Supporting Information

New, Potent and Selective Peptidic Oxytocin Receptor Agonists

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Synthetic examples

Analytical HPLC was performed on a Waters 600 Liquid Chromatograph using a Vydac C18, $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 4.6 \times 250 \mathrm{~mm}$ column at a flow rate of $2 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$. Preparative HPLC was performed on a Waters 2000 Liquid Chromatograph using a PrePak $47 \times 300 \mathrm{~mm}$ cartridge at a flow rate of $100 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$. Final purity of analogues was assessed on a 1100 Agilent Liquid Chromatograph using the following analytical method: column - Vydac $\mathrm{C} 18,5 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 2.1 \times 250 \mathrm{~mm}$; column temperature $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; flow rate $-0.3 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; solvent $\mathrm{A}-0.01 \%$ aqueous TFA; solvent $\mathrm{B}-70 \% \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 0.01 \% \mathrm{TFA}$; gradient $-0-20 \% \mathrm{~B}$ in 1 min ., then $20-40 \%$ B in 20 min ., then held at $100 \%$ B for 5 min .; when necessary the first two segments of the gradient were adjusted for compound lipophilicity; UV detection at 214 nm . The purity of all analogues exceeded $95 \%$.

For capacity factor calculations the retention times were determined on a 1200 rr Agilent Liquid Chromatograph using an Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, $1.8 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 4.6 \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$ column at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a flow rate of $1.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$. Solvent A - $0.05 \%$ aqueous TFA: solvent B-90\% $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 0.045 \%$ TFA; gradient: $20 \%$ B for1 min., then $20-45 \%$ B in 10 min.; UV detection at 214 nm . Mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan MAT spectrometer.

Compound 57; carba-1-[4-FBzlGly ${ }^{7}$ ]dOT:
The following amino acid derivatives were used: Fmoc-Gly-OH, Fmoc-Leu-OH, Fmoc-Cys(( $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3}$-COO-tBu))-OH, Fmoc-Asn(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-Gln(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-IleOH and $\mathrm{Boc}-\mathrm{Tyr}(\mathrm{tBu})-\mathrm{OH}$ (Peptides International). Fmoc-Cys $\left.\left(\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3}-\mathrm{COO}-\mathrm{tBu}\right)\right)-\mathrm{OH}$ was synthesized by a literature method as indicated in the experimental section.

The fully protected peptide resin was synthesized manually, starting from 1.45 g ( 0.87 mmol ) of Rink Amide AM resin (200-400 mesh, Novabiochem). DIC/HOBt mediated single couplings in DMF with a 3-fold excess of amino acid Gly and Leu derivatives were performed. To introduce the $N$-(4-fluorobenzyl)glycine residue, the resin was acylated with a 4-fold excess of bromoacetic acid/DIC/HOBt in DMF followed by bromine displacement with a 10 -fold excess of 4 -fluorobenzyl amine in DMF. A DIC mediated coupling in DCM with a 4 -fold excess of $\left.\mathrm{Fmoc}-\mathrm{Cys}\left(\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3}-\mathrm{COO}-t \mathrm{Bu}\right)\right)-\mathrm{OH}$ was then performed. Subsequent DIC/HOBt mediated single couplings in DMF with a 3fold excess of amino acid derivatives (Asn, Gln, Ile and Tyr) were performed. The Fmoc groups were removed with $20 \%$ piperidine in DMF. Upon completion of the solid phase synthesis, the resin was treated with a TFA/TIS/ $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} 96 / 2.5 / 1.5(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ solution ( 50 mL ) for 1.5 h and filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the crude linear peptide was precipitated with diethyl ether. The precipitate was dissolved in DMF (300 mL ) and the linear peptide solution was added in 3 portions ( $3 \times 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) to a vigorously stirred solution of DIPEA ( 1 mL ) in DMF ( 100 mL ). HBTU ( 150 mg ) in DMF ( 5 mL ) was added to the reaction mixture after addition of each 100 mL portion of peptide solution; the pH of the reaction solution was maintained at pH 9 by addition of neat DIPEA, as required. The HPLC analysis after addition of each portion of the linear peptide showed fast (within 5 min .) conversion to the cyclic product. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{AcOH} / \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

The crude peptide solution was loaded onto an HPLC column and purified using a triethylammonium phosphate buffer with pH 5.2 . The compound was eluted with a gradient of acetonitrile. The fractions with a purity exceeding $97 \%$ were pooled, diluted with water ( 2 volumes), and loaded onto a column pre-equilibrated with $2 \% \mathrm{AcOH}$ (aq). The product was eluted with a fast $(3 \% / \mathrm{min})$ gradient of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$. The fractions containing the desired product were pooled and lyophilized. 434 mg ( $\sim 40 \%$ yield, based on the loading of the starting resin) of white amorphous powder was obtained. HPLC: Rt $=19.4 \mathrm{~min}$, gradient: $5 \%$ B for $0.5 \mathrm{~min} ., 5 \rightarrow 30 \%$ B in $0.5 \mathrm{~min}, 30 \rightarrow 50 \%$ B over 20 min and $100 \%$ B for $5 \mathrm{~min} ., \mathrm{t}=40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, solvent A: $0.01 \%$ TFA (aq), solvent B: $70 \% \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, $0.01 \%$ TFA (aq); Purity: $99.3 \%$; MS ( $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}$): expected 1042.4, observed 1042.5.

