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MOLECULAR DOCKING ANALYSIS OF HETEROCYCLIC LIGANDS TARGETING NUDT5 PROTEIN IN BREAST CANCER

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ABSTRACT: Breast cancer is the most common malignancy affecting women worldwide. Molecular docking is an important computational technique in drug discovery interaction between ligands and target proteins. In present study docking analysis binding affinity of 51 heterocyclic ligands against the breast cancer target protein NUDT5 (PDB ID:5NWH) are nucleotide- metabolizing enzymes (NUDIX) hydrolases. It plays a major role in hormone- dependent gene regulation and proliferation in breast cancer cells. The heterocyclic ligands docking analysis were analyzed by Autodock 4.0.1. The docking was validated by re docking co-crystallized inhibitor 9CH into active binding site of NUDT5 protein and evaluated binding energy, RMSD values and molecular interactions. The results were found ligand “GR39 exhibited the lowest binding energy” (-14.12kcal/mol), when compared with reference inhibitor 9CH [-10.59kcal/mol] and standard drugs like STD1 Tamoxifen (-9.65), STD2 Cyclophosphamide (-5.83), STD3 Doxorubicin (-11.74). However the present study is limited to molecular docking analysis. Further studies include *in-vitro*, *in-vivo*, ADME and cytotoxicity studies.

INTRODUCTION: Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that develops in the breast tissues, primarily in the ducts or lobules. It is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women globally and accounts for a significant proportion of cancer-related deaths¹. It is a heterogenous disease characterized by the molecular subtypes and multiple histological include Ductal carcinoma in situ and Invasive ductal carcinoma most common (80%)².

At the molecular level, breast cancer is classified based on receptor status into Hormone receptor-positive and Triple-negative breast cancer. Breast cancer progression involves complex biological process such as Metastasis is primary cause of mortality, occurring years after initial treatment due to residual cancer stem cells and micro-environmental interactions³.

Molecular docking is widely used in structure-based drug design to screen compounds and optimize drug candidates before experimental testing. The protein NUDT5 (NUDIX hydrolase 5) PDB ID:5NWH is a member of Nudix family of nucleotide-metabolizing enzymes. It functions primarily as an ADP-ribose pyrophosphatase, catalyzing the conversion of ADP-ribose into AMP

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OR ATP depending on cellular conditions. ATP plays Chromatin remodeling, Gene transcription and Hormone-dependent signaling pathways **Fig. 1**. This ATP production is particularly important in progesterone and estrogen signaling in breast cancer cells, linking metabolism directly to gene

regulation ⁴. To overcome the problem and side effects of cancer, the present marketed drugs showing various adverse reactions, during treatments. In view of that, we want to develop new entities for the treatment of breast cancer cells ⁵.

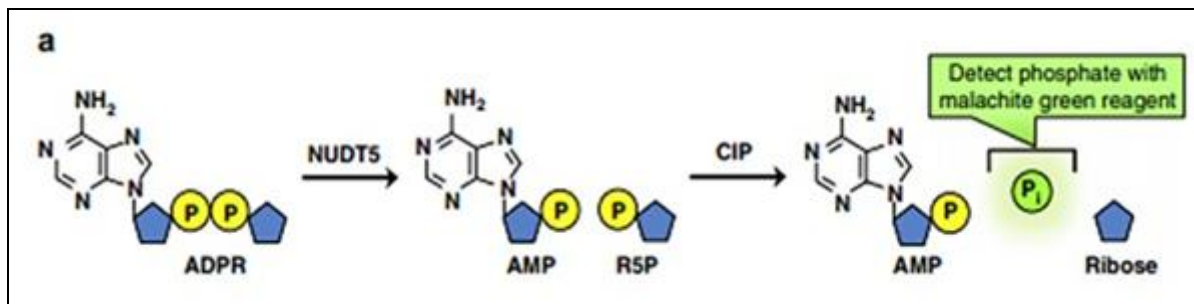


FIG. 1: DEVELOPMENT OF POTENT NUDT5 INHIBITORS FROM A HIGH-THROUGHPUT SCREENING CAMPAIGN. A REPRESENTATION OF THE ENZYME-COUPLED MALACHITE GREEN ASSAY (MG ASSAY). ADPR IS HYDROLYZED TO AMP AND R5P BY NUDT5, THEN R5P IS CONVERTED TO FREE INORGANIC PHOSPHATE DETECTED BY THE MALACHITE GREEN REAGENT ⁵

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Softwares: Chemdraw 8.0, Chemspider, Protein Data Bank, Pub Med, Autodock 4.0.1, Discovery Studio V24, Crystal Protein-PDB CODE:5NWH **Fig. 2** ⁶.

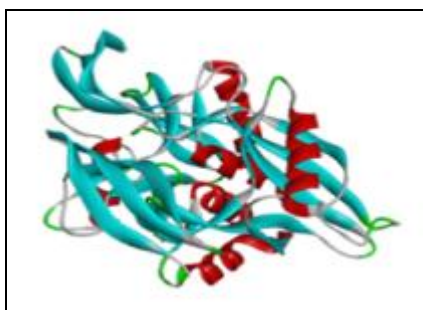


FIG. 2: CRYSTAL PROTEIN STRUCTURE OF 5NWH

Ligands:

Standard Ligand: Inhibitor (9CH), STDI (Tamoxifen), STD2 (cyclophosphamide), STD3 (Doxorubicin) ⁷.

Test Ligand: 51 selected ligands of various heterocyclic derivatives were collected from thesis ⁸.

The 51 ligands were collected from various literatures, based on antioxidant activity, the selected ligands pharmacophores nucleus were presence in selected ligands such as chromen 2-one, Tetrahydropyrimide, 1H-pyrrole, 1,5 benzodiazepene, 1,4 benzodiazepene, pyrazinyl, pyrrolidine-1-yl, biphenyl, 1,3,5 triazine, 2H-

chromen-3-yl, quinoline, phenoxyphenyl, 1-2—hydroxyphenyl, pyrimidin, tiazine, and imadazo [2,1-b] [1,3,4]thiadiazole ⁹.

Protein Data Bank Information of 5NWH:

Classification: Hydrolase **Organism(s):** Homo sapiens **Expression System:** *Escherichia coli* ¹⁰.

Mutation(s): NO

Study of Molecular Docking:

Protein Preparation: Macromolecule was downloaded from protein data bank website (RCSB PDB) ¹⁰ Download the macromolecule in PDB format ¹¹ open discovery studio for protein cleaning, ligand molecules, water molecules and other ions were removed using discovery studio. Open autodock 4.0.1 set preference and make default. Edit option and delete water, under edit select hydrogen and add polar hydrogen only and add kollman charges then check total residues and save molecule in PDBQT format.

