

COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS, SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NOVEL 1, 4-DISUBSTITUED PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES

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Abstract: In this study, new entities of 1, 4-substitued piperazine derivatives were synthesized in good yields (60-89%). Scheme1 synthesis of Piperazine derivative compounds of 1-Piperazino-2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl)-1-ethanone was added to the P-Substitued Sulfonyl Chloride Derivatives forms the final products of 2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) Piperazine Substitued Sulfonyl Derivatives. Scheme2 synthesis of Piperazine and 1,3-Dioxane derivative compounds of 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-9-((2-(piperazin-1-yl)-1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) methyl)-5H-carbazole was added to the P-substitued Sulfonyl Chlorides forms the final products of 2-((5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl) 1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) substituted Sulfonyl Derivatives. All the Synthesized compound derivatives were purified by appropriate solvents and characterized by Melting Point, TLC, IR and NMR (¹H & ¹³C) spectroscopy. Synthesized derivative compounds against 1EVE, 2BU8 molecular docking simulation was carried out with AUTODOCK VINA and Insilco ADMET Prediction Procedures. The results of docking study revealed that the binding profile for synthesized derivative compounds M₄, M₅, M₆, M₇, and K₆ was found significant interactions with Donepezil due to hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions like π - π Stacking interaction and π -alkyl stacking interactions with catalytic active site (CAS) of 1EVE. M₆, K₁, K₄, K₅, K₆ and K₇ was found significant interactions with Piperazine Analogue due to hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions like π -sigma Stacking interaction, π -alkyl stacking interactions and alkyl stacking interactions with CAS of 1BU8. The predicted ADMET properties revealed that all compounds fulfil drug-like criteria and could be considered as good candidate for drug development. All the synthesized compound derivatives have Standard Drug (Donepezil) like ADMET properties.

Index Terms -1, 4-substitued piperazine derivatives, 1,3-Dioxane derivative compounds, 1-Piperazino-2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl)-1-ethanone, P-Substitued Sulfonyl Chloride Derivatives, 2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) Piperazine Substitued Sulfonyl Derivatives, 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-9-((2-(piperazin-1-yl)-1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) methyl)-5H-carbazole, 2-((5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl) 1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) substituted Sulfonyl Derivatives, 1EVE, 2BU8, Insilco ADMET Prediction, hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions, π - π Stacking interaction, π -alkyl stacking interactions, catalytic active site (CAS), π -sigma Stacking interaction, π -alkyl stacking interactions and alkyl stacking interactions.

I. INTRODUCTION

Piperazine (Figure 1) was used early in the 20th century for the treatment of gout. Giroud discovered the anthelmintic activity of piperazine, synthesized by Cloez in 1853, fortuitously in 1942. The same effect was observed by Biosmare in 1948 and conformed by Bayared in 1949.¹ Piperazine is a six member cyclic secondary diamine with the nitrogen in the 1, 4 - position. It can also be called diethelenediamine for convenience its molecular formula can be written C₄H₁₀N₂. Piperazines and substituted piperazines are important pharmacophores that can be found in many marketed drugs, such as the Merck HIV protease inhibitor Crixivan³, and drugs under development. Piperazinyl-linked ciprofloxacin dimers reported as potent antibacterial agents against resistant strains, a novel class of mixed D2/D4 receptor antagonists, dual calcium antagonist, and potential antipsychotics.⁴

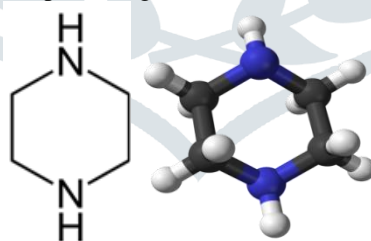


Figure 1

Dioxolane (Figure 2) is a heterocyclic acetal with the chemical formula (CH₂)₂O₂CH₂. It is related to tetrahydrofuran by interchange of one oxygen for a CH₂ group. The corresponding saturated 6-membered C₄O₂ rings are called dioxanes. The isomeric 1,2-dioxolane (where in the two oxygen centers are adjacent) is peroxide. 1,3-Dioxolane is used as a solvent and as a comonomer in polyacetals.⁵ The perfluorinated bis(dioxolane) has been used as a ¹⁹F NMR imaging agent for tumors. The long-chain dioxolane inhibits leukotriene-B4 production in tumor cells and is an inhibitor of 5-lipoxygenase.⁶ Benzodioxole-2,2-dicarboxylates and the corresponding dimethyl esters are effective anti-obesity agents. Spiro dioxolanes and oxathiolanes have been patented for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.⁷ The benzodioxole-2-thione has been used for the treatment of liver disease. A variety of simple benzodioxole-2-carboxylic acid derivatives have been examined in detail as diuretic and uricosuric agents. Dioxolane sulfamates are useful as anticonvulsants.⁸ The different possible enantiomers and diastereomers of the dioxolane, oxathiolane, and its S-oxides have been separated and evaluated for their cholinergic agonist activity.⁹ The bicyclic dioxolane has central nervous system (CNS) activity.¹⁰ A series of 2-benzofuryl-4-aminomethyl-1,3-dioxolanes affect the cardiovascular system and offer protection against fibrillation, arrhythmia, and angina. The methylenedioxyphenyl pyrrolidinone inhibits blood platelet aggregation.¹¹

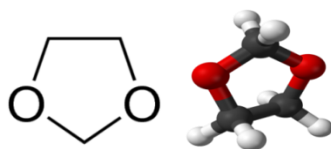


Figure 2

Docking (Figure 3) is an attempt to find the best matching between two molecules. Docking is a method which predicts the preferred orientation of one ligand when bound in an active site to form a stable complex. Lock and key finding the correct relative orientation of the “key” which will open up the “lock”. On the surface of the lock is the key hole in the direction to turn the key after it is inserted. The protein can be thought of the “lock” and the ligand can be thought of as a “key”. To achieve an optimized conformation for both receptor and ligand and the relative orientation between protein and ligand such that the free energy of the overall system is minimized. Successful docking methods search high dimensional spaces effectively and use a scoring function that correctly ranks candidate dockings.¹²

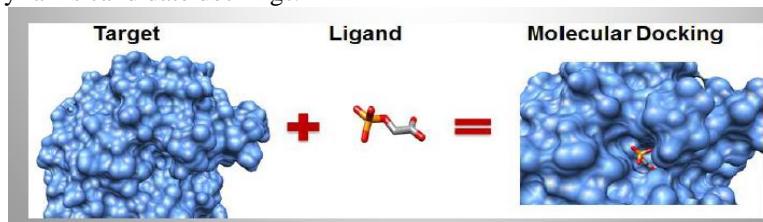


Figure 3

E2020 (Figure 4) is a member of a large family of N-benzylpiperidine-based AChE inhibitors that were developed, synthesized and evaluated by the Eisai Company in Japan, on the basis of QSAR studies, prior to elucidation of the three-dimensional (3D) structure of Torpedo californica AChE (TcAChE).¹³ It was shown to significantly enhance performance in animal models of cholinergic hypofunction and to have high affinity for AChE (Figure 5), binding to both electric eel and mouse AChE in the nanomolar range. Classification: SERINE HYDROLASE, Organism: Tetronarce californica, Resolution: 2.50 Å, Chains: A, Sequence Length: 543, PDB entry: 1EVE.

