

QSAR Studies on 4-thiazolidinones and 2-Azetidinones bearing Benzothiophene Nucleus as Potential Anti-Tubercular Agents

Abstract

Quantitative structure-activity relationships (QSAR) study of 11 a series of (substituted 1, 2-dihydro)4-thiazolidinones and 2-azetidinones bearing benzothiophene nucleus with anti-tubercular activity has been carried out using a combination of various physicochemical descriptors. Several significant equations with good coefficient of correlation (0.860) have been obtained. The two models are selected using internal predictive power discerned by cross-validated coefficient q^2 . Both models highlight some common important feature, i.e. bulky substitution and the high nucleophilicity nature of the molecules, favorable for anti-tubercular activity.

Keywords: Anti-tubercular activity, QSAR, benzothiophene, anti-tubercular agents.



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Introduction

Tuberculosis is a chronic granulomatous disease¹. It is estimated that today one-third to one-half of the world population is infected with tuberculosis leading to approximately 6% of all deaths worldwide. The causative moiety of the disease is *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Despite of the development of several types of synthetic anti-tubercular agents, the incidences of tuberculosis is still increasing in large parts of the world due to the development of resistance in *Mycobacterium* to the available drugs.

Thus, there is an urgent need for novel anti-tubercular agents. With modes of action and chemical structures different from the currently used compounds, it is planned to study the quantitative structure activity⁵⁻⁶ and relationships 4-thiazolidinones⁷⁻⁹ (QSAR), of some 10-12 which have played an important role in medicinal chemistry. Moreover, they have been studied extensively because of their ready accessibility, diverse chemical reactivity and broad spectrum of biological activity.

Aim of the Study

The focus of the present investigations is the QSAR analysis of thiazolidinones and azetidinones nucleus as potent anti-tubercular agents.

Materials and Methods

The Dataset and Parameters Quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) studies of anti-tubercular activity of newly reported thiazolidinones and azetidinones derivatives against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* reported by Joshi et al¹³ performed using linear free energy relation of Hansch. Some of the were compounds reported in the original paper were excluded in the present study because of their non-graded quantitative activity data or non-availability of parametric values. Antitubercular activity of remaining compounds are given in Table I. The biological activity values [HA] reported in the literature were converted to molar units and then further to -log scale and subsequently used as the response variable for the QSAR analysis. The molar anti-tubercular activities were then subjected to multiple regression analysis on different physicochemical parameters and indicator variables (QSAR). The relationships between the activities were also studied to explore the selectivity in terms of structural requirements. The congeneric series possesses one region of structural variation. Figure 1 shows effect of R substitution on 2-(substitutedbenzal-hydrazino-carbonyl)-3,5-chlorobenzo(b)thio-phenene, Figure 2 shows effect of R substitution on 2-ary-1-5H-3-(3',5'-dichloro-2'-benzo(b)thiophenylamino)4-thiazolidinones and Figure 3 shows effect of R substitution on the 4-aryJ-3-chloro-I-(3',5' -

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All the computations in the present study performed on PIV were workstation. The molecular structures of the training set were sketched using

dichloro2'-benzo(b)-thiophenylamino)-2- azetidiones.
Table 1

Chem Draw Ultra module of CS Chem Office 2001 molecular modeling software ver. 6.0, supplied by Cambridge Software Company¹⁴. The sketched structures were exported to Chem3D module in order to create its 3D model. Each model was "cleaned up" and energy minimization was performed using Allinger's MM2 force field by fixing Root Mean Square Gradient (RMS) to 0.1 Kcal/molÅ°. Further, geometry optimization was done using semiempirical AM1 (Austin Model) Hamiltonian method, closed shell restricted wave function available in the MOPAC

module until the RMS value becomes smaller than 0.001 Kcal/molÅ. The low energy conformers obtained from the aforementioned procedure was used for the calculation of the descriptors. The descriptors include physicochemical, thermodynamic, electronic and spatial descriptors available in the 'Analyze' option of the Chem. 3D package Table II). The descriptors calculated for the present study accounts for four important properties of the molecules: physicochemical, thermodynamic,

Figure 3

electronic and steric, as they represent the possible molecular interactions between the receptor and thiadiazinoacridines.

