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Abstract

The present study is focused on evaluating the antimutagenic properties of Schiff bases and Mn(III) complexes with L-Threonine, L-Serine and L-Tyrosine, which have antimicrobial activity. These six compounds were investigated for antimutagenic properties against Aflatoxin B₁ (AFB₁) by the micronucleus (MN) assay in a human lymphocyte cell culture *in vitro*. The protective role of these compounds against AFB₁-induced MN is probably related to its doses. A mechanism has been proposed to reduce the effect of AFB₁.

Keywords: antimicrobial properties, aflatoxin B₁, Mn(III) complexes, mutagenicity

Introduction

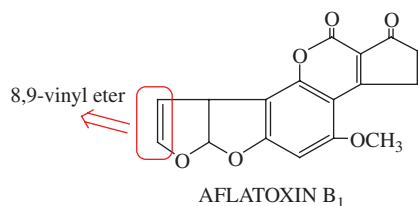
Many amino acid derivatives possess a wide variety of pharmacological activities (Kuhl et al. 2005). Amino acids hold promise as ideal targets for tumor imaging. They are necessary for the continuous, sustained, and uncontrolled growth of tumor cells. Studies have demonstrated that malignant tumors can be detected with high sensitivity and specificity, by imaging their increased metabolic rates for amino acids. Therefore, many natural and artificial amino acids have been radiolabeled for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging of tumors (McConathy et al. 2002).

Recently, several studies have demonstrated that certain amino acids (such as cysteine, glycine, tryptophan, lysine, arginine, glutamine, and alanine) show an antimutagenic effect, tested by different systems (Roy et al. 2002, Tavares et al. 1998, and Handique and Aprem 1997). However, no report so far has demonstrated the protective effect of these compounds against AFB₁ genotoxicity. AFB₁ is the most potent of the naturally occurring mycotoxins. The activation of AFB₁ on organisms, initiated by the oxidation of the 8,9-vinyl ether bond, is shown in Figure 1. AFB₁ in itself is not dangerous, but is metabolized by the body, ultimately producing a carcinogenic metabolite. Oxidized AFB₁ may

bind to nuclear DNA, resulting in nuclear damage due to electrophilic attack on the N⁷ position of guanine of DNA and RNA (Mclean and Dutton 1995).

Molecules attached with amino acids have wide applications for the synthesis of drugs as antimutagenic and antibacterial agents. Therefore, there is considerable interest in the synthesis and characterization of these compounds. However, drug resistance against antimutagenic/antibacterial agents may pose a problem in their use for medical purposes. The problem could be overcome by the preparation of metal complexes by a process of chelation, with the coordination of transition metal ions. It is well known that N and O atoms play a key role in the coordination of metals. Liping et al. have studied the inhibitory activity of oxovanadium (IV) complexes with amino acid-Schiff base, against human tyrosine phosphatase 1B *in vitro* (2011). Zasukhina et al., have studied the antimutagenic activity of compounds including nitrogen (2003). Many research studies have demonstrated that the genotoxicity of some metal salts (e.g. Cd(II), Ni(II), Pt(II), etc.) might depend on the phase of the cell cycle in human lymphocytes (Hartmann and Hartwig 1998, Snow 1992, Coluccia et al. 1984).

We know that one of the major challenges in medical and drug delivery is the development of new antimutagens, because they have good prospects of practical use in preventing delayed negative effects of mutagens induced in humans, the most important of which are the high prevalence of hereditary diseases and cancer (Zasukhina et al. 2003). Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate the antimutagenic effects of Schiff bases attached with L-Serine and L-Threonine, and L-Tyrosine, and their Mn(III) complexes, on human peripheral blood *in vitro*, by the micronucleus assay. Furthermore, antimicrobial activity was tested in the ligands and complexes by the well-diffusion method. First of all, amino acid-Schiff bases were synthesized by using the condensation methods. Then, their Mn(III) complexes were synthesized by means of a template method (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Structure of Aflatoxin B₁.

