



## DESIGN, SYNTHESIS, AND HYPOGLYCEMICEVALUATION OF SULFONYL UREA AND GUANIDINE DERIVATIVES

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### ABSTRACT

Diabetes Type 1 diabetes is a notable condition impairing the body's control over blood sugar levels, in this condition, the body lacks the production of insulin, an essential hormone for maintaining normal In type 2 diabetes, the cells in the body become resistant to insulin, resulting in higher blood glucose levels, a condition known as hyperglycemia. Prolonged hyperglycemia is associated with severe Long-term complications such as retinopathy (damage to the eyes) and neuropathy, affecting both small and large blood vessels. Finding new, safe, and effective treatments for diabetes remains a major challenge for researchers. Based on an extensive review of existing studies, we chose to design and synthesize new anti-diabetic agents. Using the iGEMDOCK program, we performed docking, screening, and analysis of the compounds targeting the 5TWV protein.

**Keywords:** Diabetes mellitus, Glipizide, iGEMDOCK, Streptozotocin (STZ)

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Definitions

The world is facing an epidemic of Diabetes mellitus is a group of metabolic disorders characterized by high blood sugar levels due to problems with insulin secretion, insulin action. Prediabetes, marked by reduced ability to tolerate glucose or reduced glucose levels after fasting, occurs when Blood glucose levels are high above normal but do not meet the threshold for classification as type 2 diabetes [1]. These glucometabolic deviations are linked to cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. Prediabetes denotes a transitional stage of disrupted glucose metabolism between normal levels and diabetes. Currently, over currently, 250 million individuals worldwide have diabetes, a IMAGE projected to double in a little over 20 years. [2–3].

Diabetes mellitus is a condition characterized by persistent endocrine disorder marked by high

blood sugar levels due to a complete lack of insulin. [4].

Diabetes mellitus, among the oldest known diseases, was documented in an Egyptian manuscript around 3000 years ago [5]. Scientific trials show that lifestyle changes such as diet, physical activity, and Losing weight can postpone or even prevent the development of type 2 diabetes in individuals vulnerable [6].

Type 1 diabetes occurs because of the autoimmune destruction of insulin-producing pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells, leading to a shortage of insulin and hyperglycemia, affecting 10-15% of diabetics. Type 1 diabetes develops due to the autoimmune destruction of insulin-producing cells. Pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells, causing, is characterized by abnormal insulin secretion and peripheral resistance. The onset of type 1 diabetes typically occurs in youth, while type 2 often manifests later in life, though diagnosis can be complex in some cases.

In uncontrolled diabetes of both types, there is increased liver glucose production and reduced glucose uptake by muscles and adipose tissue. Individuals with type 1 diabetes are susceptible to significant lipolysis, which can lead to diabetic ketoacidosis, while type 2 diabetics are less prone to ketoacidosis due to residual insulin inhibiting ketone production, but they may develop a hyperosmolar, non-ketotic state.

Globally, diabetes prevalence continues to increase due to rising diabetes associated with lifestyle changes, particularly in developing nations. As of In 2011, approximately 366 million people were estimated to have diabetes, with type 2 constituting about 90% of cases [7-8]. The rate of type 2 diabetes is increasing globally, especially in low- and middle-income countries, where 80% of diabetics reside.

Physical exercise offers numerous physiological and psychological benefits for diabetic patients, playing a crucial role in managing type 1 diabetes and promoting overall well-being.

## 1.2 History of diabetes mellitus

The chronicle of diabetes mellitus spans thousands of years and reflects our evolving understanding of this chronic condition. Here's a brief overview:

- 1. Ancient Discoveries:** Diabetes was first described in ancient texts dating back to ancient Egypt, where symptoms resembling diabetes were noted in manuscripts around 1550 BCE. These descriptions included excessive urination (polyuria) and thirst (polydipsia), characteristic symptoms of diabetes.

- 2. Early Observations:** Throughout ancient history, similar symptoms were observed in various cultures, including ancient Greece and India. However, it wasn't until much later that

diabetes was distinguished as a specific disease entity.

**3. Naming and Understanding:** The term "diabetes" comes from word that means "siphon" or "to pass through," referred to the excessive urination seen in the condition. The term "mellitus" was added later to distinguish it from diabetes insipidus, another condition with similar symptoms but different causes.

**4. 19th Century Advances:** Significant progress in understanding diabetes occurred in the 19th century. This led to the recognition of the pancreas' role in diabetes and the discovery that insulin production was crucial for managing the disease.

**5. Discovery of Insulin:** One of the most significant crucial advancements in the history of diabetes was the identification of insulin by Frederick Banting, and John Macleod in 1921-1922. This breakthrough allowed for effective treatment of diabetes, turning it from a fatal condition into a manageable chronic disease.

**6. Advancements in Treatment:** Since the discovery of insulin, there have been continuous advancements in diabetes management, including the development of oral medications, improvements in blood glucose monitoring technology, and the emphasis on lifestyle interventions such as diet and exercise.

**7. Epidemiological Trends:** In recent decades, diabetes has become a global health challenge, with the rising prevalence can be ascribed to factors such as inactive lifestyles, poor dietary habits, and an aging demographic.

Understanding the history of diabetes mellitus provides insights into how medical knowledge and treatments have evolved over time, leading to better outcomes and quality of life for individuals living with this condition today.

### 1.3 Diabetes Prevalence in India

India, once leading the world in diabetic population according to the International Diabetes Federation, possesses now been surpassed by China. Currently, India has 61.3 million diabetics, a number projected to reach 103 million by 2030 [10]. Almost 1 million Indians succumb to diabetes each year. As of 2015, India had 69.1 million individuals with diabetes, ranking it as the country with the second-highest number of cases after China [11].

The Indian Heart Association predicts that India will have 109 million people are projected to have diabetes by 2035, as indicated by a study from the American Diabetes Association, India is expected to experience the highest increase in diagnosed cases of diabetes by 2030.

This high prevalence is due to a combination of genetic factors predisposition and the shift towards a high-calorie, low-activity lifestyle, especially among India's expanding middle class.

#### 1.4 Type 2 Diabetes

It has yet to fully comprehend why some individuals with Prediabetes or type 2 diabetes experience complications while others do not.

**Weight:** Increased fat tissue leads to greater insulin resistance in cells.

**Inactivity:** Lack of physical activity contributes to weight gain, reduces glucose utilization as energy, and decreases insulin responsiveness in cells.

**Family History:** Having a parent or sibling with type 2 diabetes, your risk increases.

**Age:** Advancing age often correlates with reduced Physical activity, loss of muscle mass, and weight gain are factors contributing to the rise in diagnoses of type 2 diabetes.

**Gestational Diabetes (GD):** Developing during pregnancy, gestational diabetes raises risk, especially.

#### 1.5 Gestational Diabetes

Gestational diabetes can develop during pregnancy, with certain women being at higher risk compared to others.

##### 1.5.1 Factors Increasing the Risk of Gestational Diabetes

**1.5.1.1 Age:** Women over the age of 25 are at an increased risk.

**1.5.1.2 Personal History:** The risk is higher if you have had Prediabetes. (a precursor to type 2 diabetes) or if a close family member, such as a parent, has type 2 diabetes. You are also at greater risk if you had gestational diabetes during a previous pregnancy.

**1.5.1.3 Weight:** Being obese prior to pregnancy heightens the risk.

#### 1.6 Various Classes of Hypoglycemic Agents

Table 1.1 lists various types of hypoglycemic agents. Table 1.2 details first and second generation sulfonylureas.

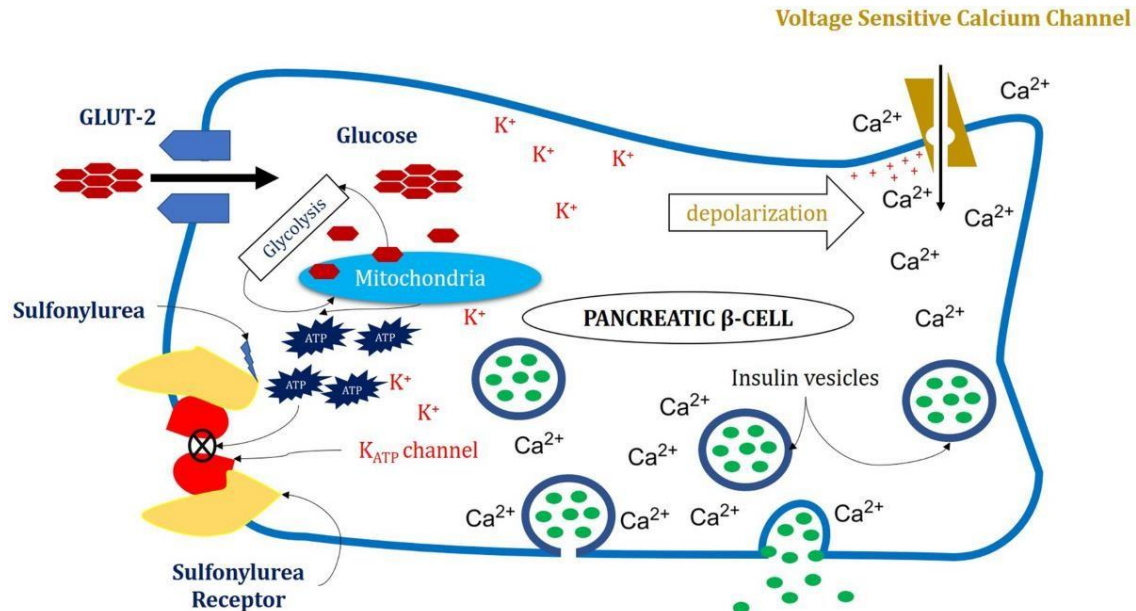
#### 1.7 Mechanisms of Sulfonylurea Hypoglycemia

Sulfonylureas induce hypoglycemic effects through two primary mechanisms, broadly classified as pancreatic and extra-pancreatic:

##### 1.7.1 Pancreatic function:

Sulfonylureas block the outward flow of potassium ions (K<sup>+</sup> channel blockers that is closely linked to ATP-sensitive potassium channels. This inhibition results in depolarization  $\beta$ -cell

membrane. Subsequently, voltage- dependent calcium channels in the beta - cell membrane open, enabling calcium ions ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) to enter the cell. The increased intracellular concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  activates kinases linked to secretory granules, facilitating the release of insulin-containing granules through exocytosis.



