Natural Bond Orbital (NBO), Natural Population Analysis and Mulliken Analysis of Atomic Charges of 4-Amino-3-Phenylbutanoic Acid

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Abstract The Molecular Structure of 4-Amino-3-phenylbutanoic acid conformers have been studied in the gas phase. Natural Bond Orbital Analysis (NBO) and Mulliken analysis of atomic charges of 4-Amino-3-phenylbutanoic acid have been performed by DFT level of theory using B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) basis set. The atomic charges, electronic exchange interaction and charge delocalization of the molecule have been performed by Natural Bond Orbital(NBO) analysis and Natural Population Analysis(NPA) have been constructed at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level.

Fig. 1

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Introduction

4-Amino-3-phenylbutanoic acid (Phenibut) is employed as an orally bio available agent for the treatment of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)^[1]. Literature survey reveals that so far there is no Natural Bond Orbital Analysis and Mulliken Analysis of atomic charges study for the Phenibut compound. In this study, The NBO analysis is carried out to investigate in various intra-inter molecular interactions of molecular system and also provides a convenient basis for investigating charge transfer or conjugate interactions in molecular system. Some electron donor, acceptor orbital and the interacting stabilization energy resulted from the $E^{(2)}$ (Energy of hyper conjugation interaction) are reported. Moreover, the Mulliken Analysis of atomic charges of the Phenibut compound have been calculated and the calculated results have been reported.

1 Methods of Analysis

The Molecular structure of Phenibut along with numbering of atoms is shown in Fig. 1. The Natural Bond Orbital

calculations were carried out using Gaussian 09W program package [2], invoking gradient geometry optimization [3]. Initial geometry generated from standard geometrical parameter was minimized without any constraint in the potential energy surface in the standard 6-311++G(d,p) basis set. This geometry was then reoptimized at three parameter hybrid functional (B3) Lee-Yang-Parr (LYP) level using 6-311++G(d,p) basis set. The localized basis set completely describes the wave

functions in the most economic method, as electron density

oms numbering of Phenibut

The theoretical optimized geometric structure with at-

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and other properties are described by the minimal amount of filled Natural Bond Orbital's (NBO) which describe the hypothetical, strictly localized Lewis structure which can be used as the measure of delocalization. This non-covalent bonding and anti-bonding charge transfer interactions can be quantitatively described in terms of the second order perturbation interaction energy $(E^{(2)})^{[4-7]}$.

2 Result and Discussion

2. 1 Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) Analysis

Natural Bond Orbital(NBO) analysis is one of the most powerful tools for interpreting quantum-chemical results in terms of chemically significant terms. This method localizes the molecular wave functions in optimized electron pairs, corresponding to lone pairs; core pairs on bonding units; giving a picture which is close to the familiar Lewis picture of molecular structure. In order to understand various second order interactions between the filled orbitals of one subsystem and vacant orbitals of another subsystem, the NBO calculations were performed using

NBO 3.0 program^[8] as implemented in the Gaussian 09W package at the DFT/B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level.

The Natural Bond Orbital (NBO) analysis provides an efficient method for studying intra and inter-molecular bonding and interaction among bonds, and also provides a convenient basis for investigating charge transfer or conjugative interaction in molecular system^[9]. The second-order Fock-matrix was carried out to evaluate different types of donor-acceptor interactions and their stabilization energies in the NBO basis^[10]. The interaction results are a loss of occupancy from the localized NBO of the idealized Lewis structure into an empty non-Lewis orbitals.

The NBO analysis has been performed to elucidate the intramolecular interaction, rehybridization and delocalization of electron density within the molecule. Which are presented in Table 1. In order to investigate the intramolecular interaction, the stabilization energies of the Phenibut compound were computed by using second-order perturbation theory. The results of second-order perturbation theory analysis of Fock matrix at the B3LYP levels with 6-311++G(d,p) basis set of the Phenibut compound are given in Table 1.

