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TBAI/CS₂ Mediated Cleaner, Greener Synthesis and Anticancer Activity of 3-Substituted- (4-Oxo-2-Thioxo-Thiazolidin-5-Ylidene)-Methyl Ethanoates

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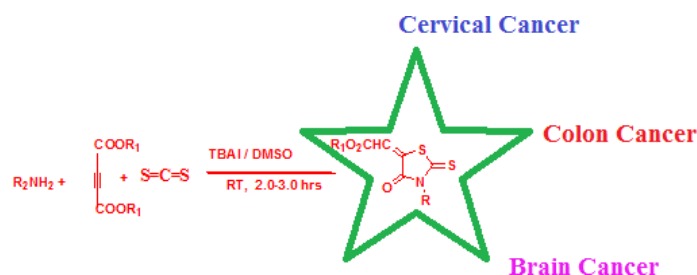
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ABSTRACT

Owing to the key importance of 3- substituted- (4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5- ylidene)-methyl ethanoates in various biological activities, a new greener, cleaner and cheaper method is being put forward here employing primary amines, but-2-yne dioic acid dimethyl ester, CS₂ and phase transfer catalyst tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (TBAI) in dimethyl sulphoxide. The synthesized compounds have been found to possess good in-vitro anti-cancer activities against cervical cancer cells, colon cancer cells and brain cancer cells.



Keywords: Carbon disulfide, Primary amines, Acetylenic ester, Tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (TBAI), Anti-cancer activities

INTRODUCTION

Biological activities of key importance are being shown by Rhodanine-based compounds. The rhodanine derivatives have been proved to possess fungicidal activities [1-5]. Such compounds have been found to bind with proteins which are set as target in many types of illness. Such compounds have positively inhibited proteins found in hepatitis C virus. These compounds have also deactivated viral non structural protein (p-70) [6], dolichyl-phosphate-mannose-protein mannosyltransferase [7], Phosphatase of regenerating liver, JSP-1 phosphatase [7,8] and beta lactamase [9].

Such compounds have also been found to be hypoglycemic [10], a cure for diabetes mellitus by decreasing the blood glucose concentration in the blood and found to possess antiviral [11] behavior. Rhodanine based compounds have been used for curing sleeping sickness [12], apoptosis [13,14]. They have also been found to possess antimicrobial activities [15,16] and have been proved to be anti HIV [17]. The earlier methods of the synthesis of such important class of compounds involved many steps [18] which used to make to synthesis process tedious (Figure 1).

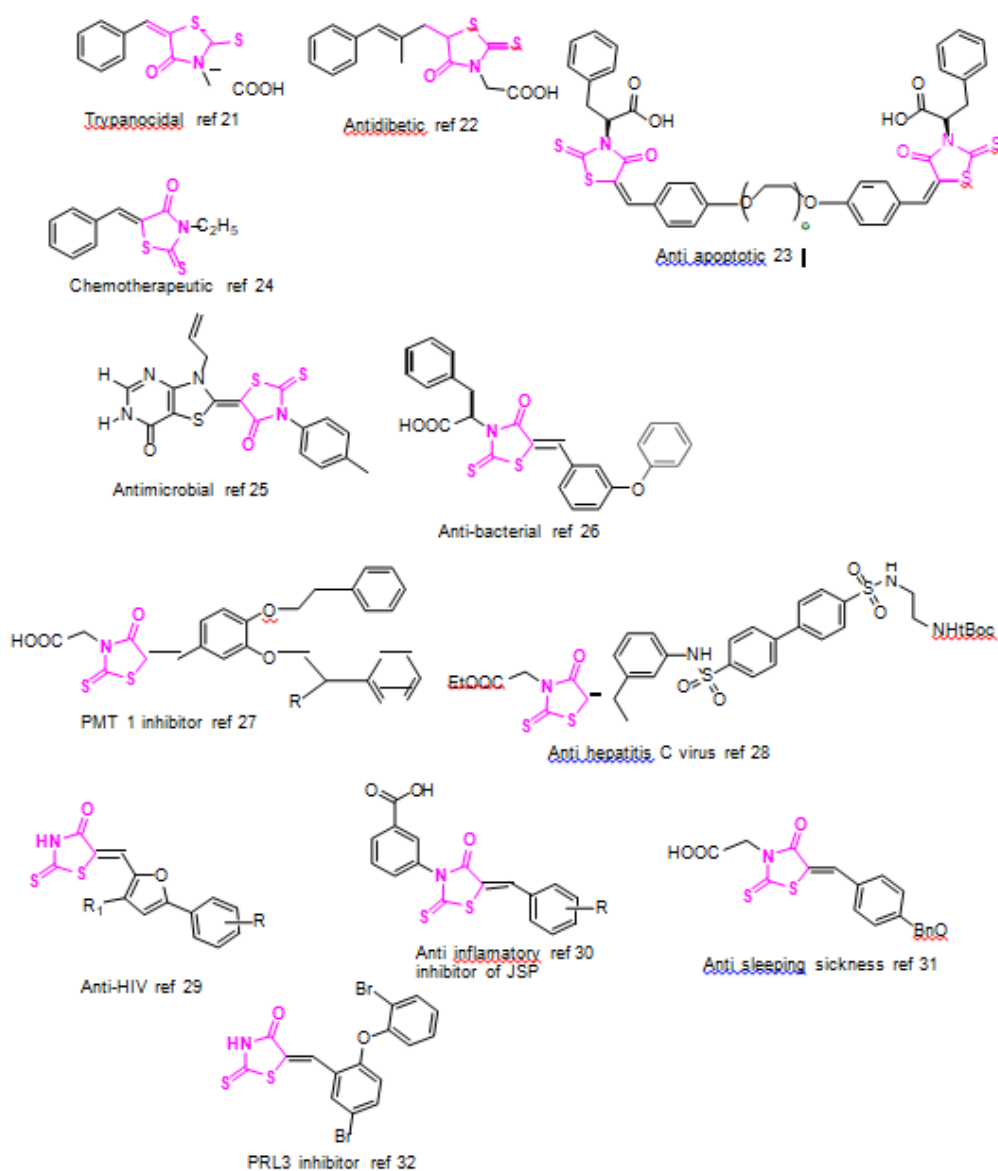


Figure 1: Biologically potent Rhodanine derivatives.

