



Ultrasound assisted synthesis of tetrazole based pyrazolines and isoxazolines as potent anticancer agents via inhibition of tubulin polymerization

Vidya S. Dofe^a, Aniket P. Sarkate^{b,*}, Shailee V. Tiwari^c, Deepak K. Lokwani^d, Kshipra S. Karnik^b, Ishwari A. Kale^b, Suneel Dodamani^e, Sunil S. Jalalpure^{e,f}, Prasad V.L.S. Burra^g

^a Department of Chemistry, Deogiri College, Aurangabad 431 005, Maharashtra, India

^b Department of Chemical Technology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad 431 004, Maharashtra, India

^c Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Durgamata Institute of Pharmacy, Dharmapuri, Parbhani 431401, MS, India

^d Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, R. C. Patel Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Shirpur 425405, MS, India

^e Dr. Prabhakar Kore Basic Science Research Center, KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi 590010, Karnataka, India

^f KLE College of Pharmacy, KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi 590010, Karnataka, India

^g Department of Biotechnology, KLEF University, Vaddeswaram, AP 522502, India

ARTICLE INFO

Keywords:

Tetrazole
Pyrazoline
Isoxazoline
Ultrasound
Anticancer
Tubulin
Docking

ABSTRACT

In search of new active molecules against MCF-7, A549 and HepG2, tetrazole based pyrazoline and isoxazoline derivatives under both conventional and ultrasonic irradiation method were designed and efficiently synthesized. Structures of newly synthesized compounds **5a-h** and **6a-h** were characterized by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, MS and elemental analysis. Several derivatives were found to be excellent cytotoxic against MCF-7, A549 and HepG2 cell lines characterized by lower IC₅₀ values (0.78–3.12 μg/mL). Compounds **5b** and **5c** demonstrated an anti-proliferative effect comparable to that of CA-4. Western blot analysis revealed that, reported compounds accumulate more tubulin in the soluble fraction. Docking studies suggested that, binding of these compounds mimics at the colchicine site of tubulin. *In vitro* study revealed that the tetrazole based pyrazolines and isoxazolines may possess ideal structural requirements for further development of novel therapeutic agents.

Microtubules composed of α , β -tubulin heterodimers are essential in a variety of fundamental cellular processes like cell division and maintenance of cell shape, regulation of motility, cell signalling, intracellular transport, and segregation of chromosomes during mitosis.¹ Dynamic equilibrium between microtubule polymerization and depolymerization is central to most of microtubule mediated functions including cell division.² Microtubules possess three ligand-binding sites as vinca, colchicines and taxol domains. Colchicine (**A**) and Combretastatin A-4 (**CA-4**) (**B**) exhibited cytotoxicity against a broad range of human cancer cell lines as well as multidrug resistant cell lines by inhibiting tubulin polymerization and binding to the colchicine binding site.³ Their distinctive structural features inspired many researchers worldwide to develop antimetabolic agents, as these scaffolds structurally possess two and three rings with a trimethoxyphenyl group (ring-A), *cis*-configuration at the olefinic bridge and (ring-B) modifications. Five membered heterocyclic compounds as pyrazole,⁴ imidazole,⁵ thiazole,⁶ 1,3,4-oxadiazole,⁷ isoxazole,⁸ 1,2,3-thiadiazole,⁹ triazole,¹⁰ tetrazole,¹¹ oxazole¹² and pyrazoline¹³ are considered as a good surrogate for the double bond of **CA-4** to retain *cis*-alkene configuration, known for

potent tubulin inhibition with enhanced cytotoxicity. Small molecules disrupting the microtubule/tubulin dynamics are used widely in cancer treatment. Thus, to retain the appropriate configuration of the two adjacent aryl groups required for bioactivity, heterocombretastatin derivatives with general structure (**C**) were obtained by replacing the stilbene core of **CA-4** with tetrazole ring.¹⁴ Hence, discovery and development of newer small molecules with antitubulin activity have attracted medicinal chemists for past few years.¹⁵ Researchers have reported anticancer, antibacterial and anti-HIV activity of compounds possessing isoxazoline nucleus.^{16–18} Isoxazoline linked to tetrazole (**D**) significantly reduced the growth of cancer cell lines, and disrupted tubulin polymerization.¹⁹ Molecules containing isoxazolines have been found to elicit anticancer activities with improved pharmacokinetics profile like diaryl analogues (**E**) demonstrated potent cytotoxic activity by blocking most of the cancer cells in G2 phase.²⁰ Pyrazoline analogues are well known in the area of pharmaceutical research for wide range of biological potential like cytotoxic,^{21–23} CNS depressant,²⁴ antimicrobial²⁵ and antimalarial activity.^{26–27} Pyrazole-oxadiazole conjugates (**F**, **G**) resulted in promising antitumor activity that

* Corresponding author.

E-mail address: dbsaniket09@gmail.com (A.P. Sarkate).

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bmcl.2020.127592>

Received 22 June 2020; Received in revised form 18 September 2020; Accepted 25 September 2020

Available online 30 September 2020

0960-894X/© 2020 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

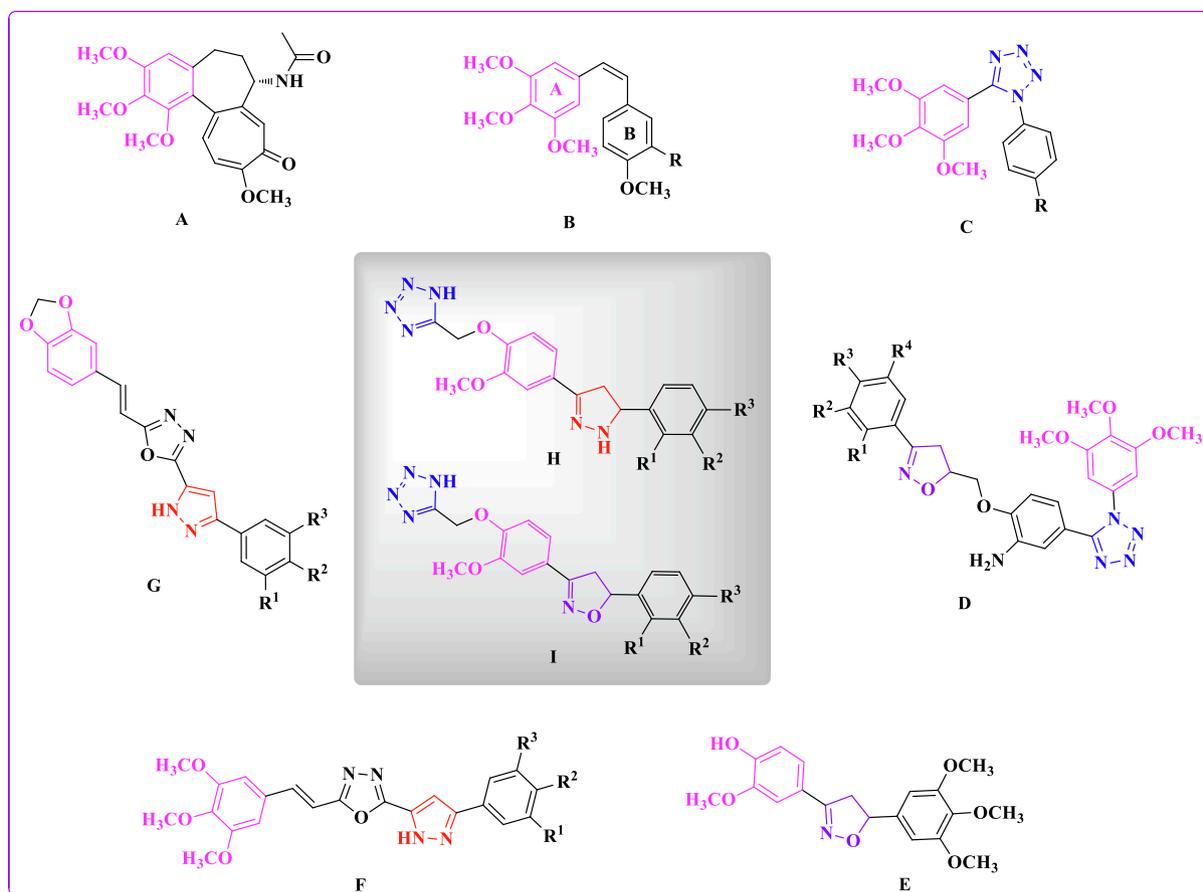


Fig. 1. Chemical structures of microtubule targeting agents: Colchicine (A), CA-4 (B), Tetrazole (C), Tetrazole-Isoxazoline hybrids (D), Isoxazoline (E), Pyrazole-Oxadiazole conjugates (F, G), Tetrazole incorporated Pyrazoline and isoxazoline (H, I).

