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Molecular docking studies of 1, 3, 4 oxadiazoles Derivatives as anti-convulsive agents

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Abstract

Molecular docking is a computational technique that places a small molecule (ligand) in the binding site of its macromolecular target (receptor) and estimates its binding affinity. The present study attempted the high throughput *in-silico* screening of 65 compounds docked with the GABAA receptor (PDB ID: 4COF) using Molegro virtual docker (6.0). Out of these 65 compounds, 17 compounds showed very good mol dock score in ranging between -66.344 & -102.653. Ethosuximide and Carbamazepine drugs was used as a standard drug which showed mol dock score -50.6357 & -58.5047 respectively. Most of test compounds demonstrated excellent number of hydrogen bond interactions viz compounds 33, 38, 39, 45, 47, 53, 54, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64 & 65 which showed 7 to 11 number of hydrogen bond interactions as compared to standard drug interactions values 6 & 5 respectively and also showed the interaction with same amino acids Glu52, Ser51 and Val53 and some other amino acids Asn54, Thr58 and Thr133 also showed very acceptable bond length less than 3.91Å. The obtained results indicated that all studied ligands have similar position and orientation inside the putative binding site of GABAA receptor (PDB ID: 4COF) which reveals a large space bounded by a membrane-binding domain which serves as an entry channel for substrate to the active site. In addition, the affinity of any small molecule can be considered as a unique tool in the field of drug design and offer prospective in future research to develop a potent anticonvulsant agent.

Keywords: Anti-convulsant activity; Oxadiazoles; *In-silico*; Docking; GABA; PDB.

1. Introduction

Traditional approaches to discovering novel therapeutic medicine were extremely high ticket, more time consuming and perhaps less economical. To overcome drawbacks of traditional strategies, simpler and logical approaches are introduced that deem virtual screening, supported the provision of structural information. The methods of virtual screening are often classified as structure based and ligand-based drug design methodology. The structure-based drug approach describes molecular tying up whereas ligand-based strategies addresses quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR) and pharmacophore modeling [1]. The molecular docking technique determines interaction between substance and target molecule. It predicts binding affinity of molecules to create a stable complex with super-molecule by finding most well-liked orientation of minimum free energy [2]. Broadly two basic methods are employed in molecular docking i.e. Shape complementarity and Simulation.

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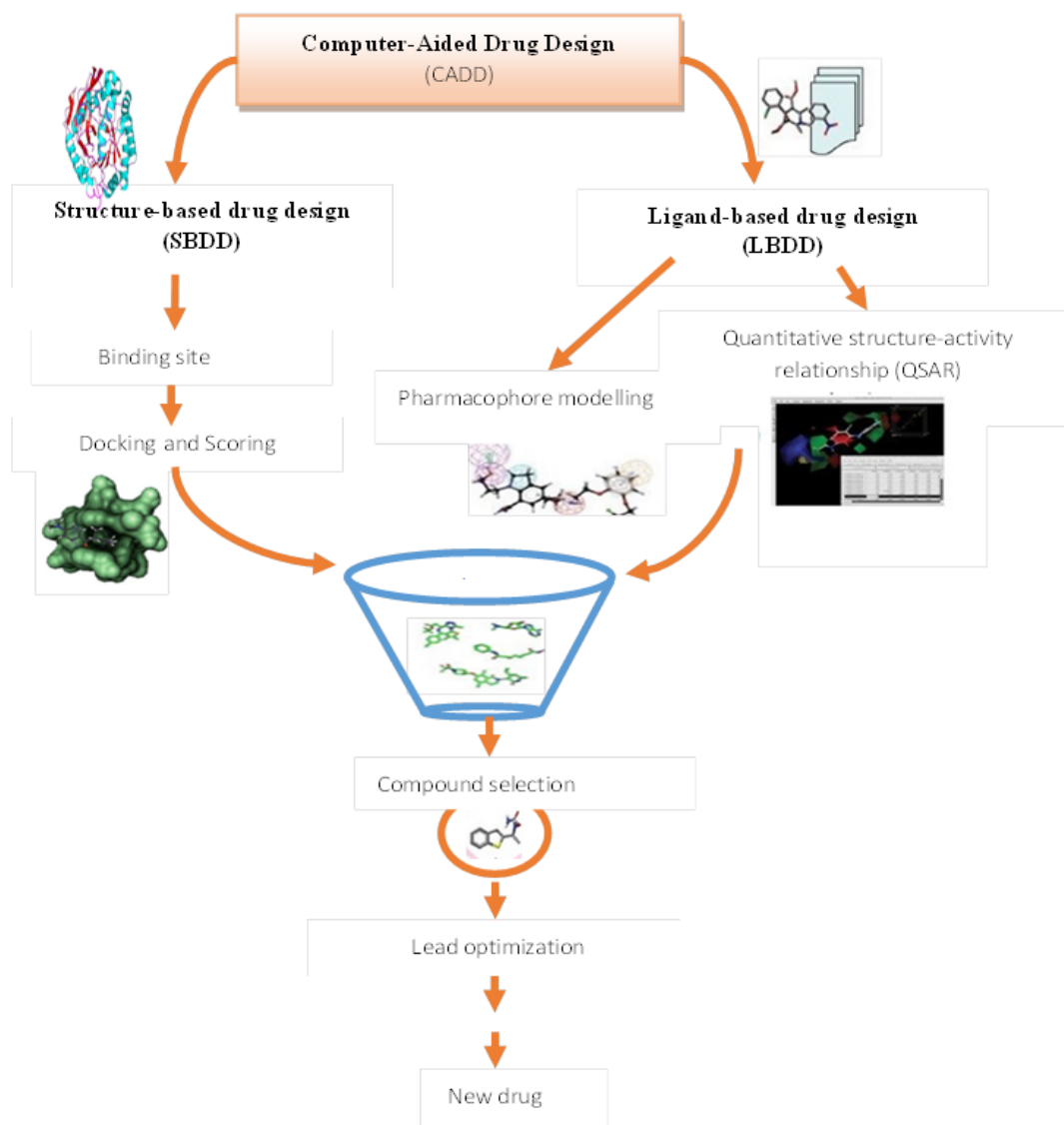


Figure 1 Computer-aided drug design

The Molecular docking is classified into three categories:

- **Induced work docking:** In this method, each matter and receptor are versatile. The matter binds flexibly at the site of receptor to maximize bonding forces between them and implementing the conception of complementarity between macromolecule and matter.
- **Lock and key docking:** In this method both matter and receptor are rigid and show tight binding [3]. It defines the essential conception of three-dimensional complementarity.
- **Ensemble docking:** This approach explains flexibility and complexity of conformational states of proteins. Multiple super molecule structures used as associate degree ensemble for docking with matter [4,5].

