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Design and Synthesis of a 3,2'-Indane]-1',3'-Dione Derivative and Their Theoretical Interaction with the Coronavirus Surface (COVID-19)

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Abstract: Several drugs have been used for the treatment of coronavirus disease (COVID-19); however, these drugs have not produced any effect against COVID-19. In the search of a clinical alternative, the aim of this research was to synthetize a 3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione (compound 6) from 2,4-Dinitrophenyl hydrazine to evaluate their interaction with COVID-19 (6UL7) using either chloroquine and remdesivir as controls in a theoretical model. The results showed that compound 6 have a different affinity by 6UL7-protein surface compared with either chloroquine and remdesivir. In addition, other data showed low binding energy for 6 compared with both hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir. In conclusion, this phenomenon suggests that compound 6 could exert some change in the biological activity of COVID-19.

Keywords: 3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione; coronavirus; hydroxychloroquine; remdesivir.

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1. Introduction

One of the main problems worldwide are respiratory diseases; these clinical pathologies can be caused by various pathogens such as coronavirus [1-4]. Some drugs have been used to try to control the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) such as ribavirin, interferon (IFN)- α / mycophenolic acid [5], ritonavir/ lopinavir [6], chloroquine [7]; however, these drugs have shown little or no effectiveness against SARS-CoV. In search of some therapeutic alternative, different compounds have been developed; for example, the synthesis of compound TG-0205221 from L-glutamic acid as a SARS-CoV-protease inhibitor [8]. Other data showed the preparation of a series of α -ketoamides from a glutamine derivative with antiviral activity against SARS-CoV [9]. In addition, a Glycyrrhizin derivative was synthesized via reaction of L-leucine-tert-butyl or L-glutamic acid dibenzyl ester hydrochlorides with Glycyrrhizin for treatment of SARS-CoV [10]. Another study showed the preparation of a

series of dihydropyrimidine derivatives from benzaldehyde, ethylcyanoacetate, and thiourea as SARS-COV inhibitors [11]. Recently, some steroid derivatives have prepared from 3-ethylinaniline to evaluate their theoretical activity against SARS-CoV [12]. All these data indicate that several compounds can exert antiviral activity on some virus strain; however, the interaction with the virus surface is very confusing; perhaps this phenomenon could be due to their different chemical structures. Analyzing all these data, this research aimed to synthesize a new 3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione from (2,4-Dinitro-phenyl)-hydrazine to evaluate their interaction with 6UL7 protein surface using a docking model.

2. Materials and Methods

The compounds used in this research were acquired from Sigma-Aldrich Co., Ltd. The melting point for compounds was evaluated on an Electrothermal (900 model). Infrared spectra (IR) were evaluated with a Thermo Scientific iSOFT-IR spectrometer.1H, and 13C NMR spectra were determined using a Varian VXR300/5 FT NMR spectrometer at 300 MHz in CDCl3 using TMS as the internal standard. EIMS spectra were obtained with a Finnigan Trace Gas Chromatography Polaris Q-Spectrometer. Elementary analysis data were acquired from a Perkin Elmer Ser. II CHNS/02400 elemental analyzer.

2.1. Synthesis of 1-[(E)-[(2,4-dinitrophenyl)hydrazono]methyl]naphthalen-2-ol (2).

In a round bottom flask (10 ml), 2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine 1 mg, 0.50 mmol), 2-Hydroxy-naphthalene-1-carbaldehyde (86 mg. 0.5 mmol), boric acid (30 mg, 0.48), and methanol (5 ml) were stirred at room temperature for 72 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and following the product was purified via crystallization using the methanol:hexane:water (4:1:1) system; yielding 65% of product; m.p. 150-152 oC; IR (Vmax, cm-1) 3400, 3320, 3310, and 1512: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3-d) δH: 6.22 (m, 1H), 6.88-7.92 (m, 4H), 7.98 (m, 1H), 8.30-8.50 (m, 2H), 8.56 (m, 1H), 8.80 (m, 1H), 9.36 (m, 1H), 12.92 (broad, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (300 Hz, CDCl3) ¹³C: 104.32, 112.20, 120.82, 122.74, 123.50, 124.68, 126.40, 126.80, 128.64, 130.66, 131.05, 133.11, 135.75, 136.00, 143.26, 146.50, 160.60 ppm. EI-MS m/z: 352.08. Anal. Calcd. for C17H12N4O5: C, 57.96; H, 3.43; N, 15.90; O, 22.71. Found: C, 57.93; H, 3.41.