**IMAGE 1.1 Pancreatic Mechanism of sulphonylurea**

## 1.7.2 Mechanisms outside the pancreas:

Sulphonylureas additionally reduce serum glucagon levels, potentially contributing to their hypoglycemic effects. The precise mechanism of this action is not fully understood but may involve indirect inhibition through increased secretion of both somatostatin and insulin. Sulphonylureas may also improve insulin action at target tissues through drug- specific mechanisms.

## 1.8 Insulin

### 1.8.1 Chemistry and Biosynthesis

Insulin's hormone secreted by the  $\beta$  cells in the pancreas. It is of biological origin and. Introduced for clinical use in 1922, insulin is typically administered before each main meal with an additional injection at night; often around [13-16].

### 1.8.2 Pharmacodynamics of Insulin

Insulin promotes the uptake of glucose. Activation of the insulin receptor's inherent tyrosine kinase leads to increased tyrosine phosphorylation; it also suppresses hepatic glucose production. [17].

### **1.8.2.1 Distribution**

Upon release once released from the pancreas, insulin quickly disperses throughout extracellular fluids without binding to plasma proteins.

### **1.8.2.2 Metabolism**

Insulin metabolism primarily occurs in the liver, with minor contributions from Insulin is distributed to the kidneys. Glutathione transhydrogenase breaks the disulfide bonds between molecules between the A and B chains. It has a brief half-life of around 5-6 minutes, with approximately half of the insulin in circulation metabolized through the liver during every circulation cycle.

### **1.8.2.3 Excretion**

Insulin is filtered by the glomeruli of the kidneys and nearly fully reabsorbed (98%) in the proximal tubules for subsequent use. In healthy individuals.

### **1.8.3 Pros and Cons of Insulin**

Insulin therapy involves recommended when dietary adjustments or oral medications fail to adequately manage sugar levels, particularly after pancreatectomy. Insulin analogues offer advantages such as a lower the risk of hypoglycemia, particularly nocturnal episodes. Challenges associated with insulin therapy include local discomfort, the inconvenience of frequent injections, and insulin-induced edema, lipohypertrophy, insulin allergies, resistance, and notably, weight gain [18-20].

### **1.8.4 Mode of Action**

Insulin facilitates the entry of glucose into adipose tissue, muscles, and the liver by stimulating various enzyme responses initiated at receptors for insulin. Activation of the insulin receptor's intrinsic tyrosine kinase leads to increased membrane phosphorylation, enhancing glucose membrane permeability through a intricate series of intracellular events.

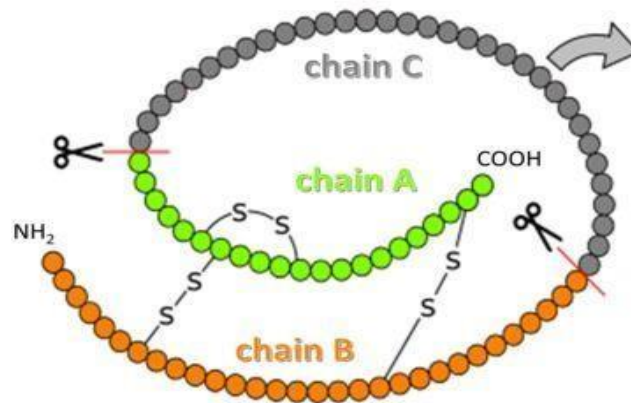
### **1.8.5 Insulin Resistance**

Insulin resistance contributes to negative metabolic alterations involving insulin, lipids, blood pressure, lipoproteins, and cardiovascular diseases glucose. It occurs although it is rare in type 1; if present, Resistance can be caused by both immune and non-immune factors.

It manifests as tissue insensitivity to the hormone, characterized by either a decrease in insulin receptor quantity or reduced insulin's binding affinity to its receptors. It is categorized as either acute or chronic: acute resistance may arise from toxins, stress, while it immune-mediated and

develops after the development of antibodies against insulin. Resistance frequently manifests in patients undergoing prolonged insulin treatment.

**IMAGE 1.2 Insulin Structure**



### 1.8.6 Pharmaceutical Insulin Preparations

Injection remains the established method for administering insulin due to the peptide nature of insulin, which prevents its oral use. However, clinical trials are ongoing to evaluate various oral insulin formulations for their effectiveness in regulating glycemia in diabetic patients. Additionally, efforts continue to explore insulin delivery via inhalation and other novel routes such as intra-peritoneal devices.

Commercially, insulin can be administered subcutaneously, intravenously, or intramuscularly administration. While animal and human insulin preparations perform similarly in terms of action, there is a heightened risk of allergic reactions associated with animal-derived insulin. Which correlates with their zinc content? Preparations containing lower zinc levels, like regular insulin, usually exhibit rapid onset and brief duration of effect. In contrast, insulin with higher zinc content.

#### 1.8.6.1 Fast-Acting Insulin Formulations

Rapid-acting insulin formulations are typically composed of water for injection. This category includes regular insulin, lispro insulin, insulin aspart, and glulisine insulin.

#### 1.8.6.2 Standard Insulin

Standard insulin consists insulin dissolved in water for injection or a phosphate buffer solution with a low concentration of zinc chloride (0.01-0.04 mg/100 Units). Zinc ions interact with insulin, facilitating the production of insulin hexamers. Upon injection, these hexamers dissociate into dimers and then into monomers, which rapidly enter circulation, resulting in a

quick onset of action.

### **1.8.6.3 Lispro insulin**

Lispro insulin is the initial synthetic human insulin analog created through genetic engineering technology employing targeted mutation. It distinguishes itself from regular insulin by substituting amino acids produce lyspro in place of the prolys structure typically found in standard human insulin. This structural change in lispro insulin promotes faster dissociation into monomers in subcutaneous tissues. Consequently, lispro insulin has a quicker onset of action compared to regular insulin.

## **1.9 Polyol Pathway**

The polyol pathway contributes to the formation of sugar cataracts and involves glucose metabolic imbalance in diabetic patients. a member of the aldo-ketoreductase family, is the initial and pivotal enzyme in this pathway. It converts glucose is converted to sorbitol with nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate as a cofactor. Sorbitol is subsequently metabolized to fructose by sorbitol dehydrogenase, which uses NAD<sup>+</sup> as a cofactor[21].

Aldose reductase and sorbitol are implicated in kidney osmoregulation, with AR reducing NADPH levels during glucose metabolism. NADPH also functions as a cofactor in glutathione reductase, which converts oxidized glutathione into its reduced form. Excess sorbitol is further oxidized to fructose. Increased glucose Activity within the polyol pathway contributes to the production of Advanced Glycation End Products, along with their interaction with receptors, are known to induce oxidative stress.

## **1.10 Inositol 1, 4, 5-Trisphosphate Pathway**

Over the past 25 years, my scientific focus has centered on inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate and calcium. The relationship between these two messengers has progressed through two distinct phases. Initially, research led to the finding that IP<sub>3</sub> functions as a second messenger that mobilizes calcium. Subsequently, a second phase of interest emerged, revealing that the IP<sub>3</sub>/Ca<sup>2+</sup> signaling pathway serves as a crucial regulator of various cellular control mechanisms.



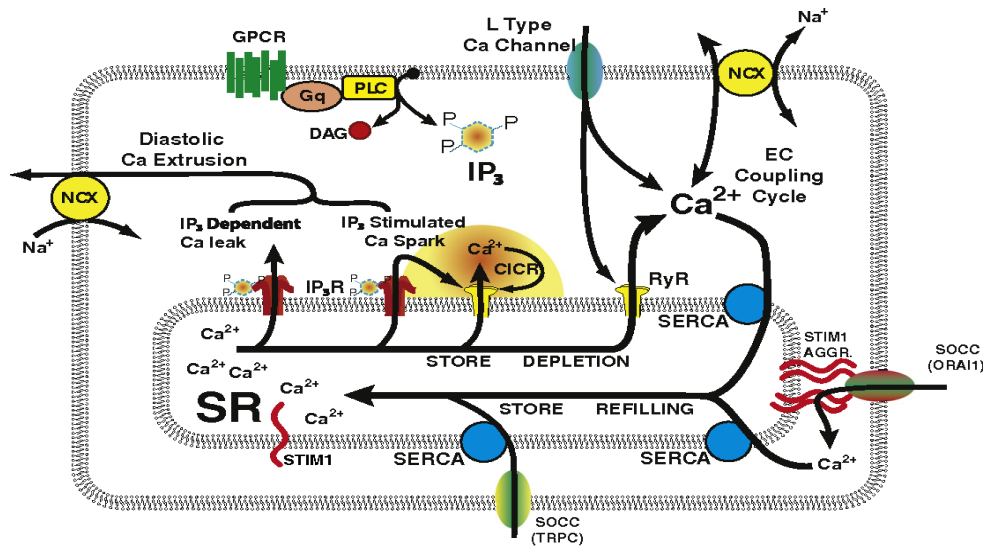


IMAGE 1.3: Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate pathway

### 1.11 Need for study

The need for studying the design, synthesis, and hypoglycemic evaluation of sulfonylurea and guanidine derivatives arises from several key reasons associated with the treatment and management of diabetes mellitus:

1. **Development of New Therapeutic Agents:** Diabetes mellitus, particularly type 2 diabetes, is a persistent condition that necessitates lifelong management. While existing medications like sulfonylureas and guanidines are effective, there is a continuous need to develop new therapeutic agents that can offer improved efficacy, safety, and tolerability profiles.
2. **Enhancing Potency and Selectivity:** By designing and synthesizing new derivatives, researchers aim to enhance the potency and selectivity of these drugs. This can lead to medications that have improved management of blood glucose levels with reduced side effects.
3. **Addressing Drug Resistance:** Over time, some patients develop resistance to existing diabetes medications, which reduces their effectiveness. New derivatives may overcome these resistance mechanisms, providing alternative treatment options for such patients.
4. **Minimizing Side Effects:** Existing drugs like sulfonylureas can sometimes cause side effects such as hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) or weight gain. Through careful design and synthesis, researchers can aim to minimize these adverse effects while maintaining therapeutic benefits.
5. **Exploring Mechanisms of Action:** Studying new derivatives allows researchers to explore different mechanisms of action. This can lead to a better understanding of how these

compounds interact with biological targets related to glucose metabolism and insulin regulation.

