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PRINCIPLES OF CYCLE DESIGN: AAS & GROWTH FACTORS

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Principles of Cycle Design

INDIVIDUALIZATION (WORKFLOW)



ASSESSING RISK TOLERANCE



COMPOUND SELECTION & DOSING



DOSE TITRATION:

I. UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON: (A) TOLERABILITY (B) EFFICACY (C) TIME-BOUNDED OBJECTIVE (SHOW DATE)

MONITORING TRADING-OFF EFFICACY VS. TOLERABILITY



OPTIMIZATION OF EFFICACY/TOLERABILITY



WORKED EXAMPLE CASE I: MALE MODEL WHO DERIVES AN INCOME FROM HIS PHYSIQUE

The subject is a healthy (10% b.f., 25 kg/m ² FFMI) 26-year-old man who derives an income from his physique (modeling, acting). His principal objective is recomp (\uparrow FFM & \downarrow FM) for a photo shoot in 8 weeks:

Considerations:

- Absolute unwillingness to "blast & cruise," therefore
 - Maximal maintenance of FFM (i.e., skeletal muscle) and endogenous T secretion after the course has completed
- Inaccessibility to or no availability for hCG or hMG, that serve the task of maintenance of spermato- & steroidgenesis
- Absolute unwillingness and/or intolerability for edema (fluid retention) from growth factors (e.g., rhGH)

Assumptions:

- Suppressive effects on spermato- & steroido- genesis are a product of time & dose synergy reduces dose
- Total exogenous AAS washout is not necessary to remove the stressors to HPG axis, exerting a permissive effect on restoration of spermato- & steroid- genesis, and/or
- Modest concentrations arising out of the doses and metabolism/excretion of short-chained esters (e.g., acetate, propionate) are less than maximally suppressive

WORKED EXAMPLE CASE I: MALE MODEL WHO DERIVES AN INCOME FROM HIS PHYSIQUE

Practical (Design):

Objective: \uparrow FFM & \downarrow FM with *de minimis* suppressive effects on spermato- & steroid-genesis:

OPTIMIZE: Fertility & Endogenous T [balancing efficacy/tolerability]

Compound Selection & Dosing:

- Testosterone
- Trenbolone
- Masteron ("TMT"), and
- Anavar
 - Leveraging synergistic (I + I > 2) combinations (to reduce dose as fAUC nmol*h/L), as propionate (TP), acetate (TBA), propionate (DP), and HCI (OX), respectively

WORKED EXAMPLE CASE I: MALE MODEL WHO DERIVES AN INCOME FROM HIS PHYSIQUE

Practical (Design):

Time-Course: 6+2 - THE initial 6 weeks oriented at maximal muscle anabolism, seeking to use doses & compounds that are **synergistic** and potent, with *de minimis* suppression that can be ameliorated by temporal placement (i.e., first) of most suppressive (i.e., androgenic) compounds considering durations of activity, PK/PD, clearance/elimination, $t_{1/2}$, etc., and a subsequent temporal placement (i.e., last) of less suppressive compounds (i.e., attenuated androgens) that serve as a taper in net suppressive effects with moderate anabolism.

Practical (Implementation):

- Weeks I 6: potent and rogenic short ester AAS that are synergistic (TP, TBA)
- Weeks 7 8: less suppressive ("attenuated androgens") AAS that serve recomp (DP; OX)

IMPLEMENTATION: CYCLE DESIGN 26-YEAR-OLD MALE MODEL PREPPING IN 8 WEEKS FOR SHOOT

- WORK-PRODUCT:
 - Weeks I 6:
 - Testosterone propionate (TP): androst-4-ene-3-one [e.g., 450 mg i.m. q.w., moderate, e.g., T, R, Su]
 - Trenbolone acetate (TBA): triene (△ 4,9,11) [e.g., 150 mg i.m. q.w., moderate, e.g., 50 mg T, R, Su]
 - Weeks 7 8:
 - Drostanolone propionate (DP): 5α-androstan-3-one [e.g., 150 mg i.m. q.w., low, e.g., 75 mg R, Su]
 - Oxandrolone HCI (OX): 5α-androstan-3-one [e.g., 150 mg p.o. q.w., low-moderate, e.g., 25 mg T Su]

WORKED EXAMPLE CASE II: FEMALE NPC WELLNESS CONTENDER FOR PRO CARD

The subject is a healthy (17% b.f., 24.5 kg/m ² FFMI) 26-year-old woman with 1-year contest experience in a wellness category on the NPC circuit who can reasonably become professional within 4 months. Her principal objective is *cutting* ($\downarrow \downarrow$ FM, and *de minimis* \downarrow FFM, or slight \uparrow FFM) for a show in 16 weeks:

Considerations

- Preventing masculinizing effects is paramount (priority 1)
- Willing to risk, but seeking to prevent, infertility (priority 2)
- Moderately aggressive cutting:
 - Near-maximal maintenance of FFM (i.e., skeletal muscle) with a
 - Feminine fat distribution (neither *excessively* conditioned nor muscular)
- Training and Meal Structure are optimal
- Willing to deal with short-term fluid balance perturbations (e.g., edema) for the final polish on stag

Assumptions

• *Rational* risk tolerance (neither exceedingly risk-averse nor risk prone)

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WORKED EXAMPLE CASE II: FEMALE NPC WELLNESS CONTENDER FOR PRO CARD

Practical (Design)

- **Objective**: $\downarrow \downarrow FM$, and de minimis $\downarrow FFM$, or slight $\uparrow FFM$ with de minimis masculinizing effects:
 - **OPTIMIZE:** Fertility & Endogenous T/E/P [balancing efficacy/tolerability]

Compound Selection & Dosing:

- Rimobolan (metenolone enanthate)
- Anavar (oxandrolone HCI)
- Mod GRF (1-29), and
- Ipamorelin
 - Leveraging synergistic (1 + 1 > 2) combinations (to reduce dose as fAUC nmol*h/L), preferring shorter-acting drugs if unaccustomed, and attenuated androgens for reduced masculinizing effects, especially those accustomed-to

WORKED EXAMPLE CASE II: FEMALE NPC WELLNESS CONTENDER FOR PRO CARD

Practical (Design):

Cyclical AAS pattern, to promote maintenance of menses [proprietary materials]

Practical (Implementation):

Individualized Menses Profile (proprietary materials)

- Weeks 1 3, 6 8: 11 13 (i.e., [3+2] × 3 + 1), oriented to start at the mostopportune moment to ensure menses continues, and monitoring [proprietary materials]:
 - Oxandrolone
 - Metenolone
- Weeks I 16:
- Mod GRF (1-29)
- Ipamorelin

IMPLEMENTATION: CYCLE DESIGN 26-YEAR-OLD FEMALE NPC WELLNESS COMPETITOR PREPPING IN 16 WEEKS FOR SHOW

• WORK-PRODUCT:

- Weeks I I6, in cycles of on/off to promote menses:
 - Oxandrolone, e.g., from 2.5 mg p.o. q.o.d. up to 15 mg p.o. q.d.
 - Metenolone enanthate, e.g., from 35 mg i.m. q.w. up to 135 mg i.m. q.w.
- Weeks I 6, continuously:
 - Mod GRF (1-29), e.g., up to 100 mcg s.c. b.i.d.
 - Ipamorelin, e.g., up to 100 mcg s.c. b.i.d.

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QUESTIONS?

