

IV Agents

[IV01](#) [Mar96] [Mar97] [Jul97] [Propofol](#):

- A. Has a pKa of 7
- B. Has a pH of 11
- C. Causes hypotension due to myocardial depression
- D. Has 98% protein binding
- E. ?

[IV02](#) [Mar96] [Jul97] [Apr01] [Thiopentone](#) causes a decrease in BP by:

- A. Direct decrease in myocardial contractility
- B. Fall in systemic vascular resistance - SVR usually unchanged
- C. Decrease in venous tone
- D. ?

Other effects include:

- SVR is usually unchanged
- Pulmonary vessels are dilated
- Myocardial contractility is depressed (but to a lesser extent than with volatile agents)
- Only slight baroreceptor reflex suppression
- Cerebral vasoconstriction (decreasing CBF & ICP) due to decreased cerebral metabolism

[IV03](#) [Mar96] [Jul96] [Jul97] [Mar99] [Ketamine](#):

- A. Is a direct inotrope
 - B. Causes bronchodilatation
 - C. Less likely to see emergence delirium (?psychotomimetic effects) in ?older/?younger females more likely in adult female; less in elderly, children, bz, premed
 - D. Reduces pharyngeal secretions
 - E. Leaves airway reflexes reliably intact so no
- (See [IV17](#) for another Ketamine Q)

[IV04](#) [Mar96] [Apr01] With regards the action of [midazolam](#):

- A. Ring closure occurs immediately on injection
- B. ?

C. ?

[IV05](#) [Jul97] [Mar99] [Jul99] [Apr01] Propofol depresses cardiac output predominantly by:

A. Direct depression of myocardial contractility

B. Decreased SVR

C. ?

D. ?

1. Propofol causes both direct myocardial depression and vasodilation causing decreased SVR

2. Propofol has beta blocking properties; thus a reflex tachycardia is not seen

3. ↓MAP caused by vasodilation

4. The reduction in cardiac output, is caused by direct myocardial depression

5.

[IV06](#) [Jul97] [Apr01] [Methohexitone](#):

A. Has a molecular weight of 285

B. Has a melting point of 158 degrees

C. A 2.5% solution is isotonic

D. Is yellow

E. Has 4 isomers

(NB: AS methohexitone is no longer available in ANZ, MCQs about it are not very unlikely)

[IV07](#) [Mar98] Benzodiazepine binding site on [GABA receptor](#) is:

A. Near Cl⁻ channel

B. Inside the channel

C. Outside the channel

D. On the alpha subunit

[IV08](#) [Mar98] [Jul01] The drug with the largest volume of distribution at steady state is:

A. Propofol 4.5

B. [Midazolam](#) 1.5

C. [Etomidate](#)

D. Thiopentone 2.5

E. Methohexitone

[IV09](#) [Jul98] [Jul04] GABA:

- A. Is the principal inhibitory neurotransmitter in the spinal cord
 - B. Barbiturates decrease the dissociation time between GABA and its receptor
 - C. ??A & B types??
 - D. ?
- (see also [IV18](#))

[IV10](#) [Mar96] [Propofol](#) is structurally related to:

- A. [Althesin](#)
- B. [Etomidate](#) imidazole derivative
- C. [Ketamine](#) cyclohexanol
- D. ?
- E. None of the above

[IV11](#) [Mar99] [Feb00] [Midazolam](#):

- A. Water soluble at physiological pH
- B. Undergoes oxidative metabolism
- C. More lipophilic than lorazepam
- D. Causes hypotension
- E. Has a pKa of 7.4 (or ? 8.1)
- F. Causes retrograde amnesia

[IV12](#) [Jul98] [Thiopentone](#):

- A. Is the sulphur analogue of [phenobarbitone](#) nope is [PENTObarbitone](#)
- B. Has higher protein binding than its oxy analogue
- C. ? 6% sodium bicarbonate carbonate
- D. Isotonic at 2.5% concentration

[IV13](#) [Jul98] Propofol clearance is significantly increased in:

- A. Elderly
 - B. Metabolic acidosis
 - C. Pregnancy ↓albumin
 - D. ? (See also [IN13b](#))
- others....Fever, Hyperthyroidism, Anaemia (increase hepatic blood flow)

[IV14](#) [Feb00] [Jul04] Thiopentone:

- A. 100% reabsorbed in renal tubule **wary of 100% but is mostly reabsorbed here!**
- B. Does not cross the placenta in significant amounts due to high plasma protein binding **lipid soluble so easy to cross**
- C. ??accumulate in the foetus **conc not as high as mother due to liver processing but ↑ed free drug due to ↓PPB. further ↑ activity in fetal acidosis**

[IV15](#) [Jul00] Thiopentone:

- A. ? Tachyphylaxis if multiple administration in short period - **mechanisms over and above enzyme induction (occurs in 2-7days)**
- B. ??

[IV16](#) [Jul00] [Propofol](#):

- A. 10% eliminated unchanged **0.3**
- B. Undergoes oxidative metabolism **conjugation to gluconiride & sulphates although will undergo oxidative phase I reactions as well!!**
- C. **Clearance depends on hepatic bloodflow**
- D. No effect / chronic liver disease
- E. ?

