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## Design, synthesis, and biological activity of piperidine diamine derivatives as factor Xa inhibitor

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Abstract—Previously, we identified cyclohexane diamine derivative 1 as orally bioavailable factor Xa inhibitor. We have investigated two racemic *cis*-piperidine diamine derivatives 2 and 3 based on 1. Compounds 2a-e showed higher fXa inhibitory activity, anticoagulant activity, and aqueous solubility than 3a-e having same substituent. Compounds 2a, 2c, 2e, and 2g-m having sp2 nitrogen, especially amide and urea derivatives, showed potent anticoagulant activity. Compounds 2h and 2k showed high oral activities in rats.

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Thrombosis-related diseases, such as myocardial infarction, deep vein thrombosis, and unstable angina, are major causes of mortality in the industrialized world. Current therapies, using heparin and warfarin, are based on indirect inhibition of thrombin, the terminal enzyme in the coagulation cascade. These therapies are limited by side effect, mode of administration, careful monitoring of drug level, slow onset of action, and excessive bleeding.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, safer and more effective orally administered anticoagulant agents to combat these diseases are required in clinical treatment.

Factor Xa (fXa) is a serine protease that is situated in convergence of the intrinsic and the extrinsic coagulation pathways. This enzyme plays an important role in the conversion of prothrombin to thrombin, which is a highly amplified process.<sup>2</sup> It is thought that the inhibition of fXa may be more effective and involve a lower risk of abnormal bleeding.<sup>3</sup>

DX-9065a is a potent fXa inhibitor and exerts antithrombotic effects in animal models.<sup>4</sup> But DX-9065a is

not sufficiently absorbed in oral administration.<sup>5</sup> This insufficient absorption is due to its strongly basic amidine groups,<sup>6</sup> so it is only used as an injectable formulation in clinical studies. Therefore, non-amidine type fXa inhibitors were continuously studied by us<sup>7,8</sup> and other groups.9 Recently cyclicdiamine derivatives were reported by our group<sup>8</sup> and Qiao et al.<sup>9a,b</sup> We reported that the (-)-(1R,2S)-cyclohexanediamine derivative 1 showed selective fXa inhibition activity (Fig. 1).8 Its in vivo activity and anticoagulant activity were inadequate, we thought that its weak in vivo activity was due to its low solubility in neutral water and the replacement of lipophilic cyclohexane into piperidine would increase the solubility. Then we designed two types of cis-piperidine diamine derivatives 2 and 3, and their various N-substituted derivatives were synthesized as cis racemic compounds.

Piperidine diamine derivatives were prepared from common intermediate **9**. The synthesis of intermediates is shown in Scheme 1. Commercially available tetrahydropyridine (**4**) was protected with Boc group. Compound **5** was oxidized with  $OsO_4$  to give diol **6**. Diol **6** was transformed to diamine **9** via mesylate **7** and azide **8**. To introduce 5-chloroindole as S1 ligand and 5-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothiazolo[5,4-*c*]pyridine as S4 ligand into diamine **9**, nitrophenol esters **11** and **13** were prepared from each corresponding carboxylic acid.<sup>7b,10</sup>

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Figure 1. Structure of cyclohexane derivative 1 and cis-piperidine diamine derivatives 2 and 3.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of intermediates 9, 11, and 13. Reagents and conditions: (a)  $Boc_2O$ ,  $10\% Na_2CO_3$  aqueous rt 92%; (b)  $OsO_4$ , NMO, MeCN-H<sub>2</sub>O rt 70%; (c) MsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> rt 94%; (d) NaN<sub>3</sub>, DMF rt 74%; (e) H<sub>2</sub>, Pd(C), MeOH rt 89%; (f) 1—SOCl<sub>2</sub>, cat. DMF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 2—nitrophenol, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 50–93%.