Arylidene rhodanine were synthesized by Taran and coworker [19] by reaction of dithiocarbamates and arylpropiolates employing catalyst Bu_3P in isopropyl alcohol. The derivatives of amine on reaction with dialkyl acetylenedicarboxylate and isocyanate gave maleimide derivatives as proposed by Abdolali Alizadeh and coworker [20,21]. Such important class of compounds has proved to be potential drugs for many illnesses, so many scientists have put forward their synthesis with different procedures [22-27]. These synthetic procedures are not free from the use of harsh chemicals, extreme conditions, tedious work-up and lesser yields. So there is a scope of more cleaner, greener, easier synthesis of such important class of compound. We have already reported the formation of these class of compound with the help of Triton-B [28]. We are working upon the improvement of the process in the synthesis of such important class of compounds and in this journey we found that TBAI is a little bit better in performance than Triton-B.

In this paper we are reporting the new, efficient, greener, cleaner and cheaper method for the synthesizing 3- substituted- (4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)-acetic acid methyl ester by single flask chemical interaction among but-2-yndioic acid dimethyl ester, carbon disulphide and primary amines in DMSO and in presence catalyst Tetra butyl ammonium Iodide (TBAI). The reported process took place at room temperature and made the use of easily available cheaper chemical.

EXPERIMENTAL

General Procedure

100 mL round bottom flask was charged with Amine (1mmol), 2.0 mL Tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (TBAI) and stirred. This mixture was slowly added with 2 mmols of CS_2 . Then but-2-yndioic acid dimethyl ester (1mmol) was added slowly and mixed thoroughly for 2.5 hours. The reaction proceeding was observed on thin layer chromatography (TLC) and new compound formation and end of the reaction was verified. When the reaction got over it was added with distilled water and organic compound was extracted with ethyl acetate. The compounds obtained were assigned structures on the basis of elemental analysis, IR, NMR and HRMS and were collated with the compounds available in literature [28].

Data of synthesized compounds**[4-Oxo-2-thioxo-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1a)**

Yield (0.27g, 80%), yellow powder, melts at 72-74 °C; IR(cm^{-1}): 1726 (O=C), 1689 (C=C) and 1194, (S=C); ^1H NMR δ = 7.4-7.7 (m, aromatic 4H), δ = 6.6-6.9 (s, vinylic H), δ =5.3(s,2HN-CH₂), 3.8(s,3HofCH₃O); ^{13}C NMR: δ =198, 168, 142.3, 136, 130, 128, 123, 119, 113, 50.5; % elemental analysis of C₁₄H₁₀NO₃S₂F₃, Calculated: C, 46.53%; H, 2.79%; N, 3.88%; O, 13.28%; S, 17.75%; F, 15.77%; observed: C, 46.48; H, 2.74; N, 3.82; O, 13.14; S, 17.62; F, 15.69; m/e = 361.00 (found), 360.98 (calc.).

2-[4-oxo-2-thioxo-3-(p-trifluoro methyl benzyl)-thiazolidine-5-yliden]-acetic acid methyl ester (1b)

Yield (0.27 g, 79%), yellow powder melts at 78-80 °C; IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1323 and 1212(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ =7.3-7.7(aromatic 4H), 6.80(s, vinylic H), 5.30(s, 2HN-CH₂), 3.87(s, 3H, CH₃O); ^{13}C NMR: δ =198, 168, 142.3, 136, 130, 128, 123, 119.1, 132, 50.5; % elemental analysis for C₁₄H₁₀NO₃S₂F₃, Calculated: C, 46.53; H, 2.79; N, 3.88; O, 13.28, S, 17.75, F, 15.77; Observed: C, 46.38; H, 2.71; N, 3.84; O, 13.17; S, 17.66; F, 15.65; m/e = 360.79 (found), 360.98 (calc.).

2-[4-oxo-2-thioxo-3-(propyl phenyl methyl)- thiazolidine-5-yliden]-acetic acid methyl ester (1c)

Yield (0.268 g, 82%), yellow powder melts at 88-90 °C; IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1212, 1323 (S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 7.8 (m, aromatic H), 7.1 (s, vinylic proton), 4.6 (m, 2HN-CH₂), 4.30(s, OCH₃), (t, 2HCH₂-Ph), 2.2(m, 4H), 1.9(s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR: δ =198, 168, 142.3, 136, 130, 128.3, 123, 119.1, 132, 50.5, 45.8, 35.5, 27.9, 29.9, ; % elemental analysis for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 57.29; H, 5.11; N, 4.80; O, 14.31, S, 19.12; observed: C, 56.98; H, 5.02; N, 4.82; O, 14.13; S, 18.99; m/e = 335.06 (found), 335.44 (calc.).

