

PTH or PTHrP antagonists

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The present invention relates to parathyroid hormone (PTH) and parathyroid hormone related peptide (PTHrP) compounds, a process for their production, pharmaceutical preparations comprising them and their use as a pharmaceutical.

- 10 More particularly the present invention provides a PTH or PTHrP compound having potent antagonistic activity at the PTH/PTHrP receptor in which at least one of the amino acid residues naturally occurring in positions 2 and 10 is replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic
- 15 group on its side chain, and optionally at least one of the amino acid residues naturally occurring in positions 3 and 6 is further replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain. The compounds are hereinafter referred to as compounds of the invention.
- 20 In a particular embodiment of the invention there is provided a PTH or PTHrP compound in which the amino acid residue naturally occurring in position 10 is replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain, and optionally at least one of the amino acid
- 25 residues naturally occurring in positions 3 and 6 is further replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain.

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sequence regardless of whether any α -amino acid residue of the PTH sequence is replaced or omitted according to the invention.

By "PTHrP compound" or "PTH compound" is meant a peptide comprising an amino acid sequence based on a N-terminal fragment of PTHrP or PTH respectively, preferably based on a PTHrP or PTH fragment starting with any one of the residues 1-7 and terminating with any one of the residues from 27 to 38 e.g. a N-terminal fragment of PTHrP or PTH comprising up to 31, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38 amino acid residues. The terms "PTHrP or PTH" will thus be understood as embracing peptides wherein one or more amino acid residues of the said N-terminal fragment is omitted, preferably at the N-terminus. The terms are also to be understood as embracing peptides wherein one or more amino acid residues of the naturally occurring sequence is replaced by one or more other amino acid residues (natural or non natural) in addition to the substitution in position 2 and/or 10 and optionally in 3 and/or 6 according to the invention. The 1-38, 1-34 and 1-31 N-terminal fragments of human PTHrP have the sequences as indicated in SEQ ID No:1, 2 or 3, respectively.

The 1-38, 1-34 and 1-31 N-terminal fragments of human PTH have the sequences as indicated in SEQ ID No:4, 5 or 6, respectively.

The N-terminus of the PTHrP or PTH compounds may be a free or a protected amino group, bearing e.g. a N-protecting group as disclosed in "Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis", T.W. Greene, J. Wiley & Sons NY (1981), 219-287, the contents of which being herein incorporated by reference, preferably protected by R"-CO-, R"-O-CO-, R"-O-CH₂-CO- or R"-SO₂, or an amino group bearing a radical R''', R'''-NH-CO- or R'''-NH-CS- such as defined hereunder.

The C-terminus of the compounds of the invention may be COOH, CONH₂, or a mono- or disubstituted amide, e.g. -CONR_cR_d wherein one of R_c and R_d is H and the other is an aliphatic residue, e.g. C₁₋₆alkyl, or both are an aliphatic residue, or R_c and R_d together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heterocyclic residue, e.g. pyrrolidinyl or piperidinyl.

PTHrP or PTH compounds in accordance with the invention have potent antagonistic activity at the PTH/PTHrP receptor e.g. bind to the PTH/PTHrP receptor, have an intrinsic activity (i.a) for activation of the PTH/PTHrP receptor in a functional bioassay significantly <1, e.g. an i.a of at most 0.3, and antagonize PTHrP or PTH or a

fragment thereof e.g. PTHrP(1-34) or PTH(1-34) in a functional bioassay with a pA₂ value of at least 6.5. Preferably compounds in accordance with the invention have an i.a of 0.03 or lower or even not detectable in some of the assays. Example of a functional

5 bioassay is the osteosarcoma-based adenylate cyclase assay employed conventionally in the art. This assay provides an in vitro determination of the extent to which the compound to be tested stimulates adenylate cyclase activity or antagonizes the effect of PTHrP or PTH or a fragment thereof in rat osteosarcoma cells of the

10 UMR lineage, e.g. UMR-106-06 according to the method of Marcus and Aurbach in Endocrinology, 85, 801-810 (1969) as disclosed hereinafter.

By amino acid is meant a naturally occurring or commercially available or non natural amino acid or an optical isomer thereof.

15 A non natural amino acid is an amino acid which is not incorporated into a protein under mRNA direction, e.g. β -Nal², a fluoro- α -amino acid such as fluoroalanine, cyclohexylalanine or trimethylsilyl-alanine.

"Natural amino acids" refer to those well known in the art. They

20 are listed and standard abbreviations are provided in the U.S.P.T.O. publication, Trademark Official Gazette, published May 15, 1990, p. 33 at 46. These amino acids and abbreviations are specifically incorporated herein by reference.