Compound 57 was also prepared by an alternative method where the $N-(4-$ fluorobenzyl)glycine residue in position 7 was introduced with Fmoc-4-FBzlGly-OH prepared as indicated in the experimental section.

Compound 30; [4-PicGly $\left.{ }^{7}\right] d \mathrm{dOT}$ :
The following amino acid derivatives were used: Fmoc-Gly-OH, Fmoc-Leu-OH, Fmoc-Cys(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-Asn(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-Gln(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-Ile-OH, Fmoc-$\mathrm{Tyr}(\mathrm{tBu})-\mathrm{OH}$ and $\mathrm{Mpa}(\mathrm{Trt})-\mathrm{OH}$ (Peptides International). The fully protected peptide resin was synthesized manually, starting from $1.33 \mathrm{~g}(0.65 \mathrm{mmol})$ of Rink AM resin (200-400 mesh, Novabiochem). DIC/HOBt mediated single couplings in DMF with a 3-fold excess of amino acid Gly and Leu derivatives were performed. To introduce the N -(4picolyl)glycine residue, the resin was acylated with a 4 -fold excess of bromoacetic acid/DIC/HOBt in DMF followed by bromine displacement with a 10 -fold excess of 4-picolyl amine in DMF. A DIC mediated coupling in DCM with a 4-fold excess of Fmoc-Cys(Trt)-OH was then performed. Subsequent DIC/HOBt mediated single couplings in DMF with a 3-fold excess of amino acid derivatives (Asn, Gln, Ile, Tyr and Mpa) were performed. The Fmoc groups were removed with $20 \%$ piperidine in DMF. Upon completion of the solid phase synthesis, the resin was treated with TFA/TIS/ $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $96 / 2 / 2(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ solution $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ for 1.5 h and filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and the crude linear peptide was precipitated with diethyl ether. The precipitate was dissolved in neat TFA ( 50 mL ), poured onto a magnetically stirred $5 \%$ aqueous acetonitrile ( 600 mL ) solution and the peptide was oxidized by adding $0.1 \mathrm{M}_{2}$ in methanol until yellow color persisted. Excess of iodine was reduced with solid ascorbic acid (Sigma-Aldrich) and the pH of the solution was adjusted to about 4 by adding concentrated ammonia (aq). The mixture was loaded onto an HPLC column and purified using a triethylammonium phosphate buffer with pH 5.2. The compound was eluted with a gradient of acetonitrile. The fractions with a purity exceeding $97 \%$ were pooled, diluted with water ( 2 volumes), and loaded onto a column pre-equilibrated with $2 \% \mathrm{AcOH}$ (aq). The desired compound was eluted with a fast $(3 \% / \mathrm{min})$ gradient of acetonitrile. The fractions containing the desired product were pooled and lyophilized. $348.7 \mathrm{mg}(\sim 44 \%$ yield, based on the loading of the starting resin) of white amorphous powder was obtained. HPLC: $\mathrm{Rt}=21.7 \mathrm{~min}$, gradient: $5 \% \mathrm{~B}$ for 0.5 min ., $5 \rightarrow 10 \% \mathrm{~B}$ in 0.5 min , $10 \rightarrow 30 \%$ B over 20 min and $100 \%$ B for $5 \mathrm{~min} ., \mathrm{t}=40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, solvent A $0.01 \%$ TFA (aq), solvent B $70 \% \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 0.01 \%$ TFA (aq); Purity: $99.9 \%$; MS ( $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}$): expected 1043.4, observed 1043.4.

Compound 40; carba-6-[Phe ${ }^{2}$, MeOEtGly ${ }^{7}$ ]dOT:
The amino acid derivatives used were Boc-Gly-OH and Boc-Leu-OH (Bachem), Fmoc- $\mathrm{Hcy}\left(\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{COO}-\mathrm{tBu}\right)-\mathrm{OH}, ~ \mathrm{Fmoc}-\mathrm{Asn}(\mathrm{Trt})-\mathrm{OH}$, Fmoc-Gln(Trt)-OH, Fmoc-IleOH and $\mathrm{Boc}-\mathrm{Phe}-\mathrm{OH}$ (Peptides International). $\mathrm{Fmoc}-\mathrm{Hcy}\left(\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{COO}-\mathrm{tBu}\right)-\mathrm{OH}$ was synthesized as indicated in the experimental section.

