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# Heterocyclic Compounds of some Natural Products as Anti-Covid-19: Iranian Plants and Natural Drugs of Ardabil Province

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**Abstract:** Natural products make amazing opportunities for novel drugs via extracting of some heterocyclic compounds. These extracted molecules are used as anti-corona virus diseases. Herbal heterocyclic drugs are included in various forms, such as tablets, capsules, tinctures, and syrups. In Iran, with around 1.65 million km² areas, the climate is diverse, ranging from arid and semi-arid to subtropical along the Caspian coast and the northern forests. The Moghan plain is located to the north of Ardabil province and west of the Caspian Sea. Due to its mild winters and humid summers, it is considered an important pole for Iran's agriculture and natural plant drugs. To date, scientists in Iran identified 10000 plant species; out of these, approximately 1000 are medicinal and aromatic plants, and around 100 species are in Ardabil province. Therefore, this province has rich medicinal plants and raw plant materials and processed herbal medicines to produce natural drug products as anti-COVID-19. This work simulated the heterocyclic molecules extracted from those plants for anti-COVID -19 drugs.

#### **Keywords:** natural product; COVID-19; Ardabil province; natural drugs; docking

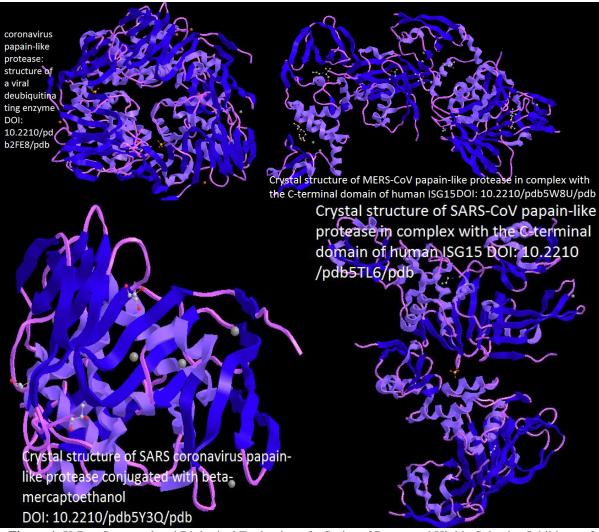
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#### 1. Introduction

1.1. COVID-19 specification.

COVID-19 is *an* enveloped, positive-sense messenger RNA virus that consists of the largest known RNA genomes (a length of up between 30-32 kb). This virus is a goal subject nowadays due to any investigation for helping humanity. Mainly virulent shapes have emerged from animal origins and pose a threat to human communities [1-5]. In 2003, the SARS appeared in China, moving from bat to humans, and 11 years after, the MERS emerged from bats again from bat to dromedary camels and eventually to humans. The genetic information of both SARS and MERS can help us with the details of COVID-19. Hopefully, we will develop new ways to fight them [5, 6]. A few important types of these viruses, such as SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, can cause death in animals and humans. The proteins contain replication - transcription complexes that make more RNA, various structural proteins, and two proteases. These proteases have important roles in cutting the poly-proteins insides all of the functional spaces. The protein folding of virus components is similar to serine proteases such as "Try" and also the cysteine amino acids that make the protein-cutting reaction close to "His" [7-9]. Those dimers exhibit peptides-like inhibitors active sites. The papain-like protease (Fig.1) has

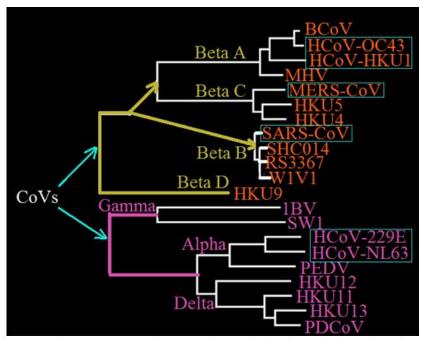
a unique subunit using Cys amino acid via the reaction, making three specific cuts in the SARS polyproteins[10,11].



**Figure 1.** X-Ray Structural and Biological Evaluation of a Series of Potent and Highly Selective Inhibitors of Human Coronavirus Papain-Like Proteases.

