

# Study of Electronic Structure Properties of Netropsin Molecule through Computational Method



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### Abstract

The molecule Netropsin, a DNA minor groove binder, is a natural polyamide which exhibit antibiotic and antiviral activities. Its analogs are used in tumor and cancer related diseases. In the present work, the molecular geometry of the netropsin molecule has been optimized in *gaseous phase* using B3LYP density functional in conjunction with 3-21G basis set. The molecular geometry and its conformations have been compared with that of crystallographic structure. Comparison of torsion angles shows that the conformations of the core rings do not differ considerably from the crystallographic values while conformational changes have been observed for the side chains and groups. The normal modes of vibrational frequencies in the range of 300 to 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  have been assigned. Non-existence of negative frequencies indicated the true minima of the molecule in gaseous state. Molecular electrostatic potential, fractional charges, HOMO- LUMO and thermodynamic properties of the molecule have also been investigated using same level of theory and discussed in detail.

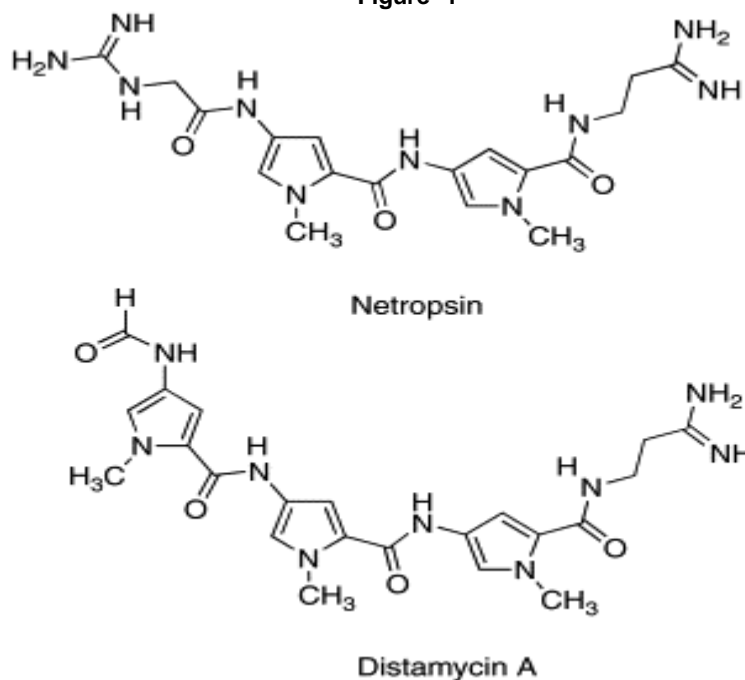
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### Introduction

#### Netropsin, Distamycin and Related Compounds

There is found minor groove interaction in netropsin and distamycin A. These compounds have antitumor and anticancer properties these are the prototype minor groove binders (MGBs). This is the reason why, I shall briefly discuss below. binding of these molecule is non-covalent to the minor groove of DNA, this is the reason why preventing DNA synthesis by inhibition of the corresponding polymerase reaction, leading to much current interest in them.<sup>1</sup>

Figure -1



Here specific properties of only netropsin molecule has been done and related compounds, which have shown a pronounced specificity

for AT sequences. Recognition molecule by the minor groove is done, in the first place, interactions of hydrogen bonding, acceptor groups in DNA bases, mainly N<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>=O of the adenine-thymine or guanine-cytosine pairs. As shown in Fig. these interactions are hampered in the latter, due to steric reasons. Hydration of the ligand molecules is also a very important factor in the understanding of differences in binding affinity.

#### Computational Detail

The electronic structure of netropsin in ground state has been optimized using DFT (density functional theory) with B3LYP/G basic set. DFT is used in this paper. Form of DFT is given below

$$E_{xc} = (1-a_0)E_{x}^{LSDA} + a_0E_{x}^{HF} + a_0E_{x}^{B88} + a_cE_c^{LYP} + (1-a_c)E_c$$

In this equation energy terms are, Slater, Hartree-Fock exchange, Becke's exchange functional correction, the gradient corrected correlation functional of Lee Yang, Paar and, the local correlation functional of Vosco, Wilk and Nusair

Geometry of the molecule is fully optimised resulting no imaginary frequency which indicates that the optimized molecule has true minimum potential energy. In this work all the parameters are calculated using optimised geometry of the molecule with the help of B3LYP/3-21G theory using GAUSSIAN.

