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is an atypical antipsychotic drug with a high affinity for serotonin (5HT $_{2A/2C}$), dopamine (D $_{1}$), muscarinic (M $_{1\cdot5}$), histamine H $_{1}$, and adrenergic α_{1} receptors [1-2]. Olanzapine is indicated for the treatment of patients with schizophrenia and psychosis of a schizoaffective nature.

We have developed a sensitive and selective HPLC method with electrochemical detection to determine the concentration of olanzapine in human plasma. The analysis was carried out on a reversed-phase column (Symmetry C18, 150 x 4.6 mm I.D., 5 μ m) using a mixture of 0.06 M ammonium acetate (pH 5.90), acetonitrile and methanol (40:41:37, v/v/v) as the mobile phase. The flow rate was 0.69 mL/min. The detection voltage was + 0.6 V and the cell and column temperature were 36°C. The drug and internal standard (clozapine) were isolated from plasma using liquid-liquid extraction with ethyl acetate. The mean recovery of olanzapine and internal standard were about 90% and 82%, respectively. Ascorbic acid was added to the samples to inhibit degradation of olanzapine during extraction and storage. The lower limit of quantitation for the assay was established at 0.313 ng/mL. Repeatability, intermediate precision and accuracy were satisfactory.

The method for the assay of olanzapine in human plasma is sufficiently sensitive to apply during the pharmacokinetic and bioequivalence studies of this drug.

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New serotonin receptors ligands in the group of 8-acylamide derivatives of 1,3-dimethyl-7-[(4-phenyl-pi-perazin-1-yl)-alkyl]-1H-purine-2,6-(3H,7H)-dione

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It is known, that many serotonin receptors ligands, especially 5-HT1A and 5-HT $_{2A}$, posses antidepressant, anxiolitic and antipsychotic activity. As we reported in our previous paper [1] several 8-alkoxy derivatives of 1,3-dimethyl-7-[(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)alkyl]-1H-purine-2,6(3H,7H)-dione have shown moderate to high affinity for 5-HT $_{1A}$ (K = 11-19 nM), 5-HT $_{2A}$ (K = 15-253 nM) and 5-HT $_{7}$ (K = 51-83 nM) receptors, depending on the structure of moiety in the 7 position of 1*H*-purine-2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione. In our further studies in a group of 8-amino derivatives of 1,3-dimethyl-7-[(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl) -alkyl]-1H -purine -2,6(3H,7H) -dione we have found out, that replacing the alkoxy substituent in the 8 position with amino substituent strongly decreases affinity for 5-HT and 5-HT receptors, but enhances affinity and selectivity for 5-HT1A ones. In order to determine the influence of moiety in 8 position of 1*H*-purine- 2,6(3H,7H)-dione on the affinity for serotonin receptors we designed and synthesized 1,3-dimethyl-7 [(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl) -alkyl]-1*H*-purine -2,6(3*H*,7*H*)-dione derivatives possessing 8-acylamide substituent (Scheme 1).

The new 8-acylamide analogues are under pharmacological trials. The structure-activity relationship will be discussed.

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Synthesis and serotonin receptors activity of new purine-2,6-dione derivatives with arylpiperazinylalkoxy moieties

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For several years much attention has been focused on the functional importance of serotonin receptors in the pathogenesis of neuropsychiatric and other diseases. Among many classes of serotonin recep-

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