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Abstract

Dihydropyrimidine derivatives are very important in synthetic medicinal chemistry because of their wide biological ranges in chemo therapy and drugs; this importance led to consider the activity of newly designed of dihydropyrimidine derivatives as macrophage migration (MIF) enzyme inhibitor.

In this work the set of data was used to study quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) of dihydropyrimidine derivatives. The descriptors in two dimensional were removed because R^2 < 0.7. The models obtained in three dimensional can be used to predict the activity of newly designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives against colon cancer as macrophage migration enzyme factor. A highly descriptive and predictive QSAR model was obtained through calculation of independent descriptors using MOE2009.10 software. A training set composed of 13compounds and obtained by partial least squares (PLS) analysis resulted in a model displaying a squared correlation coefficient (R^2) of 0.889 (PIC₅₀=5.213+ 0.373 npr² -0.674MNDO-LUMO). Validation of this model was performed using method leave-one-out (LOO) giving Q^2 of 0.796 and R^2 _{pre} of 0.979 for a test set of 3 compounds.

This model was used to predict the biological activity of 94 new designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives and CHS828 was used as a reference compound. From these compounds 71 compounds which had a higher biological activity than a reference compound, were selected to study their affinity to colon cancer.

Docking study for data set of 71 new designed compounds having high predicted activity to evaluate their interaction with protein of (MIF). In this study a number of compounds showed a goodness of interactions.

الخالصة

مشتقات ثنائي هيدر وبير ميدين مهمه جدا في الكيمياء الدوائية الصناعية بسبب نطاقها البيولوجي الواسع في العلاجات الكيمائيه والأدوية وقد أدت هذه الاهمية إلى دراسة نشاط مشتقات ثنائي هيدر وبير ميدين المصممة كمثبطات انزيم هجر ة البلاعم(MIF).

في ىزه انذساسخ يدًٌعخ ين انجيبنبد اسزخذيذ إلخشاء دساسخ كًًيخ نعالقخ انجنيخ ثبنفعبنيخ QSAR لمشتقات ثنائي هيدروبيرميدين تم الحصول عليها من ورقة علمية منشورة تمتلك هيكل أساسي مماثل تم الحصول على نموذج OSAR ذو وصفية وتنبؤية عالية من خلال حساب واصفات مستقلة باستخدام بر نامج 2009.10MOE . تم تكوين مجموعة الندريب من 13 مركب بطريقة تحليل المربعات الصغري($\rm{PIC}_{\rm{50}}$ ي نموذجا يعرض مريع معامل الارتباط R مقدار مالسلام DIC $_{\rm{50}}$ =5.213+ 0.373 npr 2 -0.674MNDO- $\rm{0.889}$.)LUMO

 0.796 للتحقق من صحة هذا النموذج بإستخدام طريقة (LOO) وحسبت قيمة $(\rm Q^2)$) ومقدار ها . وقيمة $\rm (~R^2_{\ \rm pred})$ وقدر ها $\rm 0.979$ لمجموعة الإختبار المكونة من 3 مركبات

تم استخدام هذا النموذج للتنبؤ بالنشاط البيولوجي لـ ـ 94 مشتق لثنائي هيدر وبير ميدين الجديدة . من هذه المشتقات تم عزل 71 لهم نشاط بيولوجي اعلى من المركب المرجعي.

تم تنفيذ در اسة الالتحام الجزيئي لكل من مركبات مجموعة البيانات التي تم تصميمها وتمتلك نشاط متوقع بيولوجي عاملي من أجل دراسة ارتباطها مع بروتين انزيم MIF خلال هذه الدراسة اظهرت بعض المركبات ار تباطا عالبا

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CHAPTER ONE Introduction

1. Introduction:

1.1. Heterocyclics:

Heterocyclics are cyclic compounds in which one or more atoms of the ring are heteroatoms: O, N, S, P, etc. They are present in many biologically important molecules such as amino acids, nucleic acids and hormones. They are also indispensable components of pharmaceuticals and therapeutic drugs. Caffeine, sildenafil (the active Ingredient in Viagra), acyclovir (an antiviral agent), clopidogrel (an anti platelet agent) and nicotine, they all have heterocyclic systems (Fig1.1) (Rowlands, 2001).

Caffeine sidenafil

Figure 1.1: Examples of molecules containing heterocyclic systems

Some of heterocyclics are aromatic if they obey Hückel's rules of aromaticity:

a) The ring is planar.

b) There is a continuous conjugated system (all atoms of the ring are $sp²$ hybridized).

c) The number of pi electrons is equal to 4 n +2, where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$, etc.

According to these rules, pyrrole, imidazole, pyridine, pyrimidine and purine, just to mention a few, are aromatic heterocyclic.

Classification of hetero cyclic:

-Three membered rings, four membered rings, five membered rings, six membered rings and poly cyclic.

Three-membered:

The three membered heterocycles containing single atom of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfuraziridine, oxirane, (or ethylene oxide) and thiirane, respectively-and their derivatives can all be prepared by nucleophilic reactions. Aziridine is formed by heating β-amino ethyl hydrogen sulfate with a base (Fig 1.2).

Aziridine oxirane thiirane

Figure 1.2: Three membered heterocycles

Four –membered:

Azetidine, oxetane and thietane – four membered rings containg respectively one nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur atom are prepared by nucleophilic displacement reaction similar to those used to prepare corresponding three-membered rings.

Azetidine oxetane thietane

Figure 1.3: Four membered heterocycles

Five-membered:

The parent aromatic compounds of this family pyrrole, furan and thiophene have the structures shown.

Furan Pyrrole Thiophene Imidazole Oxazole Thiazole

Figure 1.4: Five membered heterocycles

The saturated derivatives are called pyrrolidine, tetrahydrofuran, and thiolane, respectively.

Tetrahydrofuran Pyrrolidine Thiolane

Six-membered:

Pyridine Pyrimidine Pyridazine Pyrazine

O

N H

Piperidine Morpholine

Figure 1.5: Six membered heterocycles

Poly cyclic:

The bicyclic compounds made of pyrrole, furan, or thiophene ring fused to benzene ring are called indole (or isoindole), benzofuran, and benzothiophene, respectively.

Quinoline Isoquinoline Indole Purine

Figure 1.6: Poly cyclic compound

1.2. Pyrimidines:

1.2.1. Chemistry of pyrimidines

Pyrimidines are six-membered heterocyclic ring compounds composed of nitrogen and carbon. They are present throughout nature in various forms and are the building blocks of numerous natural compounds from antibiotics to vitamins and liposacharides.

The most commonly recognized pyrimidines are the bases of RNA and DNA, the most abundant being cytosine, thymine or uralic. The origin of the term pyrimidine dates back to 1884 when Pinner coined the term from a combination of the words pyridine and amidine because of the structural similarity to those compounds. Since these initial investigations hundreds of pyrimidine-containing compounds have been found in Biochemistry

Pyrimidine is the most important member of all the diazines as this ring system occurs widely in

living organism. Purines, uric acid, alkoxan, barbituric acid and mixture of anti- malarial and anti-bacterial also contain the pyrimidine ring. Since pyrimidine is symmetrical about the line passing C-2 and C-5, the position C-4 and C-6 are equivalent and so are N-1 and N-3 .When a hydroxy or amino group is present at the 2-,4-,6-, position than they are tautomeric with oxo and imino respectively as illustrated in fig(1.7).

Figure 1.7: Lactin and lactam form

There are eight possible partially hydrogenated pyrimidines although it is not certain that all of them are stable to be isolated (Bansal, 2009).

1.2.2. Physical and spectroscopic properties:

Pyrimidine is colorless compound; it is weakly basic ($pk_a1.3$) as compared to pyridine ($pk_a5.2$) or imidazole (pk_a 7.2).

The decrease in its basicity is due to the electron-withdrawing effect of the second nitrogen atom present in the ring. Moreover, the addition of the proton does not increase the probability for mesomerism and hence the resonance energy. Presence of alkyl groups, however, enhance the basicity, thus 4-methyl pyrimidine has $pk_a2.0$ while 4,6-dimethyl pyrimidine has a value of 2.8 the 2-and 4-aminopyrimidine are more basic with $pk_a23.54$ and 5.71 respectively. In these two compound more resonance structure are possible in the cation than in the neutral molecule as illustrated in fig (1.8).

