

Synthesis and characterization of 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide derivatives as PDE-4 inhibitors for the treatment of anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antimicrobial activities

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Abstract— we reveal a series of novel 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine- 3- carboxamide derivatives as PDE4 inhibitor for the treatment of inflammatory, analgesic and antimicrobial diseases. All compounds were evaluated for their anti-inflammatory, analgesic (compared to the reference drug Indomethacin) and antimicrobial activities (compared to the reference drug Ampicillin and Fluconazole). Compounds 5e, 5f, and 5g were found to be the more active anti-inflammatory drugs revealing potency ranging from 1 - 1.01 compared to the reference drug indomethacin. In accumulation of docking study of these highly active 3 compounds against the active site of cyclooxygenase-2 enzyme (COX-2), among the established compounds. Compounds 5e, 5f, and 5g showed multiple activities; anti-inflammatory, analgesic and anti-bacterial activities.

Keywords: Anti-inflammatory, analgesic, anti-bacterial, 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide, PDE4 inhibitor

I. INTRODUCTION

PDE-4 inhibitors for the treatment of anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antimicrobial activities. The PDE4 family of enzymes are the utmost regular PDE in immune cell. They are principally in control for hydrolysing cAMP within both immune cells and cells in the central nervous system.

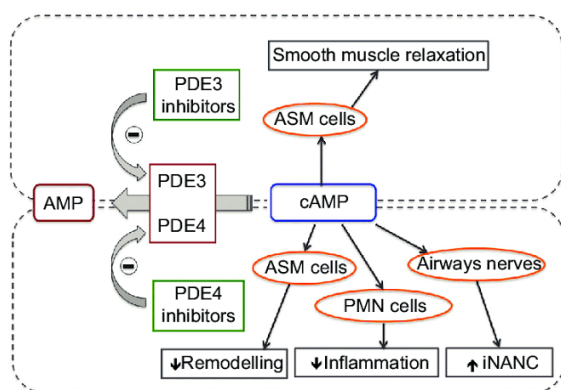


Fig-1: Phosphodiesterase-4 (PDE4)

Phosphodiesterase 4 (PDE4) an appropriate group of enzymes that catalyze the itemization of 3.50⁷ -cAMP (cAMP) in numerous types

of cells, comprising inflammatory cells, and is considered an essential player of the inflammatory cascade. Dermatologic / Rheumatologic is an accepted Apremilast for the treatment of inflammatory conditions, and shows efficacy in a wide range of immune-mediated inflammatory diseases. Prototype PDE4 inhibitors can have roflupram (including long-term memory-enhancing), neuroprotective and anti-inflammatory effects. As a consequence, PDE4 inhibitors have been investigated for the treatment of a variety of disorders, including clinical depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, attention deficit- and hyperactivity such as central nervous system. Inflammatory conditions such Huntington's disease, stroke, autism and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, and rheumatoid arthritis.

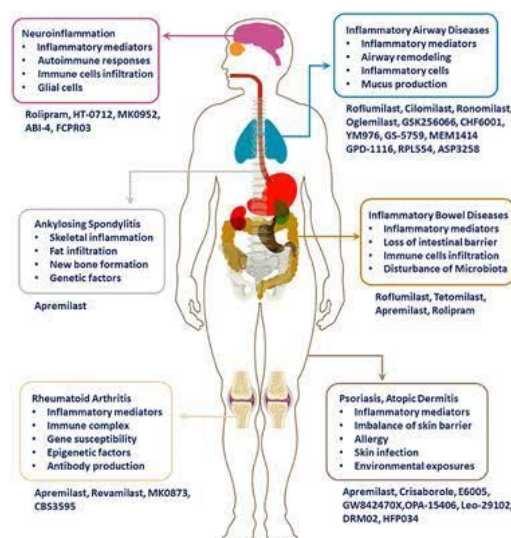


Fig-2: PDE4 inhibitors have been investigated as treatments for a diverse group of different diseases, including central nervous system disorders such as major depressive disorder (clinical depression), anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, [718] Parkinson's disease, [9] Alzheimer's disease, [10] multiple sclerosis, [11] attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder, Huntington's disease, stroke, autism and inflammatory conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and rheumatoid arthritis

PDE4D inhibition, along with PDE4A inhibition also appears to be responsible for the antidepressant effects of PDE4 inhibitors. [69] Similarly PDE4B inhibition appears to be required for the antipsychotic effects of PDE4 inhibitors, [76] in line with this view PDE4B polymorphisms and altered gene expression in the central nervous system have been associated with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in a postmortem study. [78] PDE4 also regulates the D₁/PKA/DARPP-32 signalling cascade in the frontal cortex, which may contribute to the antipsychotic and precognitive effects of PDE4 inhibitors. [16] While PDE4 is articulated mainly in the margin and in future may be comparatively responsible for the peripheral effects of PDE4 inhibitors (e.g. their anti-inflammatory effects). A few different lines of evidence suggests the therapeutic utility.

