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### \* QSAR - (Quantitative Structure - Activity Relationship) - Corwin Hansch - early 1960s

- It is defined as mathematical relationship in the form of an equation between the biological activity and measurable physicochemical parameters.

- QSAR attempts to identify and quantify the physicochemical properties of drug and to see whether any of these property has an effect on the drug's biological activity. By using a

- QSAR is a measure of the potential contribution of its group to a particular property of the parent drug.

\* Activity is expressed as  $\log(1/c)$

$c$  = is the minimum concentration required to cause a defined biological response.

- Physicochemical Properties as  $\log P$

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\* Physicochemical Parameters: Various Parameters used in QSAR studies are:

1. Lipophilic Parameters: Partition Coefficient  
 $\pi$  - substitution Constant.

2. Electronic Parameters: Hammett Constant  
dipole moment

3. Steric Parameters: Taft's Constant  
molar refractivity, Verloop steric parameter

Value  $\ominus$  - hydrophilic - water loves

$\oplus$  hydrophobic - no interaction with water

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1. Lipophilic Parameters: Partition Coefficient - Lipophilicity is partitioning of the compound between an aqueous and non-aqueous phase.

1. Partition Coefficient: Solubility of drug in aqueous and non-aqueous solvent.

$$P = \frac{\text{drug in octanol}}{\text{drug in water}} \rightarrow \text{because it has polar head, similar to fatty acid (long hydroc chain)}$$

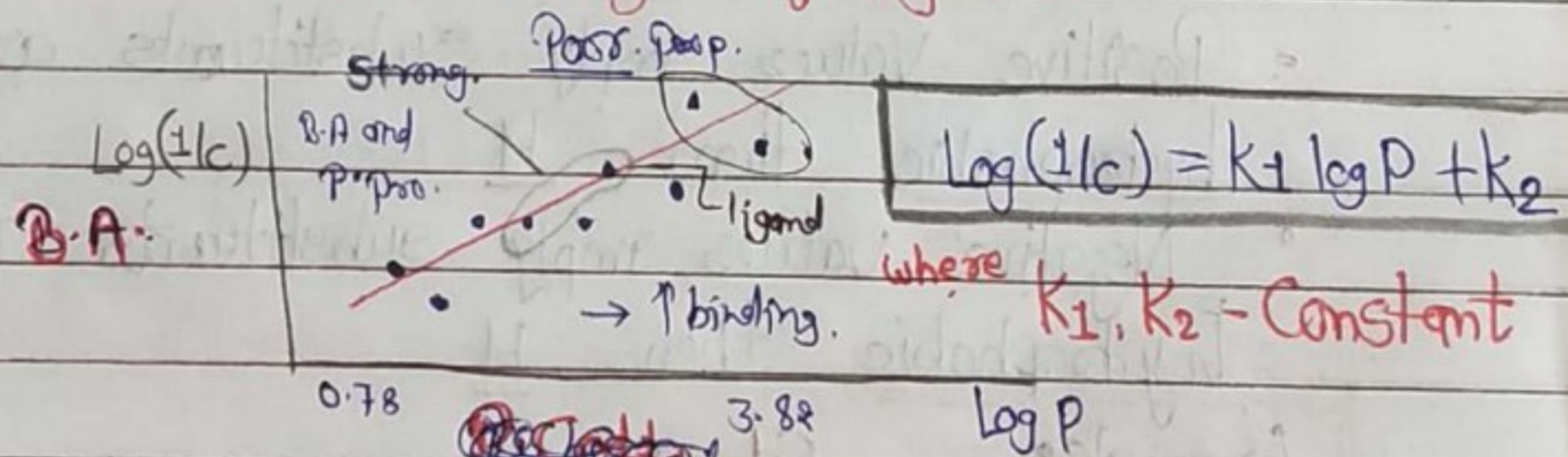
High  $P$   $\stackrel{\text{lead}}{=} \text{High hydrophobicity} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{diffusion Rate (Lipo. } \uparrow \text{) character}$   
Low  $P = \text{Low Hydrophobicity (High Hydrophilic)}$

(i) Linear Relationship b/w  $\log P$  and  $\log \frac{1}{f_c} =$

- Activity of drug is often related to  $P$   
eg. binding of drugs to Serum albumin (blood protein)

