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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### **Coumarin heterocyclic derivatives: chemical synthesis and biological activity.**

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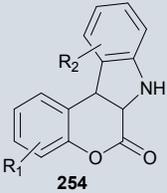
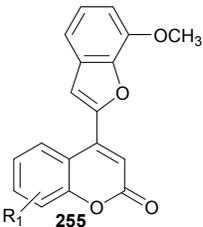
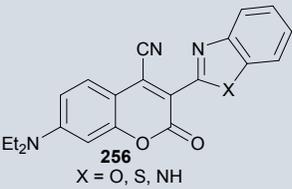
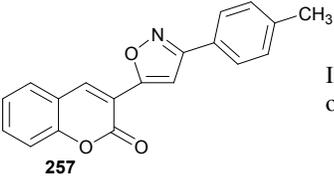
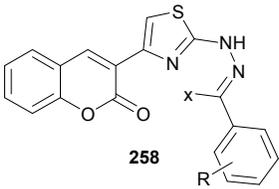
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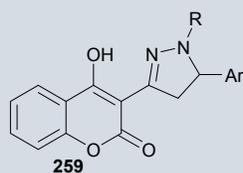
The ‘Supporting Information’ is a supplementary data illustrating a summary of all the available biological activities for the discussed coumarin heterocyclic derivatives.

The ‘Supporting Information’ was composed of two parts:

1. **Table S1.** Summary of the bioactivity data of the heterocyclic coumarin derivatives
2. **References**

Compound	Activity	Potency of the most active derivative	Comments	Ref.														
Pyrrole, indol and isoindole																		
 <p>254</p>	Inhibitors of DYRK1A kinase	IC <sub>50</sub> = 0.067 μM	<p>Potent kinase and topoisomerase I inhibition: (a) The C-3 and C-10 bis hydroxylated chromenopyrrole exhibited strong topoisomerase I inhibition (IC<sub>50</sub> = 38.5 μM) with only a weak sub-nanomolar kinase effect; (b) when a hydroxy group is positioned in C-2, an selective DYRK1A inhibition was observed (IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.067-0.076 μM).</p> <p>Molecular modelling docking studies revealed a Lamellarin-like binding mode with the ATP active site.</p>	1														
Furane, benzofurane and thiophene																		
 <p>255</p>	Anti-inflammatory (Carrageenin-induced hind-paw oedema)	% inhibition Oedema volume at 1h = 84%	Inhibition of inflammation comparable with phenylbutazone	2														
Imidazole, oxazole, isoxazole, thiazol																		
 <p>256 X = O, S, NH</p>	Cytotoxic towards human cancer cell lines	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cell line</th> <th>IC<sub>50</sub> (μM)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>U87</td> <td>0.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B16</td> <td>1.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HeLa</td> <td>1.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DLD-1</td> <td>0.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SiHa</td> <td>2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NIH 3T3</td> <td>2.8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cell line	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	U87	0.21	B16	1.3	HeLa	1.2	DLD-1	0.21	SiHa	2.0	NIH 3T3	2.8		3
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 <p>257</p>	Inhibited the invasion of MCF-7/6 cells	IC <sub>50</sub> = 1 μM.	<p>The compounds inhibited only invasion without affecting growth, which excludes that they due their activity to cytotoxicity</p> <p>The mechanisms of action are not elucidated</p>	4														
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 <p>258</p>	<i>In vitro</i> antimicrobial activity against <i>S. aureus</i> , <i>S. pyogenes</i> , <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>M. tuberculosis</i>	MIC (μM) = 15-663	<p>The antimicrobial activity was enhanced by bromide and hydroxyl groups.</p> <p>A hydroxyl group at the ortho position of a benzylidene imine was more effective than meta and para substitution patterns.</p>	6														

Imidazole, pyrazole

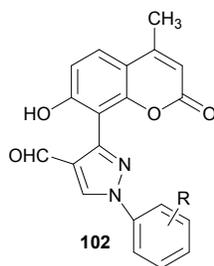


Anticoagulant activity  
[*in vivo* coagulation time (CT) and prothrombin time (PT) determination; *in vitro* measurement of PIVKA-II levels]

Relative potency (%) compared to warfarin (R.P. %) = 17.3-19.4%  
CT = 20.83-22.50 s  
PT = 3.373-4.017 min