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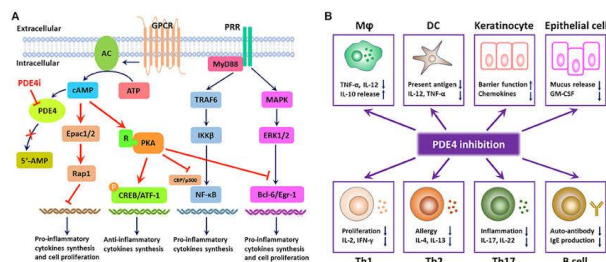


Fig-3: Effective therapeutic strategy for inflammatory conditions

Targeted inflammatory conditions include asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), psoriasis, atopic dermatitis (AD), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), lupus, and neuroinflammation). With great efforts, roflumilast, apremilast and crisaborole have been approved respectively for the treatment of inflammatory airways or skin diseases. In addition, a novel PDE4 2 inhibitor in controlling inflammation has also been developed and has a satisfactory therapeutic potential. C echnology and clinical descriptions of licensed PDE4 inhibitors or in the process. Involved in the inhibition of PDE4 in unpredictable tissues, nausea, emotion, astrological effects, and other adverse effects greatly inhibit clinical application [53-55].

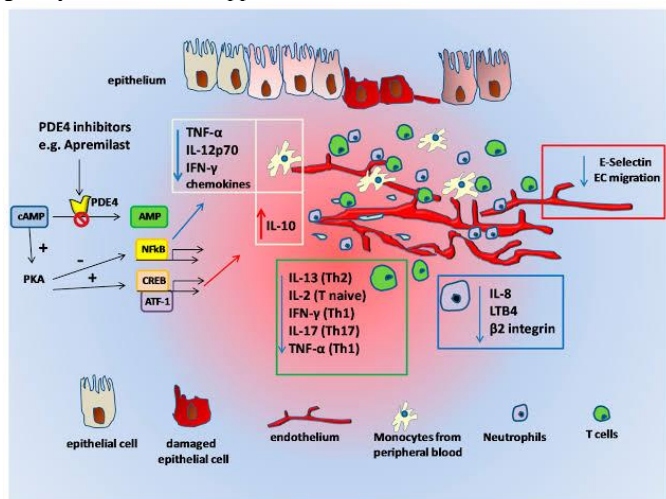


Figure 4: Schematic picture of exactly how Phosphodiesterase 4 (PDE4) inhibitors, e.g., apremilast, apply their functions inside the inflamed mucosa. In several cell types populating the inflamed gut, such as monocytes, T cells, neutrophils, and endothelial cells, cyclic Adenosine Monophosphate (cAMP) is degraded to AMP mainly by PDE4. PDE4 inhibition by apremilast and similar compounds increases intracellular cAMP levels and determines the activation of Protein Kinase A (PKA). PKA activation induces the phosphorylation of transcription factors such as CREB that in turn binds the promoters of genes encoding for various anti-inflammatory (IL-10) cytokines. Similarly, the presence of other coactivators may influence PKA activity, resulting in the inhibition of Nuclear Factor κ -light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells (NF- κ B) transcriptional activity and reduced expression of specific pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines. PDE4 inhibitors have also been shown to reduce the expression of E-selectin on endothelial cells, thus reducing angiogenesis. Blue and red arrows: downregulation and upregulation of the indicated molecules, respectively

When therapeutic PDE4 inhibitors with inflammatory diseases were discovered, several promising discoveries were made. Rolipram was the first prototype PDE4 inhibitor, which was accepted by Schering AG in 1990 as an excellent antidepressant, although its therapeutic difference is very narrow and clinical trials have shown a high rate of adverse events, especially nausea and vomiting are inseparable form. On rolipram, the more attractive PDE4 inhibitors have been discovered, with roflumilast, apremilast and crisaborole being approved for the market over time [58].

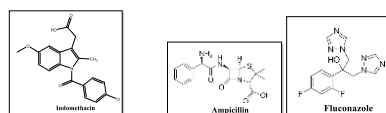
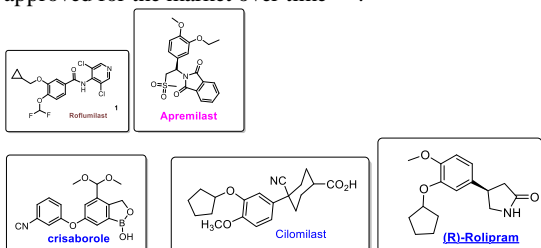
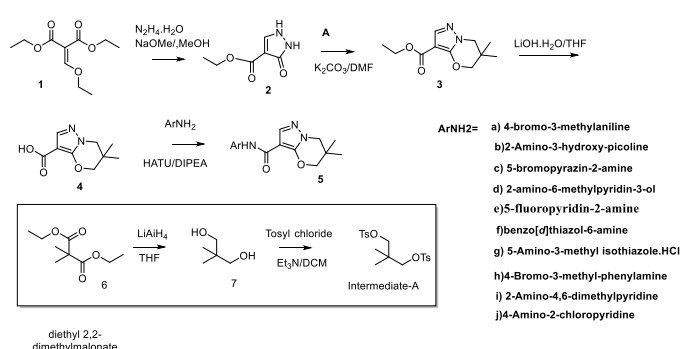


Table-1: PDE family, substrate and tissue distribution, inhibitors type and their clinical applications as shown in below;

