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# Hardness based quantitative structure toxicity relationship (QSTR) study on a series of aliphatic alcohol derivatives

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# ABSTRACT

The quantitative structure toxicity relationship of 89 derivatives of alcohol have been studied with the help of total energy, absolute hardness and electronegativity. The alcohols have been divided into four groups. The first group consists of derivatives of amino alcohol, second consists of derivatives of diol, the third and fourth respectively consist of derivatives of halogenated and unsaturated alcohols. A direct relationship between the toxicity of all groups of alcohols and electronegativity has been observed. The QSTR model of all the four sets have been developed. The best QSTR model of first and second set of compounds have correlation coefficient value above 0.94 and 0.7 respectively, which has been derived by combination of all the three descriptors. The best QSTR model of third set and fourth set of compounds have correlation coefficient value above 0.86 and 0.65 respectively, which has been derived by combination of descriptors consisting total energy, absolute hardness and electronegativity. The absolute hardness is one of the most significant descriptor for searching the low toxicity of alcohols. © 2011 Trade Science Inc. - INDIA

#### **INTRODUCTION**

QSAR study of phenols with the help of quantum mechanical parameter has recently been made by Singh et al<sup>[1]</sup>. They developed QSAR models having high degree of predicted power with correlation coefficient value above 0.88. QSAR<sup>[2-5]</sup> has become increasingly helpful in understanding many aspect of chemical biological activity in drug research and pharmacological sciences<sup>[6]</sup>. QSAR has gained importance in hydroxyl group of alcohols also. Success of QSAR is not limited to development of new drugs, but also in exploring the toxicological and ecotoxicological characterstic of compound. Recently QSTR study of large number of or-

# KEYWORDS

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ganic molecules were further studied by Singh et al, using different type of descriptors<sup>[7]</sup>. The models provided correlation coefficient above 0.9.

The hydroxyl group of alcohols has wide range of cellular activities and are important target for study of toxicity. In the present work QSTR study of 89 derivative of alcohol, whose toxicity against tetrahymena pyriformis is reported<sup>[8]</sup>. has been made. The QSTR study of derivatives of alcohol has been made with the help of quantum mechnical parameter such as, total energy (ET) absolute hardness ( $\eta$ ) and electronegativity( $\chi$ ). The biological toxicity of alcohol derivatives has been reported by four different methods of inhibitory growth concentration<sup>[9-12]</sup>. The derivatives accordingly have been

studied in four sets and also indicates a relationship between absolute hardness and inhibitory growth concentration.

### **EXPERIMENTAL**

The study materials of this paper are 89 derivatives of aliphatic alcohol, which have been divided in four sets on the basis of different inhibitory growth measurement. For QSTR prediction, the 3D modeling and geometery optimization of all the compounds have been done with the help of PCModel software using PM3 hamiltonian<sup>[13]</sup>. The MOPAC calculations have been performed with WINMOPAC 7.21 software, by applying keywords PM3 Charge=0 Gnorm=0.1, Bonds, Geo-OK, Vectors density. The four sets of compounds are listed in TABLE 1-4. The values of total energy, absolute hardness and electronegativity have been obtained from this software by solving the equations given below and the results are included in TABLE 1-4.

TABLE 1 : Amino alcohols and their observed toxicity (IGCand predicted toxicity against tetrahymena pyriformis