Figure 1.8: resonance structure of 2-aminopyrimidine

The close relationships of pyrimdine with benzene suggest the former is highly aromatic and the ring is virtually planner. The following canonical structures contribute to the resonance hybrid Fig (1.9). But pyrimidine ring is less aromatic compared to pyridine and benzene (Bansal, 2009).

Fig 1.9: Canonical structures contributed to resonance hybride

This view is corroborated by the resonance energies which are benzene (36Kcal/mole), pyridine(31Kcal/mole) and pyrimdine (26Kcal/mole).

Pyrimdine have a dipole moment of 2.40D. The molecular dimensions of pyrimidine have not been determined (Bansal, 2009).

1.2.3. Synthetic method:

Pyrimidines have been prepared by a number of methods but the most important are those in which the ring is formed from two fragments which contribute the C-C-C and N-C-N atoms respectively.

1. From malonic ester: a simple synthesis of pyrimidine ring involves a condensation between a malonic ester and urea in the presence of base to yield barbituric acid fig (1.10). Modification of this method consists of using substituted malonic esters. Besides malonic esters, a series of other compounds such as β-keto acids or ester may be employed uracil, for instance, is obtained from a-formylacetic acid (produced in *situ* by decarboxylation of malic acid with conc. sulfuric and reaction of the β-keto acid with urea fig (1.11). Uracil can be converted to pyrimidine in the following steps:

Figure 1.10: Synthesis of pyrimidine from malonic ester

Figure 1.11: Synthesis of pyrimidine from uracil

Urea may be replaced by amidine, guanidine or thiourea and condensed with a 1,4-diketone. Thus acetyl acetone on reaction with benzamidine give 4,6-di methyl-2-phenyl pyrimidine.

A 1,4-diketone may be condensed with an aldehyde and ammonia to furnish pyrimidine derivatives (Rowlands,2001).

2. From ethyl cortonate: another useful method involves the condensation of amidines or urea with unsaturated compounds such as ethyl crotonate in the presence of a base fig (1.12) . Adihydropyrimidine is the initial product which is readily oxidized to the corresponding pyrimidine (Wu *et al*., 2018).

Figure 1.12: Synthesis of pyrimidine from ethyl cortonate

3-Pyrimidine itself can be obtained by the decarboxlation of pyrimidine-4, 6-dicarboxlic acid or by the dechlorination of 2,4-dihydropyrimidine.

Figure 1.13: Synthesis of pyrimidine from dechlorination of 2,4-dihydropyrimidine

4- From α, β -Unsaturated ketones: An interesting reaction of simple α, β -unsaturated ketone with amidine to give pyrimidine. The initial product of this reaction is probably a dihydropyrimidine which is the readily oxidized by a stream of air to the correspond ing pyrimidine. Benzamidine and β**-**benzoylstryene furnish 2, 4, 6-triphenyl pyrimidine (Khobragade *et al*., 2010).

Figure 1.14: Synthesis of pyrimidine from α , β -Unsaturated ketones

1.2.4 Chemical reactions of pyrimidine:

- **1. Reaction with acid:** pyrimidine though a weak base can be protonated in the presence of acids. Diprotonation unlike pyridine takes place in strong acids. Diprotonation is possible because the nitrogen atoms are not present in the adjacent position as in pyridazine.
- **2. Electrophilic substitution:** pyrimidine is also resistant to electrophilic substitution. The attack at position 2, 4, and 6 is particularly retarded because of electron deficiency at the positions. The 5-position is also difficult to attack as it is influenced by the inductive effect of the two nitrogen atoms and this resembles position-3 in pyridine. Electrophilic substitution at position-5 is easy if one or more electron –releasing groups are present on the ring. The iodination of aminopyrimidine has been investigated. Bromination of pyrimidines yields 5-bromopyrimidine. The reaction is not simple electrophilic substitution rather proceed via a perbromide intermediate (Ingraham, 1981).

3. Reaction with nucleophilic reagents: The attack of a nucleophile takes place easily on the pyrimidine ring similar to pyridine, quinoline and isoquinoline. The positions susceptible to attack are 2, 4, and 6. Pyrimidine is stable in cold alkali but in boiling hydrazine it rearranges to pyrazole, via a ring opened intermediate (van *et al*., 1974).

Figure 1.15: Reaction of pyrimidine with nucleophilic reagents

4. Reaction with Oxidizing and Reducing Agents: Pyrimidine gives a low yield of N-oxide on oxidation with a peracid. The ring is largely destroyed during N-oxide formation. But the alkylpyrimidines give a satisfactory yield of N-oxide. 4-Methyl pyrimidine with H_2O_2 yields 4methyl pyrimidine N-oxide.

This can be converted back to pyrimidine by refluxing with phosphorous oxy chloride. Reissert addition reaction appears to be fairly common in pyrimidine N-oxides. 4-Methyoxy pyrimidine N-oxide on reaction with sodium cyanide and benzoyl chloride under alkaline conditions furnishes 2-cyano-4-methoxypyrimidine fig (1.16).

Figure 1.16: Reaction of pyrimidine with oxidizing and reducing agents

4. Thio –claisen rearrangement: Certain suitably substituted thiopyrimidines undergo the familiar thio-clasin rearrangement. Thus 3-methyl-4-allyl thiopyrimidine-2-one on heating yields 5-allyl-3-methyl-4-thiouracil fig (1.17) (Bansal, 2009).

Figure 1.17: Thio-clasin rearrangement

1.2.5 Naturally occurring and biologically active pyrimidines:

Pyrimidine itself is not found in nature but substituted pyrimidines and compound containing the pyrimidine ring are widely distributed in nature. Derivatives of barbituric acid, i.e., oxygenated pyrimidines are perhaps the most widely used in medicines, for example, Veronal, luminal are used as hypnotic while pentothal is used as an anaesthetic fig (1.18).

Figure 1.18: Derivatives of barbituric acid

Several important sulfa drugs are pyrimidine derivatives namely sulfadiazine, sulfamerazine and sulfadimidine.

Eigure 1.19: Sulfa drugs of pyrimidine

Sulfadiazine is still widely used but the last two are no longer used for chemotherapy of infections. Three pyrimidines are of considerable biological importance because their relation to the nucleic acids, these are uracil, thymine and cytosine. The purine ring system obtained by the fusion of pyrimidine and imidazole unclei also is important because certain of its derivatives, in particular adenine and guanidine are building blocks of RNA and DNA.

A Variety of natural products such as alkaloids also contain the pyrimidine ring system, these include hypoxanthine, and xanthine which occur in tea and caffeine and theophylline are the constituents of tea leaves. Theo bromine is found in cocoa beans fig (1.20) .

NH N H N N H \cap O

 CH_3

Hypoxanthine xanthine caffeine

Figure 1.20: Natural products contain the pyrimidine ring system

Folic acid: The pteridine ring system is also widely distributed in nature. The important growth factor folic acid, vitamin B_{10} is constructed of apteridine ring, p-amino benzoic acid and glutamic acid, i.e.pteroylglutamic acid. It is widely distributed and has been isolated from liver and yeast (Bansal, 2009).

1.3 Dihydropyrimidine derivatives:

1.3.1 Synthetic method:

Dihydropyrimidines consists of a six membered heterocyclic ring having two nitrogen atoms at one and three positions (Gazz *et al*., 1893). The three-component reaction between aromatic aldehydes, urea and acetoacetic esters was discovered by the Italian chemist P. Biginelli in 1893. The products of this reaction is 3, 4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1*H*)-ones (DHPMs). For a long time the Biginelli reaction was not commonly used, but in the last 20–30 years this class of heterocyclic compounds received considerable attention as a type of privileged heterocyclic scaffolds with a significant pharmacological potential (Simurova and Maiboroda, 2017). It has been shown that some dihydropyrimidines exhibit high antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, and anti hypertensive activity (Ruijter, 2012) Therefore, the number of publications and patents devoted to the synthesis of DHPMs derivatives by means of the Biginelli reaction is growing every year. This can be explained by the simplicity of the synthetic procedure, the possibility to vary the starting reagents, catalysts, and solvents, as well as the possibility of introducing substituent that are easily converted into various functional groups. The rapid development of combinatorial chemistry also led to an increased interest in Biginelli reaction fig (1.21) (Simurova and Maiboroda, 2017).

Figure 1.21: Biginelli reaction

1.3.2 Reaction conditions:

The classic method of carrying out the Biginelli reaction assumes one-pot condensation of ethyl acetoacetate, benzaldehyde and urea under strongly acidic conditions. The reaction proceeds with low yields and requires relatively long time (15–20 h).