significantly inhibited tubulin polymerization.²⁸ Tetrazole scaffold is a unique structure, possessing antihypertensive, anti-allergic, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant, antiamebic and anticancer activity.^{29–36} Tetrazole moiety is generally accepted to exhibit stronger resistance to *in vivo* metabolism than the carboxylate group, thus conferring the bioavailability in blood (see Fig. 1).³⁷

Considering the reported literature and in view of need for new anticancer agents, it was of interest to synthesize and evaluate tetrazole based pyrazoline and isoxazoline (H, I) for the most common types of cancer found in males (lung cancer) and females (breast cancer). In our previous studies, a series of quinoline based oxadiazole and thiazolidinone derivatives were synthesized for targeting MCF-7 cell line.³⁸

Ultrasound irradiation, which accelerates chemical reactions via formation and adiabatic collapse of transient cavitation bubbles, has gained popularity in organic synthesis over traditional methods, because of efficiency and convenience.³⁹ In continuation of our earlier work of tetrazole derivatives,^{40–41} we would like to report synthesis of novel tetrazole based pyrazoline and isoxazoline derivatives using ultrasonic irradiation, evaluation of anticancer activity and molecular docking studies.

Starting material 1-(4-((1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (**3**) was synthesized from 1-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (**1**) alkylated with chloroacetonitrile in presence of K_2CO_3 in *N,N*-dimethyl formamide (DMF) afforded 1-(4-phenoxyacetonitrile-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (**2**) in 90% yield, which on further reaction with sodium azide and zinc bromide in water at 100 °C give desired compound (**3**) in 87% yield (Scheme 1).⁴²

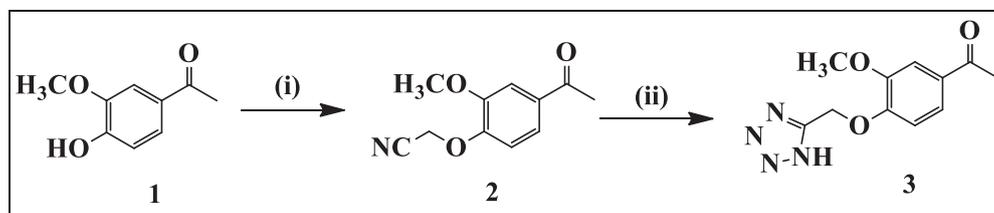
Target compounds 5-((4-(4,5-dihydro-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-2-methoxyphenoxy)methyl)-1*H*-tetrazole derivatives (**5a-h**) and 5-((4-(4,5-dihydro-5-phenylisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methoxyphenoxy)methyl)-

1*H*-tetrazole derivatives (**6a-h**) were synthesized from Claisen-Schmidt condensation of 1-(4-((1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (**3**) with substituted benzaldehydes in presence of a base KOH gives substituted (*E*)-1-(4-((1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (**4a-h**) in good yield which on further reacted with hydrazine hydrate in ethanol under ultrasound irradiation led to novel pyrazolines (**5a-h**) with excellent yield. Moreover, substituted (*E*)-1-(4-((1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (**4a-h**) reacted with hydroxyl ammonium hydrochloride in ethanol under ultrasound irradiation afforded substituted isoxazolines (**6a-h**) with excellent yield (Scheme 2).

Compounds **4a-h**, **5a-h** and **6a-h** were synthesized with conventional method and ultrasonic irradiation in shorter time, high yield and simple work-up procedure (Table 1). All newly synthesized compounds **4a-h**, **5a-h** and **6a-h** were characterized by spectroscopic techniques viz. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, MS and elemental analysis.⁴³

MTT assay⁴⁴ was performed to evaluate the cytotoxic effects of all newly synthesized analogues of 5-((4-(4,5-dihydro-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-2-methoxyphenoxy)methyl)-1*H*-tetrazoles and 5-((4-(4,5-dihydro-5-phenylisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methoxyphenoxy)methyl)-1*H*-tetrazoles against selected human cancer cell lines viz., lung adenocarcinoma (A549), liver (HepG2) and breast (MCF-7), using CA-4 as reference compound. IC₅₀ (μM) values are presented in Table 2.

Most of the compounds from these series displayed potent broad spectrum IC₅₀ values against all the tested cancer cell lines. In structure activity relationship (SAR) studies, it was considered to investigate the presence of pyrazolines and isoxazolines influence on activity along with tetrazole ring. It was observed that compounds **5a-h** containing pyrazoline ring showed relatively excellent IC₅₀ values than isoxazolines with IC₅₀ values in range of 0.85–3.16 μM against some



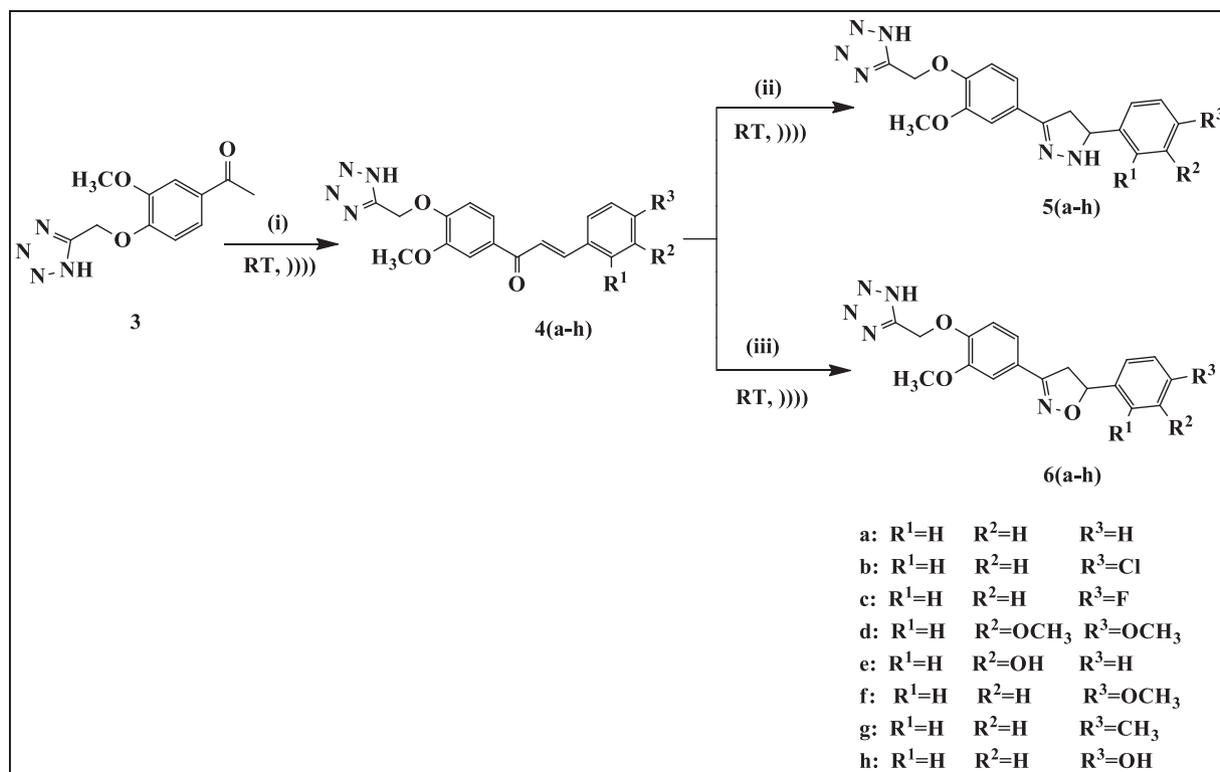
Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: (i) chloroacetonitrile, DMF, K_2CO_3 (ii) sodium azide, $ZnBr_2$, H_2O , $100^\circ C$.