Table 1 Second-order perturbation theory analysis of Fock matrix in NBO basis corresponding to the intramolecular of the Phenibut compound

Donor NBO(i)	Туре	ED/e	Acceptor NBO(j)	Туре	ED/e	$E^{(2)a}/$ $(kJ \cdot mol^{-1})$	$E_{(j)} - E_{(i)b} /$ (a. u)	$F_{(i,j)}{}^{\mathfrak{c}}/$ (a. u)
C ₁ -C ₂	σ	1.979	C_1 - O_5	σ*	0.0186	1.18	1.79	0.041
			O_6 - H_{19}	σ^*	0.0087	3.84	1.49	0.068
$C_2 - C_3$	σ	1.973	$C_1 - O_5$	σ^*	0.0186	3.66	1.72	0.071
			$C_7 - C_8$	σ^*	0.0282	2.73	1.02	0.051
C_2 - H_{14}	σ	1.970	C_1 - O_5	σ^*	0.0186	5.69	0.88	0.065
			C_2 - H_{16}	σ^*	0.0201	4.06	1.29	0.065
$C_3 - C_4$	σ	1.978	C_2 - H_{15}	σ^*	0.0104	2.06	1.41	0.048
			$C_7 - C_{12}$	σ^*	0.0265	4.17	1.75	0.076
$C_3 - C_7$	σ	1.967	$C_7 - C_8$	σ^*	0.0282	4.71	1.77	0.082
			$C_7 - C_{12}$	σ^*	0.0265	4.44	1.77	0.079
C_3 - H_{16}	σ	1.972	C_2 - H_{14}	σ^*	0.0096	3.66	1.28	0.061
			$C_7 - C_8$	σ^*	0.0282	4.55	0.87	0.061
C_3 - H_{17}	σ	1.977	C_8 - H_{20}	σ^*	0.0239	4.51	1.38	0.070
			N_{13} - H_{26}	σ^*	0.0306	3.40	1.39	0.062
$O_6 - H_{19}$	σ	1.988	C_1 - C_2	σ^*	0.0399	4.75	1.66	0.080
$C_7 - C_8$	σ	1.966	$C_9 - C_{10}$	σ^*	0.0191	46.75	0.52	0.140
			C_{11} - C_{12}	σ^*	0.0185	41.20	0.52	0.131
C_{11} - C_{12}	σ	1.973	$C_7 - C_8$	σ^*	0.0282	48.58	0.53	0.144
			$C_9 - C_{10}$	σ^*	0.0191	41.76	0.52	0.0132
O_5	LP(2)	1.999	$C_1 - C_2$	σ^*	0.0399	18.88	1.07	0.129
			C_1 - O_6	σ^*	0.0781	43.69	1.66	0.194
O_6	LP(2)	1.999	C_1 - O_5	σ^*	0.0186	49.66	0.75	0.173

 $^{^{\}mathrm{a}}$ $E^{(2)}$: mean energy of hyper conjugative interactions;

^b $E_{(j)}$ - $E_{(i)}$: energy difference between donor and acceptor i and j NBO orbital's;

 $^{^{\}mathrm{c}}$ $F_{(i,j)}$ is the Fock matrix elements between i and j NBO orbital's

In the molecule, a strong intramolecular hyperconjugative interaction of π electron with the greater energy contributions from $O_6 \rightarrow C_1 - O_5$ (49.66 kcal • mol⁻¹ for the DFT/B3LYP level), $C_{11} - C_{12} \rightarrow C_7 - C_8$ (48.58 kcal • mol⁻¹ for the DFT/B3LYP level), $C_7 - C_8 \rightarrow C_9 - C_{10}$ (46.75 kcal • mol⁻¹ for the DFT/B3LYP level), $O_5 \rightarrow C_1 - O_6$ (49.66 kcal • mol⁻¹ for the DFT/B3LYP level) for the amino ring of the studied molecule.

