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PHENOXYMETHYL DERIVATIVES OF 1,3,5-TRIAZINE AS NOVEL CLASS OF 5-HT₆ RECEPTOR LIGANDS

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The serotonin 5-HT₆ receptor (5-HT₆R) is the most recently identified member of the 5-HT receptor superfamily. The 5-HT₆R, distributed in the central nervous system, is especially involved in the regulation of cognitive and mood processes as well as eating behaviors. Intensive medicinal chemistry efforts led to obtain many potent 5-HT₆R ligands and some of them have reached to clinical studies, even to phase III as e.g. LUAE58054 (idalopirdine; Alzheimer's disease).^[1]

For proper understanding of the complicity of 5-HT₆R pharmacology more potent and selective ligands are necessary. Recently, we have developed a new class of 5-HT₆ receptor ligands – benzyl derivatives of 1,3,5-triazine.^[2] The most active compounds displayed 5-HT₆R affinities in the nanomolar range (K_i = 20-30 nM).

As a continuation of that work, a series of phenoxyethyl derivatives of 1,3,5-triazine was synthesized and tested for 5-HT₆ receptor affinity. Among obtained structures a potent compound - 4-((2-isopropyl-5-methylphenoxy)methyl)-6-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine (**MST4**) - was identified. **MST4**, while having high nanomolar binding affinity (K_i = 11 nM) for 5-HT₆R demonstrated also good selectivity towards other 5-HT receptors (5-HT_{1A}, 5-HT_{2A}, 5-HT₇) and starts a new class of potent 5-HT₆R ligands.

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