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Design, synthesis and evaluation of novel 3-(substitutedphenyl)-2-(4-(substitutedphenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo [3, 4-d] thiazol-5(6h)-one derivatives as anti-breast cancer agents

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ABSTRACT

Mainstream cancer research has continued to place a significant emphasis on the development of new and effective therapeutic candidates to tackle rising treatment resistance and off-target toxicities. Here, a series of novel 3-(substitutedphenyl)-2-(4-(substitutedphenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one derivatives were synthesized and characterized. The ability of the synthesized compounds to reduce the survival of the human breast cancer cell line MDA-MB 231 was evaluated. When compared to the reference chemical, 5-fluorouracil, 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one and 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-(4-nitrophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one showed the highest inhibitory activity (IC₅₀: 550.078 M and 504.089, respectively) on the viability of MDA-MB 231 cells. A molecular docking study has been carried out to discover more potent drugs.

Keywords: Thiazolidione-2, 4-dione, Thiosemicarbazide, pyrazolo [3,4-d] thiazol-5(6H)-one, Anticancer activity, MDA-MB-231.

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INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is not only the most common cancer in women worldwide, but it also ranks second in terms of the primary causes of mortality for women across the globe [1]. It is the most serious health problem of all gynaecological cancers, affecting a significant portion of the global population [2]. Every year, invasive breast cancer affects an estimated one million women globally. More specifically, in 2017, it was anticipated that there were roughly 40,610 breast cancer deaths among US women, although there were an increasing number of new patients with breast cancer every year in India [3,4]. The existing chemotherapy techniques utilized in the treatment of breast cancers have limitations due to significant target and off-target adverse effects in the face of developing drug resistance to the disease. Early diagnosis, and improved, and safer treatment options are among the interventions and strategies used to lower the prevalence and fatality rates. The problems of existing anticancer medications have spurred research into new, effective breast cancer treatments. One of the most active components of heterocyclic compounds, pyrazole, and its derivatives exhibit a wide

range of pharmacological actions [5-7]. Pyrrole exhibits considerable antifungal [8], antimicrobials [9,10], anticancer [11,12], especially anti-breast cancer activity [13-16], anticonvulsant [17,18], antitubercular [19,20], analgesics [21], cardiovascular [22] and anti-inflammatory [23,24] activity. The thiazole moiety is one of the most significant heterocyclic compounds and is utilized frequently in pharmaceutical chemistry. It also demonstrates a variety of biological functions, including anti-breast cancer activity, antitubercular activity, analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antihypertensive, CNS activity, antioxidant, antiviral, antidiabetic [25], antimicrobial [26], immunosuppressive activities [27]. It also demonstrates biological processes such as COX-2 inhibitors [28], anti-hypnotics [29], anti-allergic [30], and HIV-1 inhibitors [31]. The significant inhibitory activity of triazolone scaffold against anticancer has been thoroughly investigated by numerous research organizations [32-34]. A few of the pyrazolothiazolone compounds have been created [35-36], and they have activity against the dengue virus [37] as well as being anti-proliferative [38], anticonvulsant [39], antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory [40], antiviral [41], anti-HIV-1 NNRT inhibitors [42],

anticancer^[43-44]. In an effort to aid in the drive against breast cancer, we screened a number of synthetic compounds incorporating fused heterocycles for possible biological activity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A general method for preparation of compounds 5(a-n)

An equimolar quantity of Thiazolidione-2,4-dione (1 mmol) and substituted aromatic aldehydes (1 mmol) were dissolved in a minimum quantity of PEG-400 along with a catalytic amount of bleaching earth clay (12.5) stirred at 70-80⁰ C for one hour^[45]. Add excess thiosemicarbazide (1.5 mmol), stir this mixture for another hour, then add 2-bromo-1-(4-substitutedphenyl) ethenone (1 mmol), and stir this reaction mixture for two hours^[46]. After the reaction is over, it is monitored on Thin Layer Chromatography. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured into crushed ice, stirred for five minutes, and neutralized with diluted HCl if necessary. The separated solid was suction-filtered (water aspirator), washed with ice-cold water, and recrystallized from ethanol to yield an analytically pure product, the identity of which was determined by comparing its MP and spectroscopic data (IR, ¹HNMR, ¹³CNMR and MS).

