

Abstract:-

The rate of glycine conjugation (M, n mol/mg protein) of series of benzoic acid derivatives in rat liver ($\log M_{liv}$) and kidney ($\log M_{kid}$) was modeled using a set of molecular descriptors including distance-based topological indices. Simple as well as multiple regression were performed to generate the equations (models) that relates the structural features (molecular descriptors/ topological indices) to biological activities: $\log M_{liv}$ and $\log M_{kid}$. The regression analysis indicated that the best model for

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prediction of the rate of glycine conjugation is obtained in multiparametric regression, which included the indicator parameters. The results are critically discussed using cross-validated parameters.

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INTRODUCTION

The amino acid glycine is utilized in mammalian systems to conjugate carboxylic acid particularly aromatic acids. Glycine conjugation is common to most mammals. The quantity of glycine conjugation formed from xenobiotics is quite small because of limited availability of glycine in the body and the substrate is activated with ATP and Coenzyme-A to form an acyl Coenzyme-A complex.

The later intermediate in turn acylates glycine under the influence of specific glycine N-acyl transferase enzymes. The activation and acylation steps take place in the mitochondria of liver and kidney cells. Amino acid conjugation being polar and water soluble, is mainly excreted renally and sometime in the bile. Aromatic acids are the major substrates undergoing glycine conjugation. The conversion of benzoic acid to its glycine conjugate, hippuric acid is a well known metabolic reaction. Many drugs are also susceptible to glycine conjugation. It is worthy to mention that metabolism plays a central role in the elimination of other foreign compounds from the body.

At this stage it is important to mention that conjugation with glycine proceeds through ATP dependent coupling of carboxylic acid with coenzyme (Co-A). Therefore, chemicals that form Co-A esters may interfere with glycine conjugation, the conjugation of aromatic carboxylic acid, such as benzoic acid and its nuclear substituted derivatives, which are the best candidates to be investigated for the purpose of glycine conjugation.

Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship (QSAR) studies are now a day applied in drug designing¹⁻¹⁰. The primary aim of such a study is the optimization between physiological and structure of a series of organic compounds acting as drugs. This is more conveniently performed by variation in the substitution pattern. According to Hansch methodology, hydrophobic, and steric parameters of the substituents are the main parameters used in QSAR studies⁶. Consequently, Hansch methodology does not give 1:1 correlation between structure and activity. The use of topological methods proved to be more promising as it used topological indices, which are considered as numerical representation of molecular structure. Thus, topological drug designing provides 1:1 correlation between structure and activity⁷⁻⁹. Our earlier studies have shown that distance based topological indices are better for this purpose. In addition, we have observed that some combination of topological indices with other molecular descriptors can also be used successfully in QSAR studies¹⁰⁻¹¹.

In view of the above we have undertaken the present study in that relationship between the chemical structure and glycine conjugation of benzoic acid derivatives (Table 1) in the rate of liver (log M_{liv}) and kidney (log M_{kid}) mitochondria have been investigated. Here, M_{liv} and M_{kid} represent the rate of glycine conjugation in liver and kidney respectively. These quantities are adopted from literature¹² and the results as discussed below show that both log M_{liv} and log M_{kid} can be modeled excellently in multi-parametric regression analysis¹³⁻¹⁵ using topological indices in combination with some indicator parameters.

EXPERIMENTAL:-

Activity data : Both log M_{liv} and log M_{kid} data have been taken from the literature.

Topological Indices : All the topological indices were calculated from the hydrogen suppressed graphs in that all the carbon-hydrogen as well as hetero atom-hydrogen bonds were deleted from the molecular structure. The calculations of these indices are well documented in the literature and thus they are not mentioned here. The details of calculations of Wiener index (W), First-order connectivity index (¹X), Balaban index (J), Szeged index (Sz), log (RB) and W* are given in references.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION :-

The structural details of benzoic acid derivatives with adopted values of log M_{liv} and log M_{kid} and assumed indicator parameters are given in Table 1. The indicator parameters I_{p1}, I_{p2} and I_{p3} account for the substitution at 3-position, 4-position and di-substitution respectively. The indicator parameters assume only two values i.e. 1 (one) when the structural features are present in the molecule and 0 (zero) when these are absent. On the basis of log M_{liv} and log M_{kid} values the following sequence of rate of glycine conjugation of benzoic acid derivatives have been used.

Table -1
compounds use in present study with their log Mkid and log Mliv values and indicator values.

