

Synthesis, Characterization of Novel Furan Based Polymeric Nanoparticles and Their Biological Activities

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Abstract: PEGylation (polymeric substance) is clinically proven and attract both scientific and commercial interests, here we emphasize the overcome the drawback of solution phase methods, the five membered ring, imidazolone moiety is present in a wide range of naturally occurring molecules, for example furan is a five membered heterocyclic nucleus which contain oxygen atom as heteroatom having a broad spectrum of biological activity and here we attempt PEGlated product, involved free carbonyl terminal was used for conjugation via condensation. The solid matrix characterized by spectral studies and biological activity. we prepared a series of PEGylated 3-(4-Acetyl-phenyl)-5-arylidine-2-furan-2-yl-3,5-dihydro-imidazol-4-one with different aldehydes through Erlenmeyer reaction and condensation methods by using PEG-aldehyde. These newly synthesized compounds were characterized by IR, ¹HNMR, MASS, SEM, DLS studies. All final compounds are screened for their antioxidant, anti-inflammatory activities done through by DPPH, Nitric oxide radical scavenging, ferrous ion chelating, Haemolytic assay and CAM assay.

Keywords: PEGlyted 2-furyl-4-arylidine-5(4H)-oxazolones, celite-545, Erlenmeyer reaction, Condensation reaction, Diels order reaction, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and Chorioallantoic membrane assay.

1 Introduction

PEGylation of small organic molecule or drugs, protein are conjugated to the distal end of PEG carrier, here PEG's are used as conjugate agent. This PEGylation is to avoid glycol and modified polymer, which plays a vital role in drug delivery, due to morphological behaviour shows good potent against targeted one [1-4]. It increases the solubility in water and chemical stability [5].

Generally macro molecular PEGs may block activity of small active agents at the target dells via steric hindrance. Because of to overcome, the low molecular weight PEGylation (<10,000 Da) was employed, which is conjugate chemically enzymatically actively transferred into their target sites, for reasonable attachments are narmally called "prodrug approach" [6-9]. To increase the drug load, different types of PEG conjugations are employed such as branched Forked and multi armed (star like) PEG'S for examples like NKTR-102(PEG-irinotecan)EZN-2208(PEG-SN38)&NKT R-105(PRG-docetaxel).

Branched or "umbrella like" structure, this technology is preferred in protein or enzyme

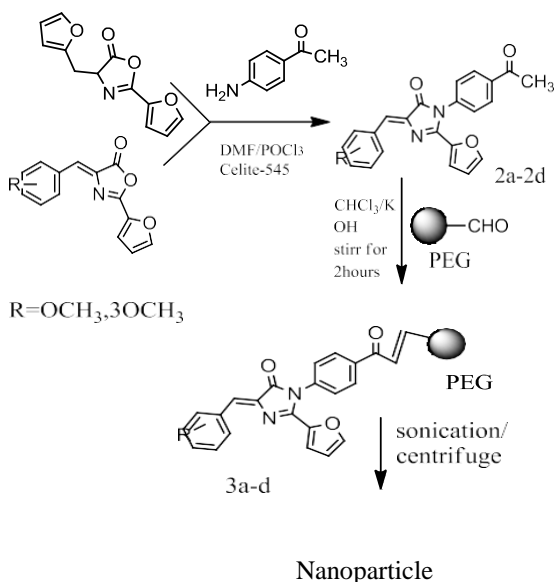
PEGylation but is not applied as frequently with small molecule [10-13]. PEGylation of the most commonly what we used for the anti-inflammatory drug *gentamycin*, antimicrobial drug *amphotercin-B* and *curcumin* which has been used as anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and anticancer effect, shows significant increase in their activity at very lower concentrations compared with their respective parent drugs [14-17]. Here we synthesize some furan based imidazolone compounds and adding some melamine groups to increase the activity through Erlenmeyer reaction, condensation reaction, Diels order reaction and all the compounds are converted in to nano size range from 1-360nm using PEGylation and screened for antioxidant activity using DPPH radical scavenging, Nitric oxide, Ferrous ion chelating assay and Haemolytic activity, CAM assay. The compounds are confirmed through Mass, IR, ¹HNMR, DLS and SEM.

