

Mode of activation of bovine brain inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate 3-kinase by calmodulin and calcium

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The effect of Ca^{2+} and calmodulin (CaM) on the activation of purified bovine brain $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase was quantified and interpreted according to the model of sequential equilibria generally used for other calmodulin-stimulated systems. Two main conclusions can be drawn. (i) $\text{CaM}\cdot\text{Ca}_3$ and $\text{CaM}\cdot\text{Ca}_4$ together are the biologically active species *in vitro*, as is the case for the great majority of other calmodulin targets. (ii) These species bind in a non-co-operative way to the enzyme with an affinity constant of $8.23 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}$, i.e. approx 10-fold higher than for most calmodulin-activated target enzymes. The dose-response curve of the activation of $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase by calmodulin is not significantly impaired by melittin and trifluoperazine, whereas under very similar assay conditions the half-maximal activation of bovine brain cyclic AMP phosphodiesterase requires over 30–50-fold higher concentrations of CaM when $1 \mu\text{M}$ melittin or $20 \mu\text{M}$ trifluoperazine is present in the assay medium. Similarly, $1 \mu\text{M}$ of the anti-calmodulin peptides seminalplasmin and gramicidin S, as well as $20 \mu\text{M}$ of *N*-(6-aminohexyl)-5-chloro-1-naphthalenesulphonamide (W7), do not inhibit the activation process. These data suggest that binding and activation of $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase require surface sites of calmodulin which are different from those involved in the binding of most other target enzymes or of model peptides.

INTRODUCTION

D-myo-Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate [$\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$], generated by receptor-regulated hydrolysis of phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate, is a second messenger for the mobilization of Ca^{2+} from intracellular stores (Berridge & Irvine, 1984). It can be inactivated by dephosphorylation to *D*-myo-inositol 1,4-bisphosphate (Storey *et al.*, 1984) or by phosphorylation to $\text{Ins}(1,3,4,5)\text{P}_4$ (Irvine *et al.*, 1986). $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase, the enzyme involved in the latter conversion, is predominantly soluble and displays a high specificity and affinity for its substrates, $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ and ATP. Biden & Wollheim (1986) have reported that the enzyme from RINm5F insulinoma cells is regulated by micromolar concentrations of Ca^{2+} . Subsequently it was established that $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase originating from these cells (Biden *et al.*, 1987), from aortic smooth muscle (Yamaguchi *et al.*, 1987), from macrophages (Kimura *et al.*, 1987), from bovine brain (Ryu *et al.*, 1987), and the membrane-bound form of the enzyme from turkey erythrocytes (Morris *et al.*, 1987) are activated 3–5-fold by Ca^{2+} -CaM. More recently a method based on the Ca^{2+} -dependent and reversible interaction of $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase with CaM-agarose was developed (Johanson *et al.*, 1988) for the purification of the enzyme from rat brain. This purified enzyme was, however, poorly activated by CaM (1.5–2-fold), as were also the enzymes in the crude extracts of rat and bovine brain (Takazawa *et al.*, 1988). Our recent attempts to purify $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase from bovine brain yielded preparations which are activated up to 25-fold by Ca^{2+} -CaM (M. Comte, G. Li, C. B. Wollheim & J. A. Cox, unpublished work).

The purpose of the present work was to provide a quantitative description of the activation of $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$

kinase by CaM and Ca^{2+} according to a model that has been used for many other target enzymes of CaM (for review, see Cox, 1984). This study includes the comparison of the activation parameters of different Ca^{2+} -CaM targets in order to evaluate the physiological relevance of this particular regulatory pathway. We also have evaluated the inhibitory potential of the well-known CaM antagonists melittin (Comte *et al.*, 1983), seminalplasmin (Comte *et al.*, 1983), trifluoperazine (Levin & Weiss, 1976) and *N*-(6-aminohexyl)-5-chloro-1-naphthalenesulphonamide (W7) (Hidaka & Tanaka, 1983) in the activation of $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase.

