

SYNTHESIS, BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION AND IN SILICO STUDIES OF PYRAZOLINE AND ITS METAL COMPLEXES AS ANTI-AMOEBIC AGENTS

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ABSTRACT

A series of pyrazolines and metal complexes of 3-(furyl)-2-pyrazoline were design, synthesized and their structures were provided by FT-IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, ESI-MS and elemental analysis. These compounds were assessed for their *in-vitro* anti-amoebic activity against HMI:IMSS strain of *Entamoeba histolytica* and compared with standard drug metronidazole. Pyrazolines showed better activity in comparison to its mannich base, but the activity of metal complexes is much more promising than pyrazolines. The docking and ADMET studies were also conducted to investigate the probable mode of action. From the docking studies, it showed that *E. histolytica* thioredoxin reductase protein showed an active site for binding affinity.

Keywords: Pyrazoline, Metal complexes, *E. histolytica*, Docking and ADMET studies.

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INTRODUCTION

Amoebiasis is an infection of the human gut caused by the protozoan parasite *E. histolytica*. More than 50 million people are affected per year.¹ Infection from this parasite affects the gastrointestinal tract, liver abscesses, destruction of tissue and produce amoebic colitis.² Metronidazole has been considered as the drug of choice against amoebic dysentery. However, this drug shows serious side effects such as genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and hematuria.³⁻⁷ Moreover, resistance from the standard drug metronidazole increased.^{8,9} In an effort to improve therapy for amoebic dysentery, the creation of chemical libraries is necessary to obtain novel drugs with high activity. The compound which has pyrazoline ring demonstrated good activities including antibacterial,¹⁰ antifungal,¹¹ and antimicrobial.¹² Recent years have witnessed an increasing interest in metal complexes derived from pyrazoline due to their use as tools for studying the biological activity and emerging therapeutic potentials for a variety of disease. Our continuing interest in anti-amoebic drugs and the desire to explore such types of compounds and biological importance of pyrazolines encourage us to develop new pyrazoline and to enhance their efficacy by introducing metal in their molecular structure. In a recent year from our lab, we have reported several compounds that showed very promising IC₅₀ value, some of them are shown in the (Fig.-1). **I** (IC₅₀=0.12μM), **II** (IC₅₀=0.47μM), **III** (IC₅₀=0.37μM) and **IV** (IC₅₀=0.38μM).¹³⁻¹⁷ These results give us a designing strategy. Herein, we have synthesized Pyrazoline derivatives and metal complexes of 3-(furyl)-2-pyrazoline. To find the promising target for the treatment of amoebiasis, we have done the molecular docking. It catalyzes the reversible transfer of reducing equivalent between NADPH and thioredoxin.¹⁸ We have found that thioredoxin reductase is a target for nitroimidazole based drugs in *E.histolytica*.¹⁹

EXPERIMENTAL

Chemistry

Pyrazoline derivatives were synthesized from Mannich base precursor. The Mannich base precursor (**1-6**) was prepared by the reaction of ketone, formaldehyde and dimethylamine hydrochloride as shown in

(Scheme-1).²⁰ The reaction is effected from amount of HCl and solvent. The 2-acetyl furan ketone, 2-acetyl thiophene ketone and methyl phenyl ketone give high yield above 72% in comparison to the substituted methyl phenyl ketone.

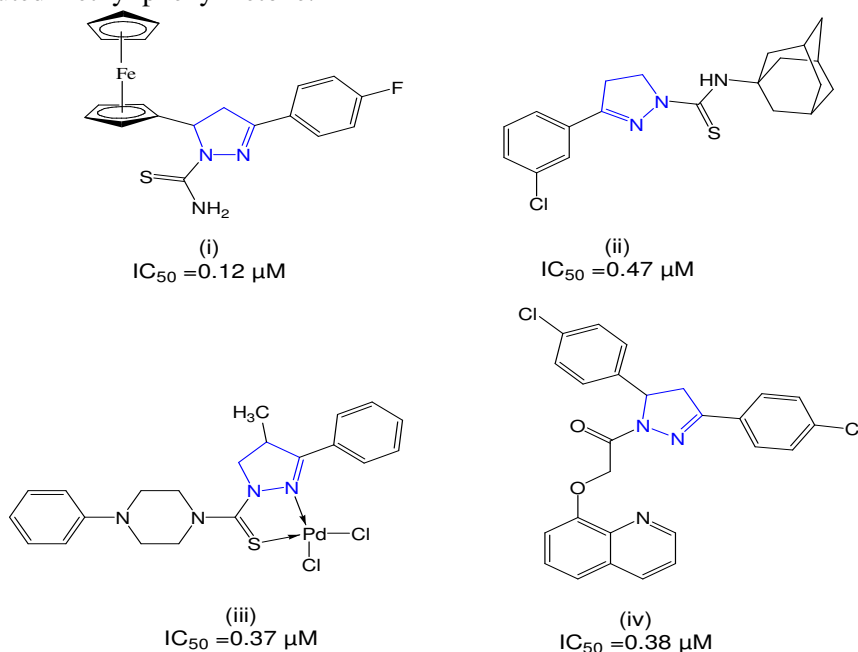
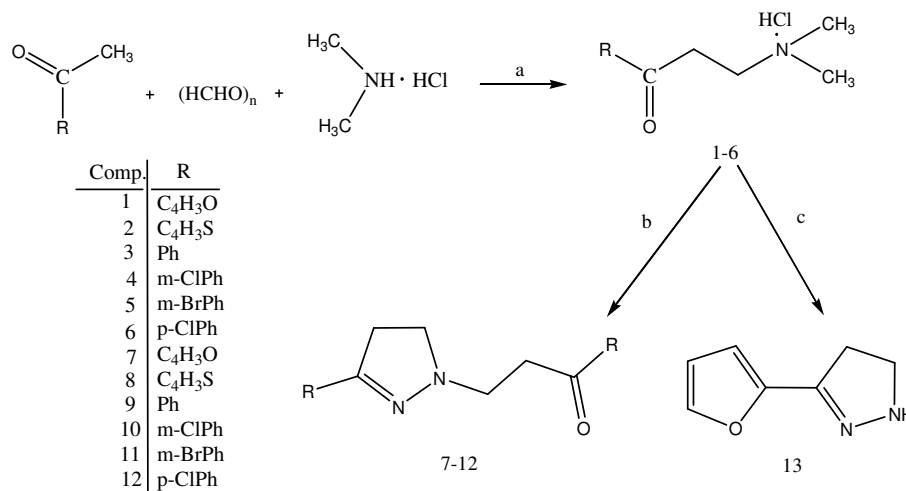
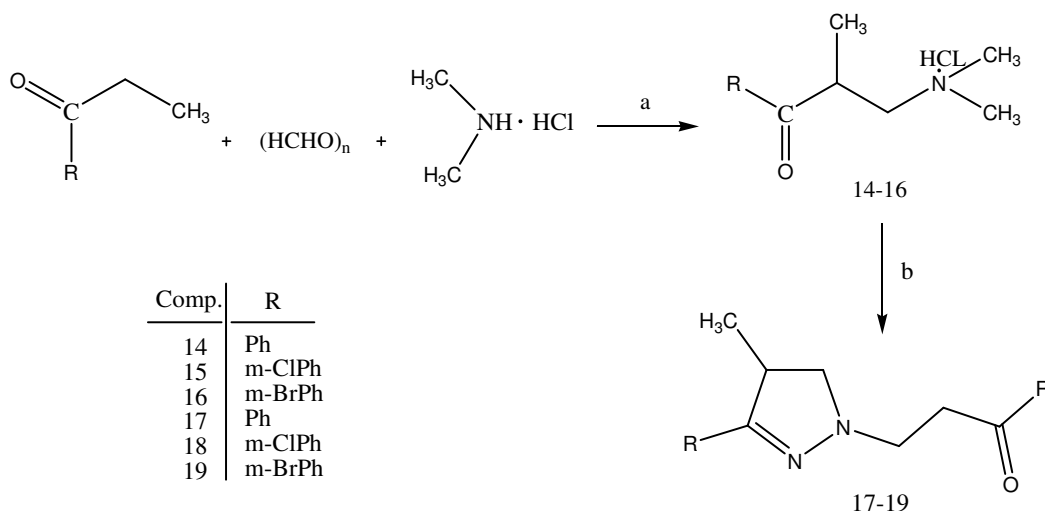


