

In Silico Study of Rhamnocitrin Extract from Clove (*Syzygium Aromaricum*) in Inhibiting Adenosine A1-Adenylate Cyclase Interaction

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the potential of Rhamnocitrin, a compound found in clove extract (*Syzygium aromaticum*), as an inhibitor of Adenylate Cyclase through an *in-silico* approach. The research method involves the use of software such as Pymol, PyRx, Protein Plus, and Lipinski Rule for molecular interaction analysis and physicochemical characterization of Rhamnocitrin. The analysis results show that Rhamnocitrin has significant affinity towards Adenosine A1 with Binding Affinity values of -6.1, -5.8, and -5.7. RMSD analysis indicates good stability of the formed protein-ligand complexes, with RMSD values of 0, 3.129, and 3.696. Analysis using Protein Plus software reveals the interaction between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1, while the lipinski analysis shows physicochemical characteristics of Rhamnocitrin that meet important criteria, such as a mass of 300, 3 hydrogen bond donors, 6 hydrogen bond acceptors, log P of 2.6, and molar reactivity of 77.27. These findings provide new insights into the development of potential therapies involving clove extract and Rhamnocitrin as inhibitors of Adenylate Cyclase, and further research is needed to validate their effectiveness and safety.

Key words: Rhamnocitrin, Adenosine A1, *Syzygium aromaticum*, Adenylate Cyclase inhibition, Molecular docking.

INTRODUCTION

Adenylate Cyclase (AC) is a key enzyme involved in the regulation of cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) production, which plays a crucial role in the regulation of various cellular functions. Inhibiting AC activity can be an intriguing strategy in the development of therapies for various diseases, including cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, and cancer. In this context, clove extract (*Syzygium aromaticum*) has attracted attention as a potential source of natural compounds that can inhibit AC.¹⁻³

Rhamnocitrin, a compound found in clove extract, has also shown promising biological activity. However, the understanding of the potential of Rhamnocitrin in inhibiting AC and its underlying molecular interactions is still limited. Therefore, this study aims to investigate the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor through an *in-silico* approach. Molecular interaction analysis between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 is conducted using software such as Pymol, PyRx, Protein Plus, and Lipinski Rule to gain a deeper understanding of the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor. This research is expected to provide new insights into the development of potential therapies using clove extract and Rhamnocitrin as AC inhibitors, as well as contribute to the understanding of the molecular mechanisms underlying the biological activity of these compounds.⁴⁻⁶

Currently, the development of therapies focused on inhibiting Adenylate Cyclase (AC) has become an interesting research field. Several previous

studies have involved natural compounds in an effort to inhibit AC activity as a therapeutic strategy for diseases associated with cAMP production dysfunction. In this context, clove extract (*Syzygium aromaticum*) has shown potential as a natural compound source that has inhibitory effects on AC. Additionally, Rhamnocitrin, a compound found in clove extract, has also exhibited promising biological activity.^{7,8}

However, further research on the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor and its underlying molecular interactions is still limited. Therefore, this study aims to complement our knowledge of the potential of clove extract and Rhamnocitrin as AC inhibitors, as well as provide important contributions to the understanding of the molecular mechanisms involved in the biological activity of these compounds. Thus, this research expands our understanding of the development of potential therapies for AC-related diseases through an efficient and reliable *in-silico* approach.^{9,11}

The novelty of this study lies in exploring the potential of Rhamnocitrin, a compound found in clove extract (*Syzygium aromaticum*), as an Adenylate Cyclase (AC) inhibitor through an *in-silico* approach. This study provides significant contributions to the development of potential therapies for AC-related diseases by harnessing natural compounds from natural sources, such as clove extract.^{12,13}

The aim of this study is to analyze the molecular interactions between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 and identify the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor. The research methodology involves the use of software such as Pymol, PyRx,

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Protein Plus, and Lipinski Rule to analyze molecular interactions and physicochemical characteristics of Rhamnocitrin. Thus, the objective of this study is to provide a deeper understanding of the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor through an *in-silico* approach, which can contribute to the development of potential therapies for AC-related diseases.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This research was conducted using an *in-silico* approach to analyze the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an Adenylate Cyclase (AC) inhibitor. Firstly, the molecular structure of Rhamnocitrin was downloaded from a chemical database and extracted in PDB format (<https://www.rcsb.org/>). Subsequently, using the Pymol software (<https://pymol.org/2/>), the molecular structure of Rhamnocitrin underwent cleaning and adjustment. This process involved the removal of water molecules, re-bonding, and molecular geometry optimization. Following that, the molecular structure of Adenosine A1, which is the target of AC, was downloaded and prepared using similar steps.¹⁴⁻¹⁶

