



Background Information:

Motilides are a series of erythromycin derivatives (especially EM 522, EM 523, EM536 and EM 574) (Table 1) which showed gastrointestinal motor stimulating (GMS) activity without antibacterial activity (1-4). The GMS activity is very similar to the effect caused by the hormone motilin (Fig. 1).

Motilides induce phase III-like contractions, which are similar to those induced by motilin, in the human gastrointestinal tract during the interdigestive state in dogs and humans. EM574 is a motilin receptor agonist in the human gastric antrum in vitro, using contraction studies of muscle strips and isolated myocytes, receptor binding assay and tissue section autoradiography. EM574 stimulated contractions of muscle strips in a concentration-dependent manner (10-7-10-5 M), and this contractile effect was unaffected by pretreatment with atropine or tetrodotoxin. Isolated myocytes contracted in response to EM574 with a peak shortening at 10-7 M, which was comparable to the response to motilin (5-10).

EM574 displaced specifically 125I-motilin bound to smooth muscle homogenates with a Kd value of 7.8 x 10-9 M, compared with 4.5 x 10-9 M for motilin. Film autoradiograms showed that 125I-motilin-binding sites were loc We applied a rational computational procedure consisting of conformational analysis and a novel superposing Furthermore, EM574 has an orexigenic activity with affinity for growth-hormone secretagogue receptor (GSH-F

Handling and Storage:

Store at -20 .

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Structure of Motilin and EM 574 (Motilide)









