

Interaction of benzenesulfonamide derivatives with Smyd3 using a theoretical model

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Abstract

Cancer is a serious public health problem worldwide. This clinical pathology is associated with the activation/release of several biomolecules, including the Smyd proteins family. In this way, some studies indicate that Smyd3 is associated with cancer cells growth. It is important to mention that some drugs act as Smyd3 inhibitors in the treat some cancers. However, their interaction is very confusing; for this reason, the aim of this research was to evaluate the theoretical interaction of benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives (compounds 2 to 28) using 7o2c protein, novobiocin, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 and BCI-121 drugs as theoretical tools in DockingServer program. The results showed differences in the aminoacid residues involved in the interaction of benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives with 7o2c protein surface compared with novobiocin, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 and BCI-121 drugs. In additions, the inhibition constant (Ki) for benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28 was very lower compared to benzenesulfonamide, novobiocin, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 and BCI-121. In conclusion, the benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28 could be a good alternative as Smyd3 inhibitors to decrease cancer cells growth.

Keywords: cancer, smyd3, benzenesulfonamide, novobiocin.

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Resumo

O câncer é um grave problema de saúde pública em todo o mundo. Esta patologia clínica está associada à ativação/liberação de várias biomoléculas, incluindo as proteínas da família Smyd. Desta forma, alguns estudos indicam que o Smyd3 está associado ao crescimento de células cancerígenas. É importante mencionar que algumas drogas atuam como inibidores de Smyd3 no tratamento de alguns tipos de câncer. No entanto, sua interação é muito confusa; por esta razão, o objetivo desta pesquisa foi avaliar a interação teórica de benzenossulfonamida e seus derivados (compostos 2 a 28) usando a proteína 7o2c, novobiocina, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 e drogas BCI-121 como ferramentas teóricas no programa DockingServer. Os resultados mostraram diferenças nos resíduos de aminoácidos envolvidos na interação da benzenossulfonamida e seus derivados com a superfície da proteína 7o2c em comparação com as drogas novobiocina, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 e BCI-121. Além disso, a constante de inibição (Ki) para os derivados de benzenossulfonamida 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 e 28 foi muito menor em comparação com benzenossulfonamida, novobiocina, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 e

BCI-121. Em conclusão, os derivados de benzenossulfonamida 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 e 28 podem ser uma boa alternativa como inibidores de Smyd3 para diminuir o crescimento de células cancerígenas.

Palavras-chave: câncer, smyd3, benzenesulfonamida, novobiocina.

1. Introduction

Cancer is a major health problem of health public in the world (Xia et al., 2022; Miller et al., 2022; Hanahan, 2022). This clinical pathology can be associated with several risk factors such as smoking (Hecht and Hatsukami, 2022), alcoholism (Yoo et al., 2022), ultra-processed food consumption (Wang et al., 2022) and some genetic factors (Deng et al., 2022; Stopsack et al., 2022; Shah and Bentrem, 2022; Hol et al., 2022; Jukarainen et al., 2022). Thus, some studies indicate that Smyd proteins family [Smyd1, Smyd2, Smyd3, Smyd4 and Smyd5] may play an important role in transcriptional activation involved in a several biological processes (Phan an et al., 2005; Leinhart and Brown, 2011), including the progression of many cancer types regulating cell growth (Song et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2023).

In this way, there are studies have shown that Smyd3 may be associated to some regulatory pathways in cancer cells growth (Giakountis et al., 2017); for example, a study showed that Smyd3 can promotes cell cycle progression by inducing cyclin D3 transcription and stabilizing the cyclin D1 protein in medulloblastoma (Asuthkar et al., 2022). Other data indicate that Smyd3 may associate with the NuRD (Nucleosome Remodeling Deacetylase) to regulate transcription and promote proliferation and invasiveness in hepatocellular carcinoma cells (Yang et al., 2022).

Besides, a report displayed that Smyd3 promotes aerobic glycolysis in diffuse B-cell lymphoma via H3K4me3 (histone trimethylated at lysine 4 which is associated with active chromatin and gene expression) mediated PKM2 (pyruvate kinase) transcription (Tian et al., 2022). Another report shows that Smyd3 may promotes oral squamous cell carcinoma tumorigenesis via H3K4me3-mediated HMGA2 (High-mobility group AT-hook 2) transcription (Yang et al., 2023). In addition, a study indicate that Smyd3 may promotes TGF β (transforming growth factor- β) dependent mesenchymal gene expression and cell migration in breast cancer (Fenizia et al., 2019).

On the other hand, to decrease the biological activity produced by Smyd3 in cancer cells have been used some drugs; for example, a study showed that compound BCI-121 (4-(aminocarbonyl)-N-(4-bromophenyl)-1-piperidineacetamide) significantly decreased the biological activity of Smyd3, resulting in decreased colorectal cancer cells growth (Peserico et al., 2015). Besides, a report indicate that novobiocin decreases Smyd3 expression and inhibits the migration of MDA-MB-231 human breast cancer cells (Luo et al., 2010). Other report showed that BAY-6035 act as Smyd3 inhibitor using high-throughput detection based on a heat exchange assay (Gradl et al., 2021). Besides, a study showed that compound EPZ031686 inhibith the biological activity of Smyd3 using a pharmacokinetic model (Mitchell et al., 2016).

