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Aryl Propionic Acid Derivatives: A Recent Advancement in Pharmacological Activities



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ABSTRACT

Arylpropionic acid derivatives are an important class of Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs). Ibuprofen, 2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propionic acid, is known as NSAIDs. Arylpropionic acid derivatives have a broad biological activity including antibacterial, anticonvulsant and anticancer activity, analgesic and anti-inflammatory. In addition to the most powerful ingredients used in analgesic and antipyretic fields, such as ibuprofen, Oxaprozin, Ketoprofen and Phenoprofen, aryl propionic acid derivatives play an important role in treating other symptoms. This review focused on recent advances and recent research on aryl propionic acid derivatives compared to medicinal chemistry.



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INTRODUCTION

Medical chemistry is an area that determines the effect of chemical composition on biological activity. Medical chemistry has been expanded with the help of experimental methods for predicting the composition of new compounds that rely heavily on structural changes and the determination of biological properties. Medical chemistry also provides for the detection, development, explanation, and validation of the mechanism of action of biologically active molecules at the molecular level¹⁻².

Arylpropionic acid derivatives are a large and important family of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)²⁻⁵. NSAIDs are often used to treat various arthritis and musculoskeletal disorders⁶⁻⁹. The biological response of NSAIDs is the result of inhibition of prostaglandin biosynthesis (PG), where cyclooxygenase enzyme (COX) plays a key role in prostaglandin biosynthesis derived from arachidonic acid¹⁰⁻¹⁴. In the early 1990s, COX was found to have two forms, namely the COX-1 component, which provides gastrointestinal cytoprotection (GI) and the other inducible COX-2, which mediates inflammation¹⁵⁻¹⁶.

One of the NSAIDs viz. Ibuprofen, a chemical called propionic acid 2- (4-isobutylphenyl), is a popular pain relief¹⁴⁻¹⁵. This is known for its use in the relief of arthritis pain. Long-term use of NSAIDs leads results in gastrointestinal ulceration, bleeding and nephrotoxicity¹⁸⁻²⁰ the gastrointestinal damage is generally associated with two factors which include local irritation by carboxylic acid moiety, which is common in most NSAIDs (topical effect) and decreased the production of tissue prostaglandin (PGs), which minimizes the physiological role of cytoprotective prostaglandins in maintaining GI health and homeostasis²¹.

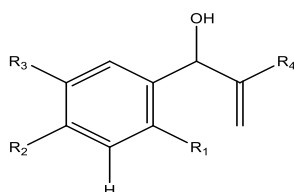


Figure 1: Baylis-Hillman Adduct

Table No. 1: 3-Hydroxy-2-methylene-3phenylpropionic acid derivatives

Compounds	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	R ₄
1.	H	NO ₂	H	COOMe
2.	H	NO ₂	H	CN
3.	NO ₂	H	H	COOMe
4.	NO ₂	H	H	CN
5.	H	Cl	H	COOEt
6.	H	Cl	H	CN
7.	H	F	H	CN
8.	H	F	H	COOEt
9.	Cl	H	H	CN
10.	Cl	H	H	COOEt
11.	Cl	Cl	H	COOEt
12.	Cl	Cl	H	CN
13.	H	H	NO ₂	COOEt
14.	H	H	NO ₂	CN
15.	H	NO ₂	H	COOEt

Studies showed that forming the derivative of the carboxylate function of representative NSAIDs resulted in an enhanced anti-inflammatory activity with reduced ulcerogenic effect. Moreover, certain compounds bearing 1, 3, 4-oxadiazole/thiadiazole and 1, 2, 4-triazole nucleus have been reported to bear significant anti-inflammatory activity^{19, 20}. In the last two decades, there has been a considerable amount of work in the role of reactive oxygen species in inflammation. Inflammation is one of the manifestations of oxidative stress and the pathways that generate the mediators of inflammation such as adhesion molecules and interleukins²¹.

