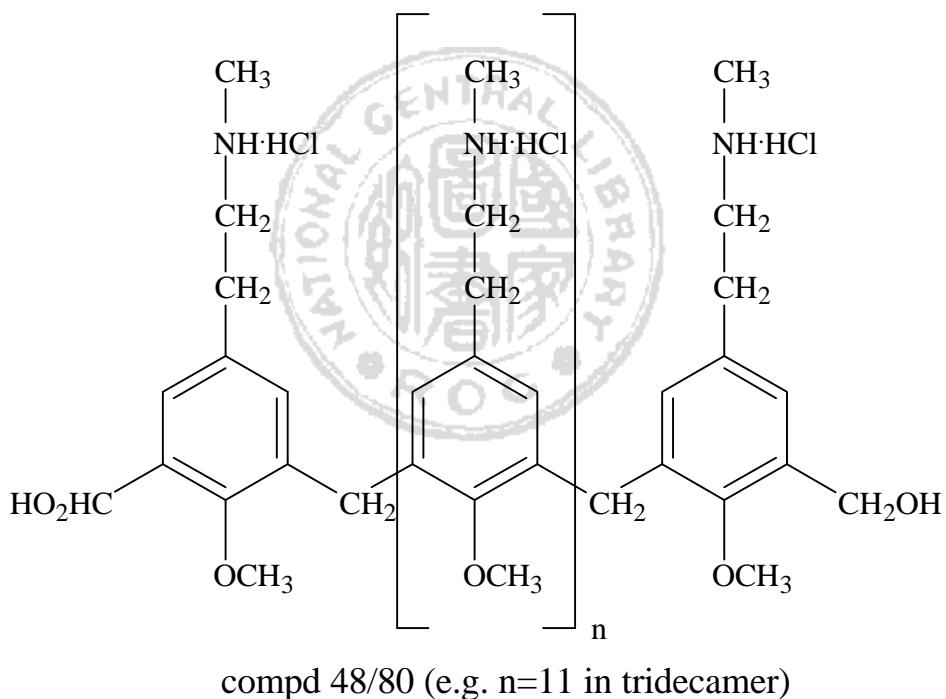


## 貳、抗過敏活性試驗

將前述合成出及經結構判定正確之化合物21-33、41-48、50-53、61-68、70-73、81-93、101-109、111-114、116-118及120-123提供抗過敏活性試驗，測試之方法採用化合物對於compound 48/80<sup>(85)</sup>誘導的肥滿細胞去顆粒作用 (mast cell degranulation)抑制試驗，依其抑制百分率來判定其活性強度，篩選結果如Table 7至Table 12所示。

試劑 compound 48/80 (compd 48/80) 為 *N*-methyl-*p*-methoxy-phenylethylamine 與甲醛 (formaldehyde) 之縮合物。



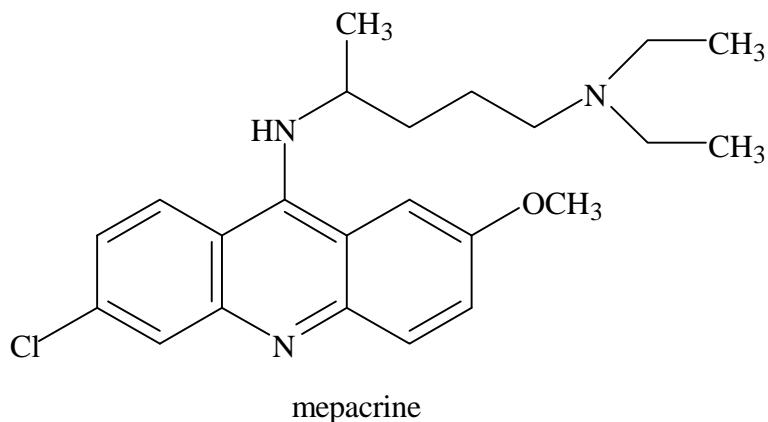
Compound 48/80 的藥理作用是促使肥滿細胞釋放組織胺 (histamine)，故可作為化合物測定抗過敏的活性試驗時之誘導劑。

選用 mepacrine<sup>(86)</sup> (quinacrine) 當作 positive control 的原因是它可以抑制肥滿細胞釋放組織胺，其作用包括下列三點：

1. 在滑膜的纖維母細胞 (synovial fibroblasts) 上，mepacrine 可以阻斷緩激 (bradykinin) 的作用，以達到抑制痛的效果。
2. 在滑膜的纖維母細胞上，mepacrine 可以阻斷藉著緩激 所誘導的 cAMP 的釋放。另外，mepacrine 也具有導致 arachidonic acid 和 prostagladin E 釋放的作用。
3. mepacrine 具有抑制 phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> 的作用而減少組織胺從人類的嗜鹼性白血球 (basophils) 和抗免疫球蛋白 (anti-immuno-

globulin；anti-IgE)的釋放。

綜合上述可知，mepacrine 對於緩激 和組織胺具有拮抗的作用，因此在實驗上選它當作 positive control。

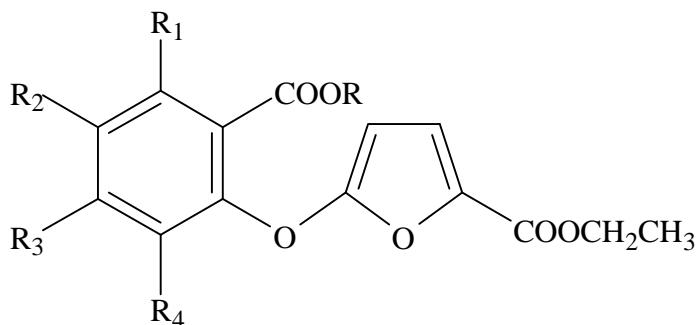


由測試的結果發現：

從化合物 21-33、41-48、50-53、61-68、70-73、81-93、101-109、111-114、116-118 及 120-123 對以 compound 48/80 誘導的肥滿細胞去顆粒作用之體外試驗中，由 $\beta$ -glucuronidase 或 histamine 的抑制百分率(見 Table 7 至 Table 12)看來，在濃度 30  $\mu\text{M}$  時，化合物 22、25-28、30、33、62、66、83、84、93、101 及 111 分別呈現弱的抑制活性(具有約 20-35% 的抑制百分率)，但是發現化合物 32 呈現明顯的抑制活性，其抑制 $\beta$ -glucuronidase 的  $\text{IC}_{50}$  值為  $40.5 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{M}$  及抑制 histamine 的  $\text{IC}_{50}$  值為  $42.7 \pm 1.9 \mu\text{M}$ ，而其所接的取代基溴原子為拉電子基，因此減少官能基對於水相的親和力，導致分配係數增加，脂溶性增加<sup>(84)</sup>，所以藥物較容易到達作用位置與接受器結合產生藥效。其他化合物則無明顯的抑制活性。