Coronaviruses have been structured into 4 configurations that might be very different for any further drug simulation. The major way for modeling inhibitors against the progenitor bat coronavirus may be provided the keys to discover related inhibitors of those kinds of viruses. All components of COVID-19 synthesis, several non-structural proteins (NSP) where produced viral poly-proteins. Most varieties of CoV-NSPs possess enzyme activities that are related to RNA modification, and also the structures of this modification can be determined for many of the SARS-CoV-NSPs in isolation using X-ray crystallography and NMR. This study is accomplished due to the development of modern anti-covid-19 drugs. Several heterocyclic compounds are known as target drugs such as alkylating agents, which have targeted cell RNA, causing viruses' death. The Partition of COVID varieties and related structure of the single Nterminal for the virus polymerases have been introduced in (Scheme 1) [12-14]. Coronaviruses have been structured via unique-stranded RNA that is associated with a few natural hosts. COVID-19 is partitioned into alpha, beta, gamma, and delta categories. Among them, the beta group consists of A, B, C, and D subunits. All of the coronaviruses family are mentioned in the red rectangular frame, including 229E and NL63 in the  $\alpha$ group, OC43, HKU1 in  $\beta$ subgroup, and finally MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome CoV) in beta sub-group C [14-17].

Recently, SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV have been emerged in the human population and caused severe pulmonary disease with alarmingly high case-fatality rates. SARS-like-CoV and MERS-like-CoV also pose a great threat to public health in the world. Recent reviews and researches discovered a few types more of SL-CoV, such as SL-WIV1-CoV and SL-SHC014-CoV. Moreover, the ML-CoVs and bat CoV-HKU4 was shown to distinguish the MERS-CoVs receptors of the CD-26 and infect human cells after mutations of S746R with N762A) into its S protein [18-21].



**Scheme 1.** Schematic trees created with coronaviruses family from the viewpoint of gen- groups.

As no anti-COVID drugs are currently available for any clinical usage, there are necessary for searching to keeping target based on properties of coronaviruses family, which via the S glycoprotein plays an important role in mediating viral infection. The S-proteins consist of two subunits, S1 and S2 (Fig.2). Their subfamilies of *Corona-virinae* that include viruses of both medical and veterinary importance might be separated into the four genera alpha-, beta-, gamma- and delta-coronavirus ( $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -CoV). The coronavirus particle comprises at least the four canonical structural proteins E (envelope protein), M (membrane protein), N (nucleon-capsid protein), and S (spike protein).

### 1.2. Heterocyclic compounds of natural products from Ardabil province.

Heterocyclics are, in essence, composed of atoms other than carbon, where the most frequent substituents are S, O, and N. The size of a heterocyclic ring with the substituent groups impacts tightly on the chemical and physical properties. In contrast, heterocyclic molecules have an active role as anti-bacterial, anti-viral, anti-fungal, anti-inflammatory, anti-tumor, and finally, among the clinical applications anti-COVID-19 agents. Several drugs are currently applied in the treatment of COVID-19, but most of them produced a controlled effect on the viral cells. These drugs are mostly belonging to a class of heterogeneous structures that play an important role in the metabolism of all COVID-19-cells complexes. Generally, biophysical & biochemical properties like donor-acceptor capability, hydrogen bond,  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions, van der Waals, co-ordination bonds with metals, and in total hydrophobic forces have caused the increasing interest in anti-COVID-19 studies for such viruses. These properties

are important for understanding how their reactivity enables derivatives to bind with various nucleic acids, enzymes, and biological structures [22, 27].

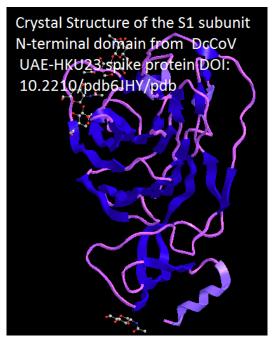
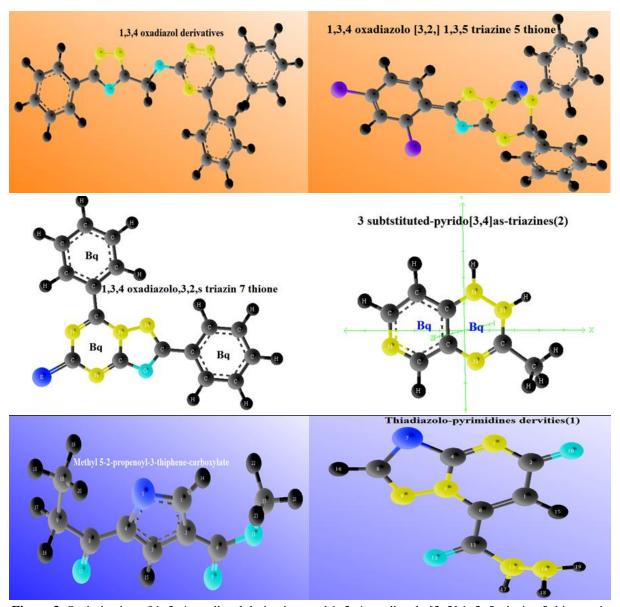


