

Antimicrobial screening to molecular docking of newly synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole

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Introduction

Presently, ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole compounds are being discovered exponentially due to their remarkable use in biomedical therapeutics.^[1] Ferrocene own great antimicrobial applicability with lower toxicity rate to human cells in numerous studies.^[2] These days microbial infections are emerging with antibiotics resistance and signify a serious problematic to the human health. According to a report, a large quantity of deaths are triggered due to drug-resistant microbial infection.^[3] The chemistry of heterocyclic compounds is a fascinating area of research having wider horizon. Synthesis of heterocyclic compounds is interesting and challenging due to its theoretical implications and diversity of its synthetic procedures. These compounds have great industrial and biological significance.^[4,5]

ABSTRACT

Objective: Microbial diseases are snowballing at an alarming proportion. Therefore, the intent of this study was to inspect the antimicrobial action of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole against various human pathogenic Gram-positive, Gram-negative, and fungal microbial strains. Pyrazoles have been recognized for over a century as a significant and bioactive class of heterocyclic compounds. The association of pyrazoles with a ferrocene moiety may give new class of compounds. The present study was designed to synthesize biological active ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole through a novel route.

Methods: The anhydride of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole, namely, (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl) iron was synthesized using expansion cyclocondensation. FTIR, NMR, and GC-MS were performed to analyze the structure of the synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole. Antimicrobial, DNA photo-cleaving, and anti-angiogenic activities of ferrocenyl-substituted compounds were studied.

Results: Anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron obtained with yield of 87%. Spectral analysis confirmed the formation of anhydride. The synthesized compound was found to be biological active in the range of 85–95 µg/ml.

Conclusion: This study described the novel method for the synthesis of biologically active anhydride of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole. The study demonstrations that synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole in today's situation is the encouraging antimicrobial mediator against the human pathogens. In addition, it may open new doors to initiate research against drug resistance bacteria with possible biomedical applications.

Keywords: Biological screening, expansion cyclocondensation, ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazoles, molecular docking, spectroscopic investigations

Nowadays, therapeutic scientific experts are utilizing ferrocene into their medication plan system due to its uniqueness toward biological systems. Ferrocene is known to have excellent therapeutic potential due to its controllable toxicity, great redox properties, and steadiness.^[6-8] Moreover, many ferrocenyl compounds possessing antitumor, antimalarial, and DNA cleavage properties have been reported.^[9-14] Synthesis of potent tranquilizer^[12-14] and anti-malignant agents^[15-18] using ferrocene has also been reported. However, pyrazole having ferrocenyl substituent has been found to have enhanced anti-cancer properties.^[19]

The literature also revealed some ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazoles with antimicrobial^[20] and DNA cleavage^[21] properties. The current study discloses synthesis of a novel

anhydride of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole and its biological potential supported with molecular docking interactions. In the present study, a broad spectrum of bioactivities including antimicrobial, DNA photo-cleavage, and anti-angiogenesis of synthesized compounds was evaluated. Antimicrobial and DNA cleavage studies of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazoles revealed their promising role to control infectious diseases. On the other hand, angiogenesis is an essential process to supply nutrient and oxygen for the proliferation of tumor. Therefore, inhibition of angiogenesis can be considered a potential drug target in cancer therapy.^[22-26]

In the present study, synthesis, characterization, and antimicrobial applications of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazoles were carried out to open new avenue for scientific community against pathogenic microbial species. In addition, tested compounds may provide an alternative research to investigate their effect against drug resistant pathogenic microbial strains.

Methods

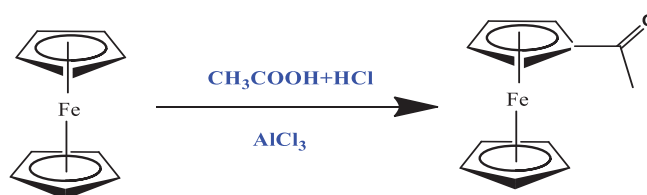
¹H NMR spectra were recorded on BrukerAvance II NMR Spectrometer at 500MHz utilizing TMS as interior standard. IR spectra were made using Perkin Elmer – Spectrum RX-FTIR instrument tests were set up as KBr pellets. Mass spectrum (m/z) was made using Gas Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry through SAIF LAB Chandigarh. Each and every engineered mixes used of analytical evaluation secured from LOBA, MERK, and OTTO. Solvents were refined before use. All solvents were of A.R. grade and utilized without any more purification. Products were purified by preparative thin-layer chromatography on silica gel (Merck, Kieselgel60HF254) using the mixtures CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc or CH₂Cl₂/MeOH. Melting points were determined in open capillaries.

