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Multivariate QSAR Study of Indole β - Diketo Acid, Diketo Acid and Carboxamide Derivatives as Potent Anti-HIV Agents

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Abstract:

In this study, a set of novel synthesized β - diketo acid, diketo acid and carboxamide derivatives as HIV-1 integrase (HIV-1 IN) was subjected to multivariate QSAR study. Two different variable selection approaches, namely, genetic function approximation (GFA) and multiple linear regression (MLR) used to build the regression models were compared to predict the HIV-1IN inhibition activity. Based on prediction, the best validation model for 5-variable 3' processing inhibition activity with squared correlation coefficient (R^2)= 0.9477, cross validated correlation coefficient (Q^2)= 0.9202 and external prediction ability $pred_R^2$ = 0.8654. This shows that the lowest atom weighted BCUTS (BCUTw-1h), minimum E-State for (Strong) Hydrogen bond donors (minHBd), Maximum E-State descriptors of strength for potential Hydrogen Bonds of path length (maxHBint3), Fraction of sp^3 carbons to sp^2 carbons (HybRatio) and Non-directional WHIM, weighted by atomic masses (WD.mass) were the positive contributors, whereas for 6-variables 3' processing inhibition activity, parameters R^2 = 0.9588, Q^2 = 0.9212 and $pred_R^2$ = 0.7364 showed VPC-4, VPC-5, maxHBd, maxwHba, maxHBint9 and WD.mass contributed positively to the activity. The binding mode pattern of the compounds to the binding site of integrase enzyme was confirmed by two novel parameters $r^2m(test)$ and R^2p . Y-randomization methods confirmed the model robustness. The results of the present study is useful for designing more potent HIV-1IN inhibitors.

Keywords: QSAR, β - diketo acid, diketo acid and carboxamide derivatives, MLR, PM3, HIV

1. Introduction

The HIV epidemic is still a major concern. Infection with the human immunodeficiency virus type-1 (HIV-1) causes increasing destruction of immunity, which finally results in the development of the immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) [i]. Up to 19 different drugs have been approved for the treatment of HIV-infected individuals, including 7 nucleoside reverse transcriptase (RT) inhibitors (NRTIs), 1 nucleotide RT inhibitors (NtRTI), 3 non-nucleoside RT inhibitors (NNRTIs), 7 protease inhibitors (PIs) and 1 fusion inhibitor [ii]. Virtually every country in the world has seen new infections in 1998, and the epidemic is out of control in many places according to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) [iii, iv]. Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) Integrase is an enzyme required for viral replication. HIV Integrase catalyzes integration of viral DNA into host genome in two separate but chemically similar reactions known as 3' processing and DNA strand transfer. In 3' processing IN removes a dinucleotide next to conserved cytosine-adenine sequence from each 3'- end of the viral DNA. IN then attaches the processed 3'- end of the viral DNA to the host cell DNA in the strand transfer reaction. As there is no known human counterpart of HIV Integrase, IN is an attractive target for anti-retroviral drug design [v].

During the past two decades an increasing number of quantitative structure-activity/property relationship (QSAR/QSPR) models have been studied using theoretical molecular descriptors for predicting biomedical, activity, toxicological and technological properties of chemicals [vi]. QSAR/QSPR includes all statistical methods, by which biological activities are related with structural elements, physicochemical properties or fields [vii].

QSAR studies of anti-HIV activity represent an emerging and exceptionally important topic in the area of computer-aided drug design. The present research aimed to describe the structure-property relationships of β - diketo acid, diketo acid and carboxamide derivatives and developed a QSAR model on these compounds with respect to their inhibitory activity (IC_{50}). The results obtained may contribute to further designing novel anti-HIV IN agents.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Dataset

A dataset of β -Diketo acid, Diketo acid and Carboxamide derivatives containing 44 compounds with well-defined activity [viii, ix], was selected for QSAR study. The compounds which do not have well defined activity were excluded from dataset. The biological activity data in the form of IC_{50} (molar concentration of the drug leading to 50% inhibition of enzyme Integrase) value were converted into negative logarithmic dose in moles (pIC50) for QSAR Analysis (Table 1).

2.1.1. Table 1: Structures and Biological Activity of Training and Test Set.

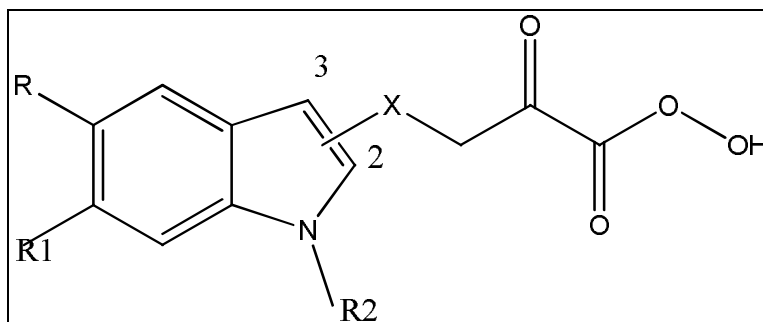


Figure 1

Compd No	R	R1	R2	X	Log IC_{50}
1	H	H	CH ₃	2-CO	0.7780
2	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₃	2-CO	0.3010
3	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₃	2-CO	0.2040
4	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₂ CH ₃	2-CO	0.6990
5	H	H	Bn	2-CO	0.0000
6	OCH ₂ O	H	Bn	2-CO	0.3010
7	H	H	CH ₃	3-CO	0.3010
8	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₃	3-CO	0.4770
9	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₃	3-CO	0.4770
10	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₂ CH ₃	3-CO	0.4770
11	H	H	Bn	3-CO	0.0000

Table 1a

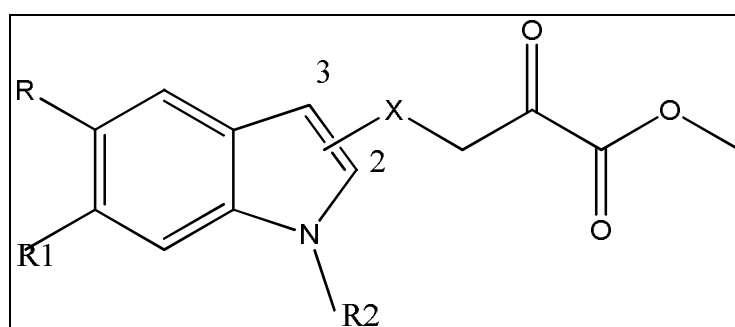


Figure 2

Compd No	R	R1	R2	X	Log IC_{50}
12	H	H	CH ₃	2-CO	1.6530
13	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₃	2-CO	1.6990
14	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₂ CH ₃	2-CO	1.8130
15	OCH ₂ O	H	CH ₃	3-CO	1.7780
16	H	H	CH ₂ CH ₃	3-CO	1.4150