representative cancer cell lines. Among synthesized derivatives, compound **5c** having fluoro group and **5g** having methyl group exhibited excellent activity with IC_{50} value of 0.94 and 0.99 μM against the lung cancer cell line. Moreover compounds **5b** having chloro and **5c** having fluoro group showed significant activity with IC_{50} value of 0.96 and 0.85 μM against the HepG2 and compound **5c** also exhibited excellent activity with IC_{50} value of 0.92 μM against the MCF-7. Tetrazole based isoxazoline compounds **6a-h** resulted in moderate activity and compound **6g** having electron donating methyl group were the most potent one among synthesized derivatives exhibiting IC_{50} values of 0.78 μM against A549. We then proceeded to explore the influence of substituents on phenyl ring with respect to antiproliferative activity.

Further, all synthesized compounds allowed to investigate SAR effects of electron-withdrawing (F, Cl) as well as electron-releasing substituents like (OMe, Me), on phenyl ring attached to pyrazoline and isoxazoline ring. It was observed that among different substituents studied on phenyl ring attached to pyrazoline ring, fluoro group at para position exhibited significant increase in activity compared to other substituents (H, Me, OMe, OH) irrespective of pyrazoline and isoxazoline rings. Based on these findings, some other substituents were introduced on phenyl ring attached to pyrazoline and isoxazoline to study the effect on antiproliferative activity. Initially, a fluoro group introduced at para position and resulting compound **5c** showed pronounced cytotoxic activity on HepG2 cell line compared to MCF-7 and A549 cell line with IC_{50} value of 0.85 μM having tetrazole incorporated pyrazoline ring. Compound **5g** with IC_{50} values of 0.99 μM and **6g** with

IC_{50} values of 0.78 μM having electron donating methyl group at para position exhibited more significant activity against A549 cell line. Introduction of methoxy group in pyrazoline **5f** show moderate activity with IC_{50} values of 2.98–3.12 μM as compared to isoxazoline derivatives **6f** against all cell lines. It is important to notice that, an additional methoxy group viz. disubstitution at meta and para position **5d** having pyrazoline ring, produced better antiproliferative activity with IC_{50} values of 2.82–3.06 μM against all cancer cell lines. Surprisingly, when electron withdrawing substituents fluoro and chloro are incorporated at para position on the phenyl attached to pyrazoline **5c** and **5b** and isoxazoline ring **6b** and **6c**, a substantial increase in cytotoxic potency was observed in all derivatives. On other hand, unsubstituted phenyl ring ($R = H$) of pyrazoline ring has relatively a stronger influence on activity compared to compounds having isoxazoline moiety. Moreover, introduction of electron-releasing hydroxyl group at meta position on phenyl ring of pyrazoline **5e** showed significant activity with IC_{50} values in range of 1.16–2.88 μM against all cell lines except HepG2 cell line. Compound having hydroxyl group at para position of phenyl ring of pyrazoline **5h** shown excellent activity with IC_{50} values in the range of 1.16–2.02 μM against all cell lines. Interestingly, compounds **5b** and **5c** exhibited promising antiproliferative activity against HepG2 cancer cell line. Effect of heterocyclic rings revealed that, replacement of pyrazoline by isoxazoline ring resulted in lowering the antiproliferative activity.

Overall, SAR studies of these tetrazole based pyrazolines and isoxazolines suggest that, superior activity of pyrazolines compared to



Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (i) substituted benzaldehyde, EtOH, NaOH, 15–25 min (ii) $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$, EtOH, 10–15 min (iii) $NH_2OH \cdot HCl$, EtOH, 20–25 min.

Table 1
Synthesis of substituted chalcones **4a-h**, pyrazolines **5a-h** and isoxazolines **6a-h** using conventional and ultrasonic irradiation methods.

Entry	Conventional		Ultrasonic Irradiation	
	Time (h)	Yield ^a (%)	Time (min)	Yield (%)
4a	4	69	17	88
4b	3	75	23	90
4c	3	73	20	84
4d	4	64	22	89
4e	4	68	18	81
4f	4	70	21	76
4g	3	60	25	81
4h	4	72	23	85
5a	5	92	10	98
5b	5	95	12	97
5c	5	79	12	96
5d	4	82	14	95
5e	5	78	12	96
5f	5	82	14	95
5g	5	95	12	93
5h	4	83	14	94
6a	3	85	22	98
6b	3	94	20	97
6c	3	92	22	98
6d	4	81	24	96
6e	3	47	20	70
6f	4	52	24	67
6g	3	80	22	97
6h	3	71	22	96

^a Isolated yield.

Table 2
^aIC₅₀ (μM) values of pyrazoline and isoxazoline derivatives.

Entry	Cytotoxicity of synthesized compounds		
	MCF-7 ^b	A549 ^c	HepG2 ^d
5a	3.16	2.98	3.15
5b	1.04	1.11	0.96
5c	0.92	0.94	0.85
5d	2.94	2.82	3.06
5e	2.16	2.24	2.88
5f	3.10	3.12	2.98
5g	1.76	0.99	1.08
5h	1.94	1.16	2.02
6a	12.5	6.25	6.25
6b	6.25	6.25	12.5
6c	3.12	3.12	3.12
6d	25	12.5	3.12
6e	6.25	25	1.56
6f	12.5	6.25	12.5
6g	12.5	0.78	6.25
6h	25	3.12	6.25
CA-4	0.04	0.05	0.009

^a50% Inhibitory concentration; ^bBreast cancer cell line; ^cLung cancer cell line; ^dLiver cancer cell line.

isoxazolines is in agreement with exhibited excellent activity.

Microtubules exhibit dynamic equilibrium with free tubulin monomers in cells. Pharmacological agents exploit this property of microtubules to exert their anticancer effects.⁴⁵ Since these inhibit tubulin polymerization and disturbs microtubule dynamics, we elucidated levels of soluble versus polymerized forms of tubulin in A549 cells following treatment with 1 μM of **5b** and **5c** for 48 h. In addition, cells were treated with Combretastatin A-4 (**CA-4**, 1 μM) as positive controls and DMSO as negative in parallel experiments. Subsequently, these soluble and polymerized fractions were collected and subjected to western blot analysis. This analysis reveals that, amount of tubulin protein in both soluble and polymerized fractions were approximately same in DMSO treated cells. Combretastatin A-4 treated cells exhibited a shift of tubulin from the polymerized fraction into the soluble

Table 3
Inhibition of tubulin polymerization (IC₅₀) of **5b**, **5c** and **CA-4**.

Compound	IC ₅₀ ^a ± SD (in μM)	% of Tubulin inhibition
5b	2.94 ± 0.08	62.56
5c	2.16 ± 0.12	65.44
CA-4	1.62 ± 0.18	74.24

^a Concentration of drug to inhibit 50% of tubulin assembly. Values indicated are the mean ± SD of two different experiments performed in triplicates.