| No. | Compounds                           | IGC <sub>50</sub> | $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{T}}$ | η     | χ      | 1P <sub>Toxicity</sub> | 2P <sub>Toxicity</sub> |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | 2-(Methylamino)ethanol              | -1.8202           | -44.455                   | 5.955 | -3.338 | -1.67                  | -1.692                 |
| 2   | 4-Amino-1-butanol                   | -0.9752           | -51.636                   | 6.134 | -3.294 | -0.875                 | -0.992                 |
| 3   | 2-(Ethylamino)ethanol               | -1.6491           | -51.605                   | 5.905 | -3.347 | -1.729                 | -1.697                 |
| 4   | 2-Propylaminoethanol                | -1.6842           | -58.766                   | 5.896 | -3.364 | -1.636                 | -1.607                 |
| 5   | DL-2-Amino-1-pentanol               | -0.6718           | -58.793                   | 6.119 | -3.237 | -0.805                 | -0.788                 |
| 6   | 3-Amino-2,2-dimethyl-1-<br>propanol | -0.9246           | -58.811                   | 6.123 | -3.329 | -0.788                 | -0.938                 |
| 7   | 6-Amino-1-hexanol                   | -0.958            | -65.955                   | 6.137 | -3.272 | -0.61                  | -0.656                 |
| 8   | DL-2-Amino-1-hexanol                | -0.5848           | -65.953                   | 6.113 | -3.245 | -0.701                 | -0.675                 |
| 9   | DL-2-Amino-3-methyl-1-<br>butanol   | -0.5852           | -58.795                   | 6.109 | -3.214 | -0.842                 | -0.773                 |
| 10  | 2-Amino-3,3-dimethyl-<br>butanol    | -0.7178           | -65.961                   | 6.1   | -3.218 | -0.749                 | -0.661                 |
| 11  | 2-Amino-3-methyl-1-<br>pentanol     | -0.6594           | -65.95                    | 6.115 | -3.228 | -0.695                 | -0.641                 |
| 12  | 2-Amino-4-methyl-<br>pentanol       | -0.6191           | -65.953                   | 6.097 | -3.234 | -0.759                 | -0.696                 |
| 13  | 2-(tert-Butylamino)ethanol          | -1.673            | -65.923                   | 5.893 | -3.38  | -1.521                 | -1.501                 |
| 14  | Diethanolamine                      | -1.7941           | -63.781                   | 5.875 | -3.485 | -1.627                 | -1.777                 |
| 15  | 1,3-Diamino-2-hydroxy-<br>propane   | -1.4275           | -53.851                   | 5.953 | -3.366 | -1.512                 | -1.559                 |
| 16  | N-Methyldiethanol amine             | -1.8338           | -70.902                   | 5.753 | -3.49  | -1.956                 | -1.97                  |
| 17  | 3-(Methylamino)-1,2-<br>propanediol | -1.5341           | -63.784                   | 5.854 | -3.276 | -1.704                 | -1.464                 |
| 18  | Triethanolamine                     | -1.7488           | -90.224                   | 5.735 | -3.572 | -1.682                 | -1.774                 |

 $IGC_{50}$ . 50% inhibitory growth concentration,  $E_{_{T}}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\chi$  are total energy, absolute hardness, electronegativity

In DFT, the electronegativity, commonly known to

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TABLE 2 : Acetylenic alcohols and diols & their and toxicity  $(IGC_{50})$  and predicted toxicity against tetrahymena pyriformis

| No. | Compounds                | IGC <sub>50</sub> | ET      | η     | χ      | 3P <sub>Toxicity</sub> | 4P <sub>Toxicity</sub> |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | 3-Butyn-2-ol             | -0.4024           | -38.564 | 6.28  | -4.513 | -1.038                 | -1.166                 |
| 2   | 1-Pentyn-3-ol            | -1.1776           | -45.723 | 6.256 | -4.669 | -0.222                 | -0.412                 |
| 3   | 2-Pentyn-1-ol            | -0.5724           | -45.779 | 5.932 | -4.27  | -1.516                 | -1.254                 |
| 4   | 2-Penten-4-yn-1-ol       | -0.5549           | -43.915 | 4.942 | -4.621 | -0.456                 | 0.132                  |
| 5   | 1-Hexyn-3-ol             | 0.6574            | -45.723 | 6.256 | -4.669 | -0.222                 | -0.412                 |
| 6   | 1-Heptyn-3-ol            | -0.265            | -60.043 | 6.257 | -4.679 | 0.425                  | 0.286                  |
| 7   | 4-Heptyn-3-ol            | -0.0336           | -60.093 | 6.049 | -4.328 | -0.713                 | -0.498                 |
| 8   | 2-Octyn-1-ol             | 0.1944            | -67.259 | 6.007 | -4.328 | -0.403                 | -0.136                 |
| 9   | 4-Methyl-1-pentyn-3-ol   | -0.0267           | -52.887 | 6.228 | -4.64  | -0.008                 | -0.133                 |
| 10  | 4-Methyl-1-heptyn-3-ol   | 0.7426            | -67.204 | 6.205 | -4.633 | 0.585                  | 0.536                  |
| 11  | (±)-1,2-Butanediol       | -2.0482           | -38.564 | 6.28  | -4.513 | -1.038                 | -1.166                 |
| 12  | (±)-1,3-Butanediol       | -2.3013           | -54.419 | 6.919 | -3.987 | -2.063                 | -2.144                 |
| 13  | 1,4-Butanediol           | -2.2365           | -54.429 | 6.917 | -3.978 | -2.093                 | -2.166                 |
| 14  | 1,2-Pentanediol          | -1.6269           | -61.581 | 6.92  | -4.044 | -1.569                 | -1.659                 |
| 15  | 1,5-Pentanediol          | -1.9344           | -61.589 | 6.915 | -3.973 | -1.799                 | -1.839                 |
| 16  | 2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol | -1.9531           | -68.724 | 6.915 | -3.988 | -1.443                 | -1.464                 |
| 17  | (±)-1,2-Hexanediol       | -1.2669           | -68.741 | 6.912 | -4.051 | -1.238                 | -1.3                   |
| 18  | 1,6-Hexanediol           | -1.4946           | -68.749 | 6.922 | -3.974 | -1.489                 | -1.505                 |