綜合上述，發現 ethyl 5-(2'-alkoxycarbonyl substituted phenoxy)-furan-2-carboxylates (21-33)類衍生物的活性較明顯。在 ethyl 5-(2'-alkoxycarbonyl substituted phenoxy)furan-2-carboxylates (21-33)類衍生物中將溴原子導入苯環時，具有較高的活性，而化合物 ethyl 5-(2'-methoxycarbonyl-4'-bromophenoxy)furan-2-carboxylate (32)的  $\text{IC}_{50}$  值(抑制 $\beta$ -glucuronidase 的  $\text{IC}_{50} = 40.5 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{M}$  及抑制 histamine 的  $\text{IC}_{50} = 42.7 \pm 1.9 \mu\text{M}$ )約與 mepacrine 的  $\text{IC}_{50}$  值(抑制 $\beta$ -glucuronidase 的  $\text{IC}_{50} = 44.0 \pm 1.2 \mu\text{M}$  及抑制 histamine 的  $\text{IC}_{50} = 53.6 \pm 1.8 \mu\text{M}$ )相當。與溴原子相較之下，若將甲基、甲氧基或氯原子導入苯環，則其活性降低，此外，若將碘原子導入苯環，則其活性降得更低。

Table 7. The inhibitory effect of ethyl 5-(2'-alkoxycarbonyl substituted phenoxy)-furan-2-carboxylates on rat mast cell degranulation (*in vitro*)



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|---|--|
| <b>21:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H                                | <b>28:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =OCH <sub>3</sub> |
| <b>22:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =CH <sub>3</sub>               | <b>29:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>1</sub> =OCH <sub>3</sub> |
| <b>23:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>3</sub> =CH <sub>3</sub>               | <b>30:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>3</sub> =Cl               |
| <b>24:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>3</sub>               | <b>31:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =Cl               |
| <b>25:</b> R=C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>1</sub> =CH <sub>3</sub> | <b>32:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =Br               |
| <b>26:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =OCH <sub>3</sub>              | <b>33:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =I                |
| <b>27:</b> R=CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>3</sub> =OCH <sub>3</sub>              |  |

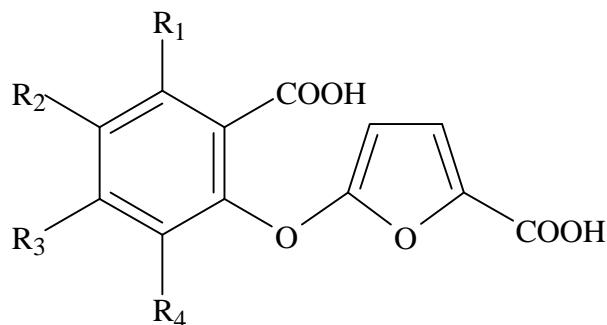
Compound	conc. ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Percent Release		
		-Glucuronidase (% inh)	Histamine (% inh)	
	Control	20.2 $\pm$ 0.8	--	26.5 $\pm$ 1.5
<b>21</b>	(30)	20.1 $\pm$ 1.4	0.7 $\pm$ 3.0	22.6 $\pm$ 2.5
	(50)	18.0 $\pm$ 0.9	10.0 $\pm$ 8.3	18.1 $\pm$ 1.7
	(100)	11.5 $\pm$ 0.1**	42.5 $\pm$ 2.0	12.4 $\pm$ 2.1
	IC <sub>50</sub>			53.2 $\pm$ 7.6
<b>22</b>	(30)	14.8 $\pm$ 1.2*	27.0 $\pm$ 3.8	18.1 $\pm$ 1.3
	(50)	10.9 $\pm$ 1.5**	45.8 $\pm$ 7.1	10.0 $\pm$ 2.7
	(100)	8.2 $\pm$ 1.0**	58.8 $\pm$ 6.5	6.3 $\pm$ 1.0
	IC <sub>50</sub>	73.2 $\pm$ 8.4		76.2 $\pm$ 2.5
<b>23</b>	(30)	17.0 $\pm$ 0.9*	15.5 $\pm$ 3.3	19.6 $\pm$ 0.8
	(50)	15.2 $\pm$ 1.2**	25.0 $\pm$ 3.4	18.1 $\pm$ 0.3
	(100)	7.1 $\pm$ 1.1**	65.2 $\pm$ 4.2	5.7 $\pm$ 2.3
	IC <sub>50</sub>	80.4 $\pm$ 4.5		79.0 $\pm$ 8.3
<b>Mepacrine</b>	Control	18.0 $\pm$ 0.9	--	25.0 $\pm$ 1.0
	(10)	13.4 $\pm$ 0.5**	25.2 $\pm$ 0.9	16.6 $\pm$ 1.7**
	(20)	9.0 $\pm$ 1.0**	49.6 $\pm$ 4.2	12.2 $\pm$ 2.1**
	(30)	6.8 $\pm$ 0.5**	62.1 $\pm$ 1.1	4.8 $\pm$ 2.4**
<b>24</b>	IC <sub>50</sub>	22.3 $\pm$ 1.0		93.4 $\pm$ 8.8
	Control	19.8 $\pm$ 2.5	--	24.8 $\pm$ 1.8
	(30)	17.9 $\pm$ 2.5	6.2 $\pm$ 4.0	25.2 $\pm$ 5.6
				6.0 $\pm$ 4.4

