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## LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

5-HT	Serotonin receptors 5-hydroxytryptamine
AA	Arachidonic acid
ACTH	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone
AD	Antidepressant
AE	Antienflamatuvar
AI	Anti-inflammatory
ATGL	Adipose triglyceride lipase
AVP	Vasopressin
BDNF	Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor
BH <sub>4</sub>	Tetrahydrobiopterin
<i>m</i> -CPP	<i>meta</i> - chlorophenyl piperazine
<i>o</i> -CPP	<i>ortho</i> - chlorophenyl piperazine
CRF	Adrenocorticotrophic hormone releasing factor
CRP	C-reactive protein
DA	Dopamine
TRP	Tryptophan
sGC	Soluble guanylyl cyclase
cGMP	Cyclic guanosine monophosphate
HPA	Hypothalamic- pituitary-adrenal axis
HPETE-5	Hydroperoxyeicosatetraenoic
HSL	Hormone sensitive lipase
IDO	Indoleamine-2,3-dioxygenase
IFN	Interferon
KMUP-1	7-{2-[4-(2-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione
LOX	Lipoxygenase enzyme
LTA <sub>4</sub>	Leukotriene that is responsible for inducing inflammatory reactions
MACCS	Molecular ACCess System
MAO	Monoamine oxidase
MARKs	Mitogen-activated protein kinase
NE	Norepinephrine
NFκB	Nuclear factor κB
NMDA	<i>N</i> -methyl- <i>D</i> -aspartate
iNOS	Nitric oxide synthase
PGD <sub>2</sub>	Pro-inflammatory prostaglandin
PGE <sub>2</sub>	Pro-inflammatory prostaglandin
PLA <sub>2</sub>	Phospholipase A <sub>2</sub>
SAD	Seasonal effective disorder
TDO	Tryptophan-2,3-dioxygenase
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor
TRH	Tryptophan hydroxylase

## ABSTRACT

**Alradhwani, S. A. (2018). The Analysis of the Structural Similarity of Some Antidepressants and Anti-Inflammatory Molecules. Yeditepe University, Institute of Health Science, Department of Pharmaceutical chemistry, M.Sc. Thesis, İstanbul.**

Currently many studies link depression to inflammation and mechanism that underlie this connection are being elucidated. Also new treatment strategies for these comorbid diseases that combine the use of antidepressants (AD) with anti-inflammatory agents (AI) are being suggested. However, to the best of our knowledge, no study yet investigated the structural similarity of the compounds used to treat these two diseases. Thus, in this study we examined whether there is any structural similarity between AD and AI molecules *in silico*. We gathered from the literature the AI and AD derivatives using Clarivates Analytics database (Web of Science) and we covered the period from 2008-2017. Then we did a manual search and obtained the most similar structures. In order to be able to discuss our results we also used computational methods and measured the similarity of the compounds using the cosine and Tanimoto similarity coefficients. By this method, we found 12 similar structures two of these, which are 7-{2-[4-(2-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione known as (KMUP-1) (AI8), and 7-{4-[4-(3-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione (AD10), their similarity was 96%. We found also that the coumarin derivatives AD16 and AD17 are 80% similar to the compound AI12.

**Keywords:** antidepressant, anti-inflammatory, structure, similarity, comorbid diseases

## ÖZET

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Günümüzde birçok çalışma depresyon ile enflamasyon hastalıklarını ilişkilendirmekte ve bu bağlantının temelini oluşturan mekanizmaları aydınlatmaktadır. Ayrıca aynı anda seyredilebilen bu iki hastalığın tedavi stratejilerinde antienflamatuvar (AI) ve antidepresan (AD) moleküllerinin beraber kullanılması da önerilmektedir. Ancak, bildiğimiz kadarıyla, bu iki hastalığın tedavisinde kullanılan bileşiklerin yapılarının benzerliğini araştıran bir çalışma henüz gerçekleştirilmemiştir. Bu nedenle, bu çalışma AI ve AD bileşiklerinin yapı benzerliklerinin bilgisayar ortamında araştırmayı hedeflemektedir. Çalışmada kullanılacak yapılar Clarivates Analytics veritabanı (Web of Science) 2008-2017 aralığında taranarak elde edilmiştir. Elde edilen yapıların benzerlikleri önce manuel olarak daha sonra da bilgisayar ortamında cosine ve Tanimoto katsayıları hesaplanarak belirlenmiştir. Çalışma yapısal benzerlik gösteren birçok molekül ortaya çıkarmış ve bunlardan özellikle ikisinin oldukça yakın yapıda olduklarını saptamıştır. Benzer bulunan yapılar KMUP-1 olarak da bilinen 7-{2-[4-(2-klorofenil)piperazin-1-il]butil}-1,3-dimetilpürin-2,6-dion (AI8) ve 7-{4-[4-(3-klorofenil)piperazin-1-il]butil}-1,3-dimetilpürin-2,6-diondur (AD10) 96% benzerlik gösterdi. Çalışma ayrıca AD16 ve AD17 kumarin türevlerinin de AI12 türeviyle %80 oranında yapı benzerliği gösterdiğini ortaya koymuştur.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** antidepresan, antienflamatuvar, yapı, benzerlik, komorbid hastalık

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Recently, a bidirectional relationship has been revealed concerning two important diseases, depression and inflammation (1). These two diseases have a great impact on the quality of life for millions of patients around the world and they are responsible for the death of thousands of people every year. Inflammation and depression are affecting and enhancing each other development. People that are suffering from chronic inflammatory diseases such as asthma, cardiovascular diseases, and rheumatoid arthritis are found to be at high risk for developing depression. Also, high levels of inflammatory markers are found to be present in one-third of the depressed patients (2, 3). There are many studies that discuss the possible connections between these two diseases should they be biological, hormonal, and environmental. Pro-inflammatory cytokines that can induce behavioral sicknesses by affecting some specific brain parts like the Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis (HPA-axis), hippocampus, Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BNDF) can be an illustration for such a connection (4). The changes in brain's neurotransmitter levels such as serotonin and dopamine which are highly related to depression due to changes in cytokine levels also points out a possible connection between the diseases (5, 6). Some studies also proved that anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin has an antidepressant activity when investigated *in vivo* (7). Other studies indicated that antidepressant drugs such as desipramine and fluoxetine possess anti-inflammatory activities (8). However, the structural similarities of the antidepressant and anti-inflammatory drugs have not been studied in details. To the best of our knowledge, Önen et al, were the first who published very recently a study that deals with the analysis of the similarity of the molecular structure of drugs that are marketed as antidepressant and anti-inflammatory agents (9). But, there is still no study that evaluated the structural similarity of molecules that are described in the literature for some *in vitro* and/or *in vivo* antidepressant and anti-inflammatory activities.

Our aim in this study is to investigate the structural similarity of the molecules that were described for their antidepressant and anti-inflammatory activity in the last 10 years (2008 -2018). To obtain these data computational similarity measures will be used. The study will describe the molecules' structures with either the PubChem or Molecular ACCess System (MACCS) fingerprints or the Tanimoto and cosine coefficients were used to calculate to measure the similarity of these structures.

## **2. LITERATURE REVIEW**

### **2.1. Depression**

Depression is a public mental health problem which is represented by the feeling of isolation, worthlessness, and deep feelings of sadness and disappearance that affects people's functioning, thoughts, feelings and interactions. It is also associated with lack of confidence, self-esteem and a feeling of insecurity. These feelings significantly interfere with normal daily life activities and tasks. The continuity of these sensations may even lead to suicidal thoughts if not discovered or treated properly.

Depression strikes at any time and affect different kind of people regardless of their age, race and socioeconomic conditions. Women are more vulnerable than men to depression, depression is twice more common in women (10). Two thirds of people with depression do not realize that they have this disease, so they do not seek for professional help, the misperception of such a disease by public also leads to such ignorance. (11)

#### **2.1.1. Types of depression**

There are many factors that play an important role in initiating the presence of depression. Some types of depression are caused by environmental factors, such as climate changes, stress, social and familial status, and even the changes between day and night. Chemical changes also play an essential role in the development of depression, such as the dysfunction of some brains neurotransmitters like serotonin (5-HT), dopamine (DA) and norepinephrine (NE). Other types are enhanced by some hormonal changes such as the dysregulation of the hypothalamic- pituitary- adrenal axis (HPA axis).

- 1- Major depressive disorders
- 2- Persistent depression (dysthymia)
- 3- Manic-depressive disorder (Bipolar disorder)
- 4- Seasonal effective disorder (SAD), (12).

##### **2.1.1.1 Major depressive disorders**

Serious mental disorders have severe symptoms that effect the patient's way in handling their daily life activity, such as working, eating and sleeping. Major depressive disorders occur among children, young and elder people.



Most common symptoms are:

- Despondency : lost spirit
- Anhedonia (joylessness) : reduced interest and pleasure in most activities
- Melancholia : low spirit, being passive, withdrawal and/or lack of energy, slow thinking and delayed reaction time, feelings of failure in everything, sexual disturbance and insomnia
- Appetite change : loss of appetite and weight, sometimes weight gain
- Disrupted sleep or insomnia : difficulty in falling asleep, early waking or too much sleep
- Change in motor activity
- Fatigue, low self-esteem and sense of guilt
- Concentration difficulties
- Suicidal thoughts

In order the patient to be diagnosed with depression at least five of these symptoms should be present, especially despondency and anhedonia. These symptoms should affect work performance and social activities and must be present at least for 2 weeks continuously so the patient could be diagnosed with depression. The most severe form of symptoms of major depressive disorders is melancholia (12, 13).

#### **2.1.1.2 Persistent depression (dysthymia)**

Dysthymia can be diagnosed for a patient presenting persistent symptoms of major depressive disorders for at least 2 years and its main symptoms are loss of appetite and insomnia. In children it is enough for the symptoms to last only one year to be diagnosed. Dysthymia occurs more in women than in men (12, 14).

#### **2.1.1.3 Manic-depressive disorder (bipolar disorder)**

The disorder is characterized by moods swinging between deep depression and mania episodes, a pathologically overjoyed mood characterized with reduced sleep periods and a strong need to talk in rapid and incomprehensive way. This pathological

condition varies from one person to another, sometimes it happens 2 or 3 times in a life time and sometimes the intervals between periods are short (12, 14).

#### **2.1.1.4 Seasonal effective disorder (SAD)**

Seasonal changes, occurs between day and night, light and dark and also warmth and cold affect human mood. The circadian cycle is affected by body temperature, secretion of hormones and other physiological factors. It is regulated by the hormone called melatonin which is only secreted in dark. Melatonin is related to other sleep-wake rhythm related hormones like cortisol, whose levels typically drop when melatonin levels increase. Both of these hormones are involved in mood regulation and their levels are found to be disturbed in depressed people. Seasonal depression shows atypical symptoms of major depressive disorders like increased sleep and appetite. Women appear to be more affected by winter depression. These depression types are found to occur annually at the same time of the year and are also known as seasonal depression (12, 14).

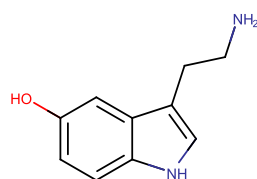
### **2.1.2. Causes of depression**

#### **2.1.2.1 Biological causes**

##### ***Neurotransmitters***

Amines and amino acids are neurotransmitters responsible for the transmission of messages between neurons. These neurotransmitters are affecting our mood and emotions. Neurotransmitters that are found to be connected to depression and anxiety disorders are serotonin, dopamine and noradrenaline (12, 13).

- Serotonin and depression



**Serotonin**

Serotonin, is a neurotransmitter also known as 5-hydroxytryptamine. In humans, serotonin is synthesized from the L-tryptophan (figure 2.1), an amino acid that is supplied from the diet (15). Monoamine oxidase is the phase 1 enzyme that is involved in the biotransformation of the serotonin into its active metabolites. MAO has 2 isoforms MAO-A and MAO-B. Serotonin is a selective substrate of MAO-A (figure 2.2) (16) .

Serotonin affects several brain functions and emotional responses such as body temperature, circadian rhythm, mood, anxiety and appetite. It is also involved in the perception of external stimuli and impulse control. The imbalance of serotonin secretion may lead to a psychiatric disorders such as depression, eating disturbance and aggressive behavior (17). Also, low levels of serotonin have been linked with increased stress, sleep disturbance and panic attacks (18, 19).

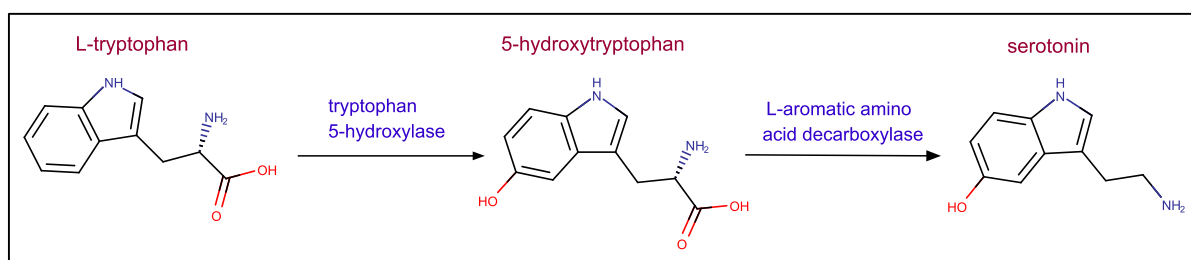


Figure 2.1. Serotonin synthesis pathway

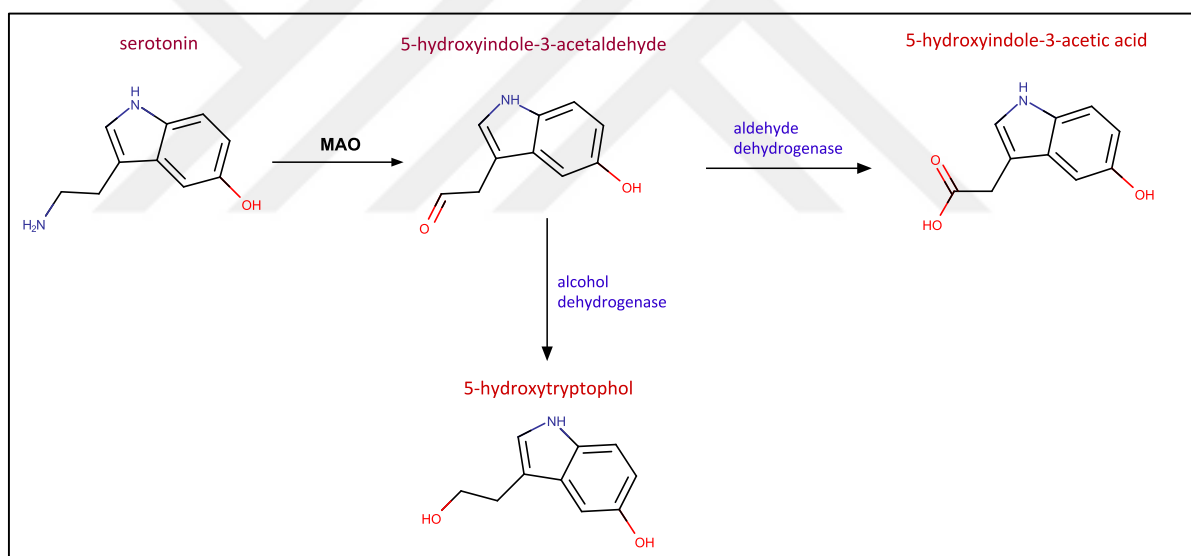


Figure 2.2. The biotransformation of serotonin by MAO

Serotonin receptors 5-hydroxytryptamine 5-HT mediates serotonin function. These receptors consists of 7 families, from 5-HT<sub>1</sub> to 5-HT<sub>7</sub> (figure 2.3) (20, 21). Brain serotonin levels can be increased by using the drugs that inhibit the reuptake of serotonin in the neural synapses and these drugs are found to be effective in treating depression (22, 23).

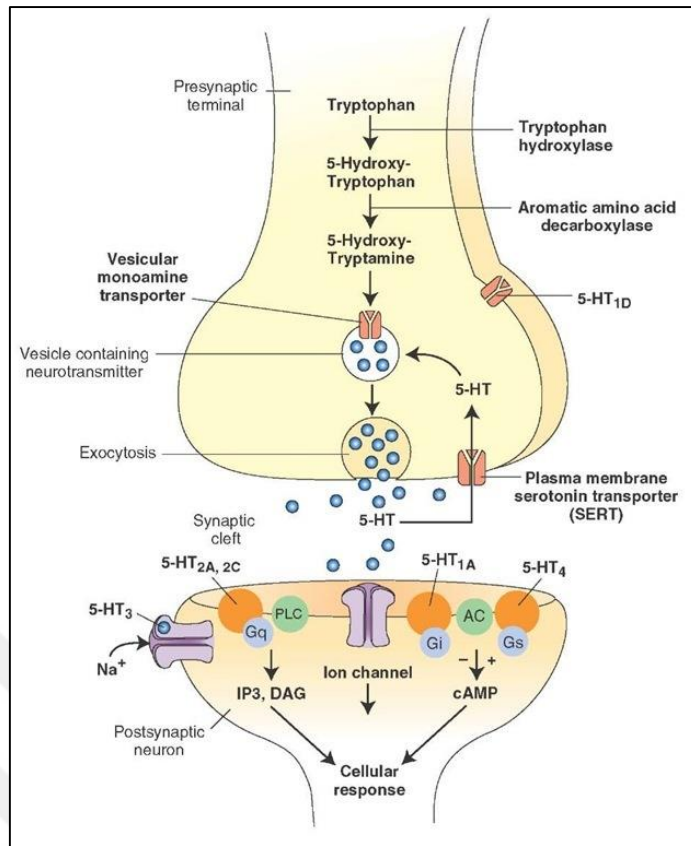
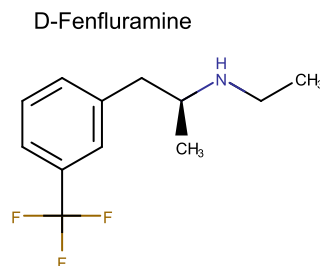
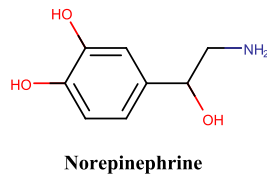


Figure 2.3. Serotonin receptors (24)

Some clinical trials of serotonin functioning showed that people with high serotonin levels were more confident, relaxed and optimistic while people with low levels were aggressive, competitive and impulsive. In this trial, the authors (Graeff FG. et al) applied a stimulated public speaking test in healthy volunteers. They used D-Fenfluramine, a 5-HT uptake blocker. During this test they measured physiological parameters such as heart rate and blood pressure and found that the volunteers who took the drug during the test demonstrated low rates of anxiety and they were more relaxed which is due to the increase in serotonin levels (25).



- Norepinephrine (NE) and depression



Norepinephrine or noradrenaline is a neurotransmitter that plays role in regulating mood, anxiety levels, energy and fear. NE is secreted in cells in case of stressful situations, situations call for alert, attention, and self-defense. NE is secreted in the hypothalamus, amygdala, and the hippocampus (figure 2.4) (26, 27). Reduction in NE synthesis and modulation of NE receptors may lead to depression. NE is activated in response to the acute stress (28, 29). Both chronic and acute stresses are affecting the NE function (30). Noradrenergic system is activated by many types of stressful stimuli such as loud noise, electric shock, hypoglycemia, hypotension and others.(31-33).

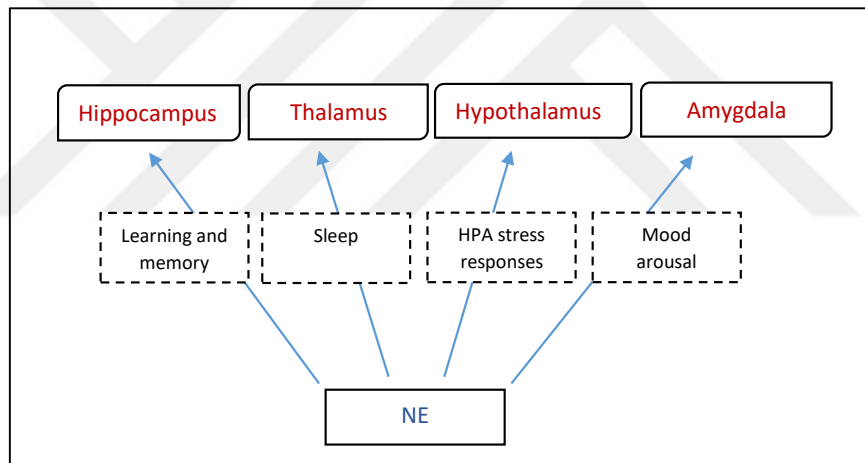


Figure 2.4. NE effect on specific brain parts (27)

The administration of  $\alpha$ -adrenergic antagonist yohimbine, an anxiogenic agent resulted in enhancing anxiety-like behavior (figure 2.5). This is because yohimbine is activating the NE release in the limbic forebrain and this activation resulted in enhancing acute stressors release and enhancement of a behavior similar to the one obtained after inducing an acute stress as illustrated in the figure below (26, 27, 34-36).

