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Abstract

A novel compound named 2-methyl-3*H*-benzimidazolo[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazepin-4(5*H*)one (C₁₁H₁₀N₄O) has been synthesized and characterized by spectroscopic techniques (FT-IR),UV-Vis,¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and mass spectra. The optimized molecular structure analyses, vibrational wave numbers, ¹³C and ¹H NMR chemical shifts of the title molecule have been performed at DFT/B3LYP method with 6-31+G(d,p) basis set. The electronic absorption wavelengths computed using B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0 hybrid functional. The scaled vibrational modes, and the predicted ¹³C-NMR and ¹H-NMR chemical shifts are relatively in good agreement with the corresponding experimental ones. However, B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0 hybrid functional fail in reproduction of experimental λ_{MAX} of the tilted compound and it is underestimated by the tested hybrid functionals with deviations to the experimental values of 30, 34 and 40 nm for B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0, respectively. In addition, molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulations of titled compound were carried out to determine its binding modes and stability within the leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 active site.

Keywords: 1,2-diamino-1*H*-benzimidazole, 1,2,4-triazepine, DFT calculations, Molecular docking, Molecular dynamics

1. Introduction

New synthetic methods continue to be developed to construct seven-membered heterocyclic compounds containing one, two, or three of the heteroatoms N, O, or S. The focus of much of the literature has been non aromatic systems containing at least 1 N atom and has often been driven by adesire to prepare these heterocycles in a stereocontrolled fashion, the search for new bioactives, and the synthesis of natural products. Prominent synthetic methods include transition metal-catalyzed, cycloaddition/annulation, cascade-type, and C-H functionalization processes. Review articles on the synthesis of seven-membered nitrogen heterocycles through the Ugimul-ticomponent reaction [1], synthetic approaches, and biological activities of benzodiazepines [2], the isolation, structure deter-mination, medicinal properties, and total synthesis of marine natural prod-ucts containing an oxepanyl ring [3], the synthesis and medicinal importance of benzoxepines[4], methods for the synthesis of 1,2,3-, 1,2,4-, 1,2,5-, and 1,3,5-triazepines[5], and the isolation, biosynthesis, and biological activity of natural products that contain a seven-membered ring with three or more heteroatoms [6] as well asindole-fused azepines and analogs as anticancer lead molecules [7] have been published.

All the heterocyclic compounds are of great interest in pharmaceutical chemistry. Out of these heterocyclic compounds the benzfused heterocyclic compound, i.e. benzimidazoleandits derivatives have wide variety of biological activities like antimicrobial activity[8-12], antiinflammatory-analgesic [13-15], anticancer [16], CNS depressant [17], androgen receptor antagonist [18], antitubercular [19, 20] and anticonvulsant [21-25]. In addition the benzimidazole have played a very important role in the development of theory in heterocyclic chemistry and also extensively in organic synthesis. Due to its wide biological interest we have performed Structural Activity Relationship (SAR) studies for the above titled compound and we found that which is majorly active in kinase family. Based on Swiss target search we

have found leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 (LRRK2) target and this structure from ROC domain from the Parkinson's disease-associated and which reveals a dimericGTPase [26].

As an extension of our research efforts on the design and synthesis of new heterocyclic systems with potent pharmacological properties on 1,2,4-triazole, benzimidazole and 1,2,4-triazepine derivatives [27-30], we describe in the present paper the synthesis, spectroscopic characterizations and computational studies of 2-methyl-3*H*-benzimidazolo[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazepin-4(5*H*)-one obtained by condensation reaction of 1,2-diamino-1*H*-benzimidazole and ethylacetoacetate (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Schematic representation of synthesis of the title compound.

2. Experimental and Theoretical Methods

2.1.Synthesis

A mixture of 1,2-diamino-1*H*-benzimidazole (1 g, 6.75 mmol) and ethyl acetolacetate (4.26mL, 33.78mmol) was heated to 453 K in solvent-free conditions until completion (TLC). The solid product that precipitated was collected by filtration, washed with ethanol.