PDE family	Substrate	Tissue distribution	Inhibitors	Clinical applications
PDE1	cGMP>cAMP	Brain, heart, smooth muscle, lung	Vinopocetine, nicardipine, nimodipine	Memory loss, dementia
PDE2	cGMP>cAMP	Adrenal gland, lung, heart, platelets, brain, liver, corpus cavernosum	EHNA	ARDS, sepsis, memory loss
PDE3	cAMP>cGMP	Heart, liver, lung, platelets, vascular smooth muscle, corpus cavernosum	Cilostamide, cilostazol, milrinone, enoximone	CHF, pulmonary HTN, thrombosis, glomerulonephritis
PDE4	cAMP	Lung, mast cells, liver, kidney, brain	Rolipram, cilomilast, roflumilast	Glomerulonephritis, asthma, COPD, bipolar disease
PDE5	cGMP	Corpus cavernosum, lung, vascular smooth muscle, platelets, brain, esophagus	Sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil, zaprinast, dipyridamole	Erectile dysfunction, BPH, pulmonary HTN, chronic renal failure
PDE6	cGMP>cAMP	Retina	Sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil, dipyridamole, zaprinast	No clinical applications
PDE7	cAMP>cGMP	Skeletal muscle, T-cells, heart, kidney, brain, pancreas	Dipyridamole	Immunologic disorders, lung disease
PDE8	cAMP	Testes, thyroid, eye, liver, kidney, heart, skeletal muscle, pancreas, T-cells	Dipyridamole	Immunologic disorders
PDE9	cGMP	Brain, kidney, liver, lung	Zaprinast	Possible hypoglycemic effects
PDE10	cGMP>cAMP	Brain, testes	Dipyridamole, papaverine	Schizophrenia and psychiatric disorders
PDE11	cAMP>cGMP	Prostate, skeletal muscle, kidney, liver, testes, pituitary, salivary glands	Tadalafil, zaprinast, dipyridamole	Possible improvement in testicular function

Immune responses and acute inflammation in pulmonary airways are closely related to the onset and progression of COPD. Infiltration of natural cells into the native lung tissue is considered an important pathogen in COPD patients. Asthma is another inflammatory airway disease that does not cure, bronchial hyperactivity, mucus production, airway defect and remodelling, and inflammation of inflammatory cells, especially neutrophils. Certainly, COPD and asthma patients share similar clinical phenotypes, and asthma COPD is difficult to differentiate, especially in elderly patients when they live together. Over the past years, PDE4 inhibitors have strongly attracted the benefit of pharmacists in treating COPD and asthma. PDE4 inhibition conquers excessive airway inflammation and relaxes smooth muscle by improving CMP levels. Roughly roflumilast has been investigated as a patented anti-inflammatory to control airway inflammation. In vitro, roflumilast inhibits PDE4 activity (IC₅₀ = 0.8 nm) with high selectivity from human neutrophils, thereby activating FMLP-induced leukotriene B₄ (LTB₄) and reactive oxygen species in human neutrophils and lipopolysaccharides, showed anti-inflammatory potential. LPS) TNF- α synthesis in monocytes, dentin cells and cytokines produced in anti-CD3 / CD28-stimulated CD4 + 13T cells. In addition, roflumilast significantly suppresses the production of inflammatory mediators in macrophages by stimulating the expression of hep oxygenase (HO-1) and inhibition of NF-, B, MAPK and JNKK activation. Studies show that mitophagy mediates pulmonary epithelial cell death. Roflumilast protected against CSE-induced cell death in Boff-2b cells, showing good performance in COPD treatment. In vivo potency of in airway inflammatory models, roflumilast has been shown to have bronchodilatory activities in spaw-challenged mice and guinea pigs. The dependent force of airway growth by eosinophilic inflammation developed by ovalbumin (OVA).

II. Results and discussion:



characteristic broad singlet peak of pyrazole and at 4.22 quatrte peak of CH₂-and triplet peak of CH₃-. Furthermore, synthesis of intermediate (A) was two-step process; In first step, reduction of diethyl 2, 2-methylmalonate was performed on treatment with Lithium aluminium hydride at 0 °C and this reaction mixture was quenched with Fisher work up method, gave reduced product 2, 2-dimethylpropane-1, 3-diol (7). At second step; protection of alcohol was achieved by using tosyl chloride in presence of triethylamine gave protected compound 2, 2-methylpropane-1, 3-diyl bis (4-methyl benzene sulfonate) intermediate [A]. This compound also confirmed by ¹H NMR and suggested aromatic proton(δ 7-8) and methyl proton at δ 2.43 . The oxazine derivatives of cyclized compound was obtained by reaction with intermediate [A] and compound (2) on treatment with potassium carbonate in dimethylformamide under heating condition gave compound Ethyl 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxylate(3). Hydrolysis of compound (3) with Lithium hydroxide in tetrahydrofuran and water gave compound (4); 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxylic acid. Diverse carboxylic acids 5a-e were

coupled with various arylamines a-j in the presence of coupling reagent, HATU and DIPEA to prepare 5a-j in 50-87% yields.

Biology: A newly synthesized compounds 5a-5j were preliminarily evaluated for their anti-inflammatory and Analgesic endeavours (using rat paw edema method and writhing test; separately) as well as their gastric ulcerative effect (ulcerogenicity) an *in-vitro* antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 25923) as a illustrative of Gram-positive bacteria; *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853) and *Escherichia coli* (ATCC8739) as representatives of Gram-negative bacteria. The compounds were also appraised for their *in-vitro* antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* (ATCC 10231) (using the cup diffusion technique) [24].

Anti-Inflammatory and Analgesic Screening

As for the tested compounds 5a-5j, the percent of edema inhibition after 1-6 h and the percent inhibition of the writhing movements are presented in table.