EXPERIMENTAL

$\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase was partially (12000–60000-fold) purified from bovine brain to a specific activity of 2–10 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{min}$ per mg of protein by the following steps: anion and cation exchange, chromatography on phosphocellulose P11 with phytic acid gradient eluent, and on Affi-Blue Gel with salt-gradient elution, and affinity chromatography on MINI LEAK (from Bio-Carb AB, Lund, Sweden) immobilized CaM (M. Comte, G. Li, C. B. Wollheim & J. A. Cox, unpublished work). Bovine brain calmodulin was purified as described by Gopalakrishna & Anderson (1982) and bovine brain cyclic AMP phosphodiesterase as described previously (Cox *et al.*, 1981). Bee venom melittin, bull seminalplasmin and gramicidin S were purified as described by Maulet & Cox (1983), Comte *et al.* (1986) and Cox *et al.* (1987) respectively. The trifluoperazine and W7 (both from Sigma Chemical Co., St Louis, MO, U.S.A.) stock solutions were in water. The $\text{Ins}(1,4,5)\text{P}_3$ kinase assays were carried out as previously described (Biden &

Abbreviations used: CaM, calmodulin; W7, *N*-(6-aminohexyl)-5-chloro-1-naphthalenesulphonamide.

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Wollheim, 1986). The incubation mixtures contained 10 mM-Hepes, pH 7.0, 110 mM-KCl, 10 mM-NaCl, 7 mM-MgSO₄, 5 mM-ATP, 5 mM-cysteine, 5 mM-EGTA, 0.5 μM-Ins(1,4,5)P₃, 0.1 μCi of [2-³H]Ins(1,4,5)P₃/ml, 0.1 mg of bovine serum albumin/ml and 3 mM-2,3-bisphosphoglycerate in order to inhibit maximally the inositol-phosphate phosphatases (Berridge *et al.*, 1983). Free Ca²⁺ concentrations were determined in 5 mM-EGTA-buffered media with a Ca²⁺-specific electrode (Prentki *et al.*, 1983). Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄ was separated by anion exchange on Dowex 1-X8 columns (Berridge *et al.*, 1983). The distribution of the CaM·Ca_n species as a function of free [Ca²⁺] was calculated as previously described (Cox *et al.*, 1981), by using the following stoichiometric Ca²⁺-binding constants: K₁ = 1.16 × 10⁵ M⁻¹, K₂ = 2.65 × 10⁵ M⁻¹, K₃ = 8.33 × 10⁴ M⁻¹ and K₄ = 1.91 × 10⁴ M⁻¹ (Burger *et al.*, 1984). The cyclic AMP phosphodiesterase assay was carried out at 30 °C as described by Boudreau & Drummond (1975). For both Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase and cyclic AMP phosphodiesterase, the inhibition experiments with the CaM antagonists were carried out as described previously (Comte *et al.*, 1983). The Scatchard analysis, which was chosen to quantify the enzyme-activation data, consists in a linearization of the CaM-dependent activation according to the following equation:

$$(\text{Act}_{.i} - \text{Act}_{.basal}) / [\text{CaM}_{\text{total}}]_i = K_a (\text{Act}_{.max} - \text{Act}_{.basal}) - K_a (\text{Act}_{.i} - \text{Act}_{.basal})$$

where Act_{.basal}, Act_{.i} and Act_{.max} are the enzyme activities in the absence (basal) and presence of sub-saturating (i)

