

GIP receptor antagonist treatment causes weight loss in ovariectomized high fat diet-fed mice

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Abstract

Background and purpose The incretin hormone, glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide (GIP), secreted by the enteroendocrine K-cells in the proximal intestine, may regulate lipid metabolism and adiposity but its exact role in these processes is unclear. **Experimental approach** We characterized in vitro and in vivo antagonistic properties of a novel GIP analogue, mGIPAnt-1. We further assessed the in vivo pharmacokinetic profile of this antagonist, as well as its ability to affect high-fat diet (HFD)-induced body weight gain in ovariectomized mice during an 8-week treatment period. **Key results** mGIPAnt-1 showed competitive antagonistic properties to the GIP receptor (GIPR) in vitro as it inhibited GIP-induced cAMP accumulation in COS-7 cells. Furthermore, mGIPAnt-1 was capable of inhibiting GIP-induced glucoregulatory and insulintropic effects in vivo and has a favourable pharmacokinetic profile with a half-life of 7.2 hours in C57Bl6 female mice. Finally, sub-chronic treatment with mGIPAnt-1 in ovariectomized HFD mice resulted in a reduction of body weight and fat mass. **Conclusion and Implications** mGIPAnt-1 successfully inhibited acute GIP-induced effects in vitro and in vivo and sub-chronically induces resistance to HFD-induced weight gain in ovariectomized mice. Our results support the development of GIP antagonists for the therapy of obesity.

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