# LINEAR REGRESSIONS BASED ON QSRR MODELS FOR THE PREDICTION OF CHROMATOGRAPHIC RETENTION OF SOME FIVE-MEMBERED NITROGEN-CONTAINING HETEROCYCLES 


#### Abstract

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This work deals with twenty substances composed of five-membered nitrogen-containing heterocycles. The relationships between the chromatographic retention factor $(k)$ and those physicochemical and topological properties which are relevant in quantitative structureretention relationship (QSRR) studies, such as the polarizability $(\alpha)$, molar refractivity $(\mathrm{MR})$, lipophilicity $(\log P)$, dipole moment $(\mu)$, molecular surface area $\left(S_{M}\right)$, molecular connectivity indexes $\left({ }^{0} \chi \sim{ }^{5} \chi\right)$, Wiener index $(W)$, Kier flexibility index $(\phi)$, and Harary index $(H)$ were investigated. The accuracy of the simple linear regressions between the chromatographic retention (CR) and some descriptors for all of the compounds was satisfactory. The QSRR models of these compounds could be predicted with a multiple linear regression (MLR) equations having the statistical index, $r^{2}=1.0$. This work demonstrated the successful application of the MLR approaches through the development of accurate predictive equations for $k$ in liquid chromatography.


Key words: QSRR, five-membered nitrogen-containing heterocycles, retention factor, correlation.

## Introduction

An a priori prediction of properties of chemical substances or their structural formulas is a fundamental aim, however still quite open problem of the chemical science. Initial conditions for deriving quantitative structureproperty relationships, allowing for reliable property predictions, are determined

[^0]by the correct, reproducible parameters, and the exact, identically defined structural performance of the chemical objects under consideration encoding peculiar information on their individual property appearances, on the other hand. The pioneer research applying quantitative structure-property/activity relationships (QSPR/QSAR) was due to H. Wiener [1] Modeling and prediction of the chromatographic retention (CR) as a function of the molecular property, has been the subject of study for the last decades. As a result, quantitative structure-retention relationships (QSRR) have, since their introduction in the late 1970s, been considered a model approach to establish strategy of property predictions, to test the performance of various methods as well as property predictor potency of theoretically limitless number of molecular descriptors obtainable by computational methods [2]. Some reviews distinctly verified a good performance, especially in quantitative comparison of several chromatographic properties, of the general QSRRs models employing the descriptors of analyte [3, 4]. QSRR are also an important issue in organic chemistry, physical chemistry, molecular design and medicinal chemistry, as well as in drug discovery [5]. Over the past few years, different methods have been used to correlate CR behavior with various molecular structure and physicochemical parameters, such as the Van der Waals and molecular volumes [6], the molecular connectivity indexes [7, 8], the number of carbon atoms [9], the $n$-octanol/water partition coefficient $(\log P)$ [10, 11], the hydrophobic substituent constant $(\log S)$ [12], the solubility parameters [13], and some others [14, 15].

The incorporation of the five-membered heterocyclic nuclei, imidazole and triazole, into various compounds therapeutic agents is the main synthetic strategy in drugs discovery [16]. Imidazole and triazole drugs have a broad scope in remedying various disorders in clinical medicine [17].

In the present paper, a QSRR analysis was conducted to investigate the quantitative effect of the physicochemical and structural properties of fivemembered nitrogen-containing molecules on their chromatographic retention. It was governed that the retention factor $(k)$ of investigated substances was assumed by their descriptors such as polarizability (a), molar refractivity (MR), lipophilicity $(\log P)$, dipole moment $(\mu)$, molecular surface area $\left(S_{M}\right)$, molecular connectivity indexes $\left({ }^{0} \chi \sim{ }^{5} \chi\right)$, Wiener index $(W)$, Kier flexibility index $(\phi)$, and Harary index $(H)$. The examination of the linear and multiple linear regression (MLR) equations between descriptors and $k$ was the purpose of this work.

