

SYNTHETIC AND BIOLOGICAL MULTIPLICITY OF ISATIN: A REVIEW

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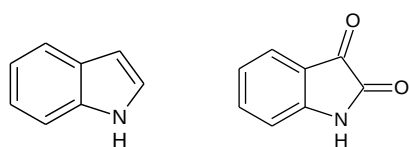
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ABSTRACT

Isatin (2,3-dioxindole) is an endogenous compound identified in humans, and its effect has been studied in a variety of systems. Isatin nucleus having both the keto and lactam moiety has aroused tremendous curiosity due to its diverse biological and pharmacological studies. From literature survey it is well known that isatin heterocycles exhibit manifold importance in the field of medicinal chemistry as a potent chemotherapeutic agent. Biological properties of isatin include a range of actions in the brain and offer protection against certain types of infections. This review represents some synthesized isatin derivatives and their pharmacological profiles which may contribute in future to synthesize various analogs and to develop new pharmacologically less toxic medicines.

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INTRODUCTION



Indole

Isatin

Fig: 1

Isatin or 1H-indole-2,3-dione is an indole derivative. The compound was first obtained by Erdman¹ and Laurent² in 1841 as a product from the oxidation of indigo dye by nitric acid and chromic acids. The compound is found in many plants. In recent years, indole derivatives have acquired conspicuous significance due to their wide spectrum of biological activities³.

The synthetic versatility of isatin has led to the extensive use of this compound in organic synthesis. In nature, isatin is found in plants of the genus *Isatis*, in *Calanthe discolor* LINDL. Isatin is the biologically active chemical produced by an *Altermones* sp. strain inhibiting the surface of embryos of the cardian shrimp

Palaemon macrodactylus, which protect them from the pathogenic fungus *Lagenidium callinectes*⁴.

Isatin ring system consists of pyrrole ring fused with benzene ring. Pyrrole ring is a five-member ring containing one nitrogen in the ring system.

Isatin moiety shows biological activities like antimicrobial, CNS depressant, anti-HIV, cytotoxicity, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, anxiolytic and many other activities. A brief account is given below:

1. ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

Antimicrobial drugs are effective in the treatment of infection because of their selective toxicity; that is, they have the ability to injure or kill an invading microorganism without harming the host⁵. It is evident from literature that isatin derivatives are known to be associated with broad spectrum of biological activities like antibacterial, antifungal. Bis-shift bases, N-mannich bases, phthalimidoxy substituted and spiro-thiazolidinone derivatives of isatin & spiroindoles and imidazolines derivatives possess antimicrobial activity and it act against variety of gram +ve and gram -ve bacteria, some fungi and viruses.

2-Amino-11-hydronaphtho[2,1:5,6]pyrano[4,3-d]thiazole on treatment with isatin, chloroacetyl chloride and mercaptoacetic acid affords corresponding N [naphtha [1,2b] pyrano[3,4d]thiazol-8-yl]spiro-[3H-indole-(1H,2H)3,4-(2H)-3chloroazetidione-2,2-diones and N[naphtha [1, 2b]pyrano[3,4-d]thiazol-8-yl]spiro-[3H-indole-(1H, 2 H)-3,2-(4H)-thiazolidine]-2,4-dione (fig.2). All the synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against *S.aureus*, *S.pyogene*, *S.albus* and *E.coli* according to the standard procedure. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined using tube dilution method according to standard procedure. DMF was used as a solvent and blank. Ciprofloxacin (MIC: 5ug/ml) was used as the antibacterial standard. The observation reveals that the compound found to possess considerable antibacterial activity⁶.

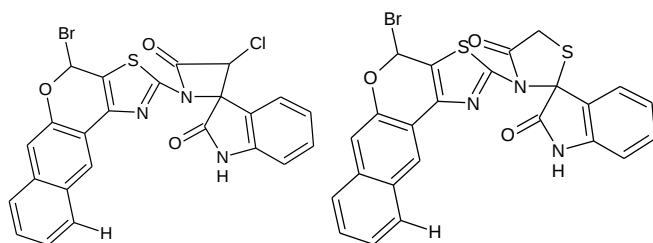


Fig:2. Cyclization of isatin

G L Talesara⁷ et al had been synthesized 3'-[(4-acetate phenyl)-1*N*-ethoxyphthalimido-6'-pyridin-2-yl]-3,3*a*'-dihydro-6*H*-spiro [indole-3,5'-[1,3]-thiazole[4,5-*c*]isoxazol]-2(1*H*)-ones (fig. 3) by reacting 3-(4-acetate phenyl)-6-pyridin-2-yl-3,3*a*'-dihydro-6*H*-spiro[indole-3,5[1,3]thiazolo[4,5-*c*]isoxazol]-2(1*H*)-ones with bromoethoxyphthalimide which shows good antimicrobial activity.

