Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationships (QSAR)

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f(biological activity) = electronic + hidrophobic + steric effects

Quantitative structure-activity relationships (QSAR) represent an attempt to correlate structural or property descriptors of compounds with activities. These physicochemical descriptors, which include parameters to account for hydrophobicity, topology, electronic properties, and steric effects, are determined empirically or, more recently, by computational methods. Activities used in QSAR include chemical measurements and biological assays. QSAR currently are being applied in many disciplines, with many pertaining to drug design and environmental risk assessment.



Cost: 600 – 800 million dollars per molecule

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Very much depends on the quality and quantitiy of data analyzed.

- ✓ Prediction of Activity
- ✓ Diagnosis of Mechanism
- ✓Classification
- ✓Optimization
- ✓ Refinement of Synthetic Targets
- ✓ Reduction and Replacement of Animals

Make drugs only as lipophilic as absolutely necessary



- (a) The permeation of barbiturates form an aqueous phase through an organic membrane into another organic phase follows a nonlinear dependence on the lipophilicity of the compounds. Similar dependences are observed for the gastric and intestinal absorption rates of carbamates in the rat and for other absorption processes.
- (b) The blood-brain barrier is permeable only for compounds with a certain lipophilicity. The neurotoxic activities of a series of homologous alcohols shows a nonlinear lipophilicity dependence, with a maximum near log P=2. The blood-placenta barrier shows a similar but slightly less pronunced lipophilicity dependence for a group of chemically different drugs

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Advantages and limitations of QSAR

• As an instrument for prediction

Estimation of physicochemical properties using substituent constants Reduction of the number of compounds to be synthesized Faster detection of the most favourable compound Avoidance of synthesis of compounds with same activity

As a diagnostic instrument

Information on possible types of interaction forces Information on the 'nature' of the receptor Information on the mechanism of action

Detection of exceptions (outliers)

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ATOMIC OR MOLECULAR PROPERTIES

STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS



Electron-withdrawal by the nitro group increases dissociation, with the effect being less for the meta than for the para substituent, just as was observed with benzoic acid. The electron-donating ethyl group decreases the equilibrium constant, as would be expected.



Example of a graph for a linear free energy relationship. K_0 or K_0 represent equilibrium constants for unsubstituted compounds and K or K', for substituted compounds. Values for the abscissa are calculated from the dissociation constants of unsubstituted and substituted benzoic acid. Values for the ordinate are obtained from another organic acid or base with identical patterns of substitution, in this case phenylacetic acid.

$$\log \frac{\overline{K}}{\overline{K}_{0}} = \rho \log \frac{\overline{K}}{\overline{K}_{0}}$$
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STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Representative list of common descriptors used in quantitative structure-property relationship (QSAR) studies

Solubility

Lipophilic

Log Po/w Log D Rm (TLC) Log k', Log K_w (RPLC) Hansch substituent constant (π) Rekker's fragmental constant (f)

Electronic

Ionization constant (pKa) Hammett constant (δ) Taft polar constant (δ^*) Taft inductive and resonance components (δ_1, δ_R) Dipole moments Hydrogen bonding parameters

Steric

Taft steric parameter (Es) Molar refractivity (MR) Parachor Charton steric parameter (v) van der Waal's parameters

Constitutional

Total number of atoms Number of individual types of atoms Total number of bonds Number of individual types of bonds Number of rings Molecular weight Average atomic weight

Topological

Wiener index (W) Randic indices Kier and Hall connectivity indices (*X*) Kier shape indices Kier flexibility index Balaban index (J) Information content (IC) indices Kappa shape indices Topological complexities Eccentric connectivity index Detour index

Geometrical

Principle moments of inertia Molecular volume Molecular surface area Shadow indices Solvent accessible molecular surface area Gravitation index

Electrostatic

Maximum and minimum partial charges in the molecule Polarity paramters Charged partial surface area (CPSA) descriptors

Quantum-Chemical

Charge distribution-related descriptors HOMO-LUMO energies Orbital electron densities Superdelocalizabilities Atom-atom polarizabilities Molecular polarizabilities Quantum molecular energies

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Miscellaneous} \\ \textbf{Chemical shifts: } ^1\textbf{H}, \, ^{13}\textbf{C} \left(\delta_{ppm} \right) \\ \textbf{IR frequencies (v)} \\ \textbf{Surface tension} \end{array}$

Physicochemical and biological properties employed in quantitative structure-property relationship (QSAR) studies