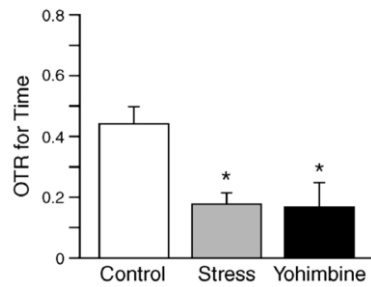
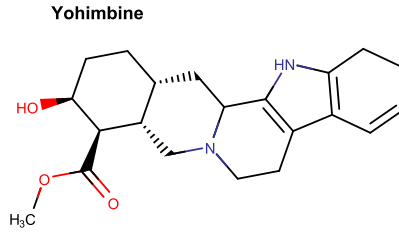
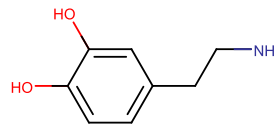


Figure 2.5. The anxiogenic effect of yohimbine which is similar to stress, (adapted from Morilak DA et al) (35).

Selective NE reuptake inhibitors are effective in treating depressed mood, social withdrawal and other symptoms that related to depression and also in treating other stress-related psychiatric disorders (37-39).

- Dopamine (DA) and depression



**Dopamine**

Dopamine is a neurotransmitter that enhances motor and mental activity. It regulates mental processes that are connected with attention, motivation, concentration and human ability to experience pleasure. Dysfunction in the dopaminergic system and low dopamine levels may result in the discouragement of these abilities (40). DA is synthesized from phenylalanine and tyrosine, amino acids located in the cytoplasm of the presynaptic neurons (figure 2.6). DA exhibit its activity when it interacts with dopamine receptors which are located in the postsynaptic neurons. DA receptors consist of 5-subtypes and these subtypes divided into 2 groups, the D1 family and the D2 family. The D1 family consists of D1 and D5 and the D2 family comprises D2, D3, and D4 (figure 2.7) (41).

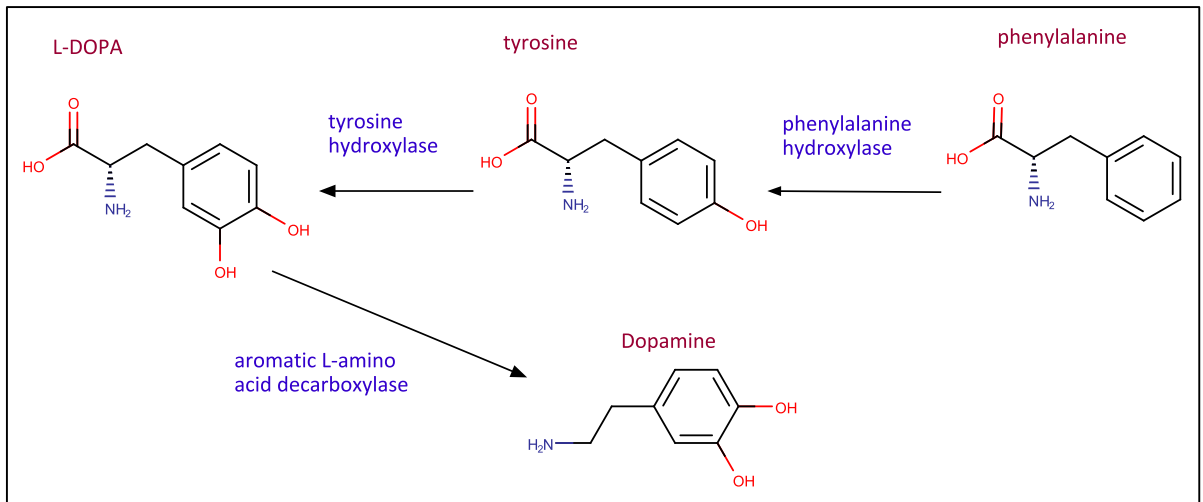


Figure 2.6. Dopamine synthesis pathway

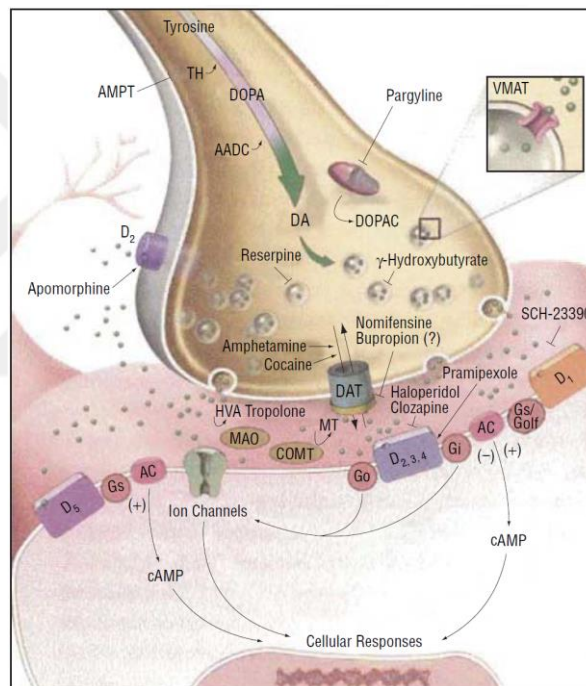


Figure 2.7. Dopaminergic synaptic signaling (adapted from Dunlop BW et al) (42).

The most common symptom of depression is anhedonia, which is caused by the deficiency of dopamine that results from the reduction in dopamine neurotransmission (43-45). Anhedonia is one of the 2 required symptoms for the patient to be diagnosed with depression. Anhedonia, as we mentioned above, is described as the loss of the feeling of pleasure or joylessness. It has been found that it is related to the dysfunction of the dopaminergic system. Especially the dysfunction of the ascending dopaminergic function (the mesolimbic pathway) (figure 2.8) which is found to be playing an important role in

enhancing the motivation and the feeling of the pleasure (42, 46). These findings prove the relationship between the dopamine deficiency and the feeling of joylessness (47-49).

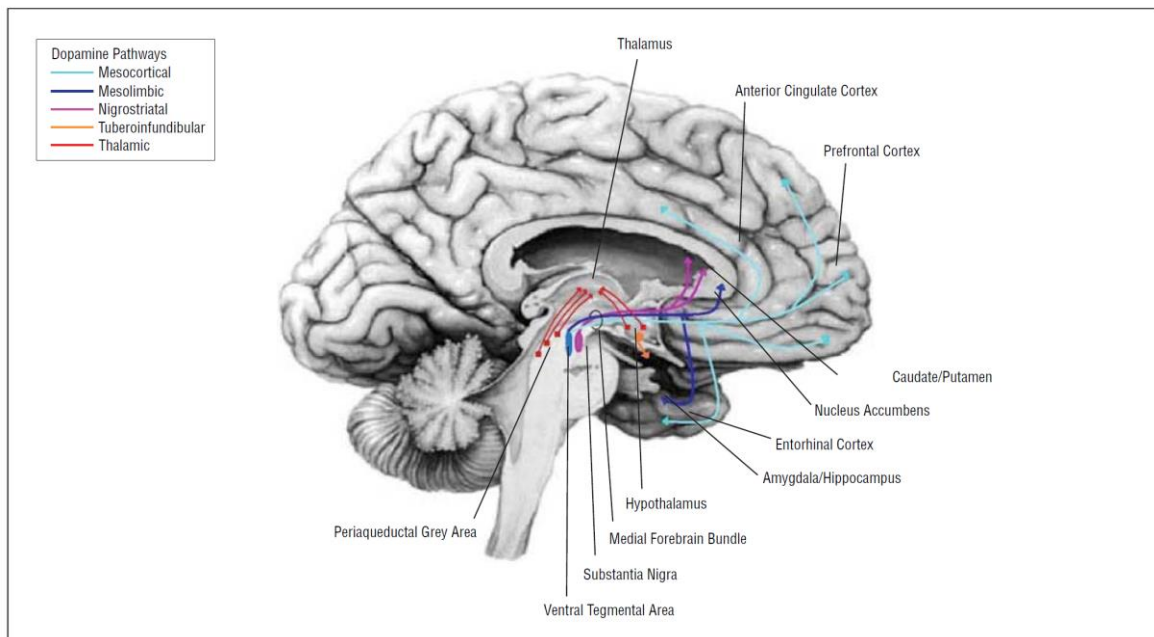


Figure 2.8. Dopaminergic pathways in the human brain, (adapted from Dunlop BW et al) (42).

Memory and concentration are important abilities that controlled by the brain. And these abilities have found to be affected in patients who suffering from depression. As illustrated in (figure 2.8) the mesocortical pathway which is one of the dopaminergic pathways is responsible of these administrative functions. The dysfunction of this pathway resulted in memory and concentration difficulties and these signs are present in depressed patients (42, 46).

### ***The effect of hormones on depression***

Hormonal secretion and hormone producing organs are affected by stress and some types of illnesses which can lead to a disturbance in hormonal balance and thus to depression.

- Melatonin and depression

Melatonin as already mentioned is a hormone that regulates our daily rhythm of wakefulness and sleep. Melatonin is synthesized from serotonin, as serotonin is converted to melatonin by a degradation pathway in the pineal gland. Light inhibits the melatonin synthesis and because of this effect, it has been found that melatonin concentration in the pineal gland varies between day and night, its concentration being higher in night (50).



In healthy people, melatonin maximum level is observed between 2.00 am and 4.00 am. Depressed people are shown to present constant levels of melatonin during the whole day which means that melatonin levels do not increase during night (12). As depressed patients present low serotonin levels, melatonin levels cannot increase during night (figure 2.9) which leads to insomnia, one of depression symptoms.

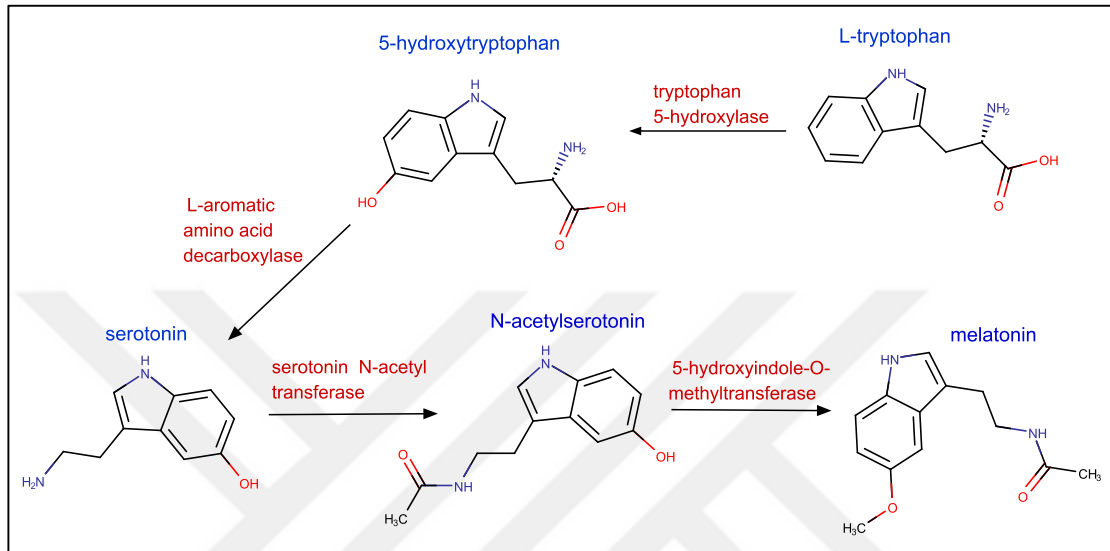


Figure 2.9. Melatonin synthesis pathway

- Prolactin and depression

Prolactin is another hormone that affects our mental health. Depressed individuals who suffer from low self-esteem, weak social support and who are experiencing the feeling of powerlessness were shown to present high prolactin levels. Prolactin levels that are normally very low in men can reach extremely high levels when in depressed condition (12, 51).

**2.1.2.2 Environmental causes**

***Stress and depression***

To achieve a good mental health there should be a balance in the concentration of neurotransmitters which serve as the basic foundations for normal brain functioning. Chronic and acute forms of stress such as the inability to solve problems, loss of status, humiliation or lack of control are found to be depressogenic and affecting the balance of these neurotransmitters. This leads to elevated noradrenergic response (figure 2.10) and

hypersensitivity of noradrenaline receptors which in return affects both the dopamine and serotonin systems (12, 52-54).

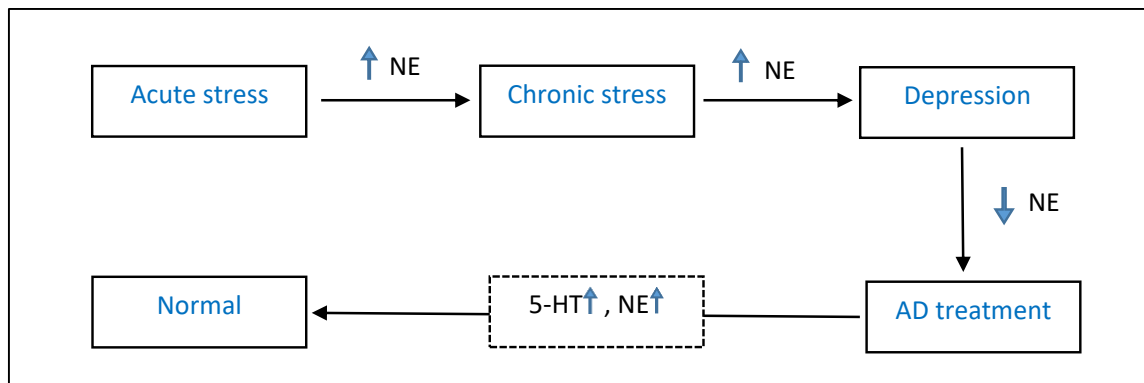


Figure 2.10. The effect of stress on NE (27) AD, antidepressant NE, norepinephrine.

The adrenocorticotrophic hormone releasing factor (CRF) and vasopressin (AVP) are released from the hypothalamus. These 2 hormones are responsible for the activation and stimulation of adrenocorticotrophic hormone ACTH secretion from the pituitary gland. ACTH is responsible for the stimulation of the glucocorticoids secretion (cortisol) from the adrenal cortex (55, 56). Glucocorticoids then activate the HPA axis by interacting with specific receptors that are located on it. Glucocorticoids are controlling many functions such as the size of the hippocampus, neurogenesis, emotional status and the possessions of new memories (56, 57). In stressful situations, the secretion of the CRF and AVP increases and this leads to an increase in the ACTH stimulation which results in increased cortisol secretion and NE (figure 2.11 ) (58, 59).

The activation of the HPA axis is affecting metabolism, immunity and the brain. In depressed patients, the feedback inhibition of the CRF and AVP from the hypothalamus which is controlled by glucocorticoids are found to be disturbed. Also, depressed patients have increased HPA axis activity and cortisol concentrations. This leads to a conclusion that HPA axis hyperactivity may represent one of the risk factors that appear before depression development (55, 56, 60, 61).

As we mentioned stress increases the production of cortisol which stimulates the hippocampus, a part of the brain which is responsible for learning, memory, spatial navigation and anxiety. The hippocampus is located in brain's temporal lobe and is responsible for converting the short-term-memory to a long-term-memory. The increase in the cortisol concentration leads to some toxic effects including a reduction in cognitive



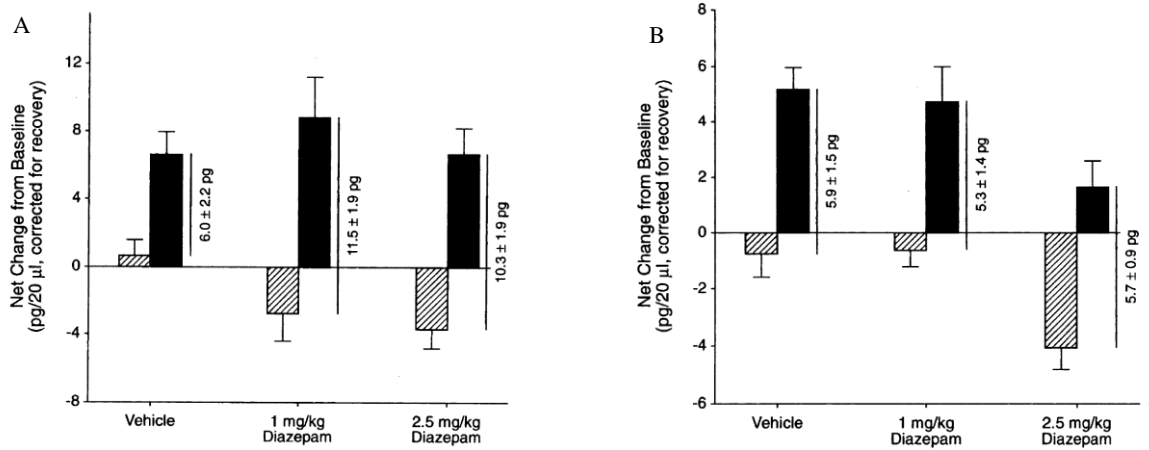


Figure 2.12. Effect of diazepam on the stress-induced increase in extracellular DA in the mPFC of naive rats, 2.12b the effect of diazepam on the stress-induced increase in extracellular NE in the mPFC of naive rats, (adapted from Finlay J et al) (64).

Acute stressors were found to activate the DA mesocortical pathway, which leads to an increase in the DA concentration in the brain. The prolonged effect of these stressors also leads to an increase in DA concentration *via* the DA mesolimbic pathway. These 2 DA pathways were found to respond oppositely when chronic, uncontrollable and sustained stress is present and the brain falls to adapt to it. This would lead to reduced DA concentration and mesolimbic pathway depletion in case of chronic stress (figure 2.12, 2.13) (53, 65-67).

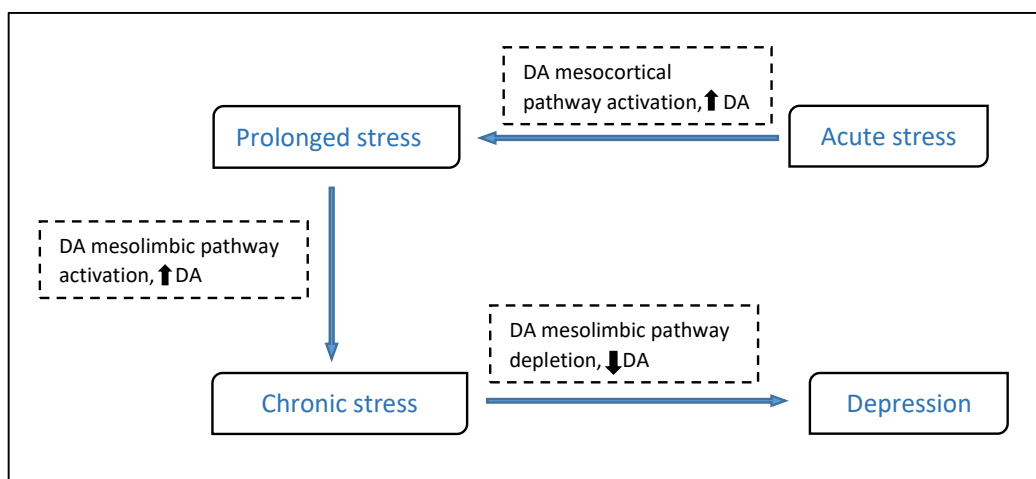


Figure 2.13. The effect of the stress on DA concentration (53)

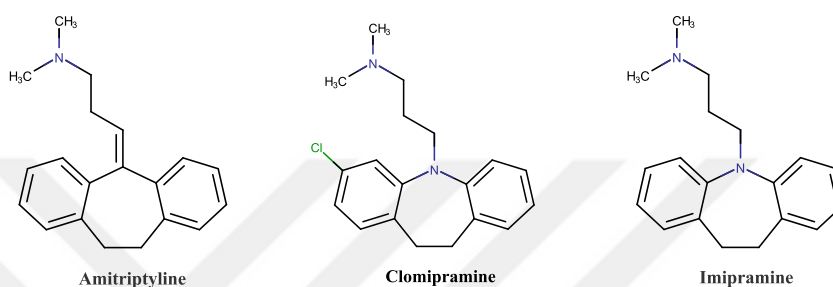
The same thing applies to NE: acute stress is activating the NE release while prolonged, chronic and sustained stress results in decreasing NE levels in brain while the NE extracellular concentration is high (figure 2.10).

### 2.1.3. Treatment of depression

There are many types of antidepressants that are used for treating depression, anxiety and pain. The drug of choice is depending on the condition severity and here is the most common types of antidepressant (12, 13).