5-substituted-3-(4-arylimino)-1-[5-mercapto(1,3,4-oxadiazolyl)]-methyl-indol-2-one (fig. 4) have been synthesized by heterocyclization of 5-substituted-3-(4-arylimino)-2-oxo-1-indole acetylhydrazone on treatment with CS₂ in ethanolic KOH. All the compounds were evaluated for their *in-vitro* antibacterial activity against *S. aureus* NCIM 2079, *B subtilis* ATCC 6633, *E. coli* ATCC M 200, *P. vulgaris* NCIM 2813 and antifungal against *C. albicans* NCIM 3471, *A. niger* NCIM 545 standard strains using disc diffusion method. The synthesized compounds showed good antibacterial and antifungal activity⁸. Ali Asghar Jarrahpour⁹ et al had been synthesized bis-Schiff bases of isatin by condensation of isatin, benzylisatin and 5-fluoroisatin (fig.5) with primary aromatic amines which posses significant antiviral, antibacterial and antifungal activity.

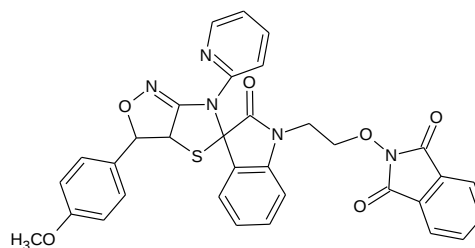


Fig.3. Cyclocondensation of isatin

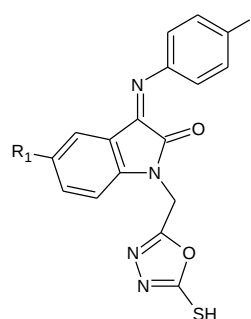


Fig.4. 5-substituted-3-(4-arylimino)-1-[5-mercapto (1,3,4-oxadiazolyl)]-methyl-indol-2-one analogs

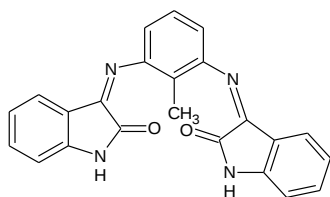


Fig.5. bis-Schiff bases of isatin

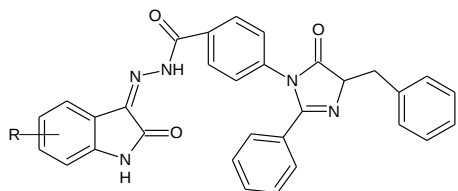


Fig.6. Isatin derivatives

3-[(5-benzylidene-2-phenyl)-3,5-dihydro-4*H*-imidazol-4-one -3-(4-bezoylhydrazono)]-indole-2-ones (fig.6) were synthesized by Sanjay Bari¹⁰ and coworkers which is reacted by isatin hydrazones (II, 0.01 mol) and 2-phenyl 5-bezylidene 3*N* (4-acetyl phenyl)-1,5-dihydroimidazole-4-one which shows promising antimicrobial activity. R S Verma¹¹ et al had been synthesized 2-[(3-chloro-2-phenyl)-4-azetidinon-3yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazinol[6,5-*b*]indole (fig.7) by reacting benzyliden amino-1,3,4-thiadiazine[6,5-*b*]indole and chloroacetyl chloride. The compounds were evaluated for their antimicrobial susceptibility test against *S.aureus*, *E.coli*, *K.pneumoniae*, *P.vulgaris*, *A.fumigatus*, *C.albicans*, *albicans* ATCC, *C.krusei* G03 respectively. The compounds showed significant antibacterial and antifungal activity.

G L Teralesara¹² et al had been synthesized 3' {4(1acetyl-5(4-fluorophenyl)-2pyrazoline-3yl)phenyl} 1-*N*-ethoxyphthalimido-4'-spiro[indole-3,2'-[1,3]thiazolidene]-2,4'-1*H*-dione (fig. 8) which is formed by reacting 3 {4-(1-acetyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2pyrazoline-3-yl)phenyl}-4'*H*-spiro[indole-3,2'-[1,3]thiazolidene]-2,4'-1*H*-dione in DMF and sodium hydride which showed good antibacterial activity.

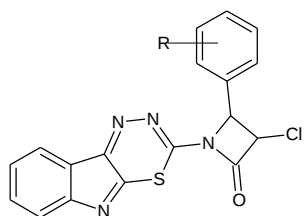


Fig.7. Isatin thiadiazino derivatives

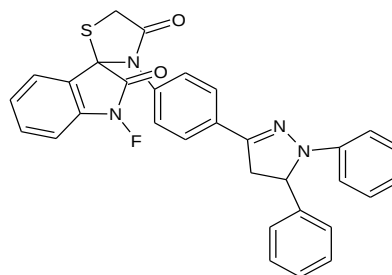


Fig.8. Phthalimidoxy substituted and spiro-thiazolidinone

5-Nitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-N-(4H-methylphenyl)thiosemicarbazones (fig.9) were synthesized by Vikash Kumar¹³ et al by reacting 3-hydrazono-5-nitro-1,3-dihydro-2H-indole-2-one and p-methyl phenylisothio cyanate. The compounds were screened for antibacterial activity against *E.coli* and *S. aureus* by Cup-plate method.