Physicochemical

Organoleptic properties Boiling point Dissociation constant Viscosity Melting point Molar volume **Diffusion** coefficient Partition coefficient Octanol-water Air–water Reactivity **Release characteristics** Solubility Stability Transportability Vapour pressure Chromatographic retention time and response factors

Biological

Activity Acute toxicity (LD50) Alkylating profile (with DNA) Bioconcentration Biodegradation Carcinogenicity Chronic toxicity Inhibitor constant Metabolic profile Michaelis constant Mutagenicity Penetration through skin Pharmacokinetics Receptor binding

Statistical and non-statistical techniques employed in quantitative structure-property relationship (QSAR) studies

- Multiple linear regression analysis (MLRA)
- ✤Free–Wilson analysis
- Cluster analysis
- ✤Pattern recognition
- ✤Factor analysis
- Discriminant analysis
- *****Principal component analysis (PCA)
- ✤Partial least square (PLS) analysis
- Comparative molecular field analysis (CoMFA)
- Artificial neural networks (ANN)
- Evolutionary algorithms, such as genetic function approximation (GFA)

Regression Analysis

- **Mathematically exact procedure** for the treatment of data with experimental errors (cf. mean value, standard devation).
- Minimization of the **sum of squared errors** (= squared deviations between y_i and y_{calc}) produces the **best fit** of the observed values to a certain model.
- Regression analysis describes the relationship between:
- **independent variables** x_i (definition: can be determined without experimental error), and
- dependent variables y_i (contain experimental error).
- Hypothesis: there is a significant relationship (95% level) between x_i and y_i values: yes / no
 F test for overall significance
 t tests for individual significances in multiple regression.

Formulas and Meaning of Statistical Parameters

Correlation coefficient r (relative quality of fit) $\mathbf{r}^2 = \mathbf{1} - \Sigma \Delta^2 / \mathbf{S}_{yy}$ **Standard deviation s** (absolute quality of fit)

 $s^2 = \Sigma \Delta^2 / (n - k - 1)$

F test (Fisher value; level of statistical significance) $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{r}^2 \cdot (\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{1}) / (\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{r}^2))$

Confidence intervals of $k_i \pm s.t.\sqrt{c_{ii}}$



Regression Analysis - A Common QSAR Tool



regression line

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The most important is a graphical analysis of the data!





A Diagram Tells You More Than Thousand Equations

183 Hydrocarbons, Alcohols, Ethers, Esters, Carboxylic Acids, Amines and Ketones

MR $vs. {}^{1}\chi$	r = 0.908; s = 0.380; F = 855.26
MR $vs. {}^{2}\chi^{v}$	r = 0.826; s = 0.419; F = 389.58
log P υs. ¹χ	r = 0.719; s = 0.632; F = 193.36
log P υs. ²χ ^ν	r = 0.635; s = 0.574; F = 122.33

Log P = 0.941 (±0.02) χ - 1.693 (±0.05) I + 0.244 (±0.08) (n = 183; r = 0.990; s = 0.150; F = 4,633)

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Craig Diagram (P. Craig, J. Med. Chem. 14, 680 (1971))



Allows an easy identification of suitable substituyents for QSAR analysis.

Two relevant properties should be incluyed

 Selection of a substituent per quadrant in order to guarantee the orthogonality.

Selection of a suitable range of values per properties

Topliss scheme J. Topliss, J. Med. Chem. 15, 1007 (1972)

Employed to decide the suitable substituents to optimize the products one by one when the synthesis is complex and slow

Example: aromatic substituents



Topliss scheme



Additional possible changes are suggested on the basis of π , σ and steric effects variations

Bio-isosters



Groups with similar physical or chemical properties which produce broadly similar biological properties to a chemical compound.

The purpose of exchanging one bioisostere for another is to enhance the desired biological or physical properties of a compound without making significant changes in chemical structure.

Reduce toxicity or modify the activity of the lead compound, and may alter the metabolism of the lead.

Also is possible to choose bioisosters based on the most important property. (ej. COMe y SOMe have similar $\sigma\pi$; SOMe y SO2Me have similar π)



Casiopeína II-gly

[Cu(4,7-dimetil-1,10-fenantrolina)(gli)]NO₃ *Acta Cryst.* (**1993**), C49, 890-893



Casiopeína III-Ia

[Cu(4,4'-dimetil-2,2'-bipiridina)(acac)]NO₃

J. Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry 98 (**2004**) 1045-1053.

f(biological activity) = Electronic + Hidrofobic + Steric effects f(antiproliferative activity) = $E_{1/2}$ + Log $D_{o/w}$ + ?



