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# Synthesis and Structure Activity Relationship of Thiazolyl Hydrazones as Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors: An Overview

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## Abstract

Monoamine Oxidise-B is an enzyme which is present in mitochondrial outer membrane. It catalyzes the oxidative deamination of biogenic and xenobiotic amines and plays an important role in the metabolism of neuroactive and vasoactive amines in the central nervous system and peripheral tissues. In this review, we focused to report the synthesis and structure to activity relationship of substituted thiazolyl hydrazones which are selectively inhibitors of MAO-B enzyme.

## Introduction

Amine Oxidases (AOs) are the enzymes, which are responsible for the oxidative deamination of mono, di, tri and more than three units containing amines. There are two categories of AO's that are differentiated by the cofactors present in them: one contains Flavin Adenine Dinucleotide (FAD) and the other contains copper. Copper containing AO creates a disulphide-linkage to form homodimer whereas FAD containing AO [1-2] is an oxidoreductase enzyme that contains  $8\alpha$ -Scysteinyl covalently linked with FAD as redox cofactor in the outer mitochondrial membrane of neuronal, glial and peripheral regions [3-6]. The catalytic pathway for free radical formation by MAO is shown in Figure 1 [7-9]. The monoamine oxidase family members share structural features, including a conserved FAD-binding domain and a lysine-water-flavin triad. The substrate-binding sites, however, reflect the different substrates. In each case, there is evidence that the deprotonated amine is the functional substrate. While, nucleophilic and radical mechanisms have been proposed for oxidation of amines by MAO, the accumulation of structural and mechanistic evidence supports a common hydride transfer mechanism for all members of the MAO family.

MAO (Mitochondrial Monoamine Oxidases) exists in two types of isoforms MAO-A and MAO-B [10]. The amino acid sequences of both the forms are 70% identical or homologous [11]. They contain the pentapeptide sequence Ser-Gly-Gly-Cys-Tyr which binds to the FAD cofactor covalently in both the isoforms [12,13].

MAO-B is more abundant in brain as compared to MAO-A, which is present mainly in the peripheral regions such as intestine [14]. Therefore, MAO-A is mainly involved in the breakdown of amino acids like tyramine and hence its inhibition lead to an increased levels of tyrosine and other indirect sympathomimetic amines in the systemic circulation, releasing nor-adrenaline that leads to chase reaction as shown in Figure 2 [15-16].



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Abbreviations SAR: Structure-Activity Relationship; MAO: Monoamine Oxidase; AO: Amine Oxidase; FAD: Flavin Dinucleotide; hMAO: Human Monoamine Oxidase: CNS: Central Nervous System; QSAR: Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship



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Table 1: Some important reversible and irreversible MAO inhibitors.





There are several known reversible and irreversible MAO inhibitors as shown in Table 1 [17, 18].

## Structure to activity relationship

This review focus on the Structure-Activity Relationship (SAR) studies of substituted thiazolyl hydrazones as MAO-A and MAO-B inhibitors, which are present in chronological order to demonstrate sequential progress in this area (Figure 3).

 Table 2:
 Structure and MAO-A and MAO-B inhibitory activity of

 2-methylcyclohexylidene-(4-arylthiazol-2-yl) hydrazones 1-9.



CA	R	IC <sub>₅0</sub> a	Oslastivity Datis	
		hMAO-A	hMAO-B	Selectivity Ratio
1	Н	41.23±3.96 <sup>b</sup>	0.711±0.037	58
2	4-Cl	35.22±1.81	13.12±0.51	2.7
3	4-F	43.55±3.61 <sup>b</sup>	0.203±0.008	2.7
4	2,4-Cl	44.70±5.23	26.81±2.74	1.7
5	2,4-F	37.95±3.41 <sup>b</sup>	0.014±0.000	1.7
6	4-CH <sub>3</sub>	С	0.014±0.009	>701 <sup>d</sup>
7	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	2.76±0.17 <sup>b</sup>	2.37±0.14	1.2
8	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	С	0.032±0.002	>3693
9	4-CN	31.03±2.44	0.026±0.001	1183

<sup>a</sup>Each IC<sub>50</sub> value is the mean  $\pm$  SEM from five experiments (n=5).

 $^{\rm b}$ level of statistical significance: P < 0.01 versus the corresponding IC\_{\rm s0} values obtained against hMAO-B, as determined by ANOVA/Dunnett's test.

 $^cValues$  obtained under the assumption that the corresponding the compounds  $IC_{_{50}}$  against hMAO-A is the highest concentration tested (100  $\mu M).$ 

 $^{\alpha}\textsc{inactive}$  at 100  $\mu M$  (highest concentration tested), at higher concentration the compounds precipitate.

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Table 3: Structure as well as MAO-A & MAO-B inhibitory activity of (4, 5-aliphatic disubstituted-thiazol-2-ly) hydrazones 10-27.