[Procedure is known as linear regression analysis by least square method]

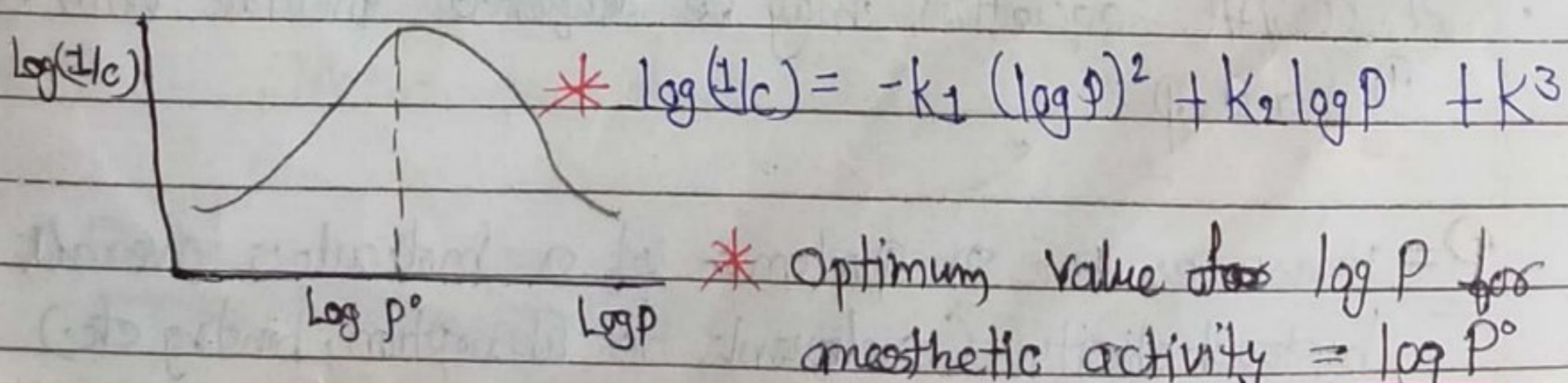
• (Straight line - limited range of  $\log P$ )



- Binding  $\uparrow$  as  $\log P$  increases.
- Binding is greater for hydrophobic drugs.

(ii) Non-linear relationship b/w  $\log P$  and  $\log \frac{1}{f_c}$   
General anesthetic activity of ethers.

• (Parabolic Curve - large range of  $\log P$  values)



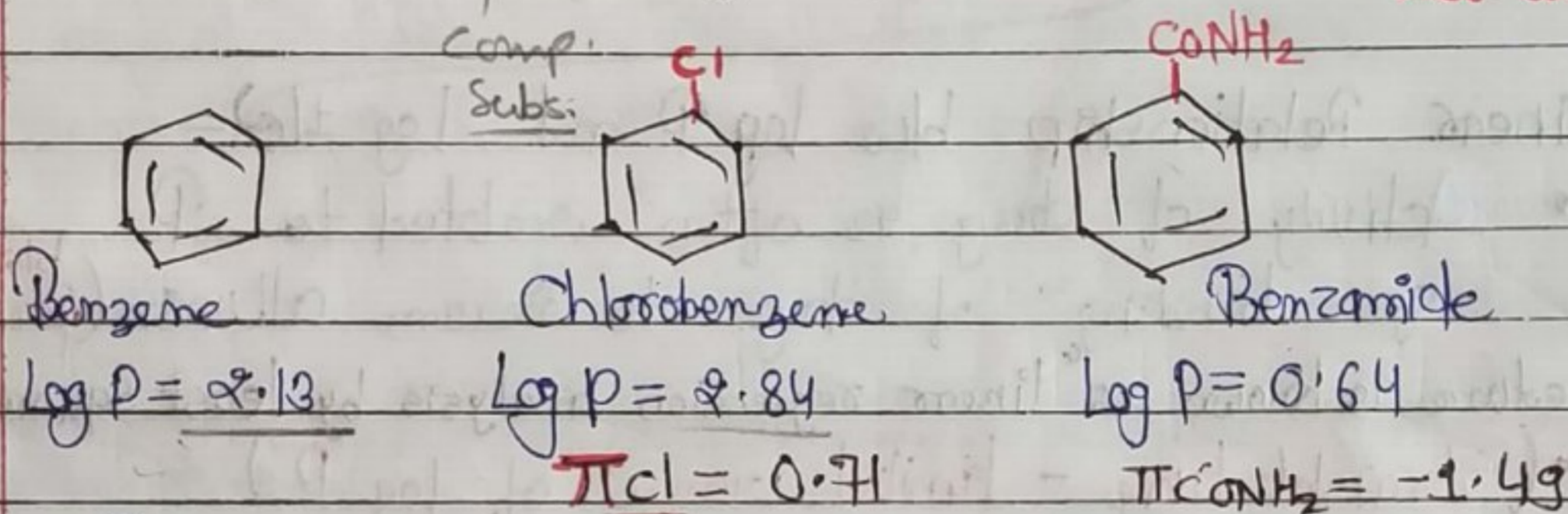
\*2.  $\pi$ -Substituents Constant or hydrophobic Substituents Constants:

\* The  $\pi$ -Substituents Constants defined by Hansch and co-workers also called Hansch analysis.

\* Measure of how hydrophobic a substituent is, relative to H.

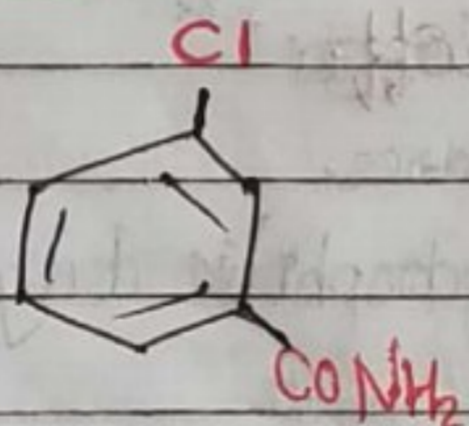
where -  $\pi$  = bioavailability

$\pi_X = \log P_X - \log P_H \rightarrow \text{Ben}$   $\pi$  = Hydrophobic Subs. Constant



- Positive values imply substituents are more hydrophobic than H (benzene)
- Negative values imply substituents are less hydrophobic than H

Examples



(meta-chlorobenzamide)

$$\begin{aligned} \log P(\text{theory}) &= \log P(\text{benzene}) + \pi_{Cl} + \pi_{CONH_2} \\ &= 2.13 + 0.71 - 1.49 \\ &= 1.35 \end{aligned}$$

$\log P(\text{observed}) = \underline{1.51}$

• A QSAR equation may ~~be defined~~ include both  $P$  and  $p$

$P$  = measures the importance of a molecule's overall hydrophobicity (relevant to absorption, binding etc.)

$p$  = identifies specific regions of the molecule which might interact with hydrophobic regions in the binding site.

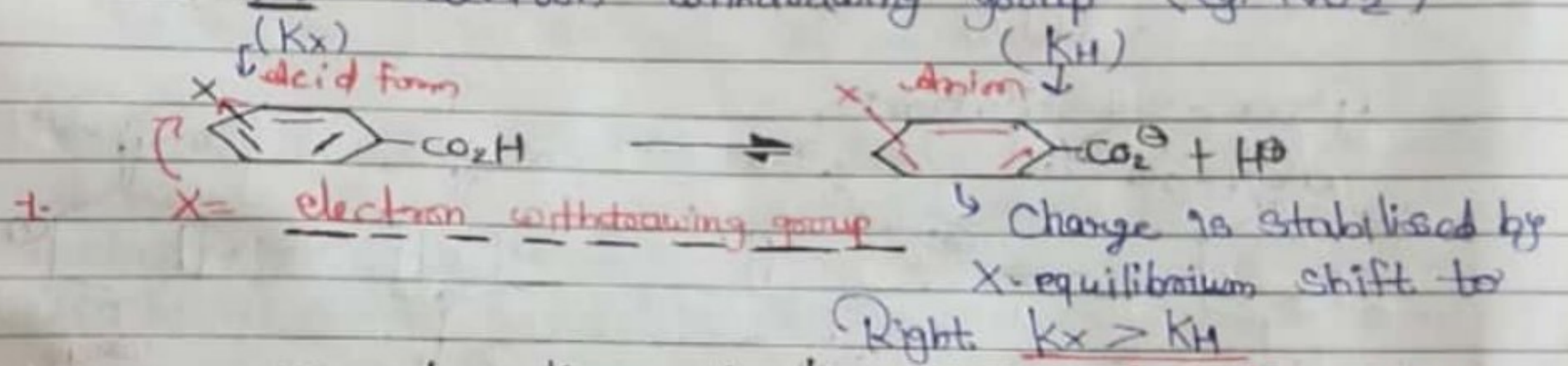
2. Electronic Parameters: Electron distribution in a drug molecule affects the drug's distribution and activity. The non-polar and polar drugs are readily transported through membrane when in their unionised form than in their ionised form. When the drug reaches to its target site, the electron distribution in its structure control the type of bond it will form with the target: The bond formed influences the drug's biological activity.

