

Quantum chemical studies on some potentially tautomeric thiazolidinone derivatives and their thio and azo analogs

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Abstract

The gas phase semi-empirically calculated relative stability and tautomeric equilibrium values revealed that 2C, 4C, and 5C hydroxy substituted thiazolidinone derivatives prefer oxo forms. The 2C, 4C, and 5C mercapto substituted derivatives also found to prefer the thione forms. On the contrary 2C, 4C, and 5C amino substituted derivatives were found to prefer amino forms.

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Introduction

It has been well known that thiazole derivatives play very important roles in biochemical reactions such as oxidative decarboxylation and formation of α -hydroxyalkyl ketons (i.e. structural change) called acyloins.¹ It seems that there exists no systematic theoretical work on the tautomerism of potentially tautomeric thiazole derivatives. We believe that this gap should be filled up to a certain extent by studying the tautomeric equilibria of some potentially tautomeric thiazole derivatives therefore following our work on tautomerism, isomerism and deprotonation of some 5(6)-substituted benzimidazole-2-thione derivatives² we now reporting on some quantum chemical studies on potentially tautomeric thiazolidinone derivatives and their thio and azo analogs.

The knowledge of the acidity and tautomeric structure of ionizable molecules are important for understanding of many areas of chemistry both in the gas phase and solution. Therefore, it is necessary to calculate the acidity constants, pK_a values, and tautomeric equilibrium constants, pK_T values. They are of particular interest for elucidating reaction mechanisms, especially those having proton transfers, and for interpreting the binding of substrates or inhibitors to enzymes.

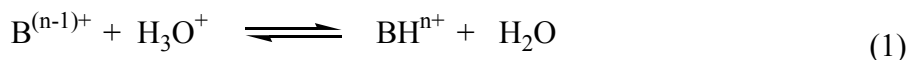
However, experimental determinations of individual pK_a values are difficult in complex systems and kinetic assignments of pK_a 's are often complicated by uncertainties in interpreting the pH dependence of the measured parameters. It is therefore useful to have reliable and accurate means of calculating relative and/or absolute pK_a values and to have an understanding is essential for interpreting the measured effective pK_a values in complex poly ions.³

Methods of calculation

Geometry optimizations were carried out at semi empirical MNDO,⁴ AM1,⁵ and PM3⁶ levels of theory at the restricted Hartree-Fock level (RHF). The calculations were performed using MOPAC 7.0 program package.⁷ The solvent effect was included in the geometry optimizations following the 'COnductor-like Screening MOdel' (COSMO)⁸ implemented in MOPAC 7.0.

The MOPAC 7.0 was used to obtain values of thermo chemical and physicochemical quantities. Initial geometries of all structures were obtained by a molecular mechanics program (Chem Office Pro for Windows)⁹ followed by full optimization of all geometric variables without any symmetry constraint using four semi-empirical methods in MOPAC 7.0 and CACHE programs.^{6,10}

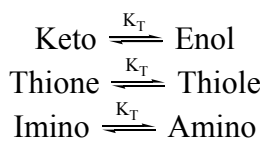
The acidity of a given base, B, for the protonation reaction (Eq.1) in which $n=1$ for protonation of a neutral base, can be calculated using the Eq. 2 where ΔG is the standard free energy¹¹ B and BH^+ are neutral and protonated base B respectively. The computed thermodynamic data of various species were used in predicting the acidity constants, pK_a values, using Eq.3 in which the $\delta\Delta G_{BH^+}$ is the standard free energy change for protonation reaction (Eq.1).



$$\delta\Delta G_{f(BH^+)} = [\Delta G_{f(B)} + \Delta G_{f(H^+)}] - [\Delta G_{f(BH^+)} + \Delta G_{f(H_2O)}] \quad (2)$$

$$pK_a = \delta\Delta G_{f(BH^+)} / 2.303RT \quad (3)$$

Carlton's equation may let us to calculate the tautomeric equilibrium constants by using the acidity constants, pK_a values, of the model compounds in the following manner.¹³