Diamine 9 was acylated by using nitrophenol ester 11 or 13 under basic condition to get mono acylated piperidine diamines 14 and 17 as main product, respectively.<sup>11</sup> Piperidine diamine derivatives 2 and 3 were prepared as shown in Scheme 2. Compounds 14 and 17 were condensed with 10 or 12 to obtain *N*-Boc piperidine derivatives 2a and 3a. *N*-Boc piperidine derivatives 2a and 3a were treated with hydrochloric acid to give NH piperidine derivatives 2b and 3b, respectively. *N*-acyl, *N*-sulfonyl, and *N*-carboxyl piperidines (2c-f, 2h-k, 3c-e) were obtained by treating 2b or 3b with acid chlorides. The hydrolysis of 2f gave alcohol derivative 2g. Urea derivatives 2k-m were obtained by treating with dimethyl amino chloroformate or corresponding isocyanates. Also 2b was *N*-alkylated with alkyl bromide in basic condition to give **2n** and **2o**, and the hydrolysis of **2o** gave acid derivative **2p**.

In Table 1, in vitro anti-fXa, anticoagulant activity, aqueous solubility of compounds 1, 2a–e, and 3a–e are summarized. Except 2a and 3a, these compounds showed higher solubility in the aqueous neutral solution (JP2: Japanese Pharmacopoeia Second fluid, pH 6.8) than 1. In general compounds 2a–e showed higher anti-fXa and anticoagulant activities than 3a–e for similar piperidyl substituents. Furthermore, compounds 2b–e showed higher aqueous solubility. Particularly, 2c showed exceedingly potent anticoagulant activity more than six times the activity of 1. Additional analogs of compounds that represent structure 2 were also evaluated (Table 2).

Compounds 2g-p showed higher aqueous solubility than 1. Carbamate (2a, 2e), amide (2c, 2g-j), and urea (2k-m) derivatives showed much higher anti-fXa activity than 1, especially amide (2c, 2g-j), urea (2k-m) derivatives showed high anti-fXa activity with clotting activity (<1.1  $\mu$ M). Unsubstituted piperidyl analog (2b), sulfonyl amine (2d), and alkyl analogs (2n-p) were comparatively weaker. A possible explanation for the high affinity could be attributable to the sp<sup>2</sup> hybridization of the piperidyl nitrogen.

 $T_{1/2}$  in human liver microsome and intrinsic clearance (CLint) were also evaluated for active compounds (Table 3).<sup>15,16</sup> Carbamate derivatives **2a** and **2e** were very unstable. Many other compounds showed moderate stability at the same level as compound **1**, but, **2g** and **2h** were clearly shown to be much superior to **1**.

The oral activities of 2g, 2h, 2k, and 2l were examined after the administration to rats at a dose of 10 mg/kg (Table 4). Compounds 2h and 2k displayed potent anti-fXa activities in plasma, on the other hand, 2g and 2l containing hydrogen donating groups showed low anti-fXa activities in plasma.

Compound **2h** showed oral activity in rat, and the notable improvements of anti-fXa activity, anticoagulant



Scheme 2. Synthesis of *cis*-piperidine diamine derivatives 2 and 3. Reagents and conditions: (a) 11, NMM, DMF rt; (b) 13, NMM, DMF rt; (c) 12, WSCI, HOBt, NMM, DMF rt 66%; (d) HCl, EtOH rt 98–99%; (e) R-Cl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; (f) RNCO, TEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 65–82%; (g) R-Br, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF 38–67%; (h) LiOH, THF, H<sub>2</sub>O rt 89%; (i) NaOH, THF, H<sub>2</sub>O rt 65%; (j) 10, WSCD, HOBt, NMM, DMF rt 87%.

Table 1. In vitro fXa inhibitory activity (IC<sub>50</sub>), anticoagulant activity (PTCT2), and aqueous solubility of 1, 2a-e, and 3a-e