Isatin and its chloro derivative had been reacted with 5-amino, 8-hydroxy-quinoline to form Schiff and the N-Mannich bases of isatin (fig. 10). Compounds were synthesized by reacting them with formaldehyde and several secondary amines. Investigation of antimicrobial activity of the compounds was made by the agar dilution method. The compounds are significantly active against bacteria and fungi¹⁴.

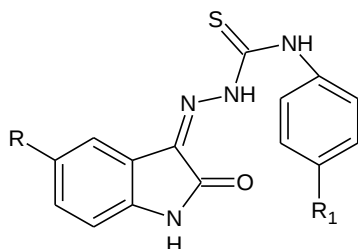


Fig.9. Isatin thiosemicarbazone derivatives

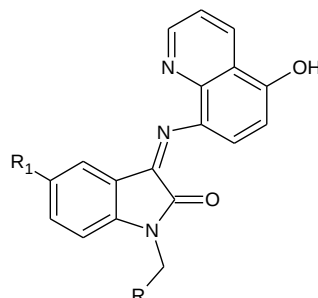


Fig. 10. Hydroxyquinoline Schiff bases

A series of schiff and mannich bases of isatin (fig. 11) had been synthesised by S K Singh¹⁵ et al which is formed by dimethyl amine, diethyl amine, piperidine, morphine, pyrazinamide and formaldehyde and shows significant antimicrobial activity.

1-(3-phenyl-spiro[3H-indole-3,2-thiazolidine]-2,4(1H)-dione-1-ylacetamido)-2-phenyl-4-phenyl-idene-5-oxoimidazolines (fig. 12) were formed by the mixture of 3-phenyl-spiro[3H-indole-3,2-thiazolidine]-2,4(1H)-dione-1-ylacetyl hydrazine and 2-phenyl-4-phenylidene-5-oxazolone in the presence of glacial acetic acid by U.C.Mashelkar¹⁶ and coworkers. The synthesized compound shows good antibacterial activity.

N-Mannich bases of isatin (fig. 13) were formed by U.K.Singh¹⁷ and coworkers by reacting Schiff's bases of Isatin with formaldehyde and secondary amine. The compounds show promising antimicrobial activity.

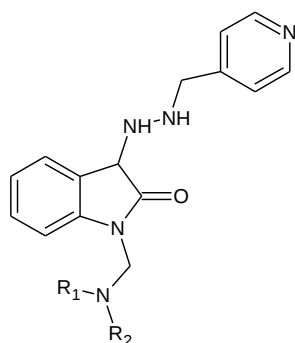


Fig.11. N-Mannich bases of isatin

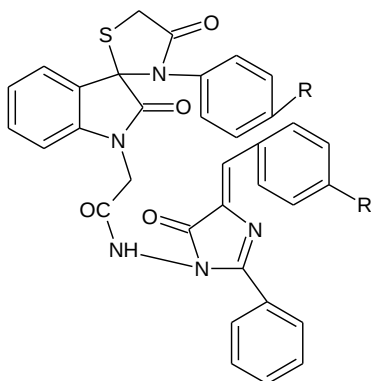


Fig.12. Spiroindoles and imidazolines derivatives

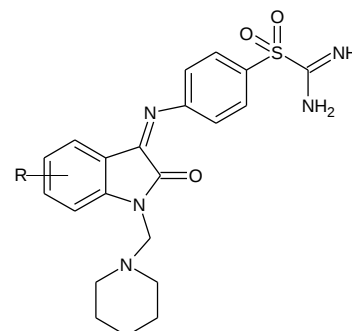


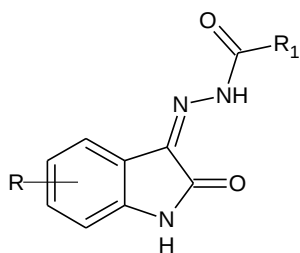
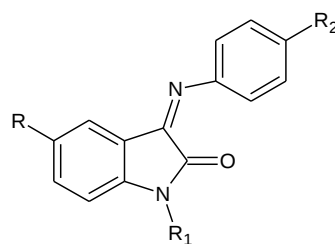
Fig.13. N-Mannich bases of isatin

2. CNS DEPRESSANT ACTIVITY

Depression is defined as disorders of mood rather than disturbances of thought or cognition. Depression accompanied by hallucination and delusion¹⁸. Some of isatin derivatives show CNS depressant activity. Semicarbazones, thiosemicarbazole, heterocyclic derivatives of isatin and Isatin-based spiroazetidinones shows anticonvulsant activity.

