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Experimental and quantum study of anticorrosive activity and biological activities of natural and synthetic substances

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The present work is devoted to the study of the inhibition of corrosion of mild steel, antioxidant activity and antimicrobial effect for plant extracts and synthetic products. The objective is, on the one hand, to contribute to the valorization of three plants that grow spontaneously in the region of the Rif, Morocco. On the other hand, to evaluate the potentialities of synthetic compounds. The experimental studies carried out were corroborated by the theoretical study in order to develop a correlation between the results obtained from the experimental measurements and the effect of the molecular structure using the DFT method. The anticorrosive effect was evaluated in a molar hydrochloric acid environment using gravimetric and electrochemical methods. The experimental results showed that the inhibitors tested showed good corrosion inhibition. In vitro evaluation of the antioxidant activity of the various phenolic extracts of three plants and the synthetic phenolic compounds was carried out by three methods: trapping the 2,2-diphenyl-

1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical, the β -carotene bleaching (BCB) and the ferric reducing antioxidant power (FRAP). Thus, the results obtained have shown that the antioxidant activities are interesting and are dependent on the content of phenolic compounds. The various extracts and synthetic compounds were also screened for their possible antimicrobial activity against different strains. This evaluation was carried out by the method of diffusion of the disc on Muller-Hinton Agar (MHA). In this work, the *Pistacia lentiscus* showed good activity antimicrobial against most of the strains tested. In addition, the synthetic compounds have been found to be interesting with encouraging potential. Thus, the study of electronic properties by the DFT method suggested that the antifungal effect of the synthetic compounds is correlated with the molecular structural effect.

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