

Newer Substituted Indolyl-Pyrazoline Derivatives as Anti-Inflammatory Agents

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Abstract

A novel series of nine indolyl pyrazoline pharmacophore were synthesized by the reaction of hydrazine hydrate derivatives with the synthesized chalcones (C4,C5,C6). The chalcones were synthesized by the Claisen Schimdt condensation method. These pyrazoline derivatives were evaluated for anti-inflammatory activity using Carrageenan induced paw oedema method. The activity profile reveals that the unsubstituted N1 of these indolyl pyrazoline was found to give better activity than other N1- substituted indolyl pyrazolines. The reference drug for the inflammatory activity was Indomethacine.

Keywords:

Anti-inflammatory; Claisen schimdt reaction; Chalcones; Pyrazoline; Indolyl pyrazoline

Introduction

The pyrazolines are the five membered heterocyclic compounds which has attracted the attentions of organic chemists in the past decades due to their immense biological applications. These compounds are generally prepared from the reactions of chalcones with hydrazine derivatives under the ordinary conditions. The present derivatives contains indole moiety. Literature survey revealed that incorporation of indole moiety in pyrazoline ring enhanced anti-inflammatory activity. Indole alkaloids have been proved to be medicinally important natural compounds. Indole ring was an important template for drug design such as the classical NSAIDS indomethacin and indoxole. Further indole derivatives had been reported to possess number of potent biological activities including analgesics, antipyretics antifungal, anti-inflammatory, anthelmintic, cardiovascular, anticonvulsant, antimicrobial, and selective COX-2 inhibitory activities. Hence the efficient synthesis of novel substituted indolyl derivatives compounds still represents highly pursued target. The substitution of heterocyclic moiety at the 3-position of indole ring markedly influences the anti-inflammatory activity [1].

Promoted by the number of research studies, the present article aimed at gathering the two bioactive entities (i.e. indole and pyrazole) into one compact structure and evaluating its anti-inflammatory activity.

Result and Discussion

Chemistry

The 3-indolaldehyde is 3H-indene-1-carbaldehyde, prepared using Vielsmeier Haack method was utilized for synthesis of chalcones by reacting with selected aryl ketone. Chalcone [1] is a generic term given to compounds bearing the 1, 3-diphenyl-2-propen-1-one framework and belong to the flavonoid family [2-4]. Chemically they are open-chain flavonoids in which the two aromatic rings are joined by a three carbon α , β -unsaturated carbonyl system. We had three synthesized chalcones (E)-2-((1H-indol-3-yl) methylene) cyclohexanone (C3); (E)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (C 4) and (E)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (C5) which were synthesized [5] by using 3-indolaldehyde with cyclohexanone, p-nitro phenylacetone and phenylacetone respectively. The reaction which produces chalcones is base catalysed claisen schimdt condensation reaction [6-10]. Formed chalcones than made to react with hydrazine hydrate, phenyl hydrazine and isonicotinyl hydrazine respectively to produce different derivatives with different N1 substitution. The scheme 1 represents the scheme of reaction for the synthesis of indolyl pyrazoline. The substituted hydrazine hydrate had synthesized the substituted pyrazoline derivatives (P1, P2, P3) (Table 1). The table enlisted these substituted derivatives as compounds 7a-7g. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using acetic acid: ethyl acetate as solvent system in 1:1 and the spots were visualized by exposure to iodine vapour or spraying dilute sulphuric acid. The structures of synthesized pyrazoline derivatives (7a-7i) were confirmed on the basis of IR, ¹H NMR, Mass Spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The pharmacological activity taken over was anti-inflammatory by the Carrageenan induced paw oedema method (Figure 1).

