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Synthesis of doxorubicin-containing ionic liquid and study of its biological activity

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In the ionic liquids (ILs), or molten salts, possess unique physicochemical and biological properties. The major advantage of ILs is their high tunability: practically any desirable features can be combined within one IL molecule. According to a novel API-IL (active pharmaceutical ingredient – ionic liquid) concept, traditional drugs can benefit from being used in the ionic liquid form. API-ILs is suggested to solve such major drawbacks of many traditional medicines as low solubility and polymorphism. In this work, we used this concept to synthesize API-IL, which contained doxorubicin as a biologically active moiety. Doxorubicin is a DNA intercalating agent commonly applied for treatment of various types of cancers. We introduced the doxorubicin moiety into an imidazolium IL via an amide bond to obtain the resulting API-IL (1-(doxorubicin-10-carboxydecyl)-3-methylimidazolium bromide). We studied cytotoxicity of the obtained DOX-IL towards Colo 320HSR cells (colon adenocarcinoma) in comparison with cytotoxicity of the pure doxorubicin chloride and 1-(10-carboxydecyl)-3-methylimidazolium bromide. According to preliminary results, doxorubicin and DOX-IL demonstrated comparable cytotoxicity towards Colo 320HSR cells (24-h IC₅₀ ~6-9 μM), whereas the IL without the doxorubicin moiety was significantly less cytotoxic (24-h IC₅₀ >3000 μM). Thus, introduction of doxorubicin into an ionic liquid did not disturb the biological activity of the drug. The results evidence promising potential of the API-IL strategy for pharmaceutical research.

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