Table 1b

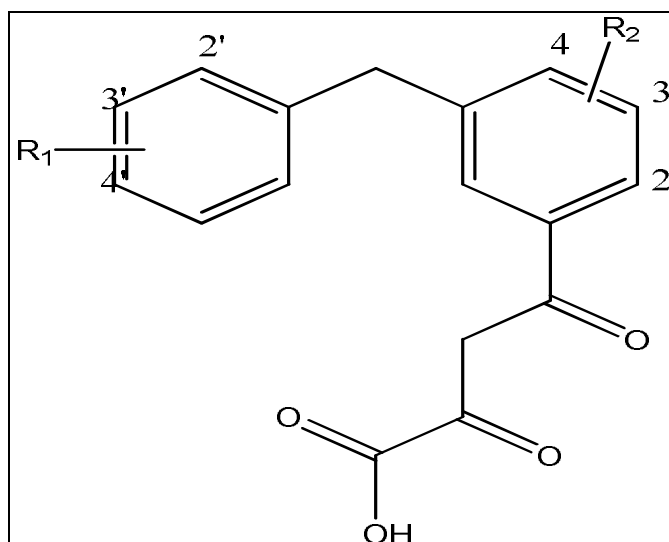


Figure 3

Compd No	R1	R2	R3	IC50
17	4'-Cl	-	-	0.000
18	3'-F	-	-	0.602
19	-	4-OCH ₃	-	0.824
20	-	3-OCH ₃	-	0.854

Table 1c

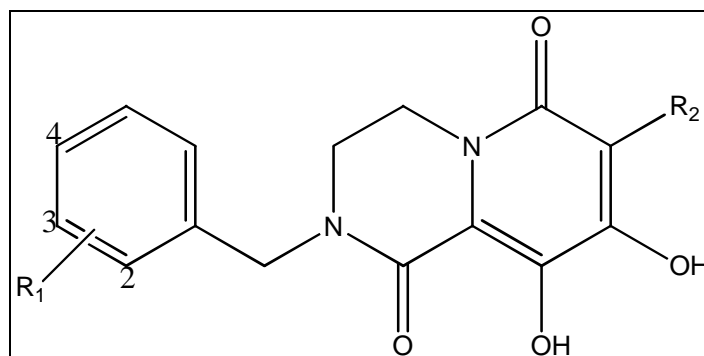


Figure 4

Compd No.	R1	R2	R3	LogIC50
21	4-F	-	-	1.000
22	H	-	-	0.638
23	2-Cl	-	-	0.432
24	3-Cl	-	-	1.398
25	4-Cl	-	-	0.420
26	4-F, 3-Cl	-	-	1.398
27	4-F	CN	-	1.699
28	4-F	Br	-	1.523
29	4-F	I	-	1.699

Table 1d

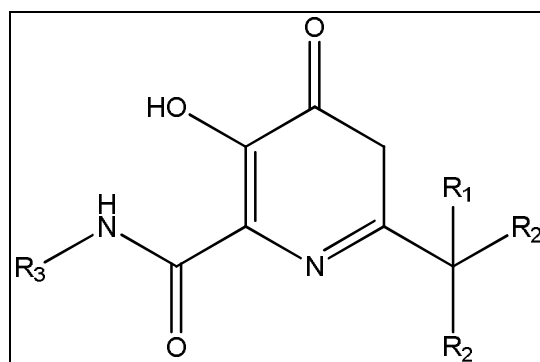


Figure 5

Compd No.	R1	R2	R3	LogIC50
30	NHCOCH ₃	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.1555
31	NH-SO ₂ -CH ₃	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.097
32	NHCO-N(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.745
33	NHSO ₂ -N(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.921
34	NHCOCO-N(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.000
35	NHCOCO-OCH ₃	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.824
36	NHCOCO-OH	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.398
37	N(CH ₃)COCO-N(CH ₃) ₂	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.824
38	NHCO-pyridine	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.699
39	NHCO-pyridazine	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.824
40	NHCO-pyrimidine	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.155
41	NHCO-oxazole	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.155
42	NHCO-thiazole	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.097
43	NHCO-1H imidazole	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	2.222
44	NHCO-1,3,4-oxadiazole	CH ₃	4-fluorotoluene	1.824

Table 1e

2.2. Molecular Modeling and Generation of Molecular Descriptors

The molecular modeling study was performed using MSOffice 2007 software. Structure of all the compounds were drawn using ChemDraw Ultra [x] version 12.0.2 module of the program and transferred to Spartan'14 [xi] version 1.1.2 to create the three-dimensional (3D) structure. These structures were then subjected to energy minimization. Energy minimized molecules were subjected to optimization via paraterization method (PM3) and also transferred to PaDEL-Descriptor [xii] version 2.18 and were subjected to re-optimization MM2 force field. Most stable structure for each compound was generated and used for calculating various physicochemical parameters like thermodynamic, steric and electronic descriptors (Table S1 in Supplementary material).

2.3. Variable Selection and Model Generation

Though many molecular descriptors are available, only a subset of them is statistically significant in terms of correlation with biological activity. Therefore, it is very important to address the variable selection method for originating the optimal QSAR model. GFA [xiii] and MLR approaches were adopted to select the best possible variables as well as for the generation of QSAR models.

2.3.1. GFA Method

Genetic function approximation (GFA) algorithm are governed by biological evolution rules [xiv, xv]. GFA, which is based on the principles of Darwinian evolution [xvi], is a search method to find exact or approximate solutions to optimization and search problems. GFA is conceived from

- (1) Genetic algorithm and
- (2) Friedman's multivariate adaptive regression splines (MARS) algorithm.

The following steps were performed:

- (1) Initial population of equations were generated by a random number of descriptors,
- (2) Pairs from the population of equations were chosen at random, crossovers were performed and offspring equations were generated,
- (3) The fitness of each progeny equation was assessed by lack of fit (LOF) score that automatically penalizes models with too many features. A peculiar feature of GFA is that it generates a population of equations rather than a single equation as do most other statistical methods. The range of variations in this population gives added information on the quality of fit and importance of the descriptors [xvii]. The fitness function, i.e., lack-of-fit used here was the leave one-out cross validated correlation coefficient (Q_{Loo}^2) and is calculated by

$$LOF = \frac{LSE}{\left\{1 - \left[\frac{c+d*p}{m}\right]\right\}^2}$$

Where c is the number of basic functions, d is the smoothing parameter, M is the number of samples in the training set, LSE is the least square error and p is the total number of features contained in all basis functions. Selected descriptors are given in supplementary material (Table S2). GFA technique was used for generating QSAR models for both classes with 5000 crossovers and the smoothness value (d) of 1.0 was used during the equation generation

2.3.2. MLR

Multiple linear regression analysis of molecular descriptors was carried out using the Microsoft Excel for Windows. Multiple linear regression (MLR) is a method used to model the relationship between two or more explanatory variables and a response variable by fitting a linear equation to the observed and was employed to correlate the binding affinity and molecular descriptors [xviii]. This method has been widely applied in many QSAR studies, and has upheld to be a useful linear regression method to build QSAR models that may explore forthright the properties of the chemical structure in combination with its ability of inducing a pharmacological response [xix]. The advantage of MLR is its simple method and easily interpretable mathematical expression. The multi-collinearity among variables was identified using variance inflation factor (VIF) [xx]. The VIF for the regression coefficient is expressed as follows:

$$VIF = \frac{1}{1 - R_i^2}$$

Where R^2 is the correlation coefficient of the multiple regression between the variables within the model. If VIF equals to 1, then no inter-correlation exists for each variable; if VIF falls into the range of 1–5, the related model is acceptable; and if VIF is larger than 10, the related model is unstable and a recheck is necessary [xxi-xiii]