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Hammett Substitution Constant ( $\sigma$ ) is a measure of a substituent's (i.e. functional moiety) ability to either withdraw or donate electrons.

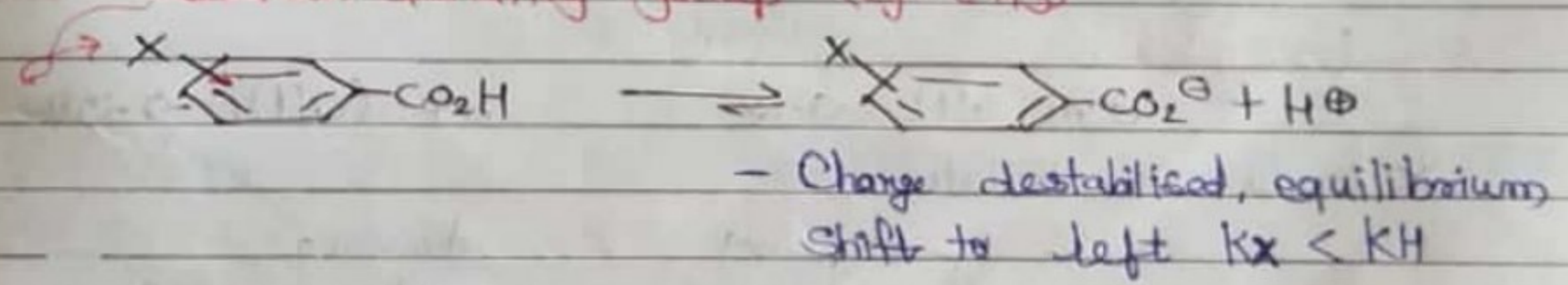
It may be determined by measuring the dissociation of a series of benzoic acid substituted derivatives in relation to the dissociation of pure benzoic acid itself.

- Hammett Substituent Constants ( $\sigma$ )
- Ex-  $X$  = electron withdrawing group (eg.  $\text{NO}_2$ )



$$\sigma_x = \log \frac{K_x}{K_H} = \log K_x - \log K_H \quad (\text{positive value})$$

2.  $X = \text{electron donating group (eg. } \text{CH}_3\text{)}$



$\sigma$  = Values depends on inductive and resonance effects.

$\sigma$  = Values depends on whether the substituent is Meta or Para (inductive effect)

The Hammett substituent constant ( $\sigma_x$ ) for a particular substituent (X) is defined by the following equation.

