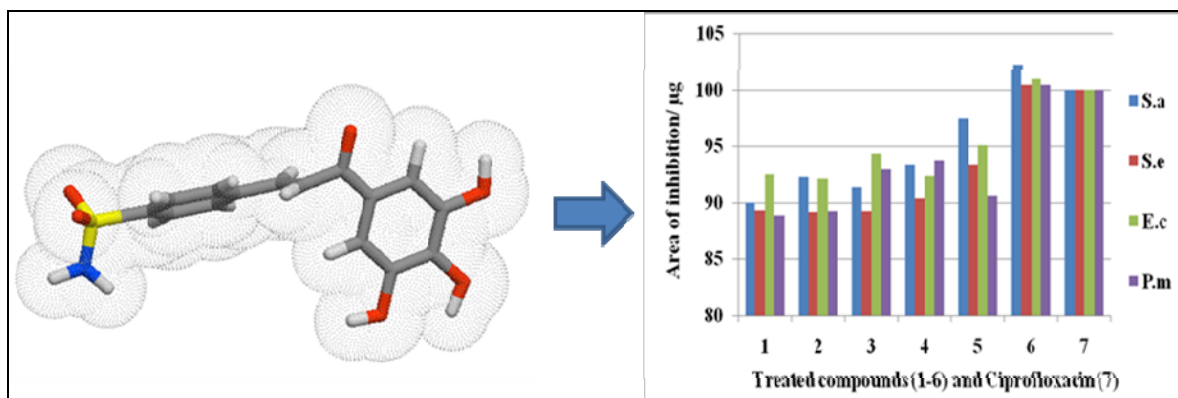


4-[(1*E*)-3-(Substituted-phenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide: Design, computational, synthesis, characterization and antibacterial assessment

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Abstract: The present study is dealing with the designing, computational screening, synthesis and antibacterial assessment of 4-[(1*E*)-3-(Substituted-phenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl] benzenesulfonamide (1-6). The findings revealed that the designed compounds possess the good bioactivity score and follow the Lipinski's Rule of Five. The anti bacterial therapeutic effect of the prepared compounds was testes against *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *E. Coli* and *P. mirabilis* and reported to exhibit the significant activity.



Keywords: Chalcones, drug likeness, physicochemical properties, Synthesis, Antibacterial activity

1. Introduction:

Microbial infections in human remain life threatening due to the development of resistant by bacteria and fungi against the antimicrobial agents available in the market [1]. To get rid off with this problem there is always a demand to find out some new antimicrobial agents (Synthetic, semi-synthetic or natural). The synthesis of chalcones and there derivatives have been broadly studied and found to exhibit potential therapeutic effects such as Antibacterial [2], Anticancer [3-6], Anticonvulsant [7], Antiviral [8] Antidiabetic [9], Antitubercular [10], Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor [11-12], P53-MDM2 [13]. The synthetically obtained chalcones especially with hydroxy, alkoxy groups in different position have been reported to possess anti-bacterial [14], antifungal [15], antiulcer [16], antimalarial [17], antioxidant [18], antileishmanial [19] vasodilatory [20], antimitotic [21], and inhibition of chemical mediators release [22], inhibition of leukotriene B412 [22], inhibition of tyrosinase [23-24] and inhibition of aldose reductase [25] activities. On the other hand the Sulfonamide analogs exhibited the broad spectrum of biological potential like anti-microbial [26-29], anti-convulsant [30-33], carbonic anhydrase inhibitors [34-35], aromatase inhibitors [36], anti-cancer [37], anti-diabetic [38-39], anti-plasmodial activity [40], anti-cancer and radiosensitizing [41], anti-malaria [42], Agonist of oxytocin Receptor [43], anti-proliferative activity [44], Inhibitors of cyclooxygenase-2 [45]. It was believed that the properties of chalcone individually and with specific substitutions or in combinations with sulfonamide functional groups enhances the probability of possessing the significant antibacterial therapeutic effects of the final compound.

