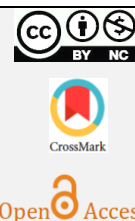




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SYNTHESIS AND ANTICANCER ACTIVITY TOWARDS HEPG-2 AND MCF-7 OF NEW 2-AMINO-1,3,4-THIADIAZOLE AND THEIR SUGAR DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT

Background: In recent papers, it was found that 1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole and 1,2,4-triazole pharmacophores are present in several drugs, tiadazosin and nesapidil (antihypertensive), raltegravir (antiretroviral), Furamizole, cefazolin and ceftazidime (antibiotics), acetazolamide and methazolamide (carbonic anhydrase inhibitors), sulfamethizole (antibacterial), fluconazole, ravuconazole, voriconazole, itraconazole, posaconazole, and tebuconazole (antifungal).

Methods: Thiosemicarbazide was reacted with ethyl p-substituted-phenyl glycinate; namely, ethyl p-tolylglycinate (1), ethyl p-methoxyphenylglycinate (2) or ethyl p-bromophenylglycinate (3), respectively to give compounds 4-6, which then kept with conc. H₂SO₄ overnight to yield 1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine derivatives 7-9. Compounds 10-18 were yielded by reaction of compounds 7-9 with D-sugars namely, D-galactose, D-glucose and/ or D-xylose in ethanol and catalytic amount of acetic acid. Compounds (10-18) were then acetylated with acetic anhydride to form compounds (19-21). Finally compound 7 was reacted with chloroacetyl chloride and/or acetic anhydride to afford compounds 22 and/or 23 respectively.

Results: Six compounds were evaluated in vitro for their cytotoxic activity on the HepG-2 and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines.

Conclusion: Among the tested compounds, compounds 6 and 13 were found to be the more potent for their cytotoxic activity on the two cancer cell lines.

Keywords: 1,3,4-Thiadiazol-2-amine, Cytotoxicity, HepG-2, MCF-7, Thiosemicarbazide.

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INTRODUCTION

1,3,4-oxadiazole, 1,3,4-thiadiazole and 1,2,4-triazole pharmacophores are present in several drugs viz., tiadazosin and nesapidil (antihypertensive), raltegravir (antiretroviral), Furamizole, cefazolin and ceftazidime (antibiotics)¹, acetazolamide and methazolamide (carbonic anhydrase inhibitors), sulfamethizole (antibacterial)², fluconazole, ravuconazole, voriconazole, itraconazole, posaconazole, and tebuconazole (antifungal)³⁻⁸. It is also observed that in response to antimicrobial resistance, medicinal chemists have intended to concentrate their efforts on the

development of more potent and effective antimicrobial drugs. The hybridization of the pharmacophores 1,3,4-Thiadiazole and 4-thiazolidinone in one molecular frame could show highly effective anti-inflammatory with broad spectrum and minimum side effects. Combining both scaffolds was expected to inhibit both COX-2 (1, 3, 4-thiadiazole), LOX (4-thiazolidinone) and provide better selectivity towards COX-2 over COX-1 enzyme due to their large volume which will not fit in the smaller COX-1 binding pocket⁹.

1,3,4-Thiadiazoles exhibit a broad spectrum of biological activity¹⁰ such as antimicrobial, anti-

inflammatory, anticancer, antituberculosis, antiparasitic, anticonvulsants, antioxidant, herbicidal and insecticidal properties. Desaglybuzole 124 (antidiabetic), Acetazolamide 125 (for glaucoma), Furidiazine 126 (antimicrobial) and Butazolamide 127 (diuretic) are commercially available 1,3,4-thiadiazole drugs. In recent years, we were put in a project aiming for the development of a series of novel anticancer agents¹¹⁻²³ which contributed in publishing some effective papers in this order. Therefore, we synthesized new 2-(*p*-Substituted-phenylglycyl)hydrazine-1-carbo-thioamide derivatives which were cyclized to 1,3,4-thiadiazole-2-amine derivatives and then were reacted with *D*-sugars namely, *D*-galactose, *D*-glucose or *D*-xylose in ethanol and catalytic amount of acetic acid. Compounds (**10-18**) were then acetylated with acetic anhydride to form compounds (**19-21**). Finally, compound **7** was reacted with chloroacetyl chloride and/or acetic anhydride to afford compounds **22** and/or **23** respectively. Six compounds were evaluated *in vitro* for their cytotoxicity activity on the HepG-2 and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the fine chemicals are purchased from the sigma Aldrich company and the pure solvents are purchased from El Gomhoria chemical company, Cairo, Egypt. The spectroscopic analyses are performed at the Microanalytical Center, Cairo university, Cairo, Egypt. The biological Activity of the new compounds were performed at the biological activity center, Al Azher University, Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt.