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2 Chemistry

Material and methods

The entire chemical purchased from Sigma and SDfine chemicals, product obtained are characterized by spectral studies and DLS, SEM, which is obtained from IOE, University of Mysore, Mysuru. The PEG-CHO was prepared according to procedure of Harris and *et al.*, (1984)[18]. The products were monitored by TLC technique and their melting point by an open capillary method which is uncorrected.



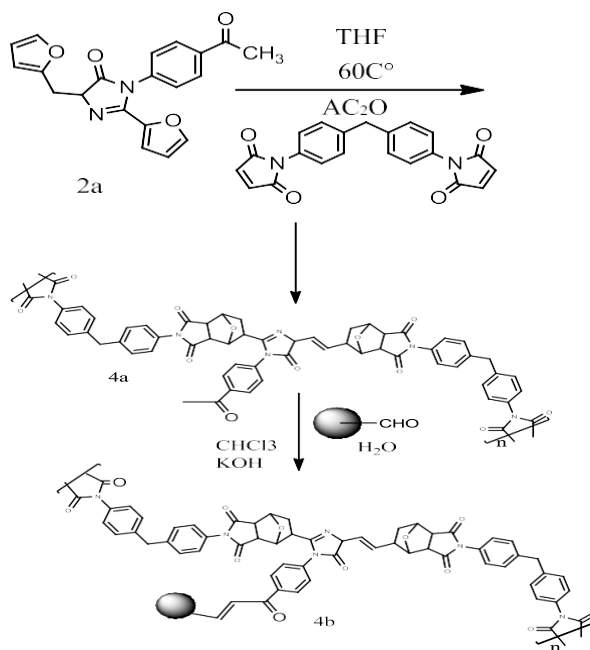
Scheme-1 Preparation of polymeric nanoparticle

2.1 General procedure for the preparation of the compounds (2a-d)

DMF/POCl₃ mixture was prepared by addition of DMF to POCl₃ with constant stirring for 30 minutes maintaining 0-5 °C. To this add substituted oxazolones, Para amino acetophenone (1:1) ratio and catalytic amount of Celite - 545 were added and refluxed for 2-hours for maintaining 0°C. The solid was poured into crushed ice allow to settle for few minutes filter and purification done through column chromatography [19].

2.2 General procedure for the preparation of the compound (4a)

The substituted compound(2a)(0.01m)and 1,1'-(methylenedi-4,1-phenylene) bismaleimide (0.01m) in THF was refluxed for 4 hours at 60°C, the un aromatized product called as DA adduct(4a) and it is reversible in nature. Therefore the product further refluxed by adding 2ml of acetic anhydride to offered aromatization. The resultant product was poured in to crush ice- cold water washed, filter and air dried [20].



Scheme-2 Preparation of polymeric nanoparticle with melamine group

2.3 PEGylation of the compounds 2(a-d)

PEGylation of 3-(4-Acetyl-phenyl)-5-aryldine-2-furan-2-yl-3,5-dihydro-imidazol-4-one compounds were done through by precipitation method. According to Raman Dhivya *et al.*,(2015) [21] and with slight modification, all the substituted 3-(4-Acetyl-phenyl)-5-aryldine-2-furan-2-yl-3,5-dihydro-imidazol-4-one compounds are dissolved in chloroform at lab temperature with little amount of KOH pellets and added drop wise into the PEG-CHO which is dissolved in distilled water and stirred vigorously for two hours, then kept it aside for 10 minutes to separate the aqueous layer from organic layer. Aqueous layer and excess of PEG-CHO removed by washing organic layer with distilled water in several times by centrifugation and made to boil (40°C) to evaporate CHCl₃, which gave waxy liquid, after cooling becomes a solid.