All these data suggest that some drugs can act as Smyd3 inhibitors; however, the interaction of these compounds with Smyd3 surface is not clear. Analyzing these data, the aim of this research was to evaluate the possible interaction of benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives with Smyd3 using 7o2c protein, novobiocin, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 and BCI-121 drugs (Figure 1) as theoretical tools in DockingServer program (Figueroa-Valverde et al., 2021).

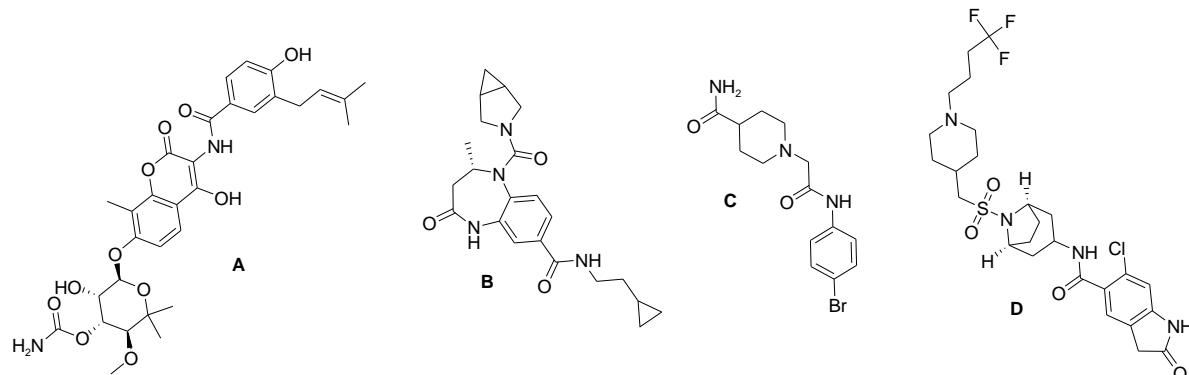


Figure 1. Chemical structure of novobiocin (**A**), BAY-6035 (**B**), EPZ031686 (**C**) and BCI-121 (**D**) drugs. Visualized on Pubchem in: <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 General methodology

The chemical structure (Figure 2) of benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and their derivatives (**2-28**) were visualized on Pubchem in: <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>.