2-(4-(4-chlorophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2H-pyrazolo [3,4d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5a.

C₁₉H₁₀ClN₅O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 90% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.6(s, 1H, NH), 7.4-7.4(d, 2H), 7.8-7.9(m, 2H), 8.1(s, 1 H₁), 8.2-8.2(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 168.44, 148.52, 140.40, 133.67, 133.14, 128.83, 127.83, 126.26, 124.01, 108.64; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3294(NH stretching), 1670(C=O stretching), 1581(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 455.5. Anal. calcd. for: C, 50.00; H, 2.37; Cl, 7.70; N, 15.45; O, 10.32; S, 14.16. Found: C, 50.06; H, 2.21; Cl, 7.78; N, 15.36; O, 10.52; S, 14.07.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(4-chlorophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo [3,4d] thiazol-5(6H)-one 5b.

C₁₉H₁₀Cl₂N₄O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 92% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.6(s, 1H, NH), 7.4-7.4(d, 2H), 7.8-7.9(m, 2H), 8.1(s, 1 H₁), 8.2-8.2(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 168.12, 148.52, 146.18, 140.54, 140.40, 133.54, 133.24, 131.87, 129.43, 128.81, 128.52, 128.22, 127.76, 127.14 104.56; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3294(NH stretching), 1670(C=O stretching), 1581(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 445 Anal. calcd. for: C, 51.20; H, 2.27; Cl, 15.92; N, 12.58; O, 03.61; S, 14.41. Found: C, 51.24; H, 2.26; Cl, 15.92; N, 12.58; O, 03.59; S, 14.40.

3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-(4-chlorophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4d] thiazol-5(6H)-one 5c.

C₁₉H₁₀Br Cl N₄O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 88% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.6(s, 1H, NH), 7.4-7.5(d, 2H), 7.9-7.9(m, 2H), 8.0(s, 1 H₁), 8.0-8.1(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 167.68, 150.36, 147.75, 140.61, 138.33, 132.32, 131.23, 128.04, 127.01, 126.47, 124.42, 123.11, 106.13; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3243(NH stretching), 1668(C=O stretching), 1581(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 500.36 Anal. calcd. for: C, 47.01; H, 2.17; Br, 16.11; Cl, 7.23; N, 11.13; O, 3.25; S, 13.11. Found: C, 46.59; H, 2.06; Br, 16.31; Cl, 7.24; N, 11.44; O,

03.27; S, 13.09.

2-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2H-pyrazolo [3,4d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5d.

C₁₉H₁₀ClF₂N₄O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 82% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.7(s, 1H, NH), 7.5-7.5(d, 2H), 7.8-7.8(m, 2H), 8.0(s, 1 H₁), 8.1-8.1(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 169.33, 149.40, 143.67, 140.63, 137.11, 133.00, 131.56, 128.12, 127.09, 126.49, 124.51, 123.23, 105.43; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3352(NH stretching), 1670(C=O stretching), 1581(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 439.44 Anal. calcd. for: C, 53.18; H, 2.16; Cl, 8.32; F, 4.52; N, 13.16; O, 3.69; S, 14.97. Found: C, 53.21; H, 2.35; Cl, 8.27; F, 4.43; N, 13.06; O, 3.73; S, 14.95.

2-(4-(4-Chlorophenyl) thiazol-2-yl) -3- (4-hydroxyphenyl) -2 H-pyrazolo [3,4d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5e.

C₁₉H₁₁ Cl N₄O₄S₂ This compound was obtained in 78% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.5(s, 1H, NH), 10.4(s, 1H, OH), 7.3-7.4(d, 2H), 7.8-7.8(m, 2H), 7.9(s, 1 H₁), 7.9-8.0(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 167.62, 150.43, 142.10, 138.09, 137.43, 132.21, 131.69, 128.57, 127.09, 125.20, 124.32, 123.12, 106.09; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3303(NH stretching), 3212(OH stretching), 1668(C=O stretching), 1587(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 437.03 Anal. calcd. for: C, 53.40; H, 2.58; Cl, 8.32; N, 13.14; O, 7.52; S, 15.04. Found: C, 53.46; H, 2.60; Cl, 8.30; N, 13.12; O, 7.50; S, 15.02.