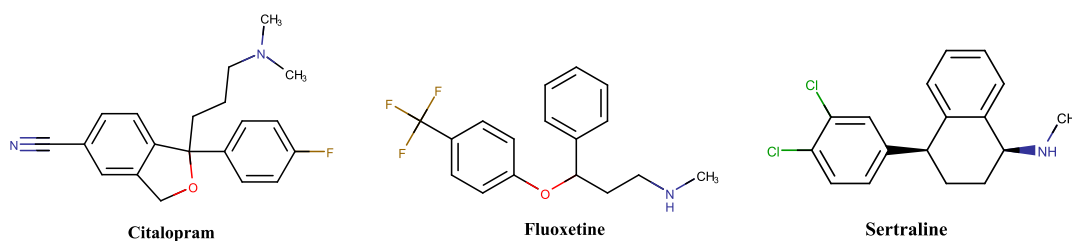
#### 2.1.3.1 Non-selective monoamine reuptake inhibitors

Tricyclic and tetracyclic antidepressants (TCAs): used in severe depression types like melancholia. Such as amitriptyline, clomipramine and imipramine (68).



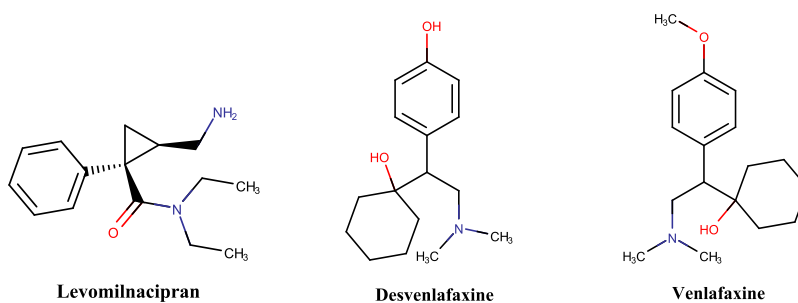
#### 2.1.3.2 Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)

This type of antidepressant is used to increase serotonin concentration by blocking the reuptake of serotonin in the brain, such as citalopram, fluoxetine and sertraline (69).



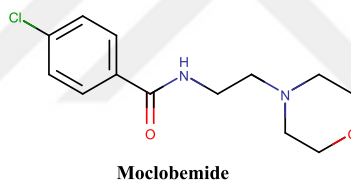
### 2.1.3.3 Serotonin and noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs)

Help to decrease depression symptoms by blocking the reuptake of NE and serotonin such as the drugs below (70).



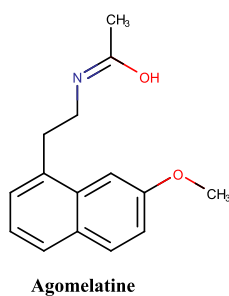
### 2.1.3.4 Monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors and reversible inhibitors of MAO-A (RIMAs).

RIMAs are antidepressants that work to increase serotonin and NE levels in the brain by blocking the effect of monoamine oxidase which is responsible of breaking down the serotonin and NE such as moclobemide (71).



### 2.1.3.5 Melatonergic antidepressant

Melatonergic antidepressant like the melatonin receptor agonist agomelatine which is a synthetic melatonin working on increasing the melatonin concentration in the brain. This drug used as an alternative drug if the patients have a resistance to other types of antidepressant drugs (72).



## **2.2. Inflammation**

Inflammation is an immune response and a defense mechanism that aims to protect the body from harmful stimuli. Inflammation plays a main role in the body's healing processes and without the intervention of this mechanism the body's damaged tissues, wound and infections would not be healed.

The immune system consists of 2 types of immune responses, innate immunity and adaptive immunity. Innate immunity is present when the person is born and it is considered as the first line defense against pathogens in which inflammation is considered as a part of it. Adaptive immunity is the type of the immunity that emerges after infections or vaccinations by the effect of antigens that stimulates antibodies production.

Innate immunity consists of phagocytic cells, such as neutrophils, monocytes, and macrophages and inflammatory cells, such as basophiles, mast cells, macrophages, and natural killer cells. These cells induce the secretion of small molecules called cytokines which are playing an important role in regulating inflammatory responses (73-76).

### **2.2.1. Types of inflammation**

#### **2.2.1.1 Acute inflammation (nonspecific)**

Acute inflammation has a rapid response with limited time severity. Acute inflammation may last from days to weeks depending on the severity such as acute bronchitis, tonsillitis, dermatitis and skin wounds. Symptoms of acute inflammation are pain, swelling, redness and heat(75).

#### **2.2.1.2 Chronic inflammation (specific)**

This type of inflammation has a slow onset of action, last for a long time, from months to years and leads to cell death. This can be caused by some pathogens that cannot be cleared from circulation which keeps the immune responses continuously active. Chronic inflammation is a hallmark of diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, peptic ulcer and asthma. The symptoms of chronic inflammation are fever, fatigue, abdominal pain, joint pain and rash (75).

### **2.2.2. Cytokines**

Cytokines are low molecular weight proteins that regulate immune responses. They are responsible for mediating and regulating immunity, inflammation and hematopoiesis. Cytokines regulate the immune responses either by inducing or inhibiting the immune system by sending signals to specific receptors when binding to them (77, 78).

Cytokines can act differently on cells, for instance, some cytokines have an autocrine action which means they are acting on the same cells that secreted them, while other can be paracrines (cytokines acting nearby the secreting cells) or endocrines (acting on distant cells) (79).

#### **2.2.2.1 Types of cytokines**

Cytokines are named according to the cells that are secreted from,

1. Lymphokines are cytokines secreted by the lymphocytes,
2. Monokines are cytokines secreted from monocytes,
3. Interleukins are cytokines that are secreted from leucocytes and affecting other white blood cells,
4. Interferon's (IFN) are cytokines that are secreted by infected cells and enhance the immunity defenses by interfering with viral replication
5. Chemokines are cytokines shown to be inducing chemotaxis that activates leukocytes immigration.
6. Tumor necrosis factor TNF

Cytokines are produced by basophiles, mast cells, macrophages, and natural killer cells but the predominant producers of cytokines are macrophages and helper T-cells (Th), Macrophages produces IL-12 and INF- $\gamma$ , basophiles and mast cells produce IL-4 and IL-3 (figure2.14) (77-79).



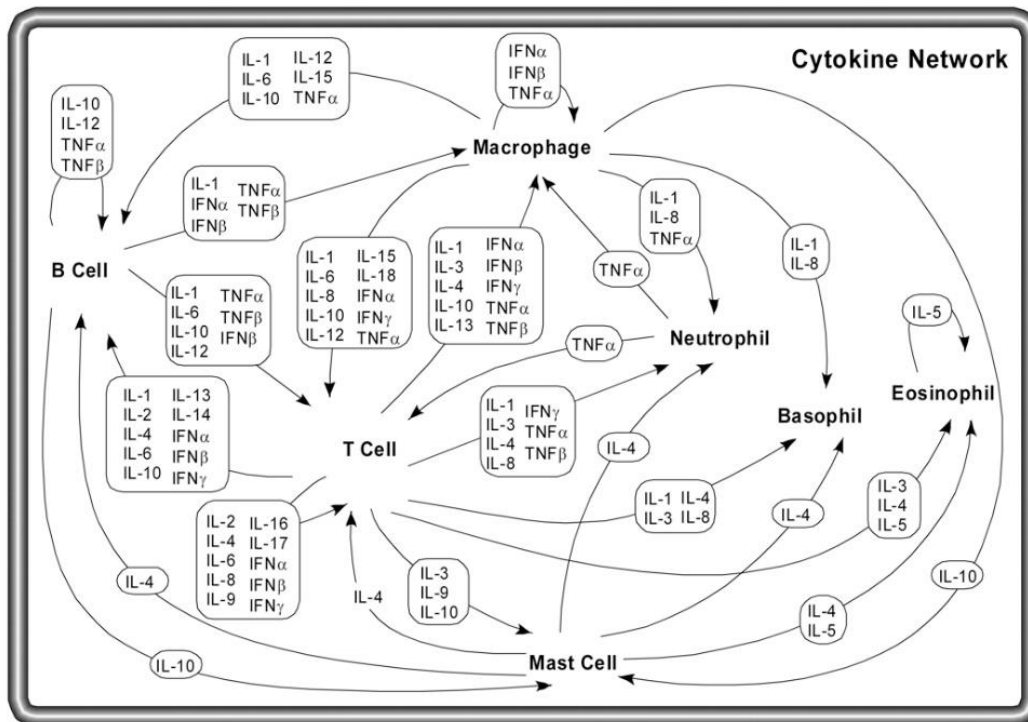


Figure 2.14. Cytokines network, (adapted from Zhang J-M et al) (79).

### 2.2.3. Inflammatory cytokines

- Pro-inflammatory cytokines
- Anti-inflammatory cytokines
- Inflammatory cascade

#### 2.2.3.1 Pro-inflammatory cytokines:

Immunoregulatory cytokines such as IL- $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$ , and IL-6 that promote inflammation, enhance inflammatory responses and increase inflammation severity by the up-regulation of inflammatory reactions. This happens when the balance between the pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory cytokines is disturbed and the secretion of the pro-inflammatory cytokines is increased (figure 2.15). Most of the pro-inflammatory cytokines are secreted by the activated macrophages.

IL-1 and TNF are shown to be pro-inflammatory cytokines as they were administered to humans and after their administration, they induced fever, tissue destruction, inflammation and even shock in some cases (80-82).

### 2.2.3.2 Anti-inflammatory cytokines:

Anti-inflammatory cytokines are immunoregulatory molecules that suppress the activity of pro-inflammatory cytokines, decrease inflammation severity and promote healing processes. The major anti-inflammatory cytokines are the interleukin (IL)-1 receptor antagonists such as IL-4, IL-6, IL-10, IL-11, and IL-13 (83).

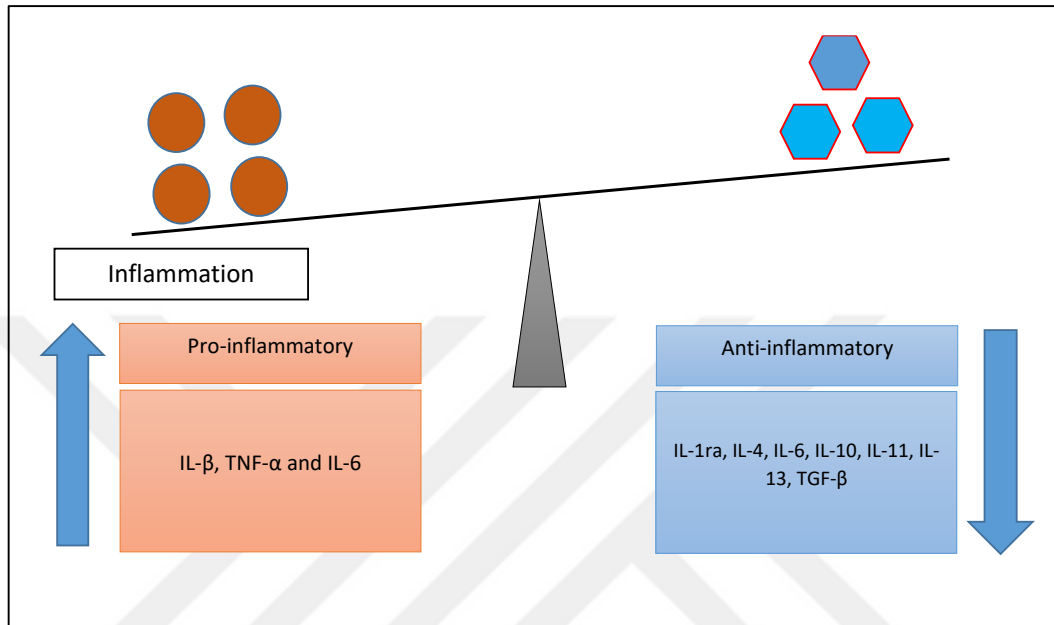


Figure 2.15. The effect of pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory cytokines on inflammation

### The Inflammatory cascade

In the inflammatory cascade shown in the figure below (figure 2.16). The pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-1, TNF, and  $\text{INF}\gamma$  are responsible for enhancing an inflammatory response by stimulating the secretion of the pro-inflammatory enzymes such as phospholipase A2 (PLA2). The PLA2 is responsible for yielding a free arachidonic acid (AA) from the phospholipids tissue's membrane. The free AA which is unsaturated fatty acid undergo through many pathways, 2 of these pathways are responsible for enhancing inflammatory reactions which are lipooxygenase pathway and cyclooxygenase pathway (84-86).

In the lipooxygenase pathway, the lipooxygenase enzyme (LOX) is responsible for AA oxygenation. This oxygenation is taking place on many Carbone positions such as C-5, C-12, and C-15. In this inflammatory cascade it is affecting C-5 by the enzyme LOX-5. The LOX-5 is an enzyme that results in the inflammatory leukocytes accumulation and converting the free AA to hydroperoxyeicosatetraenoic (HPETE-5). Leukotriene

synthase then converting the HPETE-5 to LTA4. The LTA4 is a leukotriene that is responsible for inducing inflammatory reactions. The LTA4 then transforming to LTC4 by the glutathione-s-transferase. And by an amino acid addition, the LTC4 is converted to LTD4 and LTE4 which are responsible for enhancing vasodilation, edema, and inflammation (85, 87-90).

The cyclooxygenase pathway consists of 2 enzymes COX-1 and COX-2 which are responsible for enhancing inflammation. COX-2 results in the secretion pro-inflammatory prostaglandins like PGE2 and PGD2 by converting the free AA to PGG2 which is a prostaglandin that quickly converts to PGH2. PGH2 converted by the prostacyclin enzyme to PGD2 and PGE2 which are inflammatory mediators that are responsible for enhancing fever and inflammation (85, 91, 92).

The chemokines in this cascade working as facilitators of leukocytes passage to the tissues. The IL-1 and TNF have a synergistic effect on this cascade and they are responsible for initiating the adhesion of the leukocytes to the endothelial surface before their immigration to the tissues. The anti-inflammatory cytokines inhibit this cascade and decrease its severity (80-82)

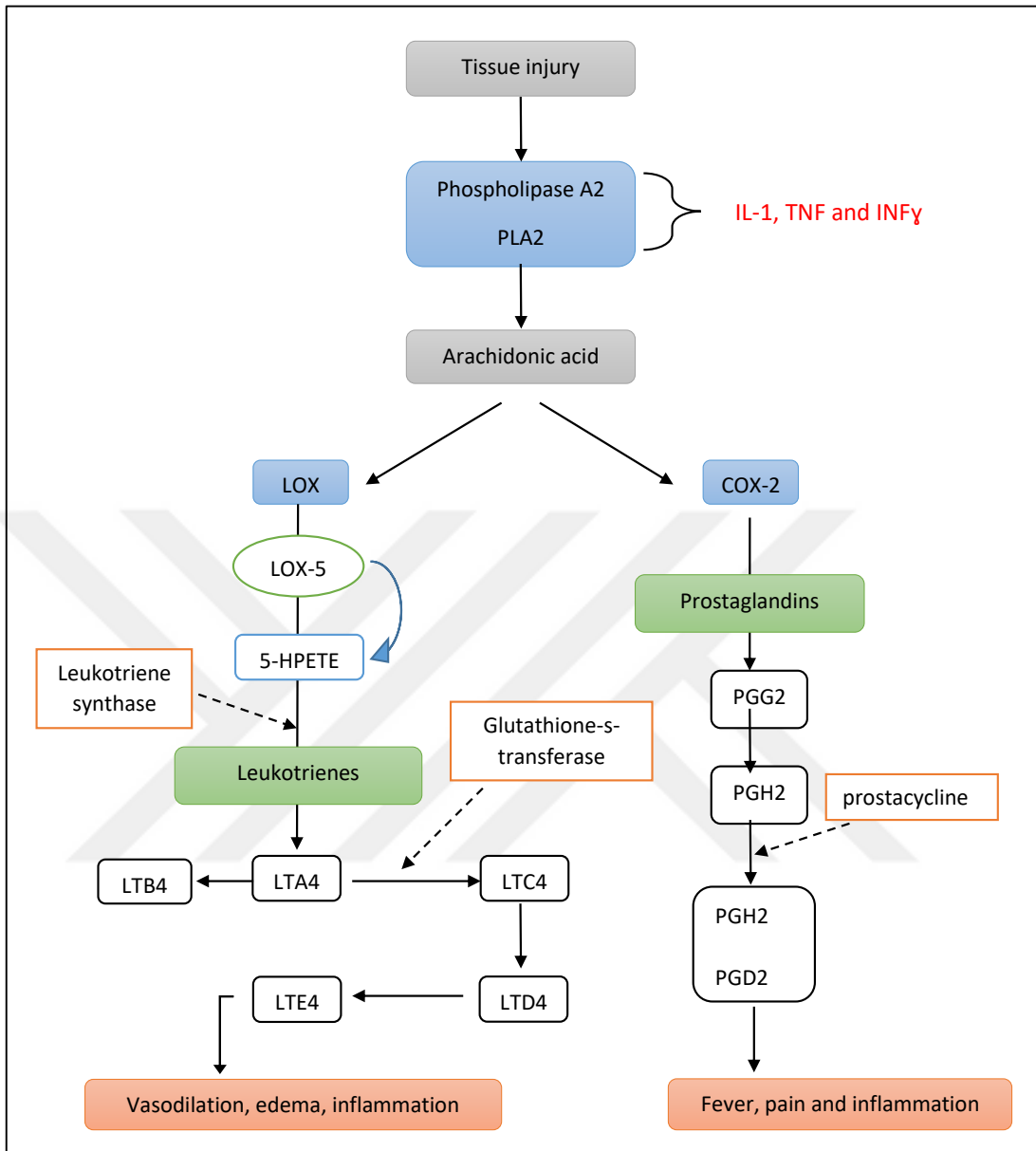


Figure 2.16. The inflammatory cascade

#### **2.2.4. Inflammatory markers**

When inflammation occurs, the inflamed site secretes extra proteins and these proteins then traveling through the bloodstream the circulating in it. There is a certain tests that indicates this increase in the levels of these proteins and considered as inflammatory markers (93).

##### **2.2.4.1 Erythrocytes sedimentation rate (ESR)**

This test detects the increase of a specific proteins by measuring the red blood cells separation rates from the plasma. The obtained rates of this test are directly proportional to the inflammation rates, which means high inflammation rate is presented when high records of ESR is obtained and it is measured in (mm/h) (93).

##### **2.2.4.2 C-reactive protein**

This is a non-specific test that also considered as an inflammatory marker. The CRP is secreted from the liver to the bloodstream in response to inflammatory stimuli. This means that the CRP levels in healthy people would be zero and the presence of this protein in the bloodstream would determine if there is an inflammation or not. The CRP rate is also directly proportional to the inflammation rate. CRP is used to detect some inflammatory diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and also to check the treatment efficacy (94).

##### **2.2.4.3 Plasma viscosity**

This test is similar to the ESR but it is more difficult to perform. It measures the amount of some proteins that located in the blood plasma like the fibrinogen. Fibrinogen levels found to be increased with the presence of inflammation. The increase in the levels of these proteins would also lead to an increase in the plasma viscosity and that means the protein levels and plasma viscosity levels would detect the inflammation presence (95).

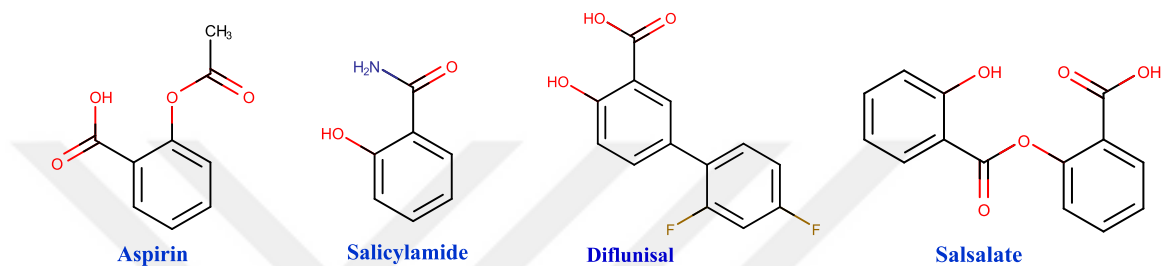
## 2.2.5. Anti-inflammatory drugs

### 2.2.5.1 Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs NSAIDs

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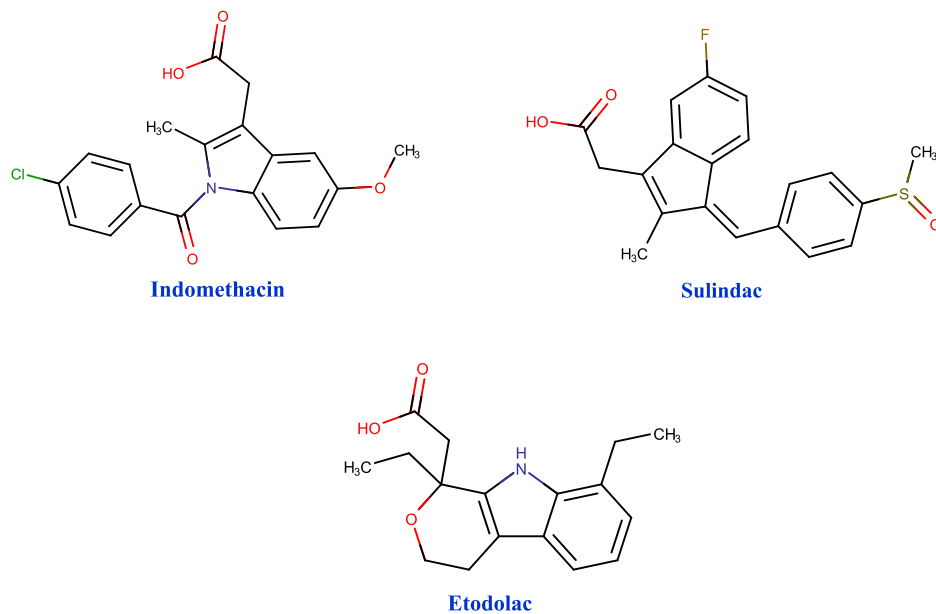
- Salicylic acid derivatives

These types of NSAIDs inhibit COX-1 100 times more than COX-2, and have an Anti-inflammatory, analgesic and antipyretic activity, such as acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin), Salicylamide, Diflunisal, Salsalate.