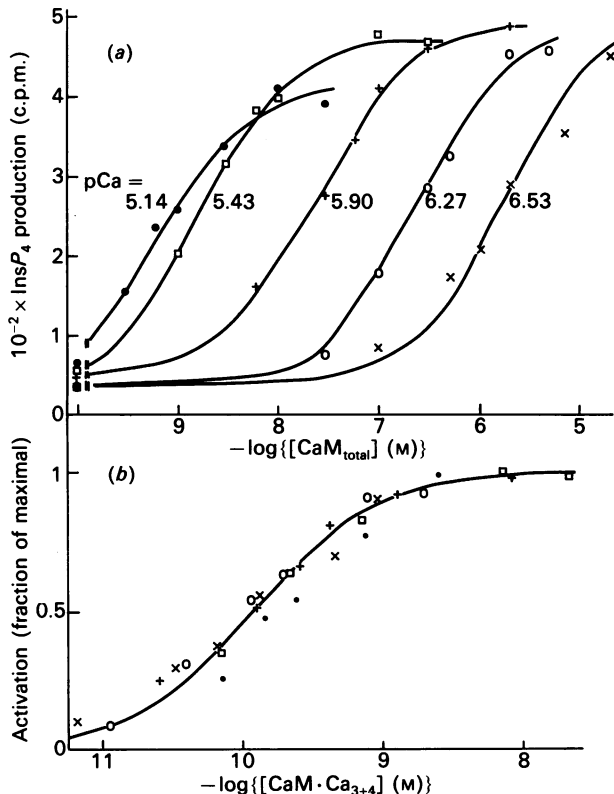


Fig. 1. Activation of Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase as a function of the total CaM concentration at five selected concentrations of free Ca²⁺ (a) and as a function of CaM·Ca_{n≥3} (b)

The continuous lines in (a) are the activation curves calculated by using the K_m and V_{max} obtained after linearization of the experimental data.

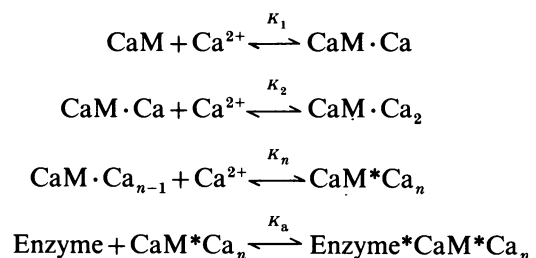
or saturating (max.) concentrations of CaM, and K_a is the association constant of CaM for Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase. Under the experimental conditions described above, at most 30% of Ins(1,4,5)P₃ was converted and the enzyme activities are linearly related to the production of [2-³H]Ins(1,3,4,5)P₄.

RESULTS

A prerequisite for a quantitative analysis of the activation of the enzyme by Ca²⁺ and CaM is that CaM does not significantly change the Michaelis constant of the enzyme for Ins(1,4,5)P₃ (Cox *et al.*, 1982). The K_m for ATP is 192 μM (mean of two determinations) in the presence of 10 μM-CaM and 10 μM-Ca²⁺. The K_m of the enzyme for Ins(1,4,5)P₃ is 0.52 ± 0.08 μM (n = 3) in the presence of 5 mM-EGTA, 0.51 ± 0.02 (n = 3) in the presence of 10 μM-Ca²⁺ and 0.50 ± 0.04 (n = 3) in the presence of 10 μM-Ca²⁺ + 10 μM-CaM (Fig. 1). CaM increases V_{max} by a factor of 4–25, depending on the enzyme preparation. Johanson *et al.* (1988) reported that CaM causes a 2-fold increase in both the K_m and V_{max} for Ins(1,4,5)P₃ in their preparation. The discrepancy may result from the different purification procedures or from differences

between the enzyme from rat and bovine brain. Ca²⁺ alone does not modify significantly the kinetic parameters of Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase up to 30 μM free cation (results not shown). This is at variance with the strong inhibitory effect of Ca²⁺ at concentrations above 2 μM described for the bovine brain enzyme by Ryu *et al.* (1987).