Fig.- 1: Some Previously Reported Pyrazoline including Metal Complexes showing Potent Antiamoebic Activity¹⁵⁻¹⁸

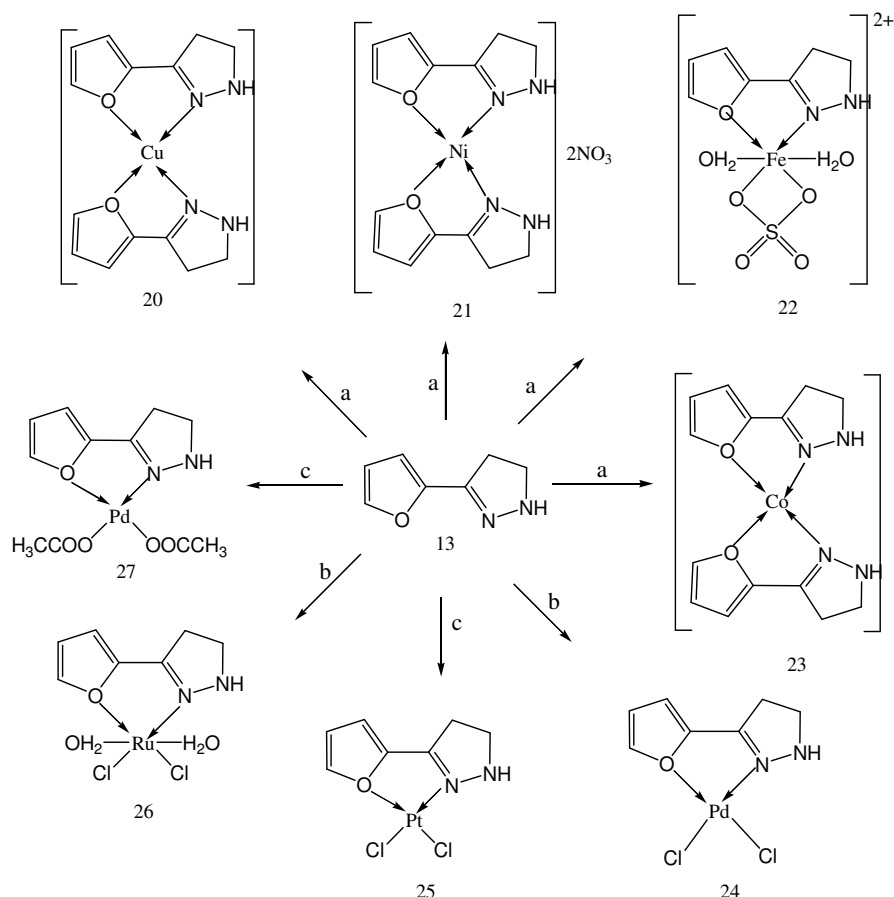
But the yield of Mannich base of propiophenone and substituted propiophenone (**14-16**) formed by the previous method was very low but it gave satisfying yield about 91% by mixing propiophenone and substituted propiophenone with paraformaldehyde in the mixture of ethanol and conc. HCl.²¹ Pyrazolines were synthesised by the reaction of Mannich base with 85% hydrazine in the saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution, one equivalent of hydrazine reaction with two equivalent of Mannich base to form the pyrazoline (**7-12,17-19**).²² The pyrazoline (**13**) was prepared by reaction of Mannich base in methanol with hydrazine hydrate and sodium hydroxide. The preparation of metal complexes is given in the (Scheme-3).



Scheme- 1: The Synthesis of Pyrazoline Derivatives (**7-12**) and **13**. (a) con HCl, acetone, Reflux, 2 h; (b) Hydrazine Hydrate, aq NaHCO₃, 45 min; (c) Hydrazine Hydrate, MeOH, 45 min.



Scheme - 2: The Synthesis of Pyrazoline Derivatives (**17-19**). (a) Conc HCl, EtOH, Reflux, 2 h; (b) Hydrazine Hydrate, aq NaHCO₃, 45 m.



Scheme - 3: The Synthesis of Pyrazoline Metal Complexes (**20-27**). (a) EtOH, Reflux, 2h; (b) MeOH, Reflux, 8h; (c) MeOH, Reflux, 4 h.

The metal complexes were also found to be stable at room temperature. Metal complexes is soluble in DMF and DMSO. The elemental analysis confirmed that the Pd, Pt, Ru, and Fe complexes have 1:1 and Co, Cu, Ni complexes have 1:2 molar ratio. In the IR characteristic band of $\nu(\text{C-N})$ and $\nu(\text{aliph-C-H})$ in the Mannich base showed at $1213\text{-}1257\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $2925\text{-}2959\text{ cm}^{-1}$ respectively. Due to the ring closer pyrazoline showed $\nu(\text{C=N})$ stretch at $1516\text{-}1167\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Absorption bands at $1144\text{-}1167\text{ cm}^{-1}$ were due to

the $\nu(\text{C-N})$ stretch vibrations, which also showed the formation of the desired compounds. The $\nu(\text{C=O})$ band was in the range of $1634\text{--}1678\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and absorption bands at 3126 cm^{-1} is due to vibration modes of N-H functions. The bands at 1550 cm^{-1} for azomethine (C=N), shifts during complex formation. This phenomenon may indicate that the nitrogen atom coordinates the metal ion.²³ The strong bands at 3126 cm^{-1} for N-H which remains unchanged during complex formation. This shows that the NH group is not involved in the complex formation. The characteristic bands of the furan ring of the free ligand upon complex formation shift respectively. This confirmed the coordination of metal ions by the heterocyclic oxygen atom.²⁴ The new bands at about $523\text{--}563\text{ cm}^{-1}$, $430\text{--}490\text{ cm}^{-1}$ may correspond to the $\nu(\text{M-N})$ and $\nu(\text{M-O})$ involving the N-atom and O-atom of the furan and pyrazoline ring.²⁵ The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ study of the pyrazoline further confirm the formation of the compounds. The protons of a pyrazoline (**7-12**) at C_4 and C_5 carbons appeared as broad triplet in the range $3.16\text{--}4.67$ ($J = 7.1\text{--}7.9\text{ Hz}$) and $3.51\text{--}7.31$ ($J = 6.8\text{--}8.9$) ppm respectively (Fig.-2). In the pyrazoline (**17-19**) the H_c protons at C_4 carbon appeared down field in the region $2.86\text{--}3.91$ as multiplet in all the compounds and the germinal protons H_a and H_b at C-5 carbon exhibited two signals. The CH_3 proton attached to the pyrazoline nucleus at C-4 appeared as a doublet in δ $1.0\text{--}1.38$ ($J = 6.6\text{--}6.4\text{ Hz}$) ppm region. The 3-furyl-2-pyrazoline (**13**) shows a singlet at 7.24 due to N-H proton. The structure of the pyrazolines were further supported by $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$, the C_4 and C_5 carbon of the cyclized pyrazoline ring in compound (**7-12**) resonate at $43.5\text{--}78.5$ and $40.2\text{--}58.6$ ppm and compound (**17-19**) showed at $38.3\text{--}45.3$ and $54.7\text{--}56.1$ ppm.