2.4. Validation of QSAR Models

The QSAR models were developed by GFA and MLR methods and evaluated using the following statistical parameters: In the MLR equations, the figures in the parentheses are the standard errors of the regression coefficients, N is the total number of compounds in the data set, $N_{training}$ is the number of compound in the training set, N_{test} is the number of compound in the test set, R is the correlation coefficient, R^2 is the determination coefficient, Q^2 is the leave many out (LOO) cross validated, The cross-validated Q^2 in each case was found to be very close to the value of R^2 for the entire data set and hence these models can be labelled as statistically significant. Cross validation provides the values of PRESS, SSY and Q^2_{cv} and $RMSEP$ from which we can test the predictive power of the proposed model. It is argued that PRESS (the predictive residual sum of the squares), is a good estimate of the real predictive error of the model and if it is smaller than SSY the model predicts better than chance and can be considered statistically significant. F is the significance test (F-test). The F-test reflects the ratio of the variance explained by the model and the variance due to the error in the regression. High values of the F-test indicate that the model is statistically significant, $RMSECV$ is the root mean square error of cross validation (training set), and $RMSEP$ is the root mean square error of prediction (external validation set) and is more directly related to the uncertainty of the predictions. The $RMSEP$ values also support our results. Se is the standard error of estimate represents standard deviation which is measured by the error mean square, which expresses the variation of the residuals or the variation about the regression line. Therefore, standard deviation is an absolute measure of quality of fit and should have low value for the regression to be significant. R^2_{pred} is the correlation coefficient of multiple determination (external validation set). F-test values are for all equation statistically significant at 95% level probability.

R^2 , Q^2 , $RMSECV$, Q , and $RMSEP$ of a model can be obtained from:

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum(Y_{obs} - Y_{cal})^2}{\sum(Y_{obs} - \bar{Y})^2}$$

R^2 is a measure of explained variance. Each additional X variable added to a model increases R^2 . R^2 is a relative measure of fit by the regression equation. Correspondingly, it represents the part of the variation in the observed data that is explained by the regression. Calculation of Q^2 (cross-validated R^2) confirm the validity of the models called an internal validation.

$$Q^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum(Y_{obs} - Y_{pred})^2}{\sum(Y_{obs} - \bar{Y})^2}$$

$$RMSECV = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(Y_{obs} - Y_{pred})^2}{N}}$$

Where, Y_{obs} , Y_{pred} and N indicate observed, predicted activity values and number of samples in the training set respectively and \bar{Y} indicates mean activity value. A model is considered acceptable when the value of Q^2 exceeds 0.5.

External validation or predictability of the models are performed by calculating predictive R^2 (R^2_{pred}). R^2_{pred} was calculated for evaluating the prediction ability of the models.

$$R^2_{pred} = 1 - \frac{\sum(Y_{pred(Test)} - Y_{Test})^2}{\sum(Y_{(Test)} - \bar{Y}_{training})^2}$$

$$RMSEP = \sqrt{\sum \frac{(Y_{pred(Test)} - Y_{Test})^2}{M}}$$

Where, $Y_{pred(Test)}$, $Y_{(test)}$ and M indicate predicted, observed activity values and number of samples respectively of the test set compounds and $\bar{Y}_{training}$ indicates mean of observed activity values of the training set. For a predictive QSAR model, the value of R^2_{pred} should be more than 0.5 [vii, xxiv, xxv].

However, this is not a sufficient condition to guarantee that the model is really predictive. It is also recommended to check: 1) the slope K or K' of the linear regression lines between the observed activity and the predicted activity in the external validation, where the slopes should be $0.85 \leq K \leq 1.15$ or $0.85 \leq K' \leq 1.15$ and 2) the absolute values of the difference between the coefficients of multiple determination, R^2_o and R^2_o' smaller than 0.3 [xxvi].

Q is the quality factor [xxvii, xxviii]. The quality factor Q is used to decide the predictive potential of the models. The quality factor Q is defined as the ratio of correlation coefficient to the standard error of estimation. We found it to be a good parameter to explain the predictive potential of the models proposed by us. The higher the value of Q the better is the predictive potential of the models [xxvii-xxix].

$$Q = \frac{R}{SE}$$

R^2_a takes into account the adjustment of R^2 . R^2_a is a measure of the percentage explained variation in the dependent variable that takes into account the relationship between the number of cases and the number of independent variables in the regression model, whereas R^2 will always increase when an independent variable is added. R^2_a will decrease if the added variable does not reduce the unexplained variable enough to offset the loss of decrease of freedom. For reliability of the model, probable error of correlation (PE) was also calculated. If the value of correlation coefficient (R) is more than six times of PE then the expression is good and reliable [xxx].

$$P.E = 0.6745(S.E)$$

Where SE is the standard error of estimate, and be calculate as follows:

$$S.E = \frac{1 - R^2}{\sqrt{N}}$$

Where R is the coefficient of correlation and N is the number of training set.

2.5. Training and Test Set Selection

The main target of any QSAR modeling is that the built model should be robust enough to be capable of making accurate and reliable predictions of biological activities of new compounds [xxxi]. So, QSAR models derived from a training set should be validated using new chemical entities for checking the predictive capacity of the constructed models. The validation strategies check the reliability of the models for their possible application on a new data set, and so confidence in the prediction can be judge [xxxii, xxxiii]. As a result for the division of the data set into training and test sets, the compounds were ranked according to the IC50 values and every alternate compound was assigned to the test set. 70% compounds were selected for the training set and 30% for the test set. In our present work, the total data set consisted of 44 compound.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. QSAR Study

The model generated for 3' processing inhibition activity by GFA algorithm was Model 1.

