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Ilse M. Zolle,* Michael L. Berger, Friedrich Hammerschmidt, Stefanie Hahner, Andreas Schirbel, and Biljana Peric-Simov: New Selective Inhibitors of Steroid 11β-Hydroxylation in the Adrenal Cortex. Synthesis and Structure−Activity Relationship of Potent Etomidate Analogues.

Pages 2244−2253. Recently, another manuscript presenting clinical data with the radiotracer ^{123}I-iodometomidate (^{123}I-IMTO) was published by Hahner et al. (Hahner, S.; Stuermer, A.; Kreissl, M.; Reiners, C.; Fassnacht, M.; Haenscheid, H.; Beuschlein, F.; Zink, M.; Lang, K.; Allolio, B.; Schirbel, A. ^{123}I-Iodometomidate for molecular imaging of adrenocortical CYP11B enzymes. *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metabol.* **2008**, *93*, 2358−2365.). Two methods were presented for the evaluation of the inhibitory potency of ETO (**1**) derivatives based on direct measurements of cortisol secretion, produced either by human adrenocortical cancer cells (NCI-h295 cells), data shown in Table 6, or more specifically, by adrenocortical Y1 cells transfected with the human P-450c11 enzyme, using 11-deoxycortisol as a substrate. The sensitivity of cortisol synthesis by these cells for inhibitors should therefore allow SAR studies of the human P-450c11 enzyme. The new IC_{50} values for ETO (**1**, 0.99 ± 0.62 nM), MTO (**2**, 4.60 ± 2.39 nM), and FETO (**5**, 2.94 ± 1.42 nM) are almost identical to the respective IC_{50} values obtained by the displacement of ^{131}I-IMTO from rat adrenal membranes: ETO (**1**, 1.08 ± 0.42 nM), MTO (**2**, 3.69 ± 1.92 nM), and FETO (**5**, 2.90 ± 0.55 nM) (data from Table 6). Statistical analysis of differences support the following conclusions: Inhibition of high-affinity binding of ^{131}I-IMTO on rat adrenal membranes and the inhibition of cortisol synthesis by the enzyme P-450c11 exhibit very similar SARs, most likely because the high-affinity binding site of ^{131}I- IMTO on P-450c11 is located on, or very close to, the active site of the enzyme.

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