

Synthesis and Anticoccidial Activities of Novel N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-quinazolinone-acetamide Hydrochloride

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Eight novel N-(2-aminophenyl)-2-quinazolinone-acetamide hydrochloride were synthesized and their structures were identified by ¹H NMR, MS and IR spectra. Seven of the new compounds were chosen for anticoccidial activity test and the results showed that N-(2-aminophenyl)-2-(6-methyl-8-bromo quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (**3h**) exhibited anticoccidial activity against *Eimeria tenella* in the chicken' diet with a dose of 18 mg/Kg.

Key Words: N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-quinazolinone-acetamide hydrochloride, Anticoccidial activity, Eimeria tenella.

INTRODUCTION

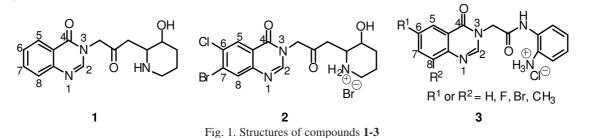
Coccidiosis is an intestinal infection caused by protozoan parasites of the genus Eimeria resulting in intestinal lesions, diarrhoea, enteritis and death^{1,2}, which occurs all over the world and leads to extensive loss in the poultry industry³. Many drugs are effective in the prevention and treatment of coccidiosis, but the coccidia are inevitably to develop resistance to them^{4,5}. And the drug resistance has developed almost to all of the anticoccidial drugs introduced so far⁵. Therefore, the search and discovery of new anticoccidial activity drugs to be needed urgently.

Our team designed and synthesized some anticoccidial compounds based on the structures of hydroxyquinoline-carboxylates and febrifugine, respectively. And we found some of them have anticoccidial activities⁶⁻¹³.

Febrifugine (Fig. 1, compound 1) have anticoccidial activity which is the effective component of Dichroa febrifuga.

American Cyanamid Company designed and synthesized a anticoccidial drug---halofuginone based on the structure of febrifugine in 1967^{14,15}. Halofuginone (Fig. 1, compound **2**) is a high anticoccidial activity, broad-spectrum and low toxicity anticoccidial drug. However, the synthetic route of halofuginone is long and the raw material is hard to synthesized, which leads to a high cost and limits its application.

In order to find novel and high anticoccidial activities drugs with easy synthesis and lower cost, You *et al.*^{11,12}, Zhan *et al.*¹³ designed and synthesized some quinazolinone derivatives, respectively based on the structure of febrifugine. The anticoccidial activities of these compounds were evaluated and the results indicated that these compounds exhibited anticoccidial activities against *Eimeria tenella*. In this paper, eight novel N-(2-aminophenyl)-2-quinazolinone-acetamide hydrochloride (Fig. 1, compound **3**) were designed and synthesized according to the structure of febrifugine. The synthesis route is showed in **Scheme-I**. The structure characteristics of



the new compounds are as follows: first, the quinazolinone ring of febrifugine is retained; second, the piperidine ringacetone is replaced by N-(2-aminophenyl)-acetamide. The structures of the new compounds are similar with halofuginone. Therefore, the recognitions between molecules and enzymes in the coccidia bodies should also be similar with halofuginone. The new compounds would have anticoccidial activities. Seven of them were chosen for anticoccidial activity test according to the ACI method.

EXPERIMENTAL

Solvents and reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Melting point was recorded on XRC-1 apparatus and the thermometer was uncorrected. Proton NMR spectra were recorded on a varian Unity Inova-400 spectrometer with DMSO- d_6 as the solvent and TMS as the internal standard and mass spectra on Agilent 6210 Series Time of Flight LC/MS using the ESI source. IR spectra were recorded with Perkin-Elmer 16PC-FT instrument. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was carried out on precoated plates (silica gel GF₂₅₄) and spots were visualized with ultraviolet light.

General procedure for preparation of 4¹⁶: Bromoacetyl chloride (7.12 g, 45.2 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of o-nitroaniline (5.80 g, 42.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (60 mL) at 0 °C. Then, pyridine (3.32 g, 42.0 mmol) was slowly added dropwise at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. And the mixture was washed with $3 \text{ mL} \times 20 \text{ mL}$ brine and $3 \text{ mL} \times 20 \text{ mL}$ water and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After evaporation of solvent, the crude products were obtained and were recrystallized in a mixed solution of ethanol and water to provide intermediates 4 in 74.1 % yield.