2-[4-oxo-2-thioxo-3-(cyclopentyl)-thiazolidine-5-yliden]-acetic acid methyl ester (1d)

Yield (0.24g 78%), thick oil, IR in cm^{-1} , 1702(C=O), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323 (S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 1.62-2.12 (5H cyclopentyl, multiplet), δ =3.76 (Singlet OCH₃), δ = 3.86 (singlet NH) δ = 7.3 (vinylic H, singlet); ^{13}C NMR: δ = 198, 165, 136, 50.5, 28.3, 20.5; elemental analysis for C₁₁H₁₃NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 48.69; H, 4.83; N, 5.16; O, 17.69, S, 23.63; observed: C, 47.99; H, 4.71; N, 5.16; O, 17.65; S, 23.41; m/e = 271.06 (found), 271.44(calc.).

(3-Heptyl-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)-acetic acid methyl ester (1e)

Yield (0.23g, 85%), thick oil, IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(C=O), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ =0.87(3H triplet, terminal CH₃), 1.27- 1.70(10 H -CH₂ multiplet), 3.8(N- CH₂ triplet), 4.07(3H, singlet-OCH₃), 6.82(vinylic H); ^{13}C NMR: δ =198, 165, 136, 50.5, 28.3, 27.4, 29.7, 32.5, 23.1, 14.0; % elemental analysis for C₁₃H₁₉NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 51.80; H, 6.35; N, 4.65; O, 15.89, S, 21.28; observed: C, 51.70; H, 6.27; N, 4.06; O, 15.65; S, 21.41; m/e = 301.06 (found), 301.42 (calc.).

2-[4-oxo-2-thioxo-3-(phenyl)- thiazolidine-5-yliden] acetic acid methyl ester (1f)

Yield (0.245 g, 78%), thick oil; IR (cm^{-1}) 1721(C=O), 1618 (C=C), 1213 and 1329(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 6.90, 7.09, 7.28 (5H benzene ring protons), 7.10 (singlet, vinylic H), 3.74(3H singlet OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR: δ =193, 136, 165.5, 50.5, 128.7, 120.3, 128.7, 124.1, 120.4; % elemental analysis for C₁₂H₉NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 51.59; H, 3.24; N, 4.99, O, 17.18, S, 22.98; Observed: C, 51.49; H, 3.27; N, 5.01; O, 17.05; S, 22.61; m/e = 279.07(found), 279.33 (calc.).

2- [4-oxo-2-thioxo-3-(3-Chloro-benzyl)- 1,3 thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1g)

Yield (0.264, 80%), thick oil; IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 7.08, 6.94, 4.22 (Singlet), 7.07, 6.20 (vinylic H), 3.76 (OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR: 198, 136, 165.0, 166.8, 133.6, 125.7, 129.8, 143.8, 133.6, 50.5; % elemental analysis for C₁₃H₁₀NO₃S₂Cl, Calculated: C, 47.63; H, 3.08; N, 4.26; O, 14.64, S, 19.56; Cl, 10.82; Observed: C, 47.48; H, 3.02; N, 4.16; O, 14.55; S, 19.61; Cl, 10.68; m/e=326.97(found), 327.80 (calc.).

[3-(2,4-Difluoro-phenyl)-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1h)

Yield (0.25 g, 80%), thick oil; IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 6.66, 6.72, 7.60, 6.82 (vinylic H), 3.76 (OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR: 193, 136, 165.1, 50.5, 159.3, 11.3, 102.3, 165.1; % elemental analysis for C₁₂H₇NO₃S₂F₂, Calculated: C, 45.71; H, 2.24; N, 4.44; O, 15.22; S, 20.34; F, 12.05 Observed: C, 45.39; H, 2.20; N, 4.36; O, 15.05; S, 19.99; F, 12.01; m/e = 314.63 (found), 314.98 (calc.).

[3-(3-Ethoxy-propyl)-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1i)

Yield (0.245 g, 85%), thick oil; IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323(S=C); ^1H NMR δ = 1.11, 3.41, 3.37, 1.72, 2.96, 6.20 (vinylic H), 3.76 (OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR δ =198, 136, 165.0, 50.5, 166.5, 41.1, 29.0, 69.3, 67.1, 63.0, 14.7; % elemental analysis for C₁₂H₇NO₃S₂F₂, Calculated: C, 45.66; H, 5.22; N, 4.84; O, 22.92; S, 22.16; Observed: C, 45.48; H, 5.20; N, 4.56; O, 22.75; S, 22.03; m/e = 289.01 (found), 289.04 (calc.).

[3-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1j)

Yield (0.356 g, 85%), white powder melts at 86-88 °C; IR (cm^{-1}) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323 (S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 7.38, 7.83, 6.82 (4 H aromatic), 3.76 (vinylic H); C₁₄H₇NO₃S₂F₆ (MW=415); ^{13}C NMR δ =193, 136, 165.0, 50.5, 163.8, 120.5, 119.6, 117.7, 131.5, % elemental analysis for C₁₄H₇NO₃S₂F₆, Calculated: C, 40.49; H, 1.70; N, 3.37; O, 11.56; S, 15.44; F, 27.45; Observed: C, 40.38; H, 1.68; N, 3.26; O, 11.57; S, 15.33; F, 27.32; m/e = 414.72 (found), 414.97 (calc.).

[3-(2-Fluoro-benzyl)-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1k)

Yield(0.24g,82%),thick oil; IR(cm^{-1})1702(O=C),1618(C=C),1212and1323(S=C); ^1H NMR δ = 6.91, 7.05, 6.88, 4.22, 6.20 (vinylic H), 3.76 (OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR δ =198,136,165.1, 50.3, 128.7, 123.3, 129.4,160.7, 166.8, 115.3; % elemental analysis for C₁₃H₁₀NO₃S₂F, Calculated: C, 50.15; H, 3.24; N, 4.50; O, 15.42; S, 20.60; F, 6.09 Observed:C, 50.01; H, 3.20; N, 4.49; O, 15.25; S, 20.23; F, 5.99; m/e = 310.92 (found), 311.00 (calc.).