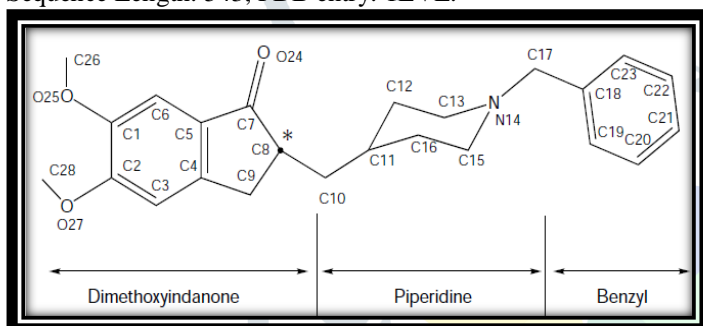


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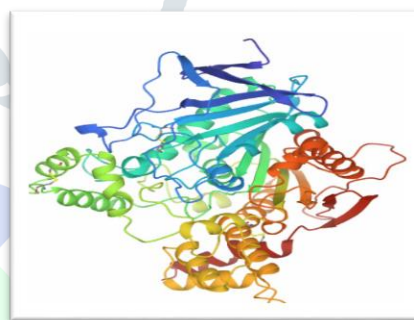


Figure 5

Pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase isoform 2 (PDK2) (Figure 6) also known as pyruvate dehydrogenase lipoamide kinase isozyme 2, mitochondrial was an enzyme that in humans was encoded by the PDK2 gene. PDK2 was an isozyme of pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase. To regulate glycolysis/carbohydrate oxidation and producing metabolites for oxidative phosphorylation and the electron transport chain. PDK2 activity is modulated by low levels of hydrogen peroxide; this happens because the compound temporarily oxidizes the cysteine residues 45 and 392 on the enzyme, resulting in an inactive PDK2 and greater PDH activity. These conditions also inactivate the TCA cycle, the next step in aerobic respiration.¹⁴ Classification: TRANSFERASE, Organism: Homo sapiens, Resolution: 2.50 Å, Chains: A, Sequence Length: 394, PDB entry: 2BU8.¹⁵

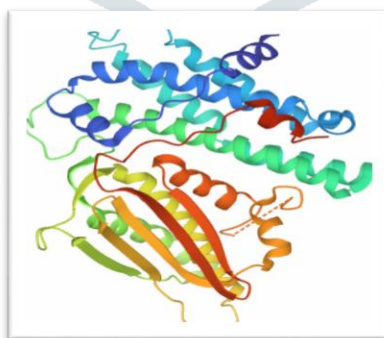


Figure 6

II. METHODOLOGY

2.1. SCHEME 1

Step 1: Synthesis of 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-5H-Carbazole¹⁶

A mixture of 0.1mol (1.737gms/1.83ml) Cyclohexanone, 0.1mol (2.964gms) Phenyl hydrazine hydrochloride, and 0.3mol (3gms) sodium acetate was refluxed with 50 ml ethanol for 2 h. After cooling, an excess of water was added; the precipitate of the crude 1-cyclohexylidene-2-phenylhydrazine was collected by suction, washed with water, and dissolved in 20 ml of the cyclization reagent (acetic acid and hydrogen chloride). After 5 min of heating on a water bath, the mixture was poured into water and the precipitate was washed thoroughly with water, dried it. Percentage yield of 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-5H-Carbazole 65-75% w/w was obtained.

Step 2: Synthesis of 2-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl) acetyl chloride¹⁷

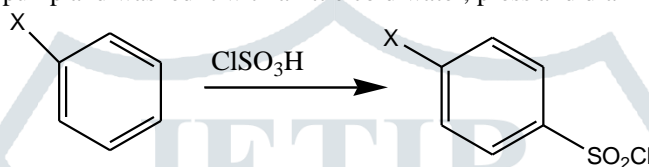
The synthesized product 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-5H-carbazole 0.0164mol (2.81gms) was taken into 250ml dissolved in 0.16mol (15ml) glacial acetic acid, 0.0251-0.0334mol (2.37-3.16gms/15-20ml). Heat for 30 min on a water bath with continuous stirring. 6.92mol (15ml) Ether, 0.138mol (10ml) thionyl chloride mixed together and this mixture was kept it into a ice bath. This reaction mixture was added slowly to the Carbazole mixture with continuous stirring for 1 hour. Then the reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice. Precipitates were filtered and wash with water and dry it.

Step 3: Synthesis of 1-piperazino-2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl)-1-ethanone

The synthesized product 0.404mol (1gm), 1gm potassium carbonate were dissolved in 5ml of glacial acetic acid. Than 0.404mols (0.348) Piperazine was added in portions by continuous stirring for I hour. Kept a side for I hour than pour in ice water. The precipitates were filtered and dry the product.

Step 4: Synthesis of P-Substituted Phenyl Sulfonyl Chloride Derivatives¹⁸

Equip a 500 ml two necked flask with a dropping funnel and a reflux condenser. Attach the top of the latter to a device for the absorption of a hydrogen chloride. Place 0.148 mol of P-Substituted Phenyl compounds in the flask and 0.77 mol of chlorosulphonic acid in the dropping funnel and insert a calcium chloride guard tube. A small portion of chlorosulphonic acid was added and shakes the flask from time to time to ensure thorough mixing. After completion heat the reaction mixture on water bath for 1 hour in order to complete the reaction. Allow to cool and pour the oily mixture in a thin stream with stirring into 300g of crushed ice contained in q 1 liter beaker. Carry out this operation carefully under fuming cupboard since the excess of chlorosulphonic acid reacts vigorously with water, rinsed the flask with a little ice water and combusted the contents into the beaker. Break up any lumps of solid material and stirred the mixture for several minutes in order to obtain an even suspension of the granular solid. Filter off at the pump and washed it with a little cold water, press and drain it well.



Name	X
Acetanilide	NHCOCH ₃
Anisole	OCH ₃
Benzyl Benzoate	
Methyl Salicylate	COOCH ₃

Step 5: Synthesis of 2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) Piperazine Substituted Sulfonyl Derivatives¹⁹

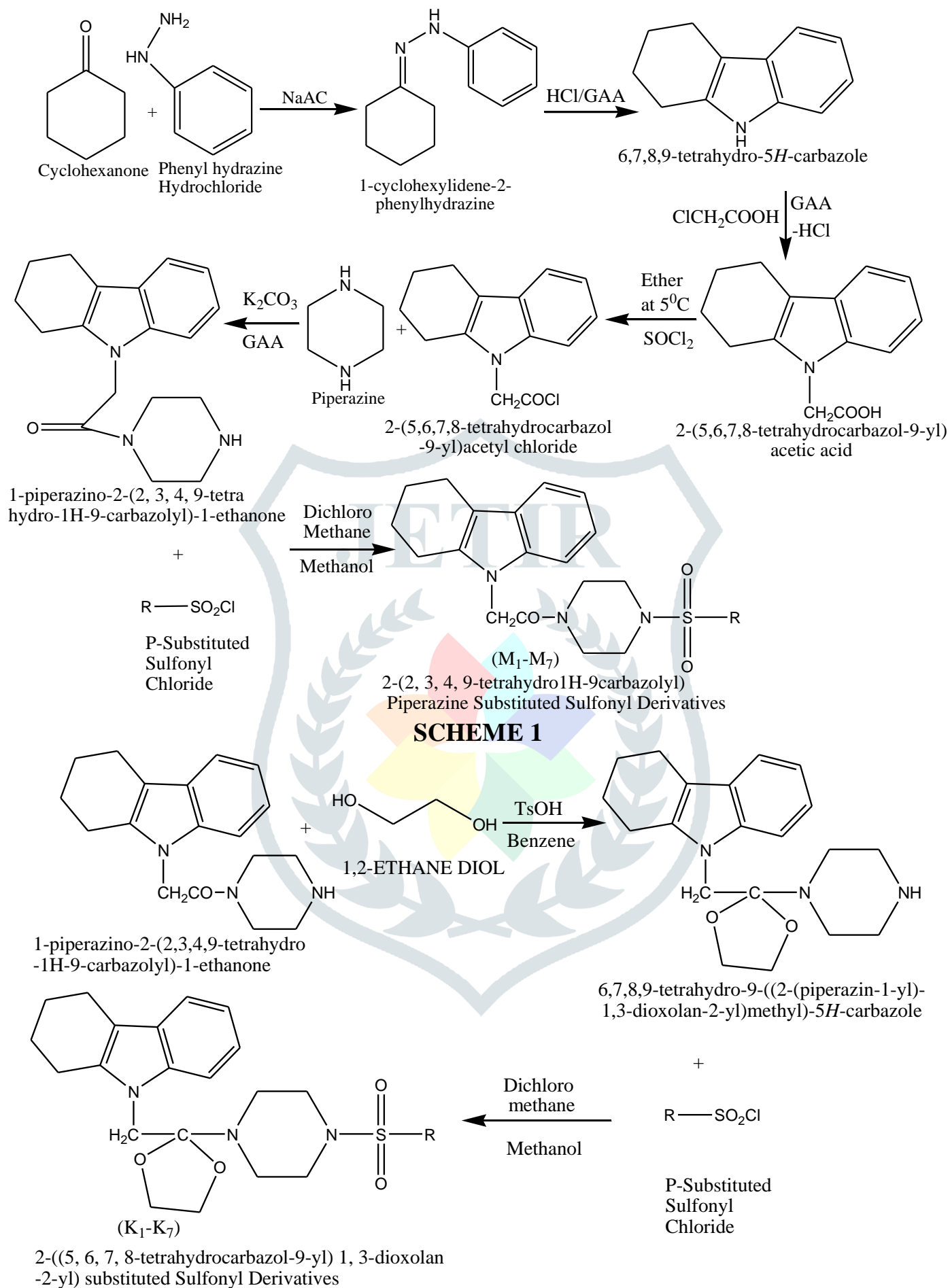
1-Piperazino-2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl)-1-ethanone 0.00256mol (0.76gms) was added to the 20ml dichloromethane layer, containing P-Substituted Sulfonyl Chloride Derivatives 0.00256mol at 20-25°C. The reaction was stirred for 4 h and then washed with 5% w/w aqueous sodium bicarbonate (100ml) followed by DM water (100ml). The dichloromethane layer was concentrated at <40°C under reduced pressure to obtain a foamy material. The products were recrystallized with methanol and it was dried.

