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## LIST OF ABREEVIATIONS

| AD | - | Alzheimer's disease |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CNS | - | Central nervous system |
| NFTs | - | Neuro Fibrillary Tangles |
| BBB | - | Blood Brain Barrier |
| AchE | - | Acetylcholinesterase |
| BchE | - | Butrylcholesterase |
| APP | - | Amyloid Precursor Protein |
| TLC | - | Thin Layer Chromatography |
| IR | - | Infrared |
| ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ | - | Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance |
| m.p | - | Melting Point |
| Mol.For | - | Molecular Formula |
| Mol.Wt | - | Molecular Weight |
| Mg | - | Milligram |
| $\mathbf{M g}$ | - | Microgram |
| Min | - | Minutes |

## 1. INTRODUCTION:

Medicinal chemistry is defined as an interdependent mature science that is a combination of applied (medicine) and basic (chemistry) sciences. It encompasses the discovery, development, identification, and interpretation of the mode of action of biologically active compounds at the molecular level. Discovery is the identification of novel active chemical compounds, often called "hits", which are typically found by assay of compounds for a desired biological activity. The "hit" compound is improved for its pharmacologic, pharmaco dynamic and pharmacokinetic properties by chemical or functional group modifications, transforming it into a lead compound. A lead compound should have a known structure and a known mechanism of action. An optimization step, which deals with the improvement of the lead structures. The optimization process takes primarily in to account the increase in potency, selectivity and toxicity. Its characteristics are the establishment of the molecular mode of action. However, an assessment of the pharmacokinetic parameters such as absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion and oral bioavailability is almost systematically practiced at an early stage of the development in order to eliminate unsatisfactory candidates. A development step, is the continuation of the improvement of the pharmacokinetic properties and the fine tuning of the pharmaceutical properties (chemical formulation) of the active substances in order to render them suitable for clinical use. This chemical formulation process can consist in the preparation of better absorbed compounds, of sustained release formulations, and of water soluble derivatives or in the elimination of properties related to patient's compliance. Molecular modeling, or computational chemistry, has become a wellestablished part of drug development. In particular, medicinal chemistry in its most common practice-focusing on small organic molecules encompasses synthetic organic chemistry and computational chemistry in close combination with chemical biology, enzymology and structural biology, together aiming at the discovery and development of new therapeutic agents. [1]

## 2. BENZAMIDE AS A CORE:

Benzamide is a white solid with the chemical formula of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{NH}_{2}$. It is the simplest amide derivative of benzoic acid. It is slightly soluble in water, and soluble in many organic solvents.

| Molecular Formula: | $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Formula Weight: | 121.13658 |
| Composition: | $\mathrm{C}(69.41 \%) \mathrm{H}(5.82 \%) \mathrm{N}(11.56 \%)$ <br> $\mathrm{O}(13.21 \%)$ |
| Molar Refractivity: | $35.18 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ |
| Molar Volume: | $108.1 \pm 3.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ |
| Parachor: | $281.7 \pm 4.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ |
| Index of Refraction: | $1.564 \pm 0.02$ |
| Surface Tension: | $46.0 \pm 3.0$ dyne/cm |
| Density: | $1.120 \pm 0.06 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ |
| Dielectric Constant: | Not available |
| Polarizability: | $13.94 \pm 0.510^{-24} \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ |
| Ring Double Bond <br> Equivalents: | 5 |
| Monoisotopic Mass: | 121.052764 Da |
| Nominal Mass: | 121 Da |
| Average Mass: | 121.1366 Da |

Benzamide derivatives have been reported for a variety of pharmacological activities, such as Acetylcholinesterase inhibition [2-5], antimicrobial [6, 7], antioxidant [8], chymotrypsin [9], antiasthmatic [10], anti- leukotriene [11] and anti-HIV [12] activities. The amide bond is an important pharmacophore group found in a wide variety of therapeutically important drugs e.g. buspirone, ampakine and phosphoramide compounds. The ampakine compounds containing benzamide core are used to improve learning, memory and in the treatment of neurodegenerative disorders, cognitive impairment, depression, Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia. The roles of cholinesterase inhibitors in alzheimer's disease are still not completely unveiled, focus the attention of biologists and chemists on the modification of amide bond for the development of biological, pharmaceutical and clinical compounds. Recently, it was shown that some benzamide derivatives exhibited good inhibitory potency towards acetylcholinesterase.

The benzamide structure is analogous to the indanone structure present in the donepezil. This was pictorially represented by A.Aliabadi, et. al. in his research article. In the same way the piperidine
present in the donepezil has more potency in AchE inhibition [12]. Hence the current study involves the benzamide hybridized with 4-piperidone derivative.

## 3. ACTIVITY:

### 3.1. ACETYLCHOLINE:

Acetylcholine (Ach) is a messenger in both the central and peripheral nervous systems. [13, 14] It is involved in pre and post-ganglionic parasympathetic and pre-ganglionic sympathetic cholinergic transmission. Acetylcholine is synthesized in the pre-synaptic neurons by the reaction of choline that is supplied from the diet and acetyl CoA produced from the mitochondria, in the presence of an enzyme choline acetyltransferase. These are stored in the synaptic vesicles by the vesicular acetylcholine transporter (VAChT) with the exchange of two protons for one acetylcholine molecule. These vesicles release acetylcholine by depolarization at the synaptic cleft. [15, 16] Ach activates the muscarinic and the nicotinic receptors of the skeletal muscles at the neuromuscular junction. (Fig.1) [17] This Ach can be inactivated by the enzyme acetylcholinesterase that hydrolyzes Ach into acetate and choline. About 5000 molecules of ACh can be hydrolyzed by one molecule of acetylcholinesterase per second. Choline after hydrolysis is taken back to the presynaptic neuron by choline transporter. But this is a rate-limiting step. [15]

### 3.2. CHOLINESTERASE:

Cholinesterase (ChE) belonging to the esterase family, hydrolyze the choline-based enzymes. It contains two different types of enzymes, namely acetylcholinesterase, and butyrylcholinestrase.[17] Acetylcholinesterase (EC 3.1.1.7) present in the conducting tissues in nerve and muscle, central and peripheral tissues, motor and sensory fibers, and cholinergic and non-cholinergic fibers.[18, 19] Butyrylcholinesterase (EC 3.1.1.8) present in the liver, kidney, and blood serum. It is mainly involved in the hydrolysis of dietary esters. [18, 20] It has a classical role in the terminating neurotransmission involving acetylcholine. Both are large moieties capable of producing other physiological actions. [17] Shreds of evidence show that both acetylcholinesterase (AchE) and butyrylcholinesterase (BchE) have a major effect on amyloidogenesis. Even AchE forms complexes with the Amyloid-beta (A $\beta$ ) plaques to increase neurotoxicity. It also induces astrocytosis. ChE contributes to the phosphorylation of microtubule-associated protein tau, which further worsens the condition of degeneration of neurons in Alzheimer's disease (AD) patients.

Other non-classical roles include the growth of the neurons, changes in the cerebral blood flow, glial cell activation and proliferation, and lipid homeostasis. [21]

### 3.3. CHOLINERGIC NEURON AND ALZHEIMER:

Cholinergic neurons are the nerve cell that transmits messages using Ach as a neurotransmitter. It is found in the basal forebrain and brainstem where the pedunculopontine nucleus and laterodorsal tegmental nucleus serves as the region for Ach production. It is a part of the thalamus and the striatum. [22] Cholinergic neurons project from the basal forebrain to the cerebral cortex and hippocampus of the brain. This helps in the cognitive activity of the brain. Evidence shows that the neurodegenerative disease called Alzheimer's was found from the observation of a reduction in the number of neurons in the basal forebrain and loss in cholinergic markers in the cortex. These effects lead to Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) in the patients. It served a prodromal of AD. This basal forebrain, a potential biomarker, atrophies associated with the age of the patients. [2226] Due to this disruptive and delayed cholinergic signaling paved towards several deficits and dementia. Patients experience memory loss, altered sleep awake cycle, confusion, difficulty concentrating, aggression, agitation, depression, hallucination, retarding muscle movements, dysarthria, and loss of appetite. Conditions worsen with the severity of symptoms. When they are treated with cholinesterase inhibitors, improvement in symptoms were seen.[27] Drugs such as Donepezil, galantamine, rivastigmine, memantine, tacrine, ginkgo biloba, and physostigmine were used to treat Alzheimer's disease in a dose-dependent manner.[18, 19]


Fig.1. Acetylcholine formation and hydrolysis depiction at the synapse.

## 4. QSAR:

Quantitative Structural Activity Relationship (QSAR) is a computational method of statistics, to determine the relationship between the structures of the compounds with their targets. It is a tool to define the best fit ligands designed by mathematical models. Stages of QSAR involve data selection, extraction of descriptors, variable selection, construction of the model, and validation. QSAR regression models relate a set of "predictor" variables $(X)$ to the potency of the response variable (Y), while classification QSAR models relate the predictor variables to a categorical value of the response variable. In QSAR modeling, the predictors consist of physico-chemical properties or theoretical molecular descriptors of chemicals; the QSAR response-variable could be a biological activity of the chemicals. QSAR models first summarize a supposed relationship between chemical structures and biological activity in a data-set of chemicals. Second, QSAR models predict the activities of new chemicals. [28]

## 5. DOCKING:

Molecular docking is a technique which predicts the favoured introduction of one particle to second when bound to one another to form a stable complex. It used to foresee the quality of partiality between two particles by utilizing scoring function. It helps to achieve relative orientation between ligand and protein such that free energy of overall system is minimized.

Structure based drug design is based on the principles in which small molecule ligands identify and interact with macromolecules is great importance in pharmaceutical research and development. The availability of the three dimensional macromolecules structure enables a constant examination of the coupling site topology including the presence of clefts, cavities and sub- pockets. Selective modulation of a validated drug target by high affinity ligands interferes with specific cellular processer ultimately leading to the desired pharmacological and therapeutic effect. The compound database is docked into a previously selected target binding state. It provides a result of the docked molecule. These docked molecules were ranked that can be used for sole criteria for selected promising molecule. It is evaluated to determine their biological activity on the molecular target under investigation. [29]

## 6. REVIEW OF LITREATURE:

1. A series of benzamide and picolinamide derivatives with dimethylamine side chain as an AchE inhibitor was reported by Xiao-hui Gao et al These compounds were assayed by Ellman's method. The compound in Fig. 1 that has para dimethylamine substituted picolinamide was more potent with $2.49 \mu \mathrm{M}$ as $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value and exhibited a mixed type of inhibition with increasing Km and increasing concentration. Docking studies with AchE (PDB ID 1EVE) gave binding energy of $-22.75 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The compound binds with the target at the side chain which forms conformation as the shape of the active site. But this conformation was not seen in docking with BchE. This shows selectivity towards AchE. [2]

2. Amara Mumtaz et al synthesized tetra substituted thiazole by reacting benzamide and various aryl moieties. Domino synthesis was carried out by reflexing thiourea and acetophenone in the presence of iodine and tosic acid in DMSO. The structures were characterized by FTIR, 1HNMR, 13CNMR, and EIMS. The compound 2-Methyl-N-(5-(2-oxo-2-phenylacetyl)-4-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl) thiazol-2(3H)-ylidene) benzamide Fig. 2 was found to be more active against AchE in the enzymatic assay by Ellman's method. Galanthamine and donepezil were the standard drugs. Compound was dimethyl substituted but when it is replaced by chlorine, fluorine or methoxy group the activity was decreased. It showed competitive type of inhibition. Docking with AchE (PDB ID 4BDT) reveals the formation of hydrogen bonding and $\pi-\pi$ interaction in the compound. Cytotoxicity studies by MTT assay using cervical cancer lines (HeLa cell line) and cell viability by measurement of purple formazan were reported. This compound inhibited $78.3 \%$ against HeLa cell lines. [3]