Ligand Preparation: Structures of 51 selected ligand molecules, standard and reference inhibitor were drawn by using chemdraw 8.0 software ¹². Save the structures in mol format. Convert the mol format structures to pdb format by using BIOVIA ¹³. Retrieve the standard ligand molecules from chemspider website (<http://www.chemspider.com/>) and download the 3d structure of inhibitor from the protein data bank ¹⁴.

Molecular Docking: The ligand prepared and docked against protein using autodock 4.0.1. Output -lamarckian GA -save the file in DPF format. Launch the auto dock. Open the DLG file in the folder and check the lowest binding energy, runs, RMSD and estimated inhibition constant¹⁵.

Visualization: Open the PDBQT saved file in discovery studio and draw the 2D and 3D diagram¹⁶.

Docking Validation: Docking validation was performed by re-docking the co-crystallized inhibitor 9CH into the active site of the NUDT5 protein (PDB ID: 5NWH) using AutoDock 4.0.1. The reference inhibitor showed a binding energy of -10.59 kcal/mol with an RMSD value of 1.557 Å and inhibition constant of 17.30 nM, indicating reliable docking accuracy. The ligand exhibited significant interactions with key active-site residues including TRP A28, TRP B46, ARG A51, GLU A166, and GLY B135. Since the RMSD value was below 2 Å, the docking protocol was considered validated and suitable for further docking studies^{15, 16}.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION: It is of interest to design inhibitors for the breast cancer target NUDT5 using molecular docking based virtual screening followed by molecular docking¹⁷.

STD1 (Tamoxifen) was shown more binding energy (-9.65), when compared with selected ligands of GR01, GR02, GR03, GR04, GR05, GR06, GR07, GR08, GR09, GR10, GR11, GR12, GR13, and GR1. Reference inhibitor (9CH) was shown more binding energy (-10.59), when compared with selected ligands of GR03, GR04, GR05, GR06, GR08, GR12, GR16, GR21, GR25, GR26, GR28, GR37, GR38, GR39, GR46, and GR47 respectively.

For docking results, amino acid residues linked with Reference inhibitor (9CH) binding position in the receptor at TRP A 28 (Pi-Pi Stacked Bond), TRP B 46 (Pi-Pi stacked bond), THR B 45 (Pi-Pi Stacked Bond), GLU B 47 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond), ARG A 51 (Conventional Hydrogen bond), GLU A 166 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond), GLY B 135 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond), ALA A 96 (Pi Alkyl Bond), ILE A 141 (Alkyl Bond). The Pose Run, RMSD value and the Inhibition Constant for

Reference inhibitor (9CH) was found 41, 1.557 and 17.30 nM respectively.

GR16, GR17, GR18, GR19, GR20, GR21, GR22, GR23, GR25, GR26, GR28, GR30, GR37, GR38, GR39, GR41, GR44, GR46, GR47, GR49 Respectively: For docking results, amino acid residues with STD1 (Tamoxifen) binding position in the receptor at TRP A 28 (Pi-Pi T shaped bond), TRP B 46 (Pi-Pi Stacked Bond), ARG A 51 (Pi Alkyl bond), LEU A 98 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond), GLU A 166 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond). The Pose Run, RMSD value and the Inhibition Constant for STD1 were found 6, 20.390 and 85.01 nM respectively¹⁸.

STD2 (cyclophosphamide) was shown more binding energy (-5.83), when compared with All the selected ligands. For docking results, amino acid residues with STD2 (cyclophosphamide) binding position in the receptor at TRP B 46 (Pi cation bond), ARG A 51 (Conventional Hydrogen Bond), GLY B 135 (Pi Cation Bond), TRP A 28 (Pi Alkyl bond). The Pose Run, RMSD value and the Inhibition Constant for STD2 were found 34, 19.875 and 53,670 nM respectively¹⁹.

STD3 (Doxorubicin) was shown more binding energy (-11.74), when compared with selected ligands of GR25, GR37, GR38, GR39 respectively. For docking results, amino acid residues with STD3 (doxorubicin) binding position in the receptor at ASP B 164 (Conventional Hydrogen Bond), GLU B 166 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond), GLY B 165 (Conventional Hydrogen Bond), TYR A 36 (Conventional Hydrogen Bond), TRP A 46 (Pi-Pi T shaped bond), PHE B 165 (Carbon Hydrogen Bond), VAL B 168 (Alkyl bond), ARG B 51 (Conventional Hydrogen Bond). The Pose Run, RMSD value and the Inhibition Constant for STD3 (doxorubicin) were found 47, 20.366 and 2.50 nM respectively²⁰.

Grid values of co-ordinates axis X, Y, Z are 2.086, -9.948, -17.613

Spacing of atoms 0.375

Angle of Dimensions X, Y, Z – 126, 126, 126

Docking Studies: The selected ligands, standards and inhibitors interaction with protein were

performed by using Autodock 4.0.1 and the output of docking results was calculated from dlj file **Table 2**. In comparison binding energy with Reference Inhibitor (-10.59), STD1 (-9.65), STD2 (-5.83), STD3 (-11.74); the selected ligand GR39 was showed lowest energy (-14.12). For docking results, amino acid residues with selected ligand GR39 binding position in the receptor at TRP B 46 (Naphthyl ring, Pi-Pi stacked bond), ARG A 51 (phenyl ethyl ring, Pi Cation bond), ARG A 84 (Pi Cation bond), GLN B 15 (Amino phenyl ring, Conventional Hydrogen Bond), TYR B 36 (Phenyl ring, Pi Donar Hydrogen Bond). The Pose Run, RMSD value and the Inhibition Constant for selected ligand GR39 were found 47, 30.726 and 44.59nM respectively. **Fig. 3** showing the 2D and 3D structures of GR39 selected ligand interaction with the crystal protein 5NWH²¹⁻²².

