

Background Information:

Atpenin A5 is the most potent complex II (succinate:ubiquinone oxidoreductase) inhibitor ever known. It inhibits complex II specifically, and the IC_{50} value against bovine heart complex II is 3.6 nM, which is 300-fold lower than that for carboxin ($IC_{50} = 1.1$ microM). Atpenin A5 also inhibits fumarate reductase of Ascaris suum ($IC_{50} = 12$ nM). Its inhibition against *E. coli* succinate dehydrogenase is not potent ($IC_{50} = 5$ microM). The binding site of atpenin A5 was clarified as the quinone-binding site of complex II by co-crystallization study of atpenin A5 and the enzyme.

The complex II inhibitor atpenin A5 protects against cardiac ischemia-reperfusion injury via activation of mitochondrial KATP channels.

Handling and Storage:

Store at -20°C.

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