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## The Application of PAMPA and QSPR Analysis for the Design of Novel 17 $\beta$ -Carboxamide Steroids with Improved Skin Retention/Permeability Ratio

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The parallel artificial membrane permeability assay (PAMPA) is a simple and rapid test extended to estimate passive membrane permeability. The aim of this study was to predict skin permeability and retention of novel twenty-two 17 $\beta$ -carboxamide steroids using PAMPA and to create quantitative structure-property relationship (QSPR) models which would be used for the design of novel derivatives with improved skin retention/permeability ratio. These compounds are potentially new soft drugs with fewer side effects than traditional glucocorticoids. PAMPA was performed at isocratic conditions (pH=5.5), using the mixture of isopropyl myristate and silicone oil (30:70, v/v) as the artificial membrane. Selected molecular descriptors of the optimized structures of tested compounds were calculated in Chem3D Ultra 9.0.1, MarvinSketch and Dragon software. PLS-, MLR- and ANN-QSPR models were created in SIMCA P+ 12.0 and STATISTICA and validated by use of statistical parameters. The PAMPA parameters ( $\log Pe$  and  $R$ ) were calculated and six QSPR models created (PLS( $\log Pe$ ), MLR( $\log Pe$ ), ANN( $\log Pe$ ), PLS( $R$ ), MLR( $R$ ) and ANN( $R$ )). On the basis of the most reliable QSPR models (PLS( $\log Pe$ ) and ANN( $R$ )), molecular descriptors with the most significant influence on skin permeability and retention were identified and the derivatives with possibly improved skin retention/permeability ratio designed. The PAMPA parameters ( $\log Pe$  and  $R$ ) of designed compounds were predicted by use of these QSPR models and best derivatives were selected. The combination of *in vitro* (PAMPA) and *in silico* (QSPR) approach could be used for the design of novel 17 $\beta$ -carboxamide steroids with improved skin retention/permeability ratio.

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## Uticaj micelarnih rastvora surfaktanata na protolitičke ravnoteže ACE inhibitora

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inhibitora (kaptopril, cilazapril, enalapril, fosinopril, lizinopril, perindopril, kvinapril, ramipril i zofenopril). Potenciometrijskom titracijom su određene  $pK_a$  vrednosti u prisustvu surfaktanata ( $10^{-2}$  M), na temperaturi  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  i pri konstantnoj jonskoj sili  $0.1\text{ M}$  (NaCl). Na osnovu eksperimentalnih podataka vrednosti su izračunate primenom kompjuterskog programa Hyperquad. Upoređivanjem sa  $pK_a$  vrednostima određenim bez prisustva surfaktanata, pod istim uslovima, uočeno je pomeranje  $pK_a$  vrednosti od  $+1.90$  do  $-1.54$  jedinice. Jonizacija karboksilne podložnija je uticaju surfaktanata od jonizacije amino grupe, a od primenjenih surfaktanata najveći uticaj na kiselo-bazne ravnoteže ispoljava SDS. Pomeranja  $pK_a$  vrednosti ACE inhibitora u prisustvu surfaktanata ukazuju na postojanje složenih interakcija između suprotnih naelektrisanja jonizovanih kiselih i baznih grupa ACE inhibitora i naelektrisanih ili polarnih površina micela. Dobijeni rezultati pružaju bolji uvid u ponašanje ovih lekova u fiziološkim uslovima, naročito jer jonizujuće grupe direktno učestvuju u interakciji sa enzimom.

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