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THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF THIOUREA DERIVATIVES: SYNTHESIS, CRYSTAL STRUCTURE, IN-SILICO AND IN-VITRO BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this study, five different thiourea derivatives were synthesized from aryl amines according to the reported method. 1-Benzoyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (2) was confirmed with single crystal XRD analysis while 1-benzoyl-3-phenylthiourea (1), 1-benzoyl-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)thiourea (3), 1-benzoyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl) thiourea (4) and 1-benzoyl-3-p-tolylthiourea (5) were elucidated with FTIR and NMR techniques. The geometry optimization of the targeted molecules was accomplished with density functional theory applying B3LYP function. The experimental (XRD) and calculated (DFT) bond angles and bond lengths were compared. The frontier molecular orbitals and molecular electrostatic potential were computed to determine the charge density distribution and possible sites for electrophilic and nucleophilic reactions of the crystalline compound. The synthesized compounds were evaluated as an anti-radical scavenger and enzyme (esterases and protease) inhibitor using *in-vitro* models. The results confirmed that the synthesized molecules have good anti-oxidant property while a moderate enzyme inhibiting activity. Docking study was conducted with acetylcholine and protease enzymes. On the basis of *in-vitro* studies, it is concluded that compound 2 is most active against all tested assays.

KEY WORDS: Thiourea, 2,2-Diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl, Enzyme inhibition, Density functional theory, Docking studies

INTRODUCTION

Synthesis of small structurally diverse molecules which can bind macromolecules can serve as the starting points for the synthesis of drugs/probes. Organic chemists can be synthesized moieties fit for pharmaceutical formulations [1]. Using the innovative knowledge of biological targets through various softwares, drugs are being designed. The smaller organic molecules interact with proteins by either inhibiting it or activating it and in consequence organism benefits therapeutically. In short, drug is designed to be corresponding in structure and charge to biomolecular targets [2]. Therapeutic uses of synthetic compounds are widespread, and being used as anti-HIV, antibacterial, antimycobacterial, antifungal, antileishmanial, antimalarial, anticonvulsant, antidepressant and anticancer agents [3-8]. The eye catching aspect of synthetic chemistry is to change the chemical and physical properties of the nitrogen containing molecule by just changing substitutions on nitrogen atom. Compounds containing heteroatoms, being important in biological as well as for industrial and such compounds are considered as one of the largest parts of organic chemistry. Among heteroatoms, sulfur and nitrogen containing compounds are of special interest for the researchers [9]. Thiourea is a versatile group of organic reagents possessing considerable range of applications. They possess functional organic moiety which is similar to the urea with exception of the replacement of the O atom with the S. Difference in properties of these compounds is due to the electronegativity difference between oxygen and

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sulfur atoms [8]. A wide range of biological activities exhibited by thiourea include herbicidal, anti-fungal, anti-bacterial, insecticidal and plant growth regulating properties [10].

Enzymes present in all living organisms and specific in their actions in sense of biochemical reactions occurring in plants, animals, microorganisms and human beings. Catalytic capabilities of enzymes make them unique. In development of pharmaceutical research, application of enzyme technologies is considered as the growing field [11]. Enzymes are biomolecules which, due to their greater affinity and specificity, bind to their substrates specifically. The substances which decrease the rate of an enzyme are known as inhibitors. Some of them act directly on enzymes and some combine with a substrate or cofactor. These inhibitors attached or interact to the different amino acids located on the active site of the enzyme through van der Waals forces, π - π interactions and hydrogen bonding, etc [12]. In our body many free radical are continuously generated through different mechanism, which may lead to damage biomolecules. It is necessary to stop these radicals and to protect our body by capturing them. Keeping in view the importance of the enzyme and free radicals, the present study was designed to synthesize the substituted thiourea derivatives, optimization of their structures and biological evaluation as antioxidant and enzyme inhibition.

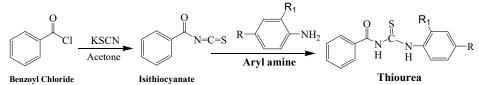
EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

All chemical and solvents used in the synthesis along biological evaluation of the targeted compound were purchased from Sigma Aldrich.

