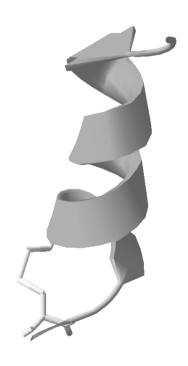




Product Monograph

CGRP Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide



Abstract

Calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) is a 37 amino acid peptide which belongs to a family of related peptides including calcitonin, amylin, and adrenomedullin. It exists in two isoforms α -CGRP (or CGRP I) and β -CGRP (or CGRP II) which are very similar in their biological activities and are encoded by different genes. CGRP peptides are mainly localized in sensory and central neurons and have been implicated in a variety of physiological processes such as cardiovascular homeostasis, calcium metabolism, and control of fetoplacental vascular tone. Receptors for this family of peptides belong to the seven transmembrane G-protein-coupled receptors linked to the activation of adenylate cyclase. Their interaction with receptor activity modifying proteins (RAMPs) is essential for membrane trafficking and for conferring ligand specificity. In this monograph Bachem presents a selection of its products for CGRP research.

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Introduction

α-CGRP and β-CGRP, also known as CGRP I and II, respectively, belong to the calcitonin family of peptides comprising such members as calcitonin, amylin, and adrenomedullin. Recently, the cloning of intermedin-1 added an additional member to this family. At their N-terminus, these peptides have in common a characteristic disulfide loop structure, generally formed by six to seven amino acids.

The 37 amino acid peptides α -CGRP and β -CGRP are encoded by different genes on chromosome 11. α -CGRP mRNAs are derived from the calcitonin/CGRP gene by alternative tissue specific splicing of the primary RNA transcripts whereas B-CGRP is encoded by a separate gene with high homology to the calcitonin/CGRP gene. The amino acid sequences of CGRP peptides are well conserved among species. In humans α- and β-CGRP differ by 3 amino acids, in rat, by one amino acid. In their biological activities they are very similar.

Distribution of CGRP

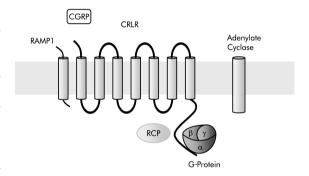
CGRP expression is widely distributed in the central and peripheral nervous system. In the brain, it is particularly concentrated in the hypothalamus and in certain nuclei of the brainstem. In the periphery, CGRP is mainly detected in sensory afferents projecting to the spinal cord, in motor neurons at the neuromuscular junctions and in nerve fibers associated with the vasculature. In capsaicin-sensitive sensory neurons CGRP co-localizes with substance P and other neuropeptides, in the motor endplate with acetylcholine.

Physiological Functions

On the basis of pharmacological studies several physiological functions of CGRP have been suggested. Due to its potent vasodilatory action and its ionotropic and chronotropic effects, CGRP is likely to play a role in cardiovascular homeostasis. Furthermore, it influences feeding and digestion since it has shown to decrease food intake, gastric secretion, and intestinal motility. Based on its ability to modulate substance P signaling, an additional function of CGRP in nociception has been proposed. Additionally, CGRP might also be important in processes such as control of fetoplacental vascular tone, regulation of calcium metabolism and insulin secretion, acetylcholine receptor synthesis, peripheral nerve regeneration, and neurogenic inflammation.

CGRP Receptors

CGRP receptors have been identified in several tissues, including brain, cardiovascular, endothelial, and smooth muscle tissue. Based on early pharmacological studies the existence of two classes, CGRP1 and CGRP2 receptors, has been described. According to this historical classification CGRP1 receptors are more sensitive to the antagonistic properties of α -CGRP (8-37) (H-9895, H-4924) whereas CGRP2 receptors are more responsive to the agonistic CGRP analogs, (Cys(Acm)^{2,7})- α -CGRP (human) (H-5766) and (Cys(Et)^{2,7})- α -CGRP (human) (H-5784). Recent studies have shown that the previously cloned G-protein-coupled orphan receptor named calcitonin receptor-like receptor (CRLR) can interact with members of a new family of three single-transmembrane domain receptor activity modifying proteins (RAMPs). Interaction with RAMP1 resulted in a CGRP receptor which is sensitive to α -CGRP (8-37) whereas binding to RAMP2 and RAMP3 led to receptors for adrenomedullin known as AM1 and AM2 receptors, respectively. The AM2 receptor showed considerable affinity for CGRP. Besides their essential role in regulating ligand specificity RAMPs are also required for membrane trafficking of CRLR. Recently, a receptor component protein (RCP) of the CRLR/RAMP1 complex was described. RCP is a intracellular protein which is highly conserved between species and might be required for G-protein-coupled signal transduction.