Experimental

Synthesis of anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron

For the synthesis of anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron, Friedel Craft acylation-like conditions were applied. A mixture of acetic acid (0.16 mmol) and hydrochloric acid (0.13 mmol) was treated with (0.005 mol) ferrocene along with Lewis acid AlCl₃ refluxing [Scheme 1] with continuous mixing at 100°C for 1 h utilizing magnetic stirrer with hot plate yielding acetoferrocene.

Dicyandiamide was included little parcels to acetoferrocene followed by refluxing with blending utilizing magnetic stirrer with hot plate at 100°C for 120 min. The yellow product, a dimer of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)



Scheme 1: Synthesis of acetoferrocene

iron, obtained after treatment of mixture with iodine crystal (0.001 mol and 0.01 mol) and sodium bicarbonate through refluxing at 100°C for 3 h followed by quenching the reaction mixture in ice. Anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron was acquired as mustard yellow colored solid [Scheme 2] recrystallized using ethanol in small lots for 2 times. The purity of the compound was checked by thin-layer chromatography using chloroform and petroleum ether in the ratio 9:1.

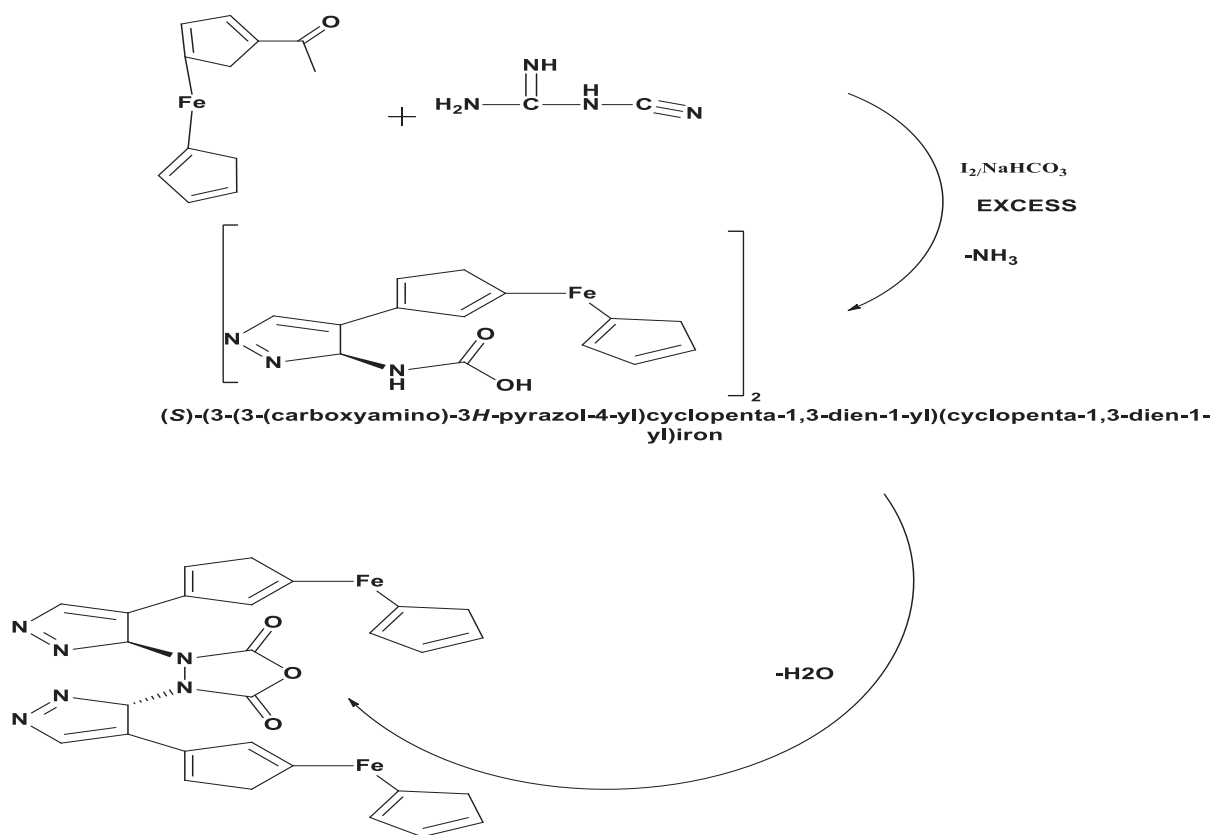
Biological activities

Antimicrobial activity assay

In vitro antimicrobial assay has been evaluated for ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole against pathogenic lines of bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*) and fungi (*Aspergillus niger* and *Trichophyton rubrum*) using disk plate diffusion assay. Stock solution was prepared in ethanol. Nutrient broth and potato dextrose were used as culture medium for the growth of bacteria and fungi, respectively. Agar-Agar was used as solidifying agent. The various concentrations of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole (100, 150, 200, and 250 ppm) were loaded on 5 mm sterilized clear out paper discs and positioned on agar plates accompanied with the aid of incubation at 30°C for 24 h and 72 h to assess the effect of the compound on bacterial and fungal growth, respectively. Neomycin and Fluconazole have been used as trendy antimicrobial agents for bacterial and fungal study, respectively.

