

A Comprehensive Evaluation of Coumarin Derivatives and Associated Biological Activities

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ABSTRACT

Coumarin and its derivatives have become a highly active class of compounds that demonstrate an assortment of biological actions, besides their usage as insecticides and fragrances. Numerous techniques have been devised for the synthesis of coumarins. The synthesis of coumarins traditionally involves several established methods, such as the Pechmann condensation, Knoevenagel condensation, Perkin reaction, and Wittig condensation processes. Scholars have conducted improvements and changes to enhance the effectiveness and address the constraints of the traditional approach. The present research explores the characterization of coumarin derivatives through the utilization of Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) and ¹H Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopic techniques. This review study centers on a comprehensive examination of synthesis and characterization techniques employed for the analysis of coumarin derivatives. Additionally, it explores the possible applications of these derivatives across numerous fields (1-4)

Diverse spectrum of biological activities, including anticancer, antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory properties, have been attributed to coumarin-3-carboxamide derivatives, as reported in previous studies. The observed class additionally exhibits cholinesterase inhibitory properties.

KeyWords:

Coumarin-3-carboxamide, Antifungal, Anticancer

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I. INTRODUCTION

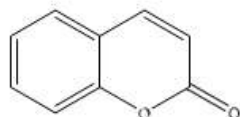
The search for and discovery of coumarin may be traced back to the year 1820, when Vogel

initially isolated coumarin from the tonkabean (*Dipteryx odorata*). From a chemical standpoint, it can be stated that coumarin, also known as 2H-1-benzopyran-2-one, is under the subgroup of lactones. In this study, the compounds referred to as coumarin and chromone, as shown in are benzo- α -pyrone 1 and benzo- γ -pyrone 2, respectively. These compounds exhibit a distinction in the presence of a carbonyl group at position 1 of the pyrone ring. Referred to as 1,2-benzopyrone or o-hydroxycinnamic acid-8-lactone, coumarin containing derivatives are extensively utilized in the fields of pharmacy and medicine. The characteristics and biological activities of substances are significant factors in the advancement of novel therapeutic medications. Due to this rationale, a multitude of methodologies and strategies have been devised for the synthesis of substituted coumarin. Nevertheless, the synthesis of coumarin derivatives may be achieved using many techniques and utilizing diverse source materials. However, it is important to note that the yields obtained from these synthetic approaches often differ significantly from those obtained from extraction from plants. This discrepancy might be attributed to the time-dependent and costly nature of the process steps involved in obtaining the final product from plants. According to the source provided various traditional techniques can be employed for the synthesis of coumarins, including the Perkin reaction, Vilsmeier-Haack and Suzuki cross-coupling processes, Pechmann condensation, Wittig reaction, Knoevenagel condensation, Reformatsky reaction, and Claisen rearrangement. In general, coumarins can be classified based on

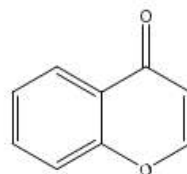
their chemical composition. One classification involves simple coumarins that are substituted differently on the benzene ring to form furan-condensed coumarins. Another classification includes coumarins with substituents in the pyrone

ring or pyranocoumarins, which are characterized by a six membered ring attached to the coumarin moiety moreover, these entities are regarded as physiologically active heterocyclic. (5-8)

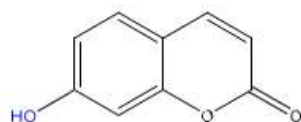
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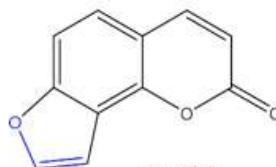
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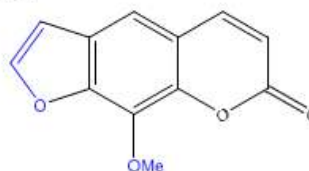
Coumarin



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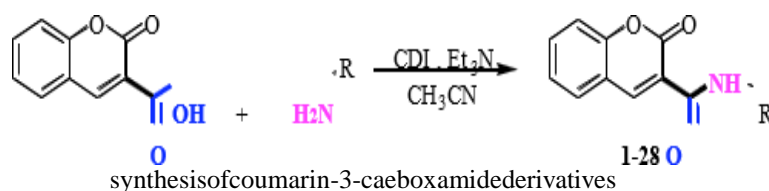


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Neuroprotective impact of 4-methylcoumarins was discovered, as documented by additionally demonstrated the possible anti-breast cancer and ant osteoporotic properties of coumarin and couromene derivatives. also discovered that coumarin and its derivatives has an inhibitory effect on acetylcholinesterase. In summary, coumarins that are substituted at positions 3 and 5 have enhanced antioxidant, anticancer, and antiproliferative properties. (9)