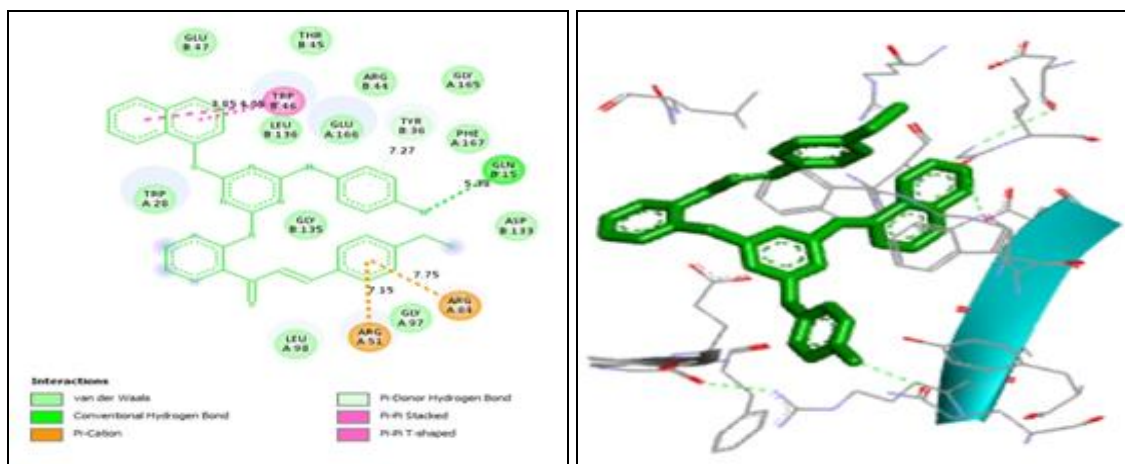


FIG. 3: 3D AND 2D STRUCTURES OF GR39 (E) (-1-(4-(4-(4-AMINOPHENYLAMINO)-6-(NAPHTHALEN-1-YLOXY)-1,3,5-TRIAZINE-2-YLAMINO) PHENYL)-3-(4-ETHYLPHENYL) PROP-2-EN-1-ONE)

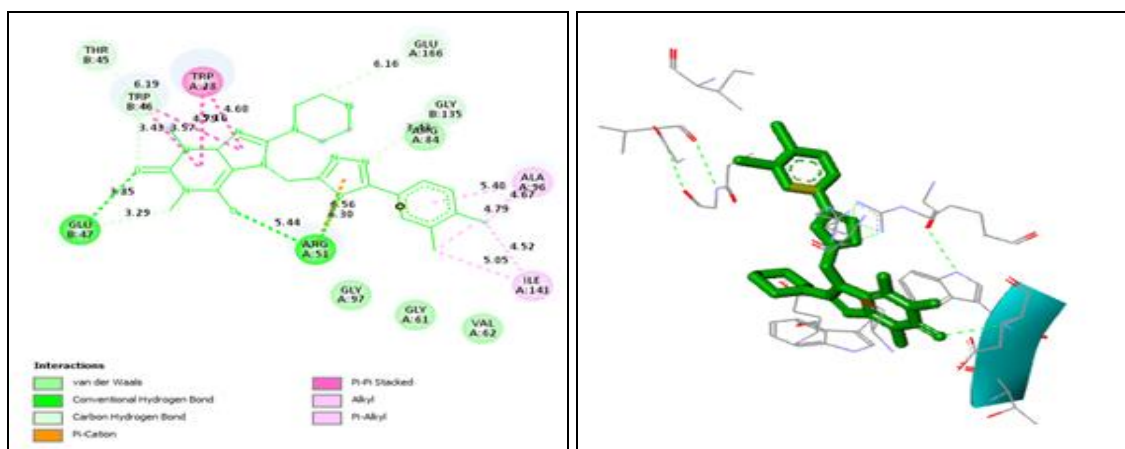


FIG. 4: 3D AND 2D STRUCTURE OF INHIBITOR (9CH)

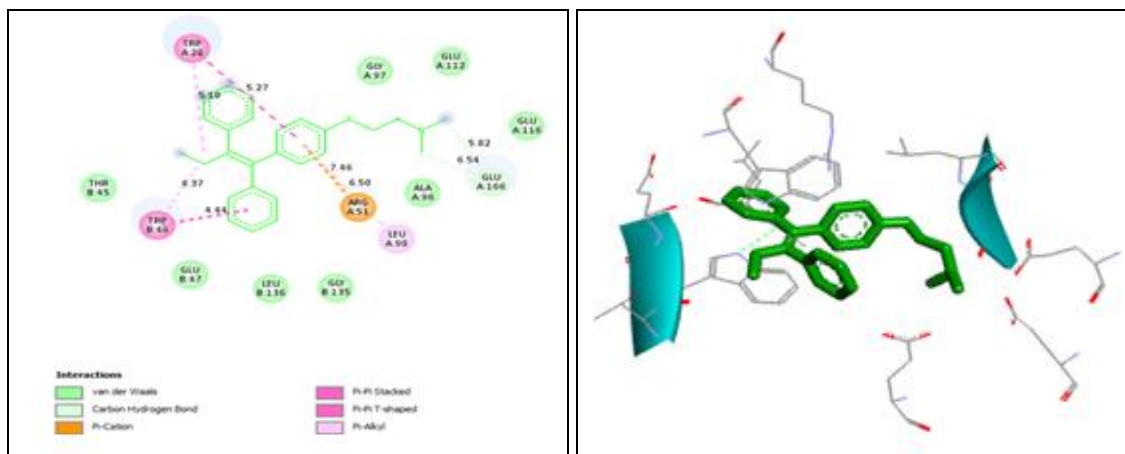


FIG. 5: 3D AND 2D STRUCTURE OF STD1 (TAMOXIFEN)

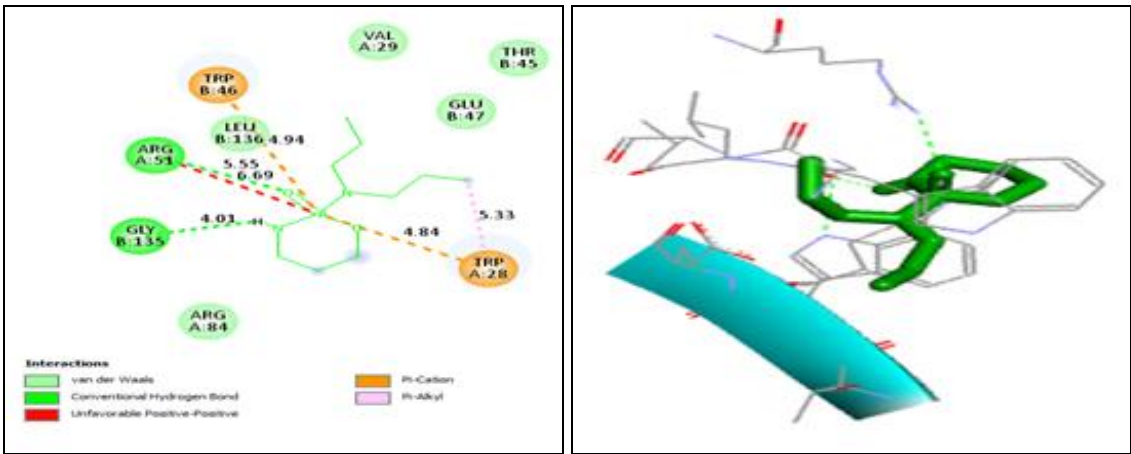


FIG. 6: 3D AND 2D STRUCTURE OF STD2 (CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE)

