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## ACUTE TOXICITY TESTING OF SYNTHESIZED PYRAZOLINE DERIVATIVES IN ADULT ZEBRA FISH

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**ABSTRACT:** The reduction products of pyrazole are pyrazolines. These 5-membered heterocyclic compounds containing nitrogen are famous for their wide range of biological actions, including antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anticancer, analgesic, anticonvulsant, anthelmintic, antioxidant, and herbicidal effects. Intermediate chalcone has been used in the synthesis of pyrazoline derivatives. Due to their widespread use as scaffolds in the synthesis of bioactive chemicals at Vidyapeeth's College of Pharmacy, pyrazoles have recently been the focus of various techniques. Responses across several platforms. In the realm of risk assessment and regulation, fish are the most often used vertebrate creature. Both adult zebrafish and zebrafish embryos possess unique traits that make them ideal model organisms for research into pharmacology and toxicology. Zebra fish, scientifically known as *Danio rerio*, have emerged as potent models for investigating human diseases and developmental processes. Acute toxicity (LC<sub>50</sub>), organ specific toxicity, and developmental toxicity are some of the toxicity tests that have recently been created using zebrafish assays. Using adult zebrafish and zebrafish eggs, this research examines the toxicity of newly synthesized pyrazoline derivatives in accordance with OECD recommendations for the relevant models.

**Keywords:** Pyrazoline derivatives are, Toxicity of synthetic derivatives, Zebrafish Toxicity study etc.

### INTRODUCTION:

Pyrazoline are nitrogen containing 5-membered heterocyclic compounds having two adjacent nitrogen atoms within the ring, and various methods have been worked out for their synthesis. Numerous pyrazoline derivatives have been found to possess considerable biological activities, which stimulated the research activity in this field. They possess several prominent biological effects, such as antimicrobial, anti-mycobacterial, anti-fungal, anti-amoebic, anti-

inflammatory, analgesic, anti-depressant and anti-cancer activities<sup>1,2</sup>. It has been considered that if a drug is effective, it will have side effects or any toxic effects after certain limit of concentration<sup>3</sup>. The toxicity study is important to decide the maximum tolerable dose of any drug. Fish are the widely used vertebrate organism in risk assessment and regulation. Out of them, adult zebrafish and zebrafish embryo has a special characteristic which permits its use as a model organism in toxicological and pharmacological studies<sup>4</sup>.

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Zebra fish known as a *Danio rerio* have risen as effective and powerful models for studying developmental processes and human disorders<sup>5</sup>. Zebra fish has many features with the mammals. They develop most of the organs found in mammals including those of the nervous, digestive, reproductive, immune, excretory, and cardiovascular systems, immune system<sup>6</sup>. Zebra fish have various special focal points like its small size and low cost, include fecundity, with each female capable of laying 200 - 300 eggs per week, external fertilization and rapid development of embryos, which allows the direct observation of developing internal organs and tissues *in-vivo* situating them for rapid drug discovery and toxicity studies. They can easily absorb the compounds which are solubilized in water, made drug administrations simple and feasible.

Fish generate huge number of progenies, therefore offering them to be as appropriate as in *in-vitro* frameworks. The maintenance cost is less expensive than for other animal models. Zebra fish develop rapidly, allowing for assays of drug toxicities on organ development<sup>7,8</sup>. In present article the toxicity of newly synthesized pyrazoline derivatives has been studied.

#### MATERIAL AND METHOD:

**Pyrazoline Derivatives:** Pyrazoline is reduction product of pyrazole. Literature survey shows that pyrazoline derivatives show promising antitumor, analgesic and anti-inflammatory activity. The pyrazoline derivatives are synthesized from the chalcone. The chalcone is synthesized from aromatic ketone and aromatic aldehyde in ethanolic NaOH<sup>9</sup>. Further this chalcone is used to synthesize N-acetamide and benzamide pyrazoline derivatives. The pyrazoline derivative obtained from the same institute and the compounds are selected on the basis of their results of cell line study. The compound which shows High to moderate activities in cell line study were selected for toxicity study. Acute toxicity testing of following four pyrazoline derivatives

was conducted in adult zebra fish and in zebra fish embryo.

**Compound 1:** N-(2-(1-carbamothioyl-5-(4-chlorophenyl) - 4 - 5 dihydro-1-H- pyrazol - 3-yl)phenyl) acetamide:

Molecular weight: 372, Melting point: 229°C, Molecular formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ON<sub>4</sub>SCl Nature: Whitish powder, R<sub>f</sub> value: 0.55 [chloroform: methanol (10:1)] UV λ<sub>max</sub>: 315.