Materials and methods

Chemicals and physical measurements

All chemicals investigated in the study were of reagent grade and were purified when necessary. All organic solvents used in this study were purified according to standard methods. The amino acids (L-Threonine, L-Serine and L-Tyrosine), 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde, methanol, and n-heptane were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Manganese (III) acetate was prepared by the method used by Gunduz et al. (Landini et al. 2004). Elemental analyses were performed with a LECO-CHNS-9320 instrument. The metal contents were determined using a Philips PU 9285 atomic absorption instrument. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker DPX-300 MHz and 100 MHz, using TMS as an internal standard and CDCl₃ as solvent. The electronic spectra were recorded on a UV-1800 ENG240V spectrophotometer in ethanol. The IR spectra were recorded on a Mattson-5000 FTIR instrument in KBr pellets. The melting points were determined with a Barnstead-Electrothermal-9200 melting point apparatus. Magnetic measurements were performed with a Sherwood Scientific Magnetic Susceptibility Balance (Model No: MK 1) at 21 °C with Hg[Co(NCS)₄] as a calibration.

Test microorganisms and medium

The bacterial subcultures chosen were *Listeria monocytogenes* 4b ATCC19115, *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC25923, *Escherichia coli* ATCC1280, *Salmonella typhi* H NCTC901.8394, *Brucella abortus* RSKK03026, *Staphylococcus epidermis* sp., *Micrococcus luteus* ATCC9341, *Shigella dysenteriae* type 7 NCTC 9363, *Pseudomonas putida* sp., and *Bacillus cereus* RSKK863. An antifungal susceptibility test was performed using *Candida albicans* Y-1200-NIH, Tokyo.

Synthesis

Schiff Bases: A solution of 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde (5 mmol, 0.61 g) in methanol (50 ml) was added to an amino

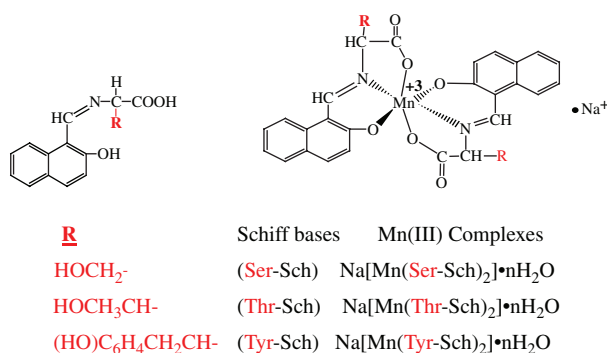


Figure 2. Structures and abbreviations of studied amino acid and Mn(III) complexes.

acid (L-Threonine, L-Serine and L-Tyrosine, 5 mmol)-MeOH solution (50 ml), and the synthesis was carried out according to the method we had detailed in an earlier article (Gunduz et al. 1994). Mn(III) complexes (template method): Mn(III) complexes were prepared by the template method. Firstly, Mn(CH₃COO)₃•2H₂O was synthesized according to the method explained in our earlier article. Then, the amino acids (L-Glutamine and L-Aspartic acid), 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde, and Mn(CH₃COO)₃ were dissolved in methanol, and the synthesis was carried out according to the procedure (Gunduz et al. 1994).

Detection of antimicrobial activity

The ligands and complexes were tested for their antimicrobial activity by the well-diffusion method. Each ligand and complex was kept dry at room temperature and dissolved (10⁻³ M) in DMF. DMF was used as a solvent and also for control. It was found to have no antimicrobial activity against any of the organisms tested. For the study, 1% (v/v) of a 24-h broth culture containing 10⁶ CFU/ml was placed in sterile Petri dishes. Mueller-Hinton Agar (MHA) (15 ml) kept at 45 °C was then poured into the Petri dishes and allowed to solidify. Then, wells measuring 6 mm in diameter were punched carefully using a sterile cork borer and were entirely filled with the test solutions. The plates were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C. On completion of the incubation period, the mean value obtained for the two holes was used to calculate the zone of growth inhibition of each sample. Bacterial subcultures and yeast were tested for resistance to five antibiotics (produced by Oxoid Ltd., Basingstoke, UK): ampicillin (preventing the growth of gram-negative bacteria), nystatin (binding to sterols in the fungal cellular membrane, altering the permeability, and allowing leakage of the cellular contents), kanamycin (used in molecular biology as an agent to isolate bacteria), sulphamethoxazole (a bacteriostatic antibacterial agent that interferes with folic acid synthesis in susceptible bacteria), amoxicillin (a b-lactam antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections caused by susceptible microorganisms).