The natural amino acids are shown below:

25	A	Ala	alanine
	D	Asp	aspartic acid
	E	Glu	glutamic acid
	F	Phe	phenylalanine
	G	Gly	glycine
30	H	His	histidine
	I	Ile	isoleucine
	K	Lys	lysine
	L	Leu	leucine
	M	Met	methionine
35	N	Asn	asparagine
	Q	Gln	glutamine
	R	Arg	arginine
	S	Ser	serine
	T	Thr	threonine
40	V	Val	valine

W	Trp	tryptophane
Y	Tyr	tyrosine

By amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain is meant an amino acid residue wherein the side chain is e.g. optionally ring-substituted phenyl-methyl, 1- or 2-naphthyl-methyl, 1- or 2-naphthyl-ethyl, 3- or 4-pyridyl-methyl, 3-indolyl-methyl or 3-indazolyl-methyl; preferably it is an amino acid residue of formula -NH-CHR'-CO- as defined below.

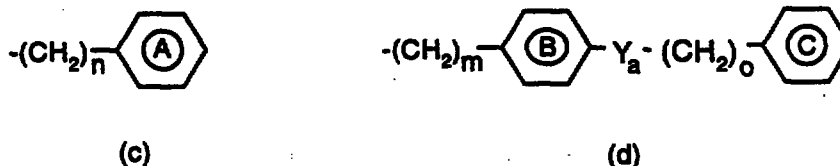
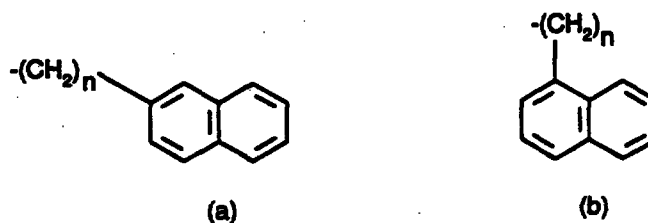
According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, there is provided a compound of formula I



wherein

- x is a residue number selected from 31, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38,
y is a residue number selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,
15 X^2 is Val or has independently one of the significances of X^{10} ,
 X^3 is Ser or has independently one of the significances of X^{10} ,
 X^6 is Gln or has independently one of the significances of X^{10} ,
 R^{10} is Asp or X^{10} , X^{10} being Trp or -NH-CHR'-CO- wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b), (c) or (d)

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wherein

- n is 1 or 2,
m is 1 or 2,
o is 0 or 1,
25 ring A is optionally substituted by one or more substituents

- selected from fluoro, chloro, nitro, C₁₋₄alkyl and C₁₋₄alkoxy, whereby two alkyl or two alkoxy substituents may also form together a ring structure fused to ring A, each of rings B and C independently may be substituted as indicated above for ring A, and
- 5 Y_a is a direct bond, -CH₂-, O, NH or N-C₁₋₆alkyl,
- D is an amino acid sequence derived from an N-terminal fragment of PTHrP or PTH,
- each of p, q and s is 1, provided that p is 0 when y > 2, q is 0 when y > 3 and s is 0 when y > 6,
- 10 R is H, R"-CO-, R"-O-CO-, R"-O-CH₂-CO-, R"-SO₂-, R''', R'''-NH-CO-, R'''-NH-CS- or NH₂-C₁₋₆alkylene-CO- wherein R" is C₁₋₈alkyl; ω-carboxy-C₁₋₆alkyl; ω-[(C₁₋₄alkoxy)-carbonyl]-C₁₋₆alkyl; C₂₋₈alkenyl; C₅₋₇cycloalkyl; C₅₋₇cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl; or phenyl, phenyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, 1-naphthyl-C₁₋₂alkyl or 2-naphthyl-C₁₋₂alkyl each of which being optionally ring substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluoro, chloro, nitro, C₁₋₄alkyl and C₁₋₄alkoxy; heteroaryl; and
- 15 R''' has independently one of the significances given for R" except the significances of ω-carboxy-C₁₋₆alkyl and ω-[(C₁₋₄alkoxy)-carbonyl]-C₁₋₆alkyl; and
- 20 R_a is OH or NH₂, with the proviso that at least one of X² and R¹⁰ has the
- 25 significance of X¹⁰.

When the substituents of ring A, B or C form together a ring structure, it may be e.g. -O-CH₂-CH₂-O-. Example of polycyclic cycloalkyl is e.g. adamantyl.

- By heteroaryl as R" is meant a 5-, 6- or 7-membered unsaturated
- 30 heterocyclic radical comprising at least one nitrogen atom and optionally further a heteroatom such as N, O or S, and optionally condensed with a benzene ring. Heteroaryl is preferably indolyl, quinolyl or isoquinolyl.

- The compounds of the invention may exist e.g. in free form, salt
- 35 form or in the form of complexes thereof. Acid addition salts may be formed with e.g. organic acids, polymeric acids and inorganic acids. Such acid addition salt forms include e.g. the hydrochlorides and the acetates. Complexes are e.g. formed from the PTHrP or PTH compound of the invention on addition of inorganic

substances, e.g. inorganic salts or hydroxides such as Ca- and Zn-salts, and/or an addition of polymeric organic substances.