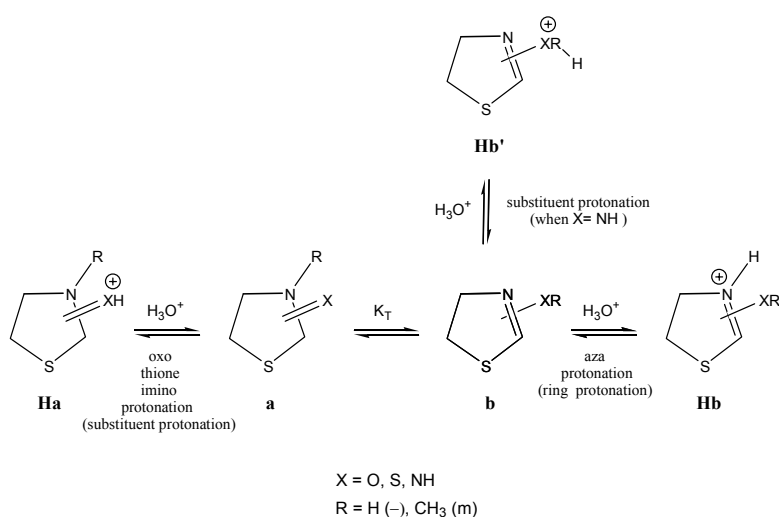
$$pK_T = pK_a(\text{model for product}) - pK_a(\text{model for reactant})$$

Results and Discussion

The nomenclature of the studied molecules was given in Table 1. The gas phase and aqueous phase MNDO, AM1, PM3, and PM5 computed data and calculated physical parameters were depicted in Tables 2-5.

Stability and tautomerisation

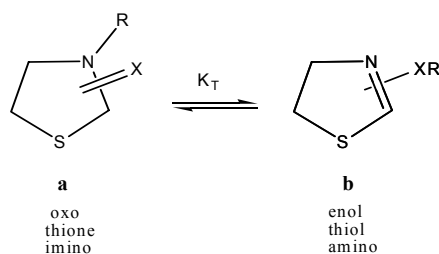
When a potentially tautomeric hydroxy group is placed at 2C, 4C and 5C (molecules **1**, **2**, and **3**) of thiazolidin molecules the gas phase stability studies with MNDO, AM1, PM3, and PM5 methods has indicated that the thione forms **a** are favored over the enol forms **b** in ring-chain tautomerism (Scheme 1) as reported in the literature.^{15,16}



Scheme 1. Possible ring-chain tautomerisation and protonation patterns for studied thiazolidinones and their thio and aza analogs.

When a potentially tautomeric mercapto group is placed at 2C, 4C, and 5C (molecules **4**, **5**, and **6**) of thiazolidine molecules the gas phase stability studies with all four methods indicate that the main tautomers exist in the thione forms **a** rather than thiol forms **b**. Model molecules were found to behave similar to main molecules and they prefer to exist mainly in thione forms **a** rather than thiol forms **b** (i. e. $RS > 0$) also as reported earlier for aromatic analogs.^{16,17}

When a potentially tautomeric amino group is placed at 2C, 4C, and 5C (molecules **7**, **8** and **9**) of thiazolidine molecule the gas phase stability values of MNDO, AM1, PM3, and PM5 methods indicate amino forms **b** are favored over the imino forms **a** (i. e. $RS < 0$) as indicated in the literature.¹⁸