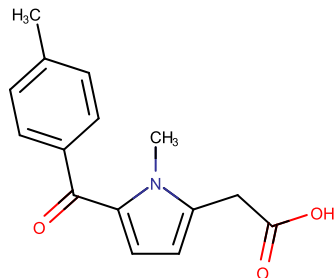
- Aryl and heteroaryl acetic acid derivatives

- Indole, indene: Selective COX-1 inhibitors with antipyretic and analgesic activity such as Indomethacin, Sulindac and Etodolac.

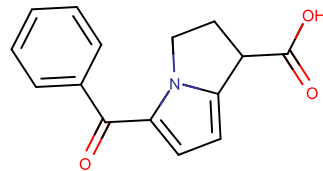


- Pyrrole:

Tolmetin and Ketorolac, Tolmetin is a non-selective cox inhibitor with anti-inflammatory activity and ketorolac is with anti-inflammatory, analgesic and anti-pyretic activity.



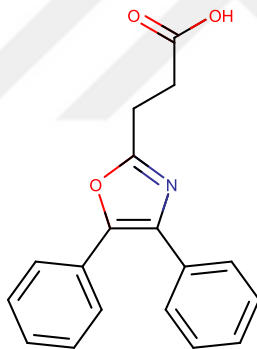
**Tolmetin**



**Ketorolac**

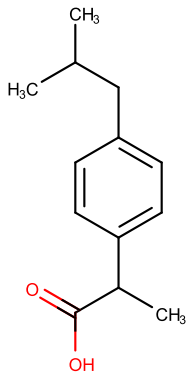
- Oxazole:

Oxaprozin (Daypro), non-selective COX inhibitor

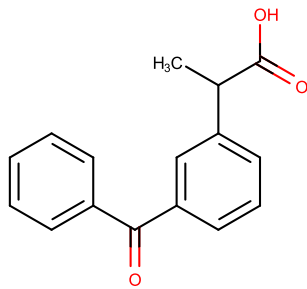


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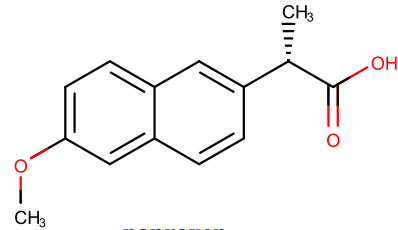
- Propionic acids (Profens)



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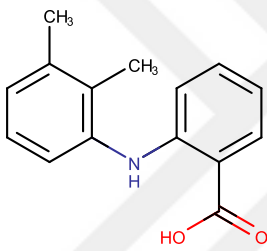


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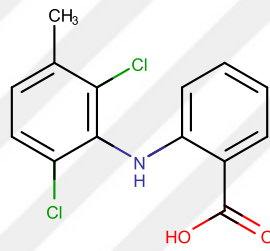


**naproxen**

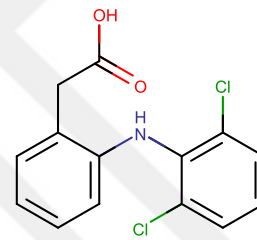
- N-Arylanthranilic acid derivatives (Fenamates)



**mefenamic acid**



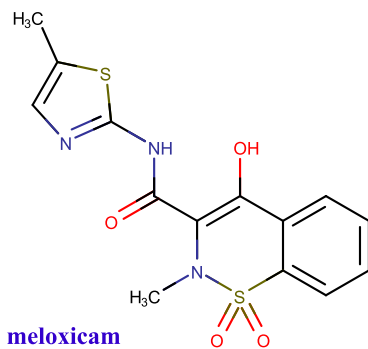
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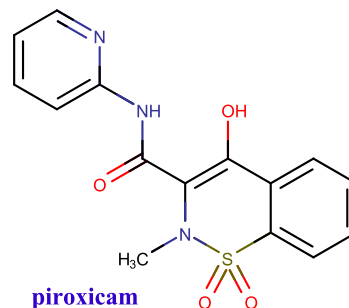
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b. Enolic acids derivatives

- Oxicams



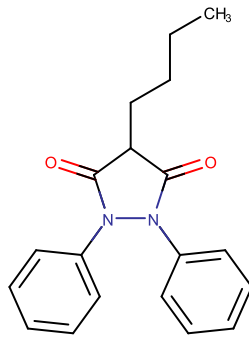
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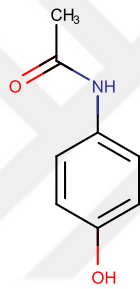


- Phenylpyrazolones derivatives

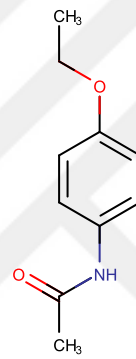


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c. Anilides derivatives



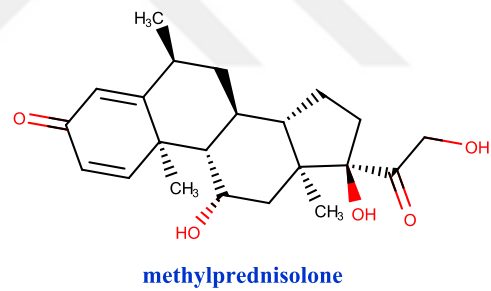
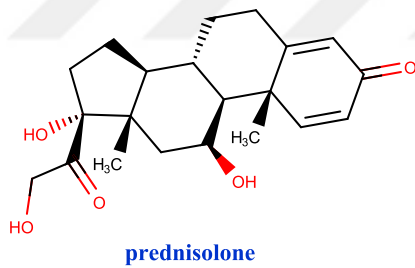
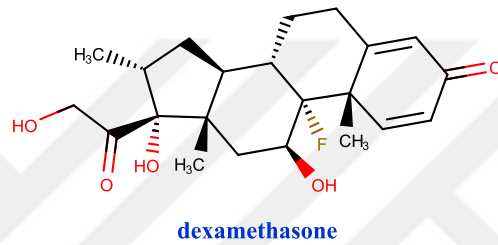
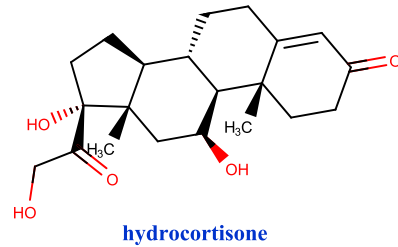
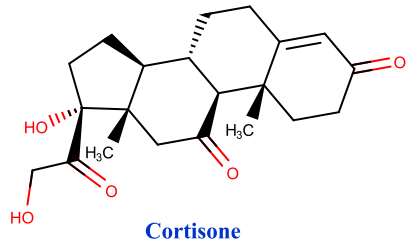
**acetaminophen**



**phenacetin**

### 2.2.5.2 Anti-inflammatory Corticosteroids

Glucocorticoids, are anti-inflammatory corticosteroids that inhibits inflammation and immune responses ex. Cortisone, hydrocortisone, dexamethasone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone.



### **2.3. Inflammation and depression**

There are some shreds of evidence that links inflammation and depression. The relationship between these two diseases is a bidirectional relationship in which they are both affecting each other. Not only that but also they are contributing to the occurrence of one another by several pathways (1, 4, 6).

The most persuasive evidence that elucidates this relationship is the cytokines, especially the pro-inflammatory cytokines which are considered as inflammatory mediators and markers that are responsible for enhancing inflammatory responses. Inflammatory markers such as IL- $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, and CRP are found in high concentrations in one-third of patients who are suffering from major depressive disorders MDD (1, 96-98).

Through the clinical studies that investigated this relationship, scientists found that the patients who are suffering from chronic inflammatory diseases such as chronic pain, type 2 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and cardiovascular diseases are at high risk of developing depression (2, 5). Also, cancer patients who are treated with cytokines such as interferon-alpha (IFN- $\alpha$ ) are developing some symptoms that are related to depression. Moreover, during peripheral and CNS inflammatory diseases, a high risk of depression had been observed in these patients. Also, it had been found that inflammatory responses are being activated in response to depression in clinically depressed patients. (1, 3).

#### **2.3.1. Cytokines enhance CNS inflammation and sickness behavior**

Cytokines can enhance CNS inflammation when they are present in the brain, and this is accomplished when an infection attacks the body. After this attack the innate immune responses would be stimulated to protect the body and to fight the infection by producing the pro-inflammatory cytokines.

The pro-inflammatory cytokines such as TNF- $\alpha$ , IL- $\beta$  and IL-6 would reach the brain and, it would affect specific brain regions such as the HPA-axis, the hippocampus, the pituitary gland and the Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF). The pro-inflammatory cytokines then would induce sickness behaviors similar to the symptoms that present in depressed patients such as decreased appetite, social withdrawal, sleep disturbance and retardation in the motor activity (1, 99-101). The pro-inflammatory cytokines can reach the brain through the blood-brain barrier (BBB) in some specific

cases, or it can be produced inside the brain by the macrophages and the lymphocytes in response to inflammatory *stimuli*.

Cytokines in normal situations cannot cross the (BBB). However, they can get access in specific regions, in regions with no BBB like the circumventricular site, or in regions that have fewer obstacles for the cytokines access by the aid of the passive transport (102-104). Cytokines can cross the BBB in some pathological situations in which the BBB is impaired. In some cases, even cytokines can enhance the impairment in the BBB, just like the TNF- $\alpha$  which is found to have the ability to enhance BBB degeneration. Also, it can reach the brain by the active transport in which specific protein carriers would transport the cytokines through the BBB (102, 104-106).

### **2.3.2. Cytokines and the neurotransmitters**

Cytokines are found to be affecting the neurotransmitters concentrations in many ways. Cytokines can increase the reuptake of neurotransmitters like the NE, DA, and serotonin and also interfere with their synthesis pathway by affecting some specific enzymes that play a key role on their synthesis (107).

#### **2.3.2.1 Serotonin**

The synthesis of serotonin depends on its metabolic precursor tryptophan TRP. When it enters the body TRP undergoes 2 metabolic pathways (figure 2.17). The first one is called the primary pathway in which 99% of the TRP is converted to kynurenine. The second pathway is responsible for converting less than 1% of TRP to serotonin and melatonin. The conversion of TRP to kynurenine is achieved by the enzymes indoleamine-2,3-dioxygenase (IDO) and tryptophan-2,3-dioxygenase (TDO), in which TDO is the predominant enzyme. Conversion of TRP to serotonin (5-HT) is accomplished by the enzyme Tryptophan Hydroxylase (TRH) (108-110)

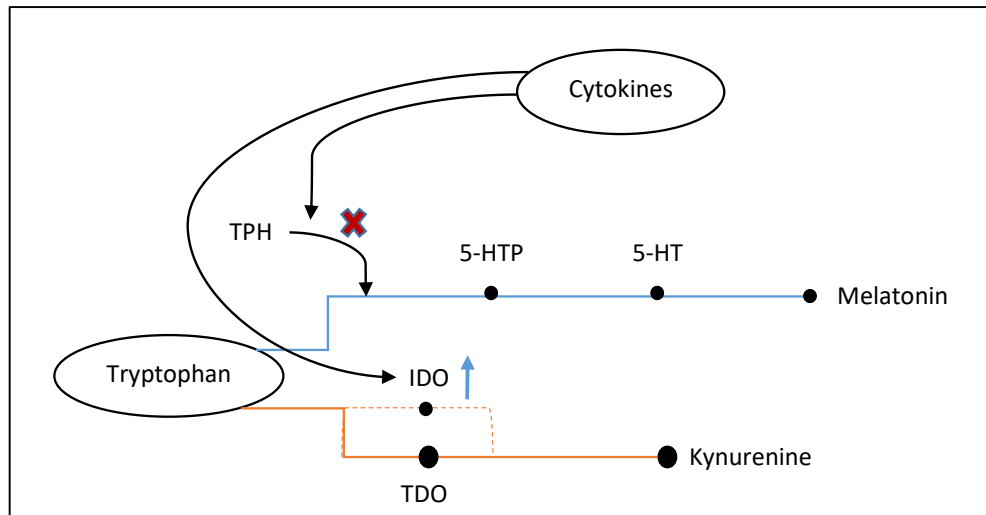


Figure 2.17. The effect of cytokines on serotonin

When an immune activation is present, cytokines such as IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, and INFs can enhance the activity of the IDO enzyme. By this enhancement, the percentage of tryptophan that is converted to kynurenine would be increased. This increase would result in the reduction of the tryptophan that is converted to serotonin by 25% to 50% which would result in decreased serotonin levels (109, 111, 112). There is another way by which cytokines can affect serotonin synthesis. Cytokines can decrease serotonin synthesis by decreasing tetrahydrobiopterin (BH<sub>4</sub>) levels. BH<sub>4</sub> is an essential co-factor for the enzyme tryptophan hydroxylase which is a rate-limiting enzyme in serotonin synthesis pathway (107, 113).

### 2.3.2.2 Dopamine

Tetrahydrobiopterin (BH<sub>4</sub>) is also an essential co-factor of tyrosine hydroxylase. Tyrosine hydroxylase is the rate-limiting enzyme of the dopamine biosynthesis that is responsible for converting phenylalanine to tyrosine and tyrosine to L-DOPA (figure 2.18) (107, 113).

During some clinical trial, scientists found that the pro-inflammatory cytokines may play an essential role in decreasing dopamine concentrations in some specific brain regions. Some rats were injected with INF- $\alpha$ . The injection of this cytokine decreased BH<sub>4</sub> concentration. The decrease in the BH<sub>4</sub> would then reduce the activity of the tyrosine hydroxylase enzyme, and this would result in less dopamine synthesis (2, 114).

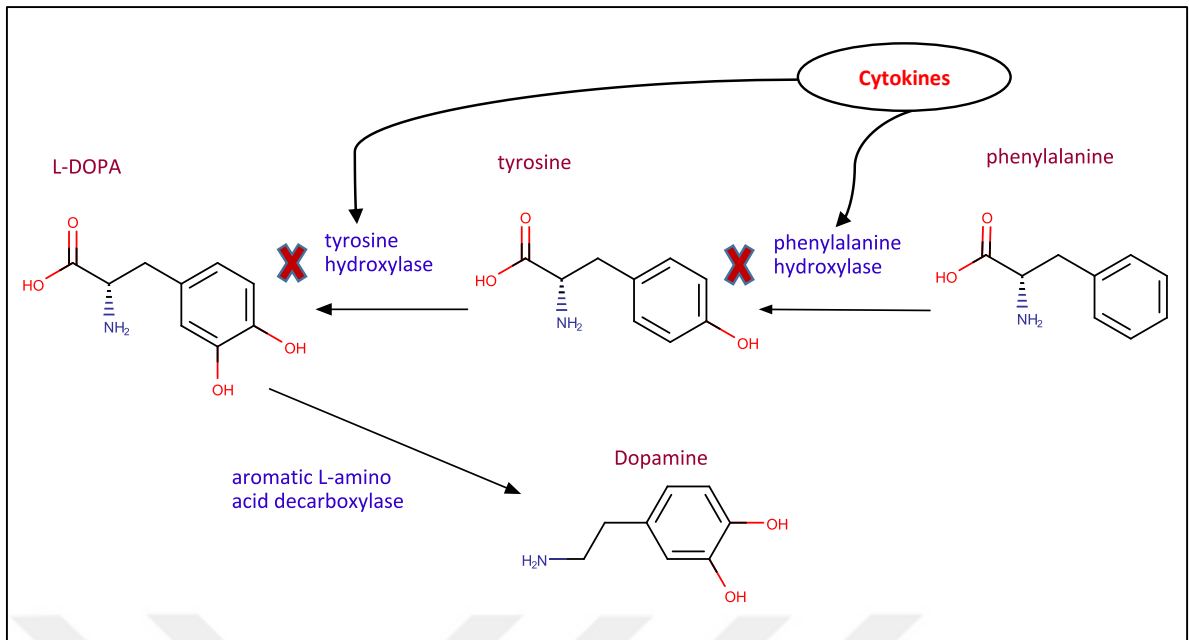


Figure 2.18. The effect of cytokines on dopamine

### 2.3.2.3 Glutamate

Glutamate is one of the brain's neurotransmitters that have a significant impact on some brain processes like learning and memory. High levels of glutamate are observed in acutely and chronically depressed patients. The excess in glutamate levels is harmful to the brain's neurons and could result in depression. NMDA (N\_methyl\_D\_aspartate) is the glutamate receptor that is important for neuronal plasticity and the kynurenic acid and quinolinic acid are the metabolites in the tryptophan metabolic pathway. These two metabolites are affecting glutamate levels in the brain. Kynurenic acid is the NMDA antagonist, and the quinolinic acid is the NMDA agonist. The microglia cells are responsible for enhancing quinolinic acid synthesis. The pro-inflammatory cytokines found to increase quinolinic acid synthesis and by affecting the microglia cells. Moreover, by this, the ratio of quinolinic acid to kynurenic acid would be increased (figure 2.19). This increase in quinolinic acid synthesis would then result in high glutamate concentration (115-118). Astrocytes are types of neuronal cells that work to maintain normal glutamate levels by withdrawing the excess in glutamate concentration and by this they preventing the neurotoxicity. The pro-inflammatory cytokines found to be impairing astrocytes work and by this, it would affect the excess glutamate removal (116, 119, 120).

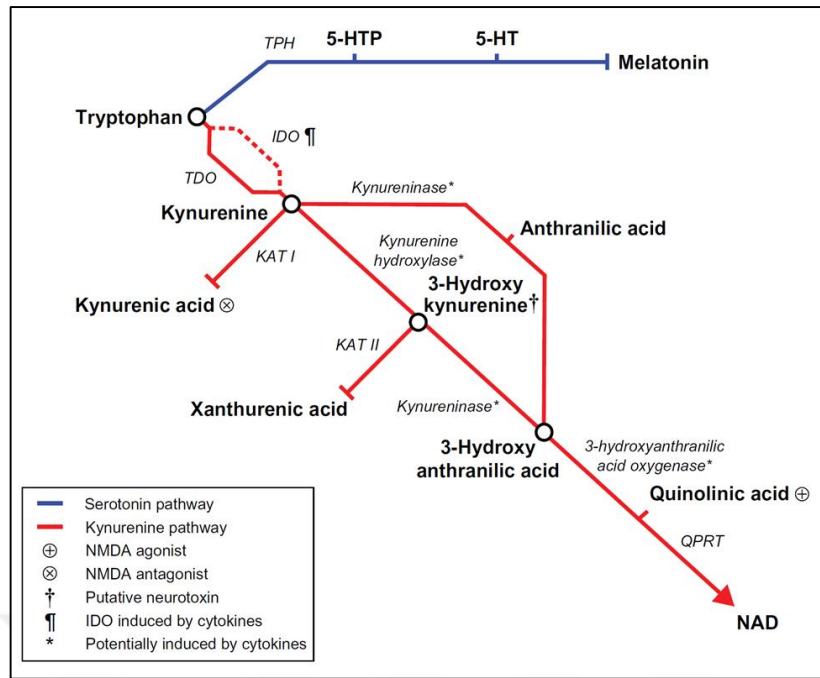


Figure 2.19. The effect of cytokines on glutamate and serotonin, (adapted from Pittenger C et al) (117).

### 2.3.3. The effect of the cytokines on the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis (HPA)

The hyperactivity of the HPA-axis and the disruption in the negative feedback inhibition of the corticosteroids is one of the causes of depression. The pro-inflammatory cytokines found to enhance the activation of the HPA-axis and also opposes the negative feedback inhibition of the corticosteroids (103, 121, 122). The pro-inflammatory cytokines impair the negative feedback of corticosteroids by increasing the resistance of the corticosteroids receptors that are located in the hypothalamus and the pituitary gland. This resistance would then result in the reduction of the HPA-axis sensitivity for the high corticosteroids levels. The increase of the corticosteroids concentrations for extended periods would affect specific brain regions such as the hippocampus, pituitary and the hypothalamus which are playing a significant role in developing depression (103, 122, 123). The pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-1 and IL-6 may result in the induction of the HPA-axis activity, and the IL-1 when administered systemically resulted in some disturbances in the HPA-axis (103, 124).