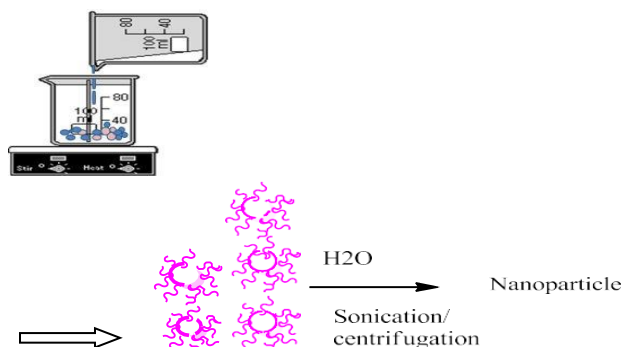
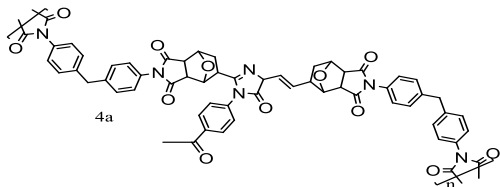


Fig1. Graphical representation of formation PEGylated compounds.

2.4 Preparation of (Z)-1-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-(furan-2-yl)-4(furan-2-yl-methylene)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one and 1, 1'-(methylenedi-4,1-phenylene)bismaleimide (A-B)adduct (4a)
Colour: Yellow solid, Yield: 90% MP > 275°C

IR(KBr,cm-1);3167(Ar-HStr),3030(alphachstr) 1709(C=O),1030(CNStr);¹HNMR(400MHz CDCl₃,δ/ppm);2.5(CH₃),3.9(CH₂=CH₂-),6.9 =C<H),6.5-8.2(ArCH).ESIMS(M/Z); 996(M) +.

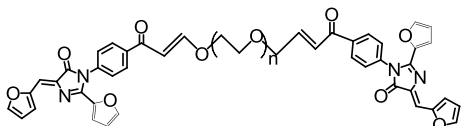


2.5 Spectral studies of PEGylated compounds;

PEGylated compound of 3a

((Z)-1-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-(furan-2-yl)-4(furan-2-yl-methylene)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one)

IR (KBr, cm-1); 3160(Ar-H Str), 2882 (aliph- CHstr), 1649(C=O), 1063 (CNStr). ¹HNMR (400, MHz, CDCl₃ .δ/ppm); Peak at 3.648 (PEG backbone), 2.32(-CH₂=CH₂ -C=O), 2.53(O-CH₂- CH₂), 7.2(Ar-H). ESIM (M/Z); 4717(M)⁺.

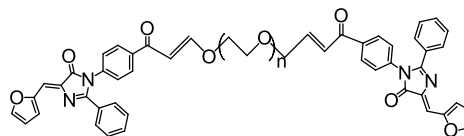


PEGylated compound of 3b

((Z)-1-(4-acetylphenyl)-4-benzylidene-2-(furan-yl)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one)

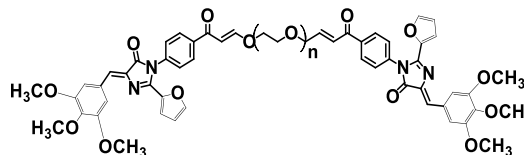
IR(KBr,cm-1);3160(Ar-HStr),2882(aliph-CHstr), 1649(C=O),1063(CNStr).¹HNMR(400,MHz CDCl₃.δ/ppm);Peak at 3.648 (PEGbackbone), 2.32(-CH₂=CH₂-C=O),2.53(O-CH₂CH₂)7.2(ArH) ESIM(M/Z);

4737(M)⁺.



PEGylated compound of 3c ((Z)-1-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-(furan-2y)-4(3, 4, 5-trimethoxybenzylidene)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one)

IR(KBr,cm-1);3160(Ar-HStr),2882(aliph-CHstr)1649(C=O),1063(CNStr).¹HNMR(400,MHz,CDCl₃ ,δ/ppm); Peak at 3.648 (PEGbackbone) 3.5(OCH₃)2.34(CH₂=CH₂- C=O), 2.53(O-CH₂-CH₂), 7.5(Ar-H);ESIMS (M /Z); 4916(M) +.