	(100)	$23.7 \pm 1.9$	$-26.6 \pm 8.2$	$19.6 \pm 4.7$	$23.9 \pm 8.2$
	Control	$20.8 \pm 1.5$	--	$28.5 \pm 3.1$	--
Mepacrine	(3)	$16.1 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$21.7 \pm 4.2$	$26.1 \pm 2.5$	$-4.1 \pm 6.9$
	(10)	$9.9 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$51.1 \pm 7.7$	$13.1 \pm 3.0^{**}$	$48.7 \pm 8.2$
	(30)	$4.1 \pm 2.0^{**}$	$79.6 \pm 10.5$	$3.5 \pm 0.7^{**}$	$84.7 \pm 4.4$
	$IC_{50}$		$14.2 \pm 1.8$		$16.2 \pm 1.0$
	Control	$41.8 \pm 2.2$	--	$74.4 \pm 0.7$	--
<b>25</b>	(10)	$38.7 \pm 1.2$	$6.9 \pm 4.1$	$71.7 \pm 0.9$	$3.7 \pm 0.3$
	(30)	$32.5 \pm 1.3^*$	$21.8 \pm 5.3$	$62.4 \pm 0.2$	$16.1 \pm 1.0$
Mepacrine	(10)	$26.4 \pm 1.7^{**}$	$36.7 \pm 2.4$	$52.5 \pm 3.4^{**}$	$29.3 \pm 3.9$
	(30)	$21.2 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$48.9 \pm 2.2$	$40.5 \pm 2.4^{**}$	$45.5 \pm 2.9$
	(100)	$4.2 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$89.7 \pm 0.9$	$10.8 \pm 1.3^{**}$	$85.5 \pm 1.7$
	$IC_{50}$		$32.5 \pm 1.7$		$40.8 \pm 4.3$
	Control	$47.8 \pm 0.7$	--	$65.2 \pm 1.3$	--
<b>26</b>	(30)	$37.0 \pm 2.0^*$	$22.7 \pm 3.3$	$58.7 \pm 1.1$	$9.9 \pm 2.5$
	(100)	$28.1 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$41.1 \pm 2.5$	$43.1 \pm 1.6^{**}$	$33.9 \pm 1.7$
<b>27</b>	(10)	$42.1 \pm 2.8$	$12.0 \pm 4.5$	$63.6 \pm 3.1$	$2.4 \pm 4.3$
	(30)	$34.6 \pm 2.5^*$	$27.7 \pm 4.3$	$54.3 \pm 1.4$	$16.6 \pm 3.0$
	(100)	$17.8 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$62.8 \pm 1.9$	$28.1 \pm 1.6^{**}$	$56.7 \pm 3.4$
	$IC_{50}$		$75.2 \pm 2.9$		$88.5 \pm 4.2$
<b>28</b>	(10)	$43.5 \pm 2.1$	$9.1 \pm 3.3$	$63.8 \pm 1.4$	$2.0 \pm 3.0$
	(30)	$31.4 \pm 1.3^{**}$	$34.2 \pm 1.9$	$49.2 \pm 1.5^*$	$24.6 \pm 0.8$
	(100)	$17.7 \pm 5.2^{**}$	$62.8 \pm 11.4$	$28.7 \pm 6.8^{**}$	$56.2 \pm 9.8$
	$IC_{50}$		$73.2 \pm 7.1$		$91.0 \pm 13.5$
Mepacrine	(10)	$36.3 \pm 1.8^*$	$24.3 \pm 3.7$	$51.6 \pm 3.6$	$21.1 \pm 3.6$
	(30)	$23.6 \pm 0.6^{**}$	$50.7 \pm 1.2$	$39.6 \pm 2.8^{**}$	$40.7 \pm 2.7$
	(100)	$7.3 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$84.6 \pm 2.2$	$14.6 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$78.1 \pm 0.8$
	$IC_{50}$		$44.0 \pm 1.2$		$53.6 \pm 1.8$
	Control	$51.3 \pm 3.4$	--	$68.8 \pm 2.2$	--
<b>29</b>	(10)	$50.1 \pm 1.8$	$1.8 \pm 2.9$	$70.1 \pm 1.8$	$-2.1 \pm 1.8$
	(30)	$45.2 \pm 1.4$	$11.2 \pm 4.5$	$68.9 \pm 3.1$	$-0.1 \pm 1.9$
Mepacrine	(10)	$38.0 \pm 0.6^*$	$25.6 \pm 0.7$	$54.9 \pm 0.6^*$	$20.1 \pm 0.9$
	(30)	$24.5 \pm 0.5^{**}$	$52.2 \pm 0.6$	$35.7 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$47.5 \pm 0.6$
	(100)	$8.5 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$83.3 \pm 0.9$	$15.8 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$76.6 \pm 0.4$
	$IC_{50}$		$26.4 \pm 0.5$		$33.2 \pm 0.6$
	Control	$47.8 \pm 0.7$	--	$65.2 \pm 1.3$	--
<b>30</b>	(10)	$44.2 \pm 0.8$	$7.5 \pm 0.6$	$65.1 \pm 0.8$	$0.1 \pm 2.3$
	(30)	$34.8 \pm 0.8^*$	$27.2 \pm 2.5$	$56.0 \pm 1.6$	$14.0 \pm 3.2$
	(100)	$11.6 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$75.7 \pm 0.6$	$19.0 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$70.8 \pm 1.0$
	$IC_{50}$		$64.4 \pm 0.4$		$73.9 \pm 1.1$
<b>31</b>	(30)	$41.1 \pm 2.4$	$14.1 \pm 3.7$	$62.7 \pm 1.8$	$3.9 \pm 2.0$
	(100)	$30.2 \pm 1.5^{**}$	$36.8 \pm 3.2$	$47.2 \pm 0.9^*$	$27.5 \pm 1.4$
<b>32</b>	(10)	$41.6 \pm 0.8$	$13.0 \pm 1.3$	$60.2 \pm 2.6$	$7.7 \pm 3.1$
	(30)	$13.0 \pm 1.5^{**}$	$72.7 \pm 3.5$	$21.3 \pm 2.6^{**}$	$67.2 \pm 4.7$

	(100)	$7.5 \pm 1.9^{**}$	$84.2 \pm 4.1$	$7.9 \pm 2.2^{**}$	$87.9 \pm 3.2$
	$\text{IC}_{50}$		$40.5 \pm 1.2$		$42.7 \pm 1.9$
Mepacrine	(10)	$36.3 \pm 1.8^*$	$24.3 \pm 3.7$	$51.6 \pm 3.6$	$21.1 \pm 3.6$
	(30)	$23.6 \pm 0.6^{**}$	$50.7 \pm 1.2$	$39.6 \pm 2.8^{**}$	$40.7 \pm 2.7$
	(100)	$7.3 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$84.6 \pm 2.2$	$14.6 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$78.1 \pm 0.8$
	$\text{IC}_{50}$		$44.0 \pm 1.2$		$53.6 \pm 1.8$
<b>33</b>	Control	$33.5 \pm 1.3$	--	$58.4 \pm 1.9$	--
	(10)	$28.2 \pm 1.3$	$15.7 \pm 0.8$	$50.9 \pm 2.8$	$12.8 \pm 3.7$
	(30)	$30.5 \pm 2.8$	$9.1 \pm 7.1$	$46.2 \pm 4.1$	$21.0 \pm 4.8$
	Mepacrine	(10)	$25.4 \pm 1.5^*$	$23.7 \pm 3.5$	$48.6 \pm 2.4$
	(30)	$19.1 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$42.9 \pm 2.9$	$37.3 \pm 3.6^{**}$	$35.8 \pm 6.0$
	(100)	$2.2 \pm 0.7^{**}$	$93.7 \pm 1.9$	$6.4 \pm 1.3^{**}$	$88.8 \pm 2.3$
	$\text{IC}_{50}$		$42.0 \pm 3.5$		$50.2 \pm 4.5$

Mast cell suspensions were preincubated at 37 °C with 0.5 % DMSO or test compounds for 3 min. Fifteen minutes after the addition of compound 48/80 (10 µg/ml),  $\beta$ -glucuronidase and histamine activities in the supernatant were determined. Mepacrine is a positive control. Values are presented as mean± S.E., N=3-5. \*: P<0.05, \*\*: P<0.01.