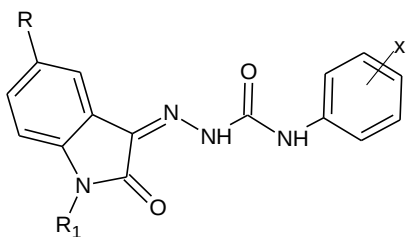
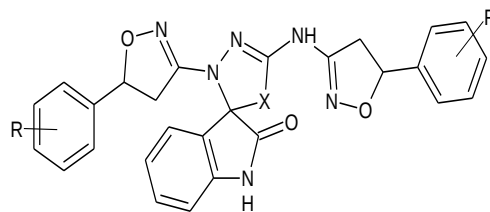
S N Pandey¹⁹ et al had been synthesized Isatin-3-hydrazone (fig. 14) by isatin, parabromo and phenoxy acetyl hydrazide with glacial acetic acid which shows anticonvulsant activity.

Krishan Nand Singh²⁰ et al had been synthesized (3Z)-5-bromo-1-methyl-3-[(4-nitrophenyl)imino]-1,3-dihydro-2H-indol-2-one (fig. 15) by reacting 5-substituted N-methyl/N-acetyl isatin and aromatic amine with glacial acetic acid and was shown to possess good anticonvulsant activity.

**Fig.14. Semicarbazone isatin derivatives****Fig.15. Schiff bases of isatin derivatives**

N-methyl/acetyl-5-(un)-substituted isatin-3-semicarbazones (fig. 16) were formed by Sivakumar Smith²¹ and coworkers by reacting N-methyl/acetyl isatin, 5-bromo/nitro-N-acetyl isatin and p-substituted phenyl semicarbazides. The compounds possess anticonvulsant and sedative activity.

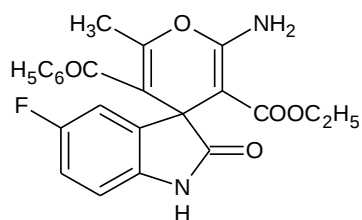
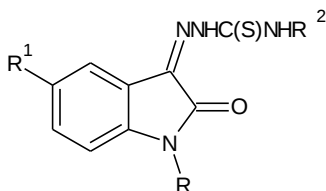
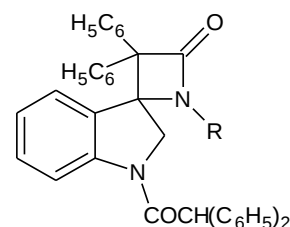
Ashok Kumar²² et al had been synthesized 3-Spiro[1', 3', 4'-oxa/thiadiazolyl-2'-{5''-(substitutedphenyl-3''-amino)-4'-{5''-(substituted phenylisoxazolynyl)}}]-5'-indol-2-ones (fig. 17) by the reaction of 3-Spiro-[1', 3', 4'-oxadiazolyl-2'-{1''-acetyl-5''-(2-hydroxyphenyl-3''-amino)-4'-{1''-acetyl-5''-(2-hydroxyphenyl) pyrazolynyl}}]-5'-indol-2-ones with methanol, hydroxyl amine and NaOH solution which shows anticonvulsant and antipsychotic activity.

**Fig.16. Thiosemicarbazole isatin derivatives****Fig.17. Pyrazolynyl/isoxazolynyl indol-2-ones derivatives**

Heterocyclic derivatives of isatin (fig. 18) were formed by reacting a heterocyclic system like isatin/5-fluoroisatin with ethyl cyano acetate and substituted ketones which shows anticonvulsant activity²³.

3-aryloxy, arylthioxy acetyl hydrazono-2-indolinones (fig. 19) had been synthesized by Gursoy and Karali²⁴ et al.

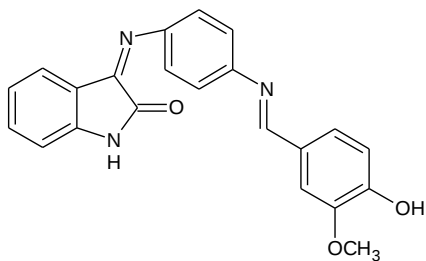
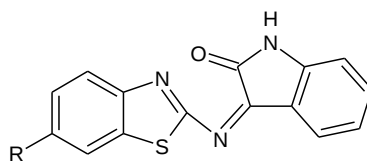
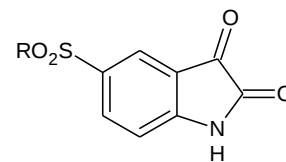
Singh²⁵ et al had been synthesized a series of isatin-based spiroazetidinones (fig. 20) and screened them for their anticonvulsant activity.

**Fig.18. Heterocyclic derivatives of isatin****Fig.19. Hydrazono-2-indolinones****Fig.20. Isatin-based spiroazetidinones**

3-(-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylideneamino) phenyl imino) indoline-2-one (fig. 21) was synthesized by the isatin and p-phenylenediamine by dissolving in sufficient quantity of methanol (30 mL) in the presence of acetic acid. Various aromatic aldehydes were allowed to react to obtain final compounds²⁶. The compounds showed excellent anticonvulsant activity.