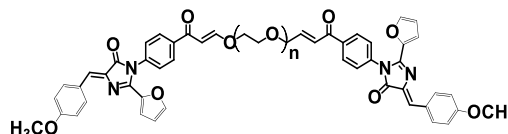


PEGylated compound of 3d

((Z)-1-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-(furan-2-yl)-4-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-1H-imidazole-5(4H)-one)

IR (KBr, cm-1); 3160(Ar-H Str), 2882(aliph- CHstr), 1649(C=O), 1063(CNStr)¹HNMR(400

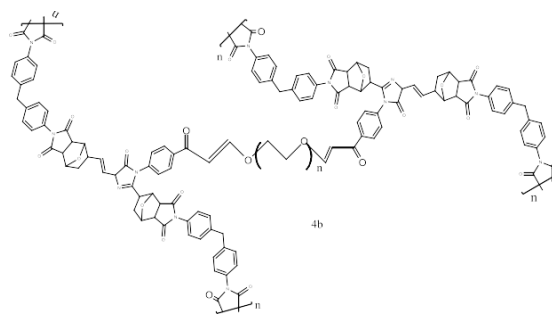
MHz, CDCl₃.δ/ppm); Peak at 3.648(PEG backbone),3.9(OCH₃),2.34(- CH =CH -C=O), 2.53 (O-CH- CH),7.2(Ar-H); ESIMS (M/Z); 4796(M) +.



DA adduct (A-B type)-PEG (4b)

IR(KBr,cm-1); 3160(Ar-HStr), 2882(aliph-CHstr),1646(C=O),1063(CN Str) . ¹HNMR

(400, MHz, CDCl₃.δ/ppm); Peak at 3.648 (PEG backbone),2.34(-CH₂=CH₂-C=O), 2.53(OCH₂ - CH₂), 7.2(Ar-H).



3. Biological activity

3.1 Anti oxidant activity

3.1.1 DPPH radical scavenging assay

DPPH radical scavenging activity was done by the method of Shone *et al.*, (1998) with little modifications. Briefly, one ml of DPPH solution (0.1 mM in methanol) was incubated with gradient concentrations (20 μ g/ml to 100 μ g/ml) of the synthetic Imidazolone compounds, shaken and incubated for 30 min at room temperature and absorbance was read at 517nm against a blank. BHT was used as reference compound. The radical scavenging activity was measured as decreases in the absorbance of DPPH and calculated by using the following equation. Radical scavenging potential was expressed as IC50 value, which represents the sample concentration at which 50% of the DPPH radical were scavenged.

Scavenging effect= [1-sample absorbance (517nm)/control absorbance (517nm) \times 100]

3.1.2 Nitric oxide radical scavenging assay;

Nitric oxide radical scavenging activity was performed by the method of (Marconi *et.al*, 1994), with minor modifications. Nitric oxide was generated from Sodium nitroprusside, in aqueous solution at 7.3PH, spontaneously generated nitric oxide reacts with oxygen to produce nitrite ions that can be estimated by the Griess reagent Scavengers of nitric oxide complete with oxygen leading to reduced production of nitric oxide. Sodium Nitroprusside (5mM) in Phosphate buffer saline was mixed with the synthetic imidazolone compounds are incubated at room temperature for 60 min.

The sample from the above was reacted with Griess reagent (1% sulphanilamide, 2% H₃PO₄ and 1% naphthalene diamine dihydrochloride). The absorbance of the chromophore formed during the diazotization of nitrite with sulphanilamide and coupling with naphthalene diamine was read at 546 nm and referred to the absorbance of BHT treated into the same way with Griess reagent. The radical scavenging activity was measured using the equation described for DPPH radical scavenging activity.

3.1.3. Ferrous ion chelating assay

Ferrous ion chelating ability was measured according to Gordon M.H. 1990 *et al.*, method

For the assay, three sets of test tube were taken. One tube was taken as control to this FeCl₃ (200 mM) and K₃Fe (CN) 6 (400 mM) were added and the volume was made up to 1 ml by adding distilled water. For the second tube, EDTA (40 mM), FeCl₃ (200 mM) and K₃Fe (CN) 6 (400 mM) were added and the volume was made up to 1 ml by

adding distilled water.

For the third one, test compounds imidazolone with concentrations 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 μ g, FeCl₃ (200 mM) and K₃Fe(CN)₆ (400 mM) were added and the volume was made up to 1 ml by adding distilled water. The tube was incubated for 10 min at 20 °C and the absorbance was read at 700 nm and ion chelating ability was calculated. The anti-oxidant activity of all the compounds was compared with that of BHT. Radical scavenging activity was expressed as percentage.