2.2. SCHEME 2**Step 1: Synthesis of 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-9-((2-(piperazin-1-yl)-1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) methyl)-5H-carbazole²⁰**

A mixture of 0.012moles (3.56gms) of N-substituted piperazine, 0.0132moles (0.819gms/0.738ml) of 1,3-ethanediol, 0.005gms of TsOH, 2.5ml of benzene was boiled for 20 h at constant stirring using a Soxhlet apparatus filled with 20 g of silica gel mesh. The catalyst was neutralized with 1 g of Ca(OH)₂, the precipitate was filtered off, acetone and benzene were distilled off from the filtrate, the residue was distilled in a vacuum. Percentage yield was 70-80% was obtained.

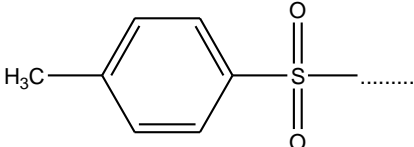
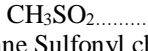
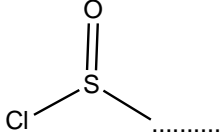
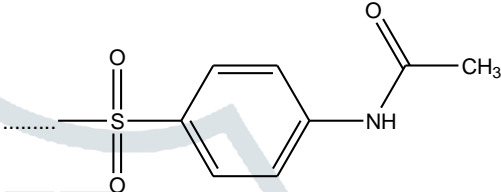
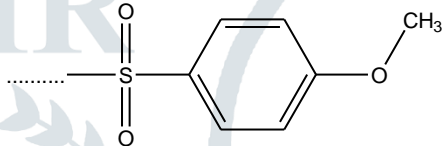
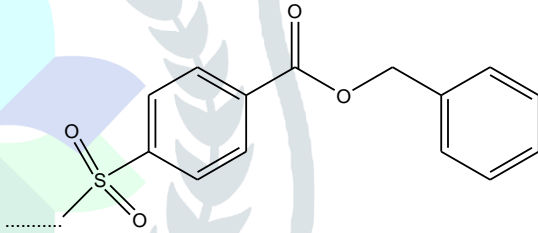
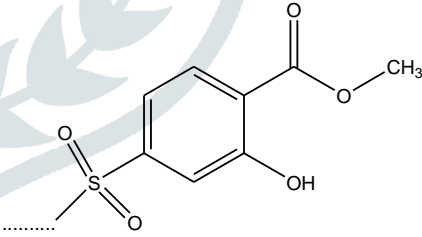
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SCHEME 2

Table 1: Synthesized Derivative Compounds

SCHEME 1 CODE	SCHEME 2 CODE	R
M ₁	K ₁	 4-Toulene Sulfonyl chloride
M ₂	K ₂	 Methane Sulfonyl chloride
M ₃	K ₃	 Thionyl chloride
M ₄	K ₄	 4-Acetamido benzene-1-sulfonyl chloride
M ₅	K ₅	 4-Methoxybenzene sulfonyl chloride
M ₆	K ₆	 Benzyl-4-chloro sulfonyl benzoate
M ₇	K ₇	 Methyl-4-chloro sulfonyl benzoate

2.3. DOCKING PROCEDURE²¹

To understand the binding interactions and selectivity of our compounds against two ChE and PDK, molecular docking simulation was carried out with AUTODOCK VINA. The crystal structure of AChE complexed with E2020 (code ID: 1EVE; resolution 2.5-Å) and Pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase 2 (code ID: 2BU8 resolution 2.5-Å) used in the docking study were obtained from the Protein Data Bank (<http://www.rcsb.org/pdb>). The original inhibitor, hetero atoms and water molecules in the PDB files were eliminated in the beginning of docking study. The enzyme was set up for docking with standard protocol. Add polar hydrogen atoms to amino acids residues and for assigning Gasteiger charges to all atoms of the enzyme. 3D structures of the AChE complexed with E2020, Pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase 2, synthesized compounds (14 compounds), standard drugs (Donepezil, Piperazine analogue) were generated and energy optimized by Discovery Studio 2.5 package (Accelrys Inc., San Diego, CA) employing CHARMM force field. Full hydrogens were added to the ligands and Gasteiger-Marsili partial atomic charges were calculated using the BABEL-2.2.338 program and saved in the PDBQT format for further analysis. All possible rotatable bonds of the resultant ligand molecules were defined by using standard protocol. All side chains and the backbone of the protein were kept rigid as in the crystal structure. Docking was performed first by placing the ligand in a random position by centering the grid on the macromolecule and setting the grid with 2BU8-Co-ordinates are X-56.344, Y-44.67, Z-80.94, 1EVE-Co-ordinates are X-28.66, Y-64.62, Z-7.92 spacing on the entire proteins; after the identification of the best binding sites, further analysis was performed by starting with the ligand in the binding pockets and setting the grid.⁷² The affinity expressed in kcal/mol was calculated as the difference in free energy of binding (ΔG) between the protein and the complex. The prepared PDBQT format of ligands was used as input files for AutoDock Vina subsequently. The docking simulation was performed using the Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm. Finally, the top-posed docking conformations were submitted to post

docking energy minimization on Discovery Studio 2.5. The resultant structure files were evaluated using PyMOL visualization program. All the Docking results of the synthesized compounds were shown in **Table 6.5, 6.6 and Figure 6.1-6.12.**

