

Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonists

Antagonista del Receptor de la Interleucina 1; IL-1Ra; IL-1i; Interleukin-1 Inhibitors.

Profile

Endogenous antagonists to interleukin-1 receptor block the actions of interleukin-1 (p.2325) and recombinant forms have been investigated in inflammatory and immune-modulated disorders. Anakinra (p.19) is a human recombinant interleukin-1 receptor antagonist used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

Interleukin-2 Fusion Toxins

Toxinas de fusión de interleucina 2.

Profile

Interleukin-2 fusion toxin is produced by replacing the receptor binding domain of diphtheria toxin with sequences from interleukin-2, thus producing specific cytotoxicity in cells expressing the interleukin-2 receptor. The interleukin-2 fusion toxin denileukin difitox (p.710) is used in the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. The related compound DAB₄₈₆ interleukin-2 has also been investigated in a variety of disorders.

Interleukin-6

B-cell Stimulatory Factor-2; BSF-2; Hepatocyte-Stimulating Factor; Hybridoma Growth Factor; IFN-β₂; IL-6; Interferon-β₂.

Интерлейкин-6

Profile

Interleukin-6 is one of a number of polypeptides known collectively as interleukins (p.2325). It is produced by many cell types and induces differentiation of B-lymphocytes and activation of T-cells. It has proinflammatory and pyrogenic properties and is involved in the regulation of immune responses and inflammation. Interleukin-6 has also been implicated in haematopoiesis.

Atexakin alfa is human recombinant interleukin-6 under investigation.

Since overproduction of interleukin-6 plays a crucial role in the pathogenesis of chronic inflammatory diseases, interleukin-6 antibodies (p.2326) and interleukin-6 receptor antagonists (p.2326) are being investigated or used as therapeutic agents.

Interleukin-6 Antibodies

IL-6 Antibody.

Elsilimomab (rINN)

Elsilimomabum. Immunoglobulin G1, anti-(human interleukin 6) (mouse monoclonal B-E8 heavy chain), disulfide with mouse monoclonal B-E8 κ-chain, dimer.

Эльсалимомаб

CAS — 468715-71-1.

Profile

Monoclonal antibodies to interleukin-6 (p.2326) are under investigation for the treatment of disorders including post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders and renal cell carcinoma.

Elsilimomab is an interleukin-6 monoclonal antibody under investigation.

Interleukin-6 Receptor Antagonists**Tocilizumab (USAN, rINN)**

Atlizumab; MRA; R-1569; Tocilizumabum. Immunoglobulin G1, anti-(human interleukin 6 receptor) (human-mouse monoclonal MRA heavy chain), disulfide with human-mouse monoclonal MRA κ-chain, dimer.

Тоцилизумаб

CAS — 375823-41-9.

Profile

Antagonists to the interleukin-6 receptor block the actions of interleukin-6 (p.2326) and are under investigation for rheumatoid arthritis, systemic-onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis, adult-onset Still's disease, Crohn's disease, and haemolytic anaemia.

Tocilizumab is a recombinant monoclonal antibody that targets the interleukin-6 receptor and is used for the treatment of Castleman's disease, a rare lymphoproliferative disorder. It is also used for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Jpn: Actemra.

Interleukin-10

CSIF; Cytokine synthesis inhibitory factor; IL-10.

Интерлейкин-10

CAS — 130068-27-8.

Ilodecakin (USAN, rINN)

Ilodecákina; Ilodécakine; Ilodecakinum; Interleukin-10 (human clone pH15C); rIL-10; Sch-52000.

ИЛОДЕКАКИН

CAS — 149824-15-7.

Profile

Interleukin-10 is one of a number of polypeptides known collectively as interleukins (p.2325). It regulates the differentiation and proliferation of several immune cells including T-cells and B-cells. It is postulated that it has immunostimulant as well as immunosuppressive properties; it also has anti-inflammatory actions. Interleukin-10 is under investigation for inflammatory bowel disease, malignant neoplasms, skin disorders including psoriasis and reduction of scarring, rheumatoid arthritis, hepatitis C, and organ transplantation.

Ilodecakin is a recombinant form of interleukin-10 under investigation.

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Interleukin-12

IL-12.

Интерлейкин-12

Edodekin Alfa (USAN, rINN)

Edodekina alfa; Édodékine Alfa; Edodekinum Alfa; Ro-24-7472/000.