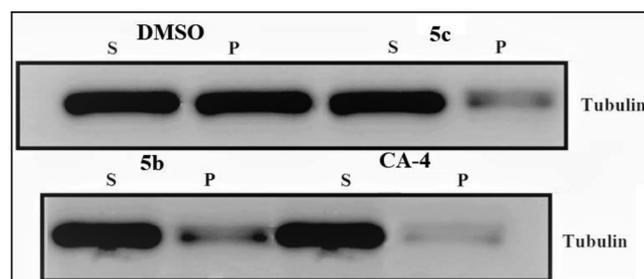


Fig. 2. A549 cells were treated with 1 μM of **5b** and **5c** for 48 h. **CA-4** was used as reference standard. Levels of tubulin were detected by western blot analysis (S: Solubilised fraction; P: Polymerised fraction).

fraction. As expected, cells treated with **5b** and **5c** significantly increased the tubulin content in soluble fraction. Specifically, **5c** treated cells showed a more distinct shift in tubulin balance, with almost all tubulin present in the soluble fraction similar to that of positive control. Therefore, increased tubulin in soluble fraction of cells treated by these hybrids corroborated with inhibition of tubulin assembly as shown in **Table 3** and **Fig. 2**.

To investigate and clarify binding mode of tetrazole based pyrazolines and isoxazoline analogues, molecular docking studies were performed to colchicine binding site of α,β-tubulin (PDB: 1SA0) by using Glide XP docking mode.⁴⁶ The result was shown in (**Fig. 3** and **Fig. 4**). Superimposition of all compounds over colchicine in tubulin structure showed that all compounds firmly occupied the colchicine binding site of α,β-tubulin mostly buried in the β subunit (**Fig. 3**). Docking scores of compounds varied from −9.66 to −6.38. Relative binding free energies of docked compounds were also calculated, varied from −72.95 to −48.14. Tetrazole ring is seen as coplanar to amino acid residue Val 238 and thus could act as hydrogen bond donor in all compounds. 2-methoxy group of centre phenyl ring is a promising hydrogen bond acceptor of the thiol proton of Cys 241 (**Fig. 4**). Docking results also revealed that pyrazoline/isoxazoline and substituted phenyl group of all compound was bound into the hydrophobic pocket of tubulin consisting of the amino acid residues; Asn 258, Met 259, Val 315, Ala316, Val318, Asn 350, Val 351 and Lys 352. In some compounds, substituted phenyl group showed aromatic hydrogen bonding with Asn 258 and Asn 350 (**Fig. 4A**).

In conclusion, an efficient and convenient route for synthesis of new tetrazole based pyrazoline and isoxazoline derivatives has been reported. The process also exhibits significant functional group tolerance and allows for the preparation of number of substituted tetrazole analogues in good to excellent yields. Importance of substituted tetrazole analogues would render this protocol attractive for both synthetic and medicinal chemistry. Among synthesized derivatives, compounds **5b**, **5c** and **6g** were significantly cytotoxic against MCF-7, A549 and HepG2 cancer cell lines at micromolar concentrations. Compound **5c** inhibited tubulin polymerization with IC₅₀ value of 2.16. In silico docking studies of synthesized compounds showed binding affinity toward colchicine binding site of α,β-tubulin with highest score of −9.66. Consequently, reported derivatives may serve as lead scaffold for development of novel anticancer agents.

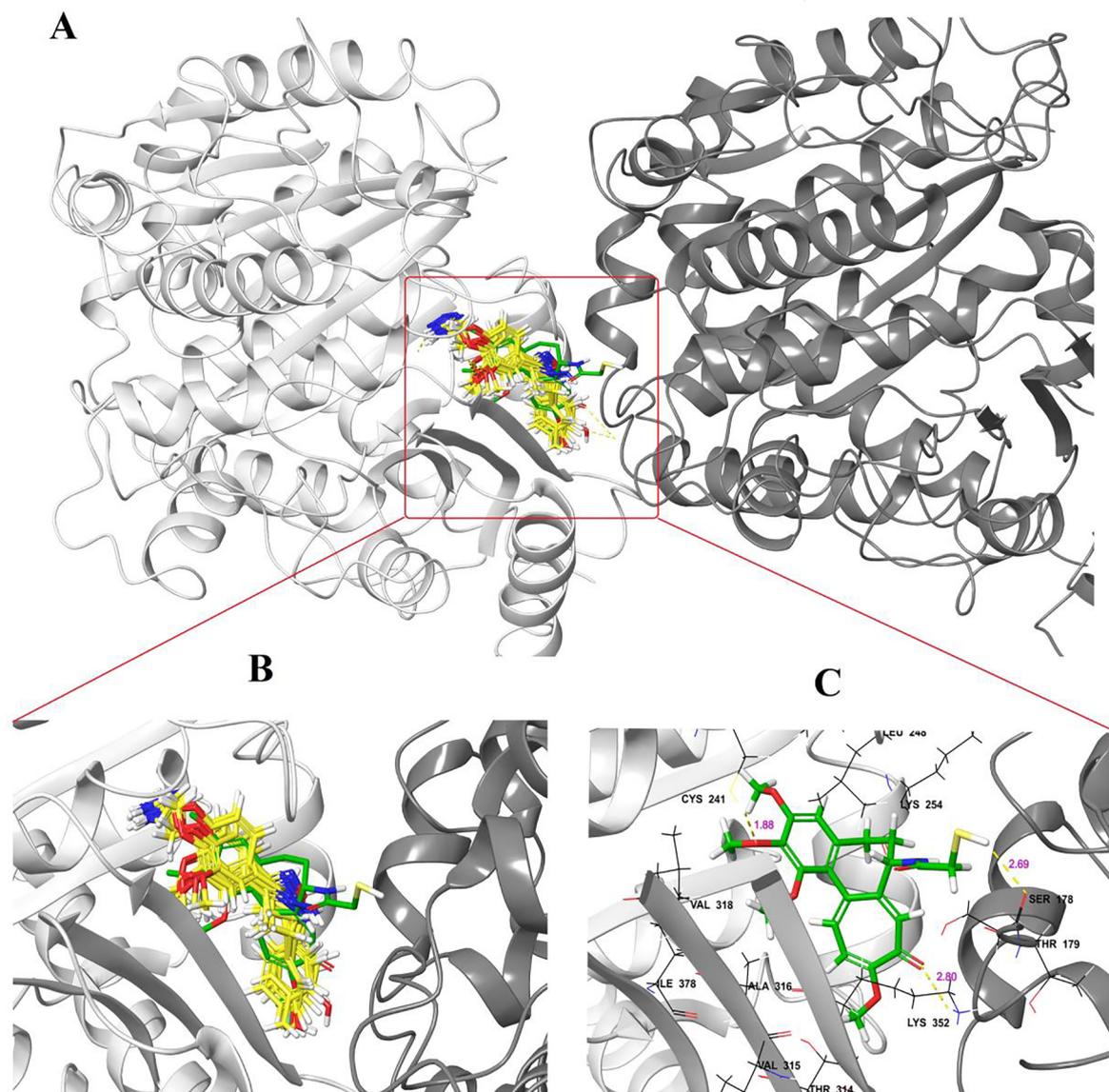


Fig. 3. Structure of α,β -tubulin–ligand complex. (A) Pictorial representation of the overall α,β -tubulin along with superimposition of all compounds over Colchicine at the Colchicine binding Site. α subunit of tubulin is colored in grey and the β subunit is coloured in white. (B) Close-up view of superimposition of all compounds (shown in yellow sticks) over Colchicine (shown in green sticks) at the Colchicine binding Site. (C) The interaction mode of Colchicine at active site of α,β -tubulin. Yellow colored dotted lines indicate H-bond interaction.

