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Synthesis, Characterization and Prediction of Biological Activity of Anthrone Schiff Bases Using Pass

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Abstract

The computer system PASS provides simultaneous prediction of several hundreds of biological activity types of any drug like compounds. In this study the PASS (Prediction of activity spectra for substances) computer program, which is able to simultaneously predict more than one thousand biological and toxicological activities from only the structural formulae of the chemicals, was used to predict the biological activity of schiff base of anthrone were synthesized using p-aminobenzoic acid, o-phenylenediamine, p-phenylenediamine, 3-nitroaniline and 4-nitroaniline with Anthrone. The characterization and nature of bonding have been deduced from UV-Visible, FT-IR and ¹H-NMR spectral studies.

Keywords: Anthrone, schiff bases, Marvin Sketch, PASS.

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1. Introduction

Schiff bases are also known to have biological activities such as antimicrobial, antifungal, antitumor, and as herbicides (1). It was well known that many compounds containing anthraquinone skeleton have good bioactivities. Some of them are good antitumor medicines such as daunorubicin, doxorubicin, mitoxantrone, bisantrene and so on. 10-substituted benzylidene anthrone and the schiff base of anthrone with substituted anilines also have good antitumor activities (2). 5-[1-(anthracen-9(10H)-ylideneamino)-2-(1H-imidazol-5-yl) ethyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine has good activity to *Gibberela*, *Cercospora arachidicola*, *Physalospora piricola* and *Fusarium oxysporum* (3). Schiff base of anthrone have antimicrobial activity against one strain of Gram +ve bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*, Gram -ve bacteria *Escherichia coli* and a fungus *Candida albicans*(4). Aminobenzanthrone schiff base has been utilized as a fluorescent carrier in the preparation of an optical sensor for iodine (5). We are interested to synthesis five different schiff bases of anthrone and predict biological activity using an online software PASS. PASS is a software product designed as a tool for evaluating the general biological potential of an organic drug-like molecule. PASS provides simultaneous predictions of many types of biological activity based on the structure of organic compounds. It can predict more than 1500 pharmacological effects, molecular mechanism of action, and toxicities on basis of structural descriptors of compounds. Thus, PASS can be used to estimate the biological activity profiles for virtual molecules, prior to their chemical synthesis and biological testing.

Pa (probability to be active) estimates the chance that the studied compound is belonging to the sub-class of active compounds resembles the structures of molecules, which are the most typical in a sub-set of actives in PASS training set. Pi (probability to be inactive) estimates the chance that the studied compound is belonging to the sub-class of inactive compounds resembles the structures of molecules, which are the most typical in a sub-set of inactive in PASS training set(6). If $Pa > 0.7$, the substance is very likely to exhibit the activity in experiment, but the change of the substance being the analogue of a known pharmaceutical agent is also high. If $0.5 < Pa < 0.7$, the substance is likely to exhibit the activity in experiment, but the probability is less, and the substance is unlike known pharmaceutical agents. If $Pa < 0.5$, the substance is unlikely to exhibit the activity in experiment. However, if the presence of this activity is confirmed in the experiment the substance might be a new chemical entity (7)

2. Materials and Methods

All chemicals used in the present work were of analytical reagent (A.R.) grade. The melting points were determined by open capillary tube method. The electronic spectra of schiff base in methanol were recorded in the range of 200nm-800nm on the Shimadzu spectrophotometer. FT-IR spectra of schiff bases were recorded using KBr discs in the range of 400-4000 cm^{-1} on a Shimadzu spectrophotometer. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of schiff bases were recorded in the range of 400MHz on a Shimadzu spectrophotometer.

Synthesis of Ligand

A mixture of anthrone (0.001mol) and active amines (p-aminobenzoic acid, o-phenylenediamine, 3-nitroaniline, 4-nitroaniline and p-phenylenediamine) (0.001mol) were dissolved in an absolute ethanol, to which 2-3 drops of glacial acetic acid were added and the mixture was refluxed for 2 hours. After evaporating the solvent to one third of its volume a solid product was obtained. The product was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol.

PASS Prediction

The possible bioactivities of all the molecules were predicted with PASS software (V. Poroikov et al, version 1.917). Opening the PASS online software the window appeared as given in Fig.1.



Fig.1. PASS Prediction Window

The bioactivity result of the synthesized compound appears on the new window as given in Fig.2.



