

# Characterization of the Ocular Antiallergic and Antihistaminic Effects of Olopatadine (AL-4943A), a Novel Drug for Treating Ocular Allergic Diseases

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## ABSTRACT

Olopatadine (AL-4943A; KW-4679) [(Z)-11-[3-(dimethylamino)propylidene]-6,11-dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine-2-acetic acid hydrochloride] is an antiallergic/antihistaminic drug under development for topical ocular use. The effects of the compound on release of proinflammatory mediators (histamine, tryptase and prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub>) from monodispersed human conjunctival mast cells were assessed. Histamine receptor subtype binding affinities and functional potencies were determined with ligand binding and phosphoinositide turnover assays, respectively. Olopatadine inhibited the release of histamine, tryptase and prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub>, in a concentration-dependent manner (IC<sub>50</sub> = 559 μM). Evaluation of the interaction of olopatadine with histamine receptors revealed a relatively high affinity for the H<sub>1</sub> receptor (K<sub>i</sub> = 31.6 nM, pK<sub>i</sub> = 7.5 ± 0.1, n = 7) but lower affinities for H<sub>2</sub> receptors (K<sub>i</sub> = 100 μM, pK<sub>i</sub> = 4.0 ± 0.19, n = 7) and H<sub>3</sub> receptors (K<sub>i</sub> = 79.4 μM, pK<sub>i</sub> = 4.1 ± 0.16, n = 7). The H<sub>1</sub> selectivity of olopatadine was superior to that of other

ocularly used antihistamines studied, such as ketotifen, levocabastine, antazoline and pheniramine. The profiling of olopatadine in 42 nonhistamine receptor binding assays revealed that olopatadine interacts with only two nonhistamine receptor/uptake sites to any significant degree (pIC<sub>50</sub> ≤ 5–6). Olopatadine inhibited histamine-induced phosphoinositide turnover in human conjunctival epithelial cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 10 nM, pIC<sub>50</sub> = 8.0, n = 4) and in other human ocular cells (IC<sub>50</sub> = 15.8–31.6 nM, pIC<sub>50</sub> = 7.5–7.8) and exhibited apparent noncompetitive antagonist properties in these cells, with an estimated dissociation constant (K<sub>b</sub>) of 19.9 nM (pK<sub>b</sub> = 7.7, n = 6). This combination of mast cell mediator release inhibition and selective H<sub>1</sub> receptor antagonism suggests that olopatadine may be particularly useful in the treatment of ocular allergic diseases. Indeed, olopatadine has recently shown clinical efficacy in an allergic conjunctivitis model in human subjects.

Allergic conjunctivitis is characterized clinically by the presence of hyperemia, itching, edema and tearing (Berdy *et al.*, 1991; Abelson and Schaefer, 1993; Li *et al.*, 1993). Degranulation of the resident mast cell population in human conjunctival tissue, release of preformed and newly synthesized proinflammatory mediators and subsequent activation of appropriate receptors produce the symptoms noted above. Because histamine is the predominant preformed mast cell mediator initiating the symptoms, topical histamine antagonists, alone or in combination with *alpha* adrenergic agonist vasoconstrictors, or mast cell stabilizers (Abelson and Schaefer, 1993; Berdy *et al.*, 1991) have been the drugs of choice to alleviate and control ocular allergic diseases.

It has been demonstrated that mast cells from different species and from different tissues within the same animal differ in morphological, cytochemical and functional properties (Katz *et al.*, 1985; Irani *et al.*, 1990). Mast cell popula-

tions also differ in their responses to pharmacological agents (Befus *et al.*, 1987; Irani and Schwartz, 1989; Irani *et al.*, 1990). These observations strongly suggest that experimental antiallergic drugs for treating conjunctivitis should be evaluated by using HCMC as target cells. Recently, methods have been developed to allow drug evaluation in these target cells (Miller *et al.*, 1996).

Histamine has a well-established role in evoking a cascade of proinflammatory events upon mast cell degranulation during an allergic response (Beavan, 1982). Therefore, the use of antihistaminic drugs to attenuate an immediate hypersensitivity response is well known. However, many of the currently available histamine antagonists for treating ocular conjunctival hypersensitivity have a combination of problems, such as low affinity/selectivity for H<sub>1</sub> receptors, slow onset of action and short duration of action (Berdy *et al.*, 1991), that limit their clinical use in humans. These deficiencies have prompted further research to discover better H<sub>1</sub> antagonists. Although this strategy has recently culminated

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**ABBREVIATIONS:** HCE, human conjunctival epithelial; HCF, human corneal fibroblasts; HCMC, human conjunctival mast cell(s); 5HT, 5-hydroxytryptamine; HTM2, human trabecular meshwork; IP, inorganic phosphate; PGE<sub>2</sub>, prostaglandin D<sub>2</sub>; PI, phosphoinositide(s).

in the discovery and clinical development of emedastine (Sharif *et al.*, 1994; Yanni *et al.*, 1994), antihistamines with additional therapeutic properties are still sought.

