Experimental Pharmacology – Theory 75 3 Hrs
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BP810 ET. PHARMACOLOGICAL SCREENING METHODS

45 Hours

Scope:This subject is designed to impart the basic knowledge of preclinical studies in experimental animals including design, conduct and interpretations of results.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student shall be able to,

- Appreciate the applications of various commonly used laboratory animals.
- Appreciate and demonstrate the various screening methods used in preclinical research
- Appreciate and demonstrate the importance of biostatistics and researchmethodology
- Design and execute a research hypothesis independently

Unit –I	08 Hours
Laboratory Animals:	
Study of CPCSEA and OECD guidelines for maintenance, breeding	
and conduct of experiments on laboratory animals, Common lab	
animals: Description and applications of different species and strains	
of animals. Popular transgenic and mutant animals.	
Techniques for collection of blood and common routes of drug	
administration in laboratory animals, Techniques of blood collection	
and euthanasia.	
Unit –II	10 Hours
Preclinical screening models	
a. Introduction: Dose selection, calculation and conversions,	
preparation of drug solution/suspensions, grouping of animals and	
importance of sham negative and positive control groups.	
Rationale for selection of animal species and sex for the study.	
b. Study of screening animal models for	
Diuretics, nootropics, anti-Parkinson's, antiasthmatics,	
Preclinical screening models: for CNS activity- analgesic,	
antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, general anaesthetics, sedative and	
hypnotics, antipsychotic, antidepressant, antiepileptic,	
antiparkinsonism, alzheimer's disease	

Unit –III	
Preclinical screening models: for ANS activity, sympathomimetics,	
sympatholytics, parasympathomimetics, parasympatholytics, skeletal	
muscle relaxants, drugs acting on eye, local anaethetics	
Unit –IV	
Preclinical screening models: for CVS activity- antihypertensives,	
diuretics, antiarrhythmic, antidyslepidemic, anti aggregatory,	
coagulants, and anticoagulants	
Preclinical screening models for other important drugs like antiulcer,	
antidiabetic, anticancer and antiasthmatics.	
Research methodology and Bio-statistics	05 Hours
Selection of research topic, review of literature, research hypothesis	
and study design	
Pre-clinical data analysis and interpretation using Students 't' test	
and One-way ANOVA. Graphical representation of data	

Recommended Books (latest edition):

- 1. Fundamentals of experimental Pharmacology-by M.N.Ghosh
- 2. Hand book of Experimental Pharmacology-S.K.Kulakarni
- 3. CPCSEA guidelines for laboratory animal facility.
- 4. Drug discovery and Evaluation by Vogel H.G.
- 5. Drug Screening Methods by Suresh Kumar Gupta and S. K. Gupta
- 6. Introduction to biostatistics and research methods by PSS Sundar Rao and J Richard