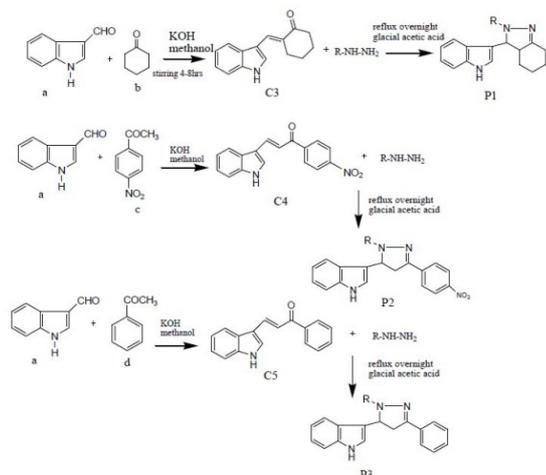


Figure 1: Graphical abstract.

R ↓	P1	P2	P3
—H	7a	7d	7g
	7b	7e	7h
	7c	7f	7i

Table 1: Pyrazoline derivatives.

Spectral Studies

IR spectra of synthesized novel indolyl pyrazoline derivatives (7a-7i) showed $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ stretching at $1550.77\text{--}1598.99\text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to closure of ring. The absorption band at $1340\text{--}1361.74\text{ cm}^{-1}$ were attributed to the $\nu(\text{C}-\text{N})$ stretching vibrations, these confirms the formation of the pyrazoline ring in all the compounds. The mono-substituted amines showed additional sharp bands in the region $3100\text{--}3273.20\text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to the $\nu(\text{NH})$ stretch. The indolyl at $\nu(\text{N}-\text{H})$ observed at range $3215.34\text{--}3547.09\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and other characteristic spectra's band appeared. The compound 7a-7c exhibits $\nu(\text{CH}-\text{CH})$ stretch at the range of $1006.84\text{--}1008.77\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ stretching ranging $1650.18\text{--}1666.64$ isonicotinyl attached with N1 in 7c, 7f and 7i of pyrazoline derivatives. 7d, 7e and 7f show $\nu(\text{Ar}-\text{NO}_2)$ between $1514.12\text{--}1517.9\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (Table 2).

^1H NMR spectra observed for the synthesized compounds in CDCl_3 supported as evidence to the synthesized structures (Table 3). All the pyrazoline containing derivatives exhibit N-H of indole as doublet at δ range $11.398\text{--}11.500\text{ ppm}$. The proton Hc at carbon C5 appears downfield in the region δ $4.630\text{--}4.875\text{ ppm}$ as doublet in all the compounds. The proton Ha and Hb at C4 carbon exhibits two signals, one as triplet in the δ range $3.05\text{--}4.624\text{ ppm}$ and the other as doublet of doublet ranging from δ $3.279\text{--}4.873\text{ ppm}$ which is due to vicinal coupling with two magnetically nonequivalent protons of the $-\text{CH}_2-$ group at position 5 and germinal proton at 4 of all synthesized compounds. But this type of characteristic range is total absent in three compounds 7a, 7b and 7c. It is due to the only reason because pyrazoline is found fused with cyclohexanone ring at C3 and C4 of pyrazoline. This shows signals range of δ for $3.00\text{--}4.01\text{ ppm}$ of CH-CH of cyclohexanone. The mass spectra (EI-MS) of compounds are also in agreement with their molecular formula. The elemental analysis results were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of the theoretical values (Figure 2).

Table 2: IR spectral studies of synthesized compound.

Compound	IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) studies of synthesized compounds.
7a	1576.64(C=N); 1335.49(C-N); 3167.58(N-H); 3448.71(N-H) indole 1006.38(CH-CH)
7b	1582(C=N); 1327.03(C-N); 3273.20(N-H); 3416.29(N-H) indole 1008.77(CH-CH)
7c	1550.77(C=N); 1336.19(C-N); 3165.19(N-H); 3390.86(N-H) indole; 1006.84(CH-CH); 1650.18(C=O)
7d	1579.70(C=N); 1336.67(C-N); 3160(N-H); 3215.34(N-H) indole 1514.12(Ar-NO ₂)
7e	1598.99(C=N); 1361.74(C-N); 3115.34(NH); 3340(N-H) indole 1517.98(Ar-NO ₂)
7f	1598.99(C=N); 1361.74(C-N); 3150(NH); 3547.09(N-H) indole 1517.98(Ar-NO ₂); 1658.78(C=O)
7g	1584.36(C=N); 1361.74(C-N); 3176.76(NH); 3429.95(N-H) indole
7h	1579.70(C=N); 1359.82(C-N); 3100(NH); 3410(N-H) indole
7i	1597.06(C=N); 1340(C-N); 3160(NH); 3410(N-H) indole; 1662.64(C=O).