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General Procedures

TLC was performed using aluminum plates pre-coated with silica gel 60 or 60 F254 (Merck) and visualized by iodine or UV light (254 nm). Melting points were determined on a Bötius PHMK (VebAnalytik Dresden) apparatus. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 300 and Bruker DRX 400 spectrometer at 25°C, unless otherwise stated. The NMR signals were referenced to TMS and the solvent shift ((CD₃)₂SO δ H 2.50 and δ C 39.5). Coupling constants are given in Hz and without sign. The IR-spectra were recorded (KBr) on a Jasco FT/IR-410 instrument; the UV-VIS spectra were recorded (CH₃OH) on a M40 Karl Zeiss Jena instrument. Mass spectrometry was carried out on a Varian FINNIGAN MAT 212 instrument and the elemental analysis on the Perkin Elmer 240 instrument.

2-(*p*-Substituted-phenylglycyl)hydrazine-1-carbo-thioamide (**4-6**)

To a well stirred suspension of thiosemicarbazide (10 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL), was added ethyl *p*-substituted-phenyl glycinate (**1-3**); namely, ethyl *p*-tolyl glycinate, ethyl *p*-methoxyphenyl glycinate or ethyl *p*-bromophenyl glycinate, respectively. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hrs, and then the solvent was reduced under vacuum. The remaining residue was left to cool at room temperature and the precipitated solid was filtered, dried, and crystallized from ethanol to give compounds (**4-6**), respectively.

2-(*p*-tolylglycyl)hydrazine-1-carbothioamide (**4**)

Yield: 79%; m.p. 275-277 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3375-3265 (NH₂), 3178 (NH), 1721 (C=O), 1609 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 2.1 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.5 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.73 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 6.9 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.19 (br.s, 1H, NH), 7.55 (br.s, 1H, NH), 8.63 (s, 1H, NH). m/z: 238.09 (100.0%), 239.09 (10.8%), 240.08 (4.5%), 239.09 (1.5%); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₀H₁₄N₄OS, M. Wt: 238.31) Calcd. C, 50.40; H, 5.92; N, 23.51; S, 13.46; Found: C, 50.45; H, 5.89; N, 23.50; S, 13.49.

2-(*p*-methoxyphenylglycyl)hydrazine-1-carbothioamide (**5**)

Yield: 79%; m.p. 274-276 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3378-3264 (NH₂), 3177 (NH), 1728 (C=O), 1620 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.9 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.75 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.5 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 6.94 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.20 (br.s, 1H, NH), 7.56 (br.s, 1H, NH), 8.65 (s, 1H, NH). m/z: 254.08 (100.0%), 255.09 (10.8%), 256.08 (4.5%), 255.08 (1.5%); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₀H₁₄N₄O₂S, M.Wt: 254.31) Calcd: C, 47.23; H, 5.55; N, 22.03; S, 12.61; Found: C, 47.43; H, 5.60; N, 22.0; S, 12.66.

2-(*p*-bromophenylglycyl)hydrazine-1-carbothioamide (**6**)

Yield: 79%; m.p. 275-277 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3380-3266 (NH₂), 3181 (NH), 1730 (C=O), 1621 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 4.62 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.75 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.55 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 6.95 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25 (br.s, 1H, NH), 7.59 (br.s, 1H, NH), 8.69 (s, 1H, NH). MS m/z: 303 (M⁺, 70%). m/z: 301.98 (100.0%), 303.98 (97.3%), 302.99 (9.7%), 304.99 (9.5%), 303.98 (4.5%), 305.98 (4.4%), 302.98 (1.5%), 304.98 (1.4%); Elemental Analysis for (C₉H₁₁BrN₄OS, M.Wt: 303.18) Calcd: C, 35.66; H, 3.66; Br, 26.36; N, 18.48; S, 10.57; Found: C, 35.45; H, 3.76; Br, 26.46; N, 18.55; S, 10.45.