**Compound 2:** N-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1-H-pyrazole - 1 - carbonothioyl)acetamide

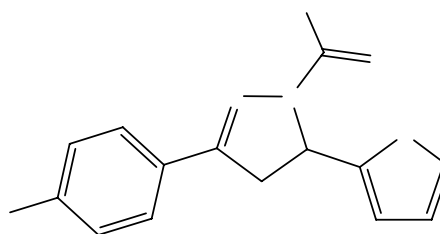
Molecular weight: 363, Melting point: 174°C, Molecular formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ON<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Cl Nature: Dark yellow colored crystals, R<sub>f</sub> value: 0.67 [n-Hexane: Ethylacetate (3:1)] UV λ<sub>max</sub>: 301 nm

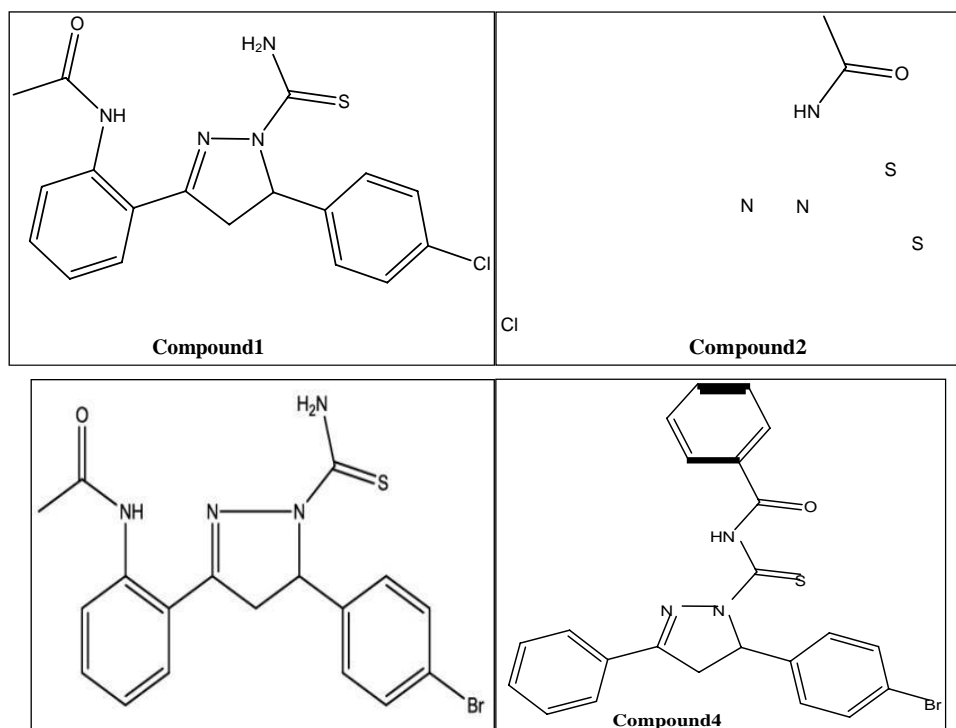
**Compound 3:** N-(2-(5-(4-bromophenyl)-1-carbamothioyl - 4 - 5- dihydro - 1- H -pyrazol-3-yl)phenyl) acetamide

Molecular weight: 417, Molecular formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ON<sub>4</sub>SBr, Nature: white powder, Melting point: 231°C, R<sub>f</sub> value: 0.55 [chloroform: methanol (10:1)] UV λ<sub>max</sub>: 316 nm

**Compound 4:** N-[5-(4-bromophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 - dihydro - 1H - pyrazole - 1 - carbonothioyl)benzamide

Molecular weight: 464, Melting point: 161-163 °C, Molecular formula: C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OSBr Nature: Brown colored crystals, R<sub>f</sub> value: 0.60 [n-Hexane: Ethylacetate (2:1)], UV λ<sub>max</sub>: 296 nm





**FIG.1:PYRAZOLINEDERIVATIVES**

**Acute Toxicity Testing of Synthetic Pyrazoline Derivatives:** Toxicity study was performed according to OECD test guideline-203 (Fish, Acute Toxicity Test) in order to decide lethal concentration ( $LC_{50}$ ) of test compound in adult zebrafish and according to OECD guideline 236 (Fish Embryo Toxicity Test) to determine acute toxicity of chemicals on embryonic stages of fish.

**Procedure for Acute Toxicity in Adult Zebrafish:** The wild type adult zebrafish weighing between 0.5-1.5 gm were procured from local supplier. They were kept into water tank and proper aeration was provided. 12 hrs light and 12 hrs dark light cycles was maintained. Fish were fed three times daily with micropellets. They were kept for 15 days for acclimatization<sup>10</sup>. Total 119 fishes were divided into seventeen different groups with 7 fishes per group. The four different concentrations of each compound were prepared in geometric series with an increasing factor 2.2.

Group I served as a control group (1ml DMSO). Group II to group V received 0.20 mg, 0.44 mg, 0.96 mg and 2.12 mg dose of compound 1 respectively. Group VI to group IX received 0.20 mg, 0.44 mg, 0.96 mg and 2.12 mg dose of compound 2 respectively. Group X to group

XIII received 0.30 mg, 0.66 mg, 1.45 mg and 3.19 mg dose of compound 3 respectively. While group XIV to group XVII received 0.20 mg, 0.44 mg, 0.96 mg and 2.12 mg dose of compound 4. The drug was dissolved in DMSO prior to addition into respective fish tank. The fishes were exposed to test compounds for a period of 96 hours. The mortalities were recorded at 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours and the concentration which killed 50 % of the fish ( $LC_{50}$ ) was determined<sup>11</sup>.

