Supplementary material for

TREK-1 channel activation as a new analgesic strategy devoid of opioid adverse effects

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Supplementary Figure 1 RNE28 binding assay.

Percentage of inhibition of specific binding of radiolabeled ligands for various receptors, channels and transporters, by 10 μ M RNE28 (scintillation counting). Assay performed by Eurofins-Cerep (Celle l'Evescault, France).



Supplementary Figure 2 Analgesic activity of morphine in naive and inflamed animals.

Dose-effect curves of the antinociceptive activity of morphine 30 min following oral gavage in naive (a) and carrageenan-injected (b) mice. Datasets were fitted with the least-square method and fits were compared with the extra sum-of-square F test. ED_{50} , E_{max} , and p and F values are shown on the right.

n = 10 and represent mice.



Supplementary Figure 3 RNE28 pharmacokinetics.

Rats were injected with 10, 20 or 40 mg/kg RNE28 via the intravenous route. Blood samples were taken before and 10, 30, 60 and 90 min after injection, and RNE28 plasmatic concentration was determined by HPLC. Assay performed by CERB (Baugy, France).

n = 5 and represent rats.



Supplementary Figure 4 Blockade of the effect of RNE28 on TREK-1 currents by spadin.

Current densities recorded in HEK-293 cells transfected with the human TREK-1 channel in response to 100 μ M RNE28 (n = 29), 1 μ M spadin (n = 10), both drugs (n = 14) or their respective vehicles (n = 24).

* p < 0.05 vs Vehicle + Vehicle. One-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's post-hoc test. n numbers represent cells.



Supplementary Figure 5 Tolerance to the antinociceptive effect of RNE28.

Mice were given RNE28 at 30 mg/kg or morphine at 5 mg/kg per os, twice a day for 9 days. Pain thresholds were assessed at days 0, 3, 5 and 8 by paw immersion in 46°C water and plotted as %MPE.

* p < 0.05 vs Day 0 of the same treatment. Two-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's post-hoc test. n = 12 for both groups and represent mice.



Withdrawal

Supplementary Figure 6 Naloxone-precipitated withdrawal in RNE28-treated mice.

Mice were given RNE28 at 30 mg/kg (n = 5) or morphine at 5 mg/kg (n = 6) per os, twice a day for 9 days. 2 h after the last administration, animals received an intraperitoneal injection of 2 mg/kg naloxone. Jumping behavior, which is characteristic of a precipitated withdrawal syndrome, was monitored for 30 min.

* p < 0.05 vs morphine. Mann-Whitney test. n represent mice.



Supplementary Figure 7 Analgesic activity of riluzole in TREK-1^{-/-} and TREK-2^{-/-} mice.

a *Left*, time-course of the analgesic effect induced by 0 or 7.5 mg/kg riluzole administered intraplantarly in WT and TREK-1^{-/-} mice 2 h following paw inflammation induction by intraplantar carrageenan injection (20 μ l, 2%). Pain thresholds were evaluated by paw immersion in 46°C water and plotted as %MPE. *Right*, areas under curves calculated from 0 to 60 min post-administration.

b *Left*, time-course of the analgesic effect induced by 0 or 7.5 mg/kg riluzole administered intraplantarly in WT and TREK-2^{-/-} mice 2 h following paw inflammation induction by intraplantar carrageenan injection (20 μ l, 2%). Pain thresholds were assessed by paw immersion in 46°C water and plotted as %MPE. *Right*, areas under curves calculated from 0 to 60 min post-administration.

* p < 0.05 vs vehicle of the same genotype. Two-way ANOVA followed by Sidak's post-hoc test (a-b left) and Kruskal-Wallis followed by Dunn's post-hoc test (a-b right). n = 6 (a, in all groups) and n = 7 (b, in all groups) and represent mice.

Supplementary Methods

RNE28 synthesis



To a solution of cyanoacetic acid t-butylester $\underline{2}$ (1.05 equiv.) in methanol (10 vol) and water (9 vol) was added ammonium phosphate dibasic (2 mol%) followed by 3-furaldehyde $\underline{1}$ (1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was warmed to 30 °C and stirred for 8 hours. The suspension was cooled to 15 °C and stirred for 30 minutes before being filtered. The wet cake was dried at 45 °C to allow the obtention of E)-tert-butyl 2-cyano-3-(furan-3-yl)acrylate $\underline{3}$ as white powder in 94% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶): δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H).