6. **Personalized Medicine:** The development of new derivatives may contribute to personalized medicine approaches, where treatments can be customized for each individual patient needs based on genetic and metabolic profiles.

7. **Global Health Impact:** Diabetes is a growing worldwide health issue, particularly in low- and middle-income countries where access to effective

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### 4.1 Materials

All chemicals and reagents were obtained in LR grade from Sigma Aldrich, Merck, Chemco, and Acros Organics. Reactions were tracked for completion using thin-layer chromatography on silica gel 60 F254 plates, with n-hexane acetate (7:3) chosen as the mobile phase solvent.

### 4.2 Experimental Section

#### 4.2.1 Molecular Docking Study

##### 4.2.1.1 Steps of Ligand Docking [44]

Docking is a technique used to predict the favored positioning of a ligand when bound to an active site to form a stable compound.

#### Step 1 –Ligands Preparation

- Use Marvin Sketch, a Java-based program, for drawing molecule structures, which simplifies molecule drawing with a wide range of editing tools and templates.
- Automatically establish rotatable bonds and atom categories or adjust them manually.
- Arrange ligands into folders defined by the user.

#### Step 2 –Proteins Preparation

Import protein structures from files or obtain them from the Protein Data Bank by using the Docking.

- Specify the heteroatoms, ligands, protein chain and water molecules found within the protein PDB file for docking calculations.
- Here is a revised version:
- Choose a phenomenon binding site using a co-crystallized ligand.
- Determine the protein's center of mass molecules.
- Define the coordinates of the box center and the amino acid residues that delineate the binding site.

#### Step 3 – Prepare Ligand-Protein Calculations

- Choose a protein and a ligand from your collection.
- Customize advanced simulation parameters, such as the number of runs and

evaluations.

#### **Step 4 – Evaluation's Results**

- Select an image from the gallery or render it within the Molecular Docking Server interface.
- Examine additional interactions between the protein & ligand.
- This process outlines the systematic approach to conducting molecular docking studies for evaluating the interactions between ligands and protein targets.

##### **4.2.1.2 Ligand Docking**

The crystal structure of the pancreatic ATP-sensitive K<sup>+</sup> channel SUR1/Kir6.2 bound with ATP and Glipizide (PDB ID: 5TWV) was utilized for the docking investigation. [45]. Docking, The screening and subsequent analysis of the designed molecules were performed using the iGEMDOCK program with the protein target **5TWZ**. The binding sites of the ligands were specified, and the energy-minimized molecules were prepared for docking. During the docking process, parameters such as Bond orders, explicit hydrogens, charges, and flexible torsions were assigned to both the protein and ligands without plagiarism.

The docking protocol involved selecting the wizard ligand and employing the iGEMDOCK scoring function. Hydrogen bonding feasibility was evaluated, and the docking score incorporated energy contributions from hydrogen bonds, penalizing deviations from ideal bonding angles to refine results and optimize internal electrostatic interactions.

The search algorithm employed was iGEMDOCK, with 70 runs and a maximum of 2000 interactions, using a population of 200 and an energy threshold set at 100. At each step, the algorithm verified minimal twists, shifts, and rotations, selecting configurations that minimized energy. Additional positions were tested if initial configurations yielded positive energy results. A Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) threshold ensured diverse pose solutions by penalizing poses similar to previously identified ligands, enhancing the variety of returned docking solutions.

This meticulous approach in ligand docking aimed to predict and optimize the binding interactions between the designed molecules and the protein target, facilitating the exploration of potential therapeutic candidates for hypoglycemic activity.

The docking procedure involved setting an energy penalty of 100 and an RMSD threshold of 2.00 for standard docking calculations. Protein-inhibitor docking was executed to

determine binding strengths measured in kcal/mol. Parameters for Both the hydrophobic preference and electrostatic preference were set to 1.00 for the binding site of the target. Protein was defined within an 8 Å radius.

This scoring function integrated these components to assess the overall suitability or compatibility of the ligand in the protein's binding site, guiding the selection of promising docking poses for further analysis and evaluation.

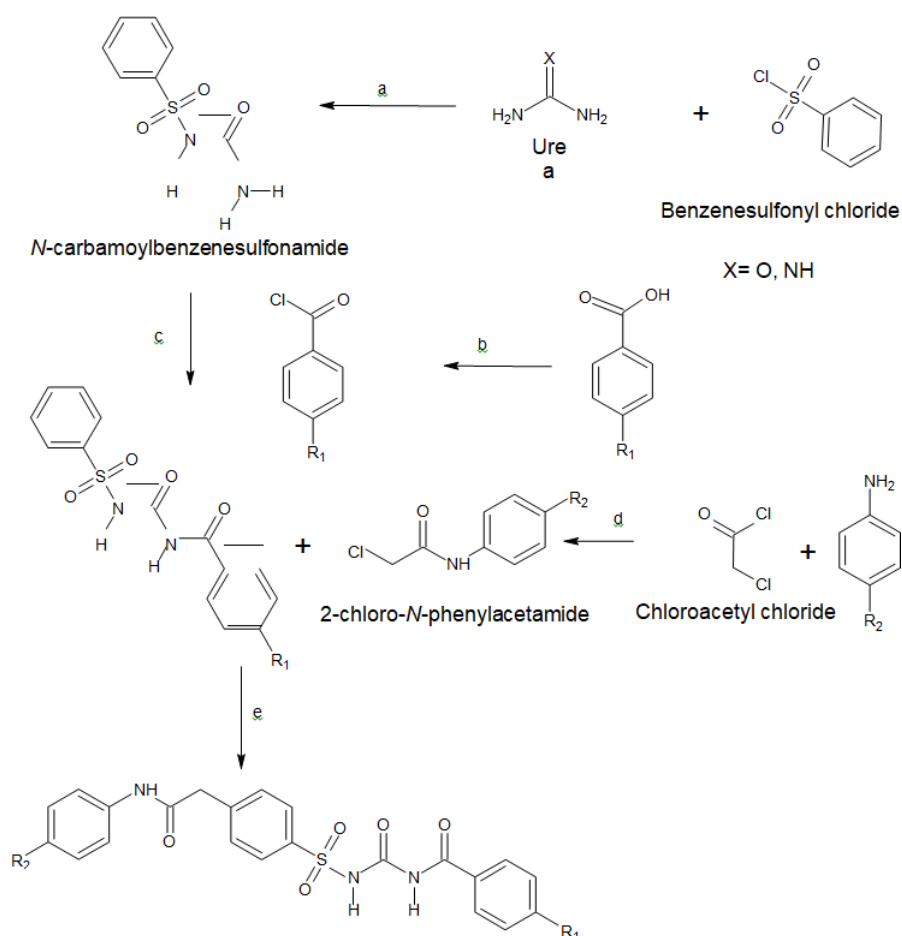
In silico toxicity studies aim to evaluate the physicochemical properties crucial for the long-term feasibility of molecules, alongside gathering biological data on characteristics and distribution volumes. Based on these findings, efforts are directed towards optimizing similar physicochemical properties. Emphasis is often based on easily calculable. One seminal study in this field is the work by Lipinski and colleagues, who highlighted potential challenges. Recent research has improved these guidelines, and this review focuses on a subset of these advancements.

#### **4.2.2 SciFinder Report [47]**

SciFinder, developed provided by the Chemical Abstracts Service is an extensive resource for accessing chemical substances, and reactions. It provides search options for topics, authors, substances by name or CAS Registry Number, and allows users to draw chemical structures, substructures, or reactions using an editor.

All designed compounds were evaluated using SciFinder software to assess their novelty. Chapter 4 includes some images illustrating the analysis conducted with SciFinder.