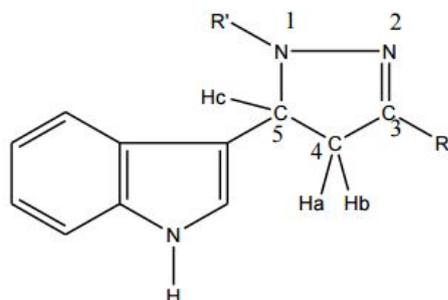


Figure 2: Conformational structure for placing protons in pyrazoline ring.

Pharmacological Activity

The activity revealed by novel synthesized 7 series in Table 4, that in vivo anti-inflammatory activity at the dose 100 mg/kg in rats by carrageenan induced paw oedema method. It is non-specific inflammation resulting from a complex of diverse mediators; therefore oedema of this type is highly sensitive to NSAIDs. The entire investigated compounds exhibited moderate to good anti-inflammatory activity. In general the unsubstituted N1 of 2- pyrazoline shows better activity than substituted one. Although not significant inhibitory ratios for 7i, 7a, 7b and 7c were above 19% but below 30% for 5th hour of measurements. However the inhibitory effects of these compounds were above 30% at all the readings during 3rd and 4th hour of measurement, but reached significant values after 5 hour. It is found that 7d and 7g shows most significant inhibition which was very near to the standard indomethacin.

Table 3: Physical data, (Nitrogen content and Mass spectroscopy data) of synthesized compounds (7a-7i).

Compound	Molecular Formula	Nitrogen content(estimated)	ESI-MS (m/z)	Molecular weight
7a	C ₁₅ H ₁₇ N ₃	17.56	239.1	239.32
7b	C ₂₁ H ₂₁ N ₃	13.32	314.93	315.41
7c	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ N ₄ O	16.27	345.8	344.41
7d	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ N ₃	18.29	260.13	261.32
7e	C ₂₃ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₂	17.27	382.8	382.41
7f	C ₂₃ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₃	17.02	411.4	411.41
7g	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ N ₃	16.08	261.13	261.32
7h	C ₂₃ H ₁₈ N ₄ O	12.45	370.9	366.42
7i	C ₂₃ H ₁₉ N ₃	15.29	335.2	337.42

Table 4: 1H-NMR mass spectral data of synthesized compounds.

Compounds	1H-NMR spectra 400 MHz(CDCl ₃)
7a	Indole proton 11.50(1H,d,N-H); 7.17-7.89(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 7.15(1H,d,C-H) Cyclohexan proton 1.27-1.31(9H,m,CH ₂); 3.27(1H,d,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 7.91(1H,s,N-H); 4.63(1H,d,C-H)
7b	Indole proton 11.35(1H,d,N-H); 8.46-8.48(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 7.95(1H,d,C-H) Cyclohexan proton 1.31-1.34(9H,m,CH ₂); 4.66(1H,d,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 4.66(1H,d,C-H); Proton of N-substituted Phenyl at pyrazoline 7.65-7.66(5H,m,C-H)
7c	Indole proton 11.40(1H,d,N-H); 7.44-7.49(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 7.90(1H,d,C-H) Cyclohexan proton 1.29-1.33(9H,m,CH ₂); 3.27(1H,d,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 4.63(1H,d,C-H) Proton of N-substituted isonicotinyl at pyrazoline 8.47-8.50(4h,m,C-H)
7d	Indole proton 11.39(1H,d,N-H); 7.41-7.47(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 7.90(1H,d,C-H) Proton at phenyl of pyrazoline 8.47-8.50 (5H,m,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 7.91(1H,s,N-H); 4.63(1H,d,C-H)
7e	Indole proton 11.66(1H,d,N-H); 7.64-7.78(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 8.82(1H,d,C-H) Proton at phenyl of pyrazoline 8.02-8.06(5H,m,C-H)