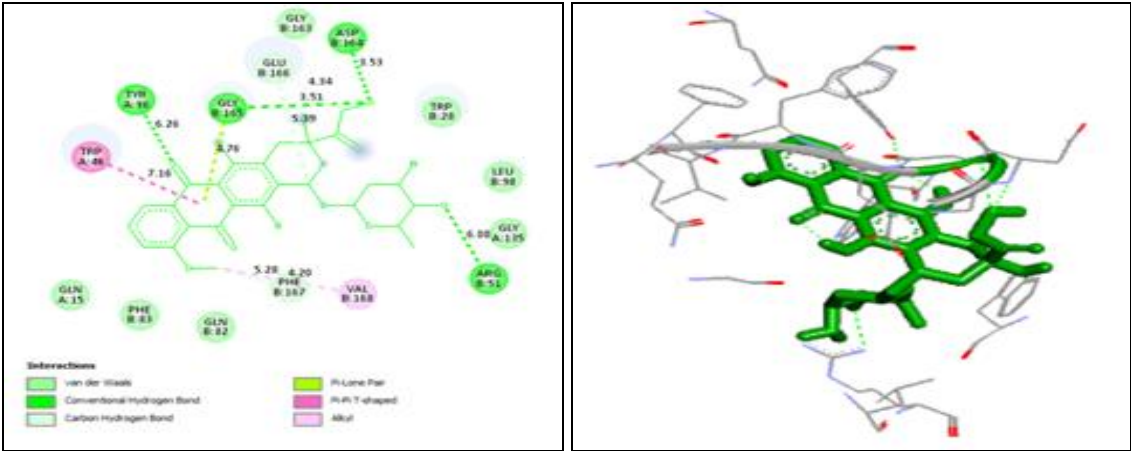
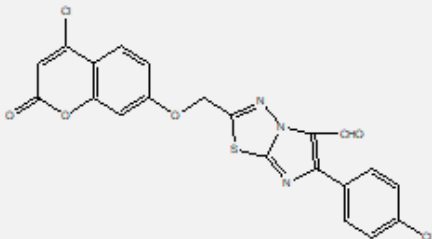
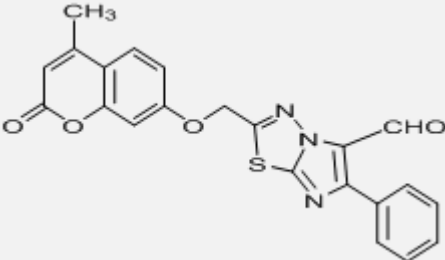
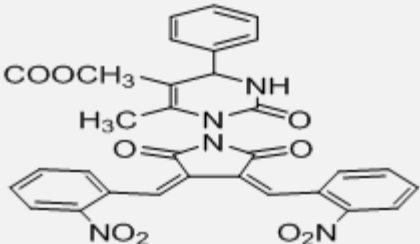
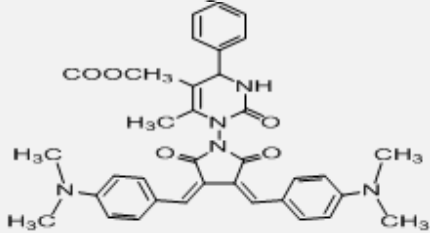
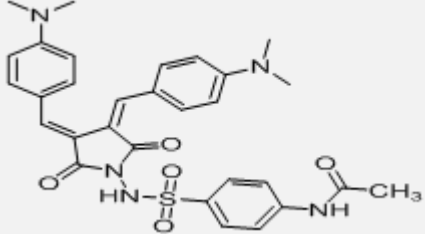
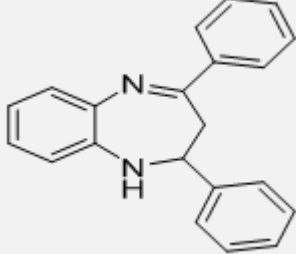
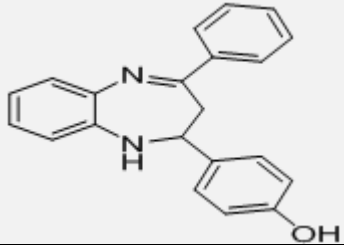
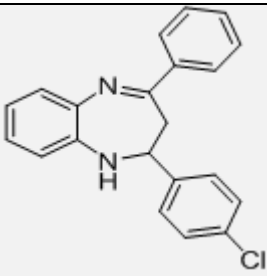
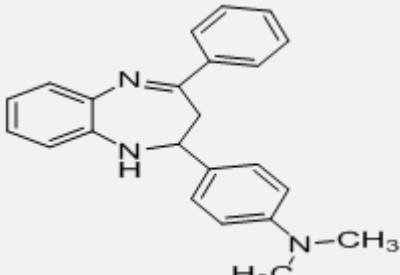
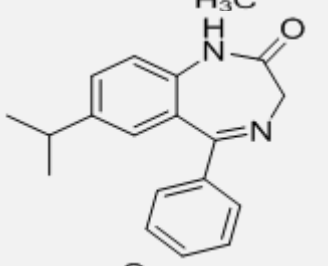
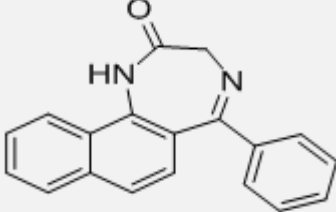
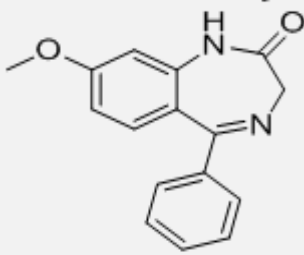
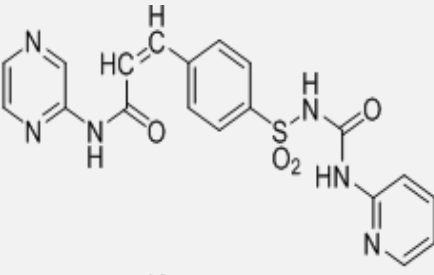
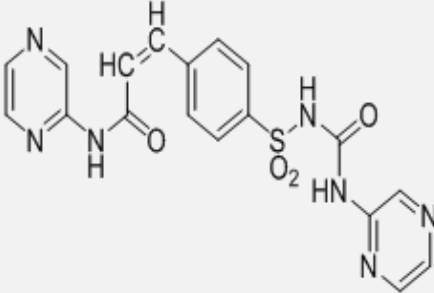