General procedure for preparation of 5a-h: The compounds 5a-h were synthesized using the similar reaction conditions in reference¹¹.

8-Fluoroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5a): Brown solid; m.p. 271-273 °C (lit.¹⁷ 272-273 °C).

6-Bromo-8-fluoroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5b): Dark brown solid; m.p. > 300 °C; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for $C_8H_9BrFN_2O^+$ (M + H)⁺: 242.9557, 244.9543 (1:1). The mass spectrum data correspond to lit.18.

6-Fluoroquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5c): Brown solid; m.p. 248-249 °C (lit.19 250 °C).

6-Fluoro-8-bromoquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5d): Yellowishbrown solid; m.p. > 300 °C; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for $C_8H_9BrFN_2O^+(M + H)^+$: 242.9565, 244.9547 (1:1). The mass spectrum data correspond to lit.²⁰.

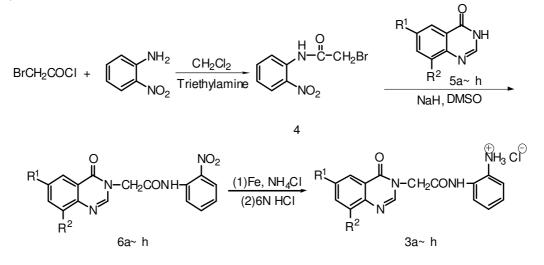
8-Methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5e): Yellow solid; m.p. 247-249 °C (lit.19 249 °C).

6-Bromo-8-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5f): Brown solid; m.p. > 300 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 12.47 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3364, 3199, 3079, 2884, 2631, 2362, 1945, 1861, 1777, 1683, 1609, 1456, 1403, 1326, 1271, 1220, 1162, 1048, 1002, 947, 888, 837, 797, 699, 595, 508, 480; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₉H₈BrN₂O⁺ (M + H)⁺: 238.9815; found (%): 238.9816, 240.9798(1:1).

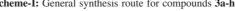
6-Methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5g): Ivory-white solid; m.p. 253-255 °C (lit.¹⁹ 256 °C).

8-Bromo-6-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one (5h)²¹: Yellow brown solid; m.p. > 300 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO- d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 12.43 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 8.010 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3359, 3184, 3063, 2919, 2624, 1944, 1777, 1679, 1606, 1543, 1459, 1397, 1321, 1272, 1250, 1213, 1144, 1086, 1038, 904, 870, 798, 741, 605, 566, 530, 442; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for $C_{9}H_{8}BrN_{2}O^{+}$ (M + H)⁺: 238.9815; found (%): 238.9808, 240.9794(1:1).

General procedure for preparation of 6a-h: A solution of 4 (11.7 mmol) in 15 mL DMSO was added dropwise to a mixture of **5a-h**¹¹ (9.33 mmol), KI (0.5 g), NaH (0.28 g, 11.7 mmol) and 40 mL DMSO under stirring at 75 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1.5-3.0 h and then cooled to room temperature. Water (50 mL) was added to the



3a: $R^1 = H, R^2 = F$; 3b: $R^1 = Br, R^2 = F$; 3c: R¹ = F, R² = H; 3d: $R^1 = F$, $R^2 = Br$; 3e: $R^1 = H$, $R^2 = CH_3$; 3f: $R^1 = Br$, $R^2 = CH_3$; 3g: $R^1 = CH_3$, $R^2 = H$; 3h: $R^1 = CH_3$, $R^2 = Br$. Scheme-I: General synthesis route for compounds 3a-h



mixture and the obtained solid was filtrated and recrystallized with ethanol to give **6a-h** in 81-87 % yield. The physical and spectra data of the compounds **6a-h** are as follows.

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(8-fluoro-quinazolinone)acetamide (**6a**): Light-yellow solid; yield: 84 %; m.p. 220-221 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3439, 3282, 1676, 1609, 1520, 1479, 1366, 1338, 1284, 1254, 1152, 1035, 947, 788, 763; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₂FN₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 343.0837; found (%): 343.0830.