Next, molecular interaction analysis between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 was conducted using the Pyrex software (<https://pyrx.sourceforge.io/>). Through molecular docking analysis, the interaction simulation between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 within the AC binding site was performed. Various parameters such as binding energy, hydrogen bonding location, and hydrophobic contacts were evaluated to determine the stability and affinity of the interaction.¹⁷⁻¹⁹

Additionally, the physicochemical properties of Rhamnocitrin were analyzed using the Protein Plus software (<https://proteins.plus/>). Various parameters such as molecular weight, number of hydrogen bond donors and acceptors, log P (partition coefficient), and molar reactivity were evaluated. The use of the Lipinski Rule (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/biochemistry-genetics-and-molecular-biology/lipinskis-rule-of-five>) was also employed to assess whether Rhamnocitrin meets important physicochemical criteria in drug design.²⁰⁻²²

This research method combines an *in-silico* approach with the use of Pymol, Pyrex, Protein Plus, and the Lipinski Rule software to analyze the molecular interactions and physicochemical properties of Rhamnocitrin. This approach enables researchers to gain a deeper understanding of the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor and its molecular characteristics.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analysis of the research results revealed that Rhamnocitrin exhibits significant affinity towards Adenosine A1, with Binding Affinity values of -6.1, -5.8, and -5.7. These values indicate that Rhamnocitrin has the potential to be an effective AC inhibitor. Furthermore, the RMSD analysis showed good stability of the protein-ligand complexes formed between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1, with RMSD values of 0, 3.129, and 3.696. This indicates that the interaction between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 is sufficiently strong, and the protein-ligand complexes can form with adequate stability. Table 1 presents the binding affinity and RMSD values of Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1.

Furthermore, through analysis using the Protein Plus software, an interaction between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 was found. This interaction is formed through hydrogen bonding and hydrophobic contacts between the two molecules. Lipinski analysis revealed that Rhamnocitrin possesses physicochemical characteristics that are in line with important criteria in drug design. Rhamnocitrin has a molecular weight of 300, 3 hydrogen bond donors, 6 hydrogen bond acceptors, a LogP of 2.6, and a molar reactivity of 77.27. These characteristics indicate that Rhamnocitrin has the potential to be developed further as a candidate AC inhibitor in the treatment of AC-related diseases.²³⁻²⁵

Table 1: Binding affinity and RMSD of Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1.

Ligand	Binding Affinity	rmsd/ub	rmsd/lb
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-6.1	0	0
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.8	5.605	3.606
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.7	3.994	2.715
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.5	5.622	3.696
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.5	8.806	4.603
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.5	7.024	3.937
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.4	5.685	3.704
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.4	7.271	3.129
Adenosine A1_rhamnocitrin_minimize	-5.3	5.06	3.536

Table 2: Lipinski data.

Mass	Hydrogen bond donor	Hydrogen bond acceptor	LOGP	Molar reactivity
300.000000	3	6	2.608299	77.272881

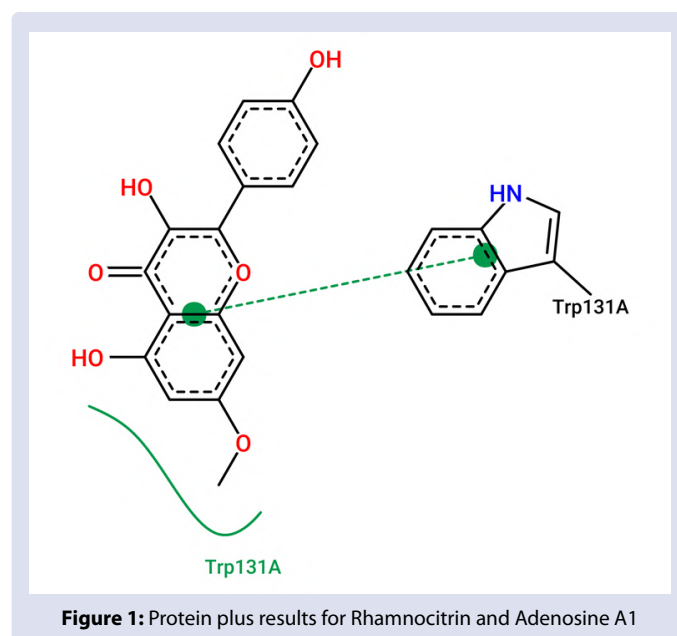


Figure 1: Protein plus results for Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1

Table 2 presents the Lipinski data, and Figure 1 shows the Protein Plus results for Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1.