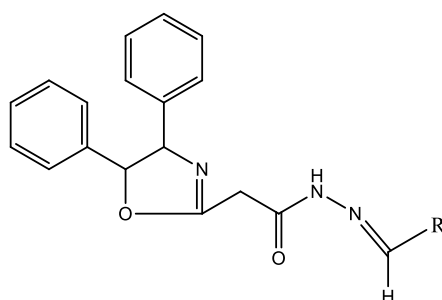
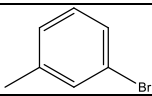
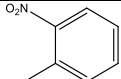
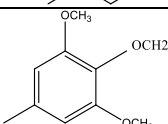
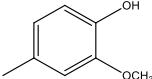
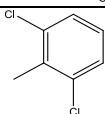
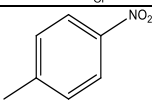
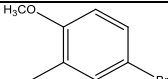


Figure 2: General structure of 3- (4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazole-2-yl) Propionic acid

Table No. 2: Derivatives of 3- (4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazole-2-yl) Propionic acid

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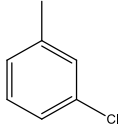
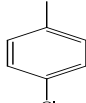
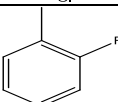
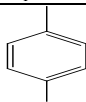
Anti-Bacterial activity

Singh S. A. and Bhat S. V. synthesized twenty Baylis-Hillman adducts (3-hydroxy-2methylene-3-phenyl propionic acid derivatives) from different aromatic aldehydes and activated vinyl derivatives. These were screened for their antimicrobial activity in vitro by serial dilution method. The synthesized compounds (1-15) showed potent antibacterial activity (Table 1)²²⁻²⁵.

Table No. 3: β , β -Diphenyl Propionic acid amides

S. No.	R
1.	H
2.	C ₆ H ₄
3.	C ₆ H ₄
4.	p.(CH ₃ O)C ₆ H ₄
5.	2-C ₅ H ₄ N
6.	2COOCH ₃ C ₆ H ₄
7.	SO ₂ NH ₂ C ₆ H ₄
8.	-NH-CH ₂ -COOH

Table No. 4: 2-[5, 6-diphenyl-3(2H) pyridazinone-2-yl] acetic acid derivatives

S. No.	R
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Anti-Cancer activity

Rayam P. *et al.*, synthesized a series of acyl hydrazones derivatives of 3-(4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazole-2-yl) propionic acid. The intermediate N- acyl hydrazine was prepared from NSAID oxaprozin, was coupled with a variety of aromatic aldehydes under conventional as well as microwave irradiation conditions. The synthesized compounds (Table 2) were further screened for in vitro anticancer activity. Compounds (1-7) showed potent anticancer activity when the comparison was made with Cisplatin²⁶⁻³⁰.

Anti-Convulsant activity

Semwal A. synthesized a series of b, b- diphenyl propionic acid amides which were evaluated for anticonvulsant activity using:

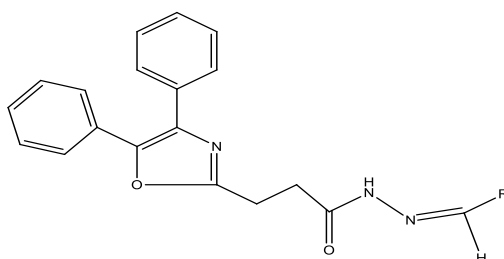
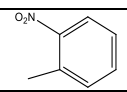
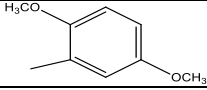
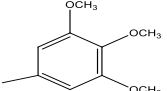


Figure 3: General structure of Acyl hydrazone derivatives of 3-(4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazole-2-yl) Propionic

Table No. 5: Acyl hydrazone derivatives of 3-(4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazole-2-yl) Propionic acid

S. No.	R
1.	
2.	
3.	

Maximal Electroshock Seizures (MES) method. The compounds (1-8) showed mild to moderate anticonvulsant activity ranging from 0.0% to 50% (Table 3). Indomethacin was taken as standard drug³¹⁻³³.

Analgesic Activity

Puneet K. *et al.*, synthesized five new β, β -diphenyl propionic acid derivatives. β, β -diphenyl propionyl chloride (Intermediate compound) was prepared by the reaction of β, β -diphenyl propionic acid, and thionyl chloride. β, β -diphenylpropanoyl chloride was reacting to several aromatic amines in the presence of potassium carbonate in acetone. The synthesized compound is characterized by physical properties, IR, ¹HNMR, Mass spectral data. Synthesis derivatives are examined to find out an analgesic activity (the method of working hot plates and tails Flik method) and anti-inflammatory activity (a method induced by Carrageenan induced edema) with Diclofenac and Indomethacin as standard drug. AK-1(diphenylamine derivative) and AK-3 (Morpholine derivative) and are potent analgesics and anti-inflammatory compounds. The derivatives of Arylpropionic acid have pain relief and a great space for further development as a similar and anti-inflammatory agent^{30, 34, 35}.