2.2. 6-[(2E)-2-[(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)methylene]hydrazino]spiro[2,4-dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]no-na-1(8),5(9),6-triene-3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione (3).

In a round bottom flask (10 ml), compound 2 (200 mg, 0.56 mmol), ninhydrin (90 mg. 0.56 mmol), potassium carbonate (60 mg, 0.43 mmol), and 5 ml of dimethyl sulfoxide were stirred at reflux for 12 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and following the product was purified via crystallization using the methanol:water (4:1) system; yielding 54% of product; m.p. 88-90 °C; IR ($V_{\rm max}$, cm⁻¹) 3400, 4422, 3310, 1622 and 1282: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃-d) $\delta_{\rm H}$: 6.22 (m, 1H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.92 (m, 3H), 8.04-8.20 (m, 4H), 8.30-8.50 (m, 2H), 8.80 (m, 1H), 12.12 (broad, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (300 Hz, CDCl₃) $\delta_{\rm C}$: 74.62, 99.40, 106.80, 108.26, 116.72, 120.86, 122.72, 123.50, 126.00, 126.82, 128.62, 129.16, 130.62, 131.04, 134.60, 136.00, 138.16, 141.12, 146.50, 147.02, 160.60, 184.56, 188.60 ppm. EI-MS m/z: 436.10. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₆H₁₆N₂O₅: C, 71.56; H, 3.70; N, 6.42; O, 18.33. Found: C, 71.53; H, 3.68.

2.3. [1-[(E)-[(1',3'-dioxospiro[2,4-dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]nona-1(8),5(9),6-triene-3,2'-indane]-6-yl)hydrazono[methyl]-2-naphthyl] hex-5-ynoate (4).

In a round bottom flask (10 ml), compound 3 (200 mg, 0.46 mmol), 5-hexynoic acid (100 μ l, 0.90 mmol), boric acid (30 mg, 0.48), and 5 mL of methanol were stirred at room temperature for 72 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and following the product was purified via crystallization using the methanol:hexane:water (4:1:1) system; yielding 54% of product; m.p. 78-80 °C; IR (V_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3310, 2122, 1622 and 1280: yielding 45% of product; m.p. 126-128 °C; IR (V_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3332, 2240 and 1312: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃-d) δ_{H} : 1.62 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 2.30-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.52 (m, 2H), 6.28 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.78 (m, 2H), 8.04 (m, 2H), 8.08 (m, 1H), 8.20 (m, 2H), 8.76 (m, 1H), 9.12 (m, 1H), 11.72 (broad, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (300 Hz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 17.82, 23.62, 33.20, 69.12, 74.62, 83.21, 99.40, 108.25, 116.56, 116.74, 122.54, 125.09, 126.00, 126.28, 126.92, 128.08, 128.92, 130.16, 131.32, 133.50, 134.60, 138.22, 141.12. 147.02, 149.04. 151.40, 169.86, 184.56, 186.60 ppm. EI-MS m/z: 530.14. Anal. Calcd. for C₃₂H₂₂N₂O₆: C, 72.45; H, 4.18; N, 5.28; O, 18.09. Found: C, 72.42; H, 4.16.

2.4. [1-[(E)-[(1',3'-dioxospiro[2,4-dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]nona-1(8),5(9),6-triene-3,2'-indane]-6-yl) hydrazono [methyl]-2-naphthyl] 6-(2-aminoethylamino) hex-5-ynoate (5).