CGRP Receptor

CGRP binds to a receptor complex formed by the calcitonin receptor-like receptor (CRLR) and one of three single transmembrane receptor activity modifying proteins (RAMP1). RAMP1 is essential for membrane trafficking of CRLR and for regulation of ligand specificity. An intracellular receptor component protein (RCP) is required for coupling to the cellular signal transduction pathway.

Therapeutic Implications

Given the multitude of physiological and pathophysiological effects of CGRP, modulations of its properties represent potential therapeutic interventions in a variety of disease states including cardiovascular disorders and neurogenic inflammation. Clinical trials have indicated that the vasodilatory effect of CGRP might be beneficial in the treatment or prevention of Raynaud's disease, hypertension, angina pectoris and heart failure. Since CGRP is rapidly metabolized, longer acting CGRP agonists are needed for long term treatment. CGRP antagonists, for their part, might be useful in the treatment of migraine which involves the activation of the trigeminal system and CGRP-evoked dilatation of cranial vessels. The non-peptidic CGRP antagonist BIBN-4096BS (Boehringer Ingelheim) is presently under clinical investigation to assess the importance of CGRP in migraine headache.

Prospects

CGRP has proven to be a molecule which is involved in diverse physiological processes. Future research will contribute to a better understanding of its various properties, the heterogeneity of its receptors, and its physiological interactions with other molecules.

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α-CGRP (human) H-Ala-Cys-Asp-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH ₂ (Disulfide bond) CGRP-I (human) Trifluoroacetate salt	H-1470 Solubility: C ₁₆₃ H ₂₆₇ N		[2,3] et
([1251]-Tyr ⁰)-\alpha-CGRP (human)	H-5354		
$\label{eq:biotinyl-ala-CGRP (human)} Biotinyl-Ala-Cys-Asp-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH (Disulfide bond)$	H-5688 Solubility: C ₁₇₃ H ₂₈₁ N	1 mg/ml in water ₅₃ O ₅₁ S ₃ M _r : 4015.66	
(Cys(Acm) ^{2,7})-α-CGRP (human) H-Ala-Cys(Acm)-Asp-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys(Acm)-Val-Thr-His-Arg- Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn- Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-5766 Solubility: i C ₁₆₉ H ₂₇₉ N		
(Cys(Et) ^{2,7})-α-CGRP (human) H-Ala-Cys(Et)-Asp-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys(Et)-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	receptor ag vas defere high conce chronotrop CGRP1 rec Solubility:	α-CGRP is a potent and selective CGRI gonist. It had a high potency to inhibit the instructions (>1 μM) were required for inducing and inotropic effects in the prototypic ceptor guinea pig atrium in vitro bioassay. In TFA $_{51}O_{49}S_2$ M_r : 3847.48 [196413-73-7]	at as 19
Tyr-α-CGRP (human) H-Tyr-Ala-Cys-Asp-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH ₂ (Disulfide bond) Tyr-CGRP I (human)		2 mg/ml in water ₅₂ O ₅₁ S ₂ M _r : 3952. 54 [124756-98-5]	
$\alpha\text{-}\text{CGRP}$ (rat) H-Ser-Cys-Asn-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asp-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH $_2$ (Disulfide bond)	H-2265 Induces ele Solubility: C ₁₆₂ H ₂₆₂ N		[5,6]