## Experimental Section

Reagents. Twenty substances were kindly provided by Professor P. Purygin (Russia, Samara State University). Chemical structures and name of compounds are specified in Table 1. HPLC grade acetonitrile

Table 1
Chemical structures and names of five-membered nitrogen-containing heterocycles

| № | Structure | Name | № | Structure | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  | methyl 4-((1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl) benzoate | 11 |  | 2-((1H-imidazol4 -yl)methyl) $-\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ -(2-methoxybenzylidene) benzohydrazide |
| 2 |  | methyl 4-((3H-benzoi-midazol-5-yl) methyl)benzoate | 13 |  | 2-((1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ -(4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzyli-dene)benzohydrazide |
| 3 |  | methyl 4-((3H-benzo [1,2,3]triazol-5-yl)methyl)benzoate | 14 |  | 2-((1H-imidazol4 -yl)methyl)- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ -(4-methoxybenzylidene) benzohydrazide |
| 4 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4-((1H-imidazol- } \\ & \text { 4-yl)methyl)ben- } \\ & \text { zohydrazide } \end{aligned}$ | 15 |  | 4-((1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl) $-\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ -(4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzyli-dene)benzohydrazide |
| 5 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2-((1H-imidazol- } \\ & \text { 4-yl)methyl)ben- } \\ & \text { zohydrazide } \end{aligned}$ | 16 |  | 4-((1H-imidazol-4-yl)methyl)- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ -(3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzyli-dene)benzohydrazide |
| 7 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4 \text {-((1H-imida- } \\ & \text { zol-4-yl)me- } \\ & \text { thyl)-N }{ }^{\prime} \text { - } \\ & \text { benzylidene- } \\ & \text { benzohydrazide } \end{aligned}$ | 17 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2-((3H-benzoi- } \\ & \text { midazol-5-yl) } \\ & \text { methyl)phenol } \end{aligned}$ |


| 8 |  | 2-((1H-imida-zol-4-yl)me-thyl)- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-ben-zylidenebenzohydrazide | 18 |  | 2-((1H-imida-zol-4-yl)methyl)phenol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 |  | 4-((1H-imida-zol-4-yl)me-thyl)- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-(4-hy-droxybenzyli-dene)benzohydrazide | 19 |  | 4-((4-phenyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)methyl) phenol |
| 10 |  | 2-((1H-imida-zol-4-yl)me-thyl)- $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-(4-hy-droxybenzyli-dene)benzohydrazide | 20 |  | 2-((2-methyl-1H-imidazol-1-yl)methyl) phenol |

was obtained from Panreac Corp. (Spain). Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Corp. (St. Louis, MO, USA). All water used in the experiments was filtered by a Millipore ultra pure water system (Millipore, Belford, MA, USA).

Sample Preparation. 5 mg of each of the twenty-four analytes was dissolved in 1 ml of water or the 1 ml of mixture (water/DMSO). A constant injection volume ( $5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ ) was used for the mixture solution throughout. The solutions were stored at 277 K and the working standards were re-prepared every 2 days to avoid the potential errors from decomposition of the targets.

