

RESEARCH ARTICLE

**SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION
OF CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY OF CERTAIN 3-((5-((6-BENZOYL)-1H-BENZO]
IMIDAZOL-2-YL) AMINO)-1, 3, 4-OXADIAZOL-2-YL)IMINO)INDOLIN-2-ONES**

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ABSTRACT

A series of 3-((5-((6-benzoyl)-1H-benzolimidazol-2-yl) amino)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-2-yl) imino) indolin-2-ones were synthesized. The novel compounds were characterized on the basis of spectral (FT-IR, ¹H NMR, Mass) analysis. All the synthesized derivatives were screened for anticancer activity against different cell lines like Hela, MCF-7, HCT-116 and HepG2 using MTT assay. All the synthesized compounds produced a dose dependent inhibition of growth of the cells. The IC₅₀ values of all the synthetic test compounds were found between 18.011-78.021. The potency of (IC₅₀ values) of cytotoxicity of compounds was compared with that of known cytotoxic agent, Cisplatin. Among all the synthesized novel compounds 7-cl showed the most potent activity against different cancer cell lines like Hela, MCF-7, HCT-116 and, HepG₂ Cell lines using MTT assay.

Key words: Isatin, anticancer activity, MTT assay.

A dose of cytotoxic drug sufficient to kill tumor cells, is often toxic to the normal tissues and leads to many side effects, which in turn limits its treatment efficacy. In this study, we have synthesized thirteen compounds and were evaluated for their cytotoxicity against different cell lines like Hela, MCF-7, HCT-116, and HepG Cancer cell lines, using MTT assay.

Isatins are an important group of heterocyclic compounds which are biologically active and of significant importance in medicinal chemistry. A literature survey identified several isatin derivatives in the development phase as potential new drugs. A variety of biological and pharmacological activities are associated with isatins including analgesic₂, anticonvulsant₃, antidepressant₄, anti-inflammatory₅ and antimicrobial activities₆. It also shows significant effect on the central nervous system₇.

Isatins are capable of crossing the blood-brain-barrier₈. Isatin, a heterocyclic compound was identified in animals as a major component of the endogenous monoamine oxidase inhibitor. Isatins with various substituents at 3rd position viz. Substituted phenyl ring moieties, heterocyclic rings and aliphatic systems were reported. Isatin (1H-Indole-2, 3-dione) is one of the most promising new class of heterocyclic molecules having many interesting activity profiles and was found to be well-tolerated in human subjects.

All the chemicals and solvents (M/s Sigma Aldrich/S.D. Fine chemical/Loba) were purchased from local vendors and solvents were purified before being used. Pre coated silica gel F₂₅₄ (Merck) were employed to check the TLC for the reaction progress and purity. Melting points were recorded in open glass capillaries using Thomas Hoover melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on Shimadzu FT-IR spectrophotometer in KBr pellet. Mass spectra were obtained on VG-7070H mass spectrometer and ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz on Bruker Advance NM spectrometer in CDCl₃(7.26) or DMSO-d₆(2.49). Chemical shifts are expressed in (ppm) relative to TMS an internal standard.

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EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

MATERIALS & METHODS

I. Synthesis of Indole-2, 3-diones (Isatins, III):

a) Isonitrosoacetanilide – General Procedure:

In a 5 lit. R.B. flask were placed chloral hydrate (0.54 mol) and 1200 ml of water. To this solution, were then added crystallized sodium sulphate (1300gm) followed by a solution of an appropriate aromatic amine in 300ml of water and concentrated hydrochloric acid (0.52mol). Finally, a solution of hydroxylamine HCl (1.58 mol) in 500 ml of water was added. The contents of the flask were heated over a wire-gauge by a Mecker burner so that vigorous boiling begins in about 45 minutes. After 1 to 2 minutes of vigorous boiling the reaction was completed. During the heating period itself the crystals of isonitrosoacetanilide started separating out. On cooling under the current of water, the entire product was solidified. It was filtered under suction, air dried and purified by recrystallization from suitable solvent.

b) Indole-2,3-diones – General Procedure:

Sulphuric acid (600g, d:1.84, 326 ml) was warmed at 50°C in a one litre RB flask fitted with an efficient mechanical stirrer and to this, finely powdered appropriate isonitrosoacetanilide (0.46 mol) was added at such a rate so as to maintain the temperature between 60°C to 70°C but not higher. External cooling was applied at this stage so that the reaction could be carried out more rapidly. After the addition of isonitroso compound was completed the temperature of the solution was raised to 80°C and maintained at that temperature for 10 minutes, to complete the reaction. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured onto crushed ice (2.5 kg) while stirring

I. Synthesis of N-(6-benzoyl-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl) hydrazine carboxamide (II):

A mixture of methyl (6-benzoyl-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl) carbamate add 0.01mole of hydrazine hydrate (99%) were taken in 20ml of methanol, heated under reflux on a water bath for 2hrs. The alcohol was reduced to half of its volume and cooled. The product separated was filtered and washed with small portions of cold alcohol first and then with cold water repeatedly and dried. The product purified by recrystallization from methanol has resulted white solid.