Fig.2. PASS Prediction Window

3. Result and Discussion

Table 1. Physical characteristics of the schiff Bases

| S.No. | Ligand | Molecular Formula | Colour | % Yield | Melting Point(°C) |
|-------|--------|---|--------|---------|-------------------|
| 1. | A | C ₂₁ H ₁₅ NO ₂ | Yellow | 85 | 210-215 |
| 2. | B | C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ | Brown | 65 | 215 |
| 3. | C | C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂ | Yellow | 55 | 170 |
| 4. | D | C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂ | Yellow | 70 | 180 |
| 5. | E | C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ | Purple | 80 | 200 |

Table 2. Important IR Spectral frequencies of Anthrone schiff bases

| S.No | Ligand | ν_{OH} (cm ⁻¹) | $\nu_{\text{C=N}}$ (cm ⁻¹) | $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ (cm ⁻¹) | ν_{NH_2} (cm ⁻¹) |
|------|--------|--|---|---|--|
| 1. | A | 3350 | 1600 | 1670 | - |
| 2. | B | 3350 | 1620 | 1616 | 3325 |
| 3. | C | 3350 | 1615 | 1624 | - |
| 4. | D | 3350 | 1581 | 1636 | - |
| 5. | E | 3350 | 1604 | 1642 | 3370 |

Table 3. Important ¹H-NMR values of Anthrone schiff bases

| S.No. | Ligand | ¹ H-NMR(δ ,ppm) |
|-------|--------|---|
| 1. | A | Anthrone nucleus signals at 7.83, 7.48, 7.44, 7.23 and 4.29. Aromatic nucleus at 7.83, 6.96, 6.96 and 7.83 |
| 2. | B | Anthrone nucleus signals at 7.83, 7.48, 7.44, 7.23 and 4.29. Aromatic nucleus at 7.11, 6.98, 6.81 and 7.27 |
| 3. | C | Anthrone nucleus signals at 7.83, 7.48, 7.44, 7.23 and 4.29. Aromatic nucleus at 7.72, 7.41, 6.65 and 7.69 |
| 4. | D | Anthrone nucleus signals at 7.83, 7.48, 7.44, 7.23 and 4.29. Aromatic nucleus at 8.09, 6.95, 6.95 and 8.09 |
| 5. | E | Anthrone nucleus signals at 7.83, 7.48, 7.44, 7.23 and 4.29. Aromatic nucleus at 6.85, 6.85, 6.98 and 6.98 |

Table 4. PASS prediction activities for 4-[(9, 10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene) amino]benzoic Acid

| Pa | Pi | Activity |
|-------|-------|--|
| 0,900 | 0,003 | Pullulanase inhibitor |
| 0,888 | 0,002 | Arylalkyl acylamidase inhibitor |
| 0,888 | 0,002 | Sulfite oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,887 | 0,004 | Dehydro-L-gulonate decarboxylase inhibitor |
| 0,886 | 0,008 | Testosterone 17beta-dehydrogenase (NADP+) inhibitor |
| 0,882 | 0,004 | Glucan endo-1,6-beta-glucosidase inhibitor |
| 0,880 | 0,003 | Creatininase inhibitor |
| 0,881 | 0,004 | Prolyl aminopeptidase inhibitor |
| 0,879 | 0,004 | Taurine dehydrogenase inhibitor |
| 0,876 | 0,003 | 3-Hydroxybenzoate 6-monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,872 | 0,004 | Glutathione thiolesterase inhibitor |
| 0,864 | 0,003 | L-glutamate oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,858 | 0,003 | Corticosteroid side-chain-isomerase inhibitor |
| 0,858 | 0,004 | 5-O-(4-coumaroyl)-D-quininate 3'-monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,863 | 0,010 | Methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (NADPH) inhibitor |

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|-------|-------|---|
| 0,856 | 0,003 | Aldehyde dehydrogenase (pyrroloquinoline-quinone) inhibitor |
| 0,860 | 0,008 | Sugar-phosphatase inhibitor |
| 0,850 | 0,004 | Ribulose-phosphate 3-epimerase inhibitor |
| 0,849 | 0,005 | Glutamyl endopeptidase II inhibitor |
| 0,848 | 0,003 | Aspartate-phenylpyruvate transaminase inhibitor |
| 0,846 | 0,004 | N-benzyloxycarbonylglycine hydrolase inhibitor |