5-[(*p*-Substituted-phenylimino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (**7-9**)

A mixture of compounds (**4-6**) (0.05 mol) and conc. H₂SO₄ (20 mL) was kept overnight at room temperature, then poured into cold water, neutralized with liquid ammonia, and filtered. The product that obtained was recrystallized from ethanol-water (1:1) to give compounds (**7-9**).

5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (**7**)

Yield: 74%; m.p. 270-272 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3400-3283 (NH₂, NH), 1620 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 2.6 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.62 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.20 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.98 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 7.11 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 7.24 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 13.17 (s, 1H, NH); MS m/z: 220 (M⁺, 70%). Elemental Analysis for (C₁₀H₁₂N₄S, M.Wt: 220.29) Calcd: C, 54.52; H, 5.49; N, 25.43; S, 14.55; Found: C, 54.56; H, 5.45; N, 25.50; S, 14.40.

5-[(*p*-methoxyphenylimino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (**8**)

Yield: 74%; m.p. 269-271 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3350, 3228 (NH₂, NH), 3050 (C-H), 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.9 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.75 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.5 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 6.94 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.56 (br.s, 1H, NH), MS m/z: 236 (M⁺,

70%). Elemental Analysis for (C₁₀H₁₂N₄O₅S, M.Wt: 236.29) Calcd: C, 50.83; H, 5.12; N, 23.71; S, 13.57; Found: C, 50.89; H, 5.23; N, 23.71; S, 13.47.

5-[(*p*-bromophenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (9)

Yield: 74%; m.p. 270-272 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3350, 3230 (NH₂, NH), 3065 (C-H), 1615 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 4.02 (s, 2H, CH₂), 5.75 (br.s, 2H, NH₂), 6.55 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 6.95 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25 (br.s, 1H, NH); MS m/z: 284 (M⁺, 1.90%), 285 (M⁺, 7.63%). Elemental Analysis for (C₉H₉BrN₄S, M.Wt: 285.16) :Calcd: C, 37.91; H, 3.18; Br, 28.02; N, 19.65; S, 11.24; Found: C, 37.87; H, 3.23; N, 19.70; S, 11.24.

***N*-(*D*-Galactopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-substitutedamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (10-18)**

A mixture of 5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (7), 5-[(*p*-methoxy phenylamino) methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (8), 5-[(*p*-bromophenylamino) methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (9) (0.01 mol), *d*-galactose, *d*-glucose or *d*-xylose (0.011 mol) in ethanol (30 mL), and a catalytic amount of acetic acid (3 drops) were heated at reflux temperature for 4 hrs. The formed precipitate was filtered on hot, washed with water several times, dried, and recrystallized from ethanol to give compounds (10-18), respectively.

***N*-(*D*-sugarpyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-substituted amino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (10)**

Yield: 88%; m.p. 266-268 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 2.6 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.31-3.37 (m, 2H, H-6',6''), 3.62-3.65 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.41 (m, 1H, OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 4.98-5.24 (m, 2H, 2OH), 5.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₆H₂₂N₄O₅S, M.Wt: 382.44) Calcd: C, 50.25; H, 5.80; N, 14.65; S, 8.38; Found: C, 50.45; H, 5.86; N, 14.45; S, 8.34.

***N*-(*D*-Glucopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (11)**

Yield: 63%; m.p. 249-251 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 2.6 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.31-3.37 (m, 2H, H-6',6''), 3.62-3.65 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.41-4.49 (m, 2H, 2OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 4.98-5.04 (m, 1H, OH), 5.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₆H₂₂N₄O₅S, M.Wt: 382.44) Calcd: C, 50.25; H, 5.80; N, 14.65; S, 8.38; Found: C, 50.34; H, 5.87; N, 14.55; S, 8.40.

***N*-(*D*-Xylopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (12)**

Yield: 68%; m.p. 246-248 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 2.6 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.62-3.65 (m, 2H, H-5',5''), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.26 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.41-4.49 (m, 2H, 2OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 5.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₅H₂₀N₄O₄S, M.Wt: 352.41) Calcd: C, 51.12; H, 5.72; N, 15.90; S, 9.10; Found: C, 51.22; H, 5.66; N, 15.90; S, 9.40.