### 2.3.4. The brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), depression and cytokines

The brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) is a protein responsible for the neuronal survival and the neurogenesis. BDNF concentrations are found to be under standard rates in patients who suffer from depression. Acute depression and mania symptoms have been found to be related to the BDNF low levels in the brain (125). Pro-inflammatory cytokines are found to be decreasing the BDNF levels, and this is after the administration of the INF-A which is a cytokine used for the treatment for hepatitis C. Patients with hepatitis C were treated with this cytokine, and their BDNF serum level was investigated before and after the treatment. BDNF serum levels found to be decreased after the treatment, not only that but also the patients start to develop depression symptoms (126-128).

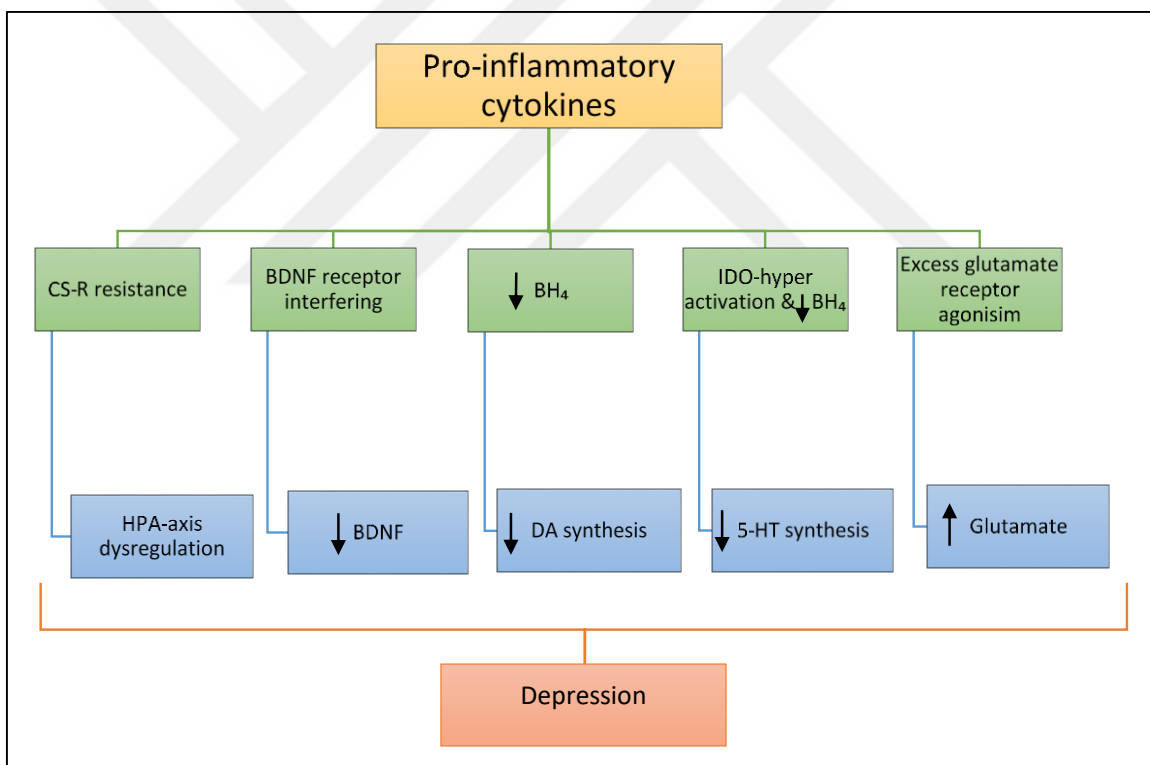


Figure 2.20. The relationship between inflammation and depression



### 2.3.5. Antidepressants drugs with anti-inflammatory activity

A study investigated the anti-inflammatory activity of two antidepressants drugs, desipramine and fluoxetine (8). The authors used the anti-inflammatory drug prednisolone as a reference drug and injected the mice with LPS (lipopolysaccharide) which is responsible of enhancing systemic inflammation and activating the release of TNF- $\alpha$ . The control was a saline with LPS and TNF- $\alpha$  concentration was measured after 90 min of LPS injection. The authors measured TNF- $\alpha$  concentration after administrating desipramine, fluoxetine and prednisolone. The result showed that TNF- $\alpha$  concentration was reduced when compared to the control (figure 2.21).

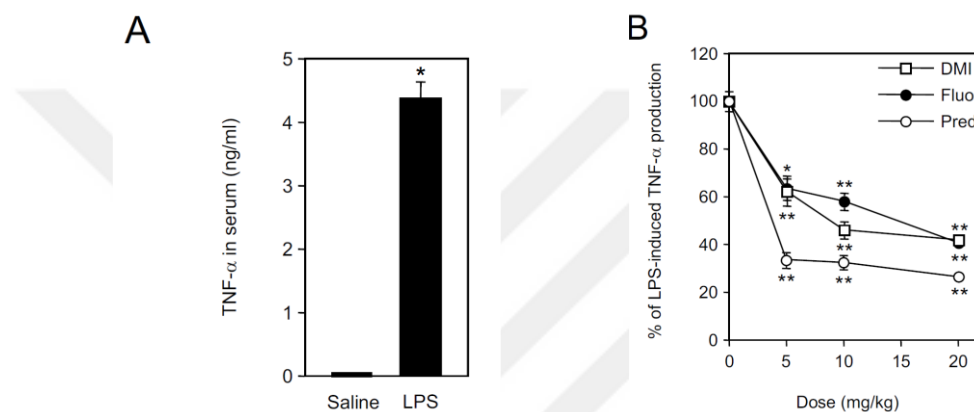


Figure 2.21. The anti-inflammatory effect of desipramine and fluoxetine in mice (taken from Roumestan C et al.) (8)

The authors also determined the rate of the survival of mice that treated either with LPS only or with AD drugs. The findings indicated that the survival rate increased from 10% to 70% in desipramine and prednisolone-treated mice and, 50% in fluoxetine-treated mice.

The authors also treated an isolated human monocyte with LPS. Monocytes constituted the main source of the pro-inflammatory cytokine TNF- $\alpha$  in the blood cells. After the administration of desipramine and fluoxetine TNF- $\alpha$  levels were found to be decreased (figure 2.22) (8) indicating the anti-inflammatory activity of These antidepressant drugs.

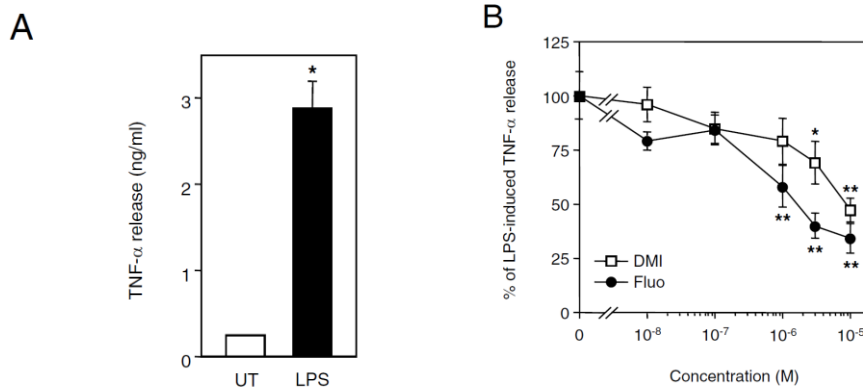
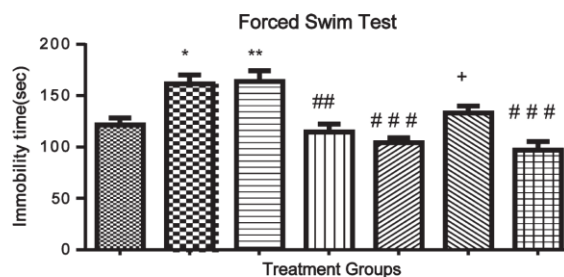


Figure 2.22. The anti-inflammatory effect of desipramine and fluoxetine in human cell (taken from Roumestan C et al.) (8)

### 2.3.6. Anti-inflammatory drugs with antidepressants activity

In another study mice were treated with interferon  $\alpha$ -2b which is considered as an inflammatory mediating cytokine that is responsible for enhancing depressive symptoms. After being treated with interferon  $\alpha$ -2b, the rats were treated with aspirin plus amitriptyline and dexamethasone plus amitriptyline for 21 days in which the antidepressant amitriptyline is considered as the reference drug. After the treatment with aspirin and dexamethasone the authors investigated the antidepressant activity of these drugs *via* the forced swimming test and also by measuring serotonin levels and serum cortisol. The authors did not find any good results with dexamethasone but they found that there is a significant decrease in the immobility time. Serotonin levels were also significantly increased and serum cortisol were decreased after aspirin treatment (figures 2.23, 2.24) (7).



Immobility time on day 18 of treatment of interferon- $\alpha$ -2b as observed in forced swim test. Bar diagram represents total immobility time out of 300 seconds swim test. Results are represented as mean + SEM with n=6 rats in each group, ## $P$ <.01, ### $P$ <.001 when compared with the interferon- $\alpha$ -2b treated group. \* $P$ <.05, \*\* $P$ <.001 when compared with the normal group. + $P$ <.05 when compared with the interferon- $\alpha$ -2b + amitriptyline + aspirin treated group. (▨) Normal; (▩) interferon- $\alpha$ -2b (IF- $\alpha$ ); (▧) IF- $\alpha$  + dexamethasone; (▥) IF- $\alpha$  + aspirin; (▦) IF- $\alpha$  + amitriptyline; (▨) IF- $\alpha$  + ami + dexa; (▩) IF- $\alpha$  + ami + aspirin

Figure 2.23. Forced swimming test results for aspirin, (adapted from Bhatt S et al) (7).

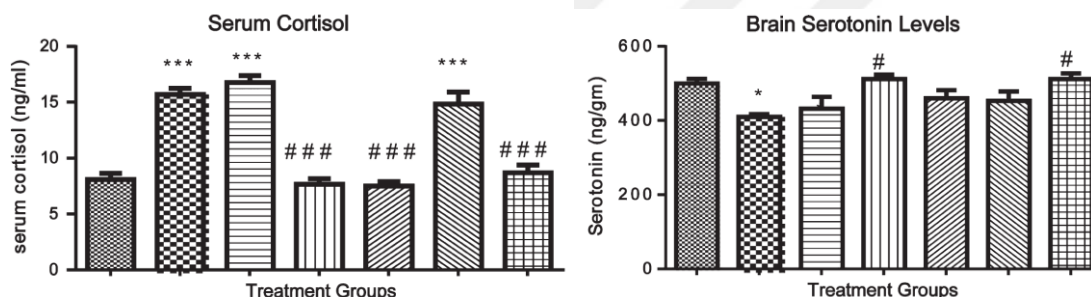


Figure 2. 24 Serotonin and serum cortisol after the administration of aspirin, (adapted from Bhatt S et al) (7)

Other studies also mentioned that other antidepressant drugs such as amitriptyline, imipramine, clomipramine and trazodone were found to possess anti-inflammatory activity (129). Also the anti-inflammatory drug celecoxib was found to be a potent adjunctive antidepressants (130).

Önen et al, recently investigated the similarity of the clinically used antidepressant and anti-inflammatory drugs (9). We will investigate in this study the similarity of the drugs that were recently described for their antidepressant and anti-inflammatory activities and the following part will introduce the methods that can be used for measuring structure similarities *in silico*.

### 3. MATERIALS AND METHOD

#### 3.1. Listing the anti-inflammatory and antidepressant structures

We aimed to analyze the structures of molecules that are described for their antidepressants and anti-inflammatory activity. In our study, we first searched the literature using from Clarivates Analytics database (Web of Science) for structures described for their anti-inflammatory and anti-depressant activity. Our search comprised the 2008-2017 period and we analyzed the articles for each activity. Then for each relevant study, we determined the most potent structures and constituted thus our database of antidepressant and anti-inflammatory structures.

#### 3.2. Qualitative similarity analysis

The similarity between antidepressant and anti-inflammatory structures was first examined manually and similar structures were gathered in a table. Similar compounds were classified according to their heterocyclic groups.

#### 3.3. Quantitative similarity measures

To determine the similarity of our structures of interest that we obtained from the manual search, first for each compound the SMILES format was obtained using the Marvin Sketch software and the Molecular ACCess System (MACCS) and PubChem fingerprints were calculated using the Padel software as advised in studies that deal with structure similarity searches (131).

The similarity between each pair of molecule anti-inflammatory/anti-inflammatory, anti-inflammatory/antidepressant or antidepressant /antidepressant was determined by calculating the Tanimoto and cosine coefficient and data obtained for the anti-inflammatory/antidepressant pairs have been represented in a table.

In order to investigate the molecular similarity of the molecules *in silico*, specific similarity measures can be applied and these measures determine the efficacy of the similarity search. There are 3 similarity measures, the molecular representations, the weighting scheme, and the similarity coefficient.

The molecular representations can be described as chemical fingerprints or descriptors that consist of small fragments that aim to convert the chemical structure to a readable format. There are 3 types of fingerprints, 1D, 2D and 3D fingerprints.

Concerning the similarity search, 2D fingerprints have been shown to be the most reliable format. These studies showed that molecules that have similar 2D fingerprints can bind to a similar protein target and, drugs with similar 2D fingerprints can act on the same biological target. 2D fingerprints consist of substructural descriptors or fragments that differentiate the molecules according to the presence of a specific substructural features like bonds and atoms (132, 133).

The fingerprints that we used in our research are the MACCS and PubChem 2D fingerprints. These fingerprints are represented by a sequence of a bit binary values (1-0) in which 1 represents the presence of a fingerprint fragment in a molecule and 0 the absence of this fragment.

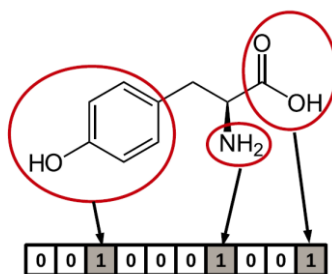


Figure 2.25. Representation of fingerprints, (adapted from Cereto-Massagué et al) (134).

MACCS fingerprint consists of 2 different forms 960 bit and 166 based on SMARTS pattern. SMARTS is a language that characterize the structures by using SMILES supplements. 166 bit is the most used form of MACCS because its shortness allows its easy process by many softwares and it possesses most of the needed chemical features. Examples of fragment information for MACCS fingerprints are given below in (table 2.1) (134, 135).

Table 2.1. MACCS 166 atom symbols (136)

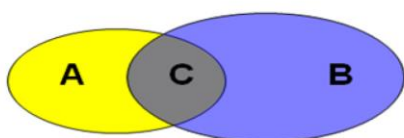
Atom type	
A	Any periodic table element
Q	Hetero atoms
X	Halogens F, Cl, Br, I
Z	Others; other than H, C, N, O, Si, P, S, F, Cl, Br, I
Bond type	
-	Single
=	Double
T	Triple
#	Triple
~	Single or double query bond
%	An aromatic query bond
key descriptors	
21	C=C(Q)Q
50	C=C(C)C
60	S=O
162	Aromatic

PubChem fingerprint is used by PubChem for similarity searching and similarity neighboring. It consists of 881 fundamental structures that makes it more comprehensive than the MACCS fingerprint. Each substructural fragment represents the presence of different substructural features such as atom and ring type and atom pairing. PubChem fingerprints consist of 7 sections, Hierarchic Element Counts which counts the atoms, chemical rings which counts the presence of a chemical ring systems, atom pairs that counts the bonded atom pairs, nearest neighbor of the atom counts the atom nearest neighbor, detailed atom neighborhood which investigates the presence of neighboring pattern like single and double bond, simple SMARTS pattern and complex SMARTS pattern. Some examples are given below (134, 137).

Table 2.2. PubChem fingerprint

Bit position	Bit substructure
Hierarchic Element Counts	
0	$\geq 4$ H
10	$\geq 4$ C
16	4 N
18	$\geq 1$ O
chemical rings	
115	$\geq 1$ any ring size 3
129	$\geq 1$ any ring size 4
142	$\geq 2$ unsaturated non-aromatic heteroatom-containing ring size 4
262	$\geq 4$ hetero-aromatic rings
atom pairs	
263	Li-H
285	C-N
299	N-H
309	O-O
nearest neighbor	
327	<chem>C(~Br)(~C)</chem>
359	<chem>C(~C)(:N)(:N)</chem>
378	<chem>C(~N)(:C)(:N)</chem>
402	<chem>N (~O) (: O)</chem>
detailed atom neighborhood	
416	<chem>C=C</chem>
429	<chem>C(#N)(-C)</chem>
452	<chem>C(-O)(=O)</chem>
simple SMARTS pattern	
460	<chem>C-C-C#C</chem>
506	<chem>C-C:N:C</chem>
553	<chem>O=C-C=C</chem>
621	<chem>N-C:C:C:N</chem>
Complex SMARTS pattern	
713	<chem>Cc1ccc(C)cc1</chem>
775	<chem>Br1c(Br)cccc1</chem>
867	<chem>OC1C(S)CCC1</chem>
880	<chem>BrC1C(Br)CCC1</chem>

The weighting scheme defines the degree of importance of the components of a given structure while the similarity coefficient measures the similarity between the fingerprints. The most frequently used coefficients to compare the similarity of structures are the Tanimoto and cosine coefficients. To calculate these coefficients, let us assume that there are 2 molecules for which the similarity value would be calculated. A represents the number of bits that are unique to the first molecule, B the number of bits that are unique for the second molecule and C shows the number of bits the common to both A and B (132, 133).



According to these variables the Tanimoto coefficient can be calculated as follows (133):

$$\frac{c}{a+b-c}$$

And the cosine coefficient is (133):

$$\frac{c}{\sqrt{ab}}$$

To determine the similarity of our structures of interest *in silico*, first for each compound the SMILES format was obtained and the MACCS and PubChem fingerprints were calculated using the Padel software as advised in studies that deal with structure similarity searches (131) and their similarity were compared calculating the corresponding Tanimoto and cosine coefficient.