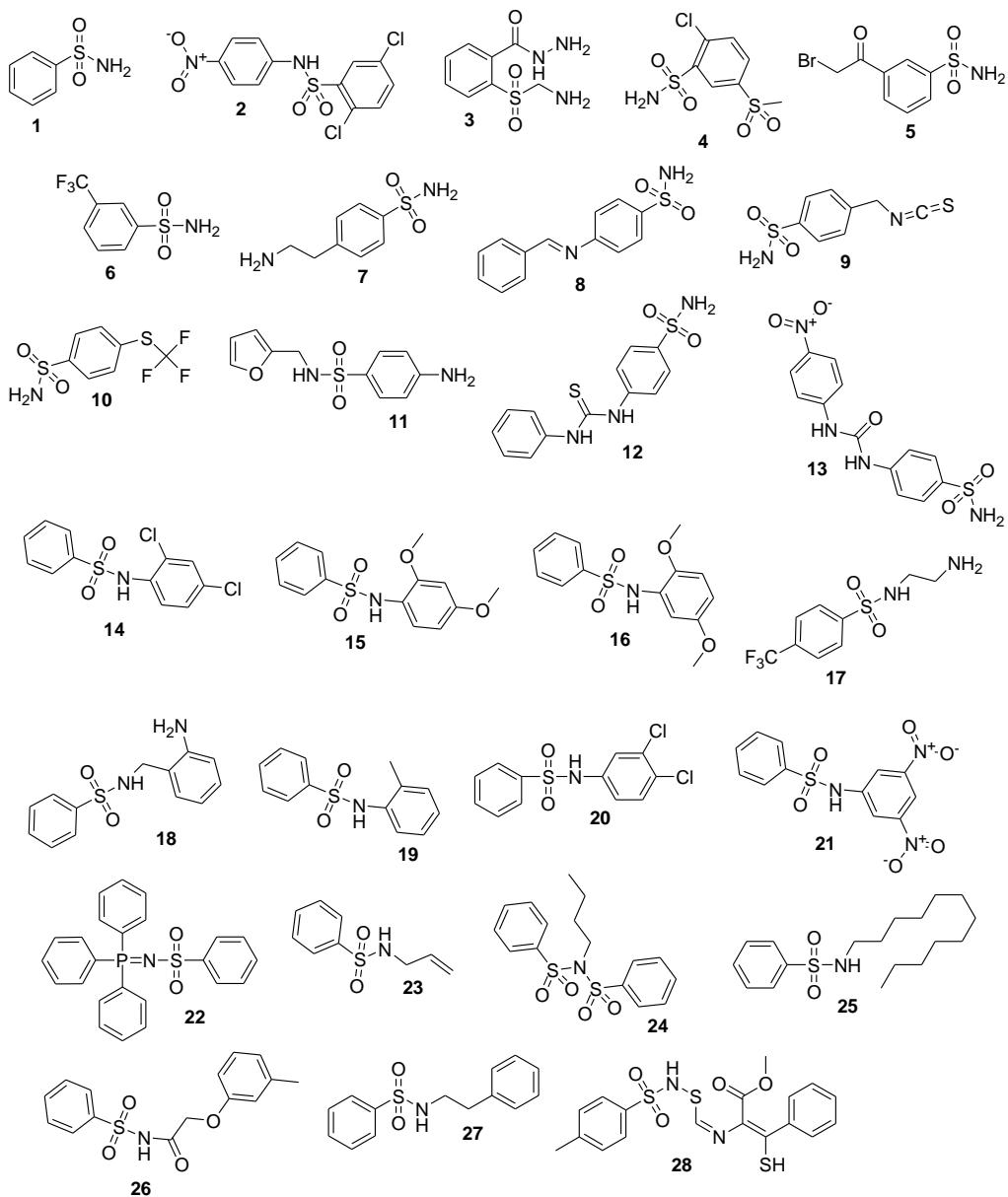


Figure 2. Structure chemical of benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and their derivatives (**2-28**).

1 = Benzenesulfonamide

2 = 2,5-Dichloro-N-(4-nitrophenyl)benzenesulfonamide

3 = 2-(Hydrazinocarbonyl)benzenesulfonamide

4 = 2-Chloro-5-(methylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide

15 = N-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)benzenesulfonamide

16 = N-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)benzenesulfonamide

17 = N-(2-Aminoethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide

18 = N-(2-aminophenyl)benzenesulfonamide

5 = 3-(Bromoacetyl)benzenesulfonamide	19 = N-(2-methylphenyl)benzenesulfonamide
6 = 3-(Trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide	20 = N-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)benzenesulfonamide
7 = 4-(2-Aminoethyl)benzenesulfonamide	21 = N-(3,5-dinitrophenyl)benzenesulfonamide
8 = 4-(benzylideneamino)benzenesulfonamide	22 = N-(triphenylphosphoranylidene)benzenesulfonamide
9 = 4-(isothiocyanatomethyl)benzenesulfonamide	23 = N-allyl-benzenesulfonamide
10 = 4-(trifluoromethylthio)benzenesulfonamide	24 = N-Butyl-N-(phenylsulfonyl)benzenesulfonamide
11 = 4-Amino-N-(2-furylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide	13 = 25 = N-dodecyl-benzenesulfonamide
12 = 4-[{(Anilinocarbothioyl)amino}benzenesulfonamide	26 = N-M-tolyloxyacetul-benzenesulfonamide
4-[(4-Nitroanilino)carbonyl]amino}benzenesulfonamide	27 = N-phenethyl-benzenesulfonamide
14 = N-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)benzenesulfonamide	28 = methyl (Z)-3-phenyl-2-[(Z)-[(p-tolylsulfonylamino)-sulfanyl- methylene]amino]-3-sulfanyl-prop-2-enoate

2.2 Electronic parameters

The frontier molecular HOMO, LUMO were calculated using the Spartam'86 program (Spillane et al., 2003).

2.3 Ligand-protein

Binding of benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28) with Smyd3 was determined using 7o2c protein (<https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb7O2C/pdb>) as theoretical model (Graadi et al., 2021). In addition, to evaluate the thermodynamic parameters involved in benzenesulfonamide derivative-protein complex formation, the DockingServer program was used (Figueroa-Valverde et al., 2023).

2.4 Pharmacokinetic parameters

Pharmacokinetic factors of benzenesulfonamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28) were determined using the SwissADME software (Figueroa-Valverde et al., 2023).

2.5 Toxicology evaluation

Theoretical toxicity for benzenesulfonamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28) was determined using GUSAR software (Figueroa-Valverde et al., 2022).

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Electronic parameters

In the Table 1 and Figure 3 and 4 are showed some physicochemical parameters of benzenesulfonamide (1) and their derivatives (2-28).

Table 1. Physicochemical parameters for benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and their derivatives (**2-28**) involved in the chemical structure. The values were calculated using Spartan software.