***N*-(*D*-Galactopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-methoxyphenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (13)**

Yield: 62%; m.p. 222-224°C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.31-3.37 (m, 2H, H-6',6''), 3.62-3.65 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.41 (m, 1H, OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 4.98-5.24 (m, 2H, 2OH), 5.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₆H₂₂N₄O₆S, M. Wt: 398.43) Calcd: C, 48.23; H, 5.57; N, 14.06; S, 8.05; Found: C, 48.33; H, 5.52; N, 14.0; S, 8.0.

***N*-(*D*-Glucopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-methoxyphenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (14)**

Yield: 68%; m.p. 251-253 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.31-3.37 (m, 2H, H-6',6''), 3.62-3.65 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.41-4.49 (m, 2H, 2OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 4.98-5.04 (m, 1H, OH), 5.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); m/z: 398.13 (100.0%), 399.13 (17.3%); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₆H₂₂N₄O₆S, M.Wt: 398.43) Calcd: C, 48.23; H, 5.57; N, 14.06; S, 8.05; Found: C, 48.33; H, 5.45; N, 14.0; S, 8.12.

***N*-(*D*-Xylopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-methoxyphenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (15)**

Yield: 79%; m.p. 281-283°C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.62-3.65 (m, 2H, H-5',5''), 3.80 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.26 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.41-4.49 (m, 2H, 2OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 5.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₅H₂₀N₄O₅S, M.Wt: 368.41) Calcd: C, 48.90; H, 5.47; N, 15.21; S, 8.70; Found: C, 48.89; H, 5.50; N, 15.27; S, 8.77.

***N*-(*D*-Galactopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-bromophenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (16)**

Yield: 74%; m.p. 266-268 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.31-3.37 (m, 2H, H-6',6''), 3.62-3.65 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.41 (m, 1H, OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 4.98-5.24 (m, 2H, 2OH), 5.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₅H₁₉BrN₄O₅S, M.Wt: 447.30) Calcd: C, 40.28; H, 4.28; N, 12.53; S, 7.17; Found: C, 40.35; H, 4.14; N, 12.45; S, 7.23.

***N*-(*D*-Glucopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-bromophenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (17)**

Yield: 89%; m.p. 270-272 °C. IR (KBr) cm⁻¹, ν : 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 3.31-3.37 (m, 2H, H-6',6''), 3.62-3.65 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.32 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.41-4.49 (m, 2H, 2OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 4.98-5.04 (m, 1H, OH), 5.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.2 Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₅H₁₉BrN₄O₅S, M.Wt: 447.30) Calcd:

C, 40.28; H, 4.28; N, 12.53; S, 7.17; Found: C, 40.34; H, 4.14; N, 12.50; S, 7.19.

***N*-(*D*-Xylopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-bromophenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (18)**

Yield: 77%; m.p. 275-277 °C. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} , $\bar{\nu}$: 3460 (OH), 3225 (NH), 1681, 1610 (C=N); ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 300 MHz): 3.62-3.65 (m, 2H, H-5',5''), 3.94-4.25 (m, 2H, H-4',3'), 4.26 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.41-4.49 (m, 2H, 2OH), 4.77-4.86 (m, 2H, OH and H-2'), 5.49 (d, 1H, $J = 8.2$ Hz, H-1'), 6.46 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.94-10.02 (br.s, 2H, 2NH ex.); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₄H₁₇BrN₄O₄S, M. Wt: 417.28) Calcd: C, 40.30; H, 4.11; Br, 19.15; N, 13.43; S, 7.68; Found: C, 40.40; H, 4.31; Br, 19.12; N, 13.41; S, 7.66.

***N*-(*Tetra-O*-acetyl-*D*-sugerypyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-substitutedamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (19-21)**

To a solution of glycosides **10**, **11** and **18** (1 mmol) in pyridine (15 mL) was added acetic anhydride (5 mmol) and the obtained clear solution was stirred at room temperature for 10 hrs. The reaction mixture was poured onto crushed ice, and the product that separated out was filtered off, washed with sodium hydrogen carbonate, water, then dried and recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give the acetylated products (**19-21**), respectively.