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Henry's Law Constant (HCL)

Thermodynamic

Ideal Gas Thermal Capacity (IGTC)

Thermodynamic

9

Log P

Thermodynamic

Melting Point (MP)

10

Thermodynamic

Molar Refractivity (MR)

11

Thermodynamic

Standard Gibbs Free Energy (SGFE)

12

Thermodynamic

Connolly Accessible Area (CAA)

13

Steric

Connolly Molecular Area (CMA)

14

Steric

15 Connolly

Solvent-Excluded

Volume Steric

(CSEV)

16 Ovality (OVA)

Steric

Principal Moment of Inertia - X (PMI-X)

Steric

17

Steric

Principal Moment of Inertia -Y (PMI-Y)

18

Principal Moment of Inertia -Z (PMI-Z)

Steric

19

Electronic

Dipole Moment (D)

20

Electronic

Dipole Moment X Axis (DX)

21

Electronic

Dipole Moment Y Axis (DY)

Electronic

23

Dipole Moment Y Axis (DZ)

Electronic

Electronic Energy (EE)

24

Electronic

HOMO Energy (HOMO)

Electronic

LUMO Energy (LUMO)

26

228

Electronic

27

Rupulsion Energy (RE)

Bend Energy (Eb)

Thermodynamic

28

Thermodynamic

Charge-Charge Energy (CCE)

29

Thermodynamic

Charge-Dipole Energy (CDE)

30

Thermodynamic

Dipole-Dipole Energy (DDE)

31

Thermodynamic

Non-1, 4 VDW Energy (E.)

32

Thermodynamic

33 Stretch Energy (SE)

Thermodynamic

Stretch-Bend Energy (SBE)

34

Thermodynamic

Torsion Energy (Et)

35

Thermodynamic

Total Energy (E)

36

Thermodynamic

Van der Waals e 1, 4 Energy (VDWE)

37

Thermodynamic

VDW 1, 4 Energy (VDWE)

38

Thermodynamic

39 Partition coefficient

and corresponding regression equation is found out to calculate predicted

activity value and predicted residual (press) of deleted compound. The

PRESS (predicted residual sum of squares) statistics provides the relations

between the observed activity and calculated value (according to PRESS

equation). The

Table III- Calculated descriptor values for the given series of compounds

E1

HOMO

Compd

PMI-X

D

-5.2672

2730.62

-8.7059

Ia

2.4079

3g

3224.63

5.5351

-8.9489

-1.2288
3h
2523.64
6.2512
-8.6158
3.63627
31
3644.38
4.2893
-8.7998
6.50846

stability and predictive capacity of the equation were cross validated from PRESS statistics obtained by running V ALST A T16 programs using "leave-one-out" technique.

Results and Discussion

Biological activity data and various physicochemical parameters were taken as dependent and independent variables, respectively, and correlations were established using sequential multiple regression analysis. The descriptors selected for modeling antitubercular activity of thiazolidinones and azetidinones derivatives are summarized in Table III. The quarter parametric models were obtained and these models are significant for anti-tubercular activity.

Model I	
0.00018139(0.000147211)
4.48858(+::	2.70123)
-10gB	A
PMI-X	
0.0606539(0.05596'19)	D 0.453772(0.305151)
HOMO-	
0.0246623(+0.014462)	E
n -22, R-0.860104, Variance 0.0183792, SD 0.13557, F -12.0823	
Model II	
-logBA	
4.45369(2.67143)
+0.000217417(0.000135005)
PMX- 0.0646233(0.0528988)	D 0.458231 (
0.301616)HOME-	
0.0232831 (+0.014025)	EI
n 24, 'R -0.854129, variance-0.0183422, SD 0.135433, F -	12.8125

The study of model I and model II reveals those thermodynamic parameters like torsion energy (EI), steric parameters like principal moment of inertia Xaxis (PMI-X) and electronic parameters like dipole moment (D) and highest occupied molecular orbit (HOMO) are associated with anti-tumor activity. In model I, dipole moment, an electronic parameter and is important in case when dipole dipole interactions are involved in ligand-receptor interaction; and torsion energy (E) is the thermodynamic parameter, which represents the energy associated with deforming torsion angles in the molecules from their ideal values. The negative coefficients of descriptors

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suggest presence of conjugation and bulky substituents tolerable for activity, whereas principal moment of inertia, X-axis is a spatial descriptor, which explains the significance of orientation and conformation rigidity of the molecule. The positive coefficient of these descriptor suggest the presence of bulky substituents oriented towards X-axis of the molecules will give better activity and highest occupied molecular orbital. HOMO is

significance of the model as follows. Bootstrapping $r = 0.777145$, $q Q.586244$, Spress 0.167511 , 0.149044

The correlation matrix shows model II to be more significant than model 1. In model I, all independent parameters (PMI-X, D, E and expected HOMO) have poor (independent) correlation with each other as in QSAR analyses but in model-II independent parameters (PMI-X, D, E and HOMO) have dependent correlation. The correlation matrix and predicted activity data for model 1 and model II are shown in Table IV, V and Table VI, VII, respectively. Figure

predicted activities of plot of observed vs 4 and Figure 5 show a compounds of model 1 and model II, respectively. The comparison of significant than model I, model 1 and model II, the model II was more having good correlation coefficient (R), crossvalidated (q) value (reflects predictive power of model) bootstrapping (r) value (reflect accuracy of the model), and independent correlation between Table IV - Correlation matrix for parameters in model I