DNA photo-cleavage assay

DNA cleavage activity of the synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazoles had been studied on the supercoiled pUC19 plasmid DNA using agarose gel electrophoresis. The total extent of reaction mixture turned into 10 µl containing 0.5 µg of plasmid DNA in TE (Tris 10 mM, EDTA 0.01 mM, pH 8.0) buffer with different concentrations of synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole. The centrifuge tube carrying the reaction aggregate has been placed on the floor of a trans-illuminator (8000 mW/cm) without delay, at 360 nm for 30 min. After irradiation, samples had been similarly incubated at 37°C for 1 h. Irradiated samples have been mixed with a 6X loading dye containing 0.25% bromophenol blue and 30% glycerol. The samples were then analyzed through electrophoresis on a 0.8% agarose horizontal slab gel in Tris-Acetate EDTA buffer (40 mM Tris, 20 mM acetic acid, and 1 mM EDTA, pH: 8.0) with assessment to untreated plasmid DNA as a control. Gel turned into stained



Cyclized product of Anhydride of

(S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron

Scheme 2: Synthesis of anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron

with ethidium bromide (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) and photographed below UV light.

Chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) assay

Anti-angiogenic activity has been evaluated using *ex vivo* CAM assay.^[23] The fertilized chicken eggs were collected, cleaned with 70% ethanol to avoid any infection, and kept in a humidified (70%) chamber at 37°C. After 48 h, 1 ml of albumin was taken out with a syringe from the lower side of the eggs and the pierced holes were sealed with a sterilized laboratory tape. After 72h of incubation, a small window was opened by removing the eggshell at the blunt end. On confirmation of normal and viable development of the embryo, various concentrations of synthesized ligand (0, 1, and 10 μg) were loaded on 5 mm sterilized filter disks and placed over the surface of extra embryonic membrane, that is, CAM. The windows were sealed with sterilized laboratory tape to prevent external environmental contact and eggs were incubate for 48h. After the treatment, anti-angiogenic effect of ligand was manually counted in terms of branch points over CAM and calculated the percent inhibition as follows:

$$\% \text{ Inhibition} = \frac{\text{Data of control} - \text{Data of treated}}{\text{Data of control}} \times 100$$

Molecular docking study

Ligand structure preparation

The 2D chemical structures of the ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole were drawn using ChemDraw 18.0. The geometric and electronic structures of the ligands were optimized using Gaussian 03 software with Hartree-Fock (HF) theory at the B3LYP/3-21G level by employing ab-initio quantum mechanical calculations based on Density Functional Theory (DFT). Viewing of the ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole was done using Chem3D 18.0 and saved in Mol2 file format. Mol2 file was then converted to PDBQT (Protein Data Bank, Partial Charge (Q), and Atom Type (T)) file format using AutoDock Tools version 1.5.6 by adding Gasteiger charges, merging non-polar hydrogens, detecting aromatic carbons, and rotatable bonds and setting the TORSDOF values.^[27]

Protein structure preparation

Bacterial DNA Gyrase enzyme (PDB ID: 6QX2) was obtained in pdb format from protein data bank (PDB; <https://www.rcsb.org/structure/6QX2>). Protein structure was viewed in BIOVIA Discovery Studio Visualizer, and hetero-atoms, water molecules, ligand groups, and nucleic acid groups were removed. Polar hydrogens were added and non-polar hydrogens were merged using AutoDock Tools version 1.5.6. Missing atoms were

checked and repaired before applying Kollman charges.^[27,28] The macromolecule was saved in PDBQT file format merged using AutoDock Tools version 1.5.6 for the further application.^[27]

Molecular docking

Molecular docking study of the ligands against Bacterial DNA Gyrase enzyme (PDB ID: 6QX2) was performed using AutoDock Vina suite.^[29] The binding site coordinates for active Site AD5 (chain s and t): center_x = -68.31; center_y = 96.49; and center_z = -80.28, were assigned using Discovery Studio Visualizer. The grid box employed for specifying the search space was set at 80 × 80 × 80 Å using previously determined coordinates with a default grid point spacing of 0.375 Å. The most convenient conformations were identified based on lowest docked energy (kcal/mol). The further analysis was performed using Discovery Studio Visualizer.^[30-32]

Results

Spectral

IR (KBr, in cm^{-1}): 472.20 (Cp-Fe-Cp Str.), 786.44 (C-H Str.), 1105.08 (C-N Str.), 1694.50 (C=N Str.), 1775.53 (C=O Str.) for acid anhydride, 1408.26 (-N-N- Str).