3. Martin Kratky et al developed a series of novel halogenated 2-hydroxy-N-phenyl benzamide derivatives. These were synthesized by microwave conditions under phosphorous trichloride. The compounds were reported to be moderate in inhibition of AchE in the range of $33.1-85.8 \mu \mathrm{M}$ by Ellman's method. The compounds exhibited more inhibition than the standard rivastigmine. The compound 5 -Bromo-N-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-2-hydroxybenzamide (18), 5-Bromo-N-(3,4,5-trichlorophenyl)-2hydroxybenzamide (19), and 5-Bromo-N-(3-trifluoro methyl phenyl)-2hydroxybenzamide (20) (Fig.3) showed $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value of 33.1, 42.08, and $42.67 \mu \mathrm{M}$ respectively. They were the most potent derivatives. The reactivity of halogens was in the order trifluoro methyl > fluoro > bromo > chloro. The compounds exhibited pseudoirreversible inhibition mechanism in the kinetic study. Physiochemical parameters were also reported to find out the blood-brain barrier permeability. [4]


$$
\begin{aligned}
& 18-\mathrm{R}_{1}-5-\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{R}_{2}-3,5-\mathrm{diCl} \\
& 19-\mathrm{R}_{1}-5-\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{R}_{2}-3,4,5-\mathrm{triCl} \\
& 20-\mathrm{R}_{1}-5-\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{R}_{2}-3-\mathrm{CF}_{3}
\end{aligned}
$$

4. Mehtap Tugrak et al designed a series of benzamides. The synthesis was done by reflexing 4-(4-methoxy benzylidene)-2-phenyloxazol-5(4H)-one and a sulfonamide in glacial acetic acid at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $18-22$ hours. These compounds found to be 1.2 to 2.8 fold increase in potency than standard tacrine. The compound N-(1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-((4-(N-(4-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl)phenyl)amino)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzamide
(Fig.4) was more potent against AchE with $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value of 9.11 nM and lowest Ki value of 8.91 nM. [5]

5. Sulunay Parlar evaluated a series of piperidinone derivatives as AchE inhibitors. The derivatives were synthesized by Claisen-schimdt condensation between N-benzyl-4piperidinone and aryl aldehydes in the presence of potassium hydroxide and methanol solvent. The AchE inhibition assay revealed that the compound (26) (Fig.5) 1-benzyl-3,5-bis(4-nitrobenzylidene)piperidin-4-one gave $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value of $12.55 \mu \mathrm{M}$ and compared to rivastigmine. The compounds with para-substituted were found to be more potent and the substituted halogens show reactivity in the manner as Fluoro > Chloro > Bromo. Also, the compounds were found to bind with both catalytic active site (CAS) and peripheral anionic site (PAS) of the AchE enzyme. [30]

6. Parasuraman Pavadai et al designed and synthesized a novel dipeptide fused piperidinone (DPPS) as AchE and $\beta$-amyloid inhibitors. Dipeptide was synthesized by solid-phase peptide synthesis in the presence of FMOC protection for coupling of amino acids and piperidine-4-one derivative. The product was cleaved from the resin. Then it was purified and characterized by mass spectroscopy. Inhibition assay by Ellman's method was done for
the compound DPPS (27) (Fig.6). It resulted in $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value of $0.479 \mu \mathrm{M} / \mathrm{ml}$ and compared to donepezil as a standard drug. [31]

7. A series of novel substituted benzamides, similar to Parsalmide were designed and evaluated for in vitro activity on COX-1 and COX-2 as well as in vivo in the Carragenan induced rat paw edema, a classical in vivo anti-inflammatory assay. Compound 11b (Fig.7) showed a favorable profile in vitro and in vivo, were screened and compared with parsalmide for gastrointestinal (GI) tolerability in vivo in the rats. Results obtained showed that Parsalmide and compound 11b inhibited both COX-1 and COX-2 in vitro as well as they were active in vivo. Both compounds were devoid of gastric effect at the efficacious dose. In addition, both prevented indomethacin induced gastric damage [32]

8. Many gastrointestinal prokinetics such as benzamides have binding affinity tor 5-HT4 receptors and behave as 5-HT4 receptor agonist. A set of benzamide derivatives were tested as selective 5-HT4 receptor agonists. They performed modification of the parent compound 4-amino-5-chloro-2-melhoxy-N-[1-(6-oxo-6-phenylhexylpiperidin-4-yl methyl) benzamide which enhance both upper and lower gastrointestinal motility without any significant adverse effects. [33]

9. The N-(l-Phenyl-4-carbetoxypyrazol-5-yl)-, N-(indazol-3-yl)-and A/-(indazol-5-yl)-2iodobenzamides, with benodanillike structure, were synthesized by reflux method in acetic acid with the corresponding benzotriazinones with potassium iodide for 1 hr . The antifungal activity of the $N$-substitution with an aromatic heterocyclic system on benzamide moiety were reported. Among the tested iododerivatives, some of the compounds possessed interesting activities toward some phytopathogenic fungal strains. [6]

10. The benzamides and the benzamidines and the cyclic benzamidines were designed as the mimics of 4 -anilino quinazolines for an inhibitor of EGFR tyrosine kinase. The specific inhibitions of $v$-Src kinase were observed in the benzamides, and the benzamidine. The compound 1 j and 2 d shows specific inhibitions of v -Src kinase in the benzamide and benzamidine at a $10 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$. but the cyclic benzamidines show potent activity at $1.0 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ml}$. [34]

11. Amit anthwal et. al., synthesized 4-piperidone based curcuminoids against human myeloid leukemia (KBM5) and colon cancer (HCT116) cell lines. All the designed compounds were evaluated for the anti-inflammatory activity by down regulation of tumour necrosis factor- $\alpha$-induced nuclear factor-k $B$. compounds showed were found to be potential in activity. [35]

12. Karthick N et al., Proposed a synthesis method by condensation 4-piperidone benzaldedye and also spectral analysis for characterization. Evaluation of the antioxidant activity by DPPH assay were also reported. Hence proved to be a good anti-scavenger. [36]


## 7. AIM OF THE RESEARCH:

Acetylcholine (Ach) is the main neurotransmitter in the nervous system. Ach transmits signals at the synapses. This transmission is interrupted when a cholinesterase enzyme hydrolyses the acetylcholine into acetyl CoA and choline. This leads to the degeneration of neurons in the brain. Degeneration causes dementia, Alzheimer, Parkinson, schizophrenia, etc. The inhibition of acetylcholinesterase can improve the neurotransmission in the brain. The AchE enzyme is the potent target in the Alzheimer's disease. The work is aimed to design and evaluate the benzamide derivatives to inhibit the acetylcholinesterase enzyme. This improves the neuronal transmission. This study involves the 2D-QSAR methodologies to analyze the structural relationship with the activity. Followed by the design of novel ligands and screening of insilico activities like physiochemical properties, ADME parameters, toxicity, and molecular docking. Docking of a novel ligand with acetylcholinesterase enzyme was performed and compared to donepezil. The compounds were characterized using FT-IR, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, and MASS spectroscopy. The activity is carried out by Ellman's assay.

### 7.1. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

A. To derive the 2D-QSAR model using QSARINS software.
B. To design benzamide derivatives using CHEMDRAW software.
C. To evaluate toxicity, ADME properties for the designed compounds.
D. To perform docking studies for the designed compounds.
E. To synthesize the designed compounds.
F. To characterize and evaluate the acetylcholinesterase enzyme inhibition activity.

## 8. PLAN OF STUDY:



## 9. MATERIALS AND METHODS:

### 9.1. 2D-QSAR APPROACH:

Quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) relates the chemical structure to biological and other activities by developing a QSAR model. Using such an approach one could predict the activities of newly designed compounds before a decision is being made whether these compounds should be really synthesized and tested. The data set used for the QSAR analyses contains 79 molecules belonging to benzamide derivatives as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors. The compounds were taken from the research work of Martin Kratky, et al. [4], Martin Kratky, et al. [37], Aliabadi. A, et al. [12], and Amara Mumtaz, et al. [3] All the structures of the compounds were drawn in ChemDraw software. The structures of all the compounds along with their actual and predicted biological activities are presented in Table 1. A set of 79 molecules were selected and divided into training and test set in the ratio of $4: 1$. The negative logarithm of IC50 values (PIC50) were calculated using the IC50 values of reported compounds. The compounds were run in the Padel software for descriptors generation. The descriptors along with the activity were proceeded for QSAR studies. QSARINS software is used for QSAR study. The data set is prepared by removing the constant variables greater than $80 \%$ and other correlated variables greater than $95 \%$ in the independent variables. Using genetic algorithm the QSAR model was developed. The models were validated in both internal and external validation. The models were verified by Applicbility domain. The applicability domain is used to identify the most influencing compound to the model. The leverage method and the insurbia graphs helps in identifying the outliers in this QSARINS software. Then the outliers were found and removed from the $1^{\text {st }}$ model. Then the remaining compounds were proceeded for next model generation in the same way. [38]

Table. 1. The structures of all the compounds along with their actual and predicted biological activities.

| Compound Name | Structure | Molecular Formula | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IC } \mathbf{c o s}_{0} \text { VALUE } \\ & (\boldsymbol{\mu M )} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} p K i=- \\ \log \left(\mathbf{I C}_{50}\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 49.71 | -1.69644 |
| 2 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 59.5 | -1.77452 |
| 3 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 76.53 | -1.88383 |
| 4 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{Cl}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 60.79 | -1.78383 |

(
(18)
(15)

| 19 |  | C13H9BrClNO2 | 60.03 | -1.77837 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 |  | C13H9BrClNO2 | 58.32 | -1.76582 |
| 21 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{ClFNO}_{2}$ | 60.79 | -1.78383 |
| 22 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{ClFNO}_{2}$ | 62.85 | -1.79831 |
| 23 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 68.28 | -1.83429 |
| 24 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ | 60.29 | -1.78025 |

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| 41 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | 48.3 | -1.68395 |
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| 42 |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \mathrm{P} \\ \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | 63.48 | -1.80264 |
| 43 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 72.87 | -1.86255 |
| 44 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ | 38.98 | -1.59084 |
| 45 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 74.83 | -1.87408 |


| 46 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 54.81 | -1.73886 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 47 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{BrClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 62.38 | -1.79505 |
| 48 |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{BrClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \\ \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | 59.05 | -1.77122 |
| 49 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{BrClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 81.6 | -1.91169 |


| 50 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{BrClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 63.29 | -1.80134 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClFN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 76.17 | -1.88178 |
| 52 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClFN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ | 89.74 | -1.95299 |
| 53 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClFN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 62.54 | -1.79616 |


| 54 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{ClFN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 49.03 | -1.69046 |
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| 55 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 49.04 | -1.69055 |
| 56 |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \\ \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | 41.98 | -1.62304 |
| 57 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClF}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 49.85 | -1.69767 |

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| 61 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 55.01 | -1.74044 |
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| 62 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 53.79 | -1.7307 |
| 63 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 6.9 | -0.83885 |
| 64 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 23 | -1.36173 |


| -0.60206 |
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| 72 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{ClN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | 30.1 | -1.47857 |
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| 73 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | 1.03 | -0.01284 |
| 74 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~S}$ | 1.69 | -0.22789 |
| 75 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{Cl}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | 2.25 | -0.35218 |
| 76 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | 3.37 | -0.52763 |
| 77 |  | $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{FN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}$ | 3.32 | -0.52114 |


| -0.58883 |
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### 9.2. COMPOUNDS DESIGNING:

About 20 novel compounds containing benzamide attached to thiosemicarbazide fused with 4piperidone were designed using CHEMDRAW software (Table.2). CHEMDRAW is a drawing tool that allows you to draw chemical structures including organics, organometallics, polymers and Markush structures. It also includes features such as calculation of molecular properties (e.g. molecular weight, density, molar refractivity, etc.) 2D and 3D structure cleaning and viewing and functionality for naming structures.