A significant number of works has been devoted to the optimization of reaction conditions in order to increase the yields of target DHPMs. The influence of solvents and catalysts on the yields of the target products obtained in Biginelli reaction has been studied (Alvim *et al*., 2014). One approach is optimization of the solvents (acetic acid, aceto nitrile, THF, DMFA, etc.) and the selection of appropriate catalyst. (organic and inorganic acids, Lewis acids, ionic liquid in order to accelerate the reaction, experiments have been performed with microwave irradiation, infrared irradiation, as well as ultrasonication, thereby reducing the reaction time to few minutes and increasing yields up to 98% (Simurova and Maiboroda, 2017).

1.3.3 Biological activity of dihydropyrimidine derivatives:

Similar groups/structures often exhibit similar biological activities. However, they usually exhibit different potency. The traditional structure activity relationship (**SAR**) is a useful tool in the search for new drugs. However, SAR is usually determined by making minor changes to the

structure of the existing compound and assessing the effect on its biological activity (Kuntz *et al.*, 1982).

Biological aspect of Biginelli product i.e. dihydropyrimidines, intensive investigation is Carried out because they possess close resemblance of clinically used nicardipine, nifedipine etc fig (1.22). feiodipine and nifedipine which are analogues of Biginelli product further they had resemblance to marine natural alkaloids batzelladine B **10**. Again biologists & chemists synthesized modified Biginelli product scaffolds, which showed activities like ant proliferative, antiviral, antitumor, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular activity.

Figure 1.22: Biological aspect of biginelli product

Antihypertensive agents, dihydropyrimidine derivatives as anti-hypertensive drug activity were showed in (Alam *et al*., 2010), **anti filarial agents** were showed in (Singh *et al*., 2008), **anti-HIV agents** were showed in (Matos *et al*., 2008), **antitumor activity** were showed in (Kaan and Ulaganathan, 2010), **antioxidant Activity** were showed in (Stefani *et al*., 2006; Ismaili *et al*., 2008) and **anti cancer activity were** showed in (Eckhardt *et al*., 2002; Lee et al., 2002; Lee, Y.S *et al*., 2009; Rojo *et al*., 2008; Anjos *et al*., 2012; Gressler *et al*., 2010; Jain *et al*.,2006; Patrawala *et al*., 2005).

1.4 Modeling and informatics in drug design:

Modeling and informatics have become indispensable components of rational drug design. For the last few years, chemical analysis through molecular modeling has been very prominent in computer - aided drug design (CADD). But currently modeling and informatics are contributing in tandem toward CADD.

Modeling in drug design has two faces: modeling on the basis of knowledge of the drugs/leads/ Ligands often referred to as ligand - based design and modeling based on the structure of macromolecules often referred to as receptor - based modeling (or structure – based modeling). Computer - aided drug design is a topic of medicinal chemistry that can be employed to understand the properties of chemical species and the properties of bimolecular on the other. Information technology is playing a major role in decision making in pharmaceutical sciences. Storage, retrieval, and analysis of data of chemicals/biochemical of therapeutic interest are major components of pharmaco informatics. Quite often, the efforts based on modeling and informatics gets thoroughly integrated with each other, as in the case of virtual screening exercises. The molecular modeling methods that are in vogue in the fields of computational chemistry, computational biology, computational medicinal chemistry, and Pharmacoinformatics (Prasad *et al*., 1998).

1.4.1 Computational chemistry:

Two - dimensional (2D) structure drawing and three - dimensional (3D) structure buildings are the important primary steps in computational chemistry for which several molecular visualization packages are available. The most popular of these are ChemDraw Ultra and Chem3D pro, which are a part of the ChemOffice suite of software packages, ACD/ChemSketch, Mol Suite, and many more of these kinds are other programs for the same purpose. Refinement has to be carried out on all the drawings and 3D structures so as to improve the chemical accuracy of the structure on the computer screen. Structure refinement based on heuristic Rules/cleanup procedures is a part of all these software packages. However, chemical Accuracy of the 3D structures still remains poor even after cleanup. Further refinement can be carried out by performing energy minimization using either molecular mechanical or quantum chemical procedures. By using these methods, the energy of a molecule can be estimated in any given state (Goossen, 2009).

Following this, with the help of first and second derivatives of energy, it can be ascertained whether the given computational state of the molecules belongs to a chemically acceptable state or not.

During this process, the molecular geometry gets modified to a more appropriate, chemically meaningful state – the entire procedure is known as geometry optimization.
The geometry optimized 3D structure is suitable for property estimation, descriptor calculation, conformational analysis, and finally for drug design exercise (Prasad *et al*., 1998).

1.4.2 Energy Minimization and geometry optimization:

Drug molecules prefer to adopt equilibrium geometry in nature, that is, a geometry that possesses a stable 3D arrangement of atoms in the molecule. The 3D structure of a molecule built using a 3D builder does not represent a natural state; slight modifications are required to be made on the build 3D structure so that it represents the natural state. For this purpose, the following questions need to be addressed: (1) which minimal changes need to be made? (2) How much change needs to be made? (3) How does one know the representation at hand is the true representation of the Natural state? To provide answers to these questions depend on energy, because molecules prefer to exist in thermodynamically stable states. This implies that if the energy of any molecule can be minimized, the molecule is not in a stable state and thus the current representation of the molecule may not be the true representation of the natural state. This also implies that minimize the energy and the molecular structure in that energy minimum state probably represents a true natural state. Several methods of energy minimization have been developed by computational chemists, some of which are non derivative methods (simple method) but many of which are dependent on derivative methods (steepest descent, Newton – Raphson, conjugate gradient, variable metrics, etc.) and involve the estimation of the gradient of the potential energy curve. The entire procedure of geometry modification to reach an energy minimum state with almost null gradient is known as geometry optimization in terms of the structure of the molecule and energy minimization in terms of the energy of the molecule. All computational chemistry software packages are equipped with energy minimization methods of which a few incorporate energy minimization based on *a initio* methods while most include the semi empirical and molecular mechanics based energy minimization methods (Dolinšek *et al*., 1998).

1.4.3 Computational biology:

Computational biology is a fast growing topic and it is really not practical to distinguish this topic from bioinformatics. Structure prediction of biomolecules (often referred to as ―Structural bioinformatics‖) adopts many aspects of computational chemistry. For example, energy minimization of protein receptor structure is one important step in computational biology.

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Molecular mechanics, molecular simulations, and molecular dynamics are employed in performing conformational analysis of macromolecules.

A rational drug design approach is very much dependent on the knowledge of receptor protein structures and is severely limited by the availability of target protein structure with experimentally determined 3D coordinates. Proteins exhibit four tiered organization: (1) primary structure defining the amino acid sequence, (2) secondary structure with helical and sheet folds, (3) tertiary structure defining the folding of secondary structure held by hydrogen bonds, and (4) quaternary structure involving non covalent association between two or more independent proteins (Holtje, 2003).

Methods for identifying the primary amino acid sequence in proteins are now well developed; however, this knowledge is not sufficient enough to understand the function of the proteins, the drug – receptor mutual recognition, and designing drugs.

Various experimental techniques like X - ray crystallography, nuclear magnetic resonance, and electron diffraction are available for determining the 3D coordinates of the protein structure; however, there are many limitations. It is not easy to crystallize proteins and even when we succeed, the crystal structure represents only a rigid state of the protein rather than a dynamic state. Thus, the reliability of the experimental data is not very high in biomolecules. Computational methods provide the alternative approach — although with equal uncertainty but at a greater speed.

The 3D structures of proteins are useful in performing molecular docking, *de novo* design, and receptor - based pharmacophore mappings (Weissig and Bourne, 2003; Bharatam *et al*., 2010).

1.4.4 Computational medicinal chemistry:

Representation of drug molecular structures can be handled using computational chemistry methods, whereas that of macromolecules can be handled using computational biology methods. However, finding the therapeutic potential of the chemical species and understanding the drug – receptor interactions *in silico* requires developed techniques of computational medicinal chemistry.

1.4.5 Molecular design software:

Molecular design software is software for molecular modeling, distinctive property of which is the presence of the special support for the developing the molecular model(Paul.J.Hall).In contrast to the usual molecular modeling programs such as the molecular dynamics and quantum chemistry programs such software directly supports the aspects related to the construction of molecular models:

- Molecular graphics.
- Interactive molecular drawing and conformational editing.
- Building of polymeric molecules, crystals and solvated systems.
- Partial charges development.
- Geometry optimization.
- Support for the different aspects of force field development etc.