Compound	Х	Y	In vitro		Solubility JP2 <sup>c</sup> (µg/ml)
			$IC_{50}^{a}$ (nM)	PTCT2 <sup>b</sup> (µM)	
1	CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	41	4.4	17
(-)-1	$CH_2$	$CH_2$	16	2.9	16
2a	N-CO <sub>2</sub> t-Bu	$CH_2$	10	3.5	3.0
3a	$CH_2$	N-CO <sub>2</sub> t-Bu	130	6.2	<1
2b	NH	$CH_2$	62	1.3	996
3b	$CH_2$	NH	530	>20	830
2c	NCOCH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2$	8.6	0.67	421
3c	CH <sub>2</sub>	NCOCH <sub>3</sub>	48	5.8	290
2d	NSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2$	28	2.5	103
3d	CH <sub>2</sub>	NSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	45	8.0	70
2e	NCO <sub>2</sub> Et	CH <sub>2</sub>	4.5	1.4	43
3e	CH <sub>2</sub>	NCO <sub>2</sub> Et	110	11	37

Except for (-)-1, these are racemic compounds.

<sup>a</sup> The method of measuring anti-fXa activity was described in Ref. 12.

<sup>b</sup> Anti-coagulant activity was evaluated with the human plasma clotting time doubling concentration (PTCT2). The measurement of PTCT2 was conducted according to Ref. 8.

<sup>c</sup> Aqueous neutral solution, JP2 (pH 6.8), was prepared as described in Ref. 13. The method of measuring solubility was described in Ref. 14.

Table 2. In vitro fXa inhibitory activity (IC $_{50}$ ) and anticoagulant activity (PTCT2) of 2g-p



Compound	R	IC <sub>50</sub> fXa <sup>a</sup> (nM)	PTCT2 <sup>b</sup> (µM)	Solubility JP2 <sup>c</sup> (µg/ml)
2g	COCH <sub>2</sub> OH	9.3	0.9	410
2h	COCH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	5.8	0.78	510
2i	COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	9.0	0.78	160
2j	COCH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	5.6	1.1	66
2k	CONMe <sub>2</sub>	8.4	0.79	56
21	CONHEt	7.8	0.80	220
2m	CONH t-Bu	4.8	0.78	39
2n	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	47	3.8	130
20	CH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	56	2.1	28
2p	$CH_2CO_2H$	26	1.8	723

<sup>a</sup> The method of measuring anti-fXa activity was described in Ref. 12.
<sup>b</sup> Anti-coagulant activity was evaluated with the human plasma clotting time doubling concentration (PTCT2). The measurement of PTCT2 was conducted according to Ref. 8.

<sup>c</sup> Aqueous neutral solution, JP2 (pH 6.8), was prepared as described in Ref. 13. The method of measuring solubility was described in Ref. 14.

**Table 3.**  $T_{1/2}$  in human liver microsome and calculated intrinsic clearance (CLint)



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	Compound	Х	Y	$T_{1/2}^{a}$ (min)	Cl <sub>int,h</sub> <sup>a</sup> (ml/min/kg)
	1	CH <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2$	7.70	81.0
	(-)-1	CH <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2$	6.42	97.2
	2a	NCO <sub>2</sub> t-Bu	$CH_2$	4.44	140.4
	2c	NCOCH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2$	6.54	95.4
	2e	NCO <sub>2</sub> Et	$CH_2$	4.53	137.7
	2g	NCOCH <sub>2</sub> OH	$CH_2$	15.1	41.4
	2h	NCOCH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2$	13.6	45.9
	2i	NCOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	$CH_2$	6.08	102.6
	2j	NCOCH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2$	6.36	98.1
	2k	NCONMe <sub>2</sub>	$CH_2$	6.73	92.7
	21	NCONHEt	$CH_2$	7.22	86.4
	2m	NCONH t-Bu	$CH_2$	6.24	99.9

Except for (-)-1, these are racemic compounds.

In vitro metabolic stability was measured in human liver microsome according to Ref. 15.

Substrate concentration,  $1 \mu M$ ; human liver microsomes, 1 mg of protein/ml.