Table 8. The inhibitory effect of 5-(2'-carboxyl substituted phenoxy)furan-2-carboxylic acids on rat mast cell degranulation (*in vitro*)



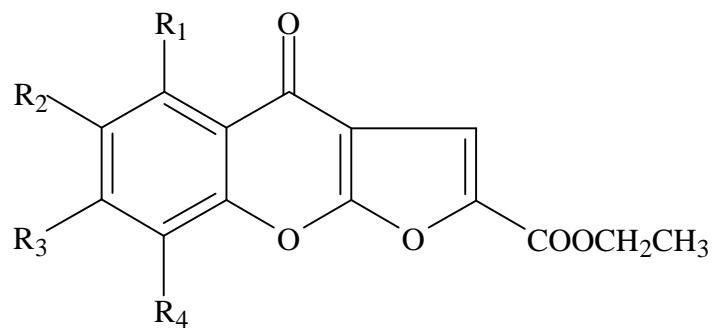
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Compound	conc. (μM)	Percent Release		
		-Glucuronidase (%inh)	Histamine (%inh)	
	Control	27.4 ± 5.3	--	41.9 ± 2.2
<b>41</b>	(30)	29.4 ± 6.9	-6.2 ± 9.4	46.0 ± 4.3
	(100)	25.9 ± 6.1	6.6 ± 4.1	42.2 ± 2.6
<b>42</b>	(30)	22.9 ± 1.9	13.0 ± 9.8	37.3 ± 4.3
	(100)	21.4 ± 2.4	19.1 ± 8.1	41.0 ± 2.1
<b>43</b>	(30)	24.6 ± 4.4	8.9 ± 9.7	47.0 ± 4.6
	(100)	20.2 ± 4.2	26.4 ± 5.2	38.0 ± 3.1
	Control	18.0 ± 0.9	--	25.0 ± 1.0
Mepacrine	(10)	13.4 ± 0.5**	25.2 ± 0.9	16.6 ± 1.7**
	(20)	9.0 ± 1.0**	49.6 ± 4.2	12.2 ± 2.1**
	(30)	6.8 ± 0.5**	62.1 ± 1.1	4.8 ± 2.4**
	IC <sub>50</sub>	22.3 ± 1.0		14.7 ± 1.7
	Control	20.8 ± 1.5	--	28.5 ± 3.1
<b>44</b>	(30)	20.3 ± 1.1	-2.9 ± 10.2	27.1 ± 5.0
	(100)	20.6 ± 1.4	-4.9 ± 12.6	25.8 ± 5.4
Mepacrine	(3)	16.1 ± 0.4**	21.7 ± 4.2	26.1 ± 2.5
	(10)	9.9 ± 1.1**	51.1 ± 7.7	13.1 ± 3.0**
	(30)	4.1 ± 2.0**	79.6 ± 10.5	3.5 ± 0.7**
	IC <sub>50</sub>	14.2 ± 1.8		16.2 ± 1.0
	Control	41.8 ± 2.2	--	74.4 ± 0.7
<b>45</b>	(10)	40.6 ± 1.7	2.7 ± 1.6	72.1 ± 1.3
				3.1 ± 0.8

	(30)	$39.7 \pm 1.2$	$4.5 \pm 3.8$	$72.9 \pm 0.5$	$2.0 \pm 0.5$
Mepacrine	(10)	$26.4 \pm 1.7^{**}$	$36.7 \pm 2.4$	$52.5 \pm 3.4^{**}$	$29.3 \pm 3.9$
	(30)	$21.2 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$48.9 \pm 2.2$	$40.5 \pm 2.4^{**}$	$45.5 \pm 2.9$
	(100)	$4.2 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$89.7 \pm 0.9$	$10.8 \pm 1.3^{**}$	$85.5 \pm 1.7$
	$IC_{50}$	$32.5 \pm 1.7$		$40.8 \pm 4.3$	
	Control	$47.8 \pm 0.7$	--	$65.2 \pm 1.3$	--
<b>46</b>	(30)	$43.9 \pm 2.5$	$8.2 \pm 5.1$	$64.5 \pm 0.6$	$1.0 \pm 2.0$
	(100)	$48.1 \pm 1.9$	$-0.6 \pm 4.0$	$69.4 \pm 2.1$	$-6.4 \pm 1.3$
<b>47</b>	(30)	$43.4 \pm 1.9$	$9.1 \pm 4.5$	$65.4 \pm 0.8$	$-0.5 \pm 2.4$
	(100)	$44.0 \pm 2.2$	$7.9 \pm 3.7$	$67.0 \pm 1.5$	$-2.8 \pm 1.1$
<b>48</b>	(30)	$41.1 \pm 1.6$	$14.0 \pm 2.3$	$62.6 \pm 2.0$	$4.1 \pm 1.5$
	(100)	$43.2 \pm 3.9$	$9.4 \pm 7.3$	$66.1 \pm 4.2$	$-1.4 \pm 5.6$
<b>50</b>	(30)	$42.6 \pm 2.4$	$10.8 \pm 4.8$	$66.3 \pm 2.4$	$-1.9 \pm 6.0$
	(100)	$45.3 \pm 1.6$	$5.1 \pm 4.3$	$66.3 \pm 2.0$	$-1.8 \pm 2.7$
<b>51</b>	(30)	$42.8 \pm 1.9$	$10.5 \pm 3.8$	$65.1 \pm 0.2$	$0.04 \pm 1.6$
	(100)	$45.9 \pm 2.7$	$3.9 \pm 6.1$	$66.0 \pm 1.2$	$-1.3 \pm 2.4$
<b>52</b>	(30)	$41.6 \pm 2.9$	$3.0 \pm 5.3$	$63.9 \pm 0.5$	$1.9 \pm 1.6$
	(100)	$43.9 \pm 0.9$	$8.2 \pm 0.6$	$64.0 \pm 1.0$	$1.8 \pm 0.5$
Mepacrine	(10)	$36.3 \pm 1.8^*$	$24.3 \pm 3.7$	$51.6 \pm 3.6$	$21.1 \pm 3.6$
	(30)	$23.6 \pm 0.6^{**}$	$50.7 \pm 1.2$	$39.6 \pm 2.8^{**}$	$40.7 \pm 2.7$
	(100)	$7.3 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$84.6 \pm 2.2$	$14.6 \pm 0.9^{**}$	$78.1 \pm 0.8$
	$IC_{50}$	$44.0 \pm 1.2$		$53.6 \pm 1.8$	
	Control	$33.5 \pm 1.3$	--	$58.4 \pm 1.9$	--
<b>53</b>	(10)	$29.7 \pm 1.8$	$11.4 \pm 1.8$	$57.6 \pm 2.6$	$1.3 \pm 2.9$
	(30)	$29.2 \pm 1.6$	$13.0 \pm 2.0$	$53.1 \pm 3.0$	$8.9 \pm 4.6$
Mepacrine	(10)	$25.4 \pm 1.5^*$	$23.7 \pm 3.5$	$48.6 \pm 2.4$	$16.6 \pm 2.9$
	(30)	$19.1 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$42.9 \pm 2.9$	$37.3 \pm 3.6^{**}$	$35.8 \pm 6.0$
	(100)	$2.2 \pm 0.7^{**}$	$93.7 \pm 1.9$	$6.4 \pm 1.3^{**}$	$88.8 \pm 2.3$
	$IC_{50}$	$42.0 \pm 3.5$		$50.2 \pm 4.5$	