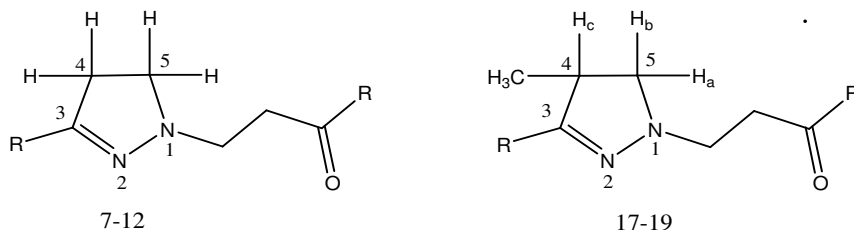


Fig.- 2: Protons of Pyrazoline Derivatives

All the compounds showed a signal at $142.2\text{--}164.3$ ppm assigned to azomethine carbon of pyrazoline ring. The signals for (C=O) was in the region of $147.87\text{--}245.2$ ppm. The CH_3 group of pyrazoline ring (**17-19**) showed signal at $13.8\text{--}16.9$ ppm. The 3-furyl-2-pyrazoline (**13**) showed a signal at 152.63 ppm due to C=N carbon. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra did not show significant differences between the ligand (3-furyl-2-pyrazoline) and their complexes. The electronic spectra exhibited three absorption bands at $287\text{--}299\text{ cm}^{-1}$, $231\text{--}241\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $214\text{--}228\text{ cm}^{-1}$ assignable to $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition, respectively. The band at $287\text{--}299\text{ cm}^{-1}$ assigned to the $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transition of the azomethane nitrogen, the absorption band at $231\text{--}241\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is because of the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition due to the presence of carbonyl oxygen of C=O group and the absorption band at $214\text{--}228\text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition of the phenyl ring. The absorption band at 227 cm^{-1} is observed due to the $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition of the furan ring. The UV-VIS spectra of the metal complexes studied in the UV region in DMSO in the range $200\text{--}800\text{ nm}$. The UV-VIS spectrum of ligand (**13**) exhibit two bands at 210 and 315 nm . The band at 210 nm is assigned to $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$ transition of furan portion, and the one at 315 nm is due to $n\text{-}\pi^*$ transitions of the azomethine moiety, respectively. However, these absorptions were red shift with respect to ligands depending on the types of the metal ions present. The magnetic moments of $1.7\text{--}1.9\text{ B.M.}$ fall within the range normally observed for square planer Cu(II) complexes and also indicate the presence of one unpaired electron in the complexes. The electronic spectra of Cu(II) complexes of ligand showed bands at $567\text{--}645\text{ nm}$ suggesting a tetragonal configuration around Cu(II) ion. These bands are accordingly assigned due to ${}^2\text{B}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2\text{A}_{1g}$, ${}^2\text{B}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2\text{B}_{2g}$ and ${}^2\text{B}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^2\text{E}_g$ transitions, respectively. The magnetic moment of Co(II) complexes were found to be 4.47 B.M. This value is indicative of an octahedral geometry for Co(II) complexes.²⁷ The electronic spectra of Co(II) complexes showed bands at 630 and 412 nm regions which may be assigned to ${}^4\text{T}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4\text{A}_{2g}$ (F) and ${}^4\text{T}_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4\text{T}_{1g}$ (P) transitions, respectively. The magnetic moment, together with position of the bands indicates the octahedral geometry for Co(II) complexes.²⁸ The electronic spectra of the Ni(II) complexes exhibited two bands at 640 and 410 nm . The Ni(II) complexes exhibit magnetic moment

value of 3.11 B.M., which lie within the range reported for the majority of Ni(II) octahedral complexes.²⁹ The magnetic moment for Fe(II) complex was found to be 4.90 B.M. which lies within the range for high spin octahedral Fe(II) complexes.³⁰ The diffuse reflectance spectrum showed two bands at 490 and 640nm which was assigned to ${}^5T_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g$ and charge transfer transitions, respectively. The magnetic moment value and position of the bands, therefore, confirm the octahedral geometry. The electronic spectra of platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes are indicative of square planar geometry. The ground state is ${}^1A_{1g}$ and the excited states are ${}^1A_{2g}$, ${}^1B_{1g}$ and 1E_g in order of increasing energy.³¹⁻³³ The ground state of ruthenium(II) in an octahedral environment is ${}^1A_{1g}$ and only two spin allowed transitions, ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{1g}$ and ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{2g}$ are expected.³⁴

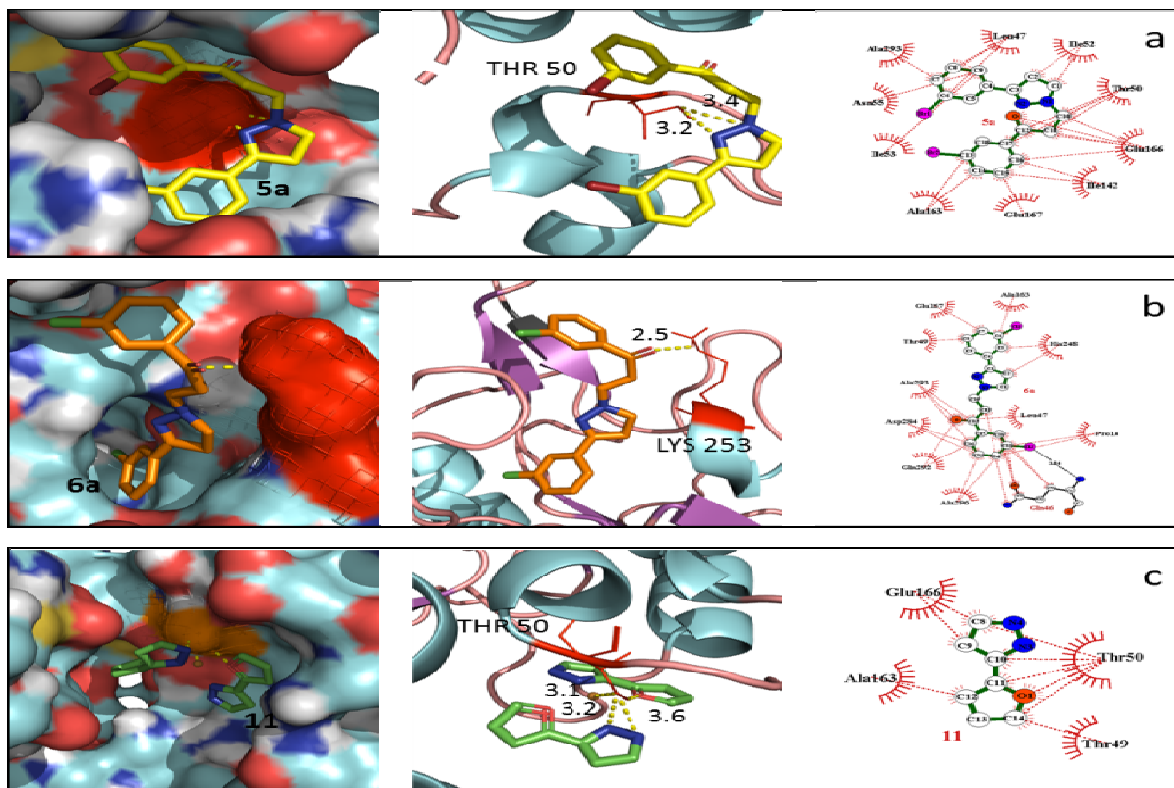


Fig.-3: Molecular Docking of Compounds 11, 12 And 20 With Thioredoxin Reductase of *E. Histolytica* (*Ehtrr*). Position of Ligand In Binding Pocket Of Target Protein, Interaction With Residue And Ligplot Images For Compounds (a) 11; (b) 12; and (c) 20.