### 4.2.3 Synthesis Scheme

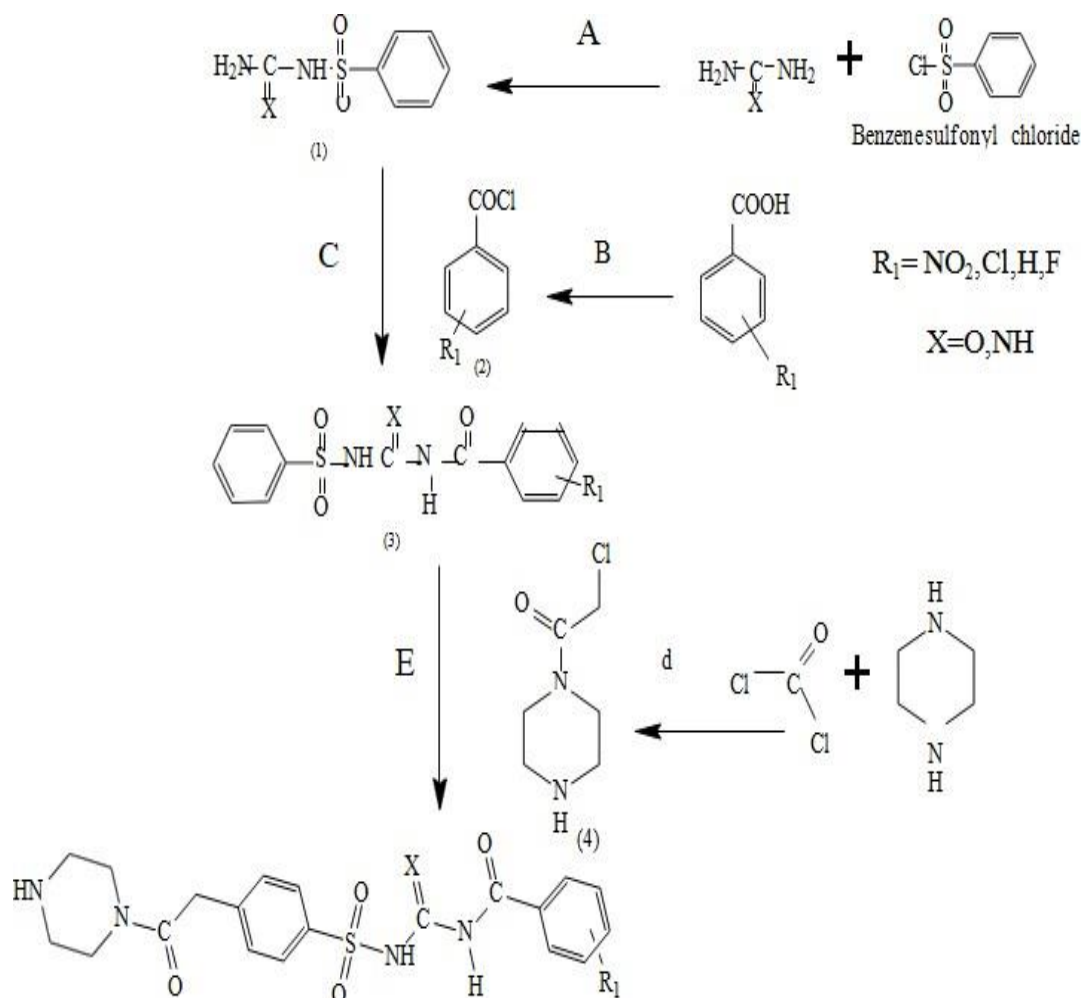


#### Scheme 1: Synthesis Pathway for the Preparation of Sulfonylureas Derivatives

Reagents and Conditions:

- Triethylamine (TEA), ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), reflux (yield >70%)
- Thionyl chloride ( $\text{SOCl}_2$ ), reflux, 3 hours (yield >60%)
- Triethylamine (TEA), ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), reflux (yield >80%)
- Dry tetrahydrofuran (THF), room temperature (RT), stirring, 4 hours (yield >85%)
- Nitrobenzene, ferric chloride ( $\text{FeCl}_3$ ), reflux, 7 hours

This scheme outlines the sequential reactions and conditions used to synthesize sulfonylureas and guanidine derivatives, ensuring high yields suitable for subsequent applications such as hypoglycemic evaluation.

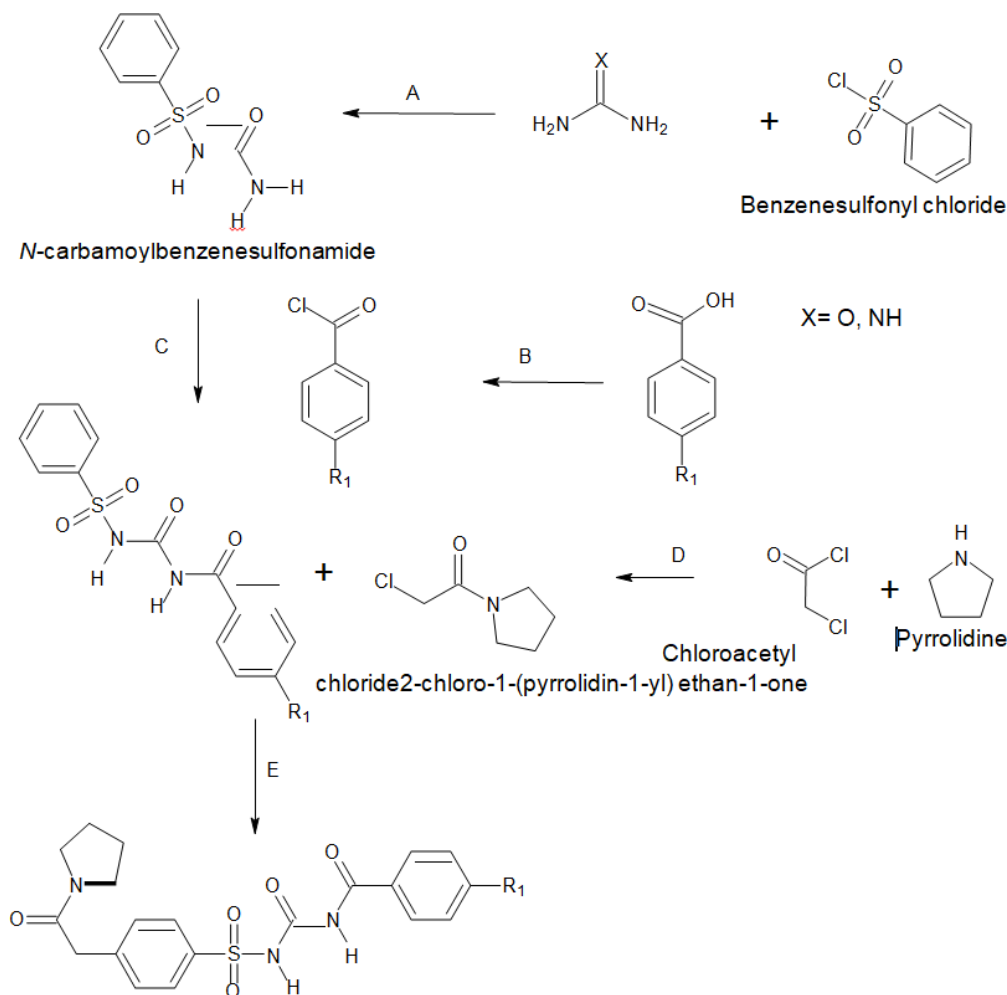


**Scheme 2: Synthetic Pathway for the Preparation of Guanidine Derivatives**

Reagents and Conditions:

- (a) Triethylamine (TEA), ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), reflux (yield >70%)
- (b) Thionyl chloride ( $\text{SOCl}_2$ ), reflux, 3 hours (yield >60%)
- (c) Triethylamine (TEA), ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), reflux (yield >80%)
- (d) Dry tetrahydrofuran (THF), room temperature (RT), stirring, 4 hours (yield >85%)
- (e) Nitrobenzene, ferric chloride ( $\text{FeCl}_3$ ), reflux, 7 hours

This scheme illustrates the sequential reactions and optimal conditions used for synthesizing sulfonylureas and guanidine derivatives, ensuring high yields suitable for subsequent applications, including hypoglycemic evaluation.



### Scheme 3: Synthetic Pathway for the Preparation of Guanidine Derivatives

Reagents and Conditions:

- Pyridine, ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), reflux (yield >75%)
- Thionyl chloride ( $\text{SOCl}_2$ ), reflux, 3 hours (yield >60%)
- Pyridine, ethanol ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), reflux (yield >70%)
- Dry tetrahydrofuran (THF),  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to room temperature (RT), stirring, 4 hours (yield >85%)
- Nitrobenzene, ferric chloride ( $\text{FeCl}_3$ ), reflux, 7 hours

This scheme outlines the synthetic pathway employed for the production of sulfonylureas and guanidine derivatives, highlighting the specific reagents and optimized conditions utilized in each step to achieve high yields suitable for subsequent biological evaluations and applications.

#### 4.2.4 Procedure and Spectral Characterizations

##### 4.2.4.1 Synthesis of 1-Cyclohexanecarbonyl-3-[4-(2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido) ethyl) phenylsulfonyl] guanidine (5a)

A reflux reaction was carried out between N-(2-chloroethyl) pyrazine-2-carboxamide (0.1 moles) and 1-cyclohexanecarbonyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl) guanidine (1 mole) for 7 hours in the presence of anhydrous FeCl<sub>3</sub> using nitrobenzene as the solvent. After cooling, the liquid containing 1-Cyclohexanecarbonyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)guanidine was isolated with a final yield of 60% and a boiling point of 100-102°C. The RF value was found to be 0.4 using a mobile phase of ethyl acetate (7:3).

