



QSAR MODELING OF SYNTHETIC ANTIOXIDANT CHROMONE DERIVATIVES USING PHYSICOCHEMICAL AND TOPOLOGICAL PARAMETERS

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ABSTRACT

The study presents quantitative structure activity relationships (QSAR) study on A series of 7-hydroxy, 8-hydroxy and 7,8-dihydroxy synthetic chromone derivatives for their DPPH free radical scavenging activities. A training set of 36 synthetic chromone derivatives was subject to two-dimensional quantitative structure-activity relationship (2D-QSAR) studies using leave one out method(Loo method). Regression analysis was carried out using multiple regression analysis. A highly predictive and statistically significant model was generated. The modeling was done using physicochemical and topological parameters. The results are discussed on various statistical parameters. The predictive powers of the models were also discussed by using the method of cross-validation. Our best seven parameteric model having $n=36, S.E=0.1767, R^2=0.8637, R^2A=0.8296, F\text{-ratio}=25.350, Q=5.2595$. Our results shows that the model suggested by us using 2D QSAR technology is comparatively better than the result obtained by Weerasak Samee et. al. used 3D QSAR technique. Hence MLR method is better in the case when connectivity and information indices along with indicator and topological parameter are used as correlating parameters.

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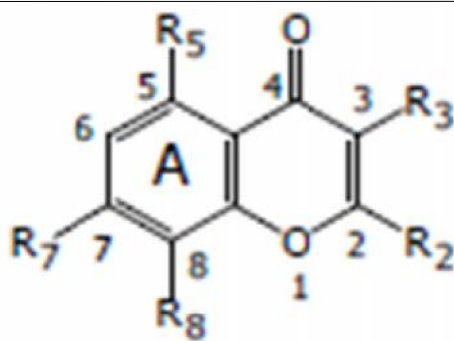
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INTRODUCTION

Antioxidant means "against oxidation." An antioxidant is any substance that retards or prevents deterioration, damage or destruction by oxidation (1). Free radicals are formed continuously as normal by-products of oxygen metabolism during mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation. Thus the mitochondrion is the main source of free radicals (3, 4). The role of free radicals in many disease conditions has been well established. Several biochemical reactions in our body generate reactive oxygen species and these are capable of damaging crucial bio-molecules. If they are not effectively scavenged by cellular constituents, they lead to disease conditions (5, 6) e.g. Cerebrovascular Disease, Cancer, Arteriosclerosis, Atherosclerosis, Heart Disease, Senility, Aging, Behcet's Disease, Crohn's Disease, Cataracts, Sunburn, Ulcers, Osteoporosis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Diabetes Mellitus, Emphysema, Stroke (2), Rheumatoid Arthritis, Hemorrhagic Shock, Cardiovascular Disorders, Cystic Fibrosis, Neurodegenerative Diseases (e.g. Parkinsonism, Alzheimer's disease), Gastrointestinal Ulcerogenesis, AIDS and even early Senescence (5, 6). Free radicals also spoil foods and degrade materials such as rubber, gasoline and lubricating oils (7). Among the computational method the, QSAR relationships have found diverse application for predicting the compound properties, including biological activity prediction, and toxicity predictions (8-10).

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The studies on QSAR for relating the chemical or biological activity of drugs or aromatic compounds has led to proliferation of methods and indices (11-13). Such methods include various forms of univariate or multivariate regressions. At a fundamental level, indices include various forms of pure graph invariants commonly called topological indices. Such as Balaban(J), Randic (m), Kier and Hall ($^m v$) indices. There have been a large number of other less fundamental indices, which have attempted to capture the essence of molecular shape, reactivity and polarity. Such indices are successfully used in modeling of biological activity of organic compounds toxic to the external environment. A series of papers have been published using physicochemical parameters and topological descriptors simultaneously for successful modeling of biological activities for various drug molecules (14-19).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The set of 36 chromone derivative have been used and $\log EC_{50}$ activity along with different substituents are recorded in table-1. The table -1 also records the value of indicator parameter namely IP1. IP1 has been taken as unity for the presence of halogen in the compound otherwise its value is zero. The calculated value of topological and physicochemical parameters along with different connectivity and information indices are recorded in table-2. The correlation between the topological indices and their correlation with other parameters are presented in table-3.