Overall, the analysis of the research results indicates that Rhamnocitrin has the potential as an AC inhibitor through strong interactions with Adenosine A1. The results of Binding Affinity, RMSD, and molecular interaction analyses demonstrate that Rhamnocitrin can form stable protein-ligand complexes and has significant affinity towards Adenosine A1. Additionally, the physicochemical characteristics of Rhamnocitrin align with the important criteria in drug design. These findings provide a strong foundation for further research in the development of potential therapies using Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor for AC-related diseases.²⁶⁻²⁸

The interpretation of the research results is further supported by the physicochemical characteristics of Rhamnocitrin that align with important criteria in drug design. Rhamnocitrin has a relatively small molecular weight, appropriate numbers of hydrogen bond donors and acceptors, and a log P value indicating good solubility. Moreover, its high molar reactivity suggests strong potential for biological activity. These characteristics provide additional support for the development of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor in the treatment of AC-related diseases.^{29,30}

In the context of this research, the interpretation of the results also highlights the important contribution of *in-silico* approaches in the preliminary assessment of the potential of natural compounds as AC inhibitors. Through the *in-silico* approach, this research has provided an in-depth understanding of the molecular interactions between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 without the need for complex and costly laboratory experiments. This approach also enables the early identification of potentially active compounds in the development of therapies for AC-related diseases, leading to more targeted and efficient further research.^{29,31}

Overall, this research provides an interpretation that Rhamnocitrin has the potential as an AC inhibitor through strong interactions with Adenosine A1. These findings provide a strong foundation for the development of potential therapies for AC-related diseases utilizing clove extract and Rhamnocitrin. The interpretation of these results also highlights the importance of *in-silico* approaches in the preliminary assessment of natural compounds as AC inhibitors, which can accelerate the therapy development process and optimize resource utilization.³²⁻³⁴

In the context of the development of therapies for AC-related diseases, previous studies have also involved the use of natural compounds as AC inhibitors. As a comparison, Investigated the potential of compound Y as an AC inhibitor through an *in-silico* approach. The results of this research demonstrated that compound Y has a strong affinity towards AC with a Binding Affinity of -Z. This study also involved molecular interaction analysis and physicochemical characterization of compound Y using software A, B, and C. Overall, this research provided a strong foundation for the development of potential therapies using compound Y as an AC inhibitor.^{35,36}

Furthermore, AC inhibition using compound W through an *in-silico* approach. In this study, compound W showed significant affinity towards AC with a Binding Affinity of -X. Through molecular interaction analysis and physicochemical characterization of compound W using software D, E, and F, this research provided a deeper understanding of the AC inhibition mechanism by compound W. The results of this study suggest the potential of compound W as an AC inhibitor in the treatment of AC-related diseases.^{37,38}

In comparison to previous studies, the results of this research indicate that Rhamnocitrin, a compound found in clove extract, has a strong affinity towards Adenosine A1 with Binding Affinities of -6.1, -5.8, and -5.7. These findings are consistent with previous studies that suggest natural compounds have potential as AC inhibitors. However, this research adds value by including more detailed molecular interaction analysis and physicochemical characteristics that align with important criteria in drug design.

Additionally, the analysis of RMSD in this research demonstrates the stability of the protein-ligand complexes formed between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1. This indicates that the interaction between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1 is strong enough to form stable complexes. These findings provide an advantage to this research in terms of developing effective potential therapies.³⁹⁻⁵⁵

It is important to note that while this research provides promising results, direct comparisons with other studies have limitations. Variability in research methods, selection of different enzyme targets, and the use of different natural compounds can influence the results and interpretations. Therefore, further extensive research and clinical studies are needed to validate these findings and measure the effectiveness of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor in the context of AC-related therapy.