([¹25]-Tyrº)-α-CGRP (rat)	H-4958	
Biotinyl-α-CGRP (rat) Biotinyl-Ser-Cys-Asn-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asp-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂ (Disulfide bond)	H-5684	Solubility: 1 mg/ml in 1 % acetic acid C ₁₇₂ H ₂₇₆ N ₅₂ O ₅₄ S ₃ M _r : 4032.60
$\alpha\text{-}\text{CGRP}$ (8-37) (human) H-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH $_2$	H-9895	CGRP and calcitonin cross-react with each other at the levels of their distinct receptors. α -CGRP (8-37) has been described as a selective antagonist for CGRP receptors but not for calcitonin receptors. This fragment thus appears to be a valuable tool for receptor characterization studies. Solubility: in water $C_{139}H_{230}N_{44}O_{38} \qquad M_r: 784.98 \qquad [119911-68-1]$
α-CGRP (8-37) (rat) H-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asp-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-4924	It has been demonstrated that this competitive CGRP1 receptor antagonist exhibited hypothermic and antinociceptive effects. This peptide antagonized the effects of amylin and amylin (1-8) on osteoblasts but was substantially less potent in this regard than amylin (8-37) (H-2746). Furthermore, it inhibited the evoked discharge frequency of wide dynamic range neurons in dorsal horn of the spinal cord in rats. Solubility: 1 mg/ml in water C ₁₃₈ H ₂₂₄ N ₄₂ O ₄₁ M ₄ : 3127.56 [129121-73-9]
	H-8890	Solubility: 10 mg/ml in water [16] $C_{88}H_{139}N_{25}O_{26}$ M_r : 1963.22 [145459-34-3]
$\alpha\text{-CGRP}$ (19-37) (human) H-Ser-Gly-Gly-Val-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH $_2$	H-8885	Solubility: 10 mg/ml in 20 % acetic acid [16] C ₈₆ H ₁₃₇ N ₂₅ O ₂₅ M _r : 1921.19 [101233-12-9]
$\alpha\text{-CGRP}$ (23-37) (human) H-Val-Lys-Asn-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH $_2$	H-8895	Solubility: 10 mg/ml in water [16] $C_{74}H_{117}N_{21}O_{20}$ M _r : 1620.87 [145459-33-2]
Tyr- α -CGRP (23-37) (rat) H-Tyr-Val-Lys-Asp-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH $_2$	H-2270	Solubility: 20 mg/ml in water [17] $C_{82}H_{120}N_{20}O_{25}$ M _r : 1785.97 [198277-54-2]
(Tyr ²⁷)-α-CGRP (27-37) (rat) H-Tyr-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-5504	Solubility: in water $C_{54}H_{79}N_{13}O_{17}$ M_r : 1182.30 [124501-79-7]
α -CGRP (29-37) (rat) H-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH $_2$	H-5746	Solubility: in water $C_{40}H_{61}N_{11}O_{14}$ M_r : 919.99 [219991-19-2]

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α -CGRP (30-37) (rat) H-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-5748	Solubility: in water $C_{35}H_{54}N_{10}O_{13}$	M _r : 822. 87	[13291 <i>7-</i> 49-8]	[18]
α-CGRP (31-37) (rat) H-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-5752	Solubility: in water $C_{31}H_{47}N_9O_{11}$	M _r : 721.77	[110953-70-3]	[18]
α- CGRP (32-37) (rat) H-Val-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-5742	This hexapeptide is a tion. In contrast to α lar cyclic AMP, but d pig pancreatic acir amylase secretion v antagonist L364,718 Solubility: in water $C_{27}H_{41}N_7O_9$	-CGRP (rat) it die id stimulate outfle ni. α-CGRP (32 vas inhibited by	d not increase cellu- ux of ⁴⁵ Ca in guinea -37) (rat)-stimulated	
α -CGRP (33-37) (rat) H-Gly-Ser-Glu-Ala-Phe-NH ₂	H-5744	Solubility: in water $C_{22}H_{32}N_6O_8$	M _r : 508.54	[132917-50-1]	[18]
β -CGRP (human) H-Ala-Cys-Asn-Thr-Ala-Thr-Cys-Val-Thr-His-Arg-Leu-Ala-Gly-Leu-Leu-Ser-Arg-Ser-Gly-Gly-Met-Val-Lys-Ser-Asn-Phe-Val-Pro-Thr-Asn-Val-Gly-Ser-Lys-Ala-Phe-NH ₂ (Disulfide bond) CGRP-II (human)	H-6730	Solubility: 1 mg/ml i $C_{162}H_{267}N_{51}O_{48}S_3$		[101462-82-2]	[19,20]

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α-CGRP (rat) - RIA Kit, Host: Rabbit	S-2019
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