IGC<sub>50</sub>. 50% inhibitory growth concentration,  $E_{T,}\eta$ ,  $\chi$  are total energy, absolute hardness, electronegativity

a chemist, is define as the negative of a partial derivative of energy E of an atomic or molecular system with respect to the number of electrons N with a constant external potential  $_{v(r)}^{[14]}$ .

 $\mu = -\chi - (\delta E / \delta N)_{v(r)}$ 

(1)

In accordance with the earlier work of Iczkowski and Margrave,<sup>[15]</sup> it should be stated that when assuming a quadratic relationship between E and N and in a finite difference approximation, Eq. 1 may be rewritten as

$$\chi = -\mu = -(IE + EA)/2$$
 (2)

where IE and EA are the vertical ionization energy and electron affinity, respectively, thereby recovering the electronegativity definition of Mulliken.<sup>[16]</sup> Moreover, a theoretical justification was provided for Sandersons principle of electronegativity equalization, which states that when two or more atoms come together to form a molecule, their electronegativities become adjusted to the same intermediate value.<sup>[17-19]</sup> The absolute hardness  $\eta$  is define as<sup>[20]</sup>

 $η = 1/2 (δμ / δN)_{v(r)} = 1/2 (δ2E / δN2)_{v(r)}$  (3) where E is the total enegy, N is the number of electrons of the chemical species, and <sub>v(r)</sub> is the extenal potential.

TABLE 3 : Halogenated and saturated alcohols and their observed toxicity (IGC $_{50}$ ) & predicted toxicity against tetrahymena pyriformis