In a round bottom flask (10 ml), compound 4 (200 mg, 0.38 mmol), ethylenediamine (50 μl, 0.82 mmol) and Copper(II) chloride anhydrous (60 mg, 0.44 mmol) and 5 ml of methanol were stirred at room temperature for 72 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and following the product was purified via crystallization using the methanol:water (4:1) system; yielding 52% of product; m.p. 112-114 °C; IR (*V*_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3310, 2120, 1622 and 1282: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃-*d*) δ_H: 1.70-2.52 (m, 6H), 2.68-2.90 (m, 4H), 5.38 (broad, 4H), 6.22 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.56-7.78 (m, 2H), 8.04 (m, 2H), 8.08 (m, 1H), 8.20 (m, 2H), 8.76 (m, 1H), 9.12 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (300 Hz, CDCl₃) δ_C: 16.44, 23,36, 33.22, 40.92, 55.44, 74.62, 77.24, 87.30, 99.40, 108.26, 116.54, 116.75, 122.50, 125.09, 126.00, 126.26, 126.92, 128.08, 128.92, 130.16, 131.34, 133.50, 134.60, 138.20, 141.12, 147.02, 149.04, 151.40, 169.90, 184.56, 186.60 ppm. EI-MS m/z: 588.20. Anal. Calcd. for C₃₄H₂₈N₄O₆: C, 69.38; H, 4.79; N, 9.52; O, 16.31. Found: C, 39.35; H, 4.76.

2.5. 6-[(2E)-2-[[2-[[(4E)-1,4-diazacyclodec-4-en-9-yn-5-yl]oxy]-1-naphthyl]methylene]hydra-zino]spiro[2,4-dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]nona-1(8),5(9),6-triene-3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione (6).

In a round bottom flask (10 ml), compound 5 (200 mg, 0.34 mmol), boric acid (30 mg, 0.48), and 5 mL of methanol were stirred at room temperature for 72 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and following the product was purified via crystallization using the methanol:water (4:1) system; yielding 52% of product; m.p. 172-174 °C; IR (V_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3330, 3310, 2122, 1280 and 1222: ^{1}H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃-d) δ_{H} : 1.52-3.70 (m, 10H), 6.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.92 (m, 3H), 8.04 (m, 2H), 8.10 (m, 1H), 8.20 (m, 2H), 8.70 (m, 1H), 8.94 (m, 1H), 10.94 (broad, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (300 Hz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 18.40, 25.62, 35.11, 51.63, 52.22, 74.62, 81.80, 89.26, 99.40, 108.26, 114.86, 116.72, 121.16, 122.64, 124.83, 126.00, 127.56, 129.09, 129.40, 131.12, 132.00, 132.12, 134.60, 138.16, 141.12, 145.36, 147.02, 154.46, 165.66, 184.56, 186.60 ppm. EI-MS m/z: 570.19. Anal. Calcd. for C₃4H₂6N₄O₅: C, 71.57; H, 4.59; N, 9.82; O, 14.02. Found: C, 71.54; H, 4.56.

2.6. Pharmacophore evaluation.

The 3D pharmacophore model for the compounds 6 was determined using LigandScout software [13, 14].

2.7. Theoretical asses of compound 2 to 6 with coronavirus SAR-COV19 (6LU7 protein).

The interaction of compound 6 with 6LU7 protein surface [15] was carried out using both hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir as controls in a DockingServer software [16].

2.8. Theoretical pharmacokinetic properties

Some physicochemical parameters of compounds 2-4 were determined to determine the oral availability of the drug and its pharmacokinetic properties using SwissADME software [17].

3. Results and Discussion

For several years, some compounds have been developed for the treatment of virus strains using expensive reagents, which require special conditions. Besides, the interaction of these compounds with the virus surface is confusing. In this way, in this study, two new 3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione were prepared to evaluate their interaction with 6LU7 protein surface using a docking model as follows:

3.1. Chemicals synthesis.

3.1.1. Synthesis of an imino derivative.

Several imino analogs have been prepared using some reagents such as gold [18, 19], Trimethylsilylmethyl Triflate [20], NaOMe [21], vinyl azide derivatives [22], Benzofurazan N-oxides [23], I₂/K₂CO₃ [24], and others. In this study, an imino derivative was prepared from 2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine and 2-Hydroxy-naphthalene-1-carbaldehyde in the presence of boric acid to form compound 2 (Figure 1). The ¹H NMR spectrum from 2 showed several signals at 6.88-7.92 and 8.30-8.50 ppm for naphthalene; at 7.98, 8.56, and 9.36 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 8.80 ppm for imino group; at 12.92 for the amino group. ¹³C NMR spectra showed chemical shifts at 104.32, 120.85-123.50, 126.83-131.07, 136.00, and 160.60 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 112.16, 124.66-126.40, 133.76-135.75 and 143.32 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 146.50 ppm for imino group. Besides, the mass spectrum from 2 showed a molecular ion (m/z) 352.08.