In the compounds of formula I, the following significances are preferred either individually or in any combination or

5 sub-combination:

1. D is an N-terminal fragment of hPTHrP.
2. D is an N-terminal fragment of hPTH.
3. X^{10} is Trp.
- 10 4. X^{10} is $-NH-CHR'-CO-$ wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b) or (c), preferably (a) or (c), more preferably (a).
5. X^2 is Trp or $-NH-CHR'-CO-$ wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b) or (c).
6. Each of X^2 and X^{10} is Trp or $-NH-CHR'-CO-$ wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b) or (c).
- 15 7. Each of X^3 and X^{10} is Trp or $-NH-CHR'-CO-$ wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b) or (c).
8. Each of X^6 and X^{10} is Trp or $-NH-CHR'-CO-$ wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b) or (c).
- 20 9. Each of X^2 , X^6 and X^{10} is Trp or $-NH-CHR'-CO-$ wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b) or (c).
10. n is 1.
11. y is a residue number selected from 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, preferably 3 or 5.
12. x is a residue number selected from 31 or 34.
- 25 13. R is R^*CO- , R^*-SO_2 , R''' or $H_2N-C_{1-6}alkylene-CO-$.
14. R^* is $C_{1-8}alkyl$, phenyl $C_{1-4}alkyl$, 1- or 2-naphthyl, 1- or 2-naphthyl- $C_{1-2}alkyl$.

15. R is ω -carboxy-C₁₋₆alkyl.

As already mentioned, one or more amino acid residues at positions other than 2 and/or 10 may be further replaced by a natural or unnatural amino acid residue as indicated above or be omitted.

- 5 When the compounds of the invention are hPTHrP derivatives, they may comprise further amino acid replacement, e.g. in position 3, e.g. Ala, in position 4, e.g. Trp, in position 5, e.g. optionally ring-substituted Phe, in position 11 and/or 13, e.g. Leu, or in position 34, e.g. D-Ala; their amino acid sequence being optionally
- 10 shortened at the N-terminus by the omission of 1 up to 7 amino acid residues. When the compounds of the invention are hPTH derivatives, amino acid residues may be further replaced e.g. in at least one of the positions selected from 8, 16, 18, 33 and 34, e.g. Leu⁸, Ala¹⁶, Gln¹⁸, Thr³³, Ala³⁴ or D-isomers thereof.

- 15 The present invention also provides a process for the production of the PTHrP or PTH compounds of the invention. They may be prepared in a stepwise manner either in solution or using the solid phase synthesis process or genetic engineering or by a combination of these methods.

- 20 The compounds of the invention may be produced for example as follows by:

- a) removing at least one protecting group which is present in a PTHrP or PTH compound of the invention, e.g. a compound of formula I, in protected form; or
- 25 b) linking together by an amide bond two peptide fragments in protected, partially protected or unprotected form, the peptide fragments being such that the amino acid sequence of the desired PTHrP or PTH compound, e.g. of formula I, is obtained, and then effecting optionally stage a) of the process, or
- 30 c) adding a protecting group or substituent in a selective manner to the amino group of the N-terminal residue of the desired sequence or N-terminal fragment thereof in protected or unprotected form and then optionally carrying out step a),

and recovering the PTHrP or PTH compounds thus obtained in free form, in salt form or in complex form.

Process steps a), b) and c) may be effected in analogy with known methods, e.g. as known in the art of peptide chemistry or as
 5 described in the following examples. Where desired, in these reactions, protecting groups which are suitable for use in peptides may be used for functional groups which do not participate in the reaction. The term protecting group may also include a polymer resin having functional groups.

10 When the compounds of the invention comprise unnatural and natural residues, they may be produced by a combination of a chemical stepwise process and genetic engineering; the peptide sequence (whether the complete sequence or a fragment) made of genetically
 15 techniques and the desired unnatural amino acids or terminal amino substituent may be introduced by chemical synthesis and, where required, the fragments may be combined and the protecting group(s) when present may be removed.

In the following Examples all temperatures are in °C. The following
 20 abbreviations are employed.

DMF	=	dimethylformamide
DMA	=	N,N-dimethylacetamide-6-sulfonyl
Pmc	=	2,2,5,7,8-pentamethylchroman
tBu	=	tert.butyl
25 PyBOP	=	Benzotriazol-1-yl-oxy-tripyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate
Nal(2)	=	L-3-(2-naphthyl)-alanine
DIEA	=	N,N-diisopropyl-N-ethylamine
Fmoc	=	9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl
30 RT	=	room temperature
MS	=	M ⁺ determined by electrospray spectroscopy

EXAMPLE 1: [Trp^{4,10}]hPTHrP(1-34) OH

The peptide is synthesized in a stepwise manner on a polystyrene based resin support. The alpha-amino group is protected by Fmoc
 35 and the side-chain functional groups are protected as follows:
 Asp(OtBu), Glu(OtBu), His(Trt), Lys(Boc), Asn(Trt), Gln(Trt),

Arg(Pmc), Ser(tBu), Trp(Boc) and Thr(tBu).