Synthesis of thiourea derivatives (1-5)

The targeted compounds were prepared in accordance to the literature method [13]. Potassium thiocyanate (0.02 mol) was dissolved in dry acetone (20 mL) on continuously stirring followed by the drop wise addition of benzoyl chloride (0.02 mol). Then the mixture was stirred for 20 min. A solution of aryl amine (0.02 mol) in acetone was then added and the reaction mixture was stirred for almost 10 min followed by refluxing for 2 hours (Scheme 1). The progress of reaction was monitored on TLC and on reaction completion, chilled distilled water was added to the mixture. The precipitates formed were filtered, washed several times with the water and then dried in an oven.



1: R = H, $R_1 = H$; **2**: $R = -OCH_3$, $R_1 = H$; **3**: R = -OH, $R_1 = H$; **4**: R = H, $R_1 = -NO_2$; **5**; $R = CH_3$, $R_1 = H$

Scheme 1. Synthetic scheme of thiourea derivatives.

Antioxidant activity

The ability of synthesized molecules (1-5) to scavenge free radical was evaluated by following the method of Shahwar *et al.* [14]. 100 μ L of synthesized compound (5 mg/mL in DMSO) was added to 2 mL of the DPPH solution (methanol). Incubation of reaction mixture was done for 30

min at room temperature. Reduction of the absorbance after incubation was recorded at 517 nm. Determination of the percentage scavenging ability of synthetic compound was evaluated using following formula;

Inhibition of DPPH (%) =
$$\frac{A - B}{A} X100$$

where A is the Absorbance of blank and B is the absorbance of sample.

Protease inhibition assay

The activity of protease inhibition was performed in accordance to the method of Jedinak *et al.* with minor modification [15]. The 0.3 mL of the enzyme and inhibitor (100 μ L) was mixed and incubated at 37 °C for 15 min after that 0.6 mM of the substrate solution was added followed by adding 2.5 mL of a tris buffer. Incubation of the mixture was done at 37 °C for 30 min after which the reaction was stop by adding 50 μ L of NaOH (0.1 M). The absorbance was measured at 410 nm and inhibition (%) was calculated;

% Inhibition =
$$\frac{\text{Absorbance (blank)} - \text{Absorbance (test)}}{\text{Absorbance (blank)}} \times 100$$

Acetyl/butyrylcholine esterase assay

Following the in-vitro method of Shahwar *et al.* [14] acetyl/butyryl choline esterase inhibitory potential was measured [16]. Reaction mixture contained 100 μ L DTNB, 0.5 mL of the 100 mM tris buffer of pH 7.8, 100 μ L of the sample under consideration and 100 μ L of enzyme. The mixtures were incubated at the 37 °C for 15 min. Initiation of the reaction was started after the addition of respective substrate (acetyl/butyryl thiocholine iodide). Hydrolysis of the substrate was then monitored at 412 nm after 30 min. Calculation of % inhibition was done by the following formula:

Inhibition (%) =
$$\frac{E - S}{E} x 100$$

where E is the activity of the enzyme in the blank and S is the activity of enzyme with the tested compound.

Density functional theory

DFT calculations were carried out using Gaussian 09 while results were visualized with GaussView 5.0. The structures of the targeted compounds (derivative of thiourea) were optimized using DFT method and the B3LYP hybrid functional. All calculations were carried out with 6-31G(d,p) basis set [17, 18]. During optimization with DFT, the input file was taken from the XRD data of synthesized compound (where applicable) and matched with the experimental data via DFT studies [19, 20].

Docking studies

Docking study was carried out with Molecular Operating Environment (MOE) [19, 21]. Crystal structures of AChE and BChE with PDB codes 1EVE and 1P0I, respectively, were selected for docking studies. The three-dimensional (3D) structure of the synthesized compound was drawn through the builder program implemented in MOE. The geometrical parameters for 3D structure of the synthesized compound was optimized, and partial charges were calculated before docking.