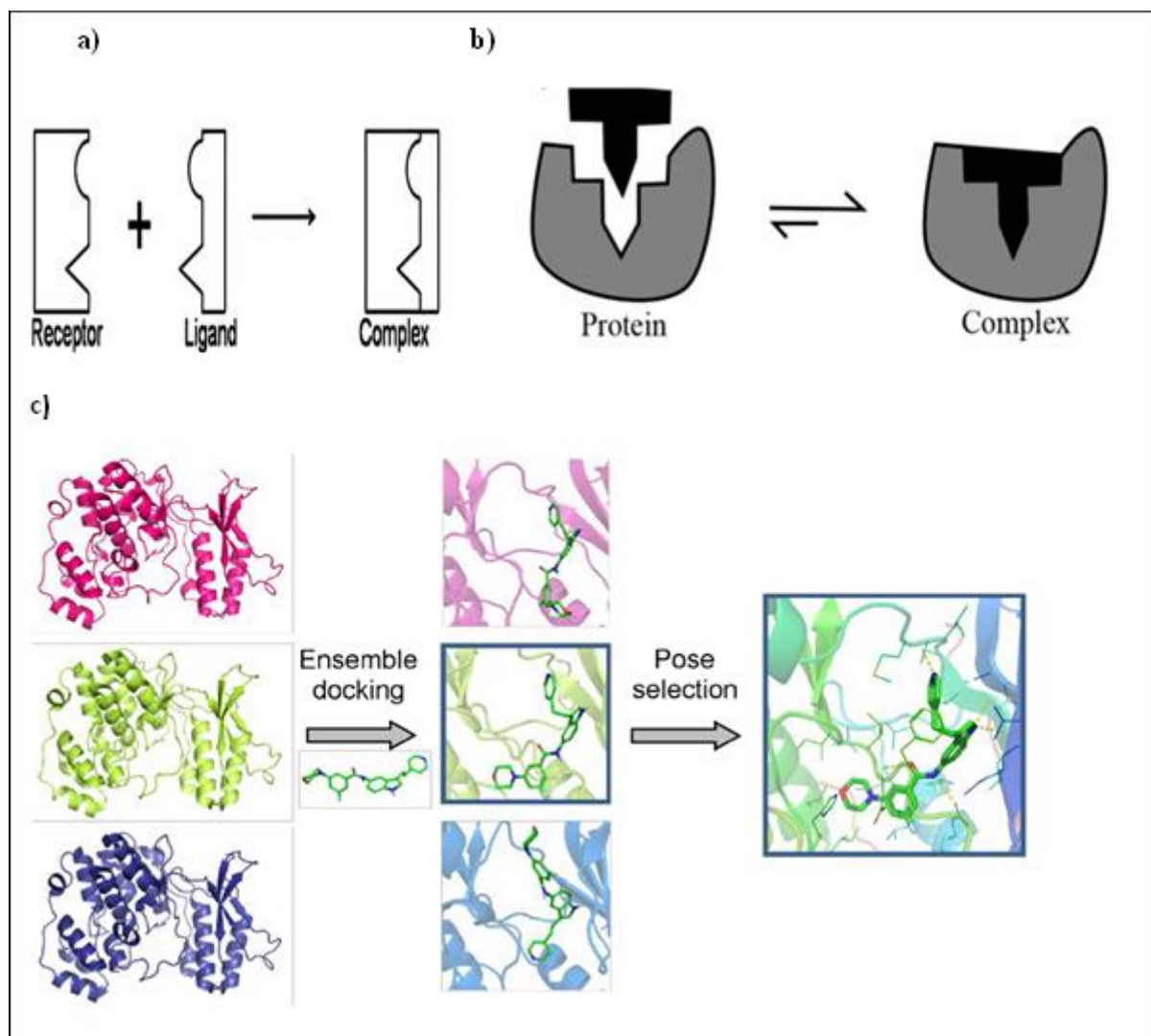


Figure 2 Different technique for Molecular docking: a) Induced work docking b) Lock and key docking c) Ensemble docking

Epilepsy is a common and usually destructive disorder, identified by the abnormal and periodic discharge of neurons within brain. It is also known as chronic neurological disorder identified by the unpredictable and periodic occurrence of seizures. Brain is unable to read the message and results in seizures, loss of consciousness, jerking in body muscle, contraction in muscle etc [6-8]. According to recent studies in world health organization, approximately 2.4 million annual cases and about 50 million people are affected with epilepsy in worldwide [9-10]. It is noncommunicable disorder of brain & evaluated that 70 % of patients can live seizure free if properly diagnosed and treated. Recent study showed that frequency of active epilepsy is estimated 6.38 per 1000 person and prevalence rate was 61.44 per 100,000 persons/years [11-12]. Around about 1% of population is affected from the epilepsy [13]. At present about 40 forms of epilepsy are specified [14]. Epilepsy cause substantial impact on social, health and quality of life of patients as compared to healthy people [15-17].

Heterocyclic compounds play a crucial role within the diligent effort to develop new anti-convulsant agents. Various artificial approaches supported chemical modification have been undertaken with associate aim to boost the protection profile of anticonvulsant activity.

Compounds containing heterocyclic system, with N and O as hetero-atoms possess a broad range of biological activity [18]. Among numerous consolidated and free hetero atomic rings gift, oxadiazole ring system provides pervasive options of solely pharmaceutical product and additionally stated as furodiazoles. Oxadiazole ring has been classified into four totally different teams as 1:2:3-oxadiazole, 1:2:5oxadiazole, 1:2:4-oxadiazole, 1:3:4-oxadiazole [19].

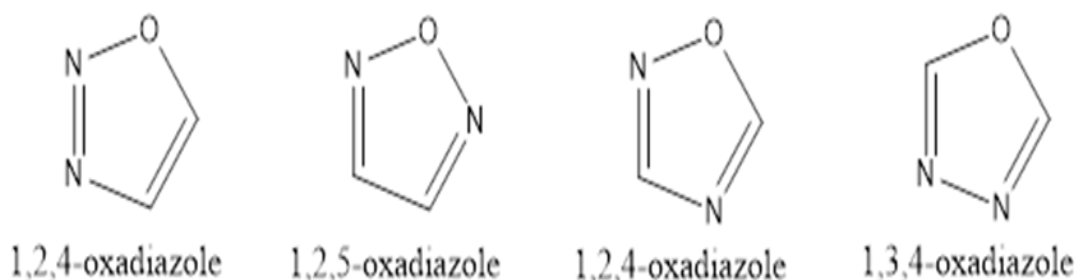


Figure 3 Basic structures of Oxadiazole

The first synthesis of 1,2,4-oxadiazoles, originally named as furodiazoles, was achieved a hundred twenty-five years past by Tiemann and Krüger. Since then, till early 1960's many articles published oxadiazoles and within the next decade 1, 2, 4-oxadiazoles gained abundant interest because of their tendency to bear molecular rearrangements. Oxadiazoles are usually remarked because of bio-ester for amides and esters and show improved pharmacokinetic and *In vivo* performance and because of hyperbolic stability of the ring. This property makes this molecule a vital moiety for the pharmaceutical business. As a result, oxadiazoles are usually employed in varied drug discovery programs as medication agents, anti-tumor agents, and H3 receptor antagonists as potent inhibitors of MIF biological operate, and bell-tryptase inhibitors. Oxadiazole ring additionally shows a large spectrum of activity against gram positive and gram-negative microorganism [20].

1,3,4-oxadiazole ring has been observed to be a flexible pharmacophore with an extensive variety of valuable organic exercises for example hostile to inflammatory [21-22] against tubercular [23] and against cancer [24].

As oxadiazole is very potent moiety and significant scope for development of new drugs. So molecular docking is used as a tool for prediction of MolDock score of different compounds which shows the ligand-protein interaction, so by this we will be able to find the significant anti-convulsant activity by molecular docking.

2. The targets of anticonvulsant drug discovery

In-silico docking study of 65 compounds gave us an idea about the derivatives responsible for anti-epileptic activity. The obtained results indicated that all studied ligands have similar position and orientation inside the putative binding site of GABA_A receptor (PDB ID: 4COF) which reveals a large space bounded by a membrane-binding domain which serves as an entry channel for substrate to the active site. In addition, the affinity of any small molecule can be considered as a unique tool in the field of drug design. There is a relationship between the affinity of organic molecules and the free energy of binding. This relationship can contribute in prediction and interpretation of the activity of the organic compounds toward the specific target protein may be the possible mechanism by which derivatives displayed their anti-epileptic activity as on this protein constituent are most appropriately docked.

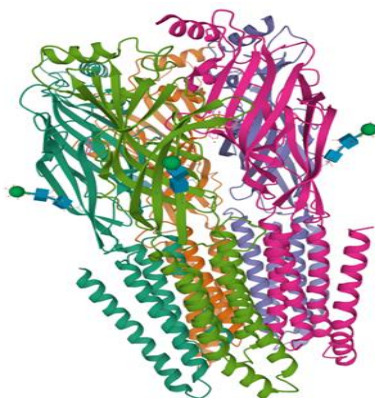


Figure 4 3D view of PDB: 4COF

3. Methodology

Docking may be a technique to figure out a substance's possible binding modes to a receptor site. Docking studies has been performed with a group of theoretic oxadiazole derivatives exploitation Molegro virtual docker 6.0 on COX I (PDB ID 4COF). The X-ray structures of that were accessed from the supermolecule knowledge bank (PDB). The basic structure of analogues is shown in Table 1.