(3-Dodecyl-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)-acetic acid methyl ester (1l)

Yield (0.28 g, 80%), white powder melts at 92-94 °C; IR (cm⁻¹) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1212 and 1323 (S=C); ^1H NMR: δ = 0.96, 1.33, 1.29, 1.55, 2.96, 6.20 (vinylic H), 3.76(OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR: δ = 198, 136, 165.0, 50.5, 28.3, 27.4, 30.0, 30.3, 30.0, 23.1, 14.0; % elemental analysis for C₁₈H₂₉NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 58.19; H, 7.87; N, 3.77; O, 12.92; S, 17.26; Observed: C, 58.01; H, 7.68; N, 3.66; O, 12.75; S, 17.03; m/e = 371.06 (found), 371.15 (calc.).

[3-(2-Ethyl-butyl)-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1m)

Yield(0.234g,84%),thick oil;IR(cm^{-1})1702(O=C),1618(C=C),1212 and 1323(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ =0.96,1.29,2.10,6.20(vinylicH),3.76(OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR δ =198,135,165.0,50.5,136.9,33.5,24.6,11.5;% elemental analysis for C₁₂H₁₇NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 50.15; H, 5.96; N, 4.79; O, 16.69; S, 22.31; Observed: C, 50.03; H, 5.85; N, 4.86; O, 16.67; S, 22.23; m/e = 286.78 (found), 287.06 (calc.).

[3-(2,3-Dichloro-benzyl)-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene]-acetic acid methyl ester (1n)

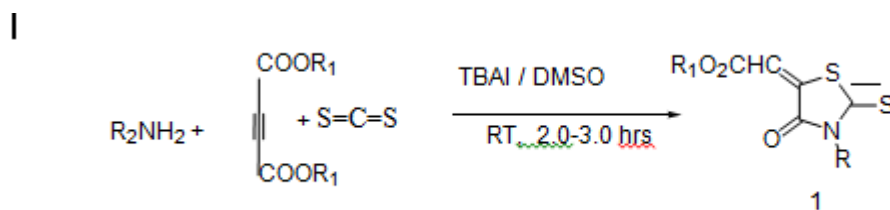
Yield (0.303g, 83%, thick oil; IR (cm⁻¹) 1702 (O=C), 1618 (C=C), 1323, 1212(S=C); ^1H NMR δ =7.02,6.96,6.89,4.22,6.20(vinylicH),3.76(OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR δ =198,136,165.0, 50.5, 134.0, 128.3, 127.8, 126.6, 144.2, 166.6; % elemental analysis for C₁₃H₉NO₃S₂Cl₂, Calculated: C, 43.10; H, 2.50; N, 3.87; O, 13.25; S, 17.70; Cl, 19.57; Observed: C, 42.98; H, 2.41; N, 3.79; O, 13.04; S, 17.53; m/e=360.18(found),360.94(calc.).

(3-Decyl-4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)-acetic acid methyl ester (1o)

Yield (0.302 g, 81%), white powder melts at 91-93 °C; IR (cm⁻¹) 1702(O=C), 1618 (C=C),1212 and 1323(S=C); ^1H NMR: δ =0.96,1.33,1.29(multiplet),2.98,6.82(vinylicH),3.76 (OCH₃); ^{13}C NMR δ = 166.5, 165.0, 45.0, 28.3, 198, 136, 30.0, 30.3, 32.5, 14.0, 50.5;% elemental analysis for C₁₆H₂₅NO₃S₂, Calculated: C, 55.94; H, 7.34; N, 4.07; O, 14.01; S, 18.67; Observed: C, 55.69; H, 7.23; N, 4.06; O, 13.74; S, 18.53; m/e=342.89(found),343.12 (calc.).

RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

The reaction was designed as given in scheme I. Firstly we reacted 3-trifluoromethyl benzyl amine with CS₂ and but-2-ynedioic acid dimethyl ester in DMSO with constant stirring. Compound thus formed was separated purified and identified by spectral and physical data. IR spectrum of 1a showed absorption band at 1720 cm⁻¹, unsaturation at 1682 cm⁻¹, C=S at 1340 and 1185 cm⁻¹. Proton spectra of 1a showed 3 sharp singlet corresponding to OCH₃ group (δ = 3.9), methylene protons (δ = 5.32) and vinylic proton at (δ = 6.85). Aromaticity was reflected in NMR spectrum.



Once the product was obtained and characterized, we undertook the affordability of product with various phase transfer catalyst by reacting 3-trifluoromethyl benzyl amine with But-2-ynedioic acid dimethyl ester and carbon disulphide in different phase transfer catalyst like tetra n-butyl ammonium chloride (TBAC), tetra-n-butyl ammonium bromide (TBAB), tetra-n-butyl ammonium iodide (TBAI), tetra-n-butyl ammonium hydrogen carbonate (TBAHC), tetra-n-butyl ammonium hydrogen sulphate (TBAHS), Triton-B, Crown ether (18 crown 6) etc. It was found that tetra-n-butyl ammonium iodide (TBAI) served the best in getting high yield of the desired 3- substituted- 4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)-methyl ethanoate (Table 1, Figure 2).