Table 1. Anti-inflammatory and analgesic results for compounds of Scheme 1 compound (5a-j).

Comp No	structure	Mean ± S.D. (Percent edema inhibition) Analgesic activity						Potency	No. of writhing movements	Percent inhibition	Potency
		1h	2h	3h	4h	5h	6h				
Contr ol		0.23 ± 0.03 (----)	0.26 ± 0.05 (----)	0.45 ± 0.01 (----)	0.54 ± 0.08 (----)	0.63 ± 0.04 (----)	0.78 ± 0.12 (----)	----	55	----	----
Indocin		0.22 ± 0.03 (11.73)	0.14 ± 0.03 (20.50)	0.21 ± 0.02 (44.12)	0.23 ± 0.04 (52.71)	0.22 ± 0.08 (69.5)	0.05 ± 0.02 (88.70)	1	9	83.63	1
5a		0.27 ± 0.02 (6.08)	0.43 ± 0.06 (22.5)	0.45 ± 0.05 (31.52)	0.23 ± 0.08 (41.37)	0.36 ± 0.05 (41.49)	0.22 ± 0.02 (59.43)	0.67	14	74.54	0.89
5b		0.22 ± 0.02 (5.65)	0.21 ± 0.04 (23.08)	0.35 ± 0.04 (36.21)	0.25 ± 0.01a,b (54)	0.36 ± 0.05 (69.84)	0.13 ± 0.04a,b (79.42)	0.89	27	50.90	0.60
5c		0.23 ± 0.04 (6.26)	0.23 ± 0.01 (14.21)	0.47 ± 0.06 (34.52)	0.22 ± 0.02 (44.39)	0.23 ± 0.03 (57.23)	0.47 ± 0.1 (63)	0.71	21	61.81	0.73
5d		0.21 ± 0.02 (13.41)	0.44 ± 0.02 (17.31)	0.19 ± 0.04 (37.21)	0.22 ± 0.02 (51.31)	0.23 ± 0.02 (59.10)	0.36 ± 0.01 (61.24)	0.69	19	65.45	0.78
5e		0.19 ± 0.03 (17.4)	0.34 ± 0.03 (26.8)	0.44 ± 0.08 (58.32)	0.25 ± 0.04 (71.43)	0.09 ± 0.06 (83.51)	0.15 ± 0.12a (92.04)	1.04	13	76.36	0.91
5f		0.36 ± 0.04 (14.15)	0.43 ± 0.04 (27.31)	0.35 ± 0.03 (50)	0.21 ± 0.02 (63.25)	0.22 ± 0.06 (74.30)	0.42 ± 0.02 (92.56)	1.04	10	81.81	0.97
5g		0.24 ± 0.03 (0)	0.33 ± 0.03 (12.53)	0.45 ± 0.02 (23.64)	0.08 ± 0.02a (41.26)	0.32 ± 0.08 (32.36)	0.76 ± 0.03 (56.31)	0.63	20	63.63	0.76
5h		0.22 ± 0.07 (3.40)	0.17 ± 0.03 (7.39)	0.46 ± 0.03 (21.74)	0.34 ± 0.04 (11.15)	0.23 ± 0.02 (42.58)	0.22 ± 0.04 (55.80)	0.63 33 40 0.47	33	40	0.47
5i		0.19 ± 0.06 (17.3)	0.14 ± 0.03 (20.9)	0.37 ± 0.01 (31.73)	0.41 ± 0.07 (39.24)	0.23 ± 0.06 (43.26)	0.23 ± 0.08 (61.42)	0.69	12	78.81	0.94
5j		0.42 ± 0.01 (3.48)	0.24 ± 0.02 (8.31)	0.41 ± 0.01 (23.21)	0.33 ± 0.03 (45.32)	0.24 ± 0.02 (69.45)	0.21 ± 0.04 (88.40)	0.97	24	56.36	0.67

a, b: Significantly different from control value and reference value at P < 0.05. •S.D. = Standard deviation.

It was revealed from the results that, compounds 5e, 5f, and 5g exerted highly potent anti-inflammatory effect, comparable to that of indomethacin (Indocin®) at 6h interval post carrageenan showing inhibition potency ranging from 1.01% - 1.05%. While, compounds 5b, 7b, 5d, 5i, and 5j exerted moderate anti-inflammatory activity at 6h interval post carrageenan, comparable with that of indomethacin (Indocin®) showing inhibition potency ranging from 0.68% - 1%. In addition to, compounds 5h and 5a, which showed weak anti-inflammatory activity at 6 h interval less than indomethacin showing inhibition potency ranging from 0.36% - 0.67%. It is worth mentioning that, the highly potent compounds were those comprising 3-fluoro-pyridin-2-yl amine rings attached to different side of the acid are the aryl imino function as in compounds 5f-g, hetero-aryl group attached, Furthermore, among the moderate potent Methyl, hydroxy and chloro function with pyridine exhibited potent

activity comparable to the reference drug Indomethacin (Indocin®) [63-69].

As revealed from the results presented in Tables 1-3 that, compounds 5e, 5f and 5g exhibited the most potent analgesic activity with potency ranging from 1 - 1.10 to the reference drug Indomethacin. It is to be noted that some functions are assumed to be responsible for the highly potent analgesic activity of these compounds [6-8].

