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Abstract

Using density functional theory, noncovalent interactions and four mechanisms of covalent functionalization of 6-mercaptopurine anticancer drug onto $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ nanoparticles have been investigated. Quantum molecular descriptors of noncovalent configurations were studied. It was specified that binding of 6-mercaptopurine onto $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ nanoparticles is thermodynamically suitable. Hardness and the gap of energy between LUMO and HOMO of 6-mercaptopurine are higher than the noncovalent configurations, showing the reactivity of 6-mercaptopurine increases in the presence of $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ nanoparticles. 6-mercaptopurine can bond to $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ nanoparticles through NH_2 (k_1 mechanism), NH in six-membered ring (k_2 mechanism), NH in five-membered ring (k_3 mechanism), and S (k_4 mechanism) groups. The activation energies, the activation enthalpies and the activation Gibbs free energies of these reactions were calculated. Thermodynamic data indicate that k_3 mechanism is exothermic and spontaneous and can take place at room temperature. These results could be generalized to other similar drugs.

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