

Synthesis and Structure – activity relationship of PDE4 inhibitors

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Research conducted over the last 20 years has established that inflammation of the airways is central to asthma. Although glucocorticosteroids are considered the most effective anti-inflammatory drugs currently available for asthma, they are non-selective. Thus new drugs with enhanced selectivity and improved adverse effect profiles clearly required. For this reason, selective PDE4 inhibitors have been synthesized, and we are going to apply pyrimidopyridine system to this type of inhibitor. About 50 compounds were synthesized and evaluated IC50 and selectivity for PDE4 inhibited. The structure–activity relationships will be discussed.

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N,N'-Bis (5-amino-salicyl)-L-cystine dimethyl ester (5-ASA-Cys) was synthesized as a colon-specific prodrug of 5-aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) and its in vitro/in vivo properties were investigated.

5-Nitrosalicylic acid was reacted with cystein methyl ester in the presence of DCC and obtained N,N'-bis (5-nitro-salicyl)-L-cystine dimethyl ester (5-NSA-Cys). Reduction and hydrolysis of 5-NSA-Cys afforded 5-ASA-Cys. 5-ASA-Cys was stable in pH 1.2 and 6.8 buffer solution at 37°C. Incubation of 5-ASA-Cys with cecal contents released 5-ASA in 50 or 95% of the dose in 8 or 24 hrs, respectively. No 5-ASA was detected from the incubation with the homogenates of stomach or small intestine. After oral administration, 5-ASA-Cys was not detected in the plasma and the level of 5-ASA and N-acetyl-ASA was very low. From feces, about 45% of the orally administered dose were recovered as 5-ASA and N-acetyl-ASA, and none as 5-ASA-Cys, and from urine, 43% as 5-ASA and N-acetyl-ASA and 10 % as 5-ASA-Cys in 24 hrs. For comparison, where 5-ASA was administered orally, the fraction of the dose recovered from feces was only 7 % and more than 80 % was recovered from urine as 5-ASA and N-acetyl-ASA in 24 hrs.

Conclusions. 5-ASA-Cys was stable in the upper intestine and its absorption was limited in the upper GI tract. It was microbially activated in the colon to release 5-ASA. Concentration of 5-ASA and N-acetyl-ASA available in the large intestine was almost 6 times higher by the administration of 5-ASA-Cys than free 5-ASA. In contrast, concentration of 5-ASA in urine, which is related to systemic toxicity, was almost 2 times lower by the administration of 5-ASA-Cys than free 5-ASA. These results suggest that 5-ASA-Cys is a promising colon-specific prodrug of 5-ASA.

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