3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(4-nitrophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo [3,4d] thiazol-5(6H)-one 5h.

C₁₉H₁₀ClN₅O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 90% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.3(s, 1H, NH), 7.4-7.4(d, 2H), 7.8-7.9(m, 2H), 8.1(s, 1 H₁), 8.2-8.2(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 167.78, 149.40, 147.05, 140.67, 138.68, 133.27, 131.98, 128.54, 127.15, 126.87, 124.01, 123.72, 105.16; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3355(NH stretching), 1670(C=O stretching), 1589(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 455.5 Anal. calcd. for: C, 50.08; H, 2.34; Cl, 7.76; N, 15.34; O, 10.41; S, 14.07. Found: C, 50.06; H, 2.21; Cl, 7.78; N, 15.36; O, 10.53; S, 14.07.

3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(4-(4-nitrophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo [3,4d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5i.

C₁₉H₁₀N₆O₅S₂ This compound was obtained in 88% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.7(s, 1H, NH), 8.1-8.2(m, 2H), 7.8-7.9(d, 2H), 7.8(s, 1 H₁); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 167.68, 155.59, 147.15, 140.75, 138.80, 133.34, 132.06, 128.66, 127.24, 126.99, 124.15, 105.30; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3309(NH stretching), 1677(C=O stretching), 1573(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 466. Anal. calcd. for: C, 49.95; H, 2.11; N, 18.00; O, 17.17; S, 12.77. Found: C, 48.92; H, 2.16; N, 18.02; O, 17.15; S, 13.75.

3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-(4-(4-nitrophenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo [3,4d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5j.

C₁₉H₁₀BrN₅O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 84% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.3(s, 1H, NH), 7.4-7.5(d, 2H), 7.9-8.0(m, 2H), 8.1(s, 1 H₁), 8.2-8.2(d, 2H₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 167.88, 149.36, 145.95, 140.77, 138.43, 132.23, 131.33, 128.44, 127.11, 126.43, 124.15, 123.72, 105.09; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3345(NH stretching), 1668(C=O stretching), 1579(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 500.36 Anal. calcd. for: C, 47.31; H, 2.04; Br, 14.97; N, 13.99; O, 08.89; S, 12.80. Found: C, 45.61; H, 2.01; Br, 15.97; N, 14.00; O, 09.59; S, 12.82.

3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(4-nitrophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5k.

C₁₉H₁₀FN₅O₃S₂ This compound was obtained in 80% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.3(s, 1H, NH), 7.5-7.6(d, 2H), 7.8-7.9(m, 2H), 8.1(s, 1H), 8.2-8.2(d, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 168.33, 152.40, 144.32, 140.73, 138.12, 133.02, 131.00, 128.02, 127.11, 126.88, 124.01, 123.72, 105.11; IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3352(NH stretching), 1670(C=O stretching), 1581(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 439.44 Anal. calcd. for: C, 51.91; H, 2.25; F, 4.36; N, 15.97; O, 10.96; S, 14.55. Found: C, 51.94; H, 2.29; F, 4.32; N, 15.94; O, 10.92; S, 14.59.

3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(4-(4-nitrophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one 5l.

C₁₉H₁₁N₅O₄S₂ This compound was obtained in 79% yield, mp 210-220°C; ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 12.3(s, 1H, NH), 10.2(s, 1H, OH), 7.3-7.4(d, 2H), 7.7-7.8(m, 2H), 7.9(s, 1H), 7.9-8.0(d, 2H); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) ppm: δ 167.11, 151.40, 144.05, 139.99, 137.48, 132.21, 131.99, 128.00, 127.01, 126.37, 124.00, 123.21, 104.76;

IR (KBr) cm⁻¹: 3309(NH stretching), 3200(OH stretching), 1673(C=O stretching), 1597(aromatic C=C stretching); ms (EI): m/z (M⁺) 437.03 Anal. calcd. for: C, 52.09; H, 2.65; N, 15.97; O, 14.73; S, 14.56. Found: C, 52.17; H, 2.53; N, 16.01; O, 14.63; S, 14.66.