Molecule Editor:

A molecule editor is a computer program for creating and modifying representation of chemical structures. There are number of type of molecule editor. Molecular drawing program are used to generate two-dimensional (flat) representation of molecules and chemical reactions that can be used as illustration or for querying chemical databases .Three-dimensional molecule editor are used to build molecular models, usually as part of molecular modeling software packages. database molecular editors such as leather face, RECAP and molecule slicer allow large number of molecules to be modified automatically according to rules such as deprotonate carboxylic acids or break exocyclic bonds that can be specified by the user.

Most molecule editors use proprietary file formats, but most can read and write several file formats, including smiles, a short ASCII- representation of molecules. Files generated by two – or three –dimensional molecule editors can also be display by molecular graphics tools, which can be realized as a small applet to show molecules in web pages (Paul.J.Hall).

1.5 Quantitative structure – activity relationship (QSAR):

QSAR is a statistical approach that attempts to relate physical and chemical properties of molecules to their biological activities. This can be achieved by using easily calculatable

descriptors like molecular weight, number of rotatable bonds, and log *P.* Developments in physical organic chemistry over the years and contributions of Hammett and Taft in correlating the chemical activity to structure laid the basis for the development of the QSAR paradigm by Hansch and Fujita. Table (1.1) gives an overview of various QSAR approaches in practice. The 2D and 3D QSAR approaches are commonly used methods, but novel ideas are being implemented in terms of 4D – 6D QSAR. The increased dimensionality does not add any additional accuracy to the QSAR approach; for example, no claim is valid which states that the correlation developed using 3D descriptors is better than that based on descriptors.

TABLE 1.1 : Different Dimensions in QSAR:

1.5.1 2 D QSAR*:* Initially, 2D QSAR or the Hansch approach was in vogue, in which different kinds of descriptors from the 2D structural representations of molecules were correlated to biological activity. The basic concept behind 2D QSAR is that structural changes that affect biological properties are electronic, steric, and hydrophobic in nature. These properties can be described in terms of Hammett substituent and reaction constants, Verloop sterimol parameters, and hydrophobic constants. These types of descriptors are simple to calculate and allow for a relatively fast analysis (Dunbrac and Karplus, 1994).

Most 2D QSAR methods are based on graph theoretical indices. The graph theoretical descriptors, also called the molecular topological descriptors, are derived from the topology of a molecule, that is, the 2D molecular structure represented as graphs.

The electro topological state index (E - state) combines the information related to both the topological environment and the electronic character of each skeletal atom in a molecule. The constitutional descriptors are dependent on the constitution of a molecule and are numerical descriptors, which include the number of hydrogen bond donors and acceptors, rotatable bonds, chiral centers, and molecular weight (1D). Apart from that, several indicator descriptors, which define whether or not a particular indicator is associated with a given molecule, are also found to be important in QSAR. The quantum chemical descriptors include the molecular orbital energies (HOMO, LUMO), charges, super delocalizabilities, atom – atom and molecular polarizabilities, dipole moments, total and binding energies, and heat of formation. These are 3D descriptors derived from the 3D structure of the molecule and are electronic in nature (Park and Levitt, 1995; Sternberg, 1996).

Statistical data analysis methods for QSAR development are used to identify the correlation between molecular descriptors and biological activity. This correlation may be linear or nonlinear and accordingly the methods may be divided into linear and nonlinear approaches. The linear approaches include simple linear regression, multiple linear regression (MLR), partial least squares (PLS), and genetic algorithm – partial least squares (GA - PLS). Simple linear regression develops a single descriptor linear equation to define the biological activity of the molecule.

MLR is a step ahead as it defines a multiple term linear equation. More than one term is correlated to the biological activity in a single equation. PLS, on the other hand, is a multivariate linear regression method that uses principal components instead of descriptors. Principal components are the variables found by principal component analysis (PCA), which summarize the information in the original descriptors (Randic, 1975; Hall *et al*., 2003).

The aim of PLS is to find the direct correlation not between the descriptors and the biological activity but between the principal component and the activity. GA - PLS integrates genetic algorithms with the PLS approach (Hosoya, 1971).

The QSAR model developed by any statistical method has to be validated to confirm that it represents the true structure – activity relationship and is not a chance correlation. This may be done by various methods such as the leave one out and leave multiple out cross - validations and the bootstrap method. The randomization test is another validation approach used to confirm the adequacy of the training set.

Attaching chemical connotation to the developed statistical model is an important aspect. A successful QSAR model not only effectively predicts the activity of new species belonging to the same series but also should provide chemical clues for future improvement. This requirement, as

well as the recognition that the 3D representation of the chemicals gives more detailed information, led to the development of 3D QSAR (Bonchev, 1983) (Balaban, 1982).

1.5.2 3D QSAR*:* 3D QSAR methods are an extension of the traditional 2D QSAR approach, wherein the physicochemical descriptors are estimated from the 3D structures of the chemicals. Typically, properties like molecular volume, molecular shape, HOMO and LUMO energies, and ionization potential are the properties that can be calculated from the knowledge of the 3D coordinates of each and every atom of the molecules. When these descriptors of series of molecules can be correlated to the observed biological activity, 3D QSAR models can be developed. This approach is different from the traditional QSAR only in terms of the descriptor definition and, in a sense, is not really 3D in nature (Cramer, *et al*., 1988).

Molecular fields (electrostatic and steric), which can be estimated using probe - based sampling of 3D structure of molecules within a molecular lattice, can be correlated with the reported numeric values of biological activity Such methods proved to be much more informative as they provide differences in the fields as contour maps. The widely used CoMFA (comparative molecular field analysis) method is based on molecular field analysis and represents real 3D QSAR methods. Asimilar approach was adopted in developing modules like CoMSIA (comparative molecular similarity index analysis), SOMFA (self - organizing molecular field Analysis), and COMMA (comparative molecular moment analysis). Utilization and predictivity of CoMFA itself has improved sufficiently in accordance with the objectives to be achieved by it. Despite the formal differences between the various methodologies, any QSAR method must include some identifiers of chemical structures, reliably measured biological activities, and molecular descriptors. In 3D QSAR, alignment (3D superimposition) of the molecules is necessary to construct good models. The main problems encountered in 3D QSAR are related to Improper alignment of molecules, greater flexibility of the molecules, uncertainties about the bioactive conformation, and more than one binding mode of ligands (Klebe *et al*.,1994) (Robinson *et al*., 1999).

Alignment of 3D structures of molecules is carried out using RMS atoms alignment, moment's alignment, or field alignment. The relationship between the biological activity and the structural parameters can be obtained by multiple linear regressions or partial least squares analysis (Dunbrac and Karplus, 1994).

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1.5.3 4D QSAR*:* 4D QSAR analysis developed by Vedani and colleagues incorporates the conformational alignment and pharmacophore degrees of freedom in the development of 3D QSAR models. It is used to create and screen against 3D - pharmacophore QSAR models and can be used in receptor - independent or receptor - dependent modes.

4D QSAR can be used as a CoMFA preprocessor to provide conformations and alignments; or in combination with CoMFA to combine the field descriptors of CoMFA with the grid cell occupancy descriptors (GCODs) of 4D OSAR to build a " best " model; or in addition to CoMFA because it treats multiple alignments, conformations, and embedded pharmacophores, which are limitations of CoMFA (Vedani *et al*.,2000).

1.5.4 5D QSAR*:* The 4D QSAR concept has been extended by an additional degree of freedom the fifth dimension allowing for multiple representations of the topology of the quasi - atomistic receptor surrogate. While this entity may be generated using up to six different induced - fit protocols, it has been demonstrated that the simulated evolution converges to a single model and that 5D QSAR, due to the fact that model selection may vary throughout the entire simulation, yields less biased results than 4D QSAR, where only a single induced - fit model can be evaluated at a time (software Quasar) (Vedani *et al*., 2005).