3.1.4 Indirect study of haemolytic assay

A semi quantitative indirect haemolytic assay (BOMAN and KALETTA, 1957) was employed. Briefly, packed human erythrocytes, egg yolk and phosphate buffer saline were mixed (1:1:8 v/v). one ml of this suspension was incubated with 20 μ g enzyme for 10 min at 37°C. The reaction was stopped by adding 10 ml of ice cold phosphate buffer saline and centrifuged at 4°C for 10 min at 800xg. The amount of haemoglobin released in the supernatant was measured at 540nm.

3.1.5 CAM assay

The fertilized eggs were incubated for 5 days at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere. A window was made under aseptic conditions on the eggshell to check for proper development of the embryo. The window was resealed and the embryo was allowed to develop further. On the 11th day, PEGylated of 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4b was applied on the Whatman filter disc, air dried and placed over the CAM. The window was closed again and the eggs were incubated for another 2 days. The window was opened on the 13th day and inspected for changes in the micro vessel density in the area under the cover slip and photographed [22-23].

4 Result and Discussion

The compounds 2(a-d) are synthesized through Erlenmeyer reaction, condensation and DA (AB) reaction, made to react with PEG-CHO. These are waxy solid matrix and easily soluble in water and organic solvents, the size of these substances from 1nm to 99 nm range.

The spectral data of IR absorption band between, 1020-1090cm⁻¹, 1709cm⁻¹, 2770- 2900cm⁻¹, 3130-3314cm⁻¹ due to C=N, C=O, CH aliphatic and Aromatic C-H stretching, and of PEGlyted compound the -C=O stretching appear at lower frequency at 1649cm⁻¹ due to conjugation of carbonyl group, instead of 1709cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR shows that the shift δ 2.2- 2.5, (-CH₃), δ 3.2-3.9 (-OCH₃), δ 6.5-8.1 (Ar-H, FuranH)

PEGylated compound of ¹H NMR spectrum shows peak at δ 3.648 (PEG backbone), 2.32 (-CH₂=CH₂-C=O), 2.53 (O-CH₂-CH₂), 7.2 (Ar-H). For the indication of the

end group attachment of drug to the polymer linearly.

Mass spectra showed agreeable value for proposed structures. I.e. the mass of the original one is increased by PEGylation which was the presence of end group attachment of the drug to the polymer linearly.

4.1 Surface morphology

SEM images and histogram of the particle size distributions of the PEGylated compound are shown in fig.2 the average particle size obtained 1 to 300 nm respectively.

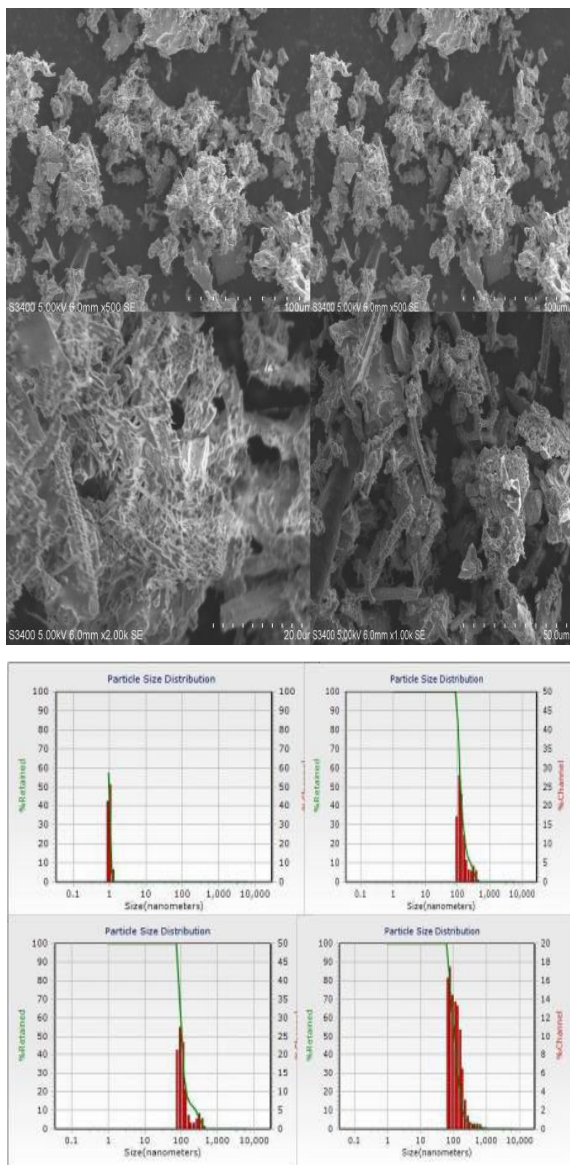


Fig.2 SEM and DLS images of the(3a-3d) compounds.