Table 1. Formulae and nomenclature of the studied molecules

R = H parent molecule
 R = CH₃ model molecule
 X = O, S, NH

Molecule	Name for parent compounds	Molecule	Name for model molecules
R : H		R: CH₃	
X : O			
1a	Thiazolidin-2-one	m1a	<i>N</i> -Methyl thiazolidin-2-one
1b	2-Hydroxy thiazolidine	m1b	2-Methoxy thiazolidine
2a	Thiazolidin-4-one	m2a	<i>N</i> -Methyl thiazolidin-4-one
2b	4-Hydroxy thiazolidine	m2b	4-Methoxy thiazolidine
3a	Thiazolidin-5-one	m3a	<i>N</i> -Methyl thiazolidin-5-one
3b	5-Hydroxy thiazolidine	m3b	5-Methoxy thiazolidine
X : S			
4a	Thiazolidin-2-thione	m4a	<i>N</i> -Methyl thiazolidin-2-thione
4b	2-Mercapto thiazolidine	m4b	2-Mercapto methyl thiazolidine
5a	Thiazolidin-4-thione	m5a	<i>N</i> -Methyl thiazolidin-4-thione
5b	4-Mercapto thiazolidine	m5b	4-Mercapto methyl thiazolidine
6a	Thiazolidin-5-thione	m6a	<i>N</i> -Methyl thiazolidin-5-thione
6b	5-Mercapto thiazolidine	m6b	5-Mercapto methyl thiazolidine
X : NH			
7a	2-Iminothiyolidine	m7a	2-Methylaminothiyolidine
7b	2-Aminothiolidine	m7b	2-Dimethylaminothiyolidine
		m7b'	
8a	4-Iminothiyolidine	m8a	4-Methylaminothiyolidine
8b	4-Aminothiyolidine	m8b	4-Dimethylaminothiyolidine
		m8b'	
9a	5-Iminothiyolidine	m9a	5-Methylaminothiyolidine
9b	5-Aminothiyolidine	m9b	5-Dimethylaminothiyolidine
		m9b'	

Acidity constants

To be able to reach a conclusion about the closeness of theoretically calculated acidity constants which were depicted in Table 5 to the reality we have tried to compare those results with the experimentally obtained acidity constants for analogous molecules.

For 4-methyl-2-oxothiazole and its N-methyl model for example the oxo protonation pK_a values were reported as -1.80 and -1.70 respectively.¹² Therefore, for molecule **1a** under study the AM1 calculated pK_a value of -2.29 and for its N-methyl model **m1a** pK_a value of -3.46 suggest a similar protonation pattern and its oxo protonation as in the case of aromatic analogous. This behavior of molecule **1** is also indicative of the stability of oxo form, **1a**, with comparing the enol form, **1b**.

A similar conclusion can be withdrawn for 4-oxo and 5-oxo derivatives (i.e. molecules **2** and **3**). The AM1 calculated pK_a values of -2.86 and -3.42 for molecule **2** and its N-methyl model respectively, in which proton migration was eliminated, **m2** suggests similar protonation pattern and that is oxo protonation. In same way we can say study the AM1 calculated pK_a values of -6.27 and -7.32 for molecule **3** and its N-methyl model respectively, **m3**, suggest that the protonation occurs at the oxo group and oxo form is stable.

For thiazolidin-2-thione, **4a**, and for its N-methyl model, **m4a**, the AM1 calculated pK_a values were found as -3.80 and -2.05 respectively. These values are very close to their oxo analogs and suggest thione protonation. These values also suggest the stability of thione forms. For 5-mercaptothiazolidine, **5b**, and its mercapto methyl model, **m5b**, the PM5 calculated pK_a values seem to be reliable (i. e. -0.65 and -1.64 respectively).

For 4-mercapto thiazolidine, **6b**, and its mercapto methyl model, **m6b**, have the MNDO calculated pK_a values of -3.88 and -4.14 which are close to oxo analogs. These values are indicative of ring protonation (i.e. nitrogen atom protonation at N3 of the thiazlodin-4-thione ring). Indication the stability of mercapto form **6b**.

For 2-aminothiazolidine, **7b**, and for its N-methyl derivate, **m7b**, the AM1 calculated pK_a values were found as 8.45 and 2.29 seem to be realistic and closer to experimentally obtained values of aromatic analogs.¹¹ The lowering of basicity, of course, can be attributed to tertiary amine form of **m7b**. So the protonation takes place at the amino group and the amino form is more stable for **7b**. Similarly for 4-aminothiazolidine, **8b**, and for its N-methyl model, **m8b**, we can say that the protonation takes place on the amino group and the AM1 calculated pK_a values of 16.06 and 12.56 suggest the basicity lowering, and amino form is more stable. For 5-aminothiazolidine, **8b**, and for its N-methyl model, **m8b'**, and the PM5 calculated pK_a values of 8.07 and 6.66 seem to be realistic suggesting the stability of amino tautomer, **8b**, and amino protonation lowering of basicity about 2 pK_a unit is expected.