Olopatadine (AL-4943A, KW-4679) [(Z)-11-[13-(dimethylamino)propylidene]-6,11-dihydrodibenz[b,e]oxepine-2-acetic acid hydrochloride] is a new antiallergic/antihistaminic drug that prevents immunologically stimulated HCMC histamine release *in vitro* and potently blocks histamine-induced conjunctival microvascular permeability *in vivo* (Yanni *et al.*, in press). Olopatadine exhibited a relatively fast onset of action and a long duration of action (up to 24 hr after topical administration) in the guinea pig model of conjunctivitis (Yanni *et al.*, in press). Olopatadine has also shown good efficacy and potency in animal models of allergic conditions such as bronchial asthma, allergic rhinitis and chronic urticaria (Ishii *et al.*, 1991; Ohshima *et al.*, 1992). Inhibition of passive anaphylaxis was maintained for 9 hr after p.o. administration of olopatadine, indicating an acceptable duration of action of this drug (Ishii *et al.*, 1991; Ohshima *et al.*, 1992).

The aims of the present studies were 4-fold, as follows: 1) to correlate the effects of olopatadine on the release of histamine with release of other mast cell-derived mediators (tryptase and PGD<sub>2</sub>) from HCMC; 2) to compare histamine receptor subtype affinity and selectivity of olopatadine with those of other relevant, ocularly used antihistamines and pertinent reference compounds; 3) to determine the pharmacological specificity of olopatadine and ketotifen, an antiallergic/antihistaminic compound, by studying the relative affinities of the compounds at a range of other receptor systems unrelated to histamine; and 4) to determine the *in vitro* potency, efficacy and possible modes of action of olopatadine in antagonizing histamine-induced PI hydrolysis in cultured human ocular cells and to correlate these parameters with receptor binding affinities.

## Materials and Methods

**HCMC mediator release.** Methods detailing preparation of monodispersed HCMC and mediator release studies with these cells have been described (Miller *et al.*, 1996; Yanni *et al.*, in press). Briefly, HCMC were isolated from postmortem donor tissues obtained, within 8 hr after death, at various eye banks and transported in Dexol corneal preservation medium. The conjunctival tissue was placed in supplemented RPMI 1640 culture medium and equilibrated overnight at 37°C in an incubator. After this time, the tissue was transferred to Tyrode's buffer containing 0.1% gelatin and 200 U of collagenase and 200 U of hyaluronidase per gram of tissue, for 30 min at 37°C. The incubation mixture was filtered over Nitex filter cloth and washed with an equal volume of the latter buffer. This digestion procedure was performed twice, followed by a more stringent digestion with 2000 U each of collagenase and hyaluronidase per gram of tissue, for 30 min at 37°C. The combined filtrates from each of the digestion procedures were centrifuged at 825 × *g* for 7 min, and the pelleted cells were resuspended in calcium/magnesium-free Tyrode's buffer and centrifuged (825 × *g* for 30 min) over a Percoll (1.058 g/liter) cushion. The mast cells that were pelleted in this fashion were resuspended in Tyrode's buffer and washed by another centrifugation step. Toluidine blue O staining and trypan blue exclusion by the cells permitted the counting and viability assessment of the isolated mast cells.

To measure the release of endogenous mediators from these cells, suspensions of 5000 mast cells were treated with the test compound(s) for 15 min and then exposed to 10 μg/ml anti-human IgE in

ice-cold gelatin-containing Tyrode's buffer and centrifugation at 500 × *g* for 7 min. Supernatants from these experiments were collected and stored at -20°C until analyzed for histamine, tryptase and PGD<sub>2</sub> by radioimmunoassays. The sensitivities of these kits are 1 nM, 2 ng/ml and 3.125 pg/ml, respectively. Total preformed mediator (histamine and tryptase) concentrations were determined by assaying supernatants collected from mast cells that had been completely disrupted by 30-min exposure to 0.1% Triton X. The concentrations of histamine and tryptase were determined to be 4.6 ± 1.4 pg/cell and 23.6 ± 13.9 pg/cell, respectively.