Table. 2. Designed compounds with their IUPAC name.

| Compound No | Derivative Name | Structure | Molecular <br> Formula | IUPAC Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | P-Dimethylamino Benzaldehyde |  | $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{OS}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)- 2,6-bis[4- <br> (dimethylamino)phe nyl]-3- <br> methylpiperidin-4- <br> ylidene]amino\} thiou <br> rea |


| 1b | 2-Chloro <br> Benzaldehyde |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino $\}$ thiou rea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1c | 3-Chloro <br> Benzaldehyde |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ <br> S | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino $\}$ thiou rea |
| 1d | P-Chloro <br> Benzaldehyde |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ <br> S | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(4- <br> chlorophenyl)-3- <br> methylpiperidin-4- <br> ylidene]amino $\}$ thiou <br> rea |
| 1 e | 2-Bromo <br> Benzaldehyde |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Br}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O} \\ \mathrm{~S} \end{gathered}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(2-bromophenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino \} thiou rea |

1f
Manillin (4-
Hydroxy-3-
Methoxy
Benzaldehyde)
2-Chloro
2-Bromo

| 2 g | 4-Bromo <br> Benzaldehyde |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Br}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{([4Z)-2,6-bis(4-bromophenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino\}urea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2h | Salicyaldehyde (2- <br> Hydroxybenzaldeh yde) |  | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino\}urea |
| 2 i | Vanillin (4- <br> Hydroxy-3- <br> Methoxybenzaldeh yde) |  | $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)- <br> 2,6-bis(4-hydroxy- <br> 3-methoxyphenyl)- <br> 3-methylpiperidin- <br> 4- <br> ylidene]amino\}urea |


| 2 j | Furfural (Furan-2- <br> Carbaldehyde) |  | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ | 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)- <br> 2,6-bis(furan-2-yl)- <br> 3-methylpiperidin- <br> 4- <br> ylidene]amino\}urea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

### 9.3. In silico screening of ligands:

The physiochemical properties were evaluated using Molinspiation software. Molinspiration is an online tool used to calculate the physiochemical properties, bioactivity scores of any compounds that are already known or novel in identity. [39]

The lead molecules are optimized in terms of potency, selectivity, pharmacokinetics (i.e.) absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) and toxicology before they can become candidates for drug development. In silico approaches to predict pharmacokinetic parameters (ADME) were pioneered by Lipinski et al. The ADME properties of the designed compounds were evaluated using Swiss ADME and PreADMET online softwares.

## SWISS ADME:

Swiss ADME allows you to compute physiochemical descriptors as well as to predict ADME parameters. Pharmacokinetic properties, drugs like nature and medicinal chemistry friendliness of one or multiple small molecules to support drug discovery. There are different methods of $\log \mathrm{p}$ identification from fragment approaches to topological methods. p- glycoprotein substrate, CYP450 inhibitors are used for pharmacokinetics predictions. And Lipinski's rule are calculated by this swiss adme. Synthetic accessibility value is also calculated which is a score based on the fragmental analysis of structure then molecular size and complexity are observed. Finally, a score is normalized between 1 )easy synthesis( and 10 )very difficult synthesis(. [40]

## Lipinski's rule of five

Lipinski's rule of five also known as the Pfizer's rule of five or simply the rule of five is a rule of thumb to evaluate drug likeness or determine if a chemical compound with a certain pharmacological or biological activity has chemical properties and physical properties that would make it a likely orally active drug in humans. Lipinski's rule states that, in general, an orally active drug has no more than one violation of the following criteria:

- No more than 5 hydrogen bond donors (the total number of nitrogen- hydrogen and oxygen-hydrogen bonds)
- No more than 10 hydrogen bond acceptors (all nitrogen or oxygenatoms)
- A molecular mass less than 500 daltons
- An octanol-water partition coefficient $\log \mathrm{P}$ not greater than 5


## Ghose Filter

This filter defines drug-likeness constraints as follows:

- Calculated $\log \mathrm{P}$ is between -0.4 and5.6
- Molecular weight is between 160 and480
- Molar refractivity is between 40 and130
- The total number of atoms is between 20 and70.


## Veber Filter

The molecules fitting to these two properties have a high probability of good oral bioavailability.

- Rotatable bond: max. 12
- Polar Surface Area: max. 140A ${ }^{2}$


## Egan Rule

Predicts good or bad oral bioavailability.

- $0 \geq$ TPSA $\leq 132$
- $-1 \geq \log \mathrm{P} \leq 6$.


## Molar Refractivity

It is a measure of the total polarizability of a mole of a substance and is dependent on the temperature, the index of refraction, and the pressure.

The molar refractivity is defined as

$$
\mathrm{A}=4 \mathrm{PI} / 3 \mathrm{NA} \alpha
$$

Where NA $=6.022 \times 10^{23}$ is the Avogadro constant and $\alpha$ is the mean polarizability of a molecule

## Polar surface area (PSA) or topological polar surface area (TPSA)

It is a measure of apparent polarity of a molecule is defined as the surface sum overall polar atoms, primarily oxygen and nitrogen, also including their attached hydrogen atoms. PSA is a commonly used for the optimization of a drug's ability to permeate cells. Molecules with a polar surface area of greater than 140 angstroms squared tend to be poor at permeating cell membranes.

## Lipophilicity

Lipophilicity is the ability of a molecule to mix with an oily phase rather than with water, is usually measured as partition coefficient, $P$, between the two phases and is often expressed as $\log P$. Lipophilicity has also been found to affect a number of pharmacokinetic parameters: higher lipophilicity $(\log P>5)$ gives, in general, lower solubility, higher permeability in the gastrointestinal tract, across the blood-brain barrier and other tissue membranes, higher affinity to metabolizing enzymes and efflux pumps, and higher protein binding. Low lipophilicity can also negatively impact permeability and potency and thus results in low BA andefficacy.

## Partition coefficient, $\mathbf{P}$

It is defined as a particular ratio of the concentrations of a solute between the two solvents (a biphase of liquid phases), specifically for un- ionized solutes, and the logarithm of the ratio is thus $\log P$. When one of the solvents is water and the other is a non-polar solvent, then the $\log P$ value is a measure of lipophilicity or hydrophobicity.

## $\log$ Poct/wat $=\log [$ solute] unionized octanol / [solute] unionized water <br> $\log$ Poct/wat=log $\mathbf{C O} / \mathrm{CW}$

Lipophilicity not only impacts solubility but also influences permeability, potency, selectivity, absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion (ADME) properties and toxicity. A desired $\log P$ value (octanol-water partition coefficient) is no more than 5.

## Water Solubility

Water solubility is a measure of the amount of chemical substance that can dissolve in water at a specific temperature. Solubility is common physicochemical parameter for drug discovery compounds. Determination of the aqueous solubility of the drug candidate is an important analysis as it reflects the bioavailability of the compound.

## $\log S$

The aqueous solubility of a compound significantly affects its absorption and distribution characteristics. Typically, a low solubility goes along with a bad absorption and therefore the general aim is to avoid poorly soluble compounds.

Log S value is a unit stripped logarithm (base10) of the solubility measured in mol/liter. Log S value should be greater than -4 .

## Rotatable Bonds

The bioavailability of a drug like molecule is related with it rotatable bond number. Less than seven rotatable bonds are essential for good bioavailability. Many highly potent molecules carried more than 10 rotatable bonds and still administered through oral route.

## Hydrogen bond acceptors and donors

12 or fewer H -bond donors and acceptors will have a high probability of good oral bioavailability.

## PREADMET:

Predmet, is an online web server is also used for the prediction of pharmacokinetic properties and the prediction values for determination of blood-brain barrier ) BBB ( permeation, buffer solubility receptor inhibition and substrates are also identified. [41, 42]

## ADME Prediction

Numerous in vitro methods have been used in the drug selection process for assessing the intestinal absorption of drug candidates. Among them, Caco2-cell model and MDCK (MadinDarby canine kidney) cell model has been recommended as a reliable in vitro model for the prediction of oral drug absorption. In absorption, this module provides prediction models for in vitro Caco2-cell and MDCK cell assay. Additionally, in silico HIA (human intestinal absorption) model and skin permeability model can predict and identify potential drug for oral delivery and transdermal delivery. In distribution, BBB (blood brain barrier) penetration can give information of therapeutic drug in the central nervous system (CNS), plasma protein binding model in its disposition and efficacy.

## PROTOX II:

Animal's trials are currently the major method for determining the possible toxic effects of drug candidates anion methods represent cosmetic. Insilico prediction methods represent an alternative approach and aim to rationalize preclinical drug development. Protox, a web server for prediction of rodent toxicity analysis the similarity of compounds with known median lethal doses )LD50( and identification of toxic fragments. The reports a regenerated within seconds.

There are two parts of the reports:

- Acute oral toxicity
- Possible toxicity targets indication.

With the prediction LD $50 \mathrm{in} \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ also the toxicity class of compounds is calculated for I to VI by Global Harmonization System. Toxic doses are often given as LD50 values in $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ body weight. The LD50 is the median lethal dose meaning the dose at which $50 \%$ of test subjects die upon exposure to a compound. Toxicity classes are defined according to the globally harmonized system of classification of labeling of chemicals )GHS(. LD50 values are given in $] \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}[$ :

- Class I: fatal if swallowed )LD50 $\geq 5$ (
- Class II: fatal if swallowed ) $5<$ LD50 $\geq 50$ (
- Class III: toxic if swallowed ) $50<\operatorname{LD50} \geq 300$ (
- Class IV: harmful if swallowed ) $300<$ LD50 $\geq 2000$ (
- Class V: may be harmful if swallowed )2000 < LD50 $\geq 5000$ (
- Class VI: non-toxic )LD50 > 5000)
- Toxicity targets
- Hepatotoxicity
- Carcinogenicity
- Mutagenicity
- Cytotoxicity
- Immunotoxicity

And toxicity predictions of nuclear response signaling, stress response pathway. So these are the advantages of the protox web server. [43]

## DOCKING:

All the 20 designed compounds were executed for insilico molecular docking studies. The target enzyme acetylcholinesterase was downloaded from the protein data bank (PDB ID: 4EY7). The protein was prepared using the Molegro Molecular Viewer 7.0 software. Preparation was done by removing ligands, cofactors, and water molecules. These ligands were minimized using Chem3DUltra software. The ligands were saved in .pdb format. Then the docking was performed for all the compounds using Autodock 4.0 software [44]. The results were visualized by Biovia discovery studio.

### 9.4. SCHEME:



### 9.5. GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR THE SYNTHESIS:

## Step. 1

Dry ammonium acetate ( 0.1 mole), substituted benzaldehyde ( 0.2 mole ) and butane-2-one ( 0.1 mole) were dissolved in 50 mL ethanol. The mixture was heated to boiling until the colour changes from yellow to orange and allowed to stand at room temperature overnight. 30 ml of concentrated ammonia and 30 ml concentrated hydrochloric acid was added. Then cooled by keeping in refrigerator. The precipitated hydrochloride salt was neutralized with 30ml dry ether. The product (A) was filtered, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol. [45, 46]

## Step. 2

The product (A) 0.01 mole was mixed with thiosemicarbazide or semicarbazide 0.01 mole in 30 ml of ethanol in a round bottomed flask. The flask was fitted with a reflux. Then the contents were refluxed continuously for 3 hours. Then kept undisturbed overnight. The precipitate (B) was filtered, dried, and recrystallized with ethanol. [45, 46]

## Step. 3

The product (B) and the benzoyl chloride was taken in equimolar quantities ( 0.01 mole ). The compound was mixed with $10 \%$ sodium hydroxide solution followed by slow addition of benzoyl chloride with continuous stirring in ice. Then the contents were kept for seeding overnight in refrigerator. The product ( $1 \mathrm{a}-1 \mathrm{j}, 2 \mathrm{a}-2 \mathrm{j}$ ) was filtered, dried, and recrystallized with ethanol. [47]

### 9.6. CHARACTERIZATION:

All the synthesized compounds were characterized by using FT-IR, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$, MASS Spectroscopy.