Mast cell suspensions were preincubated at 37 °C with 0.5 % DMSO or test compounds for 3 min. Fifteen minutes after the addition of compound 48/80 (10 µg/ml),  $\beta$ -glucuronidase and histamine activities in the supernatant were determined. Mepacrine is a positive control. Values are presented as mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=3-5. \*: P<0.05, \*\*: P<0.01.

Table 9. The inhibitory effect of substituted furo[2,3-*b*]chromone-2-carboxylic acid ethyl esters on rat mast cell degranulation (*in vitro*)



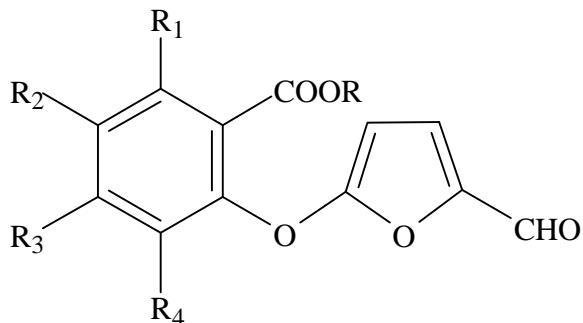
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| <b>62:</b> R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =CH <sub>3</sub>  | <b>68:</b> R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =OCH <sub>3</sub> |
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| <b>66:</b> R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =OCH <sub>3</sub> | <b>73:</b> R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H, R <sub>2</sub> =I                |

Compound	conc. ( $\mu$ M)	Percent Release		
		-Glucuronidase (%inh)	Histamine (%inh)	
	Control	27.4 $\pm$ 5.3	--	41.9 $\pm$ 2.2
<b>61</b>	(30)	23.4 $\pm$ 5.8	15.7 $\pm$ 6.9	36.5 $\pm$ 5.4
	(100)	22.8 $\pm$ 3.3	14.8 $\pm$ 6.4	38.8 $\pm$ 3.6
<b>62</b>	(30)	20.1 $\pm$ 3.3	25.1 $\pm$ 9.5	29.8 $\pm$ 3.5
	(100)	18.0 $\pm$ 4.1	34.8 $\pm$ 6.5	36.5 $\pm$ 5.5
	Control	18.0 $\pm$ 0.9	--	25.0 $\pm$ 1.0
Mepacrine	(10)	13.4 $\pm$ 0.5**	25.2 $\pm$ 0.9	16.6 $\pm$ 1.7**
	(20)	9.0 $\pm$ 1.0**	49.6 $\pm$ 4.2	12.2 $\pm$ 2.1**
	(30)	6.8 $\pm$ 0.5**	62.1 $\pm$ 1.1	4.8 $\pm$ 2.4**
	IC <sub>50</sub>	22.3 $\pm$ 1.0		14.7 $\pm$ 1.7
<b>63</b>	Control	19.8 $\pm$ 2.5	--	24.8 $\pm$ 1.8
	(30)	18.6 $\pm$ 2.0	-1.2 $\pm$ 15.9	22.2 $\pm$ 5.8
	(100)	12.2 $\pm$ 2.5**	35.8 $\pm$ 9.2	14.3 $\pm$ 4.3*
<b>64</b>	Control	20.8 $\pm$ 1.5	--	28.5 $\pm$ 3.1
	(30)	17.9 $\pm$ 1.2	9.5 $\pm$ 7.7	29.3 $\pm$ 4.9
	(100)	15.2 $\pm$ 2.0**	24.9 $\pm$ 7.8	25.2 $\pm$ 5.3
Mepacrine	(3)	16.1 $\pm$ 0.4**	21.7 $\pm$ 4.2	26.1 $\pm$ 2.5
	(10)	9.9 $\pm$ 1.1**	51.1 $\pm$ 7.7	13.1 $\pm$ 3.0**
	(30)	4.1 $\pm$ 2.0**	79.6 $\pm$ 10.5	3.5 $\pm$ 0.7**
	IC <sub>50</sub>	14.2 $\pm$ 1.8		16.2 $\pm$ 1.0

