

# Neurochemical Effects of 4-(2Chloro-4-Fluorobenzyl)-3-(2-Thienyl)-1,2,4-Oxadiazol-5(4H)-One in the Pentylenetetrazole (PTZ)-Induced Epileptic Seizure Zebrafish Model

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**Table S1.** Levels of neurochemicals in brain samples of zebrafish exposed to GM-90432, PTZ, or GM-90432 + PTZ including control group.

| Neurochemicals |        | Concentration <sup>a</sup> (mean ± SD) |                          |                     |                                |
|----------------|--------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|                |        | Controls<br>(G1, n = 12)               | GM-90432<br>(G2, n = 12) | PTZ<br>(G3, n = 12) | GM-90432 + PTZ<br>(G4, n = 12) |
| Amino acids    | VAL    | 273 ± 44.7                             | 344 ± 43.5               | 313 ± 39.8          | 358 ± 49.8                     |
|                | PRO    | 611 ± 118                              | 753 ± 247                | 714 ± 90.8          | 789 ± 102                      |
|                | ALA    | 79751 ± 5396                           | 86360 ± 5310             | 84935 ± 5345        | 84120 ± 8686                   |
|                | ARG    | 2026 ± 219                             | 2331 ± 387               | 2317 ± 337          | 2351 ± 299                     |
|                | ASP    | 9159 ± 1419                            | 6179 ± 881               | 4961 ± 1033         | 3434 ± 688                     |
|                | HA     | 100 ± 8.16                             | 101 ± 11.6               | 95.1 ± 10.8         | 97.4 ± 11.9                    |
|                | HIS    | 27397 ± 3831                           | 28082 ± 2399             | 28132 ± 3846        | 27150 ± 3309                   |
|                | LYS    | 15571 ± 2391                           | 21803 ± 1917             | 19180 ± 2739        | 22738 ± 3522                   |
|                | LEU    | 528 ± 79.2                             | 623 ± 60.0               | 595 ± 75.9          | 638 ± 104                      |
|                | THRE   | 937 ± 185                              | 1012 ± 304               | 1012 ± 181          | 972 ± 160                      |
| Cholinergic    | ACHO   | 15.6 ± 1.65                            | 14.4 ± 1.61              | 13.0 ± 0.78         | 13.2 ± 2.94                    |
|                | CHO    | 5611 ± 597                             | 5442 ± 602               | 7226 ± 972          | 6520 ± 744                     |
|                | BET    | 5692 ± 1154                            | 5516 ± 759               | 6068 ± 1319         | 5411 ± 680                     |
|                | SE     | 2001 ± 350                             | 2073 ± 412               | 2230 ± 321          | 2239 ± 359                     |
| Dopaminergic   | PHE    | 751 ± 68.1                             | 824 ± 72.6               | 888 ± 85.9          | 952 ± 82.7                     |
|                | TYR    | 1152 ± 268                             | 1185 ± 214               | 1378 ± 187          | 1369 ± 234                     |
|                | DA     | 14.0 ± 1.31                            | 17.0 ± 1.91              | 14.4 ± 1.55         | 16.3 ± 1.61                    |
|                | NE     | 14.7 ± 2.13                            | 15.3 ± 1.62              | 14.7 ± 2.24         | 14.7 ± 1.48                    |
|                | NM     | 8.96 ± 1.62                            | 7.71 ± 0.88              | 12.2 ± 2.06         | 9.91 ± 1.45                    |
|                | 3-MT   | 1152 ± 268                             | 1185 ± 214               | 1378 ± 187          | 1369 ± 234                     |
| Serotonergic   | TYRP   | 319 ± 30.8                             | 367 ± 49.8               | 374 ± 51.7          | 397 ± 56.4                     |
|                | 5-HTP  | 3.43 ± 0.90                            | 4.09 ± 1.54              | 2.85 ± 0.68         | 3.73 ± 0.99                    |
|                | 5-HT   | 10.3 ± 1.27                            | 12.2 ± 2.00              | 8.51 ± 0.71         | 10.7 ± 1.40                    |
|                | 5-HIAA | 45.0 ± 7.36                            | 43.8 ± 6.01              | 51.8 ± 9.62         | 45.1 ± 7.08                    |
|                | KYN    | 1.38 ± 0.90                            | 1.02 ± 0.54              | 1.24 ± 1.22         | 1.16 ± 0.64                    |
| GABAergic      | GABA   | 29418 ± 2235                           | 26649 ± 2323             | 35507 ± 3976        | 31516 ± 3150                   |
|                | GLU    | 38529 ± 2712                           | 39816 ± 3252             | 38657 ± 3190        | 40388 ± 3359                   |
|                | GLN    | 12898 ± 1929                           | 18030 ± 1587             | 15954 ± 2201        | 18976 ± 2841                   |