The FT-IR spectrum of the tilted compound (Figure S1) was recorded directly without dilution in KBr pellets using JASCO FTIR-4160 spectrometer in the range of $4000 - 400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at resolution of $\pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The UV/vis spectrum of the tilted compound (Figure S1) was recorded on a JASCO V-670 spectrophotometer with a simple monochromator for more energy. Our spectrophotometer has the option to cover a spectral range from 190 to 3200 nm. The NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance DPX300 instrument. The chemical shifts (δ) of the tilted compound are expressed in ppm down field from TMS as an internal reference (Figure S3 and S4). Mass spectra (Figure 1) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer

SCIEX API unit 300. The samples are ionized by the ion spray technique (IS).Elemental analysis was performed on a Euro EA - CHNSO Elemental Analyzer. TLC and column chromatography were carried out, respectively, on silica plates (Merck 60 F254) and silica gel (Merck 60, 230-400 mesh).

Yield: 50% mp: 290-293°C IR (v_{max} , cm⁻¹): 3517(N-H), 3122(C-H, aromatic), 1648(C=O), 1604(C=N), 1437(C-H, CH₃), 1371(C=C, aromatic). UV (λ_{max} = 292nm). 1H NMR 300 MHz, (DMSO-d6), δ (ppm): 2.28 (s, 3H, CH3), 3.55 (s, 2H, CH₂), 8.71 (s, 1H, NH). 13C NMR75 MHz, (DMSO-d6) δ (ppm): δ 24.94, 42.8437, 141.42, 144.08, 164.78, 168.99. HRMS (IE) Calculated for C₁₁H₁₀N₄O: [M+H⁺]=214.2310, Found: [M+H⁺]=214.1911. Elemental analysis Calculated: C, 61.67%; H, 4.71%; N, 26.15%; O, 7.47%, Found: C, 61.70%; H, 4.65%; N, 26.20%; O, 7.45%.

2.2 DFT calculations

Geometry optimization of the ground state (GS) of the tilted compound has been carried out at the DFT level of theory by using the hybrid functionals B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0 hybrid functionals combined with the double basis set 6-31+G(d,p) as implemented in the Gaussian 16 software package [31]. Polarization and diffuse functions on heavy and hydrogen atoms were added to the double basis set to obtain better accuracy of the results. The ground state minimum for the tilted compound was confirmed by the frequency calculations at the same levels of theory [31]. The calculated vibrational modes were scaled by 0.9679 [32]. The FT-IR and Raman spectra of the tilted compound were calculated using the hybrid functionals B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0 hybrid functionals combined with the double basis set 6-31+G(d,p) (Figures S5-S7). The predicted ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were obtained within the GIAO approach [33, 34] by calculating the isotropic chemical shielding constants at the same level of theory. The isotropic shielding constants were used to calculate the isotropic chemical shifts, δ_{cal} , with respect to tetramethylsilane (TMS). $\delta_{iso} = \rho_{TMS} - \rho_{iso}$, where δ_{iso} , ρ_{iso} and ρ_{TMS}

are the chemical shift, the absolute shielding and the absolute shielding of TMS, respectively. The solvent effects were taken into account implicitly by using the polarizable continuum model (PCM), for which integral equation formalism is used (IEF-PCM). In the PCM model, the substrate is embedded into a cavity surrounded by a dielectric continuum characterized by its dielectric constant ($\varepsilon_{DMSO} = 46.826$) [35].