Tautomerism

As indicated earlier, acidity constant measurement is very important. The aqueous phase calculated tautomeric equilibrium constants for the main tautomers with all four methods (i.e. MNDO, AM1, PM3, and PM5) indicate the stability of keto and thione forms **a** over the enol and

thiol forms **b** when the hydroxy and mercapto groups are placed at 2C, 4C, and 5C of the thiazolidine ring (i. e. $pK_T > 0$). The model molecule studies for 2- or 4-mercapto derivatives however suggest reverse indicating the stability of thiol form **b** over the thione form **a** (i. e. $pK_T < 0$) as it happened in stability studies.

In elucidation of reaction mechanism such as protonation. They are also being used in determination of tautomeric equilibrium. Usage of Charton's equation in these calculations are invaluable. In the present work we made use of this equation in interpreting the obtained results (Tables 3-4).

When a potentially tautomeric amino group is placed at 2C or 4C of thiazolidine molecule both main molecules and fixed models aqueous tautomeric constants, K_T values of MNDO, AM1, and PM3 methods indicate that amino forms **b** are favored over the imino forms **a** (i. e. $pK_T < 0$).

Correlation search

Due to the lack of experimentally determined acidity constants, pK_a values, for the studied compounds we had to search some correlations to be sure that the predicted values are close to the real values. To achieve this goal, correlations among the calculated pK_a values with different methods were compared. Correlation graphs of pK_a vs. pK_a , pK_a vs. nucleophilicity, pK_T vs. pK_T are depicted in Figures 1-3. the best correlation was obtained between the PM5 and PM3 calculated pK_a values. However, the best correlation AM1 calculated nucleophilicity and PM3 calculated nucleophilicity was obtained. The best fit to tautomeric equilibrium constants, pK_T (PM5) values comes from the pK_T (AM1) values.

Table 2. Gas phase relative stabilities (RS^a ,^b, kcal/mol) of the thiazolidine derivatives

	RS^a (kcal mol ⁻¹)			
	MNDO	AM1	PM3	PM5
1a = 1b	-3.64	-12.07	-9.09	-12.95
2a = 2b	-9.13	-9.22	-10.74	-15.61
3a = 3b	-4.41	-4.13	-8.81	-7.51
4a = 4b	3.49	-0.94	7.88	-8.63
5a = 5b	-1.54	-1.49	6.80	-5.42
6a = 6b	2.31	0.48	10.34	2.51
7a = 7b	2.73	3.74	3.02	3.22
8a = 8b	-7.10	-3.61	-2.39	-4.18
9a = 9b	-2.06	1.70	0.67	2.50

^a $RS = \Delta H_f(\text{keto, thione, imino}) - \Delta H_f(\text{enol, thiol, amino})$. ^bMinus sign indicates the greater stabilities of keto, thione, imino forms.

Table 3. Aqueous phase calculated acidity constants, pK_a, for the studied molecules