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(6-bromo-8-fluoro-quinazolinone)acetamide (6b): Light-yellow solid; yield: 86 %; m.p. 208-209 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃- d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, J =8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3433, 3298, 1693, 1608, 1507, 1469, 1363, 1331, 1276, 1250, 1177, 1046, 966, 867, 797, 745, 714; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₁BrFN₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 420.9942; found (%): 420.9950, 422.9928(1 :1).

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(6-fluoro-quinazolinone)acetamide (6c): Light-yellow solid; yield: 83 %; m.p. 196-198 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, $J_1 = 2.8$ Hz, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, $J_1 = 4.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, $J_1 = 2.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3432, 3317, 1673, 1613, 1587, 1544, 1510, 1483, 1404, 1349, 1280, 1158, 964, 847, 787, 743, 708, 621; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₂FN₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 343.0837; found (%): 343.0841.

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(6-fluoro-8-bromo-quinazolinone)acetamide (6d): Yellow solid; yield: 87 %; m.p. 251-252 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J*₁ = 1.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.97 (dd, *J*₁ = 2.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J*₁ = 2.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3434, 3298, 3074, 1687, 1611, 1552, 1513, 1465, 1386, 1440, 1282, 1164, 961, 878, 795, 739, 630; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₁BrFN₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 420.9942; found (%): 420.9936, 422.9920(1:1).

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(8-methyl-quinazolinone)-acetamide (6e): Light-yellow solid; yield: 80 %; m.p. 210-212 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.24-8.18 (m, 2H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, ν_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3433, 3271, 1688, 1609, 1550, 1514, 1371, 1337, 1283, 1154, 962, 775, 734; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₅N₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 339.1088; found (%): 339.1089.

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(6-bromo-8-methyl-quinazolinone)acetamide (6f): Yellow solid; yield: 82 %; m.p. 236-238 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.80 (s, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J*₁ = 1.2 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J*₁ = 1.6Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 2.63 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3432, 3309, 1701, 1610, 1555, 1513, 1459, 1337, 1283, 1162, 962, 877, 796, 741, 633; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₄BrN₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 417.0193; found (%): 417.0180, 419.0165(1 :1).

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(6-methyl-quinazolinone)acetamide (6g): Ivory-white solid; yield: 78 %; m.p. 232-234 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3429, 3238, 1689, 1609, 1522, 1382, 1340, 1283, 1166, 962, 838, 738; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₅N₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 339.1088; found (%): 339.1083.

N-(2-Nitrophenyl)-2-(6-methyl-8-bromo-quinazolinone)acetamide (6h): Light-yellow solid; yield: 81 %; m.p. 261-263 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; CDCl₃- d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm-1) 3431, 3287, 2920, 1686, 1610, 1511, 1466, 1367, 1339, 1281, 1169, 958, 855, 795, 738; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₄BrN₄O₄⁺ (M + H)⁺: 417.0193; found (%): 417.0182, 419.0167(1 :1).

General procedure for preparation of 3a-h: A mixture of **6a-h** (1.66 mmol), Fe (0.28 g, 5.00 mmol)), NH₄Cl (0.80 g, 15.00 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.30 g), ethyl alcohol (25 mL) and water (5 mL) was stirred and refluxed at 70 °C for 0.5-2.0 h. The mixture was filtered after cooled to room temperature then red-brown solid was obtained. This solid was dissolved in DMSO (10-20 mL) and then filtered. Yellow filtrate was retained. Water (100 mL) was added to the filtrate and a lot of solid appeared immediately. The resulting precipitate was filtered and acidified with HCl to give **3a-h** in 69-81 % yield. The physical and spectra data of the compounds **3a-h** are as follows.

N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(8-fluoro-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3a): Light-yellow solid; yield: 72 %; m.p. 207-210 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.59 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.57 (dt, *J*₁ = 4.8 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz,1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.15 (m, 3H), 4.98 (s, 2H), 6.00-3.60 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3421, 3232, 2986, 2823, 2591, 2021, 1910, 1800, 1720, 1654, 1618, 1544, 1498, 1423, 1391, 1366, 1344, ,1296, 1251, 1218, 1185, 1175, 1155,1109, 1024, 963, 934, 908, 878, 839, 795, 745, 707, 654, 610, 574, 549, 501, 466; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₄FN₄O_{2⁺} (M - Cl)⁺: 313.1095; found (%): 313.1091.