Table 1. Molecular structures and corresponding antioxidant activities of synthetic chromones

| Cmpd no | R ₂ | R ₃ | R ₅ | R ₇ | R ₈ | $\log EC_{50}$ | IP1 |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----|
| 1. | Phenyl | H | H | OH | OH | 1.983 | 0 |
| 2. | Phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.099 | 0 |
| 3. | Benzyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.097 | 0 |
| 4. | 4'-(NO ₂)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.008 | 0 |
| 5. | 3'-(CF ₃)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 1.970 | 1 |
| 6. | 4'-(F)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.054 | 1 |
| 7. | 3',5'-(diNO ₂)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 1.942 | 0 |
| 8. | 3'-(Cl)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.068 | 1 |
| 9. | 4'-(t-butyl)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.019 | 0 |
| 10. | phenyl | CH ₃ | H | OH | H | 2.094 | 0 |
| 11. | Benzyl | CH ₃ | H | OH | H | 2.092 | 0 |
| 12. | 4'-(NO ₂)-phenyl | 4''-(NO ₂)-Benzoyl | H | OH | H | 1.773 | 0 |
| 13. | 4'-(CF ₃)-phenyl | 3''-(CF ₃)-Benzoyl | H | OH | H | 1.735 | 1 |
| 14. | 4'-(F)-phenyl | 4''-(F)-Benzoyl | H | OH | H | 1.860 | 1 |
| 15. | 3',4'-(diF)-phenyl | 3'',4''-(diF)-Benzoyl | H | OH | H | 1.799 | 1 |
| 16. | 4'-(OCH ₃)-phenyl | 4''-(OCH ₃)-Benzoyl | H | OH | H | 1.850 | 0 |
| 17. | 3'-(CF ₃)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 1.932 | 1 |
| 18. | 4'-(F)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 2.010 | 1 |
| 19. | 3',4'-(diF)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 1.994 | 1 |
| 20. | 4'-(t-butyl)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 1.941 | 0 |
| 21. | 3'-(Cl)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 2.018 | 1 |
| 22. | 3',4'-(diCl)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 1.955 | 1 |
| 23. | 4'-(OCH ₃)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 2.039 | 0 |
| 24. | 3'-(OCH ₃)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 2.048 | 0 |
| 25. | 3',4'-(diNO ₂)-phenyl | H | OH | OH | H | 1.902 | 0 |
| 26. | 4'-(NO ₂)-phenyl | 4''-(NO ₂)-Benzoyl | OH | OH | H | 1.756 | 0 |
| 27. | phenyl | H | H | OH | OH | 1.504 | 0 |
| 28. | Benzyl | H | H | OH | OH | 1.581 | 0 |
| 29. | 3'-(CF ₃)-phenyl | 4''-(CF ₃)-Benzoyl | H | OH | OH | 0.417 | 1 |
| 30. | 4'-(F)-phenyl | 4''-(F)-Benzoyl | H | OH | OH | 0.594 | 1 |
| 31. | CH ₃ | H | H | OH | H | 2.262 | 0 |
| 32. | 3',4'-(diCl)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 2.001 | 1 |
| 33. | 4'-(NO ₂)-phenyl | H | H | OH | H | 1.956 | 0 |
| 34. | CH ₃ | H | H | OH | OH | 1.616 | 0 |
| 35. | 3'-(OCH ₃)-phenyl | 3''-(OCH ₃)-Benzoyl | H | OH | H | 1.847 | 0 |
| 36. | 4'-(NO ₂)-phenyl | 4''-(NO ₂)-Benzoyl | H | OH | OH | 0.528 | 0 |

Ip1=1 if halogens present in compounds, otherwise zero.