Biological Study

Antiamoebic Activity

All the Mannich base, pyrazoline derivatives and metal complexes were screened for antiamoebic activity against *HMI:IMSS* strain of *E. histolytica*.³⁵ Detailed results are given in the (Table-1 and 2). The MNZ was used as the standard drug and had $IC_{50}=1.8\mu M$. The biological data suggested that the Mannich base showed an IC_{50} value in the range 2.02-10.32 μM . Out of nine mannich base, compound 1 with a furan ring substitution, compound 3 with the phenyl ring and compound 4 with the chloro-phenyl ring showed low IC_{50} value (1, $IC_{50}=2.53\mu M$; 3, $IC_{50}=2.35\mu M$; and 4, $IC_{50}=2.02\mu M$) than other Mannich base. The pyrazoline derivative showed better antiamoebic activity as compared to Mannich base. The compound having 3-chloro (10, $IC_{50}=1.5\mu M$), 3-Bromo (11, $IC_{50}=0.81\mu M$) and 4-Chloro (12, $IC_{50}=0.14\mu M$) substitution on the pyrazoline ring were distinctly showed good activity. The biological data showed that the pyrazoline (13) showed an $IC_{50}=1.92\mu M$. The complex formation of Ligand (13) with Co(II), Cu(II), Ni(II), Fe(II), Pd(II), Pt(II) and Ru(II) results in complexes which showed IC_{50} value in the range 0.096-3.14 μM . Complexes showed better than its ligands in most of the cases. The metal complexes (20) having $IC_{50}=0.09\mu M$, its showed best activity among other compounds.

***In silico* Physio-Chemical Properties**

Mostly drugs fail when comes to clinical trial because of their bad physio-chemical properties. This prediction becomes very popular in drug discovery process to screen out the drug-like molecules at initial stage. Here, we did *insilico* physio-chemical prediction for the compound (1-19). Silico physio-chemical showed that all the compounds have drug-like properties. All compound follow Lipinski's rule of 5. Compound (13) showed best result in comparison to other compound. Results of *in silico* physio-chemical prediction are summarized in (Table-3).

The ADMET Properties

For the effective drugs interaction between pharmacokinetics, toxicity and potency are crucial. The pharmacokinetic profile of a compound defines its ADME properties. In this paper, we find the pharmacokinetic properties of compound (1-19). Among all compounds 7, 8, 11 and 13 found to be carcinogenic in nature. Absorption and distribution of all the compounds are within range. Mannich base is shown skin sensitivity but its pyrazoline does not show any skin sensitivity. Results of ADMET are summarized in (Table-4).

Table- 1: *In Vitro* Antiamoebic Activity of Mannich Base and Pyrazolines.

Compound	Antiamoebic activity	
	IC ₅₀ (μM) ^a	S.D. ^b
1	2.35	0.04
2	5.01	0.05
3	2.35	0.05
4	2.02	0.03
5	7.69	0.02
6	9.07	0.05
7	1.06	0.03
8	3.77	0.03
9	4.01	0.02
10	1.05	0.03
11	0.18	0.01
12	0.14	0.02
13	1.92	0.02
14	8.46	0.04
15	10.32	0.01
16	8.11	0.01
17	2.13	0.01
18	2.24	0.04
19	5.21	0.02
Metronidazole	1.8	0.01

^aThree separate assays done. ^bStandard deviation.

Table-2: *In vitro* Antiamoebic Activity of Metal Complexes.

Metal complexes	Antiamoebic activity	
	IC ₅₀ (μM) ^a	S.D. ^b
20	0.09	0.01
21	0.36	0.04
22	0.31	0.01
23	2.5	0.02
24	1.49	0.01
25	2.17	0.03
26	3.14	0.02
27	2.81	0.01
Metronidazole	1.8	0.01

^aThree separate assays done. ^bStandard deviation.

Table- 3: Physio-Chemical Parameters of (1-19)

Compound.	Mol. Wt.	LogP	RB	HBA	HBD	Surface area
1	203.66	1.8358	4	3	0	84.125
2	219.737	2.3043	4	3	0	88.971
3	213.708	2.2428	4	2	0	91.331
4	248.153	2.8962	4	2	0	101.634
5	292.604	3.0053	4	2	0	105.198
6	248.153	2.8962	4	2	0	101.634
7	258.277	2.555	5	5	0	110.048
8	290.413	3.4924	5	5	0	119.74
9	278.355	3.3694	5	3	0	124.459
10	347.245	4.6762	5	3	0	145.066
11	436.147	4.8944	5	3	0	152.194
12	347.245	4.6762	5	3	0	145.066
13	136.154	0.977	1	3	1	58.730
14	227.735	2.4888	4	2	0	97.696
15	262.18	3.1422	4	2	0	207.999
16	306.631	3.2513	4	2	0	111.563
17	292.382	3.6154	5	3	0	130.824
18	361.277	4.9222	5	3	0	151.431
19	450.174	5.1404	5	3	0	158.559

RB=Rotatable bond, HBA= H Acceptor, HBD= H Donor

Docking Study

Thioredoxin reductase is a protozoan protein which plays an important role in protozoan's defense mechanism.³⁶ Here, we determined the interaction of our lead compounds *viz.* **11**, **12** and **20** with thioredoxin reductase of *E. histolytica* (*EhTrR*) using AutodockVina 4.2 tool. Compound **11**, which showed comparatively less activity among three, showed two interactions with THR 50 residue with bond angle 3.2 and 3.4 Å. Similarly, compound **12** showed interaction with LYS 253 residue with a bond angle of 2.5 Å. Cu(II) metal complex (**20**) also bind with THR 50 and showed much interaction between ligand and amino acid residue with bond length of 3.1, 3.2 and 3.6 Å. The binding energy was calculated as -6.7, -7.7 and -7.0 Kcal/mol for the compound **11**, **12** and **20**, respectively. THR 50 and LYS 253 are important amino acid residues which involve in the FAD binding pocket of target protein *EhTrR*.³⁷ Thus, docking results give significant insights on the possible mechanism action of these compounds. Moreover, *in vitro* anti-amoebic results were also supported by docking studies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry

Reactions were monitored by pre-coated aluminum plate silica gel 60F₂₅₄ TLC plates. All chemicals and solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Company. Melting points were recorded on the KSW melting point apparatus. Elemental analysis (C, H, N) was carried out on HeraeusVario EL III analyzer by CDRI, Lucknow, India. From Shimadzu UV-1601 PC UV-Visible spectrophotometer electronic spectra were recorded. On Perkin Elmer model 1620 FT-IR spectrophotometer IR was recorded. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded by Bruker spectroscopic DPX- 300 MHZ spectrometer using Tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Splitting patterns are designated as; s, singlet; d, doublet; m, multiplet and coupling constant *J* is given in hertz. Chemical shift value is given in (ppm). The FAB mass spectra of all the compounds were recorded by JEOL SX 102/DA-6000 mass spectrometer.

Table- 4: ADMET Properties of Compound (1-19).