Fmoc-Ala-oxymethyl-4-phenoxyethyl-co(polystyrene-1%-divinylbenzene), approx. 0.5 mmol/g, is used as a starting material for the stepwise solid phase synthesis of peptides which consists of
5 repetitive cycles of alpha-amino group deprotection, washing, coupling (i.e., attachment of next amino acid residue to the growing peptide chain) and washing. The N-alpha Fmoc group is cleaved using piperidine, 20% in DMA. In the coupling reaction four equivalents of Fmoc-amino acid and PyBOP-reagent and eight
10 equivalents of DIEA in DMA are used per amino-group. After complete assembly of the peptide chain the terminal Fmoc-protecting group is removed with piperidine in DMA as before. The peptide is cleaved from the resin support and all side-chain protecting groups are simultaneously removed by using a reagent
15 consisting of 5% of dodecylmethylsulfide and 5% water in TFA for two hours at RT. Resin particles are filtered off, washed with some TFA and the product is precipitated from the combined filtrates by the addition of 10 to 20 volumes of diethyl ether, washed with ether and dried. The product is purified by
20 chromatography on a C-18 wide-pore silica column using a gradient of acetonitrile in 2% aqueous phosphoric acid. Fractions containing the pure compound are collected, filtered through an anion-exchange resin (Biorad, AG4-X4 acetate form) and lyophilized to give the title compound.

25 MS: 4146

In analogy with the procedure of Example 1, but using the appropriate amino-acids the following compounds may be prepared:

	<u>EXAMPLE 2</u> : [Trp ¹⁰ , Leu ¹¹ , Leu ¹³]hPTHrP(1-34)OH	MS: 4059
	<u>EXAMPLE 3</u> : [Trp ¹⁰ , Leu ¹¹]hPTHrP(1-34)OH	MS: 4073
30	<u>EXAMPLE 4</u> : [Trp ^{3,10}]hPTHrP(1-34)OH	MS: 4188
	<u>EXAMPLE 5</u> : [Trp ^{2,10}]hPTHrP(1-34)OH	MS: 4176
	<u>EXAMPLE 6</u> : [Trp ¹⁰]hPTHrP(2-34)OH	MS: 4018.3
	<u>EXAMPLE 7</u> : [Trp ¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)OH	MS: 3919.2
	<u>EXAMPLE 8</u> : [Trp ²]hPTHrP(1-34)OH	MS: 4104.9
35	<u>EXAMPLE 9</u> : [Trp ¹⁰]hPTH(1-34)OH	MS: 4189

EXAMPLE 10: [Leu⁸, Trp¹⁰, Ala¹⁶, Gln¹⁸, Thr³³, Ala³⁴]hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4036

EXAMPLE 11: [Leu⁸, Trp¹⁰, Ala¹⁶, Gln¹⁸, Thr³³, Ala³⁴]hPTH(2-34)OH
MS: 3949

EXAMPLE 12: [Leu⁸, Trp¹⁰, DLeu¹¹, Gln¹⁸, Thr³³, Ala³⁴]hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4079

5 **EXAMPLE 13:** [Phe², Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(1-34)-OH MS: 4137.1

EXAMPLE 14: [Trp², Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(2-34)-OH MS: 4105.1

EXAMPLE 15: [Trp⁶, Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(1-34)-OH MS: 4146.8

EXAMPLE 16: [Trp⁶, Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(6-34)-OH MS: 3623.3

EXAMPLE 17: [Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(7-34)-OH MS: 3437.6

10 **EXAMPLE 18:** [Trp³, Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)-OH MS: 4018.0

EXAMPLE 19: [Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(1-34)OH MS: 4088.7

EXAMPLE 20: [Trp⁶, Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂ MS: 3976.8

EXAMPLE 21: [Phe⁶, Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(1-34)OH MS: 3546.1

EXAMPLE 22: [Phe², Phe⁶, Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(1-34)OH MS: 4155.1

15 **EXAMPLE 23:** N^ε-3-aminopropionyl-[Phe⁶, Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(4-34)NH₂
MS: 3932.0

EXAMPLE 24: N^ε-benzyloxycarbonyl[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)-NH₂

This peptide is prepared in a manner analogous to Example 1 but using 4-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl-Fmoc-amino-methyl)-phenoxy-

20 co(polystyrene-1%-divinylbenzene), approx. 0.4 mmol/g, which may be prepared, e.g., as described in Tetrah. Letters, 28:3787-3790 (1987) as a starting material. In the last synthesis cycle Z-Ser-OH is added to the peptide chain and the peptide cleaved and purified as in Example 1.

25 MS: 3975.3

EXAMPLE 25: N^ε-acetyl-[Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)OH

This peptide is assembled in analogy with the procedure of Example 1. At the end of the synthesis a final cycle of Fmoc-deprotection and acetylation using a 1:1 mixture of acetic
30 anhydride and DMF is applied. The peptide is cleaved from the resin and purified as before.

MS: 3961.1

The following compounds may be prepared in a manner analogous to that of Examples 1, 24 or 25.