**Procedure for Acute Toxicity in Zebrafish Embryos:** Zebrafish embryos were procured from local supplier. Zebrafish embryos are kept in embryonic medium<sup>12</sup>. Embryos were divided into twenty different groups with 12 embryos per group. 96 well microtitre plates were used for this study. Each embryo was transferred in individual well plate. The five different concentrations of test compound were prepared by diluting the solvent in a geometric series with an increasing factor of 2. Group I served as a control. Group II to V, Group VI to IX, Group X to XIII and Group XIV to XVII received 10  $\mu$ g, 8  $\mu$ g and 6  $\mu$ g and 4  $\mu$ g dose of compound 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. The drug was dissolved in DMSO prior to addition into

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ve groups. The embryos were exposed to test compounds for a period of 96 hours. Coagulation of embryos, lack of somite formation, and non-detachment of the tail, lack of heart beat indicates mortality. The mortalities were recorded at 24, 48, 72 and 96 hrs and the toxic concentration

was determined<sup>13</sup>.

**RESULT:** The maximum concentration at which the 50 % of the fish was killed was recorded. The abnormal changes and mortality of fish for every test compound was recorded after 24, 48, 72 and 96 hours given in following **Tables**.

**TABLE 1: TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF ACUTE TOXICITY TEST IN ADULT ZEBRA FISH**

Compounds	Group	Dose	Abnormal changes		Mortality			
			Swimming	Pigmentation	24 hrs	48 hrs	72 hrs	96 hrs
Control	Group I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group II	0.2mg	-	-	-	-	1	1
	Group III	0.44mg	-	-	1	1	2	3
	Group IV	0.96mg	□	□	1	2	3	3
	Group V	2.12mg	□	□	2	4	7	7
Compound 1	Group VI	0.2mg	-	-	-	-	1	1
	Group VII	0.44mg	-	□	-	2	3	4
	Group VIII	0.96mg	□	□	-	2	5	7
Compound 2	Group IX	2.12mg	□	□	1	3	6	7
	Group X	0.3mg	-	□	-	-	1	2
	Group XI	0.66mg	□	□	-	2	3	6
	Group XII	1.45mg	□	□	-	3	6	7
Compound 3	Group XIII	3.19mg	□	□	4	6	7	7
	Group XIV	0.2mg	-	-	-	1	2	2
	Group XV	0.44mg	-	□	-	1	4	5
	Group XVI	0.96mg	□	□	1	2	5	7
	Group XVII	2.12mg	□	□	2	7	7	7

**TABLE 2: TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF ACUTE TOXICITY TEST IN ZEBRA FISH EMBRYO**

Compounds	Group	Dose (µg)	Mortality				
			24 hrs	48 hrs	72 hrs	96 hrs	
Control	Group I	-	-	-	-	-	
Compound 1	Group II	10	8	10	12	12	
	Group III	8	6	8	10	12	
	Group IV	6	4	7	8	8	
	Group V	4	4	6	7	7	
	Group VI	10	8	12	12	12	
Compound 2	Group VII	8	7	10	12	12	
	Group VIII	6	6	8	10	10	
	Group IX	4	6	7	8	10	
	Group X	10	11	9	7	5	
Compound 3	Group XI	8	11	9	7	4	
	Group XII	6	5	7	9	10	
	Group XIII	4	4	5	8	9	
Compound 4	Group XIV	10	9	12	12	12	
	Group XV	8	6	8	8	10	
	Group XVI	6	5	6	6	7	
	Group XVII	4	3	4	4	5	

## DISCUSSION:

We set out to find the lethal dosage of each of the substances in our investigation. To determine the fatal concentration (LC50) of the test substance in adult zebrafish, the OECD test guideline 203 (Fish, Acute Toxicity Test) was used. The fish in the control group did not exhibit any unusual alterations in their swimming behavior, coloration, or survival rate. The zebrafish that were exposed to the test chemical showed alterations in their coloring and swimming patterns. The LD50 values for compounds 1, 2, 3, and 4 were 2.5 mg, 1.9 mg, 1.25 mg, and 1.47 mg, respectively, according to the results. The OECD guideline 236 (Fish Embryo Toxicity Test) was used to determine the fatal concentration of the test compounds for acute toxicity of chemicals. The LD50 values for compounds 1, 2, 3, and 4 were 4.31 mg, 3.18 mg, 4.86 mg, and 5.85 mg, respectively.

**CONCLUSION:** According to the results of this research, zebrafish exposed to test chemicals for longer periods of time at lower doses exhibit toxicity. Even at low concentrations, the pyrazoline derivatives cause serious harm. This research proved that zebrafish may be used as a reliable model to test the toxicity of various chemicals. Adult zebrafish were utilized in the regenerational and developmental angiogenesis test based on the results of this toxicity investigation.

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