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# Novel pyrazole inhibitors for discrimination between receptor-operated and store-operated $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ entry

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## Background

Calcium governs a wide range of cellular processes. Specifically, control of gene transcription involves  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  entry channels that are activated by either voltage, second messengers or depletion of intracellular stores. The family of classical transient receptor potential channels (TRPC) has been implicated in both the receptor/second messenger as well as in store-operated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  entry pathway, and represents an attractive target for therapeutic intervention.

## Methods

We tested a series of pyrazole compound structurally related to Pyr3 [1], a recently discovered TRPC3 inhibitor, for effects on receptor- as well as store-operated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  entry into RBL-2H3 mast cells and HEK293 cells overexpressing TRPC3.

## Results and conclusions

We identified novel  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  entry inhibitors, which are able to discriminate between the two tightly related pathways of receptor/second messenger-activated and store-operated calcium entry. These compounds appear suitable for selective modulation of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent gene transcription in a variety of mammalian cells.

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