Anticoagulant activity: modest to high activity compared to warfarin  
Activity increased by introduction of acetyl or phenyl group at position 1 of the pyrazolyl functionality  
Ambiguity between *in vitro* (low) and *in vivo* (high), attributed to their *in vivo* dual mechanism of action of coumarin and pyrazole pharmacophore group

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Antibacterial: *S. aureus*, *S. pyogenes*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa*  
Antifungic: *C. neoformans*, *A. niger*, *A. flavus*, *C. albicans*

Moderate to relatively strong

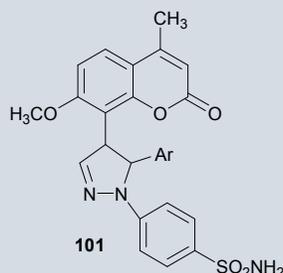
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Compounds with chloro exhibited remarkable activity against all the organisms tested.

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Antioxidant (DPPH)

Poor radical scavenging ability at lower concentrations.

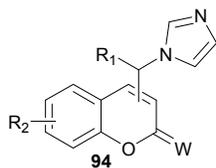


Cytotoxic and apoptogenic effect towards human cancer cell lines (60 cancer cell lines according to US NCI protocol)

The tested compounds exhibited high potency against colorectal cell line HCT-116  
IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.01-2.8 μM

More potent than doxorubicin (IC<sub>50</sub> of Doxorubicin = 0.63 μM)  
Potential molecular target PI3K (p110α/p85α)

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Inhibitors of aromatase, assayed against AR (CYP19) and 17α-hydroxylase/C17,20-lyase (CYP17), two related P450 enzymes, which are responsible for catalyzing the final step in estrogen and androgen biosynthesis, respectively

IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.047 μM (363-fold more active than aminoglutethimide)

The most salient features from the SAFIR:

(a) The position of the 1-methylimidazolyl substituent on the coumarin ring plays a central role in the modulation of the inhibitory activity

(b) The length of the bridge linking the imidazole to the coumarin ring was another important structural element modulating the enzyme affinity

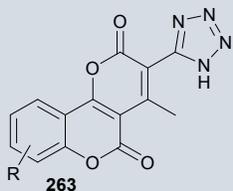
(c) A single CH<sub>2</sub> seems to be an optimal bridge to link the imidazolyl to the coumarin ring

(d) The effect on the affinity obtained by introducing a phenyl substituent in the coumarin scaffold is position-dependent.

(e) The carbonyl group of the coumarin lactone ring seems an important structural determinant for the activity since the thiocarbonyl is significantly less active

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<p>95</p>	<p>Inhibitors of human carbonic anhydrase (hCA) I and II.</p>	<p>IC<sub>50</sub> = 22.09 μM and 20.33 μM for hCA I and hCA II, respectively.</p>	<p>All the synthesized compounds inhibited the CA isoenzymes activity</p>	<p>11</p>
Triazole				
<p>260</p>	<p>Cytotoxic towards human cancer cell lines</p>	<p>Cell line MCF-7 SKBr-3</p> <p>IC<sub>50</sub> (μM) 7.45-18.33 6.52-8.17</p>	<p>Its anti-proliferative activities are directly related to Hsp90 inhibition These compounds are interfering with the Hsp90-mediated protein folding process</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>261</p>	<p>Cytotoxic towards human cancer cell lines</p>	<p>Cell line MCF-7 SW480 A549</p> <p>IC<sub>50</sub> (μM) 5.89 1.99 0.52</p>	<p>The compounds inhibit the proliferation of cancer cells through inducing apoptosis and arresting the cell-cycle at G2/M phase</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>262</p>	<p>Antifungal: <i>A. niger</i>, <i>A. fumigatus</i>, <i>A. flavus</i>, <i>C. albicans</i> Antibacterial: <i>S. aureus</i>, <i>B. subtilis</i>, <i>S. epidermis</i>, <i>E. coli</i>, <i>P. aeruginosa</i>, <i>S. typhi</i>, <i>K. pneumoniae</i></p>	<p>Strong  Strong</p>	<p>Low or moderate toxicity risks in in silico analysis Good oral bioavailability Druglikeness and drug-score values similar or better than some commercial antimicrobials such as amphotericin B.</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>114</p>	<p>Inhibitors of inducible nitric oxide synthase. The secretion of tumor necrosis factor (TNF-α), prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) and the production of NO by neutrophils were quantified in basal or <i>Escherichia coli</i> lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated conditions.</p>	<p>Most of compounds significantly inhibited NO production by LPS-stimulated neutrophils with a concentration of 10 μM None of the tested molecules inhibited the secretion of PGE2 and TNF-α.</p>	<p>This compounds reduced nitric oxide (NO) production by reducing iNOS gene and protein expressions and iNOS activity. Compounds did not affect eNOS activity,</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>110</p>	<p>Inhibitors of lysine specific demethylase 1 (LSD1) The downregulation of LSD1 expression or inhibition of its activity can inhibit cancer progression</p>	<p>IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.39 μM 74-fold more potent than that of tranlycypromine</p>	<p>Reversible inhibition <i>In vitro</i> selectivity against lysine specific demethylase 1 without inhibition against monoamine oxidases (MAOs) A and B Most of the mono-substituted coumarins at the 7-position had excellent inhibitory activity</p>	<p>16</p>
Tetrazole				