| 1 2 Bror           | noethanol                |         |         |       |        |        | •      |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 2-DI01           |                          | -0.3538 | -37.783 | 5.375 | -5.677 | -1.342 | -0.575 |
| 2 2-Chlo           | roethanol                | -1.5343 | -39.654 | 5.804 | -4.706 | -1.327 | -1.489 |
| 3 1-Chlo           | ro-2-propanol            | -1.2446 | -46.808 | 5.799 | -4.675 | -1.033 | -1.2   |
| 4 3-Chlo           | ro-1-propanol            | -1.1622 | -46.816 | 5.809 | -4.639 | -1.034 | -1.242 |
| 5 4-Chlo           | ro-1-butanol             | -0.5329 | -53.976 | 5.817 | -4.633 | -0.743 | -0.905 |
| 6 3-Chlo<br>propan | ro-2,2-dimethyl-1-<br>ol | -0.8568 | -61.151 | 5.793 | -4.563 | -0.446 | -0.689 |
| 7 6-Chlo           | ro-1-hexanol             | -0.353  | -68.296 | 5.819 | -4.613 | -0.157 | -0.255 |
| 8 8-Chlo           | ro-1-octanol             | -0.1879 | -82.616 | 5.82  | -4.606 | 0.429  | 0.412  |
| 9 6-Bror           | no-1-hexanol             | 0.5721  | -66.426 | 5.383 | -5.563 | -0.171 | 0.622  |
| 10 2,3-Di          | bromopropanol            | -0.9264 | -56.975 | 4.639 | -5.251 | -0.452 | -0.967 |
| 11 Methy           | l alcohol                | -2.6656 | -20.788 | 7.323 | -3.815 | -2.316 | -2.253 |
| 12 Ethyl a         | llcohol                  | -1.9912 | -27.933 | 7.116 | -3.782 | -1.994 | -2.155 |
| 13 1-Prop          | anol                     | -1.7464 | -35.093 | 7.056 | -3.827 | -1.692 | -1.808 |
| 14 2-Prop          | anol                     | -1.8819 | -35.088 | 7.157 | -3.881 | -1.707 | -1.637 |
| 15 1-Buta          | nol                      | -1.4306 | -42.253 | 7.023 | -3.864 | -1.395 | -1.447 |
| 16 (±)-2-1         | Butanol                  | -1.542  | -42.243 | 7.106 | -3.906 | -1.407 | -1.31  |
| 17 2-Metl          | ıyl-1-propanol           | -1.3724 | -42.259 | 7.063 | -3.85  | -1.4   | -1.431 |
| 18 2-Pent          | anol                     | -1.1596 | -49.405 | 7.076 | -3.922 | -1.11  | -0.977 |
| 19 3-Pent          | anol                     | -1.2437 | -49.402 | 7.025 | -3.897 | -1.102 | -1.059 |
| 20 3-Meth          | yl-2-butanol             | -0.9959 | -49.407 | 7.082 | -3.915 | -1.11  | -0.981 |
| 21 tert-Ar         | nylalcohol               | -1.1729 | -49.432 | 7.051 | -3.855 | -1.105 | -1.095 |
| 22 2-Meth          | nyl-1-butanol            | -0.9528 | -49.415 | 7.033 | -3.875 | -1.103 | -1.085 |
| 23 3-Meth          | nyl-1-butanol            | -1.0359 | -49.417 | 6.968 | -3.814 | -1.094 | -1.232 |
| 24 2,2-Di          | methyl-1-propanol        | -0.8702 | -49.432 | 7.051 | -3.855 | -1.105 | -1.095 |
| 25 2-Meth          | nyl-2-propanol           | -1.7911 | -42.259 | 7.063 | -3.85  | -1.4   | -1.431 |
| 26 1-Hexa          | anol                     | -0.3789 | -56.573 | 6.987 | -3.903 | -0.804 | -0.748 |
| 27 3,3-Di          | methyl-1-butanol         | -0.7368 | -56.587 | 6.927 | -3.791 | -0.794 | -0.965 |
| 28 4-Metl          | yl-1-pentanol            | -0.6372 | -56.578 | 6.982 | -3.869 | -0.803 | -0.803 |
| 29 1-Hept          | anol                     | 0.105   | -63.733 | 6.977 | -3.915 | -0.509 | -0.402 |
| 30 2,4-Di          | methyl-3-pentanol        | -0.7052 | -63.726 | 6.905 | -3.877 | -0.499 | -0.524 |

 $IGC_{_{50}}$  50% inhibitory growth concentration  $E_{_{T}}\eta$ ,  $\chi$  are total energy, absolute hardness, electronegativity

The operational definition of absolute hardness and electronegativity is given as

 $\eta = 1/2(IE - EA) \tag{4}$ 

 $\chi = -\mu = -(IE + EA)/2$  (5)

where IE and EA are the ionization energy and electron affinity, respectively, of the chemical species. According to Koopman's theorem, the IP is simply the eigenvalue of HOMO with change of sign and EA is eigenvalue of LUMO with change of sign; hence Eqs. 3 and 4 may be written as

$$=1/2$$
(ε LUMO – ε HOMO)

 $\chi = -\mu = 1/2(\epsilon LUMO + \epsilon HOMO)$ 

(6) (7)

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With regard to QSTR of a chemical system, the total energy also played an important role. The total energy of a molecular system is sum of the total electronic energy ( $E_{ee}$ ) and the energy energy of the internuclear repulsion ( $E_{nr}$ ). The total electronic energy of the system is given by<sup>[21]</sup>

TE = 1/2 P(H+F)(8)

where P is the density matrix and H is the one-electron matrix.

### **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The biological toxicity of alcohol derivatives has been reported by four different parameters. The alcohol derivatives are accordingly divided in four different sets, which is along with their reported biological toxicity are