3.1. The methodology can be divided in to following steps

- Importing a protein file, ligand file and preparation of ligands.
- Protein preparation and detecting cavities of protein molecules.
- Executing a docking set up through docking wizard panel.
- Determination of poses of protein ligand complexes.
- Calculation of MolDock score and hydrogen bond interaction.

3.1.1. Selection of the compounds and ligand preparation

The hypothetical compounds were line-up based on literature. The ligand molecules were prepared by using ChemDraw professionals 15.0 and Marvin Sketch and then molecules were converted to 2D and then converted to 3D using build and optimize method and then clean in 3D. The resulting structure will be saved in MDL Molfile (*.mol) format. A single, low energy, 3D structure with correct chirality for each successfully proposed structure will be generated. Then the generated structure was imported in to the workspace of docking software Molegro Virtual Docker. Molecule can be incorporated in to the MVD using MDL (sdf /sd /mol/mdl) file format which contains bonding formation. In this step the preparation of molecules were assigned bonds, bond order and hybridization, charges, explicit hydrogens and flexible torsion in ligands.

3.1.2. Compound selection

On the basis of literature data, we selected 65 hypothetical compounds and docking studies were performed using (PDB ID 4COF) for anti-convulsant activity using Molegro Virtual Docker. However, all hypothetical compounds were found to possess moderate results for anti-convulsant activity. But out of sixty-five compounds, 13 compounds (H-bonding: 7-11) which we selected were found to be possesses best results for anti-convulsant activity. The docking output of 65 compounds is given in table-2.

3.1.3. Set of hypothetical compounds

Docking study performed with a set of hypothetical oxadiazole derivatives. The basic moiety of compounds is shown in figure 5. The structure of all 65 compounds are illustrated in Table 1.

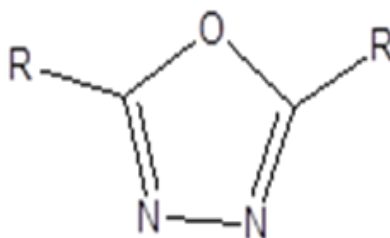


Figure 5 Basic moiety of 1, 3, 4-oxdiazole

3.1.4. Protein preparation

In Molegro Virtual Docker the step protein preparation is automatically performed. Docking is a computational method for predicting modes of action of small organic molecules to protein receptors. It makes an image of the active site with interaction points known as grid. It fits the ligand in the binding site of the receptor. Different types of interaction between receptor and ligand Vander Waal's interaction, aromatic interactions are considered to calculate the binding energy. The number of protein receptor (PDB) used in this study are PDB ID: 4COF. The PDB used for docking was produced from RCSB (protein data bank).

3.1.5. Ligand docking

Ligand docking was achieved by generating a number of poses of a ligand within the active site, and scoring of poses to identify one or more poses that closely approximate the bioactive conformation determined by X-ray crystallography.

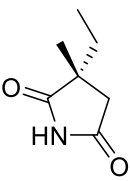
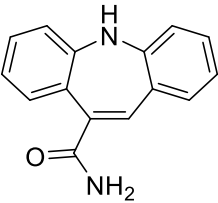
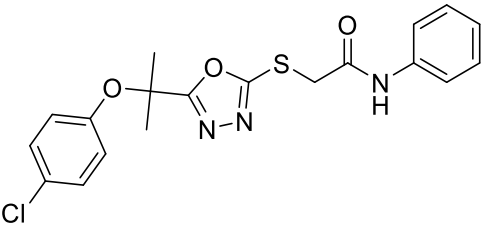
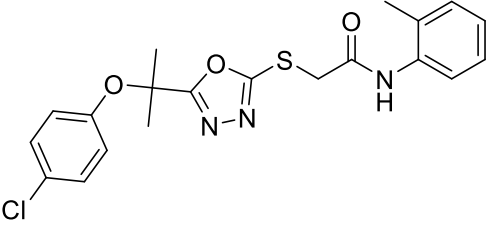
Protein (PDB code: 4COF) was downloaded from the protein information Bank. All designed matters and reference ligand, Dilantin were foreign within the work area space of Molegro Virtual Docker, and necessary bonds, bond orders, hybridizations, gas atoms and charges were allotted. Protein ligand tying up studies were allotted supported the idea of crystal structure of protein Pdb: 4COF and matter binding. All solvents molecule, chemical compound and co-crystallized ligands were far away from structures. The parameter elects in the tying up studies were weight unit dock optimizer, variety of runs ten, cavity elect is user outline. The choice of the ligands from the docking wizard was done on the basis of the marking perform (Mol Dock score and hydrogen bond interaction).