5-variable

3.1.1. Model 1

$$pIC_{50} = -0.0019(ECCEN) - 1.4578(minHsOH) + 0.1282(maxHBint9) + 4.1615(maxHaaCH) - 0.7802(ELUMO) - 0.6178$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9718, R^2 = 0.9444, R_a = 0.9328, Q^2_{cv} = 0.9110, SE = 0.1985, F$$

$$= 81.5595, LOF = 0.1765, SSY = 0.9454, PRESS = 5.4177, Q = 4.8957, RMSECV = 0.1775, RMSEP$$

$$= 0.7361, R^2_{pred} = 0.1003$$

3.1.2. Model 2

$$pIC_{50} = -0.0627(BCUTw - 1h) - 6.9460(minHBd) + 0.4484(maxHBint3) - 7.0400(ETA_EtaP_F_L) + 2.4092(WD.mass) + 2.8472$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9718, R^2 = 0.9444, R_a = 0.9328, Q_{cv}^2 = 0.9162, SE = 0.1985, F = 81.5730, LOF = 0.1768, SSY = 0.9453, PRESS = 0.9212, Q = 4.8957, RMSECV = 0.1775, RMSEP = 0.3035, R_{pred}^2 = 0.8470$$

3.1.3. Model 3

$$pIC_{50} = -1.5272(minHsOH) - 0.3178(minsssN) - 2.2221(maxwHBa) + 6.8629(petitjeanNumber) + 2.9963(WD.polar) - 0.3218$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9720, R^2 = 0.9448, R_a = 0.9333, Q_{cv}^2 = 0.9002, SE = 0.1978, F = 82.1555, LOF = 0.1753, SSY = 0.9389, PRESS = 2.0407, Q = 4.9141, RMSECV = 0.1769, RMSEP = 0.4517, R_{pred}^2 = 0.6610$$

3.1.4. Model 4

$$pIC_{50} = -1.6057(minHsOH) - 0.3088(minsssN) - 2.1030(maxwHBa) + 7.2083(petitjeanNumber) + 3.2553(WD.volume) - 0.7588$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9722, R^2 = 0.9452, R_a = 0.9338, Q_{cv}^2 = 0.8984, SE = 0.1971, F = 82.7590, LOF = 0.1741, SSY = 0.9325, PRESS = 1.9814, Q = 4.9325, RMSECV = 0.1763, RMSEP = 0.4451, R_{pred}^2 = 0.6710$$

3.1.5. Model 5

$$pIC_{50} = -0.0584(BCUTw - 1h) - 7.0812(minHBd) + 0.4684(maxHBint3) + 1.5843(HybRatio) + 2.5225(WD.mass) + 0.3460$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9735, R^2 = 0.9477, R_a = 0.9369, Q_{cv}^2 = 0.9202, SE = 0.1924, F = 87.0528, LOF = 0.1660, SSY = 0.8889, PRESS = 0.8103, Q = 5.0598, RMSECV = 0.1721, RMSEP = 0.2847, R_{pred}^2 = 0.8654$$

Validation was performed by dividing dataset into trainingset and test set. The best model generated for 3'processing inhibition activity using GFA method was Model 6

3.1.6. Model 6

6-variable

$$pIC_{50} = -1.3314(VPC - 4) + 1.0971(VPC - 5) - 1.6374(maxHBd) - 1.4925(maxwHBa) + 0.1492(maxHBint9) + 0.8821(WD.mass) + 3.5344$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9792, R^2 = 0.9588, R_a = 0.9481, Q_{cv}^2 = 0.9212, SE = 0.1745, F = 89.2670, LOF = 0.1416, SSY = 0.7003, PRESS = 1.5872, Q = 5.6115, RMSECV = 0.1528, RMSEP = 0.3984, R_{pred}^2 = 0.7364$$

MLR analysis resulted in several significant models with respect to inhibition of 3'processing and integration activity, respectively. Model 3 was selected for 3'processing inhibition activity.

5-variables

3.1.7. Model 7

$$pIC_{50} = -20.8484(\pm 4.1229) - 0.2040(\pm 0.0435)LogP + 0.0045(\pm 0.0024)ZPE - 0.0325(\pm 0.0094)Area + 16.9125(\pm 3.850)Ovality + 0.0792(\pm 0.0177)minLoLonPot$$

$$N_{total} = 44, N_{training} = 30, N_{test} = 10, outlier = 4, R = 0.9065, R^2 = 0.8217, R_a = 0.7846, Q_{cv}^2 = 0.7067, SE = 0.3555, F = 22.1243, LOF = 0.5663, SSY = 3.0324, PRESS = 4.9870, Q = 2.5499, RMSECV = 0.3179, RMSEP = 0.4636, R_{pred}^2 = 0.6431$$

6-variable

3.1.8. Model 8

$$pIC_{50} = -25.0603(\pm 4.3489) - 0.2634(\pm 0.0530)LogP + 0.0121(\pm 0.0047)Acc.P - Area(75) - 0.0213(\pm 0.0056)Area + 0.0710(\pm 0.0189)MinLoLonPot - 0.0227(\pm 0.0086)PSA + 20.3641(\pm 4.2267)Ovality$$

$$N = 27, N_{training} = 27, N_{test} = 10, R = 0.9229, R^2 = 0.8518, R_{adj} = 0.8131, SE = 0.3311, F = 22.0327, PRESS = 4.7394, RMSECV = 0.2898, RMSEP = 0.3121, Q = 2.7874, R_{pred}^2 = 0.8383,$$

Based on the statistical significance and validation parameters, a comparison was done between the validation models “Model 5 and Model 7 for 3' anti-HIV-1 IN activity” generated by GFA and MLR methods (Table 2). Model 7 showed lower Q^2 and R^2_{pred} values than Model 5 which means that prediction ability of Model 5 was much better. Statistical analysis was performed to assess the robustness and statistical confidence. Higher value of Q and lower value of RMSECV, Y-randomization test and RMSEP of Model 5 in comparison to Model 7 revealed that Model 5 was robust and promising. In the developed Model the value of coefficient of correlation was significantly higher than the value of PE (0.1298) supporting reliability and goodness. Based on the above results Model 5 was considered as the best validation model for 3' processing inhibition activity. The accuracy of the Model 5 was ascertained by correlation coefficient ($R = 0.9735$), statistical significance more than 99% “against tabulated value $F = 87.0528$ and low standard error of estimate = 0.1924”. The model shows that BCUT descriptor (BCUTw-1h), Electrotopological state atom type descriptor (minHBd and maxHBint3), Hybridization ratio descriptor (HybRatio) and WHIM descriptor (WD.mass) showed positive contribution. The correlation matrix between the physico-chemical parameters and the biological activity is presented in Table S1 (supplementary material). Here the negative values BCUTw-1h and minHBd indicates that the decrease in BCUT and Electrotopological state atom type descriptors will favor the exhibition of the anti-HIV activity. The brief description of the descriptors is given in Table S2 (supplementary material). The robustness of the model was justified by the magnitude of a modified r^2 ($r^2_{m(test)} = 0.8432$), and the novel parameter $R^2_p = 0.8700$, which was near to the conventional R^2 (0.9477). The internal validation parameter of the model ($Q^2_{cv} = 0.9202$) was also good. The scatterplot of observed activity versus predicted activity is shown in Figure. 6a and 6b.