Table 2. Values of Topological, Randic connectivity indices and Information indices used for the compounds used in the present study

| Compd no | J | 1 | 2 | 3 | SIC1 | MLOGP |
|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1. | 1.67 | 8.754 | 7.843 | 6.775 | 0.58 | 2.581 |
| 2. | 1.638 | 8.737 | 7.494 | 6.631 | 0.58 | 2.581 |
| 3. | 1.551 | 9.22 | 8.397 | 6.767 | 0.632 | 2.562 |
| 4. | 1.571 | 10.042 | 9.47 | 7.74 | 0.663 | 2.579 |
| 5. | 1.645 | 10.342 | 10.541 | 7.921 | 0.659 | 3.461 |
| 6. | 1.615 | 9.131 | 8.571 | 7.042 | 0.646 | 2.974 |
| 7. | 1.695 | 11.346 | 11.026 | 8.683 | 0.68 | 2.431 |
| 8. | 1.642 | 9.131 | 8.583 | 6.958 | 0.646 | 3.098 |
| 9. | 1.573 | 10.342 | 10.529 | 7.978 | 0.62 | 3.543 |
| 10. | 1.709 | 9.165 | 8.358 | 7.314 | 0.63 | 2.83 |
| 11. | 1.620 | 9.648 | 8.796 | 7.518 | 0.644 | 2.805 |
| 12. | 1.498 | 15.257 | 14.375 | 12.13 | 0.588 | 3.038 |
| 13. | 1.613 | 16.269 | 17.066 | 12.799 | 0.604 | 4.142 |
| 14. | 1.539 | 13.436 | 12.577 | 10.732 | 0.573 | 3.594 |
| 15. | 1.566 | 14.257 | 13.593 | 11.889 | 0.606 | 3.805 |
| 16. | 1.509 | 14.512 | 12.915 | 11.549 | 0.581 | 2.246 |
| 17. | 1.672 | 10.753 | 11.09 | 8.224 | 0.683 | 3.164 |
| 18. | 1.65 | 9.542 | 9.12 | 7.345 | 0.674 | 2.677 |
| 19. | 1.666 | 9.952 | 9.628 | 7.923 | 0.703 | 2.801 |
| 20. | 1.601 | 10.753 | 11.078 | 8.281 | 0.639 | 3.514 |
| 21. | 1.676 | 9.542 | 9.132 | 7.261 | 0.674 | 2.801 |
| 22. | 1.666 | 9.952 | 9.628 | 7.923 | 0.703 | 3.044 |
| 23. | 1.617 | 10.08 | 9.289 | 7.753 | 0.676 | 2.013 |
| 24. | 1.66 | 10.08 | 9.301 | 7.685 | 0.676 | 2.013 |
| 25. | 1.718 | 11.757 | 11.575 | 8.987 | 0.7 | 2.211 |
| 26. | 1.528 | 15.668 | 14.924 | 12.439 | 0.612 | 2.826 |
| 27. | 1.69 | 9.165 | 8.348 | 7.375 | 0.614 | 2.041 |
| 28. | 1.601 | 9.648 | 8.796 | 7.511 | 0.66 | 2.022 |
| 29. | 1.612 | 16.286 | 16.916 | 13.235 | 0.604 | 3.631 |
| 30. | 1.566 | 13.863 | 12.977 | 11.477 | 0.6 | 2.807 |
| 31. | 2.02 | 6.165 | 5.896 | 4.514 | 0.788 | 1.188 |
| 32. | 1.634 | 9.542 | 9.079 | 7.62 | 0.679 | 3.341 |
| 33. | 1.571 | 10.042 | 9.47 | 7.74 | 0.663 | 2.579 |
| 34. | 2.106 | 6.592 | 6.295 | 5.258 | 0.793 | 0.649 |
| 35. | 1.562 | 14.512 | 12.939 | 11.413 | 0.581 | 2.246 |
| 36. | 1.527 | 15.684 | 14.774 | 12.874 | 0.612 | 2.315 |

list of abbreviations and symbols used:

¹, ², ³, = Randic connectivity indices

J= Balaban index

SIC1=information index

MlogP=Lipophicity parameter

Table 3. Correlation matrix

| | logEc50 | J | 1 | 2 | 3 | SIC1 | MLOGP | IP1 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| logEc50 | 1.0000 | | | | | | | |
| J | 0.1841 | 1.0000 | | | | | | |
| 1 | -0.5779 | -0.6316 | 1.0000 | | | | | |
| 2 | -0.5811 | -0.5696 | 0.9808 | 1.0000 | | | | |
| 3 | -0.6184 | -0.6135 | 0.9958 | 0.9737 | 1.0000 | | | |
| SIC1 | 0.2862 | 0.7956 | -0.6312 | -0.5518 | -0.6274 | 1.0000 | | |
| MLOGP | -0.0596 | -0.6064 | 0.4719 | 0.5449 | 0.4642 | -0.5312 | 1.0000 | |
| IP1 | -0.1355 | -0.0875 | 0.1451 | 0.2220 | 0.1648 | 0.0067 | 0.5885 | 1.0000 |

Statistical analysis: In modeling logEC₅₀ for the 36 set of chromone derivative and to arrive at most significant model we have chosen stepwise regression analysis and used maximum R² method. Among the proposed model, the best mono to multiparametric models were found to be the following.

One-parametric model: It was observed that among the several monoperametric model, the model containing 3 (third order connectivity index) was found to be the best with R²=0.3825 is as follows:

$$\log EC_{50} = 2.8229 - 0.1158(\pm 0.0252) \cdot 3 \quad (1)$$

$$n=36, S.E=0.3414, R^2=0.3825, R^2A = 0.3643, F\text{-ratio}=21.060, Q=1.8115$$

In the above eqn. n= no of compounds, S.E= Standard error of estimation, R²= coefficient of determination, R²A = adjusted R², Q= Quality factor. In the above model the negative value of 3 indicates that decrease in the value of this the biological activity can be enhanced.

Two-parametric model: Among the several biparametric model when the 1 (first order connectivity index) was combined with the 3 parameter the R² value increased significantly from 0.3825 to 0.5564. The quality factor also enhances from the value of 1.8115 to 2.5397. The model is as given below:

$$\log EC_{50} = 2.1817 + 0.7283(\pm 0.2025) \chi_3 - 0.9701(\pm 0.2385) \chi_1$$

$$n=36, S.E.=0.2937, R^2=0.5564, R^2A = 0.5295, F\text{-ratio}=20.697, Q=2.5397 \quad (2)$$

Three-parametric model: In the tri parametric model when another second order connectivity parameter (χ_2) was combined with the above biparametric model containing χ_3 and χ_1 . The significant improvement in the value of R^2 was observed. The R^2 value increases from the value of 0.5564 to 0.5809 and the quality factor enhance from 2.5697 to 2.6290. The value of S.E. was decreased from 0.2397 to 0.0.2899. The model is as shown below.

$$\log EC_{50} = 2.0752 + 0.9025(\pm 0.2371) \chi_1 - 0.1267(\pm 0.0928) \chi_2 - 1.0261(\pm 0.2389) \chi_3$$

$$n=36, S.E.=0.2899, R^2=0.5809, R^2A = 0.5416, F\text{-ratio}=14.783, Q=2.6290 \quad (3)$$

Four-parametric model: Among the four parametric model, the model containing χ_1, χ_2, χ_3 along with MLOGP was found to be the best. The model is as given below.

$$\log EC_{50} = 1.6530 + 1.0173(\pm 0.2125) \chi_1 - 0.2660(\pm 0.0930) \chi_2 - 1.0334(\pm 0.2110) \chi_3 + 0.2514 (\pm 0.0794) \text{MLOGP}$$

$$n=36, S.E.=0.2560, R^2=0.6834, R^2A = 0.6425, F\text{-ratio}=16.725, Q=3.2292 \quad (4)$$

In the model given above the inclusion of MLOGP drastically increases the value R^2 from 0.5809 to 0.6834.