For the tested compounds 5a-5j, the resulting inhibition zones were measured in mm diameter,

Among the tested compounds, compounds 5a, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, and 5g were found to be the most active.

Inhibition zones (IZ) in mm diameter for compounds of scheme

Table 2. For the tested compounds 5a-5j, the resulting inhibition zones were measured in mm diameter,

Compound no	structure	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. Coli</i>	<i>Ps. aeruginosa</i>	<i>C.albicans</i>
5a		12	9	20	9
5b		11	10	15	17
5c		9	28	17	9
5d		15	18	29	20
5e		11	12	32	14
5f		9	12	30	17
5g		12	10	17	9
5h		11	11	10	15
5i		10	19	30	10
5j		10	12	14	20
Ampicillin		30	22	27	-
Fluconazole		-	-	-	32

Apart for these microbial activity individual activity as follows Compound 5a; 4-bromo-3 methyl aniline substituted carboxamide showed highly active against *Ps. Aeruginosa* bacteria but slightly poor active against *S. aureus* and *E. Coli* as compared to Ampicillin and also poor active against *C.albicans* bacteria as compared to standard Fluconazole. Compound 5b; 3-hydroxypyridin-2-ylamine carboxamide derivative and compound 5j; 2-chloropyridin-4-ylamine highly active against *C.albicans* as compared to the standard Fluconazole^[60]. Compound 5c; 5-bromopyrazin-2-ylamine is highly or better active against *E.coli* related to standard Ampicillin. Compound 5d; 3-hydroxy-6-methylpyridin-2-ylamine, Compound 5e; 5-fluoropyridin-2-ylamine Compound 5f; benzo[d]thiazol-6-yl; Compound 5g; 3-methylisothiazol-5-ylamine; Compound 5i 4, 6-dimethylpyridin-2-ylamine highly active against *Ps. Aeruginosa* as compared with ampicillin and 5d found good activity against *C.albicans* bacteria as compared to standard Fluconazole but 5e poor active. But compound 5b; 3-hydroxypyridin-2-ylamine and compound 5h; 4-bromo-3-methylphenyl amine are very poor active against all bacterial stain with compared to standard^[61].

Computer Aided Docking, the most active twenty compounds as anti-inflammatory agents 5e, 5f, and 5g were subjected to docking using Molecular Operating Environment (MOE) program on the 3D structure of the cyclooxygenase-2 enzyme (COX-2) in a trial to predict their mode of action as anti-inflammatory drugs^[19].

(COX-2) Docking on the Active Site of Cyclo-oxygenase-2 Enzyme :

Diclofenac interacted as hydrogen bond acceptor via four hydrogen bonds via both the oxygen atoms of carboxyl group with the amino acid residues Tyr 385 (2.73 Å) and Ser 530 (2.65 Å, 2.91 Å and 3.04 Å) as shown in Figure 1.

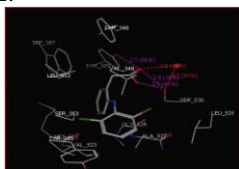


Figure 1. Diclofenac into the active site of COX-2.

Docking of Compound 5e into COX-2; Active site revealed that several molecular interactions were considered to be responsible for the observed affinity, as the N of pyridine moiety acted as a hydrogen bond acceptor with the side chain residue; His 90 (2.25 Å) with a strength of 81.3%. In addition to a hydrogen bond interaction between the hydrogens of the amino group which acted as a hydrogen bond donor with the side chain residue Tyr 355 (2.61 Å) with a strength of 5.3%. Besides to, hydrophobic interactions involving the following amino acid residues: His 90, Met 113, Val 116, Leu 117, Arg 120, Val 349, Leu 352, Ser 353, Tyr 355, Leu 359, Leu 384, Tyr 385, Trp 387, Phe 518, Met 522, Val 523, Gly 526, Ala 527, Ser 530 and Leu 531

Docking of Compound 5f into COX-2; Active site illustrated the presence of several interactions of the thiazole group with different amino acid residues as it acted as a hydrogen bond acceptor with the side chain residues; His 90, Tyr 355 and Arg 513 (3.35 Å, 2.43 Å and 3.16 Å; respectively) at a strength of 2.1%, 90.6% and 13.4%; respectively. This beside hydrophobic interactions among the thiazole moiety and the following amino acid residues: His 90, Val 116, Leu 117, Arg 120, Gln 192, Val 349, Leu 352, Ser 353, Tyr 355, Leu 359, Tyr 385, Trp 387, Arg 513, Ala 516, Ile 517, Phe 518, Val 523, Gly 526, Ala 527, Ser 530 and Leu 531

Docking of Compound 5g into COX-2; Active site revealed the presence of four hydrogen bonds and isothiazole interactions. In which the amino group acted as a hydrogen acceptor via three hydrogen bonds with the amino acid residues His 90, Tyr 355 and Arg 513 (2.25 Å, 3.32 Å and 3.43 Å; respectively) with a strength of 3.5%, 9.1% and 43.2%; respectively. While nitrogen atom acted as a hydrogen bond acceptor with the amino acid residue His 90 (3.41 Å) with strength of 2.2%. and the following amino acid residues: Pro 86, Val 89, His 90, Arg 120, Val 349, Leu 352, Tyr 355, Arg 513, Ala 516, Phe 518, Val 523, Glu 524, Gly 526, Ala 527 and Ser 530

III. Experimental Procedure:

Material and Methods: The melting points of compounds were determined by open tube capillary method using Digital Melting Point apparatus (model-B-APC-3), in Celsius scale and uncorrected. Purity of the compound was verified by pre-coated TLC plates (E-Merck Kieselgel 60 F254). ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra are recorded on Varian 400 MHz spectrometer using DMSO-d₆ as

solvent and tetra-methylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. Mass spectra are recorded on Agilent triple quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with turboion spray interface at 375°C³⁵⁻³⁷. All the organic extracts are dried over sodium sulfate after work up. Unless or else mentioned all the solvents and reagents used are of commercial grade.