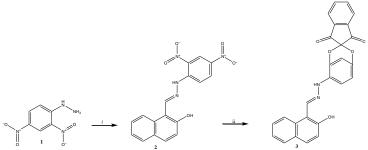


Figure 1. Synthesis of 6-[(2E)-2-[(2-hydroxy-1-naphthyl)methylene]hydrazino]spiro[2,4-dioxabicyclo[3.3.1]nona-1(8),5(9),6-triene-3,2'-indane]-1',3'-dione (3). *Reagents and Conditions*: i = 2-Hydroxy-naphthalene-1-carbaldehyde, boric acid, room temperature, 72 h.; ii = ninhydrin, potassium carbonate, dimethyl sulfoxide, reflux, 12 h.

3.1.2. Etherification reaction

There several reagents used for etherification reactions using some reagents such as Isonicotinate ester [25], palladium [26], tert-Butyl Nitrite [27], Ceric Ammonium Nitrate [28]. In addition, some reports showed the preparation of ether derivatives through of displacement of the nitro group using dipolar aprotic solvents such as dimethyl sulfoxide [29] In this way, in this research, an ether derivative (3) was prepared from compound 2, dimethyl sulfoxide and potassium carbonate (Figure 1). The ¹H NMR spectrum from 3 showed several signals at 6.22, 7.30-7.40 ppm for phenyl group bound to both ether groups; at 6.88, 7.66-7.92 and 8.30-8.50 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 8.04-8.20 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 8.80 ppm for the imino group; at 12.12 ppm for both hydroxyl and amino groups. ¹³C NMR spectra showed chemical shifts at 74.62, 126.00, 134.60 and 138.10 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 99.40, 108.26-116.72, 129.16, 141.12 and 147.02 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 106.80, 120.86-123.50, 126.82, 130.62-131.04, 136.00 and 160.60 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 146.50 ppm for imino group; at 184.56-188.60 ppm for ketone groups. Finally, the mass spectrum from 3 showed a molecular ion (m/z) 436.10.

3.1.3. Esterification reaction

Different reagents have been used to produce ester derivatives; however, most of the conventional methods require special conditions [30-33]. Analyzing these data, in this investigation, a previously method reported [34] for esterification of some ester derivatives was used. In this way, the compound 4 was prepared via reaction 3 with succinic acid using boric acid as a catalyst (Figure 2).

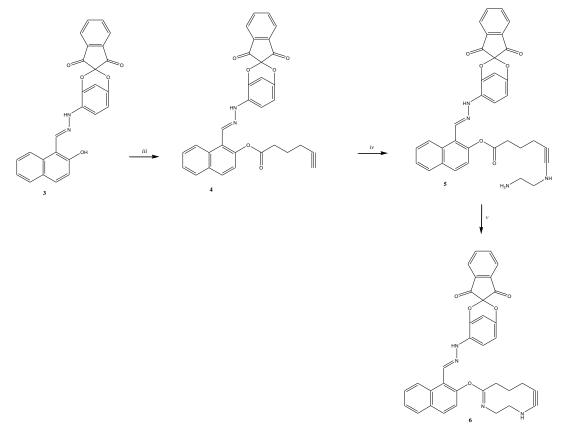


Figure 2. Synthesis of an Indane-1',3'-dione derivative (6). *Reagents and Conditions*: iii =5-hexanoic acid, boric acid, room temperature, 72 h; iv = ethylenediamine, Copper(II) chloride, room temperature, 72 h; v = boric acid, room temperature 72 h.