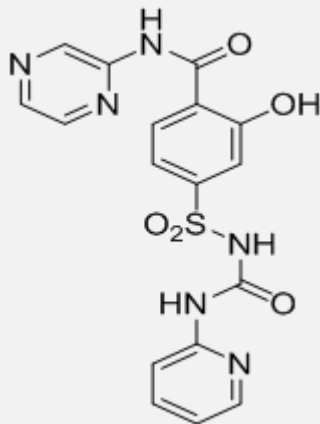
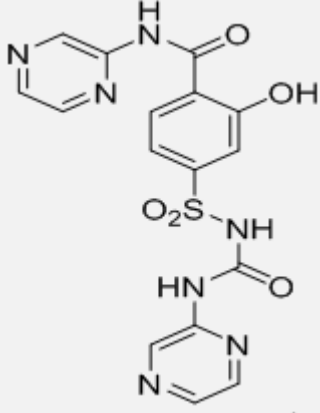
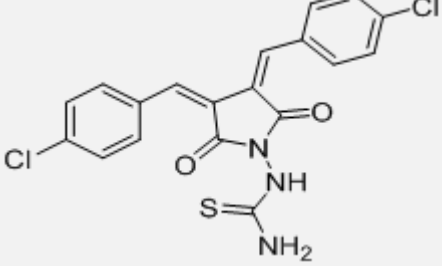
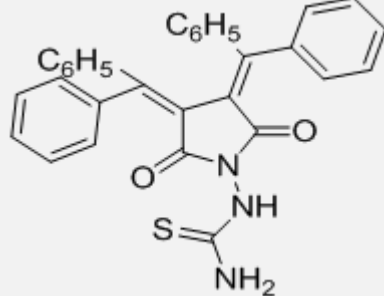
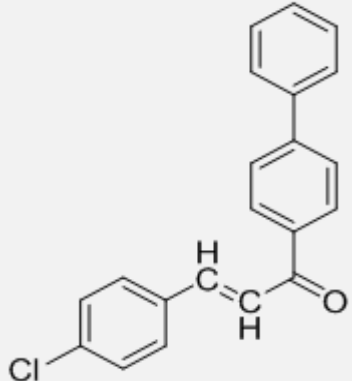
FIG. 7: 3D AND 2D STRUCTURE OF STD3 (DOXORUBICIN)

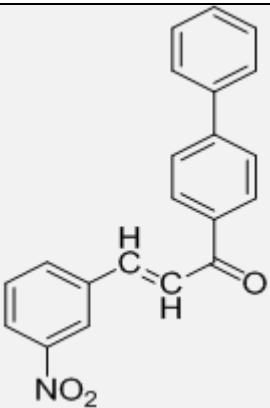
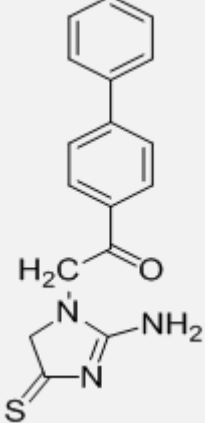
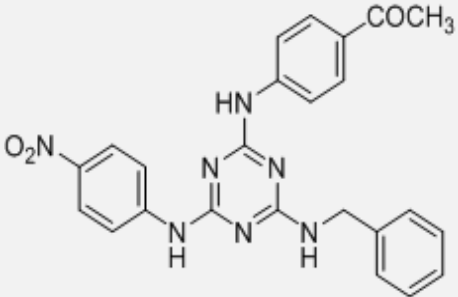
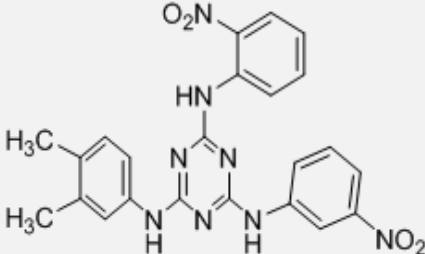
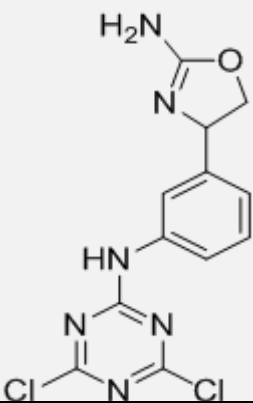
TABLE 1: CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF SELECTED LIGANDS, STANDARD DRUGS AND INHIBITOR’S

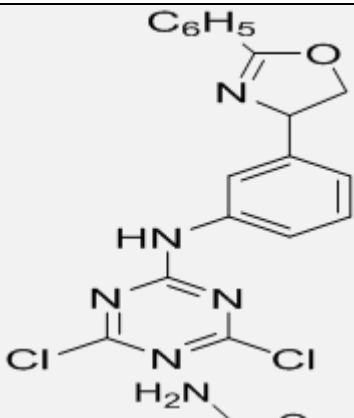
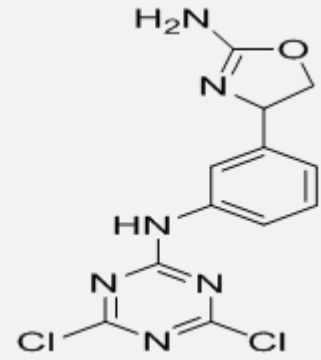
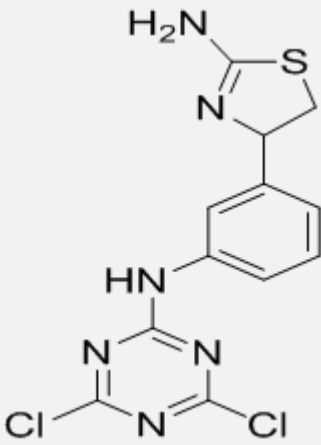
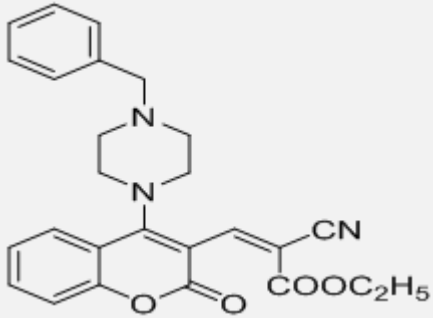
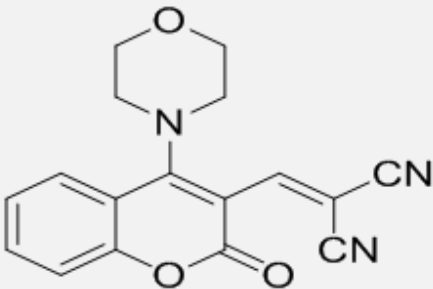
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2	GR02		3-(6-phenyl)imidazo(2,1-b)(1,3,4)thiadiazol-2-yl)2H-chromen-2-one	C ₁₉ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₂ S	345.37
3	GR03		6-(4methoxyphenyl)-2-([(4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7yl)oxy]methyl}imidazo(2,1-b)(1,3,4)thiadazole-5carbaldehyde	C ₂₃ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₅ S	447.46