^1H NMR: (400MHz, DMSO, in ppm): δ : 6.50 (m, 3H, Cp), δ : 2.90 (s, 1H, cp), δ : 4.30 (s, 1H, CH-N), δ : 5.25 (s, 1H, Py-H).

GC-MS (m/z): 602(M^+), 394, 292, 278 (Base peak). Elemental analysis Calcd. (found) % for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}^{56}\text{Fe}_2\text{N}_6\text{O}_3$: C 55.84 (55.85); H 3.68 (3.69); Fe 18.55 (18.53); N 13.96 (13.97); O 7.97 (7.96). Calculated molecular mass of anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl) (cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl) iron is 602 and molecular ion peak(M^+) observed at $m/z=601.24$ in mass spectra. Fragmentation peaks for different fragments were observed. The base peak has been found at $m/z=278$ produced by removal of $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FeN}_3\text{O}_3$ ($m/z=324$) [Figure 1]. The peak at $m/z=292$ has been labeled for the next fragment which, in turn, produced by removal of $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{FeN}_3\text{O}_2$ ion having $m/z=310$. Similarly, another peak observed at $m/z=394$ attributed to fragment produced by removal of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}^{2+}\text{C}_2\text{H}$ ($m/z=208$). These observations are in line with previously published reports.^[30-34]

Proposed mechanism of synthesis of anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-1, 3-dien-1-yl) (cyclopenta-1, 3-dien-1-yl) iron

Mechanism for the reaction of synthesis of anhydride of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-1, 3-dien-1-yl) (cyclopenta-1, 3-dien-1-yl) iron as stated in Scheme 2 follows three steps mechanism.

Step 1: Rearrangement

In first step, rearrangement [Figure 2] occurred within molecule of dicyanodiamide which resulted in the formation of a carbanion as active site for the reaction to attack.

Step 2: Nucleophile attack

In second step [Figure 3], generated nucleophile attacked on acetoferrrocene which resulted in the formation of (4-(5-cyanamido-3H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-1, 3-dien-1-yl) (cyclopenta-1, 3-dien-1-yl) iron by the removal of water molecule and rearrangement of hydrogen. After that, Iodine in presence of sodium bicarbonate oxidized the (4-(5-cyanamido-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron which resulted in the formation of dimer of (S)-(3-(3-(carboxyamino)-3H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)(cyclopenta-1,3-dien-1-yl)iron.^[33-39]

Step 3: Cyclization of anhydride product

The ability of aromatic carboxylic acids to form different dimers and multimers is due to presence of hydrogen-bonding donor and acceptor sites. Due to it, they are able to form cyclized anhydrides by escaping a single molecule of water. The tendency to form cyclic rings either five membered or six membered depends on the structure of carboxylic acids as completely known in the formation of lactones and cryptands. Acids in which there are two carboxyl groups separated by a chain of more than five carbon atoms ($n > 5$) for the most part have unexceptional properties, and the carboxyl groups behave more or less independently of one another. However, when the carboxyl groups come closer the possibilities for interaction increases. The dicarboxylic acid goes to self-condensation at room temperature easily with acquiring thermal heat only. Thus, cyclic dicarboxylic anhydride product was the final product [Figure 4] obtained.^[40]

Antimicrobial activity

The newly designed compound was elevated for their antimicrobial potential against *S. aureus* and *K. pneumoniae* bacterial strains, and *A. niger* and *Trichophyton rubrum* fungal strains, taking fluconazole and neomycin as standard positive control, respectively. The compound was found potent against the tested microbial strains. The inhibitory action of the compound was measured in terms of zone of inhibition [Tables 1 and 2, Figures 5-7] and MIC values were found in the range of 85–95 $\mu\text{g/ml}$.

DNA photo-cleavage activity

The DNA binding potential of the synthesized compound was carried out using super coiled plasma DNA by gel electrophoresis. The activity results revealed that the tested compound has potential of cleaving DNA helix.