The quantitative analysis of the activation of Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase by CaM + Ca²⁺ is based on the following detailed reaction mechanism:



where K₁, K₂ and K_n are the respective stoichiometric binding constants of Ca²⁺ for CaM, CaM·Ca_n is the species that is capable of activating the enzyme and K_a is the association constant of the activating CaM species with Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase. In order to define the parameters K_a and n, the CaM-dependence of Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase was studied at five selected concentrations of free Ca²⁺ from 0.3 to 7 μM (Fig. 1a). A Scatchard analysis of each of the activation curves (Table 1) indicates that, except for the experiment at the highest free Ca²⁺ concentration, the same maximal activation is obtained, but that higher concentrations of CaM are required to induce half-maximal activation at lower concentrations of free Ca²⁺. As with most CaM-dependent enzymes (Cox, 1984), the activation of Ins(1,4,5)P₃ kinase by CaM does not show positive or negative co-operativity. At half-maximal activation the concentration of the activating CaM

Table 1. Activation parameters of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by CaM as obtained by Scatchard analysis of the data of Fig. 1(a) and concentrations of the CaM·Ca $_{3+4}$ species at half-maximal activation

Free [Ca $^{2+}$] (μM)	Maximal activity* (c.p.m.)	Apparent K_d † (nM)	[CaM·Ca $_{3+4}$] (nM)
2.97×10^{-7}	450	1670	0.109
5.42×10^{-7}	460	264	0.102
1.25×10^{-6}	450	28.7	0.123
3.73×10^{-6}	415	1.80	0.129
7.24×10^{-6}	352	0.79	0.155

* Scatchard analyses were performed after subtraction of the basal activities (activity in the absence of CaM).

† $K_d = 1/K_a$; K_a is defined in the text.

species is constant ($K_a = 1/[\text{CaM} \cdot \text{Ca}_n]$) [the accuracy of our analysis rests on the assumption that the free and total concentrations of CaM in the assay are not significantly different; this assumption is very likely, given the high degree of purification of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase and the fact that in the assay its concentration does not exceed 10^{-11} M, as calculated on the basis of the specific activity reported by Johanson *et al.* (1988)] and the same in the five activation curves of Fig. 1(a). Table 1 shows that this requirement is met provided that $n \geq 3$, suggesting that CaM·Ca $_3$ and CaM·Ca $_4$ are the biologically activating species. This is fully confirmed

when activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase was plotted as a function of the sum of concentrations of CaM·Ca $_3$ and CaM·Ca $_4$ (Fig. 1b): one single non-co-operative isotherm is generated, with a K_a of $8.23 (\pm 0.17) \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}$ (four independent experiments on different enzyme preparations).

The effect of the two well-known CaM antagonists melittin and trifluoperazine on the activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by CaM at $1.47 \mu\text{M}$ free Ca $^{2+}$ is shown in Fig. 2. A Scatchard analysis of the three activation curves yielded apparent K_d values of 31 (control), 28 (+ melittin) and 29 nM (+ trifluoperazine) respectively. None of the CaM antagonists affects the basal activity, whereas only trifluoperazine has a small inhibitory effect on the maximal activation of the enzyme. Under very similar assay conditions, the CaM dose-response curves of phosphodiesterase are shifted to 33- and 50-fold higher CaM concentrations in the presence of melittin and trifluoperazine respectively (results not shown). Clearly these two classical CaM antagonists act very differently on the two CaM-regulated enzymes studied here. Table 2 further shows that other CaM antagonists such as seminalplasmin (Comte *et al.*, 1986), gramicidin S (Cox *et al.*, 1987) and W7 (Hidaka & Tanaka, 1983) have little or no effect on the activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by CaM, even in the sensitive part of the activation curve. It should be noted that very high concentrations of trifluoperazine (100 μM) inhibit the CaM activation, but not the basal activity of the enzyme (results not shown); it is, however, not clear whether they affect the apparent K_d or the extent of maximal activation.