***N*-(*Penta-O*-acetyl-*D*-galactopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (19)**

Yield: 80%; m.p. 256-258 °C. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} , $\bar{\nu}$: 3225 (NH), 1748 (C=O), 1610 (C=N). m/z: 550.17 (100.0%), 551.18 (26.0%), 552.17 (4.5%), 552.18 (3.2%), 552.18 (1.8%), 551.17 (1.5%), 553.17 (1.2%). Elemental Analysis for (C₂₄H₃₀N₄O₉S, M. Wt: 550.58) Calcd: C, 52.36; H, 5.49; N, 10.18; S, 5.82. Found: C, 52.26; H, 5.42; N, 10.18; S, 5.80.

***N*-(*Penta-O*-acetyl-*D*-glucopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (20)**

Yield: 89%; m.p. 270-272 °C. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} , $\bar{\nu}$: 3255 (NH), 1748 (C=O), 1608 (C=N) m/z: 550.17 (100.0%), 551.18 (26.0%), 552.17 (4.5%); Elemental Analysis for (C₂₄H₃₀N₄O₉S; 550.58) Calcd: C, 52.36; H, 5.49; N, 10.18; S, 5.82; Found: C, 52.23; H, 5.50; N, 10.22; S, 5.82.

***N*-(*Tetra-O*-acetyl-*D*-xylopyranosyl)-5-[(*p*-bromophenylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine (21)**

Yield: 84%; m.p. 270-272 °C. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} , $\bar{\nu}$: 3225 (NH), 1751 (C=O), 1612 (C=N). m/z: 542.05 (100.0%), 544.05 (97.3%), 543.05 (21.6%), Elemental Analysis for (C₂₀H₂₃BrN₄O₇S, M.Wt: 543.39) Calcd: C, 44.21; H, 4.27; Br, 14.70; N, 10.31; S, 5.90; Found: C, 44.11; H, 4.34; Br, 14.70; N, 10.23 S, 5.95.

2-Chloro-*N*-(5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)acetamide (22)

To a round bottomed flask, was added compound **17** (10 mmol) and triethylamine (13 mmol). The mixture was stirred in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0°C, then a solution of chloroacetyl chloride (0.83 mL, 11 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added to the mixture slowly. The reaction mixture was warmed at room temperature and stirred for 1 h. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and was mixed with saturated NaCl. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, the solvent was removed under reduced

pressure, and the remaining solid was washed with cold ethanol to afford compound **22**. Recrystallized from ethyl alcohol. Yield: 77%; m.p 245-247 °C. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} , $\bar{\nu}$: 3230 (NH), 1672 (C=O), 1610 (C=N). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 300 MHz): δ 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.22 (s, 2H, CH₂) 4.33 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.45 (d, 2H, 2CH), 7.10 (d, 2H, 2CH), 7.35 (s, 1H, NH ex.), 12.50(s, 1H, NH ex.); m/z: 296.05 (100.0%), 298.05 (32.0%), 297.05 (13.0%); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₂H₁₃ClN₄OS, M.Wt: 296.77) Calcd: C, 48.57; H, 4.42; Cl, 11.95; N, 18.88; S, 10.80; Found: C, 48.59; H, 4.36; Cl, 11.99; N, 18.88; S, 10.76.

***N*-(5-[(*p*-Tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)acetamide (23)**

To a stirred heterogeneous suspension of the amine **7** (1 mmol) in water (5 mL) was added HCl 6N (in the volume range of 240-400 μL) until the solution became homogeneous (pH \approx 1.5). The resulting homogenous solution was cooled in an ice bath. To this was then added anhydride (1-1.5 mmol) followed by solid sodium bicarbonate (185-300 mg) until there was no further effervescence or pH of the mixture became ca 5.5. The precipitate product was filtered, washed with water (2 \times 1 mL), and dried to give compound (**23**). Recrystallized from chloroform. Yield: 80%; m.p. 266-268 °C. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} , $\bar{\nu}$: 3235 (NH), 1681 (C=O), 1612 (C=N). ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 300 MHz): δ 2.10 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.33 (s, 2H, CH₂), 6.45 (d, 2H, 2CH), 7.10 (d, 2H, 2CH), 7.35 (s, 1H, NH ex.), 12.50(s, 1H, NH ex.); m/z: 262.09 (100.0%), 263.09 (13.0%), 264.08 (4.5%), 263.09 (1.5%); Elemental Analysis for (C₁₂H₁₄N₄OS, M.Wt: 262.33) Calcd: C, 54.94; H, 5.38; N, 21.36; S, 12.2; Found: C, 54.64; H, 5.42; N, 21.26; S, 12.02.