1.5.5 *6D* **QSAR***:* A recent extension of the Quasar concept to sixth dimension (6D QSAR) allows for the simultaneous consideration of different solvation models .This can be achieved explicitly by mapping parts of the surface area with solvent properties (position and size are optimized by the genetic algorithms) or implicitly (Vedani and Dobler, 2002). In Quasar, the binding energy is calculated as

*E*binding = *E*ligand-receptor – *E*desolvation, ligand $-T \Delta S$ – *E*internal strain – *E*induced fit

1.6 Molecular Docking:

There are several possible conformations in which a ligand may bind to an active site, called the binding modes. Molecular docking involves a computational process of searching for a confirmation of the ligand that is able to fit both geometrically and energetically into the binding site of a protein. Docking calculations are required to predict the binding mode of new hypothetical compounds. The docking procedure consists of three interrelated components identification of the binding site, a search algorithm to effectively sample the search space (the set of possible ligand positions and conformations on the protein surface), and a scoring function. In most docking algorithms, the binding site must be predefined, so that the search space is limited to a comparatively small region of the protein. The search algorithm effectively samples the search space of the ligand – protein complex. The scoring function used by the docking algorithm gives a ranking to the set of final solutions generated by the search.

The stable structures of a small molecule correspond to minima on the multidimensional energy surface, and different energy calculations are needed to identify the best candidate. Different forces that are involved in binding are electrostatic, electrodynamic, and steric forces and solvent related forces. The free energy of a particular conformation is equal to the solvated free energy at the minimum with a small entropy correction. All energy calculations are based on the assumption that the small molecule adopts a binding mode of lowest free energy within the binding site. The free energy of binding is the change in free energy that occurs upon binding and is given as

Δ*G*binding =*G*complex − (*G*protein +*G*ligand)

Where *G* complex is the energy of the complexed protein and ligand, *G* protein is the free energy of non interacting separated protein, and *G* ligand is the free energy of non interacting separated ligand (Vedani *et al*., 2005).

The common search algorithms used for the conformational search, which provide a balance between the computational expense and the conformational search, include molecular dynamics, Monte Carlo methods, genetic algorithms, fragment - based methods, point complementary methods, distance geometry methods, tabu searches, and systematic searches .

1.6.1 DOCK: DOCK is a simple minimization program that generates many possible orientations of a ligand within a user selective region of the receptor. DOCK is a program for locating feasible binding orientations, given the structures of a "ligand" molecule and a "receptor" molecule. DOCK generates many orientations of one ligand and saves the best scoring orientation. The docking process is handled in four stages — ligand preparation, site characterization, scoring grid calculation, and finally docking. Site characterization is carried out by constructing site points, to map out the negative image of the active site, which are then used to construct orientations of the ligand. Scoring grid calculations are necessary to identify ligand orientations. The best scoring poses may be viewed using a molecular graphics program and the underlying chemistry may be analyzed (Leach and Leach, 2001).

There are many other widely used molecular docking software packages, like Flexi dock (based on genetic algorithm), Auto dock (based on Monte Carlo simulations and annealing), MCDOCK (Monte Carlo simulations), FlexE (ensemble of protein structures to account for protein flexibility), and DREAM (to dock combinatorial libraries) (Kuntz *et al*., 1982).

1.7 Aim and objective of current study:

Dihydropyrimidine and its fused heterocyclic derivatives tested as potential anticancer agents, and important class of therapeutic agents. Various drugs containing pyrimidine nucleus were synthesized and used as anticancer agents like 5-fluorouracil (5-FU), tegafur and thioguanine . The main objective of this study is to design and develop new dihydropyrimidine derivatives by using computational method.

The specific objectives of this study are to:

- Generate QSAR model with acceptable statistical parameters that can be used to predict the anti cancer activity of newly designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives by using dataset compounds.
- Design new dihydropyrimidine derivatives using the computer software to predict their biological activity by generated model.
- Select some of the training set compound which were posses higher biological activity than reference compound *N*-[6-(4-chlorophenoxy)hexyl]-1-(1-diazyn-1-ylidene)-*N*'- (pyridin-4-yl)methanediamine.
- Predict interaction of selected training set compound with receptor macrophage migration (MIF) enzyme protein through molecular docking study.
- Select some of the newly designed derivatives which were posses higher predicted biological activity than reference compound CHS 828.
- Predict interaction of new designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives with receptor (MIF) enzyme protein through molecular docking study.

CHAPTER TWO Material & Methods

2 Material and methods:

2.1 materials and software:

2.1.1 Data set

The dihydropyrimidine derivatives (Table 2.1) collected from (Abdo, 2015) were used as data set. The biological activities (IC_{50}) of those compounds were converted to their negative logarthimic scale (pIC₅₀ = -log IC₅₀). The data set comprised of 21 compounds which covered a wide range of IC_{50} value. Then the data set was reduced to 16 compounds related to their similar structure. All compounds were grouped randomly to training set and test set.

2.1.2 Software:

2.1.2.1 ACD labs software

 (Version 12.01 run for windows) Specializes in software for small molecule chemistry. ACD labs provide enterprise solutions for analytical data handling and knowledge mangment, molecular property modeling and property-based design. ACD/labs were founded in 1994 as a private company. The intention was to monetize the experience of an international team of scientists specializing in quantitative structure-property relationships, such as NMR spectra and various physico-chemicals properties such as PKa. LogP, logD, boiling point, vapor pressure. Early on the development focused on predictors, chemical drawing and chemical naming.

2.1.2.2 Chem. Draw software

Chem Draw (verison 12.0, run for widows) is a molecule editor first developed in 1985 by David A. Evans and Stewart Rubenstein (later by the chemoinformatics company Cambridge soft). chemDraw, along with chem3D and chemfinder , is part of chemoffice suite programs and is available for Microsoft windows.

Feature of chemDraw chemical structure to name conversion, chemical name to structure conversion. NMR spectrum simulation, mass spectrum simulation, structure cleanup, an extensive collection of templates, including style templates for most major chemical journals. chemDraw can export to MOL, SDF, and SKC chemical file formats.

2.1.2.3 MOE Software

Molecular operating environment (Version 110, run for windows) is a drug discovery software platform that integrates visualization, modeling and simulations, as well as methodology development, in one package. MOE scientific applications are used by biologists, medicinal chemistry and computational chemists in pharmaceutical, biotechnology and academic research.

Main applications area in MOE include structure-based design, fragment–based design, pharmacophore discovery, medicinal chemistry applications , biologics applications, protein and antibody modeling, molecular modeling and simulations ,chemoinformatics &QSAR.

2.1.2. 4 SPSS software

SPSS (Version 16.020 run for windows) is a Windows based program that can be used to perform data entry and analysis and to create tables and graphs. SPSS is a capable of handling large amounts of data and can perform all of the analyses. SPSS is commercially distributed for data mangment and statistical analysis it helped revolutionize research practices in the social sciences, enabling research to conduct complex statistical analysis on their own. (Felix Frey University of Leipzig).

1.3 Methods

2.2.1 Preparation for QSAR modeling study

The biological activity of 16 dihydropyrimidine derivatives (dataset) in terms of IC_{50} (nM) converted to calculated pIC_{50} and divided in to training set and test set. The test set was selected by random selection and composed of 3 compounds and training set of 13 compounds. All compounds were drawn using ACD/lab and saved in mol.format (Table2.1).

2.2.1.1 Molecular modeling descriptors

The mol. files were opened by MOE 2009.10 software used minimized energy, the 220 different molecular descriptors in two and three dimensions were calculated .The descriptors in two dimensions were removed because the squared correlation coefficient r^2 (<0.7) showed in appendix A. The descriptors in three dimensions were decreased to 25 by

correlation matrix, the correlation of descriptor with each other and with pIC_{50} of the molecules were examined (Fig A.1).

7 descriptors were left in clouding as listed in table (2.2):

ASA- Negative accessible surface area.

dens. Mass density.

E.ang. Angle bend energy.

MINDO-LUMO. LUMO energy (eV).

npr². Normalized PMI ratio (2) (pmi2/pmi3).

PM3.dipole .dipole moment.

Vsurf.IW1.hyrophoilic integy moment at -0.2.

2.2.1.2 Model development

The QSAR models were developed based on the partial least square method (PLS) using the descriptors in MOE as an independent variable and pIC_{50} as dependent variables by forward regression analysis. The quality of each regression model was evaluated using a squared correlation coefficient r^2 (>0.7) and root mean square error (RMSE) (Dearden *et al.*, 2009).

About 14 QSAR models were generated by using partial least square regression method (Table2.3).

