

BQ-123, ET_A antagonist, decreases clinical sign and inflammatory region on EAE.

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BQ-123, a selective ET_A receptor antagonist, reverses various responses induced by Endothelin-1 and It has been reported that BQ-123 ameliorates the cerebrovascular constriction, hypertension, and decrease of blood flow.

Previously, we announced that the level of Endothelin-1 increase in the brain and spinal cord of EAE-induced lewis rat and showed the origin of ET-1 is activated macrophages.

Intracisternal injection of ET_A receptor antagonist, BQ-123(10nmol) was done for visualizing the role of endothelin-1 on the pathogenesis of EAE.

BQ-123 apparently blocked the severity of clinical score of EAE and decreased the histologically observed inflammatory region.

The blocking effect on the progression of EAE model following BQ-123, suggests that BQ-123 is a physiological antagonist in terms of development of the sign of multiple sclerosis.

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