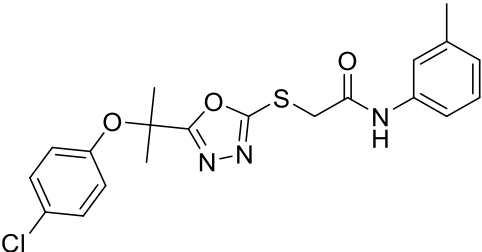
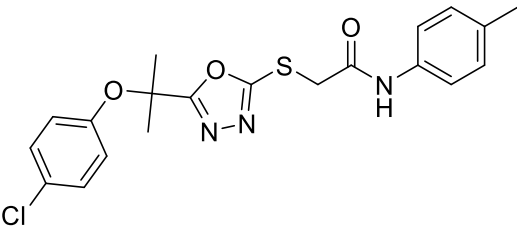
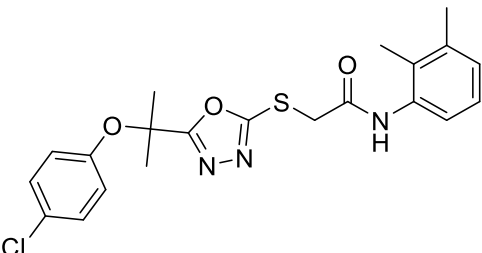
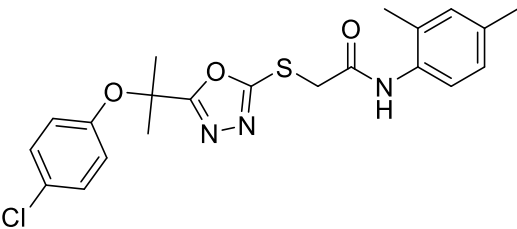
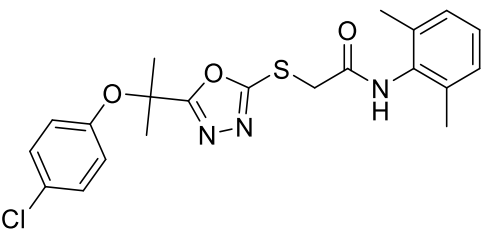
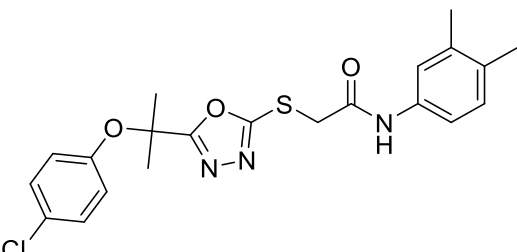
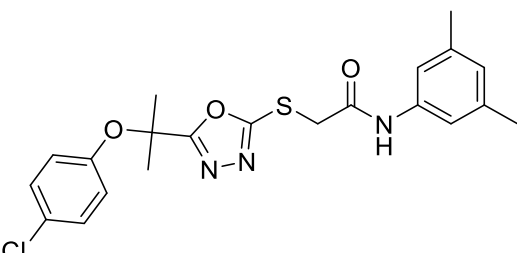
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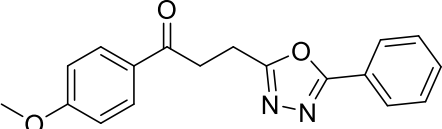
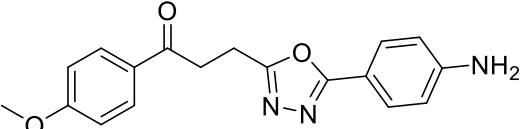
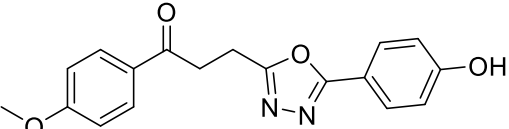
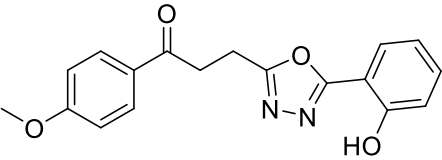
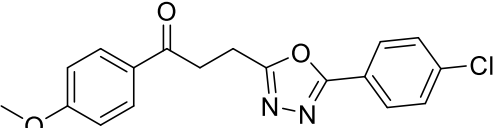
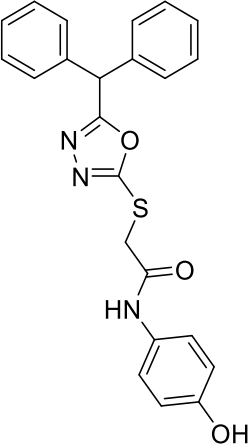
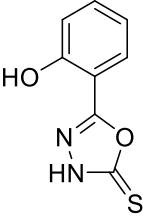
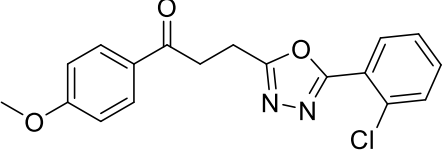
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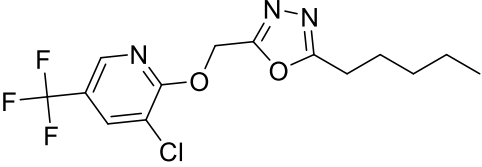
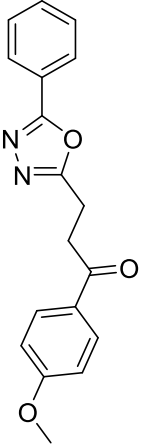
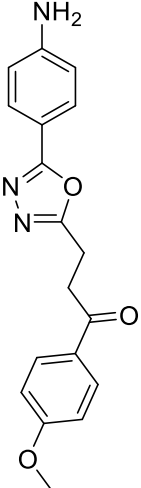
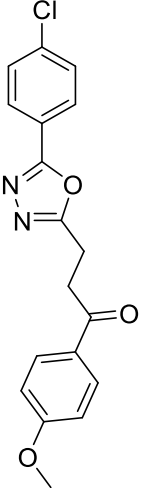
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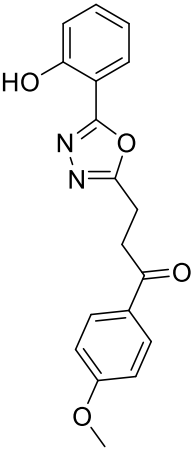
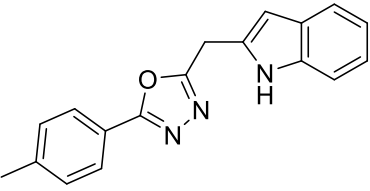
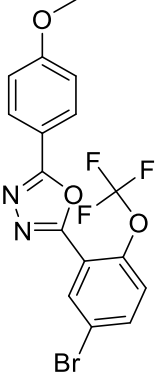

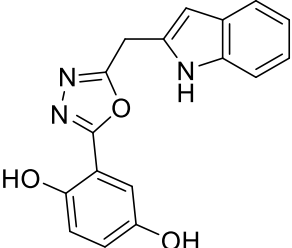
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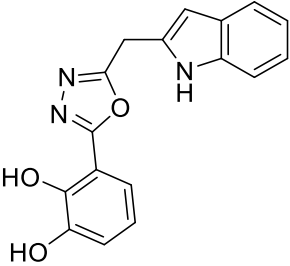
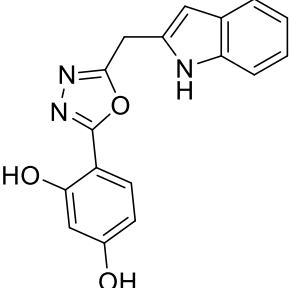
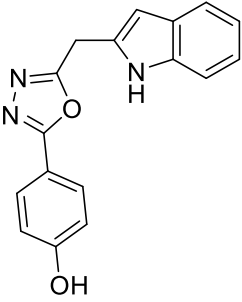
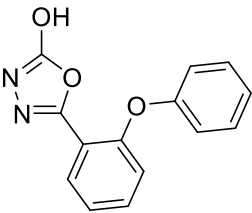
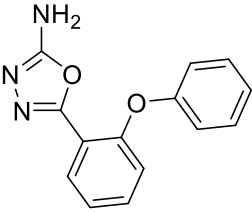
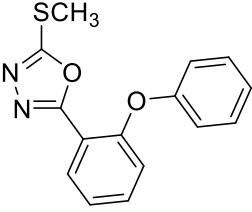
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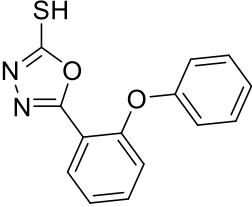
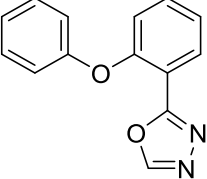
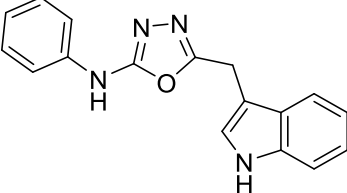
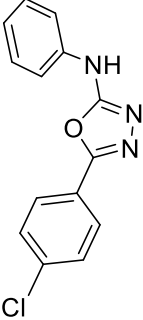
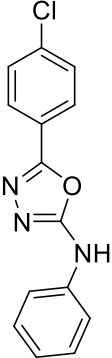
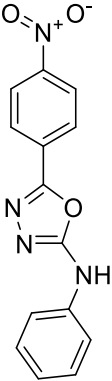
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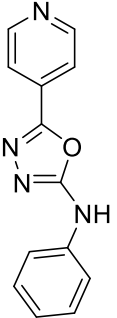
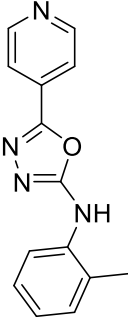
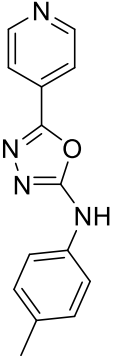
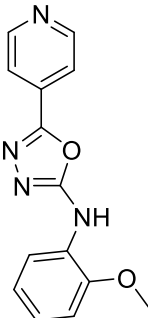
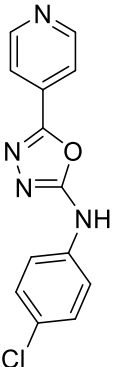
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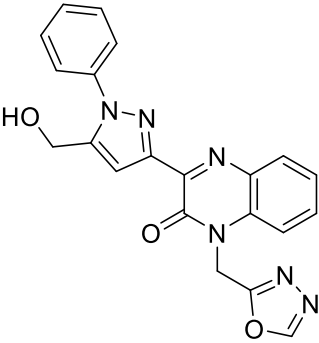
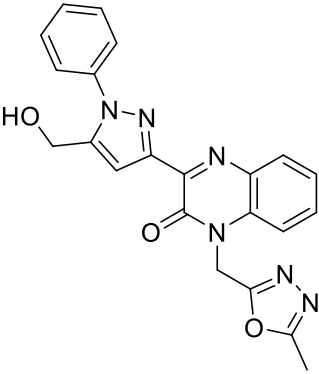
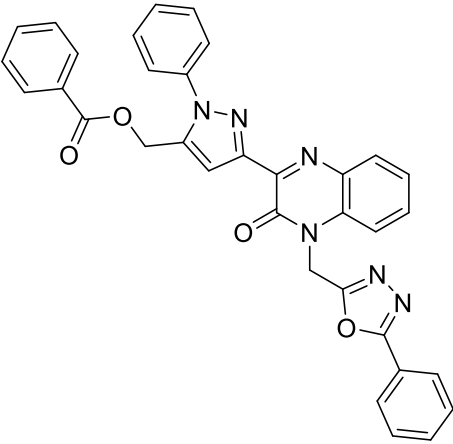
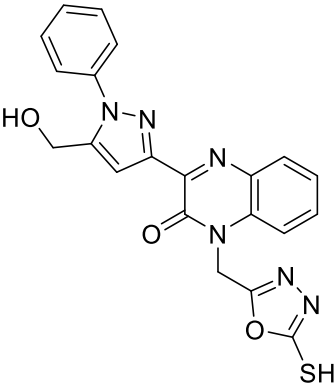
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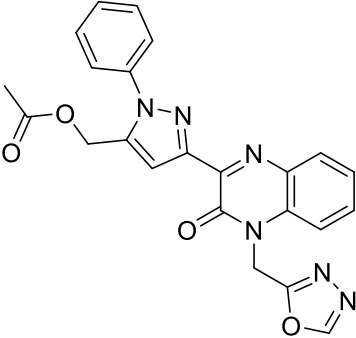
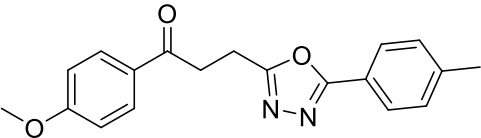
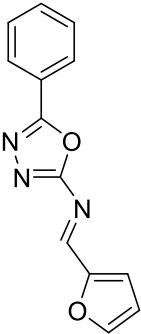
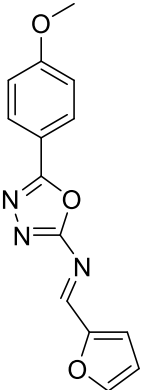
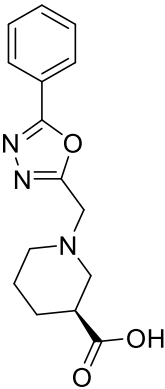
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23.	 <p>Chemical structure of 1-(4-methylphenyl)-3-(1H-indol-3-ylmethyl)oxadiazole. It features a central oxadiazole ring substituted at the 1-position with a 4-methylphenyl group and at the 3-position with a 1H-indol-3-ylmethyl group.</p>
24.	 <p>Chemical structure of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-bromo-5-(difluoromethyl)phenoxy)oxadiazole. It features a central oxadiazole ring substituted at the 1-position with a 4-methoxyphenyl group and at the 3-position with a 2-bromo-5-(difluoromethyl)phenoxy group.</p>
25.	 <p>Chemical structure of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-bromo-5-(difluoromethyl)phenoxy)oxadiazole. It features a central oxadiazole ring substituted at the 1-position with a 4-chlorophenyl group and at the 3-position with a 2-bromo-5-(difluoromethyl)phenoxy group.</p>
26.	 <p>Chemical structure of 1-(3,5-dihydroxyphenyl)-3-(1H-indol-3-ylmethyl)oxadiazole. It features a central oxadiazole ring substituted at the 1-position with a 3,5-dihydroxyphenyl group and at the 3-position with a 1H-indol-3-ylmethyl group.</p>