**Histamine receptor subtype binding assays.** Histamine receptor subtype binding assays were conducted as described below. Briefly, frozen-thawed guinea pig forebrains (for H<sub>1</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> receptors) and rat forebrains (for H<sub>3</sub> receptors) were homogenized in 20 ml of ice-cold phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.4), with a Brinkman Polytron tissue disrupter (setting 5-7 for 10 sec), and were centrifuged at 40,000 × *g* for 15 min at 4°C. The supernatants were discarded and the tissue pellets were rehomogenized in fresh phosphate-buffered saline and centrifuged as described above. The final pellets were homogenized in 50 mM sodium potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.5) and frozen at -40°C until used in the binding assays. The H<sub>1</sub> (Hill *et al.*, 1977; Chang *et al.*, 1979), H<sub>2</sub> (Gajtkowski *et al.*, 1983) and H<sub>3</sub> (Korte *et al.*, 1990) histamine receptor subtype binding assays were performed as previously described, with minor modifications (Sharif *et al.*, 1994). Briefly, 50 μl of [<sup>3</sup>H]pyrilamine (1-2 nM), [<sup>3</sup>H]tiotidine (4-5 nM) or *N*-[<sup>3</sup>H]methylhistamine (1-2 nM) were incubated with 10 to 20 mg/ml frozen-thawed brain homogenates in the presence or absence of unlabeled test compounds, in a total volume of 500 μl. The nonspecific binding was determined with 5 mM histamine. The assays were conducted at 23°C for 40 min and then terminated by rapid filtration over Whatman GF/B glass fiber filters (prewetted with 0.3% polyethyleneimine) with 2 × 6 ml of ice-cold 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.4). The radioactivity bound to filters was determined with a Wallac Big-Spot β-counter, with four samples being counted simultaneously.

To determine the relative affinity of olopatadine for nonhistamine receptors, it was tested at 1 nM, 100 nM and 10 μM in a battery of 38 receptor binding assays at NovaScreen (Oceanix Biosciences Corp., Hanover, MD) and in four additional prostanoid receptor assays performed in-house with standard receptor binding techniques. For comparison, the broad profiling at NovaScreen was also determined in parallel for ketotifen, another ocularly utilized anti-allergic/antihistaminic compound.

**PI turnover studies.** The determination of histamine receptor-mediated PI hydrolysis was performed as described previously (Sharif and Whiting, 1990), with minor modifications (Sharif *et al.*, 1994). Briefly, primary HCE cells, immortalized HTM3 cells and HCF, which are known to express H<sub>1</sub> receptors (Sharif *et al.*, 1994, in press, a,b), were used for these functional studies. The cells were cultured in 24-well plates and incubated with 1 μCi/0.5 ml myo-[<sup>3</sup>H]inositol in Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (supplemented with 4 mM L-glutamine, 50 μg/ml gentamicin and 10% fetal bovine serum) for 24 hr at 37°C, to label the cell membrane PI. After this time the medium was aspirated and the cells were exposed to histamine (10 nM to 1 mM) in Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (containing 10 mM LiCl) for 60 min at 23°C, to stimulate the production and subsequent accumulation of [<sup>3</sup>H]IPs (Berridge *et al.*, 1982). To determine the potencies of the antagonists, the drugs were added to the cells 30 min before the addition of histamine and were kept in contact with the cells for a total of 90 min. The medium was aspirated at the end of this incubation, and the assay was stopped by the addition of 1 ml of ice-cold 0.1 M formic acid. After 15 min, 0.9 ml of the cell lysates were transferred to Bio-Rad Econo-columns containing 1 ml of AG1X8 ion-exchange resin in formate form, which had been previously wetted with 10 ml of deionized water. The columns were washed with 10 ml of deionized water to remove the free myo-[<sup>3</sup>H]inositol, and the water-soluble [<sup>3</sup>H]IPs were then eluted

M formic acid. A water-accepting scintillation fluid (15 ml) was then added to the eluates and the [ $^3\text{H}$ ]IPs were quantified by scintillation counting with a Beckman LC 6000  $\beta$ -scintillation counter.

