

Excitatory effect of KR-25018 and capsaicin on the isolated guinea pig bronchi

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We investigated the peripheral excitatory effect of capsaicin and KR-25018, a newly synthesized capsaicin derivative which was demonstrated to have a potent analgesic activity. KR-25018 and capsaicin were found to be both potent efficacious contractors of isolated guinea pig bronchial smooth muscle. KR-25018 was equipotent with capsaicin and [Sar⁹,Met(O₂)¹¹]-substance P, 10-fold more potent than histamine and 10-fold less potent than [β -Ala⁸]-neurokinin A(4-10), and their $-\log(M)EC_{50}$ values were 6.94 ± 0.08 , 6.86 ± 0.05 , 6.96 ± 0.07 , 5.64 ± 0.04 , 7.96 ± 0.02 , respectively. Contractile responses to KR-25018 and capsaicin were potentiated by phosphoramidon ($1 \mu M$), an inhibitor of neuropeptide-inactivating endopeptidase, but completely abolished in a calcium-free medium. These responses to KR-25018 and capsaicin were unaffected by the NK-1 antagonist CP96345 ($1 \mu M$), partially inhibited by the NK-2 antagonist SR48968 ($1 \mu M$) but almost completely abolished by a combination of the antagonists. A vanilloid receptor antagonist capsazepine competitively antagonized the responses to both KR-25018 and capsaicin (pA_2 : against KR-25018, 5.98 ± 0.47 ; against capsaicin, 5.80 ± 0.31), and a capsaicin-sensitive cation channel antagonist ruthenium red caused significant reduction in the maximum responses to KR-25018 and capsaicin (pD'_2 : against KR-25018, 4.61 ± 0.33 ; against capsaicin 4.96 ± 0.21). In conclusion, the present results suggest that KR-25018 and capsaicin act on the same vanilloid receptor inducing the influx of calcium through ruthenium red-sensitive cation channel and produce contractile responses via the release of tachykinins that act on both NK-1 and NK-2 receptor subtypes.