Cytogenetic analysis

Peripheral blood lymphocytes were taken from four non-smoking healthy individuals (two men and two women). Lymphocyte cultures were set up by adding 0.5 mL of heparinized whole blood to RPMI-1640 chromosome medium supplemented with 15% heat-inactivated fetal calf serum, 100 IU/mL of streptomycin, 100 IU/mL of penicillin, and 1% L-glutamine. Lymphocytes were stimulated to divide by 1% phytohemagglutinin.

The experiments were performed on 26 groups as follows:

- Group 1: Control
- Group 2: 5 μM AFB1; 0
- Group 3: Na[Mn(Ser-Sch)₂] 40 μM
- Group 4: 5 μM AFB1 + Na[Mn(Ser-Sch)₂] (5 μg/ml)
- Group 5: 5 μM AFB1 + Na[Mn(Ser-Sch)₂] (10 μg/ml)
- Group 6: 5 μM AFB1 + Na[Mn(Ser-Sch)₂] (20 μg/ml)
- Group 7: (Ser-Sch)
- Group 8: 5 μM AFB1 + (Ser-Sch) (5 μg/ml)

- Group 9: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Ser-Sch) (10 μ g/ml)
 Group 10: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Ser-Sch) (20 μ g/ml)
 Group 11: [Mn(Thr-Sch)₂] 40 μ M
 Group 12: 5 μ M AFB1 + [Mn(Thr-Sch)₂] (5 μ g/ml)
 Group 13: 5 μ M AFB1 + [Mn(Thr-Sch)₂] (10 μ g/ml)
 Group 14: 5 μ M AFB1 + [Mn(Thr-Sch)₂] (20 μ g/ml)
 Group 15: (Thr-Sch) 40 μ M
 Group 16: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Thr-Sch) (5 μ g/ml)
 Group 17: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Thr-Sch) (10 μ g/ml)
 Group 18: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Thr-Sch) (20 μ g/ml)
 Group 19: Na[Mn(Tyr-Sch)₂] (40 μ M)
 Group 20: 5 μ M AFB1 + Na[Mn(Tyr-Sch)₂] (5 μ g/ml)
 Group 21: 5 μ M AFB1 + Na[Mn(Tyr-Sch)₂] (10 μ g/ml)
 Group 22: 5 μ M AFB1 + Na[Mn(Tyr-Sch)₂] (20 μ g/ml)
 Group 23: (Tyr-Sch) (40 μ M)
 Group 24: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Tyr-Sch) (5 μ g/ml)
 Group 25: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Tyr-Sch) (10 μ g/ml)
 Group 26: 5 μ M AFB1 + (Tyr-Sch) (20 μ g/ml)

For the micronucleus (MN) analysis, Cytochalasin-B was added 44 h after phytohemagglutinin (PHA) stimulation, to a final concentration of 3 g/ml. Twenty-eight hours later (after 72 h of cultivation), the cells were harvested by centrifugation (1000 g \times 10 min). The supernatant was removed, the cells were mixed thoroughly, and 5 ml of cold hypotonic solution (0.05 M KCl) was added. The cells were subsequently incubated at 37°C for 20 min and centrifuged again (1000 g \times 10 min). The pellet was mixed thoroughly, and 5 ml of fresh fixative (in a ratio of 1/3, acetic acid/methanol) was added drop-wise. This fixation procedure was repeated three times, and the tube was centrifuged again. The cell pellet was then re-suspended in 1 ml of fresh fixative, dropped onto a clean microscope slide, incubated at 37°C or at room temperature overnight, and stained with Giemsa dye. Coded slides were scored blind by two independent individuals. Only binucleated cells were scored for MN analysis. For each subject, at least 2000 binucleated cells were analyzed

for the presence of MN. For the MN scoring, the criteria for micronucleus described by Countryman and Heddle, were followed: a diameter of less than 1/3 of the main nucleus, non-refractility, not touching, and of the same color as the nucleus, or lighter.

The MN frequencies were statistically analyzed by the chi-square test. A value of P less than 0.05 was accepted as being statistically significant. For these procedures, SPSS 11.5 for Windows (SPSS Inc., Chicago, Illinois, USA) was used.