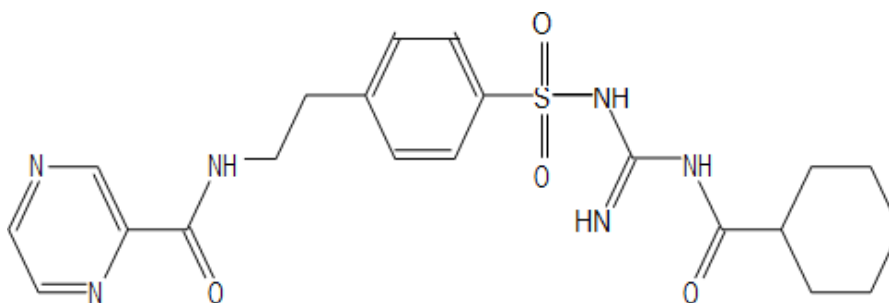
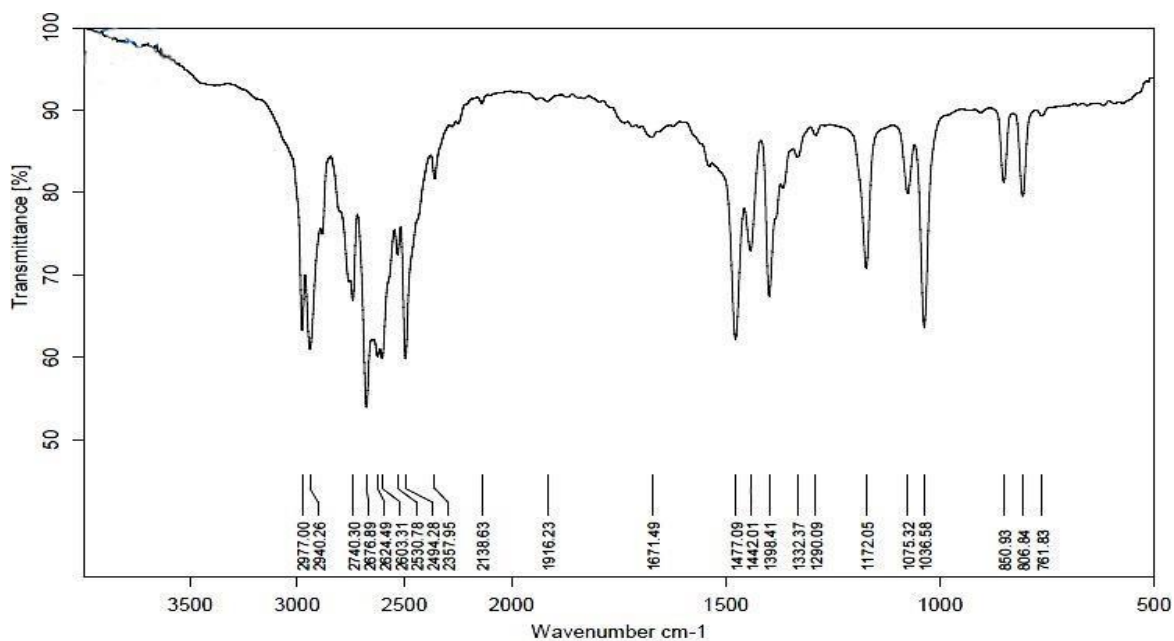


TABLE 4.3: Spectral data of 5a

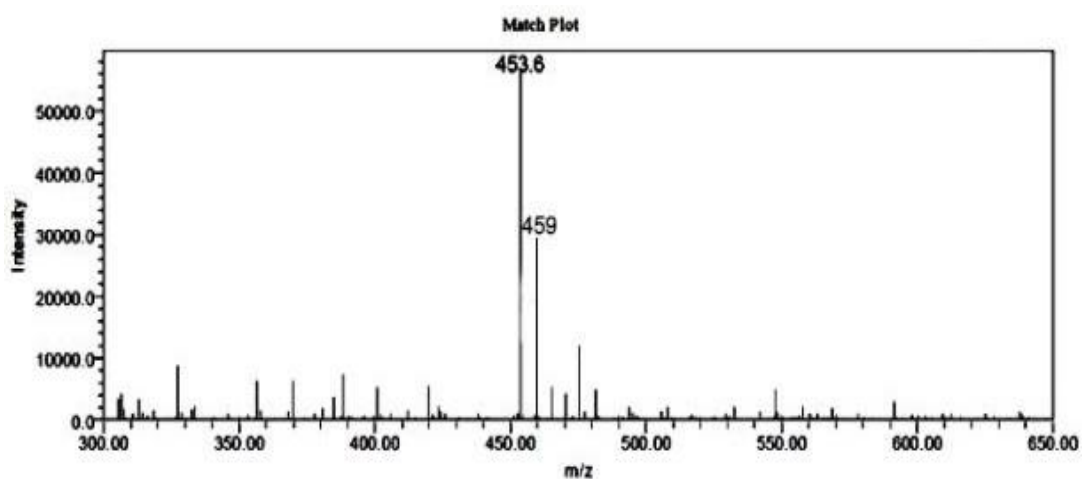
Code	IR (KBr): $\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	MASS (m/z)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz)
5a	2977 (C-H) <i>str</i> Ar 1172 (S=O) <i>str</i> 2788 (C-H) <i>str</i> 2138(C=N) <i>str</i>	459 [M+1]	39.54 ( <u>C</u> H <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Ar), 38.28 (CH <sub>2</sub> <u>C</u> H <sub>2</sub> ,Ar), 141.12-145.05 (CH, pyrazine)





**IMAGE 4.1: IR Spectra of 5a**

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Sample Type:	Unknown	Sample Set Name:	16002024_MASS_01
Vial:	72	Acq. Method Set:	MASS_METHOD
Injection:	1	Processing Method:	MASSMETHOD_03
Injection Volume:	10.00ul	Channel Name:	MS TIC
Run Time:	0.9 minutes	Proc. Chn. Descr:	ZQ F2 Scan MS TIC ZQ F4 Scan
Date Acquired:	19/06/2024 09:10:18 AM IST		
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**IMAGE 4.2: Mass Analysis report of 5a**

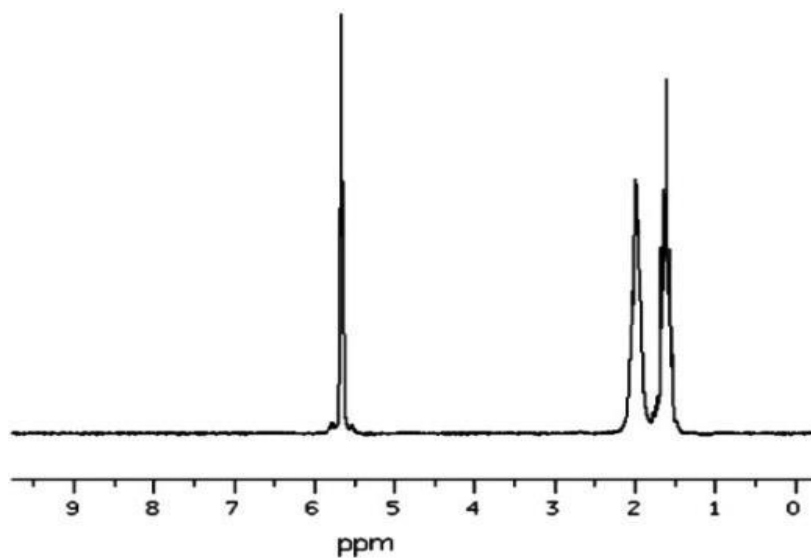
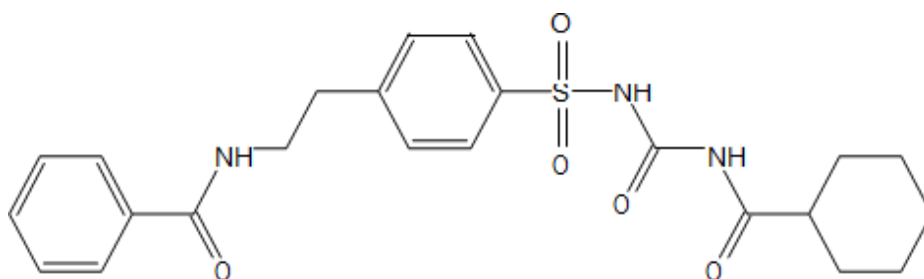


IMAGE 4.3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of 5a

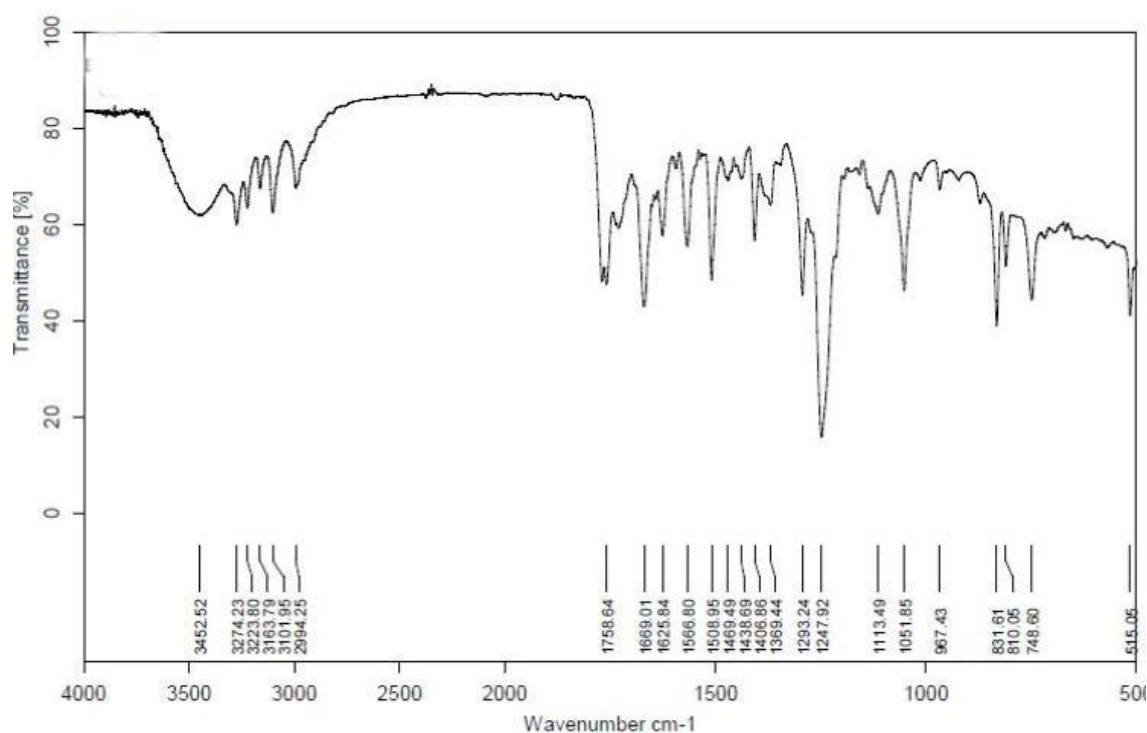
#### 4.2.4.2 Synthesis of 1-(4-(2-Benzamidoethyl) phenylsulfonyl)-3-(cyclohexane carbonyl) urea (5b)

A reaction was conducted N-(2-chloroethyl)benzamide (0.1 mole) and 1-cyclohexanecarbonyl-3-(phenylsulfonyl)urea (0.1 mole) for 7 hours in the presence of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  using nitrobenzene as the solvent. After cooling, Solid white crystals were obtained with a yield of 75%. The melting point of the final product was recorded as 150-154°C. The  $R_f$  value was determined to be 0.5 using a mobile phase of ethyl acetate(7:3).