Comp.	Water Solubility	HIA (%)	Permeability			CYP2D6 Inhibitor
			Skin	BBB	CNS	
1	-1.183	94.39	-2.42	0.232	-3.116	No

2	-1.975	91.99	-1.833	0.319	-1.908	No
3	-1.924	93.52	-1.821	0.372	-1.732	No
4	-2.799	92.78	-1.842	0.373	-1.798	No
5	-2.945	92.714	-1.844	0.356	-1.798	Yes
6	-2.731	92.136	-1.837	0.364	-1.854	Yes
7	-3.051	97.333	-2.849	0.029	-2.834	No
8	-4.104	90.881	-2.206	0.327	-1.829	No
9	-4.049	94.101	-2.218	0.399	-1.348	No
10	-5.591	92.615	-2.34	0.309	-1.366	No
11	-5.831	92.48	-2.359	0.306	-1.35	No
12	-5.457	91.79	-2.341	0.312	-1.31	No
13	-1.23	93.952	-2.877	0.223	-3.162	No
14	-2.229	93.46	-1.834	0.368	-1.778	Yes
15	-3.109	92.722	-1.868	0.369	-1.844	No
16	-3.255	92.655	-1.872	0.352	-1.844	No
17	-4.454	94.518	-2.261	0.331	-1.328	No
18	-5.948	93.032	-2.388	0.258	-1.328	No
19	-6.179	92.89	-2.406	0.255	-1.328	No

Table-4: Part -2

Comp.	CYP2C9 Inhibitor	CYP2C19 Inhibitor	Total Clearance	Renal OCT2 Substrate	Hepa Toxicity	Skin Sensitization	Carcinogenicity	
							Sum	XG Boost
	No	No	1.398	No	No	Yes	No	No
1	No	No	1.535	No	No	Yes	No	No
2	No	No	1.308	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
3	No	No	1.24	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
4	No	No	1.189	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
5	No	No	1.345	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
6	No	No	0.717	No	No	No	No	No
7	No	Yes	0.457	Yes	No	No	No	No
8	No	Yes	0.508	No	Yes	No	No	No
9	Yes	Yes	0.237	Yes	No	No	No	No
10	Yes	Yes	0.193	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
11	Yes	Yes	0.113	Yes	No	No	No	No
12	No	No	0.648	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
13	No	No	1.065	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
14	No	No	0.997	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	No	No	0.945	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
16	Yes	Yes	0.488	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
17	Yes	Yes	0.231	Yes	No	No	No	No
18	Yes	Yes	0.186	Yes	No	No	No	No

General procedure for the synthesis of Mannich Base (1-6)

A ketone (0.2mol), paraformaldehyde (0.26 mol.) and dimethylamine hydrochloride (0.26 mol) in 35ml of ethanol and 0.5 ml of conc. HCl, refluxed about 2 hr. After cooling, acetone about 200 ml was added. The crystal formed, washed with acetone and dried *in vacuo*.

2-Acetyl furan Mannich Base (1)

White Solid; Yield: 83%; m.p: 125°C; IR: ν_{\max} cm⁻¹: 1659 (C=O), 1257 (C-N), 2925 (Aliph-CH), 1257 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃)(δ , ppm): 2.86 (t, 2H, CH₂), 2.94 (t, 2H, CH₂), 2.36 (s, 6H, CH₃), 6.92(d, 1H, *J*=3.4, Ar-H), 7.71(d, 1H, *J*=1.6, Ar-H), 6.64 (dd, 1H, *J*=3.4, 1.6, Ar -H).

2-Acetylthiophene Mannich Base (2)

White Solid; Yield: 72%; m.p: 180°C; IR: ν_{\max} cm⁻¹: 1742 (C=O), 1235 (C-N), 1227 (Aliph-CH), 853 (C-

O-C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 2.84 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.93 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.33 (s, 6H, Ar-H), 6.98(d, 1H, $J=3.5$, Ar-H), 7.48(d, 1H, $J=1.5$, Ar-H), 6.52 (dd, 1H, $J=3.5$, 1.5, Ar -H).

AcetophenoneMannich Base (3)

White Solid; Yield: 88%; m.p: 88°C; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1679 (C=O), 1226 (C-N), 2953 (Aliph-CH), 1466 (Ar C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 3.31 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.99 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.55 (s, 6H, CH_3), 7.22-7.86 (dd, 1H, $J=3.4$, 1.6, Ar -H).

3-chloro acetophenoneMannich Base (4)

White Solid; Yield: 42%; m.p: 189°C; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1689 (C=O), 1213 (C-N), 2967 (Aliph-CH), 1484 (Ar C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3)(δ , ppm):3.33 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.94 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.71 (s, 6H, CH_3),7.04 (d, 1H, $J=7.4\text{Hz}$, Ar-H), 7.12 (d, 1H, $J=7.4\text{Hz}$, Ar-H),7.16 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.09 (s, 1H, Ar-H).

3-bromo acetophenoneMannich Base (5)

White Solid; Yield: 56%; m.p: 178°C; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1687 (C=O), 1214 (C-N), 2969 (Aliph-CH), 1473 (arom C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 3.32 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.94 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.66 (s, 6H, CH_3), 7.20 (d, 1H, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, 1H, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$, Ar-H), 7.18 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.14 (s, 1H, Ar-H).

4-Chloro acetophenoneMannich Base (6)

White Solid; Yield: 62%; m.p: 194°C; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1682 (C=O), 1211 (C-N), 2966 (Aliph-CH), 1488 (arom C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): (δ , ppm): 3.28 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.81 (t, 2H, CH_2), 2.71(s, 6H, CH_3),7.13(d, 2H, $J=7.2\text{Hz}$, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, 2H, $J=7.2\text{Hz}$, Ar-H).

General Procedure for the Synthesis Of Mannich Base (14-16)

For 2 h reflux suspension of substituted propiophenone (0.2mol), paraformaldehyde (0.26 mol) and dimethylamine hydrochloride (0.26mol), used ethanol as a solvent and add 0.5ml of conc. HCl. After removing the solvent, add a few drops of HCl, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane and water. We get a colorless oil as a product.

Propiophenonemannichbase (14)

Colorless oil; Yield: 91%; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$:1686(C=O), 1221 (C-N), 2950 (Alip-CH), 1481 (arom C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) (δ , ppm):2.18(s, 6H, CH_3),2.74-2.55(dd, $J=5.6$, 10.3Hz, CH_2),1.16 (d, 3H, $J=7.04$ Hz, CH_3), 3.63 (H, m, CH), 7.33-7.45 (m,5H,Ar-H).

3'-chloropropiophenone Mannich Base (15)

Colorless oil; Yield: 71%; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$:1676(C=O), 1211 (C-N), 2932 (Alip-CH), 1465 (arom C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) (δ , ppm):2.14(s, 6H, CH_3),2.79-2.32(dd , $J=5.6$, 10.3Hz, CH_2),1.19 (d, 3H, $J=7.04$ Hz, CH_3), 3.68 (H, m, CH),7.11(d,1H, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$,Ar-H),7.18(d,1H, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$,Ar-H),7.15(dd,1H,Ar-H), 7.04(s,1H,Ar-H).

3'-bromopropiophenone Mannich Base (16)

Colorless oil; Yield: 65%; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1678(C=O), 1223 (C-N), 2933 (Alip-CH), 1468 (arom C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 2.16(s, 6H, CH_3),2.72-2.41(dd, $J=5.4$, 10.2Hz, CH_2),1.19 (d, 3H, $J=7.03$ Hz, CH_3), 3.59 (H, m, CH),7.16(d,1H, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$,Ar-H),7.12(d,1H, $J=7.3\text{Hz}$,Ar-H),7.19(dd,1H,Ar-H), 7.07(s,1H,Ar-H).

General Procedure for the Preparation of Pyrazoline Derivatives (7-12,17-19)

The pyrazoline was prepared by the reaction of the Mannich base (0.056 mole) with 85% hydrazine hydrate (0.028 mole) in the aqu sodium bicarbonate and refluxed for 45 min with stirring. After cooling, the reaction mixture was pure in water and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. Mixed organic layers, dried over (MgSO_4), filtered and concentrated. The compounds were re-crystallized using dichloromethane/ hexane solution (1:2).