Results and discussion

IR, UV-visible, and NMR spectra of Schiff bases and their Mn(III) complexes

The analytical data and some of the physical properties of the Schiff bases and their complexes are summarized in Table I. The complexes are only soluble in DMF and DMSO, but insoluble in organic solvents like C₂H₅OH, CCl₄, and benzene. Table I summarizes the main IR and UV-visible bands of the azomethines (Schiff bases) and their Mn(III) complexes. In the IR spectra of the Schiff bases, the most characteristic bands appear at 1714–1613 cm⁻¹, which are attributable to ν (C=O) and ν (C=N) stretching of the keto and imine forms (Gunduz et al. 1994). These bands are shifted in the complexes, which means that the imino nitrogen and phenolic oxygen of the ligands are coordinated to the Mn(III) ion. The ¹H-NMR spectrum of the amino acid-Schiff bases, recorded in DMSO-d₆, showed the following signals: phenolic -OH proton at 14.09–14.02 ppm (1H), -COOH protons at 10.92–9.25 ppm (1H), aromatic-H proton at 6.60–8.05 ppm (6H), phenyl as a multiplet, and -CH=N- at 9.06–8.75 ppm (1H). The three signals are at 4.70–4.44 ppm and 4.00–3.20 ppm of -CH and -CH₂ protons. In the spectra of Schiff bases, two medium intensity bands appear at ~ 300 nm and ~ 400–488 nm. It follows from the literature that these bands can be assigned to the phenol-imine and keto-amine forms. They may be attributed to $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, and

Table I. Analytical data, important IR vibration frequencies (cm⁻¹), UV-visible spectra values (nm) of all synthesized molecules and ¹H-NMR spectral data of Schiff bases attached L-Threonine, L-Serine and L-Tyrosine.

Abbreviation of compounds (F. Weight; Mp°C)	Elemental analysis found (calcd.) %			Important FTIR vibration (cm ⁻¹) and UV-GB spectra (nm; cm ² mol ⁻¹)		
	C	H	N	ν (OH)	ν (C=O) ν (C=N)	λ_{\max} ; $\epsilon \times 10^2$
(Ser-Sch)	64.53	4.89	5.42	3306	1634	304 (9.4), 400 (9.5)
259.62; 190	(64.85)	(5.05)	(5.40)		1620	418 (9.7)
Na[Mn(Ser-Sch) ₂] \cdot 3n	52.35	3.92	3.87	3381	-	304 (9.4) 400 (9.5)
646.46; 140	(52.02)	(4.36)	(4.33)		1620	418 (9.7)
(Thr-Sch)	65.93	5.49	5.12	3455	1640	304 (7.6), 402 (7.8)
273.63; 180	(65.93)	(5.49)	(5.12)		1620	420 (7.9)
[Mn(Thr-Sch) ₂] \cdot 4n	51.7	4.49	4.01	3387	-	224 (5.3), 268 (13.8)
692.52; 220	(52.03)	(4.95)	(4.04)	3235	1625	295 (17.6), 325 (15.1)
(Tyr-Sch)	71.46	4.29	4.62	3658	1613	407 (7.3)
335.35; 219	(71.63)	(5.11)	(4.18)		1627	306 (5.9), 404 (4.3)
Na[Mn(Tyr-Sch) ₂] \cdot 3n	59.84	3.97	3.52		-	425 (4.4)
692.52; 220	(60.16)	(4.54)	(3.51)		1615	307 (6.5), 351 (3.4) 406 (3.7), 488 (0.2)
	-OH	-COOH	-CH=N	ArC-H	C-H	CH ₂
(Ser-Sch) _{DMSO}	14.09	10.92	9.06	6.90–8.05	4.44	4
(Thr-Sch)	14	10.89	9.3	6.93–8.10	4.47	3.99
(Tyr-Sch) _{DMSO}	14.02	9.25	8.75	6.60–7.90	4.7	3.10–3.20

n: -H₂O

Table II. Antimicrobial activity of studied compounds (0.25 µg/ml) and standard reagents (diameter of zone inhibition (mm)).