	Model 5	Model 6	Model 7	Model 8
R^2	0.9477	0.9588	0.8217	0.8518
Q^2_{cv}	0.9202	0.9212	0.7068	0.7214
R^2_{pred}	0.8654	0.7364	0.6431	0.8383
PE	0.1298	0.1177	0.2398	0.2233
Q	5.0598	5.6115	2.5499	2.7874
RMSECV	0.1721	0.1528		0.2898
RMSEP	0.2847	0.3984	0.4636	0.3121
LOF	0.1660	0.1416	-	-
F	87.0528	89.2670	22.1243	22.0327
K	0.9347	0.9154	0.9538	0.9373
K'	1.0347	1.0300	0.9581	1.0288
r^2	0.8837	0.8354	0.6346	0.8466
$ r_o^2 - r_o'^2 $	0.023	0.0698	0.0871	0.0205
$\frac{r^2 - r_o^2}{r^2}$	0.0024	0.0134	0.0078	0.00001
$\frac{r^2 - r_o'^2}{r^2}$	0.0284	0.0970	0.1451	0.0243
$r^2_{m(test)}$	0.8432	0.7470	0.5899	0.8445
R^2_p	0.8700	0.8626	0.7272	0.7430
SE	0.1924	0.1745	0.3555	0.3311
R_{yrand}	0.3862	0.4276	0.4221	0.4513
R^2_{yrand}	0.1613	0.1950	0.1957	0.2163
Q^2_{yrand}	-0.3382	-0.4171	-0.2867	-0.3592

Table 2: Predicted values of training (internal cross-validation) and test set (external cross-validation) and results of statistical parameters.

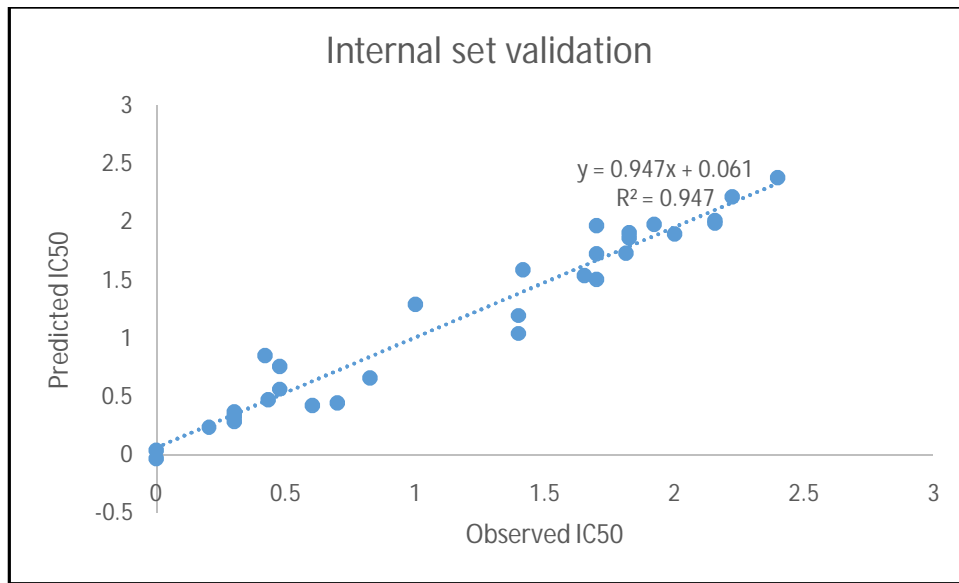


Figure 6a: Scatter plot between the observed and predicted IC50 of training set

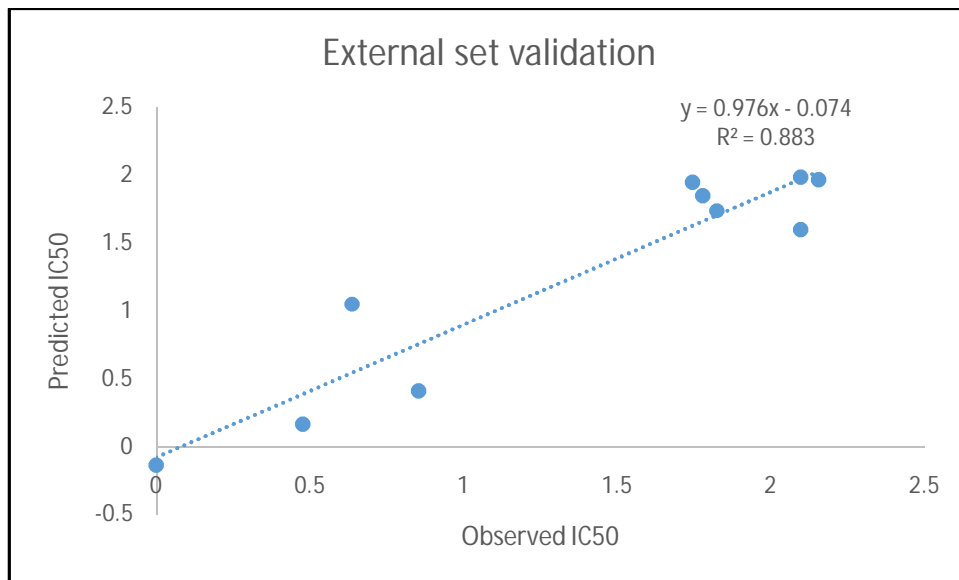


Figure 6b: Scatter plot between the observed and predicted IC50 of test set

No.	Training Set		Model 6 Predicted LogIC50	Model 7 Predicted LogIC50	Model 8 Predicted LogIC50
	LogIC50	Model 5 Predicted LogIC50			
2	0.301	0.329803	0.409022	0.473759	0.329189
3	0.204	0.236325	0.275987	0.447183	0.226848
4	0.699	0.44512	0.505158	0.697852	0.524859
5	0	-0.03252	0.093622	0.664315	0.427789
6	0.301	0.28511	0.238816	0.021393	-0.05825
7	0.301	0.369664	0.280338	0.210907	0.446324
8	0.477	0.760988	0.553206	0.52708	0.615096
9	0.477	0.564935	0.324286	0.455747	0.602123
12	1.653	1.544044	1.481148	1.228877	1.141114
13	1.699	1.73033	1.709368	1.419593	1.445649
14	1.813	1.734899	1.771609	1.688969	1.695976
16	1.415	1.589804	1.484529	1.23088	1.297639
17	0	0.040174	0.038348	0.44302	0.69355
18	0.602	0.426671	0.449258	0.164721	0.358612
19	0.824	0.663393	0.76562	0.739912	0.456137
21	1	1.295131	1.339194	1.255071	1.154853
23	0.432	0.47352	0.643179	1.060842	0.818633
24	1.398	1.043577	1.00065	1.044196	0.94288
25	0.42	0.852245	0.732477	1.046013	0.95126
26	1.398	1.198014	1.399681	1.039	1.349106
27	1.699	1.509179	1.539825	1.276858	1.674029
30	2.155	2.015955	2.329163	2.39157	2.299321
33	1.921	1.98423	1.821612	2.25202	2.222018
34	2	1.900735	2.001545	2.268632	2.123117
36	2.398	2.384736	2.253868	2.280222	2.029935
37	1.824	1.869168	1.737919	1.64589	1.574366
38	1.699	1.971709	1.784684	1.774617	1.948498
39	1.824	1.911861	1.970123	1.617896	1.782821
40	2.155	1.994816	2.184289	1.914539	2.203716
43	2.222	2.217382	2.192477	2.029428	2.033793
	Test Set				
10	0.477	0.1663	0.329384	1.2408	1.106169
11	0	-0.135	0.026372	-0.01725	0.164073
15	1.778	1.8526	1.747529	1.261405	1.535098
20	0.854	0.4142	0.086399	0.694975	0.694061
22	0.638	1.0517	0.73405	1.107069	0.570962
31	2.097	1.9881	2.808833	2.085442	2.399209
32	1.745	1.9511	1.800076	2.50273	2.29985
41	2.155	1.9702	2.247528	1.728638	1.949455
42	2.097	1.6002	1.573561	1.565314	1.96431
44	1.824	1.74	2.239993	1.757981	1.940356
	Outliers				
1	0.778				
28	1.523				
29	1.699				
35	1.834				

Table 3: Observed and predicted activity of model 5, 6, 7 and 8.