For 1EVE, the active site of the prepared enzyme was defined as a residue within 10 Å of the reference ligand (donepezil). Trp84 and Trp82 key tryptophan residues in AChE and BChE respectively are conserved. The lowest energy minimized pose among 30 was used for further analysis. Views of docking pose and analysis of their surface with graphical representations were done using MOE and Discovery Studio Visualizer.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry

Synthetic chemistry is continuously helping human beings for synthesizing novel and potent molecules for better health and curing various diseases. In this study, thiourea derivatives were synthesized from cheaper reactants according to the already well-established method. The monitoring of reaction progress was checked on TLC and after completion of reaction, the products were washed and dried. The structures of the synthesized compounds except **2** were determined on the basis of FTIR and NMR spectral techniques while for **2**, single crystal XRD analysis was done to determine the exact structure of the molecule (**2**). In FTIR the disappearance of band (3300 cm⁻¹) of NH₂ group and appearance of new peak at about 3100 cm⁻¹ give the indication about the formation of the products. The FTIR bands near 3000 cm⁻¹, 1600 cm⁻¹, 1300 cm⁻¹ and 1200 cm⁻¹ correspond to C-H, C=O, C-N and C=S, respectively [22]. The NMR technique also supported the synthesis of the compounds as both aromatic systems showed multiplicity in the ¹H NMR while in the products where substitution on the aryl amine showed two different types of signals as mentioned in the NMR data.

1-Benzoyl-3-phenylthiourea (1). Yield: 81%; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v_{max} : 3107 (NH), 3031 (CH), 1610 (C=O), 1238 (C=S); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70–7.62 (m, 5H), 7.35–7.14 (m, 5H), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 171.07, 163.86, 134.16, 131.62, 130.09, 124.83, 123.31, 121.12, 120.82, 119.20.

1-Benzoyl-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)thiourea (3). Yield: 73%; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) ν_{max} : 3120 (NH), 3045 (CH), 1595 (C=O), 1225 (C=S); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.76–7.52 (m, 5H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 2H), 6.74–6.61 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 168.86, 161.86, 150.19, 131.62, 127.38, 126.09, 121.83, 120.12, 117.36, 111.35.

1-Benzoyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)thiourea (4). Yield: 59%; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) v_{max} : 3091 (NH), 3004 (CH), 1617 (C=O), 1234 (C=S); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 –7.76 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.54 –7.44 (m, 2H), 6.94 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 172.04, 164.31, 133.27, 132.17, 130.02, 129.28, 128.01, 124.13, 122.12, 120.47, 119.41, 116.11.

1-Benzoyl-3-p-tolylthiourea (5). Yield: 79%; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) *v*_{max}: 3109 (NH), 2985 (CH), 1621 (C=O), 1204 (C=S); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.80–7.62 (m, 5H), 7.50–7.34 (m, 4H), 2.28 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 174.47, 163.86, 135.29, 131.62, 130.03, 129.51, 126.09, 127.47, 124.52, 120.07, 26.23.

X-Ray diffraction studies of compound 2

For X-ray diffraction studies, colorless crystals having dimensions $0.56 \times 0.33 \times 0.18$ mm were applied. The crystal was placed on an Xcalibur R Oxford Diffraction κ axis four-circle diffractometer equipped with a Ruby CCD detector. After initial diffraction experiment the

triclinic P-1 unit cell of dimensions ca. a = 5.44 Å, b = 9.84 Å, c = 13.49 Å, $\alpha = 91.5^{\circ}$, $\beta = 93.5^{\circ}$ and $\gamma = 93.7^{\circ}$ was established. 22839 reflections were measured consecutively (2769 unique). After initial corrections for Lorenz-polarization effects the data were used for structure solution. All non-hydrogen atoms were localized from the initial E maps. After isotropic and consecutive anisotropic refinement using SHELXL-97 program the hydrogen atoms could be localized [23]. After completion of the molecular model the diffraction data was corrected for absorption. Final refinement of the structure comprised positional and anisotropic displacement parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms. All hydrogen atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds were included into the model applying standard geometrical criteria and isotropic displacement parameters calculated from the respective equivalent isotropic values for the heavy atoms they are bonded. The positional parameters of hydrogen atoms bonded to nitrogen were refined freely. Final experimental and structural parameters are shown in Table 1. Crystal structure of 1-benzoyl-3-(4methoxyphenyl)thiourea is dominated by hydrogen-bonded dimers shown in Figure 1. Strong N-H…S intermolecular hydrogen bonds between centro-symmetrically related molecules and N-H…O intra-molecular bonds are shown as the dashed lines.