Coumarin-3-carboxamide derivatives synthesis

The present study focuses on the utilization of Knoevenagel condensation as a method for synthesizing N-substituted coumarin-3-carboxamides. This condensation reaction involves the reaction of active methylene containing compounds, specifically N-substituted cyanoacetamides and salicylaldehyde, under basic conditions. By employing this synthetic approach, a diverse range of N-substituted coumarin-3-carboxamides can be efficiently prepared. (10-11)



Physical properties of coumarin

Molecular formula	C ₆ H ₉ O ₂
Molar mass	146.14g/mol
Density	935kg/m ³
Melting point	71°C
Boiling point	301.7°C
Solubility	Soluble in water, ethanol and chloroform

Chemical properties of coumarin

Electrophilic Substitution

The electrophilic substitution reactivity of pyrones is indicative of their aromatic nature. Both alpha and gamma pyrones can undergo replacement at either the 3-position or the 5-position, namely at the ortho or para positions relative to the carbonyl group. The presence of alkyl substituents on the

ring enhances the ease of electrophilic substitution (12)

Halogenation

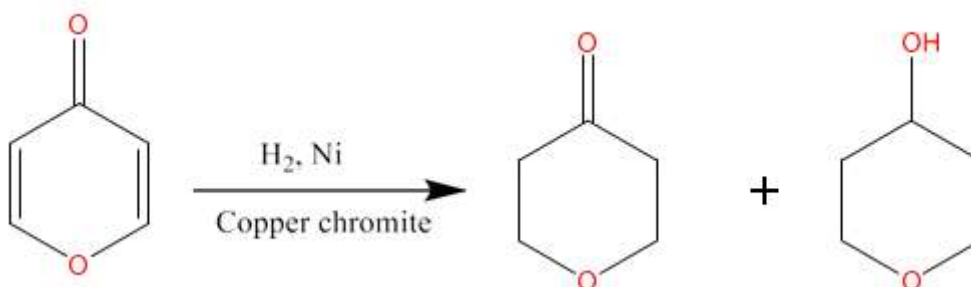
α -pyrone undergoes bromination at the 3-position by an addition-elimination reaction, rather than being a product of direct electrophilic substitution.



Reaction with reducing agents

The catalytic hydrogenation reaction, utilizing hydrogen gas (H₂) and nickel (Ni) as catalyst, proceeds at the carbon-carbon (C-C) double bonds, resulting in the conversion of

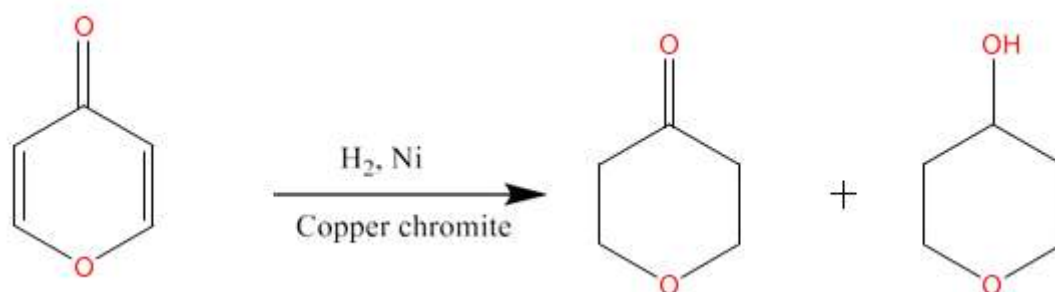
unsaturated lactone to its saturated form. The process of hydrogenation provides additional evidence for the presence of double bonds in both α - and γ -pyrones. (13-14)



Nucleophilic reaction

In stark contrast to the process of electrophilic substitution, pyrones exhibit high susceptibility to assault by nucleophilic reagents. The addition of