Cell lines and chemicals

The National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS: A National Cell Line Facility), Pune (MS), India, provided the human breast cancer cell line (MDA-MB 231). Sigma-Aldrich Co. provided the 3-(4, 5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2, 5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) (St. Louis MO, USA). The remaining reagents and solvents used were of AR grade and bought from commercial sources.

Anticancer Activities

The 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-2H-

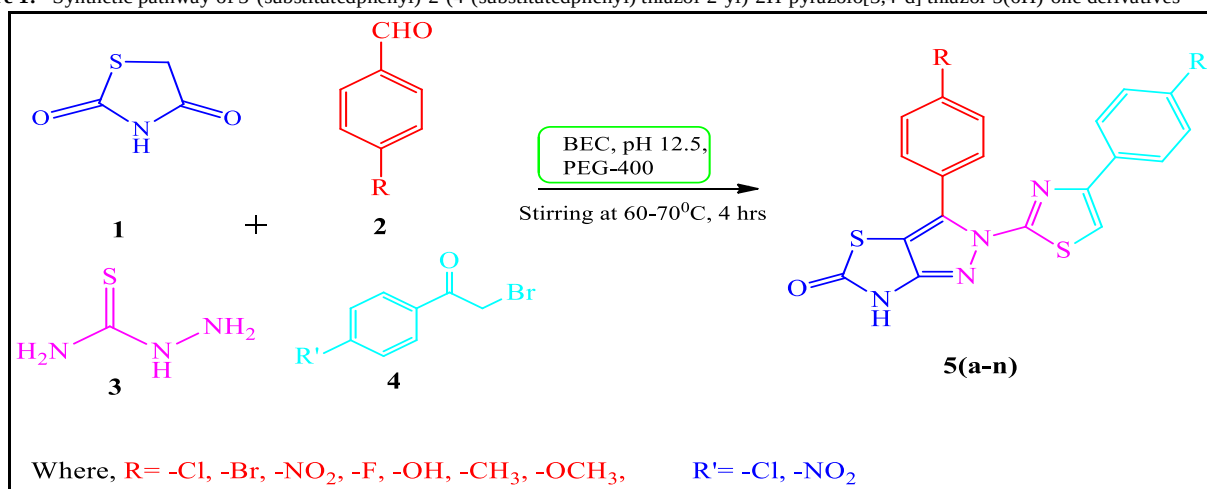
tetrazolium bromide(MTT) assay was used to determine the cytotoxic capability of the chosen drugs against specific cancer cell lines [47]. In 96 well culture plates, the cells were inoculated at a density of 1×10⁵ cells/mL. The cells were exposed to various doses of substances dissolved in 0.1% DMSO for 24 hours. Following the initial incubation time, 20 µl of MTT (2 mg/ml) were added to each well, and the cells were then incubated at 37 °C for an additional 4 hours. Further, formazan crystals were dissolved in isopropyl alcohol and therefore the quantity of formazan created was calculable at 570 nm. It has been determined that IC₅₀ represents the concentration

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The reaction pathways used to create compounds 5(a–n) are shown in Figure 1. In this one-pot multicomponent scheme, an equimolar quantity of Thiazolidione-2,4-dione and substituted aromatic aldehydes was dissolved in a minimum quantity of PEG-400 containing a catalytic amount of bleaching earth clay (pH 12.5). This mixture was stirred for another hour after adding excess thiosemicarbazide, and when 2-Bromo-1-(4-substituted phenyl) ethanone was added, good to outstanding yields of the desired compounds 5(a–n) were obtained (Table 1).

The electronic environment affects the yield of the reaction. The yield of 3-(substituted phenyl)-2-(4-(substituted phenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one nucleus with electron releasing substituents found to be at the higher side as compared with electron-withdrawing substituents such as –NO₂. Electron-withdrawing substituents have a deleterious effect on the yield of the product (Table 1 Entry 1 and 8 to 14).

Figure 1: Synthetic pathway of 3-(substituted phenyl)-2-(4-(substituted phenyl) thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d] thiazol-5(6H)-one derivatives

**Anticancer Activities**

The most potent compounds from molecular docking studies (5a, 5b, and 5h, 5i) were evaluated for their anti-breast cancer potential. The growth inhibitory effect was assessed using the human breast cancer cell line MDA MB-231. The results are summarized in Table 2: and expressed as the IC₅₀ values. 5-fluorouracil was used as a positive control. Compounds 5b and 5i showed significant anti-

breast cancer activity (IC₅₀ = 550 ± 0.78, 504 ± 0.89 µM respectively) while the remaining 5a and 5h showed moderate activity against breast cancer cell lines. From IC₅₀ values, we can assume that the synthesized derivatives exhibited good to moderate cytotoxic activity against the examined breast cancer cell line.