 TABLE 4 : Unsaturated alcohols and their observed toxicity
 (IGC<sub>50</sub>) and predicted toxicity against tetrahymena pyriformis

| No. | Compounds              | IGC <sub>50</sub> | ET      | η     | χ      | 7P <sub>Toxicity</sub> | 8P <sub>Toxicity</sub> |
|-----|------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | 2-Methyl-3-buten-2-ol  | -1.3889           | -47.57  | 5.731 | -4.538 | -1.271                 | -1.274                 |
| 2   | 4-Pentyn-1-ol          | -1.4204           | -45.736 | 6.321 | -4.488 | -1.505                 | -1.502                 |
| 3   | 2-Methyl-3-butyn-2-ol  | -1.3114           | -45.731 | 6.388 | -4.59  | -1.52                  | -1.521                 |
| 4   | trans-3-Hexen-1-ol     | -0.7772           | -54.754 | 5.335 | -4.281 | -0.775                 | -0.772                 |
| 5   | 5-Hexyn-1-ol           | -1.2948           | -52.896 | 6.315 | -4.477 | -1.097                 | -1.095                 |
| 6   | 3-Methyl-1-pentyn-3-ol | -1.3226           | -52.886 | 6.374 | -4.729 | -1.11                  | -1.119                 |
| 7   | 4-Hexen-1-ol           | -0.754            | -54.754 | 5.353 | -4.293 | -0.779                 | -0.777                 |
| 8   | 5-Hexen-1-ol           | -0.8411           | -54.734 | 5.602 | -4.462 | -0.835                 | -0.838                 |
| 9   | 4-Pentyn-2-ol          | -1.6324           | -45.729 | 6.298 | -4.512 | -1.5                   | -1.498                 |
| 10  | 5-Hexyn-3-ol           | -1.4043           | -52.884 | 6.332 | -4.397 | -1.101                 | -1.096                 |
| 11  | 3-Heptyn-1-ol          | -0.3231           | -60.107 | 5.971 | -4.293 | -0.611                 | -0.606                 |
| 12  | 4-Heptyn-2-ol          | -0.616            | -60.1   | 6.006 | -4.298 | -0.619                 | -0.614                 |
| 13  | 3-Octyn-1-ol           | 0.017             | -67.267 | 5.97  | -4.296 | -0.204                 | -0.201                 |
| 14  | 2-Propen-1-ol          | -1.9178           | -33.253 | 5.571 | -4.499 | -2.049                 | -2.048                 |
| 15  | 2-Buten-1-ol           | -1.4719           | -40.433 | 5.336 | -4.328 | -1.589                 | -1.585                 |
| 16  | (±)-3-Buten-2-ol       | -1.0529           | -40.409 | 5.673 | -4.6   | -1.665                 | -1.669                 |
| 17  | cis-2-Buten-1,4-diol   | -2.1495           | -52.608 | 5.307 | -4.377 | -0.891                 | -0.892                 |
| 18  | cis-2-Penten-1-ol      | -1.1052           | -47.593 | 5.324 | -4.3   | -1.18                  | -1.176                 |
| 19  | 3-Penten-2-ol          | -1.401            | -47.592 | 5.424 | -4.399 | -1.202                 | -1.201                 |
| 22  | trans-2-Hexen-1-ol     | -0.4718           | -54.753 | 5.323 | -4.301 | -0.772                 | -0.771                 |
| 21  | 1-Hexen-3-ol           | -0.8113           | -54.728 | 5.7   | -4.849 | -0.857                 | -0.876                 |
| 22  | cis-2-Hexen-1-ol       | -0.7767           | -54.753 | 5.323 | -4.301 | -0.772                 | -0.771                 |
| 23  | trans-2-Octen-1-ol     | 0.3654            | -69.073 | 5.322 | -4.306 | 0.042                  | 0.039                  |

IGC<sub>50</sub>. 50% inhibitory growth concentration  $E_{T_{\tau}}\eta$ ,  $\chi$  are total energy, absolute hardness, electronegativity



presented in TABLE 1-4. Each table is divided into subgroups in order to demonstrate better and sequential relationship between the biological toxicity and reactivity parameters. The observed biological toxicity in each table has been arranged in increasing order. The reactivity indices such as total energy (ET) absolute hardness( $\eta$ ) and electronegativity( $\chi$ ) of the corresponding alcohol derivatives are also presented in the table. The discussion has been made under two captions:-

- 1. Relationship with reactivity indices
- 2. QSTR model

### **Relationship with reactivity indices**

#### First set

The first set contain 18 amino alcohol derivatives and their biological toxicity has been measured in terms of 50% inhibitory growth concentration. The reactivity indices along with biological toxicity of this set of compounds are placed in TABLE 1. A close look of this table indicates that toxicity increases by increasing the carbon chain in homologous series and decreases by the addition of alkyl amino group (R-NH<sub>2</sub>). (R=CH<sub>3</sub>