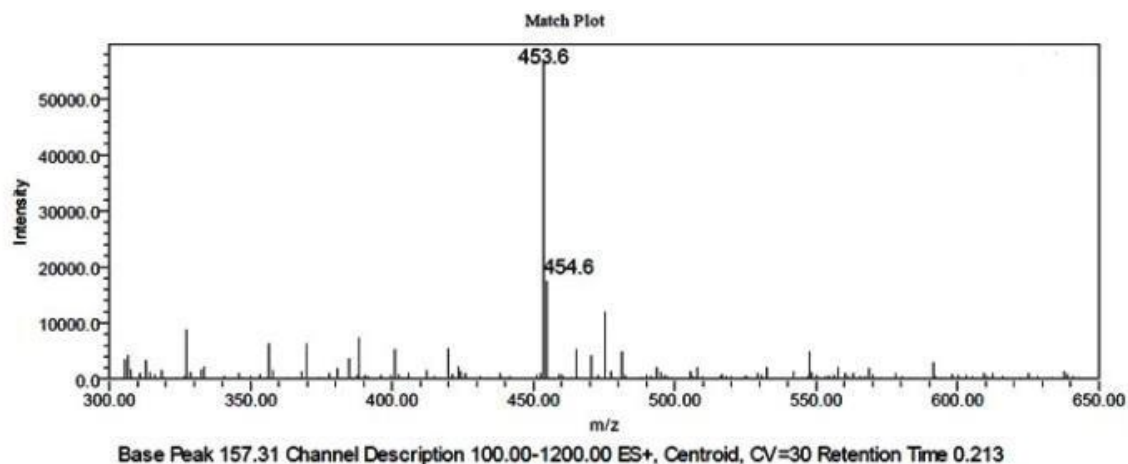
**TABLE 4.4: Spectral data of 5b**

Code	IR (KBr): $\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	MASS (m/z)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz)
5b	1669 (C=O) <i>str</i> 2994 (C-H) <i>str</i> 1247 (S=O) <i>str</i>	454.6 [M-2]	2.31 (s, 2H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.48 (s, 2H, CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.32 (s, 11H, CH <sub>2</sub> ) Cyclohexane, 8.16 (s, 1H, NH), 8.16-8.33(m,9H, Ar)

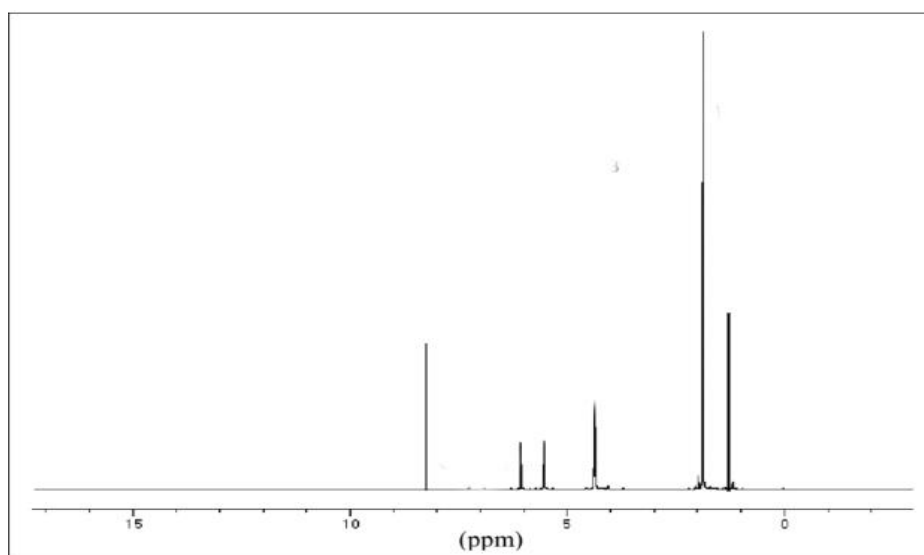


**IMAGE 4.4: IR Spectra of 5b**

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**IMAGE 4.5: Mass Analysis report of 5b**



**IMAGE 4.6:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of 5b**

#### 4.2.4.3 Synthesis of 1-(4-(2-(4-Fluorophenylamino)-2-oxoethyl) phenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-nitrobenzoyl) urea (5c)

The Friedel–Crafts alkylation reaction b/w 1-(4-nitrobenzoyl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl) urea (0.1 mole) and 2-chloro-N-(4-fluorophenyl) acetamide (1 mole) was conducted for 7 hours using anhydrous  $\text{FeCl}_3$  in nitrobenzene as the solvent. After cooling, crystals were isolated, yielding 65% of the product. The melting point of the obtained crystals was 116-118°C. The RF value was determined to be 0.6 using a mobile phase of ethyl acetate (7:3).

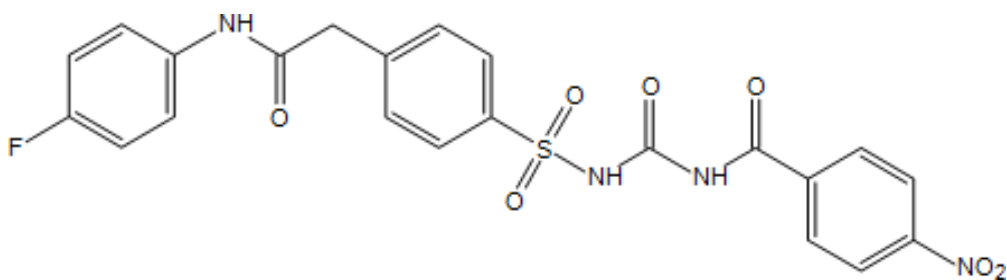


TABLE 4.5: Spectral data of 5c

Code	IR (KBr): $\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	MASS (m/z)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz)
5c	3701 (N-H) <i>str</i> 1670 (C=O) <i>str</i> 2988 (C-H) <i>str</i> Ar, 1278 (S=O) <i>str</i> 2950 (C-H) <i>str</i> 1568 (N-O) <i>str</i> 1350 (N-O) <i>str</i>	500.5 [M]	<sup>1</sup> H NMR ( $\delta$ ) 7.16(d,2H,ArH),7.60(d,6H,ArH),8.20(d,2H,ArH);