1-(Furan-2-yl)-3-(3-(Furan-2-yl)-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (7)

Dirty green solid; Yield: 78%; m.p. 47°C; UV: λ_{max} (nm): 253, 231, 291; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1247 (C-O-C),

1663 (C=O), 1550 (C=N), 1162 (C-N); $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 2.95 (t, 2H, $J=6.2$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.91 (t, 2H, $J=6.5$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.28 (t, 2H, $J=7.2$ Hz, CH₃), 3.71 (t, 2H, $J=6.9$ Hz, CH₃), 6.52 (d, 1H, $J=3.6$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.2 (d, 1H, $J=1.9$ Hz, Ar-H), 6.49 (dd, 1H, $J=3.6$ Hz, 1.9 Hz, Ar-H), 6.61 (d, 1H, $J=3.1$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.11 (d, 1H, $J=1.6$ Hz, Ar-H), 6.53 (dd, 1H, $J=3.1$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 192.33 (C=O), 147.87 (C=N), 54.96 (Aliph-CH₂), 37.99 (Aliph-CH₂), 43.8 (CH₂), 73.5 (CH₂); FAB MAS: m/z (M^++1) 256 calc. 258.1. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₄ H₁₄ N₂ O₃) C, 65.11; H, 5.46, N, 10.85; Found: C, 65.13; H, 5.23, N, 10.8.

3-(4,5-dihydro-3-(thiophene-2-yl)pyrazol-1-yl)-1-(thiophene-2-yl)propan-1-one (8)

Dirty green solid; Yield: 81%; m.p. 55°C. Found: C, 57.71; H, 4.83, N, 9.47; UV: λ_{max} (nm): 227, 293, 236; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1648 (C=O), 1511 (C=N), 1176 (C-N); $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ (δ , ppm): 2.97 (t, 2H, $J=6.4$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.94 (t, 2H, $J=6.7$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.17 (t, 2H, $J=7.9$ Hz, CH₃), 3.51 (t, 2H, $J=8.1$ Hz, CH₃), 6.54 (d, 1H, $J=3.9$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.92 (d, 1H, $J=1.7$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.01 (dd, 1H, $J=3.9$ Hz, 1.7 Hz, Ar-H), 6.96 (d, 1H, $J=4.1$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.42 (d, 1H, $J=1.8$ Hz, Ar-H), 6.21 (dd, 1H, $J=4.1$ Hz, 1.8 Hz, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 182.96 (C=O), 148.33 (C=N), 54.26 (Aliph-CH₂), 37.12 (Aliph-CH₂), 49.6 (CH₂), 78.5 (CH₂); FAB MAS: m/z (M^++1) 290 calc. 290.4. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₄ H₁₄ N₂ OS₂) C, 57.90; H, 4.86, N, 9.65; Found: C, 57, 86; H, 4.8; N, 9.61.

3-(4,5-dihydro-3-phenylpyrazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (9)

Pale green solid; Yield: 86.3%; m.p. 95°C; UV: λ_{max} (nm): 297, 234, 216; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1673 (C=O), 1582 (C=N), 1161 (C-N), 742, 694 (Benzene); $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ (δ , ppm): 2.61 (t, 2H, $J=6.1$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.72 (t, 2H, $J=6.5$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.56 (t, 2H, $J=7.9$ Hz, CH₃), 4.01 (t, 2H, $J=6.8$ Hz, CH₃), 7.25 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.98 (m, 5H, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 216.6 (C=O), 151.8 (C=N), 53.4 (Aliph-CH₂), 39.5 (Aliph-CH₂), 40.2 (CH₂), 66.7 (CH₂); FAB MAS: m/z (M^++1) 277.6 calc. 278.14. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₈ H₁₈ N₂ O) C, 77.67; H, 6.52, N, 10.06; Found: C, 77.64; H, 6.43, N, 9.97.

1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (10)

Pale green solid; Yield: 65.8%; m.p. 110°C; UV: λ_{max} (nm): 289, 231, 217; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1671 (C=O), 1589 (C=N), 1163 (C-N), 779, 783 (Benzene); $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$ (δ , ppm): 2.74 (t, 2H, $J=6.3$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.67 (t, 2H, $J=6.8$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.46 (t, 2H, $J=7.7$ Hz, CH₃), 5.7 (t, 2H, $J=8.9$ Hz, CH₃), 7.6 (d, 1H, $J=7.6$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.14 (d, 1H, $J=7.5$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.21 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.5 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.9 (d, 1H, $J=7.4$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.34 (d, 1H, $J=7.5$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.25 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.9 (s, 1H, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 215.6 (C=O), 144.8 (C=N), 41.5 (Aliph-CH₂), 34.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 40.3 (CH₂), 55.8 (CH₂); FAB MAS: m/z (M^++1) 347.76 calc. 347.24. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₈ H₁₆ Cl₂ N₂ O) C, 62.26; H, 4.64, N, 8.07; Found: C, 62.43; H, 6.47, N, 8.17.

1-(3-bromophenyl)-3(3-(3-bromophenyl)-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (11)

Pale green solid; Yield: 59%; m.p. 120°C; UV: λ_{max} (nm): 298, 234, 214; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1678 (C=O), 1574 (C=N), 1167 (C-N), 782, 819 (Benzene); $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 2.73 (t, 2H, $J=6.4$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.71 (t, 2H, $J=6.5$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.44 (t, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz, CH₃), 5.2 (t, 2H, $J=8.6$ Hz, CH₃), 7.5 (d, 1H, $J=7.4$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.15 (d, 1H, $J=7.4$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.26 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.9 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.2 (d, 1H, $J=7.7$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.37 (d, 1H, $J=7.5$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.22 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.5 (s, 1H, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 208.1 (C=O), 146.2 (C=N), 51.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 32.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 45.6 (CH₂), 52.8 (CH₂); FAB MAS: m/z (M^++1) 432 calc. 433.96. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₈ H₁₆ Br₂ N₂ O) C, 49.57; H, 3.70, N, 6.42; Found: C, 49.44; H, 3.68, N, 6.27.

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (12)

Pale green solid; Yield: 88%; m.p. 93°C; UV: λ_{max} (nm): 294, 239, 218; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 1675 (C=O), 1581 (C=N), 1165 (C-N), 822, 881 (Benzene); $^1\text{H NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 2.73 (t, 2H, $J=6.7$, Aliph-CH₃), 2.71 (t, 2H, $J=6.4$, Aliph-CH₃), 3.16 (t, 2H, $J=6.6$ Hz, CH₃), 4.67 (t, 2H, $J=7.5$ Hz, CH₃), 7.31 (d, 2H, $J=7.3$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.19 (d, 2H, $J=7.3$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.19 (d, 2H, $J=7.5$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, 2H, $J=7.5$ Hz, Ar-H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}(\text{CDCl}_3)$: (δ , ppm): 235.1 (C=O), 142.2 (C=N), 57.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 35.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 58.6

(CH₂), 67.8 (CH₂); FAB MAS: m/z ($M^+ + 1$) 345.3 calc. 346.06. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₈H₁₆Cl₂N₂O) C, 62.26; H, 4.64, N, 8.07; Found: C, 62.41; H, 4.68, N, 8.12.