2.4. ADMET PREDICTION²²

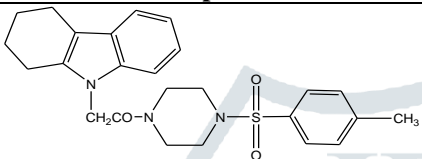
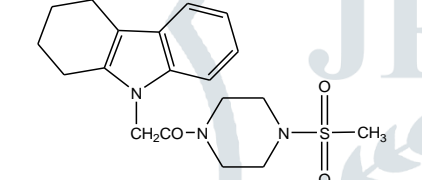
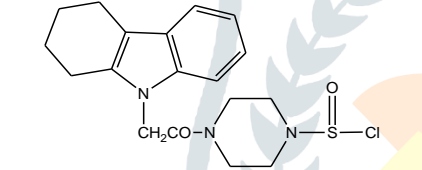
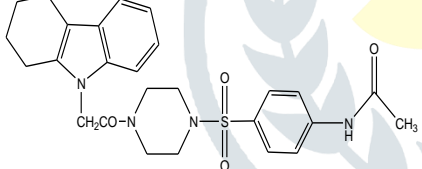
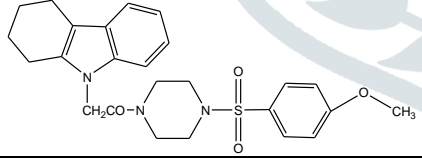
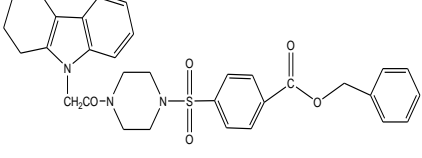
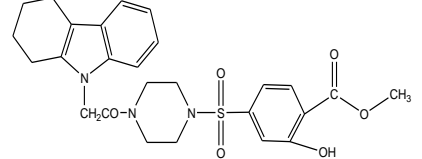
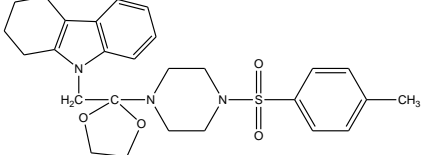
ADMET properties of a compound deal with its absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and toxicity in and through the human body. ADMET, which constitutes the pharmacokinetic profile of a drug molecule, is very essential in evaluating its pharmacodynamic activities. Today a lot of online tools and offline software programs are available which helps us in predicting this behaviour of the drug candidate. In this study, I have used the SWISSadme, admetSAR prediction tools (<http://lmmmd.ecust.edu.cn:8000/>). In the ADMET-SAR, web based query tools incorporating a molecular build-in interface enable the database to be queried by SMILES and structural similarity search. It provides the latest and most comprehensive manually curated data for diverse chemicals associated with known ADMET profiles (ADMETSAR@LMMD). All the ADMET results of the synthesized compounds were shown in **Table 6.7, 6.8 and 6.9.**

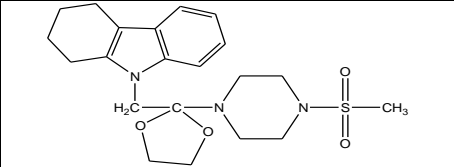
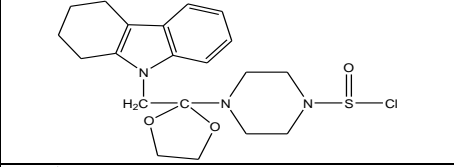
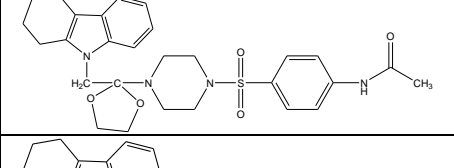
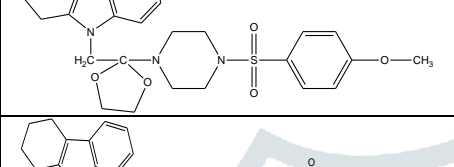
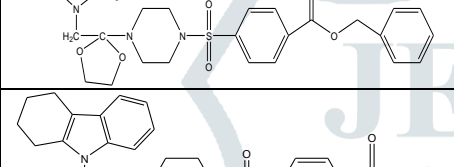
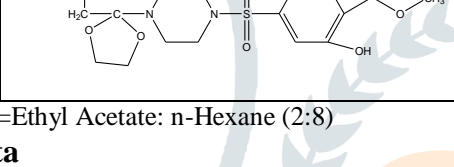
III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. Characterization of Synthesized Derivative Compounds

A total of 14 compounds were synthesized and recrystallized by appropriate solvents. They were identified and characterized by various spectral methods. All the compounds characterization was shown in the **Table 2.**

Table 2: Physical Characterization

Comp. Code	Compound	Molecular Formula	Mol. Wt.	M.P	% Yield	Rf value*
M ₁		C ₂₅ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₃ S	451.58	100-120	89.47	0.57
M ₂		C ₁₉ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₃ S	375.49	95-110	81.58	0.61
M ₃		C ₁₈ H ₂₂ ClN ₃ O ₂ S	379.9	90-105	78.11	0.59
M ₄		C ₂₆ H ₃₀ N ₄ O ₄ S	494.61	110-125	76.34	0.61
M ₅		C ₂₅ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₄ S	467.58	115-125	71.93	0.52
M ₆		C ₃₂ H ₃₃ N ₃ O ₅ S	571.69	130-142	68.63	0.56
M ₇		C ₂₆ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₆ S	511.59	120-135	61.72	0.47
K ₁		C ₂₇ H ₃₃ N ₃ O ₄ S	495.22	104-108	61.2	0.62

K ₂		C ₂₁ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₄ S	419.59	100-110	56.78	0.57
K ₃		C ₂₀ H ₂₆ ClN ₃ O ₃ S	423.96	95-105	49.11	0.52
K ₄		C ₂₈ H ₃₄ N ₄ O ₅ S	538.66	100-120	59.47	0.47
K ₅		C ₂₇ H ₃₃ N ₃ O ₅ S	511.63	108-116	42.28	0.47
K ₆		C ₃₄ H ₃₇ N ₃ O ₆ S	615.74	120-128	48.32	0.54
K ₇		C ₂₈ H ₃₃ N ₃ O ₇ S	555.64	116-130	42.11	0.42

*Mobile Phase=Ethyl Acetate: n-Hexane (2:8)

Spectral data

M₁: 2-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl)-1-(4-tosylpiperazin-1-yl) ethanone, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3052; C-H(str):2846; C=O(str):1683.37; C-N(str):1230.03; C-S(str):1140.69; S=O(str):1061.36. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ^{25,29}Ar-H(S)-7.526; ¹Ar-H(D)-7.426; ^{26,28}Ar-H(S)7.330; ²Ar-H(D)-7.243; ³Ar-H(S)6.833; ⁶Ar-H(S)-6.813; ¹⁴CH-C=O(Carbonyl), ^{16,17,19,20}Ar-CH(S,D)-3.455; ¹⁰C=C-H(Vinylic, D)2.603; ¹³C=C-H(Vinylic, D)-2.507; ³⁰C=C-CH₃(Allylic, S)-2.295; ¹¹C=C-CH₃(Allylic, M)-1.642; ¹²C=C-CH₃(Allylic, M)-1.627. **¹³C NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ , in ppm):** ^{4,22,27}Ar-C-135.65; ⁸Ar-C-134.34; ^{5,26,28}Ar-C-127.95; ^{25,29}Ar-C-127.29; ¹Ar-C-123.71; ²Ar-C-119.92; ⁶Ar-C-117.89; ³Ar-C-111.94; ⁹Ar-C-108.0; ^{17,19}Secondary-CH₂-40.20; ^{16,20}Secondary-CH₂-39.99; ¹⁴Secondary-CH₂-37.10; ³⁰Primary-CH₃-24.94; ¹³Secondary-CH₂-22.99; ¹²Secondary-CH₂-22.85; ¹¹Secondary-CH₂-22.75; ¹⁰Secondary-CH₂-20.61.