	MNDO ^a	AM1 ^b	PM3 ^c	PM5 ^d		MNDO ^a	AM1 ^b	PM3 ^c	PM5 ^d
Equilibrium	pK _a	pK _a	pK _a	pK _a	Equilibrium	pK _a	pK _a	pK _a	pK _a
1a=1Ha	-6.17	-2.29	2.99	-13.19	m1a=m1Ha	-6.02	-3.46	1.09	-12.89
1b=1Hb	-9.02	3.74	5.89	-0.68	m1b=m1Hb	-3.56	7.12	10.96	-1.47
2a=2Ha	-5.75	-2.86	1.67	-10.90	m2a=m2Ha	-8.59	-3.42	1.30	-12.83
2b=2Hb	2.23	9.72	12.86	0.87	m2b=m2Hb	-10.23	9.36	7.46	-0.91
3a=3Ha	-12.42	-6.27	-7.16	-15.82	m3a=m3Ha	-12.41	-7.32	-6.95	-15.74
3b=3Hb	-2.06	8.18	11.39	0.40	m3b=m3Hb	-3.54	11.67	10.92	0.47
4a=4Ha	-7.89	-3.80	4.33	-9.95	m4a=m4Ha	-7.49	-2.05	4.44	-11.07
4b=4Hb	-6.55	7.20	8.38	-0.93	m4b=m4Hb	-6.21	8.55	7.25	-0.12
5a=5Ha	-7.73	-0.36	4.74	-9.62	m5a=m5Ha	-10.03	0.01	4.94	-10.45
5b=5Hb	-4.56	6.48	13.19	-0.65	m5b=m5Hb	-10.28	9.57	7.97	-1.64
6a=6Ha	-11.49	3.31	6.32	-9.67	m6a=m6Ha	-11.69	3.22	4.90	-11.92
6b=6Hb	-3.88	12.13	14.84	1.91	m6b=m6Hb	-4.14	12.42	10.85	1.17
7a=7Ha	2.76	23.97	19.04	7.76	m7a=m7Ha	3.07	23.01	18.84	6.03
7b=7Hb	0.86	7.76	15.95	5.35	m7b=m7Hb	1.12	17.55	14.76	4.38
7b=7Hb'	-6.93	8.45	18.20	2.37	m7b=m7Hb'	-12.85	2.29	8.38	4.79
8a=8Ha	2.77	23.00	21.00	8.88	m8a=m8Ha	2.69	20.97	19.21	8.52
8b=8Hb	-8.88	16.06	14.76	1.88	m8b=m8Hb	-3.22	12.56	10.99	1.25
8b=8Hb'	-5.99	8.50	16.90	10.42	m8b=m8Hb'	-5.42	11.10	13.89	8.13
9a=9Ha	-0.39	16.43	18.35	3.00	m9a=m9Ha	-8.09	16.54	19.49	3.63
9b=9Hb	-2.81	–	11.23	0.76	m9b=m9Hb	-3.06	–	11.09	1.03
9b=9Hb'	-2.17	15.79	20.57	8.07	m9b=m9Hb'	-6.89	10.39	11.21	6.66

^aΔH_f: H₂O = -69.15 kcal mol⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 35.34 kcal mol⁻¹; S: H₂O = 44.95 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 45.91 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. ^bΔH_f: H₂O = -68.45 kcal mol⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 43.13 kcal mol⁻¹; S: H₂O = 45.11 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 46.14 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. ^cΔH_f: H₂O = -61.88 kcal mol⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 60.15 kcal mol⁻¹; S: H₂O = 45.01 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 45.99 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. ^dΔH_f: H₂O = -59.47 kcal mol⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 46.54 kcal mol⁻¹; S: H₂O = 44.99 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹. H₃O⁺ = 45.85 cal mol⁻¹K⁻¹.

Table 4. Aqueous phase calculated tautomeric equilibrium constants, K_T , for the tautomers

Equilibrium	MNDO		AM1		PM3		PM5	
	pK_T^a	pK_T^b	pK_T^a	pK_T^b	pK_T^a	pK_T^b	pK_T^a	pK_T^b
1a = 1b	3.97	2.46	10.73	10.57	8.97	9.87	12.41	11.42
2a = 2b	8.02	-1.64	9.22	12.81	11.25	6.16	13.16	11.91
3a = 3b	3.28	8.87	2.48	15.88	5.49	17.87	5.13	16.21
m1a = m1b	8.07		10.93		15.73		15.73	
m2a = m2b	8.42		9.96		13.23		13.52	
m3a = m3b	8.65		5.21		12.18		7.66	
4a = 4b	1.33	1.28	7.85	7.77	4.91	3.99	9.67	10.96
5a = 5b	4.30	-0.25	4.48	7.01	6.65	3.02	8.09	8.80
6a = 6b	-2.17	7.55	0.09	6.75	-8.03	5.96	-1.72	13.10
m4a = m4b	-6.65		-0.76		-0.94		4.11	
m5a = m5b	-8.26		-1.09		0.30		2.93	
m6a = m6b	-12.03		-6.63		-10.44		-5.71	
7a = 7b	-2.42	-1.95 -15.91	-3.77	-4.00 -15.20	-3.12	-4.08 -10.45	-2.60	-1.65 -1.24
8a = 8b	-2.74	-5.90 -8.11	-4.34	-6.17 -7.24	-6.77	-8.22 -5.32	1.01	-7.27 -0.39
9a = 9b	-0.01	5.02 1.19	-1.70	— -4.51	-0.38	-8.40 -8.27	-2.89	-2.60 3.03
m7a = m7b	-3.72		-4.81		-2.91		-1.76	
m8a = m8b	3.74		1.41		1.92		1.68	
m9a = m9b	8.83		-0.39		0.04		0.42	

^a $pK_T = pK_a(\text{product}) - pK_a(\text{reactant})$ for parent compounds. ^b $pK_T = pK_a(\text{model product}) - pK_a(\text{model reactant})$ for Charton equation [12].