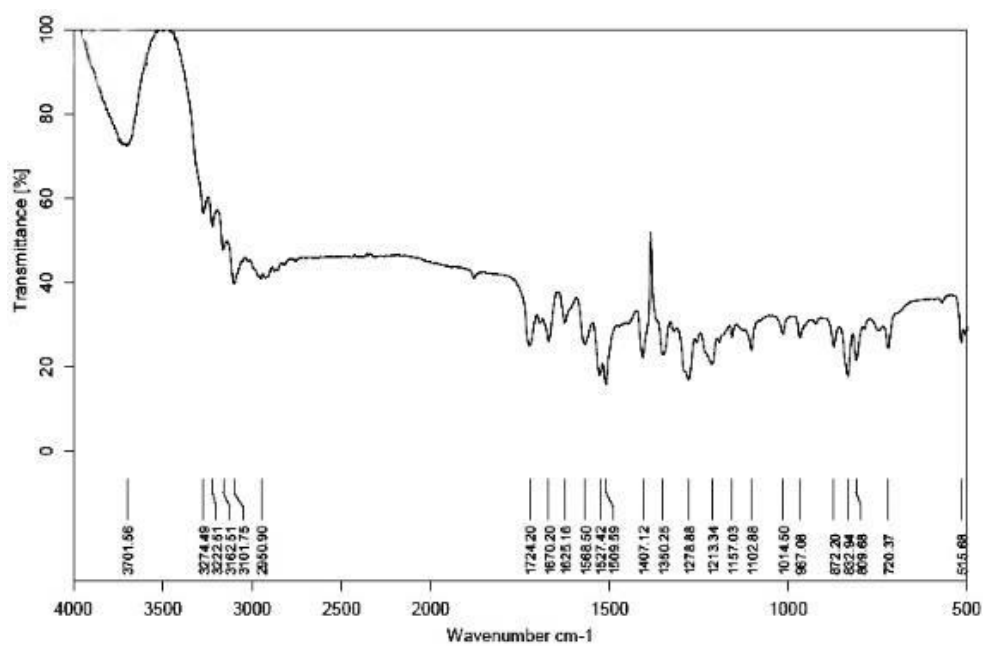


IMAGE 4.7: IR spectra of 5c

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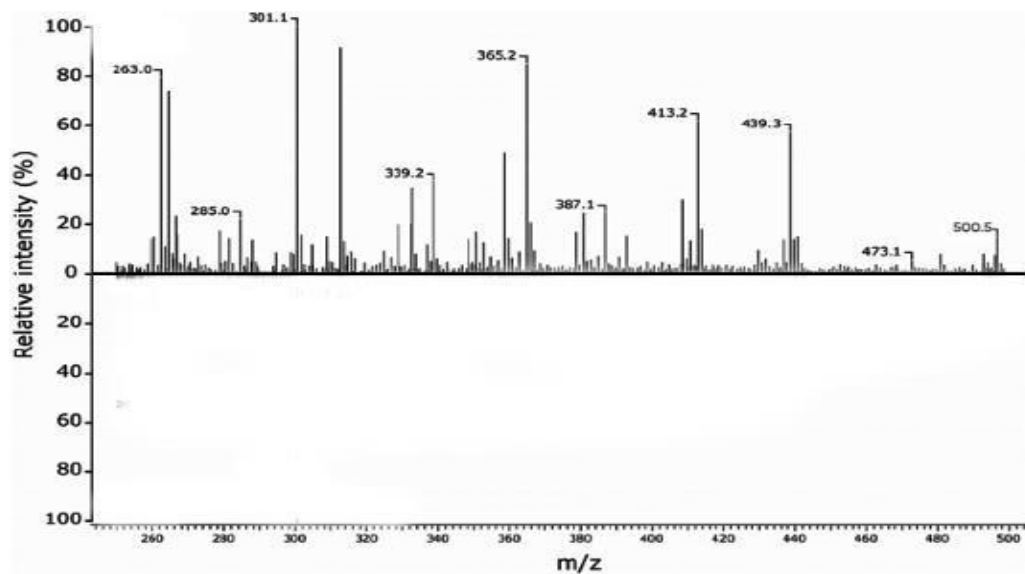
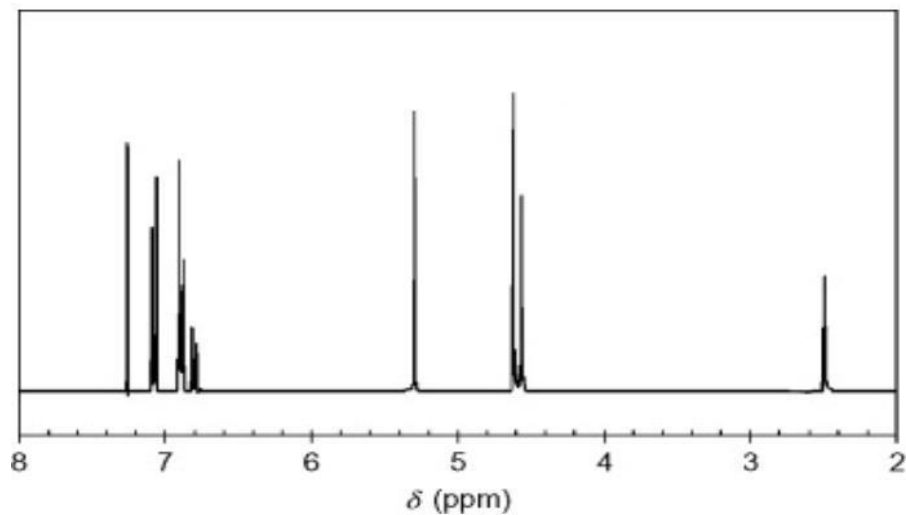


IMAGE 4.8: Mass Analysis report of 5c

IMAGE 4.9: <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5c



### 4.3 In-vivo Biological Evaluation

#### 4.3.1 Preparation of Diabetic Cell Cultures

1. **Cell Line Selection:** Use an appropriate pancreatic cell line or primary cells, such as insulin-producing beta cells, for the study. For diabetes research, a common choice is the **INS-1 cell line** or **RIN-5F cells** which are pancreatic beta-cell lines.
2. **Cell Culture:** Culture the selected cells in standard cell culture conditions (e.g., DMEM or RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and antibiotics) until they reach the desired confluence.
3. **Induction of Hyperglycemia:**
  - To simulate diabetes in vitro, treat the cells with high glucose concentrations (e.g., 25 mM glucose) to induce hyperglycemic conditions.
4. **Treatment Application:**
  - After inducing hyperglycemia, apply the test compounds (Drug 5a, Drug 5b, Drug 5c) to the cell cultures. Dissolve the synthesized drugs in an appropriate solvent (e.g., dimethyl sulfoxide or sterile water) and add them to the cell cultures at the desired concentrations (e.g., 50  $\mu$ M).
5. **Control Groups:**
  - Include control groups for normal (non-diabetic) cells, hyperglycemic cells, and cells treated with a known standard (e.g., Glipizide).

#### 4.3.2 Experimental Design

- **Control Groups:**
  - ❖ **Normal Control:** Cells maintained in standard glucose conditions.
  - ❖ **Hyperglycemic Control:** Cells exposed to high glucose conditions without drug treatment.
  - ❖ **Standard Treatment:** Cells treated with Glipizide at a concentration equivalent to the in-vitro dose.
- **Experimental Groups:**
  - ❖ **Drug 5a Treatment:** Cells treated with synthesized Drug 5a at the in 1% CMC at 50 mg/kg body weight..
  - ❖ **Drug 5b Treatment:** Cells treated with synthesized Drug 5b at the in 1% CMC at 50 mg/kg body weight..

❖ **Drug 5c Treatment:** Cells treated with synthesized Drug 5c at the in 1% CMC at 50 mg/kg body weight..

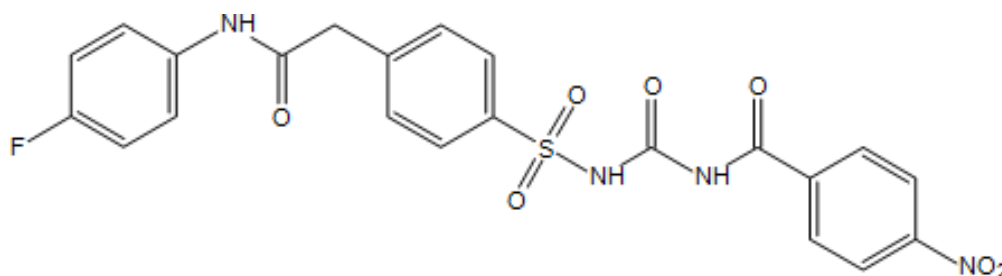
### 4.3.3 Statistical Analysis

- **Data Collection:** Measure relevant biological parameters such as cell viability, glucose uptake, insulin secretion, or other markers of interest.
- **Data Analysis:** Express the data as means  $\pm$  standard error of the mean. Perform statistical analyses using one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by post-hoc Tukey's test, with  $p < 0.01$  considered statistically significant.

## RESULTS

### 5.1 Molecular Docking Analysis

The results are displayed as docking scores, indicating binding energies as listed in Table 4.1. All designed molecules exhibited favorable binding affinities compared to the standard Glipizide. Among the 3 various substituted sulfonylureas and guanidine derivatives tested, compounds 5a, 5b & 5c demonstrated superior binding affinities compared to Glipizide. Notably, 1-(4-(2-(4-Fluorophenylamino)-2-oxoethyl)phenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-nitrobenzoyl)urea (5c) features NO<sub>2</sub> and F groups at the para position of the benzene ring.



So, with the help of docking studies, we can say the electron withdrawing groups has significant effects on binding with receptor. As well as pyrrolidine ring does not have any notable affinity with binding pocket. (**5r-5w**)

The binding cavity and interactions of compounds 5a, 5b, and 5c with various amino acid residues are illustrated in IMAGE 4.1 to 4.5



**TABLE 5.1: Docking outcomes for the synthesized compounds**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Docking score</b>	<b>Hydrogen bond energy</b>	<b>Van der Waals energy</b>
5a	-112.311	- 16.3875	-95.9239
5b	-105.994	-13.5407	-92.4534
<b>5c</b>	<b>-120.836</b>	<b>-23.6739</b>	<b>-97.1619</b>
<b>Glipizide</b>	<b>-108.996</b>	<b>-91.48</b>	<b>-17.5158</b>

## 5.2 Computational Toxicity Analysis

Computational Toxicity Analysis profiles of the developed molecules were assessed using the ADME program. The application of Lipinski's The Rule of Five was crucial for assessing the analogs' drug-like properties. All designed and synthesized derivatives adhere to Lipinski's Rule of Five, indicating favorable drug-like characteristics. Most compounds exhibit good gastrointestinal (GI) absorption. Detailed results of the Computational Toxicity Analysis are summarized in Table 4.2.

**TABLE 4.2: In-silico Toxicity Studies**

<b>Code</b>	<b>M.W.</b>	<b>HBd</b>	<b>HBa</b>	<b>C Log P</b>	<b>Drug likeness</b>
5a	459	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.15</b>	Yes, 0 violations
5b	457	3	5	2.91	Yes, 0 violations
5c	500	4	5	2.20	Yes, 0 violations

## 4.3 SciFinder Report

The SciFinder report for some synthesized derivatives confirms the novelty of the compounds. The report indicates that no existing candidates match our synthesized compounds, underscoring their novelty and uniqueness in the field.

## 5.4 Methods Section

### 5.4.1 Chemistry – Schemes 1, 2, 3

The synthesis of 1-(4-((4-substitutedphenyl) carbamoyl) phenylsulfonyl)-3-(4-substitutedbenzoyl)urea/guanidine derivatives followed a literature method [48]. Friedel-

Crafts alkylation involved reacting 1-(4-substitutedbenzoyl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl) urea (0.1 mmol) with N-(4-substitutedphenyl)-2-chloroacetamide (1 mmol) in the presence of anhydrous FeCl<sub>3</sub>. Nitrobenzene served as the solvent, and the reaction proceeded for 7 hours. After cooling, the The reaction mixture was rinsed with ice-cold water.