Table 1: Effect of Phase transfer catalyst on time and yield

S. No.	Phase transfer catalyst	Time in Hrs.	% Yield
1	TBAC	3.0	72
2	TBAB	3.0	75
3	TBAI	2.5	80

4	TBAHC	2.7	75
5	TBAHS	2.8	74
6	Triton-B	2.8	78
7	Crown ether (18 Crown 6)	3.0	72

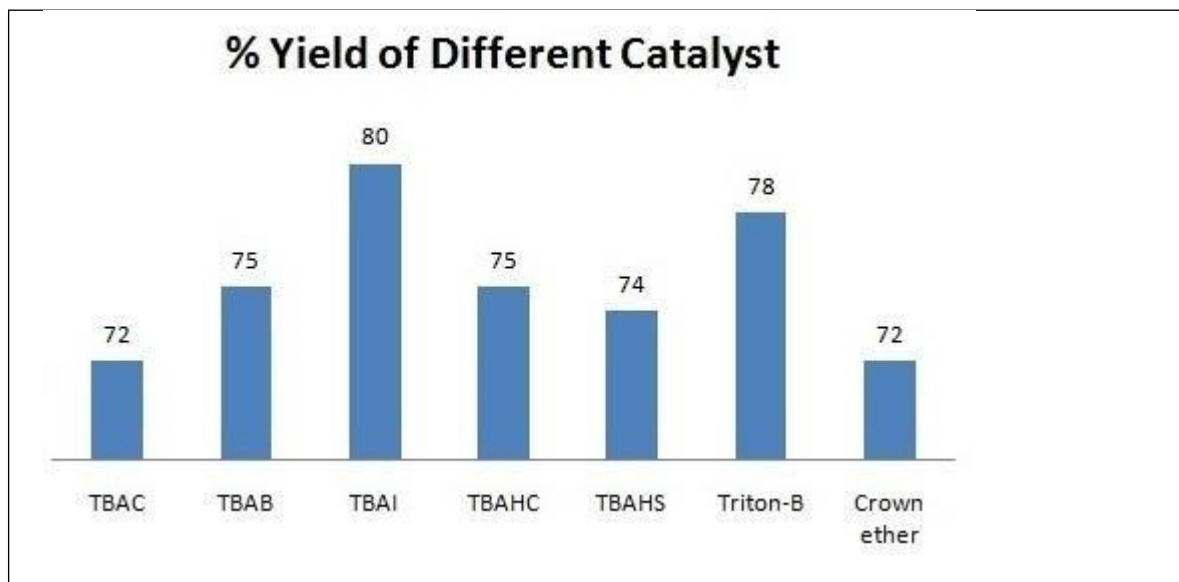


Figure 2: Graphical representation of different catalyst on the % yield of the reaction

Thus we find that TBAI is the most suitable phase transfer catalyst in this reaction. Once the phase transfer catalyst was fixed we undertook the optimization in the solvent. For this synthesized compound 1a in different solvents like dimethylformamide, Dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), chloroform, dichloromethane, methanol, benzene, toluene, n-hexane, n-heptanes and it was observed that DMSO was most efficient at room temperature (Table 2).

Table 2: Effect of solvent on time yield of the reaction

S. No.	Solvent	Time in hr	% Yield
1	Dimethylformamide,	3.0	50
2	Dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO)	2.5	80
3	Chloroform	3.5	40
4	Dichloromethane	3.2	50
5	Methanol	3.6	35
6	Benzene	4.0	38
7	Toluene	4.2	40
8	n-hexane	4.8	45
9	n-heptane	4.6	42

After optimizing the process we synthesized several compounds using different amines. Various 10, 20, 30 phenyl, benzylic and cyclic amines were considered for obtaining library of compounds given in Table 3.

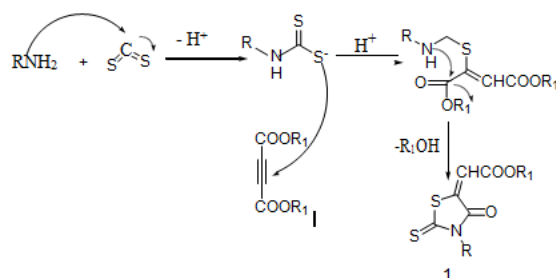
We found that the reaction goes perfectly with the primary alkyl groups compared to secondary and tertiary alkyl groups which may be due to steric hindrance. At the same time it was also observed that electron releasing group bearing substituted aromatics and heterocyclics have better yield and lesser time than the electron withdrawing groups attached to aromatic ring. Again it was found that if R2 was cyclic then also the yield was less compared to aliphatic R2. The spectral characterization of all products was confirmed through the standard data available for the existing

compounds [28].

Table 3: Synthesized 3- substituted- (4-oxo-2-thioxo-thiazolidin-5-ylidene)-methyl ethanoate

Entry	Structure	Time (hrs)	% Yield
1a		2.5	80
1b		3.0	79
1c		2.0	82
1d		2.4	78
1e		2.2	85
1f		3.0	78
1g		2.6	80
1h		3.0	80
1i		2.5	85
1j		2.8	85
1k		3.0	82
1l		2.6	80
1m		2.4	84
1n		2.7	83
1o		2.6	81

A probable path of the reaction is elucidated in (scheme 2). CS₂ reacted with amine and formed alkylammonium carbothioate. The alkylammonium carbothioate formed attacked acetylenic ester to give an intermediate which cyclized losing R'OH formed compound 1 (Scheme 2)



Scheme 2: Possible mechanism of the reaction

Anticancer activity

Methods

The different human cancer cell lines were considered which includes HeLa (cervical cell line), Colon cancer cell line (HCT-15); and glioblastoma (Brain cancer cells) U87-MG. National Cell Center, Pune, India provided these cell lines. The culturing of cell lines was done in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM, Sigma-Aldrich, US) while culturing of HCT-15 cells was done in (RPMI, Sigma-Aldrich, US).