The fully protected peptide resin was synthesized manually starting from 1.33 g of MBHA resin ( 0.94 mmol , Novabiochem). The resin was neutralized with $10 \%$ TEA in DCM. DIC mediated single couplings in DCM with a 1.7 -fold excess of amino acids Boc-Gly-OH and Boc-Leu-OH were performed. To introduce the N -(2methoxyethyl)glycine residue, the resin was acylated with a 3.6 -fold excess of bromoacetic acid/DIC/HOBt in DMF followed by bromine displacement with a 7 -fold excess of 2-methoxyethyl amine and a 4-fold excess of DIPEA in DMF. DIC mediated single coupling in DCM with a 4 -fold excess of Fmoc- $\mathrm{Hcy}\left(\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}-\mathrm{COO}-\mathrm{tBu}\right)-\mathrm{OH}$ and DIC/HOBt mediated single couplings in DMF with a 3 -fold excess of amino acid derivatives (Asn and Gln) were then performed. The two final single couplings with Fmoc-Ile-OH and Boc-Phe-OH were performed with DIC/DCM to provide the desired protected resin-bound linear peptide. The Fmoc groups were removed with $20 \%$ piperidine in DMF. The resin was treated with TFA/ $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} /$ TIS $95 / 3 / 2(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ for 2 h to remove the trityl, Boc, and $t$-butyl protecting groups. BOP (4 eq) and DIPEA (10 eq) were added to a stirred suspension of the resin in DMF ( 10 mL ); after 2 h the resin was washed with DMF. The resin was resuspended in DMF and PyBOP (2 eq) and DIPEA (5 eq) were subsequently added. The cyclization was carried out overnight and the resin tested negative in the nihidrine test. The cyclic peptide was cleaved from the resin by using 70 mL of anhydrous HF containing 5 mL of anisole at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 90 min . The HF was removed in vacuo and the crude linear peptide was washed with diethyl ether ( 300 mL ). The peptide was dissolved in $\mathrm{AcOH} / \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} 1 / 2 / 7$ ( $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) ( 400 mL ). The resulting mixture was loaded directly onto an HPLC column and purified using triethylammonium phosphate buffer at pH 2.3. The compound was eluted with an acetonitrile gradient. The fractions with a purity exceeding $97 \%$ were pooled, diluted with water ( 2 volumes), and loaded onto a column pre-equilibrated with $2 \%$ acetic acid (aq). The product was eluted with a $1 \% \mathrm{AcOH} / \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ gradient. The fractions containing the desired compound were pooled and lyophilized.
292.7 mg ( $\sim 27 \%$ yield, based on the loading of the starting resin) of white amorphous powder was obtained. HPLC: $\mathrm{Rt}=16.7 \mathrm{~min}$, gradient: $5 \% \mathrm{~B}$ for 0.5 min ., $5 \rightarrow 30 \% \mathrm{~B}$ in $0.5 \mathrm{~min}, 30 \rightarrow 50 \%$ B over 20 min and $100 \%$ B for 5 min ., $t=40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, solvent $A 0.01 \%$ TFA (aq), solvent B $70 \% \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, $0.01 \%$ TFA (aq); Purity: $100.0 \%$; MS ( $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}$): expected 976.5, observed 976.3.

The other compounds were prepared by variation of these synthetic procedures.

Table 1a. Additional pharmacological data for reference compounds 1-3, AVP and dDAVP and initial leads 4-8.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 를 } \\ & \text { on } \\ & \text { 易 } \end{aligned}$ | In vitro biological activity |  |  |  |  | Rat PK <br> CL $\pm$ SEM <br> ( $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{EC}_{50} \text { receptor (nM) } \\ & \left(\mathrm{pEC}_{50} \pm \mathrm{SEM}\right) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{I C}_{50}(\mathrm{nM})^{a} \\ & \left(\mathrm{pIC}_{50} \pm \mathbf{S E M}\right) \\ & \mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | hOT | $\mathrm{hV}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$ | hV lb |  |  |
| 1 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 10 | 240 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $21 \pm 3.8$ |
|  | (8.63 $\pm 0.03$ ) | (8.14 $\pm 0.09$ ) | (7.98 $\pm 0.18$ ) | (6.62 $\pm 0.19)$ | (N/A) |  |
| 2 | 0.70 | 170 | $41^{c}$ | $>10000^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $22 \pm 1.7$ |
|  | (9.15 $\pm 0.01$ ) | (6.76 ${ }^{\text {d }}$. 09 ) | (7.39 $\pm 0.17)$ | N/A) | (N/A) |  |
| 3 | 0.10 | 3.5 | $21^{c}$ | 180 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $27 \pm 3.8$ |
|  | (10.0 $0 \pm .07$ ) | (8.46 $\pm 0.09$ ) | (7.67 $\pm 0.04)$ | (6.76 $\pm 0.18$ ) | (N/A) |  |
| 4 | 0.98 | 690 | $>10000^{d}$ | $>10000^{\text {d }}$ | 1300 | $21 \pm 1.9$ |
|  | (9.01 $\pm 0.20)$ | (6.16 $\pm 0.42)$ | (N/A) | N/A) | (5.88 $\pm 0.24$ ) |  |
| 5 | 0.82 | $670^{\text {c }}$ | $>1000^{e}$ | $>10000^{d}$ | 670 | $38 \pm 4.6$ |
|  | $(9.09 \pm 0.20)$ | (6.17) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (6.17 $\pm 0.12)$ |  |
| 6 | 0.06 | 40 | $>1000^{e}$ | 1100 | 17 | $25 \pm 1.2$ |
|  | (10.2 $\pm 0.09)$ | (7.40 $\pm 0.10)$ | (N/A) | (5.94 $\pm 0.20$ ) | (7.77 $\pm 0.22)$ |  |
| 7 | 0.21 | 450 | >100 | $>10000^{\text {d }}$ | 55 | $20 \pm 4.6$ |
|  | (9.68 $\pm 0.17$ ) | (6.35 $\pm 0.13)$ | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (N/A) | (7.26 $\pm 0.10$ ) |  |
| 8 | 0.37 | $450{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $>1000^{e}$ | $>10000^{\text {d }}$ | 1400 | $45 \pm 5.9$ |
|  | (9.43 $\pm 0.11$ ) | (6.35 $\pm 0.16)$ | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (N/A) | (5.84 $\pm 0.06)$ |  |
| AVP | 22 | 0.05 | 0.23 | 4.0 | $\mathrm{NT}^{f}$ | $\mathrm{NT}^{f}$ |
|  | (7.65 $\pm 0.06)$ | (10.26 $\pm 0.04)$ | (9.63 $\pm 0.02)$ | (8.40 $\pm 0.02)$ |  |  |
| dDAVP | $72^{c}$ | 0.20 | $>1000^{e}$ | $6.5^{c}$ | $\mathrm{NT}^{f}$ | $7.5 \pm 0.3$ |
|  | (7.14 $\pm 0.24)$ | (9.70 $\pm 0.01$ ) | (N/A) | (8.19 $\pm 0.09)$ |  |  |