2.3 Molecular docking & dynamics studies

The chemical structure of above titled compound was drawn using chem. Draw pro 12 and further energetically minimized using conjugate gradient algorithm using impact panel which is in-built in Schrödinger 2018-2 program. The target molecule of LRRK2 (PDB ID: 2ZEJ) was found based on Swiss target search [36]. The LRRK2 molecule further prepared for using protein preparation wizard for docking studies. The induced fit docking analysis was performed once both small molecule and macromolecule prepared and active site residues were picked up from the co-crystal binding site of LRRK2. Once docking finished, 20 different binding poses were generated and best binding complex were taken based on binding energy and interacting residues for further analysis. For the molecular dynamics studies, best LRRK2 with titled compound was taken and the complex system was built using a periodic boundary condition with a 10 Å^3 cubic box from the centre of mass of the LRRK2 complex. A TIP3P water solvation system was used in a buffer system with charged ions placed isotropically to neutralise the Ewald charge summation of the solvated LRRK2complex entity. The system was minimized with maximum iterations of 5000 steps with a gradient convergence threshold of 1.0 kcal mol⁻¹ Å⁻¹.Once the system was minimized the system was subjected to Newtonian dynamics of the model system to evaluate energy of the system. A series of 2ps steps was integrated to record the simulation. A six stage NPT ensemble default relaxation process was carried out before performing the molecular dynamics simulation. In the first stage a solute-restrained Brownian dynamics of the ensemble was carried out while

keeping the energy constant using the NVT condition. In the second stage the Berendsen thermostat was used and the NVT (*canonical*) ensemble was allowed to relax with respect to temperature with velocity resembling of every 1ps applied to non-hydrogen solute sample. Subsequently, the NVT ensemble was changed to an NPT ensemble with a Berendsenbarostat and the system was kept at 1 atm pressure followed by system equilibration of 1ns. Then the ensemble was subjected to a 50 ns molecular dynamics run [37, 38].

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Mass spectrum

Mass spectrometry (MS) helps identifying the amount and type of fragments present in a sample. Mass spectrum is generally pre-sented as a vertical bar graph, in which each bar represents an ion having a specific mass-to-charge ratio (m/z) and the length of each bar shows the relative abundance of that ion. Most of the ions formed in a mass spectrometer have a single charge; therefore, the m/z value is equivalent to mass itself. The most intense peak is assigned as the base peak corresponding to the abundance of 100%.

In this paper, mass spectrum of the title compound was investigated to analyze possible ionic fragmentations and their stabilities. The experimental mass spectrum of the title molecule is given in Figure 1. The possible fragments were identified by their mass-to-charge ratio (m/z).



Fig. 1. Mass spectrum of the title compound

The structure of the title compound was also confirmed on the basis of a study in mass spectrometry, using as ionization mode: the electronic impact (**scheme 2**).

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Scheme 2. Proposed fragmentation pathway of the title compound.

The molecular ion undergoes mainly five fragmentations:

1-Loss of a ketene molecule to lead to an ion m/z = 172 corresponding to a triazolobenzimidazolium structure. This fragmentation is characteristic of the seven-membered compounds having a -CH₂-C=O molety.

2-Elimination of a carbon monoxide molecule giving rise to an ion at m/z = 186 which loses a molecule of acetonitrile to give an ion at m/z = 145. The latter undergoes a rearrangement after loss of a molecule of hydrocyanic acid to lead to the benzimidazolium ion at m/z = 118

3-Ejection of a molecule of 3-methyl-2*H*-azirine after disruption of the N₁-N₁₁ and C₃-C₄ bonds of the tricyclic system, leading to the ion at m/z = 159 of diazetobenzimidazolium structure which loses a molecule of carbon monoxide to lead to the ion at m/z = 131.

4-Loss of a radical CHO, giving rise to an ion with m/z = 185 of structure triazinobenzimidazolium which loses a molecule of acetonitrile to give an ion at m/z = 144 of structure diazetobenzimidazolium which loses a molecule d hydrogen cyanide to give the benzimidazolium ion at m/z = 117.

5-Elimination of an isocyanic acid molecule creating an ion at m/z = 171 of pyrazolobenzimidazolium structure likely to be in two tautomeric forms. The latter loses a molecule of propyne to lead to an ion at m/z = 131 which can be in the form of two isomeric structures: diaziridinobenzimidazolium or benzotriazinium. The latter, more stable ejects a molecule of nitrogen and a molecule of hydrogen cyanide to lead respectively to the ions at m/z = 103 and m/z = 104.