Microorganisms		(Thr-Sch) Na[Mn(Thr-Sch) ₂]	(Ser-Sch) Na[Mn(Ser-Sch) ₂]	(Thr-Sch) Na[Mn(Thr-Sch) ₂]	control		
Gram (+)	<i>L. monocytogenes 4b</i>	11/16	14/11	12/12	-		
	<i>B. cereus</i>	12/15	11/16	17/20	-		
	<i>S. aureus</i>	-/13	12/12	12/11	-		
	<i>S. epidermis</i>	11/14	-/14	12/11	-		
	<i>M. luteus</i>	12/13	-/17	12/15	-		
Gram (-)	<i>Sh. dys. typ 7</i>	19/19	20/24	17/19	-		
	<i>P. putida</i>	12/-	11/20	24/20	-		
	<i>S. typhi H</i>	15/19	16/18	13/19	-		
	<i>Br. abortus</i>	22/20	20/26	13/18	-		
	<i>E. coli</i>	12/14	16/11	12/13	-		
	<i>C. albicans</i>	17/15	15/20	16/22	-		
Yeast	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>P.putida</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>S.typhi H</i>	<i>Br. abortus</i>	<i>C.albicans</i>	
Pozitif control	25	14	25	20	-	-	
K3025	24	18	18	17	-	-	
SXT25	30	8	10	11	-	-	
AMP10	30	8	10	11	-	-	
AMC30	30	15	14	19	-	-	
NYS100	-	-	-	-	-	20	

SXT25, Sulphamethoxazol 25 µg; AMP10, Ampicillin 10 µg; NYS100, Nystatin 100 µg; K30, Kanamycin 30 µg; AMC30, Amoxicillin 30 µg.

$\pi \pi^*$ type transitions, respectively. Although the bands at ~ 300 nm exist in the spectra of all complexes, the other bands at ~ 400 and 420 nm are shifted to shoulder bands. This means that the complex Schiff bases exist only in the phenol-imine form with the Mn(III) ion, coordinated with phenolic oxygen and imine nitrogen. For manganese (III) complexes, a rather broad band appears at 475–510 nm in the visible region, which may be attributed to the $^5E_g \rightarrow ^5T_{2g}$ transition in the octahedral complexes (Gunduz et al. 1994).

The biological and anti-mutagenic activities of amino acid-Schiff bases and their Mn(III) complexes

Amino acid-Schiff bases and their Mn(III) complexes were screened for antimicrobial activity in DMF solvent as a control substance. The compounds were tested with the same concentrations in DMF solution (0.25 µg/ml). All the synthesized compounds and antibiotics exhibited varying degrees of inhibitory effect on the growth of different strains tested (Table II, Figure 3).

(Thr-Sch) and (Ser-Sch) bases and their Mn(III) complexes were active against *B.abortus*. (Tyr-Sch) base and its Mn(III) complexes were more active against *P. putida* than the other molecules studied. In general, Mn(III) complexes are more potent bactericides than the Schiff bases. This enhancement in activity may be explained on the basis of the chelation theory (Sakiyan 2007). Chelation reduces the polarity of the metal ion. Hence, a complex has a lipophilic character, favoring increased interaction between the metal ion and the lipid. This leads to the breakdown of the perme-

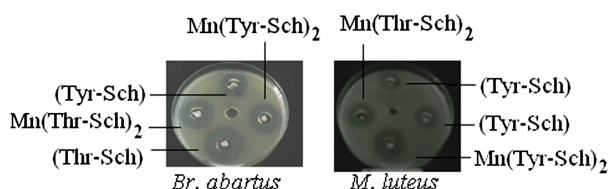


Figure 3. Imaging of antimicrobial affectivities of [Mn(Tyr-Sch)₂], (Tyr-Sch) [Mn(Thr-Sch)₂], and against *B. abartuss*, *M. luteus*.

ability barrier of the cell wall, resulting in interference with the normal cellular processes. In addition, the antibacterial activity of these compounds was also compared with that of five commercial antibiotics, namely kanamycin, sulfamethoxazole, ampicillin, amoxicillin, and nystatin. It was seen that the synthesized compounds were as effective as the antibiotics mentioned.

Antimutagenic activity

MN frequencies (as mean + SD) of the experimental groups are given in Table III. AFB₁ caused an increase in MN frequency (Table III). This increase was statistically significant ($p < 0.005$). However, the MN frequency decreased significantly after treatment with AFB₁ and [Mn(Ser-Sch)₂], (Ser-Sch), [Mn(Thr-Sch)₂], (Thr-Sch), [Mn(Tyr-Sch)₂], and (Tyr-Sch). Such a decrease was found to be statistically significant ($P < 0.001$ and < 0.05).

