

# HARMFUL EFFECTS OF HISTAMINE IN THE BODY: A REVIEW

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## ABSTRACT

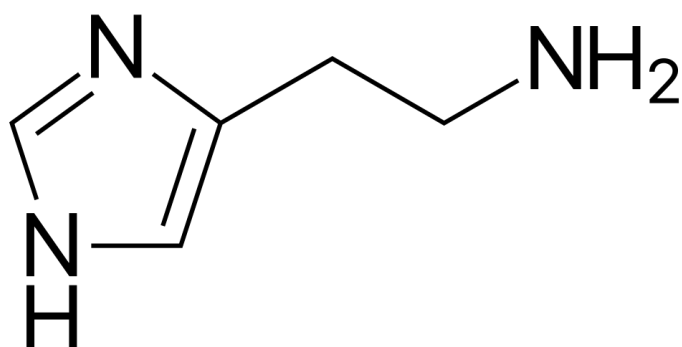
Histamine is a bioactive nitrogenous organic compound of the family of monoamines produced by the action of enzymes in human and animal dung by fecal bacteria on protein materials, particularly the essential amino acid histidine. This type of material is also secreted in abundance in the body by cells known as mast cells circulating in the connective tissues, and also by white blood cells known as basophils, basal white blood cells, during allergic reactions and serious and life-threatening anaphylactic shock called anaphylactic shock (and during various allergic diseases). Mast cells are abundantly present in lung tissue, nasal mucosa, eye mucosal tissue, subcutaneous and between various mucosal tissues. In addition to what was mentioned above about the characteristics and functional role of histamine in the body, it has many harms as a result of its high level secretion as a result of a specific functional disorder or microbial invasion, as well as as a result of immune sensitivity, and damages are noted in the respiratory, digestive, immune and nervous systems.

**Keywords:** Histamine, allergic diseases, monoamines, immune sensitivity.

## INTRODUCTION

"Histamine" is an organic nitrogenous compound (2-(1H-Imidazol-4-yl)ethanamine) that controls physiological functions in the Gastrointestina intestinal tract, and as a neurotransmitter in the brain, spinal cord, and uterus(Vuckovic and Pawliszyn, 2011)[figure 1]. Histamine has been classified as a native hormone (autocoid) since its discovery in 1910 since it absences the conventional "endocrine glands" that secrete it; yet, in recent years, histamine has been recognized as a central neurotransmitter(Nieto-Alamilla *et al.*, 2016). It has a function in the inflammatory response (Keppel Hesselink, 2015). "Histamine" is gnerated by mast cells and basophils in adjacent connective tissues as part of an immune response to assaulting infections, and macking the capillaries more permeable to white blood cells and certain proteins, permitting them to interact with pathogens in suffering

tissues(Andersen *et al.*, 2015). It consists of an imidazole ring connected to an ethylamine chain, with the amino group of the side-chain protonated under physiological conditions(Di Giuseppe and Fraser, 2003).



**Figure 1.** The chemical structure of histamine(Marieb, 2001).

## HISTAMINE RECEPTORS

The receptors of Histamine are G protein–coupled receptors that bind histamine as their primary endogenous ligand, resulting in a variety of joint variations of Histamine type III in different classes Despite the fact that all of the receptors are 7-transmembrane g protein linked receptors, (H type I and H type II) have very distinct functions than (H type III, and H type VI. PIP2 hydrolysis is increased by H1, stomach acid production is stimulated by H2, and histamine feedback inhibition is mediated by H3(Hill *et al.*, 1997).

There are four known HRs. (table 1).

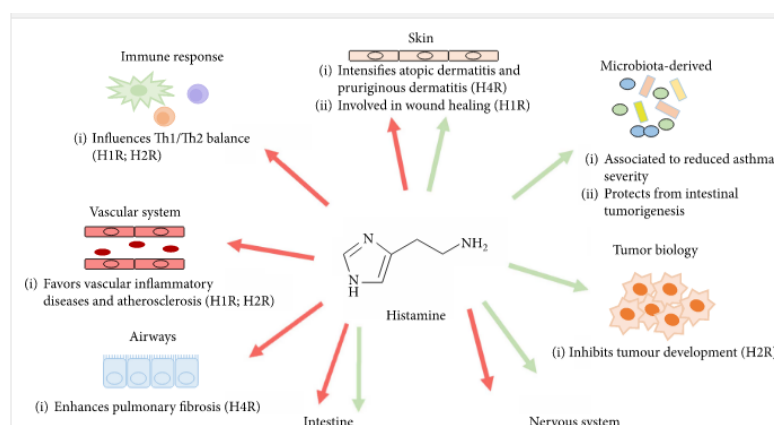
Table 1: Histamine receptors

receptors	mechanism	Functions
H type I	G <sub>q</sub>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ileum contraction</li> <li>• modulate circadian cycle</li> <li>• itching</li> <li>• Systemic</li> <li>• Vasodilatation</li> <li>• bronchoconstriction (allergy-induced asthma)</li> </ul>
H type II	↑ cAMP <sup>2+</sup> G <sub>s</sub>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• speed up sinus rhythm</li> <li>• Stimulation of gastric acid secretion</li> <li>• Smooth muscle relaxation</li> <li>• Inhibit antibody synthesis, T-cell proliferation and</li> </ul>