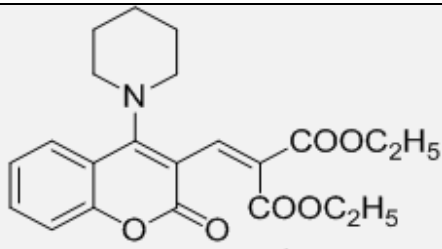
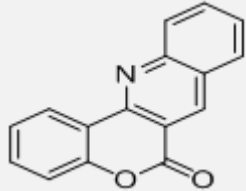
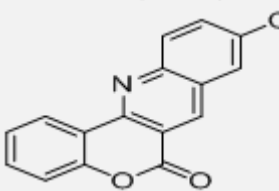
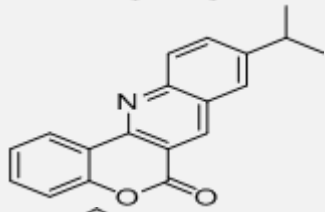
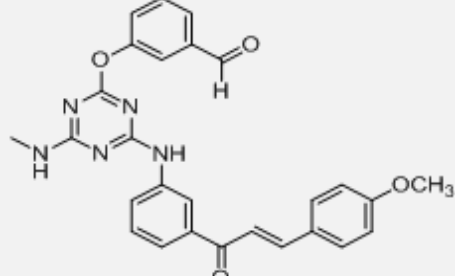
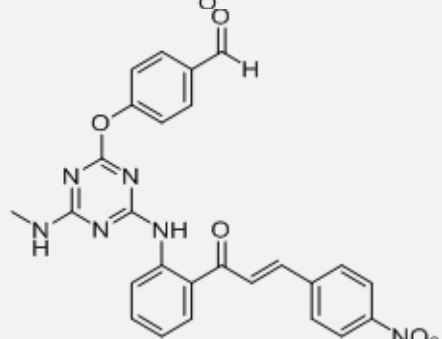
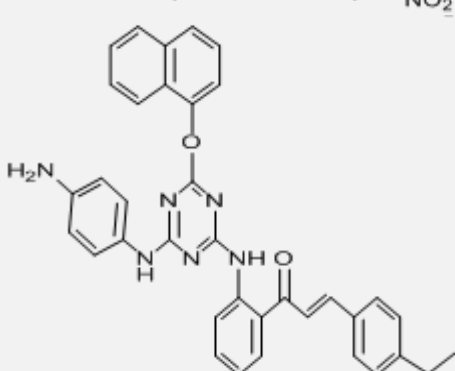
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5	GR05		2-(((4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl)oxy)methyl)-6-phenylimidazo(2,1-b)(1,3,4)thiadiazole-5-carbaldehyde	$C_{22}H_{15}N_3O_4S$	417.44
6	GR06		Methyl 1-[(19z,20z)-3,4-bis(2-nitrobenzylidene)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6-methyl-4-phenylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate	$C_{31}H_{23}N_5O_9$	609.54
7	GRO7		Methyl 1-[(19z,20z)-3,4-bis(4-(dimethylamino)benzylidene)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6-methyl-4-phenylpyrimidine-5-carboxylate	$C_{35}H_{35}N_5O_5$	605.68
8	GR08		N-1-(4-[(3-(E)-1-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]methylidene-4(z)-1[4(dimethylamino)phenyl]methylidene-2,5-dioxotetrahydro-1H-1-pyrrolyl)amino]sulphonyl-phenyl)acetamide	$C_{35}H_{35}N_5O_5$	605.68
9	GR09		2,3-dihydro-2-4-diphenyl-1H-1,5benzodiazepine	$C_{21}H_{18}N_2$	298.38
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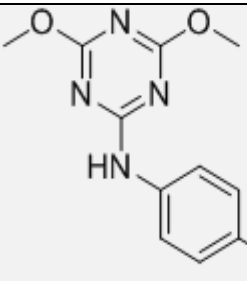
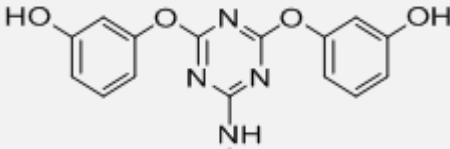
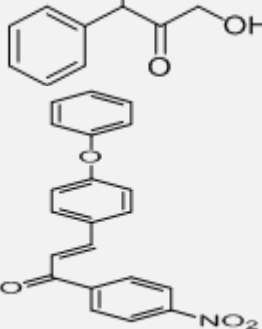
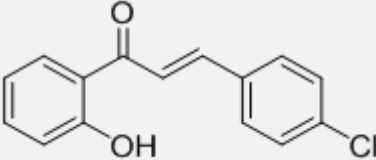
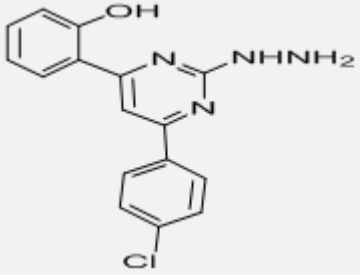
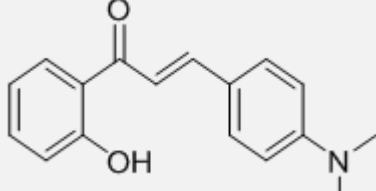
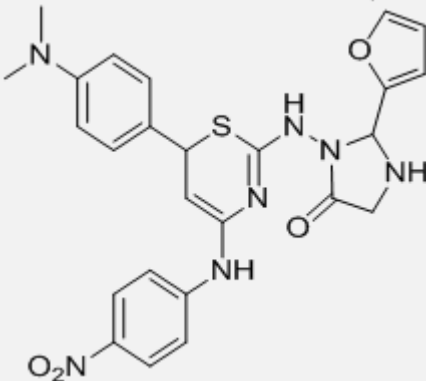
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13	GR13		7-isopropyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4benzodiazepine-2(3H)-one	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ N ₂ O	278.35
14	GR14		5-phenyl-1H-naptho[1,2][1,4]diazepine-2(3H)one	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ N ₂ O	286.33
15	GR15		8-methoxy-5-phenyl-1H-1,4benzodiazepine-2(3H)-one	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	266.29
16	GR16		(N1-(2-pyrazinyl)-(E)-3-[4-({[(2-pyridalamino)carbonyl]amino}sulfonyl)phenyl]-2-propenamide]	C ₁₉ H ₁₆ N ₆ O ₄ S	424.43
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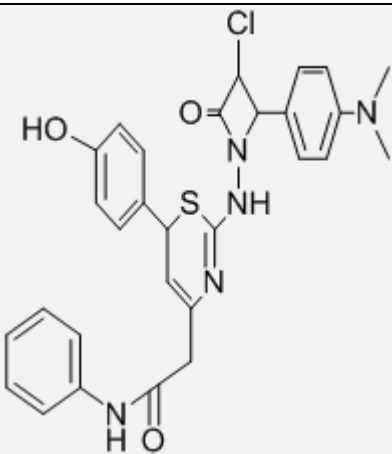
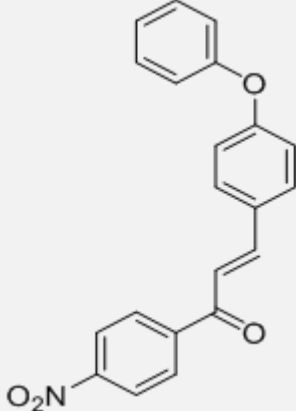
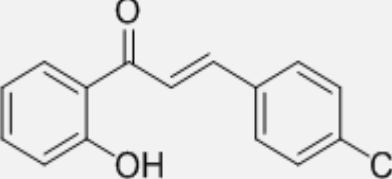
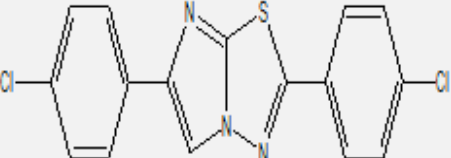
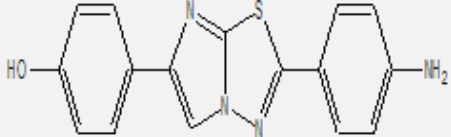
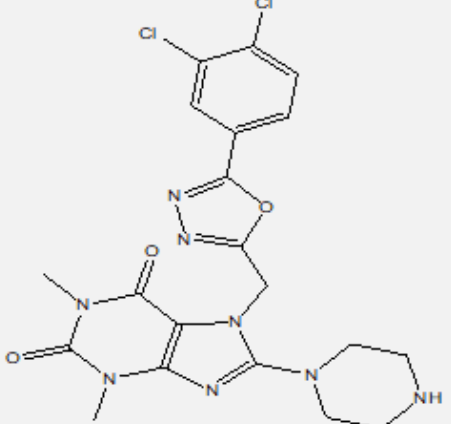
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21	GR21		1-2,5-dioxo-3,4- bis(diphenylmethylene)pyrrolidine-1- yl)thiourea	C ₃₁ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₂ S	501. 6
22	GR22		(E)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(4- chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₂₁ H ₁₅ ClO	318. 8

