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## MECHANISMS AND URODYNAMIC EFFECTS OF A POTENT AND SELECTIVE EP4 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST (MF191) ON CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE AND PROGLANDIN E2 INDUCED BLADDER OVERACTIVITY IN RATS

### Hypothesis / aims of study

Upregulation of the prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> (PGE<sub>2</sub>) receptor subtype 4 (EP4) in the bladder has been suggested to involve in bladder overactivity. We investigated the mechanism and urodynamic effects of a potent and selective EP4 receptor antagonist (MF191) on cyclophosphamide (CYP) or PGE<sub>2</sub> induced bladder overactivity in rats.

### Study design, materials and methods

Experimental and control rats were injected with CYP (200 mg/kg intraperitoneally) or saline on day 1. Continuous cystometrogram (CMGs) were performed on day 3. In group 1, MF191 (vehicle, 0.1 and 1 mg/kg) was given intravenously. The bladder was then harvested for histology. Some bladders were harvested for analysis of EP4 expression by western Blotting. In group 2, MF191 (vehicle, 10 nM, and 100 nM) was continuously infused into bladder. In group 3, bladder overactivity was produced by intravesical instillation of PGE<sub>2</sub> (200 μM) and vehicle or MF191 (1 mg/kg) was given intravenously.

### Results

CYP induced bladder inflammation, EP4 upregulation, and overactivity. The CYP effects were suppressed by MF191 (1mg/kg) intravenous injection (intercontraction interval, ICI- 39.4% increase, inflammatory cells infiltration score- 26.1% decrease, and EP4 expression- 89.9% decrease). Intravesical instillation MF191 (100 nM) suppressed CYP induced bladder overactivity (ICI- 71.8% increase). PGE<sub>2</sub> induced bladder overactivity was suppressed by MF191 (ICI- 43.2% increase). MF191 had no significant effects on other CMG parameters and on control rats.

### Interpretation of results

EP4 receptor antagonist MF 191 may have effects on the bladder urothelium and inflammatory cells infiltration and suppressed CYP or PGE<sub>2</sub> induced bladder overactivity.

### Concluding message

Systemic or intravesical MF 191 administration may be promising for treatment of overactive bladder in humans.

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