[^0]Table 2a. Additional pharmacological data for disulfide bridge compounds 9-36.

|  | In vitro biological activity |  |  |  |  | Rat PK <br> CL $\pm$ SEM <br> $(\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min} / \mathrm{kg})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EC $\mathbf{5 0}_{0}$ recep $\left(\mathrm{pEC}_{50} \pm \mathrm{SE}\right.$ | (nM) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{I C}_{50}(\mathbf{n M})^{a} \\ & \left(\mathbf{p I C}_{50} \pm \mathbf{S E M}\right) \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | hOT | $\mathrm{hV}{ }_{2}$ | $\mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{la}}$ | $\mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{lb}}$ | $\mathrm{hV}_{\text {la }}$ |  |
| 9 | 0.05 | 4.2 | $>10000{ }^{6}$ | 700 | $>10000{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $36 \pm 4.5$ |
|  | (10.3 $\pm 0.09$ ) | (8.38 $\pm 0.09$ ) | (<5.00) | (6.16 $\pm 0.18$ ) | (N/A) |  |
| 10 | 0.01 | 9.9 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 660 | > $10000{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $59 \pm 6.5$ |
|  | (11.2 $\pm 0.09)$ | (8.01 $\pm 0.06$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (6.18 $\pm 0.06$ ) | (N/A) |  |
| 11 | 0.06 | 35 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $1000^{d}$ | >10000 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $63 \pm 8.4$ |
|  | (10.2 $\pm 0.11$ ) | (7.46 $\pm 0.04$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (5.98 $\pm$.11) | (N/A) |  |
| 12 | 0.16 | 1.8 | $85^{d}$ | 500 | >10000 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $\mathrm{NT}^{e}$ |
|  | (9.81 $\pm 0.08$ ) | (8.75 $\pm 0.03$ ) | (7.07 $\pm 0.27)$ | (6.30 $\pm$.24) | (N/A) |  |
| 13 | 0.01 | 77 | $19^{d}$ | 370 | >10000 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $94 \pm 7.3$ |
|  | (11.3 $\pm 0.09)$ | (7.11 $\pm 0.07)$ | (7.72 $\pm 0.04$ ) | (6.43 $\pm 0.04)$ | (N/A) |  |
| 14 | 0.13 | 11 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $980^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{c}$ | $61 \pm 11$ |
|  | (9.87 $\pm 0.05$ ) | (7.94 $\pm 0.01$ ) | (<5.00) | (6.01 $\pm$.17) | (N/A) |  |
| 15 | 0.01 | 100 | $12^{d}$ | 470 | > $10000{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $46 \pm 4.6$ |
|  | (10.9 $\pm 0.05$ ) | (6.99 0.06 ) | (7.94 $\pm 0.28$ ) | (6.32 $\pm 0.09)$ | (N/A) |  |
| 16 | 1.3 | 57 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 2300 | $\mathrm{NT}^{e}$ |
|  | (8.90 $\pm$.12) | (7.25 $\pm 0.08$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (5.65 $\pm 0.01$ ) |  |
| 17 | 0.03 | 80 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $2800^{d}$ | 1800 | $47 \pm 4.1$ |
|  | (10.5 $\pm$.18) | (7.10 $\pm 0.07$ ) | (N/A) | (5.56 $\pm 0.04$ ) | (5.74 $\pm 0.11$ ) |  |
| 18 | 0.39 | 100 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 3400 | $28 \pm 3.2$ |
|  | (9.41 $\pm 0.09)$ | (6.99 0.13 ) | (N/A) | (N/A) | (5.47 $\pm 0.24$ ) |  |
| 19 | 0.11 | 34 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 260 | $>10000{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $83 \pm 15$ |
|  | (9.95 $\pm 0.09)$ | (7.47 $\pm 0.03$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (6.58 $\pm 0.24$ ) | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) |  |
| 20 | 0.12 | 68 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 290 | 1900 | $81 \pm 13$ |
|  | (9.92 $\pm 0.10$ ) | (7.17 $\pm 0.07)$ | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) | (6.55 $\pm$.10) | (5.72 $\pm 0.13$ ) |  |
| 21 | 0.01 | 30 | $>10000{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 110 | >10000 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | $91 \pm 6.8$ |
|  | (10.9 $\pm 0.12)$ | (7.53 $\pm 0.22$ ) | (N/A) | (6.95 $\pm 0.09)$ | ( $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ ) |  |