In Table 2. C₁-C₂ orbitals with 1.979 electrons have

50. 59 % C_1 character in a $sp^{1.47}$ hybrid and have 49. 41 % C_2 character in a $sp^{2.99}$ hybrid. C_1 - O_5 orbitals with 1. 996 electrons has 34. 06 % C_1 character in a $sp^{2.08}$ hybrid and has 65. 94 % C_2 character in a $sp^{1.33}$ hybrid. C_1 - O_6 orbitals with 1. 995 electrons has 30. 15 % C_1 character in a $sp^{2.69}$ hybrid and has 69. 85 % C_2 character in a $sp^{1.55}$ hybrid. C_1 - N_{13} orbital with 1. 994 electrons have 40. 01 % C_1 character in a $sp^{2.06}$ hybrid and has 59. 99 % C_2 character in a $sp^{2.08}$ hybrid.

Table 2 NBO results showing formation of Lewis and non-Lewis orbitals for Phenibut

Bond (A-B)	Туре	ED/ energy (a. u)	ED _A /%	$\mathrm{ED_B} \ / \ \%$	NBO	S/%	P/%
C_1 - C_2	σ	1.979	50.59	49.41	0. $7029(sp^{1.47})$ C-0. $7113(sp^{2.99})$ C ₄	0.41	59.55
$C_1 - C_2$	σ^*	0.039	49.41	50.59	0. $7029(sp^{1.47})$ C-0. $7113(sp^{2.99})$ C ₄	0.41	59.55
C_1 - O_5	σ	1.996	34.06	65.94	0. $5836(sp^{2.08})$ C-0. $8120(sp^{1.33})$ O	32.35	67.38
C_1 - O_5	σ^*	0.018	65.94	34.06	0.8120($sp^{2.08}$)C-0.5836($sp^{1.33}$)O	32.35	67.38
C_1 - O_6	σ	1.995	30.15	69.85	0. $5491(sp^{2.26})$ C-0. $5353(sp^{1.55})$ O	39.10	60.79
C_1 - O_5	σ^*	0.078	69.85	30.15	0. $5353(sp^{2.26})$ C-0. $5491(sp^{1.55})$ O	39.10	60.79
$C_2 - C_3$	σ	1.973	49.89	50.11	0. $7063(sp^{2.58})$ C-0. $7079(sp^{2.87})$ C	27.88	74.10
$C_2 - C_3$	σ^*	0.015	50.11	49.89	0. $7079(sp^{2.58})$ C-0. $7063(sp^{2.87})$ C	27.88	74.10
$C_3 - C_4$	σ	1.978	51.48	48.52	0. $7175(sp^{2.83})$ C-0. $7079(sp^{2.47})$ C	26.11	73.79
$C_3 - C_4$	σ^*	0.018	48.52	51.48	0. $7079(sp^{2.83})$ C-0. $7175(sp^{2.47})$ C	26.11	73.79
$C_3 - C_7$	σ	1.967	49.66	50.34	0. $7074(sp^{2.83})$ C-0. $7095(sp^{2.32})$ C	27.41	72.48
$C_3 - C_7$	σ^*	0.028	50.34	49.66	0. $7095(sp^{2.83})$ C-0. $7074(sp^{2.32})$ C	27.41	72.48
$C_7 - C_8$	σ	1.966	50.68	49.32	0. $7119(sp^{1.87})$ C-0. $7095(sp^{1.77})$ C	34.84	65.13
$C_7 - C_8$	σ^*	0.028	49.32	50.68	0. $7095(sp^{1.87})$ C-0. $7119(sp^{1.77})$ C	34.84	65.13
C_7 - C_{12}	σ	1.967	50.78	49.22	0. $7126(sp^{1.85})$ C-0. $7016(sp^{1.72})$ C	35.03	64.93
C_7 - C_{12}	σ^*	0.026	49.22	50.78	0. $7016(sp^{1.87})$ C-0. $7126(sp^{1.77})$ C	35.03	64.93
$C_8 - C_9$	σ	1.973	50.40	49.60	0. $7099(sp^{1.72})$ C-0. $7043(sp^{1.72})$ C	36.65	63.20
$C_8 - C_9$	σ^*	0.019	49.60	50.40	0. $7043(sp^{1.72})$ C-0. $7099(sp^{1.72})$ C	36.65	63.20
$C_9 - C_{10}$	σ	1.974	50.00	50.00	0. $7071(sp^{1.73})$ C-0. $7071(sp^{1.72})$ C	36.61	63.24
$C_9 - C_{10}$	σ^*	0.019	50.00	50.00	0. $7071(sp^{1.73})$ C-0. $7071(sp^{1.72})$ C	36.61	63.24
C_{10} - C_{11}	σ	1.974	49.93	50.07	0. $7066(sp^{1.73})$ C-0. $7076(sp^{1.72})$ C	36.59	63.26
C_{10} - C_{11}	σ^*	0.018	50.07	49.93	0. $7076(sp^{1.73})$ C-0. $7066(sp^{1.72})$ C	36.59	63.26
C_{11} - C_{12}	σ	1.973	49.64	50.36	0. $7046(sp^{1.72})$ C-0. $7096(sp^{1.73})$ C	36.68	63.17
C_{11} - C_{12}	σ^*	0.018	50.36	49.64	0. $7096(sp^{1.72})$ C-0. $7046(sp^{1.73})$ C	36.68	63.17
C_4-N_{13}	σ	1.994	40.01	59.99	0. $6325(sp^{3.06})$ C-0. $7746(sp^{2.08})$ N	24.58	75.19
O_6	LP(1)	1.974	_	_	$sp^{1.79}$	35.81	64.16
N_{13}	LP(1)	1.961	_	_	$sp^{4.79}$	17. 25	82.72