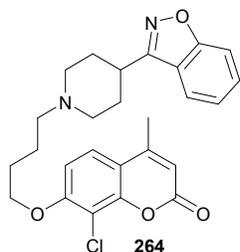


Antibacterial:  
*S.aureus*, *S.typhi*,  
*E.coli*

Minimum inhibition  
concentration (MIC)  
Moderate to relatively  
strong

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Pyridine



Antipsychotics.  
Affinities of different  
amine moieties for  
dopamine D<sub>2</sub>, and  
serotonin 5-HT<sub>1A</sub>, and  
5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptors

Receptor affinity Ki  
0.0026 μM (D<sub>2</sub>)  
0.0033 μM (5-HT<sub>1A</sub>)  
0.0003 μM (5-HT<sub>2A</sub>)

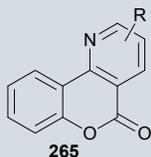
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High affinity for dopamine D<sub>2</sub> and  
D<sub>3</sub>, and serotonin 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> and 5-  
HT<sub>2A</sub> receptors.

Low affinity for 5-HT<sub>2C</sub> and H1  
receptors (reduce the risk of  
obesity associated with chronic  
treatment) and hERG channels  
(reduce the incidence of torsade  
des pointes)

In animal models, the compound  
significantly inhibited  
apomorphine-induced climbing  
behavior, and Conditioned  
avoidance response (CAR) without  
catalepsy at the highest dose tested

Compound had a higher threshold  
for catalepsy induction compared  
with that of the two currently  
marketed atypical antipsychotics,  
risperidone and clozapine.



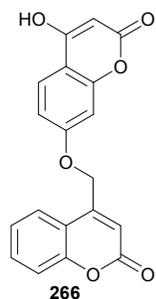
Cytotoxic towards  
human cancer cell  
lines (Ehrlich ascites  
carcinoma cells  
(EAC) in vitro)

IC<sub>50</sub> (μM) = 0.12-0.13

All the tested compounds showed  
more toxicity than the 5-  
fluorouracil in vitro studies (IC<sub>50</sub> =  
0.38 μM)

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Pyrane and benzopyrane



Anti-inflammatory  
(Carrageenin-induced  
hind-paw edema)

% Inhibition = 23-62%

Analgesic (Acetic  
acid writhing test)

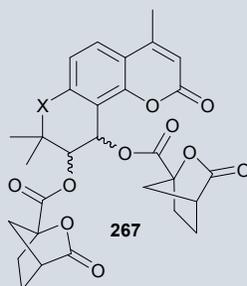
% Protection = 22-60%

Weak anti-inflammatory and  
analgesic activity

The benzofuranyl ethers of  
coumarins were found to be most  
active amongst all the compounds.