It should be noted that the ion at m/z = 131 can also come from the ion at m/z = 172, after loss of a molecule of acetonitrile. Similarly, the losses of CO, CHO and an isocyanic acid molecule make it possible to show the presence, in the molecule studied, of the lactam function.

A mechanism can be proposed to explain the formation of the benzimidazolium ion at m/z = 118, from the ion at m/z = 145 (scheme 3).



Scheme 3. Plausible mechanism for the formation of benzimidazolium ion.

The ion at m/z = 171 can also lose a molecule of formula C₂HN to give the ion at m/z = 132 of 2-methyl-benzimidazolium structure. A mechanism for forming this ion is shown in **Scheme 4**.



Scheme 4. Mechanism for the formation of 2-methyl-benzimidazolium.

3.2.¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra

The experimental and predicted ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts for the tilted compound are shown in Table 1. Relatively good correlations were obtained between the predicted and experimental chemical shifts of titled compound, with the correlation

coefficients of 99.89 and 99.1% for ¹H-NMR and ¹³C NMR, respectively (Figure 2). Mean average deviations for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR are 0.11 and 4.37 ppm, respectively. For ¹³C NMR, the minimal deviation is obtained for the reproduction of the chemical shift of methyl group with a deviation of 1.29 ppm, while the maximal deviation is obtained for –CH-functional with a deviation of 12.24 ppm. For ¹H NMR, the minimal deviation is obtained for the reproduction of the chemical shift of amine group (-NH-) with a deviation of 0.02 ppm, while the maximal deviation of 0.12 ppm. **Table 1.** Experimental and predicted ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts (ppm) for the tilted

| ¹ H-NMR | Predicted | Experimental |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| (CH ₃ , s, 3H,) | 2.38 | 2.28 |
| (CH ₂ , s, 2H,) | 3.43 | 3.55 |
| (NH, s, 1H) | 8.73 | 8.71 |
| MAE | 0.11 | |
| Max. Dev. | 0.12 | |
| Min. Dev. | 0.02 | |
| ¹³ C-NMR | | |
| (CH ₃) | 26.23 | 24.94 |
| (-CH ₂ -) | 44.65 | 42.84 |
| (-CH-) | 129.18 | 141.42 |
| (C=N) | 148.02 | 144.08 |
| CH ₃ -(C=N) | 167.34 | 164.78 |
| (C=O) | 171.66 | 168.99 |
| (CH ₃) | 26.23 | 24.94 |
| (-CH ₂ -) | 44.65 | 42.84 |
| (-CH-) | 129.18 | 141.42 |
| (-CH-) | 148.02 | 144.08 |
| MAE | 4.37 | |
| Max. Dev. | 12.24 | |
| Min. Dev. | 1.29 | |

compound.



Fig. 2. Correlation curve between the predicted and experimental 13C NMR chemical shifts of the tilted compound.

3.3. Vibration Spectrum

Some of the main experimental, calculated and scaled vibrations modes of the tilted compound, and their corresponding calculated intensities and Raman scattering activities are given in Table 2. The calculated vibration modes are scaled with a factor of 0.9613. The reproduction of the experimental vibration modes depends on the type of vibration mode itself and the hybrid functional used. Mean average deviations, maximal and minimal deviations obtained using with the tested functional are shown in Table 2. Accordingly, the best reproduction is obtained with B3LYP with an MAE of 30 cm-1. For this functional, the lowest deviation is obtained for vC-H (CH₃) with a deviation of 4 cm-1 with respect to the observed value. All the tested hybrid functional fail in the reproduction of vC=O with lowest maximal deviation obtained with B3LYP of 80 cm⁻¹. As can be seen in Table 2, the correction of the calculated vibration is improved the reproduction of the experimental values. For instance, the deviation of vC-H (ar) obtained with B3LYP functional before and after

correction are of 99 and 4 cm⁻¹ with respect to the experimental value. The root-mean-square deviation (RMS) between the calculated and scaled vibration modes and the observed ones were determined for each tested hybrid functional (Table 2). The lowest RMS value is obtained with B3LYP of 35 cm⁻¹.