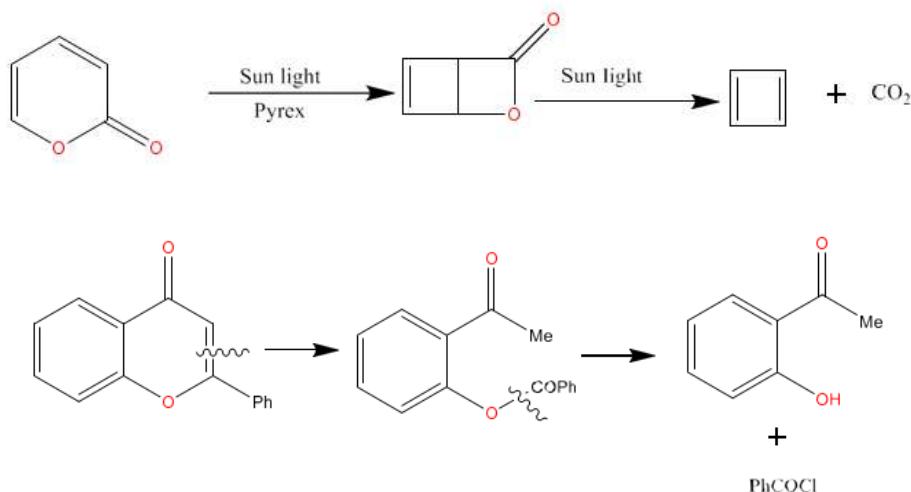
weak nucleophiles occurs mostly at the 2-position, whereas strong nucleophiles tend to add at the 6-position.



Photochemical reaction

Extensive research has been conducted on the photochemical properties of pyrones, revealing their ability to yield intriguing compounds. During

the process of photolysis, α -pyrone undergoes decarboxylation, resulting in the formation of cyclobutadiene.



Pharmacological activity

In practical application, the process of cyclisation occurs in two distinct stages. The process begins with a base-catalyzed rearrangement, resulting in the formation of o-hydroxydinbenzoylmethane. This intermediate compound may be further separated and subjected to cyclization in the presence of an acid catalyst, leading to the formation of flavone.

Insights into the binding affinity between the promising derivatives and their targeted enzymes were obtained using molecular docking experiments, therefore substantiating their potential as lead compounds for subsequent development of

anticancer drugs. The ADME investigations shown favorable pharmacokinetic characteristics, rendering them viable contenders for drug administration.

1. Testing for anticancer activity in vitro

To determine the impact of the target compounds on various cancer cells, we carefully chose the most positive compounds and assessed their individual cytotoxicity against four distinct types of human cancer cells. These included human hepatocellular carcinoma (HepG2), human colorectal cancer (HCT116 and SW620), and human breast cancer cells (the MCF-7 cancer cell line was

evaluated using the 3-(4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2-H-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) test. The human breast and cervical cancer cell lines exhibited the highest antiproliferative effects. Significantly, the chemical exhibited specific inhibition of colorectal tumor cell growth while sparing normal cells. The combination of furoxan coumarin hybrids has significant anticancer properties, therefore justifying the need for more research to explore their potential as therapeutic options for human cancer. (15)

2. The present study aims to provide an overview of the current research advancements pertaining to coumarins and their derivatives in the context of diabetes management. Currently, the hypoglycemic medications utilized in clinical practice encompass incretin and insulin sensitizers. Furthermore, there exist many drugs employed for the purpose of reducing blood glucose levels. These include AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) inhibitors, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, amylases, and insulin analogues. Nevertheless, within the vast array of pharmaceutical products available, it is important to acknowledge that some negative effects may arise while attempting to reduce blood glucose levels. Hence, it is imperative to expedite the exploration of novel pharmaceuticals in order to address and rectify the limitations inherent in existing medications. In recent years, there has been an increasing focus on the investigation of natural goods.

Coumarin compounds are notable in the field of therapeutic research and development because of their advantageous characteristics of exhibiting many targets and causing less hazardous side effects.

3. This study involves the synthesis, biochemical characterization, and molecular modelling of organophosphate-coumarin hybrids. The objective is to assess their potential as effective and selective inhibitors of butyrylcholinesterase.

4. Alkaline phosphatases (APs) are a class of ectonucleotidase enzymes that play a crucial role in the catalytic dephosphorylation of nucleoside phosphates. However, alkaline phosphatases (APs) are enzymes that exhibit promiscuity and possess the ability to hydrolyze a diverse range of substrates. Phosphomonoesters, in conjunction with other phosphate-containing compounds such as inorganic pyrophosphate (PPi), polyphosphate, glucose phosphate, and phosphatides,

are referred to as APs, widely recognized for its ability to facilitate certain transphosphorylation processes, and the shown functionality is optimized in alkaline pH conditions.

Adenosine monophosphate (AMP) serves as a significant substrate for AP, and its dephosphorylation leads to the liberation of adenosine, which plays a crucial role in cellular signaling. The chemical in question is further associated with purinergic cell signaling. Adenosine has a crucial role in the regulation of several immunological and cardiovascular processes. (16)

5. The utilization of coumarin-benzimidazole hybrids as a very effective antibacterial agent. The recommendations

set by the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (previously known as the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards), was employed. The current work involved the screening of 11 newly synthesized coumarin benzimidazole conjugates for their antibacterial activity against recognized Gram-positive and Gram-negative pathogenic bacterial strains. The microdilution method, following for the in vitro assessment of the compounds. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values were established using ampicillin, kanamycin, tetracycline, and ciprofloxacin as reference antibiotics. The antibacterial activity of several coumarin-benzimidazole conjugates was validated by in vitro testing, demonstrating substantial efficacy.