We know that a micronucleus (MN) is formed during the metaphase/anaphase transition of mitosis (cell division), and is a biomarker of genotoxic events and chromosomal instability. A MN can originate during anaphase from a lagging acentric chromosome or chromatid fragments caused by disrepair of DNA breaks or unrepaired DNA breaks.

Aflatoxin B₂ and Aflatoxin B₁-epoxide are formed by oxidation of the 8,9-vinyl ether bond in AFB₁ (Figures 1 and 4). The AFB₁-epoxide may bind to nuclear DNA, resulting in nuclear damage due to electrophilic attack on the N⁷ position of guanine of DNA and RNA. As a result, adduct formation *in vivo* may occur, leading to the transformation of cells, or even cell death, depending on the severity of impairment of template activity (Sarı et al. 2013, Jacobsen et al. 1991, Irie et al. 1991). Therefore, AFB₁-epoxide is not formed or must be neutralized. In this study, AFB₁ or AFB₁-epoxide may be neutralized due to the type of hydrogen bond or the coordination structure (Figures 4 and 5).

The presence of electronegative groups like oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur in molecules may be beneficial in reducing the effect of AFB₁ by the hydrogen bond (Handique and

Table III. Comparison the effects on the number of MN different concentrations of (Thr-Sch).

	Counted of MN	Sight of MN	MN/Cell		Counted of MN	Sight of MN	MN/Cell
Control	1014	38	3.75 ± 0.12 ^a	Control	1008	43	4.27 ± 0.19 ^a
AFB ₁ 5 μM	1006	62	6.16 ± 0.15 ^f	AFB ₁ 5 μM	1004	74	7.37 ± 0.24 ^e
Mn(Thr-Sch) (40 μM)	1015	45	4.43 ± 0.12 ^{bc}	(Thr-Sch) (40 μM)	1012	46	4.55 ± 0.16 ^{ab}
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Thr -Sch) ₂ (5 μM)	1011	53	5.24 ± 0.12 ^e	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Thr-Sch (5 μM)	1009	66	6.54 ± 0.19 ^d
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Thr -Sch) ₂ (10 μM)	1016	48	4.72 ± 0.12 ^d	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Thr-Sch (10 μM)	1010	55	5.45 ± 0.19 ^c
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Thr -Sch) ₂ (20 μM)	1016	43	4.23 ± 0.12 ^b	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Thr-Sch (20 μM)	1009	48	4.76 ± 0.19 ^b
Control	1020	31	3.04 ± 0.81 ^a	Control	1010	38	2.48 ± 0.81 ^a
AFB ₁ 5 μM	1015	63	6.21 ± 0.81 ^e	AFB ₁ 5 μM	1019	55	5.27 ± 0.81 ^{de}
Mn(Ser -Sch)(OAc)(40 μM)	1019	53	5.20 ± 0.81 ^d	(Ser -Sch) (40 μM)	1002	49	3.06 ± 0.81 ^{abc}
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Ser-Sch) ₂ (5 μM)	1023	45	4.40 ± 0.81 ^{cd}	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Ser -Sch (5 μM)	1020	44	4.27 ± 0.81 ^{bd}
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Ser-Sch) ₂ (10 μM)	1011	39	4.39 ± 0.81 ^{bc}	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Ser -Sch (10 μM)	1015	41	3.55 ± 0.81 ^{abc}
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Ser-Sch) ₂ (20 μM)	1018	34	3.34 ± 0.81 ^{ab}	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Ser -Sch (20 μM)	1012	37	2.89 ± 0.81 ^{ab}
Control	1006	35	3.48 ± 0.41 ^a	Control	1012	20	1.98 ± 0.22 ^a
AFB ₁ 5 μM	1000	69	6.90 ± 0.41 ^e	AFB ₁ 5 μM	1004	43	4.28 ± 0.22 ^e
Mn(Tyr-Sch) (40 μM)	1003	51	5.04 ± 0.41 ^{bcd}	(Tyr-Sch) (40 μM)	1018	37	3.63 ± 0.22 ^d
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Tyr -Sch) ₂ (5 μM)	1001	49	4.90 ± 0.41 ^{bc}	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + (Tyr-Sch)(5 μM)	1013	31	3.06 ± 0.22 ^c
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Tyr -Sch) ₂ (10 μM)	1003	41	4.09 ± 0.41 ^{abc}	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Tyr-Sch (10 μM)	1011	25	2.47 ± 0.22 ^b
AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Mn(Tyr -Sch) ₂ (20 μM)	1004	37	3.69 ± 0.41 ^{ab}	AFB ₁ (5 μM) + Tyr-Sch (20 μM)	1016	23	2.26 ± 0.22 ^{ab}