	Pyrazoline proton 4.66(1H,d,C-H) Proton of N-substituted Phenyl at pyrazoline 7.43-7.60(5H,m,C-H)
7f	Indole proton 11.49(1H,d,N-H); 8.00-8.02(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 8.77(1H,d,C-H) Proton at phenyl of pyrazoline 7.54-7.58(5H,m,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 1.19(2H,d,C-H); 3.25(1H,d,C-H) Proton of N-substituted isonicotiny at pyrazoline 7.37-7.41(1H,d,N-C-H); 7.41-7.47(1H,d,C-CH)
7g	Indole proton 11.51(1H,d,N-H); 7.78-7.83(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 8.05(1H,d,C-H) Proton at phenyl of pyrazoline 7.72-7.74(5H,m,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 1.37(2H,d,C-H); 4.03(1H,d,C-H); 8.65(1H,d,N-H)
7h	Indole proton 10.79(1H,d,N-H); 7.47-7.50(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 7.67(1H,d,C-H) Proton at phenyl of pyrazoline 7.37-7.41(5H,m,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 1.28(2H,d,C-H); 3.70(1H,d,C-H) Phenyl at N-substitution of pyrazoline 7.65-7.67(5H,m,C-H)
7i	Indole proton 11.50(1H,d,N-H); 7.72-7.75(4H,m,C-H Ar.); 7.89(1H,d,C-H) Proton at phenyl of pyrazoline 7.54-7.58(5H,m,C-H) Pyrazoline proton 1.28(2H,d,C-H); 3.98(1H,d,C-H) Proton of N-substituted isonicotiny at pyrazoline 7.46-7.48(1H,d,N-C-H); 7.41-7.47(1H,d,C-CH)

Relative to the structure the results clearly indicating that indolyl-pyrazoline with substituted phenyl at C4 and unsubstituted N1 orient the structure to the best activity. However unsubstituted N1, compounds like 7d and 7g given best inhibitory activity than all the compounds. Among all these p-nitro substituted phenyl at C3 position of pyrazolines, like 7d, 7e given promising inhibition, which was more than 44%, but the N1 substituted with isonicotiny moiety shows poor inhibitions. The compounds which had fused cyclohexanone with pyrazoline moiety at C3 and C4 exhibits very poor results below 30%. Most prominent in the series were 7d, 7e, 7g, 7h and 7e; which had phenyl substitution at C3 of pyrazoline. The N1 having phenyl group (7e, 7f) had also given notable inhibitions.

Experimental Materials

All the reagent and solvent used in synthesis were of laboratory grade. All the solvents were dried and distilled before use. Melting point was determined in open capillaries and where uncorrected. Purity of the compounds was checked TLC using Silica gel-G (Merck). IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) of compounds are recorded on Shimadzu-2100s spectrometer and Perkin Elmer BX, UK spectrometer. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ was recorded in DMSO on Bruker 300 MHz spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. The mass spectrums were recorded on an API 3000 LC-MS. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using acetic acid: ethyl acetate as solvent system in 1:1 and the spots were visualized by exposure to iodine vapor or spraying dilute sulphuric acid.

Synthesis of (a) 3H-indene-1-carbaldehyde

The required indolylaldehyde were prepared by following Vielsmeier Haack complex method [11]. In a 100 ml round bottom flask, Vielsmeier Haack complex was prepared using phosphorus oxychloride (1 ml) and N, N-dimethylformamide

(3.15 ml) and was stirred using magnetic stirrer at 10-15°C. Indole (0.01 mol) was dissolved in minimum quantity of N, N-dimethylformamide and added with stirring at 10-15°C in Vielsmeier Haack complex. The reaction mixture was allowed to concentrate at 45°C and kept for 30 minutes and then poured into ice cold water (100 ml), a clear red colored solution was obtained, and 10% sodium hydroxide (20 ml) was added to get the precipitate [12]. This was boiled for 1 min and filtered, on cooling crystals were formed. Then these crystals were separated by filtration Color of was yellow. Recrystallization was done using aqueous DMF. Crystal was clear yellow in color. Melting point was found to be 192-194°C, R_f 0.52 (petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, 80:20), yield 76%. The formation of the aldehyde was confirmed by the Tollen's test and 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine test.

