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Studies on some glitazones having pyridine as the linker unit

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Semi-empirical AM1 studies and synthesis of pyridine derivatives of some glitazones were done. Their efficacy as $PPAR\gamma$ agonists was evaluated.

Synthesis, biological activity, QSAR and QSPR study of 2-aminobenzimidazole derivatives as potent H_3 -antagonists

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A new class of H_3 -antagonists with a 2-aminobenzimidazole moiety is presented. Compound lipophilicity (log P), basicity (p K_a) and H_3 -receptor affinity and antagonist potency were determined and submitted to QSPR and QSAR investigations. When a three-methylene spacer was inserted between the imidazole ring and the 2-aminobenzimidazole nucleus, very potent compounds were obtained.

A new linker for glucuronylated anticancer prodrugs

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Analogues of thiolactomycin as potential anti-malarial and anti-trypanosomal agents

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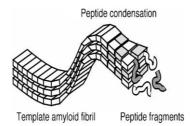
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Construction of a chemically and conformationally self-replicating system of amyloid-like fibrils

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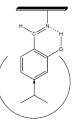
A peptide self-replicating system based on the β-structure of the amyloid-like fibril was designed and constructed.

QSAR and kinetics of the inhibition of benzaldehyde derivatives against *Sacrophaga neobelliaria* phenoloxidase

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A group of 18 benzaldehyde derivatives was characterized as a family of mixed type inhibitors on the oxidation of L-3, 4-dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA) catalyzed by Sacrophaga neobelliaria phenoloxidase (PO), presumably by forming a Schiff base with a primary amino group of the enzyme. Inhibition constants and IC_{50} were determined. Cuminaldehyde was the most active inhibitor with an IC_{50} of 0.0067 mM. Vanillin was the least active inhibitor with an IC_{50} of 38 mM. It was shown that hydrophobicity of the substituent at the para position of the aldehyde group played major role on inhibition activity: one unit increase in Hansch–Fujita π value of the substituent led to about 4.5 [95% confidence interval is (7.9, 2.6)] -fold increase on IC_{50} . It presumably helps fitting the formed Schiff base to the hydrophobic protein pocket (\cup). Electron-donating effect (\uparrow) of the substituent at the para position of the aldehyde group was less important than hydrophobicity. Hydroxyl group at the ortho position of the aldehyde group contributed to higher inhibition activity, presumably by forming a quasi-six-membered ring with the unshared pair of electrons on the nitrogen atom of the amino group through intramolecular hydrogen bonding.



Synthesis and SAR exploration of dinapsoline analogues

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(S)-8,9-Dihydroxy-2,3,7,11b-tetrahydro-1H-dibenz[de,h]isoquinoline

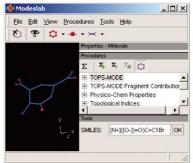
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A novel approach to predict a toxicological property of aromatic compounds in the *Tetrahymena* pyriformis

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The TOPological Substructural MOlecular DEsign (TOPS-MODE) has been successfully used in order to explain the toxicity in the *Tetrahymena pyriformis* on a large data set. The obtained models for the training set had good statistical parameters an also the prediction power of the models found was adequate ($Q^2 = 0.70-0.80$). Finally, the fragment contributions to the toxicity prediction evidenced the powerful of this topological approach.



QSAR modeling of HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitor 2-amino-6-arylsulfonylbenzonitriles and congeners using molecular connectivity and E-state parameters

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Anti-HIV-1 activity and HIV-1 reverse transcriptase binding affinity of 2-amino-6-arylsulfonylbenzonitriles and their thio and sulfinyl congeners have been modeled using E-state index along with molecular connectivity and indicator parameters in an attempt to explore the different fragments of the molecules contributing significantly to the activities.

Antimalarial activity of N^6 -substituted adenosine derivatives. Part 3

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Synthesis and biological activity of isopentenyl diphosphate analogues

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A series of analogues of isopentenyl diphosphate (IPP) having a dicarboxylate moiety in place of the diphosphate were synthesized and investigated as inhibitors of undecaprenyl diphosphate (UPP) synthase and protein farnesyltransferase (PFTase).

Synthesis and antiproliferative activity of some new DNA-targeted alkylating pyrroloquinolines

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DNA-directed alkylating pyrroloquinolines are more active than aniline mustard moiety alone and than chlorambucil against human tumor cell lines, HeLa and HL-60. Corresponding diols and pyrroloquinoline nucleus are ineffective.

Design of tetrapeptide ligands as inhibitors of the Src SH2 domain

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Five distinct classes of tetrapeptides were synthesized and tested for affinity to Src SH2 domain. Design of tetrapeptides focused on several features: substitutions on the tyrosine or phenylalanine phenyl ring; N- and C-terminal substitution; phosphate group replacement; and tyrosine replacement with other cyclic groups.

QSAR study on benzenesulphonamide carbonic anhydrase inhibitors: topological approach using **Balaban index**

pp 789-793

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QSAR study on benzene sulphonamide carbonic anhydrase inhibitors has been made using the most discriminatory Balaban index (J). The regression analysis has shown that even in mono-parametric regression this index gave excellent results. However, using the combination of the Balaban index (J) with the Randic index and an indicator parameters, tremendous improvement in the statistics is observed. The results are critically discussed on the basis of regression and cross-validation parameters.

11*H*-Isoquino[4,3-c]cinnolin-12-ones: novel anticancer agents with potent topoisomerase I-targeting activity and cytotoxicity

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R=CH₂CH₂N(CH₂)₂; CH₂CH₂N(C₂H₂)₃; CHCH₂CH₂N(CH₃); CH₂CH₃N(C₄H₂); CH₂(-CHOCH₂CH₂-); CH₂CH₃N(CH₂); CH₂CH₃N(CH₂CH₂),NCH₃; and R=CH,CH,N(CH,), with A-; D-; both A- and D-ring unsubstituted, and 2,3- (OCH₃)₃-9-NO, isoquino[4,3-c]cinnolin-12-one

Small molecule functional discrimination of the kinases required for the microbial synthesis of threonine and isoleucine

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In vitro antiplasmodial activities of semisynthetic N,N-spacer-linked oligomeric ergolines

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Starting from three monomeric ergolines (terguride, festuclavine, pergolide) *N,N'*-spacer-linked oligomeric derivatives were prepared and evaluated for their in vitro activity against *Plasmodium falciparum*.

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QSAR studies on psychotomimetic phenylalkylamines

pp 825-831

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QSAR studies on a series of psychotomimetic phenylalkylamines have been made using a combination of MTD method and topological methodology. The topological indices used being a pool of distance-based topological indices. The regression analysis have shown that excellent results are obtained in multiparametric model containing MTD parameters, topological indices in that quantum chemical parameters has to be introduced. The predictive power of the proposed model is discussed on the basis if cross validation parameters.

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2004: Overlaps of the eight known aldolase alpha-beta barrels in 2-Deoxyribose-5-phosphate aldolase (DERA). Ribbon model for DERA is shown in green, with key Lys residues capable of Schiff base formation highlighted in stick figure. Reactive Lys167 is shown in yellow. DeSantis, G.; Liu, J.; Clark, D. P.; Heine, A.; Wilson, I. A.; and Wong, C.-H. *Bioorganic & Medical Chemistry* **2003**, *11*, 43–52.



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