H type III	G <sub>i</sub>	cytokine production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease Acetylcholine, Serotonin and Norepinephrine Neurotransmitter release in CNS</li> <li>• Presynaptic autoreceptors</li> </ul>
H type VI	G <sub>i</sub>	mediate mast cell chemotaxis( <b>Hofstra et al., 2003</b> )

## HISTAMINE WITH IMMUNE AND INFLAMMATION

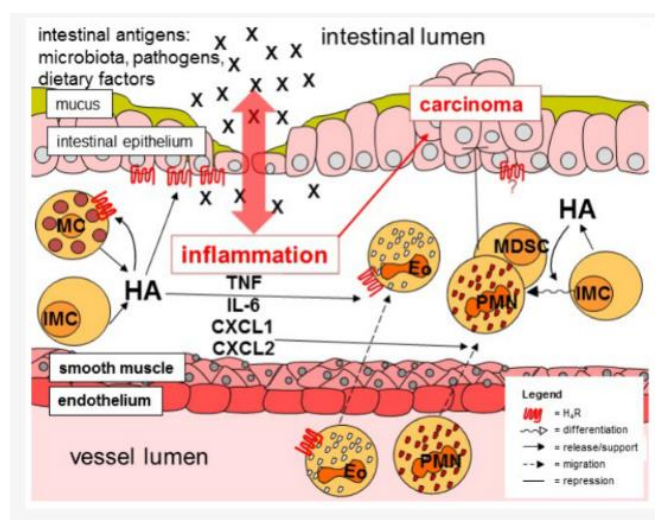
The H1 receptor's constitutive activity, and agonists that attached to the receptor, enhance the production of NF- $\kappa$ B, a transcription factor that governs inflammatory processes. The "Histamine receptor type I" is a trans membrane protein that belongs to the G-protein linked receptor family. When a GPCR is activated by a specific agonist, signal transformation from the extracellular to the intracellular circumstances happens. Following this, a subunit of the "G-protein" disassociates and influences intracellular messaging, concluding downstream signaling mediated by cyclic Adenosine Monophosphate, cyclic Guanosine Monophosphate, calcium, and Nuclear Factor kappa B (NF- $\kappa$ B), a prevasise transcription factor thought to play an important task in immune-cell chemotaxis, proinflammatory cytokine production, expression of cell adhesion molecules, and other allergic and inflammatory conditions. 1,8,12,30–32 The receptor of "histamine I", for instance, stimulates NF- $\kappa$ B both constitutively and agonist-dependently, therapeutically available H type I-antihistamines block constitutive H receptor I-mediated NF- $\kappa$ B synthesis(**Canonica and Blaiss, 2011**)[figure 2].



**Figure 2.** The function of "histamine" in inflammation and immune response(**Anna et al., 2018**).

## HISTAMINE AND DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

The identification of functional expression of histamine receptor (H4R) and other GPCR is still a topic of debate that is currently lacking in momentum. The specificity of H4R-selective antibodies has been questioned since 2012 (Beermann *et al.*, 2012). This problem hasn't been thoroughly investigated. As a result, antibodies against H4R (VI) that have been thoroughly tested in accordance with some general guidelines are currently unavailable (Michel *et al.*, 2009). These issues aren't unique to the use of selective antibodies to identify H4R (VI) proteins. Other techniques, such as RT-(q)PCR for mRNA detection testing with [agonistic or antagonistic ligands], are similarly fraught with uncertainty. RT-PCR is a very sensitive detection technology, however it comes with the risk of contaminating genomic DNA with trace amounts of particular mRNA (Hashemipetroudi *et al.*, 2018). It's unclear what level of mRNA expression is required for effective receptor expression (Maier *et al.*, 2009). As a result, the inflammation manifests itself as scattered lesions throughout the digestive tract, penetrating deep into the intestinal wall and potentially impacting all layers. Inflammatory lesions in UC, on the other hand, begin in the "rectum", progress upward without reach the intestine, and stay superficial at the mucosa (Maier *et al.*, 2009). CD and UC also differ in terms of immunological response: whereas CD is characterized via a Th1/Th17- subjugated response, UC is characterized by a Th2-dominated reply (Elson and Weaver, 2006). Nonetheless, both diseases cause a slew of related signs (e.g., edema, ulcers, mucosal lesions, , diarrhea, , abdominal pain and bloody stool), wreaking havoc on patients' quality of life and eventually shortening their lifespan due to extra- and intra-intestinal problems like "colorectal cancer" (CRC) (Eaden *et al.*, 2001). The current medication schemes, which are confused on immunosuppressive drugs as glucocorticoid receptor 5-aminosalicylic acid or agonists, increase the risk of developing such complications. Although these drugs have only a 50% remission rate, long-term use can initiate and / or support immunosuppression-related disorders (Baumgart and Carding, 2007) [figure 3].