Isatin schiff's bases (fig. 22) were formed by the 6-(un)substituted 1,3 benzothiazol-2-amine and indole 2, 3-dione by dissolving 20 ml of absolute alcohol and were refluxed in presence of few drops of glacial acetic acid²⁷.

Isatin-5-Sulphonamide derivatives (fig. 23) were formed by the M. Sarangapani²⁸ and the compounds were evaluated for anticonvulsant ability using Phenyton as standard. All the synthesized compounds showed excellent anticonvulsant activity against electric shock induced and Pentylenetetrazole induced seizures.

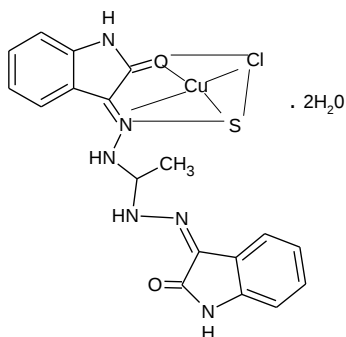
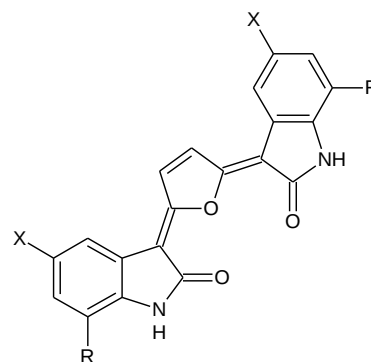
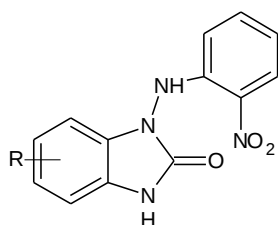
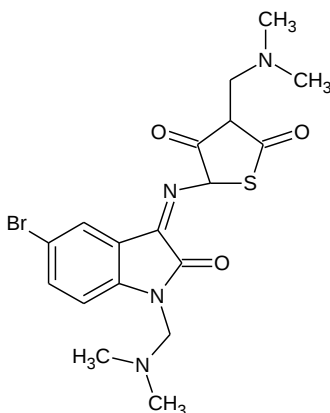
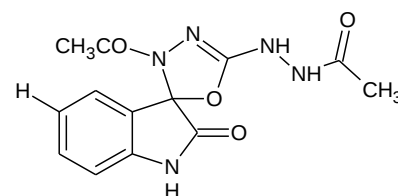
**Fig:21. Phenylimino Schiff bases of isatin****Fig:22. Isatin schiff bases****Fig:23. Isatin-5-Sulphonamide derivatives**

3. CYTOTOXICITY

Cancer is a disease characterised by uncontrolled multiplication and spread of abnormal forms of the body's own cells¹⁸. From literature survey it is well known that isatin heterocycles exhibit manifold importance in the field of medicinal chemistry as a potent chemotherapeutic agent. Bis-diisatin derivatives, Bis-Isatin Thiocarbohydrazone Metal Complexes, 3-*o*-Nitrophenyl hydrazones of isatin possess cytotoxicity activity.

Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), and Zn(II) complexes of thiocarbohydrazone ligand (fig. 24) were formed by reacting with ethanolic solution of metal chloride or aqueous ethanolic solution of metal acetates with specific amount of the ligand. Compound shows antitumour activity²⁹.

Md. Arifuzzaman³⁰ et al had been synthesized Bis-diisatin [3,3'] furan (fig. 25) on treatment with furan in presence of diethylamine under intensive stirring. The compounds were evaluated for cytotoxicity study on the brine shrimp as a test organism.

**Fig:24. Bis-Isatin Thiocarbohydrazone Metal Complexes****Fig:25. Bis-diisatin derivatives****Fig:26. 3-*o*-Nitrophenyl hydrazones of isatin****Fig:27. 5-(2-Oxo-3-indolinyldine) thiazolidine-2,4-dione****Fig:28. Isatin derivatives**

F.D.Popp³¹ et al had been synthesized 3-o-nitrophenyl hydrazones (fig. 26) of isatin by the condensation of isatin with o-nitrophenyl hydrazine which shows anticancer activity.

N.H Eshba³² et al had been synthesized 5-(2-oxo-3-indolyl) thiazolidine-2,4-dione (fig. 27) having positions 1 and 3 of the isatin and thiazolidine rings, respectively, substituted by various Mannich bases and had been shown anticancer activity.

5-spiro (isatin) 2(N-acetyl hydra-zino)-4-(N-acetyl)- Δ^2 -1,3,4-oxadiazoline (fig.28) was formed by the oxidative cyclization of isatin 3-carbohydrazone with freshly distilled acetic anhydride³³.