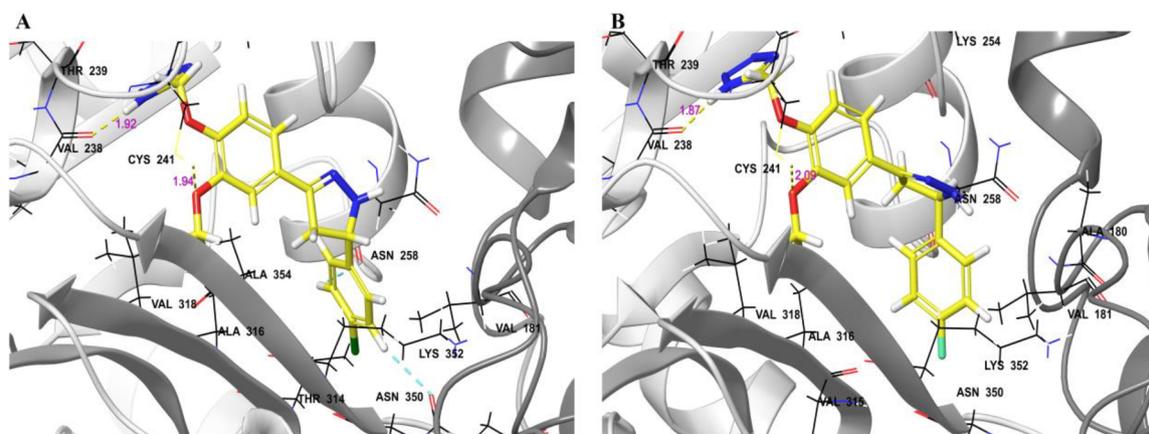


Fig. 4. The interaction mode of (A) Compound 5b and (B) Compound 5c with α,β -Tubulin at the Colchicine Binding Site. Yellow coloured dotted lines indicate H-bond interaction and Cyan coloured dotted lines indicate aromatic H-bond interaction between ligand and enzyme.

Declaration of Competing Interest

The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal relationships that could have appeared to influence the work reported in this paper.

Acknowledgments

Authors are thankful to The Head, Department of Chemical Technology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad-431004, Maharashtra, India for providing laboratory facility. Author A.P.S. is grateful to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad for the research grant (STAT/VI/RG/Dept/2019-20/309-10). Author P.V.L.S.B. is thankful to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) [ISRM/12(07)/2019] and DST-SERB [CRG/2018/003276] for providing financial support. Authors are also thankful to The Head, Department of Biotechnology, KLEF University, Vaddeswaram 522502 (AP), India for the computational support.

Appendix A. Supplementary data

Supplementary data to this article can be found online at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bmcl.2020.127592>.

References

- Jordan MA, Wilson L. Microtubules as a target for anticancer drugs. *Nat Rev Can.* 2004;4:253–265.
- Kamal A, Sultana F, Ramaiah MJ, et al. 3-substituted 2-phenylimidazo[2,1-b]benzothiazoles: synthesis, anticancer activity, and inhibition of tubulin polymerization. *Chem Med Chem.* 2012;7:292–300.
- Subba Rao AV, Swapna K, Shaik SP, et al. Synthesis and biological evaluation of cis-restricted triazole/tetrazole mimics of combretastatin-benzothiazole hybrids as tubulin polymerization inhibitors and apoptosis inducers. *Bioorg Med Chem.* 2017;25:977–999.
- Kamal A, Shaik AB, Jain N, et al. Design and synthesis of pyrazole-oxindole conjugates targeting tubulin polymerization as new anticancer agents. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2015;92:501–513.
- Schober R, Biersack B, Dietrich A, Effenberger K, Knauer S, Mueller T. 4-(3-Halo/amino-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-5-aryloxazoles and -N-methylimidazoles that are cytotoxic against combretastatin a resistant tumor cells and vascular disrupting in a cisplatin resistant germ cell tumor model. *J Med Chem.* 2010;53:6595–6602.
- Romagnoli R, Baraldi PG, Brancala A, et al. Convergent synthesis and biological evaluation of 2-amino-4-(3',4',5'-trimethoxyphenyl)-5-aryl thiazoles as microtubule targeting agents. *J Med Chem.* 2011;54:5144–5153.
- Hu Y, Lu X, Chen K, Yan R, Li QS, Zhu HL. Design, synthesis, biological evaluation and molecular modeling of 1,3,4-oxadiazole analogs of combretastatin-A4 as novel antitubulin agents. *Bioorg Med Chem.* 2012;20:903–909.
- Liu T, Dong X, Xue N, et al. Synthesis and biological evaluation of 3,4-diaryl-5-aminoisoxazole derivatives. *Bioorg Med Chem.* 2009;17:6279–6285.
- Wu M, Li W, Yang C, et al. Synthesis and activity of Combretastatin A-4 analogues: 1,2,3-thiadiazoles as potent antitumor agents. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2007;17:869–873.
- Odlo K, Chabert JF, Ducki S, Gani OA, Sylte I, Hansen TV. 1,2,3-Triazole analogs of combretastatin A-4 as potential microtubule-binding agents. *Bioorg Med Chem.* 2010;18:6874–6885.
- Bommagani S, Penthalala NR, Balasubramaniam M, et al. A novel tetrazole analogue of resveratrol is a potent anticancer agent. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2019;29:172–178.
- Wang L, Woods KW, Li Q, et al. Potent, orally active heterocycle-based combretastatin a-4 analogues: synthesis, structure–activity relationship, pharmacokinetics, and in vivo antitumor activity evaluation. *J Med Chem.* 2002;45:1697–1711.
- Qin YJ, Li YJ, Jiang AQ, Yang MR, Zhu QZ, Zhu HL. Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of novel pyrazoline-containing derivatives as potential tubulin assembling inhibitors. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2015;94:447–457.
- Romagnoli R, Baraldi PG, Salvador MK, et al. Synthesis and evaluation of 1,5-disubstituted tetrazoles as rigid analogues of combretastatin A-4 with potent antiproliferative and antitumor activity. *J Med Chem.* 2012;55:475–488.
- Duan YT, Man RJ, Tang DJ, et al. Design, synthesis and antitumor activity of novel link-bridge and B-ring modified combretastatin A-4 (CA-4) analogues as potent antitubulin agents. *Sci Rep.* 2016;6:25387.
- Chaitanyaa MVSK, Venkataramana Reddy PO, Nikhil K, Kumar A, Shah K, Kumar D. Synthesis and anticancer activity studies of indolyloxazoline analogues. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2018;28:2842–2845.
- Suresh G, Nadh RV, Srinivasu N, Kaushal K. Novel coumarin isoxazoline derivatives: Synthesis and study of antibacterial activities. *Syn Comm.* 2016;46:1972–1980.
- Srivastava S, Bajpai LK, Batra S, et al. In search of new chemical entities with spermicidal and anti-HIV activities. *Bioorg Med Chem.* 1999;7:2607–2613.
- Kamal A, Viswanath A, Ramaiah MJ, et al. Synthesis of tetrazole-isoxazoline hybrids as a new class of tubulin polymerization inhibitors. *Med Chem Commun.* 2012;3:1386–1392.
- Kamal A, Bharathi EV, Reddy JS, et al. Synthesis and biological evaluation of 3,5-diaryl isoxazoline/isoxazole linked 2,3-dihydroquinazolinone hybrids as anticancer agents. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2011;46:691–703.
- Bashir R, Ovais S, Yaseen S, et al. Synthesis of some new 1,3,5-trisubstituted pyrazolines bearing benzene sulfonamide as anticancer and anti-inflammatory agents. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2011;21:4301–4305.
- Sever B, Altıntop MD, Radwan MO, et al. Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of a new series of thiazolyl-pyrazolines as dual EGFR and HER2 inhibitors. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2019;182:111648.
- Jasril J, Ikhtiarudin I, Zamri A, Teruna HY, Frimayanti N. New fluorinated chalcone and pyrazoline analogs: Synthesis, docking, and molecular dynamic studies as anticancer agents. *Thai J Pharm Sci.* 2017;41:93–98.
- Das N, Dash B, Dhanawat M, Shrivastava SK. Design, synthesis, preliminary pharmacological evaluation, and docking studies of pyrazoline derivatives. *Chem Pap.* 2012;66:67–74.
- Wahab BFA, Latif EA, Mohamed HA, Awad GEA. Design and synthesis of new 4-pyrazolin-3-yl-1,2,3-triazoles and 1,2,3-triazol-4-yl-pyrazolin-1-ylthiazoles as potential antimicrobial agents. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2012;52:263–268.
- Insuasty B, Montoya A, Becerra D, et al. Synthesis of novel analogs of 2-pyrazoline obtained from [(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)amino]chalcones and hydrazine as potential antitumor and antimalarial agents. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2013;67:252–262.
- Marella A, Shaquiquzzaman M, Akhter M, Verma G, Alam MM. Novel pyrazole-pyrazoline hybrids endowed with thioamide as antimalarial agents: their synthesis and 3D-QSAR studies. *J Enz Inhib Med Chem.* 2015;30:597–606.
- Kamal A, Shaik AB, Polepalli S, et al. Pyrazole-oxadiazole conjugates: synthesis, antiproliferative activity and inhibition of tubulin polymerization. *Org Biomol Chem.* 2014;12:7993–8007.
- Li JJ, Wang H, Li J, et al. Tetrazole based amides as growth hormone secretagogues. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2008;18:2536–2539.
- Kategaonkar AH, Pokalwar RU, Sonar SS, Gawali VU, Shingate BB, Shingare MS. Synthesis, in vitro antibacterial and antifungal evaluations of new α -hydroxyphosphonate and new α -acetoxyphosphonate derivatives of tetrazolo [1, 5-a] quinoline. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2010;45:1128–1132.
- Bekhit AA, El-Sayed OA, Aboulmagd E, Park JY. Tetrazolo[1,5-a]quinoline as a potential promising new scaffold for the synthesis of novel anti-inflammatory and antibacterial agents. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2004;39:249–255.
- Al-Hourani BJ, Sharma SK, Mane JY, et al. Synthesis and evaluation of 1,5-diaryl-substituted tetrazoles as novel selective cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2011;21:1823–1826.
- Wani MY, Bhat AR, Azam A, Lee DH, Choi I, Athar F. Synthesis and in vitro evaluation of novel tetrazole embedded 1,3,5-trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives as Entamoeba histolytica growth inhibitors. *Eur J Med Chem.* 2012;54:845–854.
- Kumar CNSSP, Parida DK, Santhoshi A, Kota AK, Sridhar B, Rao VJ. Synthesis and biological evaluation of tetrazole containing compounds as possible anticancer agents. *Med Chem Comm.* 2011;2:486–492.
- Jedhe GS, Paul D, Gonnade RG, et al. Correlation of hydrogen-bonding propensity and anticancer profile of tetrazole-tethered combretastatin analogues. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2013;23:4680–4684.
- Choi MY, Kwon GH, Han NS, et al. Development of 3D-QSAR CoMSIA models for 5-(biphenyl-2-yl)-1H-tetrazole derivatives as angiotensin II receptor type 1 (AT1) antagonists. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett.* 2013;23:4540–4546.
- Herr RJ. 5-Substituted-1H-tetrazoles as carboxylic acid isosteres: medicinal chemistry and synthetic methods. *Bioorg Med Chem.* 2002;10:3379–3393.
- (a) Dofe VS, Sarkate AP, Azad R, Gill CH. Novel quinoline-based oxadiazole derivatives induce G2/M arrest and apoptosis in human breast cancer MCF-7 cell line. *Res Chem Int.* 2017;43:7331–7345;
- (b) Dofe VS, Sarkate AP, Azad R, Gill CH. Green synthesis and inhibitory effect of novel quinoline based thiazolidinones on the growth of MCF-7 human breast cancer cell line by G2/M cell cycle arrest. *Res Chem Int.* 2018;44:1149–1160.
- (a) Rajagopal R, Jarikote DV, Srinivasan KV. Ultrasound promoted Suzuki cross-coupling reactions in ionic liquid at ambient conditions. *Chem Comm.* 2002;6:616–617;
- (b) Duarte A, Cunico W, Pereira CMP, Flores AFC, Freitag RA, Siqueira GM. Ultrasound promoted synthesis of thioesters from 2-mercaptobenzoxa(thia)zoles. *Ultrason Sonochem.* 2010;17:281–283;
- (c) Dofe VS, Sarkate AP, Shaikh ZM, Gill CH. Ultrasound-mediated synthesis of novel 1,2,3-triazole-based pyrazole and pyrimidine derivatives as antimicrobial agents. *J Het Chem.* 2017;54:3195–3201.
- Dofe VS, Sarkate AP, Kathwate SH, Gill CH. Synthesis, antimicrobial activity and anti-biofilm activity of novel tetrazole derivatives. *Heterocycl Comm.* 2017;23:325–330.
- Dofe VS, Sarkate AP, Shaikh ZM, Gill CH. Ultrasound-assisted synthesis and antimicrobial activity of tetrazole-based pyrazole and pyrimidine derivatives. *Heterocycl Comm.* 2018;24:59–65.
- General procedure for the synthesis of 1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone 3: A solution of 1-(4-phenoxyacetone)trile-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone 2 (1 mmol), sodium azide (1.5 mmol) and zinc bromide (1.5 mmol) in water was stirred at 100°C for 4 h, mixture was poured into aqueous hydrochloric acid. Precipitate was recovered by filtration and recrystallised from ethanol to give desired