23	GR23		(E)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₂₁ H ₁₅ NO ₃	329.35
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25	GR25		1-(4-[4-(4-nitrophenylamino)-6-(benzylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-ylamino]phenyl)ethanone	C ₂₄ H ₂₁ N ₇ O ₃	455.47
26	GR26		N ² -(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-N ⁶ -(2-nitrophenyl)-N ⁴ -(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine	C ₂₄ H ₂₂ N ₈ O ₄	486.48
27	GR27		N-(3-(2-amino-4,5-dihydro oxazol-4-yl)-phenyl)-4,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine	C ₁₂ H ₁₀ Cl ₂ N ₆ O	325.15

28	GR28		4,6-dichloro-N-(3-(4,5-dihydro-2-phenyloxazol-4-yl)phenyl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine	$C_{18}H_{13}Cl_2N_5O$	386.23
29	GR29		N-(4-(2-amino-4,5-dihydro oxazol-4-yl)-phenyl)-4,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine	$C_{12}H_{10}Cl_2N_6O$	325.15
30	GR30		N-(4-(2-amino-4,5-dihydro thiazol-4-yl)-phenyl)-4,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine	$C_{12}H_{10}Cl_2N_6S$	341.22
31	GR31		(2z)-ethyl3-(4-(4-benzylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-oxo-2H chromen-3-yl)-2-cyanoacrylate	$C_{26}H_{25}N_3O_4$	443.49
32	GR32		2-((4-morpholino-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)methylene)malononitrile	$C_{17}H_{13}N_3O_3$	307.3

33	GR33		Diethyl 2-((2-oxo-4-(piperidin-1-yl)-2H-chromen-3-yl)methylene)malonate	C ₂₂ H ₂₅ NO ₆	399.44
34	GR34		6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolin-6-one	C ₁₆ H ₉ NO ₂	247.25
35	GR35		9-chloro-6H-chromeno[4,3-b]quinolin-6-one	C ₁₆ H ₈ ClNO ₂	281.69
36	GR36		6H-chromen[4,3-b]quinoline-6-one	C ₁₉ H ₁₅ NO ₂	289.33
37	GR37		(E)-1-(4-(methylamino)-6-(benzaldehyde-1-yloxy)-1,3,5-triazine-2-ylamino)phenyl)-3-(methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₂₇ H ₂₃ N ₅ O ₄	481.5
38	GR38		(E)-1-(4-(methylamino)-6-(benzaldehyde-1-yloxy)-1,3,5-triazine-2-ylamino)phenyl)-3-(nitrophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₂₆ H ₂₀ N ₆ O ₅	496.47
39	GR39		(E)-1-(4-(4-(4-aminophenylamino)-6-(naphthalen-1-yloxy)-1,3,5-triazine-2-ylamino)phenyl)-3-(4-ethylphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₃₆ H ₃₀ N ₆ O ₂	578.66

40	GR40		1-(4-(4,6-dimethoxy-1,3,5-triazine-2-ylamino)phenyl)ethanone	C ₁₃ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₃	274.28
41	GR41		1-(4,6-bis(3-hydroxyphenoxy)-1,3,5-triazin-2-ylamino)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-one	C ₁₉ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₆ S	430.43
42	GR42		1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₂₁ H ₁₅ NO ₄	345.35
43	GR43		3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ ClO ₂	258.7
44	GR44		2-(2-hydrazino-6-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl)phenol	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ ClN ₄ O	312.75
45	GR45		3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ NO ₂	267.32
46	GR46		3-(4-(4-nitrophenylamine)-6-(4-dimethylamino)phenyl)-6H-1,3-thiazin-2-ylamino)-2-(furan-2-yl)imidazolidine-4-one	C ₂₅ H ₂₅ N ₇ O ₄ S	519.58