4. ANALGESIC AND ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

Inflammation is a normal, protective response to tissue injury caused by physical trauma, noxious chemicals, or microbial agents⁵. It inhibits Prostaglandin synthesis at the site of injury³⁴. Analgesic drug is used to control the pain. Prostaglandin E₂ (PGE₂) is thought to sensitize nerve ending to the action of bradykinin, histamine and other chemical mediators released locally by the inflammation process⁵. thiosemicarbazino isatin, Isatin-3-p-chlorophenylimine, Azetidinone derivatives of isatin possess analgesic and anti-inflammatory activity. The anti-inflammatory activity was studied by Carrageenan induced paw oedema method and analgasic activity studied by tail flick and hot plate method.

1-(phenylaminomethyl)3-thiosemicarbazino isatin (fig. 29) was formed by 3-thiosemicarbazino isatin and appropriate aromatic amine reacted with formaldehyde. The compound possess analgesic activity³⁵.

3'-(p-chlorophenyl) 6'-Furyl-cis- 5'a, 6'- dihydro spiro [3H-indole 3, 4'-thiazolo(5', 1'-c) isoxazolo-2(1H)-one] (fig. 30) was synthesized by the reaction of 3'-p-chlorophenyl 5-phenyl spiro [3H-indole 3, 2'-thiazolidine]-2- (1H), 4'-(5H)-dione with hydroxylamine hydrochloride. It possess analgesic and anti-inflammatory activity³⁶.

S.K.Srivastav³⁷ et al had been synthesized a series of compounds from carbazole (fig. 31) by condensation with chloroacetyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine afforded azetidinones. The compounds exhibited promising anti-inflammatory activity.

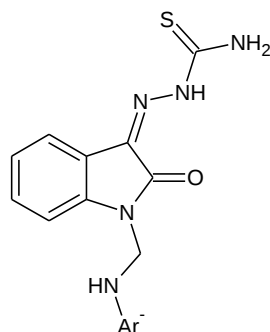


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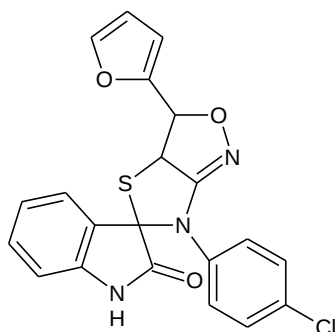


Fig:30. Isatin-3-p-chlorophenylimine

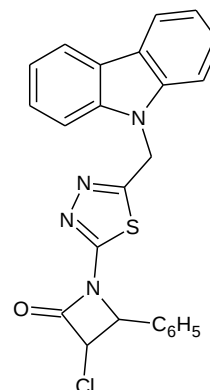


Fig:31. Azetidinone derivatives of isatin

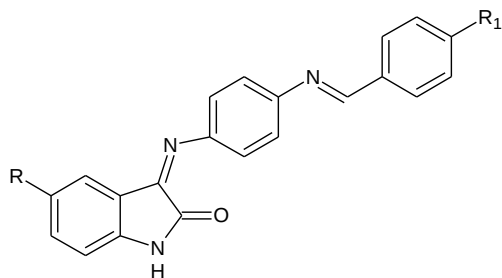


Fig:32. 5-Substituted Isatin derivatives

Perumal Panneerselvam³⁸ et al had been synthesized Novel series of Schiff bases of 5-substituted Isatin and N-acetyl isatin (fig. 32) using different substituted aromatic aldehydes. These synthesized compounds were investigated for analgesic activity by tail immersion method and anti-inflammatory activity by carrageenan-induced paw oedema method. All the synthesized compounds were active against all the tested micro-organisms like *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Micrococcus luteus*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginos*, *Klebsiella pneumoni*, *Aspergillus niger* and *Aspergillus fumigates*.

Gummadi Sridhar Babu³⁹ et al had been synthesized a series of isatin derivatives (fig. 33) by condensation of N-(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-hydrazine carboxamide with various isatin derivatives and evaluated *in vivo* (rat paw edema) for their anti-inflammatory activity using carrageenan induced rat paw oedema model.

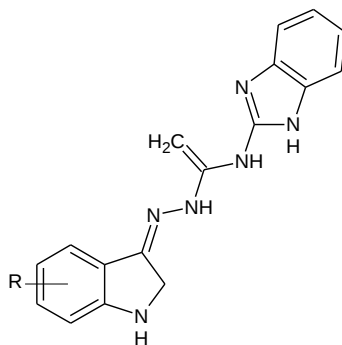


Fig:33. 2-aminobenzimidazole derivatives

5. ANTI-HIV ACTIVITY

HIV is an RNA retrovirus. Two forms are known HIV-1 is an organism responsible for human AIDS. The HIV-2 organism is similar to the HIV-1 virus in that it also causes immune suppression, but it is less virulent. HIV-1 is distributed around the world, whereas the HIV-2 virus is confined to parts of Africa¹⁸. In view of the broad spectrum activity of isatin derivatives, discussed here some novel thiosemicarbazides of isatin, Schiff bases of isatin derivatives with sulfadoxine and N-(4,6-dimethyl-2pyrimidinyl)benzene sulphonamide and its derivatives which shows anti-HIV activity.