From Table 2 it is evident that Model 6 showed better value for Q^2_{cv} (0.9212) than Model 8 (0.8042) but a high value for RMSEP. A high value of Q^2_{cv} alone is an insufficient criterion for a QSAR model to be highly predictive [xxxiv, xxxv]. Based on prediction ability, Model 6 was selected as the best validation model for 3' processing inhibition activity. Model 6 shows a good correlation between descriptors (VPC-4, VPC-5, maxHBd, maxwHBa, maxHBint9 and WD.mass) and integration inhibition activity. The correlation matrix between the physicochemical parameters and the biological activity is given in Table S3 (supplementary material). Correlation coefficient ($R=0.9792$), squared correlation coefficient ($R^2=0.9588$), Low standard error of estimate (0.1745) of the model and a

statistical significance more than 99% (F value = 89.2670) demonstrate the accuracy of the model. Positive contribution of VPC-5, maxHBint9 and WD.mass indicated favorable interactions that were responsible for the enhancement of HIV-1IN inhibition activity. The scatter plot between calculated and predicted activities of the training set and test set compounds is given in Figure.7a and 7b. To confirm the robustness of the derived best validation models, a y-randomization test was performed by scrambling the experimental activity at 100 random numbers of trial considering the same number and definition of descriptors. The results so obtained show that original model was not obtained due to a chance correlation. Low value for LOF for all the models suggested that selected models for both activities were robust. The predicted biological activities of training and test set molecules are given in Table 3. From Table 3, it is evident that the predicted activities of all compounds in the training set and test set are in good agreement with their corresponding experimental activities. The robustness of the model was justified by the magnitude of a modified r^2 ($r^2_{m(test)} = 0.7470$), and the novel parameter $R^2_p = 0.8626$, which was near to the conventional $R^2(0.9477)$.

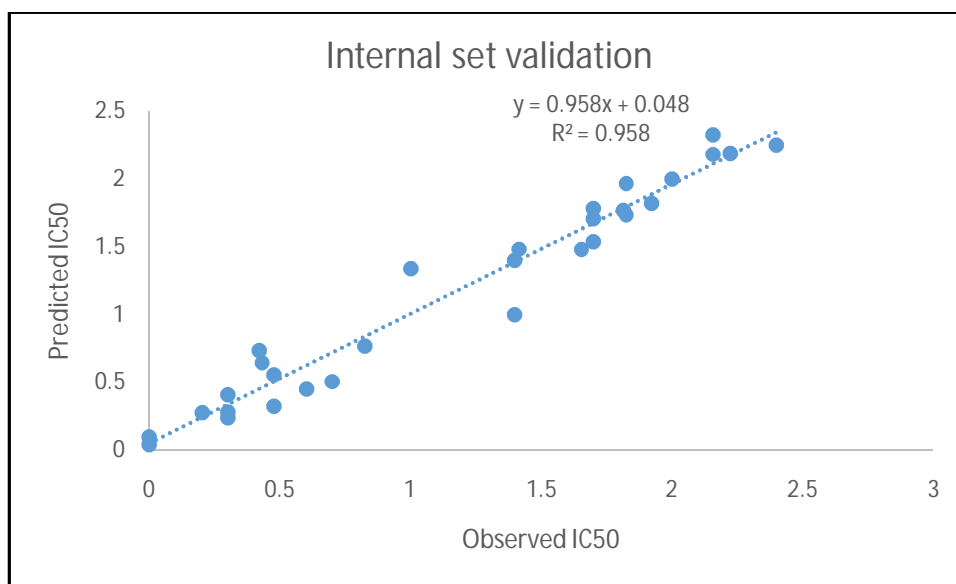


Figure 7a: Scatter plot between the observed and predicted IC50 of training set

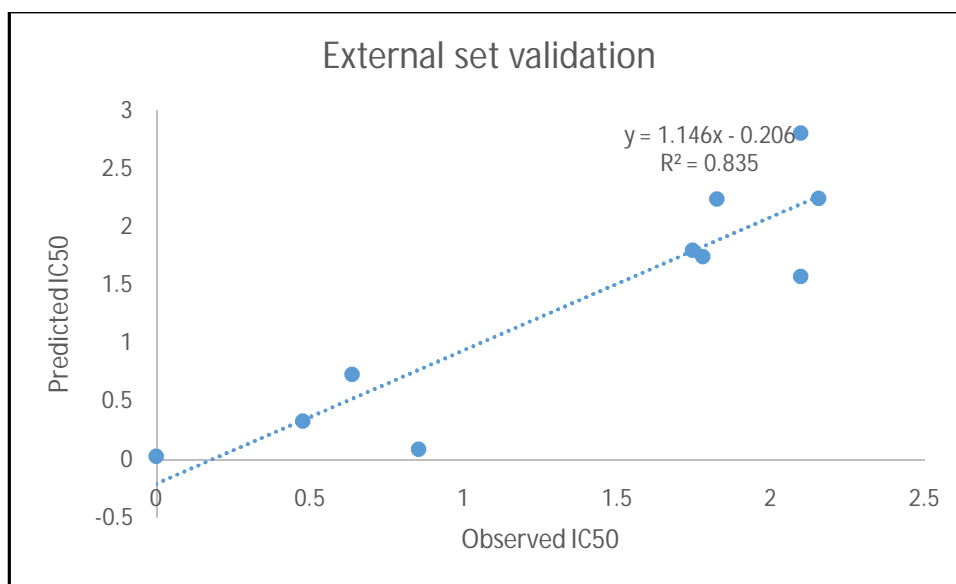


Figure 7b: Scatter plot between the observed the predicted IC50 of training set

3.3. Applicability Domain

The use of (Q)SAR models for chemical risk management and regulatory purposes have increased steadily (in the EU: Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals). It is of crucial importance to be able to judge the reliability of predictions. The chemical descriptor space covered by a particular training set of chemicals is called Applicability Domain. It offers the opportunity to assess whether a compound can be reliably predicted [xxxvi]. Applicability domain (AD) is the physicochemical, structural or biological space, knowledge or information on which the training set of the model has been developed. The resulting model can be reliably applicable for only those compounds which are inside this domain [vii, xxxvii]. AD helps to ensure that the

compounds of the test/external set are representative of the training set compounds used in model development [^{xxxviii}]. It is based on distance scores calculated by the Euclidean distance norms. At first, normalized mean distance score for training set compounds are calculated and these values ranges from 0 to 1(0=least diverse, 1=most diverse training set compound). Then normalized mean distance score for test set are calculated, and those test compounds with score outside 0 to 1 (Table 4 and 5) range are said to be outside the applicability domain. This can also be checked by plotting a 'Scatter plot' (normalized mean distance vs. respective activity/property) including both training and test set. If the test set compounds are inside the domain/area covered by training set compounds that means these compounds are inside the applicability domain otherwise not [^{xxxv}].