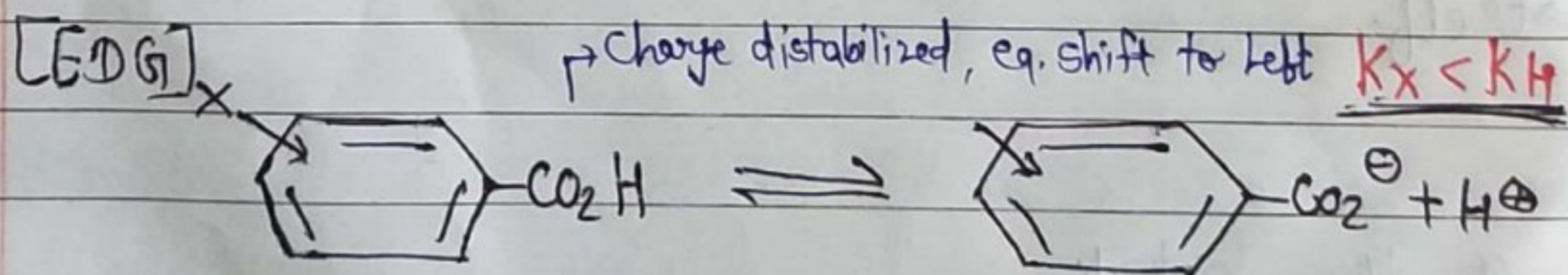
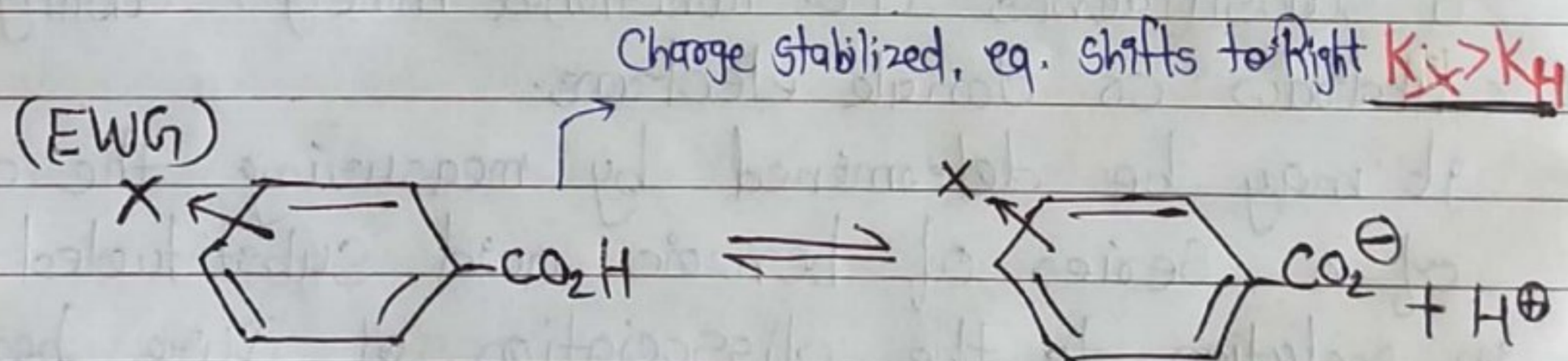
$$\sigma_x = \log \frac{K_x}{K_H} = \log K_x - \log K_H$$

EWG =  $-\text{NO}_2, -\text{CN}, -\text{COOH}, -\text{CHO}, -\text{NO}, -\text{SO}_2\text{R}$  etc.  
↑

• Benzoic acid containing  $e^-$  withdrawing substituents will have larger  $K_x$  values than benzoic acid itself. — therefore, the value of  $\sigma_x$  is positive.

• Benzoic acid containing EDG will have smaller  $K_x$  values than benzoic acid — therefore, the value of  $\sigma_x$  is negative.

EDG — F, Cl, Br, I,  $-\text{OR}, -\text{OH}, -\text{NH}_2$ , etc.



\* Position of equilibrium dependent on substituent group X.

Limitation- One of the limitation of Hammett Constant is that it does not hold for ORTHO substituents. This characteristic is known as the ortho-effect.

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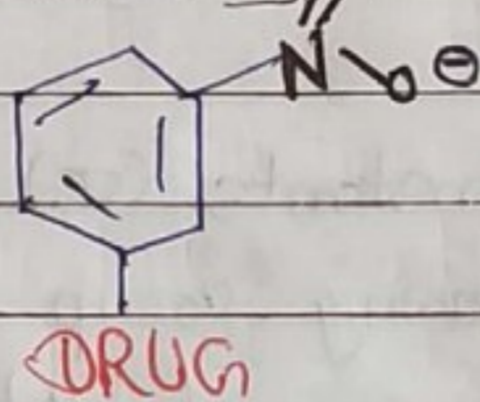
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## Hammett Substituent Constant ( $\sigma$ )

