Synthesis and biological evaluation of 1,3-dioxolo[4,5-g]quinoline derivatives as anti-Helicobacter pylori agents

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Objectives: Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) is a Gram-negative, to bacteria to survive in the stomach and duodenum in each area. H. pylori infection is associated with gastritis, peptic ulcer and even gastric malignancy. Therefore, we design 1,3-dioxolo[4,5-g]quinoline as a core structure and synthesize a series of derivatives as anti-Helicobacter pylori inhibitors. **Methods:** The title compounds were prepared through the reaction of 6-amino-3,4-methylenedioxyacetophone and substituted β -nitrostyrene in toluene. The inhibitory activity of the new quinoline derivatives against of H. pylori was evaluated by the agar disk diffusion method, by measuring the diameter of the inhibition zone in an agar dish of concentration 10 mg/mL and 1 mg/mL. **Results:** Among the tested compound 1, 6 and 7 exhibited significant potency with inhibition zones ranging from 11.5 to 15 mm. **Conclusions:** In this study, we synthesized a series of 1-3-dioxolo[4,5-g]quinoline derivatives and demonstrated that the most potent of these, 6 is effective in the inhibition of H. pylori growth.

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Establishment of *in vitro* constitutive androstane receptor (CAR) activity screening system

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Objectives: Chronic hyperbilirubinemia resulting in neurotoxicity and encephalopathy is a major clinical problem in patients with liver diseases therefore, new and effective treatments to reduce bilirubin accumulation are urgent needed. Several reports indicated that 6,7-dimethylesculetin (scoparone) could activate constitutive androstane receptor (CAR) that facilitates bilirubin excretion, which suggests that similar core structure might provide new treatment for hyperbilirubinemia. In this study, a new luciferase-based assay platform for rapidly screening compounds regulating CAR activity was established and tested for its efficiency. Methods: The gtPBREM element, the UGT1A1 gene promoter response to CAR, was amplified from Hep3B genomic DNA and cloned into pGL4 luciferase reporter vector. The stable pGL4-gtPBREM transfected Hep3B cells were established and scoparone-induced luciferase activity was measured for individual established clone. Results: Several clones of the reporter system showed the concentration-dependent response to scoparone treatment and maximum luciferase activity was observed after 8hr treatment. Discussions: This CAR-activating reporter system can successfully identify CAR-activating compounds within few hours, which displayed better efficiency and sensitivity compared with Western blot. However, scoparone-induced medium luciferase response might contribute to whole gtPBREM element was used. The next generation reporter system which will apply CAR-specific responsive gtNR1 element is currently active investigated in our laboratory.