Anti-angiogenic activity

The anti-angiogenic potential of the synthesized compound was carried out at various concentrations (0, 20, 40, 60, and 80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$). A dose dependent anti-angiogenic effect was observed, maximum inhibition (94%) of blood vessels was observed at a concentration of 80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. The anti-angiogenic

Table 1: Antifungal effects of anhydride of cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl (2-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl) iron (III)

	Fungal strains							
	<i>A. niger</i>				<i>Trichophyton rubrum</i>			
Dosages (in µg)	100	150	200	250	100	150	200	250
Zone of inhibition (in mm)	14±0.5	15±0.5	18±0.5	21±0.5	11±0.7	14±0.4	15±0.5	18±0.6
Standards	(24 mm) Fluconazole				(19 mm) Fluconazole			

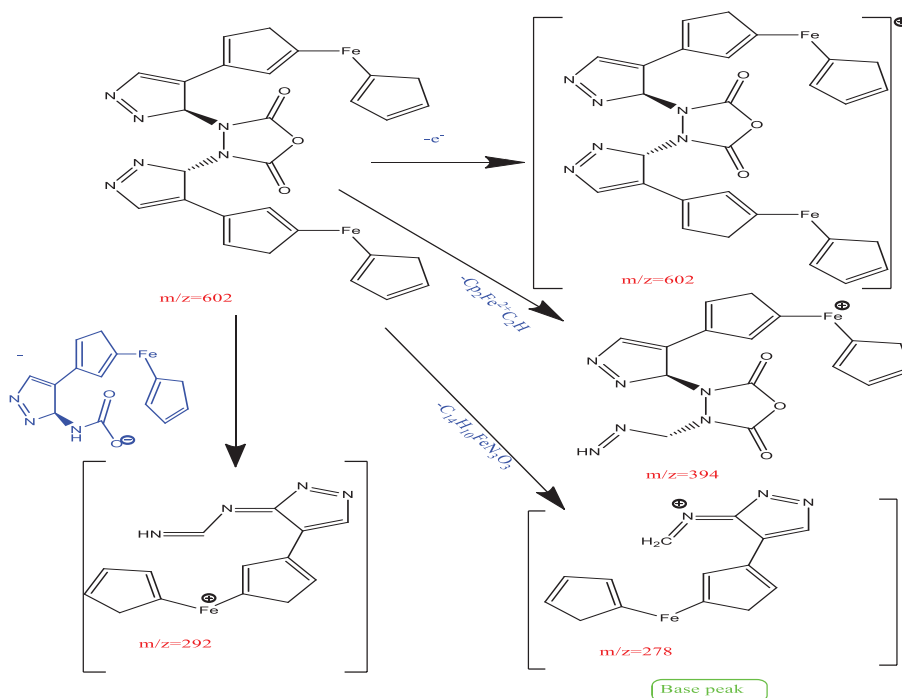


Figure 1: Proposed fragmentation pattern

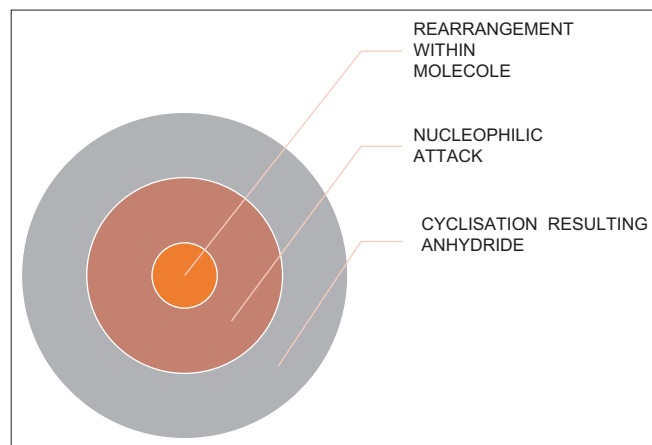


Figure 2: Proposed sequence of chemical reactions

results of the compound are displayed in Figure 8 in the form of bar diagram.

Molecular docking study

The docking studies were carried on bacterial DNA gyrase enzyme (PDB ID: 6QX2) using Autodock vina tools. The docking analysis showed that the synthesized ferrocenyl-

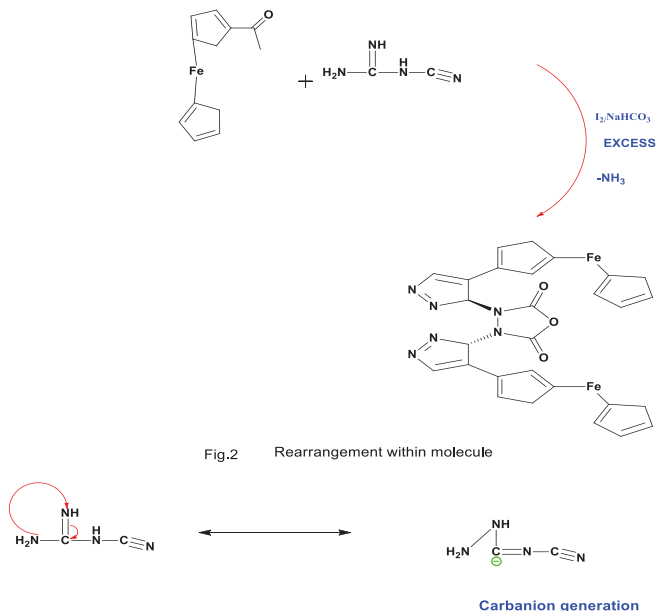


Figure 3: Nucleophilic attack

substituted pyrazole interacts with 3 amino acid residues that are located in the active site of DNA gyrase enzyme by -9.6 kcal/mol binding energy. Results also revealed that one