| $\mathbf{2 2}$ | 0.15 | 84 | $>10000^{b}$ | 200 | 1400 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $(9.83 \pm 0.05)$ | $(7.08 \pm 0.07)$ | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | $(6.70 \pm 0.13)$ | $(5.84 \pm 0.15)$ | $67 \pm 3.8$ |
| $\mathbf{2 3}$ | 0.01 | 82 | $>10000^{b}$ | 140 | 880 |  |
|  | $(10.9 \pm 0.19)$ | $(7.09 \pm 0.11)$ | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | $(6.86 \pm 0.14)$ | $(6.05 \pm 0.04)$ | $24 \pm 3.3$ |
| $\mathbf{2 4}$ | 0.06 | 78 | $>10000^{b}$ | 440 | 970 | N |
|  | $(10.2 \pm 0.07)$ | $(7.11 \pm 0.04)$ | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | $(6.36 \pm 0.22)$ | $(6.01 \pm 0.12)$ | $73 \pm 16$ |
| $\mathbf{2 5}$ | 1.3 | 180 | $>10000^{b}$ | $1800^{d}$ | 2500 | NT |

[^1]Table 3a. Additional pharmacological data for monocarba analogues 37-65.

| 를OéE | In vitro biological activity |  |  |  |  | $\qquad$ <br> CL $\pm$ SEM <br> ( $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min} / \mathrm{kg}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{EC}_{50} \text { receptor (nM) } \\ & \left(\mathrm{pEC}_{50} \pm \mathrm{SEM}\right) \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{IC}_{50}{ }^{a}(\mathrm{nM}) \\ & \left(\mathrm{pIC}_{50} \pm \mathrm{SEM}\right) \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | hOT | $\mathrm{hV}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathrm{hV} \mathrm{lb}^{\text {b }}$ | $\mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$ |  |
| 37 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 0.11 \\ & (9.96 \pm 0.10) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 70 \\ & (7.16 \pm 0.02) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & >10000^{b} \\ & (\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3200 \\ & (5.49 \pm 0.19) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & >10000^{c} \\ & (\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $20 \pm 1.9$ |
| 38 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.16 \\ & (9.80 \pm 0.36) \end{aligned}$ | $52$ $(7.29 \pm 0.04)$ | $\begin{aligned} & >10000^{b} \\ & (\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 830 \\ & (6.08 \pm 0.06) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 990 \\ & (6.00 \pm 0.23) \end{aligned}$ | $22 \pm 1.4$ |
| 39 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.96 \\ & (9.02 \pm 0.04) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & (5.96 \pm 0.03) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{c}$ <br> (N/A) | $32 \pm 4.9$ |
| 40 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.85 \\ & (9.07 \pm 0.06) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1300 \\ & (5.90 \pm 0.05) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{c}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 2500 \\ & (5.61 \pm 0.12) \end{aligned}$ | $21 \pm 1.5$ |
| 41 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.01 \\ & (10.9 \pm 0.29) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 500^{d} \\ & (6.30 \pm 0.19) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 1400 \\ & (5.86 \pm 0.05) \end{aligned}$ | $18 \pm 1.7$ |
| 42 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.13^{e} \\ & (9.90 \pm 0.18) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 150 \\ & (6.83 \pm 0.10) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 1800 \\ & (5.76 \pm 0.11) \end{aligned}$ | $13 \pm 0.53$ |
| 43 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.86 \\ & (9.07 \pm 0.08) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2600 \\ & (5.59 \pm 0.05) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{c}$ <br> (N/A) | $22 \pm 2.1$ |
| 44 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.12 \\ & (9.91 \pm 0.45) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 73 \\ & (7.14 \pm 0.07) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 820 \\ & (6.08 \pm 0.04) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & >10000^{c} \\ & (\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $36 \pm 0.96$ |
| 45 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.14 \\ & (9.85 \pm 0.43) \end{aligned}$ | $18$ $(7.76 \pm 0.07)$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 450 \\ & (6.35 \pm 0.09) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & >10000^{c} \\ & (\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{NT}^{e}$ |
| 46 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.23 \\ & (9.64 \pm 0.14) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2000^{d} \\ & (5.70 \pm 0.11) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{c}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 2800 \\ & (5.56 \pm 0.05) \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{NT}^{e}$ |
| 47 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.09 \\ & (10.1 \pm 0.11) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1200^{d} \\ & (5.92 \pm 0.09) \end{aligned}$ | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $>10000^{b}$ <br> (N/A) | $\begin{aligned} & 740 \\ & (6.13 \pm 0.05) \end{aligned}$ | $61 \pm 4.6$ |
| 48 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.11 \\ & (9.95 \pm 0.36) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 110 \\ & (6.97 \pm 0.10) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86^{d} \\ & (7.07 \pm 0.24) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 500 \\ & (6.30 \pm 0.13) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & >10000^{c} \\ & (\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $45 \pm 0.75$ |