Table 1: Physiochemical properties of synthesized compounds (a-n)

Product	R	R'	Yield in %	mp°C
5a	-NO ₂	-Cl	78	214-216
5b	-Cl	-Cl	90	243-245
5c	-Br	-Cl	88	236-238
5d	-F	-Cl	86	240-242
5e	-OH	-Cl	88	263-265
5f	-CH ₃	-Cl	84	231-233
5g	-OCH ₃	-Cl	78	261-263
5h	-Cl	-NO ₂	82	242-244
5i	-NO ₂	-NO ₂	73	257-259
5j	-Br	-NO ₂	82	248-250
5k	-F	-NO ₂	80	260-262
5l	-OH	-NO ₂	78	268-270
5m	-CH ₃	-NO ₂	72	234-235
5n	-OCH ₃	-NO ₂	72	250-252

Table 2: Anticancer activities of compounds

Compound code	IC ₅₀ value (µM)
5a	900 ± 0.75
5b	550 ± 0.78
5h	576 ± 0.23
5i	504 ± 0.89
5-fluorouracil	23.5 ± 0.21

In Vitro cytotoxic activity of compounds against breast cancer cell line MDA MB-231. 5-fluorouracil = Positive control. Results are expressed as the mean values from three independent experiments ± Standard deviation (SD).

Docking process validation and Docking Study

Docking process validation was performed by pose selection method by re-docking of respective co-crystal ligand onto each protein separately and comparing the RMSD values of (under 2 Å Standard) between bound co-crystal ligand and re-docked co-crystal ligand^[48].

Table 3: Docking scores of synthesized compounds 5(a-n) with five different proteins

Compound ID	Lib Dock Score				
	PDB ID: 2OH4	PDB ID: 4ASD	PDB ID: 1XKK	PDB ID: 6S89	PDB ID: 5CLS
5a	99.5351	102.119	99.3303	101.038	67.2896
5b	116.745	118.145	114.885	103.224	94.1374
5c	102.482	101.863	91.1277	80.4187	88.6514
5d	101.291	91.112	94.5801	79.0267	91.6546
5e	97.9457	88.0031	95.5167	76.9944	88.8697
5f	94.5001	102.915	91.135	90.9667	64.4444
5g	106.873	108.3547	104.635	100.399	82.0071
5h	111.072	109.323	111.369	105.191	110.269
5i	118.195	110.561	114.096	110.254	107.904
5j	112.773	87.4209	106.574	120.07	104.907
5k	110.178	115.481	109.318	103.973	111.17
5l	104.694	104.865	110.99	121.983	106.329
5m	108.455	77.4661	110.501	106.904	100.907
5n	115.982	119.385	113.082	108.69	98.8302
Sunitinib	118.775	136.456	119.466	104.892	105.393
Doxorubicin	145.643	ND	104.499	93.133	126.412

Initial results of docking validation showed that all the co-crystal ligands have an RMSD value within a 2 Å. Lib dock results suggested that all designed compounds have a good binding affinity

towards all five protein structures. Lib dock scores of all compounds and two known standard drugs were reported in **Table 3**: Compound 5i showed the highest lib dock score i.e., **118.195** approximate to the standard sunitinib i.e., 118.775 on 2OH4, which is a protein. Compounds 5b, 5h, 5i, and 5n have shown a good docking score against all the docked proteins.

When we compared the results of three different targets, we found that our compounds showed more lib dock scores towards VEGFR proteins (PDB ID: 2OH4 & 4ASD) as compared to EGFR and METAP2 proteins. The binding free energy calculations again showed that compound **5i** has the lowest binding free energy (BE = -143.428 kcal/mol) amongst the designed compounds and standard sunitinib (BE = -128.769 kcal/mol). The remaining compounds have shown binding free energy between -74.482 kcal/mol to -110.665 kcal/mol. To analyze the binding patterns and amino acid interactions within the active site most scoring pose of each compound was selected.