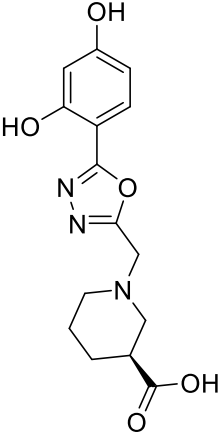
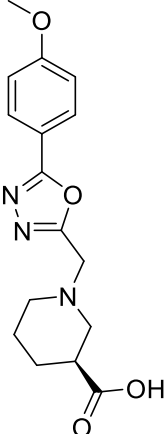
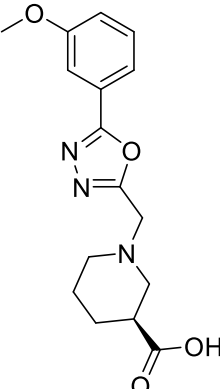
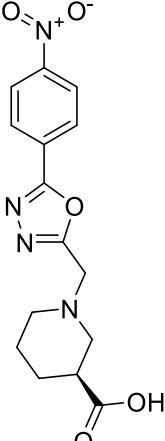
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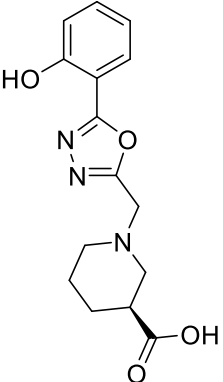
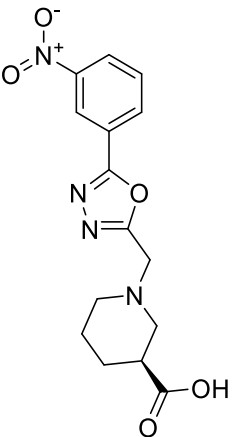
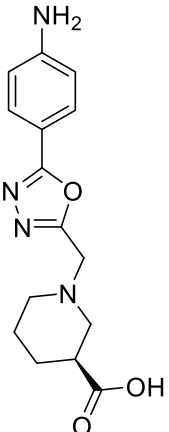
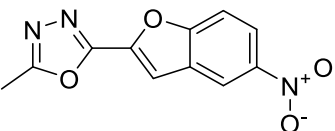
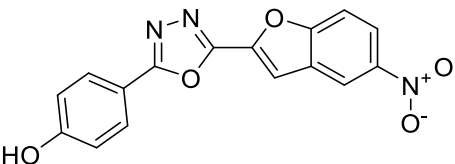
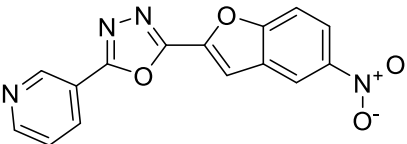
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34.	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-(benzyloxy)phenylisoxazole. It features a benzene ring with a benzyloxy group (-OCH₂Ph) at the 2-position and an isoxazol-5-yl group at the 1-position.</p>
35.	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-(benzyloxy)phenylisoxazole-3-ylmethylindole. It features a benzene ring with a benzyloxy group (-OCH₂Ph) at the 2-position and a 3-(2-indol-3-ylmethyl)isoxazol-5-yl group at the 1-position.</p>
36.	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)phenylisoxazole. It features a benzene ring with a chlorine atom at the 4-position and a phenyl group at the 2-position, with an isoxazol-5-yl group at the 1-position.</p>
37.	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)phenylisoxazole-3-ylmethylindole. It features a benzene ring with a chlorine atom at the 4-position and a phenyl group at the 2-position, with a 3-(2-indol-3-ylmethyl)isoxazol-5-yl group at the 1-position.</p>
38.	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)phenylisoxazole. It features a benzene ring with a nitro group (-NO₂) at the 4-position and a phenyl group at the 2-position, with an isoxazol-5-yl group at the 1-position.</p>

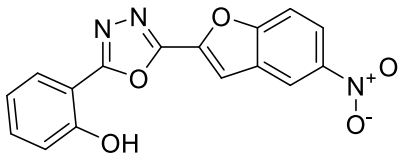
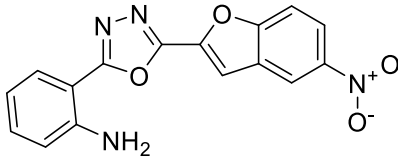
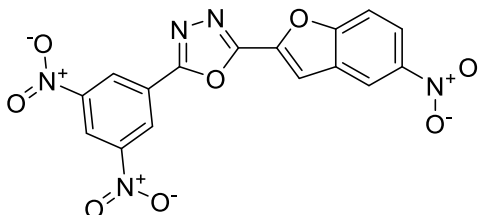
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4. Results and discussion

The significant outputs of molecular docking are associated with interaction site of enzyme with the ligand. The interaction of standard and test compounds were compared and the outcome has been summarized in tabular form as mol dock score, rerank score, docking score and number of hydrogen bonding. The docking energies of the ligands found negative that shows the stable binding interaction between the receptor and the ligands.