E	
HOMO	
Parameters	
PMI-X	
PMI-X	1.000000
	1.000000
D	0.055336
	1.000000
	0.170548
HOMO	0.077995

Et	
	0.256476
	0.222781
	0.402842
	1.000000

Table V - Correlation matrix for parameters in Model II

Parameters					0.842528
PMI-X					0.95
HOMO					2e
E					0.864789
D					0.856629
PM			I-X		0.9
1.000000					2f
0.014297					0.827379
1.000000					0.855464
HOMO					0.65
1.000000					2g
0.208958					1.19375
0.090494					1.19709
1.000000					1.]9
0.4059	I			2	2h
Et					0.720402
0.319568					0.74133
0.247327					0.6
					2i
Table				VI	0.624585
Predicted	activity	data	of	model I	0.625229
Compd				Observed-	0.62
log				BA	3a
Calculated					0.372207
Predicted					0.31487
-10gB				A	3b
-logBA					0.45
1.01723					0.67239
la					0.702978
1.12					0.41
0.991225					3d
0.865298					0.597353
1b					0.588495
0.881516					3e
0.78					0.65
0.794575					0.692664
0.717722					0.658391
lc					3f
1.06					0.75
0.983557					0.707332
1.05483					0.754452
ld					3g 0.6
0.86					
1.13694					3h
1.09521					0.54
le					0.575164
1.19					0.567922
1.14194					3i
1.15091					0.95
1.12					0.735868
1f					0.643861
0.684136					Compd 2e and 3e are outlier
0.692616					Table VII Predicted activity data of Model II
2a					Calculated
0.6					Compd Observed
0.735515					Predicted -logBA
0.733646					-10gB A
2b					-log BA
0.75					1.02507
0.602833					1.00262
0.597315					la
0.65					1.12
2d					0.848092
0.851327					lb

0.78	0.41	
0.860242	0.583873	
0.77437	0.705752	
le	3d	
1.06	1.69	
0.698692	0.684702	
0.961711	0.72504	
1.01338	3e	
1d	0.65	
0.86	0.565729	
1.14472	0.776434	
1.11086	3f	
le	0.78498	
1.19	0.75	
1.125559	0.57102	
1f	0.565729	
1.12	3g	
1.12779	0.6	
0.703618	0.735432	
2a	0.78498	
0.6	0.57102	
0.604477	3h	
0.741783	0.54	
2b	0.870313	
0.75	0.735432	
0.742706	3i	
2c	0.95	
1.99	1.2	
0.595105	1	
0.870313	0.8	
2d	0.6	
0.65	0.4	
0.864143	0.2	
0.87649]	0	
2e	0	
0.95	0.5	
0.871481	1	
0.822645	1.5	
2f	Observed	activity
0.9	Figure 4-Graph	between observed activity and
0.84961	predicted	
1.2154	activity	of model I
2g	1.4	
0.65	1.2	
1.23674	1	
0.752844	0.8	
2h	0.6	-
1.19	0.4	
0.772968	0.2	-
0.648548	0	
2i	0	
0.6	0.5	
0.651867	1.5	
0.354963	Observed	activity
3a	Figure 5-Graph	between observed activity and
0.62	predicted	
0.289744	activity	of model II
0.696674	Predicted	activi
	Predicted activity	
3b		
0.45		
0.723234	Figure 5- Graph	between observed activity and
0.5926	predicted activity	of model II parameters as expected
3e		in QSAR analyses. These results show that such

models can be helpful for theoretical prediction of anti-tubercular activity of new molecules

Conclusion

IQSAR analysis was performed on a series of antitubercular activity of thiazolidinones and azetidionones derivatives using molecular modeling program Chemoffice 2001. QSAR models were proposed for anti-tubercular activity of the thiazolidinones and azetidionones using descriptors employing sequential multiple regression analysis method. The predictive power of each model was estimated with bootstrapping method and leave one out cross validation method. It was observed from the selected models that biological activity of thiazolidinones and azetidionones derivatives is governed by thermodynamic and steric properties of the molecules. The models also provide valuable insight into the mechanism of action of these compounds. The result of the study suggests involvement of partition coefficient in the mechanism of anti-tubercular action of thiazolidinones and azetidionones. The study will be helpful in the design of better anti-tubercular analogs of thiazolidinones and azetidionones derivatives for anti-tubercular activity.

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