Five-parametric model: When to the above four parametric model another topological parameter J (Balaban index) have been found to be effective with $R^2=0.7529$. The model is as below.

$$\log EC_{50} = -3.1685 + 2.1246(\pm 0.7310) J + 0.5587(\pm 0.2666) \chi_1 - 0.5444(\pm 0.1271) \chi_2 - 1.3099(\pm 0.2120) \chi_3 + 0.5027(\pm 0.1121) \text{MLOGP}$$

$$n=36, S.E.=0.2299, R^2=0.7529, R^2A = 0.7118, F\text{-ratio}=18.285, Q=3.7742. \quad (5)$$

Six-parametric model: However in case of six parametric modeling a model containing J, $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \text{SIC1}, \text{MLOGP}$ comes out to be the best. The R^2 value for this model is 0.8170. The model is as below:

$$\log EC_{50} = -6.3624 + 1.8512(\pm 0.6456) J + 1.8510(\pm 0.2508) \chi_1 - 0.7699(\pm 0.1318) \chi_2 - 1.3601(\pm 0.1863) \chi_3 + 4.2678(\pm 1.3400) \text{SIC1} + 0.6718(\pm 0.1115) \text{MLOGP}$$

$$n=36, S.E.=0.2012, R^2=0.8170, R^2A = 0.7791, F\text{-ratio}=21.572, Q=4.4924 \quad (6)$$

Seven-parametric model: The best seven parametric model containing indicator parameter IP1 taken for the presence of halogen group in the given compounds is as follows.

$$\log EC_{50} = -8.6415 + 2.2062(\pm 0.5784) J + 1.8443(\pm 0.2203) \chi_1 - 0.8611(\pm 0.1195) \chi_2 - 1.2334(\pm 0.1686) \chi_3 + 5.9580(\pm 1.2970) \text{SIC1} - 0.2933(\pm 0.0946) \text{IP1}$$

$$n=36, S.E.=0.1767, R^2=0.8637, R^2A = 0.8296, F\text{-ratio}=25.350, Q=5.2595 \quad (7)$$

However, seven parametric model with J, $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \text{SIC1}, \text{IP1}$ comes out to be the best since it gives a highest R^2 and Q value (21). Using model 7 (table-4) the $\log EC_{50}$ values have been evaluated and reported in table-5 respectively.

Table 4. Regression parameters and quality of correlation for the various models

| Model. No | Paramet-ers used | Ai = (1---7) | B | Se | R ² | R ² A | F-ratio | Q = R/Se |
|-----------|--|--|---------|--------|----------------|------------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 3 | -0.1158(±0.0252) | 2.8229 | 0.3414 | 0.3825 | 0.3643 | 21.060 | 1.8115 |
| 2 | 3 1 | 0.7283(±0.2025) -0.9701(±0.2385) | 2.1817 | 0.2937 | 0.5564 | 0.5295 | 20.697 | 2.5397 |
| 3 | 1 2 3 | 0.9025(±0.2371) -0.1267(±0.0928) -1.0261(±0.2389) | 2.0752 | 0.2899 | 0.5809 | 0.5416 | 14.783 | 2.6290 |
| 4 | 1 2 3 MLOGP | 1.0173(±0.2125) -0.2660(±0.0930) -1.0334(±0.2110) 0.2514(±0.0794) | 1.6530 | 0.2560 | 0.6834 | 0.6425 | 16.725 | 3.2292 |
| 5 | J 1 2 3 MLOGP | 2.1246(±0.7310) 1.5587(±0.2666) -0.5444(±0.1271) -1.3099(±0.2120) 0.5027(±0.1121) | -3.1685 | 0.2299 | 0.7529 | 0.7118 | 18.285 | 3.7742 |
| 6 | J 1 2 3 SIC1 MLOGP | 1.8512(±0.6456) 1.8510(±0.2508) -0.7699(±0.1318) -1.3601(±0.1863) 4.2678(±1.3400) 0.6718(±0.1115) | -6.3624 | 0.2012 | 0.8170 | 0.7791 | 21.572 | 4.4924 |
| 7 | J 1 2 3 SIC1 MLOGP IP1 | 2.2062(±0.5784) 1.8443(±0.2203) -0.8611(±0.1195) -1.2334(±0.1686) 5.9580(±1.2970) 0.9121(±0.1249) -0.2933(±0.0946) | -8.6415 | 0.1767 | 0.8637 | 0.8296 | 25.350 | 5.2595 |