Compound	HOMO	LUMO	HOMO-LUMO gap	μ	PSA	Pol	HBD	HBA
1	-9.81	2.72	12.53	3.95	61.31	49.99	1	4
2	-10.18	-0.06	10.12	9.34	84.52	61.56	1	7
3	-9.71	1.99	11.70	5.33	108.80	55.13	2	7
4	-10.48	1.91	12.39	3.16	94.42	55.41	1	7
5	-10.18	1.53	11.71	1.61	75.60	54.34	1	5
6	-10.51	1.99	12.50	4.18	61.31	52.64	1	4
7	-9.61	2.80	12.41	3.43	87.78	53.87	1	5
8	-8.87	2.11	10.98	6.56	68.19	59.22	1	5
9	-9.75	2.05	11.80	5.46	68.36	54.70	1	6
10	-10.30	1.68	11.98	4.42	61.32	54.30	1	5
11	-8.67	3.18	11.85	6.14	79.24	57.74	2	6
12	-8.46	1.84	10.30	2.30	78.69	61.82	3	7
13	-9.40	-0.11	9.51	1.84	133.28	63.05	3	10
14	-9.38	2.45	11.83	4.81	45.43	59.32	1	4
15	-8.60	2.90	11.50	6.25	58.42	61.64	1	6
16	-8.50	2.92	11.42	5.99	58.31	61.66	1	6
17	-10.43	1.66	12.09	4.25	71.82	56.81	1	5
18	-8.14	2.59	10.73	5.23	68.94	59.74	2	5
19	-8.93	2.67	11.60	6.44	44.89	58.65	1	4
20	-9.35	2.32	11.67	6.43	46.41	59.41	1	4
21	-10.28	-0.84	9.44	6.00	127.65	61.37	1	10
22	-9.23	2.54	11.77	7.99	38.82	72.64	0	4
23	-9.77	2.71	12.48	4.23	46.25	54.35	1	4
24	-9.76	2.44	12.20	7.62	65.26	65.80	0	7
25	-9.73	2.77	12.50	5.22	46.24	68.03	1	4
26	-8.62	2.60	11.22	4.95	64.87	62.67	1	6
27	-9.09	2.71	11.80	4.12	46.63	60.18	1	4
28	-8.32	2.28	10.60	2.95	68.89	70.42	2	8

μ = Dipole moment; PSA = Polar surface area ; Pol = Polarizability; HBD = Hydrogen bond donor; HBA = Hydrogen bond acceptor

