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# Aminosalicylic Acid

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An analog of para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA) with antitubercular activity. Aminosalicylic acid exerts its bacteriostatic activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* by competing with PABA for enzymes involved in folate synthesis, thereby suppressing growth and reproduction of *M. tuberculosis*, eventually leading to cell death.