M₂: 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl) piperazino]-2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9 carbazolyl)-1-ethanone, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3024.91; C-H(str):2928.38; C=O(str):1615.29; C-N(str):1323.96; C-S(str):1203.47; S=O(str):1038.82. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ¹Ar-H(D)-7.323; ²Ar-H(D)-7.236; ³Ar-H(S)-6.901; ⁶Ar-H(S)-6.883; ¹⁴CH-C=O(Carbonyl); ^{16,20}Ar-CH(D)-3.718; ²²C=C-CH₃(Allylic, D)-2.706; ^{17,19}Ar-H(D)-2.692; ¹⁰C=C-H(Vinylic, D)-2.595; ¹³C=C-H(Vinylic, D)-2.505; ^{11,12}C=C-CH₃(Allylic, M)-1.810. **¹³C NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ , in ppm):** ^{4,8}Ar-C-135.63; ⁵Ar-C-127.28; ^{1,6}Ar-C-119.93; ²Ar-C-117.90; ³Ar-C-110.45; ⁹Ar-C-107.99; ^{16,20}Secondary-CH₂-40.3; ^{17,19}Secondary-CH₂-40.23; ²²Primary-CH₃-39.82; ¹⁴Secondary-CH₂-38.99; ¹³Secondary-CH₂-22.98; ¹²Secondary-CH₂-22.85; ¹¹Secondary-CH₂-22.75; ¹⁰Secondary-CH₂-20.61.

M₃: 4-[2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) acetyl]-1-piperazinesulfonyl chloride, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):2923; C-H(str):2844.61; C-N(str):1229.78; C=O(str):1551.94; S=O(str):1053.70. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ¹⁻³H (D, T-aromatic)-2.59, 1.56; ⁴⁻⁷H (D, T-aromatic)-6.33, 7.26; ⁸H (methylene)-4.74; ^{9,10}H (D)-2.92.

M₄: N₁-[4-(4-[2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) acetyl] piperazinosulfonyl) phenyl] acetamide, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3043.81; C-H(str):2924.24; N-H(str):3395.25; C-N(bend):1232.82; C=O(str):1703.59; S=O(bend):1056.20; C-S(str):1141.74. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ¹⁻³H (D, T-aromatic)-2.59, 1.56; ⁴⁻⁷H (D, T-aromatic)-6.33, 7.26; ⁸H (methylene)-4.74; ^{9,10}H (D)-3.31; ^{11,12}H(D)-7.92; ¹³H(N-H)- 8.0; ¹⁴H (S)-2.02.

M₅: 2-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl)-1-(4-methoxybenzenesulfonylpiperazin-1-yl) ethanone, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3015.21; C-H(str):2933.05; C-N(str):1003.33; C=O(str):1670.11; S=O(str):1060.15; C-S(str):1278.23; C-O:1120.39. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ¹⁻³H (D, T-aromatic)-2.59, 1.56; ⁴⁻⁷H (D, T-aromatic)-6.33, 7.26; ⁸H (methylene)-4.74; ^{9,10}H (D)-3.34; ^{11,12}H (D)-7.13; ¹³H (S)-3.73.

M₆: benzyl 4-(4-[2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) acetyl] piperazinosulfonyl) benzoate, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3035.49; C-H(str):2924.57; C-N(str):1232.09; C=O(str):1690.21; S=O(str):1053.30; C-S(str):1232.09; C-O:1142.45. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ¹⁻³H (D, T-aromatic)-2.59, 1.56; ⁴⁻⁷H (D, T-aromatic)-6.33, 7.26; ⁸H (methylene)-4.74; ^{9,10}H (D)-3.31; ^{11,12}H (D)-8.15; ¹³H (S)- 8.0; ¹⁴H (D, T-aromatic)-7.19.

M₇: Methyl 2-hydroxy-4-(4-[2-(2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-9-carbazolyl) acetyl] piperazinosulfonyl) benzoate, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3057.45; C-H(str):2921.32; C-N(ben):1223.57; C=O(str):1684.41; S=O(str):1044.60; C-S(bend):1186.52; C-O(bend):1132.83; O-H(str):3393.92. **¹H NMR (in DMSO-d₆, δ in ppm):** ¹⁻³H (D, T-aromatic)-2.59, 1.56; ⁴⁻⁷H (D, T-aromatic)-6.33, 7.26; ⁸H (methylene)-4.74; ^{9,10}H (D)-3.31; ¹¹⁻¹³H (D, S)-8.08, 7.51; ¹⁴H(O-H)-8.0; ¹⁵H (S)-3.88.

K₁: 6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydro-9-((2-(4-tosylpiperazin-1-yl)-1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) methyl)-5H-carbazole, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3025.40; C-H(str):2928.36; C-N(str):1224.78; C-S(str):1147.60; S=O(str):1045.03; C-O(str):1002.90.

K₂: 9-(2-[4-(methylsulfonyl) piperazino]-1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl)methyl)-2, 3, 4, 9-tetrahydro-1H-carbazole, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):2983.09; C-H(str):2931.09; C-N(str):1309.24; C-S(str):1193.09; C-O(str):1111.66; S=O(str):1021.75.

K₃: 4-(2-((5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl) methyl)-1, 3-dioxolan-2-yl) piperazine-1-sulfonyl chloride, **FT-IR**, ν_{\max} , cm^{-1} (ATR): C-H(str):3241.72; C-H(str):3135.79; C-N(str):1223.55; C-O(str):1154.97; S=O(str):1082.02.

3.2. Computational analysis of Synthesized Derivative Compounds

A total 14 synthesized Piperazine derivative compounds were carried out Molecular Docking studies with 1EVE Protein by using Autodock Vina software. The structure of 1EVE enzyme revealed that the active site was located at the bottom of a deep and narrow gorge containing Trp84, Phe329 and Phe330 residues in the catalytic active site (CAS) with Donepezil. It was observed that the most potent 1EVE inhibitor in our synthesized derivative compounds M₄, M₅, M₆, M₇, and K₆ displayed significant interactions in the CAS binding sites of the enzyme to provide maximal inhibitory profile as similar to Donepezil Standard drug. The positions of compounds M₄, M₅, M₆, M₇, and K₆ with respect to the key residues in the binding sites were shown in **Figure 7-12**. The formation of strong Hydrogen bond between the synthesized Piperazine derivatives of M₄, M₅, M₆, M₇, and K₆ compounds were Hydrogen bond interaction with hydroxyl group of Tyr333, Hydrophobic bonds between aromatic rings interaction with π - π Stacking with the active site residues of Trp83, rings interaction with π -alkyl stacking with the alkyl groups of Phe329 and Phe330 respectively. The results of docking study revealed that the binding profile for synthesized derivative compounds M₄, M₅, M₆, M₇, and K₆ was found significant interactions with Donepezil due to hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions like π - π Stacking interaction and π -alkyl stacking interactions with CAS of 1EVE. The results of 14 synthesized derivative compounds with 1EVE were obtained as Molecular docking Studies were mentioned in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Docking Results of the Synthesized Compounds with 1EVE

S. No.	Comp. Code	Docking Score Kcal/Mole	Hydrogen bond Interactions (Å°)	Hydrophobic bond Interactions (Å°)		
				π - π Stacking	π -alkyl	
					PHE329	PHE330
1	M ₁	11.8	-	4.30396	4.71159	3.97815
2	M ₂	10.8	-	4.47491	4.27786	5.24422
3	M ₃	10.8	2.81975	4.42876	4.35569	5.35569
4	M ₄	11.7	2.91242	4.72482	5.58653	4.91909
5	M ₅	11.7	2.85677	4.3723	4.50967	4.05876
6	M ₆	12.9	3.48581	4.19792	5.39906	4.97908
7	M ₇	11.7	3.07005	4.72952	5.65742	4.99557
8	K ₁	10.6	2.75266	4.41858	4.28638	4.71038
9	K ₂	9.9	2.34453	5.43824	4.54756	4.71038
10	K ₃	9.9	3.22251	5.14755	4.54756	5.40406
11	K ₄	10.7	2.71438	4.5213	-	-
12	K ₅	10.8	2.82366	4.88208	5.18852	-
13	K ₆	11.5	2.75911	4.19608	-	-
14	K ₇	10.4	2.60506	5.54375	4.64783	-
Donepezil		10.9	2.55598	4.0411	4.04208	4.98362