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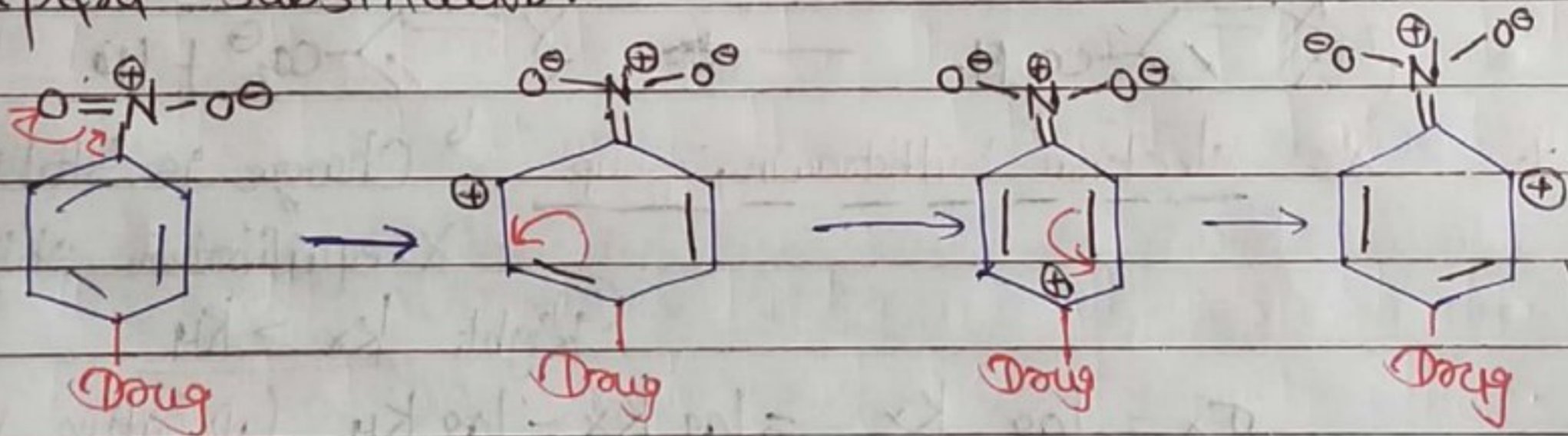
$$\sigma_p(\text{NO}_2) = 0.78 \quad \sigma_m(\text{NO}_2) = 0.71$$

\* meta-substitution



e-withdrawing (inductive effect only)

Para-substitution:



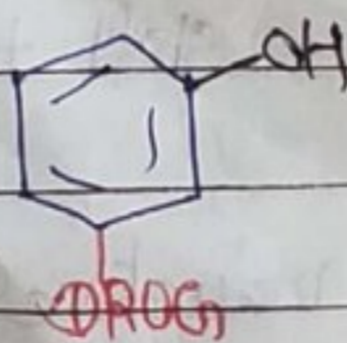
e-withdrawing (induction + resonance effects)