However, the correlation potential for these model have obtained by plotting observed versus estimated $\log EC_{50}$ values and they are demonstrated in Fig-1 and predictive power of the Fig-1 comes out to be 0.8637 suggesting that this model is the best among all the models. The model-7 explains more than 86 % variance of the data. Further confirmation in favour of seven parametric model is obtained by calculating the cross-validated parameters (table-6) for the given models. PRESS (predicted residual sum of squares) appears to be the most important cross validation parameter accounting for a good estimate of the real predictive error of the models. Its value less than SSY (sum of squares of the response value) indicate that the model predict better than the chance and can be considered statistically significant. In our case PRESS/SSY for all the models has been more than zero, which shows that these models are free from the defect of chance and also R^2_{CV} is highest for the seven parametric models suggesting that this model is most appropriate for modeling $\log EC_{50}$ value of compounds under investigation.

Table 5. Observed and estimated $\log EC_{50}$ values using modelno. 7.

| Compd no | Observed $\log EC_{50}$ | Predicted $\log EC_{50}$ | Residual |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 1.983 | 1.888 | 0.095 |
| 2 | 2.099 | 2.264 | -0.165 |
| 3 | 2.097 | 2.31 | -0.213 |
| 4 | 2.008 | 1.946 | 0.062 |
| 5 | 1.97 | 2.004 | -0.034 |
| 6 | 2.054 | 1.964 | 0.09 |
| 7 | 1.942 | 2.088 | -0.146 |
| 8 | 2.068 | 2.23 | -0.162 |
| 9 | 2.019 | 1.921 | 0.098 |
| 10 | 2.094 | 2.148 | -0.054 |
| 11 | 2.092 | 2.275 | -0.183 |
| 12 | 1.773 | 1.736 | 0.037 |
| 13 | 1.735 | 1.523 | 0.212 |
| 14 | 1.86 | 1.865 | -0.005 |
| 15 | 1.799 | 1.526 | 0.273 |
| 16 | 1.85 | 1.596 | 0.254 |
| 17 | 1.932 | 1.848 | 0.084 |
| 18 | 2.01 | 1.848 | 0.162 |
| 19 | 1.994 | 1.775 | 0.219 |
| 20 | 1.941 | 1.981 | -0.04 |
| 21 | 2.018 | 2.112 | -0.094 |
| 22 | 1.955 | 1.997 | -0.042 |
| 23 | 2.039 | 1.819 | 0.22 |
| 24 | 2.048 | 1.987 | 0.061 |
| 25 | 1.902 | 1.967 | -0.065 |
| 26 | 1.756 | 1.656 | 0.100 |
| 27 | 1.504 | 1.225 | 0.279 |
| 28 | 1.581 | 1.622 | -0.041 |
| 29 | 0.417 | 0.677 | -0.26 |
| 30 | 0.594 | 0.892 | -0.298 |
| 31 | 2.262 | 2.319 | -0.057 |
| 32 | 2.001 | 2.145 | -0.144 |
| 33 | 1.956 | 1.946 | 0.01 |
| 34 | 1.616 | 1.573 | 0.043 |
| 35 | 1.847 | 1.86 | -0.013 |
| 36 | 0.528 | 0.81 | -0.282 |