N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(6-bromo-8-fluoro-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3b): Ivory-white solid; yield: 74 %; m.p. 221-224 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.38 (s, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.00 (m, 3H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 5.70-3.30 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3430, 3266, 3117, 3078, 2828, 2542, 1949, 1898, 1687, 1611, 1560, 1530, 1478, 1393, 1360, 1332, 1286, 1254, 1212, 1169, 1111, 1054, 966, 911, 867, 808, 788, 760, 680, 613, 570, 548, 493, 451; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₃BrFN₄O₂⁺ (M-Cl)⁺: 391.0200; found (%): 391.0193, 393.0177 (1 :1). **N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(6-fluoro-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3c):** Yellow solid; yield: 69 %; m.p. 217-220 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.71 (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.75 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 6.20-4.40 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm-1) 3420, 3206, 2824, 2589, 1716, 1666, 1620, 1586, 1560,, 1532, 1491, 1457, 1391, 1361, 1294, 1272, 1195, 1151, 1121, 1056, 1007, 966, 905, 840, 769, 744, 699, 643, 569, 544, 522, 493, 453, 424, 403; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₄FN₄O₂⁺ (M - Cl)⁺: 313.1095; found (%): 313.1092.

N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(6-fluoro-8-bromo-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3d): Light-yellow solid; yield: 74 %; m.p. 226-230 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 9.75 (s, 1H), 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.26 (dd, J_1 = 2.8 Hz, J_2 = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J_1 = 2.8 Hz, J_2 = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.20-3.10 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm⁻¹) 3428, 3249, 1690, 1656, 1612, 1542, 1499, 1462, 1399, 1328, 1111, 963, 878, 799, 750, 579; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₆H₁₃BrFN₄O₂⁺ (M -Cl)⁺: 391.0200; found (5): 391.0195, 393.0179 (1 :1).

N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(8-methyl-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3e): Yellow solid; yield: 72 %; m.p. 236-240 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 3H), 9.00-6.00 (s, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 2.57 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3421, 2961, 2579, 1712, 1658, 1621, 1587, 1544, 1493, 1459, 1384, 1358, 1334, 1293, 1225, 1194, 1156, 1130, 1064, 1034, 990, 915, 863, 761, 733, 802, 670, 599, 540, 488, 459; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O₂⁺ (M - Cl)⁺: 309.1346; found (%): 309.1343.

N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(6-bromo-8-methyl-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (**3f**): Light-yellow solid; yield: 70 %; m.p. 210-213 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J =2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.20 (m, 4H), 7.20-6.00 (s, 3H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 2.56 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3424, 2801, 2580, 1716, 1658, 1617, 1577, 1540, 1493, 1459, 1385, 1358, 1331, 1289, 1221, 1195, 1159, 1129, 1040, 1001, 964, 872, 794, 764, 702, 665, 601, 544, 488, 456; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₄O₂⁺ (M - Cl)⁺: 387.0451; found (%): 387.0445, 389.0429 (1: 1). **N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(6-methyl-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3g):** Ivory-white solid; yield: 81 %; m.p. 229-232 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO d_6 ; TMS): δ (ppm) = 10.63 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J_1 = 1.6 Hz, J_2 = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.00-4.00 (s, 3H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max} , cm-1) 3421, 3267, 2979, 2960, 2481, 2039, 1922, 1798, 1711, 1671, 1613, 1579, 1535, 1493, 1454, 1379, 1309, 1266, 1224, 1198, 1176, 1137, 1027, 981, 901, 868, 825, 783, 757, 696, 663, 619, 538, 496, 454, 423; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O₂⁺ (M - Cl)⁺: 309.1346; found (%): 309.1346.