Here, we studied the docking of 65 compounds using PDB(4COF) with Ethosuximide and Carbamazepine as standard compound. Out of these 65 compounds, compounds 33, 38, 39, 45, 47, 48, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 were found potent result for the anticonvulsant activity. The standard drug Ethosuximide and Carbamazepine showed H-bond interaction in some common amino acids that are Glu52, Ser51 and Val53 with different bond length (figure-6). In these sixty-five compounds, eighteen compounds 33, 38, 39, 45, 47, 48, 49, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 were found to be the potent having maximum hydrogen bonding or interaction with a good MolDock score and also showed the interaction with same amino acids Glu52, Ser51 and Val53. Some other amino acids found common among these compounds is Asn54, Thr58 and Thr133 and showed very acceptable bond length (less than 3.91Å).

The docking output of 65 compounds along with standard compounds are presented in **Table -2** with details of interacting amino acids, bond length, no. of hydrogen bond interaction, rerank score and MolDock score.

Table 2 Ligand–receptor interaction data of 1,3,4-Oxadiazoles on PDB ID: 4COF using Molegro software

Sr. No.	Interaction of amino acid with H-bond (Å) having shortest bond length	Number of hydrogen bond interactions	Mol dock score	Rerank score
Ethosuximide	Lys274B(3.10) Gln185A(3.25) Ser51A(3.13) Glu52A(2.45) Glu52A(2.82) Val53A(3.10)	6	-50.6357	-42.4839
Carbamazepine	Thr271E(3.31) Val53E(3.10) Ser51E(3.19)	5	-58.5047	-53.9331

	Glu52E(3.15) Glu52E(2.87)			
1.	Lys274A(3.10) Tyr220E(3.06)	02	-95.8228	-59.7865
2.	Ser51D(3.11) Lys274E(3.43) Lys274E(3.10) Lys274E(3.50)	04	-85.6591	-58.0514
3.	Glu270E(2.78)	01	-97.1901	-73.912
4.	Tyr220E(2.98) Leu272A(3.58)	02	-92.4044	-69.3391
5.	Asn54E(2.96)	01	-91.4694	-58.5197
6.	Lys274A(2.50)	01	-101.697	-71.1179
7.	Lys274A(3.11)	01	-98.3586	-65.0526
8.	Lys274A(3.10)	01	-94.1804	-72.2179
9.	Asn54A(3.04)	01	-102.346	-63.6321
10.	Lys274A(3.07) Lys274A(2.61) Lys274A(3.10) Val50E(2.69)	04	-111.146	-79.9032
11.	Thr133A(3.21) Lys102A(2.62) Lys102A(2.66) Thr133E(3.31) Thr58E(2.97)	05	-98.0033	-59.3164
12.	Lys274A(3.14) Lys274A(2.99) Lys274A(2.73) Ser51E(1.65)	04	-96.5329	-74.226
13.	Glu270E(2.91) Val53E(3.18) Glu52E(3.10) Ser51E(2.94) Gln185E(3.12)	05	-89.208	-65.2274
14.	Val50E(2.98) Lys274A(2.60) Lys274A(3.37)	03	-116.542	-85.8967
15.	Thr271E(1.78) Lys274A(3.25)	02	-115.841	-80.932
16.	Tyr220E(2.43) Tyr220E(3.10) Leu272A(2.85) Glu270A(2.74)	04	-72.322	-54.4905
17.	Lys274E(2.95)	04	-96.5158	-48.8088

	Glu52D(2.77) Ser51D(3.11) Val53D(3.05)			
18.	Tyr220D(3.42) Tyr220D(3.07)	02	-92.3284	-75.375
19.	Gln185E(2.86)	01	-109.764	-84.1751
20.	Tyr220E(2.59) Lys102A(2.75)	02	-91.4715	-70.5589
21.	Lys12A(3.11) Lys12A(2.14)	02	-104.64	-82.5021
22.	Glu52E(3.53) Ser51E(3.30)	02	-102.304	-81.1484
23.	Lys274A(3.44)	01	-102.717	-82.81
24.	Lys102A(3.10) Thr133A(3.23) Thr58A(2.78)	03	-75.2525	-54.7127
25.	Thr133E(2.84) Thr133E(3.30) Lys103(3.40)	03	-70.8493	-47.6266
26.	Glu270A(2.65) Lys274A(2.72)	02	-101.677	-71.4514
27.	Lys102E(2.60)	01	-85.6654	-53.9046
28.	Lys274E(3.19) Leu272E(2.34) Asp18D(1.70)	03	-101.708	-80.1013
29.	Glu270A(2.65) Lys274A(3.06) Val50E(3.11)	03	-101.432	-56.6811
30.	Tyr220E(2.99) Arg269A(3.47) Glu270A(3.08) Tyr220E(2.27)	04	-73.7494	-57.4245
31.	Leu272A(2.60) Arg269A(3.48) Tyr220E(2.92) Tyr220E(2.22)	04	-74.32	-58.0099
32.	Gln185E(3.11) Lys274A(2.80) Lys274A(2.85)	03	-83.0779	-62.2767
33.	Asn54A(3.20) Val53A(2.74) Val53A(2.68) Ser51A(3.02)	08	-73.6727	-57.4343

	Ser51A(2.68) Glu52A(2.63) Glu52A(2.89) Thr271A(1.28)			
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35.	Lys102E(3.00) Lys102E(3.06) Lys102E(3.43) Asn54E(3.21)	04	-82.0643	-67.5459
36.	Thr271E(3.03) Lys274A(3.41) Tyr220E(1.38)	03	-95.9129	-75.508
37.	Tyr220D(2.60) Tyr220D(3.10) Glu270E(3.32) Leu272E(2.84)	04	-87.1465	-66.351
38.	Asn54A(4.39) Asn54A(3.07) Asn54A(2.81) Asn54A(3.20) Ser51A(3.01) Thr58A(3.32) Thr58A(2.60) Thr133A(2.60) Thr133A(3.09)	09	-66.344	-56.6716
39.	Ser51E(3.48) Glu52E(3.08) Val53E(2.73) Lys274A(3.53) Lys274A(3.50) Gln185E(3.11) Gln185E(2.68)	07	-77.0854	-61.0754
40.	Glu270E(3.51) Leu272E(2.61) Tyr220D(2.89) Tyr220D(2.62)	04	-85.5476	-67.9772
41.	Leu272A(3.12) Glu270A(3.00) Tyr220E(3.27) Tyr220E(2.57)	04	-85.5826	-67.9772
42.	Lys102E(2.60) Asn54E(2.87) Asp48D(3.22)	03	-80.6801	-68.0583

43.	Tyr220E(3.11) Tyr220E(2.60) Leu272A(2.90) Glu270A(3.03)	04	-83.6607	-64.9301
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49.	Lys274E(3.12) Lys274E(2.99)	02	-92.4056	-65.5496
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52.	Val50E(3.07) Gln185E(2.60) Lys274A(2.95) Lys274A(3.21) Tyr220E(3.10)	05	-98.4268	-79.9425
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64.	Lys274E(3.18) Asn54E(2.94) Asn54E(3.56) Asp56E(3.10) Lys102E(3.13)	07	-96.0926	-79.5424