Table 6. Cross-validated parameters

| Model no. | Parameters used | PRESS | SSY | PRESS/SSY | R^2_{CV} | PSE | S_{PRESS} |
|-----------|--|--------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|-------------|
| 2. | 3 1 | 2.8472 | 3.5715 | 0.7972 | 0.2028 | 0.2812 | 0.2935 |
| 3. | 1 2 3 | 2.6903 | 3.7284 | 0.7215 | 0.2785 | 0.2733 | 0.2899 |
| 4. | 1 2 3 MLOGP | 2.0324 | 4.3862 | 0.4633 | 0.5367 | 0.2376 | 0.2560 |
| 5 | J 1 2 3 MLOGP | 1.5858 | 4.8328 | 0.3281 | 0.6719 | 0.2098 | 0.2299 |
| 6 | J 1 2 3 SIC1 MLOGP | 1.1749 | 5.2438 | 0.2241 | 0.7759 | 0.1806 | 0.2012 |
| 7 | J 1 2 3 SIC1 MLOGP IP1 | 0.8747 | 5.5439 | 0.1577 | 0.8423 | 0.1558 | 0.1767 |

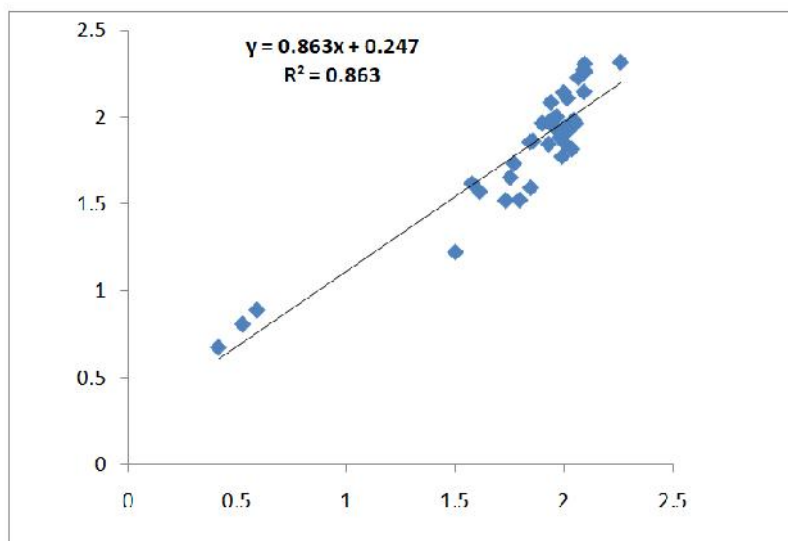


Fig 2. Correlation between observed and estimated $\log EC_{50}$ using model no.7

Experimental

50% Effective concentration ($\log EC_{50}$) Activity: The biological activity studied here is the 50% Effective concentration ($\log EC_{50}$) of 36 synthetic antioxidant chromone derivatives as reported earlier is used.

Molecular descriptors used: The molecular structures of chromone derivatives were modeled with chemsketch software and also several physicochemical parameters for the 36 synthetic antioxidant chromone derivatives were calculated using ACD Lab software chem sketch (20). Topological indices for the 36 antioxidant chromone derivatives have been calculated using Dragon software. They are Balaban, Randic connectivity and information indices. They are reported in table-2 respectively. All the topological indices were calculated from the hydrogen suppressed graphs. These graphs were obtained after deleting all the carbon-hydrogen as well as heteroatoms -hydrogen bonds from the molecular structures of the compound used. The structure optimization for using Dragon software was made by ACD Lab's software.

Regression analysis: Regression analysis was made using maximum R^2 method following stepwise regression analysis. The NCSS software was used for making regression analysis.

Conclusion

The above result suggests the following conclusion.

-) Second and third order connectivity indices have retarding role towards $\log EC_{50}$ activity.
-) 1, MLOGP and SICI (Information index) supports the biological activity i.e. $\log EC_{50}$.
-) Increase in the value of J (Balaban index) enhances the activity.
-) The presence of halogen group indicated that halogen group on ring A also retards $\log EC_{50}$ activity.
-) Our results show that the model suggested by us using 2D QSAR technology is comparatively better than the result obtained by Weerasak Samee et. al. (22) used 3D QSAR technique. Hence MLR method is better in the case when connectivity and information indices along with indicator and topological parameter are used as correlating parameters.

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