2. Examples:

$$\sigma_m(\text{OH}) = 0.12$$

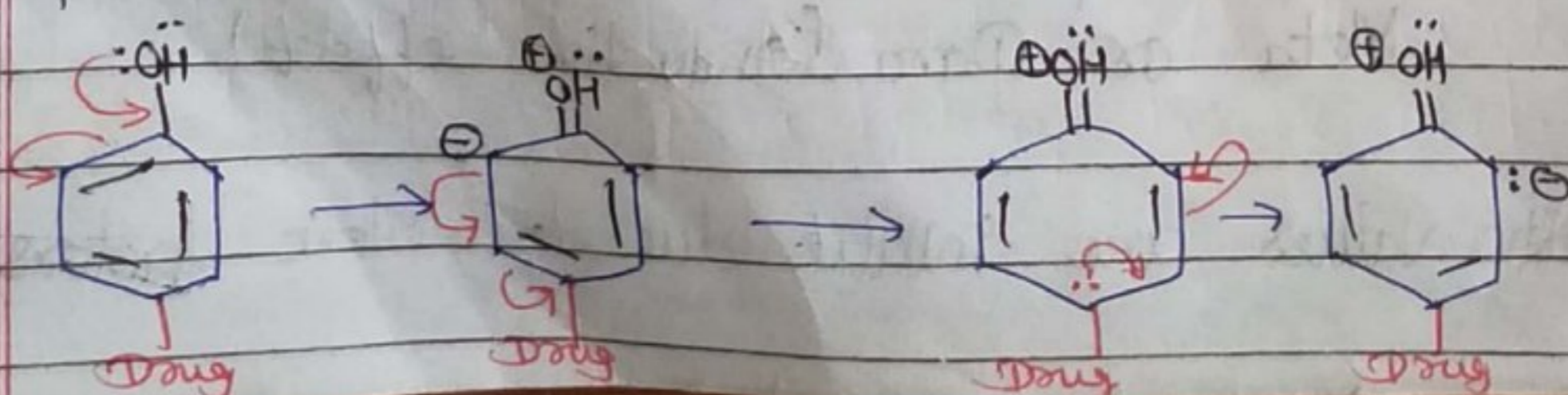
$$\sigma_p(\text{OH}) = -0.37$$

\* meta-substitution



donating  
e-withdrawing (inductive effect only)

Para-substitution:



$e^-$  donating by resonance more important than inductive effect

[Chain length  $\uparrow$  = bulkiness  $\uparrow$   
[Branching  $\uparrow$

### 3. Steric Substitution Constant:

It is a measure of the bulkiness of the group it represents and its effect on the closeness of contact between the drug and receptor site. It is much harder to quantify.

(i) Taft's Steric factor ( $E_s$ ) -  $E_s$  was first parameter used to demonstrate the relationship between the shape and size (bulk) of a drug the dimensions of its target site and its activity.

• Measured by comparing the rates of hydrolysis of substituted aliphatic esters against a standard ester under acidic conditions.

$$E_x = \log K_x - \log K_0$$

\*bulkier the substit, more neg. are the  $E_s$  values

$E_s$  is defined as

$$E_s = \log (K_x)_A - \log (K_{CH_3})_A = \log \left( \frac{K_x}{K_{CH_3}} \right)_A$$

Where  $K_x$  and  $K_{CH_3}$  are the rate constants for the substituted (substitution is X) and unsubstituted ( $X=CH_3$ ) esters or acids, respectively, and the subscript A denotes hydrolysis in acid solution.

The bulkier the substituent, the more negative are the  $E_s$  constant values.

(ii) Molar refractivity (MR): defined as measure of the volume occupied by an atom or group.

• eq. includes the MW, density (d) and the index of refraction (n) -

$$MR = \frac{(n^2 - 1)M}{(n^2 + 2)d}$$

## (Sterimol) (Comp. Programme)

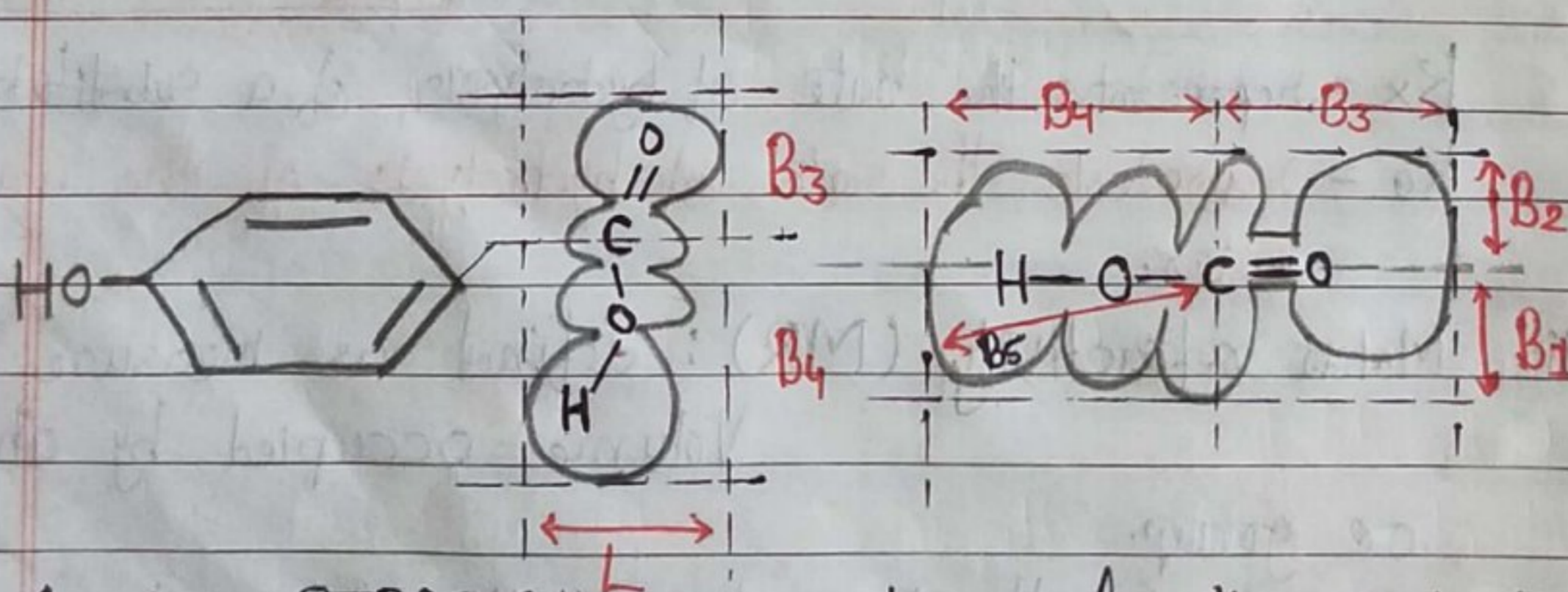
(iii) Verloop Steric Parameters: defined as Computer program uses bond angles, Van der Waals radii, bond lengths.

