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## Synthesis of some arylidene derivatives of thiazolopyrimidines anticancer

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### ABSTRACT

A series of arylidenesarylidenes (**D1-10**) were synthesized by reaction of the thiazolopyrimidinones (**C1&C2**) with the appropriate aldehyde. The arylidene derivatives (**D3**) and (**D8**) showed significant anticancer activity ( $IC_{50}$ = 4.32 and 4.72  $\mu$ g/ml respectively) when compared to standard drug doxorubicin ( $IC_{50}$ = 3.76  $\mu$ g/ml).

**Keywords:** Chalcone, Pyrimidine, Thiazolopyrimidine, Anticancer.

### INTRODUCTION

Cancer continues to represent the largest cause of mortality in the world and claims over 6 million lives each year [1]. Pyrimidines are among the pharmacologically most interesting chemical scaffolds that are widely spread in many natural products and in several interesting nucleoside and non-nucleoside compounds. Being a building unit of DNA and RNA, pyrimidine derivatives were found to be associated with a variety of chemotherapeutic effects including antimicrobial [2, 3], antitubercular [4], antifungal [5], antiviral [6], and antitumor activities [7, 8]. Furthermore, many pyrimidinethiones and their thioether derivatives were proved to exhibit potent anticancer as well as antimicrobial activities [9, 10].

In view of the aforementioned facts, and as a continuation of an on-going research program devoted to the synthesis and characterization of different heterocyclic ring systems endowed with potential chemotherapeutic activities [11–23], it was sought of interest to design and synthesize certain chalcones and some derived pyrimidine, and thiazolopyrimidine cyclized ring structures substituted basically with methoxy and halogens based on the fact that incorporation of substituents would result in significant enhancement of several biological activities due to the effect of compounds' lipophilicity [24–26]. The newly synthesized compounds were designed so as to comprise substituted aryl rings attached to a pyrimidine counterpart with thione functionality. Moreover, it was considered of interest to annulate the pyrimidine ring in a thiazolopyrimidine structure in order to investigate the effect of such structure modification on the expected biological activities. The aim of the present study is the development of novel chemical entities that might serve as lead molecules in field of cancer management.

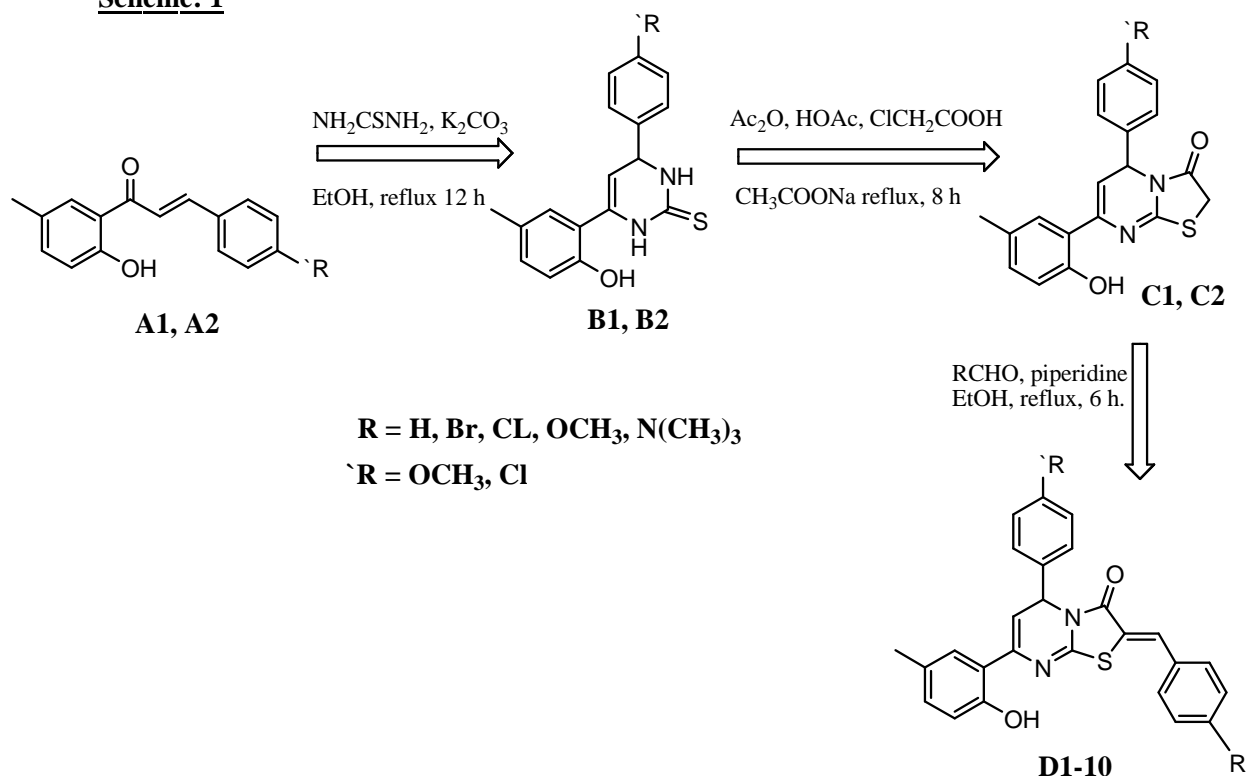
### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Chemistry

Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-400 (400 MHz) spectrometer using DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as solvent and TMS as an internal standard. All chemical shifts values are reported in  $\delta$  scale downfield from TMS. Mass spectra were carried out using Finnigan SSQ 7000 Gas Chromatograph –Mass. Infrared spectra were determined (KBr) using Shimadzu Infrared

spectrometer (IR-435) and FT-IR 1650 (Perkin Elmer). Homogeneity of the compounds was checked by TLC on silica gel plates. Characterization data of these compounds were tabulated in Table-1.

### Scheme: 1



#### General procedure for the synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidine-2(1H)-thiones (**B1** & **B2**)

A mixture of the appropriate chalcones **A1** & **A2** (1.0 mmol), thiourea (1.0 mmol), and anhydrous potassium carbonate (1.0 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) was refluxed for 12 h, then allowed to cool to room temperature. The resulted precipitate was filtered and washed with ethanol. The precipitate was then suspended in water and neutralized with conc. hydrochloric acid, filtered, washed with water, dried, and recrystallized. Physicochemical and analytical data are recorded in Table 1.

#### Synthesis of 6-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-2(1H)-thione (**B1**)

IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ): 3415(OH), 3250–3164 (NH), 1665 (C–N), 1123(C=S).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$  2.51(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ),  $\delta$  3.78(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ),  $\delta$  5.13(d, 1H, pyrimidine C4-H),  $\delta$  5.36 (d, 1H, pyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.69-7.71 (m, 7H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  9.0 (s, 1H, NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable),  $\delta$  9.80 (s, 1H, 2 NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable),  $\delta$  11.45 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable). Mass:  $m/z$  326 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).

#### Synthesis of 6-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidine-2(1H)-thione (**B2**)

IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ): 3420(OH), 3219–3124 (NH), 1660 (C–N), 1125(C=S).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR 400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$  2.53(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ),  $\delta$  5.16 (d, 1H, pyrimidine C4-H),  $\delta$  5.39 (d, 1H, pyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  7.11-7.92 (m, 7H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.9 (s, 1H, NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable),  $\delta$  9.90 (s, 1H, 2 NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable),  $\delta$  11.60 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable). Mass:  $m/z$  330 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).

#### General procedure for the synthesis of thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-ones (**C1** & **C2**)

A mixture of compound **B** (1.0 mmol), chloroacetic acid (1.5 mmol), anhydrous sodium acetate (1.5 mmol), and acetic anhydride (5 mL) was heated under reflux in glacial acetic acid (20 mL) for 8 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured onto ice cold water and the precipitated solid was filtered, washed with water, dried, and recrystallized from acetic acid.