S.N.Pandey⁴⁰ et al had been synthesized 1-[N,N-dimethylaminomethyl]isatin-3-[1'(6"-chloro benzothiazol-2"-yl)] (fig. 34) by reacting 3-[-1-(6-chloro benzothiazol-2 yl)thiosemicarbazone] and formalin with dimethylamine. The synthesized compounds were screened for anti-HIV activity at HIV-1(III B) in MT-4 cells.

S.N.Pandey⁴¹ et al had been synthesized Schiff bases of isatin derivatives with sulfadoxine (fig.35). All the compounds

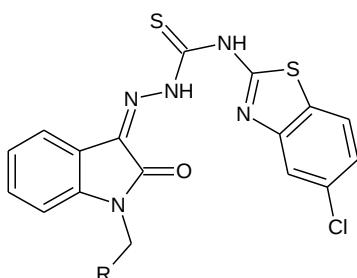


Fig:34. Thiosemicarbazide of isatin

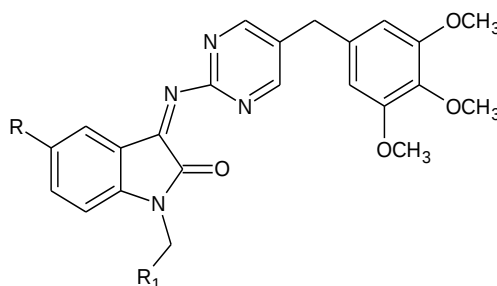


Fig:35. Schiff bases of isatin with sulfadoxine

showed notable activity when compared to sulphadoxine. The piperidino methyl compounds were found to be the most active ones in the series. Six compounds were active against *Candida albicans*, *Candida neoformis*, *Histoplasma capsulatum*, *Microsporium audouinii* and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* at a concentration of 100 gml⁻¹. The compound containing piperidino methyl group showed appreciable activity (10%) against the HIV-2 (ROD) strain.

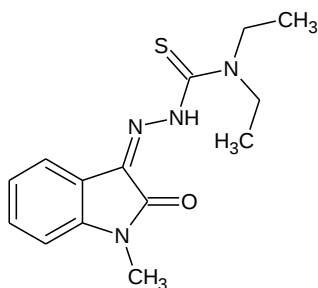


Fig:36. Isatin thiosemicarbazone derivatives

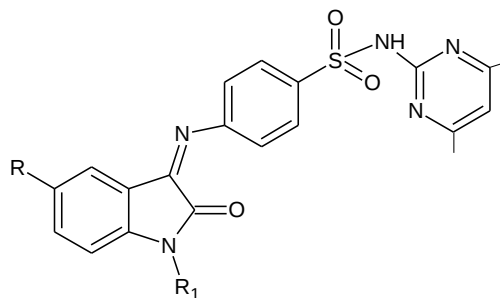


Fig:37. N-(4,6-dimethyl-2pyrimidinyl)benzene sulphonamides

Y. Teiltz⁴² et al had been synthesized *N*-methyl isatin- β -4',4'-diethylthiosemicarbazone (fig. 36) and shown inhibition of HIV by their action on reverse transcriptase and viral structural proteins

P. Selvam⁴³ et al had been synthesized 4-[(1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-3H-indole-3-ylidene)amino]N-(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyrimidinyl)benzene sulphonamide (fig. 37) and its derivatives by condensing the isatin and its 5-chloro, 5-bromo, 5-fluoro, 5-methyl, *N*-acetyl derivatives with sulphadimidine in the presence of glacial acid. The compounds showed antiviral activity against SARS-COV in *in vitro* E6 cell.

6. ANTIANXIETY ACTIVITIES:

Anxiety is an unpleasant of tension, apprehension, or uneasiness a fear that seems to arise from a sometimes unknown source. The physiological symptoms of severe anxiety are similar to those of fear and involve sympathetic activation⁵. It enhances the response to GABA by facilitating the opening of GABA-activated chloride channel¹⁸. Isatin derivative like Schiff bases of *N*-methyl and *N*-acetyl isatin, Spirobenzodiazepines, 5-Hydroxy isatin and isatinic acid act as antianxiety agents.