2. 2 Natural Population Analysis

The Natural population analysis [11-12] performed on the Phenibut molecule clearly describes the distribution of charges in the various sub-shells (Core, Valence, Rydberg) in the molecular orbital. The accumulation of natural charges on individual atom of the Phenibut molecule is given in Table 2. It shows that an atoms C_1 has the most electronegative charge of -5.0636e and O_6 has the most electropositive charge of 8.7849e. Conversely, the N_{13} and C_{12} atoms have considerable electropositive and they are tending to acquire electron. Further, the natural population analysis showed that 96 electrons in the title molecule are distributed on the sub shell as

follows:

Core: 25. 99013 (99. 9621% of 26) Valence: 69. 65012 (99. 5002% of 70)

Rydberg: 0.35975 (0.3747% of 96)

2. 3 Charge Distribution

The charge distribution of the molecule has calculated on the basis of Mulliken method using B3LYP/6-311 + + G (d,p) level theory. This calculation depicts the charges of the every atom in the molecule. Distribution of positive and negative charges is the vital to increasing or decreasing of bond length between the atoms. The survey of literature reveals that effective atomic calculations gave an important role in the

Table 3 Accumulation of natural charges and electron population of atoms in core, valance, Rydberg orbitals of Phenibut

	Ch (-)	Nat	T., 1()			
	Charge(e)	Core	Valence	Rydberg	Total(e)	
Atomsa						
C_1	0.9363	1.9994	3.0044	0.0598	5.0636	
H_{14}	0.2496	0.0000	0.7486	0.0016	0.7503	
H_{15}	0.2148	0.0000	0.7835	0.0016	0.7851	
H_{16}	0.1895	0.0000	0.8077	0.0027	0.8104	
H_{17}	0.1519	0.0000	0.8454	0.0026	0.8480	
H_{18}	0.1381	0.0000	0.8592	0.0025	0.8618	
H_{19}	0.5156	0.0000	0.4813	0.0030	0.4843	
H_{20}	0.1786	0.0000	0.8194	0.0019	0.8213	
H_{21}	0.1894	0.0000	0.8090	0.0015	0.8105	
H_{22}	0.1910	0.0000	0.8074	0.0015	0.8089	
H_{23}	0.1907	0.0000	0.8077	0.0015	0.8092	
H_{24}	0.1851	0.0000	0.8126	0.0022	0.8148	
H_{25}	0.3430	0.0000	0.6542	0.0027	0.6569	
H_{26}	0.3554	0.0000	0.6408	0.0036	0.6445	
Atoms ^b						
C_2	-0.4321	1.9992	4.4072	0.0257	6.4321	
C_3	-0.2168	1.9992	4.1934	0.0242	6.2168	
C_4	-0.0953	1.9993	4.0727	0.0231	6.0953	
O_5	-0.6815	1.9997	6.6669	0.0148	8.6815	
O_6	-0.7849	1.9997	6.7713	0.0138	8.7849	
C_7	-0.0265	1.9989	4.0046	0.0229	6.0265	
C_8	-0.1867	1.9988	4.1653	0.0225	6.1867	
C_9	-0.1634	1.9990	4.1375	0.0268	6.1634	
C_{10}	-0.2051	1.9990	4.1789	0.0271	6.2051	
C_{11}	-0.1680	1.9990	4.1425	0.0264	6.1680	
C_{12}	-0.1940	1.9989	4.1710	0.0241	6.1940	
N_{13}	-0.8746	1.9995	5.8562	0.0188	7.8746	