[Mn(Thr-Sch)(OAc), (Ser-Sch), [Mn(Ser-Sch)OAc], (Tyr-Sch), [Mn(Tyr-Sch)(OAc) together with AFB₁ in human peripheral lymphocytes.

^a*P* < 0.05 compared with control.

^f*P* < 0.05 compared with AFB₁ (5 μM) group.

Aprem 1997). Furthermore, a coordinate bond may form between AFB₁-epoxide and Mn(III) complexes, similar to the mechanism of the Jacobsen-Katsuki epoxidation (Sari et al. 2013, Jacobsen et al. 1991, Irie et al. 1991). Thus, the Mn(III) complexes synthesized are more effective than their amino acid-Schiff bases.

In addition, it should be noted that the antimutagenic effects of these compounds may be related to their action on the enzymatic activation system. This effect shown by the compounds studied may be attributed primarily to their antioxidant action, or to their function as cofactors for enzyme systems, which is known to protect DNA and other cellular components from damage by oxygen radicals. Consequently, in the present study, it has been revealed that these compounds are active inhibitors of the mutagenic action of AFB₁.

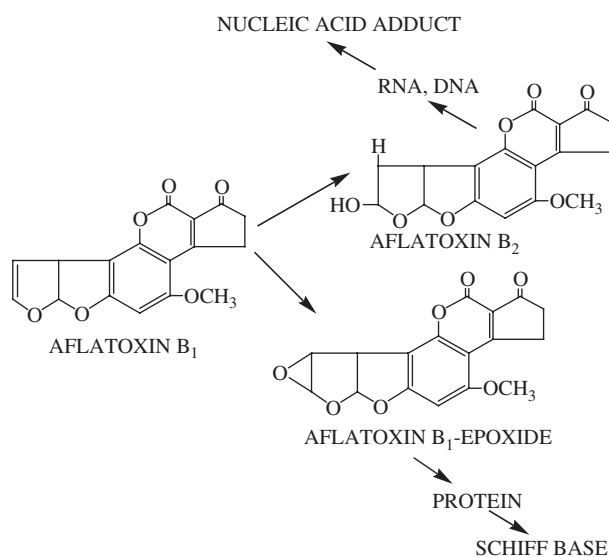


Figure 4. Some products formed by oxidation of AFB₁.

In summary, compounds attached to amino acids were prepared for preliminary screening as antimicrobial and antimutagenic agents. The material exhibited very good antimicrobial activity against a wide range of microorganisms. The results from this study show that antimutagenic activity and antimicrobial affectivity are compatible with each other.

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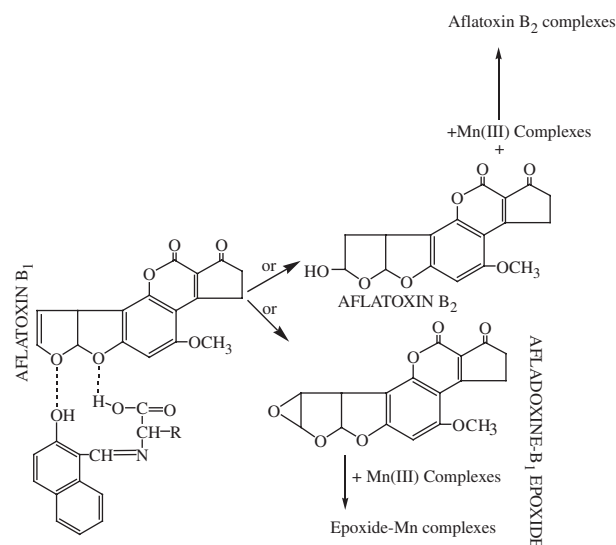


Figure 5. Hypothesis reduced the effect mechanism of Aflatoxin derivatives.

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