The ¹H NMR spectrum from 4 showed several signals at 1.62 and 2.30-2.52 ppm for methylene groups bound to both ester and alkyne groups; at 2.08 ppm for alkyne group; at 6.28, 7.32 and 7.40 ppm for phenyl bound o both ether groups; at 7.30, 7.38, 7.56-7.78, 8.08 and 8.76 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 8.04 and 8.30 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 9.12 ppm for imino group; at 11.72 ppm for amino group. ¹³C NMR spectra showed chemical shifts at 17.82-33.20 ppm for methylene groups bound to both ester and alkyne groups; at 69.12 and 83.21 ppm for alkyne group; at 74.62, 126.00 and 134.60-138.22 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 99.40-108.25, 116.74-128.92 and 141.12-147.02 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 116.56, 122.54-125.09, 126.28-128.08, 130.16-135.50 and 149.04 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 151.40 ppm for imino group; at 169.86 ppm fo ester group; at 184.56-186.60 ppm for ketone groups. In addition, the mass spectrum from 4 showed a molecular ion (m/z) 530.14.

3.1.4. Addition reaction.

The addition reaction of amino to the alkyne, has been reported using some protocols that involve a series of reagents such as Pd(CH₃CN)₄(BF₄)₂ [35], Pd(OAc)₂ [36], CuBr₂ [37], gold(III) [38], acetonitrile, K₂CO₃ [39] and others. In this research, 4 reacted with ethylenediamine in the presence of Copper(II) chloride to form compound 5. The ¹H NMR spectrum from 5 showed several signals at 1.70-2.52 ppm for methylene groups bound to both ester and alkyne groups; at 2.68-2.90 ppm for methylene groups bound to both amino groups; at 5.38 ppm for amino groups; at 6.20, 7.32 and 7.40 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 7.30, 7.38, 7.56-7.78, 8.06 and 8.76 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 8.04 and 8.20 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 9.12 ppm for imino group. ¹³C NMR spectra showed chemical shifts at 16.94-33.22 ppm for methylene groups bound to both ester and alkyne groups; at 40.92-55.44 for methylene groups bound to both amino groups; at 74.62, 126.00 and 134.60-138.20 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 77.24-87.30 ppm for alkyne group; at 99.40-108.26, 116.78, 128.92 and 141.12-147.02 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 116.54, 122.50, 126.26-128.08, 130.16-133.50 and 149.04 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 151.40 ppm for imino group; at 169.90 ppm for ester group; at 184.56-186.60 ppm for ketone groups. Besides, the mass spectrum from 5 showed a molecular ion (m/z) 588.20.

3.1.5. Synthesis of an Indane-1′,3′-dione derivative.

Finally, compound 6 was prepared via intramolecular reaction between both carbonyl and amino groups involved in the chemical structure of 5 using boric acid as a catalyst. The ¹H NMR spectrum from 6 showed several signals at 1.52-3.70ppm for methylene groups of (4Z)-1,4-diazacyclodec-4-en-9-yne system; at 6.26 and 7.30-7.40 ppm for phenyl bound to both ether groups; at 7.22, 7.60-7.92, 8.10 and 8.70 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 8.04 and 8.20 for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 8.94 ppm for imino group; at 10.94 ppm for amino groups. ¹³C NMR spectra showed chemical shifts at 18.40-52.22 and 165.66 ppm for (4Z)-1,4-diazacyclodec-4-en-9-yne system; at 74.62, 126.00 and 134.60-138.16 ppm for Indan-1,3-dione fragment; at 81.80-89.26 ppm for alkyne group; at 99.40-108.26, 116.72, 129.09, 141.12 and 147.02 ppm for phenyl bound to both ester groups; at 114.86, 121.16-124.83, 127.56, 129.40-132.12 and 154.46 ppm for naphthalene fragment; at 145.36 ppm for imino group; at 184.56-186.60 ppm for ketone groups. Additionally, the mass spectrum from 6 showed a molecular ion (m/z) 570.19.

3.1.6. Pharmacophore ligand model.

Several theoretical methods to evaluate the three-dimensional orientation adopted by several compounds have been used [12]; in this way, the use of a pharmacophore model is used to design novel drugs that can enhance or inhibit the function of some biological molecules. Analyzing these data, in this research, the LigandScout software [13, 14] was used to develop a pharmacophore model for compound 6 (Figures 3).