|  | 0.25 | $2100^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $3600^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{c}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | $(9.60 \pm 0.20)$ | $(5.69 \pm 0.06)$ |  | ( $5.45 \pm 0.10$ ) | (N/A) | $95 \pm 4.2$ |
|  | 0.07 | $1000^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 1000 | $>10000^{c}$ |  |
| 50 | $(10.2 \pm 0.10)$ | $(5.99 \pm 0.08)$ |  | (6.00 $\pm 0.13)$ | (N/A) | $83 \pm 9.5$ |
|  | 0.04 | 140 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 100 | 1400 |  |
| 51 | $(10.4 \pm 0.10)$ | (6.85 $\pm 0.11)$ |  | (7.00 $\pm 0.34)$ | (5.85 $\pm 0.12)$ | $51 \pm 5.9$ |
|  | 0.05 | 36 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 100 | $>10000^{\text {c }}$ |  |
| 52 | (10.3 $\pm 0.36)$ | (7.45 $\pm 0.07)$ | (N/A) | (7.00 $\pm 0.14)$ | (N/A) | $68 \pm 5.0$ |
|  | 0.40 | 720 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 440 | 1600 |  |
| 53 | $(9.39 \pm 0.05)$ | (6.14 $\pm 0.05$ ) | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | (6.36 $\pm 0.10)$ | (5.79 $\pm 0.12)$ | $43 \pm 1.8$ |
|  | 0.08 | 210 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 84 | $>10000^{c}$ |  |
| 54 | $(10.1 \pm 0.28)$ | $\text { (6.67 } \pm 0.08 \text { ) }$ | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | (7.08 $\pm 0.20)$ |  | $70 \pm 3.5$ |
|  | 0.02 | 55 | $71^{d}$ | 87 | $>10000^{c}$ |  |
|  | (10.6 $\pm 0.06)$ | (7.26 $\pm 0.13)$ | (7.15 $\pm 0.48$ ) | (7.06 $\pm 0.13)$ | (N/A) |  |
|  | 0.56 | $1600^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 620 | 480 |  |
| 56 | (9.25 $\pm 0.31)$ | (5.79 $\pm 0.08)$ | (N/A) | (6.21 $\pm 0.28)$ | (6.32 $\pm 0.11$ ) | $63 \pm 12$ |
|  | 0.08 | 330 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 180 | 1200 |  |
| 57 | (10.1 $\pm 0.06)$ | (6.48 $\pm 0.18$ ) | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | (6.75 $\pm 0.15)$ | (5.93 $\pm 0.04)$ | $65 \pm 5.9$ |
|  | 0.04 | 140 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $91^{d}$ | $>10000^{\text {c }}$ |  |
| 58 | (10.4 $\pm 0.12)$ | (6.85 $\pm 0.19)$ | (N/A) | (7.04 $\pm 0.24$ ) | (N/A) | $58 \pm 2.1$ |
|  | 0.23 | 1400 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $750{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 1300 |  |
| 59 | $(9.64 \pm 0.08)$ | (5.85 $\pm 0.05)$ |  | (6.13 $\pm 0.20)$ | (5.89 $\pm 0.03)$ | $68 \pm 13$ |
|  | 0.04 | 160 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 450 | 490 |  |
| 60 | (10.3 $\pm 0.08)$ | (6.79 $\pm 0.05)$ | (N/A) | (6.35 $\pm 0.09)$ | (6.31 $\pm 0.05$ ) | $75 \pm 3.3$ |
|  | 0.05 | 100 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 160 | 640 |  |
| 61 | (10.3 $\pm 0.19)$ | $(7.00 \pm 0.04)$ |  | (6.81 $\pm 0.08)$ | (6.19 $\pm 0.13)$ | $52 \pm 5.9$ |
|  | 0.78 | $3000{ }^{\text {d }}$ | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | $1500{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 330 |  |
| 62 | (9.11 $\pm 0.07)$ | (5.52 $\pm 0.10$ ) | (N/A) | (5.83 $\pm 0.13)$ | (6.49 $\pm 0.06)$ | $62 \pm 6.9$ |
|  | 0.09 | 250 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 420 | 2100 |  |
| 63 | (10.1 $\pm 0.21)$ | (6.60 $\pm 0.21$ ) | (N/A) | (6.38 $\pm 0.12)$ | (5.67 $\pm 0.26)$ | $48 \pm 6.8$ |
| 64 | 0.14 | 30 | $>10000^{\text {b }}$ | 190 | 380 | $53 \pm 7.8$ |