Reconstructed [IV17](#):

[Ketamine](#):

- A. Direct acting negative isotope
- B. ?Indirectly acts on sympathetic nervous system peripherally
- C. Directly on the sympathetic ganglia
- D. Is a competitive antagonist at NMDA receptors = **NON competitive**
- E. Directly stimulates alpha and beta receptors

[IV17a](#) [Jul04] [Ketamine](#):

- A. **Is a NON-competitive antagonist at NMDA receptors**
- B. **?Direct acting negative inotrope**
- C. ?Indirectly acts on sympathetic nervous system peripherally
- D. ?Directly on the sympathetic ganglia
- E. ?Directly stimulates alpha and beta receptors

[IV18](#) [Jul01] With regard to GABA receptors: (OR: Which of the following is INCORRECT about GABA neurotransmission:)

- A. GABA-A found all over the body **WRONG**
 - B. Is an excitatory transmitter in 20% of CNS synapses **WRONG is inhibitory**
 - C. GABA-B is predominately post-synaptic **presynaptic**
 - D. GABA receptor located in spinal cord, medulla and rest in Cortex. **TRUE**
 - E. Is metabolised by deamination **WRONG - its an amino acid**
 - F. Is metabolised by transamination by ?GABA transaminase **TRUE**
 - G. Stimulated by benzodiazepines **TRUE**
 - H. Opposes action of glycine **FALSE - glycine is also inhibitory**
- (Above is a composite of options from two GABA questions which were on the Jul 01 paper.)*

[IV19](#) [Jul01] [Propofol](#):

- A. Causes decreased hepatic blood flow to influence its own clearance
- B. Relatively low clearance in Children
- C. Has a high rate of transfer from the peripheral to the central compartment on ceasing an infusion
- D. Has clinically significant metabolites
- E. Elimination half-life of 5 minutes

[IV20](#) [Mar02] Which one of the following induction agents does NOT exert its main effect via the GABA receptor?

- A. Ketamine
- B. [Thiopentone](#)
- C. [Propofol](#)
- D. [Midazolam](#)
- E. Methohexitone

[IV21](#) [Feb04] Sodium carbonate added to [Thiopentone](#):

- A. As a bacteriostatic agent
- B. To neutralise thiopentones acidity
- C. To increase ionised portion
- D. Enhances activity

[IV22](#) [Jul04] Which agent does not cause increased heart rate on induction of anaesthesia?

- A. [Thiopentone](#)
- B. [Etomidate](#)
- C. Propofol
- D. [Ketamine](#)
- E. [Methohexitone](#)

[IV23](#) [Jul04] Benzodiazepine receptor has

- A. Two glycine binding sites
- B. ?

[IV24](#) [Jul04] [Midazolam](#)

- A. Bioavailability 10%
- B. Bioavailability 50%
- C. Elimination $t_{1/2}$ 30]] min
- D. Elimination $t_{1/2}$ 30]] hours
- E. ?

[IV25](#) [Ketamine](#) is not usually used as a sole TIVA agent because:

- A. It causes profound analgesia but insufficient hypnosis for procedure
- B. It causes emergence phenomena in up to 30% of patients when given as an infusion
- C. It is too water soluble (*or something like that*) compared to [propofol](#) is more water soluble
ie an advantage
- D. Half life is 80 mins $t_{1/2}$ elim 2.5hrs
- E. ?

[IV26](#) The amount of [thiopentone](#) remaining in brain 30 mins after administration:

- A. 10%
- B. 20%
- C. 30%
- D.
- E. 40%

[IV27](#) [Thiopentone](#) is:

- A. anti-analgesic in sub-therapeutic doses
- B. ?
- C. ?
- D. ?
- E. ?

[IV28 Propofol](#) is preferred to [thiopentone](#) in [TIVA](#) because:

- A Low therapeutic index - false
- B T_{1/2} keo - false
- C high clearance - true
- D. ? something about lipid solubility - false
- E. ?

[IV29](#) Comparing thiopentone to propofol:

- A. Resistance to infection thiopentone > propofol
- B. t_{1/2}keo propofol = thiopentone
- C. Effect site conc thiopentone faster than propofol
- D. Pain on infection thio > prop (or: propofol > thiopentone) Pro>thio
- E. ?

[IV30](#) [Feb13] [Propofol](#):

- A. Has a chiral centre
- B. Does NOT need a dose reduction in the elderly
- C. Has active metabolites
- D. Clearance affected in cirrhosis
- E. ?

[IV31](#) [Feb13] Five minutes after giving [thiopentone](#), the amount remaining in brain is:

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 30%
- D. 50%
- E. 100%

(Possibly [IV26](#) remembered differently)

[IV31b](#) [Alt Version] Percentage of thiopentone dose remaining in the brain *FIVE* minutes after a bolus dose: (*definitely 5 not 30 mins as previously recalled/asked*)

- a) 0.2%
- b) 0.5%
- c) 20%
- d) 35%

e) 50%

IV32 Addition of sodium carbonate to thiopentone:

- A - Confers a yellow colour
- B - Increases lipophilicity??
- C - provides CO₂
- D -
- E - Bacteriostatic??

IV33 With regards to the structure of barbiturate drugs: (*Refer to Stoelting 4E p127*)

- a)
- b) Oxygen substitution at the 1- position increases ?half-life
- c) Phenol substitution at the 5- position increases anticonvulsant activity

IV34 Propofol clearance (*There were two questions on it - can't recall both so I've put what I can recall from them together*)

- a) Decreased in hepatic failure
- b) Decreased in renal failure
- c) Increased in children
- d) Decreased in cirrhosis

IV35 Ketamine:

- A decreases ICP / CBF
- B acts via opioid receptors **does have opioid activity!!!**
- C decreases salivation
- D airway reflexes
- E ?