Training Set:	Model 5			Training Set:	Model 6		
Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance	Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance
2	214.019	7.134	0.144	2	88.642	2.955	0.015
3	213.638	7.121	0.143	3	90.482	3.016	0.03
4	213.381	7.113	0.142	4	86.734	2.891	0
5	215.128	7.171	0.148	5	92.932	3.098	0.05
6	212.515	7.084	0.139	6	90.035	3.001	0.027
7	213.566	7.119	0.142	7	89.917	2.997	0.026
8	213.809	7.127	0.143	8	87.306	2.91	0.005
9	212.571	7.086	0.139	9	88.201	2.94	0.012
12	288.653	9.622	0.417	12	95.563	3.185	0.071
13	288.641	9.621	0.417	13	94.779	3.159	0.065
14	289.051	9.635	0.418	14	96.436	3.215	0.078
16	288.9	9.63	0.417	16	93.586	3.12	0.055
17	448.44	14.948	1	17	97.001	3.233	0.083
18	186.485	6.216	0.044	18	92.843	3.095	0.049
19	202.024	6.734	0.1	19	115.408	3.847	0.23
21	180.557	6.019	0.022	21	87.004	2.9	0.002
23	439.703	14.657	0.968	23	87.151	2.905	0.003
24	439.2	14.64	0.966	24	87.85	2.928	0.009
25	439.701	14.657	0.968	25	88.804	2.96	0.017
26	439.214	14.64	0.966	26	89.498	2.983	0.022
27	180.723	6.024	0.022	27	93.063	3.102	0.051
30	176.105	5.87	0.006	30	157.003	5.233	0.565
33	377.515	12.584	0.741	33	155.455	5.182	0.552
34	175.195	5.84	0.002	34	153.068	5.102	0.533
36	188.891	6.296	0.052	36	211.137	7.038	1
37	177.947	5.932	0.012	37	157.089	5.236	0.566
38	174.729	5.824	0.001	38	150.44	5.015	0.512
39	174.563	5.819	0	39	151.171	5.039	0.518
40	176.325	5.877	0.006	40	152.118	5.071	0.526
43	176.761	5.892	0.008	43	153.296	5.11	0.535
Test Set:				Test Set:			
Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance	Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance
10	213.492	7.116	0.142	10	87.764	2.925	0.008
11	215.237	7.175	0.149	11	93.072	3.102	0.051
15	288.947	9.632	0.418	15	95.555	3.185	0.071
20	202.181	6.739	0.101	20	91.837	3.061	0.041
22	210.486	7.016	0.131	22	86.639	2.888	-0.001
31	378.154	12.605	0.743	31	157.593	5.253	0.57
32	175.036	5.835	0.002	32	153.135	5.105	0.534
41	176.186	5.873	0.006	41	154.285	5.143	0.543
42	378.208	12.607	0.744	42	153.282	5.109	0.535
44	174.46	5.815	0	44	154.82	5.161	0.547

Table 4: GFA Applicability domain results for model 5 and 6

Training Set:	Model 7			Training Set:	Model 8		
Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance	Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance
2	5363.47	178.782	0.18	2	2131.22	71.041	0.127
3	4602.01	153.4	0.081	3	2162.29	72.076	0.144
4	4004.28	133.476	0.004	4	1974.51	65.817	0.041
5	4402.09	146.736	0.055	5	2070.5	69.017	0.094
6	4868.63	162.288	0.116	6	2320.34	77.345	0.232
7	6594.26	219.809	0.34	7	2637.86	87.929	0.407
8	5323.29	177.443	0.175	8	2293.25	76.442	0.217
9	4605.79	153.526	0.082	9	2196.49	73.216	0.163
12	4593.52	153.117	0.08	12	2647.1	88.237	0.412
13	4076.69	135.89	0.013	13	2004.42	66.814	0.057
14	4133.41	137.78	0.021	14	2024.34	67.478	0.068
16	4018.95	133.965	0.006	16	2177.94	72.598	0.153
17	4102.64	136.755	0.017	17	1923.78	64.126	0.013
18	3976.11	132.537	0	18	1900.5	63.35	0
19	4380	146	0.053	19	2047.86	68.262	0.081
21	4076.7	135.89	0.013	21	2120.78	70.693	0.122
23	4046.23	134.874	0.009	23	2185.66	72.855	0.157
24	4021.34	134.045	0.006	24	2093.42	69.781	0.106
25	4020.07	134.002	0.006	25	2088.26	69.608	0.104
26	4233.64	141.121	0.034	26	1933.42	64.447	0.018
27	3974.61	132.487	0	27	2182.61	72.754	0.156
30	5904.59	196.82	0.25	30	2447.9	81.597	0.302
33	8040.92	268.031	0.528	33	3562.93	118.764	0.917
34	8812.02	293.734	0.628	34	3384.31	112.81	0.819
36	5532.96	184.432	0.202	36	3075.47	102.516	0.648
37	11682.7	389.425	1	37	3712.63	123.754	1
38	8015.27	267.176	0.524	38	3327.98	110.932	0.788
39	7323.44	244.115	0.434	39	3705.82	123.527	0.996
40	7302.32	243.411	0.432	40	3531.59	117.72	0.9
43	7012.93	233.764	0.394	43	3233.46	107.782	0.736
Test Set:				Test Set:			
Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance	Compound No.	Distance Score	Mean Distance	Normalized Mean Distance
10	3978.34	132.611	0	10	1984.96	66.165	0.047
11	4439.78	147.993	0.06	11	2072.72	69.091	0.095
15	4060.97	135.366	0.011	15	1979.77	65.992	0.044
20	4378.83	145.961	0.052	20	1927.53	64.251	0.015
22	4163.68	138.789	0.025	22	2417.46	80.582	0.285
31	5878.62	195.954	0.247	31	3409.78	113.659	0.833
32	8068.04	268.935	0.531	32	2919.48	97.316	0.562
41	6504.24	216.808	0.328	41	3133.1	104.437	0.68
42	6456.99	215.233	0.322	42	3135.82	104.527	0.682
44	6035.73	201.191	0.267	44	3499.93	116.664	0.883

Table 5: MLR Applicability domain results for model 7 and 8

3.4. Descriptors Contribution

Makhija and Kulkarni [xxxxix] 2002, reported that molar refractivity, desolvation free energy for energy for octanol, non-common overlap steric volume, principal moment of inertia Y-component, difference volume, number of hydrogen bond acceptors, and sum of atomic polarizabilities are descriptors responsible for the HIV integrase inhibitory activities. Sahu et al., [5] 2008, reported that heat of formation, partition coefficient, lowest unoccupied molecular orbital, solvent accessible surface area and shape index play an important role for the HIV integrase inhibitory activities. Gupta and coworker [xl] 2012, reported that Moran autocorrelation-lag 4/weighted by atomic masses, Geary autocorrelation-log 7/weighted atomic masses, 3D-MoRSE signal 17/weighted by atomic masses, (R-CR----X)-represents an aromatic bond, Lovasz-pelikan index and neighborhoods information content play an important

role in the activity. Recently, Adebimpe and co-worker [9] 2014, reported that radius of gyration, Zagreb index, wiener index and minimized energy play an important role in the HIV-1 integrase inhibition.