A solution of (E)-tert-butyl 2-cyano-3-(furan-3-yl)acrylate $\underline{3}$ (1 eq) in dichloromethane (10 vol) and trifluoroacetic acid (2.5 equiv.) was stirred at room temperature (20 °C) for 24 hours before filtration. The residue was triturated with ether (5 V) and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. This work up was repeated twice to give (E)-2-cyano-3-(furan-3-yl)acrylic acid $\underline{4}$ as a brown powder in 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶): δ 13.83 (s, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H).

Acid <u>4</u> was dissolved in acetone (9 vol) and water (1 vol) and stirred at 20 °C for 90 min until a clear solution was obtained. A sodium ethoxide solution (1 equiv.) was added and the mixture was stirred until a suspension was obtained (60 min). The pH was checked (pH 5) before the mixture was cooled to 2 °C and stirred at this temperature for 1 hour before filtration. The product RNE28Na was obtained as a white powder in 67% yield over two steps. HPLC purity 99.9% a/a, Na content 12.5% w/w (calculated 12.42%); mp. 224 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, methanol-d⁴): δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H).

Animals and models: TREK-2^{-/-} mice

The TREK-2 gene inactivation strategy has been previously described (Guyon et al., 2009). It consists in a duplication of exon 2 introducing a frameshift which results in a premature stop codon in knock-out mice.

Binding assays

Binding assays were performed by Eurofins Cerep (Celle l'Evescault, France). RNE28 binding was calculated as the percentage of inhibition of radioactively labeled ligands specific for different target receptors/channels/transporters (scintillation counting). The table below details for each target the cells and radiolabeled ligand used, its concentration and Kd, the control used to measure non-specific binding and the incubation time and temperature used. RNE28 was used at 10 μ M in every assay. Results showing an inhibition or stimulation higher than 50% are considered to represent significant effects of the test compounds. Results showing an inhibition (or stimulation) between 25% and 50% are indicative of weak to moderate effects and results showing an inhibition (or stimulation) lower than 25% are not considered significant and mostly attributable to variability of the signal around the control level.

Assay	Source	Ligand	Conc.	Kd	Non Specific	Incubation
A1(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]DPCPX	1 nM	1.7 nM	DPCPX (1 µM)	60 min RT
A2A(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]CGS 21680	6 nM	27 nM	NECA (10 μM)	120 min RT
A3(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[125I]AB-MECA	0.15 nM	0.22 nM	IB-MECA (1 μM)	120 min RT
α1 (non-selective) (antagonist radioligand)	rat cerebral cortex	[3H]prazosin	0.25 nM	0.09 nM	prazosin (0.5 µM)	60 min RT
α2 (non-selective) (antagonist radioligand)	rat cerebral cortex	[3H]RX 821002	0.5 nM	0.38 nM	(-)epinephrine (100 μM)	60 min RT
β1 (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H](-)CGP 12177	0.3 nM	0.39 nM	alprenolol (50 μM)	60 min RT
62 (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H](-)CGP 12177	0.3 nM	0.15 nM	alprenolol (50 μM)	120 min RT
AT1 (h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[125I][Sar1,lle8]-AT-II	0.05 nM	0.05 nM	angiotensin-II (10 μM)	120 min 37°C
AT2 (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[125I]CGP 42112A	0.01 nM	0.01 nM	angiotensin-II (1 μΜ)	4 hr 37°C
BZD (peripheral) (antagonist radioligand)	rat heart	[3H]PK 11195	0.2 nM	1.8 nM	ΡΚ 11195 (10 μΜ)	15 min RT
BB (non-selective) (agonist radioligand)	rat cerebral	[125I][Tyr4]bombesin	0.01 nM	0.71 nM	bombesin (1 μM)	60 min RT
B2 (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]bradykinin	0.3 nM	0.32 nM	bradykinin (1 μM)	60 min RT
CGRP (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[125I]hCGRPa	0.03 nM	0.06 nM	hCGRPα (1 μM)	90 min RT
CB1(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]CP 55940	0.5 nM	3.5 nM	WIN 55212-2 (10 μM)	120 min 37°C
CCK1 (CCKA) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[125I]CCK-8s	0.08 nM	0.24 nM	CCK-8s (1 μM)	60 min RT
CCK2 (CCKB) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[125I]CCK-8s	0.08 nM	0.054 nM	CCK-8s (1 µM)	60 min RT
D1(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]SCH 23390	0.3 nM	0.2 nM	SCH 23390 (1 μM)	60 min RT
D2S(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]methyl-spiperone	0.3 nM	0.15 nM	(+)butaclamol (10 μM)	60 min RT
D3(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]methyl-spiperone	0.3 nM	0.085 nM	(+)butaclamol (10 μM)	60 min RT
D4.4(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]methyl-spiperone	0.3 nM	0.19 nM	(+)butaclamol (10 μM)	60 min RT

