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N-DECYLTROPINE (IEM-1556) AS THE FIRST ANALGESIC WITH COMBINED PERIPHERAL VAGUS-STIMULATING AND NICOTINIC CENTRAL BLOCKING EFFECT

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The N-decyltropine chloride synthesized by us (IEM-1556), which was previously shown to be an selective blocker of nicotinic cholinergic receptors of parasympathetic ganglia, also revealed the properties of a strong analgesic, which cannot be explained only by its central anticholinergic action in the view of lack of significant analgesic activity in a reference such as central nicotinic receptor antagonist, mecamlamine. Earlier, we obtained data in favor of the participation of adenosine and vagal afferents in the development of the analgesic effect of IEM-1556. The essence of the proposed hypothesis is the ability of IEM-1556 to release endogenous adenosine, stimulating subdiaphragmal vagal afferents as a key link in the mechanism of analgesic action of the drug. In our recent paper, we presented experimental data in favor of this hypothesis. As the reference drug, adenosine was used which had the highest analgesic activity in the tail-flick test in rats associated with stimulation of the vagal afferents of the gastric mucosa. Adenosine in a dose of 22-30 mg/kg and IEM-1556 (N-decyltropin chloride) in a dose of 1-3 mg/kg after intramuscular and intragastric administration cause maximal analgesic effect in the tail-flick test and formalin test in 80-100 % of the rats. Dipyridamole inhibiting reuptake of adenosine, in 9-12 times reduces ED50 of adenosine and IEM-1556, and antagonist of adenosine receptors of 1, 3-dipropyl-8-phenylxanthine (DPX) in 3.8-4.5 times increases ED50 of adenosine and IEM-1556 in both tests. The obtained results evidences in favor of participation of endogenous adenosine in the mechanism of the analgesic action IEM-1556. Preliminary anesthesia of the gastric mucosa with 1% lidocaine and subdiaphragmatic gastric vagotomy almost equally in 3.7-4.4 fold increase ED50 IEM-1556 and adenosine in both tests, indicating the involvement of vagal afferents in the gastric mucosa in the development of analgesic action both IEM-1556, and adenosine. The coincidence of the mechanisms of the vagus-stimulating and analgesic action of exogenous adenosine and IEM-1556 demonstrates that IEM-1556 as a probable liberator of endogenous adenosine after system and oral administration in a low dose of 1-3 mg/kg causes development of analgesia as a result of stimulation of adenosine-sensitive vagal afferents in gastric mucosa. In higher doses the analgesic effect of IEM-1556 (which isn't eliminated by DPX, vagotomy and lidocaine) is presumably explained by additional blockade of cholinergic nicotinic receptors in the CNS. IEM-1556, which includes the central nicotinic blocking and peripheral vagus-stimulating components, is the first exemplar of a new class of double-acting analgesics, potentially effective in the treatment of inflammatory, postoperative and neuropathic pain

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