2.2.1.3 Validation Model

Internal validation of the developed model was performed by using leave-one-out (LOO) crossvalidation coefficient (*q*2) (Golbraikh and Tropsha, 2002), in which each compound in the training set was eliminated in the calculation of linear regression analysis. The value of $q2 > 0.5$ indicated the predictive ability of the developed model (Golbraikh *et al*. 2003; Tropsha *et al*., 2003). In addition, Tropsha *et al*. (2003) explained that the internal cross validation should be accomplished by external validation using test set, which was represented by the value of external cross validation coefficient (R^2 pred). A model was considered to be valid if it possessed R^2 pred value higher than 0.7.

The statistical reliability of the QSAR model was evaluated based on several criteria, i.e. squared correlation coefficient (R^2) , Fischer's value for statistical significance (F) , and standard error of estimation (SEE) (Dearden *et al*., 2009).

2.2.2 Modeling of new compound of dihydropyrimidine derivatives

From compounds 2a which is most active compound $(IC_{50} = 49)$, 7c and 9d the set of new 94 dihydropyrimidine derivatives were designed using the computer software ACD/lab table(2.5) bond length and angle standardized by clean structure and then saved by (mol) format. These compounds were sketched to predict their activity against colon cancer as macrophage migration inhibitory enzyme (MIF).

2.2.2.1 Predict the biological activity of new designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives

The mol. files of 94 designed derivatives were opened by MOE 2009.10 software, energy minimized and the different 5 descriptors were calculated. The fit of model-1 was evaluated to predict the biological activity of new dihydropyrimidine derivatives in the term of pIC_{50} (Table2.5).

2.2.3 Molecular docking studies

Molecular docking studies of dihydropyrimidine derivatives with the protein receptor was carried out by using MOE 2009.10 software with distributes simulation from molecular operating environment to studies for the targets site prediction of human macrophage migration inhibitory (MIF) activity.

2.2.3.1 Preparation of ligands and protein

The mol. files of 71 ligands selected from 94 new dihydropyrimidine derivatives designed according to their higher predicted biological activity than CHS828(reference compound) were opened in MOE 2009.10. The 3-D protonated structures of ligands were energy minimized .Then ligands were saved in a molecular database (mdb) file for docking.

The crystal structure of macrophage migration inhibitory (MIF) was download from a protein data bank. The protein structure was prepared using Molecular operating environment (MOE) software make 3-D protonation and removed of unwanted molecules except for unique ligand. The prepared protein was saved in moe format.

2.2.3.2 Analysis of docking

The ligand-protein interactions were presented in 2-dimensionals space by making use the MOE ligand interaction program. The binding energy (s), length of bonds between ligand and amino acids in receptor were listed in (Table 2.6) (Table 2.7).

Table 2.1: Structures, experimental IC_{50} , experimental PIC_{50} , predict PIC_{50} and residual values of 4,5-dihydro-2-mercapto-4-oxo-6-substituted Arylpyrimidine derivatives **2a**–**d** and their fused rings **4b**, **5b**, and also 1,4-dihydro-2-mercaptopyrimidine derivatives**7a**–**e**, **9a**–**e** used in training and test set for inhibit colon cancer.

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(2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) (4b, 5b) (7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 9a, 9b, 9d)

N _O	Compound	$\overline{\mathbf{R}^1}$	$\overline{\mathbf{R}^2}$	$\overline{\mathbf{R}^3}$	$(\mathbf{IC}_{50} \mathbf{inM})$	$\overline{\text{PIC}_{50}}$	Pred	Residual
					exp	exp	\mathbf{PIC}_{50}	
1	2a	C_6H_5	$\overline{}$	$\qquad \qquad \blacksquare$	49	7.30	7.15	0.15
$\overline{2}$	2 _b	4 -CLC ₆ H ₄	$\overline{}$		3129	5.50	5.39	0.11
3	2c	$4-OCH3C6H5$			188	6.72	7.01	0.29
4	2d	2 -furyl	$\overline{}$		126	6.89	6.85	0.04
5	4b	H_2NHN	-		608	6.21	6.37	-0.16
6	5b	PhHNHN	\blacksquare	$\overline{}$	146	6.83	6.39	0.44
7	7a	C_6H_5	COOEt	CH ₃	4840	5.31	5.48	-0.17
8	7 _b	4 -CLC ₆ H ₄	COOEt	CH ₃	1640	5.78	5.67	0.11
$\overline{9}$	$7c^1$	$\overline{4-OCH_3C_6}H_4$	COOEt	CH ₃	2482	5.60	5.48	0.12
10	7d	2 -furyl	COOEt	CH ₃	1240	5.90	5.58	0.32
11	7e	C_6H_5	Fused ring	$\overline{}$	2294	5.63	5.63	0.00
12	9a	C_6H_5	$\overline{\text{CN}}$	NH ₂	2140	5.66	5.76	-0.1
13	$9b^T$	4 -CLC ₆ H ₄	CN	NH ₂	2146	5.67	6.08	-0.41
14	9d	2 -furyl	CN	NH ₂	3224	5.49	5.64	-0.15
15	9e		$\overline{}$		2690	5.57	5.80	-0.23
16	10 ¹	$\qquad \qquad \blacksquare$	-	$\overline{}$	1770	$\overline{5.75}$	6.50	-0.75
17	CHS828				2315	5.63	6.44	-0.81

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Table 2.2: Value of chemical descriptors used in QSAR modeling of dihydropyrimidine derivatives data set:

T: Test set

Table 2.3: Models with descriptors used in predict the biological activity of dihydropyrimidine derivatives dataset

N ₀	eq	\mathbf{R}^2	RMSE
-1	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 5.213 + 0.373 \text{ npr}^2 - 0.674 \text{MNDO-LUMO}$	0.889	0.209
$\overline{2}$	PIC ₅₀ =3.257+0.507 npr ² + 0.584 PM3-dipole	0.863	0.232
3	PIC ₅₀ =2.918+0.531 npr ² + 0.522AM1dipole	0.807	0.276
$\overline{4}$	PIC ₅₀ =8.705-0.142 Eang -1.000 MNDO-LUMO	0.806	0.266
$\overline{5}$	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 1.346 + 0.719 \text{ npr}^2 + 0.450 \text{ Vsurf.}$ IW1	0.791	0.288
6	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 1.745 + 0.660 \text{ npr}^2 + 0.460 \text{ FCas}$ A	0.790	0.288
7	PIC ₅₀ =2.248+0.660 npr ² + 0.449 Eang	0.780	0.295
8	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 0.697 + 0.714 \text{ npr}^2 + 0.432 \text{ASA}$	0.774	0.294
9	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 1.804 + 0.805 \text{ npr}^2 + 0.426 \text{ Estrain}$	0.770	0.301
10	$\overline{PIC_{50}} = 0.317 + 0.754$ npr ² + 0.403 rgyr	0.752	0.313
11	$\overline{PIC_{50}} = 7.573 + 0.543$ Eang + 0.614 glob	0.743	0.319
12	$\overline{PIC_{50}} = 3.426 + 0.606$ npr ² + 0.410 E	0.732	0.326
13	PIC ₅₀ =-8.173+0.819 npr ² + 0.360 dens	0.723	0.331
14	PIC ₅₀ =0.836+0.651 npr ² + 0.359 ASA	0.706	0.341

Table 2.4: The statistical parameters for five models have greater R^2 .

	No. of	No. of	R^2	Q^2	R^2 _{pred}	RMSA	$F-$	$P-$	SEE
	training	test					value	value	
Equation	13	3	0.889	0.796	0.979	0.209	34.535	0.0001	0.24
$\left(1\right)$									
Equation	13	3	0.863	0.742	0.992	0.232	31.629	0.0001	0.26
(2)									
Equation	13	3	0.807	0.644	0.886	0.276	20.981	0.0001	0.31
(3)									
Equation	13	3	0.806	0.672	0.886	0.266	18.749	0.001	0.32
(4)									
Equation	13	3	0.791	0.532	0.988	0.288	18.953	0.0001	0.33
(5)									

Table 2.5: The value of chemical descriptors and predicted PIC₅₀ values of new dihydropyrimidine derivatives designed

Table 2.6: Binding energy, type of bond interaction, amino acid interaction and bond length for docking some compounds of training set with protein (MIF) pocket as inhibitor of macrophage migration.

Table 2.7: Binding energy, type of bond interaction, amino acid interaction and bond length for docking new designed compounds with protein (4K9G) pocket as inhibitor of macrophage migration

CHAPTER THREE DISCUSSION

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 QSAR Study

The data set of dihydropyrimidine derivatives was selected for QSAR from (Abdo, 2015) scientific paper 16 compounds were selected. The biological activity of each compound was changed into pIC_{50} and considered as the dependent variables. The values of descriptors were used as the independent variables the data set was divided into training set (13 compounds) and test set (3 compounds).