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	Bacterial strain							
	<i>S. aureus</i>				<i>K. pneumoniae</i>			
Dosages (in µg)	100	150	200	250	100	150	200	250
Zone of Inhibition (in mm)	14±0.5	16±0.7	18±0.6	19±0.6	12±0.5	14±0.5	18±0.5	20±0.7
Standards	21 mm (Neomycin)				23 mm (Neomycin)			

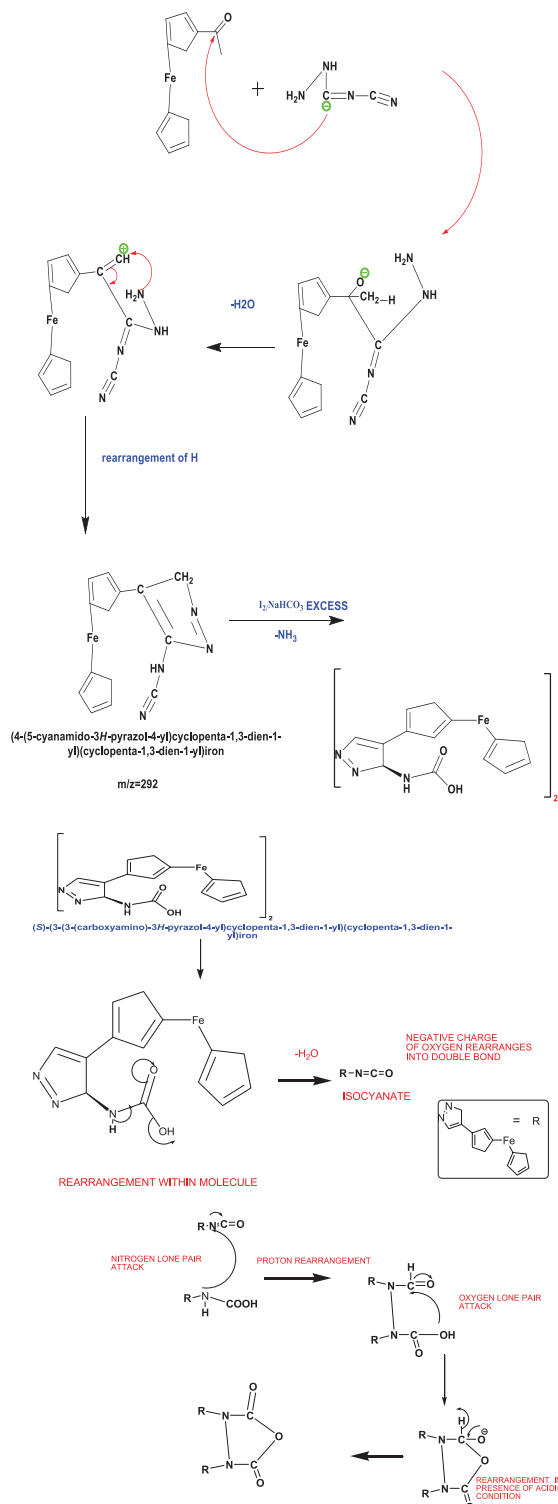


Figure 4: Cyclization of anhydride product

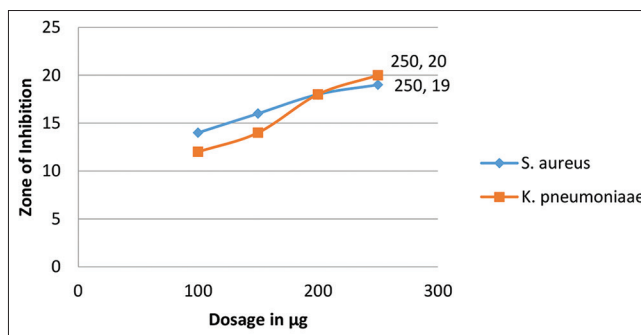


Figure 5: Graphical representation of Antifungal effects of cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl(2-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)iron(III)

