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Spectrophotometric analysis of bovine serum albumin in presence of synthesized 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl) -2-propen-1-ones

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ABSTRACT

Serum albumin interacts with a vast array of chemically diverse ligands at specific binding sites. In the present work we report binding of bovine serum albumin with chalcones. Chalcones are versatile synthetic and natural intermediates for a variety of compounds and possess diverse pharmacological activities. Series of 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl)-2-propen-1-ones were synthesized by the Claisen-Schmidt condensation and their effect was observed on the concentration of bovine serum albumin. It was found that the synthesized chalcones interacted with bovine serum albumin irrespective of the nature and position of the substituent.

Key words: Bovine serum albumin, interaction, 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl)-2-propen-1-ones, chalcones

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INTRODUCTION

Serum albumin is a major protein component of blood plasma. It is a soluble, monomeric protein and comprises about one-half of the blood serum protein. It serves as a transport protein for several endogenous compounds. Albumin functions primarily as a carrier protein for steroids, fatty acids, thyroid hormones and is also capable of binding a broad spectrum of therapeutic agents. Half life of a drug can be a result of drug binding to serum albumin. Thus, the binding property of drugs to serum albumin is one of the most important factors determining their pharmacokinetics [1].

Chalcones are very versatile molecules due to their ease of synthesis and diverse biological activities these molecules possess. These are also important synthetic intermediates for the synthesis of different types of heterocyclic compounds. Chalcones have been reported to possess various biological activities such as antimicrobial[2], antiviral[3], antileishmanial[4], antitubercular[5], anticancer[6], anti-inflammatory[7], analgesic[8], antiplatelet[9], antiulcerative[10], antimalarial[11], antioxidant[12], antihyperglycemic[13] and immunomodulatory [14], etc.. Chalcones have been found to inhibit release of chemical mediators [15] and of leukotriene B₄ [16]. A number of enzymes are also reported to be inhibited by chalcones such as nitric oxide synthase, cyclooxygenase [17], glutathione-S-transferases (GST) isolated from mouse liver[18], epoxide hydrolases[19], Mitochondrial monoamine oxidase isolated from rat liver [20], cyclic adenosine monophosphate phosphodiesterase [21], liver xanthine oxidase[22, 23], 5-hydroxytryptophan de-carboxylase [24,25], tyrosinase [26] and aldose reductase [27] etc. In this direction we are working with the interaction of serum albumin with chalcones. It is reported that Human serum albumin and bovine serum albumin share about 80% primary sequence identity with each other [28]. Therefore, the present study performed with BSA can give an idea about the interaction of chalcones with HSA, 1-(5'-chloro-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4''-substituted phenyl)-prop-2-en-1-one and their methoxy derivatives have already been reported to behave similarly towards BSA and Human serum proteins [29].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The reaction progress and purity of products were monitored by thin layer chromatography. Thin layer chromatography was performed with silica-gel G (suspended in CHCl₃-EtOH) and plates were viewed under Iodine vapors. Melting points were determined by electrochemical capillary Melting points apparatus and are uncorrected. Elisa plate reader, Systronic make was used for measuring absorbance in the visible range. The Lab-India made Spectrofuge (model 16M) was used for centrifugation purpose.

Synthesis of Chalcones- The 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl)-2-propen-1-ones were synthesized from 2-acetylfuran (0.01 mole), substituted aryl aldehydes (0.01 moles) in presence of potassium hydroxide (0.03 mole) by the method used earlier in our laboratory [29]. The

progress of reaction and the purity of the products were confirmed through TLC. The structures were confirmed by their IR data and ¹HNMR.

Reaction of chalcones with Bovine Serum Albumin- 1ml solution of 50 mM chalcone solution was added drop wise to 10 ml solution of 0.1mM BSA with constant stirring. The interaction between chalcone and BSA resulted in precipitation of protein from the solution. The remaining protein in solution was estimated by biuret method [30]. The results are presented in figure 1.

