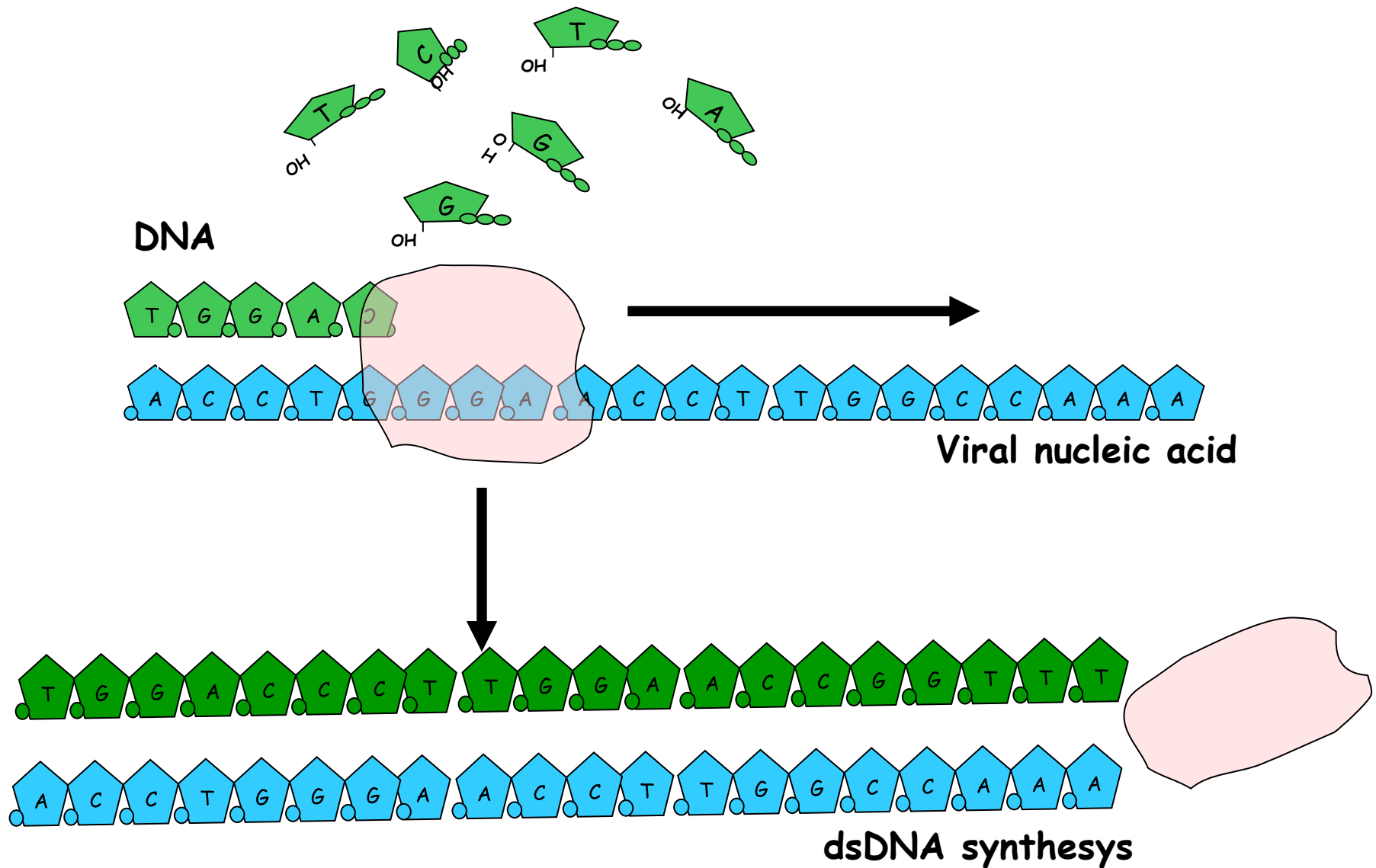


**Didanosine**



**Abacavir**

# MECHANISM OF ACTION OF NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGS



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