The present QSAR study, reveals that valence path cluster, order 4, maximum E-states for (strong) Hydrogen Bond donor, maximum E-states for weak Hydrogen bond acceptors, which are used in model 6 contribute negatively in the activity of HIV integrase inhibitors, which means decreasing the value of this physiochemical produce higher biological activity of the compound. valence path cluster, order 5, maximum E-states descriptors of strength for potential hydrogen bond of path length 9, and non-directional WHIM, weighted by atomic masses used in Model 6 contribute positively to the activity. Increasing the value of this descriptors produce higher activity of the compound. Partition coefficient, molecular surface area, ovality, polar surface area, accessible polar area corresponding to absolute values of the electrostatic potential greater than 75 and minimum values of the local ionization potential (as mapped on to an electron density surface) used in model 8 play important role in the HIV-1 integrase inhibition.

4. Conclusion

This study obtained a multivariate QSAR model for a set of β -Diketo acid, Diketo acid and Carboxamide derivatives that have the capability of inhibiting in vitro strain of anti-HIV-1 IN. The LOO cross validation, the Y-randomization technique, and the external validation indicated that the model is significant, robust and has good internal and external predictability. QSAR was performed using robust statistical technique GFA and MLR, coupled with the of different classes of descriptors. The QSAR model was obtained from GFA (Model 5 and 6) with explain variance and predicted variance 94.77%, 86.54% and 95.88%, 73.64% respectively. The quality of models obtained from MLR (Model 10 and 12) are of comparable range with explain variance 87.68% and 89.32% and predicted variance 72.14% and 81.06% respectively. All the developed QSAR models have WD.mass (GFA) and LogP, P-Area(75) and PSA (MLR) that indicates that these variables are more important to explain the anti-HIV activity of β -Diketo acid, Diketo acid and Carboxamide derivatives. The negative coefficient of LogP and maxEIPot indicate that these parameters are detrimental to activity when increased. The positive coefficient of WD.mass and P-Area(75) indicates that these parameters are conducive to activity when increased. In conclusion, the QSAR study of β -Diketo acid, Diketo acid and Carboxamide compounds with the volume of partition coefficient (LogP) should be less while the Non-directional WHIM, weighted by atomic masses (WD.mass) should be high for their anti-HIV activity. The information generated from the present is useful in the design of more potent β -Diketo acid, Diketo acid and Carboxamide derivatives as anti-HIV agents.

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They are no conflict of interest

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Annexure

	LogIC50	LogP	ZPE	Area	MinLocIonPot	Ovality	BCUTw-1h	minHBd	maxHBint3	HybRatio	WD.mass
LogIC50	1										
LogP	-0.606	1									
ZPE	0.652	-0.436	1								
Area	0.619	-0.453	0.981	1							
MinLocIonPot	0.529	-0.178	0.251	0.181	1						
Ovality	0.635	-0.398	0.947	0.975	0.1094	1					
BCUTw-1h	-0.068	-0.208	-0.05	-0.034	0.259	-0.097	1				
minHBd	-0.718	0.257	-0.287	-0.206	-0.743	-0.206	-0.083	1			
maxHBint3	-0.547	0.115	-0.076	0.019	-0.707	0.0313	-0.071	0.963	1		
HybRatio	0.599	-0.439	0.469	0.396	0.0981	0.4557	-0.062	-0.49	-0.413	1	
WD.mass	-0.19	-0.299	-0.166	-0.127	-0.106	-0.213	0.6868	0.385	0.3711	-0.251	1

Table S1: The correlation matrix between the physicochemical parameters and the biological activity.

Abbreviation	Description	Class
	BCUTDescriptor	
BCUTw-1h	nlow highest atom weighted BCUTS	2D
	ElectrotopologicalStateAtomTypeDescriptor	
minHBd	Minimum E-States for (strong) Hydrogen Bond donors	2D
maxHBd	Maximum E-States for (strong) Hydrogen Bond donors	2D
maxwHBd	Maximum E-States for weak Hydrogen Bond donors	2D
maxHBint3	Maximum E-State descriptors of strength for potential Hydrogen Bonds of path length 3	2D
maxwHBa	Maximum E-States for weak Hydrogen Bond acceptors	2D
maxHBint9	Maximum E-State descriptors of strength for potential Hydrogen Bonds of path length 9	2D
	HybridizationRatioDescriptor	
HybRatio	Fraction of sp ³ carbons to sp ² carbons	2D
	WHIMDescriptor	
WD.mass	Non-directional WHIM, weighted by atomic masses	3D
	ChiPathClusterDescriptor	
VPC-4	Valence path cluster, order 4	2D
VPC-5	Valence path cluster, order 5	2D
	Thermodynamic Descriptor	
LogP	partition Coefficient	3D
Area	Molecular Surface Area	
minLocIonPot	min. values of the local ionization potential (as mapped on to an electron density surface)	3D
PSA	polar surface area	
Acc.P-Area(75)	Accessible polar area corresponding to absolute values of the electrostatic potential greater than 75	3D
Ovality	Ovality	3D
ZPE	Zero-point energy	3D

Table S2: the Brief description of the descriptors

	LogIC50	LogP	Acc. P-Area (75)	Area	MinLocIonPot	Ovality	PSA	VPC-4	VPC-5
LogIC50	1								
LogP	-0.606	1							
Acc. P-Area (75)	0.488	-0.427	1						
Area	0.619	-0.453	0.654	1					
MinLocIonPot	0.529	-0.178	-0.126	0.1806	1				
Ovality	0.635	-0.398	0.682	0.9752	0.109	1			
PSA	0.493	-0.568	0.8214	0.8082	-0.16	0.846	1		
VPC-4	0.628	-0.631	0.5412	0.8434	0.176	0.7971	0.6711	1	
VPC-5	0.592	-0.718	0.4413	0.7207	0.143	0.6544	0.5829	0.947	1
maxHBd	-0.596	0.115	0.2037	-0.063	-0.71	-0.059	0.2627	-0.15	-0.1766
maxwHBa	-0.757	0.6484	-0.758	-0.712	-0.11	-0.741	-0.77	-0.73	-0.6502
maxHBint9	0.728	-0.499	0.6938	0.8937	0.241	0.915	0.8327	0.763	0.6095
WD.mass	-0.19	-0.299	0.057	-0.127	-0.11	-0.213	-0.044	0.072	0.0775

Table S3: The correlation matrix between the physicochemical parameters and the biological activity.

<i>maxHBd</i>	<i>maxwHBa</i>	<i>maxHBint9</i>	<i>WD.mass</i>
1			
0.0861	1		
-0.07	-0.7777	1	
0.4332	0.0892	-0.096	1

Table S3: Cont;d