



## *In vitro* anti-proliferative activity of newly synthesized compounds of substituted-(3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5yl)-methyl-9-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzocyclohepten-8-carboxylates

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### ABSTRACT

A series of the newly synthesized substituted-(3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5yl)-methyl-9-chloro-2,3-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzocyclohepten-8-carboxylates 13a-h have been assessed for their anti-proliferative activity *in vitro* and shown negative effect with GI<sub>50</sub> values 0.320-4.750  $\mu$ M towards cancer cell growth. The compounds 13d, 13e, 13f, 13g showed significant activity towards three cancer cell lines of human. Among them 13 gm showed strong anti-cancer activity towards PANC-1 at 0.312 mM respectively. Notably, compound 13e showed significant activity at 0.320 mM against MDA MB-231 respectively.



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### INTRODUCTION

With the discovery of Colchicine [1, 2] (I), the anti-cancer effect of benzosuberone has been raised since 1984. In drug discovery program Benzosuberone, which contain the core structure take a different role, particularly in natural products. The associated components of benzosuberone have been marvellous agents for therapeutic purpose as cytotoxic [3-5], anticancer [6, 7], CB1 (high) receptors [8], anti-malarial [9] and strong activity of antagonistic [8]. Here, few new analogues of benzosuberone [10, 11], (II-IV) represent in Figure 1 are proved to be effective as tubulin (polymerization inhibitors).

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Required human cancer cell lines (MDA MB 231, He La, and IMR 32, MIAPACA, and SIHA, PANC-1) procured from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), US.

The newly synthesized compounds 13a-h [12] were analysed according to usual reported method for their anti-proliferative activity for three various cancer cell lines of human as SIHA, MDA MB 231, PANC-1 *in vitro*. A protocol of drug exposure for 48h continuously and SRB cell proliferation assay was used for estimation viability or growth of cell. In a humidified atmosphere containing 10% FBS and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37 °C for growth of cell lines (Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium). Cells were trypsinized and aliquots at plating densities based on the individual cell lines doubling time, from T25 flasks/60 mm dishes sub-confluent and 96-well plates in 100  $\mu$ L were seeded.

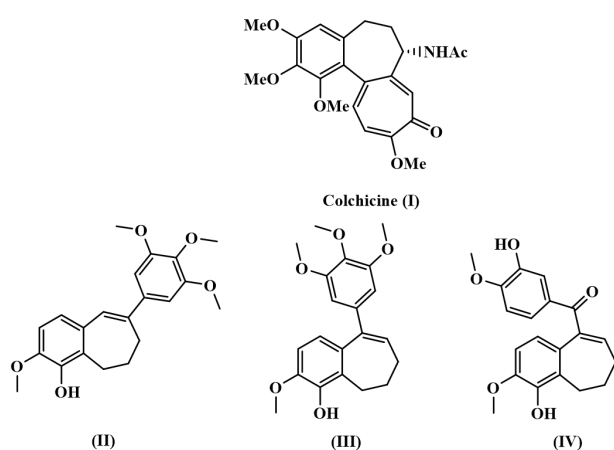
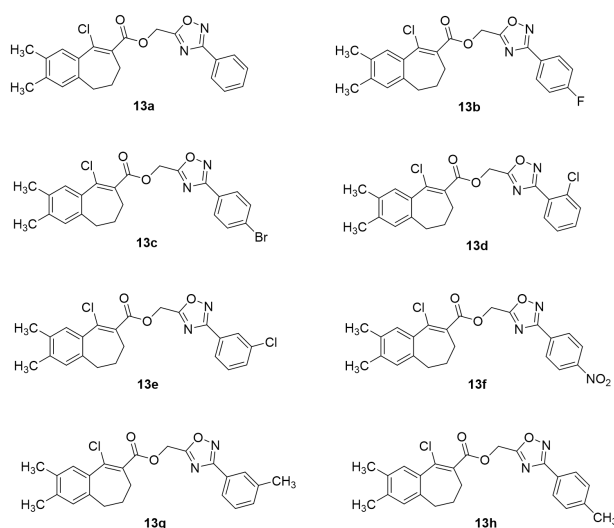
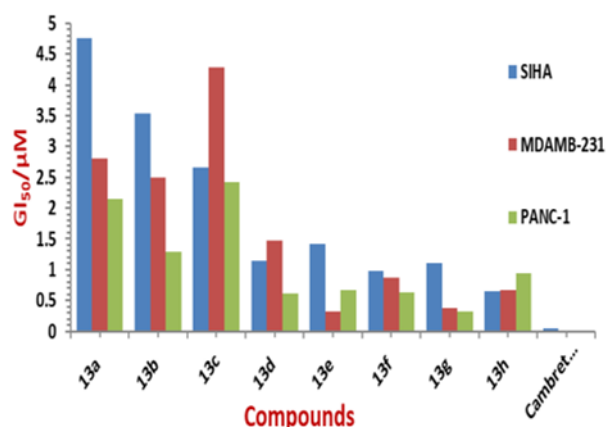
### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### Compounds Effects on the Viability of Human Cancer Cells