## Infrared Spectroscopy

The infrared spectroscopy is one of the most powerful analytical techniques, this offers the possibility of chemical identification. The advantage of infrared spectroscopy over the other usual methods of structural analysis is that it provides useful information about the functional groups present in the molecule quickly. The technique is based upon the simple fact that a chemical substance shows marked selectable absorption in the infrared region. After absorbing IR radiations the molecules of a chemical compound exhibit small vibrations, giving rise to closely packed
absorption bands called as IR absorption spectrum which may extend over a wide wavelength range. Various bands will be present in IR spectrum which corresponds to the characteristic functional groups and bonds present in a chemical substance. Thus an IR spectrum of a chemical compound is a fingerprint for its identification.

## Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

It is the branch of spectroscopy in which radiofrequency waves induces transitions between magnetic energy levels of nuclei of a molecule. The magnetic energy levels are created by keeping nuclei in a magnetic field. Without the magnetic field the spin states of nuclei are degenerated i.e., possess the same energy and the energy level transition is not possible. The energy level transition is possible with the application of external magnetic field which requires different Rf radiation to put them into resonance. This is a measurable phenomenon. It is a powerful tool for the investigation of nuclei structure.

## Mass spectroscopy

Mass spectrometer performs three essential functions. First, it subjects molecules to bombardment by a stream of more amounts of energy electrons, converting some of the molecules to ions, which are then accelerated in a field of electric. Second, the ions which are accelerated are divided according to their ratios of mass to charge in an electric or magnetic field. Finally the ions that have particular mass-to-charge ratio are detected by a device which can count the number of ions striking it. The detector's output is amplified and fed to a recorder. The trace from the recorder is a mass spectrum a graph of particles detected as a function of mass-to- charge ratio. The Mass spectra of the synthesized compounds were taken using Agilent spectrometer.

## 10. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

### 10.1. 2D QSAR MODEL:

2D QSAR models were generated to determine the structural relationship between the compounds and the acetylcholinesterase inhibition activity. The structures with their pIC50 value were given in the table. 1. About 3 models were generated and were listed below. The model 3 was found with the minimum number of outliers. So it was considered as the best. All the models were validated by both internal and external validation parameters. The experimental, predicted activities and leverage values were given in the table. 3. The internal and external parameters were given in the table. 4 .

MODEL 1
$\mathrm{pIC}_{50}=\mathbf{- 1 . 3 4 9 6}+\mathbf{0 . 0 1 6 2}$ (ATSC3i) - 0.7325 (GATS4i) - 0.0509 (VE3_Dze) $+\mathbf{0 . 4 1 9 9}$
(C3SP2)
R2: $0.8431 \quad$ R2adj: $0.8327 \quad$ R2-R2adj: 0.0105 LOF: 0.0553
Kxx: 0.3553 Delta K: 0.1138 RMSE tr: 0.2062 MAE tr: 0.1224
RSS tr: $2.7639 \quad$ CCC tr: $0.9149 \quad$ s: $0.2146 \quad$ F: 80.6326

## MODEL 2

$\mathrm{pIC}_{50}=\mathbf{- 2 . 0 9 6 3}+\mathbf{0 . 1 8 8 3}$ (AATSC4i) $\mathbf{- 2 6 . 4 4 8 2 ( \text { VE2_Dzi) } + \mathbf { 0 . 3 5 7 2 } ( \text { nBase } ) + 0 . 2 3 0 9}$ (C3SP2) +0.7007 (ETA_dBetaP)

| R2: 0.9559 | R2adj: 0.9517 | R2-R2adj: 0.0042 | LOF: 0.0125 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kxx: 0.3137 | Delta K: 0.1292 | RMSE tr: 0.0928 | MAE tr: 0.0716 |
| RSS tr: 0.5077 | CCC tr: 0.9774 | s: 0.0979 | F: 229.5083 |
| MODEL 3 |  |  |  |
| pIC50 $=\mathbf{- 1 . 9 5 8 4}$ | - 0.0694 (nBr) | 0.0001 (ATSC6m) | -0.0074 (ATSC3i) |
| (MATS4e) +5734 (nBase) |  |  |  |

R2: 0.9646 R2adj: 0.9610 R2-R2adj: 0.0036 LOF: 0.0076

Kxx: 0.3890 Delta K: 0.0778 RMSE tr: 0.0713 MAE tr: 0.0564
RSS tr: $0.2798 \quad$ CCC tr: 0.9820 s: $0.0756 \quad$ F: 267.06
The model 3 is found to be best in statidtical parameters. The $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ value is 0.96 which is the coffiecient of correlation. This determines that the model is robust. The R2adj value is 0.9610 reveals that the model is convienient for the addition of another descriptor. The Friedman's Lack of fit is least saying that the model is not of chance correlation. The model 3 developed in QSARINS undergo rigorous validation both internal and external according to the OECD principles. The OECD principles involve a defined endpoint, an unambiguous algorithm, a defined domain of applicability, goodness of fit, and mechanistic interpretation of the model. The experimental and the predicted activities were calculated using the model. The residual value are also determined. The graph is constructed between experimental and the predicted values for the model. The best model 3 is given in the Figure.1. Internal validation by cross validation leave-oneout (Q2LOO) was carried out and the value stood nearer to R 2 value of the model (Figure.2). Cross validation leave-many-out (Q2LMO) was also done. All the validation results were tabulated in table 3 and 4. This validation result that the model 3 is robust and fit. (Figure.3)

External validation by Q2-F1, Q2-F2, and Q2-F3, and CCC were applied on selected models. Golbraikh and tropsha was also verified. The values are recorded in the table 4.

The applicability domain was done by calculating leverage values. The William's plot for the model 3 is given in Figure. The critical leverage HAT value $h^{*}$ is 0.327 . The limits of standard deviation is $\pm 2.5$. The compound 74 lies beyond this limit is considered as outlier. The outlier compounds are 74, 27, 67, 79 in the model 3. (table.3) (Figure.4)

The Y-scrambling is a technique where the responses are shuffled randomly and output of the model should drastically decline. In model 3, the $\mathrm{R}^{2}{ }_{\mathrm{Yscr}}$ and $\mathrm{Q}^{2} \mathrm{Y}$ scr value are 0.0926 and -0.1513 respectively. These values are in decreased state to that of the $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ and $\mathrm{Q}^{2}$ value of the model 3 . Thus model 3 is not by chance correlation. (Table.3) (Figure.5). In the same manner the descriptors were varied randomly and model was calculated. This is known as the Y-scramble for the descriptors. $\mathrm{r}^{2}{ }_{\mathrm{Yrnd}}$ and $\mathrm{Q}^{2} \mathrm{Yrnd}$ values are 0.0905 and -0.1540 respectively, which is decreased than the model $\mathrm{r}^{2}$ and $\mathrm{Q}^{2}$ values (model 3). (Figure.6) $[38,48]$

Table.3. Experimental, predicted activities, leverage values of all the models and their residues.

| Name | Exp. <br> endpoint | Pred. <br> activity <br> model 1 | Residual <br> value: <br> model 1 | Pred. activity <br> model 2 | Residual <br> value: <br> model 2 | Pred. activity <br> model 3 | Residual <br> value: <br> model 3 | HAT value <br> model 1 <br> $\left(\mathbf{h}^{*}=\mathbf{0 . 3 2 7 3}\right)$ | HAT value <br> model 2 <br> $\left(\mathbf{h}^{*}=\mathbf{0 . 3 0 5 1}\right)$ | HAT value <br> model 3 <br> $\left(\mathbf{h}^{*}=\mathbf{0 . 3 2 7 3}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | -1.6964 | -1.8171 | -0.1206 | -1.7618 | -0.0654 | -1.6601 | 0.0364 | 0.0389 | 0.064 | 0.1143 |
| 2 | -1.7745 | -1.8008 | -0.0262 | -1.7924 | -0.0178 | -1.7489 | 0.0257 | 0.0363 | 0.0354 | 0.0586 |
| 3 | -1.8838 | -1.8251 | 0.0587 | -1.8362 | 0.0477 | -1.7844 | 0.0994 | 0.0414 | 0.0598 | 0.0692 |
| 4 | -1.7838 | -1.7545 | 0.0293 | -1.7863 | -0.0025 | -1.8145 | -0.0307 | 0.0365 | 0.0317 | 0.0594 |
| 5 | -1.6647 | -1.7127 | -0.048 | -1.7568 | -0.092 | -1.6752 | -0.0105 | 0.0411 | 0.0486 | 0.1039 |
| 6 | -1.7081 | -1.5426 | 0.1655 | -1.7579 | -0.0498 | -1.745 | -0.0369 | 0.123 | 0.0617 | 0.0635 |
| 7 | -1.6992 | -1.8292 | -0.13 | -1.7963 | -0.0971 | -1.833 | -0.1337 | 0.0464 | 0.0444 | 0.1129 |
| 8 | -1.7653 | -1.8423 | -0.077 | -1.8375 | -0.0722 | -1.7896 | -0.0243 | 0.0465 | 0.0749 | 0.0576 |
| 9 | -1.7683 | -1.6697 | 0.0986 | -1.7544 | 0.0138 | -1.7444 | 0.0239 | 0.0691 | 0.0344 | 0.0555 |
| 10 | -1.6837 | -1.7226 | -0.039 | -1.8099 | -0.1262 | -1.8195 | -0.1358 | 0.0593 | 0.041 | 0.0594 |
| 11 | -1.7357 | -1.6421 | 0.0935 | -1.6747 | 0.061 | -1.6962 | 0.0395 | 0.062 | 0.1138 | 0.0622 |
| 12 | -1.7669 | -1.7652 | 0.0017 | -1.7388 | 0.0281 | -1.7359 | 0.031 | 0.0489 | 0.0561 | 0.052 |
| 13 | -1.7005 | -1.6711 | 0.0295 | -1.7176 | -0.017 | -1.6416 | 0.0589 | 0.1481 | 0.2159 | 0.1424 |
| 14 | -1.764 | -1.7822 | -0.0182 | -1.7622 | 0.0019 | -1.7073 | 0.0568 | 0.0375 | 0.0433 | 0.1425 |
| 15 | -1.7497 | -1.8169 | -0.0673 | -1.8058 | -0.0562 | -1.7428 | 0.0069 | 0.0408 | 0.0394 | 0.0731 |
| 16 | -1.6652 | -1.7108 | -0.0456 | -1.7585 | -0.0933 | -1.7894 | -0.1242 | 0.0486 | 0.0524 | 0.0764 |
| 17 | -1.7003 | -1.5856 | 0.1147 | -1.7436 | -0.0434 | -1.6502 | 0.0501 | 0.1026 | 0.0681 | 0.2316 |
| 18 | -1.7618 | -1.7111 | 0.0507 | -1.7945 | -0.0328 | -1.7325 | 0.0293 | 0.062 | 0.0369 | 0.1175 |
| 19 | -1.7784 | -1.8126 | -0.0342 | -1.7659 | 0.0124 | -1.7841 | -0.0057 | 0.0499 | 0.0478 | 0.2968 |
| 20 | -1.7658 | -1.8351 | -0.0693 | -1.807 | -0.0411 | -1.7407 | 0.0251 | 0.0472 | 0.0486 | 0.0993 |
| 21 | -1.7838 | -1.6417 | 0.1421 | -1.7248 | 0.0591 | -1.7312 | 0.0526 | 0.0594 | 0.0533 | 0.1062 |
| 22 | -1.7983 | -1.7071 | 0.0912 | -1.7803 | 0.018 | -1.8063 | -0.008 | 0.049 | 0.0361 | 0.0604 |
| 23 | -1.8343 | -1.1455 | 0.6888 | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | 0.6141 | Excluded | Excluded |
| 24 | -1.7803 | -1.7349 | 0.0454 | -1.715 | 0.0653 | -1.7674 | 0.0128 | 0.0478 | 0.0709 | 0.1027 |