<sup>a</sup>  $T_{1/2}$  and Cl<sub>int,h</sub> were estimated from the remaining ratio (X%) of the substrate as described in Ref. 16.

activity, and metabolic stability were confirmed. Therefore, the pharmacokinetic properties of compound **2h** were evaluated using monkeys (n = 3, po 1.0 mg/kg) (Table 5).<sup>18</sup> Although **2h** showed higher AUC and  $C_{\text{max}}$ 

Table 4. Ex vivo anti-fXa activity on oral administration to rats (10 mg/kg)

Compound	Anti-fXa activity (%)			
	0.5 h	1 h	2 h	4 h
2 g	$0.76 \pm 1.5$	$-2.0\pm1.3$	$-2.5\pm1.8$	$-7.3\pm2.0$
2h	$68.0 \pm 2.6$	$50.0 \pm 2.6$	$38.0 \pm 4.2$	$16.0 \pm 2.2$
2k	$80.2 \pm 1.3$	$78.6 \pm 0.9$	$73.7 \pm 0.3$	$68.1 \pm 0.7$
21	$16.7 \pm 4.9$	$11.4 \pm 2.8$	$5.3 \pm 2.6$	$4.3 \pm 2.7$

The methods for measuring the ex vivo anti-fXa activities were described in Ref. 17. Values are expressed as means  $\pm$  SE from three rats.

Table 5. Monkey pharmacokinetic profiles (1.0 mg/kg po)

Compound	AUC <sub>0-24 h</sub> (ng h/ml)	$C_{\max}$ (ng/ml)	$T_{\rm max}$ (h)
(-)-1 <sup>a</sup>	56.6	23.3	2.0
2h <sup>b</sup>	83.6	36.4	1.2

Hydrogen chloride salts were used. The method of measuring concentration was described in Ref. 18.

<sup>a</sup> The data of compound (-)-1 were calculated by normalizing the data at a dose of 3.0 mg/kg as single dose.

<sup>b</sup> Compound **2h** was co-administered with other compounds.

value than (-)-1, the exposure level was insufficient. We thought that further improvement of metabolic stability would be needed to raise the inhibitor exposure in oral administration.

In summary, two types of racemic *cis*-piperidine diamine derivatives 2 and 3 were shown to possess potent antifXa activity and good solubility. Also, compounds 2a-e showed higher anti-fXa and clotting activity, solubility when compared to compounds 1 and 3. In general, carbamate, amide, and urea derivatives showed higher anti-fXa activities than 1. Moreover, amide and urea derivatives showed potent anticoagulant activities at less than 1  $\mu$ M, even though these compounds were racemic. In addition, methoxyacetyl derivative 2h and dimethylurea derivative 2k showed oral activity in rats (ex vivo), and 2h showed higher metabolic stability than 1. On the basis of these results, the *cis*-piperidine derivative was considered a promising lead compound for exploration as a fXa inhibitor. Further efforts will be reported in separate publications.

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- 13. The Japanese Pharmacopoeia Second fluid was prepared as follows. 0.2 mol/L sodium hydroxide solution (118 mL) was added to dihydrogenphosphonate potassium (6.80 g). To the mixture, water was added to make colorless clear liquid (1000 mL). The pH of this liquid was confirmed to be 6.70–6.90. Before use, the liquid was filtered by membrane filter.
- 14. The solubilities were determined by HPLC analysis. Ten millimolar of compound solution in DMSO (50  $\mu$ l) was freeze-dried. To the residue the Japanese Pharmacopoeia Second fluid (250  $\mu$ l, pH 6.8) was added, and the mixture was stirred by pipette operation. The mixture was stored under shade for 12 h. After filtration of the mixture, the filtrate was diluted by 20 times by adding aqueous DMSO solution (1:1 (v/v)) to obtain measurement sample solution. Five micromolar of compound solution in aqueous DMSO solution (1:1 (v/v)) and 100  $\mu$ mol compound

solution in aqueous DMSO solution (1:1 (v/v)) were prepared to make calibration curve. The measurement sample solution, 5 µmol solution, and 100 µmol solution were assayed using HPLC methodologies (Analytical Column: X Terra? MSC18 3.5 µm,  $3.0 \times 30$  mm, Waters; Mobile Phase: 10 mM ammonium acetate buffer (pH 4.5)/ 0.05% acetic acid in acetonitrile = 95:5–10:90 v/v; Wavelength: PDA 220–420 nm). The solubilities were analyzed using Millenium software program (Waters).

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