|  | $(9.86 \pm 0.32)$ | $(7.52 \pm 0.11)$ | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | $(6.73 \pm 0.13)$ | $(6.42 \pm 0.02)$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{6 5}$ | 0.30 | 760 | $>10000^{b}$ | 850 | 1200 |  |
|  | $(9.53 \pm 0.23)$ | $(6.12 \pm 0.07)$ | $(\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A})$ | $(6.07 \pm 0.07)$ | $(5.91 \pm 0.17)$ | $49 \pm 8.1$ |

[^2]Table 4. Physicochemical properties of compounds 1-65

| Compound | HPLC <br> Purity | HPLC <br> ret time <br> $(\text { min })^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathrm{k}^{\prime}$ | log <br> $\mathrm{k}^{\prime}$ | MH+ <br> expected | MH+ <br> observed |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 99.7 | 2.25 | 4.63 | 0.67 | 1007.4 | 1007.8 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 100.0 | 6.18 | 14.48 | 1.16 | 988.5 | 988.5 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 99.4 | 4.49 | 10.23 | 1.01 | 992.4 | 992.2 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 97.0 | 6.00 | 14.00 | 1.15 | 1018.5 | 1018.4 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 100.0 | 6.82 | 16.05 | 1.21 | 1034.5 | 1034.3 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 98.9 | 6.80 | 16.00 | 1.20 | 1002.5 | 1002.2 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | 97.0 | 7.71 | 18.28 | 1.26 | 1016.5 | 1016.5 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 100.0 | 5.59 | 12.98 | 1.11 | 948.5 | 948.2 |
| $\mathbf{9}$ | 100.0 | 5.61 | 13.03 | 1.11 | 1006.4 | 1006.3 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ | 99.3 | 6.26 | 14.65 | 1.17 | 1008.5 | 1008.3 |
| $\mathbf{1 1}$ | 100.0 | 5.61 | 13.03 | 1.11 | 1006.5 | 1006.3 |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | 99.13 | 11.83 | 1.07 | 992.4 | 992.3 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 3}$ | 99.5 | 7.16 | 16.90 | 1.23 | 1022.5 | 1022.5 |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | 99.2 | 6.33 | 14.83 | 1.17 | 1020.5 | 1020.3 |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ | 99.3 | 8.06 | 19.15 | 1.28 | 1036.5 | 1036.1 |
| $\mathbf{1 6}$ | 6.79 | 15.98 | 1.20 | 1034.5 | 1034.5 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 7}$ | 4.74 | 10.85 | 1.04 | 1010.4 | 1010.3 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ | 3.44 | 7.60 | 0.88 | 1010.4 | 1010.3 |  |
| $\mathbf{1 9}$ | 6.62 | 15.55 | 1.19 | 1042.5 | 1042.5 |  |
|  | 16.93 | 1.23 | 1056.5 | 1056.4 |  |  |