TABLE 5 : Relationship between absolute hardness and toxicity of first set

| or $C_3H_5$ or $C_3H_7$ ). Except with absolute hardness where |
|--|
| there is direct relatively, there appears no relationship      |
| of toxicity with other reactivity indices. Since there is      |
| direct relationship of toxicity with absolute hardness,        |
| the values have been separately tabulated in TABLE 5           |
| and for sequential representation the table have been          |
| divided in three subgroups A, B and C. Compound                |
| (5), (6) and (13) do not follow the sequential trend.          |

#### Second set

The second set contain 18 acetylenic alcohol and diol derivatives and their reported biological toxicity has been reported in terms of 50% inhibitory growth concentration. The reactivity indices along with biological toxicity of this set of compounds are placed in TABLE 2. A close look of this table indicates that the toxicity decreases when two hydroxyl (-OH) group are attached at one carbon atom i.e. diol derivatives and toxicity increases by the addition of double/triple bond. Only the absolute hardness shows direct relationship, the other reactivity indices show no relationship. There is a inverse relationship between absolute hardness and ob-

| TABLE 6 : Relationship between absolute hardness and toxic- |
|---|
| ity of second set   |
|   |

| Compd. No  | η     | Т       | Compd. No  | η     | Т       |
|------------|-------|---------|------------|-------|---------|
| SUBGROUP-A |       |         | SUBGROUP-A |       |         |
| 16         | 5.753 | -1.8338 | 12         | 6.919 | -2.3013 |
| 14         | 5.875 | -1.7941 | 13         | 6.917 | -2.2365 |
| 4          | 5.896 | -1.6842 | 16         | 6.915 | -1.9531 |
| 3          | 5.905 | -1.6491 | 17         | 6.912 | -1.2669 |
| 15         | 5.953 | -1.4275 | 1          | 6.280 | -0.4024 |
| 12         | 6.097 | -0.6191 | 6          | 6.257 | -0.265  |
| 9          | 6.109 | -0.5852 | 9          | 6.228 | -0.0267 |
| 8          | 6.113 | -0.5848 | 10         | 6.205 | 0.7426  |
| SUBGROUP-B |       |         | SUBGROUP-B |       |         |
| 18         | 5.735 | -1.7488 | 11         | 6.280 | -2.0482 |
| 17         | 5.854 | -1.5341 | 2          | 6.256 | -1.1776 |
| 10         | 6.100 | -0.7178 | 7          | 6.049 | -0.0336 |
| 11         | 6.115 | -0.6594 | 8          | 6.007 | 0.1944  |
| SUBGROUP-C |       |         | SUBGROUP-C |       |         |
| 1          | 5.955 | -1.8202 | 15         | 6.915 | -1.9344 |
| 2          | 6.134 | -0.9752 | 3          | 5.932 | -0.5724 |
| 7          | 6.137 | -0.958  | 4          | 4.942 | -0.5549 |

 $\eta$  is absolute hardness and T is reported toxicity in tems of 50% inhibitory growth concentration for tetrahymena pyriformis

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served toxicity. In order to demonstrate the relationship, the values of absolute hardness and toxicity are placed in TABLE 6, and for sequential representation the table has been further divided into three subgroups-A, B and C. Compounds (5), (14) and (18) do not follow this trend.

# Third set

Third set of derivatives contains 30 halogenated alcohol and saturated alcohol derivatives and their reported biological toxicity is shown in terms of 50% inhibitory growth concentration. The relationship between reported biological toxicity and electronegativity of this

TABLE 7 : Relationship between absolute hardness and toxicity of third set

| Compd. No  | η     | Т       | - Fourth   |
|------------|-------|---------|------------|
| SUBGROUP-A | •     |         | Fou        |
| 11         | 7.323 | -2.6656 | alcohol    |
| 12         | 7.116 | -1.9912 | TABLE 8    |
| 25         | 7.063 | -1.7911 | ity of fou |
| 13         | 7.056 | -1.7464 |            |
| 15         | 7.023 | -1.4306 | SUBG       |
| 23         | 6.968 | -1.0359 |            |
| 27         | 6.927 | -0.7368 |            |
| 30         | 6.905 | -0.7052 |            |
| 5          | 5.817 | -0.5329 |            |
| 1          | 5.375 | -0.3538 |            |
| SUBGROUP-B |       |         |            |
| 14         | 7.157 | -1.8819 |            |
| 16         | 7.106 | -1.542  | SUBGI      |
| 18         | 7.076 | -1.1596 |            |
| 24         | 7.051 | -0.8702 |            |
| 28         | 6.982 | -0.6372 |            |
| 29         | 6.977 | 0.1050  |            |
| 9          | 5.383 | 0.5721  |            |
| SUBGROUP-C |       |         | SUBGI      |
| 17         | 7.063 | -1.3724 |            |
| 21         | 7.051 | -1.1729 |            |
| 22         | 7.033 | -0.9528 |            |
| 26         | 6.987 | -0.3789 |            |
| 8          | 5.820 | -0.1879 | SUBGI      |
| SUBGROUP-D |       |         |            |
| 2          | 5.804 | -1.5343 |            |
| 3          | 5.799 | -1.2446 |            |
| 6          | 5.793 | -0.8568 |            |