Apparatus and Methods. The research was performed using an Agilent 1100 series HPLC-MS system (Agilent technologies, USA). The HPLC system included an Agilent (Wilmington, Delaware, USA) 1100 binary pump with an online degasifier, and an autosampler. The HPLC system was used with UV-Vision diode array detection (DAD), evaporative light scattering detection (ELSD) and mass spectrometric (MS) detection. The chromatographic separations were performed using a Betasil $10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ octadecyl silica ( $C_{18}$ ) column $(4,6 \times 150 \mathrm{~mm})$ (Phenomenex, USA). The column temperature was 293 K permanently. The eluent consisted of a mixture of $0,1 \%$ TFA in water (A) with $0,1 \%$ TFA in acetonitrile (B) and was delivered at a flow-rate of $2,5 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min}$. The gradient program consisted of increasing the concentration of B from $5 \%$ to $90 \%$ after $0,5 \mathrm{~min}$ over a period of $5,5 \mathrm{~min}$ and then holding it at this concentration for another $1,5 \mathrm{~min}$. The run time, from injection to injection, was $9,5 \mathrm{~min}$. The single quadrupole MS was equipped
with an electrospray source and controllable in selected ion-monitoring (SIM) mode. The electrospray was operated in positive ion mode to produce mainly protonated molecular mass ions $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{+1}$. The scanning mass to charge values ranged from 90 to $900 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ with a scanning speed of $13000 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{z}$ per second. The MS parameters were set to facilitate the ionization process and achieve the optimal sensitivity. These conditions allowed for minimal fragmentation of the target compound, optimum yield of its quasi-molecular ion and minimum interference from the matrix. An Agilent 1100 LC-MS system managed by Windows NT based HP ChemStation software (Rev 8,04) was used. The chromatograms were integrated using the HP ChemStation software package. Retention factors, $k$, were calculated using the formula $k=\left(t_{R}-t_{0}\right) / t_{0}$ where $t_{R}$ is the retention time of the analyte and $t_{0}$ is the $t_{R}$ of the non-retained peak (taken as the first deviation of the baseline following the injection of $5 \mu \mathrm{l} N O 2$ ). Three replicate injections were made to determine the $t_{R}$, and the average values were used to calculate the ks. Evaluation of the results of the experiment was carried out by mathematical statistics techniques. The relative error of a single measurement did not exceed $5 \%$. All experimental procedures were performed at 293 K .

## Theoretical Background

The polarizability $(a)$, molar refractivity $(M R)$, lipophilicity $(\log P)$, dipole moment ( $\mu$ ), and molecular surface area ( $S_{M}$, ) were drawn using HyperChem software (Hypercube Inc. FL, USA, version 7) on a PC, using semi empirical AM1 calculations for the determination of the molecular dynamics ( 293 K ) of the molecules. Extending the empirical approach can produce methods with good accuracy and excellent computational performance. In this extended method, the calculation is generally sufficiently reliable and the results in good agreement with those obtained experimentally [18]. Connectivity indexes ( ${ }^{0} \chi \times$ $\times{ }^{5} \chi$ ), Winner index ( $W$ ), Kier flexibility index $(\phi)$, and Harary index ( $H$ ) were obtained by the preADME program software. All values of descriptors and $k$ were listed in Table 2. The statistical evaluation of the data was performed using the Origin program package. To test the quality of the regression equation, the squire of correlation coefficient $\left(r^{2}\right)$ was utilized as the statistical parameter.

## Results and Discussion

In this paper, the $k$ were estimated using the mathematical relationships expressed as a linear relationship in terms of their descriptors. We collect the $t_{R}$ obtained from ELSD, DAD, and MS detectors for each substance. The display one of them (DAD, 254 nm ) was taken for calculation of $k$, because instrumentation indications from ELSD and MS were very close with DAD's
data. Typical chromatograms of one of the solute are shown in Figure 1. The absence of strict homology in a sequence (set) of investigated substances poses a serious problem in the creation of a QSRR. In such cases, the linear correlation equation is not always applicable to the description of the CR within the limit of a full nonhomologous set. From this point of view, the best results can be obtained by the formal division of all of the investigated substances into groups of substances having some common features. In the present work, the principle of structural analogy was used for the division of the substances into groups. Molecules having similar structural fragments were classified into the same group. In this way, all of the investigated molecules were classified into 5 groups depending upon their chemical structures. The data in Table 2 served as the basis for statistical analysis.

Table 2
The values of the retention factors ( $k$ ) and descriptors of five-membered nitrogen-containing heterocycles