4.2 Biological activity

4.2.1 Antioxidant assay

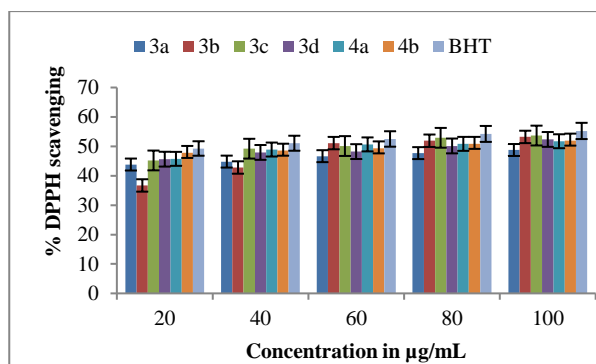


Fig.3. DPPH scavenging assay of compounds 3a-4b.

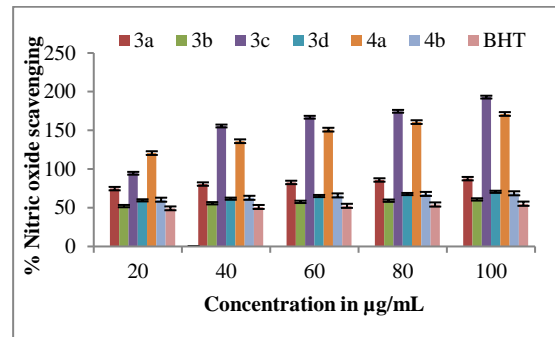


Fig.4. Nitric oxide scavenging assay of compounds 3a-4b.

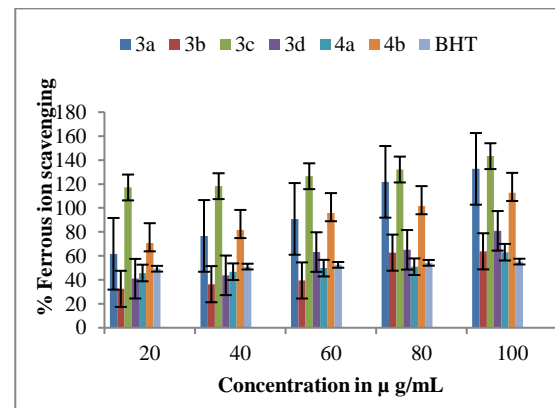


Fig.5. Ferrous ion scavenging assay of compounds.(3a-4b).

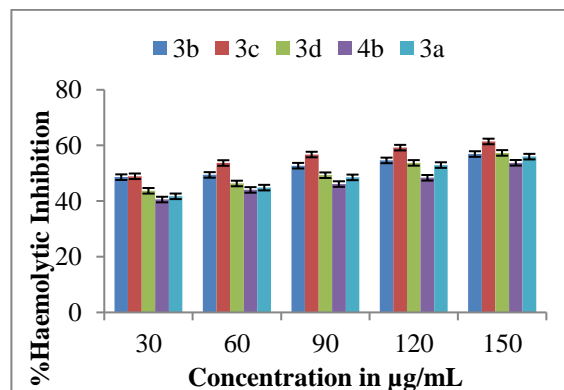


Fig.6. Haemolytic activities of PEGylated compounds 3a-4b.

