Posaconazole

Cat. No.: HY-17373 CAS No.: 171228-49-2 Molecular Formula: $C_{37}H_{42}F_2N_8O_4$

700.78 Molecular Weight:

Target: Fungal; Parasite Pathway: Anti-infection

Powder Storage:

-20°C 3 years 2 years

In solvent -80°C 1 year

> -20°C 6 months

Product Data Sheet

SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY

In Vitro

DMSO: 18.75 mg/mL (26.76 mM; ultrasonic and warming and heat to 60°C)

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Mass Concentration	1 mg	5 mg	10 mg
	1 mM	1.4270 mL	7.1349 mL	14.2698 mL
	5 mM	0.2854 mL	1.4270 mL	2.8540 mL
	10 mM	0.1427 mL	0.7135 mL	1.4270 mL

Please refer to the solubility information to select the appropriate solvent.

In Vivo

- 1. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 40% PEG300 >> 5% Tween-80 >> 45% saline Solubility: ≥ 1.88 mg/mL (2.68 mM); Suspended solution
- 2. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% (20% SBE-β-CD in saline) Solubility: ≥ 1.88 mg/mL (2.68 mM); Clear solution
- 3. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% corn oil Solubility: ≥ 1.88 mg/mL (2.68 mM); Clear solution

BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

Description

Posaconazole is a broad-spectrum, second generation, triazole compound with antifungal activity.

In Vitro

Posaconazole has potent trypanocidal activity. Amiodarone acts synergistically with Posaconazole. Posaconazole also affects and disrupts Ca²⁺ homeostasis in T. cruzi. Posaconazole blocks the biosynthesis of ergosterol, which is essential for parasite survival. Posaconazole has a clear, dose-dependent effect on proliferation of the epimastigote (extracellular) stages, with a minimal inhibitory concentration of 20 nM and an IC₅₀ of 14 nM. Against the clinically relevant intracellular amastigote form of the parasite, Posaconazole is even more potent. Posaconazole has the minimal inhibitory concentration and IC_{50} values of 3 nM and 0.25 nM $^{[1]}$. Posaconazole is active against isolates of Candida and Aspergillus spp. that exhibit

resistance to Fluconazole, Voriconazole, and Amphotericin B and is much more active than the other triazoles against zygomycetes^[2].

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In Vivo

Treatment of infected animals with amiodarone alone reduces parasitemia, increases survival 60 days pi (0% for untreated controls vs 40% for amiodarone-treated animals) and, when given in combination with Posaconazole, delays the development of parasitemia^[1].

Coadministration of Posaconazole and Boost Plus increases drug exposure compared to the administration of Posaconazole alone in the fasted state. Food, particularly meals high in fat content, significantly increases Posaconazole bioavailability. Systemic exposure to Posaconazole increases 4- and 2.6-fold when it is consumed with a high-fat and nonfat meal, respectively^[3].

Posaconazole and Amiodarone may constitute an effective anti-T. cruzi therapy with low side effect^[4].

At twice-daily doses of ≥ 15 mg/kg of body weight, Posaconazole prolongs the survival of the mice and reduces tissue burden [5]

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PROTOCOL

Cell Assay [1]

The epimastigote form of the parasite is cultivated in liver infusion tryptose medium, 12 supplemented with 10% new born calf serum at 28°C with strong (120 rpm) agitation. Cultures are initiated at a cell density of 2×10⁶ epimastigotes mL-1, and drugs are added at a cell density of 0.5−1.0 ×10⁷ epimastigotes mL-1. Cell densities are measured by using an electronic particle counter as well as by direct counting with a hemocytometer. Cell viability is followed by Trypan blue exclusion, using light microscopy. Amastigotes are cultured in Vero cells maintained in minimal essential medium supplemented with 1% fetal calf serum in a humidified atmosphere (95% air-5% CO₂) at 37°C, as described previously. Cells are infected with 10 tissue culture-derived trypomastigotes per cell for 2 h and then washed three times with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) to remove nonadherent parasites. Fresh medium with and without drugs is added, and the cells are incubated for 96 h with a medium change at 48 h. The percent of infected cells and the numbers of parasites per cell are determined directly using light microscopy, and a statistical analysis of the results is carried out as described previously. IC₅₀ values are calculated by nonlinear regression, using the program GraFit. Cytoplasmic free Ca²⁺ concentrations in control and drug-treated extracellular epimastigotes are determined by fluorimetric methods, using Fura-2, again as described previously. Subcellular Ca²⁺ levels and mitochondrial membrane potentials are monitored on individual Vero cells infected with T. cruzi amastigotes by using time-scan confocal microscopy, as described in detail elsewhere. Briefly, Vero cells heavily infected (72 h) with T. cruzi amastigotes are plated onto 22×40 mm glass coverslips (0.15 mm thickness) and incubated simultaneously with 10 μM cell-permeant Rhod-2 and 10 μg/mL Rhodamine-123 for 50 min at 37°C in culture medium and then washed and incubated with Ringer's solution, with or without amiodarone. Under the conditions used, fluorescence of Rhod-2 comes mainly from intracellular Ca²⁺-rich compartments, like mitochondria, since its low affinity for Ca²⁺ limits its fluorescence in the Ca²⁺-poor cytoplasm of the Vero cells or amastigotes. Rhodamine-123 is a mitochondrion-specific cationic dye, which distributes across the inner mitochondrial membranes strictly according to their membrane potential. MCE has not independently confirmed the accuracy of these methods. They are for reference only.

Animal
Administration [1]

In vivo studies are carried out by using the murine model of acute Chagas' disease in which female NMRI–IVIC mice (20-25 g) are infected with 10^5 or 10^3 bloodstream trypomastigotes and drug treatment is started 24 h later. Treatments are given for 30 consecutive days at 20 mg/kg/d for posaconazole (30 doses) and/or at 50 mg/kg every other day for amiodarone (15 doses). Negative controls (i.e. untreated animals) receive only the vehicle, while positive controls are treated with the anti-T. cruzi compound, nifurtimox, at 50 mg/kg/d for 30 days. Survival is followed daily and parasitemia weekly, the latter by direct microscopic examination. Animals are observed for 60 days postinfection, after which time parasitological cures are evaluated by using a combination of hemoculture, xenodiagnosis, and blood PCR tests.

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