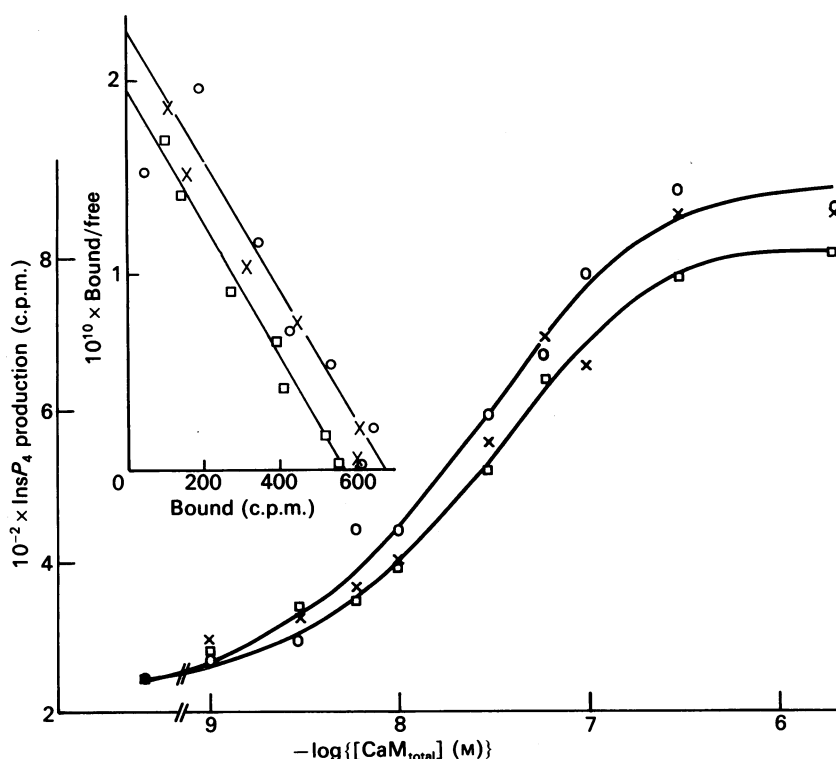


Fig. 2. Activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by CaM at $1.47 \mu\text{M}$ free Ca $^{2+}$ in the absence (○) and in the presence of either $1 \mu\text{M}$ -melittin (×) or $20 \mu\text{M}$ -trifluoperazine (□)

The inset represents the Scatchard plot of the same data (some of the points at the two lowest CaM concentrations have not been included).

Table 2. Influence of CaM antagonists on the activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by 0.1 μ M-CaM at 1.47 μ M free Ca^{2+}

Values are means \pm S.E.M. for three experiments.

		Activity (c.p.m.)
- CaM	-	108 \pm 1.4
+ CaM	-	429 \pm 25.2*
+ CaM	+ 1 μ M-melittin	435 \pm 11.6
+ CaM	+ 1 μ M-seminalplasmin	401 \pm 15.8
+ CaM	+ 1 μ M-gramicidin S	422 \pm 3.9
+ CaM	+ 20 μ M-W7	434 \pm 29.4
+ CaM	+ 20 μ M-trifluoperazine	370 \pm 18.8

* At 0.1 μ M-CaM and 1.47 μ M free Ca^{2+} , this corresponds to 75% of maximal activation by CaM.

DISCUSSION

The quantitative analysis of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase activation by Ca^{2+} -CaM presented here is based on the premises that, at a given degree of saturation of CaM by Ca^{2+} , the resulting species is capable of high-affinity interaction with the enzyme, leading to maximal activation of the latter. Owing to the principle of 'linked functions' (Wyman, 1964), also called principle of 'free energy coupling' (Weber, 1975), the affinities of the individual components in the ternary complex will change, but this does not compromise the approach used here, which describes only the stoichiometry and affinity of the free CaM \cdot Ca_n species which is in direct equilibrium with the activated enzyme. A more complete thermodynamic description of the interactions between Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase, CaM and Ca^{2+} , as has been done for smooth-muscle myosin light-chain kinase (Mamar-Bachi & Cox, 1988), is not yet feasible for lack of knowledge of the affinity of metal-free CaM for the enzyme and of the affinities of Ca^{2+} for enzyme-bound CaM.