II. Synthesis of (2-((5-amino-1, 2, 4-oxadiazolyl)amino)-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-6-yl (phenyl) methanone

- N-(6-benzoyl-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl) hydrazine carboxamide (II) (III, 0.1mol) was dissolved in 25ml of methanol and cooled the solution by adding chopped ice. A cold suspension of cyanogen bromide (CNBr) (0.12mol) in 75 ml of water was added over a period of 5min with rapid stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred for 0.75hrs at room temperature, solid sodium bicarbonate (0.1 mol) was added in small portions to bring the pH 6.5 -7.0. Stirring was continued for another 1 hour. The solid separated was filtered, washed with cold water and dried.

III. Synthesis of 3-((5-((6-benzoyl)-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl) amino)-1, 3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl) imino) indolin-2-one

- To a warm solution of (2-((5-amino-1,2,4-oxadiazolyl)amino)-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-6-yl(phenyl) methanone (0.01mol) in absolute ethanol (15ml) appropriate indole-2, 3-dione (0.01mol) was added in the presence of glacial acetic acid (3 drops) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 8-12 hr, then allowed to cool to room temperature. The solid separated was filtered, thoroughly washed with cold water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol. Compound IV was characterized by physical data, TLC, melting point, IR spectra, Mass and NMR spectra. Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes on a Thomas Hoover melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

PHARMACOLOGICAL SCREENING OF NOVEL COMPOUNDS

Chemicals: Fetal bovine serum (FBS), Dulbecco's modified eagle's medium (DMEM), penicillin, amphotericin B and streptomycin were purchased from Himedia (Mumbai, India) MTT (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich Company, USA. Cisplatin was procured from local market with trade name as cytoplatin 50mg/50ml marketed by Cipla Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad, India, Himedia, Mumbai, India.

Cell culture:

The cell cultures like, HeLa, MCF-7, HCT-116 and HePG₂ were procured from [NCCS], Pune, India center for cell cultures. These cells lines were grown in culture and maintained using suitable media (DMEM) and were grown in culture medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 1% L-glutamate and 1% penicillin-streptomycin-amphotericin-B-antibiotic solution. Cells were seeded in 25cm² tissue culture flasks [Tarsons, Mumbai, INDIA] at 250,000 cells/flask in a total volume of 9ml. When confluent, all the cells were trypsinized and seeded in 96-well tissue culture plates [Tarsons, Mumbai, INDIA]

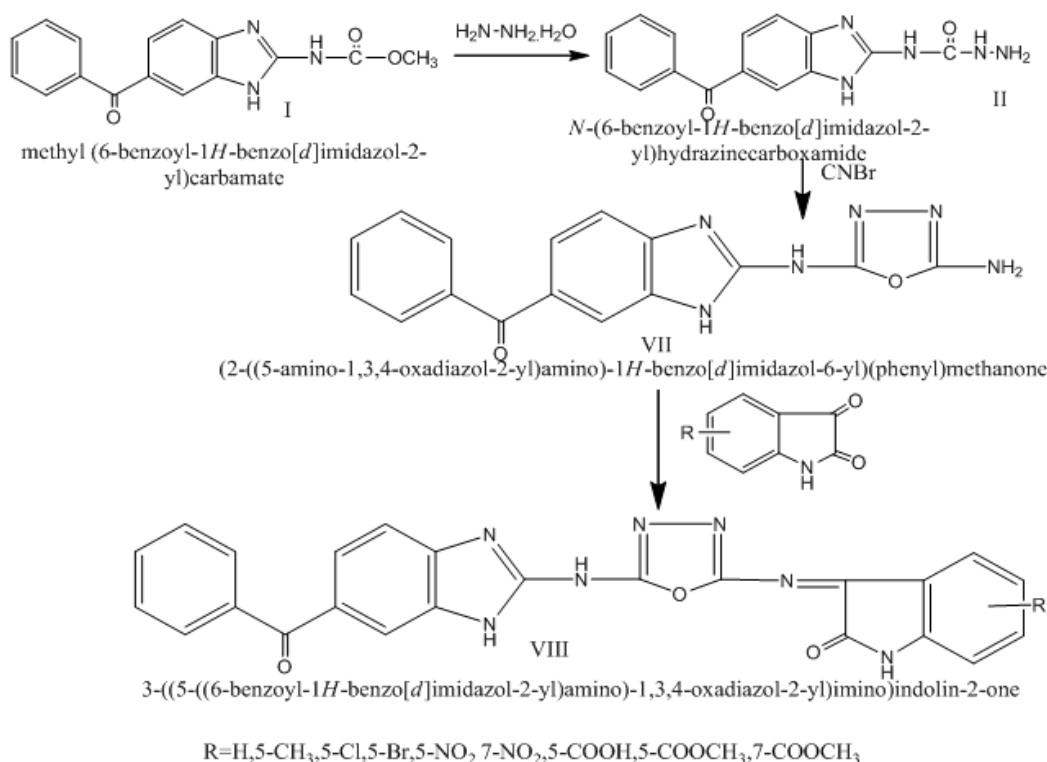
In vitro cytotoxic activity:

In-vitro cytotoxic activity against were determined using 96 well tissue culture plates. The cell suspension of 1×10^5 cells/mL was prepared in complete growth medium. The drug solution were serially diluted at concentration of 10 μ g/ml to 100 μ g/ml with complete growth medium containing 1 μ g/ml, 3 μ g/ml, 10 μ g/ml, 30 μ g/ml and 100 μ g/ml concentrations (<2%DMSO solution). The 100 μ l of cell suspension was added to each well of 96-well tissue culture plates. The cells were allowed to grow in CO₂ incubator (37°C, 5% CO₂, 90 %relative humidity) for 24 hrs. The test drug solutions in complete growth medium (100 μ l) were added after 24hrs incubation to the wells containing cell suspension. After 48hrs of treatment with different concentrations of test drug solution, the cells were incubated with 20 μ l of MTT (2.5mg/mL) for 2 hrs. After 24 hrs medium was removed and 80 μ l of lysis buffer was added to each well the plate was wrapped in aluminum foil to prevent the oxidation of the dye and the plate was placed on a shaker for overnight. The absorbencies were recorded on the ELISA reader at 562nm wavelength. The absorbance of the test was compared with that of DMSO control to get the % inhibition. The cytotoxic effects of the compounds were calculated as percentage inhibition in cell growth as per the formula.² % cytotoxicity = $1 - [(O.D. \text{ in sample well}) / (O.D. \text{ in control well})] \times 100$

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S.no.	Compound Name	R	Molecular formula	Molecular weight	Melting range(°C)	Percentage yield
1	VIIIa	H	C ₂₄ H ₁₅ N ₇ O ₃	449	309-310	89
2	VIIIb	5-CH ₃	C ₂₅ H ₁₇ N ₇ O ₃	463	301-302	81
3	VIIIc	7-CH ₃	C ₂₅ H ₁₇ N ₇ O ₃	463	290-292	82
4	VIIId	5-F	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₇ O ₃ F	457	294-295	87
5	VIIIe	5-COOCH ₃	C ₂₆ H ₁₇ N ₇ O ₅	507	298-300	83
6	VIIIf	5-CL	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₇ O ₃ Cl	363	292-293	81
7	VIIIg	7-CL	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₇ O ₃ Cl	363	296-298	82
8	VIIIh	5-Br	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₇ O ₃ Br	528	298-299	83
9	VIIIi	6-Br	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₇ O ₃ Br	528	306-308	81
10	VIIIj	5-No ₂	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₈ O ₅	494	302-304	84
11	VIIIk	7-No ₂	C ₂₄ H ₁₄ N ₈ O ₅	494	304-305	82
12	VIIIl	5-COOH	C ₂₅ H ₁₅ N ₇ O ₅	493	306-307	79
13	VIII m	7-COOCH ₃	C ₂₆ H ₁₇ N ₇ O ₅	507	308-309	82

Synthesis of 3-((5-((6-benzoyl)-1H-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)amino)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-2-yl)imino) indolin-2-one



- In vitro cytotoxic activity of 3-((5-((6-benzoyl)-1H-benzo] imidazol -2-yl) amino)-1, 3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl imino) indolin-2-one VIII (a-m)

S. No.	COMPOUND NAME	R	IC ₅₀ (µg/ml.)			
			MCF-7	HeLa	HCT-116	HEPG-2
1	VIIIa	H	72.56659	43.1245	65.321	41.5214156
2	VIIIb	5-CH ₃	59.16667	65.43424	44.5706	60.5415646
3	VIII c	7-CH ₃	57.951	63.60759	84.127	90.6415616
4	VIII d	5-F	18.3251	25.69549	30.5953	95.654656
5	VIII e	5-COOCH ₃	15.84642	29.73643	69.6078	58.5211456
6	VIII f	5-Cl	19.74026	26.37478	78.6617	47.7214581
7	VIII g	7-Cl	18.01136	23.57664	73.511	37.7214581
8	VIII h	5-Br	82.91375	86.17737	76.977	42.5214172
9	VIII i	6-Br	62.09901	66.34799	65.432	54.5214161
10	VIII j	5-NO ₂	38.70238	39.95147	61.783	61.421171
11	VIII k	7-NO ₂	28.16923	31.87683	88.1735	70.5214612
12	VIII l	5-COOH	19.67051	23.62637	76.453	67.1412171
13	VIII m	7-COOCH ₃	21.2314	17.34	117.897	25.2121521
14	Standard	Cisplatin	11.67	14.975	8.1	7.56

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In present study, the compounds of 3-((5-((6-benzoyl)-1H-benzo] imidazol-2-yl) amino)-1, 3, 4-oxadiazol-2-yl imino) indolin-2-ones were synthesized as depicted in the Scheme. The thirteen different novel c were prepared. The physical data of the all synthesized compounds ompounds were purified by column chromatography. The thirteen compounds were tested for their invitro cytotoxic activity against, HeLa, MCF-7, HCT-116, and HePG2, cancer cell lines by using MTT assay method. The results were satisfactory. All the compounds were effective against all the cell lines. The compounds depicted results are significant for all the four cell lines.

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