Ethyl 3-oxo-2, 3-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate

To a stirred solution of diethyl 2-(ethoxymethylene) malonate (5.0g, 23.12mmol) in absolute ethanol (32 mL) was added sodium methoxide (2eq) and followed by addition of hydrazine hydrate (1.63g, 23.12 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2h then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with water and acidified upto pH=2 by concentrated Hydrochloric and extracted with EtOAc. Combined organic extract were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Residue was triturated with 10% EtOAc in hexane to afford as **Ethyl 3-oxo-2, 3-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate** (3.2g, 88.9%).

Chemical Formula: C₆H₈N₂O₃,

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 46.15; H, 5.16; N, 17.94; O, 30.74; **Elemental Analysis found:** C, 45.22; H, 6.16; N, 18.22; O, 31.64;

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 9.0(bris, 1H), 7.52(s, 1H), 4.20 (m, 3H), 1.26(m, 3H).

GC-MS (m/z): 156.05 (100.0%), 157.06 (6.5%).

2, 2-Methylpropane-1, 3-diol:

To a cooled suspension of Lithium aluminium hydroxide (3.09g, 81.25mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (30 mL) was added diethyl 2, 2-methylmalonate (2.5g, 12.27mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) was added slowly at 0 °C. Reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4h. Reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. Reaction mixture was quenched with water, 15% NaOH (Fisher work up), filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide as oil, **2, 2-methylpropane-1, 3-diol** (0.5 g, 61.27%).

Chemical Formula: C₅H₁₂O₂.

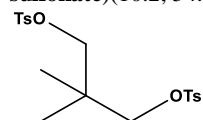
Elemental Analysis calc: C, 57.66; H, 11.62; O, 30.72; **Elemental Analysis found:** C, 56.66; H, 11.56; O, 30.82;

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 4.24(bris, 2H), 3.39(m, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H). 0.89(s, 6H).

GC-MS (m/z): 104.0

2, 2-dimethylpropane-1, 3-diyl bis (4-methylbenzenesulfonate):

To a stirred solution of compound 2, 2-dimethylpropane-1, 3-diol (5.0g, 44.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (50mL) was added triethyl amine (18.29 mL, 124.9 mmol) followed by addition of tosyl chloride (18.6g, 98.16 mmol) in portion wise. The reaction mixture was stirred for overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (100-200 mesh size silica gel, 10% Ethyl acetate in hexane) to afford as white solid compound **2, 2-dimethylpropane-1, 3-diyl bis (4-methylbenzene sulfonate)** (10.2, 54. 4%).



Chemical Formula: C₁₉H₂₄O₆S₂.

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 55.32; H, 5.86; O, 23.27; S, 15.54; **Elemental Analysis found:** C, 56.56; H, 4.32; O, 22.12; S, 16.45;

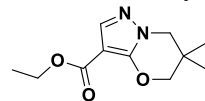
¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 7.75-7.78(m, 4H), 7.42-7.45(m, 4H), 3.39(t, J = 8.2Hz, 4H), 2.43(s, 6H), 0.89(s, 6H).

GC-MS (m/z): 412.

Ethyl 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxylate:

To a stirred solution of compound Ethyl 3-oxo-2, 3-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (2.0 g, 12.8mmol) in N, N-dimethylformamide (20mL) was added potassium carbonate (4.4g, 32.0 mmol) and stirred for 15 min then added 2, 2-dimethylpropane-1, 3-diyl bis (4-methylbenzene sulfonate) (5.4g,

12.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 12h. Reaction mixture was allow to cooled, water was added and extracted with EtOAc. Combined organic extract were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (100-200 mesh size silica gel and 20-30%EtOAc in hexane as an eluent) to afford as yellow solid compound **Ethyl 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxylate** (1.9g, 63.97%).



Chemical Formula: C₁₁H₁₆N₂O₃.

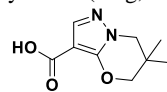
Elemental Analysis calc: C, 58.91; H, 7.19; N, 12.49; O, 21.40; **Elemental Analysis found:** C, 58.19; H, 7.49; N, 12.39; O, 21.20.

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 7.93(s, 1H), 4.24-4.26(m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.59(s, 2H), 1.30(m, 3H), 0.94(s, 6H)

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 14.1, 21.1, 29.6, 60.2, 66.8, 87.0, 96.0, 136.6, 154.2, 162.4.

6,6-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[5,1-b][1,3]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid:

To a stirred solution of compound Ethyl 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxylate (1.5g, 6.4 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (10mL) and water (2.0mL) was added Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (0.6g, 2.5 eq). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 3days. Reaction mixture was evaporated and diluted with water and neutralized with 1N HCl and solid was precipitated and filtered through glass sintered and dried well to afford as white solid compound **6,6-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[5,1-b][1,3]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid** (0.9g, 69.23%).