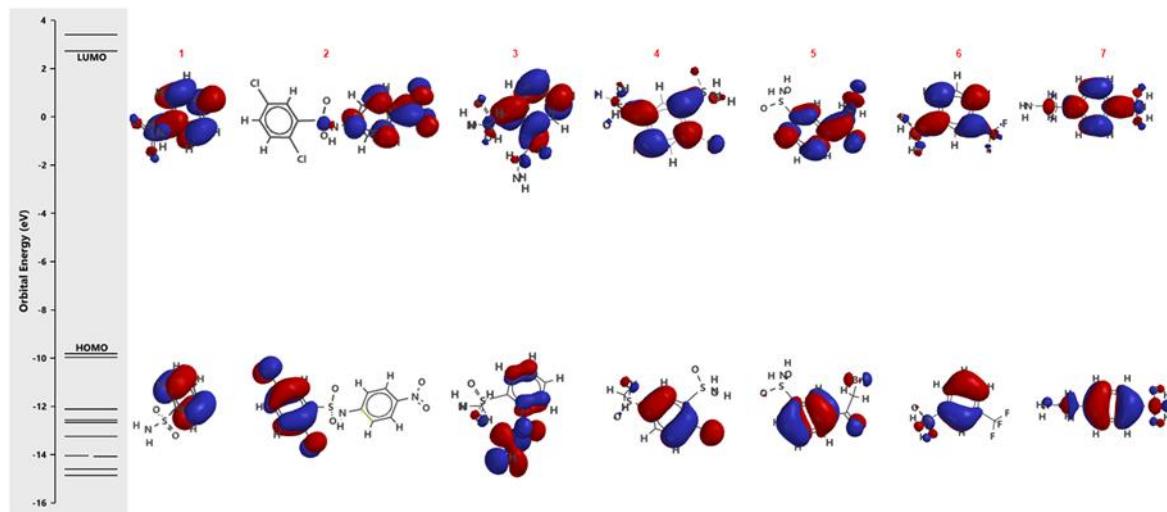
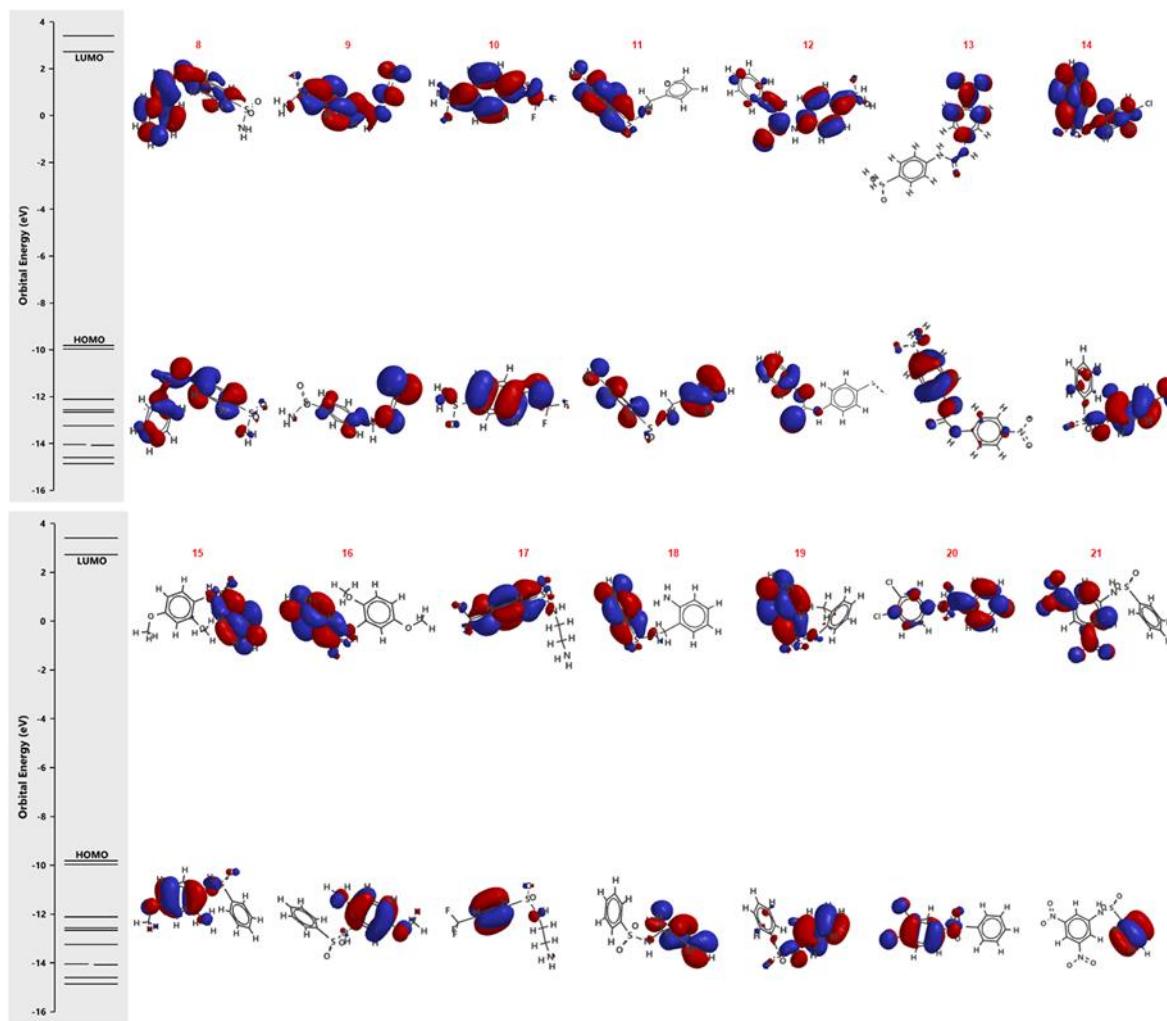


Figure 3. HOMO-LUMO gap for benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and their derivatives (**2-7**). Visualized with Spartan'86 program.



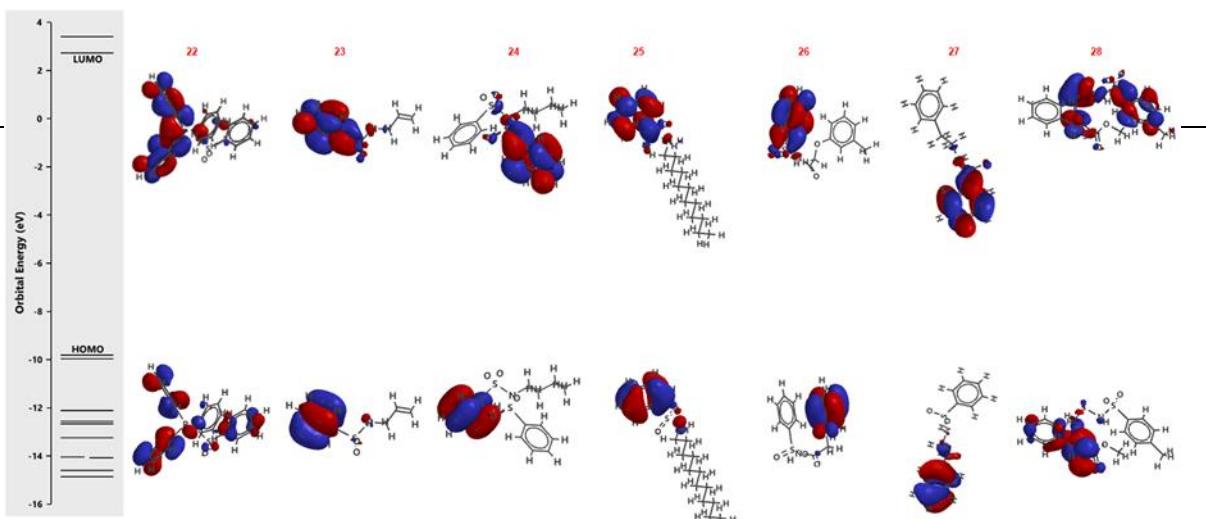


Figure 4. HOMO-LUMO gap for benzenesulfonamide derivatives (**8-28**). Visualized with Spartan'86 program.