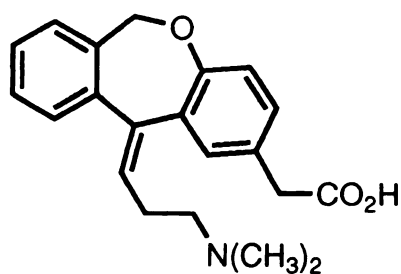
**Data analyses.** Competition binding and functional data were analyzed by using a nonlinear, iterative, sigmoidal curve-fitting computer program (Michel and Whiting, 1984; Sharif *et al.*, 1991). The drug inhibition constants (drug dissociation constants) derived from the receptor binding assays ( $K_i$ ) and from the functional assays ( $K_b$ ) represent the molar drug concentrations required to produce 50% inhibition of the binding/response, whereas  $\text{p}K_i$  and  $\text{p}K_b$  represent the negative logarithms of these parameters. All data from three or more experiments are shown as mean  $\pm$  S.E.M.

**Materials.** [ $^3\text{H}$ ]Pyrilamine (24 Ci/mmol), [ $^3\text{H}$ ]tiotidine (87 Ci/mmol), *N*-[ $^3\text{H}$ ]methylhistamine (84 Ci/mmol) and myo-[ $^3\text{H}$ ]inositol (15–17 Ci/mmol) were all purchased from DuPont-NEN (Boston, MA). Percoll was purchased from Sigma Chemical Co. (St. Louis, MO). Frozen guinea pig and rat brains were purchased from Pel-Freez (Rogers, AR). Histaminergic agonists and antagonists were purchased from Research Biochemicals International (Natick, MA). Olopatadine (AL-4943A, KW-4679) was synthesized at Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co. (Shizuoka, Japan). Anti-human IgE was purchased from Cortex Biochemicals (San Leandro, CA). Radioimmunoassay systems for proinflammatory mediator quantitation were purchased from the following companies; histamine, Immunotech Inc. (Westbrook, ME); tryptase, Kabi-Pharmacia (Fairfield, NJ); PGD<sub>2</sub>, Amersham Corp. (Arlington Heights, IL).

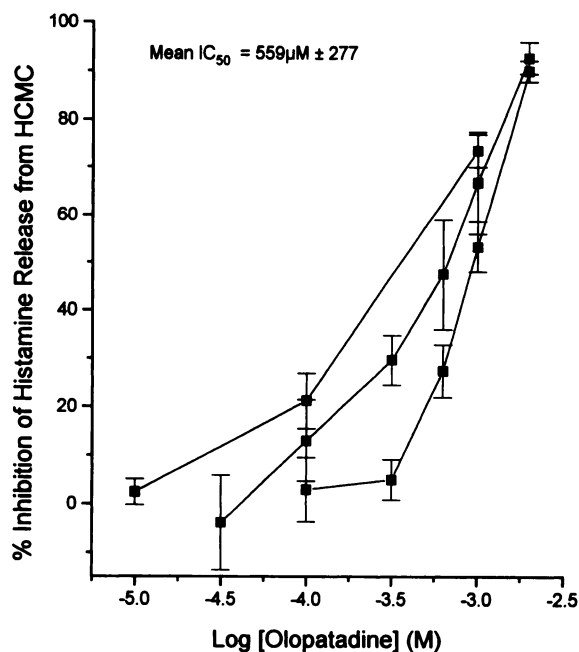
## Results

**HCMC mediator release.** Olopatadine (fig. 1), when added to monodispersed preparations of HCMC 15 min before challenge with anti-IgE, inhibited histamine release in a concentration-dependent manner (fig. 2). Calculated IC<sub>50</sub> values from these three independent experiments were 314  $\mu\text{M}$ , 504  $\mu\text{M}$  and 859  $\mu\text{M}$ . No mast cell cytotoxicity, as evidenced by enhanced mast cell mediator release, was observed with concentrations of olopatadine 10-fold higher than the maximally effective concentrations tested.

In separate experiments, the effects of olopatadine upon the mast cell release of tryptase and PGD<sub>2</sub> were correlated with the effect upon histamine release. Olopatadine at concentrations ranging from 100  $\mu\text{M}$  to 2 mM inhibited HCMC mediator release. Concentrations of tryptase released into culture supernatants were positively correlated ( $r = 0.98$ ) (fig. 3a) with those of histamine in the same supernatants. Similarly, the concentrations of PGD<sub>2</sub> were also correlated ( $r = 0.905$ ) (fig. 3b) with those of histamine in supernatants obtained from HCMC cultures treated with olopatadine before the immunological challenge.