4.2.2 Chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) assay

In the figure.3, 4, 5 the antioxidant activity of PEGylated compounds 3c, 3d, 4b and followed by 4a, were showing

significant scavenging activity indicating the potency of the molecules. Some of the PEGylated compounds of nano size above 90-399 nm are in lyophilic in nature compared to the size below which is lyophobic accelerate effectively on the

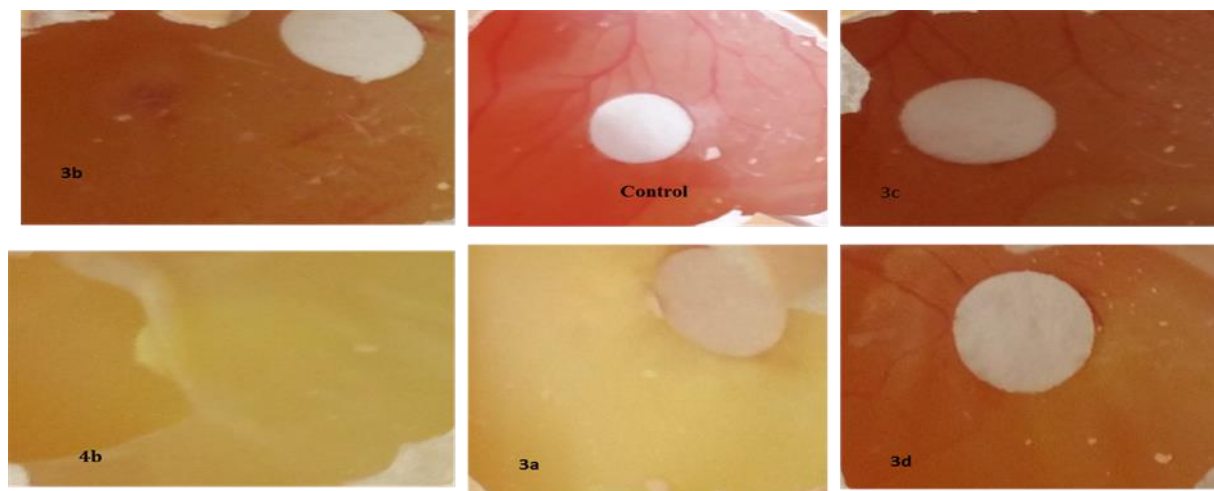


Fig. 7. Angioinhibitory effect of 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 4b (100 μ g) was dried on Whatman discs and applied onto the CAM of the developing chick embryo through a cut window. The CAM was observed for inhibition of neovascularization. The data shown represents the result of an experiment which was done using a minimum of six eggs in each group.

biological activity due to blockage of targeted moiety which poorly executes the biological activity or there is an increase in the activity due to the dosage or of the proper orientation of targeted groups of the compounds. Electron donating group like OCH₃ and steric hindrance of trimethoxy groups present in 3d and 3c were affected for the good activity. This could be purely depending on the morphological behaviour of the compounds. But in the case of 4a the melamine group responsible for the better antioxidant activity.

Among the five PEGylated nano compounds of Haemolytic assay, 3c was found to be more potent in inhibiting Phospholipase A2 enzyme from the Russell's viper snake venom with an IC₅₀ value of 30.66 μ gs. followed by 3b with an IC₅₀ value of 85.34 μ g. 3d and 3a are showing almost same activity with an IC₅₀ value of 111.66 μ gs and 113.31 μ gs. Among all the compounds 4b was found to be less potent with an IC₅₀ value of 139.48 μ gs.

In Fig.7, Exhibit reduction of angiogenesis in the CAM at the site of application of compounds as compared to the extensive angiogenesis seen in the control of CAM. The data shown represents the results using a minimum of six eggs in each group. These results indicate that the five compounds, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 4b are potent antiangiogenic molecules in vivo.

5 Conclusion

All synthesized compounds are screened for anti oxidant and Haemolytic assay. In that the compound 3c become good potent molecule, because of having furan and imidazolone moiety and steric hindrance of tri methoxy

groups present in that molecule, followed by 3b were showed to be potency in the above Biological activity but in the CAM assay all the compounds are potent antiangiogenic molecules in vivo. Moreover size of 99 -350 nm size and targeted orientation of the groups are affected for the biological activity.

Authors's contributions

Dakshayini and devaraju designed research dakshayini performed the research; dakshayini,mallu and Devaraju analysed spectral data; Rekha and Ranjini analyzed biological data. Dakshayini and Rekha wrote the paper. All the authors read and approved the final manuscript.

Competing interests

The authors declare that they have no competing interests

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