| 25 | -1.7382 | -1.6979 | 0.0403 | -1.7481 | -0.01 | -1.696 | 0.0422 | 0.156 | 0.2424 | 0.1918 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | -1.7927 | -1.7829 | 0.0098 | -1.7662 | 0.0265 | -1.7075 | 0.0851 | 0.0316 | 0.0359 | 0.0691 |
| 27 | -1.9332 | -1.8087 | 0.1245 | -1.8102 | 0.1231 | -1.7513 | 0.1819 | 0.0372 | 0.0543 | 0.0869 |
| 28 | -1.7841 | -1.7364 | 0.0477 | -1.7617 | 0.0224 | -1.7682 | 0.0159 | 0.0315 | 0.0351 | 0.0818 |
| 29 | -1.5202 | -1.6888 | -0.1686 | -1.7319 | -0.2117 | -1.6137 | -0.0935 | 0.0382 | 0.0559 | 0.13 |
| 30 | -1.6241 | -1.5803 | 0.0438 | -1.7474 | -0.1233 | -1.6784 | -0.0543 | 0.0881 | 0.0557 | 0.102 |
| 31 | -1.8434 | -1.8168 | 0.0266 | -1.7705 | 0.0728 | -1.7712 | 0.0722 | 0.04 | 0.0427 | 0.2362 |
| 32 | -1.847 | -1.8312 | 0.0157 | -1.8119 | 0.035 | -1.7351 | 0.1119 | 0.0414 | 0.0679 | 0.2326 |
| 33 | -1.7359 | -1.6411 | 0.0948 | -1.7268 | 0.0092 | -1.7216 | 0.0143 | 0.081 | 0.0419 | 0.0635 |
| 34 | -1.7869 | -1.6956 | 0.0913 | -1.7824 | 0.0045 | -1.8038 | -0.0169 | 0.0689 | 0.0391 | 0.0746 |
| 35 | -1.6301 | -1.6054 | 0.0247 | -1.6495 | -0.0194 | -1.6851 | -0.055 | 0.0629 | 0.1109 | 0.0993 |
| 36 | -1.6512 | -1.7412 | -0.09 | -1.7141 | -0.0629 | -1.7222 | -0.071 | 0.0449 | 0.0471 | 0.0869 |
| 37 | -1.6854 | -1.6498 | 0.0356 | -1.7043 | -0.0189 | -1.617 | 0.0684 | 0.142 | 0.195 | 0.1976 |
| 38 | -1.936 | -1.6948 | 0.2412 | -1.8216 | 0.1144 | -1.9386 | -0.0026 | 0.056 | 0.1119 | 0.15 |
| 39 | -0.9619 | -1.4822 | -0.5203 | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | 0.0427 | Excluded | Excluded |
| 40 | -1.822 | -1.6118 | 0.2102 | -1.7822 | 0.0398 | -1.8963 | -0.0744 | 0.0573 | 0.18 | 0.0943 |
| 41 | -1.684 | -1.781 | -0.0971 | -1.7651 | -0.0812 | -1.6619 | 0.022 | 0.0663 | 0.1271 | 0.0665 |
| 42 | -1.8026 | -1.4712 | 0.3315 | -1.7309 | 0.0717 | -1.7619 | 0.0408 | 0.0797 | 0.1774 | 0.0498 |
| 43 | -1.8626 | -1.8509 | 0.0117 | -1.849 | 0.0135 | -1.8484 | 0.0142 | 0.1216 | 0.1216 | 0.0769 |
| 44 | -1.5908 | -1.7975 | -0.2067 | -1.8567 | -0.2659 | Excluded | Excluded | 0.0352 | 0.072 | Excluded |
| 45 | -1.8741 | -1.7433 | 0.1308 | -1.7666 | 0.1074 | -1.8337 | 0.0404 | 0.087 | 0.0474 | 0.0486 |
| 46 | -1.7389 | -1.7801 | -0.0413 | -1.8444 | -0.1055 | -1.753 | -0.0142 | 0.0297 | 0.0912 | 0.088 |
| 47 | -1.7951 | -1.8619 | -0.0668 | -1.8474 | -0.0523 | -1.8747 | -0.0797 | 0.1167 | 0.1185 | 0.117 |
| 48 | -1.7712 | -1.8149 | -0.0437 | -1.8567 | -0.0855 | -1.8296 | -0.0584 | 0.0332 | 0.0671 | 0.076 |
| 49 | -1.9117 | -1.7605 | 0.1511 | -1.7654 | 0.1462 | -1.8648 | 0.0469 | 0.0835 | 0.0451 | 0.0832 |
| 50 | -1.8013 | -1.7896 | 0.0118 | -1.8437 | -0.0424 | -1.7766 | 0.0247 | 0.0318 | 0.0986 | 0.0619 |
| 51 | -1.8818 | -1.8211 | 0.0607 | -1.8361 | 0.0457 | -1.8465 | 0.0353 | 0.166 | 0.1108 | 0.0678 |
| 52 | -1.953 | -1.7106 | 0.2424 | -1.8375 | 0.1155 | -1.8384 | 0.1146 | 0.0856 | 0.0758 | 0.065 |


| 53 | -1.7962 | -1.6417 | 0.1544 | -1.7531 | 0.043 | -1.8433 | -0.0471 | 0.0989 | 0.0571 | 0.0485 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54 | -1.6905 | -1.6963 | -0.0058 | -1.8311 | -0.1406 | -1.7795 | -0.089 | 0.0358 | 0.0795 | 0.0718 |
| 55 | -1.6906 | -1.9016 | -0.211 | -1.7794 | -0.0888 | -1.7102 | -0.0197 | 0.0937 | 0.1042 | 0.1009 |
| 56 | -1.623 | -1.762 | -0.139 | -1.771 | -0.148 | -1.7153 | -0.0923 | 0.0554 | 0.0924 | 0.0607 |
| 57 | -1.6977 | -1.8333 | -0.1356 | -1.6848 | 0.0129 | -1.6981 | -0.0004 | 0.0843 | 0.0395 | 0.0898 |
| 58 | -1.6757 | -1.8396 | -0.1639 | -1.7206 | -0.0449 | -1.6279 | 0.0478 | 0.0608 | 0.1001 | 0.0851 |
| 59 | -1.7615 | -1.8249 | -0.0634 | -1.7764 | -0.0149 | -1.7961 | -0.0347 | 0.1208 | 0.1085 | 0.0378 |
| 60 | -1.792 | -1.7579 | 0.0341 | -1.7805 | 0.0115 | -1.7588 | 0.0332 | 0.0364 | 0.0747 | 0.0396 |
| 61 | -1.7404 | -1.7366 | 0.0038 | -1.7361 | 0.0043 | -1.7699 | -0.0294 | 0.0843 | 0.0599 | 0.0345 |
| 62 | -1.7307 | -1.7923 | -0.0616 | -1.8342 | -0.1035 | -1.6902 | 0.0405 | 0.0294 | 0.1221 | 0.0842 |
| 63 | -0.8389 | -0.9976 | -0.1587 | -1.0349 | -0.196 | -0.874 | -0.0351 | 0.0708 | 0.1488 | 0.2267 |
| 64 | -1.3617 | -1.1391 | 0.2226 | -1.1103 | 0.2514 | Excluded | Excluded | 0.0965 | 0.2141 | Excluded |
| 65 | -0.6021 | -0.7713 | -0.1692 | -1.0173 | -0.4153 | Excluded | Excluded | 0.1094 | 0.169 | Excluded |
| 66 | -0.9542 | -0.8479 | 0.1063 | -1.0247 | -0.0704 | -0.8574 | 0.0968 | 0.0834 | 0.1624 | 0.2151 |
| 67 | -0.9868 | -0.8721 | 0.1147 | -1.0457 | -0.0589 | -0.7081 | 0.2787 | 0.0964 | 0.1601 | 0.1767 |
| 68 | 0.3565 | -0.7899 | -1.1465 | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | 0.0822 | Excluded | Excluded |
| 69 | -1.3222 | -0.9694 | 0.3528 | -1.0958 | 0.2265 | Excluded | Excluded | 0.1116 | 0.1734 | Excluded |
| 70 | -0.8573 | -0.9371 | -0.0798 | -1.0717 | -0.2144 | -0.8565 | 0.0008 | 0.0975 | 0.1705 | 0.2164 |
| 71 | -1.4314 | -0.8705 | 0.5608 | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | 0.0842 | Excluded | Excluded |
| 72 | -1.4786 | 0.0172 | 1.4958 | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | 0.3877 | Excluded | Excluded |
| 73 | -0.0128 | -0.0204 | -0.0076 | -0.12 | -0.1071 | Excluded | Excluded | 0.2289 | 0.3469 | Excluded |
| 74 | -0.2279 | -0.2262 | 0.0017 | -0.3231 | -0.0953 | -0.352 | -0.1241 | 0.1659 | 0.2156 | 0.3855 |
| 75 | -0.3522 | -0.4193 | -0.0671 | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | Excluded | 0.2536 | Excluded | Excluded |
| 76 | -0.5276 | -0.4139 | 0.1137 | -0.3677 | 0.16 | -0.4883 | 0.0394 | 0.1256 | 0.1944 | 0.2298 |
| 77 | -0.5211 | -0.4714 | 0.0497 | -0.5855 | -0.0644 | -0.6472 | -0.126 | 0.1451 | 0.1207 | 0.1525 |
| 78 | -0.5888 | -0.424 | 0.1648 | -0.4202 | 0.1686 | -0.5782 | 0.0107 | 0.136 | 0.165 | 0.1737 |
| 79 | -0.7767 | -0.7721 | 0.0046 | -0.6319 | 0.1448 | -0.5997 | 0.177 | 0.0552 | 0.1183 | 0.1705 |

Table. 4 Internal and external validation parameters.

| MODEL | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{Q}^{2}{ }_{\text {loo }}$ | 0.08156 | 0.9395 | 0.9523 |
| $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{- Q}^{\mathbf{2}}{ }^{\text {loo }}$ | 0.0276 | 0.0164 | 0.0123 |
| $\mathbf{Q}^{2}$ LMo | 0.8094 | 0.9351 | 0.9489 |
| $\mathbf{R}^{2} \mathbf{Y s c r}$ | 0.0625 | 0.0855 | 0.0926 |
| $\mathbf{Q}^{2} \mathrm{Yscr}$ | -0.1029 | -0.1389 | -0.1513 |
| $\mathbf{R}^{2}{ }_{\text {Yrnd }}$ | 0.0617 | 0.0865 | 0.0905 |
| $\mathbf{Q}^{2} \mathrm{Yrnd}$ | -0.1041 | -1.384 | -0.154 |
| RMSE ${ }_{\text {ext }}$ | 0.4552 | 0.1628 | 0.0895 |
| MAEext | 0.2358 | 0.1215 | 0.0562 |
| PRESS $_{\text {ext }}$ | 2.9006 | 0.371 | 0.1041 |
| $\mathbf{R}^{2}$ ext | 0.341 | 0.8703 | 0.9703 |
| $\mathrm{CCC}_{\text {ext }}$ | 0.4299 | 0.8978 | 0.9738 |
| Q ${ }^{2}$-F1 | -1.2756 | 0.7968 | 0.942 |
| $\mathrm{Q}^{2}$-F2 | -2.0045 | 0.7953 | 0.9414 |
| Q ${ }^{2}$-F3 | 0.2357 | 0.8641 | 0.9443 |
| Avg. $\mathbf{r}^{2} \mathrm{~m}$ | 0.0614 | 0.7872 | 0.8489 |
| $\Delta \mathbf{r}^{2} \mathrm{~m}$ | 0.4738 | 0.1218 | 0.0429 |



Figure.2. Plot of experimental and predicted activities of the model 3.