S.No.	Compounds	log Mkid	log Mliv	lp ₁	lp ₂	lp ₃
1	Benzoic acid	1.44	1.28	0	0	0
2	4-Cl Benzoic acid	1.57	1.59	0	1	0
3	4-CN Benzoic acid	1.27	0.62	0	1	0
4	4-NO ₂ Benzoic acid	1.02	0.79	0	1	0
5	4-NH ₂ Benzoic acid	0.79	0.59	0	1	0
6	4-NH ₂ COCH ₃ Benzoic acid	-0.64	-0.08	0	1	0
7	4-N(CH ₃) ₂ Benzoic acid	0.08	0.17	0	1	0
8	4-CH ₃ Benzoic acid	1.49	1.56	0	1	0
9	4-CH ₃ O Benzoic acid	1.00	1.09	0	1	0
10	4-OCH ₂ CH ₃ Benzoic acid	.089	0.92	0	1	0
11	3-Cl Benzoic acid	1.79	1.57	1	0	0
12	3-CN Benzoic acid	0.95	0.69	1	0	0
13	3-NO ₂ Benzoic acid	1.23	0.73	1	0	0
14	3-NH ₂ Benzoic acid	1.45	0.76	1	0	0
15	3-NHCOCH ₃ Benzoic acid	-0.10	-0.29	1	1	0
16	3-N(CH ₃) ₂ Benzoic acid	0.45	0.20	1	0	0
17	3-CH ₃ Benzoic acid	1.83	1.71	1	0	0
18	3-OCH ₃ Benzoic acid	1.35	1.34	1	0	1
19	3OCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ 4NH ₂ Benzoic acid	-0.20	0.23	1	0	1
20	3-OH,4-OCH ₃ Benzoic acid	0.79	0.46	0	0	1
21	3-OH, 4- NO ₂ Benzoic acid	0.61	0.81	0	0	1
22	3-NO ₂ ,4-Cl Benzoic acid	0.06	-0.16	1	0	1

TABLE -2
Values of topological indices calculated for the compounds used.

Compounds	W	¹ X	J	Sz	log(RB)	w*
1	88	4.3045	2.2283	142	27.6625	176
2	120	4.6983	2.2599	192	37.8252	262
3	162	5.2363	2.2427	252	50.7812	290
4	206	5.6090	2.2952	314	64.4304	521
5	120	4.6983	2.2599	192	37.8252	262
6	270	6.0922	2.2243	396	82.8339	755
7	206	5.6090	2.2951	314	64.4304	521
8	120	4.6983	2.2599	192	37.8252	262
9	162	5.2363	2.2427	252	50.7812	390
10	215	5.7363	2.2007	323	66.4610	571
11	117	4.6983	2.3198	186	37.2474	245
12	156	5.2363	2.3303	240	49.7028	353
13	197	5.6090	2.4023	296	62.8613	464
14	117	4.6983	2.3198	186	37.2374	245
15	258	6.0922	2.3288	372	80.9131	672
16	206	5.7363	2.2978	305	64.9614	511
17	117	4.6983	2.3198	186	37.2374	245
18	156	5.2363	2.3303	240	49.7028	353
19	400	7.1470	2.3239	552	121.8034	1192
20	152	5.1090	2.3956	240	48.4988	337
21	198	5.6470	2.4027	305	62.8411	475
22	246	6.0197	2.4648	372	77.8765	616

Table -3
correlation matrix for inter correlation of molecular descriptors and correlation with the activity.

	logM _{kid}	logM _{liv}	W	¹ X	J	Sz	Log (RB)	W*	Ip ₁	Ip ₂	Ip ₃
logM _{kid}	1.0000										
logM _{liv}	0.8984	1.0000									
W	-0.7777	-0.6453	1.0000								
¹ X	-0.7656	-0.6583	0.9871	1.0000							
J	-0.0298	-0.1196	0.2574	0.3211	1.0000						
Sz	-0.6053	-0.4794	0.9096	0.9183	0.4679	1.0000					
Log (RB)	-0.7731	-0.6480	0.9993	0.9911	0.2899	0.9186	1.0000				
W*	-0.7839	-0.6197	0.9912	0.9640	0.1889	0.8778	0.9869	1.0000			
Ip ₁	-0.0086	-0.1477	0.1683	0.1794	0.3119	0.0440	0.1763	0.1660	1.0000		
Ip ₂	-0.2007	-0.1203	0.0004	-0.0203	-0.6227	-0.0658	-0.0150	0.0119	-0.5924	1.0000	
Ip ₃	-0.5143	-0.3701	0.5825	0.5723	0.5612	0.6498	0.5901	0.5646	-0.1216	-0.3214	1.0000

CONCLUSIONS :-

The objective of present study was to investigate the role of distance- based topological indices in modeling log M_{kid} and log M_{liv} i.e. to investigate the role of glycine conjugation. The result have shown that the distance- based topological indices used play positive role in this respect. That is, increase in the magnitude of the distance- based topological indices also increases the rate approaching of Co-A and glycine.

The W and Sz indices in particular accounts for the size, shape and branching and Sz index in addition accounts for the cyclic nature of the compound used. In fact Sz is considered as the modification of W index for cyclic compounds. Thus, all these factors viz. cyclic nature and acyclic branching account for the increase in the glycine conjugation of the benzoic acid used. The result, therefore, indicate that the rate of glycine conjugation of the substituted benzoic acids in the rate liver and kidney mitochondria depends upon size, shape, branching and cyclic nature of the benzoic acid used. Thus the size of the benzoic acid moiety and the benzene ring are the two main parameters, which have dominant effect on the rate of glycine conjugation.

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