Measurement of anticancer activity

Cancerous cells of were placed in 3×10^4 cells in a well with 100 μ L of DMEM for HeLa and U87MG and RPMI for HCT-15 cells] with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) in a 96- well tissue culture plate which were then made to grow for 72 hours at 37°C, in a CO₂ incubator maintaining relative humidity of 90% and 5% CO₂. Now cancer cells were incubated with 100, 50, 25 and 12.5 μ M concentrations of various synthesized trithiocarbates prepared in DMEM/RPMI i.e. for 24 hr. Further, the cancer cells also incubated with 100 μ L of MTT dye (0.5 mg/ml) in CO₂ incubator for next 4 hr. In the bottom of the well, the cells produced formazan of purple colour. Now the culture medium was taken out of the well. Following this, each well was filled with 100 μ L of DMSO. The formazan crystals in each well were dissolved which gave purple solution. Following this Labsystems Multiskan EX ELISA reader was used to measure absorbance at 570 nm for 96 well-plates against a reagent blank. IC₅₀ for 50% inhibition of each drug was calculated in micromolar concentration. Simultaneously MTT assay was done in triplicate in three independent experiments (Figure 3) (Tables 4 & 5).

The percentage viability at 100 μ M concentration of the synthesized compounds is given in Table 4

Table 4: Percentage viabilities at 100 μ M concentration of the compounds

Entry	HCT-15	HELA	U87-MG
1a	92.5	87.01	89.05
1b	60.8	45.45	63.62
1c	62.69	26.66	65.45
1d	141.89	139.88	117.3
1e	83.75	93.08	78.87
1f	48.03	84.7	59.91
1g	85.12	88.74	89.72
1h	177.6	156.84	119.83
1i	137.3	167.64	104.05
1j	110.32	106.5	76.5
1k	105.86	131.75	122.62
1l	66.73	107.8	145.09
1m	114.5	96.03	53.45
1n	76.45	68.58	90.56
1o	66.51	147.09	151.41

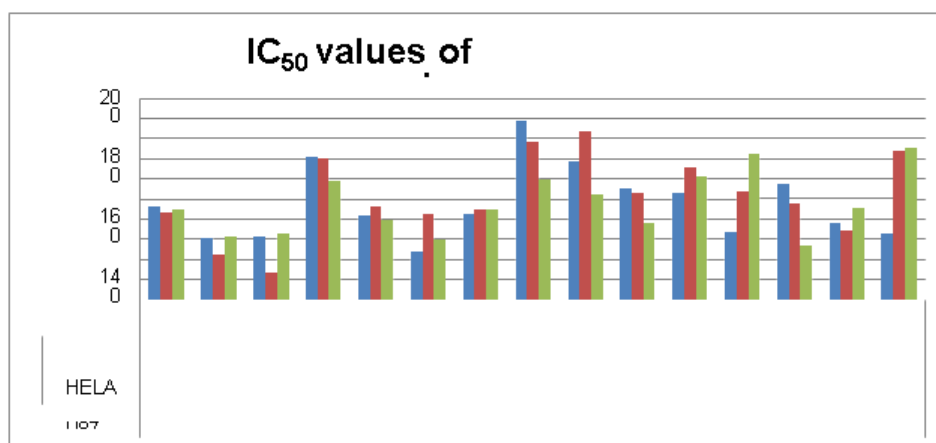


Figure 3: Graphical representations of IC50 Values

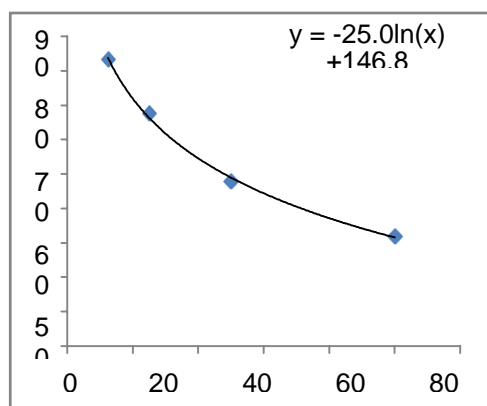
Table 5: Results of anticancer activity

	1a	1b	1c	1d	1e	1f	1g	1h	1i	1j	1k	1l	1m	1n	1o
HCT-15	92.5	60.8	62.6	141	83.7	48	85.1	177	137	110	105	67	114	76.4	66.5
U87	87	45.4	26.6	139	93	84.7	88.7	156	167	106	131	107	96	68.5	147
HELA	89	63.6	65.4	117	78.8	59.9	89.7	119	104	77	122	145	53.4	90.5	151

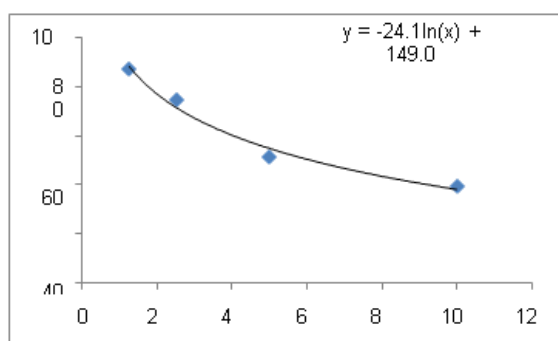
The synthesized compounds in this class were assessed for cytotoxicity against 03 cancer cell lines i.e.HCT-15 (human colon cancer), U87-MG (Human glioblastoma) and Hela (human cervix cancer) using MTT assay.

