

Abstract

4'4 Bromophenyl 4'Piperidinol Derivatives as a Multifactorial Anti-Alzheimer Agent: Synthesis, In-Vitro, and In-Silico Based Studies [†]

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Abstract: 4'4 bromophenyl 4'piperidinol derivatives were synthesized, and evaluated as multifactorial agents for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD). Among all the analogues, AB11 and AB14 showed the best activity against acetylcholinesterase (AChE) with $IC_{50} = 0.029 \mu M$ and $0.038 \mu M$, respectively. Both compounds also acted as a good antioxidant agent ($IC_{50} = 26.38 \mu M$ for AB11 and $23.99 \mu M$ for AB14), while AB11 is the only molecule that displayed moderate inhibition of amyloid beta ($A\beta$) (43.25% at $500 \mu M$). AB11 and AB14 were found selective against monoamine oxidase-B (MAO-B) with IC_{50} values of $866 \mu M$ and $763 \mu M$, respectively. AB10, AB17, and AB70 exhibited activity against both MAO-A and MAO-B and showed inhibitory potential against acetylcholinesterase; moreover, all analogues are capable of disassembling the well-structured $A\beta$ fibril. Molecular modeling of selected compounds displayed interactions with the active site of human MAO-B and AChE enzyme. The results suggested that AB11 is a promising multi-target hit that can be optimized further as a successful drug molecule for the treatment of AD.

Keywords: 4'4 bromophenyl 4'piperidinol; Alzheimer's disease (AD); acetylcholinesterase; molecular modeling; monoamine oxidase (MAO); antioxidant; $A\beta$ aggregation and disaggregation



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