A total 14 synthesized Piperazine derivative compounds were carried out Molecular Docking studies with 2BU8 Protein by using Autodock Vina software. To determine the binding sites and binding orientation of the synthesized compounds to 2BU8, the results were compared with Piperazine Analogue (4-(2-(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydrocarbazol-9-yl) acetyl) piperazine-1-sulfonyl chloride). The structure of 2BU8 revealed that the active site was located at the bottom of a deep and narrow gorge containing Asn242, Leu322, Leu332, Ala246, Ala290 residues in the catalytic active site (CAS) with Piperazine Analogue. It was observed that the most potent 2BU8 inhibitor in our synthesized derivative compounds M₆, K₁, K₄, K₅, K₆ and K₇ displayed significant interactions in the CAS binding sites of the enzyme to provide maximal inhibitory profile as similar to Piperazine Analogue Standard drug. The position of compounds M₆, K₁, K₄, K₅, K₆ and K₇ with respect to the key residues in the binding sites were shown in **Figure 13-18**. The formation of strong Hydrogen bond between the synthesized Piperazine derivatives of M₆, K₁, K₄, K₅, K₆ and K₇ compounds were Hydrogen bond interaction with hydroxyl group of Asn242, Hydrophobic bonds between aromatic rings interaction with π -sigma Stacking with the active site residues of Leu322, rings interaction with π -alkyl stacking with the alkyl groups of Ala246, Ala290 and alkyl stacking interaction with the alkyl groups of Leu322, Leu332 respectively. The result of docking study revealed that the binding profile for synthesized derivative compounds M₆, K₁, K₄, K₅, K₆ and K₇ was found significant interactions with Piperazine Analogue due to hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions like π -sigma Stacking interaction, π -alkyl stacking interactions and alkyl stacking interactions with CAS of 1BU8. The results of 14 synthesized derivative compounds with 2BU8 were obtained as Molecular docking Studies were mentioned in **Table 4**.

Table 4: Docking Results of the Synthesized Compounds with 2BU8

S. No.	Comp. Code	Docking Score Kcal/Mole	Hydrogen bond Interactions (Å°)	Hydrophobic bond Interactions (Å°)		
				Alkyl	π -alkyl	π -sigma
1	M ₁	8.1	3.6501	4.23619	5.15765	3.79737
2	M ₂	8.2	2.91739	4.25368	4.26553	-
3	M ₃	7.9	2.93315	4.23191	3.68357	-
4	M ₄	8.6	2.86281	4.19027	4.2073	-
5	M ₅	8.0	2.7589	4.54456	4.78292	3.70851
6	M ₆	9.8	2.91254	4.94661	4.97111	-

7	M ₇	8.8	2.62176	5.02248	4.9964	3.7974
8	K ₁	9.0	2.90572	4.92185	4.68327	-
9	K ₂	8.3	2.75759	3.37889	4.94896	3.88915
10	K ₃	8.1	2.69357	3.34237	4.91591	3.8314
11	K ₄	9.1	2.72466	5.49601	5.10581	-
12	K ₅	9.0	2.88703	3.41353	4.9552	3.91597
13	K ₆	9.3	3.00088	4.26732	4.46085	-
14	K ₇	9.3	2.78095	4.33912	4.78712	-
Piperazine analogue		9.0	2.32713	4.47141	4.95202	3.78768

