

CYTOTOXICITY STUDY OF SOME INDOLE DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT

Seven indole derivatives were synthesized for the interest of studying biological activity especially for cytotoxicity. The cytotoxicity of some indole derivatives was studied by the brine shrimp lethality bioassay. It was observed that all the indole derivatives showed potential cytotoxicity against brine shrimp nauplii.

KEYWORDS: Indole, Cytotoxicity, Brine shrimp.

INTRODUCTION

Indoles are one of the most important nitrogen containing bicyclic heterocyclic molecules, found extensively in biological system which play vital role in biochemical process. The indole nucleus is an important structure in numerous natural or synthetic alkaloids, and in medicinal chemistry.^[2]

The research on indole began in the mid nineteenth century with the investigations of indigo. Since ancient times indigo has been used as a dye. In 1841, this dye was oxidized to isatin and in 1866, isatin was reduced to oxindole. The zinc dust distillation of oxindole gives indole. The indole was first prepared synthetically by Adolf Von Baeyer in 1866. The revival of the research indole chemistry took place in the 1930, when it was discovered that many alkaloids contain the indole ring system. The research was further stimulated by the discovery of the biological activities of indoles. It possess interesting biological activities like

antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antidiabetic, antioxidant, antidepressant and anticonvulsant activities.^[4]

This work has been carried out from the synthetic point of view along with their biological property especially cytotoxicity by brine shrimp lethality bioassay.^[1]

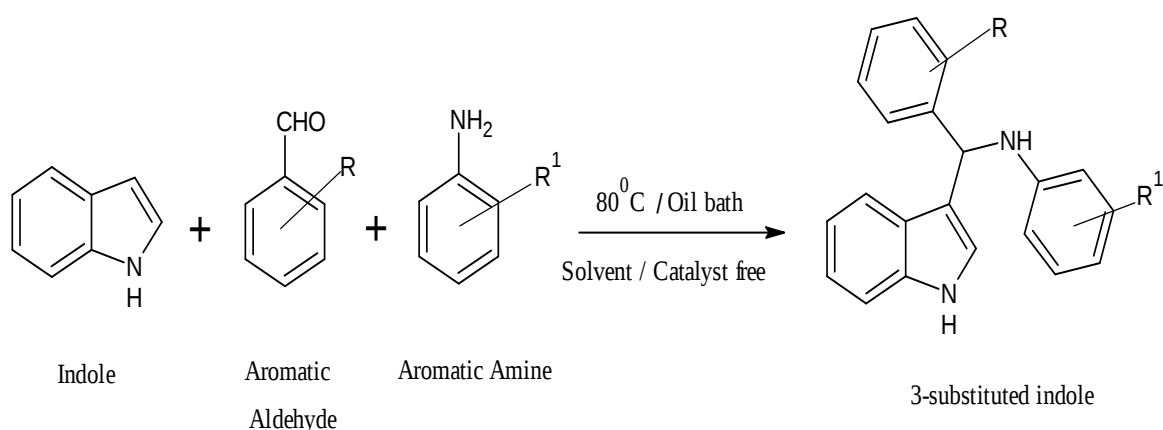
EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials and Methods

All the chemicals were purchased from Merck Specialities Pvt. Limited, Mumbai, Himedia Laboratories Pvt. Limited Mumbai.