Figure 2. S1 subunit model of coronavirus.

Many of the heterocyclic molecules applied in medical drugs such as Proline, Histidine, Thiamine, riboflavin, pyridoxine, folic acid, biotin, B<sub>12</sub>, and E vitamins families. To investigate anti-fungal molecules, 1,3, 4oxadiazolo-(3,2a)-s-triazin-7-thione molecules and 1, 3, 4oxadiazole derivatives have been s synthesized. Fungi are hetero-tropic micro-organisms distinguished, including yeast that 1, 3, 4-oxa- Thiadiazolo (3-2a) pyrimidin-5-ones have been synthesized as anti-fungal drugs. The N-benzylidene-3, 4-dihydro-2, 2, 8-trimethyl- 2H-1benzopyran-7-yloxyacetie acid hydrazide, 1,3,4-oxadiazolo-[3,2-a]- 1,3,4-dithiazines have also been synthesized as anti-COVID-19 (Figure 3). By using a carcinogen inside a human body, the viral cell will not immediately act due to the latency effect. The initial step of a carcinogen will result in forming the irreversible initiated cells and then elapse before a second agent, known as the promoter, will act reversibly on the initiated cell giving a premalignant lesion. In all countries, COVID-19 disease is a major reason for human death due to unknown treatment and difficulty for curing. The main cause of this problem is that COVID-19 results from the uncontrolled and huge proliferation of normal cells. Vaccination is one of the important methods to intervene in somehow with the cell's RNA's operation. Anti-metabolites structures can be polymerized into RNA to destroy the functional agents in RNA, which attach to the RNA permanently and distorting its stability. Although these agents destroy many other molecules in host cells, RNA-binding agents bind to the RNA chain to break it and consequently attaching to another string, then repeat the process.

Sometimes cell's RNA makes a resistance for treatment due to cytotoxic drugs, which are given by a combination of drugs from several groups' side effects[28-31]. Applying a wide range of anti-COVID-19 drugs make them dangerous for short times. These side effects include losing hair, flaky skin, decreasing appetite, dry skin, change in taste, vomiting, fatigue, depression, decreasing the immune system, and blood clotting. Usually, although the advantages of using cytotoxic drugs in cell therapy are much more than the disadvantages, it is

important to decrease the side effects of these kinds of drugs as possible, which are the subject of this work.



**Figure 3**. Optimization of 1, 3, 4 oxadiazol derivatives and 1, 3, 4 oxadiazolo [3, 2] 1, 3, 5 triazine 5 thione , 1, 3, 4 oxadiazolo, 3, 2, s triazin 7 thione and 3 substituted-pyrido [3, 4] as-triazines and Methyl 5-2-propenoyl-3-thiphene-carboxylate and Thiadiazolo-pyrimidines derivatives.

In this work, all anti-COVID-19 drugs are important natural products that are extracted from Ardabil's plants. This study is accomplished to develop a modern anti-corona-drugs. Many heterocyclic compounds are known as anti-COVID-19 drugs, such as alkylating agents, which have targeted cell DNA, causing cell death. This work is done via efficient natural products by focusing on the development of anti-COVID- drugs through the aromaticity function[32-37].