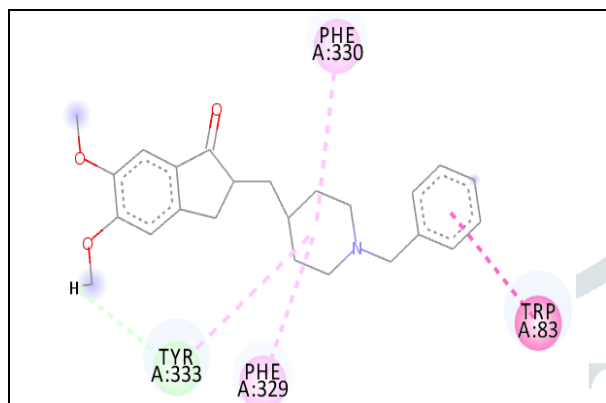


FIGURE 7: Binding interaction of Standard (Donepezil) with 1EVE

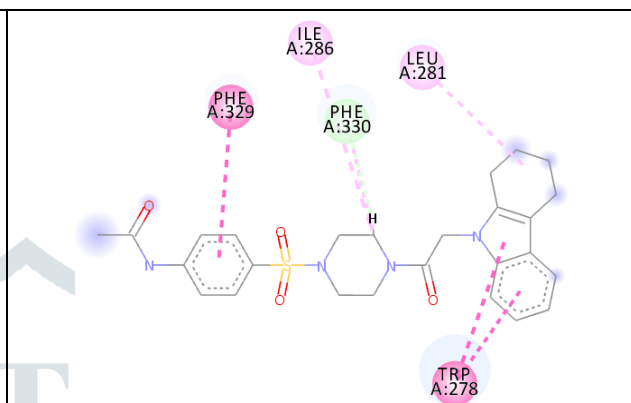


FIGURE 8: Binding interaction of M₄ with 1EVE

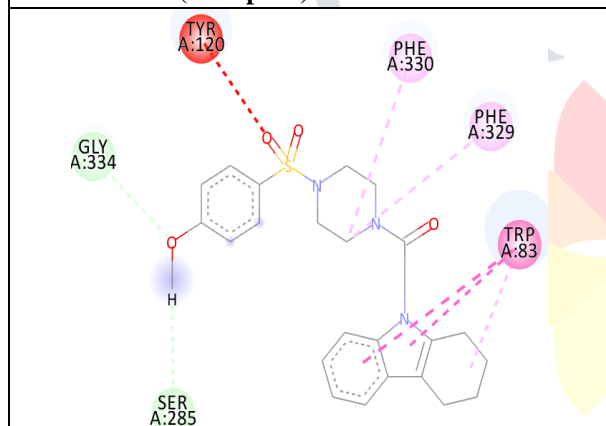


FIGURE 9: Binding interaction of M₅ with 1EVE

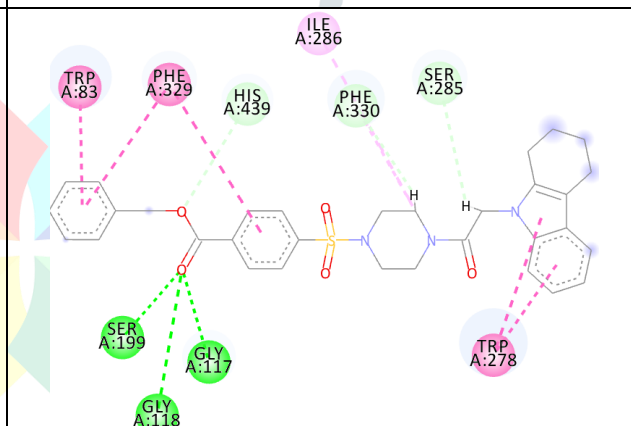


FIGURE 10: Binding interaction of M₆ with 1EVE

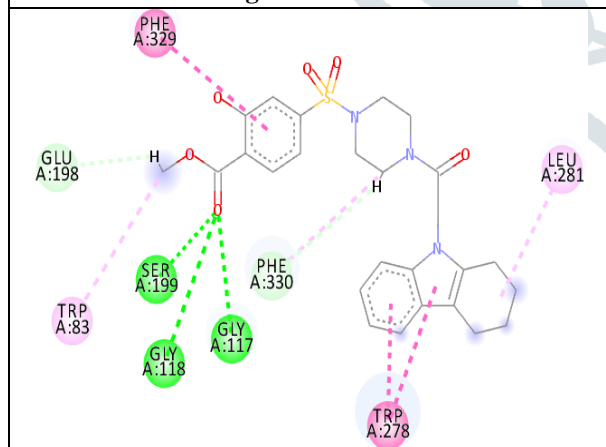


FIGURE 11: Binding interaction of M₇ with 1EVE

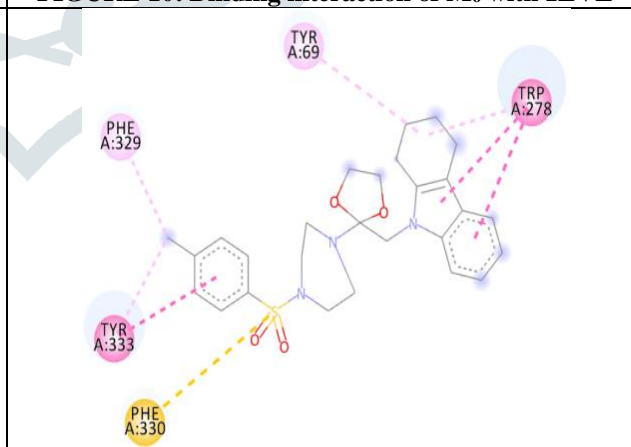
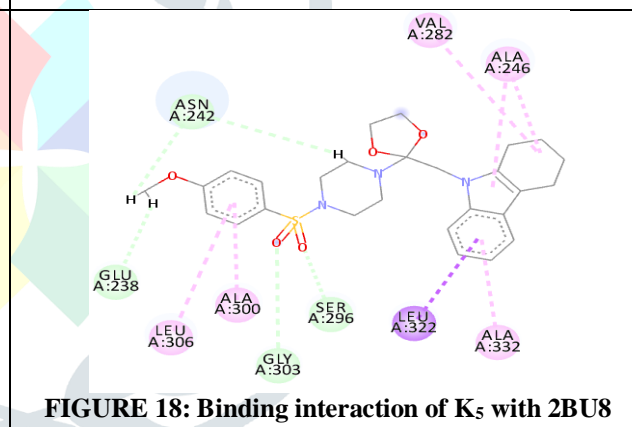
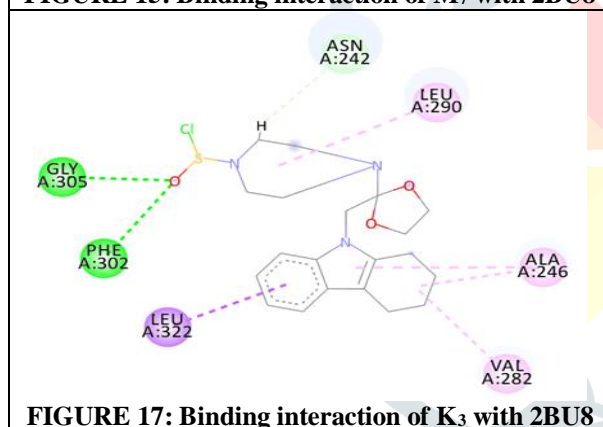
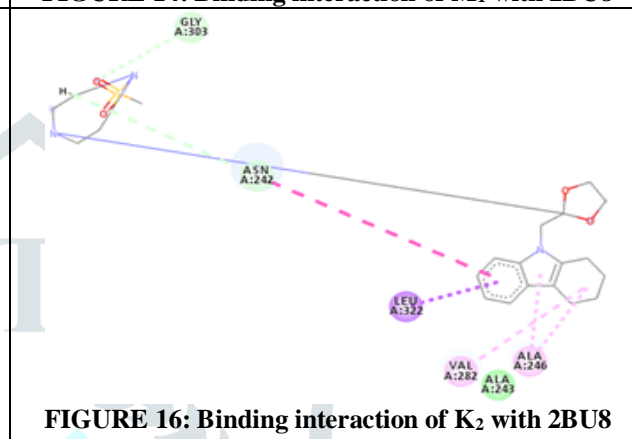
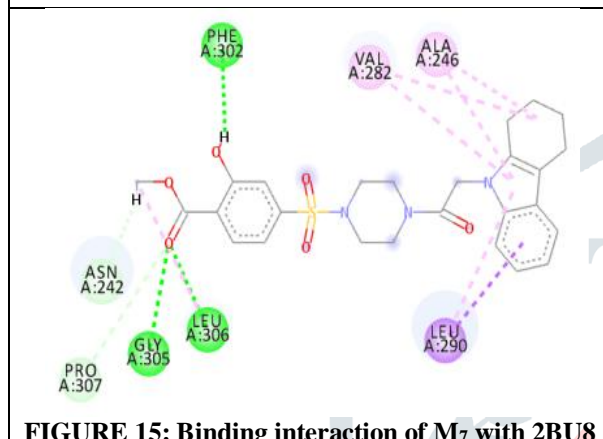
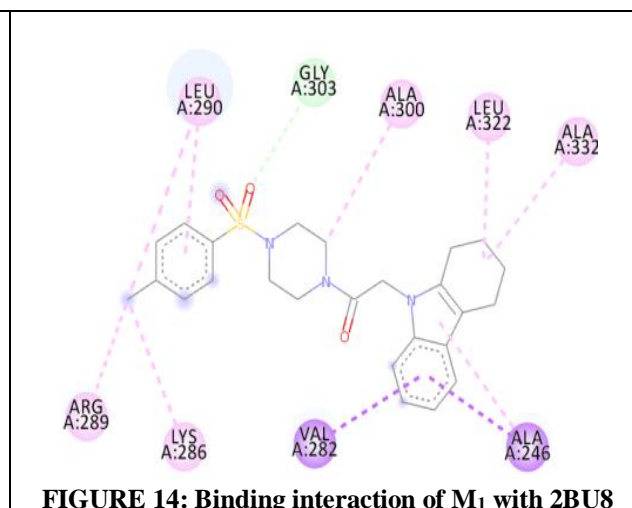
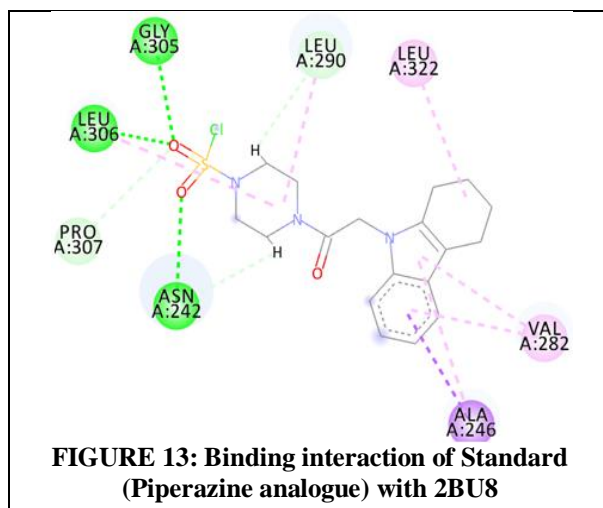









FIGURE 12: Binding interaction of K₁ with 1EVE



	=Pi-Pi Stacking		=Conventional Hydrogen Bond
	=Pi-Alkyl		=VanderWaals
	=Pi-Sulfur		=Attractive Charges
	=Carbon Hydrogen Bond		=Salt Bridges

To Predict the *In-silico* ADMET profile of synthesized molecules was done by using the admetSAR, SWISS ADME programmes physically significant descriptors and pharmacologically relevant properties of these compounds were predicted. Fundamental physicochemical features of CNS drugs are mainly related to their ability to penetrate the blood-brain barrier (BBB) and exhibit CNS activity. Our results indicated that compounds from all the two series (**M1-M7**) and (**K1-K7**) showed drug like characteristics based on Lipinski's rule of five (Mol MW<500, logP<5, donor HB<5, acceptor HB<10). All the synthesized derivative compounds were showed very low permeability for Caco-2, displayed good oral absorption, indicate their moderate binding with plasma protein and presented moderate in silico possible toxicity risks. The predicted ADMET properties revealed that all compounds fulfil drug-like criteria and could be considered as good candidate for drug development. All the synthesized compound derivatives have Standard Drug (Donepezil) like ADMET properties. The results of *in-silico* ADMET studies mentioned in **Table 5-7**.