Table 4: Binding free energy, binding affinity, and hydrogen bond interactions of synthesized compounds 5(a-n) with 2OH4 protein

Compound ID	PDB ID: 2OH4		
	Binding free energy (kcal/mol)	Affinity (kcal/mol)	Hydrogen bond Interaction
5a	-85.624	-9.2	LYS918
5b	-102.318	-9.6	ARG1049, SER923
5c	-88.5319	-9.3	-
5d	-90.0492	-9.0	ARG1049
5e	-90.9076	-9.0	ARG1049, LYS918
5f	-74.482	-9.4	LYS918
5g	-88.7404	-9.0	ARG1049, LYS918
5h	-105.019	-9.2	LYS918
5i	-143.428	-9.6	ASP1040, GLU883, SER882
5j	-96.053	-9.2	-
5k	-101.599	-9.1	ARG1049
5l	-110.665	-9.2	ARG1049, LYS918
5m	-93.0873	-9.4	LYS918
5n	-109.527	-9.1	ARG1049, LYS918
Sunitinib	-128.769	-8.5	ASP1040, LEU838, CYS917
Doxorubicin	-246.79	-9.7	ARG1030, THR924, ASN921, GLY920, CYS917

The hydrogen bond interactions shown by each ligand were reported in **Table 4**: Ligand **5i** showed the highest three hydrogen bond interactions with ASP1040, GLU883, and SER882, followed by seven hydrophobic interactions with VAL914, VAL897, LEU887, CYS1022, LEU1017, HIS2024, ILE886 amino acid residues. Hydrogen bond interaction with **ASP1040** and hydrophobic interactions with **VAL914, VAL897, LEU887, and HIS2024** amino acid residue was common in ligand 5i and standard sunitinib, which suggests that compound 5i has a similarity in binding pattern with sunitinib. While other compounds showed one or two hydrogen bond interactions.

The 2D and 3D docking interactions for the most potent ligand 5i and standard sunitinib with 2OH4 protein were shown in

Figure 2. The orientation of the best scoring pose of ligand 5i and sunitinib within the active site of 2OH4 protein is shown in **Figure 2**. The interaction of ligands 5a, 5b, and 5h are also shown in **Figure 3**, **Figure 4**, and **Figure 5** respectively.

Because of their lower binding affinity of -9.6 kcal/mol on 2OH4 protein, the docking data from Auto Dock also suggested and confirmed that compounds 5i and 5b are the most potent.