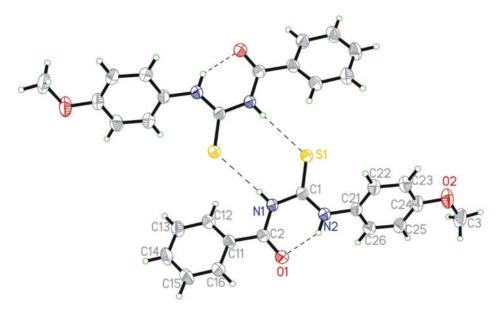


Figure 1. Crystal unit of the synthesized compound (2).

Molecular geometry and DFT studies

Before proceeding in physical properties calculation, it is necessary to perform the geometry optimization of the studied molecules (Figure 2). The equilibrium geometry of the molecule in gaseous phase was fully optimized at the DFT level using B3LYP functional together with the standard 6-31G(d,p) basis set. Figure 3, shows shapes of the highest occupied and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (HOMO and the LUMO) for the studied compounds, drawn by Gaussian View 5.0 using B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method. The energy gap between HOMO and LUMO of compound 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 is 5.07, 4.66, 4.74, 4.23 and 4.88 eV, respectively as shown in Figure 3.

Table 1. Experimental and structural parameters of 2.

Empirical formula	$C_{15}H_{14}N_2O_2S$
Formula weight	286.34
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	5.4450(2)
b/Å	9.8344(3)
c/Å	13.4873(4)
α/°	91.523(2)
β/°	93.559(2)
γ/°	93.671(2)
Volume/Å ³	719.01(4)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.323
µ/mm ⁻¹	2.025
F(000)	300.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.564 \times 0.329 \times 0.185$
Radiation	Cu Ka (λ = 1.54184)
2Θ range for data collection/°	6.56 to 142.54
Index ranges	$-6 \le h \le 6, -12 \le k \le 12, -16 \le l \le 16$
Reflections collected	22839
Independent reflections	2769 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0329, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0153$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2769/0/188
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.023
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0363, wR_2 = 0.1023$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0453, wR_2 = 0.1110$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.16/-0.20

Table 2 presents results of the ground state total energy and electronic states HOMO and LUMO of the crystalline molecule (2). The energy of HOMO is often associated with the electron donating ability of molecules, whereas the energy of LUMO is associated with the electron accepting ability of molecules. Therefore, high value of HOMO indicated more tendency to donate electrons to an empty molecular orbital of appropriate acceptor (molecule) with small energy. Likewise, a low value of LUMO indicated high tendency to accept electrons from donor [24, 25].

Energy (hartree)	-1237.9460	Enthalpy	-1237.6580
μ (chemical potential)	-0.1340	Ω (Electrophilicity)	0.1292
ŋ (chemical hardness)	0.0634	IP (ionization potential)	0.2034
X (electronegativity)	0.1400	EA (electron affinity)	0.0766
НОМО	-0.2034	Dipole moment	5.0548
LUMO	-0.0766	Gibbs Free Energy	-1237.7245
(LUMO-HOMO)	0.1266	Nuclear Repulsion energy	1478.0131

The results as presented in Table 2 showed that the synthesized molecule has a higher energy of HOMO. HOMO and LUMO gap between in the molecule is also vital feature for the description

of the molecule. The Large values of the energy gap indicate high electronic stability and such molecule show less reactivity. Furthermore, low value imply that it will be easier to transfer an electron from the HOMO to LUMO, which can result in good reactivity of the compound. The results of the synthesized molecule as shown in Table 2 also has lesser energy gap. The correlation between bond angle and bond length of XRD (experimental) and DFT (theoretical) was done using MS Excel Program and it was found that R² value for bond length and bond angle is 0.9247 and 0.9681 respectively. This gives the clear indication about the close relation between experimental and theoretical studies. B3LYP functional used in this study has a high efficiency to calculate the electronic properties of the studied molecule, such as the ionization potential, electron affinity, electronegativity, chemical hardness, chemical softness and electrophilicity. All global chemical indexes of **2** are summarized in Table 2 for studied compound.