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**Fig. 2.** Inhibition of histamine release from HCMC by olopatadine. Calculated IC<sub>50</sub> values for the three separate experiments were 314  $\mu\text{M}$ , 504  $\mu\text{M}$  and 859  $\mu\text{M}$ . Data shown are mean  $\pm$  S.D.

**Histamine receptor subtype binding.** Olopatadine and histaminergic agonists and antagonists competed for specific [ $^3\text{H}$ ]pyrilamine, [ $^3\text{H}$ ]tiotidine and *N*-[ $^3\text{H}$ ]methylhistamine binding to H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub> histamine receptors, respectively, in a concentration-dependent manner (figs. 4–6). Well-known key H<sub>1</sub>-selective ligands, such as triprolidine, pyrilamine, tripelemamine and promethazine, had high H<sub>1</sub> receptor affinities. Likewise, the H<sub>2</sub>-selective compound aminopentidine had a high H<sub>2</sub> affinity. In addition, known H<sub>3</sub>-selective compounds like clobenpropit, thioperamide, imetit and *N*-methylhistamine exhibited high H<sub>3</sub> receptor affinities (figs. 4–6; table 1).

Olopatadine exhibited a relatively high affinity for H<sub>1</sub> receptors ( $K_i = 31.6$  nM,  $\text{p}K_i = 7.5 \pm 0.10$ ,  $n = 7$ ) and a significantly lower affinity at H<sub>2</sub> receptors ( $K_i = 100$   $\mu\text{M}$ ,  $\text{p}K_i = 4.0 \pm 0.19$ ,  $n = 7$ ) and H<sub>3</sub> receptors ( $K_i = 79.4$   $\mu\text{M}$ ,  $\text{p}K_i = 4.1 \pm 0.16$ ,  $n = 7$ ) (figs. 4–6; tables 1 and 2). The H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> receptor affinity ratios for olopatadine, indicating H<sub>1</sub> selectivity over H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>3</sub> receptors, were 3164 and 2500, respectively, demonstrating that this is an H<sub>1</sub>-selective compound (table 2). This H<sub>1</sub>-selective profile of olopatadine was shown to be superior to that of some other ocularly used antihistamines evaluated, such as ketotifen (H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> affinity ratio = 1032), levocabastine (H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> affinity ratio = 500), antazoline (H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> affinity ratio = 1000) and pheniramine (H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> affinity ratio = 406) (table 2), but olopatadine was less H<sub>1</sub>-selective than chlorpheniramine (H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> affinity ratio = 6270) and pyrilamine (H<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>1</sub> affinity ratio = 12,589) (table 2).

To define the specificity of olopatadine, it was tested (at 1 nM to 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in 38 nonhistamine receptor binding assays, pertaining to neurotransmitters, regulatory sites, peptides, prostaglandins, uptake sites, second messengers and immunological factors, at NovaScreen (Oceanix Biosciences Corp.) and in another four prostanoid receptor assays in our laboratory.



