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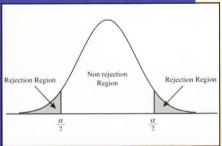
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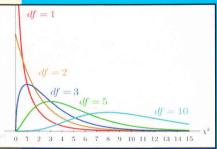
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### ANTIALLERGIC ACTIVITY BY MAST CELL STABILIZATION ASSAY

(Chapter contributed by Dr. Ghanshyam Panigrahi and Dr. Arjun Patra)

#### Purpose:

At the end of practical class, the students shall be able to:

- 1. Know about the mechanism of allergic condition.
- 2. Know the different anti-allergic drugs and their mechanism.
- 3. Know about mast cell stabilizing assay method.

#### Terminology:

Allergy: An allergy is an immune system response to a foreign substance (allergens) especially a particular food, pollen, fur or dust. Allergic diseases are a number of conditions caused by hypersensitivity of the immune system to typically harmless substances in the environment. These diseases include; hay fever, food allergies, atopic dermatitis, allergic asthma, and anaphylaxis. Symptoms may include; red eyes, an itchy rash, sneezing, a runny nose, shortness of breath, cutaneous wheel and flare reaction, and wheezing.

Mast cell stabilizer: These are the drugs which stabilize the mast cells and other inflammatory cells by inhibiting degranulation.

## Description:

Most common causes of allergic disorders in human are rhinitis, sinusitis, atopic dermatitis, asthma, pollinosis and food allergy. Hypersensitivity of the immune system to a specific antigen (allergens) plays a central role in the initiation of allergic conditions such as asthma and allergic rhinitis. Key components of this process include; the lymphocytes (which are a major cellular infiltrate in asthmatic lung) and the immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibody (which is over produced in majority of people who suffer from allergic condition).

It has been reported that in an immediate type of allergic reaction the allergen triggers B-cells to produce IgE and IgG antibodies, which react with these allergens, and gets bound to high affinity receptor Fc epsilon receptor I (FceRI) on the surface of circulating basophils and tissue mast cells. Mast cells are well known as critically important components in various biologic processes of allergic diseases. These are found relatively large numbers in the mucosa of respiratory, gastro-intestinal, urinary tract, skin and near blood or lymphatic vessels, these cells are supposed to express surface membrane receptors with high affinity