set are shown in TABLE 3. A close look at this table indicates that the toxicity increases by the addition of halo group (-Cl or -Br) and toxicity decreases by the decrease in the carbon chain of homologous series. In order to examin the relationship between reported biological toxicity and absolute hardness the values, are placed in TABLE 7. A reference to this table indicates that there is direct relationship between absolute hardness and reported biological toxicity. However, no sequential relationship is seen by the values presented in TABLE 7. In order to provide sequential relationship the table has been divided into four subgroups-A, B, C, D, E and F. Compound (1), (9), (13), (17), (25) and (26) do not follow sequential relationship.

# set

orth set of derivatives contains 23 unsaturated derivatives and their reported biological toxic-

| TABLE 8 : Relationship between absolute hardness an | d toxic- |
|---|----------|
| ity of fourth set                                   |          |

| Compd. No  | η     | Т       |
|------------|-------|---------|
| SUBGROUP-A |       |         |
| 10         | 6.332 | -1.4043 |
| 1          | 5.731 | -1.3889 |
| 16         | 5.673 | -1.0529 |
| 8          | 5.602 | -0.8411 |
| 7          | 5.353 | -0.754  |
| 20         | 5.323 | -0.4718 |
| 23         | 5.322 | 0.3654  |
| SUBGROUP-B |       |         |
| 2          | 6.321 | -1.4204 |
| 5          | 6.315 | -1.2948 |
| 21         | 5.700 | -0.8113 |
| 4          | 5.335 | -0.7772 |
| 22         | 5.323 | -0.7767 |
| SUBGROUP-C |       |         |
| 9          | 6.298 | -1.6324 |
| 12         | 6.006 | -0.6160 |
| 11         | 5.971 | -0.3231 |
| 13         | 5.970 | 0.0170  |
| SUBGROUP-D |       |         |
| 14         | 5.571 | -1.9178 |
| 15         | 5.336 | -1.4719 |
| 19         | 5.424 | -1.4010 |
| 18         | 5.324 | -1.1052 |

 $\eta$  is absolute hardness and T is reported toxicity in tems of 50% inhibitory growth concentration for tetrahymena pyriformis

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ity is in terms of 50% inhibitory growth concentration. The reported biological toxicity along with reactivity indices are given in TABLE 4. A close look at this table indicates that the toxicity increases by the addition of double/triple bond and the examination of this table also indicates that cis form of the compound show less toxicity. In order to examin the relationship between reported biological toxicity and absolute hardness the value are placed in TABLE 8. A close look at this table indicates that there is direct relationship between absolute hardness and reported biological toxicity. However, no sequential relationship is seen by the values presented in TABLE 8. In order to provide sequential relationship the table has been divided into four subgroups-A, B, C and D. Compound (3), (6) and (17) do not follow sequential relationship.

### **QSTR** models

The QSTR models of four groups of alcohol, have been developed separately in four sets. The quantitative values of descriptors ( $E_{T}$ ,  $\eta$ , and  $\chi$ ) of all the sets of compounds have been evaluated with the help of PC Model software, using PM3 Hamiltonian and the results are included in TABLE 1-4 for the four sets, alongwith their reported values of toxicity. The QSTR study of each set is presented below:

## First set

This set consists of eighteen derivatives of amino alcohol. The values of various descriptors of these compounds, in different combinations have been used for MLR analysis. The MLR analysis has been done by Project leader. The following four MLR equations providing high quality predictive toxicity are the following models:

| $RE1=-0.0176448 E_{T}+3.73144\eta-24.6745$            |      |
|---|------|
| r CV^2=0.895305 r^2=0.906387                          | (9)  |
| $RE2=-0.0200482 E_{T}+2.6751\eta+1.76358\chi-12.6263$ |      |
| rC^2=0.891749 r^2=0.94147                             | (10) |

The equ. 10 (RE2) provides best result (rC^2=0.891749 r^2=0.94147) and is treated as best QSTR model. This model includes total energy as first descriptor, absolute hardness as second and electrone-gativity as third descriptor.