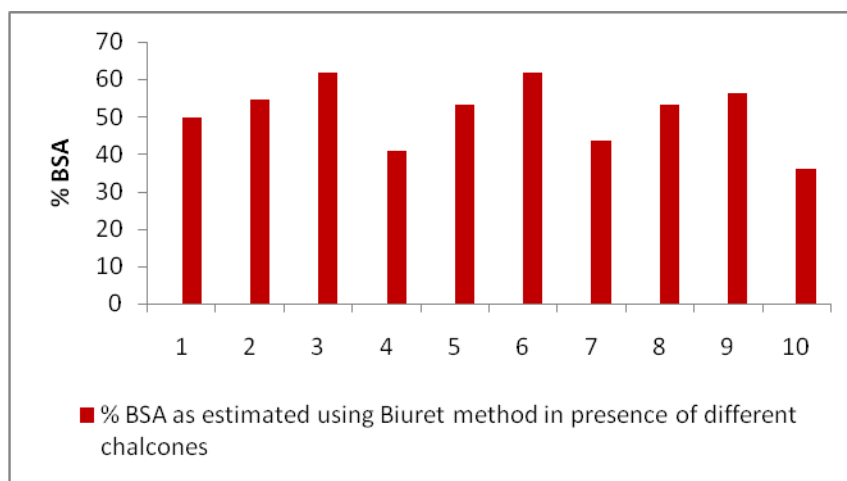


Fig. 1 Effect of 1-(2'-furyl)-3-(substituted phenyl) prop-2-en-1-ones on bovine serum albumin

Experimental:

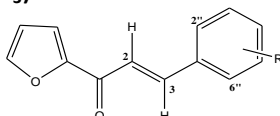
1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl) -2-propen-1-ones were synthesized in good yields by Claisen Schmidt reaction between 2-acetylfuran and substituted benzaldehydes. Their physical parameters such as melting points, R_f values, % yields are reported in Table 1. The given R_f values are determined in benzene. The IR and ¹HNMR data of different chalcones is presented in tables 2 and 3 respectively.

Table 1: Physical Parameters of Synthesized Chalcones (C₄H₃O-CO-CH: CH-Ar)

Com pNo	Ar-	Mol. Formula	M. Wt.	M.Pt.(lit) °C	Rf value	% Yield
1	C ₆ H ₅ -	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ O ₂	194	90-93 °C	0.581	94.42
2	<i>o</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClO ₂	228	62-65 °C	0.605	82.09
3	<i>m</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClO ₂	228	60-62 °C	0.593	86.83
4	<i>p</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClO ₂	228	120-123 °C	0.581	80.20
5	<i>o</i> -OMe-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ O ₃	234	80-82 °C	0.520	94.97
6	<i>m</i> -OMe-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ O ₃	234	60-63 °C	0.520	80.48
7	<i>p</i> -OMe-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₄ H ₁₂ O ₃	234	70-74 °C	0.533	72.76
8	<i>o</i> -NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₃ H ₉ NO ₄	239	110-113 °C	0.800	55.56
9	<i>m</i> -NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₃ H ₉ NO ₄	239	175-178 °C	0.426	84.57
10	<i>p</i> -NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₃ H ₉ NO ₄	239	225-229 °C	0.426	90.61

Table 2: IR Data [$\nu_{\max}(\text{cm}^{-1})$] of Chalcones ($\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{O-CO-CH:CH-Ar}$)

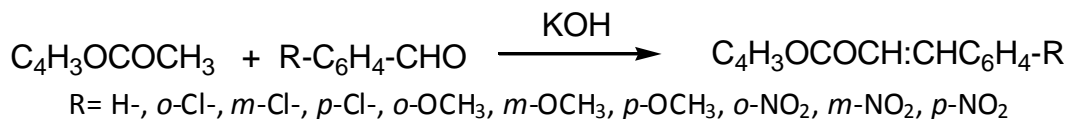
Compound No	Ar-	[C=O]	[C=C]	[CH]	[O-N-O sym]	[O-N-O asym]
1	C_6H_5-	1659	1605	3113	-	-
2	<i>o</i> -Cl- C_6H_4-	1659	1605	3087	-	-
3	<i>m</i> -Cl- C_6H_4-	1659	1605	3094	-	-
4	<i>p</i> -Cl- C_6H_4-	1659	1605	2982	-	-
5	<i>o</i> -OMe- C_6H_4-	1651	1589	3132	-	-
6	<i>m</i> -OMe- C_6H_4-	1659	1605	3117	-	-
7	<i>p</i> -OMe- C_6H_4-	1659	1605	2839	-	-
8	<i>o</i> -NO ₂ - C_6H_4-	1659	1605	3117	1350	1528
9	<i>m</i> -NO ₂ - C_6H_4-	1659	1605	3086	1342	1528
10	<i>p</i> -NO ₂ - C_6H_4-	1659	1605	3150	1345	1530