3.2 Ligand-protein complex

Table 2 shows the different aminoacid residues involved in the interaction of benzenesulfonamide and its derivatives (compounds **2-28**) with 7o2c protein surface. Other data suggest that some aminoacid residues of 7o2c protein surface can interact with novobiocin, BAY-6035, EPZ031686 and BCI-121 drugs.

Table 2. Aminoacid residues involved in theoretical interaction of Novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121, benzenesulfonamide (BS) and benzenesulfonamide derivative (1-27) with 7o2c protein surface.

Compound	Aminoacid Residues
Novobiocin	Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Glu ₁₉₂ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Asp ₂₄₁ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; Glu ₂₉₄ ; Lys ₂₉₇
BAY-6035	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Met ₂₄₂ ; Phe ₃₆₂ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇ ; Val ₃₆₈
BCI-121	Asn ₁₈₁ ; Ser ₁₈₂ ; Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₀₂ ; Leu ₂₀₄ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Met ₂₄₂ ; Phe ₃₆₂ ; His ₃₆₆ ; pro ₃₆₇ ; Val ₃₆₈
EPZ031686	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Asp ₂₄₁ ; Gln ₂₅₂ ; Gln ₂₅₆ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Val ₃₆₈
1	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
2	Ser ₁₈₂ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Met ₁₉₀ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; Pro ₃₆₇
3	Cys ₁₈₆ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; His ₃₆₆
4	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Leu ₂₄₀ ; His ₃₆₆
5	Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇
6	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇
7	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₀₂ ; Leu ₂₀₄ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
8	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
9	Asn ₁₈₁ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
10	Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Pro ₂₁₀ ; Cys ₂₁₂ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; His ₃₆₆
11	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Pro ₂₁₀ ; Cys ₂₁₂ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; His ₃₆₆
12	Ser ₁₈₂ , Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
13	Asn ₁₈₁ ; Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Met ₁₉₀ ; Ser ₂₀₂ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; Val ₃₆₈
14	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Pro ₂₁₀ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇
15	Met ₁₉₀ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇ ; Val ₃₆₈
16	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Pro ₃₆₇
17	Cys ₁₈₆ ; Met ₁₉₀ ; Pro ₂₁₀ ; Cys ₂₁₂ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Val ₂₁₅ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; His ₃₆₆
18	Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; Pro ₃₆₇
19	Cys ₁₈₆ ; Met ₁₉₀ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇ ; Val ₃₆₈
20	Ser ₁₈₂ , Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇

21	Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Met ₂₄₂ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; Phe ₃₆₂ ; His ₃₆₆
22	Thr ₁₈₄ ; Met ₁₉₀ Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Met ₂₄₂ ; Phe ₃₆₂ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Val ₃₆₈
23	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
24	Cys ₁₈₆ ; Met ₁₉₀ ; Pro ₂₁₀ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇ ; Val ₃₆₈
25	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Cys ₁₈₆ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; Pro ₂₆₇
26	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Tyr ₂₃₉ ; Tyr ₂₅₇
27	Phe ₁₈₃ ; Thr ₁₈₄ ; Pro ₂₁₀ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Cys ₂₃₈ ; Tyr ₂₅₇ ; His ₃₆₆
28	Cys ₁₈₆ ; Ser ₂₁₃ ; Ile ₂₁₄ ; Phe ₂₁₆ ; Ile ₂₃₇ ; Asp ₂₄₁ ; His ₃₆₆ ; Pro ₃₆₇ ; Val ₃₆₈

3.2 Thermodynamic parameters

The theoretical results displayed differences in the energy levels involved in the interaction of benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and its derivatives (**2-28**) with Smy3 (7o2c protein) compared with Novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121, and EPZ031686 drugs (Table 3). In addition, inhibition constant for benzenesulfonamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28) was lower compared with Novobiocin, EPZ031686, BAY-6035, BCI-121 and benzenesulfonamide.

Table 3. Thermodynamic parameters involved in the interaction of Novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121, EPZ031686, benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and their derivative (**2-28**) with 7o2c protein surface.