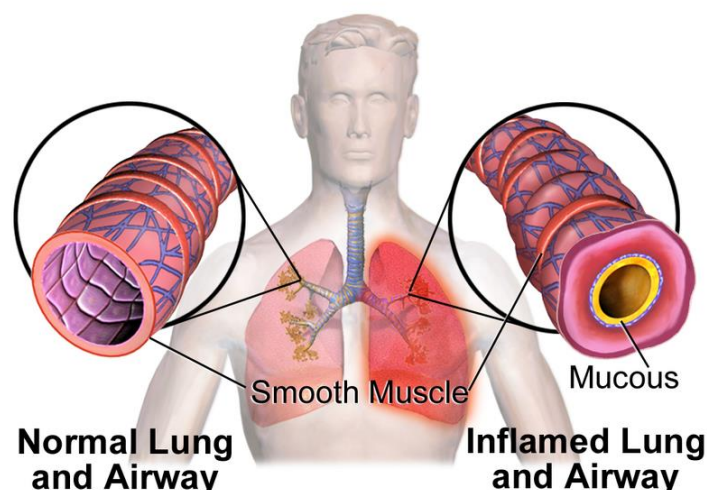


**Figure 3.** The role of histamine in inflammation of Gastrointestinal tract. [MC, mast cell; IMC, immature myeloid cell; HA, histamine; Eo, eosinophil; PMN, neutrophil; MDSC, myeloid-derived suppressor cells]. (Schirmer and Neumann, 2021).

## HISTAMINE AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES (BRONCHOCONSTRICTION)

The constriction of smooth muscle in bronchi intermediated via (H.R. type I) is one of the most recognized biological proceedings of histamine in the respiratory system. It was recounted long before that "histamine" induced a bronchi-construction in human, and bronchoconstriction was established firstly as one of the biological histamine's actions (**Curry, 1946**)(figure 4). While histamine has the same effect on bronchial smooth muscles as muscarinic [M1] receptor agonists, it has a greater impact on pulmonary peripheral tissue samples than [M1] receptor agonists. For a long time, histamine has been thought to work a serious role in "asthma" pathophysiology, as it is a well-known chemical mediator discharged from mast cells in the immediate allergic reaction(**White, 1990**). Breath in allergens and direct associate with a broncho-scope delivery histamine into the surface of the airway, which is re-daimed in broncho-alveolar lavage fluid.

Histamine caused smooth muscles constriction in bronchi (asthmatics clinical status) in case of injection or inhalation at a low dose that had no impact in healthy people(**Hogg et al., 1979**). The perception of airway hyper-responsiveness to histamine as a physical feature of asthmatics status was offered depended on these signs. so that, because asthmatics' airways were hyperresponsive to a variety of smooth-muscle-contracting agents, it was labeled nonspecific airway hyper-responsiveness, designating airway irreglarity(**Rafferty et al., 1987**). Histamine is created and stored in the vesicles of basophils and mast cells , and it is released from storage vesicles into the extracellular space due to responding to the immunological stimulation of mast cells and basophils, activating G-protein-coupled receptors HR (I), HR(II), HR(III), and HR(VI)(**Thangam et al., 2018**). conversly, the content of histamine in the extracellular space should be managed by histamine breakdown to end the affect of histamine by (HRs) on target cells such as bronchial smooth muscle cells(**Yoshikawa and Yanai (2017)**).



**Figure 4.** illustration of bronchoconstriction(Asthma).

## CONCLUSIONS

In Brief, the histamine has multifunction in which considered in immunity situation in the body and in inflammation as a pro-inflammatory materials. In other hand the profuse secretion of its due to many factors risk (diseases or functional disorders) causes organic harms in more than one systems and organs e.g. respiratory, digestive, skin, and immunity suppression.

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