Synthesis of chalcones

Synthesis of (E)-2-((1H-indol-3-yl) methylene) cyclohexanone [C3]

Equimolar quantities (0.01 mol) of indole-3-aldehyde (a) and cyclohexanone were taken in 100 ml conical flask and dissolved in 20 ml of methanol to this (0.01 mol) of NaOH, which is dissolved in minimum quantity of water. The mixture was stirred on a magnetic stirrer. Reaction mixture was diluted with water and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The precipitated chalcones was filtered and recrystallized from absolute ethanol. The completion of reaction checked by TLC using solvent system of petroleum ether: ethyl acetate [70:30]. Color-bright yellow; % yield -81%; m.p.-189°C; R_f value-0.66. IR (KBr, v, cm^{-1}): 1636.09(C=O); 1612.76(CH=CH); 1576.98(C=C).

Synthesis of (E)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one [C4]

Equimolar quantities (0.01 mol) of indole-3-aldehyde (a) and para nitro phenylacetone were taken in 100 ml conical flask and

dissolved in 20 ml of methanol to this (0.01 mol) of NaOH, which is dissolved in minimum quantity of water. The mixture was stirred on a magnetic stirrer. Reaction mixture was diluted with water and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The precipitated chalcones was filtered and recrystallized from absolute ethanol. The completion of reaction checked by TLC using solvent system of petroleum ether: ethyl acetate [70:30]. Color-muddy yellow; % yield-87%; m.p.-198°C; R_f value-0.87. IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1709.76(C=O); 1620(CH=CH); 1513.70(C=C).

Synthesis of (E)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one [C5]

Equimolar quantities (0.01 mol) of indole-3-aldehyde (a) and phenylacetone were taken in 100 ml conical flask and dissolved in 20 ml of methanol to this (0.01 mol) of NaOH, which is dissolved in minimum quantity of water. The mixture was stirred on a magnetic stirrer. Reaction mixture was diluted with water and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The precipitated chalcones was filtered and recrystallized from absolute ethanol. The completion of reaction checked by TLC using solvent system of petroleum ether: ethyl acetate [70:30]. Color-brownish yellow; %yield- 78%; m.p.-190°C; R_f value-0.71. IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}):1658.78 1673.7(C=O); 1620(CH=CH); 1520(C=C).

Synthesis of pyrazoline derivatives

Synthesis of 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7-hexahydro-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-substituted-indazole [P1]

(A) Synthesis of 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7-hexahydro-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2H-indazole (7a): Synthesis of 7a carried out using solution of synthesized chalcone [C3] (0.01 mol) and hydrazine hydrate (0.01 mol), taken in mixture of ethanol (20 ml) and glacial acetic acid (60 ml), the mixture was refluxed for 4 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. Color-pale yellow; % yield -76%; m.p.-320°C.

(B) Synthesis of 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7-hexahydro-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-2-phenyl-2H-indazole (7b): Synthesis of 7b was done by using synthesized chalcone [C3] (0.01 mol) and phenylhydrazine (0.01 mol), taken in mixture of ethanol (20 ml) and glacial acetic acid (60 ml), the mixture was refluxed for 8 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color-reddish brown; % yield-66%; m.p.-148°C.

(C) Synthesis of (3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7-hexahydro-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)indazol-2-yl)(pyridin-4-yl)methanone (7c): The 0.01 mol of synthesized chalcone C3 was dissolved in ethanol in a round bottom flask and 0.01 mol of isonicotinyl hydrazide was added on it. Glacial acetic acid (60 ml) was also added and refluxed for 10 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. C The completion of reaction and the purity of product was checked by TLC. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color-muddy yellow; % yield-54%; m.p.-122°C.