## 2. Materials and Methods

## 2.1. Proteins/macromolecules.

COVID-19 PDB IDs: 5Y3Q, 5W8U, 6BI8, 6JHY, 5TL6 and 2FE8 files in .pdb format have been selected. PDB is an archive for the crystal structures of biological macromolecules

worldwide [14]. Soe of them protein contains two chains, A and B, which form a homodyne. Chain A was used for macromolecule preparation. The 3-dimensional (3D) structures were extracted from PubChem (https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)[38], in .sdf format. Pub-Chem is a chemical substance and biological activities repository consisting of three databases, including substance, compound, and bioassay databases. Several ligands for which the active compound can be extracted from herbal medicine office located in Ardabil Province. The amino acids in the active site of a protein were determined using the Computed Atlas for Surface Topography of Proteins (CASTp) (http://sts.bioe.uic.edu/castp/index.) and Biovia. Discovery Studio 4.5. The distinguished amino acids in the active sites were used to analyze the Grid box and docking evaluation results.

## 2.2. Molecular docking.

Based on our previous works[39-93], Molecular Optimizations were accomplished via Gaussian, Charmm amber, and Avogadro version 1.2, with Force Fields type MM and MMFF94. In this work Auto-dock version 4.2, this supported by Auto dock Tools, MGL tools, and Rasmol. In addition, iGEMDOCK software has been applied for protein optimizations. Through this software, the suitable receptor was selected for the binding site in whole COVID-19 protein structures by removing water and other atoms and then adding a polar hydrogen group. The protein composition is worked with a ligand, and iGEMDOCK can help define the suitable binding site. Auto-grid then determined the native ligand position on the binding site by arranging the grid coordinates (X, Y, and Z). The following steps have been done in docking simulation: (a), Prepare Binding Site on the Protein-Ligand. (b) Browsing and selecting the protein file. (c) Defining the binding site type as a bounded ligand. (d) Defining the center of the binding site by selected ligand. (e) Setting the size of the binding site through the extended radius from the selected ligand. IGEMDOCK yields an analysis surrounding visualized tools and post-analysis tools for users, which can visualize the docked states, and categories through the protein-ligand interactions. Consequently, the prediction and scores of ligands can be saved in the output path. The minimum energies pose of each ligand will be outputted into the location of "best: Pose". These analysis tools are premeditated based on the analysis of those poses. Via looking for some ligands' bounded structures, they can be select via the check box of the ligand. If the co-crystallized ligands are retained on the binding site structures, it will be predicted poses. Cluster analysis is the partitioning of a data set into subsets. The data in each ideal subset will share some common traits. Ligand tethering of the protein was performed by regulating the genetic algorithm (GA) parameters, using 10 runs of the GA criteria.

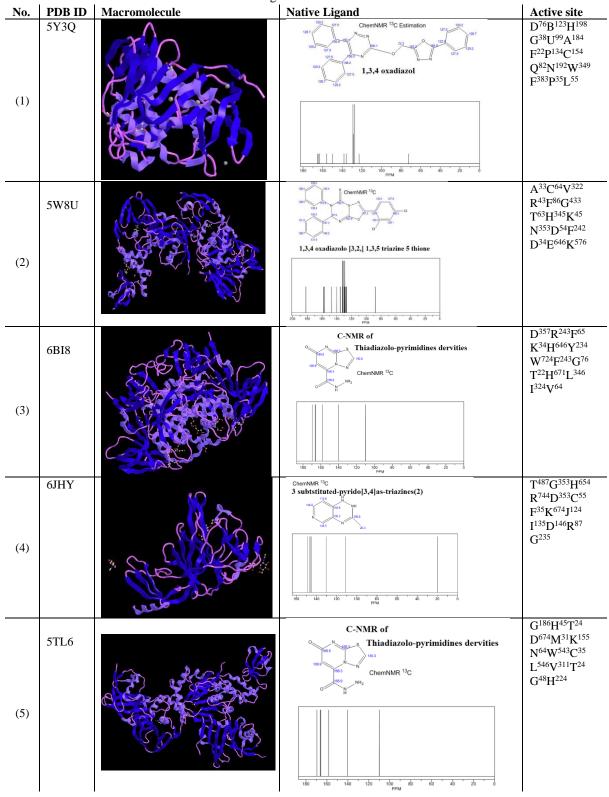
#### 3. Results and Discussion

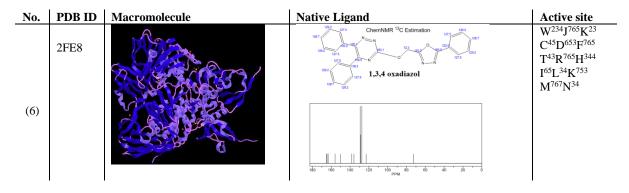
#### 3.1. Results.