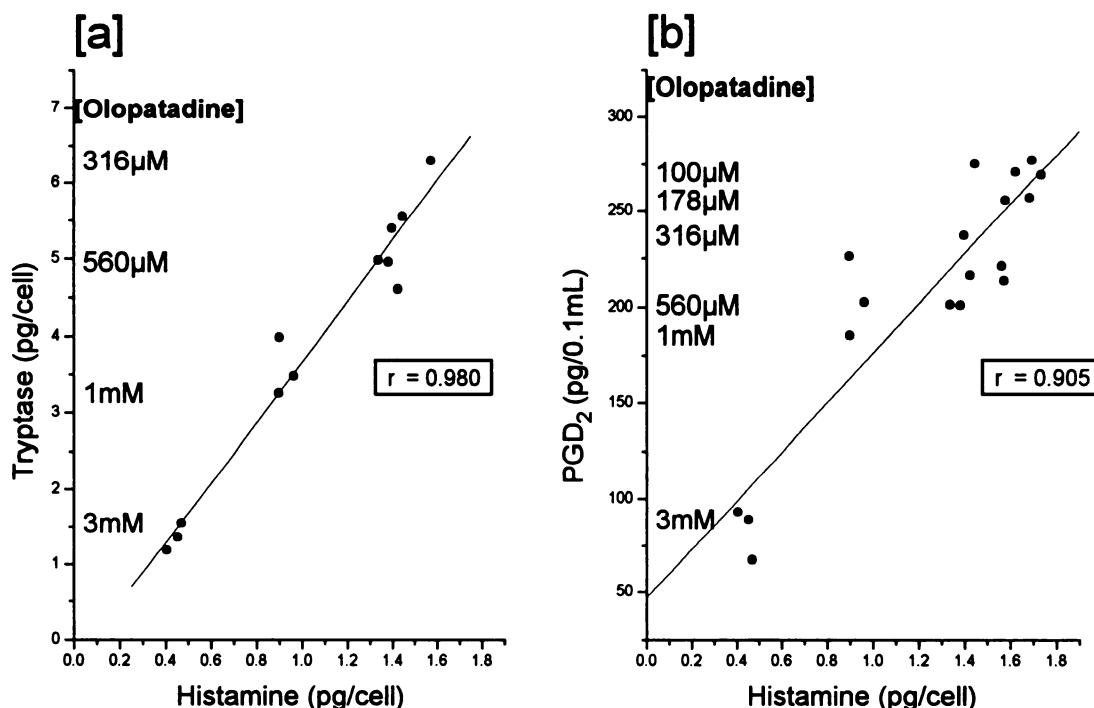


Fig. 3. a, correlation between concentrations of histamine and tryptase released from HCMC upon immunological challenge after treatment with various concentrations of olopatadine. b, correlation between concentrations of histamine and PGD<sub>2</sub> released from monodispersed HCMC preparations upon immunological challenge after treatment with olopatadine.

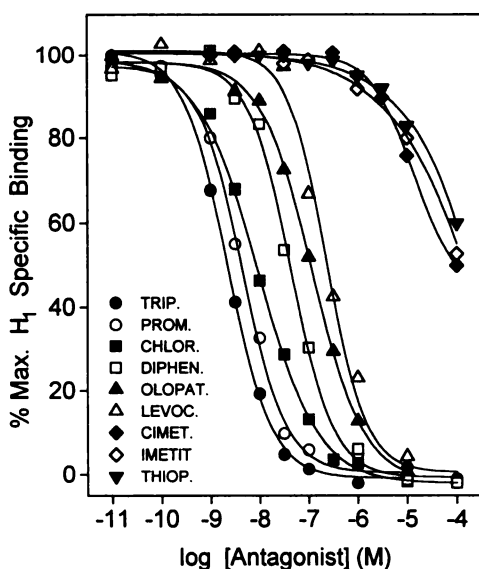


Fig. 4. Inhibition of specific [<sup>3</sup>H]pyrilamine binding to H<sub>1</sub> receptors by olopatadine and a variety of histamine antagonists. Data are the average results from three to eight experiments. The error bars are not shown for clarity. ●, triprolidine; ○, promethazine; ■, chlorpheniramine; □, diphenhydramine; ▲, olopatadine; △, levocabastine; ◆, cimetidine; ◇, imetit; ▼, thioperamide.

revealed that olopatadine had some detectable affinity ( $\geq 50\%$  inhibition of binding at 10 μM) for 5HT uptake sites ( $pIC_{50} \geq 5$ ) and 5HT<sub>2</sub> receptors ( $pIC_{50} \geq 6$ ), but these reflected lower affinities than its H<sub>1</sub> receptor affinity ( $pK_i = 7.3$ ). Olopatadine possessed a very low affinity for the other 38 nonhistamine receptor systems examined (table 3). In contrast, ketotifen tested in the same 42 assays exhibited

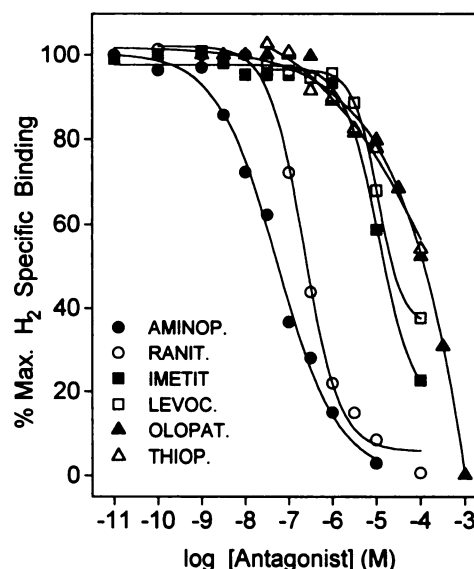
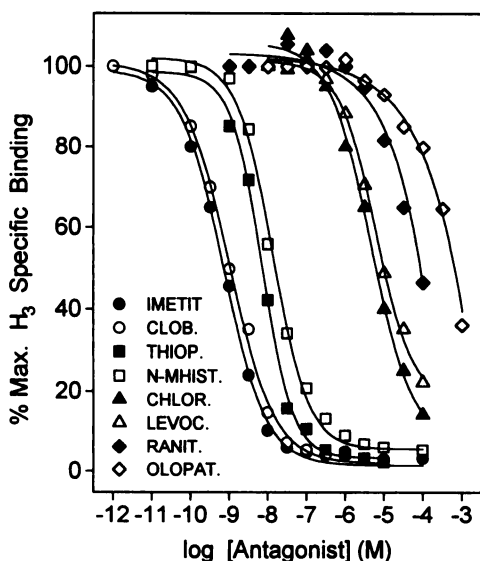