ЭДОДЕКИН Альфа

CAS — 187348-17-0.

Description. A recombinant human interleukin-12.

Profile

Interleukin-12 is one of a number of polypeptides known collectively as interleukins (p.2325). It is produced by macrophages and dendritic cells and enhances cellular immunity through induction of the activity of interferon-γ and cytotoxic T-lymphocytes. It has been investigated for the treatment of severe infections such as mycobacterial infections; it is worthy of note

that children with a rare inherited susceptibility to fatal mycobacterial infections exhibit mutations in the interleukin-12 gene. Interleukin-12 is also under study for the treatment of various cancers, including as adenovirus-mediated gene therapy.

Edodekin alfa is human recombinant interleukin-12 under investigation for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma.

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- Little RF, *et al.* Activity of subcutaneous interleukin-12 in AIDS-related Kaposi sarcoma. *Blood* 2006; **107**: 4650–7.

Intrinsic Factor

Antianemic Factor; Castle's Intrinsic Factor; Gastric Intrinsic Factor.

Внутренне Присуший Фактор

CAS — 9008-12-2.

Profile

Intrinsic factor, a glycoprotein secreted by the parietal glands in the stomach, is required for absorption of vitamin B₁₂ in the small intestine. Deficiency in intrinsic factor leads to vitamin B₁₂ deficiency disorders and pernicious anaemia.

Intrinsic factor is given orally with cyanocobalamin in the Schilling test in the differential diagnosis of pernicious anaemia (see p.1981). It is also included in some oral preparations containing cyanocobalamin, presumably as an aid to absorption.

Difficulty in obtaining intrinsic factor and/or radio-labelled cyanocobalamin for the original Schilling test prompted studies using a recombinant human intrinsic factor in a new vitamin B₁₂ absorption test. Initial results with this recombinant form were promising.¹

- Hvas A-M, *et al.* The effect of recombinant human intrinsic factor on the uptake of vitamin B12 in patients with evident vitamin B12 deficiency. *Haematologica* 2006; **91**: 805–8.

Preparations

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Multi-ingredient: **Braz:** Hemofert; **Indon:** Biosanbe; **Philipp:** Tri-HEMIC; **USA:** Anemagen; Chromagen; Contrin; Ferotrans; Fetrin; Livit-rinsic-f; Pronemia Hematinic; TriHEMIC; Trinsic.

Inulin (BAN)

Alant Starch; Inulina.

CAS — 9005-80-5.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Br.* and *US.*

BP 2008 (Inulin). A polysaccharide obtained from the tubers of *Dahlia variabilis*, *Helianthus tuberosus*, and other genera of the family Compositae. It is a white, odourless or almost odourless, hygroscopic, amorphous, granular powder. Slightly soluble in cold water, but freely soluble in hot water; slightly soluble in organic solvents.

USP 31 (Inulin). A polysaccharide which, on hydrolysis, yields mainly fructose. A white, friable, chalk-like, amorphous, odourless powder. Soluble in hot water; slightly soluble in cold water and in organic solvents. A 10% solution in water has a pH of 4.5 to 7.0. Store at a temperature of 25°, excursions permitted between 15° and 30°.

Pharmacokinetics

Inulin is rapidly removed from the circulation after intravenous doses but is not metabolised. A trace may be found in the bile and may cross the placenta, but it is mainly eliminated in the urine by glomerular filtration without secretion or reabsorption in the renal tubule.

Uses and Administration

Inulin is used intravenously as a diagnostic agent to measure the glomerular filtration rate. Although an accurate test, it is complex to perform and is generally reserved for research purposes. Crystals of inulin may be deposited on storage of the injection; they should be dissolved by heating for not more than 15 minutes before use and the injection cooled to a suitable temperature before use.

Polyfructosan, an inulin analogue of lower average molecular weight, has been used similarly.

Preparations

BP 2008: Inulin Injection;
USP 31: Inulin in Sodium Chloride Injection.

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Austria: Inutest; **Cz:** Inutestf.

Multi-ingredient: **Chile:** Reduc-Te; Reducform-F; **Fr:** Actylfus; Effadiane relipdantes; **Ital:** Enterolactis; Lactolas; Naturalass; Snell'it.