Compound	A	B	C	D	E	F
Novobiocin	-6.55	85.63	-7.78	0.00	-7.78	1265.70
BAY-6035	-9.08	221.13	-10.20	-0.02	-10.22	981.15
BCI-121	-8.66	445.25	-8.93	-0.54	-9.47	716.99
EPZ031686	-9.78	67.67	-11.42	-0.41	-11.83	1080.45
1	-5.85	51.54	-6.36	-0.08	-6.44	421.07
2	-7.86	1.75	-8.99	0.27	-8.71	699.77
3	-6.77	10.88	-5.21	-0.05	-5.26	556.22
4	-6.27	25.35	-7.03	-0.10	-7.12	580.23
5	-5.53	88.18	-6.60	-0.10	-6.70	526.10
6	-5.90	47.09	-6.73	-0.07	-6.80	513.18
7	-7.00	7.33	-7.61	-0.88	-8.49	527.15
8	-7.36	4.06	-8.51	-0.04	-8.55	663.63
9	-6.05	36.75	-7.45	-0.06	-7.51	560.74
10	-8.60	14.57	-7.75	-0.07	-7.82	526.78
11	-6.28	24.72	-6.79	-0.01	-6.80	648.21
12	-8.45	635.71	-9.06	-0.04	-9.90	730.18
13	-7.85	1.77	-9.47	0.00	-9.47	784.05
14	-7.39	3.84	-8.09	0.00	-8.09	713.07
15	-6.41	19.99	-6.77	-0.03	-6.80	705.40
16	-5.64	73.29	-7.26	0.29	-6.98	728.48
17	-7.02	7.18	-6.95	-0.31	-7.26	579.21
18	-6.77	10.88	-7.00	-0.05	-7.05	687.37
19	-6.37	21.30	-6.66	-0.04	-6.70	602.66

20	-7.33	4.22	-7.91	-0.02	-7.92	734.84
21	-7.79	1.94	-9.11	-0.12	-9.23	713.35
22	-8.38	714.36	-10.53	0.04	-10.49	888.43
23	-5.75	60.88	-6.86	-0.05	-6.91	516.45
24	-7.16	5.69	-8.63	0.01	-8.63	754.69
25	-6.59	80.54	-8.05	0.00	-8.04	809.77
26	-6.43	19.28	-7.81	0.34	-7.47	748.99
27	-6.75	11.24	-7.99	-0.03	-8.02	671.64
28	-6.97	7.75	-7.72	-0.01	-7.73	860.06

Note: **A** = Est: Free Energy of Binding (kcal/mol); **B** = Inhibition Constant, Ki (mM); **C** = vdW + Hbond + desolv Energy (kcal/mol); **D** = Electrostatic Energy (kcal/mol); **E** = Total Intermolec. Energy (kcal/mol); **F** = Interact Surface.

3.3 Pharmacokinetic evaluation

The results (Table 4) show differences in gastrointestinal (GI) absorption rate for either bencenesulfonamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28). In addition, The CYPs (Cytochrome P450) involved in the pharmacokinetic process were different.

Table 4. Theoretical Pharmacokinetic parameters involved in decernotinib (I), tofacitinib (II), benzenesulfamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28).

Parameter	2	7	8	13	14	17	20	21	24	28
GI absorption	High	High	High	Low	High	High	High	Low	High	High
BBB permeant	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
P-gp substrate	No	Yes	No	No						
CYP1A2 inhibitor	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CYP2C19 inhibitor	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CYP2C9 inhibitor	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CYP2D6 inhibitor	No	Yes	Yes							
CYP3A4 inhibitor	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Consensus LogPo/w	2.67	0.28	1.88	0.63	3.28	1.51	3.22	0.94	2.94	4.50

Note: GI = Gastrointestinal; BBB = Blood-Brain-Barrier; P-gp = P-glycoprotein; CYP = Cytochrome P450; LogPo/w = Octanol-water partition coefficient.

3.4 Toxicology analysis

The results of theoretical evaluation of toxicity for bencenesulfonamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28) are showed in the Table 5. These data indicate that toxicity could depend of dose administered for bencenesulfonamide derivatives through of different routes of administration.

Table 5. Theoretical toxicity analysis produced by benzenesulfonamide derivatives.

Compound	Rat IP LD50 (mg/kg)	Rat IV LD50 (mg/kg)	Rat Oral LD50 (mg/kg)	Rat SC LD50 (mg/kg)
2	26.83.00	686.70	1896.00	1031.00
7	303.70	586.80	2100.00	321.70
8	730.80	830.80	2068.00	1669.00
13	1395.00	890.30	2371.00	1167.00
14	1453.00	782.60	2677.00	1727.00
17	607.30	1203.00	805.00	857.20
20	1148.00	942.30	2415.00	1263.00
21	1788.00	1421.00	2391.00	515.80
24	411.20	223.90	2949.00	1707.00
28	954.70	463.90	1549.00	1660.00

Note: IP - Intraperitoneal route of administration; IV - Intravenous route of administration; Oral - Oral route of administration; SC - Subcutaneous route of administration

4. Discussion

There are several studies which indicate that some Smy3 inhibitors can be used to try slow cancer cells growth (Mitchell et al., 2016; Gradl et al., 2021); however, the interaction of these compounds with Smy3 is not clear. For this reason, a theoretical study was conducted to evaluate the possibility that benzenesulfamide and their derivatives could interact with Smy3 surface as follows:

4.1 Electronic parameters.

Some data indicate that frontier electron density can been used for predicting the most reactive position in π -electron systems and several types of reactions in conjugated system. It is important to mention that highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) values and their energy gap can reflect the chemical activity of a molecule (Prasad et al., 2008). In this way, some methods such as density functional theory (matunova et al., 2019), Multiwfn software (Manoj et al., 2022) and Gaussian software (Rijal et al., 2022) have been used to evaluate frontier molecular orbitals (HOMO-LUMO gap) of some compounds (Srivastava et al., 2005; Ferro et al., 2006).