N-(2-Aminophenyl)-2-(6-methyl-8-bromo-quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (3h): Yellow solid; yield: 75 %; m.p. 193-195 °C; ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz; DMSO-*d*₆; TMS): δ (ppm) = 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80-7.70 (m, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 4.20-3.20 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H); IR (KBr, v_{max}, cm⁻¹) 3433, 3249, 2922, 2535, 1669, 1612, 1528, 1465, 1399, 1127, 754, 616; HR-MS (ESI): Calcd. (%) for C₁₇H₁₆BrN₄O₂⁺ (M - Cl)⁺: 387.0451; found (%): 387.0447, 389.0431 (1: 1).

Biological assay: The anticoccidial activities of the compounds **3a-d** and **3f-h** were evaluated according to the anticoccidial index method²²⁻²⁴, using decoquinate and diclazuril as reference drug. Briefly, the chickens used to test the anticoccidial activity of compounds were brought and fed to 12-day-old by the feed stuff without using any anticoccidial drugs.

Groups of the chickens were randomly housed, with 15 in each cage and 11 cages were randomly assigned by tier. Group 1-9 of 13-day-old chickens were fed the basal starter diet with the compounds **3a-d** (18 mg/Kg) or **3f-h** (18 mg/ Kg) or decoquinate (27 mg/Kg), or diclazuril (1 mg/Kg) until the end of the test. Group1-10 of 14-day-old chickens were infected artificially with the *Eimeria tenella* spores of the oocysts 100,000. Held on observation for 7 days after infection, recorded the weight gain, mortality, lesion scores and oocysts scores of the chicken and calculated the anticoccidial index (ACI). Results of test are given in Table-1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As shown in **Scheme-I**, intermediates **6a-h** were synthesized by the reaction of intermediate **4** and **5a-h** with the NaH.

TABLE-1						
DATA FOR ANTICOCCIDIAL ACTIVITIES OF COMPOUNDS 3a-d, 3f-h, DECOQUINATE AND DICLAZURIL AGAINST Eimeria tenella						
Test groups	Test compounds (mg/Kg)	Rate of relative body weight gain	Survival rate (%)	Lesion scores	Oocyst scores	ACI ^a
1	3a (18)	46.8	100	30	40	76.8
2	3b (18)	76.6	100	28	40	108.6
3	3c (18)	34.1	100	20	20	94.1
4	3d (18)	63.9	93.3	25	40	92.2
5	3f (18)	59.6	100	28	40	91.6
6	3g (18)	46.8	100	29	40	77.8
7	3h (18)	68.1	100	26	20	122.1
8	Decoquinate (27)	71.7	100	13	0	158.7
9	Diclazuril (1)	53.5	93.3	20	20	106.8
10	ING ^b	63.0	86.7	28	40	81.7
11	NNG ^c	100	100	0	0	200

^aAnticoccidial activity index. ^bInfected non-medicated group. ^cNon-infected non-medicated group.

To ensure the intermediates **5a-h** were reacted completely, the intermediate **4** must be in excess. And the overdose of intermediate **4** will to be removed by the washing with ethanol or ethyl acetate. Using of this method, we can obtain the intermediates **6a-h** with good purity and high yield.

Biological activity: The data for anticoccidial activities of the compounds **3a-d** and **3f-h** were shown in Table-1. ACI are calculated on rate of relative body weight gain, survival rate and the lesion, oocyst scores data. In the positive control group, the coccidiosis in chickens was obviously with ACI 81.7. And in the negative control group, no coccidiosis in chickens was occurred. So the control was set up. The result revealed that N-(2-aminopheny1)-2-(6-methy1-8-bromo quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (**3h**) has anticoccidial activity against *Eimeria tenella* with ACI 122.1. And the compound **3h** exhibited effective anticoccidial activity compare with the positive control group.

Conclusion

Eight novel N-(2-aminophenyl)-2-quinazolinone-acetamide hydrochloride (1:1) were designed and synthesized. And seven of these compounds were chosen for anticoccidial activity test according to the ACI. The results indicated that N-(2-aminophenyl)-2-(6-methyl-8-bromo quinazolinone)acetamide hydrochloride (**3h**) has anticoccidial activity against *Eimeria tenella* with ACI 122.1 and exhibited effective anticoccidial activity compared with the positive control group. Further structural optimization and anticoccidial activities about the quinazolinone derivatives are still in progress.

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