Chemical Formula: C₉H₁₂N₂O₃;

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 55.09; H, 6.16; N, 14.28; O, 24.46; **Elemental Analysis found:** C, 55.08; H, 6.17; N, 14.32; O, 24.32.

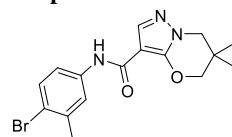
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¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 12.75 (bris, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.59(s, 2H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.1, 29.1, 66.2, 87.8, 97.3, 139.6, 154.2, 169.3;

MS (ESI+) for m/z=197

5a)N-(4-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-6,6-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[5,1-b][1,3]oxazine-3-carboxamide as off white solid compound. **Yield=63.45%.**



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₁₈BrN₃O₂.

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 52.76; H, 4.98; Br, 21.94; N, 11.54; O, 8.78; **Elemental Analysis found:** C, 52.76; H, 4.98; Br, 21.94; N, 11.65; O, 8.79;

HPLC purity: 99.23% (λ = 220 nm)

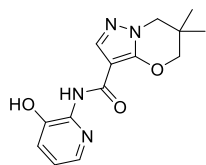
¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 10.22(bris, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 7.56-7.61(m, 3H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.59(s, 2H), 2.19(s, 3H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.1, 23.8, 29.6, 66.2, 86.4, 111.8, 118.9, 120.2, 123.5, 131.8, 134.4, 138.2, 139.0, 154.0, 164.7;

MS (ESI+) for m/z=364;

5b) 6, 6-methyl-N-(3-hydroxypyridin-2-yl)-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide as off white solid; **Yield=39%.**

Synthesis and characterization of 6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide derivatives as PDE-4 inhibitors for the treatment of anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antimicrobial activities



Chemical Formula: C₁₄H₁₆N₄O₃.

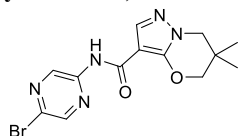
Elemental Analysis: C, 58.32; H, 5.59; N, 19.43; O, 16.85; Elemental Analysis found: C, 58.33; H, 5.59; N, 19.39; O, 16.65.

HPLC purity: 99.11% (λ = 220 nm)

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.05 (brs, 1H), 9.58(s, 1H), 7.88-7.93(m, 2H), 7.09-7.19(m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.59(s, 2H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 29.6, 66.9, 86.6, 110.8, 111.6, 112.2, 122.2, 139.6, 142.2, 148.7, 154.3, 164.7. **MS (ESI+)** for m/z=288.5.

5c) N-(5-bromopyrazin-2-yl)-6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide as yellow solid; Yield=56.35%;



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₄BrN₅O₂;

Elemental Analysis: C, 44.33; H, 4.01; Br, 22.691; N, 19.89; O, 9.09; Elemental Analysis found: C, 44.21; H, 4.01; Br, 22.45; N, 19.36; O, 9.03;

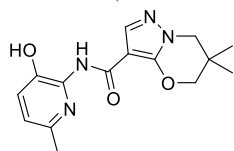
HPLC purity: 97.56% (λ = 220 nm)

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.09 (brs, 1H), 8.36(s, 1H), 8.15(s, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 3.86(s, 2H), 3.59(s, 2H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 29.6, 64.9, 83.2, 111.2, 11.8, 130, 132.2, 137.5, 139.2, 149.0, 154.7, 164.7;

MS (ESI+) for m/z=351

5d) 6, 6-dimethyl-N-(3-hydroxy-6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide as white solid; Yield=34%.



Chemical Formula: C₁₅H₁₈N₄O₃;

Elemental Analysis: C, 59.59; H, 6.00; N, 18.53; O, 15.88;

Elemental Analysis found: C, 59.60; H, 5.58; N, 18.52; O, 15.76;

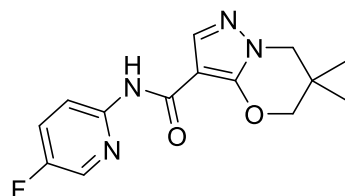
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¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.07, 9.58(s, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 7.15-7.10(m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 2.46(s, 3H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 23.8, 29.3, 63.4, 83.4, 111.2, 111.8, 116.2, 126.3, 139.6, 147.3, 148.2, 154.4, 164.7.

MS (ESI+) for m/z=303

5e) 6,6-dimethyl-N-(5-fluoropyridin-2-yl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[5,1-b][1,3]oxazine-3-carboxamide as off white solid; Yield=45.25%.



Chemical Formula: C₁₄H₁₅FN₄O₂.

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 57.92; H, 5.21; F, 6.54; N, 19.30; O, 11.02; Elemental Analysis found: C, 51.82; H, 4.62; F, 19.54; N, 17.81; O, 6.60.

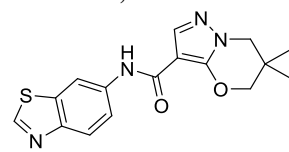
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¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.03(s, 1H), 7.90-7.93(m, 2H), 7.38-7.49 (m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 29.6, 63.4, 83.2, 111.2, 111.8, 122.2, 133.2, 139.2, 146.4, 147.2, 154.3, 164.2

MS (ESI+) for m/z=290

5f) N-(benzo[d]thiazol-6-yl)-6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide as white solid; Yield=65.24%.



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₁₆N₄O₂S.