- EXAMPLE 26:** N^ε-acetyl-[Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(2-34)OH
MS: 4060.4
- 5 **EXAMPLE 27:** 1-Isocaproyl-[Leu⁸, Trp¹⁰, Gln¹⁸, Thr³³, Ala³⁴]-hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4091
- EXAMPLE 28:** N^ε-2-naphthyl-acetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4097.1
- 10 **EXAMPLE 29:** N^ε-2-naphthyl-acetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(4-34)NH₂
MS: 4009.7
- EXAMPLE 30:** N^ε-2-naphthyl-sulfonyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4119.2
- 15 **EXAMPLE 31:** N^ε-2-naphthoxyacetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4111.5
- EXAMPLE 32:** N^ε-2-naphthylacetyl-[Ala³, Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4080.8
- EXAMPLE 33:** N^ε-benzyloxycarbonyl-[Trp², Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(2-34)NH₂
MS: 4248.3
- 20 **EXAMPLE 34:** 3-Naphth-2-yl-propionyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4110.8
- EXAMPLE 35:** 3-Naphth-2-yl-propionyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4110.9
- 25 **EXAMPLE 36:** N^ε-2-naphthyl-acetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰, DAla³⁴]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
MS: 4095.9
- EXAMPLE 37:** N^ε-2-naphthyl-acetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-31)NH₂
MS: 3788.0
- EXAMPLE 38:** N^ε-3-naphth-2-yl-propionyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(7-34)NH₂
MS: 3630.0

EXAMPLE 39: N^ε-acetyl-[Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(6-34)NH₂
MS: 3637.0

EXAMPLE 40: N^ε-acetyl-[Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(4-34)NH₂
MS: 3903.1

5 **EXAMPLE 41:** 1-(1-amino-1-cyclopentyl-carbonyl)-
[Leu⁸,Trp¹⁰,Gln¹⁸,Thr³³,Ala³⁴]hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4104

Fmoc-1-aminocyclopentane-1-carboxylic acid used in the preparation of the peptide resin intermediate may be prepared, e.g. as
10 described by G. Valle et al., 1988, in Can.J.Chem.66:2575-2582.

EXAMPLE 42: 1-Adamantyl-carbonyl-[Leu⁸,Trp¹⁰,Gln¹⁸,Thr³³,
Ala³⁴]hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4155

15 **EXAMPLE 43:** 1-(3-indolyl-carbonyl)-[Leu⁸,Trp¹⁰,Gln¹⁸,Thr³³,
Ala³⁴]hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4150

EXAMPLE 44: 1-(3-quinolyl-carbonyl)-[Leu⁸,Trp¹⁰,Ala¹⁶,Gln¹⁸,
Thr³³,Ala³⁴]hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4104

20 **EXAMPLE 45:** 1-(2-naphthoyl)-[Leu⁸,Trp¹⁰,Gln¹⁸,Thr³³,Ala³⁴]-
hPTH(1-34)OH
MS: 4147

Example 46: N^ε-(2-naphthyl)-methyl-[Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(2-34)-OH

Methyl N-naphthoyl(2)-valinate is treated with Lawesson's
25 reagent, S-O. Lawesson et al., Tetrahedron 37:3635 (1981) and the
resulting methyl N-thionaphthoyl(2)-valinate is reduced using the
procedure described for endothiopeptides by F.S. Guziec et al.,
Tetrah. Letters 23-26 (1990). The methyl ester is hydrolyzed
using LiOH and N-alpha-(naphthyl(2)-methyl)-valine hydrochloride
30 obtained as a crystalline solid, mp = 205-210° (dec.). This is
coupled using PyBOP-reagent to previously prepared, protected
[Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP-(3-34)-O-peptide resin from which the N-alpha Fmoc-
group has been removed. The peptide is cleaved from the resin and

purified as in Example 1.

MS: 4158.2

EXAMPLE 47: N^ε-2-naphth-2-yl-ethyl-[Trp¹⁰]hPTHrP(2-34)OH

MS: 4171.9

5 **EXAMPLE 48:** N^ε-2-naphth-2-yl-ethyl-[Ala³,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂

MS: 4066.7

EXAMPLE 49: N^ε-succinyl-[Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂

This peptide is prepared in a manner analogous to Example 1 but using 4-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl-Fmoc-amino-methyl)-phenoxy-
10 co(polystyrene-1%-divinylbenzene), 0.63g, loading approx. 0.4 mmol/g, which may be prepared, e.g., as described in Tetrah. Letters, 28: 3787-3790 (1987) as a starting material. After coupling the last amino acid, Fmoc-His(Trt)-OH, the Fmoc-group is
15 selectively removed as usual and the peptide resin reacted with succinic anhydride (0.5g) and DIPEA (0.86ml) in DMF. The peptide is cleaved from the resin, purified and lyophilized in the acetate form as in Example 1 to give the title compound.