| 21 | 100.0 | 7.41 | 17.53 | 1.24 | 1056.5 | 1056.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 22 | 100.0 | 7.40 | 17.50 | 1.24 | 1056.5 | 1056.2 |
| 23 | 100.0 | 6.91 | 16.28 | 1.21 | 1060.4 | 1060.0 |
| 24 | 99.4 | 6.64 | 15.20 | 1.18 | 1072.5 | 1072.1 |
| 25 | 98.3 | 3.52 | 7.80 | 0.89 | 1043.5 | 1043.3 |
| 26 | 98.4 | 2.85 | 6.13 | 0.79 | 1043.5 | 1043.3 |
| 27 | 99.9 | 2.91 | 6.28 | 0.80 | 1043.4 | 1043.4 |
| 28 | 100.0 | 7.24 | 17.10 | 1.23 | 1056.5 | 1056.5 |
| 29 | 100.0 | 3.28 | 7.20 | 0.86 | 1057.5 | 1057.4 |
| 30 | 100.0 | 3.01 | 6.53 | 0.81 | 1057.5 | 1057.3 |
| 31 | 99.1 | 6.31 | 14.78 | 1.17 | 1048.4 | 1048.3 |
| 32 | 99.0 | 5.82 | 13.55 | 1.13 | 1032.4 | 1032.5 |
| 33 | 100.0 | 6.89 | 16.23 | 1.21 | 1062.4 | 1062.0 |
| 34 | 100.0 | 5.23 | 12.08 | 1.08 | 1036.5 | 1036.1 |
| 35 | 99.5 | 3.28 | 7.20 | 0.86 | 1049.5 | 1049.5 |
| 36 | 98.1 | 3.13 | 6.83 | 0.83 | 1065.5 | 1065.7 |
| 37 | 100.0 | 4.20 | 9.77 | 0.99 | 992.5 | 992.1 |
| 38 | 100.0 | 4.06 | 9.41 | 0.97 | 992.5 | 992.1 |
| 39 | 100.0 | 6.25 | 14.63 | 1.17 | 976.5 | 976.1 |
| 40 | 100.0 | 6.12 | 14.30 | 1.16 | 976.5 | 976.3 |
| 41 | 100.0 | 2.86 | 6.33 | 0.80 | 992.5 | 992.1 |
| 42 | 100.0 | 2.69 | 5.90 | 0.77 | 992.5 | 992.1 |
| 43 | 99.8 | 5.01 | 11.53 | 1.06 | 976.5 | 976.1 |
| 44 | 100.0 | 5.91 | 14.15 | 1.15 | 990.5 | 990.3 |
| 45 | 100.0 | 5.72 | 13.30 | 1.12 | 990.5 | 990.3 |
| 46 | 99.3 | 7.66 | 18.15 | 1.26 | 974.5 | 974.1 |
| 47 | 100.0 | 7.58 | 17.95 | 1.25 | 974.5 | 974.1 |
| 48 | 98.8 | 6.84 | 16.54 | 1.22 | 1004.5 | 1004.3 |
| 49 | 100.0 | 8.68 | 20.70 | 1.32 | 988.5 | 988.1 |
| 50 | 100.0 | 8.47 | 20.18 | 1.30 | 988.5 | 988.1 |


| $\mathbf{5 1}$ | 99.4 | 6.19 | 14.87 | 1.17 | 1024.5 | 1024.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{5 2}$ | 98.9 | 6.07 | 14.56 | 1.16 | 1024.5 | 1024.2 |
| $\mathbf{5 3}$ | 100.0 | 7.95 | 18.88 | 1.28 | 1008.5 | 1008.5 |
| $\mathbf{5 4}$ | 99.1 | 7.01 | 16.97 | 1.23 | 1038.5 | 1038.1 |
| $\mathbf{5 5}$ | 99.4 | 6.91 | 16.72 | 1.22 | 1038.5 | 1038.0 |
| $\mathbf{5 6}$ | 100.0 | 8.75 | 20.88 | 1.32 | 1022.5 | 1022.3 |
| $\mathbf{5 7}$ | 96.1 | 6.47 | 15.59 | 1.19 | 1042.5 | 1042.2 |
| $\mathbf{5 8}$ | 99.0 | 6.33 | 15.23 | 1.18 | 1042.5 | 1042.0 |
| $\mathbf{5 9}$ | 98.7 | 8.20 | 19.50 | 1.29 | 1026.5 | 1026.3 |
| $\mathbf{6 0}$ | 98.7 | 6.90 | 16.69 | 1.22 | 1038.5 | 1038.2 |
| $\mathbf{6 1}$ | 100.0 | 6.65 | 16.05 | 1.21 | 1038.5 | 1038.0 |
| $\mathbf{6 2}$ | 99.9 | 8.51 | 20.28 | 1.31 | 1022.5 | 1022.4 |
| $\mathbf{6 3}$ | 98.7 | 5.82 | 13.92 | 1.14 | 1030.4 | 1030.2 |
| $\mathbf{6 4}$ | 100.0 | 5.75 | 13.74 | 1.14 | 1030.5 | 1030.1 |
| $\mathbf{6 5}$ | 99.4 | 7.70 | 18.25 | 1.26 | 1014.5 | 1014.0 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{a} \mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$ receptor stimulated with 2 nM AVP; ${ }^{b}$ no significant antagonism up to 10000 nM , the highest concentration tested; ${ }^{c}$ partial agonist, efficacy $<70 \%$; ${ }^{d}$ no significant agonism up to 10000 nM , the highest concentration tested; ${ }^{e}$ no significant agonism up to 1000 nM , the highest concentration tested; ${ }^{f}$ not tested.

[^1]:    ${ }^{a} \mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$ receptor stimulated with 2 nM AVP; ${ }^{b}$ No significant agonism at the highest concentration tested $10000 \mathrm{nM} ;{ }^{c}$ No significant antagonism at the highest concentration tested $-10000 \mathrm{nM} ;{ }^{d}$ partial agonist, efficacy $<70 \%$; ${ }^{e}$ Not tested

[^2]:    ${ }^{a} \mathrm{hV}_{1 \mathrm{a}}$ receptor stimulated with 2 nM AVP; ${ }^{b}$ No significant agonism at the highest concentration tested $10000 \mathrm{nM} ;{ }^{c}$ No significant antagonism at the highest concentration tested $-10000 \mathrm{nM} ;{ }^{d}$ partial agonist, efficacy $<70 \%$; ${ }^{e}$ Not tested.

