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PTML Computational Study, Synthesis, and Pharmacological Assay of MIF-1 Peptidomimetics

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"Reagents and conditions: (i) DIEA, TBTU, CH_2CI_2 ; (ii) LiOH, MeOH/H₂O followed by H₂SO₄ 1 M; (iii) NH₃ (g), MeOH. **Abstract**: In a recent work we described the organic synthesis and experimental pharmacological assay of MIF-1 peptidomimetics modulators of D₂ receptors (D₂R). We measured their ability to enhance the maximal effect of tritiated N-propylapomorphine ([³H]-NPA) at D₂R. The 2-furoyl-l-leucylglycinamide (6a) showed increase maximal [³H]-NPA response at 10 pM (11 ± 1%) compared to MIF-1. Neurotoxicity assays of MIF-1 derivative 6a with cortex neurons of Wistar-Kyoto rat embryos suggest low neurotoxicity. Additionally, we reported a predictive model >20 000 outcomes of preclinical assays reported in ChEMBL for this kind of modulators. The model shows high specificity Sp = 89.2/89.4%, sensitivity Sn = 71.3/72.2%, and accuracy Ac = 86.1%/86.4% in training/validation series, respectively. The model is useful to predict this and similar compounds.

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