Figure.3. Leverage plot (Williams graph) of the model 3.


Figure.4. Plot of internal validation by Leave One Out method for the model 3.


Figure.5. Plot of internal validation by Leave Many Out method for the model 3


Figure.6. Plot for the Y-scrambling for the model 3.


Figure 7. Y-scrambling by varying the descriptors for the model 3.

### 10.2. COMPOUNDS DESIGNED:

The novel 20 compounds designed were given in the table.2. These compounds were analysed for their physiochemical properties using Molinspiration software and provided in the table. 5 .

Table.5. Physiochemical properties of the designed compounds.

| Compound no. | $\log P$ | TPSA | natoms | Mol. <br> Wt. | nON | nOHNH | nRotb | Volume | No. of <br> H <br> bond <br> donors | No. of H bond acceptor | Molec <br> ular <br> Refrac <br> tivity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | 4.36 | 71.99 | 38 | 528.73 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 498.99 | 3 | 3 | 164.55 |
| 1 b | 5.42 | 65.52 | 34 | 511.48 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 434.25 | 3 | 3 | 146.15 |
| 1c | 5.47 | 65.52 | 34 | 511.48 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 434.25 | 3 | 3 | 146.15 |
| 1d | 5.51 | 65.52 | 34 | 511.48 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 434.25 | 3 | 3 | 146.15 |
| 1 e | 5.68 | 65.52 | 34 | 600.38 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 442.95 | 3 | 3 | 151.53 |
| 1f | 5.73 | 65.52 | 34 | 600.38 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 442.95 | 3 | 3 | 151.53 |
| 1 g | 5.78 | 65.52 | 34 | 600.38 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 442.95 | 3 | 3 | 151.53 |
| 1h | 4.04 | 105.97 | 34 | 474.97 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 423.21 | 5 | 5 | 140.18 |
| 1 i | 2.84 | 124.44 | 38 | 534.64 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 474.3 | 5 | 7 | 153.16 |
| 1 j | 3.57 | 91.8 | 30 | 422.51 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 370.31 | 3 | 5 | 120.67 |
| 2a | 3.82 | 89.06 | 38 | 512.66 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 490.11 | 3 | 4 | 157.35 |
| 2b | 4.88 | 82.59 | 34 | 495.41 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 425.37 | 3 | 4 | 138.95 |
| 2c | 4.92 | 82.59 | 34 | 495.41 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 425.37 | 3 | 4 | 138.95 |
| 2d | 4.97 | 82.59 | 34 | 495.41 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 425.37 | 3 | 4 | 138.95 |
| 2 e | 5.14 | 82.59 | 34 | 584.31 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 434.07 | 3 | 4 | 144.33 |
| 2f | 5.19 | 82.59 | 34 | 584.31 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 434.07 | 3 | 4 | 144.33 |
| 2 g | 5.24 | 82.59 | 34 | 584.31 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 434.07 | 3 | 4 | 144.33 |
| 2h | 3.5 | 123.04 | 34 | 458.52 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 414.33 | 5 | 6 | 132.98 |
| 2i | 2.29 | 141.51 | 38 | 518.57 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 465.43 | 5 | 8 | 145.96 |
| 2 j | 3.03 | 108.87 | 30 | 406.44 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 361.44 | 3 | 6 | 113.46 |

### 10.3. IN SILICO SCREENING RESULTS

- The Swiss ADME results were provided in the table.6. The ADME results from preADMET software were tabulated in the Table.7. The toxicity results were provided in the table. 8 .
- The compounds $1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 \mathrm{j}, 2 \mathrm{j}$ passed the Lipinski rule of five. Remaining compounds did not pass the Lipinski rule. They mostly violated the molecular weight > 500daltons. Most of compounds passed Veber and Egan rules.
- The Blood Brain Barrier penetration value ranges from 0.07 to 3.4. The standard donepezil shows the BBB value of 0.187 . So the compounds were found to penetrate efficiently into the BBB .
- All the compounds showed more than $90 \%$ of human intestinal absorption.
- All the compounds except 1 j and 2 j exhibited an inhibitor of Pgp glycoprotein. This Pgp glycoprotein regulates the intestinal absorption and urinary excretion.
- The compounds shows more than $84 \%$ of plasma protein binding. The compounds $1 \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{f}$, $1 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{e}, 2 \mathrm{f}, 2 \mathrm{~g}$ were found with more than $98 \%$ of plasma protein binding.
- The toxicity resulted in the class of 4 and 5 which denotes may or may not be harmful if swallowed.
- All the compounds showed inactive in mutagenicity, immunogenicity and cytotoxicity.
- Except 1a and 2a, compounds showed active in hepatotoxicity at the lethal dose of 1500 $2500 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$.

Table.6. Swiss ADME results for examining the passing of rules.

| Compound <br> no. | Lipinski <br> no. of <br> violations | Ghose no. <br> of <br> violations | Veber <br> no. of <br> violations | Egan no. <br> of <br> violations | Muegge <br> no. of <br> violations | Bioavailability <br> Score | Synthetic <br> Accessibility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.55 | 5.04 |
| 1b | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.17 | 4.55 |
| 1c | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.17 | 4.53 |
| 1d | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.17 | 4.5 |
| 1e | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.17 | 4.65 |
| 1f | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.17 | 4.61 |
| 1g | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.17 | 4.54 |
| 1h | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.55 | 4.55 |
| 1i | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.55 | 4.87 |


| 1 j | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.55 | 4.51 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 a | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.55 | 4.93 |
| 2 b | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.55 | 4.45 |
| 2 c | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.55 | 4.43 |
| 2 d | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.55 | 4.39 |
| 2 e | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.17 | 4.55 |
| 2 f | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.17 | 4.51 |
| 2 g | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.17 | 4.43 |
| 2 h | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.55 | 4.45 |
| 2 i | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.55 | 4.77 |
| 2 j | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.55 | 4.43 |

Table.7. ADME results of all the compounds designed using Pre ADMET software.

| Compoun d no. | 1a | 1b | 1c | 1d | 1e | 1f | 1 g | 1h | 1 i | 1j |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { AlogP98 } \\ \text { value } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 5.3875 | 6.3919 | 6.3919 | 6.3919 | 6.5599 | 6.5599 | 6.5599 | 4.5283 | 4.4955 | 3.6401 |
| AMolRef | 160.4953 | 141.2477 | 141.2477 | 141.2477 | 146.8837 | 146.8837 | 146.8837 | 135.0263 | 147.9527 | 116.2697 |
| BBB | 1.05107 | 2.81972 | 3.13952 | 2.93252 | 3.13912 | 3.4388 | 3.25281 | 0.24095 | 0.218408 | 0.074378 |
| Buffer solubility mgL | 18.0335 | 14.7251 | 16.6978 | 46.9071 | 2.96619 | 3.36356 | 9.44884 | 245.893 | 237.264 | 1284.36 |
| Caco2 | 28.7517 | 30.8004 | 29.4757 | 29.7181 | 33.6693 | 32.4796 | 32.6798 | 20.6125 | 20.659 | 22.3748 |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { CYP_2C1 } \\ 9 \\ \text { inhibition } \end{gathered}$ | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non |
| CYP_2C9 inhibition | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor |
| CYP_2D6 inhibition | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { CYP_2D6 } \\ & \text { substrate } \end{aligned}$ | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Substrate |
| CYP_3A4 inhibition | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Non |
| CYP_3A4 <br> substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Weakly | Weakly | Substrate |
| HIA | 96.19506 | 96.36896 | 96.36899 | 96.36899 | 96.60164 | 96.60166 | 96.60167 | 90.8658 | 90.01404 | 93.42031 |
| MDCK | 0.043502 | $\begin{gathered} 0.0447331 \\ * \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{6}^{0.0451931}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0435102 \\ * \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.0182319 \\ * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{*}{0.0183021}$ | $0.0180546$ | 0.047243 | 0.04344 | 0.064467 |
| Pgp inhibition | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Non |


| Plasma <br> Protein <br> Binding | 88.65461 | 93.67188 | 93.32756 | 94.28907 | 99.39824 | 99.63768 | 100 | 94.10524 | 84.40718 | 89.86259 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pure water <br> solubility <br> mgL | 0.026166 | 0.002158 | 0.001228 | 0.001109 | 0.000829 | 0.000472 | 0.000426 | 0.224748 | 0.055328 | 0.513331 |
| Skin <br> Permeabili <br> ty | -2.38822 | -2.65498 | -2.64505 | -2.66677 | -2.62376 | -2.62537 | -2.6213 | -3.23998 | -3.5566 | -3.7786 |
| Solvation <br> Free <br> Energy | 25.820 <br> $* *$ | 12.100000 <br> $* *$ | 12.100000 <br> $* *$ | -12.100000 <br> $* *$ | 13.100000 <br> $* *$ | 13.100000 <br> $* *$ | 13.100000 <br> $* *$ | 22.700000 <br> $* *$ | 25.540000 <br> $* *$ | 6.440000 <br> $* *$ |


| Compou <br> nd no. | 2a | 2b | 2c | 2d | 2e | 2f | 2g | 2h | $\mathbf{2 i}$ | $\mathbf{2 j}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AlogP98 <br> value | 5.3875 | 6.3919 | 6.3919 | 6.3919 | 6.5599 | 6.5599 | 6.5599 | 4.5283 | 4.4955 | 3.6401 |
| AMolRef | 160.4953 | 141.2477 | 141.2477 | 141.2477 | 146.8837 | 146.8837 | 146.8837 | 135.0263 | 147.9527 | 116.269 <br> 7 |
| BBB | 1.05107 | 2.81972 | 3.13952 | 2.93252 | 3.13912 | 3.4388 | 3.25281 | 0.24095 | 0.218408 | 0.07437 <br> 8 |
| Buffer <br> solubility <br> mgL | 18.0335 | 14.7251 | 16.6978 | 46.9071 | 2.96619 | 3.36356 | 9.44884 | 245.893 | 237.264 | 1284.36 |
| Caco2 | 28.7517 | 30.8004 | 29.4757 | 29.7181 | 33.6693 | 32.4796 | 32.6798 | 20.6125 | 20.659 | 22.3748 |
| CYP_2C <br> 19 <br> inhibition | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non |
| CYP_2C <br> 9 <br> inhibition | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor |


| $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { CYP_2D } \\ 6 \\ \text { inhibition } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { CYP_2D } \\ 6 \\ \text { substrate } \end{gathered}$ | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | Weakly | $\begin{gathered} \text { Substrat } \\ \mathrm{e} \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { CYP_3A } \\ 4 \\ \text { inhibition } \end{gathered}$ | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Non | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Non |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { CYP_3A } \\ 4 \\ \text { substrate } \end{gathered}$ | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Substrate | Weakly | Weakly | $\begin{gathered} \text { Substrat } \\ \mathrm{e} \end{gathered}$ |
| HIA | 96.19506 | 96.36896 | 96.36899 | 96.36899 | 96.60164 | 96.60166 | 96.60167 | 90.8658 | 90.01404 | $\begin{gathered} 93.4203 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| MDCK | 0.043502 | $\begin{gathered} 0.044733 \\ 1 * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.045193 \\ 1 * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.043510 \\ 2^{*} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.018231 \\ 9^{*} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.018302 \\ 1^{*} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.018054 \\ 6^{*} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.047243 | 0.04344 | $\begin{gathered} 0.06446 \\ 7 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Pgp inhibition | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Inhibitor | Non |
| Plasma Protein Binding | 88.65461 | 93.67188 | 93.32756 | 94.28907 | 99.39824 | 99.63768 | 100 | 94.10524 | 84.40718 | $\begin{gathered} 89.8625 \\ 9 \end{gathered}$ |
| Pure water solubility mgL | 0.026166 | 0.002158 | 0.001228 | 0.001109 | 0.000829 | 0.000472 | 0.000426 | 0.224748 | 0.055328 | $\begin{gathered} 0.51333 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| Skin Permeabi lity | -2.38822 | -2.65498 | -2.64505 | -2.66677 | -2.62376 | -2.62537 | -2.6213 | -3.23998 | -3.5566 | -3.7786 |
| Solvation <br> Free <br> Energy | $\begin{gathered} 25.82000 \\ 0 * * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $12.10000$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.10000 \\ 0 * * \end{gathered}$ | $12.10000$ $0^{* *}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.10000 \\ 0^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.10000 \\ 0 * * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.10000 \\ 0 * * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22.70000 \\ 0 * * \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25.54000 \\ 0^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $6.44000$ $0^{* *}$ |