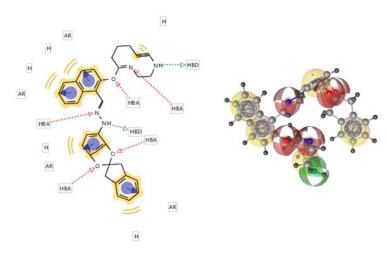


Figure 3. Scheme representing a pharmacophore model from compound 6 using the LigandScout software. The model involves a hydrogen bond acceptor (HBA, red) and hydrogen bond donor (HBD, green).

The results showed that some functional groups could act as hydrogen bond acceptors and hydrogen-bond donors; These physicochemical parameters are important in the interaction between the compound and biomolecule surface (Table 1).

Table 1. Physicochemical properties of compound 6.

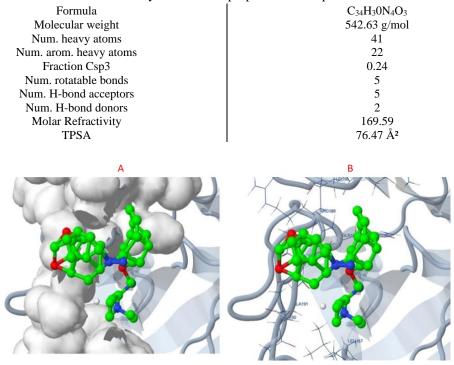


Figure 4. Interaction of compound 6 and the surface of the 6LU7 protein. Representations; A = protein surface and the compound 6; B = amino acid residues and the compound 6.

3.1.7. Interaction protein-ligand.

There are several reports to evaluate the theoretical interaction of some compounds with the protein surface using different theoretical models [40, 41]. In this way, a study was carried out on the interaction of compound 6 with coronavirus (6UL7 protein) using two antiviral drugs such as hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir [7, 42] as controls in the DockingServer software (Figure 4). The results showed differences in the interaction of either hydroxychloroquine, remdesivir, and compound 6 with 6LU7 protein surface (Table 2).

Table 2. Amino acid residues involved in the interaction of compound 6, remdesivir, and hydroxychloroquine with 6LU7 protein surface.

Compound	Aminoacid residues
6	Leu ₅₀
	Pro ₁₆₈
	Thr_{190}
	Ala ₁₉₁
Remdesivir	Leu ₅₀
	Met ₁₆₅
	Pro ₁₆₈
	Gln_{189}
	Ala ₁₉₁
	Gln ₁₉₂
Hydroxychloroquine	Ser ₄₆
	Leu ₅₀
	Pro ₁₆₈
	Gln_{189}

3.1.8. Binding energy.

To evaluate the binding energy involved in the interaction of compounds 6, hydroxychloroquine, and remdesivir, the DockingServer software was used. The results showed low binding energy for compound 6 compared with both compounds hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir (Table 3). this phenomenon could be due to differences in the chemical structure of each compound.

Table 3. Energy values of interaction between either hydroxychloroquine, remdesivir, and compound 6 with 6UL7 protein surface.

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Compound	Est. Free Energy of binding	vdW + Hbond + desolv energy	Electrostatic Energy	Total Intramol. Energy	Interact Surface	
6	-4.80	-5.91	0.22	-6.13	1119.53	
Remdesivir	-1.54	-4.29	-0.03	-4.23	609.11	
Hydroxychloroquine	-3.36	-5.49	-0.33	-5.83	608.27	

Table 4. Pharmacokinetic parameters from compound 6.

High
No
No
No
No
Yes
Yes
Yes
-4.56 cm/s

3.1.9. Pharmacokinetic parameters.

There are studies to predict different pharmacokinetic parameters of several compounds [17]. In this research, some pharmacokinetic factors for compound 6 were evaluated using a

SwissADME predictor model. The results showed that compound 6 could be absorbed via oral (Table 4); this phenomenon could also involve the interaction of some CyPs proteins in their metabolism.

4. Conclusions

In this study, facile synthesis of a new 1′,3′-dione derivative (compound 6) from (2,4-Dinitro-phenyl)-hydrazine was prepared using some chemical strategies. Besides, theoretical analysis of the interaction of 6 with 6LU7 protein surface showed that binding energy was lower compared with both hydroxychloroquine and remdesivir drugs. In conclusion, the new 1′,3′-dione derivative could be an alternative therapeutic agent for the treatment of SARS-CoV.

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Conflicts of Interest

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