Synthesis of 3-(4, 5-dihydro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-substituted-pyrazol-5-yl)-1H-indole [P2]

(D) Synthesis of 3-(4,5-dihydro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)-1H-indole (7d): The 0.01 mol of synthesized chalcone C4 was dissolved in ethanol in a round bottom flask and 0.01 mol of hydrazine hydrate was added on it. Glacial acetic acid (60 ml) was also added and refluxed for 6 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. C The completion of reaction and the purity of product was checked by TLC. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color- brown; % yield-66%; m.p.-197°C.

(E) 3-(4,5-dihydro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)-1H-indole (7e): The 0.01 mol of synthesized chalcone C4 was dissolved in ethanol in a round bottom flask and 0.01 mol of phenyl hydrazine was added on it. Glacial acetic acid (60 ml) was also added and refluxed for 8 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. C The completion of reaction and the purity of product was checked by TLC. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color-orangish yellow; % yield -54%; m.p.-219°C.

(F) (4,5-dihydro-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)pyrazol-1-yl)(pyridin-4-yl)methanone(7f): The 0.01 mol of synthesized chalcone C4 was dissolved in ethanol in a round bottom flask and 0.01 mol of isonicotinyl hydrazide was added on it. Glacial acetic acid (60 ml) was also added and refluxed for 10 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. C The completion of reaction and the purity of product was checked by TLC. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color-yellowish brown; %yield -76%; m.p.-320°C.

3-(4, 5-dihydro-3-phenyl-1substituted-pyrazol-5-yl)-1H-indole (P3)

(G) 3-(4,5-dihydro-3-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)-1H-indole (7g): Synthesis of 7g carried out using solution of synthesized chalcone [C5] (0.01 mol) and hydrazine hydrate (0.01 mol), taken in mixture of ethanol (20 ml) and glacial acetic acid (60 ml), the mixture was refluxed for 6 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. Color-yellow; %yield-68%; m.p.-172°C.

(H) 3-(4,5-dihydro-1,3-diphenyl-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)-1H-indole (7h): Synthesis of 7h was done by using synthesized chalcone [C5] (0.01 mol) and phenylhydrazine (0.01 mol), taken in mixture of ethanol (20 ml) and glacial acetic acid (60 ml), the mixture was refluxed for 8 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color-brownish yellow; % yield-72%; m.p.-254°C.

(I) **(4,5-dihydro-5-(1H-indol-3-yl)-3-phenylpyrazol-1-yl) (pyridin-4-yl)methanone (7i)**: The 0.01 mol of synthesized chalcone C5 was dissolved in ethanol in a round bottom flask and 0.01 mol of isonicotinyl hydrazide was added on it. Glacial acetic acid (60 ml) was also added and refluxed for 9 hour and kept overnight. The synthesized product was poured into ice water and the crude product was filtered. The filtered derivative is crystallized with Acetone. C The completion of reaction and the purity of product was checked by TLC [13-15]. The completion of reaction and product purity was checked by TLC. Color-brown; % yield-64%; m.p.-210°C.

Anti-inflammatory activity screening

Anti-inflammatory activity screening for the prepared compound was determined in vivo by the acute Carrageenan induced paw oedema standard method in rats.

Procedure: Preparation of Sodium CMC suspension: 1 g of Sodium CMC was triturated in 100 ml of distilled water to give the required stock suspension of Sodium CMC. This stock suspension was used for suspending all the test compounds as well as the standard drug.

Preparation of Carrageenan suspension: 100 mg of Carrageenan powder was sprinkled in 10 ml of saline and set aside for 1 hour. Then it was mixed with the help of a magnetic stirrer to get a homogenous 1% suspension of carrageenan.

Experimental procedure: The synthesized compounds 7a-7i were evaluated for their anti-inflammatory activity using Carrageenan induced paw oedema method described by Winter et al. [16] Albino rats of either sex, weighing between 150-200 mg, divided into 11 groups of six animals each. All these groups were kept for fasting overnight and only allowed water ad libitum 0.05 ml of 1% carrageenan suspension was slowly injected subcutaneously into the subplantar region of the left hind paw to produce inflammation in all the groups. Groups III to XI were treated with samples with the dose 100 mg/kg. Group I used as carrageenan treated control was given only 1% sodium CMC gel (1 ml/kg) whereas group II received indomethacin (100 mg/kg). All these doses were administered orally and the induced paw oedema in each group was measured to assess the anti-inflammatory activity [17,18]. Paw volumes were measured volumetrically after every 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 hours of induction with plethysmometer apparatus and compared. The anti-inflammatory activity was expressed as a percentage inhibition

of oedema weight in treated animals in comparison with the control group [13-15] (Table 5).