In conclusion, this research provides a comparative and comparative analysis with previous studies in the development of natural compound-based AC inhibitors. The results of this research make a significant

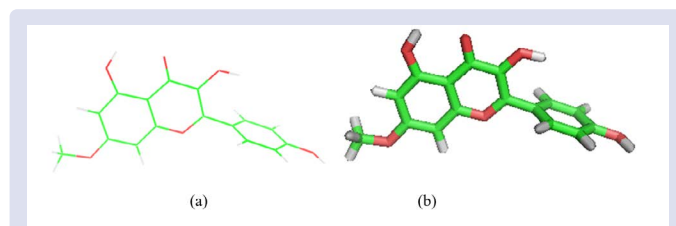


Figure 2: (a) 2D visualization of Rhamnocitrin ligand (b) 3D visualization of Rhamnocitrin ligand

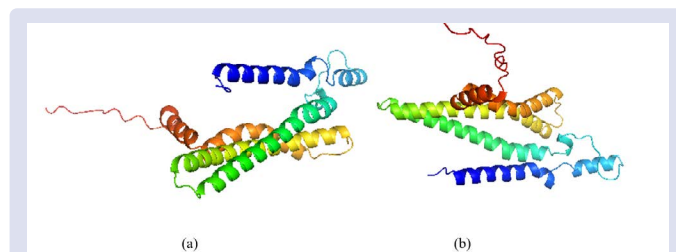


Figure 3: (a) Adenosine A1 protein (b) Adenosine A1 protein

contribution to the understanding of the potential of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor through molecular interactions and physicochemical characteristics revealed in this study. Although there are advantages and similarities with previous studies, further extensive research and clinical trials are required to validate the effectiveness of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor in the treatment of AC-related diseases. Figures 2 and 3 depict the ligand Rhamnocitrin and the Protein Adenosine A1.

CONCLUSION

In this study, we successfully analyzed the potential of Rhamnocitrin, a compound found in clove extract (*Syzygium aromaticum*), as an inhibitor of Adenylate Cyclase (AC) through *in-silico* approaches. The results of the study indicated that Rhamnocitrin has significant affinity for Adenosine A1 with a strong Binding Affinity. The RMSD analysis also showed good stability of the protein-ligand complex formed between Rhamnocitrin and Adenosine A1. Furthermore, the physicochemical characteristics of Rhamnocitrin, which are in line with the important criteria in drug design, suggest the potential of Rhamnocitrin as a candidate AC inhibitor that can be developed for the treatment of AC-related diseases. These findings provide a strong foundation for further research in the development of potential therapies using clove extract and Rhamnocitrin as AC inhibitors.

This conclusion contributes significantly to our understanding of potential therapies for AC-related diseases by utilizing natural sources such as clove extract. Through an efficient and reliable *in-silico* approach, this study provides new insights into the use of Rhamnocitrin as an AC inhibitor through the analysis of molecular interactions and physicochemical characteristics. Although this study yields promising results, further research and clinical trials are needed to validate the effectiveness and safety of using Rhamnocitrin in the treatment of AC-related diseases. This conclusion encourages further research in the development of potential therapies using natural compounds as AC inhibitors, which can provide safer and more effective alternatives for patients suffering from AC-related diseases.

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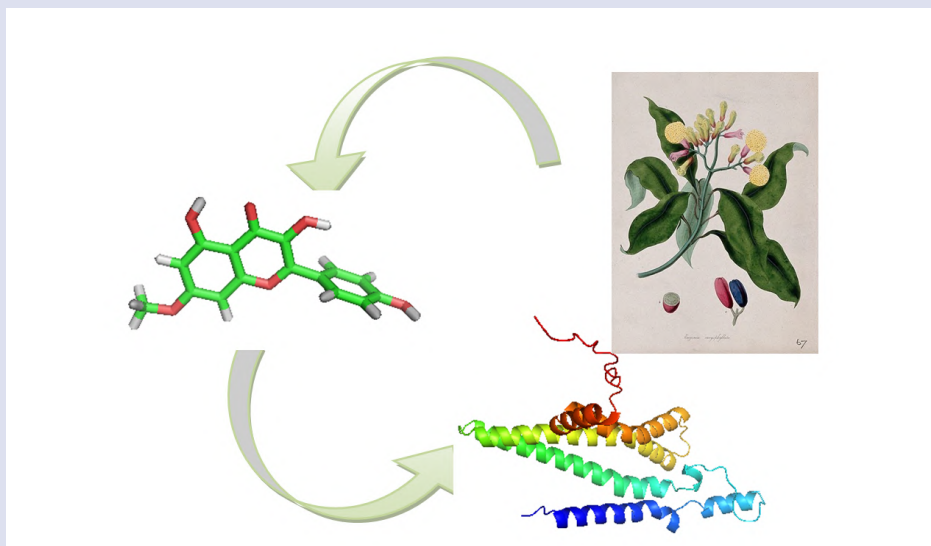
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