Table.8. Toxicity predictions of all the compounds using PROTOX-II software.

| Compound No. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Predicted } \\ \mathbf{L D}_{50} \mathrm{Mg} \backslash K \mathrm{Kg} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Class Of <br> Toxicity | Hepato Toxicity | Carcino Genicity | Immuno Genicity | Muta Genicity | Cyto Toxicity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | 2500 | 5 | INACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1b | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1c | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1 d | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1 e | 1500 | 4 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1f | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1 g | 1500 | 4 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1h | 1500 | 4 | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1 i | 1000 | 4 | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 1 j | 1860 | 4 | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2a | 2500 | 5 | INACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2b | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2c | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2d | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2 e | 2000 | 4 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2f | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2 g | 1500 | 4 | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2h | 1500 | 4 | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2 i | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| 2 j | 2500 | 5 | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE | INACTIVE |
| Donepezil | 505 | 4 | INACTIVE | ACTIVE | ACTIVE | INACTIVE | ACTIVE |

### 10.4. QSAR RESULT FOR NOVEL COMPOUNDS:

The descriptors were generated for the 20 designed compounds using PADEL software. Then predicted activity was calculated using model 3. (Table. 9) The results obtained were compared with the predicted activity of the compounds used in the QSAR study and also the predicted activity of the standard donepezil. The predicted activity resulted in the range of -1.36 to -1.06 . The compounds $1 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{j}$, and 2 i exhibited $-1.3064,-1.3636,-1.3353$, and -1.2018 respectively as the predicted activity value in the model 3 . Thus these compounds shows good activity.

Table. 9 Predicted activity calculated using model 3 for the designed novel compounds.

| Compound <br> Name | nBr | ATSC6m | ATSC3i | MATS4e | nBase | Predicted Activity <br> (Model 3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | 0 | 625.84205 | -51.832613 | -0.0078397 | 1 | -1.0708881 |
| 1b | 0 | -659.23401 | -36.001241 | -0.0284933 | 1 | -1.077619 |
| 1c | 0 | -906.68731 | -38.951103 | -0.0498585 | 1 | -1.0497542 |
| 1d | 0 | -72.142209 | -38.951103 | -0.0811375 | 1 | -1.1605997 |
| 1e | 2 | -1880.6691 | -30.389263 | -0.0206806 | 1 | -1.1289626 |
| 1f | 2 | -2326.5688 | -38.734764 | -0.0439669 | 1 | -1.0430077 |
| gg | 2 | 68.874231 | -38.734764 | -0.0712018 | 1 | -1.3064016 |
| 1h | 0 | -143.46805 | -43.875088 | -0.0204115 | 1 | -1.0638519 |
| 1i | 0 | -209.09382 | -42.2832 | -0.1047833 | 1 | -1.1429537 |
| 1j | 0 | -141.41035 | -22.775256 | -0.1200234 | 1 | -1.3074266 |
| 2a | 0 | 711.20487 | -41.178983 | 0.0546853 | 1 | -1.1035081 |
| 2b | 0 | -296.67749 | -26.120249 | 0.0241219 | 1 | -1.1409188 |
| 2c | 0 | -553.66825 | -29.070111 | 0.0126975 | 1 | -1.1033951 |
| 2d | 0 | 242.72699 | -29.070111 | -0.0127495 | 1 | -1.2053186 |
| 2e | 2 | -1269.7916 | -20.110447 | 0.0418849 | 1 | -1.2113249 |
| 2f | 2 | -1737.5388 | -28.455948 | 0.0287311 | 1 | -1.1143123 |
| 2g | 2 | 570.51472 | -28.455948 | 0.0075466 | 1 | -1.3636689 |
| 2h | 0 | 63.38124 | -34.085953 | 0.023075 | 1 | -1.1188953 |
| 2i | 0 | -1.9947257 | -31.966928 | -0.0612063 | 1 | -1.2018436 |
| 2j | 0 | 101.6298 | -15.00386 | -0.0585098 | 1 | -1.3353714 |
| Donepezil | 0 | -645.05935 | -24.83885 | -0.03012158 | 1 | -1.16306 |

### 10.5. DOCKING RESULTS:

20 ligands was docked against the acetylcholinesterase enzyme. The enzyme 4EY7 obtained from PDB is prepared by the procedure as discussed above. Also, the ligands were prepared for docking. The docking using the Autodock 1.5.6 software was carried out. The binding energy by ranking along with the ligand efficiency, inhibition constant, intermolecular energy, desolvation, electrostatic, torsional, and total internal energies of the ranked docking pose. All these energies were recorded for the best fit of the model for all the 20 compounds (Table. 10). The binding energies of the compounds ranged between -8.56 to $-3.2 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The compound 1 j shows the highest binding energy of $-8.5 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The compounds $2 \mathrm{a}, 2 \mathrm{~b}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{~d}$, and 2 f exhibited the best binding energies of $-8.28,-8.17,-8.07,-8.38$, and $-8.56 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ respectively. These compounds $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{e}$, and 1f shows more inhibition constant value of $728.45,327.84,210.31$, and 221.54 respectively. The ligand efficiency of the compounds ranges from -0.28 to 29.77. The compound 1a with maximum inhibition constant binds AchE with the binding energy of $-4.28 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$.

The interactions between the target AchE and the ligands visualized by BIOVIA Discovery Studio were recorded in the table 11. The interactions with the acetylcholinesterase were based on two main positions in the gorge of the target. The positions include the catalytic anionic site (CAS) and the peripheral anionic site (PAS). [48-51] (Figure. 8). The amino acids TRP 286, TYR 72, TYR 341, ASP 494, ASP 320, ASP 74, ASN 283, ASN 317, ASN 533, ASN 283, GLN 291, GLN 361, and GLN 527 constitute the anionic gorge at the peripheral position. The TRP 286 residue is attached with the ligands $1 \mathrm{c}, 1 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{a}, 2 \mathrm{~b}, 2 \mathrm{c}, 2 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{~h}$, and 2 g through stacking interaction of the pi bond, whereas in compounds $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{e}, 1 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{i}$, and 1 j bonded through Vander Waals interaction. The compounds $2 \mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{~h}, 2 \mathrm{i}, 2 \mathrm{j}$, and 1 d were bonded to TYR 72 and TYR 341 through van der Waals interaction. The residues TYR 72 by vander waals and TYR 341 by stacking pi bonds to the ligands $1 \mathrm{a}, 2 \mathrm{~b}$, and 2 c were observed. The aspartic acid and the asparagine residues were bonded by either van der Waals or hydrogen bonding. The GLN 291 residue is bonded by van der Waals interaction with the ligands $1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{c}, 1 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{a}, 2 \mathrm{~d}$, and 2 j . Most of the compounds that are involved in the PAS binding region were exhibited around the nitrogen atoms of the benzamide and the carbazide moieties of the compounds. The catalytic anionic site residues namely SER 293, HIS 287, and GLU 292 were bonded to the compounds $1 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{j}$, and 2 i by van der Waals interaction. This CAS binding is exhibited by the piperidone nucleus with the AchE. The binding of both CAS and PAS increases the ligand specificity. This kind of dual binding capacity is present in the
compounds $1 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{j}$, and 2 i (Figure. 9 -12) which shows binding energies of $-5.69,-7.2,-6.54$, and $-6.54 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ respectively. [49-52]

Table.10. Docking results of all the compounds using Autodock 4.0 software.

| Compound name | Binding energy (kcal/m ol) | Ligand efficiency | Inhibition constant ( $\mu \mathrm{m}$ ) | Intermolecular energy | Desolvation energy | Electro -static energy | Total internal energy | Torsional energy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | -4.28 | -0.11 | 728.45 | -6.67 | -6.28 | -0.38 | 2.32 | 2.39 |
| 1b | -6.17 | 29.77 | -7.96 | -7.96 | -7.48 | -0.48 | -1.52 | 1.79 |
| 1c | -5.24 | -0.15 | 143.37 | -7.03 | -6.41 | -0.63 | -2.61 | 1.79 |
| 1d | -4.75 | -0.14 | 327.84 | -6.54 | -5.9 | -0.64 | -2.55 | 1.79 |
| 1e | -5.02 | -0.15 | 210.31 | -6.81 | -6.26 | -0.54 | -2.46 | 1.79 |
| 1f | -4.99 | -0.15 | 221.54 | -6.78 | 5.73 | -1.04 | -1.42 | 1.79 |
| 1 g | -5.69 | -0.17 | 67.42 | -7.48 | -6.91 | -0.57 | -2.55 | 1.79 |
| 1h | -3.99 | -0.12 | 1.19 | -6.38 | -5.43 | -0.95 | -4.15 | 2.39 |
| 1i | -3.2 | -0.08 | 4.5 | -6.18 | -6.01 | -0.18 | 2.97 | 2.98 |
| 1j | -8.5 | -0.28 | 591.16 nM | -10.29 | -9.83 | -0.46 | -2.74 | 1.79 |
| 2a | -8.28 | -0.22 | 852.53 nM | -10.07 | -9.32 | -0.75 | -1.26 | 1.79 |
| 2b | -8.17 | -0.24 | 1.02 | -9.37 | -8.74 | -0.62 | -2.07 | 1.19 |
| 2c | -8.07 | -0.24 | 1.22 | -9.26 | -8.66 | -0.61 | -1.08 | 1.19 |
| 2d | -8.38 | -0.25 | 714.15 nM | -9.58 | -8.94 | -0.64 | -0.6 | 1.19 |
| 2e | -5.04 | -0.15 | 200.72 | -6.24 | -5.83 | -0.4 | -2.54 | 1.19 |
| 2f | -8.56 | -0.25 | 535.56 nM | -9.75 | -8.94 | -0.81 | -1.17 | 1.19 |
| 2 g | -7.2 | -0.21 | 5.29 | -8.99 | -8.37 | -0.62 | -2.65 | 1.79 |
| 2h | -7.54 | -0.22 | 2.96 | -9.33 | -8.59 | -0.75 | -1.98 | 1.79 |
| 2 i | -6.54 | -0.17 | 16.04 | -8.93 | -8.16 | -0.77 | -2.42 | 2.39 |
| 2j | -6.54 | -0.22 | 16.18 | -7.73 | -7.17 | -0.56 | -1.9 | 1.19 |
| Donepezil | -5.72 | -0.2 | 64.25 | -7.51 | -7.51 | 0 | -1.92 | 1.79 |