Table 5. PASS prediction activities for 1-N-(9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene)benzene-1,2-Diamine

| Pa | Pi | Activity |
|-------|-------|--|
| 0,761 | 0,004 | General pump inhibitor |
| 0,725 | 0,019 | Lysase inhibitor |
| 0,703 | 0,004 | Albendazole monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,740 | 0,058 | Phobic disorders treatment |
| 0,702 | 0,024 | Glucose oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,709 | 0,032 | Nicotinic alpha6beta3beta4alpha5 receptor antagonist |

Table 6. PASS prediction activities for N-(3-nitrophenyl)-9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-imine

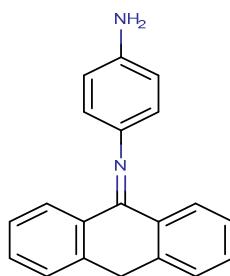
| Pa | Pi | Activity |
|-------|-------|--|
| 0,885 | 0,008 | Ubiquinol-cytochrome-c reductase inhibitor |
| 0,849 | 0,005 | Glucan endo-1,6-beta-glucosidase inhibitor |
| 0,819 | 0,005 | Bisphosphoglycerate phosphatase inhibitor |
| 0,812 | 0,006 | Superoxide dismutase inhibitor |
| 0,820 | 0,016 | Acrocyllindropepsin inhibitor |
| 0,820 | 0,016 | Chymosin inhibitor |
| 0,820 | 0,016 | Saccharopepsin inhibitor |
| 0,802 | 0,004 | Arylalkyl acylamidase inhibitor |
| 0,782 | 0,005 | L-glutamate oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,784 | 0,009 | Fusarinine-C ornithinesterase inhibitor |
| 0,772 | 0,005 | Poly(alpha-L-gulonate) lyase inhibitor |
| 0,770 | 0,004 | (R)-6-hydroxynicotine oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,767 | 0,004 | N-hydroxyarylamine O-acetyltransferase inhibitor |
| 0,763 | 0,003 | Salicylate 1-monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,748 | 0,004 | UGT2B12 substrate |
| 0,755 | 0,015 | GST A substrate |
| 0,747 | 0,008 | Cutinase inhibitor |
| 0,727 | 0,004 | Hyponitrite reductase inhibitor |
| 0,737 | 0,017 | Lysase inhibitor |
| 0,747 | 0,029 | Polyporopepsin inhibitor |
| 0,719 | 0,005 | Alkylglycerone-phosphate synthase inhibitor |
| 0,723 | 0,009 | Phosphatidylserine decarboxylase inhibitor |
| 0,720 | 0,011 | Phospholipid-translocating ATPase inhibitor |

Table 7. PASS prediction activities for N (4nitrophenyl) 9, 10dihydroanthracen 9 imine

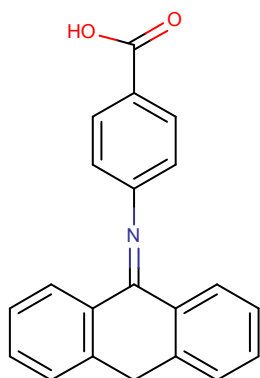
| Pa | Pi | Activity |
|-------|-------|---|
| 0,869 | 0,004 | Glucan endo-1,6-beta-glucosidase inhibitor |
| 0,870 | 0,011 | Ubiquinol-cytochrome-c reductase inhibitor |
| 0,840 | 0,013 | Acrocyllindropepsin inhibitor |
| 0,840 | 0,013 | Chymosin inhibitor |
| 0,840 | 0,013 | Saccharopepsin inhibitor |
| 0,830 | 0,004 | Arylalkyl acylamidase inhibitor |
| 0,805 | 0,003 | N-hydroxyarylamine O-acetyltransferase inhibitor |
| 0,805 | 0,004 | L-glutamate oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,805 | 0,007 | Fusarinine-C ornithinesterase inhibitor |
| 0,794 | 0,007 | Bisphosphoglycerate phosphatase inhibitor |
| 0,790 | 0,004 | (R)-6-hydroxynicotine oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,782 | 0,006 | Cutinase inhibitor |
| 0,769 | 0,004 | UGT2B12 substrate |
| 0,767 | 0,009 | Superoxide dismutase inhibitor |
| 0,769 | 0,013 | Lysase inhibitor |
| 0,777 | 0,024 | Polyporopepsin inhibitor |
| 0,757 | 0,004 | Hyponitrite reductase inhibitor |
| 0,748 | 0,008 | Phospholipid-translocating ATPase inhibitor |
| 0,739 | 0,003 | Salicylate 1-monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,737 | 0,007 | Poly(alpha-L-guluronate) lyase inhibitor |
| 0,730 | 0,007 | Spermidine dehydrogenase inhibitor |
| 0,726 | 0,004 | Bothrolysin inhibitor |
| 0,725 | 0,005 | Aldehyde dehydrogenase (pyrroloquinoline-quinone) inhibitor |