Fig. 5. Inhibition of specific [<sup>3</sup>H]tiotidine binding to H<sub>2</sub> receptors by olopatadine and a variety of histamine antagonists. Data are the average results from three to eight experiments. The error bars are not shown for clarity. ●, aminopentidine; ○, ranitidine; ■, imetit; □, levocabastine; ▲, olopatadine; △, thioperamide.

for  $\alpha$ -2 adrenergic, D<sub>2</sub> dopamine, 5HT<sub>2</sub>, histamine H<sub>2</sub> and M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> muscarinic receptors (table 4; NovaScreen task order 0251), in addition to its high affinity for H<sub>1</sub> histamine receptors (tables 1 and 4).

**Functional studies.** To determine the *in vitro* potency of olopatadine, it was tested for its ability to antagonize histamine-induced PI turnover in a variety of human ocular cell types possessing H<sub>1</sub> histamine receptors. Olopatadine con-



**Fig. 6.** Inhibition of specific  $N$ -[ $^3\text{H}$ ]methylhistamine binding to  $\text{H}_3$  receptors by olopatadine and a variety of histamine antagonists. Data are the average results from three to eight experiments. The error bars are not shown for clarity. ●, imetit; ○, clobenpropit; ■, thioperamide; □,  $N$ -methylhistamine; ▲, chlorpheniramine; △, levocabastine; ◆, ranitidine; ◇, olopatadine.

duced PI turnover in primary cultures of HCE cells ( $\text{IC}_{50} = 10 \text{ nM}$ ,  $\text{pIC}_{50} = 8.0 \pm 0.06$ ,  $n = 4$ ), in HCF ( $\text{IC}_{50} = 15.8 \text{ nM}$ ,  $\text{pIC}_{50} = 7.8 \pm 0.04$ ,  $n = 4$ ) and in immortalized HTM3 cells ( $\text{IC}_{50} = 31.6 \text{ nM}$ ,  $\text{pIC}_{50} = 7.5 \pm 0.1$ ,  $n = 9$ ), which respond to histamine as primary HTM3 cells do (Pang *et al.*, 1994) (figs. 7 and 8; table 5). The potencies of some ocularly used anti-histamines for blocking histamine-induced PI turnover in HCE cells, HCF and HTM3 cells are also shown in table 5 for comparison.

In additional mechanistic studies, olopatadine (1–300 nM)

**TABLE 2**

**$\text{H}_1$  selectivity of olopatadine and various histaminergic ligands relative to their  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{H}_3$  receptor selectivities**

Data represent the affinity ratios at the different histamine receptor subtypes based on the molar values derived from data in Table 1. The respective  $\text{H}_2$  selectivities of ranitidine and cimetidine, relative to  $\text{H}_1$  receptors, were 250 and 16. The respective  $\text{H}_3$  selectivities of  $N$ -methylhistamine, thioperamide and histamine, relative to  $\text{H}_1$  receptors, were 63,000, 202,532 and 50,000.

Compounds	$\text{H}_1$ Selectivity Relative to $\text{H}_2$	$\text{H}_1$ Selectivity Relative to $\text{H}_3$
<b><math>\text{H}_1</math> ligands</b>		
Pyrilamine	12,589	12,589
Chlorpheniramine	6,270	2,460
Tripolidine	4,750	6.6
Olopatadine	3,164	2,500
Ketotifen	1,032	1,953
Antazoline	1,000	800
Tripelennamine	731	6,454
Levocabastine	500	64
Promethazine	251	25,280
Pheniramine	406	197
Diphenhydramine	126	2,000
<b><math>\text{H}_2</math> ligands</b>		
Cimetidine	0.1	0.8
Ranitidine	0	0.4
<b><math>\text{H}_3</math> ligands</b>		
Imetit	0.2	0
$N$ -Methylhistamine	0.8	0
Thioperamide	0.3	0
Histamine	0.1	0

preincubated with HTM3 cells produced a rightward shift of the histamine concentration-response curves, with a progressive decrease in the histamine-induced maximal response (fig. 9). Thus, olopatadine exhibited apparent noncompetitive antagonist properties in the HTM3 cells under the present experimental conditions. The estimated dissociation constant ( $\text{p}K_b$ ) (Furchgott, 1972; Brown *et al.*, 1984) of olopatadine from these studies was calculated to be  $7.7 \pm 0.2$  ( $n = 6$ ) ( $K_b = 19.9 \text{ nM}$ ). Similar studies conducted in the HTM3 cells