Percentage inhibition of oedema = $V_c - V_t / V_c \times 100$ (Figures 3 and 4)

Where, V_c and V_t are the volume of oedema for the control and drug-treated animal groups, respectively.

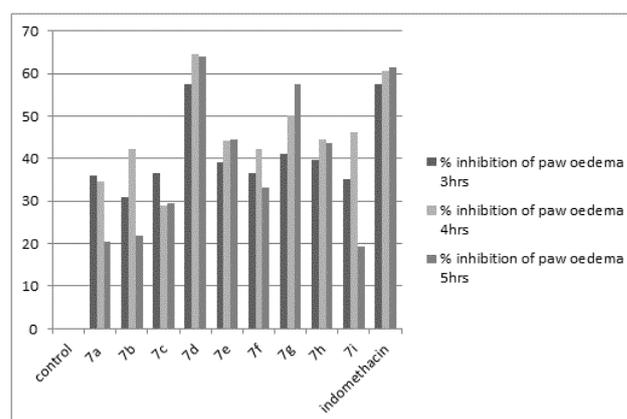


Figure 3: Percentage Inhibition of oedema for the tested compounds.

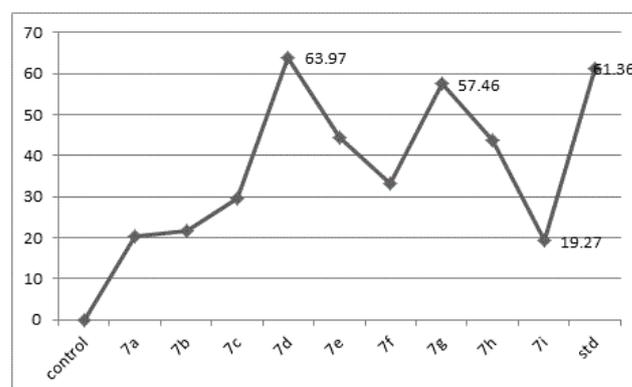


Figure 4: Graph showing (% inhibition) Best anti-inflammatory activity at 5 hour of induction of inflammation.

Table 5: Anti-inflammatory effect of the tested compounds using Paw oedema Carageenan induced method and its percentage inhibition at a dose 100 mg/kg body weight.

Group	Paw volume after induction(% inhibition)					
	3 hour	% In.	4hour	% In.	5hour	% In.
control	0.66	0	0.86	0	0.92	0
7a	0.42 ± 0.12	36.01	0.56 ± 0.23	34.61	0.73 ± 0.20	20.48
7b	0.46 ± 0.13	31	0.50 ± 0.21	42.3	0.72 ± 0.21	21.79
7c	0.42 ± 0.14	36.55	0.61 ± 0.23	28.84	0.64 ± 0.21	29.62

7d	0.28 ± 0.13	57.4	0.30 ± 0.20	64.62	0.33 ± 0.22	63.97
7e	0.40 ± 0.14	39.1	0.48 ± 0.21	44.33	0.51 ± 0.23	44.45
7f	0.42 ± 0.12	36.7	0.50 ± 0.20	42.3	0.61 ± 0.21	33.13
7g	0.39 ± 0.14	41.2	0.43 ± 0.22	50.03	0.39 ± 0.22	57.46
7h	0.40 ± 0.15	39.82	0.48 ± 0.23	44.61	0.51 ± 0.24	43.74
7i	0.43 ± 0.14	35.2	0.46 ± 0.21	46.15	0.74 ± 0.21	19.27
std	0.28 ± 0.15	57.5	0.34 ± 0.19	60.51	0.35 ± 0.20	61.36

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