Our analysis revealed that, as with other enzymes assayed in our laboratory, e.g. bovine brain cyclic nucleotidase phosphodiesterase (Cox *et al.*, 1981), bovine cerebellar adenylate cyclase (Malnoe *et al.*, 1982), the Ca-pump ATPase of human erythrocytes (Cox *et al.*, 1982), fast-skeletal-muscle phosphorylase *b* kinase (Burger *et al.*, 1983) and smooth-muscle myosin light-chain kinase (Mamar-Bachi & Cox, 1988), CaM \cdot $Ca_{n \geq 3}$ is the activating species. However, the affinity of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase for the active species is approx 10-fold higher than that of the above-mentioned enzymes. With its affinity of approx. $10^{10} M^{-1}$ for CaM, Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase is, together with calcineurin (Hubbard & Klee, 1987), the strongest CaM ligand in brain. It should be noted that heart cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase, in contrast with the isoforms in brain, is also half-maximally activated at 0.1 nM free CaM (Hansen & Beavo, 1986). In the latter report it was argued that the difference in the CaM activation constants of the heart and brain enzymes evolved in relation to their respective cytosolic CaM contents. The higher activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by CaM in brain might reflect a reinforcement pathway of the Ca^{2+} signal: the primary agonist-induced mobilization of microsomal Ca^{2+} by

Ins(1,4,5) P_3 leads to an increase in the concentration of CaM \cdot $Ca_{n \geq 3}$, which preferentially (hence primordially) activates Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase. It has been suggested that the resulting increase in Ins(1,3,4,5) P_4 would lead to a further increase in cytosolic Ca^{2+} (Irvine, 1987) and consequently to higher concentrations of CaM \cdot $Ca_{n \geq 3}$. Consequently a great number of CaM-dependent enzymes will be activated.

Surprisingly, neither 1 μ M-melittin, which binds to CaM in a 1:1 complex with an affinity of $10^9 M^{-1}$ (Comte *et al.*, 1983), nor 20 μ M-trifluoperazine, which forms a 2:1 complex with CaM with an affinity of approx. $10^6 M^{-1}$ for each drug molecule (Levin & Weiss, 1978), noticeably affects the half-maximal activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase by CaM. This is very puzzling, since their inhibitory effect has been established in the case of many CaM-regulated targets. The lack of inhibition cannot be correlated directly to the approx. 10-fold higher affinity of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase for CaM, since for phosphodiesterase even 60 nM-melittin shifts the CaM dose-response curve to the right by one order of magnitude (Comte *et al.*, 1983). Other CaM antagonists, such as seminalplasmin (Comte *et al.*, 1986) and W7 (Hidaka & Tanaka, 1983), also do not significantly inhibit Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase at doses which strongly affect other CaM-regulated enzymes. Previously (Biden *et al.*, 1987) we observed that the CaM-activated Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase from insulin-secreting RINm5F cells is inhibited by W7, but at 10–20-fold higher doses than reported for cyclic AMP phosphodiesterase and myosin light-chain kinase (Hidaka & Tanaka, 1983). With their high affinity for CaM, trifluoperazine and especially melittin must, at the concentrations used in the assay, sequester virtually all free CaM \cdot Ca_n . It thus seems likely that the binding site(s) for melittin and trifluoperazine on the surface of CaM, which is believed to correspond to the site involved in the activation of most CaM-regulated enzymes, is different from the site(s) involved in the interaction with and activation of Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase. In this respect it is noteworthy that gramicidin S, although it forms a 2:1 complex of high affinity with CaM (Cox *et al.*, 1987), does not efficiently inhibit CaM-activated cyclic AMP phosphodiesterase. For reasons enumerated in that study (Cox *et al.*, 1987), we assumed that a ternary enzyme-CaM-antagonist complex is formed, which is as active as the enzyme-CaM complex. Also in the present study the data suggest that a similar phenomenon occurs, i.e. formation of enzymically active ternary complexes between Ins(1,4,5) P_3 kinase, CaM and melittin (or trifluoperazine). An important practical consequence of these findings is that trifluoperazine and W7, frequently used as anti-CaM drugs in cell studies, do not abolish all the biological actions of CaM.

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