Assay	Source	Ligand	Conc.	Kd	Non Specific	Incubation
D5(h) (antagonist	human	[3H]SCH 23390	0.3	0.25	SCH 23390 (10	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM	μM)	
	(GH4 cells)					
ETA(h) (agonist	human	[125I]endothelin-1	0.03	0.03	endothelin-1 (100	120 min
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM	nM)	3/°C
ETB (h) (agonist	(CHO cells)	[125]]endothelin_1	0.03	0.04	endothelin_1 (0 1	120 min
radioliaand)	recombinant		nM	nM	uM)	37°C
	(CHO cells)				F)	
GABA (non-selective)	rat cerebral	[3H]GABA	10	15	GABA (100 μM)	60 min RT
(agonist radioligand)	cortex		nM	nM		
GAL1(h) (agonist	human	[125I]galanin	0.1	0.1	galanin (1μM)	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant		nivi	nivi		
GAL2(h) (agonist	human	[125]]galanin	0.05	0.63	galanin (1 µM)	120 min
radioligand)	recombinant	[]80.0	nM	nM	80.01 (± μ)	RT
<u> </u>	(CHO cells)					
PDGF (agonist	Balb/c 3T3 cells	[125I]PDGF BB	0.03	0.15	PDGF BB (10 nM)	180 min
radioligand)			nM	nM		4°C
CXCR2 (IL-8B) (h)	human	[125I]IL-8	0.025	0.022 pM	IL-8 (30 nM)	60 min RI
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CCR1 (h) (aqonist	human	[125I]MIP-1α	0.01	0.02	MIP-1α (100 nM)	120 min
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM	. ,	RT
	(HEK-293 cells)					
TNF-α (h) (agonist	U-937 cells	[125I]TNF-α	0.1	0.05	TNF-α (10 nM)	120 min
radioligand) H1(h) (antagonist	human	[2H]nurilamino	nM 1 pM	nM	nurilamina (1 uM)	4°C
radioliaand)	recombinant	[Sh]pymannie	TIIN	nM		
raaionganaj	(HEK-293 cells)					
H2(h) (antagonist	human	[125I]APT	0.075	2.9	tiotidine (100 μM)	120 min
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM		RT
	(CHO cells)		0.05	0 5 4		400
MC4(n) (agonist radioligand)	numan recombinant	[125I]NDP-α-MSH	0.05 nM	0.54 nM	NDP- α -IVISH (1 μM)	120 min 37°C
radionganaj	(CHO cells)		11111	11111	μινι)	57 C
MT1 (ML1A) (h)	human	[1251]2-	0.01	0.04	melatonin (1 µM)	60 min RT
(agonist radioligand)	recombinant	iodomelatonin	nM	nM		
	(CHO cells)					
M1(h) (antagonist	human	[3H]pirenzepine	2 nM	13	atropine (1 µM)	60 min RT
raaioligana)	(CHO cells)			nivi		
M2 (h) (antagonist	human	[3H]AF-DX 384	2 nM	4.6	atropine (1 µM)	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant			nM		
	(CHO cells)					
M3 (h) (antagonist	human	[3H]4-DAMP	0.2	0.5	atropine (1 μM)	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM		
M4(h) (antaaonist	human	[3H]4-DAMP	0.2	0 32	atronine (1 µM)	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant	[0.1]	nM	nM	acrope (2 p)	
-	(CHO cells)					
M5(h) (antagonist	human	[3H]4-DAMP	0.3	0.3	atropine (1 μ M)	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM		
NK1(h) (agonist	(CHO cells)	[125]] Substance P	0.05	0.04	[Sara Mat(02)11]	20 min PT
radioliaand)	uppsala		0.05 nM	0.04 nM	$SP (1 \mu M)$	
NK2(h) (agonist	human	[125I]NKA	0.1	0.12	[Nleu10]-NKA (4-	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM	10) (300 nM)	
	(CHO cells)					
NK3 (h) (antagonist	human	[3H]SR 142801	0.4	0.47	SB 222200 (10	120 min
raaioligand)	(CHO cells)		nivi	nivi	μινι)	КІ