\* Taft Parameter (applicable for simple homogeneous organic reactions), Verloop STERIMOL Parameters for characterizing the steric features of the substituents in more complex biological systems. It includes set of five descriptors [L, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, B<sub>4</sub>] to describe the shape of a substituent.

\* L = length of substituent along the axis of the bond b/w the first atom of the substituent and parent mol.

\* The width parameters B<sub>1</sub>-B<sub>4</sub> are all perpendicular to L and form angles of 90° to each other.

\* B<sub>1</sub> as the smallest and B<sub>5</sub> the largest width parameter, which does not have any directional relationship to L.



\* Verloop STERIMOL parameters for the Carboxylic acid group of para-hydroxy benzoic acid.



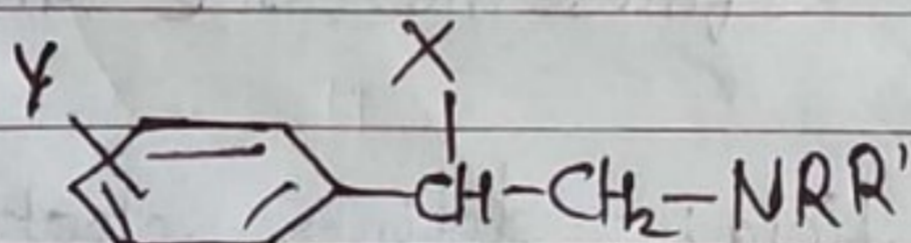
## \* Hansch Equation or Analysis:

1. A QSAR equation relating various physicochemical properties to the biological activity of a series of compounds.
2. Usually includes  $\log P$ , electronic ( $\sigma$ ) and steric factors ( $E_s$ )
3. Start with simple equations and elaborate as more structures are synthesized.

4. Typical equation for a wide range of  $\log P$  is parabolic.

$$\log (1/c) = -k_1 (\log P)^2 + k_2 \log P + k_3 \sigma + k_4 E_s + k_5$$

Example: Adrenergic blocking activity of  $\beta$ -halo- $\beta$ -arylamines.



⇒ Conclusions:

- Activity increases if  $\rho$  is positive (i.e. hydrophobic substituents)
- Activity increases if  $S$  is negative (i.e. e-donating substituents)

### 3-D QSAR:

1. In 3-D-QSAR, 3-D Properties of a molecule are considered as a whole rather than considering individual substituents.
2. 3-D-QSAR involve the analysis of the quantitative relationship between the biological activity of a set of compound and their three-dimensional properties using statistical correlation methods.
3. 3D-QSAR revolves around the important features of molecules, its overall size and shape, and its electronic properties.
4. Physical prop. are measured for the molecule as a whole.
5. Properties are calculated using computer software.
6. No experimental constants or measurements are involved.
7. Properties are known as "fields".
8. Steric field :- defines the size and shape of the molecule.
9. Electrostatic field :- defines electron rich/poor regions of molecule.
10. Hydrophobic properties :- are relatively ~~non~~ unimportant.

Thank you