**Homo Lumo of Netropsin Molecule is Given Below Figure-2**

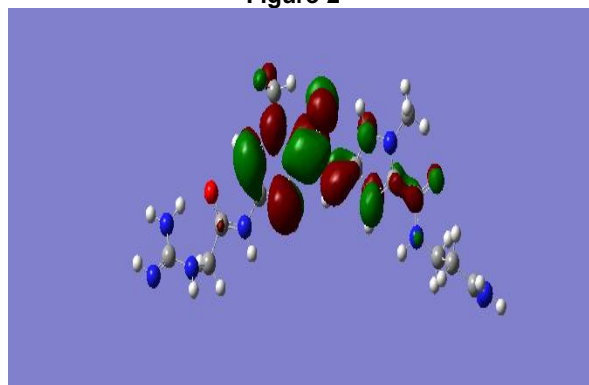
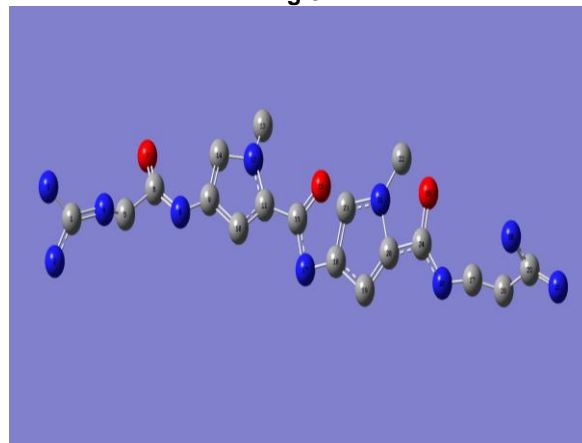


Table 1

**Comparison of bond length bond angle and Dihedral Angle obtained from computation and theoretical values.**

| S.No. | atom | Atom No. |                   |                   |                   | Bond length A <sup>0</sup> |        | Bond angle DEG |        | dihedral Angle DEG |         |
|-------|------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
|       |      |          | Atom <sub>1</sub> | Atom <sub>2</sub> | Atom <sub>3</sub> | Exp.                       | Theo.  | Exp.           | Theo   | Exp                | Theo    |
| 1     | C    | 1        |                   |                   |                   |                            |        |                |        |                    |         |
| 2     | N    | 2        | 1                 |                   |                   | 1.3866                     | 1.2899 |                |        |                    |         |
| 3     | N    | 3        | 1                 | 2                 |                   | 1.3933                     | 1.3847 | 130.44         | 130.32 |                    |         |
| 4     | N    | 4        | 1                 | 2                 | 3                 | 1.4357                     | 1.4065 | 118.12         | 117.47 | -177.46            | -179.66 |
| 4     | C    | 4        | 4                 | 1                 | 2                 | 1.5132                     | 1.4621 | 122.66         | 122.28 | 148.22             | 147.60  |
| 6     | C    | 6        | 5                 | 4                 | 1                 | 1.5444                     | 1.5390 | 111.86         | 111.47 | 92.84              | 92.24   |
| 7     | O    | 7        | 6                 | 5                 | 4                 | 1.3712                     | 1.2531 | 121.92         | 122.03 | -58.42             | -56.38  |
| 8     | N    | 8        | 6                 | 5                 | 4                 | 1.4362                     | 1.3664 | 115.21         | 115.71 | 124.88             | 124.62  |
| 9     | C    | 9        | 8                 | 6                 | 5                 | 1.3868                     | 1.4063 | 122.26         | 124.72 | 178.76             | 179.14  |
| 10    | C    | 10       | 9                 | 8                 | 6                 | 1.5061                     | 1.4190 | 125.87         | 125.32 | -179.55            | -179.69 |
| 11    | C    | 11       | 10                | 9                 | 8                 | 1.3763                     | 1.3958 | 106.75         | 107.61 | -178.92            | -179.34 |
| 12    | N    | 12       | 11                | 10                | 9                 | 1.3644                     | 1.3894 | 106.75         | 107.34 | 0.56               | 0.37    |
| 13    | C    | 13       | 12                | 11                | 10                | 1.4711                     | 1.4806 | 126.33         | 126.59 | -178.11            | -178.69 |