MS: 3832.0

By following the procedure of Example 49, following compounds may
20 be prepared:

EXAMPLE 50: N^ε-succinyl-[Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(5-31)NH₂

MS: 3522.1

EXAMPLE 51: N^ε-succinyl-[Nal(2)⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂

MS: 3881.7

25 **EXAMPLE 52:** N^ε-glutaryl-[Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂

MS: 3845.6

EXAMPLE 53: N^ε-succinyl-[Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰,DAla³⁴]hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂

MS: 3832.0

EXAMPLE 54: N^ε-succinyl-[4-Cl-Phe⁶,Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂

30 MS: 3866.5

EXAMPLE 55: N^ε-succinyl-[4-Cl-Phe⁵, 4-Cl-Phe⁶, Nal(2)¹⁰]-
hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂
MS: 3910.2

The compounds of the invention in free form or in the form of
5 pharmaceutically acceptable salts and complexes exhibit valuable
pharmacological properties as indicated in animal tests and are
therefore indicated for therapy.

The biological activity of the compounds of the invention is
assessed in vitro by measuring their ability of stimulating
10 (agonism) or inhibiting the PTH-stimulated (antagonism) synthesis
of cyclic AMP in UMR 106-06 rat osteosarcoma cells according to
the method of Marcus and Aurbach in Endocrinology, 85, 801-810
(1969). Rat osteosarcoma UMR 106 cells are grown to confluence in
DMEM-HAM's F12 medium (1:1) - 10% FCS in 12 well plates. The
15 medium is then changed to medium with 2% FCS and 1-5 µCi/well
[3H]-adenine is added. Two hours later, cells are washed twice
with serum-free medium and incubated in DMEM - 0.1% BSA
containing 1 mM 3-isobutyl-1-methylxanthine to exclude actions on
phospho- diesterases. Test substances are added 20 min later
20 either alone or together with PTH (antagonist experiment). After
15 min, the medium is removed and the reaction is stopped and
cAMP extracted by adding 0.5 ml ice cold 5% trichloroacetic acid.
A carrier solution (0.5 ml/well) containing 0.2 mM of unlabelled
adenine, adenosine, AMP, ADP, ATP, and cAMP as well as 0.4 µCi
25 [14C]-adenosine for determination of recovery is added. [3H]-cAMP
is separated using serial Dowex AG 50W-X4 (200-400 mesh) and
alumina chromatography and counted according to Salomon Y. in
Advances in Cyclic Nucleotide Research, Vol. 10, Raven Press,
35-55, 1979. Results are calculated in % of solvent control and
30 EC₅₀ values determined from DRC curves. Antagonist potency is
calculated from the right ward shift of DRC curves of PTHrP or
PTH and is given as pA₂ values. Compounds of the invention are
active as antagonists at a concentration of 10⁻⁹ to 10⁻⁵ M. Com-
pound of Examples 36, 37 and 49 have a pA₂ value in the UMR
35 106-06 cells of 10.3; 9.7 and 9.3, respectively.

The compounds of the invention also have binding affinity to PTH
receptors, e.g. as follows:

- Chicken [Tyr³⁶]PTHrP(1-36)amide is iodinated to a specific activity of 2,200 Ci/mmol using the lactoperoxidase method (Anawa Lab. AG, Wangen). Monolayers of opossum kidney cells (OK1) are washed with 200 μ l DMEM and HAM's F12 (1:1) containing 1% BSA and
- 5 incubated at 16°C with 50.000cpm of [¹²⁵I-Tyr³⁶]chPTHrP(1-36)amide per well in the presence or absence of 1 μ M [Tyr³⁶]chPTHrP-(1-36)amide. After incubation, cells are washed with 0.5 ml medium (4°C), lysed with 0.5 ml 1N NaOH and radioactivity is determined. Specific binding is defined as total binding minus
- 10 nonspecific binding. Competition curves are analyzed using SCTFIT, a non-linear regression computer program (Feyen et al, 1992, Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 187:8-13) and data presented as mean pK_d values (n=2 to 3). Compounds of Examples 36, 37 and 49 have a pK_d value of 8.3; 7.9 and 8.4, respectively.
- 15 Furthermore, the compounds of the invention antagonize the effect of PTH after i.v. infusion, e.g. as determined in thyroparathyroidectomized rats. 24 h after thyroparathyroidectomy, anesthetized rats are infused with PTH(1-34) and the compound to be tested via separate jugular veins. Urine is collected from
- 20 the urinary bladder which is cannulated via the ventral approach. Phosphate and cAMP content in the urine and calcium and phosphate in serum are measured using standard methodology. These parameters are used to quantify antagonist potencies against PTH effects in vivo. In this test, the compounds of the invention
- 25 antagonize the PTH effects when administered by i.v. infusion at a dose of from 1 μ g/kg/h to 1 mg/kg/h. Compound of Example 49 completely suppresses PTH-induced phosphaturia for up to 90 min when i.v. infused at 190 μ g/kg/h, PTH(1-34) being i.v. infused at 4 μ g/kg/h.
- 30 The compounds of the invention are accordingly useful for preventing or treating all conditions which are associated with increased plasma calcium caused by excessive release of PTH or PTHrP e.g. hyperparathyroidism, hypercalcemia, e.g. associated with malignancies, e.g. breast carcinomas, squamous cell
- 35 carcinomas of the lung, esophagus and head and neck region and hematological malignancies, with or without bone metastases. The compounds of the invention are furthermore useful for the prevention or treatment of tumour growth, tumour penetration and ingrowth in bones stimulated by PTHrP, for treating
- 40 dermatological disorders, e.g. tissue repair therapies, for

example treatment of burns, ulcerations and wounds, and for hair growth promotion.