Table 5. The aqueous phase computed HOMO and LUMO energies (eV) of studied molecules

Compound	MNDO			AM1			PM3			PM5		
	HOMO	LUMO	n^a	HOMO	LUMO	n^a	HOMO	LUMO	n^a	HOMO	LUMO	n^a
1a	-10.41	0.60	-11.01	-9.68	-0.22	-9.46	-9.72	-0.68	-9.04	-9.71	-1.02	-8.69
1b	-10.09	0.34	-10.43	-9.41	-0.15	-9.26	-9.72	-0.71	-9.01	-9.50	-0.96	-8.54
2a	-10.16	0.64	-10.80	-9.44	0.12	-9.56	-9.66	-0.28	-9.38	-9.43	-0.42	-9.01

2b	-10.18	0.30	-10.48	-9.54	0.26	-9.80	-9.84	-0.19	-9.65	-9.61	-0.27	-9.34
3a	-10.55	-0.01	-10.54	-10.09	-0.09	-10.00	-10.16	-0.53	-9.63	-10.00	-0.83	-9.17
3b	-10.25	0.30	-10.55	-9.78	0.15	-9.93	-10.00	-0.33	-9.67	-9.80	-0.44	-9.36
m1a	-10.31	0.56	-10.87	-9.58	-0.25	-9.33	-9.86	-0.73	-9.13	-9.59	-1.07	-8.52
m1b	-10.09	0.33	-10.42	-9.41	-0.20	-9.21	-9.72	-0.74	-8.98	-9.51	-1.09	-8.42
m2a	-10.14	0.60	-10.74	-9.42	0.11	-9.53	-9.72	-0.27	-9.45	-9.41	-0.45	-8.96
m2b	-10.12	0.31	-10.43	-9.49	0.17	-9.66	-9.75	-0.24	-9.51	-9.44	-0.58	-8.86
m3a	-10.23	-0.02	-10.21	-9.95	-0.09	-9.86	-9.97	-0.60	-9.37	-9.77	-0.81	-8.96
m3b	-10.31	0.25	-10.56	-9.69	0.12	-9.81	-9.96	-0.37	-9.59	-9.79	-0.44	-9.35
4a	-9.99	-0.67	-9.32	-9.67	-0.90	-8.77	-10.06	-1.34	-8.72	-9.71	-1.08	-8.63
4b	-10.05	-0.08	-9.97	-9.45	-0.30	-9.15	-9.74	-1.15	-8.59	-9.43	-1.09	-8.34
5a	-10.03	-0.65	-9.38	-9.51	-0.85	-8.66	-9.88	-1.20	-8.68	-9.47	-0.77	-8.70
5b	-10.15	0.13	-10.28	-9.44	-0.26	-9.18	-9.82	-0.74	-9.08	-9.39	-0.90	-8.49
6a	-9.96	-1.24	-8.72	-9.62	-1.52	-8.10	-9.98	-2.29	-7.69	-9.47	-1.51	-7.96
6b	-10.12	0.27	-10.39	-9.41	-0.01	-9.40	-9.81	-0.83	-8.98	-9.42	-0.64	-8.78
m4a	-9.93	-0.72	-9.21	-9.60	-0.94	-8.66	-10.05	-1.51	-8.54	-9.58	-1.11	-8.47
m4b	-10.03	-0.05	-9.98	-9.30	-0.32	-8.98	-9.72	-1.16	-8.56	-9.34	-1.00	-8.34
m5a	-9.97	-0.70	-9.27	-9.51	-0.89	-8.62	-9.90	-1.36	-8.54	-9.45	-0.77	-8.68
m5b	-10.05	-0.07	-9.98	-9.44	-0.28	-9.16	-9.82	-0.76	-9.06	-9.44	-0.59	-8.85
m6a	-10.00	-1.25	-8.75	-9.59	-1.55	-8.04	-9.90	-2.32	-7.58	-9.40	-1.52	-7.88
m6b	-10.09	0.26	-10.35	-9.22	0.01	-9.23	-9.72	-0.84	-8.88	-9.24	-0.56	-8.68
7a	-10.24	0.51	-10.75	-9.63	-0.01	-9.62	-9.83	-0.51	-9.32	-9.66	-0.53	-9.13
7b	-10.03	0.29	-10.32	-9.39	0.02	-9.41	-9.48	-0.51	-8.97	-9.36	-0.52	-8.84
8a	-10.15	0.57	-10.72	-9.40	0.28	-9.68	-9.71	-0.16	-9.55	-9.38	-0.19	-9.19
8b	-10.06	0.30	-10.36	-9.39	0.33	-9.72	-9.45	-0.11	-9.34	-9.48	-0.14	-9.34
9a	-10.27	0.32	-10.59	-9.79	0.15	-9.94	-9.93	-0.36	-9.57	-9.75	-0.35	-9.40
9b	-10.26	0.30	-10.56	-9.76	0.22	-9.98	-9.89	-0.31	-9.58	-9.60	-0.17	-9.43
m7a	-10.02	0.68	-10.70	-9.63	-0.01	-9.62	-9.72	-0.50	-9.22	-9.58	-0.55	-9.03
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m8a	-10.01	0.70	-10.71	-9.38	0.25	-9.63	-9.72	-0.19	-9.53	-9.38	-0.17	-9.21
m8b	-10.16	0.27	-10.43	-9.45	0.32	-9.77	-9.80	-0.20	-9.60	-9.41	-0.11	-9.30
m9a	-9.99	0.31	-10.30	-9.73	0.16	-9.89	-9.79	-0.36	-9.43	-9.65	-0.31	-9.34
m9b	-10.17	0.28	-10.45	-9.51	0.24	-9.75	-9.85	-0.25	-9.60	-9.48	-0.20	-9.28