The preparation of compound 1 began with the reaction of benzene sulphonyl chloride with an excess of urea/guanidine under reflux conditions for 5 hours. Pyridine (0.2 ml) acted as a catalyst, and The reaction progress was tracked using thin-layer chromatography. Various derivatives of benzene carboxylic acid (NO<sub>2</sub>, Cl, and F) were transformed into benzene carbonyl chloride 2.using SOCl<sub>2</sub> under reflux conditions for 3 hours. To prepare N-(4-substitutedphenyl)-2-chloroacetamide 4, different 2nd and 4th substituted aniline derivatives (F, Cl, NO<sub>2</sub>), Pyrrolidine, and piperazine derivatives were stirred with chloroacetyl chloride under cooling conditions for 4 hours in a fume hood. The mixture was then treated with ice-cold water was added to the reaction mixture, and solid crystals of N-(4-substitutedphenyl)-2-chloroacetamide Four were separated.

The one-step Friedel-Crafts alkylation technique was used to produce derivatives of 1- (4-substitutedbenzoyl)-3-(4-(2-oxo-2-(pyrrolidin-1-yl) ethyl) phenylsulfonyl)urea/guanidine (5a-5c), as illustrated in Schemes 1, 2, and 3. A suitable compound for this synthesis was 1-(4-substitutedbenzoyl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl) urea/guanidine and 2 N-(4-substitutedphenyl)-2-chloroacetamide were refluxed in nitrobenzene with anhydrous FeCl<sub>3</sub> as the catalyst for 6 to After a duration of 7 hours, the reaction mixture was subsequently added to ice-cold water to obtain the final products 5. Compounds 5a-5c was purified by recrystallization. Thin-layer chromatography was used to monitor the reaction progress, employing Ethyl acetate and hexane in a 3:7 ratio were used as the mobile phase. Certain impurities closely co-eluted with most of the compounds, resulting in a lower percentage yield of the pure target compounds.

## **5.5 Biological Evaluation: Molecular Targets of Compounds**

Insulin is a peptide hormone with an amide linkage, whereas sulphonylureas, including my products, contain an NHCONH linkage. Insulin receptors readily bind to compounds with NHCO groups due to the similarity in their chemical structure. Sulphonylurea receptors (SUR) are crucial elements of the cellular membrane. Targeted by anti-diabetic drugs of the sulphonylurea class. These drugs function by stimulating Insulin secretion from pancreatic beta cells involves the SUR proteins, which function as subunits. of the Kir6.x (6.1 and 6.2)

inward-rectifier potassium ion channels. The assembly consisting of four Kir6.x subunits and four SUR subunits forms the KATP channel, which facilitates ion conduction.

The selection of compounds for biological evaluation was based on a literature review of hypoglycemic agents, referencing the work by S. Prakash, D. Maji, S. Samanta, and R.K. Sinha, who reported on the design, development, and evaluation of cinnamic acid- amino acid hybrid analogs for their antidiabetic properties in *Medicinal Chemistry*, 4(2),1-6. Plasma concentrations and bioavailability of the compounds were not measured in this study. Primary screening of synthesized compounds aimed to identify the most active derivatives. Further pharmacological evaluation was not conducted as it was outside the scope of this study. However, the fact that these compounds exhibited pharmacological action after oral administration suggests their bioavailability.

Streptozotocin (STZ) causes diabetes by harming insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, resulting in hyperglycemia. The capacity of our target molecules to bind to sulphonylurea receptors was assessed by evaluating them in albino Wistar rats to measure the reduction in blood sugar levels. Data analysis was conducted employing GraphPad Prism with one-way ANOVA and subsequent Tukey's test. Our research indicated that administering these compounds to diabetic rats resulted in a reversal of their blood glucose levels. The way in which they produce their hypoglycemic effect might involve enhancing insulin's effect by enhancing pancreatic secretion from  $\beta$ -cells in the islets of Langerhans or by releasing it from its bound form.

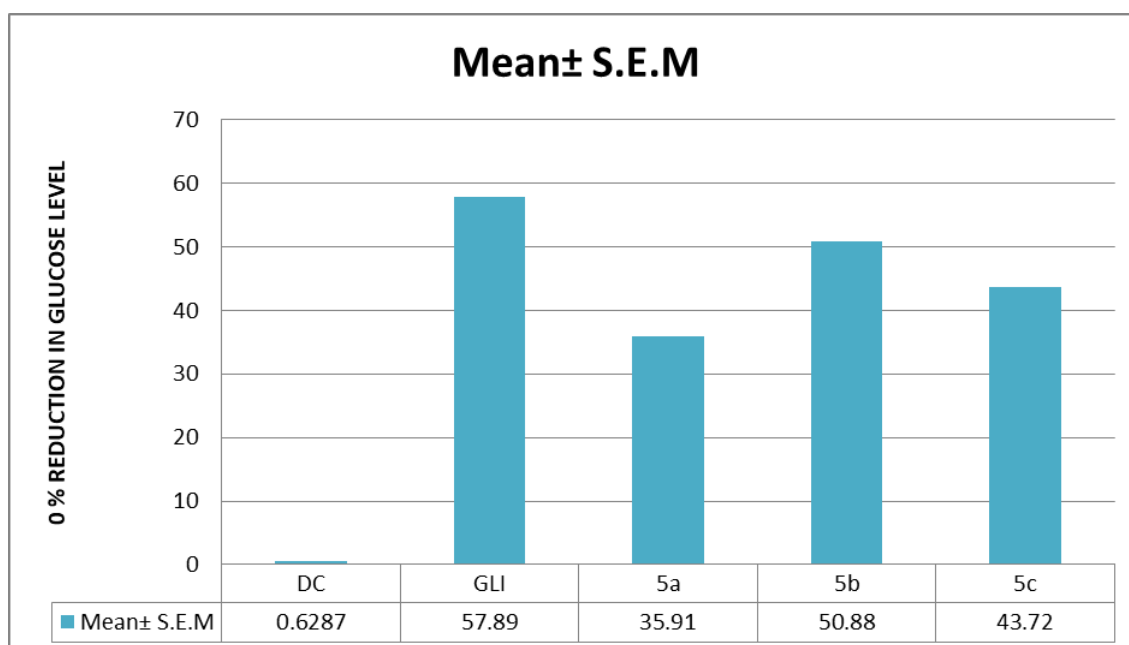
However, compounds 5c ( $50.88 \pm 3.7$ ), derivatives of sulphonylureas, demonstrated a higher percentage reduction in blood glucose levels (Table 4.3, 4.4, and IMAGE 4.4) compared to other derivatives. Compound 5c features an electronegative atom (NO<sub>2</sub>) at the 4th position of the benzene ring, respectively, in the 4th position of the sulphonylurea derivatives, showing superior blood sugar reduction compared to other derivatives.

<b>Tukey's Multiple Compariso</b>	<b>Mean Difference</b>	<b>Q Value</b>	<b>Significant? P &lt; 0.01?</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>99% Confidence Interval of Difference</b>
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n Test					
DC vs Gli	-57.26	9.552	Yes	***	-91.62 to -22.90
DC vs 5a	-35.28	5.885	Yes	**	-69.64 to 0.9166
DC vs 5b	-50.25	8.383	Yes	***	-84.61 to -15.89
DC vs 5c	-43.09	7.189	Yes	***	-77.46 to -8.733

**TABLE 5.4: In-vivo biological activity**

Groups	Mean± S.E.M
DC	0.6287±0.9512
GLI	57.89±4.905
5a	35.91±2.9
5b	50.88±3.7
5c	43.72±10.6



**IMAGE 5.2 In vivo biological evaluations**

## **DISCUSSION**

### **6.1 Overview of the Current Study**

#### **6.1.1 Molecular docking analysis (MDA)**

MDA was conducted to assess the binding affinity of the designed compounds. The results, presented in Table 4.1, show the docking scores (binding energies) compared to the standard Glipizide. All designed compounds exhibited a favorable binding affinity. Notably, compounds 5c (-120.836) demonstrated superior binding affinities compared to Glipizide.

#### **6.1.2 Computational Toxicity Analysis**

Computational toxicity profiles of the designed compounds were assessed using the SWISS ADME program.

All targeted derivatives (5a-5ab) adhered to Lipinski's rule of five, indicating favorable properties related to absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination (ADME).

### **6.2 Experimental Section**

All targeted derivatives underwent purification by recrystallization and were subsequently characterized using spectroscopic techniques including IR, Mass Spectroscopy, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and <sup>13</sup>C NMR. The spectral analyses provided conclusive evidence supporting the elucidated structures.

#### **6.2.1 In Vivo Biological Evaluation**

Streptozotocin (STZ) causes diabetes by impairing insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, resulting in hyperglycemia. Compounds 5c (50.88±3.7) derivatives of sulfonylureas containing electronegative atoms (NO<sub>2</sub>, F, Cl) at the 4th position of the benzene ring, exhibited a superior percentage reduction in blood glucose levels compared to other derivatives.

### **6.3 Achievements with Respect to the Objectives**

Diabetes mellitus is a long-term condition with a rising incidence and associated micro and macro vascular complications. Through literature review, molecular docking studies, and in-silico toxicity assessments, novel hypoglycemic agents were designed and synthesized. In vivo biological evaluation provided significant insights into blood sugar reduction in albino Wistar rats.

### **6.4 Recommendations for Future Research**

The successful introduction of novel hypoglycemic agents derived from various Sulphonylureas/guanidine derivatives opens avenues for future research. Exploration of diverse heterocyclic such as pyrrolidine, Piperazine, oxazole, thiazole, pyrazine, and oxadiazole with different substitutions could be pursued. Additionally, there is scope for in

vitro biological evaluations to further enhance understanding in antidiabetic therapy. Development of an HPLC method for novel derivatives is also recommended.

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