For these indications, the appropriate dosage will, of course, vary depending upon, for example, the host, the mode of administration and the severity of the conditions being treated. However, in general, satisfactory results in animals are indicated to be obtained at daily dosages from about 0.1 to about 100 mg/kg animal body weight. In larger mammals, for example humans, an indicated daily dosage is in the range from about 0.1 to about 500 mg of the compounds of the invention.

The compounds of the invention may be administered in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form or complexes. Such salts and complexes may be prepared in conventional manner and exhibit the same order of activity as the free compounds. The present invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the invention in free base form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form or complex form in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier. Such compositions may be formulated in conventional manner. Unit dosage forms suitably comprise from about 0.025 to 250 mg of a compound of the invention, together with a pharmaceutical acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

The compounds of the invention may be administered by any conventional route, for example parenterally e.g. in form of injectable solutions or suspensions, or in a nasal or a suppository form. The compounds of the invention may alternatively be administered e.g. topically in the form of a cream, gel or the like for example for the treatment of the skin or hair growth as hereinbefore described.

In accordance with the foregoing the present invention further provides:

- a) a compound of the invention or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or complex thereof for use as a pharmaceutical;
- b) a method for preventing or treating conditions and disorders as indicated above in a subject in need of such treatment, which method comprises administering to said subject an

effective amount of a compound of the invention or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or complex thereof;

- 5 c) a compound of the invention or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or complex thereof for use in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for use in the method as in b) above.

According to a further embodiment of the invention, the compounds of the invention may be employed as adjunct or adjuvant to other therapy, e.g. in hypercalcemia to a therapy using a bone resorption inhibitor, in particular a therapy employing a
10 calcitonin or an analogue or derivative thereof, e.g. salmon, eel or human calcitonin, a biphosphonate, a diuretic or any combination thereof, or in case of tumour therapy, a cytostatic agent or any combination thereof.

15 In accordance with the foregoing the present invention provides in a yet further aspect:

- 20 d) a method for preventing or treating hypercalcemia for example for preventing or treating any of the specific conditions or diseases hereinbefore set forth, in a subject in need of such a treatment which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a) a compound of the invention and b) a second drug substance, said second drug substance being a therapeutic agent as indicated above.

25 Compounds of Examples 36, 37 and 49 are preferred for preventing or treating all conditions which are associated with increase plasma calcium caused by excessive release of PTH or PTHrP.

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- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: unknown

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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Asn Phe

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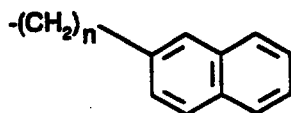
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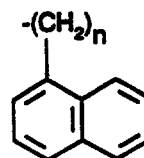
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**CLAIMS**

1. A PTH or PTHrP compound in which at least one of the amino acid residues naturally occurring in positions 2 and 10 is replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain, and optionally at least one of the amino acid residues naturally occurring in positions 3 and 6 is further replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain,
- 10 in free form or in salt or complex form.
2. A PTH or PTHrP compound in which the amino acid residue naturally occurring in position 10 is replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain, and optionally at least one of the amino acid residues naturally occurring in positions 3 and 6 is further replaced by tryptophane or another amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain,
- 15 in free form or in salt or complex form.
- 20 3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the amino acid residue bearing an aromatic or heteroaromatic group on its side chain is an amino acid residue wherein the side chain is optionally ring-substituted 3- or 4-pyridyl-methyl, 3-indolyl-methyl or 3-indazolyl-methyl or a radical of
- 25 formula (a), (b), (c) or (d)

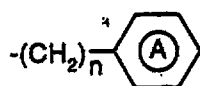


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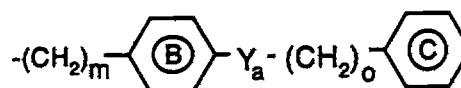


(b)





(c)



(d)

wherein

n is 1 or 2,

m is 1 or 2,

o is 0 or 1,

5 ring A is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluoro, chloro, nitro, C₁₋₄alkyl and C₁₋₄alkoxy, whereby two alkyl or two alkoxy substituents may also form together a ring structure fused to ring A,

10 each of rings B and C independently may be substituted as indicated above for ring A, and

Y_a is a direct bond, -CH₂-, O, NH or N-C₁₋₆alkyl.