General procedure for the synthesis of substituted indoles

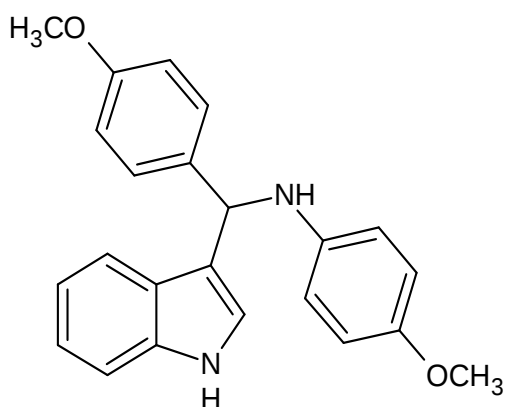
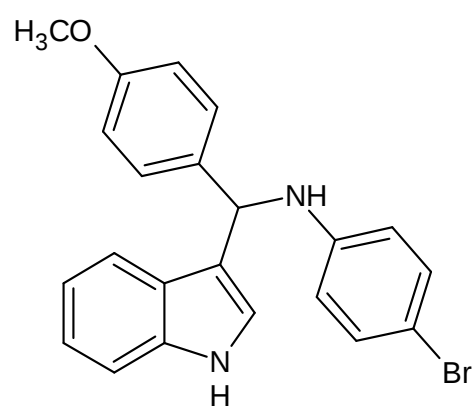
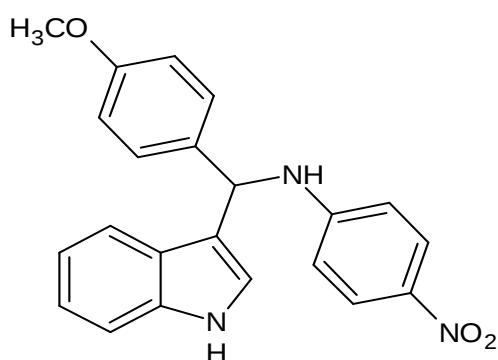
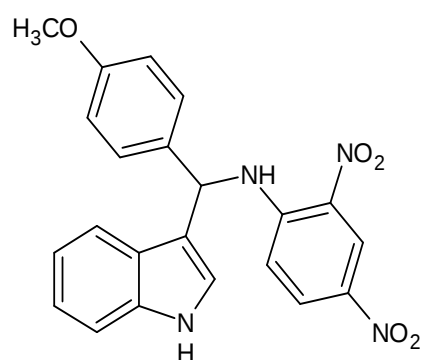
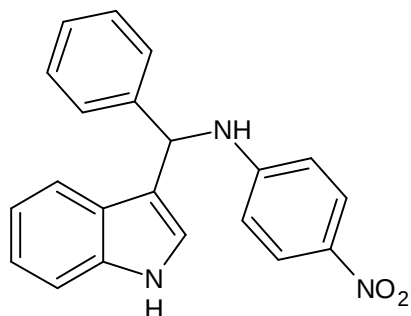
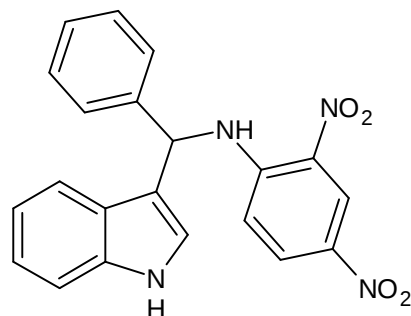
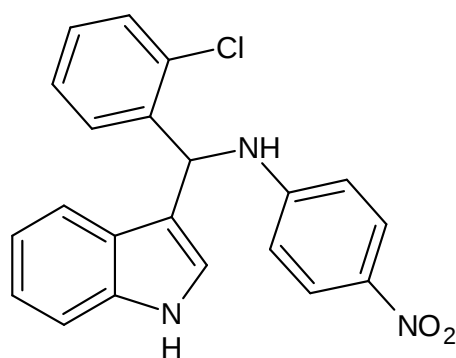
A mixture of aromatic amine (1mmol) and aromatic aldehyde (1mmol) was stirred in a preheated oil bath at 80°C. Indole (1mmol) was added after 10 minutes and the mixture was heated for the appropriate amount of time. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and ethanol was added. The total solution was poured in to water (50ml). The colourless precipitate thus formed was filtered. The filtered product was thoroughly washed with water and dried in a watch glass. The air dried crude product was crystallized with suitable solvent.^[3]



R = Benzaldehyde, Chloro benzaldehyde, Anisaldehyde

R¹ = Anisidine, 4- Bromoaniline, 4-Nitroaniline, 2, 4 Dinitroaniline

Substituted compounds

IAA₄IBA₄INA₄INA_{2,4}INB₄INB_{2,4}INC₄

BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Cytotoxicity study

The cytotoxicity of the synthesized compounds was studied by brine shrimp lethality bioassay.^[5]

Test animal

Brine shrimps (*Artemia Salina*) were used as test animal for the investigation of cytotoxicity.

Hatching and maintenance of brine shrimp

The preferred condition for brine shrimp (temperature 28-30°C), was established by mixing sodium chloride salts in water. After obtaining the desired condition, about one teaspoon of brine shrimp eggs was added to the beaker. After 40 hour hatching aggregated brine shrimp nauplii were collected and applied for testing.^[6]

Preparation of test sample

For the cytotoxicity study, dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) was used as a solvent and the mortality of brine shrimp nauplii in this DMSO solution was almost zero. Different concentrations (5, 10, 25, 50 µg/ml) of each test samples were prepared with DMSO. Then 10-12 brine shrimp nauplii were transferred to each test tube using micropipette.^[7]