G.S.Palit⁴⁴ et al had been synthesized Schiff bases of *N*-methyl and *N*-acetyl isatin derivatives (fig. 38). They studied the behavioral effects of isatin, a putative biological factor in rhesus monkeys. Isatin, one of the constituents of tribulin, a postulated endocoid marker of stress and anxiety, has been shown to induce anxiety in rodents

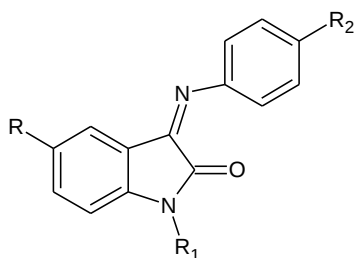


Fig:38. Schiff bases of isatin

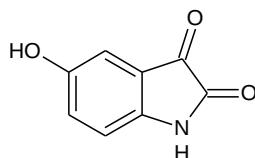


Fig:39. 5-Hydroxy isatin

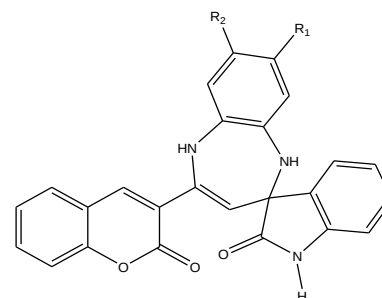


Fig:40. Spirobenzodiazepines derivatives

E. Medvedev⁴⁵ et al had been synthesized 5-Hydroxy isatin (fig. 39) by the hydroxylation of the aromatic ring in isatin and showed mild antianxiety effect.

Manohar V Kulkarni⁴⁶ et al had been synthesized 3-coumarinyl spiro[indolo-1,5-benzodiazepines] (fig. 40) which is formed by reaction of 3-(3-hydroxy-2-oxo indolo) acetyl coumarins which on dehydration afforded the corresponding α,β -unsaturated ketones and showed antianxiety effects.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES:

Isatin and their derivatives shows many activities which is shown above, some more activities are mention below.

3-*p*-(*p*-(alkoxycarbonyl)phenyl)carbamoyl)phenyl)imino-1-aminomethyl-2-indolinones with antitubercular activity had been synthesized by R.S.Verma⁴⁷ and coworkers (fig. 41). The compounds are investigated against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv.

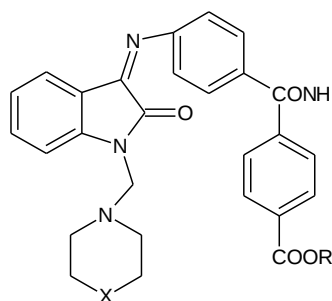


Fig:41. 3-*p*-(*p*-(Alkoxycarbonyl)-phenyl)carbamoyl)phenyl)imino-1-aminomethyl-2-indolinones

Nataraj K.S⁴⁸ et al had been synthesized 2-{(benzalamino-4-hydroxybenzyl) (1,3,4)-oxadiazino[6,5-b]} Indole derivative (fig. 42) by condensing 2-Amino-4-[(1,3,4)oxadiazino[6,5-b]indole-3-yl]-phenol with various aromatic aldehydes which shows diuretic activity.

M. Sarangapani⁴⁹ et al had been synthesized 5-[2(3)-dialkylamino alkoxy] Indole 2, 3-diones (fig. 43) from 5-hydroxy isatin. A mixture of 5-hydroxy isatin, dialkylamino alkylhalide in alcoholic potassium hydroxide was stirred at room temperature for 6 hours to get the 5-[2(3)-dialkylamino alkoxy] Indole 2,3-diones. All the compounds were evaluated for Antihistaminic activity by Histamine chamber method.

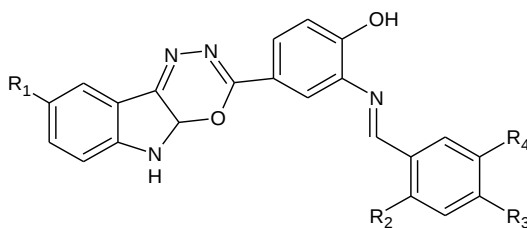


Fig:42. 2-[(benzalamino-4-hydroxybenzyl)(1,3,4)-oxadiazino[6,5-b]] Indole derivatives

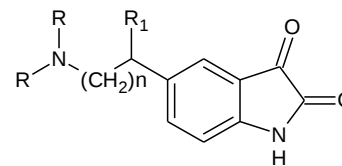


Fig:43. 5-Hydroxyisatin derivatives

DISCUSSION

Isatins (1H-indole-2,3-dione) are synthetically versatile substrates, where they can be used for the synthesis of a large variety of heterocyclic compounds, such as indoles & quinolines, and as raw material for drug synthesis. Isatins have also been found in mammalian tissue and their function as a modulator of biochemical processes has been the subject of several discussions. The advances in the use of isatins for organic synthesis during the last twenty-five years, as well as a survey of its biological and pharmacological properties are reported in this review and in the accompanying supplementary information. The survey of the literature revealed that, Isatin is a versatile lead molecule for designing potential bioactive agents, and its derivatives were reported to possess broad-spectrum antiviral, antimicrobial, cytotoxic, anti-inflammatory, anxiety, analgesic, anhi-histaminic, anti-diuretic activities. Further we can conclude that many other derivatives of isatin can be synthesized which will be expected to show potent pharmacological activities.

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