| | Calc. | Scal. | I^{IR} | RA^* | Exp |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------|------|
| B3LYP | | | | | |
| $v_{\text{N-H}}$ | 3597 | 3482 | 72.44 | 127.11 | 3523 |
| $v_{C-H}(ar)$ | 3221 | 3118 | 5.67 | 168.86 | 3123 |
| $v_{C=O}$ | 1785 | 1728 | 721.03 | 79.84 | 1770 |
| $v_{C=N}$ (C=C) | 1695 | 1640 | 29.65 | 145.03 | 1676 |
| $v_{\text{C-H}}(\text{CH}_3)$ | 1483 | 1432 | 6.59 | 13.2 | 1429 |
| $v_{C=C}(ar)$ | 1394 | 1349 | 1.62 | 22.1 | 1378 |
| MAE | 30 | 30 | 0- | - | - |
| Max. Dev. | 137 | 80 | | - | - |
| Min. Dev. | 23 | 4 | - | - | - |
| RMS | 35 | 35 | - | - | - |
| B3P86 | | | | | |
| $\nu_{\text{N-H}}$ | 3621 | 3505 | 78.25 | 125.98 | 3517 |
| $v_{C-H}(ar)$ | 3217 | 3114 | 11.31 | 170.06 | 3122 |
| $v_{C=0}$ | 1813 | 1755 | 722.61 | 74.64 | 1648 |
| $v_{C=N}$ (C=C) | 1715 | 1660 | 26.54 | 149.87 | 1604 |
| ν _{C-H} (CH ₃) | 1476 | 1429 | 6.98 | 15.35 | 1437 |
| $v_{C=C}(ar)$ | 1417 | 1372 | 10.35 | 10.23 | 1371 |
| MAE | 34 | 32 | - | - | - |
| Max. Dev. | 165 | 107 | - | - | - |
| Min. Dev. | 39 | 1 | - | - | - |
| RMS | 41 | 41 | - | - | - |
| PBE0 | | | | | |
| $\nu_{\text{N-H}}$ | 3640 | 3523 | 81.57 | 122.00 | 3517 |
| $v_{C-H}(ar)$ | 3227 | 3123 | 9.96 | 164.31 | 3122 |
| $v_{C=O}$ | 1829 | 1770 | 729.9 | 72.22 | 1648 |
| $v_{C=N}$ (1,2,4-triazepine) | 1732 | 1676 | 27.95 | 152.62 | 1604 |
| $v_{C-H}(CH_3)$ | 1476 | 1429 | 5.36 | 19.72 | 1437 |
| $v_{C=C}(arc)$ | 1424 | 1378 | 5.46 | 5.70 | 1371 |
| MAE | 39 | 36 | - | - | - |
| Max. Dev. | 181 | 122 | - | - | - |
| Min. Dev. | 39 | 1 | - | - | - |
| RMS | 46 | 46 | - | - | - |

Table 2. Calculated and experimental vibrational modes of the tilted compound.

* Raman scattering activity

3.4. Electronic absorption spectrum

The experimental and calculated maximum absorption bands of the tilted compound are shown in Table 3. The calculated maximum absorption bands were obtained using B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0 in gas and IEF-PCM phases. The experimental absorption band at 292 nm corresponds to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ electronic transition. As can been seen from Table 3, the reproduction of λ_{MAX} may depends on the type of the hybrid functional, and the media. In gas phase, the experimental λ_{MAX} of the tilted compound is underestimated by tested hybrid functional with deviation with respect to the experimental of 30, 34 and 40 nm for B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0, respectively. The solvent has no effect on the position of the absorption bands (Table 3). However, λ_{MAX} is strongly affect in PCM. The solvent-solute interaction induce anhyperchromic shift, *i.e.*, an increase in the absorption intensity. The absorption λ_{MAX} is attributed to H \rightarrow L+1 electronic transition in gas phase, and to H-1 \rightarrow L electronic transition (Figure 3).