^a Atoms containing negative charges;

Table 4 Mulliken's atomic charges of Phenibut at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level of theory

Atom	Atomic charge(e)	Atom	Atomic charge(e)
no.	$B\overline{3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)}$	no.	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)
C ₁	-0.1673	H_{14}	0. 2853
C_2	-0.5338	H_{15}	0.1694
C_3	0.1202	H_{16}	0.2328
C_4	-0.4761	H_{17}	0.1782
O_5	-0.2343	H_{18}	0.1486
O_6	-0.1925	H_{19}	0.3258
C_7	0.8837	H_{20}	0.0780
C_8	-0.4878	H_{21}	0.1715
C_9	-0.3476	H_{22}	0.1378
C_{10}	-0.3333	H_{23}	0.1648
C_{11}	-0.3204	H_{24}	0. 1257
C_{12}	-0.0793	H_{25}	0.2304
N_{13}	-0.3557	H_{26}	0.2759

application of chemical calculation to molecular system because of atomic charges, dipole moment, molecular polarizability, electronic structure, acidity-basicity behavior and more lot of properties of molecular system [13]. Mulliken atomic charges and plot has shown in Table 4 and Fig. 2 respectively. The Mulliken charge analysis of Phenibut shows that presence of two oxygen atoms ($O_5 = -0.2343$; $O_6 = -0.1925$ imposes positive charges on C_3 , C_7 atoms. However, C_3 , C_7 possess positive charge due to negative charge (-0.3557) of atom N_{13} . Moreover, the positive charge distribution observed on the remaining hydrogen atoms (H_{14} , H_{15} , H_{16} , H_{17} , H_{18} , H_{19} , H_{20} , H_{21} , H_{22} , H_{23} , H_{24} , H_{25} and H_{26}).

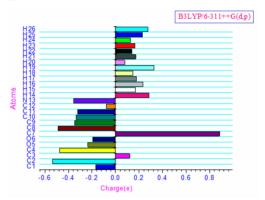


Fig. 2 The Historam of calculated Mulliken charge for phenibut

3 Conclusion

In the present work, the optimized molecular structure of the title compound have been calculated by DFT/B3LYP method with 6-311++G(d,p) level calculations. The NBO analysis provides an efficient method for studying inter and intra molecular interaction in molecular system. The stabilization energy has been calculated from second order perturbation theory. NBO theory provides an excellent approach to interpret the infrared spectra in electronic terms. Relative band positions, together with displacement of bands corresponding to molecular groups not involved in hydrogen bonds, are explained by this theory. In this paper, NBO analysis was also used to evaluate the influence of the intermolecular interactions by comparing the results obtained for the single point and optimized structures. The NBO analysis confirms the hyper conjugation interaction. The strengthening and increase in wave number is due to the substitution of OH and CH₂ groups, respectively.

^b Atoms containing positive charges

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