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Abstract

Prostaglandin (PG) G/H synthase, most commonly referred to as cyclooxygenase (COX, (5Z,8Z,11Z,14Z)-icosa-5,8,11,14-tetraenoate,hydrogen-donor : oxygen oxidoreductase) activity, catalyses the formation of PGG₂ from arachidonic acid. Hydroperoxidase activity inherent in the enzyme catalyses the formation of PGH₂ from PGG₂. COX-1 and -2 can be nonselectively inhibited by [ibuprofen](#), [ketoprofen](#), [naproxen](#), [indomethacin](#) and [paracetamol](#) (acetaminophen). PGH₂ may then be metabolised to prostaglandins and thromboxanes by various prostaglandin synthases in an apparently tissue-dependent manner.

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