The anti cancer activity *in vitro* of the compounds 13a-h was observed against three various cancer cell lines of human SIHA (uterus), MDA-MB-231

**Table 1: ( $GI_{50}/\mu M$ ) Values of the Tested Compounds (13a-h)**

S. No	Compound	SIHA	MDAMB-231	PANC-1
1	13a	4.750 $\pm$ 0.07	2.800 $\pm$ 0.02	2.155 $\pm$ 0.02
2	13b	3.530 $\pm$ 0.01	2.500 $\pm$ 0.03	1.290 $\pm$ 0.04
3	13c	2.650 $\pm$ 0.02	4.280 $\pm$ 0.07	2.421 $\pm$ 0.03
4	13d	1.140 $\pm$ 0.05	1.475 $\pm$ 0.05	0.612 $\pm$ 0.05
5	13e	1.411 $\pm$ 0.06	0.320 $\pm$ 0.01	0.670 $\pm$ 0.07
6	13f	0.972 $\pm$ 0.02	0.860 $\pm$ 0.06	0.633 $\pm$ 0.01
7	13g	1.109 $\pm$ 0.02	0.370 $\pm$ 0.02	0.312 $\pm$ 0.04
8	13h	0.650 $\pm$ 0.04	0.660 $\pm$ 0.05	0.950 $\pm$ 0.08
9	Cambretostatin(CA4) <sup>b</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.001	0.019 $\pm$ 0.001	<0.01

**Figure 1: Benzocycloheptenone Core Structure with Biological Importance****Figure 2: Schemes of the Tested Compounds (13a-h)****Figure 3: ( $GI_{50}/\mu M$ )<sup>a</sup> Values of the Tested Compounds (13a-h)**

(breast), PANC-1(pancreatic) summarised in the Table 1 (Figure 2, Figure 3). Compounds were chosen for an advanced assay against four cancer cell lines of human at five different concentrations (0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100  $\mu M$ ).  $GI_{50}$  was calculated. As compared with standard Combretostatin these values in arrangement to concentration of the compound causing 50% net cell growth decrease. For each one of these parameters results were calculated.

According to Table 1, 13a-h the synthesised series of compounds have shown negative towards the growth of cancer cell with  $GI_{50}$  values (0.312-4.750  $\mu M$ ). Benzocycloheptenone of various substituents activity was examined. Based on demonstration many of the compounds show moderate cytotoxicities to the cell lines and can be compared with the activity to the +ve control of Combretostatin.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, with subject to Table above, the newly synthesized a series of compounds 13a-h with  $GI_{50}$  values (0.320-4.750  $\mu M$ ) have shown effect on cancer cell growth inhibition. On dimethyl-

benzocycloheptenone the effect of various substituents was analysed. The compounds 13d, 13e, 13f, 13g showed good activity towards three cancer cell lines of human. Among them 28k showed strong anti-cancer activity towards PANC-1 at 0.312 mM respectively. Notably, compound 13e showed significant activity at 0.320 mM against MDA MB-231 respectively.

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## Conflict of Interest

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## Future Perspectives

Benzosuberone based compounds form an important class of benzofused heterocycles with a wide spectrum of biological activities such as anti-cancer. Many compounds are in development phase as potential new drugs acting against different targets. A literature survey revealed that modification on benzosuberone pharmacophore may results in increase in its biological potencies.

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