4. A compound according to claim 1, which is a compound of formula I



15 wherein

x is a residue number selected from 31, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38,

y is a residue number selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7,

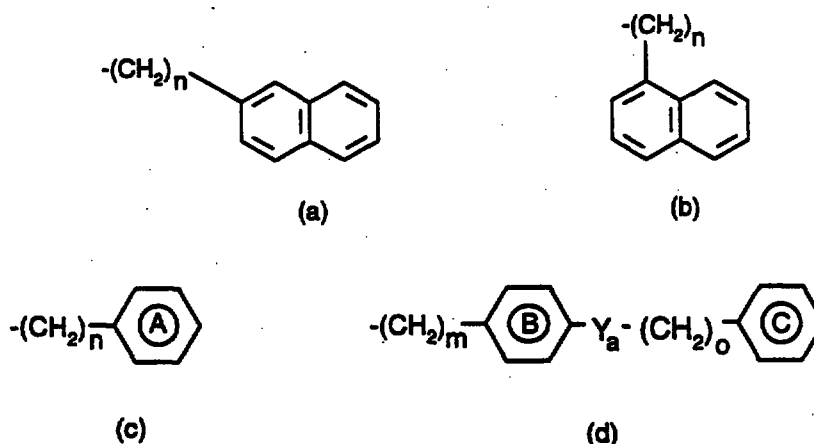
20 X² is Val or has independently one of the significances of X¹⁰,

X³ is Ser or has independently one of the significances of X¹⁰,

X⁶ is Gln or has independently one of the significances of X¹⁰,

25 R¹⁰ is Asp or X¹⁰, X¹⁰ being Trp or -NH-CHR'-CO- wherein R' is a radical of formula (a), (b), (c) or (d)





wherein

n is 1 or 2,

m is 1 or 2,

o is 0 or 1,

ring A is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluoro, chloro, nitro, C₁₋₄alkyl and C₁₋₄alkoxy, whereby two alkyl or two alkoxy substituents may also form together a ring structure fused to ring A, each of rings B and C independently may be substituted as indicated above for ring A, and

Y_a is a direct bond, -CH₂-, O, NH or N-C₁₋₆alkyl,

D is an amino acid sequence derived either from an N-terminal fragment of PTHrP or PTH,

each of p, q and s is 1, provided that p is 0 when y > 2, q is 0 when y > 3 and s is 0 when y > 6,

R is H, R"-CO-, R"-O-CO-, R"-O-CH₂-CO-, R"-SO₂-, R''', R'''-NH-CO-, R'''-NH-CS or NH₂-C₁₋₆alkylene-CO-

wherein R" is C₁₋₆alkyl; ω-carboxy-C₁₋₆alkyl; ω-[(C₁₋₄alkoxy)-carbonyl]-C₁₋₆alkyl; C₂₋₆alkenyl; C₅₋₇cycloalkyl; C₅₋₇cycloalkyl-C₁₋₄alkyl; or phenyl, phenyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, 1-naphthyl-C₁₋₂alkyl or 2-naphthyl-C₁₋₂alkyl each of which being optionally ring substituted by one or more substituents selected from fluoro, chloro, nitro, C₁₋₄alkyl and C₁₋₄alkoxy; heteroaryl; and

R''' has independently one of the significances given for R" except the significances of ω-carboxy-C₁₋₆alkyl and ω-[(C₁₋₄alkoxy)-carbonyl]-C₁₋₆alkyl; and



R_a is OH or NH₂,

with the proviso that at least one of X² and R¹⁰ has the significance of X¹⁰.

- 5 5. A compound according to claim 1 or 4 which is derived from the N-terminal fragment of hPTH or hPTHrP.
6. A compound according to claim 1 which is selected from
N²-2-naphthyl-acetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰, Dala³⁴]hPTHrP(3-34)NH₂
N²-2-naphthyl-acetyl-[Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(3-31)NH₂
N²-succinyl-[Phe⁶, Nal(2)¹⁰]hPTHrP(5-34)NH₂
- 10 7. A process for the production of a compound according to claim 1, in free form or in salt or complex form, which process comprises
- 15 a) removing at least one protecting group which is present in a PTHrP or PTH compound of the invention, e.g. a compound of formula I, in protected form; or
- 20 b) linking together by an amide bond two peptide fragments in protected, partially protected or unprotected form, the peptide fragments being such that the amino acid sequence of the desired PTHrP or PTH compound, e.g. of formula I, is obtained, and then effecting optionally stage a) of the process, or
- 25 c) adding a protecting group or substituent in a selective manner to the amino group of the N-terminal residue of the desired sequence or N-terminal fragment thereof in protected or unprotected form and then optionally carrying out step a),
- and recovering the PTHrP or PTH compounds thus obtained in free form, in salt form or in complex form.
- 30 8. A compound according to claim 1 in free form or in physiologically acceptable salt form for use as a pharmaceutical.
9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, in free form or in physiologically acceptable salt form, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable



diluent or carrier therefor.

10. A compound according to claim 1 in free form or in physiologically acceptable salt form for use as a pharmaceutical, in association with a further therapeutic agent selected from a bone resorption inhibitor and a cytostatic agent.
11. A method for preventing or treating conditions which are associated with increased plasma calcium caused by excessive release of PTH or PTHrP, for preventing or treating tumor growth stimulated by PTHrP, for treating dermatological disorders and for hair growth promotion, in a subject in need of such treatment, which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 in free form or in a physiologically acceptable salt form.