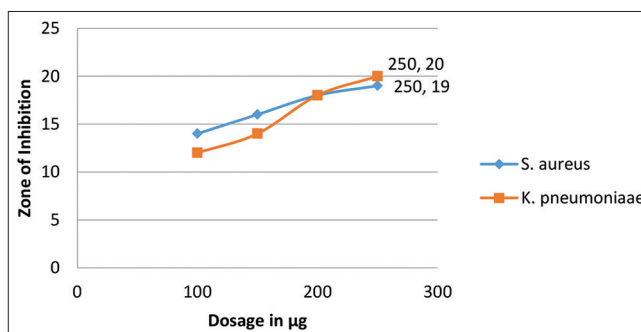


Figure 6: Graphical representation of antibacterial effects of anhydride of cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl(2-(1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl) cyclopenta-2,4-dien-1-yl)iron(III)



Figure 7: Antimicrobial assay

conventional H bond and pi-alkyl interactions are formed with alanine amino acid located at 588 positions [Figure 9a and b]. Besides that, one carbon hydrogen and pi sigma bonds were also observed with asparagine and leucine amino acids located at 109 and 298 positions, respectively.

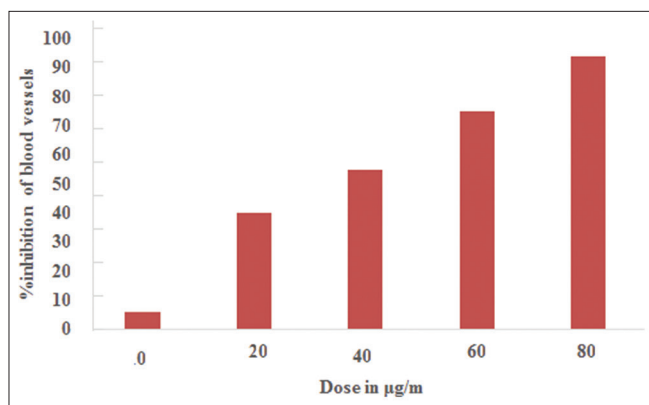


Figure 8: Anti-angiogenic activity

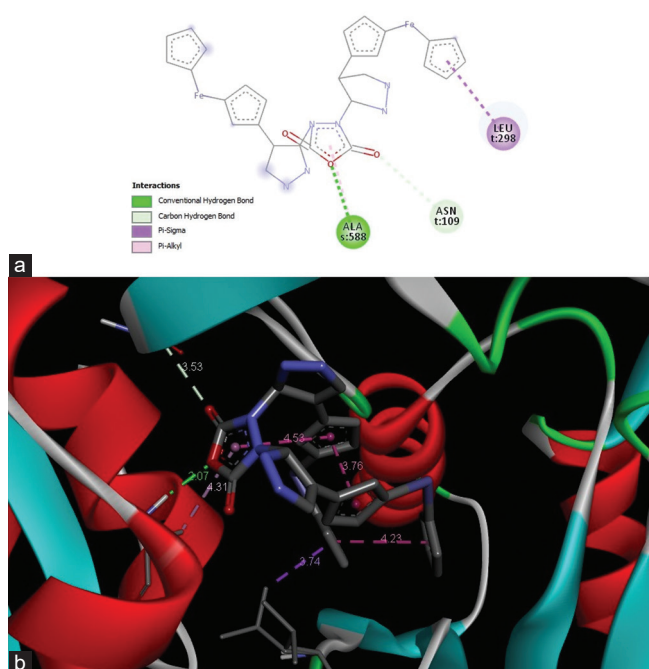


Figure 9: (a and b) 2D and 3D interactions of the Synthesized Ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole with DNA gyrase protein (PDB ID 6QX2)

Discussion

Investigations of anti-infectious agents are the need of an hour. Emergence rate of infectious diseases are found to be increasing in recent years. According to the WHO reports, novel antibiotics that are targeting pathogenic microbes may not only help to reduce deaths due to infections but also lower down the threat of drug resistance microbes.

IR: The Eclipsed IR spectra of Ferrocene shows signal in region ($400\text{--}500\text{ cm}^{-1}$) for ten localized Fe-C bonds found at 472.20 cm^{-1} . Aromatic C-H stretching out of plane bending lies in between ($900\text{--}690\text{ cm}^{-1}$) observed at 786.44 cm^{-1} , C-N stretching usually observed in region ($1350\text{--}1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$) came at 1105.08 cm^{-1} , C=N stretching lies in region ($1690\text{--}1640$) found at 1694.50 cm^{-1} ,^[41,42] and band found at 1775.53 cm^{-1} attributed to C=O stretching of carboxylic acid anhydride. C-O stretch