#### Optimized Structure of Netropsin Molecule Fig-3



#### HOMO-LUMO

The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) are the terminology used to determine the band gap in organic/inorganic semiconductors, molecular reactivity and understand the reaction mechanisms[13]. The HOMO and LUMO as calculated using B3LYP/3-21G method are shown in Figure 3. The HOMO portion of the molecule is greatly concerted on furone rings linking carbon atoms and same is less focused on the oxygen and nitrogen atoms. Complete covering of nitrogen atom wave functions on the neighboring carbon atom decreases the length of the central bridge of HOMO. In LUMO, there are delocalization of valence (virtual) orbitals throughout the molecule. Nitrogen atoms of the connection group overlap each other and carbon atoms of the central connection overlap adjacent carbon atoms of the furone rings. The HOMO energy is directly associated to the ionization potential, while LUMO energy is directly associated to the electron affinity. Energy gap is defined as the difference between HOMO and LUMO orbital.

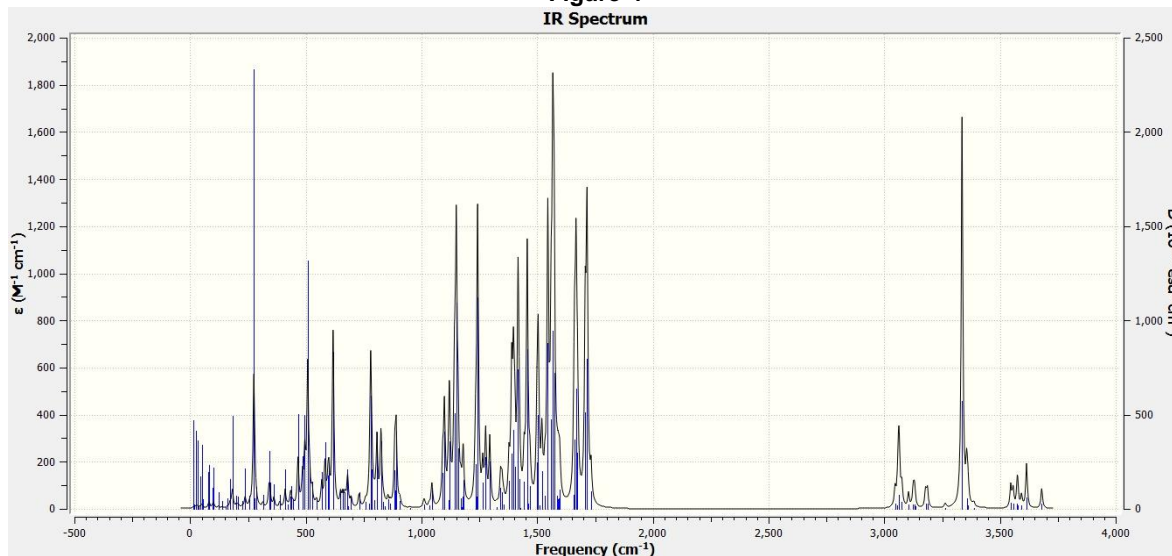
|    |   |    |    |    |    |        |        |        |        |         |         |
|----|---|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 14 | C | 14 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1.3857 | 1.3762 | 109.94 | 109.58 | -0.57   | -0.57   |
| 15 | C | 15 | 11 | 10 | 9  | 1.4987 | 1.4678 | 129.22 | 128.95 | 176.86  | 178.29  |
| 16 | O | 16 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 1.3124 | 1.2553 | 124.49 | 124.58 | -165.09 | -165.09 |
| 17 | N | 17 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 1.3249 | 1.3794 | 112.78 | 114.32 | 14.12   | 14.68   |
| 18 | C | 18 | 17 | 15 | 11 | 1.4277 | 1.4021 | 126.24 | 124.43 | -176.08 | -176.58 |
| 19 | C | 19 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 1.3988 | 1.4199 | 123.84 | 124.97 | 178.55  | 179.62  |
| 20 | C | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 1.3766 | 1.3953 | 107.36 | 107.77 | 179.33  | 179.89  |
| 21 | N | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 1.3949 | 1.3894 | 107.36 | 107.31 | -0.33   | -0.33   |
| 22 | C | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 1.4568 | 1.4800 | 128.68 | 126.52 | 177.22  | 179.65  |
| 23 | C | 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 1.3996 | 1.3767 | 109.21 | 109.58 | 0.41    | 0.36    |
| 24 | C | 24 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 1.3699 | 1.4671 | 129.58 | 128.95 | -176.35 | -179.43 |
| 25 | O | 25 | 24 | 20 | 19 | 1.2765 | 1.2580 | 122.99 | 124.58 | 172.42  | 170.19  |
| 26 | N | 26 | 24 | 20 | 19 | 1.3721 | 1.3721 | 115.38 | 115.47 | -9.23   | -9.62   |
| 27 | C | 27 | 26 | 24 | 20 | 1.4522 | 1.4704 | 120.92 | 119.65 | 178.52  | 177.61  |
| 28 | C | 28 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 1.5386 | 1.5406 | 112.55 | 112.15 | 75.66   | 74.77   |
| 29 |   | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 1.5489 | 1.5299 | 113.65 | 113.00 | 175.56  | 177.94  |
| 30 | N | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 1.2534 | 1.2871 | 129.42 | 127.98 | 5.08    | 5.44    |

