

## Design and synthesis of new isoquinoline derivatives as selective cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors and their molecular modeling studies

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**Background and Aims:** Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are known as an important class used in the treatment of inflammation, pain and fever. Their adverse effect reactions mostly affect the gastrointestinal tract. Regarding to the point that the selective COX-2 inhibitors have less GI adverse effects than the non-selective ones, in this study based on the structure activity relationship of selective COX-2 inhibitors, new Isoquinoline derivatives have been designed and synthesized in order to specify the effects of these drugs and to decrease the adverse reactions.

**Methods:** New Isoquinoline derivatives was synthesized through multi-step reactions.

**Results:** The new Isoquinoline derivatives were docked in COX-2 and COX-1 and showed favorable results. Some of them were synthesized and their molecular structures were confirmed by IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectroscopy and Mass spectrometry.

**Conclusions:** In this research, new Isoquinoline derivatives as selective COX-2 Inhibitors were docked, synthesized and confirmed by IR, NMR and Mass spectrometry.

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