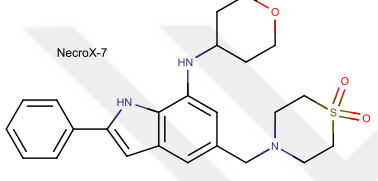
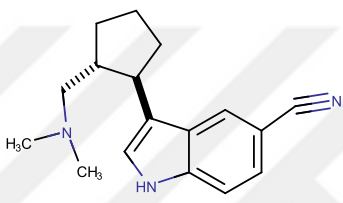
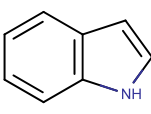
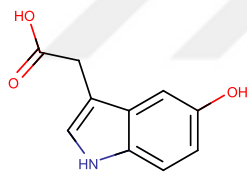
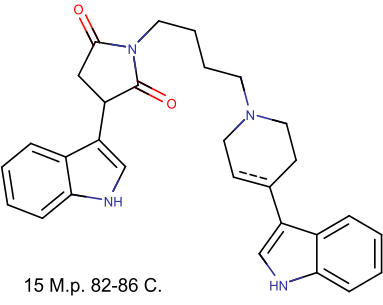
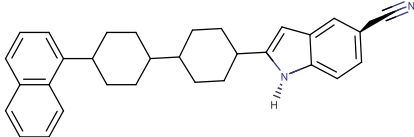


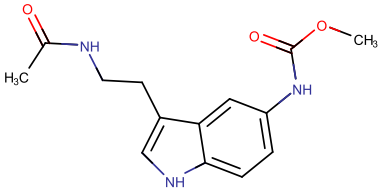
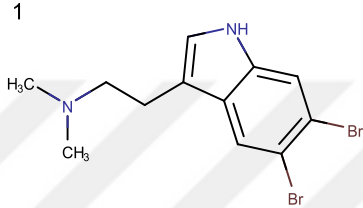
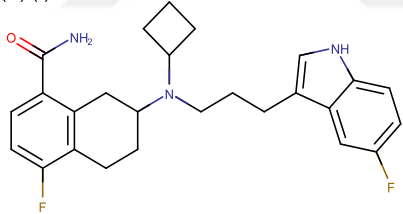
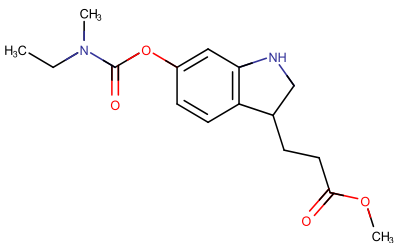
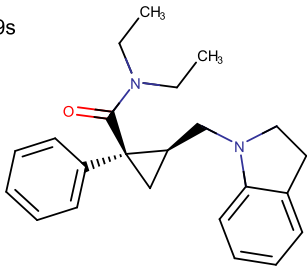
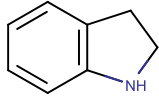
## 4. RESULTS

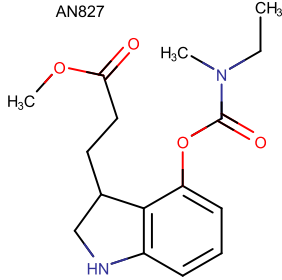
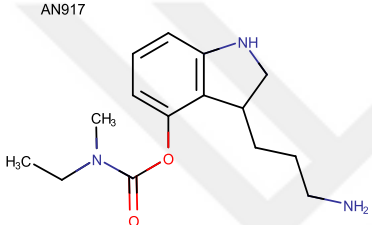
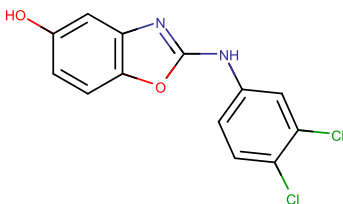
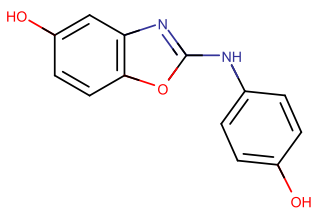
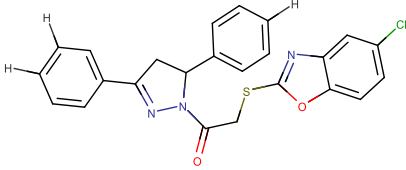
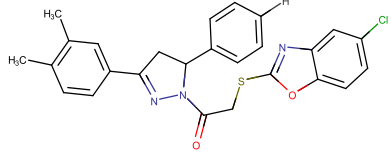
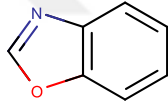
### 4.1. Qualitative similarity search

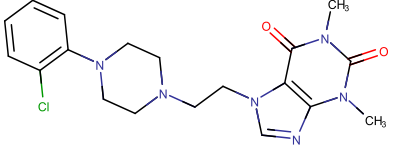
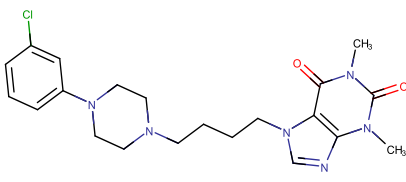
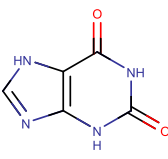
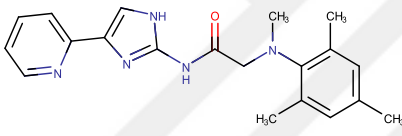
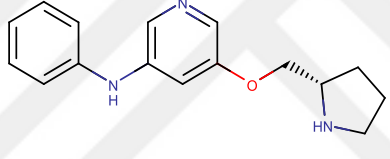
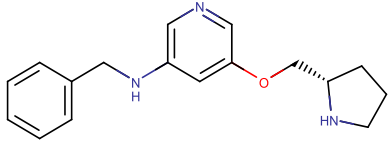
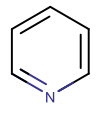
The manual search performed on the anti-inflammatory and antidepressant derivatives we collected from the literature was achieved by analyzing the nature of the heterocycles present in the structures of the database. Results are given in table 4.1.

Table 4.1. Antidepressants and anti-inflammatory derivatives

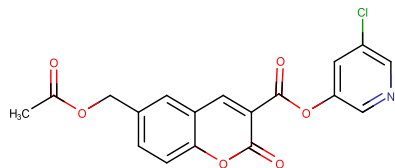
Anti-inflammatory	Antidepressants	
<p>AI1 4-({7-[(oxan-4-yl)amino]-2-phenyl-1H-indol-5-yl} methyl)-1lambda6-thiomorpholine-1,1-dione</p> <p>NecroX-7</p>  <p>(138)</p>	<p>AD1 1-{2[(dimethylamino)methyl]cyclopentyl}-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile (+)-10b</p>  <p>(140)</p>	 <p>indole</p>
<p>AI2 serotonin derivative , 5-hydroxyindole-3-acetic acid (5-HIAA)</p>  <p>(139)</p>	<p>AD2 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-{4-[4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridin-1-yl]butyl} pyrrolidine-2,5-dione</p>  <p>15 M.p. 82-86 C.</p> <p>(141)</p>	
	<p>AD3 2-[4'-(naphthalen-1-yl)-[1,1'-bi(cyclohexane)]-4-yl]-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile trans-20</p>  <p>(142)</p>	

	<p>AD4 methyl N-[3-(2-acetamidoethyl)-1H-indol-5-yl]carbamate</p> <p>5-MCA-NAT</p>  <p>(143)</p> <p>AD5 [2-(5,6-dibromo-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]dimethylamine</p> <p>1</p>  <p>(144)</p> <p>AD6 7-{cyclobutyl[3-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)propyl]amino}-4-fluoro-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene-1-carboxamide</p> <p>(R)-(-)-34c</p>  <p>(145)</p>	
<p>AI3 methyl 3-(6- {[ethyl(methyl)carbamoyl]oxy}-2,3- dihydro-1H-indol-3-yl)propanoate</p> <p>AN680</p> 	<p>AD7 (1R,2S)-2-[(2,3-dihydro-1H-indol-1-yl)methyl]-N,N-diethyl-1-phenylcyclopropane-1-carboxamide</p> <p>9s</p>  <p>(147)</p>	 <p>indoline</p>

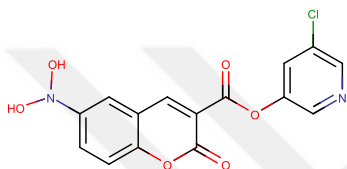
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<p>AI6 2-[(3,4-dichlorophenyl)amino]-1,3- benzoxazol-5-ol</p> <p>DCPAB</p>  <p>AI7 2-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)amino]-1,3- benzoxazol-5-ol</p> <p>HPAB</p>  <p>(148)</p>	<p>AD8 2-[(5-chloro-1,3-benzoxazol-2- yl)sulfanyl]-1-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5- dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethan-1-one</p> <p>4a</p>  <p>AD9 2-[(5-chloro-1,3-benzoxazol-2- yl)sulfanyl]-1-[3-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)- 5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1- yl]ethan-1-one</p> <p>4b</p>  <p>(149)</p>	 <p>benzoxazol</p>

<p>AI8 7-{2-[4-(2-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione</p>  <p>(150)</p>	<p>AD10 7-{4-[4-(3-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione</p> <p>9</p>  <p>(151)</p>	 <p>xanthine</p>
<p>AI9 2-[methyl(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-N-[4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]acetamide</p>  <p>(152)</p>	<p>AD12 N-phenyl-5-[[2-(2S)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy]pyridin-3-amine</p> <p>64</p>  <p>HCl</p> <p>AD13 N-benzyl-5-[[2-(2S)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]methoxy]pyridin-3-amine</p> <p>65</p>  <p>HCl</p> <p>(153)</p>	 <p>pyridine</p>

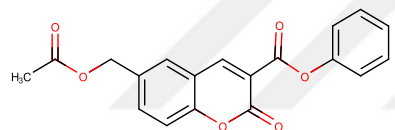
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[(acetyloxy)methyl]-2-oxo-  
2H-chromene-3-carboxylate



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(dihydroxyamino)-2-oxo-2H-  
chromene-3-carboxylate

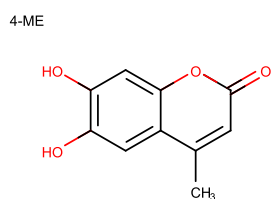


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2H-chromene-3-carboxylate



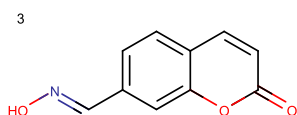
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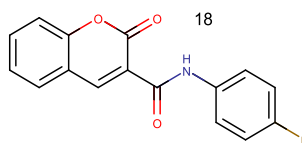


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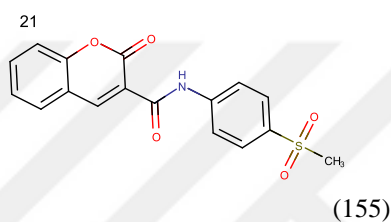
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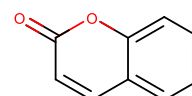
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chromene-3-carboxamide



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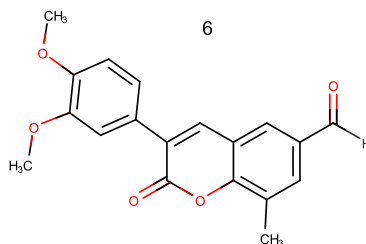


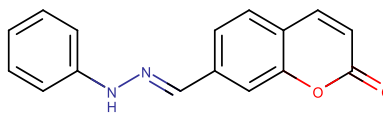
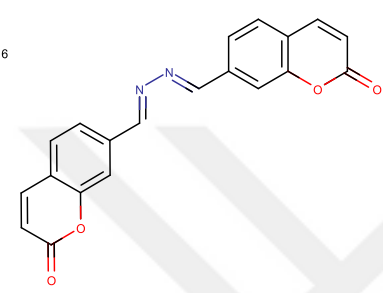
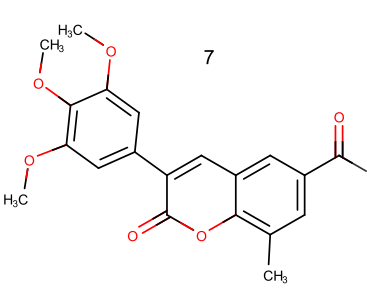
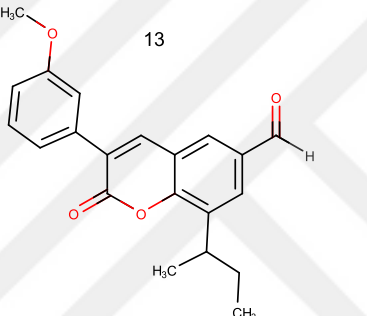
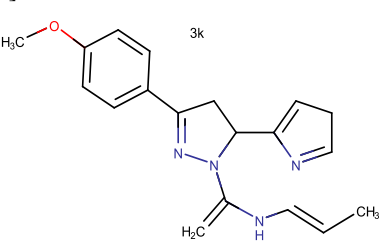
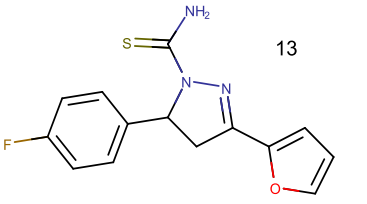
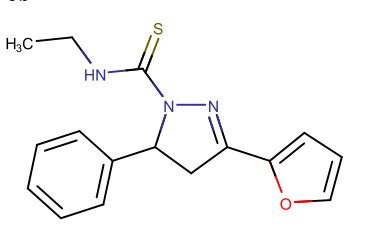
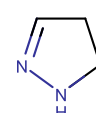
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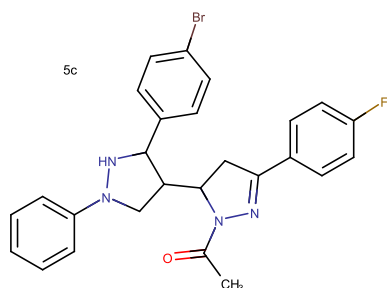
coumarin

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3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-8-methyl-2-  
oxo-2H-chromene-6-carbaldehyde

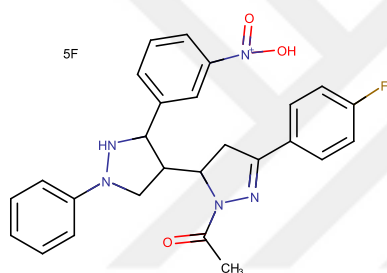


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<p>AI21 {1-[3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(3H-pyrrol-5-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethenyl}[(1E)-prop-1-en-1-yl]amine</p> <p>3k</p>  <p>(159)</p>	<p>AD19 5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(furan-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-1-carbothioamide</p> <p>13</p>  <p>(161)</p> <p>AD20 N-ethyl-3-(furan-2-yl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-1-carbothioamide</p> <p>6b</p>  <p>(162)</p>	 <p>4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (pyrazoline)</p>

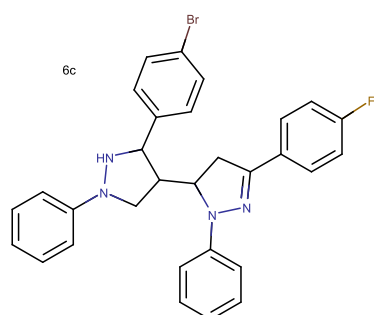
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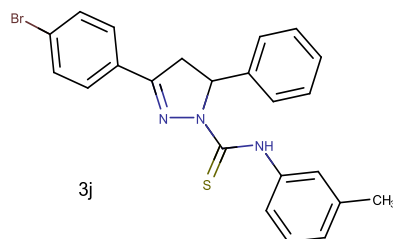
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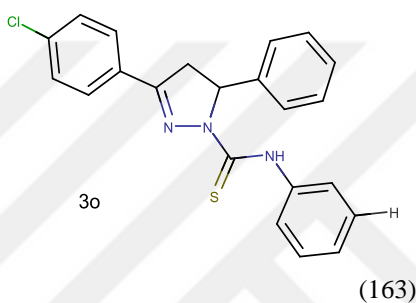
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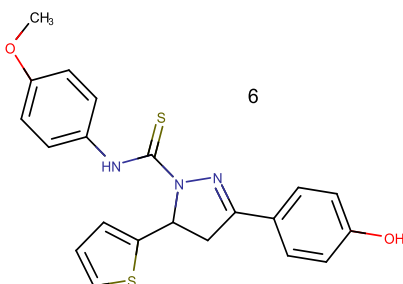
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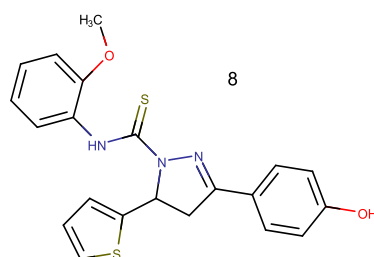
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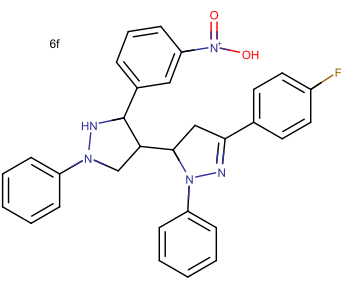
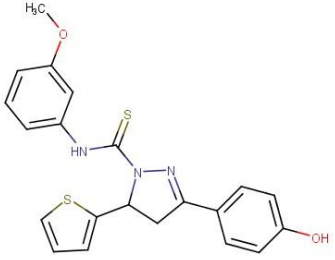
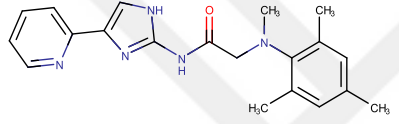
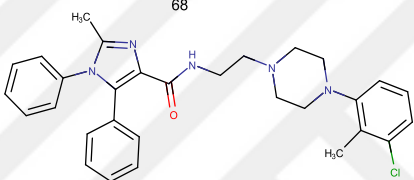
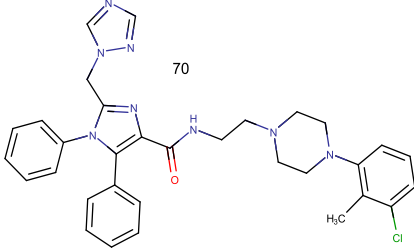
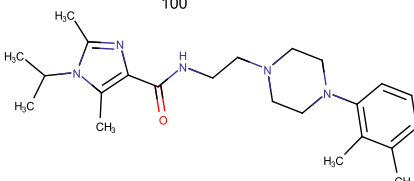



AD23  
3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-1-carbothioamide



AD24  
3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-N-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-1-carbothioamide



<p>AI20 3-{4-[1-acetyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-1-phenylpyrazolidin-3-yl}-N-hydroxy-N-oxoanilinium</p>  <p>(160)</p>	<p>AD25 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-N-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole-1-carbothioamide</p>  <p>(164)</p>	
<p>AI9 2-[methyl(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amino]-N-[4-(pyridin-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]acetamide</p>  <p>(152)</p>	<p>AD26 N-{2-[4-(3-chloro-2-methylphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-2-methyl-1,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole-4-carboxamide</p>  <p>68</p> <p>AD27 N-{2-[4-(3-chloro-2-methylphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-1,5-diphenyl-2-[(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methyl]-1H-imidazole-4-carboxamide</p>  <p>70</p> <p>AD28 N-{2-[4-(2,3-dimethylphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-2,5-dimethyl-1-(propan-2-yl)-1H-imidazole-4-carboxamide</p>  <p>100</p> <p>(165)</p>	 <p>imidazol</p>



Similar structures were sorted into 8 groups according to the heterocycles they presented. Indeed, similar structures were found to comprise either an indole, indoline benzoxazole, xanthine, pyridine, coumarin, pyrazoline or imidazole cycle. The total number of the compounds are 49 in which there are 28 antidepressant (AD) compounds and 21 anti-inflammatory (AI) compounds. The indole family consists of 6 AD compounds and 2 AI compounds. In these compounds we cannot observe high similarity between them, but there are some common intersections. Most of the compounds have the indole ring substituted at their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> positions such as in AD1, AD3, AD4 and AI2. Also the indole ring in the compounds AD1 and AD3 is substituted with carbonitrile in position 3. The indole ring in compounds AD5 and AD6 is substituted in position 3 with an alkyl amine and in position 5 with a halogen.

The compounds in the indoline group are also not highly similar but we can notice that the indoline ring is substituted in position 3 in all the compounds and the compounds AI3, AI4 and AI5 are all containing carbamate group.

The benzoxazole ring of the compounds in the benzoxazole family are all substituted in position 2 and the structures of the compounds AI6 and AI7 are very similar, also the compounds AD8 and AD9 are very similar to each other yet no significant similarity is observed between the ADs and AIs.

In the xanthine family AD10 and AI8 are highly similar to each other with only a slightly change in the chloride position from *m*-chlorophenylpiperazine to *o*-chlorophenylpiperazine and the nature of the linker which is 4-carbon-long in the AD while 2-carbon-long in the AI.

In the pyridine family we can say that the compounds AD12 and AD13 are very similar to each other. Compound AI9 is similar to AD12 and AD13 by the presence of the pyridine and the benzene rings.

In the coumarin family there is also no specific similarity but we can notice that the coumarin ring is substituted at position 3 or /and 6 in most of the compounds such as the compounds AI 10, 11, 12, 13, and AD 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. In compounds AI10, AI11 and AI12 we also can see that they are all containing the ester group and in addition to this, the compounds AI10 and AI11 both comprise a chloropyridine. AI15 and AI 16 are also containing a hydrazine group. AD14 and AD15 are both substituted in position 3

with phenyl carboxamide. The compounds AD16, AD17 and AD18 are very similar to each other.

In the pyrazoline family we can observe some similarities between the structures of the AI and AD compounds especially in the compounds AI17, AI19, AI18 AI20, AI21, and AD19 that all containing 4-florophenyl substituted in the pyrazoline ring in positions 3 and 4. Also the 4-bromophenyl group is present in AI17, AI18 and AD21.

In the imidazole family the imidazole ring is substituted with a carboxamide group in all the compounds. We can notice also that the compounds AD26, AD27 and AD28 are very similar to each other.

To conclude, the analysis reveals the similarity between three family of compounds that are the xanthine derivatives (AD10 and AI8), the coumarin derivatives (AI12 and AD16-17) and the pyrazoline derivatives (AD21 and AI 17-21).

#### **4.2. Quantitative similarity search**

We applied the similarity measures using MACCS, PubChem fingerprints and we calculated the similarity of each fingerprint by Tanimoto and Cosine coefficients (tables 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5).

In Tanimoto and cosine coefficients the results would be in the range between 0 and 1, 0 means there is no similarity between the structures and 1 means they are 100% similar. So the more the results are near 1 the more the structures are similar.