Table-2

|                   |           |         |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| Electronic energy | -1466.66  | Hartree |
| Dipole moment     | -0.858085 | debye   |
| Polarizability    | 273.04    | au      |
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IR Spectrum of Netropsin Molecule

Figure-4



Result and Discussion

Optimized structure of netropsin obtained from B3LYP/3-21G method is given in the fig. comparison of bond length, bond angles and torsion angles of the optimized molecular structure with those data from crystallographic structure, as shown in the table. from the result, it clear that there is a very small difference between computational value and value obtained from crystallographic data.

In the table it is clear that experimental and theoretical values are nearly same. There is a very small variation in experimental values and theoretical values. The normal modes of vibrational frequencies are in the range of 300 to 4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> have been find

out in the spectrum. Peak intensities are at 300, 1550 and 3350 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Analysis of IR Spectra

Infrared spectroscopy is due to transition of molecule between its vibrational energy levels due to absorption of radiation. These spectra is due to change in dipole moment within the molecules. Frequency versus absorption intensity plot of the netropsin molecule is studied as shown in Figure 4. Theoretically calculated vibrational (IR) frequencies of the given molecule is assigned and compared with the experimental values reported in the literature. The IR spectrum of the molecule gives the details regarding the ring out of plane deformation, C-H out of plane

bending, rocking, scissoring, bending, symmetric and anti-symmetric NH vibrations etc.

#### Aim of the study

DRUG-DNA interaction through computational technique. molecules that bind major groove or minor groove of DNA they can be effective anticancer, antibiotic and antiviral therapeutic agents affect the well-being of millions of people worldwide.

#### Conclusion

Geometrical parameters calculated through B3LYP/3-21G method are in very good agreement with experimental values having a very little deviated conformations. The MEP map gives evident that electrophilic ability strengthens and nucleophilic ability become poor as one move radially outwards from the center of the molecule. Small values of HOMO and LUMO energy gaps explain the ultimate charge transfer interactions taking place within the molecule. Computed IR assignments are in good correlation with those of experimental values.

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