| № | $k$ | $\log P$ | $M R$, <br> $A^{3}$ | $\alpha A^{3}$ | $S_{M}$, <br> $A^{3}$ | $\mu, \mathrm{D}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Group I |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2,66 | $-0,60$ | 65,32 | 23,49 | 429 | 4,61 |
| 2 | 3,81 | $-0,29$ | 84,64 | 29,67 | 495 | 4,19 |
| 3 | 5,68 | 0,75 | 86,22 | 28,96 | 485 | 1,79 |
| Group II |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 0,81 | $-1,51$ | 66,86 | 23,72 | 432 | 4,47 |
| 5 | 1,38 | $-1,51$ | 66,86 | 23,72 | 411 | 5,18 |
| 6 | 1,79 | $-1,20$ | 86,18 | 29,90 | 495 | 3,24 |
| Group III |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 3,38 | $-0,16$ | 94,65 | 34,79 | 583 | 3,68 |
| 8 | 3,75 | $-0,16$ | 94,65 | 34,79 | 550 | 5,54 |
| 9 | 2,73 | $-1,19$ | 96,25 | 35,43 | 609 | 3,84 |
| 10 | 2,79 | $-1,13$ | 100,47 | 35,43 | 581 | 6,27 |
| Group IV |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 3,68 | $-1,10$ | 105,24 | 37,27 | 613 | 4,57 |
| 12 | 3,15 | $-2,13$ | 106,84 | 37,90 | 556 | 4,42 |
| 13 | 3,12 | $-2,13$ | 106,84 | 37,90 | 622 | 2,60 |
| 14 | 3,86 | $-1,10$ | 105,24 | 37,27 | 614 | 3,84 |
| 15 | 2,90 | $-2,13$ | 106,84 | 37,90 | 621 | 1,85 |
| 16 | 3,01 | $-2,13$ | 106,84 | 37,90 | 634 | 2,87 |
| Group V |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 3,47 | $-0,74$ | 75,48 | 25,91 | 428 | 1,98 |
| 18 | 2,26 | $-1,05$ | 56,16 | 19,37 | 362 | 3,88 |
| 19 | 3,62 | $-0,04$ | 85,06 | 29,39 | 489 | 3,35 |
| 20 | 2,62 | $-0,53$ | 59,34 | 21,56 | 388 | 4,44 |


| № | ${ }^{0} \chi$ | ${ }^{1} \chi$ | ${ }^{2} \chi$ | ${ }^{3} \chi$ | ${ }^{4} \chi$ | ${ }^{5} \chi$ | W | $\phi$ | H |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group I |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 11,3 | 7,7 | 6,5 | 5,4 | 4,0 | 2,6 | 491 | 3,2 | 45,5 |
| 2 | 12,9 | 9,7 | 8,5 | 7,4 | 5,8 | 4,3 | 909 | 3,4 | 64,4 |
| 3 | 13,9 | 9,7 | 8,5 | 7,4 | 5,8 | 4,3 | 909 | 3,3 | 64,4 |
| Group II |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 11,3 | 7,7 | 6,5 | 5,4 | 4,0 | 2,6 | 491 | 3,2 | 45,5 |
| 5 | 11,3 | 7,8 | 6,4 | 5,4 | 4,2 | 2,8 | 443 | 3,2 | 46,7 |
| 6 | 13,9 | 9,7 | 8,5 | 7,4 | 5,8 | 4,3 | 909 | 3,3 | 64,5 |
| Group III |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 15,9 | 11,3 | 9,5 | 7,8 | 6,1 | 4,3 | 1487 | 4,8 | 75,2 |
| 8 | 16,9 | 11,3 | 9,5 | 7,8 | 6,3 | 4,5 | 1355 | 4,8 | 77,1 |
| 9 | 16,7 | 11,7 | 10,2 | 8,2 | 6,2 | 4,6 | 1689 | 5,0 | 79,8 |
| 10 | 16,7 | 11,7 | 10,1 | 8,2 | 6,5 | 4,8 | 1545 | 5,0 | 81,8 |
| Group IV |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 17,4 | 12,2 | 10,2 | 8,6 | 7,0 | 4,9 | 1691 | 5,5 | 87,3 |
| 12 | 18,3 | 12,6 | 10,8 | 9,0 | 7,3 | 5,0 | 1939 | 5,7 | 91,9 |
| 13 | 18,3 | 12,6 | 10,8 | 9,0 | 7,2 | 5,1 | 1922 | 5,7 | 92,0 |
| 14 | 17,4 | 12,2 | 10,2 | 8,6 | 6,8 | 4,9 | 1759 | 5,5 | 86,3 |
| 15 | 18,3 | 12,6 | 10,9 | 9,1 | 7,0 | 5,0 | 2090 | 5,7 | 89,9 |
| 16 | 18,3 | 12,6 | 10,9 | 9,0 | 7,1 | 4,8 | 2107 | 5,7 | 89,7 |
| Group V |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | 11,6 | 8,3 | 7,3 | 6,3 | 5,1 | 3,9 | 533 | 2,4 | 52,1 |
| 18 | 9,0 | 6,3 | 5,4 | 4,4 | 3,4 | 2,2 | 253 | 2,2 | 34,2 |
| 19 | 13,0 | 9,3 | 8,1 | 6,7 | 5,3 | 4,2 | 787 | 3,2 | 59,6 |
| 20 | 9,6 | 6,7 | 5,9 | 4,9 | 3,7 | 2,5 | 306 | 2,4 | 38,5 |