Physicochemical and analytical data are recorded in Table 1.

#### 7-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (**C1**)

IR ( $\nu_{\text{max}}$ ): 3419(OH), 1723 (C=O).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR 400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ),  $\delta$  2.52(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ),  $\delta$  3.91(s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ),  $\delta$  4.11 (d, 1H,  $\text{SCH}_2$ ),  $\delta$  4.24 (d, 1H,  $\text{SCH}_2$ ),  $\delta$  5.62 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  5.81 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  6.7-8.31 (m, 7H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  11.63 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable). Mass:  $m/z$  366 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).

**7-(2-Hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (C2)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3419(OH), 1723 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.55 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.15 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.26 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.65 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  5.86 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  6.9-8.42 (m, 7H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  11.67 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 370 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**General procedure for the synthesis of Substitutedbenzylidene-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-ones (D1-10)**

To a solution of **C** (1.0 mmol) and piperidine (3 drops) in absolute ethanol (20 mL) was added the appropriate aldehyde (1.0 mmol). The mixture was heated under reflux for 6 h where a solid product partially crystallized. The reaction mixture was left to cool and the separated solid product was filtered, washed with cold ethanol, dried, and recrystallized.

**2-Benzylidene-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D1)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3422(OH), 1725 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.93(s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.11 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.24 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.79 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.10 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  7.10-8.38 (m, 12H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.80(s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.03 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 454 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D2)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3428(OH), 1721 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.53 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.90(s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.13 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.29 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.80 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.15 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  7.12-8.43 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.76(s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.06 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 534 (M<sup>+2</sup>), 532 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D3)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3430(OH), 1723 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.54 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.92(s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.11 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.27 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.82 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.20 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  7.02-8.53 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.77(s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.08 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 489 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D4)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3428(OH), 1719 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.46 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.93 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.05 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.20 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.80 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.17 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  6.96-8.43 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.77(s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.08 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 486 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-(4-Dimethylaminobenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D5)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3421(OH), 1716 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.47 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  2.64 (s, 6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  3.83 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.06 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.22 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.81 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.15 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  6.89-8.32 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.75(s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.04 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 497 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-Benzylidene-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D6)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3428(OH), 1720 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.55 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.12 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.27 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.82 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.12 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  7.20-8.43 (m, 12H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.83 (s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.07 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 458 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D7)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3423(OH), 1720 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>HNMR 400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  2.52 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.12 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.27 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.81 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.13 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  7.19-8.48 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.79(s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.09 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass: m/z 539 (M<sup>+2</sup>), 537 (M<sup>+</sup>).

**2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D8)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3428(OH), 1720 (C=O).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  2.50 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.10 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.25 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.85 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.22 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  7.10-8.70 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.90 (s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.11 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass:  $m/z$  493 ( $M^+$ ).

**2-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D9)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3425(OH), 1718 (C=O).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  2.43 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  3.96 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  4.09 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.23 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.81 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.19 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  6.71-8.45 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.80 (s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.04 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass:  $m/z$  490 ( $M^+$ ).

**2-(4-Dimethylaminobenzylidene)-7-(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)-2H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidin-3(5H)-one (D10)**

IR ( $\nu_{\max}$ ): 3423(OH), 1719 (C=O).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  2.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$  2.67 (s, 6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.09 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  4.27 (d, 1H, SCH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  5.86 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C5-H),  $\delta$  6.19 (d, 1H, thiazolopyrimidine C6-H),  $\delta$  6.84-8.12 (m, 11H, Ar-H),  $\delta$  8.71 (s, 1H, CH=C),  $\delta$  12.01 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Mass:  $m/z$  501 ( $M^+$ ).