<b>C</b> A		<b>B</b>	Р	Р	IC <sub>50</sub> (μΜ)		
CA	ĸ	к <sub>1</sub>	<b>K</b> <sub>2</sub>	к <sub>3</sub>	hMAO-A⁵	hMAO-B(μM)	Ratio
10	CH3	CH3	Phenyl	CH3	2.55±0.17 <sup>b</sup>	5.28±0.36	2.08
11	CH3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	1.55±0.07°	1.53±0.21	1
12	CH3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	2.52±0.13°	2.31±0.08	0.9
13	CH3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	1.65 ± 0.09	2.45 ± 0.14	1.49
14	CH3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	2.4 ± 0.13°	2.78 ± 0.12	1.16
15	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	6.97±0.43°	8.85±0.45	1.27
16	CH3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	3.69±0.11 <sup>b</sup>	6±0.21	1.64
17	CH <sub>3</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	4.13±0.22	4.78±0.17	1.16
18	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Phenyl	CH3	3.91±0.19 <sup>b</sup>	3.75±0.12	1.04
19	CH3	CH3	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	1.56±0.07 <sup>b</sup>	3.55±0.29	2.27
20	CH3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	1.74±0.08°	2.65±0.19	1.52
21	CH3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	1.81±0.07°	3.11±0.16	1.72
22	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	1.86±0.06	2.32±0.03	1.25
23	CH3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	2.31±0.16°	3.56±0.06	1.54
24	CH3	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	1.37±0.08 <sup>b</sup>	3.94±0.25	2.86
25	CH3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	2.45±0.12	15.96±0.45	6.67
26	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	2.93±0.12	3.76±0.13	1.28
27	CH3	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Napthalen-2-yl	Н	15.48±0.99 <sup>b</sup>	D	<6.25°

In order to further explore optimum substitution patterns, a majority of substituted thiazolyl-hydrazone analogs were prepared and evaluated as MAO inhibitor in the presence of kynuramine as a substrate.

A new series of 2-Methyl Cyclohexylidene (4-arylthiazolyl-2-yl) Hydrazones (compound 1-9) have been synthesized by introducing the chiral cyclohexylidene moiety for their ability to inhibit the activity of human MAO-A and MOA-B.

In humans, MAO-B inhibitors are used in the management of Parkinson's and Alzheimer disease, while MAO-An inhibitors are proved to be antidepressant and antianxiety agents. Preliminary SAR studies revealed that racemic analogues 1-9 (Table 2) are selective as well as biological active for both isoenyzmes hMAO-A and hMAO-B.

On basis of the molecular modelling study, the new scaffold of thiazole hydrazones are designed by doing the substitution on fourth and fifth position of the thiazole ring to make a (4,5-disubstituted-thiazole-2-yl) hydrazones which exhibit good selectivity and biological activity. Detailed description is shown in Table 3, [19-21].

Some of the substituted thiazolyl hydrazones were synthesised and evaluated for MAO Inhibitory activity (Figure 4). In this series

substitution was done on  $C_4$  position of the thiazole ring by various electron withdrawing and releasing groups [22] (Table 4).

A new series of [4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-thiazol-2-yl] hydrazine derivatives were synthesized and screened for their MAO inhibitory activity. The detailed description is shown in Table 5.

Halogenated series shows interesting activity and great selectivity towards the hMAO-B as expressed in baculo virus infected insect cells (BTI-TN-5B1-4). The importance of water molecules in the binding site was also evaluated as it plays an important role in mediating the protein-ligand interactions. The entire series of the synthesized compounds were inactive towards MAO-A below 100 $\mu$ M, suggesting (Arylidene-2-(4-(4-Halophenyl Thiazol-2-yl Hydrazine as a promising candidate scaffold for the design of selective MAO-B inhibitors. The substitution of the phenyl moiety at position 2 of thiazole modulates the activity within a series [22] Table 6.

A new series of 4-Substituted-2-(2-(1-(Pyridin-4-yl) ethylidene) hydrazinyl) thiazole was synthesized and evaluated for MAO inhibitory activity. In the series, only six compounds were found to be most active but all these have less activity towards the hMAO-A enzyme [22-23]. It was concluded that compounds have affinity for both isoforms Table 7.

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 Table 4:
 Structure as well as MAO-A and MAO-B inhibitory activity of (4-aryl-thiazol-2-yl) hydrazones 28-40.

of **Table 5:** Structure as well as MAO-A and MAO-B inhibitory activity of [4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-thiazol-2-yl] hydrazine 41-50.