The Chloro and methoxy  
substitution in coumarin ring found  
to increase the activity

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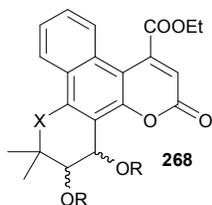


Anti-HIV activity  
(tested against HIV-1  
replication in acutely  
infected H9  
lymphocytes)

EC<sub>50</sub> = 1.88x10<sup>-4</sup> μM  
Therapeutic index =  
188,032

AZT  
EC<sub>50</sub> = 0.045 μM  
Therapeutic index = 41,667

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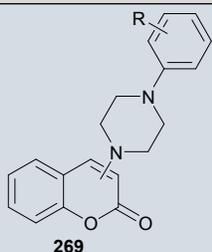


Antioxidant (DPPH) Reduction ability = 80.4% (0.5 mM, 60 min)  
 Inhibition the soybean lipoxygenase Inhibition = 58.5–100%  
 Inhibition of trypsin Inhibition of trypsin = 15–96.3%  
 Antiinflammatory (Carrageenin-induced hind-paw edema) Inhibition = 48.7–58.9% (Indomethacin induced 57% protection at equivalent concentration)

The attempt to correlate the biological results with some physicochemical parameters was unsuccessful.

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#### Piperazine



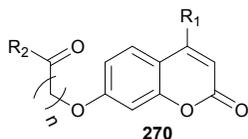
Acetylcholinesterase inhibitory activity

IC<sub>50</sub> = 4.5 μM

Coumarins having phenylpiperazine substitution on the positions 3 and/or 4 with a suitable linking chain show significant anti-AChE activities.

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The inhibitory potency was strongly influenced by the length and shape of the spacer



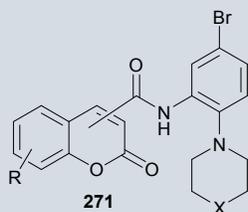
Cholinesterase inhibitory activity evaluated against acetylcholinesterase (AChE) and butyrylcholinesterase (BuChE).

IC<sub>50</sub> = 1.6-74 μM against AChE  
 IC<sub>50</sub> = 15-387 μM against BuChE

Highest AChE inhibitory activity with 26-fold selectivity for AChE respect to the BuChE.

Mixed-mode inhibition pattern, in which both catalytic anionic subsite (CAS) and peripheral anionic binding site (PAS) are occupied by the ligand.

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Inhibitor of β-secretase (BACE-1) *in vitro*

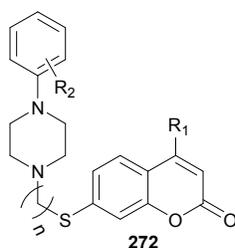
IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.093 μM

The best spacer is a methylene group

The amide group linked to position 4 appears to be the most favourable

In the *in vitro* enzymatic assay, the hydrophobicity of the derivatives appear to be a determinative parameter in the BACE-1 inhibitory activities.

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α<sub>1</sub>-Adrenoceptor antagonists evaluated by induced contractions of rat anococcygeus smooth muscles according

pA<sub>2</sub> = 9.365\*

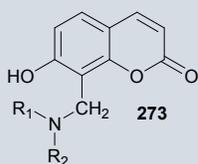
\*The activity was expressed as pA<sub>2</sub> = -log[compound]<sub>2</sub>, in which [compound]<sub>2</sub> is defined as the measured concentrations of the compounds assayed according to Schild's methods.<sup>26</sup>

The most of compounds exhibited strong α<sub>1</sub>-AR antagonistic activity (pA<sub>2</sub> = 8.005-9.365)

Better activity than prazosin.

Structure-activity relationship: Small hydrophobic group at the terminal heterocyclic ring and ortho substituents on the phenyl ring of phenylpiperazine moiety were the essential structural factors for α<sub>1</sub>-AR antagonistic activity.

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Antiinflammatory (Carrageenin-induced hind-paw edema)

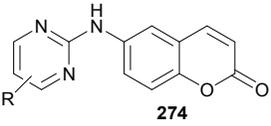
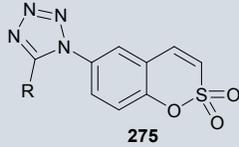
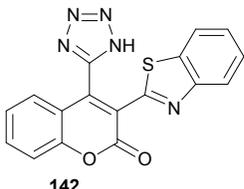
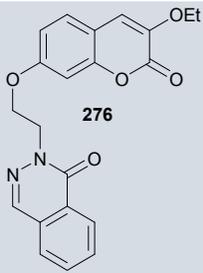
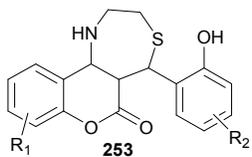
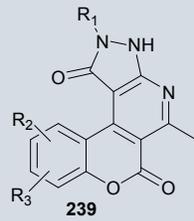
Adjuvant-induced disease (AID) as model of rheumatoid arthritis