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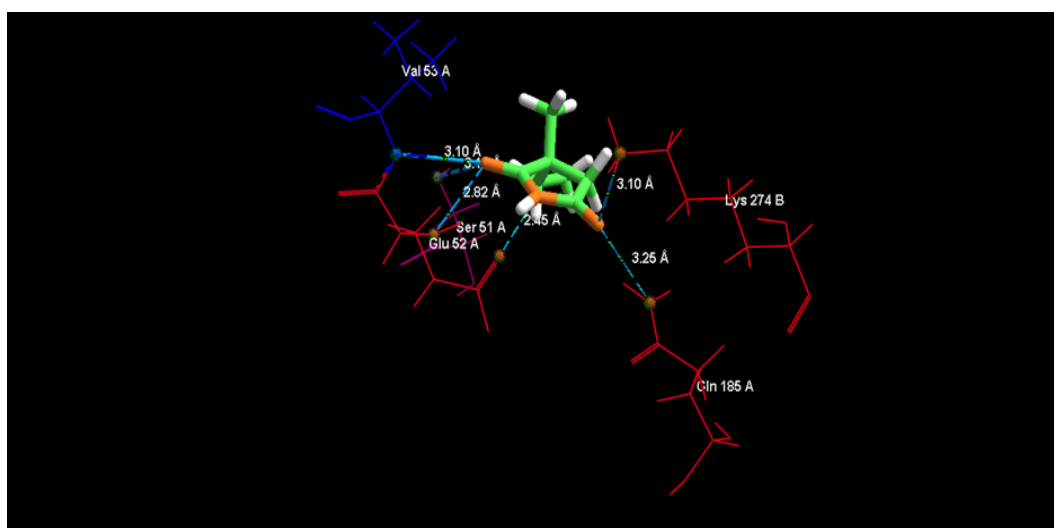


Figure 6 Standard drug Ethosuximide showing of amino acid interaction with bond length Lys274B (3.10); Gln185A (3.25); Ser51A (3.13); Glu52A (2.45); Glu52A (2.82); Val53A (3.10).

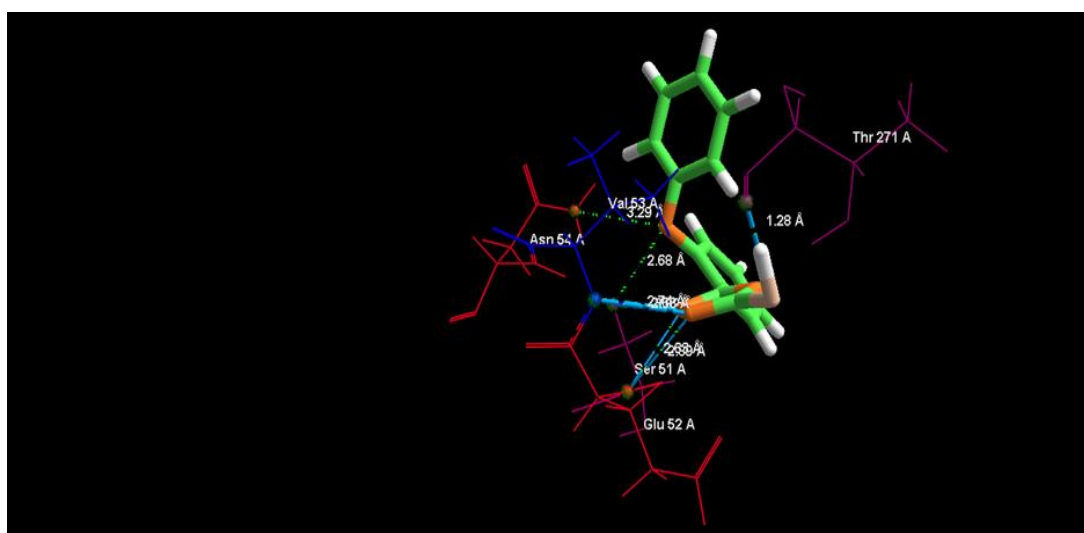


Figure 7 Compound-33 showing interaction of amino acid with bond length Asn54A (3.20); Val53A (2.74); Val53A (2.68); Ser51A (3.02); Ser51A (2.68); Glu52A (2.63); Glu52A (2.89); Thr271A (1.28).

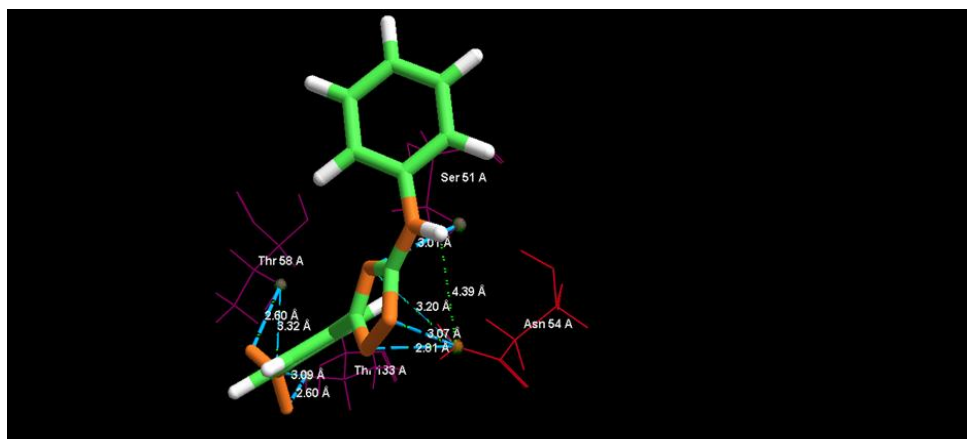


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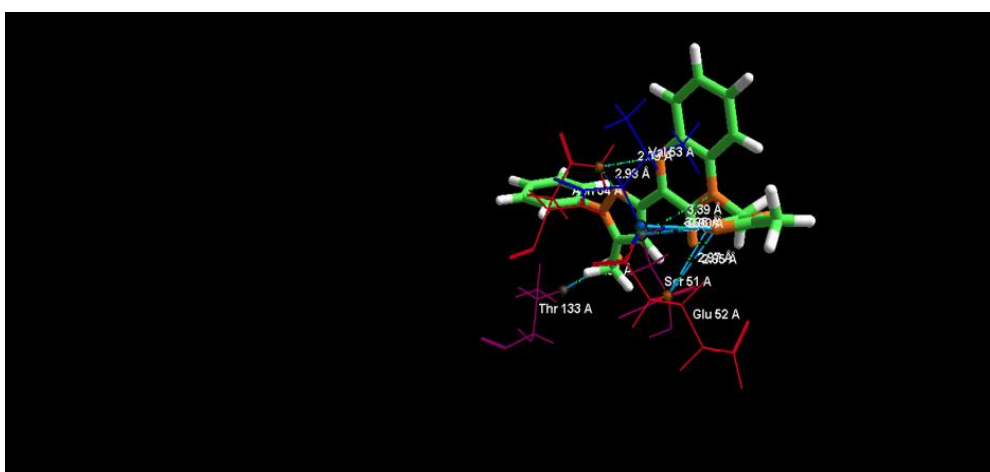


Figure 9 Compound-45 showing interaction of amino acid with bond length Thr133A (3.04); Glu52A (2.97); Glu52A (2.85); Ser51A (2.81); Ser51A (3.39); Val53A (3.25); Val53A (2.80); Asn54A (2.59); Asn54A (2.98).