Counting of nauplii

The numbers of survived nauplii in each test tube were counted. The percentage of mortality of brine shrimp was calculated for each sample that gives different mortality for different concentrations.^[10] An approximate linear correlation was observed when logarithm of concentration was plotted against percentage of mortality and the values of IC₅₀ were calculated for each sample. The IC₅₀ represents the concentration of a compound, which will kill, or inactive 50 percent of the test animal. IC₅₀ is inversely proportional to the toxicity of a compound, i.e. the lower the IC₅₀ the higher the toxicity.^[8,9]

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The preliminary cytotoxicity study of indole derivatives were carried out in brine shrimp lethality bioassay. All the synthesized compounds showed adequate cytotoxic effect. From the results of IC₅₀ determination, all the concentration of compounds is safe up to 24hr, further the experiment was extended up to 48hr. The results shows that a IC₅₀ values of IAA₄ IBA₄, INA₄, INA_{2,4}, INB₄, INB_{2,4}, INC₄ are 1.3, 0.4, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 0.7, 0.9 log values

respectively. IC_{50} is inversely proportional to the toxicity of a compound, i.e. the lower the IC_{50} the higher the toxicity. The compound IBA₄ shows better cytotoxicity compared to remaining all other compounds. INB_{2, 4}, INC₄ are moderately active. All the remaining compound shows lesser activity.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion we have described a simple, rapid and facile synthetic route for some indole derivatives. The purpose of the synthesis of such heterocyclic compounds was to determine cytotoxicity against brine shrimp. From the results it can be stated that structural modification of molecules led to alteration in bioactivity such as cytotoxicity. Substitution with halogen in the aromatic system resulted in greater cytotoxicity. From the results it can be stated that structural modification of molecules led to alteration in cytotoxicity, in future we can able to produce more potent drug with safer dose.

Table 1: Cytotoxic effect by brine shrimp assay.

SI no:	Groups	Concentration (µg/ml)	% mortality at 24hr	% moratality at 48hr
1.	CONTROL	0	0	10
2.	IAA ₄	5	0	20
		10	0	40
		25	10	60
		50	30	70
3.	IBA ₄	5	0	85
		10	60	90
		25	80	95
		50	100	100
4.	INA ₄	5	0	30
		10	0	40
		25	0	60
		50	20	80
5.	INA _{2,4}	5	0	20
		10	0	30
		25	40	60
		50	70	90
6.	INB ₄	5	0	20
		10	0	30
		25	20	50
		50	60	100
7.	INB _{2,4}	5	25	50
		10	40	80
		25	45	90
		50	65	100
		5	0	30

8.	INC ₄	10	0	60
		25	10	80
		50	40	90

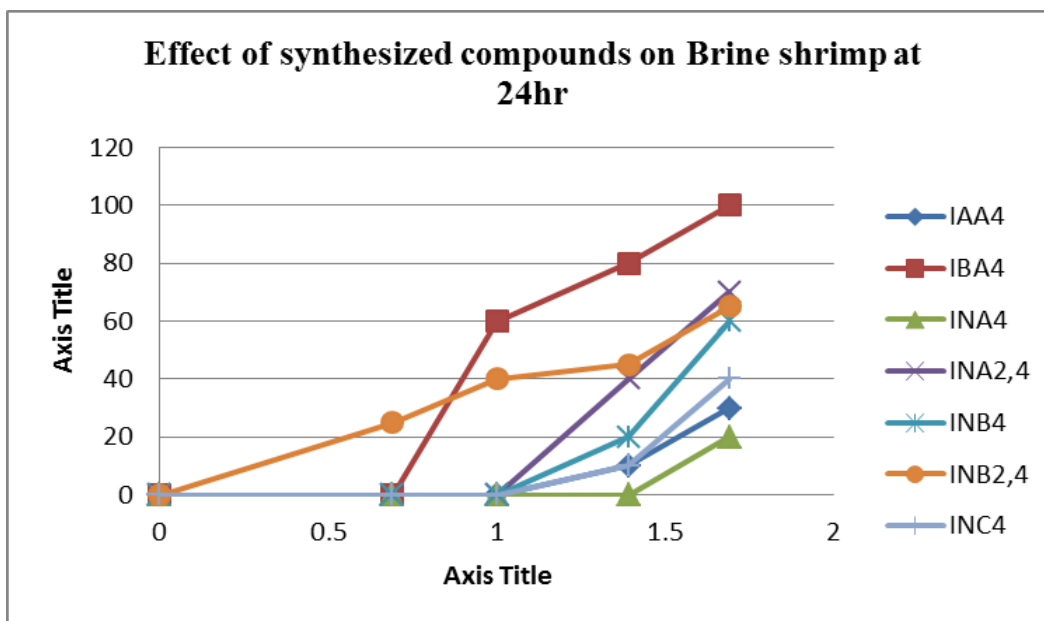


Figure 1: effect of synthesised compounds on brine shrimp at 24hr.