Table 5. *In-Silico* Absorption and Distribution Studies of Synthesized Derivative Compounds

Comp. Code	ABSORPTION				DISTRIBUTION			
	Human Intestinal (HIA)	Aqueous Solubility (logS)	CaCO-2 Permeability (LogP, cm/s)	Plasma Protein Binding (PPB)	P-glycoprotein Substrate		P-glycoprotein Inhibitor	Blood Brain Barrier Penetration (BBB)
					Substrate	Inhibitor		
M ₁	1.0000	-3.7114	0.7125	0.4745	0.6180*	0.6325*	0.5518	0.9123
M ₂	0.9964	-3.5402	0.5988	0.4065	0.6937*	0.5000*	0.7489	0.9317
M ₃	1.0000	-4.1693	0.9569	0.8480	0.5587*	0.8619*	0.7791*	0.9806
M ₄	0.9936	-3.8094	0.6799	0.4208	0.6198*	0.5641*	0.5808*	0.8800
M ₅	0.9973	-3.7580	0.6360	0.4980	0.6838*	0.6899*	0.6804*	0.8841
M ₆	0.9843	-3.9030	0.3650	0.4786	0.5229*	0.7649*	0.6212*	0.8393
M ₇	0.9791	-3.6529	0.4244	0.4865	0.6577*	0.5259	0.5753	0.5079
K ₁	0.9952	-3.7333	0.5489	0.3533	0.5207	0.7055*	0.6878	0.8439
K ₂	0.9853	-3.6298	0.4566	0.3780	0.5629*	0.6198*	0.7836	0.8531
K ₃	1.0000	-3.9948	0.8472	0.4069	0.6398	0.6890*	0.7193	0.9261
K ₄	0.9971	-3.7759	0.7288	0.3633	0.5335*	0.6769*	0.5889	0.8440
K ₅	0.9917	-3.7460	0.6079	0.2966	0.5569*	0.7973*	0.6126*	0.8943
K ₆	0.9924	-3.7935	0.4460	0.3817	0.5326	0.8080*	0.8001*	0.8826
K ₇	0.9867	-3.6119	0.5830	0.3471	0.5919*	0.6450*	0.6619*	0.5989
Donepezil	0.9966	-2.4252	1.3424	0.8261	0.7721*	0.7641*	0.8202*	0.9953
Limit	1.0000	1-7.5	4.0000	1.0000				1.0000

* = Inhibitor/Substrate

Table 6. *In-Silico* Metabolism Studies Synthesized Derivative Compounds

Comp. Code	CYP450 Substrate				CYP450 Inhibitor			
	2C9	2D6	3A4*	1A2	2C9	2D6	2C19*	3A4
M ₁	0.6387	0.7016	0.5410	0.9342	0.6075*	0.8406	0.7198	0.7641*
M ₂	0.6667	0.6686	0.6152	0.9239	0.7662	0.8740	0.6594	0.6242
M ₃	0.8500	0.6181	0.6015	0.7539	0.6844*	0.7400	0.9065	0.7092*
M ₄	0.6446	0.7143	0.5634	0.9362	0.9194*	0.6863	0.7768	0.6524
M ₅	0.6509	0.6873	0.6680	0.8941	0.7241*	0.9411	0.8280	0.8858*
M ₆	0.7395	0.7516	0.5105	0.8755	0.7034*	0.8748	0.6615	0.6007*
M ₇	0.6331	0.7412	0.6005	0.9121	0.5743*	0.9425	0.5815	0.5563*
K ₁	0.6137	0.7538	0.5663	0.8927	0.7375*	0.8678	0.7581	0.8246
K ₂	0.6435	0.7419	0.6315	0.8628	0.5102	0.9073	0.5327	0.9376
K ₃	0.7566	0.7755	0.5989	0.5839	0.5184*	0.8160	0.7266	0.8422
K ₄	0.6334	0.7482	0.5667	0.8356	0.9111*	0.8040	0.8223	0.7739
K ₅	0.6245	0.7291	0.6784	0.8721	0.7010*	0.8873	0.8375	0.5348
K ₆	0.6929	0.7578	0.5595	0.8380	0.8093	0.8370	0.7981	0.7960
K ₇	0.5883	0.7506	0.6429	0.8779	0.6529*	0.8925	0.6518	0.6644
Donepezil	0.8465	0.8919*	0.7202	0.5072*	0.8189	0.8684*	0.8356	0.7411

* = Inhibitor/Substrate

Table 7. *In-Silico* Excretion and Toxicity Studies Synthesized Derivative Compounds

Comp. Code	Human Ether-a-go-go-Related Gene (hERG) Inhibitor	AMES Toxicity (non toxic)	Carcinogens (non-carcinogenic)	Tetrahymina Pyriformis Toxicity (Pig50, ug/L)	Honey Bee Toxicity (HBT)	Biodegradation	Acute oral toxicity	Rat acute toxicity (LD50, mol/kg)	Fish Toxicity (pLC50, mg/L)
M ₁	0.5162	0.5162	0.6959	0.4480	0.7343	0.9590	0.6328	2.4596	1.8023
M ₂	0.5391	0.6407	0.8146	0.4614	0.7310	0.9376	0.6251	2.5952	1.7241
M ₃	0.6505	0.7045	0.9178	0.7297	0.8882	0.9872	0.7319	2.5171	1.2941
M ₄	0.5740	0.6808	0.7713	0.4896	0.8042	0.9854	0.6237	2.4386	1.6765
M ₅	0.7534	0.6424	0.7656	0.4496	0.6341	0.9463	0.5963	2.5613	1.5706
M ₆	0.5883	0.6558	0.8050	0.5123	0.6856	0.8889	0.5713	2.5009	1.6022
M ₇	0.6103	0.6523	0.7507	0.4644	0.6770	0.9522	0.5735	2.5376	1.5297
K ₁	0.6252	0.6129	0.7531	0.4956	0.7225	0.9854	0.5916	2.5144	1.5310
K ₂	0.6698	0.5832	0.7895	0.5111	0.7181	0.9767	0.5839	2.6133	1.4879
K ₃	0.7176	0.5699	0.7514	0.6400	0.7119	0.9699	0.5701	2.6330	1.3944
K ₄	0.5901	0.6226	0.7445	0.4943	0.7864	0.9959	0.5965	2.5237	1.5049
K ₅	0.7959	0.5903	0.7553	0.4828	0.6466	0.9796	0.5950	2.5819	1.4595
K ₆	0.6068	0.6071	0.7670	0.5380	0.7114	0.9793	0.5759	2.5480	1.4876

K ₇	0.7022	0.6025	0.7190	0.4974	0.7040	0.9840	0.5810	2.5632	1.4244
Donepezil	0.8095	0.6441	0.9528	0.2802	0.5853	0.9145	0.5250	3.0123	1.0750

IV. CONCLUSION

All the Synthesized compound derivatives of Novel 1, 4-disubstituted Piperazine Derivative Compounds were evaluated with Physical, spectral Characterization and its computational analysis by appropriate were compared with Donepezil, Piperazine Analog standard drugs respectively. The results of docking study revealed that the binding profile for synthesized derivative compounds M₄, M₅, M₆, M₇, and K₆ was found significant interactions with Donepezil due to hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions like π - π Stacking interaction and π -alkyl stacking interactions with CAS of 1EVE. The result of docking study revealed that the binding profile for synthesized derivative compounds M₆, K₁, K₄, K₅, K₆ and K₇ was found significant interactions with Piperazine Analogue due to hydrogen bond, hydrophobic interactions like π -sigma Stacking interaction, π -alkyl stacking interactions and alkyl stacking interactions with CAS of 1BU8. The predicted ADMET properties revealed that all compounds fulfil drug-like criteria and could be considered as good candidate for drug development. All the synthesized compound derivatives have Standard Drug (Donepezil) like ADMET properties.

The further scope of synthesized derivatives of Novel 1, 4-disubstituted Piperazine derivatives need to evaluation of various *in vivo* Pharmacological Studies to bring potentially active molecules.

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