

A Conantokin Peptide Con-T[M8Q] Inhibits Morphine Dependence with High Potency and Low Side Effects

Zhuguo Liu^{1,†}, Zheng Yu^{1,†}, Shuo Yu^{1, †}, Cui Zhu¹, Mingxin Dong¹, Wenxiang

Mao¹, Jie Hu¹, Mary Prorok³, Ruibin Su^{2,*} and Qiuyun Dai^{1,*}

¹ Beijing Institute of Biotechnology, Beijing 100071, China; liuzhuguo@126.com (Z.L.);

YZYZ.6688@163.com (S.Y.); o-yys@163.com (S.Y.); zhucuililac@126.com (C.Z.);

mxdong64@aliyun.com (M.D.); maomao@sina.cn (W.M.); hujie0906@126.com (J.H.);

daiqy@bmi.ac.cn (Q.D.)

² Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556, USA; mprorok@nd.edu

³ Beijing Institute of Toxicology and Pharmacology, Beijing 100850, China;
surb@bmi.ac.cn

Opioid receptor binding assay

Ligand binding experiments were carried out with [³H]diprenorphine for opioid receptors as described previously (1,2). Competition inhibition by peptides and morphine of [³H]diprenorphine binding to opioid receptors was performed in the absence or presence of various concentrations of each drug. Binding was carried out in 50mM Tris.HCl buffer (pH7.4) at 37°C for 30min in triple in a final volume of 0.5ml with 30 µg of membrane protein prepared from CHO cell expressing human κ-, rat µ- or rat δ- opioid receptors. Naloxone (10µM) was used to define nonspecific

binding. Bound and free [³H]diprenorphine were separated by filtration under reduced pressure with GF/B filters. Radioactivity on filters was determined by liquid scintillation counting.

Table S1. The binding ability of con-T[M8Q] to opioid receptor

Opioid receptor	μ-receptor	K-receptor	δ-receptor
Con-T[M8Q] (μM)	5	5	5
Inhibition (%)	13.1 ± 0.1	7.1 ± 0.8	0

Table S2. The primers and sequences used for qRT-PCR

Gene	Primer sequences	Annealing temperature °C
GAPDH	F: CAA GGC TGA GAA TGG GAA G R: TGG TGA AGA CGC CAG TAG A	58 58
GluN2B	F: ACT AAC TAT CAA TGA AGA ACG GT R: AGG AGA GGA AGA GCT ACA A	60 58
CAMKII-α	F: ATC GCC TAT ATC CGC ATC AC R: GGA CAA AGA GCG GAT CTC TG	60 60
CAMKII-β	F: CAT TGT ACG CCT CCA TGA CA R: GGA TGC AGT GAC TGG CAT CA	58 58
CaMK-IV	F: CGG CTG ACT ACA TTT CAA GCC R: CTT CAC CGC TGC CTT AAG CTT	56 58
nNOS	F: AGG AGA GGA AGA GCT ACA A R: AAG ACT GAG AAC CTC ACA TT	56 56
PKC-γ	F: CAA CTT CAT TCC ACC TTT CAG A R: GCA TCC AGC ATC ACA TTA TCC	50 50

References

- Li, W., Tao, Y.M., Tang, Y., Xu, X.J., Chen, J., Fu, W., Wang, X.H., Chao, B., Sheng, W., Xie, Q., Qiu, Z.B., Liu, J.G. Highly selective and potent mu opioid

ligands by unexpected substituent on morphine skeleton. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*

2010, *20*, 418-421.

2. Liu, J.G., Prather, P.L. Chronic exposure to mu-opioid agonists produces constitutive activation of mu-opioid receptors in direct proportion to the efficacy of the agonist used for pretreatment. *Mol. Pharmacol.* **2001**, *60*, 53-62.