^a n is nucleophilicity and $n = E(\text{HOMO}) - E(\text{LUMO})$.

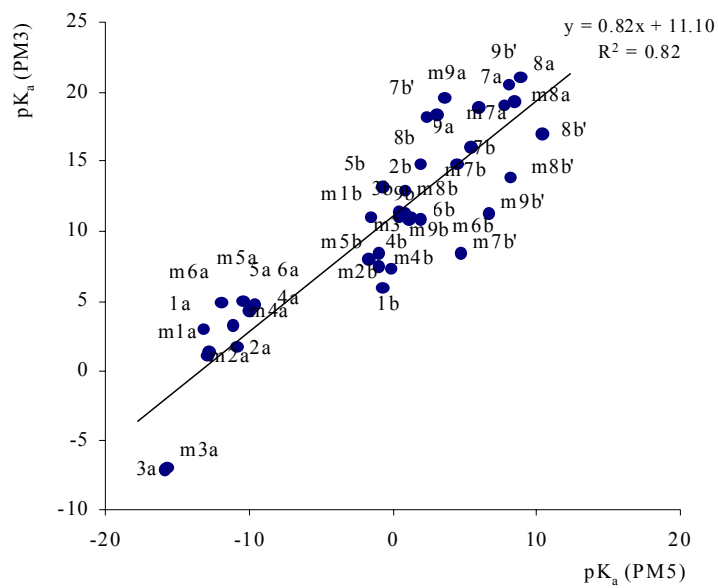


Figure 1. pK_a correlation graphs.