<sup>a</sup>Concentration was expressed as ng/g (mean ± SD); <sup>b</sup>NS, not significant

**Table S2.** Statistical analysis using ANOVA and Tukey test of neurotransmitters in brain samples of zebrafish exposed to GM-90432, PTZ, or GM-90432 + PTZ including control group.

| Neurotransmitters | <i>P</i> -value using Tukey test |         |         |         |         |         | ANOVA   |          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                   | G1 : G2                          | G1 : G3 | G1 : G4 | G2 : G3 | G2 : G4 | G3 : G4 |         |          |
| Amino acids       | VAL                              | 0.0018  | 0.1333  | 0.0002  | 0.3506  | 0.8658  | 0.0832  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | PRO                              | 0.1221  | 0.3635  | 0.0327  | 0.9259  | 0.9371  | 0.6307  | < 0.0398 |
|                   | ALA                              | 0.0661  | 0.2037  | 0.3435  | 0.9462  | 0.8234  | 0.9891  | NS       |
|                   | ARG                              | 0.0998  | 0.1250  | 0.0706  | 0.9995  | 0.9986  | 0.9932  | < 0.0480 |
|                   | ASP                              | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.0311  | <0.0001 | 0.0044  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | HA                               | 0.9976  | 0.7061  | 0.9429  | 0.5903  | 0.8762  | 0.9553  | NS       |
|                   | HIS                              | 0.9599  | 0.9512  | 0.9980  | >0.9999 | 0.9070  | 0.8932  | NS       |
|                   | LYS                              | <0.0001 | 0.0110  | <0.0001 | 0.0973  | 0.8318  | 0.0124  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | LEU                              | 0.0306  | 0.1983  | 0.0095  | 0.8258  | 0.9703  | 0.5657  | < 0.0093 |
|                   | THRE                             | 0.8244  | 0.8253  | 0.9768  | >0.9999 | 0.9685  | 0.9688  | NS       |
| Cholinergic       | ACHO                             | 0.3844  | 0.0083  | 0.0167  | 0.3066  | 0.4453  | 0.9939  | < 0.0054 |
|                   | CHO                              | 0.9441  | <0.0001 | 0.0228  | <0.0001 | 0.0050  | 0.1082  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | BET                              | 0.9738  | 0.8002  | 0.9037  | 0.5466  | 0.9940  | 0.3948  | NS       |
|                   | SE                               | 0.9620  | 0.4176  | 0.3835  | 0.7129  | 0.6762  | >0.9999 | NS       |
| Dopaminergic      | PHE                              | 0.1114  | 0.0005  | <0.0001 | 0.2058  | 0.0012  | 0.1897  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | TYR                              | 0.9854  | 0.0867  | 0.1059  | 0.1759  | 0.2089  | 0.9997  | < 0.0293 |
|                   | DA                               | 0.0002  | 0.9426  | 0.0079  | 0.0013  | 0.6333  | 0.0347  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | NE                               | 0.8772  | >0.9999 | 0.9997  | 0.8786  | 0.9125  | 0.9998  | NS       |
|                   | NM                               | 0.2189  | <0.0001 | 0.4504  | <0.0001 | 0.0066  | 0.0038  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | 3-MT                             | 0.6605  | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.9828  | < 0.0293 |
| Serotonergic      | TYRP                             | 0.0824  | 0.0360  | 0.0013  | 0.9843  | 0.4212  | 0.6381  | < 0.0024 |
|                   | 5-HTP                            | 0.4530  | 0.5557  | 0.9046  | 0.0359  | 0.8496  | 0.2042  | < 0.0495 |
|                   | 5-HT                             | 0.0103  | 0.0148  | 0.8933  | <0.0001 | 0.0615  | 0.0020  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | 5-HIAA                           | 0.9787  | 0.1428  | >0.9999 | 0.0613  | 0.9720  | 0.1545  | NS       |
|                   | KYN                              | 0.7493  | 0.9825  | 0.9260  | 0.9213  | 0.9805  | 0.9946  | NS       |
| GABAergic         | GABA                             | 0.1242  | <0.0001 | 0.3307  | <0.0001 | 0.0015  | 0.0114  | < 0.0001 |
|                   | GLU                              | 0.7475  | 0.9996  | 0.4753  | 0.8023  | 0.9700  | 0.5362  | NS       |
|                   | GLN                              | <0.0001 | 0.0071  | <0.0001 | 0.1074  | 0.7154  | 0.0079  | < 0.0001 |

