

Synthesis and in vitro leishmanicidal effects of conformationally restricted analogues of pentamidine

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Abstract

Four conformationally restricted analogues of pentamidine were prepared. Then, different concentrations (0.029, 0.078, 0.106, 0.312 and 0.620 mg/mL) of each compound and two positive controls (amphotericin B and pentamidine, 0.620 mg/mL), one negative control (culture medium) and one solvent control (DMSO) were prepared and placed in 24-well plates containing 0.000 parasite per well. Promastigotes of Leishmania major were incubated over a period of 7 days at 20°C; subsequently, percent of viable parasite in each well determined spectrophotometrically using MTT assay. The average BC₅₀ for compounds 1a,b and 2a,b in DMSO was 0.098, 0.110, 0.100, 0.220 mg/mL, respectively. The average BC₅₀ for positive controls pentamidine and amphotericin B was found to be 0.062 and 0.026 mg/mL. The control solvent had no significant effect on L. major promastigotes. All compounds had significant effect compared to DMSO and were less potent than positive controls. Copyright © 2009 by School of Pharmacy Shaheed Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Health Services.

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