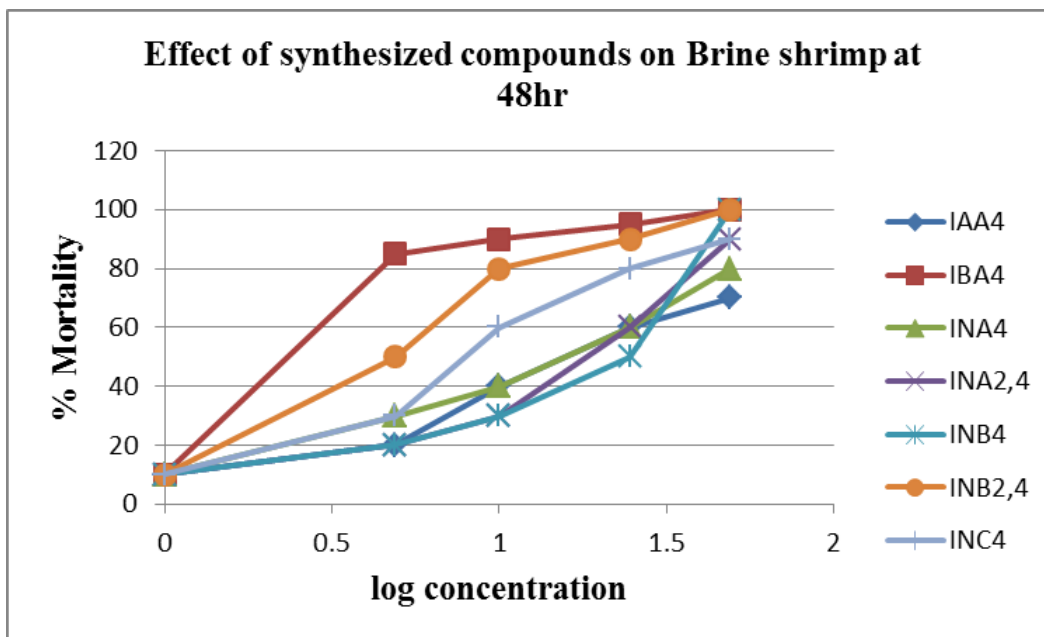


Figure 2: effect of synthesised compounds on brine shrimp at 48hr.

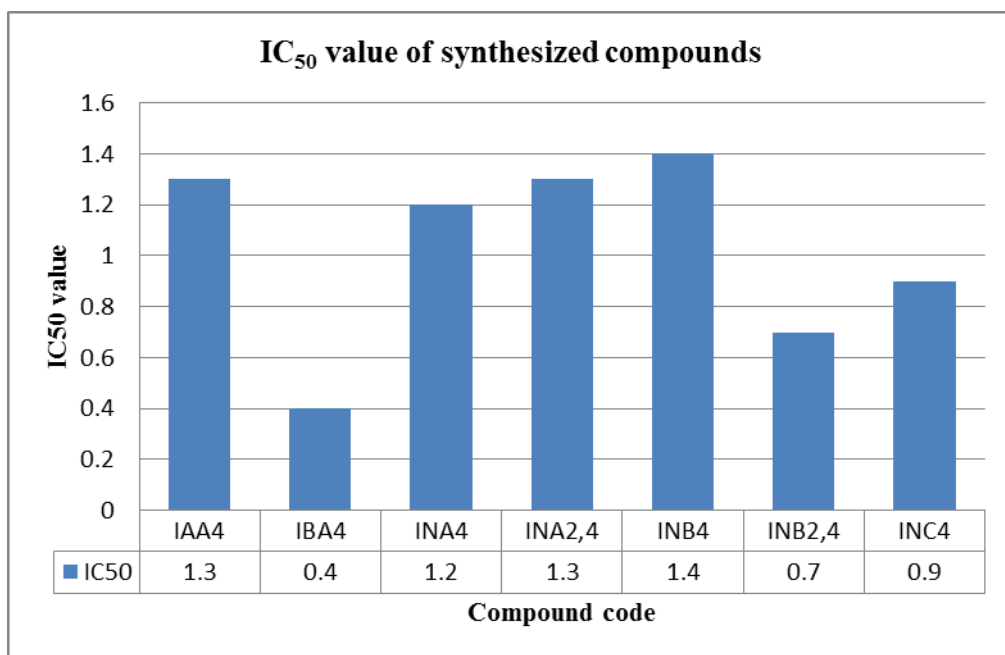


Figure 3: IC₅₀ value of synthesized compounds.

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