7 descriptors were selected $(ASA-$, dens, E.ang, MINDO-LUMO, npr^{2,} pm3.dipole, Vsurf.IW1).

Where:

ASA- (negative accessible surface area) is the surface area of a biomolecule that is accessible to a solvent. ASA is often used when calculating the transfer free energy required to move a biomolecule from aqueous solvent to a non-polar solvent (Connolly, 1983).

Dens (mass density) is a quantitative expression of the amount of mass contained per unit volume the unit is kilogram per meter cubed $(Kg/m³)$. Mass density can help to predict chances of corrosion of substance.

E.ang (Angle bend energy) angle bending between atoms that are geminal to each other (bonded to the same central atom).

MINDO LUMO (LUMO energy eV) is the lowest energy orbital that has the scope to accept electrons and hence it act as electron acceptor and characterizes the susceptibility of the molecule toward attack by nucleophilies.

npr² (Normalized PMI ratio (2)).

PM3.dipole (dipole moment) is measurement of the separation of two opposite electrical charges. In chemistry , dipole moment are applied to the distribution of electrons between two bonded atoms .The existence of a dipole moment is the different between polar and non polar bonds. Molecules with a net dipole moment are polar molecules (Dinnel *et al*., 1993).

Vsurf-IW1 (hydropholic integy moment at -0.2) integy moments are vectors pointing from the center of mass to the center of hydropholic regions. High integy moments indicate a clear concentration of hydrated regions in only one part of the molecular surface , small moment indicate that the polar moieties are either close to the center of mass or they balance at opposite end of molecule, so that their resulting barycenter is close to the center of the molecule .

The training set consisting of 13 compounds was used to perform the correlation between the selected descriptors and PIC_{50} . The value of correlation coefficient for each pair of selected descriptors was examined. The greatest value of correlation coefficient (0.889) is that belonging to the pair of descriptors npr^2 and MIDO-LUMO.

The best models were obtained for predication of training set of dihydropyrimidine derivatives are given below:

 $\text{PIC}_{50} = 5.213 + 0.373 \text{ npr}^2 - 0.674 \text{M NDO-LUMO}$

 $\text{(Model}^1) \text{ } \text{r}^2 = 0.889.$

 $\text{PIC}_{50} = 3.257 + 0.507 \text{ npr}^2 + 0.584 \text{ PM3-dipole}$

(Model²) $r^2 = 0.863$.

PIC50=8.705-0.142 Eang -1.000 MNDO-LUMO

(Model³) $r^2 = 0.807$.

Evaluation of the models with leave-one-out (LOO) cross-validation coefficient (q^2) showed that the difference between r^2 and q^2 values were less than 0.3, which indicated that the models were valid (Golbraikh and Tropsha, 2002). The statistical reliability of the QSAR model was evaluated based on several criteria, i.e. Fischer's value for statistical significance (F), adjusted squared correlation coefficient, standard error of estimation (SEE) root mean square root (RMSE) (Dearden *et al*., 2009). F (F-test) or p-value shows value.

The plot showing the fit between observed and calculated activities for the training and test set compounds is given in figure 3.1-3.3 for the best model (model¹).

Figure 3.1: plot of predicted versus experimental pIC₅₀ values for training set compouound **(model ¹)**

Figure 3.2: plot of predicted versus experimental pIC₅₀ values of cross validation (model¹)

Figure 3.3: plot of predicted versus experimental pIC₅₀ of test set compound (model ¹).

From data set which contained 16 compounds, 3 compounds were selected to design 94 compounds as new compounds of dihydropyrimidine derivatives and their descriptors were calculated. The model 1 obtained from collected data set was used to predicted the biological activity of a new dihydropyrimidine derivatives.

According to the biological activity of reference compound *N*-[6-(4-chlorophenoxy)hexyl]-1-(1 diazyn-1-ylidene)-*N*'-(pyridin-4-yl)methanediamine (CHS 828) in term of PIC₅₀ (PIC₅₀ = 5.63), 71 compounds were selected from a new designed of dihydropyrimidine derivatives showing a higher values of predicted biological activity than CHS828.

The higher PIC₅₀ values of group A were summarized in 4 compounds (6.26 for II, 6.83 for V, 6.03 for VI, 6.21 for VIII). The higher PIC_{50} values of group B were summarized in 3 compounds (5.80 for XIII, 6.03 for II, 6.23 for IV). The higher PIC_{50} values of group C were summarized in 8 compounds (6.67 for LXII, 7.17 for LXVI, 6.19 for LXIII, 6.91 for LXVII, 6.73 for LXIV, 6.67 for LXIX, 7.33 for LXX, 7.27 for LXXIII). The higher PIC_{50} values of group D were summarized in 4 compounds (6.31 for XXX, 5.80 for XXXV and XXXXVI, 5.90 for XXXIX). The higher PIC₅₀ values of group E were summarized in 2 compounds (5.74 for XLV and 6.26 for XLIII). The higher PIC_{50} values of group F were summarized in 6 compounds (6.05 for LII, 6.14 for LIV, 5.96 for LV and LVII, 6.03 for LX, 6.22 for LXI). The higher PIC_{50} values

of group G were summarized in 6 compounds (6.63 for LXXIV, 6.29 for LXXV, 6.53 for LXXVIII, 6.33 for LXXXVII, 6.70 for XL, 6.30 for XCIV).

3.2 docking study:

For some compounds of training set and new designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives

Macrophage migration inhibitory factor (MIF) also known as glycosylation- inhibiting factor is a protein that in humans and important regulator of innate immunity.

MIF is pleiotropic pro- inflammatory cytokine , which possesses a contributing role in cancer progression and metastasis and, thus, is now considered a promising anticancer drug target. Many MIF –inactivating strategies have proven successful in delaying cancer growth. (2014 INT J ONCOL.45)

Macrophage migration inhibitory factor assembles in to a trimer composed of three identical subunits .each of these monomers contain two antiparallel alpha helices and a four –standard beta sheet. The monomers surround a central channel with 3-fold rotational symmetry.

MIF contains two motifs with catalytic activity .The first is a 27 amino acid motif located at N-terminus function as a phenylpyruvate tautomerase that can catalyze the conversion of 2 carboxy-2,3-dihydroindole-5,6-quinone in to 5,6-dihydroindole-2-carboxylic acid.MIF also contains a cys-Ala-leu-cys catalytic site between residues 57 and60 that appears to function as disulfide reductase.

MIF is a potential drug target for sepsis, rheumatoid, arthritis and cancer and shows efficacy in melanoma and colon cancer models (Schroder et al; 2005).

Figure (3.4) shows structure of macrophage migration inhibitory factor protein (MIF) that was imported from PDB.

The molecular docking produced the different docking conformation based on building energy. The variants with the minimal energy of enzyme –inhibitor complex were selected for studies of binding mode.

All the docked conformation for training set and new designed of dihydropyrimidine derivatives compounds were analyzed and it was found that the most favorable docking poses with maximum number of interaction were those ranked the highest, based on the minimal binding energy, computed as a negative value by the software as shown in table(2.6)(2.7).

Figure 3.5 :(A) Active sites of MIF protein, **(B)** ligand interaction with protein.

From training set compounds, 6 compounds were selected which had higher predicted PIC $_{50}$ than reference compound (CHS 828), these ligands were prepared to docking with a protein 4K9G. From 6 compounds, 3 were docked with protein. Compound (H II) was showed the most favorable interactions.

 $H II$

The binding free energy(s) of compound H II is -11.367 Kcal/mol and H II showing 2π -bond interactions and one H bond –interaction. π - π bond between phenyl ring and amino group phe113 and π –cation bond between phenyl ring and amino group pro1. The H-bond acceptor between O of carboxylic and amino group Lys32 and bond length was 3.80.

 Figure 3.6: The 2D molecular interactions of compound H II with active site of MIF

 From 94 new designed derivatives, 71 derivatives were selected which had higher predicted PIC_{50} than reference compound (CHS 828), these ligands were prepared to docking with a protein 4K9G. From 71 compounds, 52 were docked with protein. 20 compounds were showed the most favorable interactions.

There were five compounds (XVI, XIX, LVII, XCI, and XCII) showed higher interactions.