Table 3. λ_{MAX} (nm), E_{MAX} (eV), electronic Transition (ET) and oscillator strength (f) of maximum absorption band of the titled compound. The calculations are performed using B3LYP, B3P86 and PBE0 hybrid functional in gas and IEF-PCM phases.

| | Calculated | | | | Experimental | |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------|-----------|
| | λ_{MAX} | E_{MAX} | ET | f | λ_{MAX} | E_{MAX} |
| Gas | | | | | | |
| B3LYP | 262 | 4.74 | $H \rightarrow L+1$ | 0.61 | | |
| B3P86 | 258 | 4.81 | $H \rightarrow L+1$ | 0.37 | | |
| PBE0 | 252 | 4.92 | $H \rightarrow L+1$ | 0.85 | | |
| IEF-PCM | | | | | 292 | 4.26 |
| B3LYP | 261 | 4.75 | H-1→L | 0.66 | | |
| B3P86 | 258 | 4.81 | H-1→L | 0.67 | | |
| PBE0 | 251 | 4.93 | H-1→L | 0.66 | | |



Fig. 3. Molecular orbitals correspond to λ_{MAX} electronic absorption.

3.5. Molecular docking & dynamics analysis

The docking and dynamics studies reveal the information about the binding interaction mechanism between titled compound and LRRK2 (Figure 4). The binding energy for LRRK2 –compound complex is -25.45 kcal/mol and which shows the good binding affinity between compound and LRRK2. From the Figure 4c the ligand plot, two hydrogen bonding formation between residues GLN 1352 bonded with N atom and THR 1368 bonded with O atom of titled compound. Also, ASP 1372 and LYS 1374 residues were contact with negatively and positively charged in titled compound binding environment. Mostly polar residues THR 1368, THR 1348, THR 1349 and GLN 1352 were in contact with the titled compound molecule binding environment and VAL 1369 is only having hydrophobic contact with titled compound. The molecular dynamics simulations were carried for to understand the stability of LRRK2- titled compound complex system during 50 ns simulation time.

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Fig. 4. (a) Best binding pose of titled compound with LRRK2 (b) Ligand plot for LRRK2 – titled compound complex.

As shown in the Figures 5a and 5b Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD), Root Mean Square Fluctuation (RMSF) analysis will help to understand the LRRK2 – titled compound complex system equilibration and fluctuation thought the end of simulation time. In Figure 5a RMSD result shows that LRRK2 –titled compound are converged at greater than 3Å, which means the system has large confirmation rather than small or globular protein and ligand RMSD (Lig fit Protein) was stable during the thought the simulation time. In Figures 5b RMSF plot will help to understand local changes of LRRK2 along with protein chain and the green color lines were titled compound binding site residues of LRRK2 during the simulation.



Fig. 5. (a) RMSD (b) RMSF plot of LRRK2 – titled compound complex.

Figures 6a and 6b shows the final molecular dynamics output of LRRK2 – titled compound complex. From that Figure 6a TRP 1376 alone participating above 50 % and remaining residues were contributes below 50 % hydrophobic force with titled compound and

Figure 6b clearly shows that most of the residues were in the form of hydrophobic after molecular dynamics simulation and the overall result concludes that the LRRK2 – titled compound complex system was stable during the 50 ns simulation [39, 40].



Fig. 6. (a) interaction fraction plot (b) detailed ligand interaction contact of LRRK2 – titled compound complex.

Conclusions

We have reported herein the synthesis of 2-methyl-3*H*-benzimidazolo[1,2b][1,2,4]triazepin-4(5*H*)-one. We have fully characterized them using FT-IR spectroscopies, UV-Vis, MS and NMR (¹H, ¹³C). Subsequently, the optimized structure of the molecule was determined based on DFT calculations by the B3LYP method using Gaussian 16 software package. Molecular docking result concludes that there was good binding affinity between LRRK2 – titled compound and molecular dynamics result suggest that LRRK2 – titled compound complex system was stable during 50 ns simulation time.

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