- product as white crystals. Yield: 84 %; mp 146–148 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δH ppm): 2.60 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.62 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.27 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δC ppm): 26.9, 56.1, 60.2, 111.2, 113.4, 113.5, 123.2, 131.6, 149.4, 151.4, 197.0. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂N₄O₃ (M+H)⁺: 249.0988. Found: 249.0982. Anal. calcd. for C₁₁H₁₂N₄O₃: C, 53.22; H, 4.87; N, 22.57. Found: C, 53.19; H, 4.81; N, 22.62.
43. General procedure for the synthesis of substituted (E)-1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one 4a-h: Conventional method: To a solution of KOH (0.03 mol) in ethanol (15 mL) was added 1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone 3 (0.01 mol) and substituted benzaldehyde (0.01 mol) at 0–5 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred 3–4 h at room temperature. Then, reaction mixture was poured over crushed ice and neutralized carefully with 2N HCl and precipitate so obtained was filtered, washed with water and dried. The crude product was crystallized with ethanol to afford desired compound. Sonochemical method: To a solution of KOH (0.03 mol) in ethanol (15 mL) was added 1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)ethanone 3 (0.01 mol) and substituted benzaldehyde (0.01 mol), and resulting mixture subjected to ultrasonic irradiation for 20–25 min. After completion, resulting mixture was poured into ice-cold water and then neutralized with 2N HCl. Solid obtained was filtered off, dried and purified by recrystallization from ethanol. Compound (4a): white solid; mp 166–168 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.13 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.36–7.38 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.55–7.59 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.67 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.95 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 56.0, 61.5, 112.6, 114.0, 122.9, 123.7, 127.2, 128.8, 129.1, 130.2, 131.4, 132.4, 135.1, 144.3, 150.2, 152.8, 155.7, 190.0. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₃ (M+H)⁺: 337.1301. Found: 337.1292. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₃: C, 64.28; H, 4.79; N, 16.66. Found: C, 64.26; H, 4.83; N, 16.71. Compound (4b): white solid; mp 132–134 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.13 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.42–7.44 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.54–7.57 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.67 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.77 (dd, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 56.0, 61.5, 112.6, 114.0, 123.3, 123.7, 126.3, 129.4, 129.9, 132.4, 134.0, 134.8, 140.3, 144.0, 150.2, 152.8, 155.7, 190.0. HRMS Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅CIN₄O₃ (M+H)⁺: 371.0911. Found: 371.0911. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅CIN₄O₃: C, 58.31; H, 4.08; N, 15.11. Found: C, 58.28; H, 4.12; N, 15.04. Compound (4c): white solid; mp 152–154 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.05 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.02 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.20 (dd, 2H, ArH), 7.52 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.56–7.58 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.62 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (dd, 1H, ArH), 7.77 (d, 1H, olefinic proton). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 55.9, 61.7, 112.7, 113.9, 115.8, 122.7, 123.9, 130.4, 130.5, 131.7, 132.4, 144.2, 150.2, 152.7, 156.3, 162.5, 164.5, 190.0. HRMS Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅FN₄O₃ (M+H)⁺: 355.1206. Found: 355.1202. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅FN₄O₃: C, 61.01; H, 4.27; N, 15.81. Found: C, 60.92; H, 4.36; N, 15.98. Compound (4d): white solid; mp 176–178 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.88 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.13 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.21 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.24 (dd, 1H, ArH), 7.52–7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.68 (dd, 1H, ArH), 7.77–7.81 (m, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 55.9, 55.9, 56.0, 61.5, 111.1, 112.5, 112.6, 114.0, 122.4, 123.1, 123.7, 129.8, 132.4, 144.0, 150.2, 150.5, 151.0, 152.8, 155.7, 189.9. HRMS Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀N₄O₅ (M+H)⁺: 397.1512. Found: 397.1501. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₀N₄O₅: C, 60.60; H, 5.09; N, 14.13. Found: C, 60.43; H, 5.31; N, 14.18. Compound (4e): white solid; mp 190–192 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.84 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.09 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.13 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.20–7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.52–7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.72–7.79 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.40 (s, 1H, OH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 56.0, 61.5, 112.6, 114.0, 116.0, 117.8, 122.3, 122.8, 123.7, 130.3, 132.4, 137.5, 143.2, 150.2, 152.8, 155.7, 158.5, 189.9. ESI-MS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₄ (M+H)⁺: 353.125. Found: 353.125. 12Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₄: C, 61.36; H, 4.58; N, 15.90. Found: C, 61.31; H, 4.62; N, 15.88. Compound (4f): white solid; mp 158–160 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.92–6.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.12 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.56–7.59 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.68 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.78 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 55.3, 56.0, 61.5, 112.6, 114.0, 114.0, 120.6, 123.3, 123.7, 128.9, 130.4, 132.4, 144.1, 150.2, 152.8, 155.7, 161.5, 190.0. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈N₄O₄ (M+H)⁺: 367.1406. Found: 367.1407. Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈N₄O₄: C, 62.29; H, 4.95; N, 15.29. Found: C, 62.14; H, 5.24; N, 15.22. Compound (4g): white solid; mp 124–126 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 2.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.13 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.24–7.29 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45–7.51 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.53–7.59 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.78 (dd, 1H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 21.4, 56.0, 61.5, 112.6, 114.0, 120.3, 123.3, 123.7, 129.6, 129.9, 132.4, 133.1, 138.3, 139.8, 144.2, 150.2, 152.8, 155.7, 190.0. HRMS Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈N₄O₃ (M+H)⁺: 351.1457. Found: 351.1451. Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈N₄O₃: C, 65.13; H, 5.18; N, 15.99. Found: C, 65.08; H, 5.22; N, 16.08. Compound (4h): white solid; mp 156–158 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.08 (s, 1H, OH), 6.79–6.81 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.51–7.57 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.67 (d, 1H, olefinic proton), 7.78 (d, 1H, olefinic proton). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δC ppm): 56.0, 61.5, 112.6, 114.0, 116.8, 120.1, 123.3, 123.7, 127.5, 131.1, 132.4, 135.6, 144.3, 150.2, 152.8, 155.7, 160.0, 190.0. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₄ (M+H)⁺: 353.125. Found: 353.1244. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆N₄O₄: C, 61.36; H, 4.58; N, 15.90. Found: C, 61.17; H, 4.83; N, 15.84. General procedure for the synthesis of substituted 5-(4-(4,5-dihydro-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-2-methoxyphenoxy)methyl-1H-tetrazole 5a-h: Conventional method: To a solution of substituted (E)-1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (0.01 mol) 4a-h in 10 mL of ethanol, (0.05 mol) of hydrazine hydrate (99%) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 4–5 h and progress of reaction monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, resulting solution was cooled and poured into crushed ice. Solid pyrazolines 5a-h were filtered and recrystallized from ethanol. Sonochemical method: To a solution of substituted (E)-1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (0.01 mol) 4a-h in 10 mL of ethanol, (0.05 mol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride was added dropwise. Reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 4–5 h and progress of the reaction monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, resulting solution was cooled and poured into crushed ice. Solid pyrazolines 6a-h were filtered and recrystallized from ethanol. Sonochemical method: To a solution of substituted (E)-1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (0.01 mol) 4a-h in 10 mL of ethanol, (0.05 mol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride was added dropwise. Reaction mixture was suspended at centre of the ultrasonic bath and sonicated for 10–15 min. After completion of reaction, separated solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol. Compound (5a): yellow solid; mp 131–133 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.21 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.36 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.84 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.36 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.86 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.7, 56.0, 58.8, 61.5, 107.3, 113.2, 118.7, 122.7, 125.7, 126.7, 127.6, 128.5, 132.2, 141.4, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₂ (M+H)⁺: 351.1569. Found: 351.1564. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₂: C, 61.70; H, 5.18; N, 23.99. Found: C, 61.58; H, 5.46; N, 23.94. Compound (5b): yellow solid; mp 116–118 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.21 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.36 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.83 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.08 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.25–27 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.30 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.33–7.35 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.7, 56.0, 58.3, 61.5, 107.3, 113.2, 118.7, 125.4, 126.7, 128.0, 128.6, 132.5, 133.4, 140.1, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇CIN₆O₂ (M+H)⁺: 385.1174. Found: 385.1174. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇CIN₆O₂: C, 56.17; H, 4.45; N, 21.88. Found: C, 56.03; H, 4.70; N, 21.78. Compound (5c): yellow solid; mp 188–190 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.21 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.36 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.83 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.00–7.03 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.28 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30–7.32 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.86 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.6, 56.0, 58.6, 61.5, 107.3, 113.2, 115.5, 115.7, 118.7, 126.7, 127.9, 127.9, 138.3, 138.3, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7, 161.3, 163.3. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FN₆O₂ (M+H)⁺: 369.1475. Found: 369.1476. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇FN₆O₂: C, 58.69; H, 4.65; N, 22.81. Found: C, 59.15; H, 4.74; N, 24.34. Compound (5d): yellow solid; mp 160–162 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.23 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.34 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.87 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.88 (d, 1H, ArH), 6.91–6.94 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.25–7.30 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.90 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.6, 55.9, 56.0, 58.3, 61.5, 107.3, 110.3, 112.4, 113.2, 118.7, 120.3, 122.7, 126.7, 131.4, 148.3, 148.7, 149.4, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂N₆O₄ (M+H)⁺: 411.1781. Found: 411.1775. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂N₆O₄: C, 58.53; H, 5.40; N, 20.48. Found: C, 58.32; H, 5.62; N, 20.45. Compound (5e): yellow solid; mp 210–212 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.23 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.33 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.86 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.70 (ddd, 1H, ArH), 6.77 (td, 1H, ArH), 6.99 (ddt, 1H, ArH), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.12 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.26 (dd, 1H, ArH), 7.30 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.91 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.25 (s, 1H, OH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.6, 56.0, 58.3, 61.5, 107.3, 113.2, 113.4, 116.0, 118.7, 119.1, 126.7, 130.1, 144.4, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7, 158.0. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₃ (M+H)⁺: 367.1519. Found: 367.1517. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₃: C, 59.01; H, 4.95; N, 22.94. Found: C, 59.12; H, 4.87; N, 23.07. Compound (5f): yellow solid; mp 170–172 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.21 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.36 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.84 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.77–6.83 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.24–7.34 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.86 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.6, 55.3, 56.0, 58.6, 61.5, 107.3, 110.3, 113.2, 113.8, 118.7, 126.7, 126.9, 129.3, 136.5, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7, 159.1. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₆O₃ (M+H)⁺: 381.1675. Found: 381.1670. Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₆O₃: C, 59.99; H, 5.30; N, 22.09. Found: C, 60.12; H, 5.39; N, 21.87. Compound (5g): yellow solid; mp 148–150 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.21 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.36 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.83 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 7.06–7.08 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.20–7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.23–7.26 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (d, 2H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 21.1, 41.7, 56.0, 58.8, 61.5, 107.3, 13.2, 118.7, 122.7, 126.1, 126.7, 129.4, 133.0, 138.1, 139.7, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₆O₂ (M+H)⁺: 365.1726. Found: 365.1721. Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N₆O₂: C, 62.62; H, 5.53; N, 23.06. Found: C, 62.43; H, 5.78; N, 23.05. Compound (5h): yellow solid; mp 128–130 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δH ppm): 3.21 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.36 (dd, 1H, pyrazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.84 (t, 1H, pyrazoline CH), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 6.68–6.72 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.96 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.20–7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.25–7.30 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.86 (d, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δC ppm): 41.6, 56.0, 58.7, 61.5, 107.3, 113.2, 115.6, 118.7, 122.2, 126.7, 127.7, 133.6, 135.6, 148.7, 150.5, 151.6, 155.7, 157.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₃ (M+H)⁺: 367.1519. Found: 367.1513. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₃: C, 59.01; H, 4.95; N, 22.94. Found: C, 58.83; H, 5.26; N, 22.81. General procedure for the synthesis of substituted 5-(4-(4,5-dihydro-5-phenylisoxazol-3-yl)-2-methoxyphenoxy)methyl-1H-tetrazole 6a-h: Conventional method: To a solution of substituted (E)-1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (0.01 mol) 4a-h in 10 mL of ethanol, (0.05 mol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride was added dropwise. Reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 4–5 h and progress of the reaction monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, resulting solution was cooled and poured into crushed ice. Solid pyrazolines 6a-h were filtered and recrystallized from ethanol. Sonochemical method: To a solution of substituted (E)-1-(4-((1H-tetrazol-5-yl)methoxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (0.01 mol) 4a-h in 10 mL of ethanol, (0.05 mol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride was added dropwise. Reaction mixture was suspended at centre of the ultrasonic bath and