	Control	$29.3 \pm 2.0$	--	$54.0 \pm 2.3$	--
<b>65</b>	(10)	$26.1 \pm 1.3$	$10.6 \pm 1.8$	$48.2 \pm 4.2$	$11.1 \pm 4.1$
	(30)	$24.6 \pm 1.6$	$16.0 \pm 1.8$	$46.9 \pm 3.7$	$13.3 \pm 4.3$
<b>66</b>	(10)	$24.7 \pm 2.4$	$16.1 \pm 3.8$	$46.1 \pm 3.7$	$14.9 \pm 4.3$
	(30)	$23.9 \pm 1.8$	$18.5 \pm 4.0$	$43.1 \pm 2.5$	$20.2 \pm 1.9$
<b>67</b>	(10)	$25.9 \pm 2.5$	$11.7 \pm 4.8$	$48.2 \pm 4.8$	$11.0 \pm 6.8$
	(30)	$26.5 \pm 2.1$	$9.8 \pm 4.2$	$48.5 \pm 3.6$	$10.4 \pm 3.4$
<b>68</b>	(10)	$27.3 \pm 1.3$	$6.7 \pm 2.8$	$48.9 \pm 1.7$	$9.5 \pm 0.6$
	(30)	$25.9 \pm 1.5$	$11.6 \pm 0.8$	$47.5 \pm 3.1$	$12.3 \pm 2.1$
Mepacrine	(10)	$19.9 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$31.9 \pm 2.1$	$40.6 \pm 2.3^*$	$24.6 \pm 4.1$
	(30)	$12.2 \pm 0.7^{**}$	$57.8 \pm 2.9$	$30.4 \pm 2.8^{**}$	$43.5 \pm 4.2$
	(100)	$4.0 \pm 0.5^{**}$	$86.0 \pm 2.1$	$11.7 \pm 1.0^{**}$	$78.2 \pm 1.4$
	$IC_{50}$	$32.2 \pm 3.6$		$48.5 \pm 3.8$	
	Control	$43.2 \pm 1.6$	--	$56.6 \pm 2.0$	--
<b>70</b>	(10)	$41.9 \pm 1.7$	$2.9 \pm 0.4$	$58.1 \pm 1.9$	$-2.6 \pm 2.6$
	(30)	$39.4 \pm 0.9$	$8.6 \pm 3.6$	$53.7 \pm 1.9$	$4.6 \pm 6.3$
<b>71</b>	(10)	$40.9 \pm 1.0$	$4.9 \pm 4.9$	$57.9 \pm 3.0$	$-2.3 \pm 3.2$
	(30)	$35.3 \pm 2.5$	$18.4 \pm 3.6$	$52.4 \pm 2.8$	$7.6 \pm 2.2$
<b>72</b>	(10)	$43.2 \pm 1.2$	$-0.1 \pm 1.0$	$55.9 \pm 2.9$	$1.3 \pm 3.8$
	(30)	$34.5 \pm 1.4^*$	$19.7 \pm 5.2$	$49.4 \pm 2.1$	$12.6 \pm 3.9$
<b>73</b>	(10)	$41.9 \pm 1.7$	$2.9 \pm 1.6$	$54.0 \pm 2.8$	$4.6 \pm 2.6$
	(30)	$37.8 \pm 1.8$	$12.5 \pm 0.9$	$50.0 \pm 2.1$	$11.6 \pm 3.4$
Mepacrine	(10)	$29.9 \pm 0.6^{**}$	$31.9 \pm 2.1$	$42.6 \pm 2.7^{**}$	$24.6 \pm 4.1$
	(30)	$18.2 \pm 1.1^{**}$	$57.8 \pm 2.9$	$31.6 \pm 3.4^{**}$	$43.5 \pm 4.2$
	(100)	$5.9 \pm 0.8^{**}$	$86.0 \pm 2.1$	$12.1 \pm 1.2^{**}$	$78.2 \pm 1.4$
	$IC_{50}$	$32.2 \pm 3.6$		$48.5 \pm 3.8$	

Mast cell suspensions were preincubated at 37 °C with 0.5 % DMSO or test compounds for 3 min. Fifteen minutes after the addition of compound 48/80 (10 µg/ml),  $\beta$ -glucuronidase and histamine activities in the supernatant were determined. Mepacrine is a positive control. Values are presented as mean  $\pm$  S.E., N=3-5. \*: P<0.05, \*\*: P<0.01.

Table 10. The inhibitory effect of 5-(2'-alkoxycarbonyl substituted phenoxy)furfurals on rat mast cell degranulation (*in vitro*)



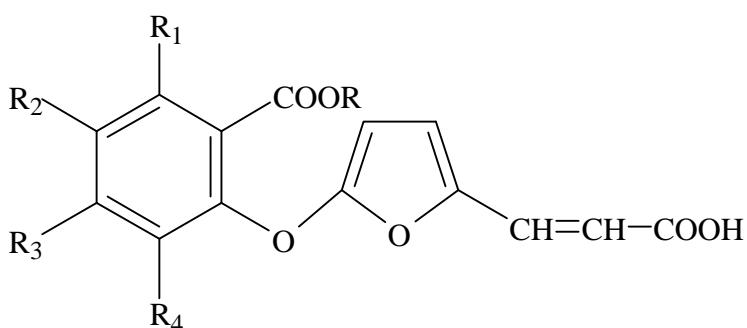
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Compound	conc.	Percent Release			
		( $\mu$ M)	-Glucuronidase (% inh)	Histamine (% inh)	
	Control	20.5 ± 0.6	--	79.3 ± 1.5	--
<b>81</b>	(10)	17.9 ± 0.4*	12.6 ± 0.7	75.3 ± 1.8	5.0 ± 0.8
	(30)	16.4 ± 0.5**	19.8 ± 0.2	74.6 ± 2.6	6.0 ± 1.6
<b>82</b>	(10)	17.8 ± 0.5**	12.9 ± 0.2	75.2 ± 1.3	5.1 ± 0.5
	(30)	17.2 ± 1.8**	16.4 ± 6.1	75.0 ± 2.0	5.4 ± 1.4
<b>83</b>	(10)	16.4 ± 0.7**	19.9 ± 0.7	74.4 ± 1.4	6.3 ± 0.4
	(30)	16.3 ± 0.3**	20.2 ± 2.3	74.9 ± 1.1	5.6 ± 0.5
<b>84</b>	(10)	17.0 ± 0.3**	16.6 ± 1.4	74.3 ± 2.3	6.3 ± 1.2
	(30)	15.7 ± 0.6**	23.3 ± 0.7	74.3 ± 2.1	6.4 ± 0.8
<b>85</b>	(10)	21.3 ± 0.6	-4.3 ± 6.1	76.2 ± 1.4	3.8 ± 2.3
	(30)	21.6 ± 0.7	-5.5 ± 0.5	78.6 ± 3.2	0.8 ± 3.7
Mepacrine	(10)	15.3 ± 0.1**	25.2 ± 1.8	60.1 ± 1.6**	24.2 ± 0.7
	(30)	8.5 ± 0.1**	58.5 ± 1.1	41.5 ± 0.6**	47.5 ± 1.2
	(100)	2.8 ± 0.1**	86.0 ± 0.5	14.9 ± 0.4**	81.1 ± 0.6
	IC <sub>50</sub>	23.9 ± 0.7		29.4 ± 0.5	
<b>86</b>	Control	51.3 ± 3.4	--	68.8 ± 2.2	--
	(10)	46.2 ± 2.0	9.6 ± 2.9	68.0 ± 1.0	0.9 ± 1.7