In Figure 3 shows the energy levels for benzenesulfonamide (1) and their derivatives (2-28). Besides, other data displayed that the HOMO-LUMO gap values were > 12 for benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives (2, 4, 6, 7, 23 and 25) comparade with 3, 5, 8-22, 24 and 26-28; this phenomenon is translated as higher stability of molecules.

4.1 Ligand-protein complex.

In the literature, there are some computer modeling such as DOCK (Mosquera-yuqui et al., 2022), GROMAS (Qu et al., 2022), SFs (Shen et al., 2020), Swarm Dock (Torchata et al., 2020 to evaluate the formation of the ligand-protein complex. The aim of this research was to evaluate the interaction of benznesulfonamide and their derivatives (compounds **1** to **28**) with the Smyd3 protein surface using the 7o2c protein, novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121 and EPZ031686 as theoretical tools in DockingServer software.

The results display different aminoacid residues involved in the interaction of benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives with 7o2c protein surface compared with novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121 and EPZ031686. For example, for compound **2** (Met₁₉₀); for **7** (Ser₂₀₂); for **13** (Met₁₉₀ and Ser₂₀₂); for **17** (Met₁₉₀, Pro₂₁₀, Cys₂₁₂; Val₂₁₅ and Cys₂₃₈); for **20** (Ser₁₈₂); for **21** (Ser₂₁₃); for **24** (Met₁₉₀, Pro₂₁₀ and Ser₂₀₂) and **28** (Ser₂₁₃ and Asp₂₄₁). This phenomenon could be due to differences in their chemical structure.

4.2 Bond energies evaluation

Several reports have showed that protein-ligand complex formation could depend of several thermodynamic parameters (Figueroa-Valverde et al., 2023). For this reason, in this study some thermodynamic factors such as free energy of binding, inhibition constant, Van der Waals + hydrogen bond + desolv energy (vdW + Hbond + desolv Energy), electrostatic energy and total intermolecular energy were determined using the DockingServer model. The results shows differences in energies values for benzenesulfonamide (**1**) and their derivatives (**2-28**), novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121 and EPZ031686.

In addition, inhibition constant (Ki) for benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28 was very lower compared with novobiocin, BAY-6035, BCI-121 and EPZ031686. This results suggest that benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28 could act as Smyd3 inhibitors and this phenomenon could be translated as decrease in cancer cells growth. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that some pharmacokinetic factors could determinate the biological activity of this benzenesulfonamide derivatives on Smyd3.

4.3 Pharmacokinetic evaluation.

In the literature, there are some methods to predict different pharmacokinetic processes involved in the administration of several drugs such as Phoenix WinNonlin (Zhao et al., 2022), PKMP (Shah, 2022), CertaraPhonix (Li et al., 2020) and SwissADME (Mekki et al., 2022). For this reason, in this research, some pharmacokinetic factors for benzenesulfonamide derivatives (2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28) were evaluated using SwissADME software. The results suggest differences in gastrointestinal absorption and metabolism, which involve several cytochrome P450 systems. This phenomenon could be to differences in the chemical structure of each benzenesulfonamide derivative and their degree of lipophilicity (LogP_{O/W}).

4.4 Theoretical toxicity

Several methods such as ProTox-II (Banerjee and Ulker, 2022), STopTox (Abishad et al., 2021), ToxAlert (Perez et al., 2001), TEST (He et al., 2022) have been used to evaluate the toxicity degree. Analyzing these data, in this investigation the possible theoretical toxicity produced by benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28 was determined using the GUSAR software (Karpenko et al., 2022). The results suggest that benzenesulfonamide 21 requires higher doses via intraperitoneal and intravenous to produce toxicity compared to benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 24 and 28. However, the compound 24 requires higher doses to exert toxicity via oral and subcutaneous compared with 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21 and 28. These results could be due to the different administration routes or to differences in lipophilicity degree of each benzenesulfonamide derivative.

5. Conclusions

This research reports the interaction of benzenesulfonamide and their derivatives with Smyd3. The results showed that the benzenesulfonamide derivatives 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24 and 28 could be a good alternative as Smyd3inhibitors and this phenomenon could translate into a decrease in cancer cell growth. However, it is worth mentioning that experimental data is required to support this hypothesis.

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