**Table S3.** Levels of neurosteroids in brain samples of zebrafish exposed to GM-90432, PTZ, or GM-90432 + PTZ including control group.

| Steroids                | Concentration <sup>a</sup> (mean ± SD) |                         |                    |                                  |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | Controls<br>(G1, n = 6)                | GM-90432<br>(G2, n = 6) | PTZ<br>(G3, n = 6) | GM-90432 +<br>PTZ<br>(G4, n = 6) |
| E2                      | 0.26 ± 0.12                            | 0.86 ± 0.14             | 0.11 ± 0.03        | 0.39 ± 0.13                      |
| T                       | 0.014 ± 0.004                          | 0.015 ± 0.007           | 0.015 ± 0.004      | 0.011 ± 0.004                    |
| DHT                     | 0.007 ± 0.003                          | 0.013 ± 0.005           | 0.004 ± 0.002      | 0.012 ± 0.003                    |
| C                       | 0.02 ± 0.01                            | 0.02 ± 0.01             | 0.20 ± 0.08        | 0.17 ± 0.11                      |
| Prog                    | 5.45 ± 2.05                            | 10.38 ± 3.02            | 2.53 ± 0.67        | 6.33 ± 1.30                      |
| 5 $\alpha$ -dihydroProg | 5.13 ± 2.15                            | 8.98 ± 3.37             | 2.93 ± 1.40        | 6.58 ± 1.62                      |
| Allo-P                  | 4.38 ± 1.69                            | 7.62 ± 1.60             | 2.40 ± 0.80        | 5.47 ± 2.54                      |

<sup>a</sup>Concentration was expressed as ng/g (mean ± SD); <sup>b</sup>NS, not significant

**Table S4.** Statistical analysis using ANOVA and Tukey test of neurosteroids in brain samples of zebrafish exposed to GM-90432, PTZ, or GM-90432 + PTZ including control group.

| Neurosteroids           | P-value using Tukey test |         |         |         |         |         | ANOVA    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                         | G1 : G2                  | G1 : G3 | G1 : G4 | G2 : G3 | G2 : G4 | G3 : G4 |          |
| E2                      | <0.0001                  | 0.1260  | 0.1984  | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.0015  | < 0.0001 |
| T                       | 0.9685                   | 0.9561  | 0.8313  | >0.9999 | 0.5740  | 0.5401  | NS       |
| DHT                     | 0.0339                   | 0.4844  | 0.0575  | 0.0013  | 0.9939  | 0.0024  | < 0.0005 |
| C                       | >0.9999                  | 0.0015  | 0.0095  | 0.0015  | 0.0097  | 0.8456  | < 0.0002 |
| Prog                    | 0.0017                   | 0.0794  | 0.8637  | <0.0001 | 0.0096  | 0.0157  | < 0.0001 |
| 5 $\alpha$ -dihydroProg | 0.0375                   | 0.3600  | 0.6896  | 0.0009  | 0.2883  | 0.0513  | < 0.002  |
| Allo-P                  | 0.0232                   | 0.2433  | 0.7169  | 0.0003  | 0.1859  | 0.0329  | < 0.0005 |

**Figure S1.** Protective effect of GM-90432 in survival test in zebrafish larvae. 5 dpf zebrafish larvae were treated GM-90432 in four concentrations with or without 5 mM PTZ (n=10). After 24 h, Survived larvae were counted and compared to the control group (non-treated larvae) at the percent level.