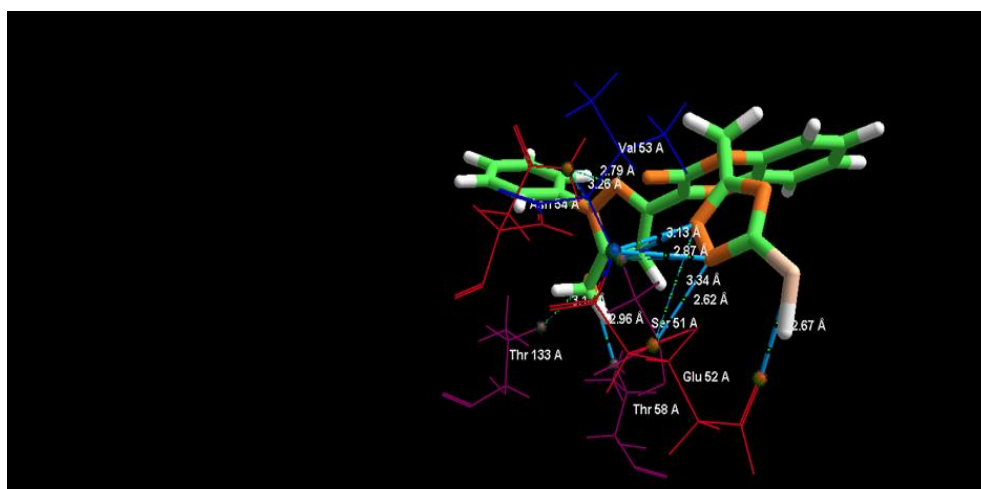


Figure 10 Compound-47 showing interaction of amino acid with bond length Thr133A (3.14); Thr58A (2.96); Glu52A (2.67); Glu52A (3.34); Glu52A (2.62); Ser51A (3.42); Ser51A (2.72); Val53A (3.13); Val53A (2.87); Asn54A (2.79); Asn54A (3.26).

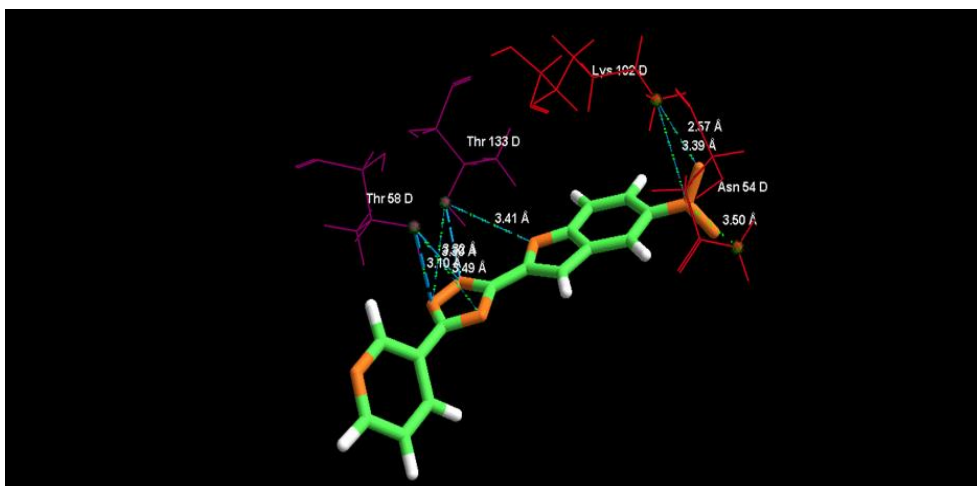


Figure 11 Compound-62 showing interaction of amino acid with bond length Thr58D (3.10); Thr58D (3.49); Thr58D (3.30); Thr133D (3.32); Thr133D (3.41); Thr133D (2.59); Lys102D (2.57); Lys102D (3.39); Asn54D (3.50).

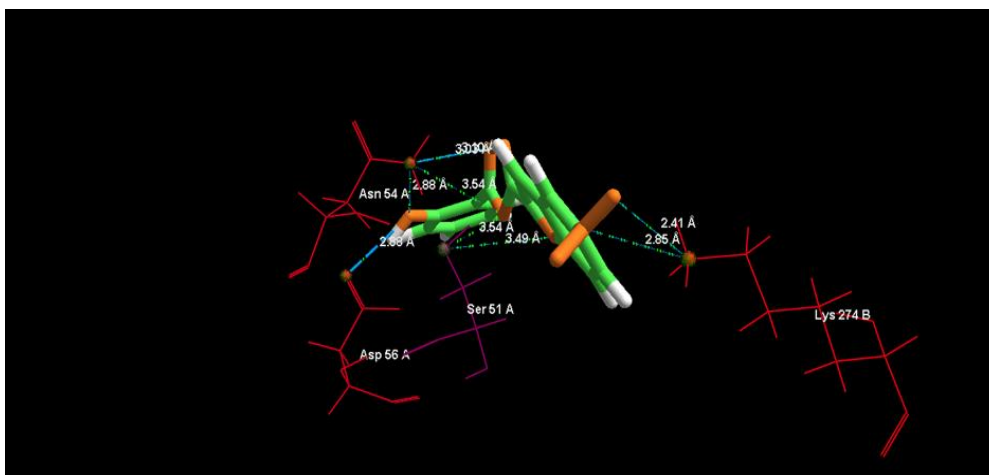


Figure 12 Compound-63 showing interaction of amino acid with bond length Asp56A (2.88); Ser51A (3.54); Ser51A (3.49); Asn54A (2.38); Asn54A (3.54); Asn54A (3.03); Asn54A (3.10); Lys274D (2.41); Lys274D (2.85).

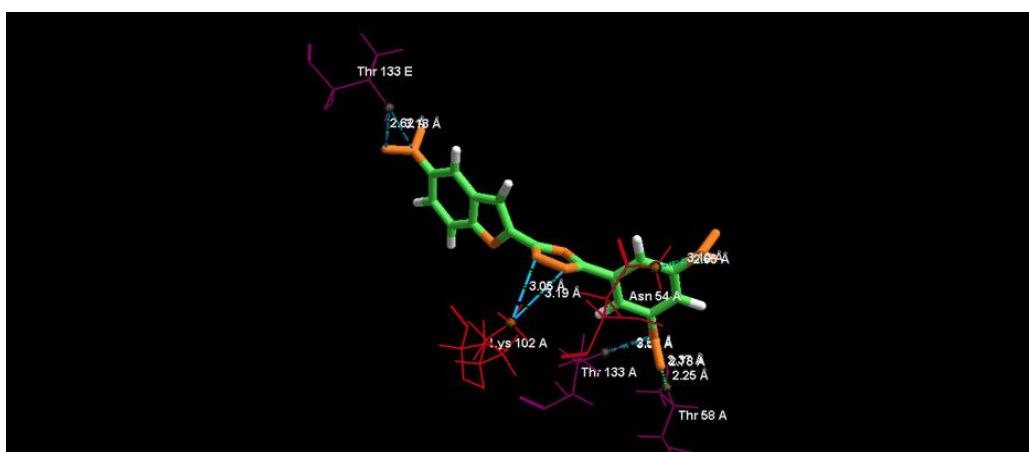


Figure 13 Compound-65 showing interaction of amino acid with bond length Thr133E (2.62); Thr133E (3.13); Lys102A (3.05); Lys102A (3.19); Asn54A (3.10); Asn54A (2.65); Thr133A (3.35); Thr133A (2.60); Thr58A (2.73); Thr58A (2.37); Thr58A (2.25).

5. Conclusion

The obtained results indicated that all studied ligands have similar position and orientation inside the putative binding site of GABA_A receptor (PDB code 4COF) which reveals a large space bounded by a membrane-binding domain which serves as an entry channel for substrate to the active site (Fig. 4). In addition, the affinity of any small molecule can be considered as a unique tool in the field of drug design. There is a relationship between the affinity of organic molecules and the free energy of binding. This relationship can contribute in prediction and interpretation of the activity of the organic compounds toward the specific target protein. Moreover, it was additionally tested that geometry of receptor plays necessary role in shaping drug action. Current study provides opportunity for researchers lead for novel acting agents that could be used as new therapeutic options for this brain disorder.

Compliance with ethical standards

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