Actividad antiproliferativa del grupo de complejos con ligante secundario acetilacetonato en la linea celular SiHa (Log 1/IC50 SiHa) contra $E_{1/2}$ para el par *CuI/CuII* estandarizado contra el par Ferroceno/Ferricinio.



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Variable indicadora I_{N-N}

Fenantrolina = 1

Bipiridinas = 0

Influencia del ligante diimina

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TOXICIDAD AGUDA (DL50) Vs. CONCENTRACIÓN INHIBITORIA 50 (CI50)



Toxicidad aguda (DL50 (μ mol/kg) en ratones macho ICR.) vs. Concentración inhibitoria (IC50 (μ M)) en HeLa, SiHa, MCF-7 y HCT-15: IC50_{línea celular} = *m*LD50 + *b*. (R), Coeficiente de correlaciónt; (SD), Desviación estándar; (n), numero de puntos en la curva; y (P), Valor de P para la prueba *t* de pendiente = 0.

Cell line	т	b	R	SD	n	Р
HeLa	0.72	-14.78	0.96	3.73	12	<0.0001
SiHa	0.64	-13.68	0.92	4.54	12	<0.0001
MCF-7	0.41	- 5.64	0.95	1.54	11	<0.0001
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Daño oxidante al ADN



Tipo 1

Nucloid



Tipo 2 clasic comet



Tipo 3 apoptotic comet





















ADN 20 microg/ml; Et Br 1 microM; Excitation 526; detection 540-700; Dr. Jorge H. Serment Guerrero.

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Reacción de Fenton

$$\mathrm{Cu}^{1+} + \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}_2 \rightarrow \mathrm{Cu}^{2+} + \mathrm{OH}^{\bullet} + \mathrm{OH}^{-}$$

Ciclo Haber Weiss

$$\begin{split} &H_2O_2 + OH^{\bullet} \rightarrow H_2O + O_2^{\bullet-} + H + \\ &Cu^{2+} + O_2^{\bullet-} \rightarrow Cu^{1+} + O_2 \\ &Cu^{1+} + H_2O_2 \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + OH^{\bullet} + OH^- \end{split}$$

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IUPAC Compendium of Chemical Terminology 2003

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 $E_{1/2}$ complejos gly= 1.05 $E_{1/2}$ complejos acac + 0.02 R^2 = 0.9973, sd = 0.00284, N = 8



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DL50	-2.63 (±0.49)	+ 0.47 (±0.12)	- 0.17 (±0.09)	+ 0.11 (±0.07)	$R^2 = 0.9373,$
	-2.44 (±0.14)	+ 0.30 (±0.06)	+ 0.12 (±0.03)	+ 0.03 (±0.02)	$R^2 = 0.9811$

Influencia del ligante secundario



• Log 1/IC50 $_{\text{HCT-15}}$ = -3.74(±0.60) - 0.57(±0.13) pE_{1/2} + 0.16(±0.06) Σ CLog P R²= 0.8342, R²adj= 0.8134, sd = 0.2050, F = 40.24, n = 19



Conclusiones

- Las ecuaciones modelan adecuadamente la actividad de los complejos.
- Validez en el uso de descriptores únicamente teóricos.
- El tercer anillo aromático es necesario para incrementar la actividad del complejo.
- Citotoxicidad esta directamente relacionada con la toxicidad *in vivo*
- El centro metálico esta involucrado en el mecanismo de acción.
- Sustituyentes electrodonadores desplazan el $E_{1/2}$ hacia potenciales más negativos e incrementan la actividad antiproliferativa.
- La hidrofobicidad de los ligantes podría facilitar el transporte no regulado de cobre.

The basic questions that must be addressed when design and develop metal based drugs is:

Which parts of the active compound are essential for activity (Pharmacophore):

- Is the metal essential for activity?
- Is the intact complex responsible for activity?
- Is the metal itself?
- Is the metal plus some of the released ligands?
- Is only the ligands?

Clasification according to metal role

- The metal has a functional role
- The metal has a structural role
- The metal is a carrier for active ligands that are delivered *in vivo*
- The metal compound behaves as a catalyst *in vivo* (ROS) that cause cell damage
- The metal compound is photoactive and behaves as a photo-sensitizer.



QSAR is inherently a valuable tool based on sound statistical principles which can, at the very least, retrospectively explain SAR and, at the most, provide synthetic guidance leading to experimentally testable hypotheses.

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THANK YOU!!!!!