Table.11. Docking interaction results of all the compounds using Biovia Discovery Studio 19.1.0 software.

| COMPOUND <br> NAME | VAN DER WAALS | CONVENTIONAL <br> HYDROGEN <br> BOND | CARBON <br> HYDROGEN <br> BOND | STACKED <br> INTERACTION | OTHERS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| DONEPEZIL | VAL A:294, ARG <br> A:296, PHE A:297, <br> TYR A:124, HIS <br> A:447, GLY A:448, |  | TYR A:72, | TRP A:86 | TRP A:286, <br> TYR A:341, <br> PHE A:338, <br> TYR A:337 |


|  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { GLU A:202, SER } \\ \text { A:203, GLY A:121 } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | GLN A:291, TRP <br> A:286, ASN A:283, <br> TYR A:72, VAL <br> A:340, GLY A:342 |  | LEU A:289, <br> VAL A:282 | TYR A:341 | LEU A:76, GLU A:292, HIS A:287 |
| 1b | SER A:371, ARG A:296, PRO A:368, TRP A:532, GLU A:313 | GLN A:369 |  |  | LEU A:540, VAL A:370, HIS A:405, PRO A:235, PRO A:537, LEU A:536 |
| 1c | GLN B:291, SER B:293, TYR B:341, VAL B:94, TYR B:7, LEU B:76, GLY B:342, PRO B:344 |  |  | TRP B:286 | GLU B:292, <br> LEU B:289 |
| 1d | TYR B:12, TYR B:72, THR B:75, GLY B:342, VAL B:340, LEU B:76, SER B:293, GLU B:292, GLN B:291, VAL B:294, PHE B:295, PHE B:297 | TYR B:341 |  | TRP B:286 | LEU B:289, <br> PHE B:338 |
| 1 e | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { TRP B:286, HIS } \\ \text { B:287, LEU B:289, } \\ \text { ALA B:361, PRO } \\ \text { B:290 } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | GLN B:291 |  |  | GLU B:292, VAL B:365, ARG B:364 |
| 1f | ASN A:317, THR A:311, VAL A:303, GLU A:243, GLY A:242, THR A:238, PRO A:235 | MET A:241 | GLY A:240 |  | GLU A:313, <br> ALA A:314 |
| 1 g | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PRO A:290, GLU } \\ & \text { A:292, GLN A:291, } \\ & \text { TYR A:341, SER } \\ & \text { A:293 } \end{aligned}$ | LEU A:289 | HIS A:287 |  |  |
| 1h | LEU A:518, LEU A:515, PRO A:498, TYR A:479, ASP A:494 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GLU A:491, ARG } \\ & \text { A:478 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | PRO A:492, PRO A:517, ARG A:475 |


| 1 i | HIS A:322, PHE A:321, LEU A:213, GLY A:319, PRO A:216, LEU A:214 | ASP A:320 | ARG A:219, <br> GLY A:220 |  | ALA A:318, LEU A:315 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 j | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GLN B:527, GLY } \\ & \text { B:523, TYR B:510, } \\ & \text { LYS B:332, VAL } \\ & \text { B:331, VAL B:330, } \\ & \text { LEU B:524, GLU } \\ & \text { B:431 } \end{aligned}$ | ARG B:525, ARG <br> B:522, ARG B:521 |  |  | VAL B:429, VAL B:408, ALA B:526, LEU B:386 |
| 2a | PHE A:297, PHE A:338, PHE A:295, VAL A:294, ARG A:296, GLN A:291, LEU A:289, HIS A:287, GLY A:342, PHE A:346, VAL A:340, SER A:347, TYR A:77, TYR A:124 | SER A:293 | TYR A:124 |  | GLY A:292, <br> TRP A:286, <br> TYR A:341, <br> LEU A:76 |
| 2b | VAL B:340, LEU B:76, TYR B:72, PHE B:297, PHE B:338, PHE B:295, ARG B:296, LEU B:289, GLU B:292, SER B:293, GLY B:342 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TYR B:124, TRP } \\ & \text { B:286, TYR } \\ & \text { B:341 } \end{aligned}$ | VAL B:294 |
| 2c | PHE B:297, PHE B:295, TYR B:124, TYR B:72, ALA B:343, PHE B:346, VAL B:340, GLY B:342 |  |  | TRP B:286 | LEU B:289, TY B:341, LEU B:76 |
| 2d | LEU B:76, SER B:293, GLU B:292, GLN B:291, VAL B:294, PHE B:295, PHE B:297, TYR B:124, TYR Bl72, GLY B:342, THR B:75, VAL B:340 | TYR B:341 |  | TRP B:286 | LEU B:289 |
| 2 e | ARG A:296, VAL A:370, PRO Al235, HIS A:405, TRP A:532, GLU A:313, ASN A:533 |  |  |  | LEU A:540, <br> LEU A:536, <br> PRO A:537 |


| 2 f | GLY B:342, TYR B:341, VAL B:294, PHE B:346, SER B:347, LEU B:76, GLU B:292, TYR B:77, VAL B:340 | SER B:293 |  | TRP B:286 | LEU B:289 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 g | GLY A:342, TYR A:341, VAL A:294, ARG A:296, PHE A:295, SER A:293, HIS A:287, LEU A:289, GLU A:292, TYR A:72, ASP A:74 | THR A:75 |  | TRP A:286 | LEU A:76 |
| 2h | PHE B:338, PHE B:297, PHE B:295, VAL B:294, LEU B:289, GLU B:292, TYR B:72, GLY B:342, LEU B:76, VAL B:340 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TYR B:341, ARG } \\ & \text { B:296 } \end{aligned}$ |  | TRP B:286 | SER B:293 |
| 2 i | PRO A:344, VAL A:340 TRP A:286, LEU A:289, HIS A:287, GLU A:292, VAL A:294, TYR A:72 | PHE A:346, GLY A:342, THR A:75, TYR A:341, SER A:293 | ALA A:343 |  | LEU A:76 |
| 2 j | ASN A:283, VAL A:282, TYR A:72, HIS A:287, TYR A:341, PHE A:295, SER A:293, ARG A:296, GLU A:292 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GLN A:291, } \\ & \text { TRP A:286 } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LEU A:289, } \\ & \text { VAL A:294 } \end{aligned}$ |



Figure 8. Interaction between standard donepezil and the acetylcholinesterase enzyme (PDB ID: 4EY7)


Figure 9. Interaction between compound 1 g and the acetylcholinesterase enzyme (PDB ID:
4EY7)


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Pi-Pi Stacked
``` Pi-Alkyl

Figure 10. Interaction between compound 2 g and the acetylcholinesterase enzyme (PDB ID: 4EY7)


Figure 11. Interaction between compound 2 j and the acetylcholinesterase enzyme (PDB ID: 4EY7)


Interactions
\(\begin{array}{lll}\square \text { van der Waals } & \square \text { Carbon Hydrogen Bond } \\ \text { Conventional Hydrogen Bond } & \square & \text { Pi-Alkyl }\end{array}\)

Figure 12. Interaction between compound \(2 i\) and the acetylcholinesterase enzyme (PDB ID: 4EY7)

\subsection*{10.6. SYNTHESIS:}

The synthesis of \(1 \mathrm{a}, 1 \mathrm{~b}, 1 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{i}\), and 1 h compounds were carried out by the conventional procedure given in the scheme.1. All the chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich in an analytical grade. Compounds contain benzamide fused with the 4 -piperidone linked by thiosemicarbazide. The compounds produced a yield in the range of \(72-91 \%\) (table.12). The products formed were confirmed by TLC. The \(\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}\) values were given in the table. 12. All the 5 compounds were characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy. The compounds 1a, 1d, 1i, and 1h were analyzed by \({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\) and \({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\) NMR spectroscopy. The compound 1 d and 1 i was confirmed by MASS spectroscopy.

Table.12. Properties of the synthesized compounds.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Compound no} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Yield \%} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Melting point \({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\)} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\(\mathbf{R f}_{\text {f }}\)} & \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{Solubility} \\
\hline & & & & Water & Ethanol & DMSO & Ether & Chloroform \\
\hline 1a & 78 & 252-263 & 0.63 & - & + & ++ & + & ++ \\
\hline 1b & 72 & 235-248 & 0.71 & - & + & ++ & + & ++ \\
\hline 1d & 91 & 245-267 & 0.82 & - & + & ++ & + & ++ \\
\hline 1h & 85 & 238-251 & 0.73 & - & + & ++ & + & ++ \\
\hline 1 i & 89 & 249-265 & 0.72 & - & + & ++ & + & ++ \\
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\end{tabular}

Insoluble, + partially soluble, ++ soluble

\subsection*{10.7. CHARACTERISATION OF SYNTHESIZED COMPOUNDS:}

Characterization of 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-3-methylpiperidin-4-ylidene]amino\}thiourea (1a)

Yield \(78 \%\), brown solid, FTIR (KBr, \(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\) ) 3371 (-NH Stretching), 3150.20 (=C-H str, Aromatic), 1669.72 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}\) Amide), 1585.86 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}\) Aromatic), 1223.43 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}\) ), 1062.25 (C-N Stretching), 816.27 (C-H bending)

Characterization of 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino\}thiourea (1b)

Yield \(72 \%\), white solid, FTIR ( \(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\) ) 3375.12 (-NH Stretching), 3169.77 (=C-H str, Aromatic), 1652.95 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}\) Amide), 1534.62 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}\) Aromatic), 1263.50 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}\) ), 1107.90 ( \(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}\) Stretching), 828.39 (C-H bending), \(748.26(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl})\)

Characterization of 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino\}thiourea (1d)

Yield \(91 \%\), yellow solid, FTIR ( \(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\) ) 3279.7 ( -NH Stretching), 3162.31 (=C-H str, Aromatic), 2979.70 ( \(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}\) Stretching), 1718.17 (C=O Amide), 1597.04 ( \(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}\) bending), 1283.06 \((\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}), 815.34\left(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}\right.\) bending), \(679(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Cl}) \mathrm{M}^{+}\)peak for \(\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{OS}\) is found 511.28.

Characterization of 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4ylidene]amino\}thiourea (1h)

Yield \(85 \%\), white solid, FTIR (KBr, \(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\) ) 3441.82 (O-H Stretching), 3317.91 (-NH Stretching), 3157.36 (=C-H str, Aromatic), 2987.15 (C-H Stretching), 1619.41 (C=O Amide), 1265.36 (C=S), 1112.56 (C-N Stretching), 828.39 (C-H bending), 749.19 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}\) bending)

Characterization of 1-benzoyl-3-\{[(4Z)-2,6-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylpiperidin-4-ylidene]amino\}thiourea (1i)

Yield \(89 \%\), reddish orange solid, FTIR ( \(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\) ) 3433.44 (O-H Stretching), 3153 (=C-H str, Aromatic), 2967.59 (C-H Stretching), 1653.88 (C=O Amide), 1596.12 ( \(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}\) Stretching), 1273.74 \((\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}), 1025.91\) (C-O Stretching), 814.41 (C-H bending) \(\mathrm{M}^{+}\)peak for \(\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{OS}\) is found 534.18.

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IR SPECTRUM - COMPOUND 1b


IR SPECTRUM - COMPOUND 1d


IR SPECTRUM - COMPOUND 1h


IR SPECTRUM - COMPOUND 1i


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