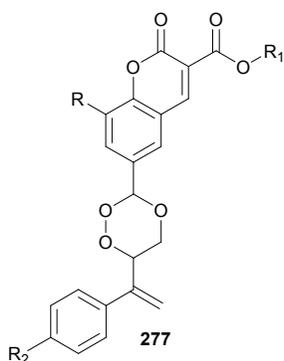
Inhibition % of induced Carrageenin Rat Paw Edema CPE % = 77.7% (Indomethacin, induced 47% protection at an equivalent concentration)  
 Rats treated with

Hydrophilicity, the presence of a free 7-OH, and steric requirements for the substituent at position 8 are the most important factors in terms of SAR.

Although the antiinflammatory mechanism explaining the activity on CPE remains unclear, the *in*

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		compound did not develop severe arthritis	<i>in vivo</i> antiinflammatory activity of the synthesized compounds seems to be related with their high HO-scavenging and reducing activity, <i>in vitro</i> .	
Pyrimidine				
	Vasorelaxing activity effect on nor-epinephrine induced contracture in thoracic rat aortic rings	IC <sub>50</sub> = 411 μM (IC <sub>50</sub> prazosin 487 μM)	Increase in aqueous solubility while retaining good hydrophobic character of the overall molecule is the key for maintaining high relaxation activity.	29
Other cycles				
	Inhibitors of the tumor-associated carbonic anhydrase isoforms IX and XII	K <sub>Is</sub> (μM) = 0.0065-0.0686 (hCA IX) 0.0043-0.0598 (hCA XII)		30
	Inhibitors of amyloid-β aggregation	Plateau reduction (% inhibition) = 96	Ranging from a modest reduction of the equilibrium plateau to nearly complete inhibition Pronounced effect upon inhibition of Aβ aggregation when coumarin was functionalized with nitrogen containing ring structures benzothiazole and triazole Coumarin analogs exhibit a number of additional AD-associated pharmacological effects and thus possess the potential to serve as multi-target AD therapeutics	31
	Moderate triglyceride-lowering activity	Triglyceride lowering activity (%) = 45	3 mg/kg/day in the Swiss albino mouse model Several times better than fenofibrate [Triglyceride lowering activity = 36% (at 30 mg/kg)]	32
	Cytotoxic towards human cancer cell lines	Cell line      IC <sub>50</sub> (μM) MCF-7            5.35 SK-N-MC        3.75 MDA-MB 231   10.32	The best compound is at least two-fold more potent than etoposide against MCF-7, SKN-MC, and MDA-MB 231 cell lines	33
	Antioxidant (DPPH) Antibacterial ( <i>S. Epidermidis</i> , methicillin-resistant <i>S. aureus</i> (MRSA))	IC <sub>50</sub> = 120 μM <i>S. epidermidis</i> MIC = 6.3 μM MRSA MIC = 25 μM		34



In vitro antimalarial activity against CQ sensitive 3D7 strain of *P. falciparum*.

In vivo antimalarial activity against multi-drug-resistant *P. yoelii nigeriensis* in mice at 96 mg/kg/day by oral route using Peters's procedure.

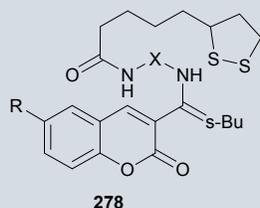
IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.082–0.85 μM

Suppression of 41.14% on day 4

Moderate activity

Limitation: poor solubility both in oil and water

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*In vivo* anti-inflammatory effects by using the functional model of carrageenin-induced rat paw edema

% inhibition of induced carrageenin rat paw edema at 0.01 mmol/kg  
CPE % = 41-73%

Indomethacin induced 47% protection at an equivalent dose  
Lipophilicity does not increase in parallel to inhibition  
The *in vivo* anti-inflammatory activity seems to be related with their high HO scavenging and reducing activities.

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