**TABLE 1**

**Affinity estimates for olopatadine (AL-4943A) and other histaminergic ligands for histamine receptor subtypes**

Data are mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. from three to eight independent experiments. The values shown in parentheses represent the mean Hill coefficients of the inhibition plots.

Compounds	Receptor Affinities ( $\text{p}K_b$ ) and Hill Coefficients		
	$\text{H}_1$ Receptors	$\text{H}_2$ Receptors	$\text{H}_3$ Receptors
<b><math>\text{H}_1</math> ligands</b>			
Tripolidine	$9.1 \pm 0.06$ (1.1)	$5.5 \pm 0.12$ (0.6)	$5.3 \pm 0.10$ (0.8)
Pyrilamine	$9.1 \pm 0.06$ (0.9)	$5.0 \pm 0.05$ (0.8)	$5.0 \pm 0.05$ (0.9)
Ketotifen	$8.9 \pm 0.05$ (1.0)	$5.9 \pm 0.05$ (0.7)	$5.6 \pm 0.04$ (1.0)
Chlorpheniramine	$8.9 \pm 0.10$ (0.8)	$5.1 \pm 0.04$ (0.8)	$5.5 \pm 0.01$ (1.1)
Promethazine	$8.9 \pm 0.10$ (1.0)	$6.5 \pm 0.31$ (0.5)	$4.5 \pm 0.41$ (0.7)
Tripelennamine	$8.5 \pm 0.10$ (1.0)	$5.6 \pm 0.03$ (0.6)	$4.8 \pm 0.25$ (0.7)
Diphenhydramine	$7.9 \pm 0.20$ (1.1)	$5.8 \pm 0.06$ (0.6)	$4.6 \pm 0.30$ (0.7)
Pheniramine	$7.5 \pm 0.03$ (0.9)	$4.9 \pm 0.03$ (0.6)	$5.2 \pm 0.22$ (0.9)
Antazoline	$7.4 \pm 0.05$ (1.0)	$4.4 \pm 0.05$ (0.8)	$4.5 \pm 0.12$ (1.2)
Olopatadine	$7.5 \pm 0.10$ (1.1)	$4.0 \pm 0.19$ (0.7)	$4.1 \pm 0.16$ (0.9)
Levocabastine	$7.3 \pm 0.08$ (1.0)	$4.6 \pm 0.08$ (0.6)	$5.5 \pm 0.19$ (0.8)
<b><math>\text{H}_2</math> ligands</b>			
Aminopotentidine	$4.6 \pm 0.20$ (0.6)	$7.4 \pm 0.03$ (0.6)	$7.1 \pm 0.20$ (0.7)
Cimetidine	$4.3 \pm 0.30$ (0.6)	$5.8 \pm 0.13$ (0.6)	$4.7 \pm 0.03$ (0.7)
Ranitidine	$4.6 \pm 0.20$ (1.0)	$6.8 \pm 0.03$ (0.8)	$4.8 \pm 0.09$ (0.9)
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Clobenpropit	$5.6 \pm 0.03$ (0.6)	$5.7 \pm 0.21$ (0.7)	$9.7 \pm 0.10$ (0.7)
Imetit	$4.3 \pm 0.10$ (0.4)	$5.1 \pm 0.26$ (0.7)	$9.7 \pm 0.03$ (0.9)
Thioperamide	$4.2 \pm 0.30$ (0.8)	$4.3 \pm 0.07$ (0.9)	$9.1 \pm 0.09$ (0.9)
$N$ -Methylhistamine	$4.2 \pm 0.34$ (1.0)	$4.3 \pm 0.27$ (0.4)	$9.0 \pm 0.17$ (0.9)
Histamine	$3.7 \pm 0.08$ (0.4)	$4.8 \pm 0.09$ (0.7)	$8.4 \pm 0.18$ (0.9)

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