

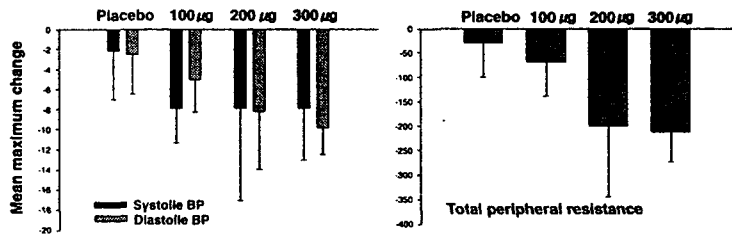
Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Evaluation of a Novel K⁺ Channel Activator, SKP-450, in Healthy Volunteers

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To evaluate the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic characteristics of a novel K⁺ channel activator SKP-450, a single-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel group study was conducted in 28 healthy volunteers. The volunteers were randomly allocated to single dose groups of 100 μ g, 200 μ g, or 300 μ g. The 200 μ g group was further studied for food interaction in a crossover fashion. Drug concentrations in plasma were measured by HPLC. PD effects were evaluated by serial measurements of blood pressure (BP), pulse rate, hemodynamic parameters (cardiac index & total peripheral resistance: TPR using computerized impedance cardiography), and also by measuring plasma renin activity and aldosterone concentrations.

Dose	Tmax(hr)	Cmax(ng/ml)	t _{1/2} (hr)	AUC(ng · hr/ml)	CL/F(L/hr)
100 μ g	1.13	2.78	2.51	12.34	10.67
200 μ g	1.17	4.68	2.27	19.92	10.75
200 μ g(food)	3.01	3.85	2.87	23.03	9.03
300 μ g	1.00	6.57	2.18	35.96	9.66



SKP-450 was generally well tolerated, showed linear PK properties, and was expected to show significant reduction in BP & TPR.