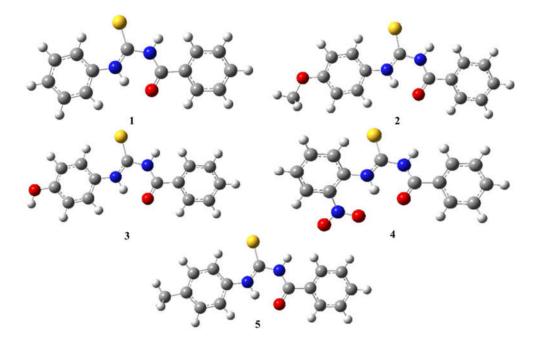


Figure 2. Optimized structure of the synthesized compounds.

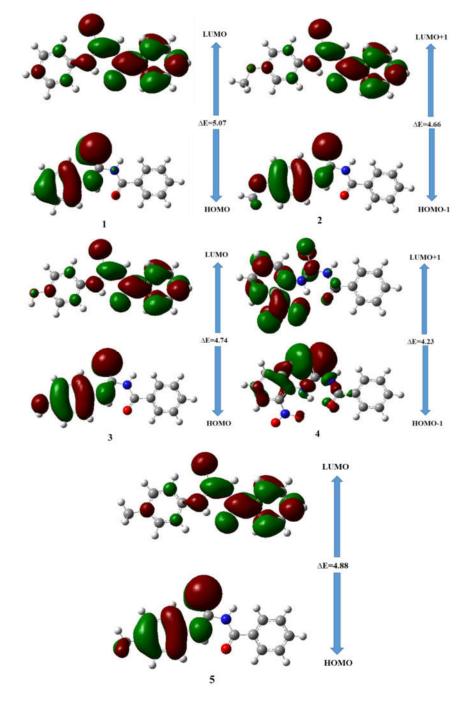


Figure 3. Energy gap between HOMO and LUMO of the synthesized compounds.

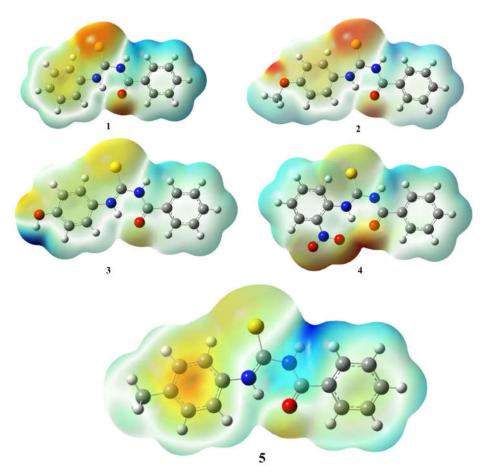


Figure 4. Molecular electrostatic potential of the synthesized compounds.

The molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) surface depict values of potential at various points in the target compound. It is used to differentiate between positive, negative and neutral charges on the molecule with different colors. The colors on the surfaces follow the order; red > orange > yellow > green > blue with respect to charge distribution [26]. The nitrogens (red) represent regions of negative potential where electrophilic attack may occur. Hydrogens (blue) of methyl and aromatic ring show positive potential and hence suitable sites for nucleophilic attack (Figure 4).

Radical scavenging activity

Antioxidants prevent the oxidation of other substances and in such reactions hydrogens or electrons are referred to possess an oxidizing potential. Many reactions in our bodies produce free radicals which destroy cells [27]. DPPH is vastly used in evaluation of free radical, scavenging capacity of different oxidants [28]. The ability of synthesized compound to reduce an oxidant was determined using 1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl radical, which by reduction is converted to 1,1-

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diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazine [29]. The lambda maxima of DPPH is 517 nm as reported in literature [30]. Antioxidants react and reduce the DPPH (stable free radical) by the formation of DPPH-H adduct and thus the absorbance of radical is being decreased. Hydrogen donating power of samples or antioxidant compounds indicates the scavenging potential as well as degree of discoloration [31]. Results showed that targeted thiourea derivatives showed good response against test assay. The maximum activity was exhibited by compound 2 (90.5 ± 2.1% with IC₅₀ value $45 \pm 2 \mu g$) as shown in Table 3. The order of all other compounds is 3 > 5 > 4 > 1.