6. Cytotoxicity and molecular docking research were conducted on a range of different amide linked bis-indoles and indole derivatives that featured a coumarin-based moiety. Thiosemicarbazones were synthesized and afterwards subjected to screening against four often encountered human cancer cell lines, namely MCF7 (breast adenocarcinoma cells), HepG2 (liver cancer cells), HeLa (cervical cancer cells), SK-Mel2 (melanoma cancer cells), and LU-1 (lung cancer cells). The compound referred to as the standard 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) test was utilized to assess the cytotoxicity of the thiosemicarbazones. The experiments involved the use of medicines such as doxorubicin (DOX), Lapatinib, and Erlotinib. The IC₅₀ values of the compounds against the relevant cancer cell lines were determined. (17)

7. The present study investigates the

antiproliferative activity of hybrid thiosemicarbazone compounds that contain coumarin and D-galactose moieties, together with their EGFR inhibitory action.

The sugar moiety is commonly employed as a polar constituent in the development and production of biologically active compounds, generally speaking. More specifically, it finds significant application in thiosemicarbazones. Thiosemicarbazones that possess a sugar moiety have been shown to have a range of biological characteristics, including antibacterial, antifungal, anticancer, and antioxidant activities, among others. This study presents a collection of thiosemicarbazones that include a sugar moiety and have notable anticancer properties. The thiosemicarbazone which has a D-glucose moiety, exhibits noteworthy antiproliferative properties against breast cancer. (18)

8. The present study focuses on the biological evaluation of derivatives of pyrazolo coumarin. In this study, a strong compound with anticholinesterase, anti-5-lipoxygenase, anti tyrosinase, and anticancer properties was synthesized. The compound, known as 1,2,3-triazole linked pyrazole coumarin, was derived from pyrazole fused coumarin. A variety of novel 1,2,3-triazole linked pyrazolo coumarins were synthesized by the process of propargylation at the nitrogen atoms of both pyrazole rings using 3-propargyl bromide. This reaction was catalyzed by copper(I) and involved alkyne-azide cycloaddition. The beginning, intermediate, and goal compounds demonstrated anticholinesterase, anti-tyrosinase, anti 5-lipoxygenase, and cytotoxic properties. In consideration of an academic standpoint, the user in the conducted investigation, it was determined that the incorporation of a triazole moiety into the initial pyrazolo coumarin compound through the methylene group as a connecting unit exhibited more potency compared to other modifications.

The presence and accessibility of many pharmaceutical products for marketing purposes, including celecoxib, which exhibits therapeutic benefits and functions as an inhibitor. The compounds mentioned include COX-2 inhibitors, such as rimonabant, which acts as a cannabinoid receptor and is employed in the treatment of obesity. Additionally, fomepizole is known for its ability to inhibit alcohol dehydrogenase, while sildenafil is recognized for its inhibitory effects on phosphodiesterase. On the contrary,

natural and non-natural coumarins are a group of phenolic compounds that are comprised. Their structure under consideration consists of fused benzene and a-pyrone rings. known for their many biological activities. their compounds have been extensively studied for their potential use in sunscreen and anticoagulant therapies. Umbelliferon, Warfarin, and Dicoumarol are examples of natural coumarin derivatives that have demonstrated effectiveness in their respective areas renowned for their extensive and exceptional biological features. (19)

