



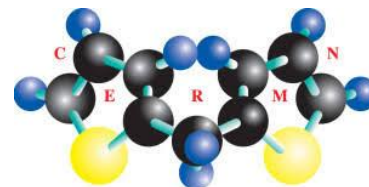
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QR2 (putative MT3) Inhibitors in the Treatment of Glaucoma: Achievements and Prospects

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Glaucoma is a neurodegenerative eye disease responsible for 15% of blindness worldwide. One of the crucial factors of this disease is the increased intraocular pressure (IOP). All available anti-glaucoma medications act only as IOP lowering agents. However, we have discovered that 2-oxindoles, being the ligands of the quinone reductase II (QR2, putative melatonin MT3 receptor), not only significantly reduce IOP, but also possess antioxidant neuroprotective properties^(a-c). We have developed effective synthetic method for the preparation of oxindole-based melatonin bioisosteres^(e-d). More than 75 new compounds were tested in vivo on normotensive rabbits. A group of compounds with high IOP reducing effect (>40%) at low concentrations (0.1 wt%) and prolonged action (up to 28 h) was identified^(a). The obtained lead compounds are even less toxic than melatonin (LD₅₀ = 2400 mg/kg and 800 mg/kg, respectively)^(a). All tested compounds have great antioxidant properties – 100 times higher than melatonin. These results allow us to state that we are on the way to developing a new generation anti-glaucoma drug.

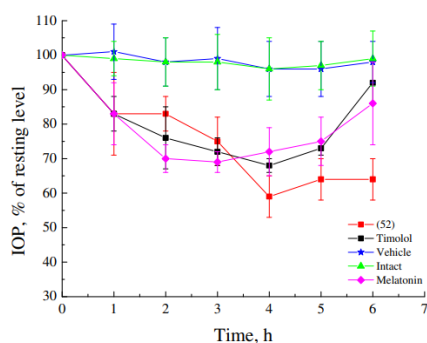


Fig. 1. Time-dependent study for (5-acetamido-2-oxindole-3-yl)acetic acid (52) (a)

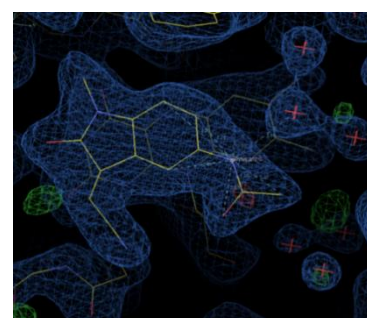
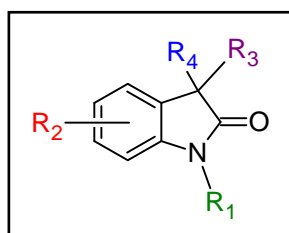


Fig. 2. X-ray crystal structures of (5-acetamido-2-oxindole-3-yl)acetonitrile in complex with QR2 (PDB ID: 4GQJ, 4GR9) (a)

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