To obtain the optimal QSRR model using the subset of the molecular structural descriptors the next followed procedures were realized in this work. Firstly, a linear mathematical analysis with all molecular descriptors as predictor variables was performed (Table 2). These data served as a basis for further statistical analysis. The linear regression equations were obtained for each of the groups and a summary of these models is given in Tables 3 and 4. The theoretical descriptors calculated in this study include a wide spectrum of molecular properties, which all have high values, because each of them influences the CR to some extent. Some of the results had a high value of $r^{2}$, which indicate that these equations represent a satisfactory model for some of the calculated descriptors. It could be seen that $\log P, M R$, and $a$ were well correlated with the $k$ and the linear models were adequate ( $0,8 \leqslant r^{2} \leqslant 1,0$ ). Most of the regression equations showed that the size, steric factors, and polar effects primarily influenced the retention. However, some of the simple linear correlations shown in Table 3 gave a low (inadequate) $r^{2}$, of less than 0,80 .

A comparison between $\log P$ and the $k$ of the azoles using linear equations is shown in Figure 2. In all of the groups, the $k$ increased with increasing $\log P$. Thus, it is possible to assert that the investigated azoles are eluted in increasing order of their hydrophobicity.




Fig. 1. Chromatograms of methyl 4 -((3H-benzo[1,2,3|triazol-5-yl)methyl)benzoate in gradient mode with DAD 254 nm (a), ELSD (b), and MS (c) detectors


Fig. 2. Simple linear regressions between experimental $k$ and $\log P$ for the five groups ( $k$ was calculated from DAD data)

The simple linear regressions ( $k=a+b D, D$ indicates topological descriptor) of each group are listed in Table 4. The regression coefficient $\left(r^{2}\right)$ of the group I $(0,788 \times 0,803)$, group III $(0,531 \times 0,963$, except 0,289$)$, and group IV $(0,796 \times$
$\times 0,872$, except 0,347 ) are high, but the group II and group V are showed the low $r^{2}$. It indicated that these linear equations represents satisfactory model for some group compound, but not all of the groups. It could be seen that some order of the connectivity indexes ( ${ }^{0} \chi$ and ${ }^{1} \chi$ ), Wiener index $(W)$, and Harary index $(H)$ had good correlation with the k .

Table 3
Linear mathematical analysis ( $k=a+b D$ ) of the physicochemical descriptors ( $D$ ) for the five groups