The binding free energy(s) of compound XVI is -19.403 Kcal/mol and XVI showing 2 H-bond interactions and one pi-interaction. Two H-bond acceptor between N of pyrimidine ring and O of carboxylic acid with amino group was in lys32 the bond length of 2H –bond was 2.14 and 2.70 respectively .while π –cation interaction between phenyl ring and amino group was in Lys 32.

Figure 3.7: The 2D (A) and3D (B) Molecular interactions of compounds XVI with active site of MIF

The binding free energy (s) of compound XIX is -14.394 Kcal/mol and XIX forming 2H-bond interactions and 2pi-interactions.

One of H-bond donor between O of carboxylic and amino group was in lle 64 with bond length 2.01, the other H-bond acceptor between O of carbonyl group and amino group was in Lys32 with bond length 1.83. While the one of π –cation interactions between phenyl group and amino groups Lys32 and the other $\pi - \pi$ interactions between phenl ring and amino group was in Tyr36.

Figure 3.8: the 2D (A) and 3D (B) Molecular interactions of compounds XIX with active site of MIF

The binding free energy of compounds LVII -17.623 Kcal/mol and LVII forming 2 H-bond interactions and one pi-interaction.

Two H-bond acceptor between N of pyrimidine ring and O of sulfinic acid with amino group was in Lys32 .the bond length was 1.93 and 2.51 respectively.while π –cation interaction between phenyl group and amino group was in pro1.

Figure 3.9: The 2D (A) and 3D (B) Molecular interactions of compound LVII with active site of MIF

The binding free energy (s) of compound XCI is -20.468 Kcal/mol and XCI forming 4 H-bond interactions and one pi-interaction.

The 2 H-bonds acceptor between N of pyrimidine ring and O of sulfinic acid with amino group was in Lys32, bond length was 2, 58 and 2.05 respectively. The third H-bond donor between O of sulfonyl group and amino group was in lle64 the bond length was 2.10.the fourth H-bond donor between O of carbonyl and amino group was in pro1 the bond length was 2.07 while the π $-\pi$ interaction between phenyl group and amino group was in Tyr36.

Figure 3.10: The 2D (A) and 3D(B) Molecular interactions of compound XCI with active site of MIF

The binding free energy of compound XCII is -17.832 Kcal/mol and XCII forming 3H-bond interactions. The two H-bond acceptor between N of pyrimidine ring and O of sulfonyl group with amino group was in Lys32, third H-bond donor between O of sulfinic acid and amino group was in pro1. The bond length was 2.18, 2.47 and 2.03 respectively.

Figure 3.11: The 2D and 3D Molecular interactions of compoundG XCII with active site of MIF

Comounds (VI, XV, XVIII, LIV, LIX) showed three interactions with an amino acid by Hbond interactions, pi-interactions or both.while compounds (II, VII, IX, X, XIV, XVII, LXII, LXIX, XXXIII, XLIX, LXXX, LXXXV, LXXXVIII and LXXXIX) showed two interaction with an amino acid by H-bond interactions , pi-interactions or both. while compounds (I, IV, V, VI, XIII, LXIV, LXX, LXXI, LXXII, XXX, XXXIX, LV, LVI, LXXVII, LXXVIII, LXXXIV, LXXXVI, LXXVII and XCII) showed one interaction with an amino acid by H-bond interaction or pi-interaction. All of the figures 2D models of the listed compound are shown in the appendix.

3.3 Retrosynthetic analysis:

Retrosynthetic analysis is a technique widely used by organic chemists to design synthetic routes to "target" molecules, where the target is transformed in to simpler precursor molecules until commercially available "starting" molecules are identified (corey *et al*, 1995).

Figure 3.12: Retrosynthetic analysis of 6-amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-1,4 dihydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile (XV).

Figure 3.13: Retrosynthetic analysis of ethyl(2E)-3-amino-2-cyano-3-[4-oxo-2-sulfanyl-6- (tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-4,5-dihydropyrimidin-5-yl]prop-2-enoate (LXII).

CHAPTER FOUR CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following points could be concluded from this work:

- QSAR is a mathematical relationship that correlates chemical structure and biological activity for a series of compounds.
- In this study, descriptors were used to represent the dihydropyrimidine derivatives structures, which were taken as the independent variable, while the biological activities (PIC_{50}) were used as the dependent variable.
- PLS Analysis resulted in a QSAR model that was used to predict the activity of dihydropyrimidine derivatives.
- The correlation coefficient $(r^2 < 0.7)$ when the descriptor logP(o/w) is correlated against biological activity PIC_{50} of data set.
- From data set compounds there were 94 compounds designed as a new dihydropyrimidine derivatives, 71 compounds were selected according to their PIC $_{50}$ higher than reference compound.
- Docking study of some compounds of training set showed interactions with active site of protein by H-bond interaction, pi-interaction or both.
- Docking study of new designed of dihydropyrimidine derivatives showed a good interaction with active site of protein by H-bond interaction, pi- interaction or both. Also the binding energy in some interactions was lower than other.
- Some of new derivatives showed a higher biological activity.
- The 2D models of dihydropyrimidine derivatives showed that the main residues in the active pocket of macrophage migration inhibitory factor.
- Docking is correlated strongly with QSAR results.
- QSAR and docking results of this work could be useful for other chemists working on the field of predicted biological activity as macrophage migration (MIF) enzyme inhibitor for designed or newly heterocyclic dihydropyrimidine synthesis.

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Appendix A

Table A.1: Models with descriptors in 2D dimensional used in predict the biological activity of dihydropyrimidine derivatives dataset

N _O	eq	R^2	RMSE
1	PIC ₅₀ =7.376+4.44chi θ -3.766weight	0.685	0.353
$\overline{2}$	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 6.502 - 0.422 \log P(o/w) + 0.732 \text{ vdw-vol}$	0.599	0.399
3	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 6.644 - 0.300 \text{log} \text{P}(\text{o/w}) + 0.714 \text{chi}$	0.591	0.409
$\overline{4}$	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 7.245 - 1.507 \text{mr} + 2.18 \text{ chi}\theta$	0.576	0.410
5	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 7.486 + 0.659$ a-acc+0.134bpol	0.535	0.429
6	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 6.914 + 0.430$ a-acc+0.352chi1	0.560	0.418
$\overline{7}$	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 6.638 - 0.456 \log P(o/w) - 0.629 \log s$	0.447	0.468
8	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 5.825 + 0.183 \log P(o/w) + 0.753 \text{TPSA}$	0.430	0.475
9	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 5.604 + 0.988$ mr-0.349 diameter	0.414	0.482
10	$\text{PIC}_{50} = 6.505 - 0.504 \text{logs} + 0.001 \text{ nmol}$	0.254	0.544

Figure A.1: Correlation matrix of training set compounds:

Appendix B

Model interactions of designed dihydropyrimidine derivatives with macrophage migration inhibitory factor (MIF).

Figure B.1: Interactions of compound (I)

Figure B.2: Interactions of compound II

Figure B.3: Interactions of compound IV

Figure B.4: interactions of compound V

Figure B.5: Interactions of compound VII

Figure B.6: Interactions of compound VIII

Figure B.7: Interactions of compound IX

Figure B.8: Interactions of compound X

Figure B.9: Interactions of compound II

Figure B.10: Interactions of compound XV

Figure B.11: Interactions of compound XVII

Figure B.12: Interactions of compound XIX

 Figure B.13: Interactions of compound XIII

Figure B.14: Interactions of compound XIV

Figure B.15: Interactions of compound LXIX

Figure B.16: Interactions of compound LXX

Figure B.17: Interactions of compound LXXIII

Figure B.18: Interactions of compound LXIV

Figure B.19: Interactions of compound XXXIII

Figure B.20: Interactions of compound XXXIX

Figure B.21: Interactions of compound XX

Figure B.22: Interactions of compound L

Figure B.23: Interactions of compound LII

Figure B.24: Interactions of compound LIV

Figure B.25: interactions of compound LV

Figure B.26: interactions of compound LVI

Figure B.27: Interactions of compound LVII

Figure B.28: Interactions of compound LIX

Figure B.29: Interactions of compound LX

Figure B.30: Interactions of compound LXI

Figure B.31: Interactions of compound LXXXIX

Figure B.32: Interactions of compound XCII

Figure B.33: Interactions of compound XCII

Figure B.34: Interactions of compound LXXVII

Figure B.35: Interactions of compound LXXXIV

Figure B.36: Interactions of compound LXXXVI