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Product Name: Examorelin (Hexarelin)

Cat. No.: GC32451

Chemical Properties

Cas. No. 140703-51-1

SMILES His-{d-2-ME-Trp}-Ala-Trp-{d-Phe}-Lys-NH₂Formula C₄₇H₅₈N₁₂O₆

M.Wt 887.04

Solubility DMF: 30 mg/ml, DMSO: 30 mg/ml, Ethanol: 5 mg/ml, PBS
(pH 7.2): 10 mg/mlStorage Store at
-20°CGeneral tips For obtaining a higher solubility, please warm the tube at 37 °C and shake it
in the ultrasonic bath for a while. Stock solution can be stored below -20°C for
several months.Shipping Condition Evaluation sample solution : ship with blue ice All other available size: ship
with RT, or blue ice upon request.Structure **Protocol****Cell experiment [1]:**Cell lines β -cell line MIN6 cells

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Preparation Method	Cells were subjected to different treatments: 1) Control group: cells kept in serum-free medium (SFM) for 4h followed by a 2-hour incubation in refreshed SFM with appropriate vehicles; 2) streptozotocin (STZ) treatment group: cells treated with 1mM STZ in SFM for 4 hours followed by a 2-hour incubation in refreshed SFM; 3) Examorelin treatment group: cells kept in SFM for 4h followed by a 2-hour incubation with 1 μ M Examorelin in SFM; and 4) "STZ+Examorelin" treatment group: cells treated with 1mM STZ in SFM for 4h followed by a 2-hour incubation with 1 μ M Examorelin in SFM.
Reaction Conditions	1 μ M; 2h
Applications	Examorelin decreased the STZ-induced damage in β -cells.
Animal experiment [2]:	
Animal models	Albino swiss mice

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Preparation Method	<p>Examorelin was dissolved and vehiculised in 0.9% NaCl solution. Males and females were treated with one of two doses: 100µg/kg/day or 200µg/kg/day of Examorelin, administered in two daily sub-cutaneous injections. The same volume of the isotonic solution for the same period of time was administered to control animals. Male mice were treated for 53 days (a period that covers at least one complete spermatogenic cycle and epididymal migration, in addition to the period that they were housed with females until mating) and female mice were treated for 30 days (a period that covers at least five oestrous cycles).</p>
Dosage form	100, 200µg/kg/day; s.c.
Applications	<p>There was a trend toward a decrease in the pregnancy index and the proportion of women who conceived in men treated with both doses of Examorelin.</p>

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Background

Examorelin (Hexarelin) is a synthetic hexapeptide agonist of the growth hormone secretagogue receptor (GHS-R) with an amino acid sequence of His-D-2-methyl-Trp-Ala-Trp-D-Phe-Lys-NH₂^[1, 2]. Examorelin significantly and dose-dependently increases the plasma levels of growth hormone (GH) in animals and humans^[3]. Examorelin reached Phase II clinical trials for the treatment of growth hormone deficiency and congestive heart failure, but did not complete development and has never been marketed^[4].

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In vitro, pretreatment of β -cell line MIN6 cells with Examorelin (1 μ M) for 2h significantly alleviated streptozotocin (STZ)-induced β -cell mitochondrial damage and increased superoxide dismutase activity, reduced the expression of intracellular caspase-3 and caspase-9, and reduced the ratio of pro-apoptotic protein Bax to anti-apoptotic protein Bcl-2^[5].

In vivo, oral treatment of mice with reperfusion ischemia (IR) model with Examorelin (0.3mg/kg/day) for 21 days improved left ventricular (LV) function, significantly reduced interstitial collagen, TGF- β 1 expression and myofibroblast differentiation, and significantly reduced cardiac troponin-I and TNF- α levels^[6]. Subcutaneous treatment of adult albino Swiss mice with Examorelin (100, 200 μ g/kg/day) reduced the pregnancy index of male animals and the percentage of conception in female animals^[7].

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