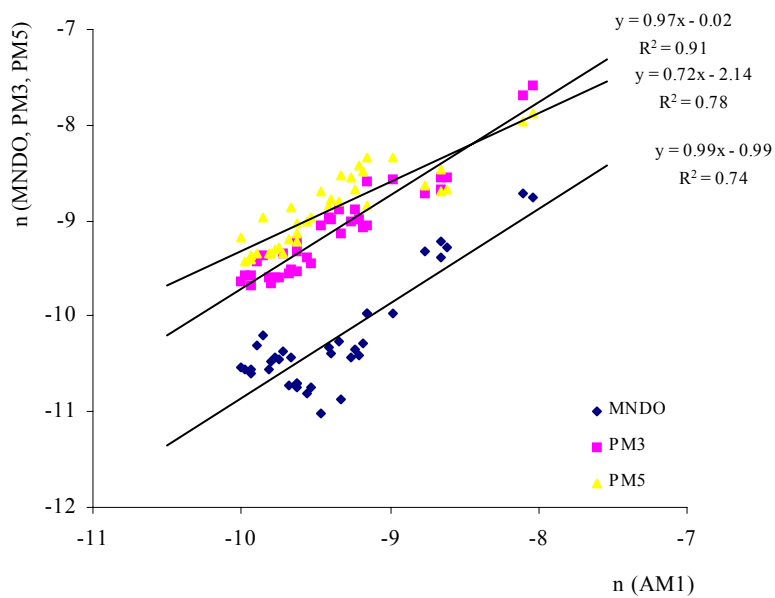


Figure 2. Nucleophilicity of the studied molecules.

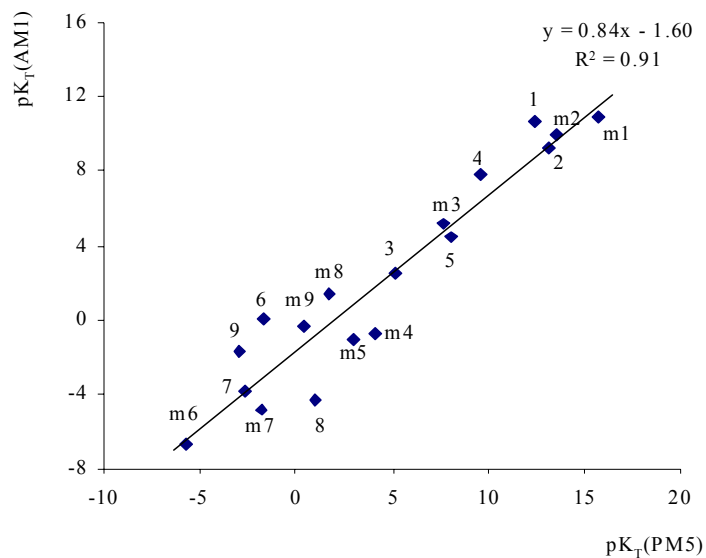


Figure 3. pK_T correlation graph for studied molecules.

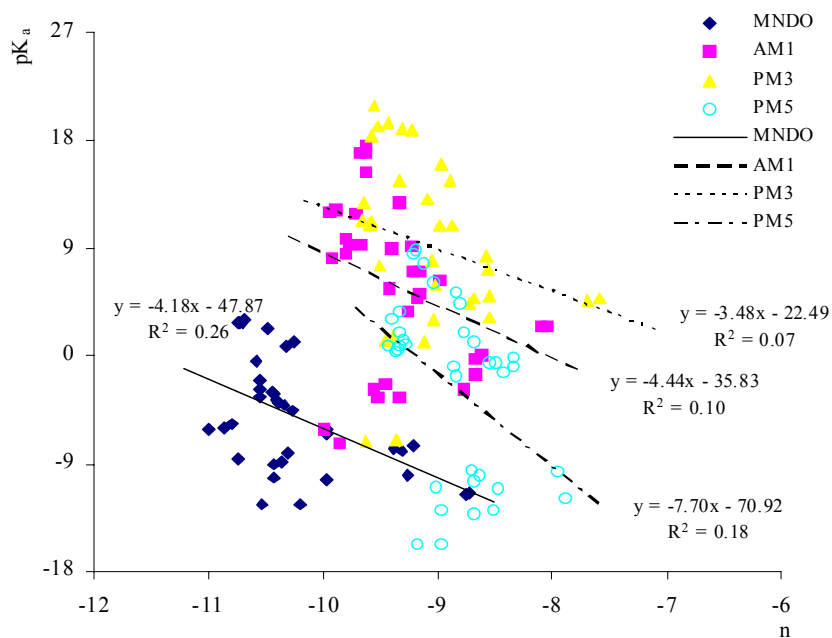


Figure 4. pK_a - n correlation graphs for studied molecules.

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