Table 4.2. MACCS-Cosine

Proximity Matrix																					
Cosine of Vectors of Values																					
	29:A1	30:A2	31:A3	32:A4	33:A5	34:A6	35:A7	36:A8	37:A9	38:A10	39:A11	40:A12	41:A13	42:A14	43:A15	44:A16	45:A17	46:A18	47:A19	48:A20	49:A21
1:AD1	0.627	0.551	0.711	0.711	0.723	0.455	0.471	0.680	0.695	0.410	0.347	0.360	0.269	0.261	0.390	0.309	0.603	0.561	0.611	0.567	0.556
2:AD2	0.732	0.640	0.697	0.697	0.726	0.582	0.602	0.789	0.721	0.602	0.541	0.567	0.497	0.437	0.538	0.522	0.638	0.627	0.597	0.590	0.566
3:AD3	0.634	0.660	0.588	0.588	0.621	0.521	0.539	0.601	0.562	0.417	0.398	0.354	0.308	0.329	0.447	0.383	0.598	0.557	0.650	0.604	0.539
4:AD4	0.651	0.706	0.819	0.819	0.815	0.602	0.643	0.703	0.739	0.542	0.487	0.522	0.426	0.391	0.495	0.431	0.656	0.660	0.577	0.572	0.566
5:AD5	0.601	0.569	0.683	0.683	0.695	0.517	0.465	0.692	0.667	0.495	0.404	0.381	0.265	0.258	0.386	0.305	0.635	0.573	0.669	0.601	0.529
6:AD6	0.656	0.609	0.628	0.628	0.714	0.617	0.572	0.746	0.688	0.489	0.459	0.385	0.327	0.317	0.456	0.361	0.733	0.683	0.694	0.663	0.500
7:AD7	0.631	0.514	0.733	0.733	0.765	0.511	0.529	0.779	0.719	0.467	0.399	0.452	0.341	0.331	0.453	0.377	0.687	0.640	0.618	0.594	0.523
8:AD8	0.622	0.528	0.517	0.517	0.542	0.672	0.615	0.738	0.673	0.557	0.586	0.412	0.340	0.440	0.597	0.542	0.763	0.726	0.700	0.684	0.614
9:AD9	0.612	0.519	0.541	0.541	0.567	0.661	0.605	0.758	0.695	0.566	0.577	0.427	0.357	0.433	0.587	0.533	0.767	0.730	0.688	0.672	0.639
10:AD10	0.678	0.511	0.678	0.678	0.705	0.706	0.653	1.000	0.784	0.613	0.567	0.483	0.395	0.362	0.498	0.462	0.705	0.688	0.624	0.612	0.594
11:AD11	0.667	0.578	0.790	0.790	0.742	0.630	0.670	0.867	0.755	0.647	0.582	0.613	0.537	0.481	0.544	0.554	0.618	0.619	0.537	0.530	0.658
12:AD12	0.770	0.704	0.681	0.681	0.766	0.681	0.705	0.706	0.705	0.578	0.538	0.513	0.439	0.426	0.576	0.490	0.675	0.628	0.673	0.644	0.660
13:AD13	0.770	0.704	0.681	0.681	0.766	0.681	0.705	0.706	0.705	0.578	0.538	0.513	0.439	0.426	0.576	0.490	0.675	0.628	0.673	0.644	0.660
14:AD14	0.510	0.594	0.566	0.566	0.536	0.720	0.698	0.615	0.485	0.720	0.747	0.686	0.664	0.644	0.747	0.686	0.536	0.555	0.453	0.461	0.465
15:AD15	0.659	0.533	0.555	0.555	0.513	0.561	0.601	0.529	0.470	0.620	0.678	0.657	0.640	0.599	0.685	0.635	0.479	0.510	0.390	0.414	0.492
16:AD16	0.424	0.576	0.563	0.563	0.484	0.474	0.516	0.469	0.403	0.748	0.627	0.845	0.853	0.686	0.615	0.732	0.308	0.348	0.263	0.289	0.492
17:AD17	0.418	0.568	0.555	0.555	0.477	0.467	0.508	0.483	0.397	0.762	0.640	0.861	0.870	0.676	0.606	0.722	0.304	0.344	0.259	0.284	0.485
18:AD18	0.427	0.579	0.623	0.623	0.549	0.454	0.495	0.470	0.430	0.741	0.602	0.838	0.791	0.658	0.590	0.703	0.338	0.374	0.298	0.320	0.495
19:AD19	0.592	0.505	0.453	0.453	0.497	0.626	0.582	0.606	0.618	0.438	0.524	0.306	0.271	0.382	0.581	0.495	0.755	0.703	0.760	0.724	0.706
20:AD20	0.636	0.500	0.566	0.566	0.583	0.557	0.577	0.617	0.686	0.434	0.464	0.373	0.293	0.379	0.576	0.490	0.747	0.696	0.733	0.699	0.718
21:AD21	0.593	0.473	0.448	0.448	0.475	0.581	0.534	0.625	0.638	0.409	0.502	0.292	0.254	0.345	0.577	0.462	0.779	0.708	0.825	0.747	0.708
22:AD22	0.599	0.478	0.434	0.434	0.461	0.609	0.540	0.632	0.625	0.413	0.527	0.270	0.231	0.349	0.583	0.467	0.749	0.697	0.813	0.755	0.695
23:AD23	0.661	0.656	0.570	0.570	0.614	0.676	0.699	0.612	0.643	0.477	0.554	0.449	0.469	0.524	0.682	0.584	0.667	0.638	0.686	0.673	0.804
24:AD24	0.655	0.650	0.565	0.565	0.609	0.690	0.713	0.623	0.655	0.493	0.566	0.445	0.465	0.520	0.676	0.579	0.678	0.648	0.680	0.667	0.797
25:AD25	0.671	0.650	0.582	0.582	0.626	0.690	0.713	0.623	0.655	0.473	0.549	0.445	0.465	0.520	0.676	0.579	0.678	0.648	0.680	0.667	0.797
26:AD26	0.669	0.507	0.650	0.650	0.695	0.633	0.576	0.886	0.845	0.518	0.483	0.369	0.295	0.286	0.453	0.369	0.797	0.742	0.700	0.667	0.614
27:AD27	0.683	0.494	0.618	0.618	0.661	0.618	0.562	0.848	0.807	0.506	0.521	0.360	0.287	0.322	0.522	0.423	0.843	0.785	0.754	0.717	0.652
28:AD28	0.681	0.516	0.678	0.678	0.707	0.566	0.586	0.834	0.877	0.449	0.421	0.375	0.300	0.291	0.461	0.375	0.759	0.707	0.656	0.626	0.625

Table 4.3. PubChem-cosine

Proximity Matrix																					
Cosine of Vectors of Values																					
	29:A1	30:A2	31:A3	32:A4	33:A5	34:A6	35:A7	36:A8	37:A9	38:A10	39:A11	40:A12	41:A13	42:A14	43:A15	44:A16	45:A17	46:A18	47:A19	48:A20	49:A21
1:AD1	0.815	0.789	0.663	0.661	0.681	0.567	0.589	0.653	0.845	0.641	0.632	0.434	0.390	0.483	0.587	0.494	0.716	0.716	0.732	0.729	0.643
2:AD2	0.782	0.828	0.709	0.706	0.683	0.614	0.638	0.710	0.828	0.646	0.655	0.465	0.415	0.511	0.615	0.533	0.762	0.769	0.726	0.737	0.635
3:AD3	0.820	0.729	0.632	0.630	0.648	0.587	0.610	0.615	0.778	0.593	0.591	0.456	0.396	0.474	0.596	0.509	0.712	0.712	0.743	0.740	0.587
4:AD4	0.817	0.828	0.720	0.718	0.733	0.617	0.642	0.696	0.840	0.675	0.690	0.482	0.452	0.546	0.634	0.547	0.747	0.768	0.701	0.727	0.655
5:AD5	0.758	0.772	0.627	0.625	0.651	0.553	0.575	0.624	0.788	0.607	0.617	0.398	0.385	0.469	0.566	0.472	0.747	0.671	0.765	0.684	0.606
6:AD6	0.799	0.809	0.677	0.675	0.651	0.624	0.649	0.673	0.821	0.652	0.655	0.482	0.411	0.513	0.616	0.536	0.742	0.749	0.720	0.730	0.610
7:AD7	0.681	0.694	0.782	0.780	0.750	0.553	0.575	0.654	0.700	0.582	0.588	0.530	0.480	0.524	0.624	0.544	0.781	0.781	0.727	0.732	0.590
8:AD8	0.687	0.702	0.711	0.709	0.703	0.805	0.780	0.662	0.630	0.749	0.754	0.590	0.534	0.619	0.702	0.642	0.675	0.681	0.637	0.646	0.699
9:AD9	0.685	0.694	0.709	0.707	0.701	0.790	0.765	0.654	0.634	0.750	0.740	0.598	0.530	0.620	0.700	0.642	0.668	0.674	0.624	0.634	0.692
10:AD10	0.654	0.603	0.572	0.571	0.574	0.688	0.651	0.985	0.818	0.625	0.634	0.415	0.374	0.446	0.532	0.464	0.639	0.646	0.592	0.604	0.550
11:AD11	0.591	0.560	0.563	0.561	0.550	0.576	0.599	0.816	0.741	0.583	0.569	0.427	0.377	0.437	0.487	0.463	0.563	0.570	0.512	0.524	0.552
12:AD12	0.713	0.744	0.720	0.724	0.740	0.713	0.747	0.646	0.717	0.793	0.794	0.583	0.535	0.645	0.725	0.650	0.621	0.621	0.620	0.625	0.727
13:AD13	0.740	0.770	0.748	0.752	0.769	0.698	0.731	0.632	0.744	0.816	0.817	0.621	0.573	0.682	0.755	0.686	0.653	0.653	0.654	0.659	0.758
14:AD14	0.618	0.693	0.817	0.828	0.833	0.667	0.693	0.567	0.596	0.771	0.779	0.807	0.713	0.771	0.853	0.783	0.667	0.674	0.631	0.643	0.686
15:AD15	0.648	0.657	0.787	0.797	0.797	0.633	0.657	0.544	0.572	0.743	0.745	0.780	0.690	0.731	0.809	0.749	0.619	0.625	0.577	0.589	0.657
16:AD16	0.472	0.581	0.701	0.698	0.648	0.527	0.548	0.399	0.430	0.715	0.623	0.899	0.847	0.791	0.739	0.810	0.461	0.468	0.431	0.444	0.637
17:AD17	0.458	0.566	0.684	0.682	0.632	0.513	0.533	0.387	0.417	0.704	0.614	0.886	0.872	0.772	0.721	0.791	0.447	0.454	0.418	0.431	0.621
18:AD18	0.479	0.596	0.725	0.723	0.672	0.535	0.556	0.405	0.437	0.725	0.633	0.913	0.828	0.803	0.750	0.823	0.475	0.482	0.445	0.459	0.647
19:AD19	0.589	0.680	0.716	0.720	0.696	0.648	0.679	0.497	0.556	0.671	0.650	0.674	0.623	0.721	0.747	0.725	0.643	0.643	0.629	0.634	0.804
20:AD20	0.613	0.689	0.745	0.748	0.720	0.656	0.688	0.516	0.593	0.674	0.642	0.680	0.622	0.712	0.751	0.723	0.648	0.648	0.628	0.633	0.834
21:AD21	0.720	0.624	0.637	0.635	0.653	0.555	0.577	0.613	0.704	0.540	0.558	0.457	0.411	0.491	0.643	0.526	0.856	0.790	0.876	0.806	0.701
22:AD22	0.714	0.632	0.637	0.635	0.653	0.617	0.584	0.675	0.705	0.598	0.609	0.454	0.408	0.497	0.650	0.532	0.777	0.777	0.803	0.800	0.702
23:AD23	0.691	0.714	0.752	0.744	0.761	0.663	0.706	0.551	0.630	0.654	0.650	0.620	0.607	0.644	0.741	0.655	0.687	0.693	0.684	0.694	0.828
24:AD24	0.685	0.691	0.746	0.731	0.748	0.689	0.716	0.546	0.625	0.665	0.650	0.615	0.602								

Table 4.4. MACCS-Tanimoto

	29:A11	30:A12	31:A13	32:A14	33:A15	34:A16	35:A17	36:A18	37:A19	38:A110	39:A111	40:A112	41:A113	42:A114	43:A115	44:A116	45:A117	46:A118	47:A119	48:A120	49:A121
1:AD1	0.4359	0.3793	0.5373	0.5373	0.5538	0.2941	0.3077	0.5	0.5231	0.2571	0.2073	0.2187	0.1538	0.1493	0.2424	0.1818	0.4225	0.375	0.4375	0.3889	0.3824
2:AD2	0.5696	0.4603	0.5333	0.5333	0.5694	0.4085	0.4265	0.6479	0.5634	0.4286	0.3704	0.3846	0.3182	0.2714	0.3623	0.3433	0.4675	0.4524	0.4247	0.4177	0.3947
3:AD3	0.4167	0.4894	0.3881	0.3881	0.4219	0.3448	0.3636	0.3971	0.3692	0.2581	0.2361	0.2143	0.1818	0.1964	0.2857	0.2364	0.4	0.3514	0.4643	0.4062	0.3548
4:AD4	0.4762	0.5333	0.6912	0.6912	0.6866	0.4286	0.4697	0.5395	0.5857	0.3699	0.3214	0.3433	0.2609	0.2361	0.3239	0.2676	0.4868	0.4878	0.4054	0.4	0.3947
5:AD5	0.4125	0.3966	0.5072	0.5072	0.5224	0.3485	0.303	0.5143	0.4925	0.3284	0.25	0.2344	0.1515	0.1471	0.2388	0.1791	0.4571	0.3875	0.5	0.4225	0.3571
6:AD6	0.475	0.4333	0.4533	0.4533	0.5507	0.4462	0.4	0.5857	0.5217	0.3239	0.2963	0.2353	0.1912	0.1857	0.2941	0.2174	0.5735	0.5065	0.5312	0.493	0.3333
7:AD7	0.443	0.3443	0.5672	0.5672	0.6094	0.3433	0.3594	0.6212	0.5538	0.3043	0.2469	0.2903	0.2031	0.197	0.2923	0.2308	0.5147	0.4545	0.4462	0.4167	0.3521
8:AD8	0.4494	0.3472	0.3483	0.3483	0.3721	0.5	0.4366	0.5844	0.5065	0.3816	0.4146	0.25	0.1948	0.2703	0.4143	0.3571	0.6164	0.5679	0.5352	0.5195	0.4416
9:AD9	0.4396	0.3378	0.3708	0.3708	0.3953	0.4861	0.4247	0.6104	0.5325	0.3896	0.4048	0.2597	0.2051	0.2632	0.4028	0.3472	0.6216	0.5732	0.5205	0.5063	0.4675
10:AD10	0.5114	0.3289	0.5122	0.5122	0.5443	0.5352	0.4722	1	0.6438	0.4342	0.3953	0.3026	0.2308	0.2099	0.3205	0.2857	0.5443	0.5233	0.4487	0.4405	0.4198
11:AD11	0.5	0.3797	0.65	0.65	0.5854	0.4444	0.4805	0.7632	0.6	0.4625	0.4066	0.4079	0.3333	0.2927	0.3537	0.3544	0.4444	0.4479	0.3596	0.3579	0.4819
12:AD12	0.6133	0.5345	0.5135	0.5135	0.6176	0.5156	0.541	0.5405	0.5429	0.4058	0.3671	0.3385	0.2727	0.2647	0.4	0.3182	0.5068	0.4512	0.5075	0.473	0.4928
13:AD13	0.6133	0.5345	0.5135	0.5135	0.6176	0.5156	0.541	0.5405	0.5429	0.4058	0.3671	0.3385	0.2727	0.2647	0.4	0.3182	0.5068	0.4512	0.5075	0.473	0.4928
14:AD14	0.3294	0.4211	0.3867	0.3867	0.36	0.5614	0.5357	0.4324	0.3158	0.5614	0.5873	0.5192	0.4902	0.4717	0.5962	0.5192	0.36	0.3704	0.2917	0.2949	0.3014
15:AD15	0.4884	0.3521	0.3837	0.3837	0.3448	0.3867	0.4225	0.3596	0.3068	0.4444	0.5132	0.4687	0.4444	0.4091	0.5077	0.4462	0.3146	0.3404	0.2414	0.2609	0.3253
16:AD16	0.25	0.4038	0.3714	0.3714	0.3056	0.3065	0.3448	0.2895	0.2432	0.5882	0.4375	0.7317	0.7436	0.5217	0.4423	0.5778	0.175	0.1977	0.1486	0.1625	0.3182
17:AD17	0.2471	0.3962	0.3662	0.3662	0.3014	0.3016	0.339	0.3026	0.24	0.6078	0.4531	0.7561	0.7692	0.5106	0.434	0.5652	0.1728	0.1954	0.1467	0.1605	0.3134
18:AD18	0.2558	0.4074	0.4348	0.4348	0.3662	0.2923	0.3279	0.2949	0.2667	0.5849	0.4179	0.7209	0.6512	0.4898	0.4182	0.5417	0.1975	0.2184	0.1733	0.1852	0.3235
19:AD19	0.4118	0.3333	0.2907	0.2907	0.3293	0.4545	0.4091	0.4304	0.4459	0.28	0.3544	0.1781	0.1528	0.2319	0.4062	0.3231	0.6029	0.5325	0.6129	0.5652	0.5455
20:AD20	0.4578	0.3284	0.3827	0.3827	0.4103	0.3857	0.403	0.443	0.5211	0.2763	0.3012	0.2254	0.1667	0.2286	0.4	0.3182	0.5942	0.5256	0.5781	0.5352	0.5606
21:AD21	0.4096	0.3077	0.2857	0.2857	0.3086	0.4091	0.3636	0.4474	0.4648	0.2568	0.3333	0.169	0.1429	0.2059	0.4032	0.2969	0.6308	0.5333	0.7018	0.5909	0.5469
22:AD22	0.4146	0.3125	0.2738	0.2738	0.2963	0.4375	0.3692	0.4533	0.4507	0.2603	0.3553	0.1549	0.1286	0.209	0.4098	0.3016	0.5909	0.52	0.6842	0.6	0.5312
23:AD23	0.4881	0.4762	0.3976	0.3976	0.443	0.5075	0.5312	0.439	0.4737	0.3117	0.3827	0.2817	0.2941	0.3433	0.5079	0.4	0.5	0.4643	0.5217	0.5067	0.6719
24:AD24	0.4824	0.4687	0.3929	0.3929	0.4375	0.5224	0.5469	0.4512	0.4868	0.3247	0.3951	0.2778	0.2899	0.3382	0.5	0.3939	0.5132	0.4762	0.5143	0.5	0.6615
25:AD25	0.5	0.4687	0.4096	0.4096	0.4557	0.5224	0.5469	0.4512	0.4868	0.3077	0.378	0.2778	0.2899	0.3382	0.5	0.3939	0.5132	0.4762	0.5143	0.5	0.6615
26:AD26	0.5	0.3288	0.4815	0.4815	0.5325	0.4583	0.3973	0.7941	0.7313	0.3462	0.3182	0.2179	0.1646	0.1605	0.2857	0.2179	0.662	0.5875	0.5352	0.5	0.4416
27:AD27	0.5172	0.3158	0.4471	0.4471	0.4938	0.44	0.3816	0.7361	0.6761	0.3333	0.3523	0.2099	0.1585	0.1829	0.3421	0.2564	0.7286	0.6456	0.6	0.5584	0.4805
28:AD28	0.5119	0.338	0.5128	0.5128	0.5467	0.3919	0.4085	0.7143	0.7812	0.2875	0.2667	0.2237	0.1688	0.1646	0.2933	0.2237	0.6111	0.5432	0.4861	0.4557	0.4533