Assay	Source	Ligand	Conc.	Kd	Non Specific	Incubation
Y1(h) (agonist radioligand)	SK-N-MC cells (endogenous)	[125I]peptide YY	0.025 nM	0.06 nM	NPY (1 μM)	120 min 37°C
Y2(h) (agonist radioligand)	KAN-TS cells	[125I]peptide YY	0.015 nM	0.01 nM	NPY (1 μM)	60 min 37°C
NTS1 (NT1) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[125I]Tyr3- neurotensin	0.05 nM	0.22 nM	neurotensin (1 μM)	60 min 4°C
δ2 (DOP) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]DADLE	0.5 nM	0.73 nM	naltrexone (10 μM)	120 min RT
к (KOP) (agonist radioligand)	rat recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]U 69593	1 nM	2 nM	naloxone (10 µM)	60 min RT
μ (MOP) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]DAMGO	0.5 nM	0.35 nM	naloxone (10 μ M)	120 min RT
NOP (ORL1) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]nociceptin	0.2 nM	0.4 nM	nociceptin (1 µM)	60 min RT
PAC1 (PACAP) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[125I]PACAP1-27	0.015 nM	0.092 nM	PACAP1-27 (100 nM)	120 min RT
PPARγ (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (E. coli)	[3H]rosiglitazone	5 nM	5.7 nM	rosiglitazone (10 μΜ)	120 min 4°C
EP2(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]PGE2	3 nM	3 nM	PGE2 (10 μM)	120 min RT
EP4(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]PGE2	0.5 nM	0.3 nM	PGE2 (10 μM)	120 min RT
IP (PGI2) (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]iloprost	6 nM	8 nM	iloprost (10 μM)	60 min RT
P2Y (agonist radioligand)	rat cerebral cortex	[35S]dATPaS	10 nM	10 nM	dATPαS	60 min RT
5-HT1A(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]8-OH-DPAT	0.3 nM	0.5 nM	8-OH-DPAT (10 μΜ)	60 min RT
5-HT1B (antagonist radioligand)	rat cerebral cortex	[125I]CYP (+ 30 μM isoproterenol)	0.1 nM	0.16 nM	serotonin (10 μM)	120 min 37°C
5-HT2A(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]ketanserin	0.5 nM	0.6 nM	ketanserin (1 μM)	60 min RT
5-HT2B(h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[125I](±)DOI	0.2 nM	0.2 nM	(±)DOI (1 μM)	60 min RT
5-HT2C(h) (antagonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]mesulergine	1 nM	0.5 nM	RS 102221 (10 μM)	120 min 37°C
5-HT5a (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (HEK-293 cells)	[3H]LSD	1.5 nM	1.5 nM	serotonin (100 μM)	120 min 37°C
5-HT6 (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]LSD	2 nM	1.8 nM	serotonin (100 μM)	120 min 37°C
5-HT7 (h) (agonist radioligand)	human recombinant (CHO cells)	[3H]LSD	4 nM	2.3 nM	serotonin (10 μM)	120 min RT