| Group | D | $a$ | $b$ | $r^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | $\log P$ | 3,879 | 1,911 | 0,891 |
|  | MR | -1,876 | 0,078 | 0,755 |
|  | $\alpha$ | -2,346 | 0,239 | 0,674 |
|  | $S_{M}$ | -6,813 | 0,024 | 0,668 |
|  | $\mu$ | 6,694 | -0,830 | 0,848 |
| II | $\log P$ | 3,232 | 1,375 | 0,962 |
|  | MR | -3,226 | 0,065 | 0,819 |
|  | $\alpha$ | -3,597 | 0,200 | 0,738 |
|  | $S_{M}$ | -4,879 | 0,015 | 0,635 |
|  | $\mu$ | 4,280 | -0,649 | -0,772 |
| III | $\log P$ | 3,698 | 0,803 | 0,952 |
|  | MR | 15,297 | -0,126 | -0,710 |
|  | $\alpha$ | 47,166 | -1,254 | -0,951 |
|  | $S_{M}$ | 13,044 | -0,017 | -0,843 |
|  | $\mu$ | 3,110 | 0,012 | 0,032 |
| IV | $\log P$ | 4,544 | 0,702 | 0,963 |
|  | MR | 51,327 | -0,452 | -0,963 |
|  | $\alpha$ | 46,543 | -1,148 | -0,963 |
|  | $S_{M}$ | 3,586 | -0,001 | -0,035 |
|  | $\mu$ | 2,466 | 0,244 | 0,691 |
| V | $\log P$ | 3,896 | 1,712 | 0,842 |
|  | MR | -1,412 | 0,063 | 0,932 |
|  | $\alpha$ | -1,658 | 0,189 | 0,936 |
|  | $S_{M}$ | -3,545 | 0,016 | 0,904 |
|  | $\mu$ | 3,320 | -0,113 | -0,112 |

A common practice employed in the development of QSRR methodology has been to identify relationships employing self-chosen single or more descriptors. However, regardless of which type of variable is chosen, it is usually difficult to predict in advance the descriptor variables of value in describing the properties variation. Understandably, it is very difficult, or even impossible, to handle a large number of descriptors while aiming to produce an unambiguous and understandable selection. The latter fact is one of the disadvantages of QSRR.

Table 4
Linear equations $(k=a+b D)$ of the structural descriptors ( $D$ ) with groups

| Group | $D$ | $a$ | $b$ | $r^{2}$ | $D$ | $a$ | $b$ | $r^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | ${ }^{0} \chi$ | -9,712 | 0,999 | 0,798 | $W$ | -1,169 | 0,006 | 0,804 |
|  | ${ }^{1} \chi$ | -8,485 | 1,297 | 0,801 | $\phi$ | -42,108 | 13,726 | 0,720 |
|  | ${ }^{2} \chi$ | -6,599 | 1,258 | 0,803 | $H$ | -4,650 | 0,137 | 0,797 |
|  | ${ }^{3} \chi$ | -5,612 | 1,329 | 0,797 | ${ }^{4} \chi$ | -4,443 | 1,480 | 0,793 |
|  | ${ }^{5} \chi$ | -2,408 | 1,472 | 0,788 |  |  |  |  |
| II | ${ }^{0} \chi$ | 11,681 | -0,510 | 0,469 | W | 8,312 | -0,003 | 0,764 |
|  | ${ }^{1} \chi$ | 14,742 | -0,990 | 0,421 | $\phi$ | 14,674 | -2,299 | 0,469 |
|  | ${ }^{2} \chi$ | 13,346 | -1,016 | 0,631 | $H$ | 5,826 | -0,032 | 0,190 |
|  | ${ }^{3} \chi$ | 8,899 | -0,692 | 0,331 | ${ }^{4} \chi$ | -1,411 | 0,736 | 0,294 |
|  | ${ }^{5} \chi$ | 7,567 | -0,926 | 0,316 |  |  |  |  |
| III | ${ }^{0} \chi$ | 17,819 | -0,803 | 0,955 | W | 6,977 | -0,002 | 0,893 |
|  | ${ }^{1} \chi$ | 25,534 | -1,774 | 0,952 | $\phi$ | 24,965 | -3,799 | 0,958 |
|  | ${ }^{2} \chi$ | 15,283 | -1,123 | 0,950 | $H$ | 15,311 | -0,134 | 0,800 |
|  | ${ }^{3} \chi$ | 17,040 | -1,537 | 0,963 | ${ }^{4} \chi$ | 11,395 | -1,146 | 0,531 |
|  | ${ }^{5} \chi$ | 8,063 | -0,958 | 0,289 |  |  |  |  |
| IV | ${ }^{0} \chi$ | -6,756 | 0,935 | 0,815 | $w$ | -0,167 | 0,008 | 0,837 |
|  | ${ }^{1} \chi$ | -5,610 | 1,183 | 0,850 | $\phi$ | -7,088 | 4,223 | 0,347 |
|  | ${ }^{2} \chi$ | -4,598 | 1,187 | 0,819 | $H$ | -2,610 | 0,131 | 0,849 |
|  | ${ }^{3} \chi$ | -3,610 | 1,240 | 0,851 | ${ }^{4} \chi$ | -2,362 | 1,281 | 0,872 |
|  | ${ }^{5} \chi$ | -1,078 | 1,334 | 0,843 |  |  |  |  |
| IV | ${ }^{0} \chi$ | 20,567 | -0,948 | 0,633 | $w$ | 14,818 | -0,006 | 0,685 |
|  | ${ }^{1} \chi$ | -18,541 | 1,735 | 0,468 | $\phi$ | 4,538 | -0,200 | 0,164 |
|  | ${ }^{2} \chi$ | 1,218 | 0,200 | 0,077 | $H$ | -25,753 | 0,321 | 0,673 |
|  | ${ }^{3} \chi$ | 2,690 | 0,085 | 0,039 | ${ }^{4} \chi$ | -0,673 | 0,575 | 0,434 |
|  | ${ }^{5} \chi$ | -1,348 | 0,930 | 0,490 |  |  |  |  |