9. A Review of Coumarin Derivatives in Pharmacotherapy of Breast Cancer.

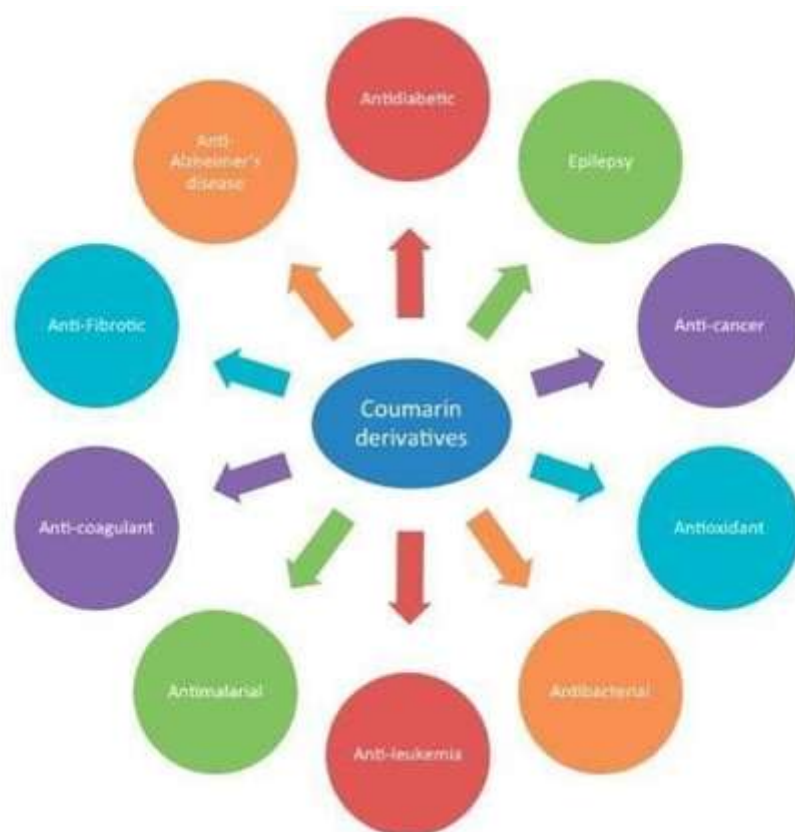
The process of cleaving sulfated steroid hormone precursors, such as estrone sulphate, into active hormones by STS, serves as the initial stage in the localized synthesis of estrogen and androgens. Consequently, the suppression of this enzyme, known as STS, is expected to result in a reduction in biosynthesis. The use of active hormones has emerged as a novel therapeutic approach in the management of hormone dependent disorder including Breast, endometrial, and prostate cancers, as well as acne and androgenital atrophy, have been identified as medical conditions of concern the enzyme STS facilitates the process of hydrolyzing sulphate monoester linkages in several physiological contexts. The inclusion of a sulfamate ester moiety into the substrates the incorporation of an aryl ring was seen as a crucial step in the advancement of highly effective STS inhibitors has been documented in previous studies. In addition, efforts were made to discover non-steroidal inhibitors of STS. The research has contributed to the advancement of several bicyclic and tricyclic coumarin sulfamates, which have demonstrated activity in both in vitro and in vivo setting several possible inhibitors of STS have been identified. The current stage of development for this particular subject is in the preclinical phase, with a limited sample size of 667. COUMATE is scheduled to commence clinical studies for the treatment of hormone-dependent breast cancer in post-menopausal women. (25-26)

10. Antioxidant

An antioxidant can be defined as a substance that retards, hinders, or eradicates oxidative harm to a specific molecule this view encompasses both tiny chemicals, such as vitamin C, and big molecules, such as sacrificial proteins like albumin. An antioxidant effectively mitigates oxidative stress by the

neutralization of reactive oxygen species (ROS), hence counteracting their detrimental effects. Hence, it may be inferred that they possess advantageous properties in the treatment of ailments associated with oxidative stress. Antioxidants can be classified into many groups depending on their activity, solubility, and size. Coumarin derivatives have been identified as highly effective antioxidants. The compounds possess antioxidant characteristics that can disrupt the generation and elimination of reactive oxygen species (ROS).

Coumarins have been shown to possess the ability to mitigate oxidative damage induced by reactive oxygen species (ROS) and have potential in retarding or averting pathogenic alterations. In a study conducted by Paya et al. (1994) on scavenging capability, it was shown that only 7,8-dihydroxy coumarins exhibited activity. The hydroxycoumarins contain phenolic compounds that exhibit properties of free radical scavenging and powerful metal chelation. (27-30)



II. CONCLUSION

Extensive research endeavors are undertaken to synthesize coumarin derivatives due to their exceptional biological features and diverse uses across numerous disciplines. Consequently, many methodologies have been applied in order to synthesize novel variants, including the implementation of catalysts to enhance production efficiency and yield. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) has the potential to be employed for the purpose of characterizing coumarin derivatives. The technique identifies several functional groups by the absorption of infrared radiation emitted by the

sample material. The use of ¹H NMR spectroscopy is employed to ascertain details regarding the structure, reaction state, and chemical environment of coumarin derivatives. Additional techniques, such as ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis) and micro elemental analysis (CHNO), can be employed for the characterization of coumarin derivatives. Coumarin derivatives encompass a range of functional groups that have demonstrated significant potential in terms of their biological activity, toxicological properties, and uses in the fragrance industry. Ongoing research efforts are being conducted by researchers to explore the possible industrial uses of coumarin derivatives,

owing to their diverse biological activities.

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