sonicated for 10-15 min. After completion of reaction, separated solid was collected by filtration, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol. Compound (6a): yellow solid; mp 140-142 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.67-3.74 (m, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 5.79-5.81 (t, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.35 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.40-7.41 (m, 2H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 56.0, 61.5, 79.8, 110.1, 113.4, 121.9, 123.0, 125.6, 126.5, 128.4, 128.5, 132.8, 141.0, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 352.141. Found: 352.1402. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₅O₃: C, 61.53; H, 4.88; N, 19.93. Found: C, 61.34; H, 5.12; N, 19.86. Compound (6b): yellow solid; mp 126-128 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.68-3.73 (m, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 5.78 (t, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.26 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.32-7.27 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.29 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.32 (s, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 56.0, 61.5, 76.3, 110.1, 113.4, 121.9, 124.3, 125.6, 127.9, 128.8, 131.4, 134.1, 138.2, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆ClN₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 386.102. Found: 386.1014. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆ClN₅O₃: C, 56.04; H, 4.18; N, 18.15. Found: C, 55.89; H, 4.43; N, 18.11. Compound (6c): yellow solid; mp 138-140 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.75-3.65 (m, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 5.79 (dd, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.07-7.10 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.26 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.29 (dd, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.41 (m, 2H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 56.0, 61.5, 110.1, 113.4, 115.8, 115.9, 121.9, 125.6, 127.7, 127.8, 135.7, 135.7, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7, 162.1, 164.2. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆FN₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 370.1315. Found: 370.1313. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆FN₅O₃: C, 58.53; H, 4.37; N, 18.96. Found: C, 58.36; H, 4.63; N, 18.92. Compound (6d): yellow solid; mp 120-122 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.71 (dd, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 1H, OCH₂), 5.79 (t, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 7.00 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.06-7.10 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.26 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.29 (dd, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 55.9, 56.0, 61.5, 81.5, 110.1, 110.6, 112.6, 113.4, 120.3, 121.9, 125.6, 128.5, 132.7, 148.9, 149.1, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁N₅O₅ (M+H)⁺: 412.1621. Found: 412.1612. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁N₅O₅: C, 58.39; H, 5.14; N, 17.02. Found: C, 58.26; H, 5.30; N, 16.86. Compound (6e): yellow solid; mp 168-170 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.70 (dd, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 1H, OCH₂), 5.70 (t, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 6.69-6.71 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.83 (dd, 1H, ArH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.16-7.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.26 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.29 (dd, 1H, ArH), 8.46 (s, 1H, OH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 56.0, 61.5, 81.8, 110.1, 113.4, 114.4, 115.8, 118.3, 121.9, 125.6, 130.1, 139.1, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7, 157.5. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₅O₄ (M+H)⁺: 368.1359. Found: 368.1358.

Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₅O₄: C, 58.85; H, 4.66; N, 19.06. Found: C, 58.69; H, 4.93; N, 19.01. Compound (6f): yellow solid; mp 130-132 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.67-3.74 (m, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 5.79 (dd, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 6.83-6.90 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.30 (m, 4H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 55.3, 56.0, 61.5, 76.4, 110.1, 113.4, 113.9, 118.7, 121.9, 125.6, 127.3, 130.3, 133.6, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7, 159.8. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N₅O₄ (M+H)⁺: 382.1515. Found: 382.1512. Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N₅O₄: C, 59.84; H, 5.02; N, 18.36. Found: C, 59.55; H, 5.40; N, 18.35. Compound (6g): yellow solid; mp 152-154 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 2.34 (s, 2H, CH₃), 3.68-3.74 (m, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 5.79 (dd, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (dq, 2H, ArH), 7.26-7.30 (m, 5H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 21.1, 41.1, 56.0, 61.5, 76.5, 110.1, 113.4, 121.1, 121.9, 125.6, 126.6, 129.6, 137.6, 137.6, 137.9, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N₅O₃ (M+H)⁺: 366.1566. Found: 366.1561. Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N₅O₃: C, 62.46; H, 5.24; N, 19.17. Found: C, 62.28; H, 5.56; N, 19.08. Compound (6h): yellow solid; mp 102-104 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, chloroform-d, δ H ppm): 3.67-3.74 (m, 2H, isoxazoline CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.30 (s, 2H, OCH₂), 5.79 (dd, 1H, isoxazoline CH), 6.78-6.80 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.26-7.28 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.29 (dd, 1H, ArH), 8.17 (s, 1H, OH). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, chloroform-d, δ C ppm): 41.1, 56.0, 61.5, 76.5, 110.1, 113.4, 115.7, 119.5, 121.9, 125.6, 127.3, 129.0, 132.5, 149.1, 150.7, 155.1, 155.7, 158.2. HRMS Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₅O₄ (M+H)⁺: 368.1359. Found: 368.1351. Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N₅O₄: C, 58.85; H, 4.66; N, 19.06. Found: C, 58.72; H, 4.90; N, 18.89.

44. Botta M, Armaroli S, Castagnolo D, Fontana G, Perad P, Bombardelli E. Synthesis and biological evaluation of new taxoids derived from 2-deacetoxytaxinine. *J Bioorg Med Chem Lett*. 2007;17:1579-1583.

45. Minotti AM, Barlow SB, Cabral F. Resistance to antimetabolic drugs in Chinese hamster ovary cells correlates with changes in the level of polymerized tubulin. *J Biol Chem*. 1991;266:3987-3994.

46. (a) Lokwani, DK, Sarkate AP, Shinde DB. 3D-QSAR and docking studies of benzoyl urea derivatives as tubulin-binding agents for antiproliferative activity. *Med Chem Res*. 2013; 22: 1415-1425. (b) Tiwari SV, Siddiqui S, Seijas JA, Vazquez-Tato MP, Sarkate AP, Lokwani DK, Nikalje APG. Microwave-assisted Facile Synthesis, Anticancer Evaluation and Docking study Of N-((5-(substituted methylene amino)-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)methyl) Benzamide Derivatives. *Molecules* 2017; 22 (6): 995. (c) Tiwari SV, Seijas JA, Vazquez-Tato MP, Sarkate AP, Karnik KS, Nikalje APG. Facile Synthesis of Novel Coumarin Derivatives, Antimicrobial analysis, Enzyme Assay, Docking Study, ADMET Prediction and Toxicity Study. *Molecules* 2017; 22 (7): 1172.