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Effects of Cholesterol Analogs on Cholesterol Biosynthesis from Lanosterol*

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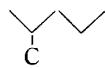
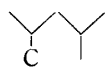
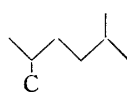
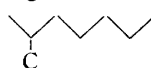
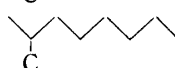
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Cholesterol biosynthesis was examined with rat hepatic subcellular 10000×g supernatant fraction incubated with [24-³H]-lanosterol in the presence of twelve cholesterol analogs (1–12) including sitosterol. Cholesterol analogs (40 μM) with different sized of side chains exhibited very minor inhibitory effects (2–7%) compared with that of cholesterol (21%) on the synthesis of cholesterol from [24-³H]-lanosterol (18 μM) as shown in Table I.

When compared to the previous results, it is evident that cholesterol analogs (1, 2, and 5) are less inhibitory than the corresponding lanosterol analogs. For example, 27-nor-24,25-dihydrolanosterol showed 81% inhibition but 27-norcholesterol (5) showed only 6% inhibition.

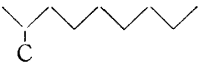
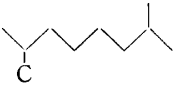
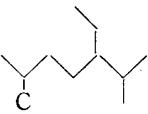
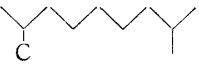
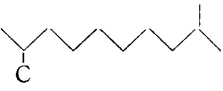
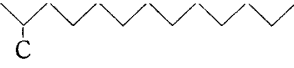
In summary, it may be concluded that the side chain structures and 14α-alkylated steroidal skeleton structure are critically important for inhibitory effect on cholesterol synthesis from lanosterol.

Table I. Cholesterol Biosynthesis during Incubation of S₁₀ Fraction of
Rat Liver Homogenate with [24-³H]-Lanosterol in
the Presence of Cholesterol Analogs

Compound	Lanosterol Fr. (%)	Cholesterol lFr. (%)	Inhibition (%)
None (control)	23.0	22.9	—
 (1)	22.1	21.5	6
 (2)	22.4	22.1	3
 (3)	22.4	21.7	5
 (4)	20.8	21.4	7
 (5)	24.8	21.5	6
 (6)	23.3	22.5	2

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Compound		Lanosterol Fr. (%)	Cholesterol Fr. (%)	Inhibition (%)
	(7)	19.2	22.5	2
	(8)	19.6	22.0	4
	(9)	19.3	21.6	6
	(10)	18.4	21.5	6
	(11)	18.8	21.5	6
	(12)	21.4	21.8	5
Cholesterol ^{a)}		35.2	18.2	21

[24-³H]-Lanosterol (90600dpm; 0.43 μ Ci/ μ mol) was incubated with rat liver S₁₀ fraction (19.5—20.5mg protein/ml) at 37°C for 3 h. The incubation mixture contained, in a total volume of 5ml, 4ml of S₁₀ fraction and cofactors. Incubation was started by the addition of the substrate and test compounds as an emulsion (0.1ml) with Tween 80 (3mg). Analytic methods for incubation products and the calculation of the percentage inhibition were described previously. Each incubation was carried out in triplicate and the standard deviation of each value listed was less than 5 percent.

a) This compound was tested as a reference; the result was somewhat different from that reported previously.

