

# Supporting information

## Identification of Novel $\alpha 4\beta 2$ -Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor (nAChR) Agonists Based on an Isoxazole Ether Scaffold that Demonstrate Antidepressant-like Activity

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## Broad Screening at Other Neurotransmitter Receptors and Transporters

**Table 1.** Primary binding competition efficacies (%) of compound **43** at various neurotransmitter receptors and transporters<sup>a</sup>

Target	Serotonergic Receptors								
	5-HT <sub>1A</sub>	5-HT <sub>1B</sub>	5-HT <sub>1D</sub>	5-HT <sub>1E</sub>	5-HT <sub>2A</sub>	5-HT <sub>2B</sub>	5-HT <sub>2C</sub>	5-HT <sub>3</sub>	5-HT <sub>5A</sub>
Inhibition	16.4	5.8	1.3	1.3	3.5	9.8	1.2	0.6	4.8
Target	Serotonergic Receptors		GABA		Dopaminergic Receptors				BZPR <sup>c</sup>
	5-HT <sub>6</sub>	5-HT <sub>7</sub>	GABA <sub>A</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>5</sub>	
Inhibition	-4.9 <sup>b</sup>	14.3	30.1	14.6	14.7	-0.8	13.1	10.8	44.7
Target	Adrenergic Receptors								
	α <sub>1A</sub>	α <sub>1B</sub>	α <sub>1D</sub>	α <sub>2A</sub>	α <sub>2B</sub>	α <sub>2C</sub>	β <sub>1</sub>	β <sub>2</sub>	β <sub>3</sub>
Inhibition	-8.4	-0.3	-0.5	15.5	31.1	30.2	6.5	-1.3	21.9
Target	Histaminergic Receptors				Muscarinic Receptors				
	H <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	M <sub>4</sub>	M <sub>5</sub>
Inhibition	-9.7	20.1	14.7	-2.5	-3.7	4.2	-9.5	-9.4	-2.3
Target	Opioid Receptors <sup>d</sup>			Transporters <sup>e</sup>			Sigma Receptors		
	DOR	KOR	MOR	DAT	NET	SERT	σ 1	σ 2	
Inhibition	16.2	4.5	21.8	48.5	5.2	-6.1	19.7	24.6	

<sup>a</sup> The default concentration for primary binding experiments is 10 μM (n = 4). For details see Experimental Section. <sup>b</sup> Negative inhibition represents a stimulation of binding. <sup>c</sup> BZPR: Benzodiazepine Receptors (rat brain site). <sup>d</sup> DOR: Delta Opioid Receptor; KOR: Kappa Opioid Receptor; MOR: Mu Opioid Receptor. <sup>e</sup> DAT: Dopamine Transporter; NET: Norepinephrine Transporter; SERT: Serotonin Transporter.

## Preliminary *in vitro* ADME-Tox Profile

**Table 2.** Effect of compound **43** on *in vitro* CYP activity in human liver microsomes<sup>a</sup>

Inhibitor Test Article	Conc μM	1A2 (Phenacetin)		2B6 (Bupropion)		2C9 (Diclofenac)		2C19 (Mephenytoin)	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Furafylline	10	42.9	1.4	98.0	5.8	101.8	3.2	93.5	1.0
ThioTEPA	10	85.6	2.0	34.4	1.1	93.2	9.5	97.9	3.1
Sulfaphenazole	3	90.2	1.1	93.6	2.2	13.2	0.7	92.5	8.8
Tranlycypromine	10	74.1	2.9	20.3	1.3	76.2	5.0	71.5	2.6
Quinidine	2	105.3	4.6	100.9	3.5	93.2	4.4	95.5	0.3
Ketoconazole	5	71.1	1.5	36.2	0.5	68.4	1.2	71.1	4.6
Compound <b>43</b>	1	96.1	2.3	96.3	2.1	90.6	4.5	99.8	0.6
Compound <b>43</b>	10	101.4	10.4	103.0	8.0	100.3	8.8	104.6	8.4
Inhibitor Test Article	Conc μM	2D6 (Bufuralol)		3A4 (Testosterone)		3A4 (Midazolam)			
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Furafylline	10	95.1	6.3	98.8	2.9	101.9	2.2		
ThioTEPA	10	86.5	1.6	88.6	3.7	89.7	1.3		
Sulfaphenazole	3	84.2	2.0	101.7	1.8	100.8	3.7		
Tranlycypromine	10	77.7	8.7	93.4	1.5	97.4	2.3		

Quinidine	2	22.3	1.0	97.6	3.1	98.1	2.5
Ketoconazole	5	71.1	0.3	12	0.1	2.4	0.2
Compound <b>43</b>	1	89.9	1.0	100.8	3.8	101.4	2.0
Compound <b>43</b>	10	102.3	8.7	100.8	3.8	103.3	1.9

<sup>a</sup> Values represent mean of triplicate determinations ± SD

**Table 3.** *In vitro* metabolic stability of compound **43** and midazolam using human and mouse liver microsomes

Species	Time, min	Mean % Remaining vs T = 0 min <sup>a,b</sup>		
		1 μM compound <b>43</b>	10 μM compound <b>43</b>	10 μM Midazolam
HUMAN	15	79.4	80.4	42.9
	30	62.3	74.2	26.6
	60	53.4	67.2	9.5
HI <sup>c</sup> HUMAN	60	99.3	102.6	100.0
MOUSE	15	94.0	90.6	20.2
	30	86.6	82.6	3.0
	60	67.5	73.7	0.0
HI <sup>c</sup> MOUSE	60	102.1	98.9	108.0

<sup>a</sup> % remaining at T=0 is 100%

<sup>b</sup> Samples were assayed in duplicate.

<sup>c</sup> HI = Heat Inactivated

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