Enzyme inhibition study

For maintenance of a steady state of all organisms it is essential to control enzyme activity. Depending upon the need of cells enzyme activities are regulated either up or down. This is possible only by controlling activities of enzymes in metabolic pathways. Body's natural steady state is adversely affected by the disruption of enzymatic control. Present study comprises evaluation of enzyme inhibitory potential of the synthesized compound against three enzymes (Protease, butyrylcholine esterase and acetylcholine esterase) using in-vitro models. It is depicted from results that thiourea derivatives showed remarkable inhibition against both esterase enzymes ranged from $54.4 \pm 1.2\%$ to $74.3 \pm 2.0\%$. The maximum activity was shown by compound 2 while least response was depicted by 1. The order of synthesized compounds against BChE is 2 > 4 > 3> 5 > 1. Acetylcholine esterase (AChE), one of the most essential enzymes in the serine hydrolases family, catalyzes the hydrolysis of a neurotransmitter acetylcholine, which plays a key role in memory and cognition [32]. Acetyl cholinesterase is the terminator, enzyme for the transmission of nerve impulse at the synapses by quickly hydrolyzing acetylcholine to acetate and choline. AChE inhibition strategy is used in treatment of several diseases such as senile dementia, Parkinson and Alzheimer diseases [33]. Major therapeutic strategies involve the inhibition of biological activity of AChE in order to increase the level of acetylcholine in the brain. It concluded that synthesized compound is has good activity against AChE as well as BChE (Table 3). Hydrolysis of the peptide bonds occurs by the action of proteases which disrupt the primary structure of proteins. In higher organisms, digestion, proenzyme or prohormone activation and various defense mechanisms occur by the activity of the proteases including blood clotting and the complement activation [34]. Protease inhibition assay involves the inhibition of protease action responsible for the modification of proteins. In this piece of work the synthesized thiourea were also evaluated against protease using in-vitro technique and it was observed that they have moderate potential against protease (Table 3).

Compounds	DPPH	I	ACh	E	BChE	r	Protease	
	%age	IC50	%age	%age	$IC_{50}(\mu g)$	IC_{50}	$IC_{50}(\mu g)$	$IC_{50}(\mu g)$
	inhibition	(µg)	inhibition	inhibition		(µg)		
1	65.1 ± 1.1	76 ± 1	54.4 ± 1.2	189 ± 3	39.2 ± 1.0	<200	45.1 ± 0.8	<200
2	90.5 ± 2.1	45 ± 2	74.3 ± 2.0	119 ± 2	48.1 ± 0.7	<200	67.7 ± 1.4	141 ± 1
3	87.3 ± 1.3	49 ± 2	61.4 ± 0.5	148 ± 3	41.4 ± 0.9	<200	52.9 ± 0.7	184 ± 3
4	79.7 ± 0.7	63 ± 1	69.7 ± 0.9	134 ± 2	45.5 ± 0.6	<200	58.2 ± 1.1	173 ± 2
5	81.6 ± 0.9	51 ± 2	55.1 ± 0.9	181 ± 4	36.7 ± 1.1	<200	42.4 ± 1.0	<200
STD	$92.7\pm0.5\texttt{*}$	14 ± 1	$87.2\pm0.5^{\boldsymbol{**}}$	27 ± 1	$77.6\pm1.0^{\boldsymbol{\ast\ast}}$	35 ± 1	$90.3\pm1.0^{\boldsymbol{\ast\ast}}$	35 ± 1

Table 3. The DPPH and enzyme inhibition activities of the synthesized compounds.

*Gallic acid; **PMSF.