Table 4.5. PubChem-Tanimoto

	29:A11	30:A12	31:A13	32:A14	33:A15	34:A16	35:A17	36:A18	37:A19	38:A110	39:A111	40:A112	41:A113	42:A114	43:A115	44:A116	45:A117	46:A118	47:A119	48:A120	49:A121
1:AD1	0.6851	0.6458	0.495	0.4925	0.5158	0.3871	0.412	0.4829	0.7288	0.4661	0.4558	0.2759	0.2419	0.3163	0.4158	0.3266	0.5574	0.5574	0.5771	0.5739	0.4737
2:AD2	0.6414	0.7056	0.5485	0.5459	0.5172	0.4387	0.4664	0.5502	0.7068	0.4764	0.4851	0.2977	0.2588	0.3365	0.4434	0.3589	0.6138	0.6223	0.5661	0.5798	0.4634
3:AD3	0.691	0.5678	0.4604	0.4581	0.4792	0.405	0.4317	0.4423	0.6324	0.4159	0.413	0.2944	0.2464	0.3093	0.4242	0.3402	0.5525	0.5525	0.5906	0.5872	0.4154
4:AD4	0.6885	0.7021	0.5619	0.559	0.5784	0.438	0.467	0.5323	0.7222	0.5046	0.5205	0.315	0.2905	0.3717	0.4646	0.3744	0.5967	0.6236	0.5385	0.5698	0.4869
5:AD5	0.6094	0.6244	0.4567	0.4545	0.4822	0.3755	0.3992	0.4528	0.6489	0.4323	0.4416	0.2464	0.2374	0.3035	0.3942	0.3073	0.5967	0.5052	0.6185	0.5189	0.4343
6:AD6	0.665	0.6782	0.5117	0.5093	0.481	0.4506	0.479	0.5069	0.6959	0.4829	0.4852	0.3116	0.2554	0.3381	0.4439	0.3602	0.5876	0.5959	0.5573	0.5707	0.436
7:AD7	0.5054	0.5156	0.631	0.6272	0.5939	0.3632	0.3881	0.4762	0.5272	0.3972	0.4009	0.3605	0.3152	0.3547	0.45	0.3736	0.6352	0.6352	0.5687	0.575	0.4167
8:AD8	0.5187	0.5388	0.5451	0.5427	0.5307	0.6736	0.6387	0.4898	0.4563	0.5975	0.6049	0.3974	0.3498	0.4241	0.5286	0.4509	0.4978	0.5043	0.4526	0.4632	0.5223
9:AD9	0.5142	0.5278	0.5397	0.5375	0.5256	0.652	0.6179	0.4802	0.4591	0.5976	0.5857	0.4017	0.344	0.4217	0.5236	0.4478	0.4874	0.4937	0.4375	0.4477	0.5108
10:AD10	0.4862	0.4316	0.4009	0.3991	0.4018	0.5188	0.4809	0.9695	0.6927	0.4534	0.4622	0.2579	0.2275	0.2824	0.3616	0.2982	0.4686	0.4757	0.4183	0.43	0.3779
11:AD11	0.4189	0.3872	0.3919	0.3901	0.3796	0.3992	0.4244	0.6882	0.5879	0.4093	0.3951	0.2689	0.2311	0.2762	0.3214	0.2986	0.3915	0.3981	0.3427	0.3538	0.381
12:AD12	0.5534	0.5913	0.5622	0.5672	0.5864	0.5474	0.5926	0.4769	0.5583	0.6537	0.6538	0.4051	0.3623	0.4677	0.5677	0.4762	0.4493	0.4493	0.4478	0.4527	0.5691
13:AD13	0.5874	0.625	0.597	0.602	0.623	0.5314	0.574	0.4619	0.5922	0.6878	0.6875	0.441	0.3961	0.5054	0.6042	0.5132	0.4831	0.4831	0.4826	0.4876	0.6064
14:AD14	0.4455	0.5266	0.6893	0.7045	0.7143	0.4892	0.5231	0.3945	0.4233	0.62	0.6287	0.671	0.5523	0.6226	0.7439	0.6398	0.5	0.5079	0.4603	0.4734	0.5217
15:AD15	0.4793	0.4888	0.6492	0.6632	0.6612	0.4575	0.4871	0.7374	0.4	0.5888	0.5899	0.6272	0.5215	0.5657	0.6778	0.5909	0.4471	0.4541	0.4038	0.4155	0.4874
16:AD16	0.307	0.4045	0.5368	0.534	0.4789	0.348	0.3702	0.2479	0.2723	0.5463	0.4439	0.8129	0.7333	0.6513	0.5852	0.6797	0.2991	0.3052	0.2749	0.2857	0.4677
17:AD17	0.2961	0.3911	0.5179	0.5153	0.4615	0.3373	0.3583	0.2387	0.2625	0.5359	0.4361	0.7902	0.7718	0.6242	0.5635	0.6519	0.2877	0.2936	0.2639	0.2744	0.4503
18:AD18	0.3125	0.4186	0.5652	0.5622	0.5054	0.3537	0.3766	0.2521	0.2771	0.5572	0.4521	0.837	0.7067	0.6689	0.5988	0.698	0.311	0.3173	0.2864	0.2976	0.478
19:AD19	0.4178	0.5138	0.5572	0.5622	0.533	0.4733	0.511	0.3305	0.3853	0.5022	0.4784	0.5	0.4485	0.5543	0.5957	0.5618	0.4729	0.4729	0.4573	0.4623	0.6705
20:AD20	0.442	0.5251	0.593	0.598	0.5612	0.4836	0.5219	0.3473	0.4211	0.5066	0.4703	0.5054	0.4467	0.5419	0.6	0.558	0.478	0.478	0.4554	0.4604	0.7126
21:AD21	0.5579	0.448																			

We chose the structures with high similarity values from 0.7 and above. According to this we found many similar structures (table 4.7) two of them being exceptionally similar table (4.6). The structures in table (4.7) are Xanthine derivatives one with anti-inflammatory activity which is the compound 7-{2-[4-(2-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]ethyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione, and the compound with antidepressants activity is 7-{4-[4-(3-chlorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]butyl}-1,3-dimethylpurine-2,6-dione. The values of their similarity were MACCS-Tanimoto = 1, PubChem-Tanimoto =0.9695, MACCS-Cosine=1.000, and PubChem-Cosine=0.985.

Table 4.6. The most similar antidepressant and anti-inflammatory structures

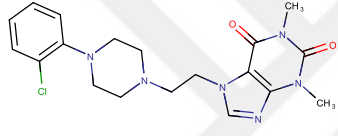
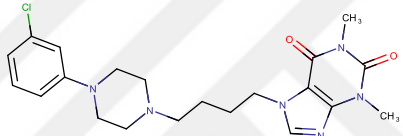
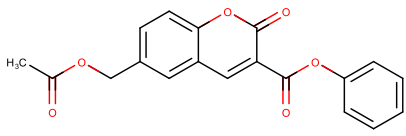
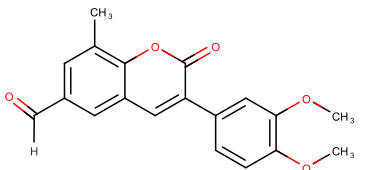
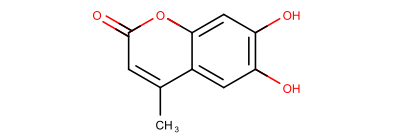
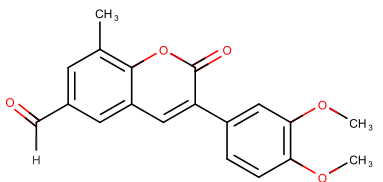
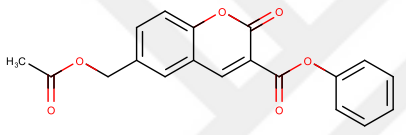
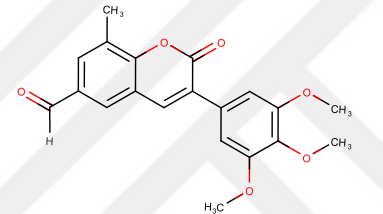
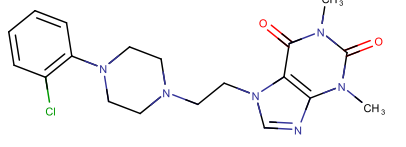
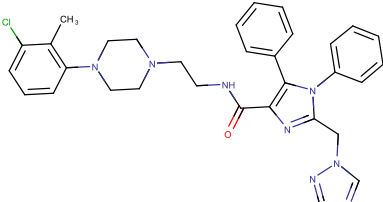
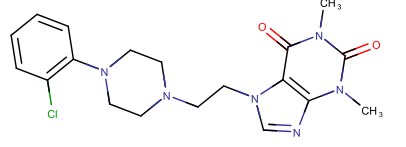
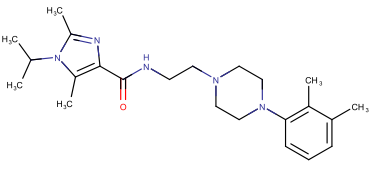
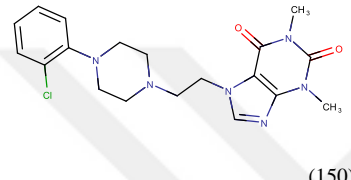
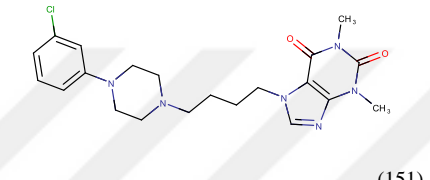
Anti-inflammatory	antidepressants	Similarity results
<p>AI8</p>  <p>(150)</p>	<p>AD10</p>  <p>(151)</p>	<p>MACCS-Tanimoto=1            PubChem-Tanimoto=0.9695,            MACCS-Cosine=1.000            PubChem-Cosine=0.985</p>

Table 4.7. Other similar antidepressant and anti-inflammatory derivatives

Anti-inflammatory derivatives	Antidepressants derivatives	Similarity results
<p>AI12</p>  <p>(154)</p>	<p>AD16</p>  <p>(158)</p>	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.845 PubChem-Cosine=0.899 MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7317 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.8129</p>
<p>A13</p>  <p>(156)</p>	<p>AD16</p>  <p>(158)</p>	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.853 PubChem-Cosine=0.847 MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7436 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.7333</p>
<p>AI12</p>  <p>(154)</p>	<p>AD17</p>  <p>(158)</p>	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.861 PubChem-Cosine=0.886 MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7561 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.7692</p>
<p>AI8</p>  <p>(150)</p>	<p>AD26</p>  <p>(165)</p>	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.886 PubChem-Cosine=0.863 MACCS-Tanimoto =0.7941 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.7563</p>
<p>AI8</p>  <p>(150)</p>	<p>AD28</p>  <p>(165)</p>	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.834 PubChem-Cosine=0.851 MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7143 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.7812</p>

## 5. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The molecules found to be surprisingly similar to each other are two theophylline derivatives presenting a chlorophenylpiperazine moiety in their structures. The molecule described for its anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties in rats is the KMUP-1 molecule. KMUP-1 is a theophylline derivative that was first synthesized by the Japanese pharmaceutical company Eisai Pharmaceuticals in 1984 (166). Since that time it has been described for many different biological activities.

Anti-inflammatory	Antidepressant	Similarity results
<p>A18, KMUP-1</p>  <p>(150)</p>	<p>AD10</p>  <p>(151)</p>	<p>MACCS-Tanimoto=1 PubChem-Tanimoto=0.9695, MACCS-Cosine=1.000 PubChem-Cosine=0.985</p>

KMUP-1 has been found to be reducing pulmonary dysfunction in mice by altering the activation of the protein kinase A and G (PKA and PKG) activating soluble guanylyl cyclase (sGC)/cGMP/PKG and inhibiting the pro-inflammatory cytokine TNF- $\alpha$  (167).

KMUP-1 was also found to be reducing steatohepatitis by activating cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) and cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP) that would then activate the PKA and PKG enzymes. PKA and PKG are responsible for enhancing liver lipolysis by the stimulation of the hormone sensitive lipase (HSL) and the adipose triglyceride lipase (ATGL) that are responsible for liver lipolysis. KMUP-1 also reduced the TNF- $\alpha$  levels, TNF- $\alpha$  is the pro-inflammatory cytokine that causes the accumulation of fats in liver by affecting the lipid metabolism (168).

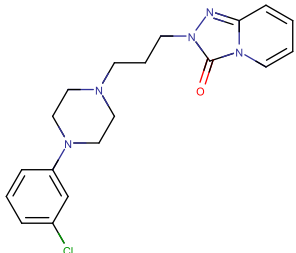
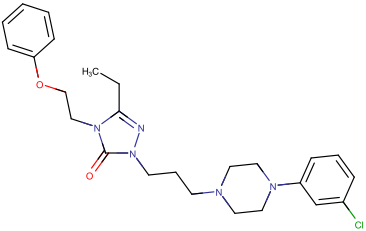
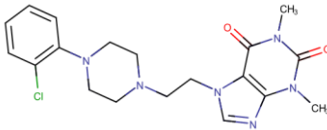
This molecule has been also investigated recently for its anti-inflammatory in 2014 activity that made it appear in our screening where it was found to reduce inflammation and hyperalgesia. Hyperalgesia is a neuropathic pain caused by nerve injury. This pain is promoted by the release of TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$ . Nuclear factor  $\kappa$ B (NF $\kappa$ B) is responsible for controlling the production of these cytokines. Mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPKs) is responsible for activating or inhibiting the neuronal pain. After being treated with KMUP-1, rats were found to show a decrease in the increased TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$

levels. The molecule was demonstrated to also inhibit the NFκB activation, MAPK and COX-2 enzymes and to induce nitric oxide synthase (iNOS), factors that are important in the inflammatory process (150).

Interestingly, when we investigated the possible antidepressant activity of this molecule, we came up with some studies that connected KMUP-1 to serotonin levels. Indeed, serotonin is found to be affecting cardiac growth in patients with heart failure in which high levels of serotonin have been observed. This is believed to be because of the deficiency in serotonin clearance or by increased serotonin secretion that is caused by chronic treatment that can cause cardiac hypertrophy. KMUP-1 has been found to be inhibiting the serotonin-induced cardiomyocyte hypertrophy by inhibiting PKA and PKC enzymes that play a key role in the serotonin receptor 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> activation and, by activating PKG (169).

Moreover, KMUP-1 has also been protected for its possible antidepressant activity by Chen I-J in 2010. In his patent the author refers to the trazodone molecule, a marketed antidepressant that is a triazolopyridine linked with a three-carbon-long spacer to a m-chlorophenylpiperazine (m-CCP) and the nefazodone that is also an antidepressant that also presents m-CPP moiety in its structure (Table 5.1). He mentions that these two molecules could present their antidepressant activity thanks to the CPPs that would be release when the drugs are metabolized.

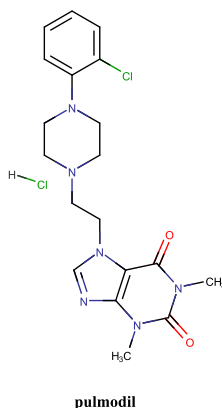
Table 5.1. Trazodone, Nefazodone and KMUP-1

Trazodone	Nefazodone	KMUP-1
		

When protecting its idea, the author pointed out that o-chlorophenyl piperazine (o-CPP) was described for demonstrating some serotonin receptor antagonism and m-chlorophenyl piperazine (m-CPP) was known for having both anti-histaminic activity and serotonin receptor antagonism. In order to investigate whether the theophylline linked



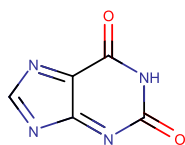
CPP derivatives possess antidepressant activity Chen I-J 2010 used the pharmaceutically accepted salt form of KMUP-1 named as pulmodil.



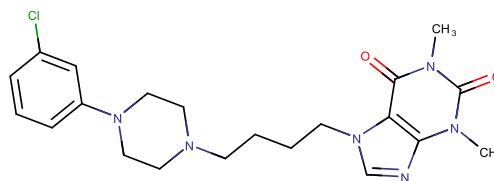
After the administration of pulmodil in mice and comparing it with other NO/cGMP regulators, its antidepressant activity has been proved by its effect in regulating NO/cGMP pathway and by serotonergic receptor antagonism (170). Nitric oxide (NO) and cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP) are playing an important role in depression (170). NO found to be altering the serotonergic neurotransmission while cGMP found to be affecting learning, memory and inducing stress when its activity is enhanced (171). The concentrations of the cGMP in the brain found to be increased by the effect of serotonin receptors 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> 5-HT<sub>1A</sub>. This increase in cGMP levels can be prevented by using drugs that antagonize the serotonin receptor 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> (170). The detected antidepressant effect was related to the release of o-chlorophenylpiperazine after the metabolism of the KMUP-1 molecule.

Concerning the AD10 molecule, that was found to be very similar to AI8 KMUP-1 in our similarity search study, it has been developed as some purine-2,6-dione derivatives substituted with phenylpiperazines that were previously synthesized were found to exhibit some antidepressant activity.

Purine-2,6-dione

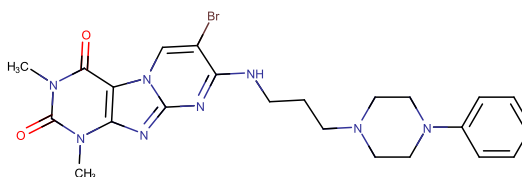


AD10



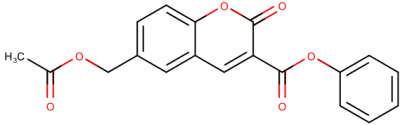
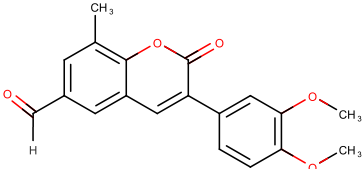
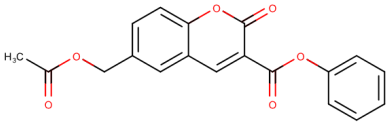
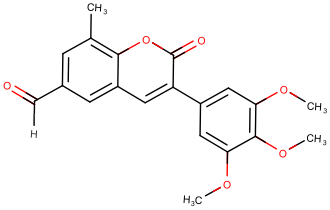
Given their data, the authors wanted to investigate the impact of the alkoxy and morpholine heterocycle on the bioactivity of the molecules and for this purpose they decided to synthesize unsubstituted xanthine derivatives as shown above (151). When proposing such structures the authors mentioned the similarity of these structures with KMUP-1 (AI8) (166). The compound AD10 was found to be a serotonin receptor 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> antagonist when evaluated and we think that this antagonism is due to the phenylpiperazine moiety as they mentioned in Chen I-J in 2010 (170). The forced swimming test indicated that compound AD10 was more effective than the marketed antidepressant imipramine. Also according to the results obtained from the four-plate test, compound AD10 was found to exhibit some anxiolytic activity and was more potent than diazepam (151).

In another study that investigated the antidepressant and anxiolytic activity of long-chain arylpiperazine derivatives Jurczyk S et al, found that many of these compounds possess high affinity for the 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> and 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptors ligands was shown to be either fully, partial agonists and antagonists. These compounds have been evaluated *in vivo* and *in vitro*. The author mentioned that the compound 1,3-Dimethyl-7-bromo-8-[3-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)-propylamino]-1H,3H-pyrimido[2,1-f]purine-2,4-dione in the figure below which is a 5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptor agonist was found to possess anxiolytic activity when evaluated in rats in the Vogel test and antidepressant activity in the Porsolt test (172).



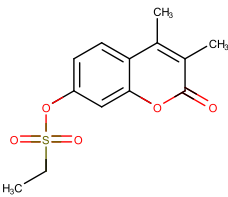
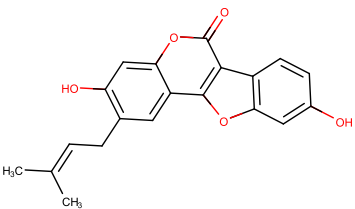
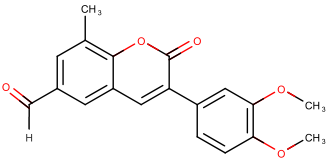
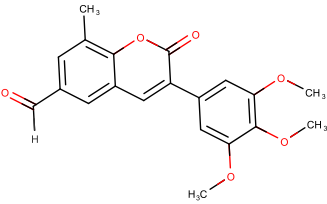
Our screening search also revealed the similarity of some coumarin structures as molecules AD16 with AI12 were found to have a similarity coefficient of MACCS-Cosine=0.845, PubChem-Cosine=0.899, MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7317, PubChem-Tanimoto =0.8129 and, AD17 with AI12 with similarity coefficient of MACCS-Cosine=0.861, PubChem-Cosine=0.886, MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7561, PubChem-Tanimoto =0.7692.

Table 5.2. Similarity of coumarin derivatives

<p>AI12</p> 	<p>AD16</p> 	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.845 PubChem-Cosine=0.899 MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7317 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.8129</p>
<p>AI12</p> 	<p>AD17</p> 	<p>MACCS-Cosine=0.861 PubChem-Cosine=0.886 MACCS-Tanimoto = 0.7561 PubChem-Tanimoto =0.7692</p>

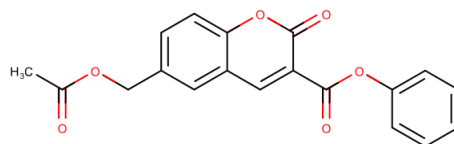
The structure of the coumarin derivative AD16 and AD17 were developed from the coumarin containing antidepressant drugs like Esuprone and Psoralidin which are MAO inhibitors (Table 5.2). The authors investigated the antidepressant activity of the novel 3-phenyl coumarin derivatives AD16 and AD17 by administering them to mice. Their data obtained with the forced swimming test indicated that compounds AD16 and AD17 were potent antidepressants (158).

Table 5.3. Esuprone, Psoralidin, AD16 and AD17

<p>Esuprone</p> 	<p>Psoralidin</p> 
<p>AD16</p> 	<p>AD17</p> 

Coumarin derivatives were also found to be active anti-inflammatory agents as they were shown to inhibit the arachidonic acid metabolism by blocking COX-2 and LOX (173, 174). Also they were described for reducing pro-inflammatory cytokines levels such as prostaglandins and blocking NFκB (175, 176).

AI12



In the study that examined the anti-inflammatory activity the coumarin compound AI12 which our results showed to be similar to the AD16 and AD17 (80 %), the authors showed that this coumarin derivative was found possess some anti-inflammatory activity by inhibiting the alveolar macrophages (154). No data concerning the antidepressant effect of AI12 and, the anti-inflammatory effect of AD16 and AD17 was found in the literature.

Our investigation focused on the structural similarity of the anti-inflammatory and antidepressants derivatives collected from the literature, revealed that 12 compounds with high similarity values. According to the results the theophylline derivatives AD10 and AI8 were 96% similar. Interestingly AI8 found to be already mentioned in the literature for its antidepressant activity as the author referred (166). Moreover, our analysis also indicated that the coumarin derivatives AD16, AD17 and AI12 were representing a similarity of 80%. Though, no data that deals with the antidepressant activity of AI8 or anti-inflammatory activity of AD16 and AD17 were found to be memorized in the literature. Thus, we believe that our approach can reveal structures that can be evaluated for activities that are different from the activities for which they were first developed.

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