47	GR47		1-(4-phenylacetamido)-6-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-6H-1,3-thiazin-2-ylamino-4-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-chloroazetidin-2-one	$C_{29}H_{28}ClN_5O_3$ S	562.08
48	GR48		1-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-(4-phenoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	$C_{21}H_{15}NO_4$	345.35
49	GR49		3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(2-hydroxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one	$C_{21}H_{15}NO_4$	345.35
50	GR50		2,6-bis(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole	$C_{16}H_9Cl_2N_3S$	346.23
51	GR51		4-(2-(4-aminophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-6-yl)phenol	$C_{16}H_{15}N_7O_2$	337.34
52	Inhibitor		7-[[5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl]methyl]-1,3-dimethyl-8-piperazin-1-yl-purine-2,6-dione	$C_{20}H_{20}Cl_2N_8O_3$	491.33

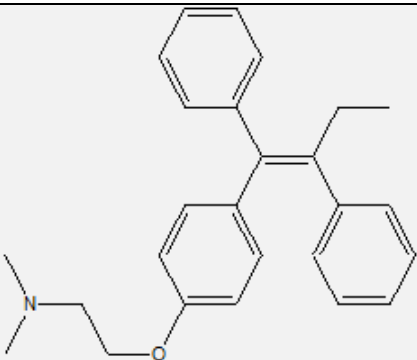
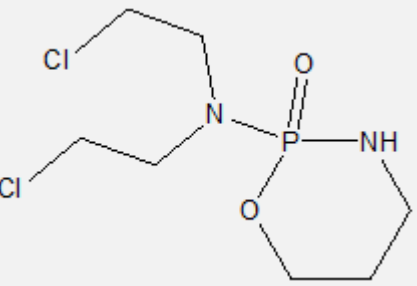
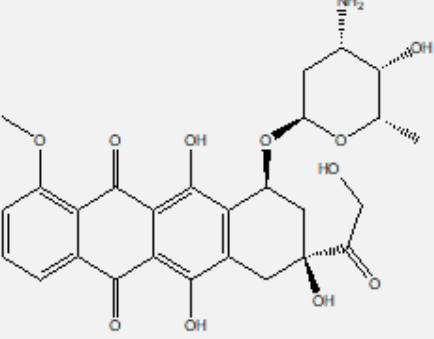
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54	STD2		2-(bis(2-chloroethyl)amino)tetrahydro-2H-1,3,2-oxazaphosphorine 2-oxide	C ₁₂ H ₂₈ Cl ₂ N ₃ O ₂ P	348.25
55	STD3		(8S,10S)-10-{[(2R,4S,5S,6S)-4-Amino-5-hydroxy-6-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl]oxy}-8-glycoloyl-6,8,11-trihydroxy-1-methoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-5,12-tetracenedione	C ₂₇ H ₂₉ NO ₁₁	543.52

TABLE 2: DOCKING VALIDATION RESULTS OF SELECTED LIGANDS, STANDARD DRUGS AND INHIBITOR

S. no.	Code	Lowest Binding Energy	Run	RMSD	Inhibition Constant (Nm)
1	GR01	-10.11	10	20.842	39.01
2	GR02	-9.73	44	19.766	73.89
3	GR03	-10.96	42	17.240	9.23
4	GR04	-10.67	15	20.058	15.20
5	GR05	-11.14	25	30.720	6.81
6	GR06	-11.27	15	14.41	5.45
7	GR07	-9.88	2	17.564	57.58
8	GR08	-10.69	21	16.289	14.62
9	GR09	-9.73	28	15.760	73.67
10	GR10	-9.76	39	25.877	70.04
11	GR11	-10.13	35	16.210	37.83
12	GR12	-11.30	17	16.419	5.18
13	GR13	-10.03	9	26.957	44.16
14	GR14	-9.87	30	26.729	58.58
15	GR15	-8.44	42	27.418	651.27
16	GR16	-10.84	22	21.987	11.38
17	GR17	-10.37	4	21.906	25.18
18	GR18	-10.10	24	22.229	39.41
19	GR19	-9.84	6	16.500	61.08
20	GR20	-9.74	49	21.782	72.82
21	GR21	-10.63	36	28.176	16.10
22	GR22	-9.80	41	22.173	65.41
23	GR23	-10.59	30	29.195	17.24
24	GR24	-8.84	29	20.690	332.21

25	GR25	-13.14	33	24.165	232.57
26	GR26	-11.70	47	22.571	2.67
27	GR27	-9.56	18	17.957	98.70
28	GR28	-10.61	27	24.557	16.75
29	GR29	-9.56	19	17.767	98.93
30	GR30	-9.86	24	17.925	58.82
31	GR31	-9.28	45	25.546	158.00
32	GR32	-9.62	48	27.210	88.47
33	GR33	-9.21	12	17.264	177.49
34	GR34	-9.19	7	25.796	184.50
35	GR35	-9.28	20	26.988	158.16
36	GR36	-9.59	8	27.674	93.20
37	GR37	-13.33	24	19.650	170.11
38	GR38	-13.08	5	32.374	257.38
39	GR39	-14.12	47	30.726	44.59
40	GR40	-8.51	49	25.623	581.19
41	GR41	-9.75	34	20.465	71.56
42	GR42	-9.46	15	16.978	117.06
43	GR43	-8.24	26	25.157	917.00
44	GR44	-9.74	39	27.274	72.83
45	GR45	-8.12	34	18.677	1,130
46	GR46	-11.46	4	30.091	3.95
47	GR47	-11.35	15	27.740	4.80
48	GR48	-9.63	11	32.194	88.05
49	GR49	-8.76	25	20.865	379.97
50	GR50	-9.56	20	19.622	98.42
51	GR51	-9.17	18	20.684	188.56
52	Inhibitor 9CH	-10.59	41	1.557	17.30
53	STD1 Tamoxifen	-9.65	6	20.390	85.01
54	STD2 Cyclophosphamide	-5.83	34	19.875	53,670
55	STD3 Doxorubicin	-11.74	47	20.366	2.50

CONCLUSION: Breast cancer is one of the most common types of malignancies in women in world wide. The risk of breast increases with age Between 45 to 50 in females. So we conducted docking studies on the marketed drugs, Reference Inhibitor with selected ligands on breast cancer crystal protein (PDB: 5NWH).

In this study the crystal structure of 5NWH receptor bound to 9CH was replaced with 51 selected ligands as potential target for breast Cancer. So among 51 selected ligands GR39 (-14.12) showed lowest binding energy compared with Reference Inhibitor (-10.59), STD1 (-9.65), STD2 (-5.83), STD3 (-11.74). In future, studies will be performed to establish the *in-vitro*, *in-vivo* on breast cancer cell lines.

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