# Second set

This set consists of eighteen derivatives of acety-



lenic alcohol and diol derivatives. The values of various descriptors of these compounds, in different combinations have been used for MLR analysis. The following two MLR equations providing high quality predictive toxicity are the following models:

RE3=-0.0430362  $E_{T}$  -3.24659 $\chi$ -17.3497 rCV^2=0.48888 r^2=0.666245 (11) RE4=-0.0470833  $E_{T}$  -0.57337  $\eta$  -2.58083 $\chi$ -11.0288

**rCV^2=0.314847 r^2=0.707338** (12) The equ. 12 (RE4) provides best result (rCV^2=0.314847 r^2=0.707338) and is treated as best QSTR model. This model includes total energy as first descriptor, absolute hardness as second and electronegativity as third descriptor.

# Third set

This set consists of thirty derivatives of halogenated alcohol and saturated alcohol. The values of various descriptors of these compounds, in different combinations have been used for MLR analysis. The following three MLR equations providing high quality predictive toxicity are the following models:

 $\begin{array}{l} RE5=-0.0409116 \ E_{\rm T} \ -0.142859 \ \eta \ -2.11995 \\ rCV^2=0.610654 \ r^2=0.721792 \end{array} \tag{13} \\ RE6=-0.0472426 \ E_{\rm T} \ +0.930021 \ \eta \ -1.44334 \ \chi -15.552 \end{array}$ 

 $rCV^{2}=0.790504 r^{2}=0.863758$  (14) The age 14 (DEC) provides best possible (r^{2}=0.70050)

The equ. 14 (RE6) provides best result (r^2=0.790504 r^2=0.863758) and treated as best QSTR model. This model also includes total energy as first descriptor, absolute hardness as second and electronegativity as third descriptor.

### Fourth set

This set consists of twenty three derivatives of unsaturated alcohol. The values of various descriptors of these compounds, in different combinations have been used for MLR analysis. The following three MLR equations providing high quality predictive toxicity are the following models:

 $\begin{array}{ll} RE7=-0.0568369 \ E_{\rm T} \ -0.220659\eta -2.70974 \\ rCV^{2}=0.529661 \ r^{2}=0.659909 \\ RE8=-0.0565628 \ E_{\rm T} \ -0.213777\eta +0.0424689\chi -2.54696 \\ rCV^{2}=0.51909 \ r^{2}=0.659993 \\ \end{array} \tag{15}$ 

In the above regression equations, the equ. 16 (RE8) provides best result ( $rCV^2=0.51909$   $r^2=0.659993$ ) and treated as best QSTR model. This model also includes total energy as first descriptor, absolute hardness as second and electronegativity as third descriptor.

# CONCLUSION

- 1. There is direct relationship between reported biological toxicity and absolute hardness of all the four sets of alcohol .viz 1, 2, 3 and 4. The absolute hardness can alone be helpful for searching alcohol of desired toxicity.
- 2. Total energy, absolute hardness and electronegativity are important parameter for QSTR study. The above combination of these descriptors provides best QSTR models as is indicated below.

| RE2=-0.0200482 $E_{T}$ +2.6751 $\eta$ +1.76358 $\chi$ -12.6263    |        |
|---|--------|
| rC^2=0.891749 r^2=0.94147   | (10)   |
| RE4=-0.0470833 E <sub>T</sub> -0.57337 η -2.58083χ-11.0288        |        |
| rCV^2=0.314847 r^2=0.707338                                       | (12)   |
| RE6=-0.0472426 $E_{T}$ +0.930021 $\eta$ -1.44334 $\chi$ -15.552   |        |
| rCV^2=0.790504 r^2=0.863758                                       | (14)   |
| RE8=-0.0565628 $E_{T}$ -0.213777 $\eta$ +0.0424689 $\chi$ -2.5469 | )6     |
| rCV^2=0.51909 r^2=0.659993  | (16)   |
| On the basis of statistical quality of results it is clea         | er tha |

one can use these equations to demonstrate the relative toxicity of compounds of similar series.

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