~	R	R,	<b>IC</b> <sub>50</sub> (μM)		
CA			hMAO-B	hMAO-B	Selectivity ratio
28	Cyclopentyl	Н	7883±91 <sup>-</sup>	296±7	27
29	Cyclopentyl	4-Cl	7160±640 <sup>-</sup>	262±8	27
30	Cyclopentyl	4-F	4443±212 <sup>-</sup>	40±0.9	111
31	Cyclopentyl	2, 4- Cl	54,507±4123 <sup>-</sup>	284±11	192
32	Cyclopentyl	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	344±22 <sup>*</sup>	94±3	4
33	Cyclopentyl	4-CN	644±21 <sup>-</sup>	221±2	3
34	Cyclohexyl	Н	48,351±1433 <sup>-</sup>	116±5	417
35	Cyclohexyl	4-Cl	2911±171 <sup>-</sup>	211±7	14
36	Cyclohexyl	4-F	1752±21 <sup>-</sup>	4±0.2	438
37	Cyclohexyl	2, 4- Cl	N.E	202±16	495
38	Cyclohexyl	2, 4-F	45754±143 <sup>°</sup>	652±22	70
39	Cyclohexyl	4-CH <sub>3</sub>	23371±324 <sup>°</sup>	3689±353	6
40	Cyclohexyl	4-OCH <sub>3</sub>	7509±213 <sup>**</sup>	11956±131	0.6

<sup>\*</sup>p<0.01 or <sup>\*\*</sup>p<0.01 versus the corresponding IC<sub>50</sub> values obtained against hMAO-B, as determined by ANOVA/Dunnett's. N.E=inactive at 100  $\mu$ M (highest concentration tested). <sup>b</sup>Value obtained under the assumption that the corresponding IC<sub>50</sub> against hMAO-A is the highest concentration tested (100  $\mu$ M).





		IC <sub>50</sub>		
CA	X	hMAO-A	hMAO-B	Selectivity ratio
41	$\square$	4.43±0.22	5.07±0.13	0.87
42	$\bigcirc =$	591.80±23.13	1.06±0.07	0.56
43	$\swarrow$	836.21±36.58	26.64±0.81	31
44	))=	1.45±0.04	231.02±9.61	6.3
45		342.88±15.62	6.78±0.25	0.051
46		333.05±16.08	1.68±0.06	0.2
47	S H	457.73±20.35	493.83±16.32	0.93
48		537.66±27.35	2.91±0.13	0.18
49	H	3.64±0.06	***	<0.036#
50	H <sub>3</sub> C	***	**	

 $^{\rm ``}$  Inactive at 100  $\mu M$  (highest concentration tested).

 $^{\prime\prime\prime}$  One hundred micromolars inhibits the corresponding hMAO activity by approximately 40-50 %. At higher concentration the compound precipitate.

 $^{\rm \#}$  Values obtained under the assumption that the corresponding IC\_{\_{50}} against hMAO-B is the highest concentration tested (100  $\mu M).$ 

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 Table 6: Structure as well as MAO-B inhibitory activity of 2-(4-(4-halophenyl thiazol-2-yl hydrazine 51-56.

~	_	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)		
CA	ĸ	MAO-A	MAO-B	
51	N_	***	0.79 ± 0.04	
52	CI N	***	1.32± 0.05	
53	H <sub>3</sub> CO H <sub>3</sub> CO	***	2.39 ± 0.10	
54	H <sub>3</sub> CO	***	9.24 ± 0.36	
55		***	0.19 ± 0.01	
56	H <sub>3</sub> C	**	44.74±1.68	

"Inactive at 100  $\mu\text{M}$  (higher concentration tested). At higher concentration the compounds precipitate.

 $^{\rm m}100~\mu M$  inhibits the corresponding MAO activity by approximately 40-45%. At higher concentration the compounds precipitate.

 Table 7: Structure as well as MAO inhibitory activity of 4-substituted-2-(2-(1-(pyridin-4-yl) ethylidene) hydrazinyl) thiazole 57-65.



<b>C</b> A	Puriding igomor	R	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)		
UA	Pyriume isomer		hMAO-A	hMAO-B	
57	2-Acetylpyridine	CH3	No inhibition	No inhibition	
58	2-Acetylpyridine	COOEt	No inhibition	No inhibition	
59	2-Acetylpyridine	Ph	16.6±2.01	3.84±0.133	
60	3-Acetylpyridine	CH3	6.910±0.227	13.633±0.870	
61	3-Acetylpyridine	COOEt	6.571±0.296	0.0722±0.0057	
62	3-Acetylpyridine	Ph	21.3±0.88	0.944±0.075	
63	4-Acetylpyridine	CH3	No inhibition	No inhibition	
64	4-Acetylpyridine	COOEt	6.63±0.667	0.1274±0.0028	
65	4-Acetylpyridine	Ph	2.67±0.082	0.013±0.0012	

 $^{a}p$  <0.01 or  $^{b}p$  <0.05 versus the corresponding IC\_{\_{50}} values against hMAO-B, as determined by ANOVA/Dunnett's.

## Conclusion

Based on our interest on heterocyclic chemistry and asymmetric synthesis [24-26], it was concluded that the hybrid scaffold of this series of thiazolyl-hydrazones derivatives could be promising for the discovery of new lead compounds as adjuvants for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. A variety of thiazolyl-hydrazones with MAO inhibitory activity may be used in the treatment of various CNS diseases such as depression, anxiety or Parkinson. A number of researches explored SAR of thiazolyl-hydrazones as well as conformation and orientation requirements for binding site through simulation and QSAR studies. Additionally, recognition of a rational picture towards the substitutions responsible for its potency and toxicity may be a future framework in this area.

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