Elemental Analysis: C, 58.22; H, 4.91; N, 17.06; O, 9.74; S, 9.76; Elemental Analysis found: C, 58.21; H, 4.90; N, 17.02; O, 9.441; S, 9.72;

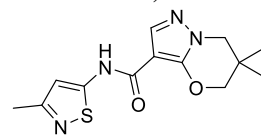
¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 10.22(brs, 1H), 9.23(s, 1H), 8.52(s, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 7.74-7.75(m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 0.94(s, 6H).

HPLC purity: 99.56% (λ = 220 nm)

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 29.6, 63.2, 83.2, 11.2, 11.8, 118.5, 121.6, 133.8, 134.2, 139.6, 159.2, 154.3, 164.7;

MS (ESI+) for m/z=328

5g) 6, 6-dimethyl-N-(3-methylisothiazol-5-yl)-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide as off white solid; Yield=26.24%;



Chemical Formula: C₁₃H₁₆N₄O₂S

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 53.41; H, 5.52;; N, 19.16; O, 10.94; S, 10.97; Elemental Analysis found: C, 56.12; H, 5.33; N, 19.12; O, 10.62; S, 10.84.

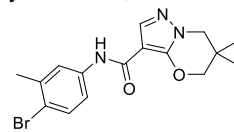
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¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.80(brs, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 7.26(s, 1H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 2.42(s, 3H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 19.2, 21.2, 29.6, 63.2, 83.4, 104, 116.2, 139.5, 147.8, 154.3, 164.7, 167.1;

MS (ESI+) for m/z=293

5h) N-(4-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide as yellow solid; Yield: 40.26%



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₁₈BrN₃O₂.

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 52.76; H, 4.98; Br, 21.94; N, 11.54; O, 8.78; found: C, 52.71; H, 4.96; Br, 21.27; N, 11.91; O, 11.54.

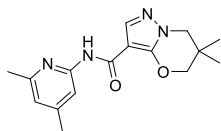
HPLC purity: 97.56% (λ = 220 nm)

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 10.22(brs, 1H), 7.94(s, 1H), 7.61(s, 1H), 7.56-7.59 (m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 2.18(s, 3H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 23.8, 29.6, 63.2, 83.4, 111.6, 118.9, 120.7, 123.5, 131.7, 134.8, 138.6, 139.9, 154.3, 164.2.

MS (ESI+) for m/z=363

5i) N-(4, 6-dimethylpyridin-2-yl)-6, 6-dimethyl-6, 7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo [5, 1-b] [1, 3] oxazine-3-carboxamide; as off white solid; Yield: 29.6%.



Chemical Formula: C₁₆H₂₀N₄O₂.

Elemental Analysis calc: C, 63.98; H, 6.71; N, 18.65; O, 10.65; found; C, 63.54; H, 6.58; N, 18.65; O, 10.55;

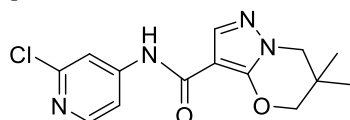
HPLC purity: 98.56% (λ = 220 nm)

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 11.08(brs, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 7.19-7.24(m, 2H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 2.51(s, 6H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.6, 24.2, 29.6, 63.2, 83.6, 109.8, 111.4, 111.9, 114.5, 139.6, 149.8, 154.3, 157.6, 158.9, 164.7.

MS (ESI⁺) for m/z=301

5j)N-(2-chloropyridin-4-yl)-6,6-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-pyrazolo[5,1-b][1,3]oxazine-3-carboxamide as white solid; Yield: 24%.



Chemical Formula: C₁₄H₁₅ClN₄O₂

Exact Mass: 306.09

m/z: 306.09 (100.0%), 308.09 (32.0%), 307.09 (15.1%),

309.09 (4.8%), 307.09 (1.5%), 308.10 (1.1%)

Elemental Analysis: C, 54.82; H, 4.93; Cl, 11.56; N, 18.27; O, 10.43

Chemical Formula: C₁₄H₁₅ClN₄O₂;

Elemental Analysis; calc: C, 54.82; H, 4.93; Cl, 11.56; N, 18.27; O, 10.43; found; C, 54.20; H, 4.63; Cl, 11.37;; N, 18.26; O, 10.20;

HPLC purity: 98.99 % (λ = 220nm)

¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 10.12(brs, 1H), 8.12(d, J=5.2Hz, 1H), 7.93(s, 1H), 6.81(d, J=4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67(s, 1H), 3.80(s, 2H), 3.56(s, 2H), 0.94(s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz) δ 21.2, 29.6, 63.2, 83.9, 109.2, 110.5, 111.8, 139.6, 149.2, 150.1, 154.3, 158.6, 164.2,

MS (ESI⁺) for m/z=307

IV. Conclusion

The synthesized new compounds were evaluated for their anti-inflammatory, analgesic (associated to the reference drug Indomethacin) and antimicrobial activities (associated to the reference drug Ampicillin and Fluconazole). Compounds **5e**, **5f** and **5g** were found to be the more active anti-inflammatory drugs revealing potency ranging from 1 - 1.01 compared to the reference drug indomethacin. In accumulation of docking study of these highly active ten compounds against the active site of cyclooxygenase-2 enzyme (COX-2), among the established compounds, compounds **5e**, **5f**, and **5g** showed multiple activities; anti-inflammatory, analgesic and anti-bacterial activities.

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