**Measurement of potential cytotoxicity by SRB assay in NCI (Cairo, Egypt)**

The cytotoxic activity of the synthesized compounds was measured *in vitro* using the Sulfo-Rhodamine-Bstain (SRB) assay method as described by Skehan *et al.*[27]

Cells were plated in 96-multiwell microtiter plate ( $10^4$  cells/well) for 24h before treatment with the test compound to allow attachment of cells to the wall of the plate. Test compounds were dissolved in DMSO and diluted with saline to the appropriate volume. Different concentrations of the compound under test (0, 5, 12.5, 25, and 50  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) were added to the cell monolayer. Triplicate wells were prepared for each individual dose. Monolayer cells were incubated with the tested compounds for 48 h at 37 °C and in atmosphere of 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. After 48 h, cells were fixed, washed, and stained for 30 min with 0.4% (wt/vol) SRB dissolved in 1% acetic acid. Excess unbound dye was removed by four washes with 1% acetic acid and attached stain was recovered with Tris-EDTA buffer. Color intensity was measured in an ELISA reader at a wavelength of 570 nm. The relation between surviving fraction and drug concentration is plotted to get the survival curve for breast tumor cell line after the specified time. The molar concentration required for 50% inhibition of cell viability (IC<sub>50</sub>) was calculated. Doxorubicin was used as reference drug. The results are listed in table (II).

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION****Synthesis**

The synthetic pathways utilized to prepare the target compounds are illustrated in Scheme 1. The 3,4-dihydro-1H-pyrimidine-2-thiones (**B1**&**B2**) were obtained by refluxing chalcones (**A1**&**A2**) with thiourea in the presence of potassium carbonate as a basic catalyst.

**Table-I: Characterization data of the synthesized compounds**

Compound No.	R	R	Melting point(°)	Yield (%)	Molecular Formula
B1	Cl	-	210-12	65	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
B2	OCH <sub>3</sub>	-	214-6	67	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
C1	Cl	-	140-42	63	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
C2	OCH <sub>3</sub>	-	148-50	62	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
D1	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	121-3	68	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
D2	OCH <sub>3</sub>	Br	125-7	67	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>21</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
D3	OCH <sub>3</sub>	Cl	140-42	64	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
D4	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	124-6	65	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S
D5	OCH <sub>3</sub>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	119-21	58	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
D6	Cl	H	234-36	70	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>19</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
D7	Cl	Br	155-157	60	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>18</sub> BrClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
D8	Cl	Cl	159-61	71	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
D9	Cl	OCH <sub>3</sub>	113-5	67	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S
D10	Cl	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	132-4	59	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S

The thiazolopyrimidinones(**C1&C2**) could be prepared by reaction of pyrimidinethiones(**B1&B2**)with chloroacetic acid in the presence of anhydrous sodium acetate, acetic acid, and acetic anhydride. Finally, condensing thiazolopyrimidinones(**C1&C2**)with the appropriate aldehyde in the presence of piperidine afforded the corresponding arylidenes(**D1-10**)(Scheme 1).

#### Anticancer activity

In our study, the thiazolopyrimidinone(**C1&C2**)and arylidene derivatives (**D1, D2, D5, D6 & D7**)showed moderate to significant anticancer activity when compared with standard drugs. However it is less than standard drugs like Doxorubicin but compound (**D3**)and (**D8**)showed significant anticancer activity when compared to standard drug because of the presence of methoxy group at para position of phenyl ring. Data were presented in TABLE II revealed the IC<sub>50</sub> of the synthesized compounds.

TABLE –II: Anticancer Activity of the Synthesized Compounds (IC<sub>50</sub>) (Against MCF7 Cell Line)

Compound No.	IC <sub>50</sub> (µg/ml)	Compound No.	IC <sub>50</sub> (µg/ml)
B1	11.20	D5	8.21
B2	12.45	D6	8.21
C1	7.85	D7	7.99
C2	8.61	D8	4.72
D1	6.52	D9	9.10
D2	7.84	D10	10.9
D3	4.32	Doxorubicin	3.76
D4	6.76		

#### CONCLUSION

On the basis of biological screening against the MCF7 Cell Line, arylidene derivatives (**D3**) and (**D8**) showed significant anticancer activity when compared to standard drug doxorubicin.

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