On the treatment of the HCT-15 cancer cells with the synthesized compounds it was found that almost all the compounds are active against the cancer cells but the compound 1f, 1b, 1c, 1o, 1l have been most prominent for inhibition of HCT-15 cell proliferation.

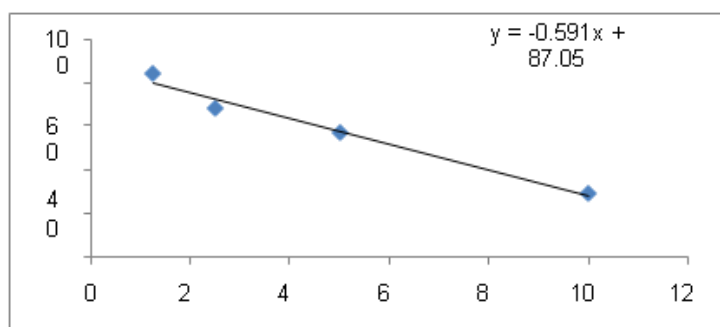
These compounds have been found to have minimum IC50 values required for inhibition of the HCT-15 cancer cells. The decrease in cell viability with increase in concentration of compounds against HCT-15 cancer cells is represented in Graphs 1-15 below:



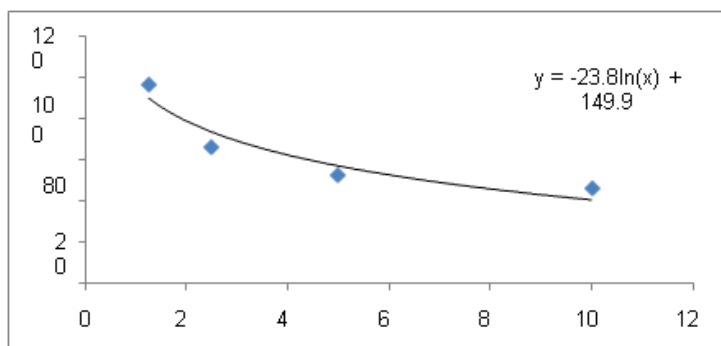
Graph 1: % viability vs conc. for compound 1f (IC50=48.03)



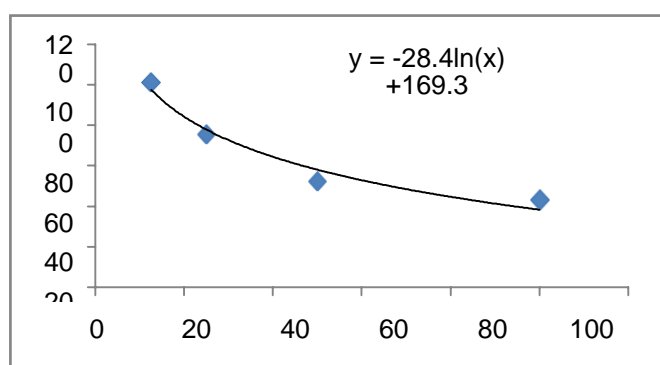
Graph 2: % viability vs conc. for 1b (IC50= 60.81)



Graph 3: % viability vs conc. for 1c (IC₅₀=62.69)

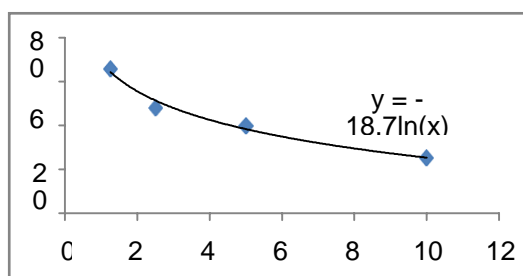


Graph 4: % viability vs conc. for 1o (IC₅₀=66.51)

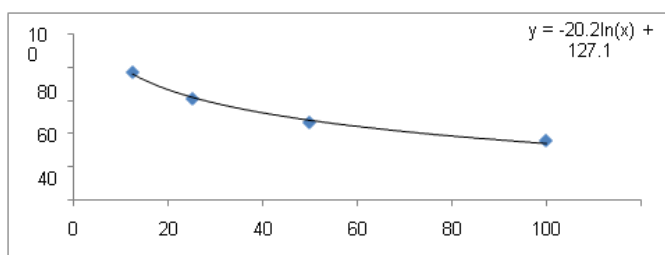


Graph 5: % viability vs conc. for 1l (IC₅₀=66.73).

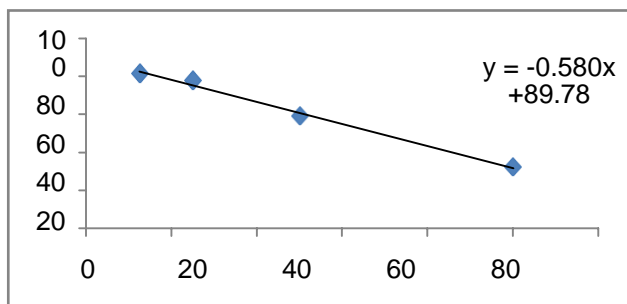
Now on consideration of the activity of the compounds of this series against the proliferation of HeLa (cervical cancer cells), it is found that all the compounds synthesized were active against reduction in cancer cell survival with increase in concentration of compounds. But the compounds 1c, 1b, 1n, 1f, 1a are more active against a specific number of HeLa cells. The percentage viability against concentration is shown in graphs below for compounds with highest activity.