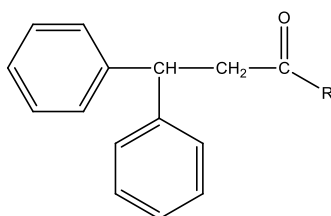
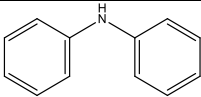
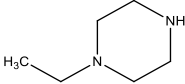
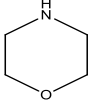
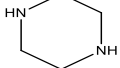
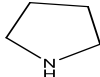


Table No. 6: β , β -diphenyl propionic acid derivatives

S. No.	NAME	R
1.	Diphenylamine	
2.	Ethyl Piperazine	
3.	Morpholine	
4.	Piperazine	
5.	Pyrrolidine	

Dogruer D. S. *et al.*, synthesized sixteen new amide derivatives by treatment of 2-[5, 6-diphenyl-3(2H)-pyridazinone-2-yl] acetic acid or 3-[5, 6-diphenyl-3(2H)-pyridazinone-2-yl] propionic acid with appropriate amine derivatives in the presence of triethylamine and ethyl chloroformate in dichloromethane at room temperature (Table 4). Out of which, Compounds (1-4) showed higher analgesic activity. Aspirin was taken as standard drug³⁶⁻³⁷.

Rayam P. *et al.*, synthesized a series of acyl hydrazone derivatives of 3-(4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazole-2-yl) propionic acid. The key intermediate N- acyl hydrazine was prepared in good yield from NSAID oxaprozin, was coupled with a variety of aromatic aldehydes under conventional as well as microwave irradiation conditions. The compounds were screened for *in vivo* analgesic activity and compounds (1-3) exhibited significant *in vivo* analgesic activity (Table 5). Oxaprozin was taken as reference drug³⁸⁻⁴⁰.

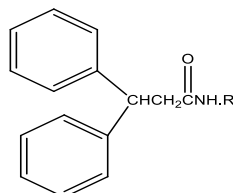


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5.	2-C ₅ H ₄ N
6.	2COOCH ₃ C ₆ H ₄
7.	SO ₂ NH ₂ C ₆ H ₄
8.	-NH-CH ₂ -COOH

Anti-inflammatory Activity

Semwal A. synthesized a series of β , β -diphenyl propionic acid amides. The synthesized compounds were evaluated for its anti-inflammatory activity by Carrageenan induced paw edema method. The compounds (1-8) showed mild to moderate anti-inflammatory activity ranging from 36.13% to 90% after 3 hrs whereas the standard drug Indomethacin showed 81.25% inhibition (Table 7)⁴⁰⁻⁴².

Dogrue D. S. *et al.*, synthesized sixteen new amide derivatives (Table 7) by treatment of 2-[5,6diphenyl-3(2H)-pyridazinone-2-yl] acetic acid or 3-[5,6-diphenyl-3(2H)-pyridazinone-2-yl] propionic acid with appropriate amine derivatives in the presence of triethylamine and ethyl chloroformate in dichloromethane at room temperature. Out of which, compounds (1-3) showed potent anti-inflammatory activity⁴³⁻⁴⁵.

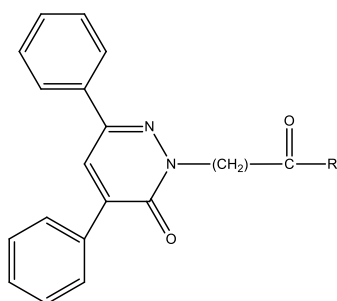
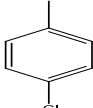
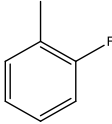
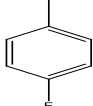


Figure 4: General structure of 2-[5, 6-diphenyl-3(2H) pyridazinone-2-yl] acetic acid

Table No. 8: 2-[5, 6-diphenyl-3(2H) pyridazinone-2-yl] acetic acid derivatives

S. No.	R
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Dilber S. P. *et al.*, synthesized b-hydroxy-aryl propanoic acids by a two-step process. The first step involves the synthesis of diastereomeric 3-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-(4-biphenyl) butanoic acids whereas the second step was a modified Reformatsky reaction in presence of Zn in tetrahydrofuran (THF) at -5 to 10oC between the synthesized compound of the first step and 4-acetyl phenyl. The synthesized compounds were screened for anti-inflammatory activity and only two compounds (1, 2) showed the strongest anti-inflammatory activity⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰.