	(30)	$44.4 \pm 1.8$	$13.1 \pm 2.3$	$64.2 \pm 2.0$	$6.6 \pm 0.7$
<b>87</b>	(10)	$45.5 \pm 0.4$	$10.5 \pm 5.0$	$68.8 \pm 0.8$	$-0.3 \pm 4.2$
	(30)	$43.2 \pm 1.7$	$15.5 \pm 2.1$	$67.5 \pm 1.8$	$1.7 \pm 0.5$
<b>88</b>	(10)	$47.1 \pm 1.7$	$7.8 \pm 3.8$	$68.5 \pm 0.8$	$0.1 \pm 3.6$
	(30)	$42.1 \pm 1.2$	$17.4 \pm 3.6$	$66.8 \pm 1.6$	$2.7 \pm 1.3$
<b>89</b>	(10)	$49.6 \pm 2.0$	$2.8 \pm 2.7$	$69.9 \pm 1.6$	$-1.8 \pm 1.2$
	(30)	$46.6 \pm 1.9$	$8.7 \pm 3.9$	$68.5 \pm 1.7$	$0.2 \pm 1.6$
<b>90</b>	(10)	$48.5 \pm 3.2$	$5.2 \pm 2.6$	$66.2 \pm 2.6$	$3.7 \pm 1.6$
	(30)	$44.8 \pm 3.7$	$12.7 \pm 3.9$	$61.7 \pm 4.1$	$10.4 \pm 3.3$
<b>91</b>	(10)	$51.3 \pm 3.2$	$-0.2 \pm 3.4$	$65.4 \pm 4.1$	$4.9 \pm 3.0$
	(30)	$47.0 \pm 2.0$	$7.9 \pm 4.2$	$62.6 \pm 2.4$	$8.8 \pm 1.8$
<b>92</b>	(10)	$45.4 \pm 3.6$	$11.6 \pm 1.1$	$67.1 \pm 0.7$	$2.3 \pm 2.1$
	(30)	$41.3 \pm 1.0$	$18.8 \pm 3.8$	$62.9 \pm 3.3$	$8.5 \pm 2.5$
<b>93</b>	(10)	$43.8 \pm 1.7$	$14.1 \pm 2.5$	$69.3 \pm 0.9$	$-1.0 \pm 3.5$
	(30)	$39.6 \pm 1.2$	$22.4 \pm 2.6$	$65.1 \pm 1.1$	$5.1 \pm 1.6$
Mepacrine	(10)	$38.0 \pm 0.6^*$	$25.6 \pm 0.7$	$54.9 \pm 0.6^*$	$20.1 \pm 0.9$
	(30)	$24.5 \pm 0.5^{**}$	$52.2 \pm 0.6$	$35.7 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$47.5 \pm 0.6$
	(100)	$8.5 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$83.3 \pm 0.9$	$15.8 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$76.6 \pm 0.4$
	<b>IC<sub>50</sub></b>		$26.4 \pm 0.5$		$33.2 \pm 0.6$

Mast cell suspensions were preincubated at 37 °C with 0.5 % DMSO or test compounds for 3 min. Fifteen minutes after the addition of compound 48/80 (10 µg/ml), β-glucuronidase and histamine activities in the supernatant were determined. Mepacrine is a positive control. Values are presented as mean± S.E., N=3. \*: P<0.05, \*\*: P<0.01.

Table 11. The inhibitory effect of 5-(2'-alkoxycarbonyl substituted phenoxy)-2-furanacrylic acids on rat mast cell degranulation (*in vitro*)



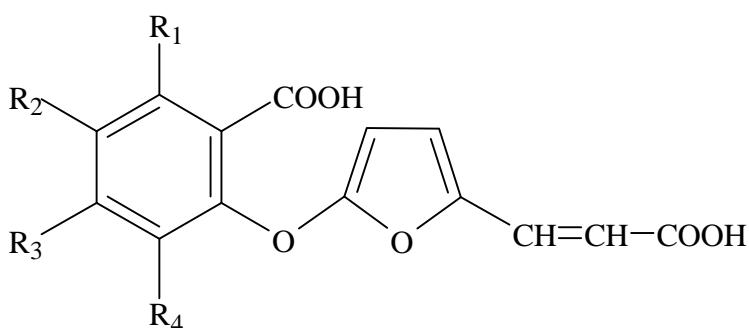
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Compound	conc. (μM)	Percent Release			
		-Glucuronidase (%inh)	Histamine (%inh)		
	Control	20.5 ± 0.6	--	79.3 ± 1.5	--
<b>101</b>	(10)	18.4 ± 0.2	10.1 ± 2.2	76.5 ± 1.5	3.5 ± 1.9
	(30)	15.9 ± 0.3**	21.9 ± 3.7	69.2 ± 1.2**	12.6 ± 1.6
<b>102</b>	(10)	17.4 ± 0.5**	16.4 ± 0.1	77.6 ± 2.6	2.2 ± 2.2
	(30)	19.5 ± 0.1	4.6 ± 2.7	77.4 ± 3.0	2.6 ± 2.0
<b>103</b>	(10)	16.9 ± 0.4**	17.1 ± 1.8	73.8 ± 1.3	6.9 ± 0.5
	(30)	16.7 ± 0.4**	18.3 ± 1.7	71.8 ± 1.3*	9.4 ± 0.6
<b>104</b>	(10)	18.2 ± 0.2	11.3 ± 1.7	76.0 ± 1.4	4.1 ± 0.7
	(30)	17.6 ± 0.1*	13.8 ± 3.1	74.5 ± 1.6	6.0 ± 2.3
<b>105</b>	(10)	18.1 ± 1.3	10.7 ± 9.0	74.1 ± 1.3	6.5 ± 2.6
	(30)	19.7 ± 0.1	3.4 ± 2.8	72.6 ± 1.3	8.3 ± 2.8
Mepacrine	(10)	15.3 ± 0.1**	25.2 ± 1.8	60.1 ± 1.6**	24.2 ± 0.7
	(30)	8.5 ± 0.1**	58.5 ± 1.1	41.5 ± 0.6**	47.5 ± 1.2
	(100)	2.8 ± 0.1**	86.0 ± 0.5	14.9 ± 0.4**	81.1 ± 0.6
	IC <sub>50</sub>	23.9 ± 0.7		29.4 ± 0.5	
	Control	51.3 ± 3.4	--	68.8 ± 2.2	--
<b>106</b>	(10)	51.4 ± 2.5	-0.5 ± 1.7	68.5 ± 1.4	-0.07 ± 5.4
	(30)	46.8 ± 3.0	8.7 ± 2.1	65.6 ± 1.3	4.4 ± 3.3
<b>107</b>	(10)	55.4 ± 3.4	-8.1 ± 2.1	68.9 ± 1.8	-0.2 ± 0.6
	(30)	51.9 ± 3.6	-1.2 ± 2.2	66.4 ± 1.3	3.2 ± 2.4