 Table 3: ¹HNMR (CDCl_3) Data Obtained for Chalcones ($\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{O-CO-CH:CH-Ar}$) δ :


Comp. No	Ar-	H-2	H-3	J ₂₋₃ (Hz)	Ar-H and Furyl-H	3H,-OCH ₃
1	C_6H_5-	6.671 (d)	7.546 (d)	15.3	6.613-7.721(m)	-
2	<i>o</i> -Cl- C_6H_4-	7.397 (d)	8.287 (d)	15.3	6.629-7.796(m)	-
3	<i>m</i> -Cl- C_6H_4-	7.412 (d)	7.818 (d)	15.3	6.628-7.844(m)	-
4	<i>p</i> -Cl- C_6H_4-	7.439 (d)	7.837 (d)	15.0	6.625-7.864(m)	-
5	<i>o</i> -OMe- C_6H_4-	7.548 (d)	8.217 (d)	15.9	6.599-7.660(m)	3.940 (s)
6	<i>m</i> -OMe- C_6H_4-	7.450 (d)	7.866 (d)	15.6	6.615-7.677(m)	3.878 (s)
7	<i>p</i> -OMe- C_6H_4-	7.357 (d)	7.873 (d)	15.6	6.602-7.659(m)	3.876 (s)
8	<i>o</i> -NO ₂ - C_6H_4-	7.652 (d)	7.720 (d)	15.3	6.913-8.621(m)	-
9	<i>m</i> -NO ₂ - C_6H_4-	7.587 (d)	7.687 (d)	15.6	6.652-8.537(m)	-
10	<i>p</i> -NO ₂ - C_6H_4-	6.965 (d)	7.682 (d)	15.9	6.616-8.141(m)	-

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The profound biological activities possessed by chalcones and their potential to be used as synthones for the synthesis of large number of heterocyclic compounds have generated considerable interest in the synthesis of a large number of substituted chalcones. One of the most widely used method employed for the synthesis of chalcones involved Claisen-Schmidt condensation of substituted arylaldehyde with the arylmethyl ketones. In the present work we report the synthesis of 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl) -2-propen-1-ones from 2-acetylfuran and substituted benzaldehydes in the presence of a base.



The synthesis of different chalcones was established by their spectral data. In the IR spectra of chalcones 1-10 as mentioned in table 2, the peak at $1651 - 1659 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ represent $>\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretching vibrations which indicate the presence of carbonyl group in conjugation with highly unsaturated system and the results suggests the presence of α,β - unsaturated carbonyl group in the synthesized compounds. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) data of different chalcones is presented in table 3. The synthesis of chalcones is characterized by the presence of two doublets around δ 7.6 - 6.6 and δ 8.2 - 7.5. These represents C-2 and C-3 protons and the geometry across the double bond has been found out to be trans as doublets with coupling constant $J_{2,3}$ is $\sim 15.9 - 15.0 \text{ Hz}$. The aryl and other protons were revealed at their respective position

After establishing the structures of the 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl)-2-propen-1-ones; their effect was observed on BSA in solution. Figure 1 represents the results of the serum protein left in solution after interaction with chalcones. The synthesized 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl)-2-propen-1-ones possessing α,β -unsaturated ketone moiety are highly reactive. The moiety reacts with most nucleophilic group available and therefore has been used as synthons for the synthesis of different types of heterocycles [31]. In proteins also, a number of side chain groups such as thiol, amino, imidazole, alcohol etc. are available. Any of these side chain nucleophilic groups can react with α,β -unsaturated ketone group. We propose that nucleophilic groups of BSA react with α,β -unsaturated group in an effective manner. The resulting interactions may cause a change in the three dimensional structure of albumin under study and finally resulting its precipitation out of solution.

CONCLUSION

In summary, we have synthesized 1-(2'-furyl)-3(substitutedphenyl)-2-propen-1-ones by Claisen-Schmidt condensation successfully, which were characterized by TLC, melting point, IR and $^1\text{H NMR}$ spectroscopy. The synthesized chalcones may be assumed to have diverse biological activities as has been found in this class of compounds. It has been found that these chalcones interact with the bovine serum albumin, a protein mainly responsible for the transportation of a number of compounds.

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