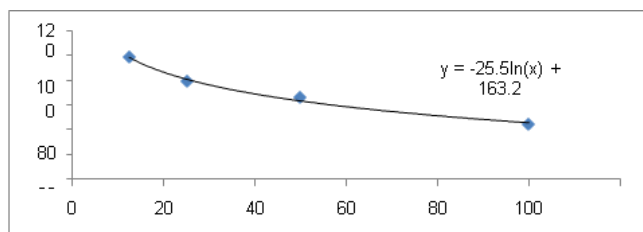
Graph 6: % viability vs conc. for 1c (IC₅₀=26.66).



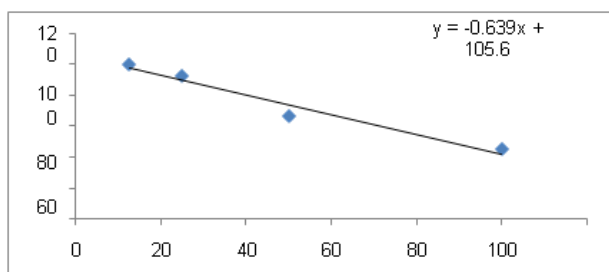
Graph 7: % viability vs conc. for 1b (IC₅₀= 45.45).



Graph 8: % viability vs conc. for 1n (IC₅₀=68.58).

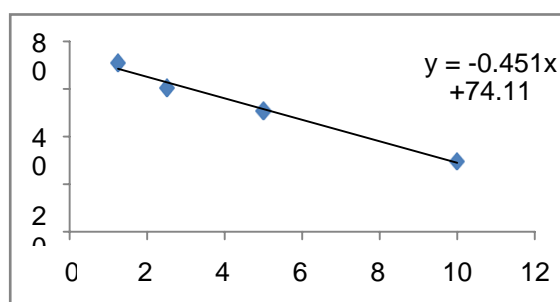


Graph 9: % viability vs conc. for 1f (IC₅₀= 84.70).

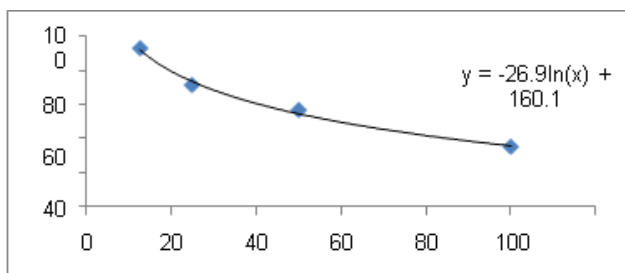


Graph 10: % viability vs conc. for 1a (IC₅₀= 87.01).

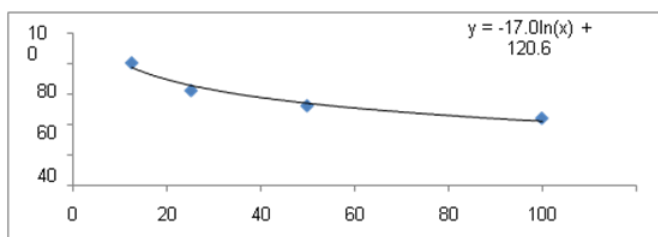
Finally Considering the activity of the compound synthesized against the proliferation of the brain cancer cell U87-MG, the IC₅₀ value and the % viability graphs show that almost all the synthesized compounds are active against cancer cells. Among them, the compounds 1m, 1f, 1b, 1c, 1j are most active in retarding the growth of cancer cells. The percentage viability and the concentration curve of the most active compounds of the series are given in the graph below:



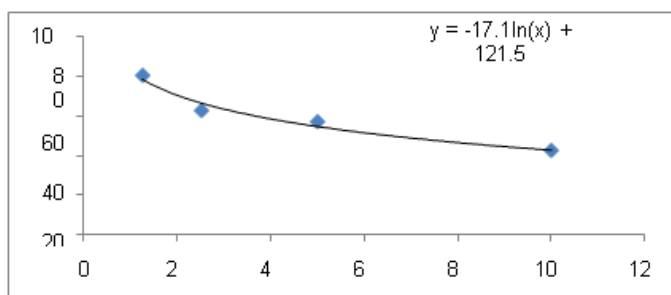
Graph 11: % viability vs conc. for 1m (IC₅₀= 53.45)



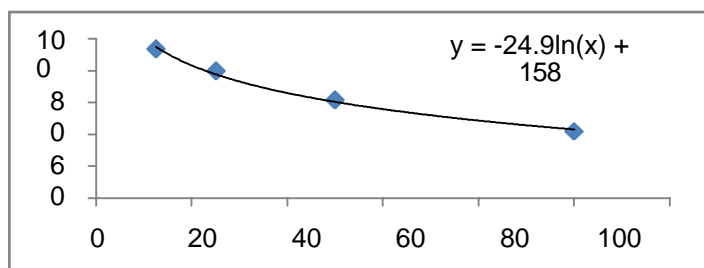
Graph 12: % viability vs conc. for 1f (IC₅₀= 59.91)



Graph 13: % viability vs conc. for 1b (IC₅₀= 63.62)



Graph 14: % viability vs conc. for 1c (IC₅₀=65.45)



Graph 15: % viability vs conc. for 1j (IC₅₀= 76.50)

CONCLUSION

Here in this communication we report single flask synthesis of rhodanines using Tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (TBAI), carbon disulfide at normal lab temperature which were found to have anticancer activities. The reaction was self occurring at normal lab temperature DMSO/ Tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (TBAI). The process here was simple, occurred at normal temperature, easier separation and higher yield with cheaper and less toxic chemicals. The synthesized compounds have shown very good in-vitro anticancer activity against cervical cancer, colon cancer and brain cancer. These biologically potent scaffolds can be developed further to effective drugs against various cancers.

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