Docking study of compounds

All synthesized compounds were docked with MOE software by downloading the PDB files of the AChE and BChE. The docking score and binding energy of each molecule with respect to

both enzymes is listed in Table 4 and Figures 5 and 6. The synthesized thiourea (2) depicted most favorable interaction with amino acids loacated n the active sites of the esterase. The gorge of AChE contains the catalytic triad having Ser203, His447 and Glu334 amino acids, while "peripheral anionic binding site" (PAS), located in the peripheral part of the gorge is composed of Trp84, Tyr334, Trp286 and Tyr72 amino acids. In our study a strong hydrogen bonding was observed with Tyr334 and Tyr70 involving the oxygen atom of the methoxy group of the synthesized molecule. Similarly, nitrogen and oxygen (benzoyl group) of the thiourea derivative showed hydrogen bond with Tyr70, Gly123, Ser81 and Gly117. A π - π interaction appeared with Tyr334 and Tyr84 in PAS by the benzoid system of the studied thiourea moiety while electrostatic (cation– π) type of interaction was found between ligand and His440 residue (Figure 5). These all interactions indicated the good fit or binding of the crystalline compound to the active site of the AChE. In BChE there is a weak interaction, mainly hydrogen bond interaction with Gly117, Gly116, His438 residues and no π - π interaction is observed at active site which indicate a weak inhibition (Figure 6). In this study both experimental and theoretical (docking) results are in a close agreement with already reported in the literature [19].

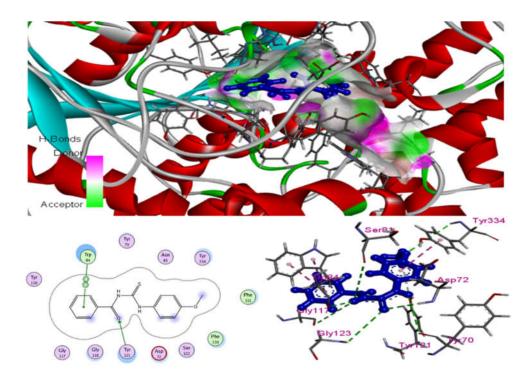


Figure 5. Docked picture of 2 with AChE.

Table 4. Docking results of the synthesized compound.

Compounds	AC	ChE	BChE		
	Docking score	Binding affinity	Docking score	Binding affinity	
	-	(kcal/mol)	-	(kcal/mol)	
1	-5.3591	-5.5473	-4.6806	-5.1256	
2	-6.5958	-5.7505	-5.3457	-4.4313	
3	-5.6653	-6.3542	-4.7192	-4.1733	
4	-6.1841	-6.1843	-5.5751	-5.0333	
5	-5.6095	-6.3440	-5.1854	-4.9845	

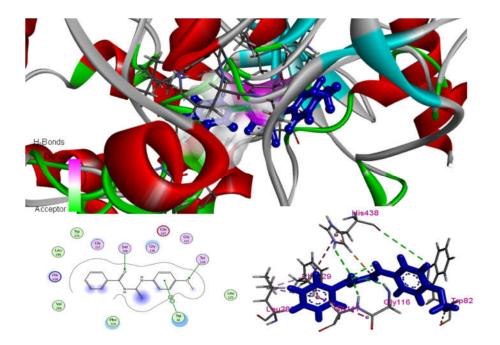


Figure 6. Docked Picture of 2 with BChE.

CONCLUSIONS

Compounds containing thiourea moiety are emerging in the field of drug discovery due to structural advanced. A number of biological applications can be achieved by an appropriate choice of organic compounds. Current studies concentrated on the synthesis of thiourea derivatives having many pharmaceutical applications included anti-oxidant, anti-bacterial, anti-cancer and enzyme inhibition. In this study substituted amine based thiourea derivatives were synthesized, characterized by theoretical (DFT) and experimental basis. Free radical scavenging and enzyme inhibition potential of studied molecules was depicted using in-vitro models. Docking studies against AChE and BChE was carried out which confirmed the practically results (*in vitro*). Our group is working on designing and synthesizing of molecules having biological potential in the field of medicine for saving human beings. As medicinal applications, synthetic compounds may be the good therapeutic agent against enzymes and free radicals in future.

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