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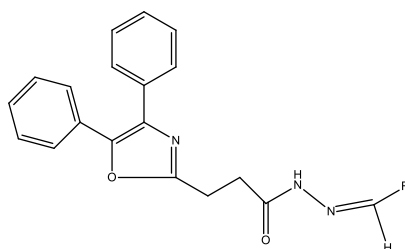


Table No. 9: Acyl Hydrazone derivatives of 3-(4, 5-diphenyl-1, 3-oxazol-2-yl) Propionic acid

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Gupta R. *et al.*, synthesized 2-(4-sec-butyl-phenyl)-propionic acid-pyrrolidin-2-ylcarbonyl methyl esters by refluxing ibuprofen with 2-aminopyridine in chloroacetyl chloride in presence of glacial acetic acid. The synthesized compounds were evaluated for anti-inflammatory activity. Compounds (1-6) showed potent anti-inflammatory activity (Table 10) 51-54.

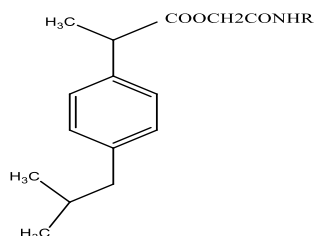


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
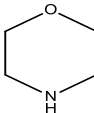

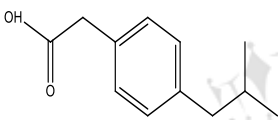
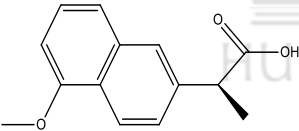
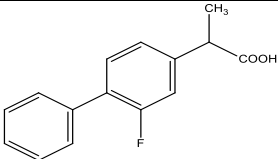
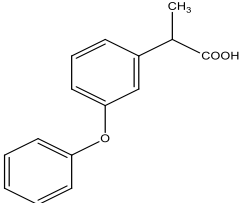
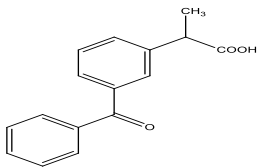
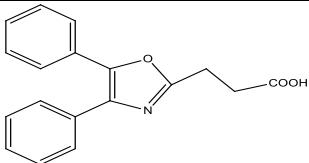
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2.	
3.	NH ₂ NH ₂
4.	
5.	NH(CH ₃) ₂
6.	NH(C ₂ H ₅) ₂

Table No. 11: Potent Compounds and their Pharmacological Significance

Drug Name	Structure	Pharmacological Activity
Ibuprofen		It is used in the treatment of chronic articular rheumatism, pain, fever, and inflammation. It is also used in treating primary dysmenorrhea ⁵⁵⁻⁵⁷ .
Naproxen		It is frequently used in the treatment of arthritis, acute gouty inflammation and in primary dysmenorrhea ⁵⁸ .
Flurbiprofen		(R)-flurbiprofen is clinically used in the treatment of pain and Alzheimer's disease ⁶⁰ .
Fenoprofen		It is preferred in the treatment of pain associated with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and ankylosingspondylitis ⁶⁴ .
Ketoprofen		It is a potent NSAID used for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, acute and chronic musculoskeletal disorders and mild to moderate pain ⁶⁶⁻⁶⁸ .
Oxaprozin		It is indicated for the management of the pain of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis ⁷⁰ .

RECENT ADVANCEMENTS IN AREA OF PROPIONIC ACID DERIVATIVES

Studies on the Structure-Activity Relationship (SAR) were conducted on 3-aryl propionic acids as selective agonists by introducing substituents to the chain of propionic acid the adjacent phenyl ring with pyridine chain was replaced to develop a series of containing modified 3-aryl propionic acids with an enhanced half-life in rat^{30,70}. The important members of this class, ibuprofen, naproxen, and Ketoprofen are now available as OTC medicines. However, the indiscriminate use of these drugs without a physician's prescription has resulted in an increased incidence of acute and chronic renal failure in adolescents⁷¹. All compounds belonging to aryl and heteroaryl propionic acids (except Oxaprozin) possess a chiral carbon in the α -position of the acetic acid side chain. Although most of the compounds are marketed as race mates, only the (S)-enantiomer was found to have any inhibitory activity against the COX isoenzymes⁷². Therefore, only (S)-enantiomer is believed to be responsible for the observed therapeutic action as well as the drug-induced GI side effects and nephrotoxicity⁷³. The details of some potent compounds and their pharmacological activities associated are presented in Table 11.

CONCLUSION

Based on various literature surveys, aryl propionic acid derivatives show various activities such as anti-bacterial, anti-cancer, anti-Convulsant, analgesic, and anti-inflammatory. The possible improvements in the activity can be further achieved by slight modifications in the substituent on the basic aryl propionic acid.

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