Assay	Source	Ligand	Conc.	Kd	Non Specific	Incubation
sigma (non-selective)	Jurkat cells	[3H]DTG	10	41	Haloperidol (10	120 min
(h) (agonist	(endogenous)		nM	nM	μM)	RT
raaioiigaria) sst (non-selective)	AtT-20 cells	[125]]Tvr11-	0.05	0.08	somatostatin-14	60 min
(agonist radioligand)		somatostatin-14	nM	nM	(300 nM)	37°C
GR (h) (agonist	IM-9 cells	[3H]dexamethasone	1.5	1.5	triamcinolone (10	6 hr 4°C
radioligand)	(cytosol)		nM	nM	μM)	
VPAC1 (VIP1) (h)	human	[125I]VIP	0.04	0.05	VIP (1 µM)	60 min RT
(agonist radioligand)	recombinant (CHO cells)		nM	nM		
V1a(h) (agonist	human	[3H]AVP	0.3	0.5	AVP (1 μM)	60 min RT
radioligand)	recombinant		nM	nM		
RZD (central) (agonist	(CHU cells)	[3H]flunitrazonam	0.4	2.1	diazonam (3 uM)	60 min
radioliaand)	cortex		nM	nM		4°C
PCP (antagonist	rat cerebral	[3H]TCP	10	13	MK 801 (10 µM)	120 min
radioligand)	cortex		nM	nM		37°C
P2X (agonist	rat urinary	[3H]α,β-MeATP	3 nM	2.6	α,β-MeATP (10	120 min
radioligand)	bladder		<u> </u>	nM	μM)	4°C
5-HT3(h) (antagonist	human	[3H]BRL 43694	0.5	1.15	MDL 72222 (10	120 min
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Ca2+ channel (L.	rat cerebral	[3H]D888	3 nM	3 nM	D 600 (10 µM)	120 min
verapamil site)	cortex					RT
(phenylalkylamine)						
(antagonist						
radioligand)			0.04			60 · DT
KV channel (antagonist	rat cerebral	[125I]a-dendrotoxin	0.01 pM	0.04 pM	α -dendrotoxin (50	60 min RT
(untuyonist radioliaand)	cortex		IIIVI	TIIVI	111VI)	
SKCa channel	rat cerebral	[125]]apamin	0.007	0.007	apamin (100 nM)	60 min
(antagonist	cortex		nM	nM		4°C
radioligand)						
Na+ channel (site 2)	rat cerebral	[3H]batrachotoxinin	10	91	veratridine (300	60 min
(antagonist	cortex		nM	nM	μM)	37°C
Cl- channel (GARA-	rat cerebral	[355]TRP5	3 nM	14.6	nicrotoxinin (20	120 min
aated) (antaaonist	cortex	[333]1013	5 1111	nM	μM)	RT
radioligand)						
norepinephrine	human	[3H]nisoxetine	1 nM	2.9	desipramine (1	120 min
transporter (h)	recombinant			nM	μM)	4°C
(antagonist	(CHO cells)					
radioligana) donamino, transportor	human		4 004	1 E		120 min
(h) (antagonist	recombinant		4 11101	4.5 nM		4°C
radioligand)	(CHO cells)					
5-HT transporter (h)	human	[3H]imipramine	2 nM	1.7	imipramine (10	60 min RT
(antagonist	recombinant			nM	μM)	
radioligand)	(CHO cells)					

RNE28 quantification in serum samples

RNE28 was assayed by CERB (Baugy, France), by reversed phase HPLC with UV detection after liquidliquid extraction. Chromatographic separations were performed with a Varian 230 pump, Varian 410 autosampler (injection loop 200 μ l, 90 μ l injected) and Varian 345 detector (302 nm) coupled to a Unisphere C18 column (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μ m) and security guard C18 precolumn (4 x 3 mm). Aliquots were injected and eluted with acetonitrile-0.1% formic acid in water (30:70, v/v). Flow rate was set at 1 ml/min and pressure at 140 bars. The RNE28 peak area was measured (about 10.2 min retention time).

Patch clamp: RNE28 and spadin co-exposure

Human TREK-1 (KCNK2, NCBI RefSeq NM_001017424) was cloned into pEZ-M02 vector (GeneCopoeia). HEK-293 cells were transfected in 35 mm dishes with 2 μ g plasmid using the jetPRIME kit (Polypus) according to the manufacturer's instructions, and selected by addition of 1 mg/ml G418 to the culture medium for at least two weeks. Before patch clamp, the culture medium was replaced by the patch clamp extracellular solution supplemented with 100 μ M RNE28, 1 μ M spadin, and/or their respective vehicles (DMSO and water, both at 0.1% final). Recordings were performed 15 to 60 min after drug exposure. Currents were recorded using a MultiClamp 200B amplifier and an Axon Digidata 1440A digitizer (Molecular Devices). Data were recorded and stored using Clampex 10 (Molecular Devices). Recordings were low-pass-filtered at 5 kHz and sampled at 20 kHz.

Naloxone-precipitated withdrawal

Mice were given RNE28 at 30 mg/kg or morphine at 5 mg/kg per os, twice a day for 9 days. 2 h after the last administration, animals received an intraperitoneal injection of 2 mg/kg naloxone. Ten minutes before naloxone treatment, mice were placed in a transparent acrylic cylinder (20 cm in diameter, 60 cm high) for habituation. The jumping behavior, characteristic of a precipitated withdrawal syndrome, was monitored during 30 min. n = 6 for both groups and represent mice.

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