3-(4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-3-phenylpyrazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (17)

Pale yellow solid; Yield: 52%; m.p. 85 °C; UV: λ_{\max} (nm): 288, 221, 236; IR: ν_{\max} cm⁻¹: 1634 (C=O), 1573 (C=N), 1155 (C-N), 741, 687 (Benzene); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): (δ , ppm): 2.76 (t, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.62 (t, 2H, $J = 6.7$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.39 (t, 1H_a, $J = 4.1$ Hz, CH), 3.87 (dd, 1H_b, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 11.3 Hz, CH), (3.61 (m, 1H_c, CH), 1.36 (d, 3H, $J = 6.3$ Hz, CH₃), 7.22 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.88 (m, 5H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): (δ , ppm): 225.2 (C=O), 159.3 (C=N), 53.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 42.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 38.3 (CH), 56.1 (CH₂), 13.8 (CH₃); FAB MAS: m/z ($M^+ + 1$) 294 calc. 292.16. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₉H₂₀N₂O): C, 78.05; H, 6.89, N, 9.58; Found: C, 78.22; H, 6.84, N, 9.41.

1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-4-methylpyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (18)

Pale yellow solid; Yield: 57%; m.p. 95 °C; UV: λ_{\max} (nm): 287, 213, 241; IR: ν_{\max} cm⁻¹: 1644 (C=O), 1521 (C=N), 1162 (C-N), 789, 796 (Benzene); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): (δ , ppm): 2.57 (t, 2H, $J = 6.1$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.74 (t, 2H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.45 (t, 1H_a, $J = 4.6$ Hz, CH), 3.86 (dd, 1H_b, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 10.1 Hz, CH), (3.61 (m, 1H_c, CH), 1.36 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz, CH₃), 7.2 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.21 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.33 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.2 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.1 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.38 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.31 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.13 (s, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): (δ , ppm): 223.6 (C=O), 163.3 (C=N), 56.9 (Aliph-CH₂), 46.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 41.4 (CH), 55.3 (CH₂), 16.8 (CH₃); FAB MAS: m/z ($M^+ + 1$) 360.4 calc. 360.08. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₉H₁₈Cl₂N₂O): C, 63.17; H, 5.02, N, 7.75; Found: C, 63.14; H, 5.21, N, 7.65.

1-(3-bromophenyl)-3-(3-(3-bromophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-4-methylpyrazol-1-yl)propan-1-one (19)

Pale yellow solid; Yield: 47%; m.p. 88 °C. UV: λ_{\max} (nm): 299, 223, 239; IR: ν_{\max} cm⁻¹: 1647 (C=O), 1554 (C=N), 1169 (C-N), 788, 776 (Benzene); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): (δ , ppm): 2.51 (t, 2H, $J = 6.4$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 2.86 (t, 2H, $J = 6.2$ Hz, Aliph-CH₃), 3.37 (t, 1H_a, $J = 4.6$ Hz, CH), 3.75 (dd, 1H_b, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 10.1 Hz, CH), 3.64 (m, 1H_c, CH), 1.35 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz, CH₃), 7.6 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.23 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.46 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.2 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.31 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.36 (dd, 1H, Ar-H), 7.12 (s, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): (δ , ppm): 45.2 (C=O), 164.3 (C=N), 63.9 (Aliph-CH₂), 43.3 (Aliph-CH₂), 45.3 (CH), 54.7 (CH₂), 16.3 (CH₃); FAB MAS: m/z ($M^+ + 1$) 448.3 calc. 447.98. Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₁₉H₁₈Br₂N₂O): C, 50.69; H, 4.23, N, 6.22; Found: C, 50.56; H, 4.2, N, 6.14;

Synthesis of 3-Furyl-2-Pyrazoline (13)

A (0.1 mol) of mannich base precursor in 70 ml of methanol was added in 14 ml of hydrazine hydrate, 7.2 ml of 50% sodium hydroxide, and 18 ml of methanol followed by refluxing for 45 min. The methanol was distilled off after refluxing, extract it with dichloromethane and water. Dried in vacuo gave the pure 3-furyl-2-pyrazoline which could be used without further purification.

3-Furyl-2-Pyrazoline (13)

Yellow solid, Yield: 57%, m.p.: 45 °C; UV (DMSO): 210, 315; IR: ν_{\max} cm⁻¹: 3126 ν (N-H), 1550 ν (C=N), 1247 ν (C-O-C); ¹H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.24 (s, H, NH); 7.97 (d, H, furan H), 7.17 (dd, H, furan H), 6.54 (d, H, furan H); ¹³C NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 152.63 (C=N), 148.33, 146.50, 143.44, 117.55, (Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for (C₇H₈N₂O): C, 61.76; H, 5.88; N, 20.58; Found: C, 61.70; H, 5.80; N, 20.51.

Synthesis of Co(II), Cu(II), Ni(II) and Fe (II) Complexes (20,21,22,23)

The metal complexes were prepared by adding 1:2 molar ratio of salts of cobalt(II), copper(II), nickel (II) (1 mmol) in 20 ml of ethanol to the pyrazoline (2 mmol) dissolved in 40 ml of ethanol with stirring. The metal complexes of iron (II) were made by adding an equal amount of ligand and iron(II) sulphate. Reflux it for 2h. The resulting mixture was cooled, filtered and reduced to nearly half its volume. Upon keeping the concentrated solution overnight at room temperature. The solid product formed, filtered, washed it with ethanol followed by ether and dried.

Bis(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)Cu(II) (20)

Brownish green solid, Yield: 56%; m.p.: 190°C, UV(DMSO): 224, 327, 462, 630, μ_{eff} (BM): 1.9, IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3120(N-H), 1565(C=N), 1235(C-O-C), 308(M-N), 441.9(M-O). ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.20 (s, H, NH), 7.95 (d, H, furan H), 7.15 (dd, H, furan H), 6.53 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 153.27(C=N), 148.41, 146.73, 143.44, 177.59(Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Cu}$): C, 50.07; H, 4.77; N, 16.69; Found: C, 50.07; H, 4.76; N, 16.6.

Diaquabis(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)Ni(II)Nitrate (21)

Blackish red solid, Yield: 45% m.p.: 264°C, UV(DMSO): 261, 333, 440, 650; μ_{eff} (BM): 2.95; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3112(N-H), 1590(C=N), 1241(C-O-C), 306(M-N), 489v(M-O). ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.19 (s, H, NH), 7.99 (d, H, furan H), 7.12 (dd, H, furan H), 6.52 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 152.96(C=N), 148.33, 146.71, 143.43, 17.53(Ar-C); Anal. Calc. (%) for ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6\text{O}_9\text{Ni}$): C, 34.28; H, 4.08; N, 17.14; Found: C, 34.28; H, 4.01; N, 17.1.

Diaquasulphato(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)iron(II) (22)

Dark red solid, Yield: 50%. m.p.: 290°C, UV(DMSO): 236, 321, 370, 659; μ_{eff} (BM): 4.9; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3107(N-H), 1565(C=N), 1205(C-O-C), 304(M-N), 537(M-O). ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.26 (s, H, NH), 7.93 (d, H, furan H), 7.14 (dd, H, furan H), 6.54 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 153.13(C=N), 148.53, 146.67, 143.40, 117.51(Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for ($\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{FeS}$): C, 25.92; H, 2.46; N, 8.64; Found: C, 25.92; H, 2.37; N, 8.6.

Dichlorobis(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)cobalt(II) (23)

Brown solid, Yield: 68%. m.p.: 200 °C, UV(DMSO): 244, 347, 460, 550; μ_{eff} (BM): 4.67 IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3111(N-H), 1579(C=N), 1233(C-O-C), 323(M-N), 502(M-O). ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.25 (s, H, NH), 7.96 (d, H, furan H), 7.14 (dd, H, furan H), 6.55 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 52.71(C=N), 148.39, 146.48, 143.41, 117.57(Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{Co}$): C, 41.80; H, 3.98; N, 13.33; Found: C, 41.80; H, 3.91; N, 13.19.