<b>108</b>	(10)	$60.0 \pm 2.8$	$-17.2 \pm 2.3$	$67.2 \pm 1.8$	$2.0 \pm 2.9$
	(30)	$55.6 \pm 3.7$	$-8.3 \pm 3.4$	$62.8 \pm 2.4$	$8.7 \pm 0.6$
<b>109</b>	(10)	$65.1 \pm 3.4$	$-27.1 \pm 2.0$	$67.1 \pm 2.4$	$2.4 \pm 1.4$
	(30)	$59.3 \pm 3.2$	$-15.9 \pm 4.8$	$63.8 \pm 2.7$	$7.2 \pm 1.8$
Mepacrine	(10)	$38.0 \pm 0.6^*$	$25.6 \pm 0.7$	$54.9 \pm 0.6^*$	$20.1 \pm 0.9$
	(30)	$24.5 \pm 0.5^{**}$	$52.2 \pm 0.6$	$35.7 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$47.5 \pm 0.6$
	(100)	$8.5 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$83.3 \pm 0.9$	$15.8 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$76.6 \pm 0.4$
	<b>IC<sub>50</sub></b>		<b><math>26.4 \pm 0.5</math></b>		<b><math>33.2 \pm 0.6</math></b>

Mast cell suspensions were preincubated at 37 °C with 0.5 % DMSO or test compounds for 3 min. Fifteen minutes after the addition of compound 48/80 (10 µg/ml), β-glucuronidase and histamine activities in the supernatant were determined. Mepacrine is a positive control. Values are presented as mean± S.E., N=3. \*: P<0.05, \*\*: P<0.01.

Table 12. The inhibitory effect of 5-(2'-carboxyl substituted phenoxy)-2-furanacrylic acids on rat mast cell degranulation (*in vitro*)



- 111:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H      **118:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=OCH<sub>3</sub>  
**112:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=H, R<sub>4</sub>=CH<sub>3</sub>      **120:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>3</sub>=Cl  
**113:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>3</sub>=CH<sub>3</sub>      **121:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=Cl  
**114:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>3</sub>      **122:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=Br  
**116:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=H, R<sub>4</sub>=OCH<sub>3</sub>      **123:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>3</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>2</sub>=I  
**117:** R<sub>1</sub>=R<sub>2</sub>=R<sub>4</sub>=H, R<sub>3</sub>=OCH<sub>3</sub>

Compound	conc. ( $\mu$ M)	Percent Release			
		-Glucuronidase	(%inh)	Histamine	(%inh)
	Control	20.5 ± 0.6	--	79.3 ± 1.5	--
<b>111</b>	(10)	18.4 ± 0.2	10.1 ± 3.5	75.0 ± 1.7	5.4 ± 2.0
	(30)	16.2 ± 0.2**	20.7 ± 3.1	71.8 ± 1.4*	9.5 ± 0.4
<b>112</b>	(10)	17.3 ± 0.3*	15.3 ± 1.0	75.1 ± 1.4	5.4 ± 0.6
	(30)	18.9 ± 0.6	7.7 ± 0.4	74.4 ± 1.2	6.2 ± 0.5
<b>113</b>	(10)	18.2 ± 0.1	11.3 ± 2.1	77.3 ± 1.2	2.6 ± 0.5
	(30)	17.5 ± 0.2*	14.5 ± 2.1	79.1 ± 1.1	0.3 ± 0.6
<b>114</b>	(10)	19.6 ± 0.2	4.2 ± 1.7	77.4 ± 2.5	2.4 ± 3.0
	(30)	19.5 ± 1.3	4.9 ± 3.5	73.2 ± 3.2	7.7 ± 3.7
Mepacrine	(10)	15.3 ± 0.1**	25.2 ± 1.8	60.1 ± 1.6**	24.2 ± 0.7
	(30)	8.5 ± 0.1**	58.5 ± 1.1	41.5 ± 0.6**	47.5 ± 1.2
	(100)	2.8 ± 0.1**	86.0 ± 0.5	14.9 ± 0.4**	81.1 ± 0.6
	IC <sub>50</sub>	23.9 ± 0.7		29.4 ± 0.5	
<b>116</b>	Control	51.3 ± 3.4	--	68.8 ± 2.2	--
	(10)	46.5 ± 2.0	9.0 ± 3.5	68.4 ± 0.8	0.3 ± 2.5
	(30)	43.8 ± 1.4	13.9 ± 5.6	60.4 ± 3.0	12.2 ± 2.6
<b>117</b>	(10)	48.9 ± 2.3	4.3 ± 2.0	70.9 ± 0.8	-3.4 ± 4.3
	(30)	44.9 ± 1.5	12.0 ± 3.0	67.0 ± 0.7	2.3 ± 3.3
<b>118</b>	(10)	51.7 ± 2.8	-1.0 ± 3.4	67.7 ± 0.9	1.3 ± 3.5
	(30)	48.3 ± 3.0	5.6 ± 3.0	64.5 ± 1.5	6.0 ± 1.9

<b>120</b>	(10)	$55.1 \pm 4.2$	$-7.3 \pm 2.9$	$69.2 \pm 3.0$	$-0.5 \pm 1.2$
	(30)	$51.3 \pm 3.3$	$-0.1 \pm 3.6$	$65.3 \pm 0.3$	$4.7 \pm 2.6$
<b>121</b>	(10)	$60.1 \pm 3.8$	$-17.2 \pm 3.8$	$68.1 \pm 2.8$	$1.0 \pm 2.4$
	(30)	$55.4 \pm 3.5$	$-8.3 \pm 4.4$	$64.1 \pm 2.9$	$6.7 \pm 2.3$
<b>122</b>	(10)	$64.7 \pm 4.0$	$-26.3 \pm 3.7$	$65.3 \pm 3.1$	$5.1 \pm 1.9$
	(30)	$60.5 \pm 4.4$	$-18.1 \pm 5.6$	$64.1 \pm 3.6$	$6.9 \pm 2.7$
<b>123</b>	(10)	$46.4 \pm 0.3$	$8.8 \pm 5.4$	$69.3 \pm 2.7$	$-0.8 \pm 2.7$
	(30)	$44.8 \pm 1.5$	$11.9 \pm 4.6$	$62.7 \pm 3.5$	$8.8 \pm 2.3$
Mepacrine	(10)	$38.0 \pm 0.6^*$	$25.6 \pm 0.7$	$54.9 \pm 0.6^*$	$20.1 \pm 0.9$
	(30)	$24.5 \pm 0.5^{**}$	$52.2 \pm 0.6$	$35.7 \pm 0.4^{**}$	$47.5 \pm 0.6$
	(100)	$8.5 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$83.3 \pm 0.9$	$15.8 \pm 0.3^{**}$	$76.6 \pm 0.4$
	<b>IC<sub>50</sub></b>		<b><math>26.4 \pm 0.5</math></b>		<b><math>33.2 \pm 0.6</math></b>

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