Table 8. PASS prediction activities for 1- N (9, 10-dihydroanthracen 9 ylidene)benzene -1,4 diamine

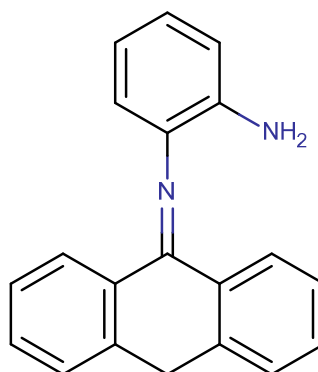
| Pa | Pi | Activity |
|-------|-------|--|
| 0,784 | 0,011 | Lysase inhibitor |
| 0,732 | 0,004 | N-hydroxyarylamine O-acetyltransferase inhibitor |
| 0,703 | 0,004 | Albendazole monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,703 | 0,007 | Cholestanetriol 26-monooxygenase inhibitor |
| 0,740 | 0,058 | Phobic disorders treatment |
| 0,702 | 0,024 | Glucose oxidase inhibitor |
| 0,709 | 0,032 | Nicotinic alpha6beta3beta4alpha5 receptor antagonist |

Discussion:

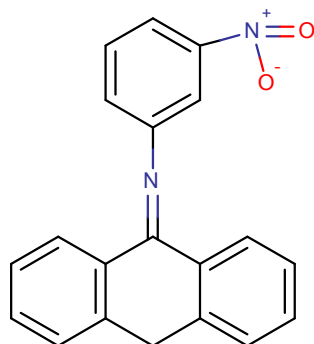
1-N(9,10 dihydroanthracen 9 ylidene)benzene1,4 diamine



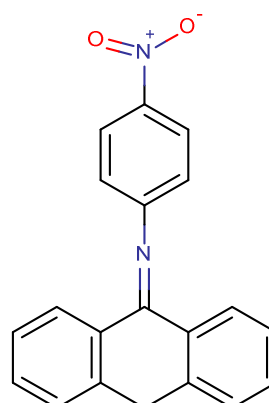
4-[(9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene) Diamine]benzoic Acid



1-N-(9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene)benzene-1,2-diamine



N-(3-nitrophenyl)-9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-imine



N-(4-nitrophenyl)-9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-imine

Table 1, 2 and 3 shows the UV-Visible, IR and NMR spectral values of the newly synthesized Anthrone schiff bases. From those spectral studies the schiff bases may have the following structures. Table 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 shows the activities of Anthrone schiff bases having $\text{Pa} > 0.7$. From that the following activity is common to all schiff bases, Lysase inhibitor, Albendazole monoxygenase inhibitor, cholestanetriol 26-monoxygenase inhibitor, Phobic disorders treatment, Glucose oxidase inhibitor, Pullulanase inhibitor, General pump inhibitor, Glucan endo-1,6-beta-glucosidase inhibitor, Ubiquinol-cytochrome-c reductase inhibitor and Superoxide dismutase inhibitor.

4. Conclusion

From the literature, Anthrone moiety has more biological activity. UV, IR, NMR spectral studies revealed the structure of the schiff bases. 4-[(9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene)amino]benzoic acid has shown 90% of Pullulanase inhibitor, 1-N-(9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene)benzene-1,2-diamine shows 76% of General pump inhibitor, N-(3-nitrophenyl)-9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-imine has 88.5% of Ubiquinol-cytochrome-c reductase inhibitor, N-(4-nitrophenyl)-9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-imine shows 86.9% of Glucan endo-1,6-beta-glucosidase inhibitor, 1-N-(9,10-dihydroanthracen-9-ylidene)benzene-1,4-diamine exhibit 78.4% of Lysase inhibitor.

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