Several natural products from Ardabil providence, such as molecules that are listed in table 1, from medicinal plants, have been reported to show anti-viral bioactivities. An analysis study exhibited that those compounds have strong bonding in active sites of proteins component in COVID-19. The binding energies obtained from the docking of those molecules in table 1 are listed in table 2. Table 1 exhibits the structures and amino acids found in the active site pockets of proteins that are found in COVID-19, which are also the main protease found in the CoV associated with the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The amino acids abbreviation are listed in table 1 as follows: Alanine(Ala, A), Arginine (Arg, R),

Asparagine (Asn, N), Aspartic acid (Asp, D), Cysteine (Cys, C), Glutamic acid (Glu, E), Glutamine (Gln, Q), Glycine (Gly, G), Histidine (His, H), Isoleucine (Ile, I), Leucine (Leu, L), Lysine (Lys, K), Methionine (Met, M), Phenylalanine (Phe, F), Proline (Pro, P), Serine (Ser, S), Threonine (Thr, T), Tryptophan (Trp, W), Tyrosine (Tyr, Y) and Valine (Val, V).

**Table 1.** Protein target structures and active site amino acids (Biovia Discovery Studio 4.5, 2019) and the native ligand structure.





3.2. Discussion.

Among the herbal medicine, six Native Ligand as the source for active constituents to be examined as to its potential as anti-SARS-CoV-2, extracted from Moghan plants in Ardabil province in Iran. We used several representative compounds of each plant, which are known to have pharmacological benefits. These plants are also important for the health and human immune system among the Iran population in relation to those of the active constituents. We used molecular docking with several receptors; receptor human ACE2 of six PDB IDs in table 1. The result showed that several compounds could bind finely to the target receptors at the expected sides'. Several Gibbs energy of binding energies were calculated through docking calculations (Table 2).

Interestingly, we exhibited that these compounds accomplish superior binding affinities to each receptor. These higher binding affinities of those compounds could significantly represent their stronger inhibitory activities to the viral infection. These findings indicated that all compounds possess better binding interaction and may inhibit the host cell's initial virus infection [94-106].

Although the bio drug delivery research and works' growths have a prevalent area over the past couple of decades, the monthly number of new treatments agreed with the drug organization. Compared to the clinical activities, drug reusing for viruses, including the novel coronavirus, is demonstrated as major impacted drug discovery strategies from existing drugs and could essentially shorten the time and reduce the cost [107-119]. Recently, Iranian medicinal plants were classified as anti-viral inhibitors of the novel COVID 19. The anti-coronavirus effects of these natural derivatives have been confirmed in vitro via direct loading onto cultured cells; however, it does not guarantee their effectiveness in vivo.

**Table 2.** Docking score of natural compounds towards several potential binding domains of SARS-CoV-2, Energy Gibbs (kcal/mol).

Energy Globs (Real mol).						
Ligand	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1, 3, 4-oxadiazole	-7.23	-9.33	-8.35	-7.33	-8.14	-7.44
1,3, 4oxadiazolo-(3,2a)-s-	-6.85	-8.88	-9.33	-7.63	-8.12	-7.55
triazin-7-thione						
1, 3, 4-oxa- Thiadiazolo	-8.43	-7.43	-8.35	-8.33	-7.88	-6.99
(3- 2a) pyrimidin-5						
N-benzylidene-3, 4-	-7.28	-9.33	-6.99	-8.56	-8.01	-8.05
dihydro-2, 2, 8-trimethyl-						
2H-1-benzopyran-7-						
yloxyacetie acid hydrazide						
1,3,4-oxadiazolo-[3,2-a]-	-7.33	-7.54	-8.44	-9.54	-9.12	-8.19
1,3,4-dithiazines						
1, 3, 4-oxadiazole	-8.34	-8.12	-8.21	-7.44	-8.11	-7.29
derivatives						

## 4. Conclusions

We exhibited that these natural products have suitable binding affinities to each ligand. These higher binding affinities of those molecules could represent significantly of their stronger inhibitory activities to the viral infection. Our molecular modeling also exhibited that heterocyclic compounds bind to those receptors with lower energies than the respected reference systems. These findings indicate that all compounds possess better binding interaction and may inhibit the host cell's initial virus infection.

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### **Conflicts of Interest**

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