Fig. 3. Comparison between the calculated retention factors (k) from DAD data and the corresponding experimental values in group V

Table 5
The MLR models $k=f(D)=a_{0}+a_{1} \log P+a_{2} M R+a_{3} \alpha+a_{4} S_{M}+a_{6} \mu$ containing physicochemical descriptors

| Group | $a_{0}$ | $a_{1}$ | $a_{2}$ | $a_{3}$ | $a_{4}$ | $a_{6}$ | $r$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I | 8,525 | $-6,006$ | 0,084 | $-0,292$ | 0,003 | $-3,461$ | 1,000 |
| II | $-2,654$ | 3,293 | $-0,043$ | 0,130 | $-0,001$ | 0,924 | 1,000 |
| III | $-1,837$ | 7,338 | $-0,099$ | 0,862 | 0,003 | 0,143 | 1,000 |
| IV | $-287,47$ | 3,041 | $-3,768$ | 0,997 | 0,022 | 0,560 | 1,000 |
| V | $-6,607$ | $-1,500$ | $-0,066$ | $-0,375$ | $-0,004$ | 0,147 | 1,000 |

Table 6
The MLR models
$k=f(D)=a_{0}+a_{1}{ }^{0} \chi+a_{2}{ }^{1} \chi+a_{3}{ }^{2} \chi+a_{4}{ }^{3} \chi+a_{5}{ }^{4} \chi+a_{6}{ }^{5} \chi+a_{7} W+a_{8} \phi+a_{9} H$ containing structural descriptors

| Group | I | II | III | IV | V |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $a_{0}$ | 46408 | $-43,627$ | $-4,712$ | $-28,636$ | $-4,985$ |
| $a_{1}$ | 2008 | $-0,235$ | $-5,019$ | 4,416 | 0,103 |
| $a_{2}$ | -1806 | 7,003 | 5,356 | 3,072 | 0,580 |
| $a_{3}$ | -8305 | 6,946 | $-13,186$ | 12,976 | $-0,203$ |
| $a_{4}$ | -1723 | $-6,338$ | 5,272 | 12,407 | $-1,601$ |
| $a_{5}$ | 6938 | 1,126 | $-5,870$ | $-6,017$ | $-0,276$ |
| $a_{6}$ | 5877 | $-18,453$ | $-4,795$ | $-0,999$ | 0,674 |
| $a_{7}$ | 54,3 | 0,012 | 0,040 | $-0,034$ | $-0,001$ |
| $a_{8}$ | 7,429 | 5,634 | $-7,108$ | $-34,073$ | $-0,563$ |
| $a_{9}$ | -554 | 0,662 | 0,860 | $-0,718$ | $-0,045$ |
| $r^{2}$ | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |

As a result, in this study, we attempted to consider the entire spectrum of the calculated descriptors. Therefore, the multiple linear statistical analysis technique was used, in order to obtain a reliable expression, which considers all of the descriptors calculated in this work. The MLR was obtained by regression techniques using the multilinear forms:

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\begin{equation*}
P=f(D)=a_{0}+a_{1} D_{1}+a_{2} D_{2}+\ldots a_{n} D_{n} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $P$ is the property (in our case, $P$ is the $k$ ), $D_{1}, D_{2}$ and $D_{n}$ are the descriptors and $n$ is the number of descriptors. The intercept ( $a_{0}$ ) and regression coefficients of the descriptors $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}\right)$ were determined using the least squares method. Eq. 1 was examined and the numeric coefficients were determined by linear regression. The MLRs of the $k$ with the physicochemical properties of the azoles and their $r^{2}$ are listed in Table 5. The result of CR was estimated with calculated values of regression coefficients, and the result showed clearly that each obtained descriptor with different molecular properties
has different effect. It is not difficult to see that coefficients $a_{2}$ (except group II) and $a_{4}$ are small and close to zero. This testifies, that the physicochemical parameters such as it MR and $S_{M}$ weakly influence the retention. However, even such low-informative descriptors should be considered also, since their use unambiguously increases the predictive ability of the equations. The obtained MLRs showed that they possess the best predictive ability, in comparison with the linear equations. The calculated $t_{R}$ times are compared with the corresponding experimental values in Figure 3. The MLRs obtained for the observed and calculated $k$ are of excellent quality. The MLRs of the $k$ with topological properties of compounds and regression coefficients were listed in Table 6. The small errors of prediction make it possibility for these models to be applied for the peak identification on a chromatogram, particularly for various $t_{R}$. The advantages of approach, used in this paper, are that they are not restricted to closely related compounds, they can be easily obtained, and describe clearly defined molecular properties. Because of their advantages, they are widely used in the QSRR studies. It is undoubtedly possible to further improve the ability of this technique to identify unknown azole's compounds. Unfortunately, in the present study, the small data sets limited our ability to predict the retention data, due to the inevitable statistical irregularities. Another approach to identifying unknown azoles peaks in a chromatogram is to use a similar QSPR approach to correlate the structural properties of various azoles compounds. The use of the $t_{R}$ and structural correlations should offer the possibility of making further significant progress in this regard.

## Conclusion

The $t_{R}$ of 20 azoles were modeled using simple-linear and multi-linear models based on the calculated topological and physicochemical descriptors. The obtained models showed perfect correlation and predictive ability. The resulting MLRs for the $t_{R}$ of the azoles can be used to predict the $t_{R}$ and indices of unknown but structurally similar compounds with a considerable degree of confidence. Also, this study clearly demonstrates that QSPR models can be used to predict the $t_{R}$ and indices without the need for chemical standards.

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# ЛИНЕЙНЫЕ РЕГРЕССИИ, ОСНОВАННЫЕ НА ПРИМЕНЕНИИ ХРОМАТОГРАФИЧЕСКИХ ХАРАКТЕРИСТИК УДЕРЖИВАНИЯ ДЛЯ ПРЕДСКАЗАНИЯ ХРОМАТОГРАФИЧЕСКОГО УДЕРЖИВАНИЯ НЕКОТОРЫХ ПЯТИЧЛЕННЫХ АЗОТСОДЕРЖАЩИХ ГЕТЕРОЦИКЛИЧЕСКИХ СОЕДИНЕНИЙ 

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> Работа посвящена установлению количественных соотношений "структура-хроматографическое удерживание" пятичленных азотсодержащих гетероциклов. Найдены зависимости между хроматографическим фактором удерживания, физико-химическими и структурными характеристиками 20 веществ, такими как: поляризуемость, молярная рефракция, липофильность, дипольный момент, индексы молекулярной связанности, индекс Винера, индекс Харари и др. Показано успешное применение многопараметрического линейного регрессионного анализа для предсказания хроматографического поведения азолов.

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