

Ciprofloxacin-resistant J774 mouse macrophages show a reduction in the accumulation of quinolones through increased activity of an MRP-like transporter

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Unité de Pharmacologie cellulaire et moléculaire Université catholique de Louvain Brussels, Belgium chemotherapeutic agents often need to reach an intracellular target...



### accordingly, they have been made amphipathic to diffuse through membranes...



... but efflux pumps extrude amphipathic molecules and, hence, reduce their concentration in contact with the target...





### ciprofloxacin is substrate of an MRP-like transporter in macrophages



**CIP** transport is inhibited by

ATP-depletion

ICAAC

- probenecid (inhibitor of organic anions transporters)
- MK 571 (inhibitor of MRP transporters)



Michot et al, AAC 2004; 48:2 673-82.

#### is ciprofloxacin susceptible to select « resistance » in macrophages ?







CIP-resistant macrophages can be selected by chronical exposure to increasing CIP concentrations



#### multifactorial multidrug resistance



Gottesman et al, Methods Enzymol. 1998; 292: 248-58









### quinolone differ in their accumulation in wild-type macrophages







## quinolone accumulation is reduced to variable extent in CIP-resistant macrophages





#### probenecid increases CIP but not MXF accumulation in wild-type cells



probenecid concentration (mM)





## higher probenecid concentrations are needed to restaure CIP accumulation in CIP-resistant cells



probenecid concentration (mM)





# influence of probenecid on quinolone accumulation in wild-type and CIP-resistant cells





# influence of MK571 on quinolone accumulation in wild-type and CIP-resistant cells





### the CIP-resistant phenotype is not easily reversible



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#### conclusions

- eucaryotic cells can become resistant to antibiotics !
  - macrophage resistance to CIP is mediated by an increase in expression / activity of an MRP – like transporter
  - active efflux affects to variable levels the cellular accumulation of quinolones
- pharmacological consequences still under investigation ....





#### thanks to ...