found at $813.6\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{--}999.69\text{ cm}^{-1}$.^[43,44] The band observed in region 1408.28 cm^{-1} attributed to (-N-N-) stretching.^[45] ¹H NMR: The ¹H NMR spectral study of prepared compound reveals the presence of cyclopentadienyl protons, these were observed as a multiplet at 6.50 ppm and singlet at 2.90 ppm, and these values are in agreement with previous findings. The chemical shift value of >CH-N lies at 4.30ppm due to the deshielding of the proton by a nitrogen atom. Pyrazole proton was found as a singlet at 5.25 and 5.40 ppm region.^[46-48] The antimicrobial effect of synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole toward harmful human pathogenic microorganisms has been studied. Neomycin and Fluconazole were used as standard positive control. The compounds were found very potent against tested bacteria and fungi. The antimicrobial action of ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazoles was measured in term of zone of inhibition [Tables 1 and 2, Figures 5-7] and MIC values were found to be in the range of 85–95 µg/ml. Previous evidences have supported that pyrazole based derivatives possesses broad spectrum of antimicrobial effects. Bekhit and Abdel-Aziem investigated the antimicrobial effect of novel pyrazole^[49] derivatives against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial as well as pathogenic fungi. Recently, Mandal *et al.* and Munyaneza *et al.* have also reported the promising antimicrobial activities of metal complexes of pyrazole.^[50,51] Previously proposed mechanisms from the results of fluorescence and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) have suggested that pyrazole-derived compounds (such as pyrazole-arginine) possesses anti-bacterial effect possibly through disruption of the cell membrane and leakage of cytosolic content that finally leads to cell lysis.^[52] In addition, pyrazole analogs acted as inhibitors of multidrug efflux pump which is known to be an important mechanism for microbial resistance toward antibiotics.^[53]

In recent years, heterocyclic compounds have been widely studied for their DNA cleavage properties.^[54] The photo-induced DNA cleavage has been carried out using super coiled plasmid DNA by gel electrophoresis. The result of DNA photo-cleavage investigations indicated that synthesized compound has good potential of cleaving DNA helix. Previously it has been reported that super-coiled plasmid DNA migrate relatively faster than nicked DNA during electrophoresis.^[55] Super coiled form is relaxed to produce an open circular form which is slower moving if one strand of Super Coiled form is cleaved. If both strands of super coiled form are cleaved, a nicked form is generated which migrate in between the super coiled and open circular form.^[56,57] The conversion of form I to form II was observed with the treatment of synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole in comparison to untreated plasmid DNA which indicates its DNA-cleavage potential. Previously, Han *et al.* have reported the role of pyrazole-based ligands as promising DNA cleaving action^[58] through hydrolytic mechanisms. More recently, Feng *et al.* have investigated DNA binding capabilities of pyrazole derivatives and suggested their promising role in designing the chemotherapeutic drugs.^[50] Furthermore, anti-angiogenic

activity of synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole ligand was investigated at various concentrations (0, 20, 40, 60, and 80 µg/ml) [Figure 8]. Dose dependent anti-angiogenic effect of synthesized ligand was observed. The maximum of 94% blood vessel inhibition effect was seen at concentration of 80 µg/ml. It has been found that developing blood vessels are essential for the growth of tumor.^[59-61] The previous studies have suggested the promising role of anti-angiogenic agents to prevent cancer cell growth.^[62-64] Therefore, the results of present study could be considered in near future to design novel anti-cancer drugs. Molecular docking studies were performed against bacterial DNA gyrase enzyme, an ATP dependent, unique type II topoisomerase.^[65] Due to the crucial roles of DNA gyrase enzyme in DNA synthesis, it is considered as the most important target for pyrazole derivatives and its inhibitors significantly show the killing effect on the microorganisms by blocking DNA synthesis.^[66] The molecular docking studies put forward a better insight for understanding the binding mechanisms and molecular interactions between drug candidates and target proteins.^[67] In accordance with the anti-microbial activity studies, the docking studies showed that the synthesized ferrocenyl-substituted pyrazole interacts with 3 amino acid residues that are located in the active site of DNA gyrase enzyme by -9.6 kcal/mol binding energy. Results revealed that one conventional H bond and pi-alkyl interactions are formed with alanine amino acid located at 588 positions [Figure 9]. Besides that, one carbon hydrogen and pi sigma bonds were also observed with asparagine and leucineaminoacids located at 109 and 298 positions, respectively. As per literature records, it has been found that binding energy of -9.6 kcal/mol is a very significant value.

Conclusion

In the present examination, ferrocenyl subbed pyrazole has been planned and integrated by methods for novel course and portrayed. The IR, ¹H NMR, and mass information affirmed the proposed structure and geometry. It is evident from the affirmations that such holding is conceivable. The antimicrobial examination indicated that both ferrocenyl subbed pyrazoles are solid antimicrobial specialists, and further, DNA photo-cleavage examination affirmed that the two mixes have great DNA cleavage potential. The delayed consequences of the test examination of ferrocenyl subbed pyrazoles give new technique toward new assistant topic and further new research. The results of molecular docking study are in agreement with biological activities of synthesized pyrazole.

Authors' Declaration Statements

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