2. Experimental:

2.1. Computational screening:

The structures of the designed compounds were drawn by Chem Draw Ultra 8.0 and the smile files were prepared. The software can be reached at (www.molinspiration.com) for calculating the physicochemical and bioactivity level score, the complete procedure and the detail of properties calculated are reported in the literature [46-52].

2.2. Chemistry:

2.2.1. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 1-6:

A mixture of 4-acetylbenzenesulfonamide and the substituted aldehyde in equimolar ratio were dissolved in ethanol (50 mL). Drop wise addition with stirring was followed for the addition of NaOH (20 %) and to find out the state of reaction TLC plates were employed. After completion of the reaction the mixture was then added to ice cooled water for precipitation and recrystallized from methanol.

4-[(1E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (1):

Yield: 90 %; M.p. 118–112 °C; FT-IR (cm⁻¹): 1040 (SO₂-Sym), 1560 (SO₂-Asym), 1580 (C=C), 1702 (C=O), 2970 (CH-Ar), 3288 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) (ppm): 3.788 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.940-6.995 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.298-7.320 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.453 (s, 1H, HC=CH), 7.632 (s, 2H, -SO₂NH₂), 7.738-7.774 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.810-7.852 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.882 (s, 1H, HC=CH).

4-[(1E)-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (2):

Yield: 83 %; M.p. 122–124 °C; FT-IR (cm⁻¹): 1047 (SO₂-Sym), 1558 (SO₂-Asym), 1589 (C=C), 1721 (C=O), 2982 (CH-Ar), 3308 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) (ppm): 3.794 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.823 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.010-7.047 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.138 (s, 1H, CH-Ar), 7.512 (s, 1H, HC=CH), 7.644 (s, 2H, -SO₂NH₂), 7.758-7.793 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.827-7.863 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.898 (s, 1H, HC=CH).

4-[(1E)-3-oxo-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (3):

Yield: 84 %; M.p. 126-128 °C; FT-IR (cm⁻¹): 1050 (SO₂-Sym), 1571 (SO₂-Asym), 1592 (C=C), 1718 (C=O), 2983 (CH-Ar), 3256 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) (ppm): 3.773 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.831 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.886 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 7.121 (s, 1H, CH-Ar), 7.209 (s, 1H, CH-Ar), 7.457 (s, 1H, HC=CH), 7.690 (s, 2H, -SO₂NH₂), 7.767-7.803 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.851-7.883 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.914 (s, 1H, HC=CH).

4-[(1E)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (4):

Yield: 87 %; M.p. 121–123 °C; FT-IR (cm⁻¹): 1052 (SO₂-Sym), 1555 (SO₂-Asym), 1588 (C=C), 1737 (C=O), 2977 (CH-Ar), 3293 (NH₂), 3414 (OH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) (ppm): 5.413 (s, 1H, OH), 6.928-6.963 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.238-7.270 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.460 (s, 1H, HC=CH), 7.588 (s, 2H, -SO₂NH₂), 7.714-7.746 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.808-7.839 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.901 (s, 1H, HC=CH).

4-[(1E)-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (5):

Yield: 89 %; M.p. 126-128 °C; FT-IR (cm⁻¹): 1044 (SO₂-Sym), 1563 (SO₂-Asym), 1583 (C=C), 1736 (C=O), 2987 (CH-Ar), 3258 (NH₂), 3734 (OH), 3890 (OH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) (ppm): 5.345 (s, 1H, OH), 5.420 (s, 1H, OH), 7.125-7.163 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.240 (s, 1H, CH-Ar), 7.508 (s, 1H, HC=CH), 7.652 (s, 2H, -SO₂NH₂), 7.762-7.799 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.831-7.874 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.888 (s, 1H, HC=CH).

