

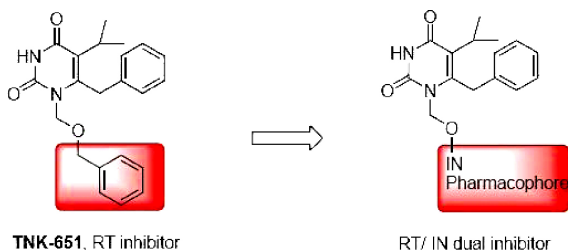
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**From RT Inhibitor to RT/IN Dual Inhibitor: An Rational Design**

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As the standard HIV chemotherapy, highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) is compromised by high cost and toxicity. These problems could be alleviated by using designed multiple ligands (DMLs) which are compounds with a single structure that engages multiple biological targets. In this study, HIV RT/IN dual inhibitors featuring two distinct pharmacophores were rationally designed and synthesized. The design was based on TNK-651, a potent RT inhibitor of the HEPT family. A tolerant region of HEPT type RT inhibitors was identified and a pharmacophore responsible for IN activity was introduced to generate dual inhibitory activities. The detailed design and chemical synthesis are described, and results of enzymatic assays against RT and IN, as well as cell-based assay against HIV are presented.



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**Check of Antiviral Activity of Nanocomposites with Active Ligand Based on Model of Cattle's Diarrhea Virus (Model of Hepatitis C Virus)**

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Hepatitis C is one of the infections of interest for public health. It is caused by a virus with (+)RNA genome. Search of methods of efficient influence on this dangerous viral infection still goes on [Locarnini, S.A., Bartholomeusz, A., 2002. *J. Gastroenterol. Hepatol.* 17, 442–447]. Progress reached in

bionanotechnology recently give researchers new technological possibilities which give new way to solve the tasks. One way is to use nanoparticles as delivery agents for reactive derivative of oligonucleotides to target-gene. Objective of present work is to research possible use of conjugates reactive derivative of oligonucleotides with TiO<sub>2</sub>-nanoparticles for selective inactivation of viral nucleic acid in affected cells. Tests for TiO<sub>2</sub>-nanoparticles' and their conjugates' cytotoxic effect on cells culture Vero and MDCK are passed. This effect on Vero appears when TiO<sub>2</sub>-nanoparticles' concentration was higher than 100 mg/ml. On MDCK the maximum non-toxic value was 30–60 mg/ml. Penetration of TiO<sub>2</sub>-nanoparticles and nanocomposites into eucariotic different lines cells were shown. Ability of inhibition of viral activity of BVDV in KCT cell culture was researched. Shown that conjugates based on amorphous nanoparticles TiO<sub>2</sub>-polylysine-oligo and TiO<sub>2</sub>-PL-DA-Oligo have antiviral activity which have the most expression with UV illumination in two to three days after infection, in period of forming replicative complexes when drugs without direct oligonucleotides shown no activity.

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**MIV-170, a Novel NNRTI With Potent Activity Against HIV and HIV Mutants**

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MIV-170 is an NNRTI designed to have potent activity both against wtHIV-1 and HIV-1 mutants resistant to the NNRTIs on the market. In MT-2 cells MIV-170 showed EC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.2 nM against wtHIV and 0.3 nM against the K103N mutant while efavirenz showed EC<sub>50</sub> values of 1.4 nM and 39 nM, respectively. The rate of resistance development to MIV-170 in MT-4 cells, even when starting with the NNRTI resistant mutant K103N, was slower than with efavirenz. A panel of HIV strains with typical NNRTI resistance mutations were all resistant to efavirenz while 85% were sensitive to <20 nM MIV-170. In a large panel of 185 multiple drug resistant HIV patient isolates, 65% showed a change in sensitivity to MIV-170, as compared to wt virus, of less than 4 (FC < 4) while 41% showed a less than 4 fold (FC < 4) change in sensitivity to efavirenz. MIV-170 has a free fraction of 2.1% in human serum as compared to 0.4% for efavirenz. MIV-170 has a very high oral bioavailability and a long plasma half-life in dogs, and was well tolerated in a 10 days toxicity study in rats.

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