Figure 2: 2D and 3D interactions of ligand 5i and Sunitinib with 2OH4 rotein

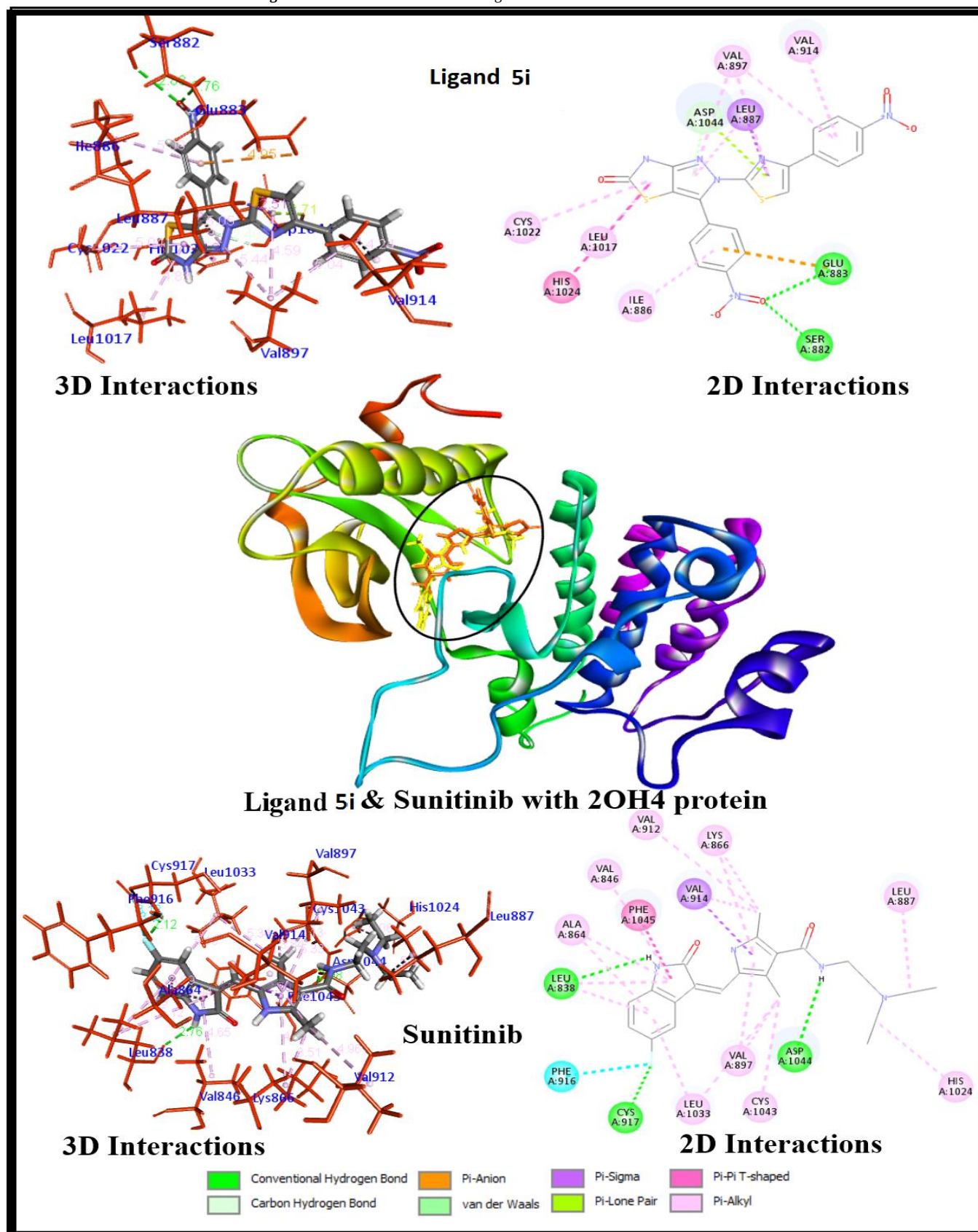


Figure 3: 2D and 3D interactions of ligand 5a

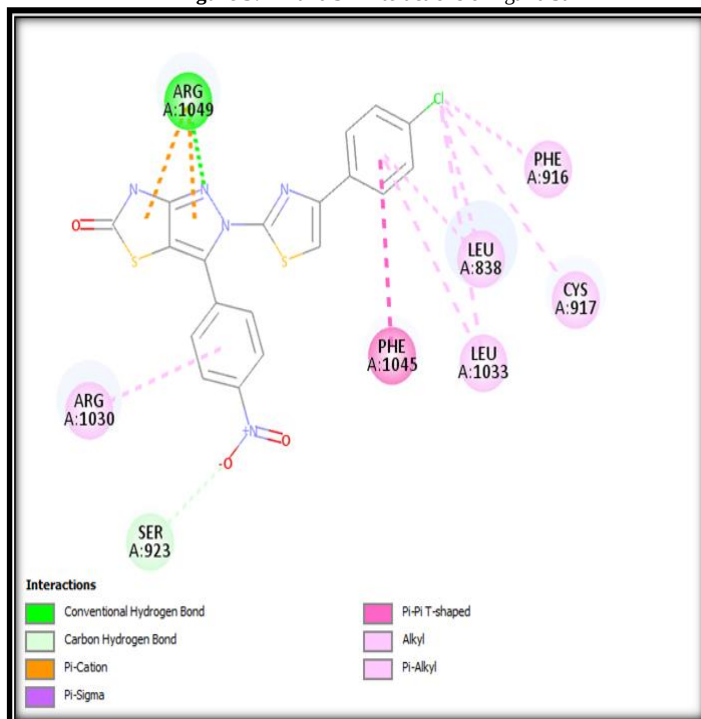


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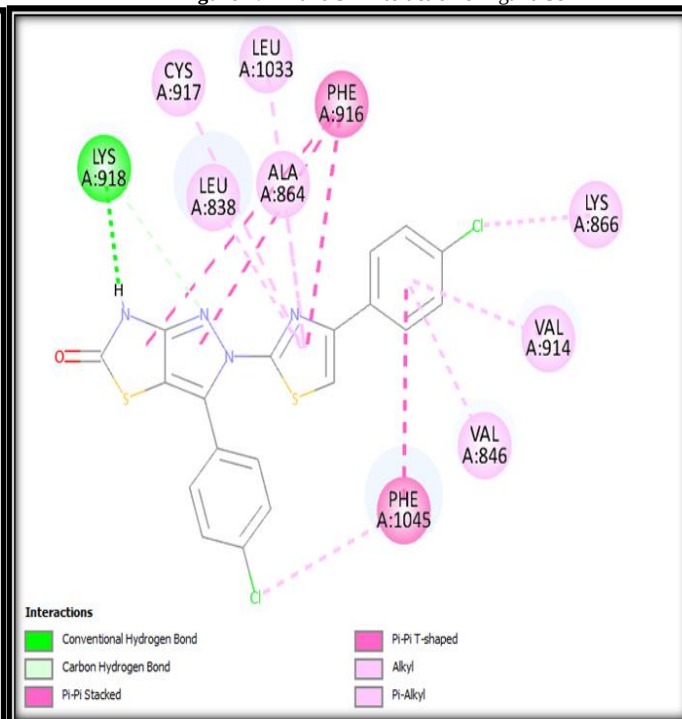
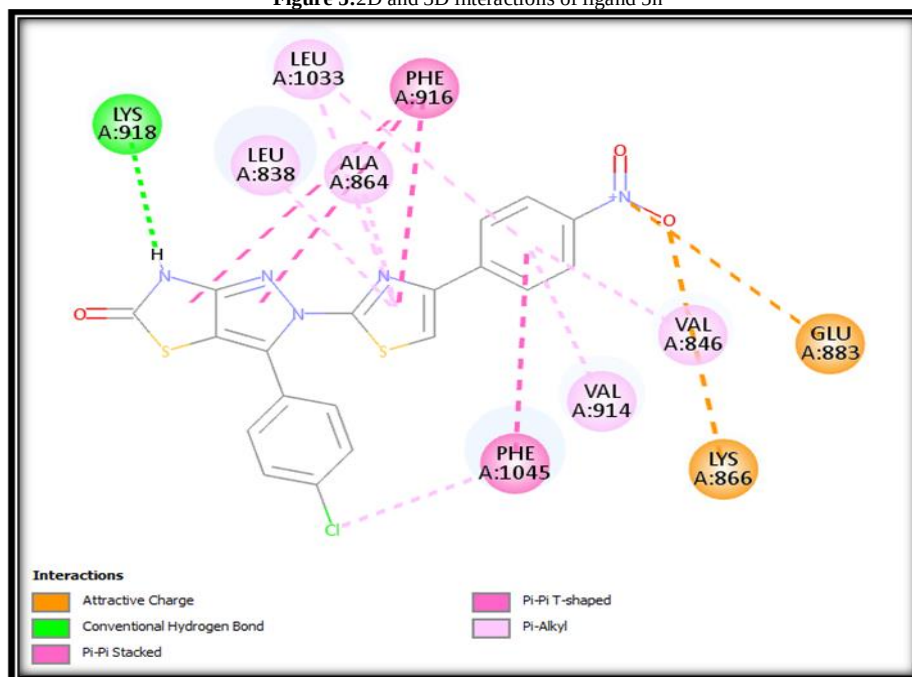


Figure 5: 2D and 3D interactions of ligand 5h



CONCLUSION

Compounds **5b** and **5i** are the most potent according to the docking study since they had a lower binding affinity of -9.6 kcal/mol on the 2OH4 protein, and the breast cancer cell line MDM-MB-231 has validated this. The biological test results the following conclusions can be reached about their structure-activity relationships, incorporation of a substituted electron withdrawing group into 3-(substitutedphenyl) and 4-(substitutedphenyl) of the 3-(substitutedphenyl)-2-(4-(substitutedphenyl)thiazol-2-yl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]thiazol-5(6H)-one ring appears to increase anticancer

activity and further investigations are in process.

Conflict of interest

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