4-[(1E)-3-oxo-3-(3,4,5-trihydroxyphenyl)prop-1-en-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide (6):

Yield: 85 %; M.p. 130-132°C; FT-IR (cm⁻¹): 1061 (SO₂-Sym), 1580 (SO₂-Asym), 1599 (C=C), 1743 (C=O), 2970 (CH-Ar), 3319 (NH₂), 3354 (OH), 3768 (OH), 3980 (OH);

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) (ppm): 5.349 (s, 1H, OH), 5.428 (s, 1H, OH), 5.556 (s, 1H, OH), 7.188 (s, 1H, CH-Ar), 7.237 (s, 1H, CH-Ar), 7.478 (s, 1H, HC=CH), 7.712 (s, 2H, -SO₂NH₂), 7.788-7.819 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.912-7.957 (d, 2H, CH-Ar), 7.998 (s, 1H, HC=CH).

2.3. Antimicrobial screening:

The Disc Diffusion method with some modification was utilized to evaluate the antimicrobial therapeutic effects of 4-[(1E)-3-(Substituted-phenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl] benzenesulfonamide (1-6) against the gram (positive and negative) pathogens like *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *E. Coli* and *P. mirabilis*. To assess the inhibitory zone and MIC of the chalcone derivatives (1-6) and the ciprofloxacin (7) was performed by the protocol mentioned in [53-70].

3. Results and Discussion:

The structures of the target derivatives 4-[(1*E*)-3-(Substituted-phenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl] benzenesulfonamide (1-6), were prepared with the help of Chem Draw Ultra 8.0 and ChemSketch. The physicochemical properties and the bioactivity score were calculated with the help of online available software. The derivative responses were positive to the Lipinski Rule's of Five and significant bioactive score for the active drugs as an enzyme inhibitor, Table-1. After computational screening the derivatives (1-6) were synthesized by the protocol as discussed in Figure-1, by a very simple one step procedure in Which the Aromatic adehyde and aromatic ketone in equimolar ratios and 10 % NaOH solution, undergoes Claisen-Schmidt condensation reaction to yield the corresponding Chaconne. Many spectroscopic techniques were utilized to confirm the structures of the prepared compounds like FTIR, NMR, Mass Spectro-photometry. The representations of the bands in the range 1702-1743, 1580-1599 cm^{-1} due to the presence of characteristic groups like C=O and HC=CH confirmed the formation of the derivatives. Besides this the availability of other bands in the range 1040-1061, 1555-1580 and 3248-3319 cm^{-1} due to the presence of SO_2 -sym, SO_2 -Asym and NH_2 recommended the formation of compounds.

Besides this the presence of singlet in NMR spectra in the range 7.453-7.512 and 7.882-7.998 ppm due to the presence of HC=CH that confirms the α - β un-saturation and strongly supported the formation of the compounds. Additional singlet was also observed in the range 7.588-7.712 ppm due to the SO_2 - NH_2 protons present in the structure. Other singlets in the range 5.200-5.600 ppm and 3.700-3.900 ppm for OH and OCH_3 were also observed in the spectra due to the presence of substitution accordingly. The compounds (1-6) and the standard drug ciprofloxacin were then subjected for the antibacterial assessment against the gram positive and negative pathogens like *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *E. Coli* and *P. mirabilis* employing disc Diffusion method. The results declared that the compound one and two were found to have less significant zone against all pathogens. While the significant zone of inhibition were observed in case of compounds 3-6 against all the pathogens, Table-2, Figure-2. The minimum inhibitory concentration of all the compounds was found similar to the level of ciprofloxacin, Table-2, Figure-2. The results strongly supported the findings of computational screening and can lead to the in vivo studies.

Table-1: Representing the detailed physicochemical properties and bioactivity score of the designed compounds (1-6) and Ciprofloxacin (7).