Synthesis of Ru(II) and Pd(II) complexes(24,26)

To a solution of $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1mmol) in dry Methanol (20 ml) under argon was added ligand (1 mmol) in methanol (10 ml), then add Zn powder (0.316g, 4.8 mmol). Refluxed it for 8h. The product was filtered and con to half of its volume under a stream of argon. Anhy. Diethyl ether was added, until the solution became turbid. A brown solid deposited, filtered, washed with methanol and diethyl ether.

Dichlorobis(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)palladium(II) (24)

Brown solid, Yield: 71%. m.p.: 175°C, UV(DMSO): 218, 338, 365, 394, 407; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3123 (N-H), 1576 (C=N), 1205 (C-O-C), 515(M-N), 475 (M-S); ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.26 (s, H, NH); 7.93 (d, H, furan H), 7.19 (dd, H, furan H), 6.49 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 155.21(C=N), 148.61, 146.79, 143.46, 117.59 (Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for ($\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{PdCl}_2$): C, 26.83; H, 2.55; N, 8.94; Found: C, 26.8; H, 2.5; N, 8.9.

Diaquadichloro(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)ruthenium(II) (26)

Dark brown solid, Yield: 45%, m.p.: 177°C, UV(DMSO): 217, 327, 614, 410, IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3126v(N-H), 1569 v(C=N), 1233v(C-O-C), 525 (M-N), 490 (M-O); ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.17 (s, H, NH); 7.92 (d, H, furan H), 7.14 (dd, H, furan H), 6.50 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 153.41(C=N), 148.33, 146.54, 143.47, 117.55(Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for ($\text{C}_7\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{NRuCl}_2$): C, 24.41; H, 3.48; N, 8.13; Found: C, 24.4; H, 3.41; N, 8.1.

Synthesis of Pd (II) and Pt(II) complexes (25,27)

All Pd (II) and Pt(II) complexes were prepared by adding an equal amount of both ligands and metal precursor, we use dry methanol as a solvent, reflux it about 4h. Leave it overnight at 0°C. The precipitate formed, filtered, washed the product and dried it.

Dichlorobis(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)platinum(II) (25)

Brown solid, Yield: 80%. m.p.: 152°C; UV(DMSO): 224, 320, 345, 356, 417; IR: $\nu_{\text{max}}\text{cm}^{-1}$: 3119 (N-H), 1565(C=N), 1240(C-O-C), 518(M-N), 439 v(M-O); ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.21 (s, H, NH); 7.95

(d, H, furan H), 7.13 (dd, H, furan H), 6.57 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 152.97(C=N), 149.01, 146.50, 143.75, 117.55 (Ar-C). Anal. Calc. (%) for $(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{OPtCl}_2)$: C, 20.89; H, 1.99; N, 6.96; Found: C, 20.6; H, 1.9; N, 6.9.

Diacetato(3-furyl-2-pyrazoline)palladium(II) (27)

Yellowish orange solid, Yield : 51%, m.p. : 172°C; UV(DMSO): 227, 325, 355, 367, 415; IR: ν_{max} cm^{-1} : 3089 (N-H), 1540 (C=N), 869(C-S-C), 540(M-N), 352 (M-N); ^1H NMR (DMSO): (δ , ppm): 7.29 (s, H, NH); 7.91 (d, H, furan H), 7.19 (dd, H, furan H), 6.54 (d, H, furan H); ^{13}C NMR(DMSO): (δ , ppm): 152.87(C=N), 148.5, 146.50, 143.44, 117.55(Ar-C). Anal. Calc.(%) for $(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{Pd})$: C, 36.66; H, 3.88; N, 7.77; Found: C, 3.66; H, 3.8; N, 7.72

Antiamoebic Activity

The compounds were screened *in vitro* for antiamoebic activity against the *HMI:IMSS* strain of *E. histolytica* by the microdilution method.³⁸ *E. histolytica* trophozoites were cultured in wells of 96 microtiter plate (Costar) in TYIS-33 growth medium.³⁹ In DMSO compounds were dissolved at which level amoeba occurs showed no inhibition.⁴⁰ 2 fold dilutions were used. We use 1mg/ml of concentration of culture medium. Metronidazole used as a standard drug. To confirm viability trypan blue exclusion used. By adding fresh medium of dilution 10^5 organisms/ml in cell suspension and 170 μl of this suspension was used in test and control wells plate. We chose inoculum of 1.7×10^4 organisms/well, after that growth took place in it. The plates were sealed, and gassed for 10 min in a Nitrogen, and incubated was performed at 37°C for 72 hours. With microscope, we checked the growth of the amoeba. By inverting and shaking the plate culture medium was removed. Then plates were washed with 0.9% aq. NaCl solution. To prevent the detachment of amoebae, the plate was not allowed to cool. The amoeba was fixed with chilled methanol in an ice bath for 15 min. dried and stained with 0.5% aq. Eosin for 15 min. After that stained plate was washed with distilled water and then dries it. To dissolved protein 0.1N aq. NaOH solution was added to each well. From the optical density of the control and test wells, we calculate inhibition (%) of amoebal growth. From the Linear-regression analysis, we calculate IC_{50} values. The experiments were performed thrice for each compound.

In silico Physic-Chemical Properties

The evaluation of important physio-chemical properties of drugs like molecules is an important step in the process of drug discovery. The ADMET parameter for all the nineteen compounds (**1-19**) was evaluated using pkCSM online webserver (<http://biosig.unimelb.edu.au/pkcsm>) and carcinogenic properties were determined CarcinoPred-EL webserver. Different important description such as molecular weight (MW), Dipole Moment (D), total polar surface area (PSA), number of HBD, blood-brain partition coefficient (log Kp), Lipinski rule of 5 violations, percentage human oral absorption, lipophilicity parameter [log P(o/w)], solubility (log S) with many others were calculated. According to Lipinski rule of five, any orally active drugs should not violate more than one of its parameters. The important Lipinski parameters are the number of HBA (not more than 10), number of HBD (not more than 5), molecular mass (less than 500), partition coefficient ($\log p \leq 5$) and molar refractivity (in the range of 40-130). The ideal range of these descriptors was based on the reference of 95% drugs.

Docking Studies

Molecular docking studies were performed to determine the interaction between lead compounds and possible drug targets. Thioredoxin reductase of *E.histolytica* (EhTrR) (PDB ID: 4a65) was selected for docking purposes. Complex crystal structure of the protein got from RCSB protein data bank (<https://www.rcsb.org/pdb>) and processed before docking. The structures of ligands were drawn using ChemSketch which were further converted into PDB format by online SMILES translator. The energy minimization of ligands and protein was done by Swiss PDB Viewer and converted into ADT desired format PDBQT using ADT tools. AutodockVina 4.2 software was used to perform docking.⁴¹ Water molecule removed in a protein processing and hydrogen added and ligand was processed for ADT format. The X, Y and Z coordinates of grid box were 56, 54 and 54, respectively with 1 Å spacing which covers complete protein for the purpose of blind docking. The x, y, and z center coordinates were measured as -7.24, -14.093 and -13.987, respectively. For further interface analysis complex with the minimum

binding energy and more interactions were chosen. The visualization of protein-ligand interaction was done by PyMol.⁴²

CONCLUSION

A series of pyrazoline derivatives and metal complexes of 3-furyl-2-pyrazoline were synthesized. We examined the antiamoebic activity of all the synthesized compounds. IC₅₀ value suggested that the metal complexes showed better antiamoebic potential. The *in silico* prediction of physicochemical properties for the compounds (**1-19**) were found to be within the permitted range. From the molecular docking, we found that compounds **11**, **12** and **20** are binding with thioredoxin reductase of *E. histolytica* (EhTrR) as their possible way of action.

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