Physicochemical property score	Components						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	STANDARD (7)
miLogP	2.56	2.15	2.14	2.03	1.54	1.25	-0.071
TPSA	86.47	95.70	104.94	97.46	117.69	137.92	74.569
Natoms	22	24	26	21	22	23	24.0
MW	317.37	347.39	377.42	303.34	319.34	335.34	331.347
nON	5	6	7	5	6	7	6
nOHNH	2	2	2	3	4	5	2
Nviolations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nrotb	5	6	7	4	4	4	3
Volume	270.12	295.66	321.21	252.59	260.61	268.63	285.460
Bioactivity score	Components						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	STANDARD (7)
GPCR ligand	-0.24	-0.22	-0.21	-0.18	-0.16	-0.15	0.12
Ion channel modulator	-0.32	-0.31	-0.29	-0.19	-0.20	-0.19	-0.04
Kinase inhibitor	-0.31	-0.27	-0.25	-0.26	-0.25	-0.20	-0.07
Nuclear receptor ligand	-0.39	-0.36	-0.40	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-0.19
Protease inhibitor	-0.06	-0.05	-0.05	-0.01	-0.00	0.03	-0.21
Enzyme inhibitor	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.21	0.19	0.22	0.28

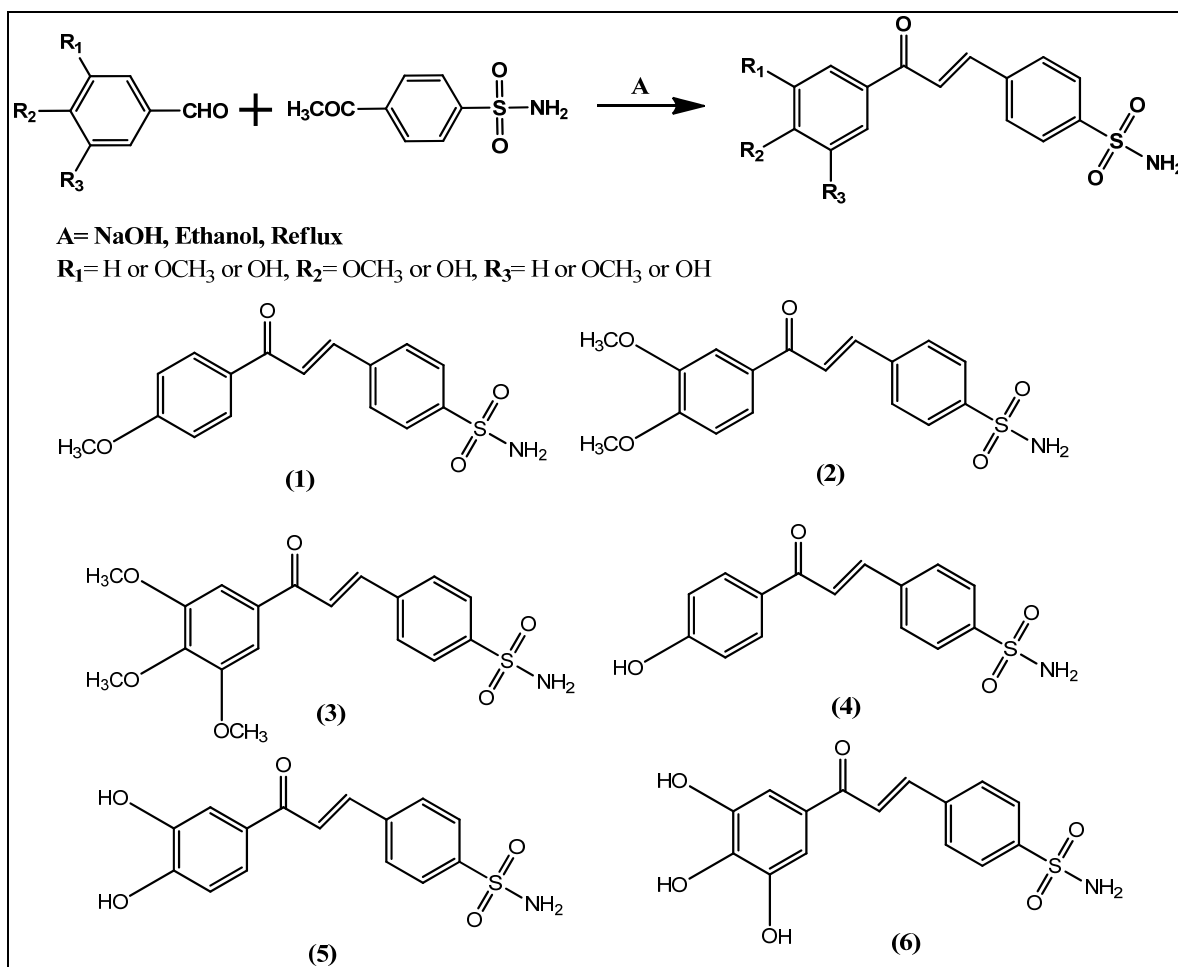


Figure-1: Representing the route adopted for the synthesis of Chalcone derivatives (1-6), and their corresponding structures.

Table-2: The zone of inhibition and the minimum inhibitory concentration of the compounds (1-6) and Ciprofloxacin (7).

S. No.	Effect of compounds on microorganism			
	Gram positive		Gram negative	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. mirabilis</i>
1	19.24±0.14	20.42±0.25	21.92±0.12	19.85±0.22
2	19.74±0.32	20.38±0.32	21.82±0.24	19.94±0.16
3	19.54±0.22	20.40±0.42	22.34±0.22	20.76±0.24
4	19.96±0.30	20.66±0.18	21.88±0.26	20.94±0.30
5	20.84±0.16	21.34±0.21	22.52±0.30	20.24±0.24
6	21.88±0.18	22.96±0.24	23.92±0.26	22.44±0.35
Ciprofloxacin	21.39±0.21	22.87±0.37	23.69±0.81	22.34±0.21
S. No.	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (µg/ml)			
	Gram positive		Gram negative	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>S. epidermidis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. mirabilis</i>
1	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5
2	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5
3	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5
4	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5
5	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5
6	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5
Ciprofloxacin	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5

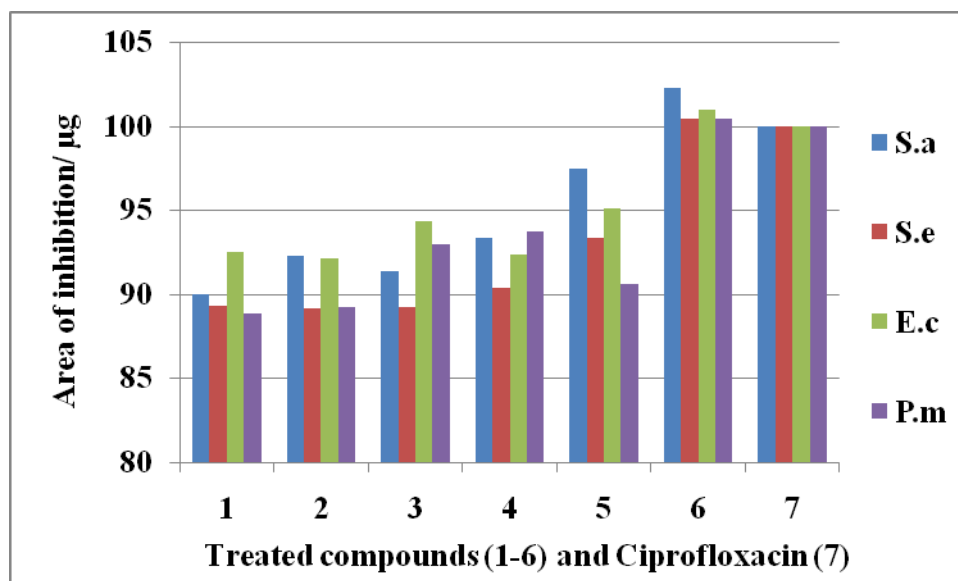


Figure-2: Showing the area of inhibition permicrogram of the compounds

4. Conclusion:

In recent study the series of 4-[(1*E*)-3-(Substituted-phenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl] benzenesulfonamide (1-6) was designed and subjected for calculation of bioactivity and physicochemical score computationally by the software available online. Computational screening exhibited that all the compounds follow the Lipinski Rule's of Five, and bioactive. Computational findings exhibited that all compounds are bioactive in nature. After computational screening the compounds were synthesized, characterized and subjected for antibacterial assessment. On comparing in between the computational and experimental findings it was observed that the similar findings obtained.

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