Cytotoxic Activity

Cell culture conditions

The cells of human liver carcinoma (HepG-2), and human breast adenocarcinoma (MCF-7) were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, MD). All cells were maintained in a DMEM medium, which was supplemented with 10% of heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS), 100U/ml of each of penicillin and streptomycin. The cells were grown at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂.

MTT cytotoxicity assay

The cytotoxicity activity of the new compounds on the HepG-2, and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines were evaluated, employing the 3-[4,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolyl]-2,5-diphenyl-2H-tetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay, which was grounded on the reduction of the tetrazolium salt by the mitochondrial dehydrogenases in viable cells²⁴⁻²⁶. The cells were dispensed in a 96 well sterile microplate (3 \times 10⁴ cells/well), followed by their incubation at 37°C with a series of different concentrations of 10 μL of each compound or Doxorubicin® (positive control, in DMSO) for 48 h in serum free medium prior to the MTT assay. Subsequently, the media were carefully removed, 40 μL of MTT (2.5 mg/mL) were added to each well, and then incubated for an additional 4 h. The purple formazan dye crystals were solubilized by the addition of 200 μL of DMSO. The absorbance was measured at 570 nm applying a SpectraMax® Paradigm® Multi-

Mode microplate reader. The relative cell viability was expressed as the mean percentage of viable cells relative to the untreated control cells. All experiments were conducted in triplicate and were repeated on three different days. All values were represented as mean \pm SD. The IC₅₀s were determined by the SPSS probit analysis software program (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL).

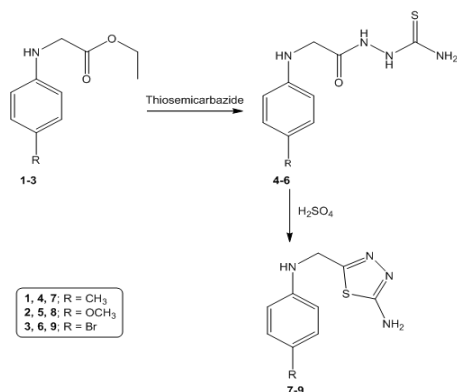


Figure 1: Synthesis of compound 4-9.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Thiosemicarbazide was reacted with ethyl *p*-substituted-phenyl glycinate; namely, ethyl *p*-tolylglycinate (**1**), ethyl *p*-methoxyphenylglycinate (**2**) or ethyl *p*-bromophenylglycinate (**3**), to give compounds (**4-6**), respectively. Composition and structure of compounds (**4-6**) were proved by their elemental and spectroscopic analyses. Their IR spectra showed absorption bands characterizing the stretching NH₂ groups in the range 3380-3266 and NH groups in the range 3181-318 cm⁻¹ in addition to C=O which showed the absorption bands around 1730-1721 cm⁻¹. The ¹H NMR spectra of the same compounds inferred signals for D₂O exchangeable NH₂ and NH groups at their specific regions. These compounds were then kept with conc. H₂SO₄ overnight to form compounds (**7-9**) respectively. The IR spectra of compounds (**7-9**) showed absorption bands characterizing the NH₂ and NH groups in the range 3283-3228 cm⁻¹. Also, ¹H NMR spectra of these compounds inferred signals for D₂O exchangeable NH₂, NH groups at their specific regions which helped to prove the structure of such compounds (Figure 1).

On the other hand, a mixture of 5-[(*p*-substituted amino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-amine derivatives (**7-9**) and *D*-galactose, *D*-glucose or *D*-xylose in ethanol and acatalytic amount of acetic acid was added to the mixture and refluxed to yield compounds (**10-18**), respectively. Their IR spectra showed the disappearance of the bands which characterizes for NH₂ and appearance of the strong and broad bands characterizing the poly-hydroxyl chain and NH groups in the range 3460-3225 cm⁻¹ (Figure 2). The acetylated derivatives **19-21** were produced by reacting the glycoside derivatives **10, 11** and **18** in pyridine with acetic anhydride and the obtained clear solution was stirred at room temperature. Composition and structure

of compounds **19-21** were proved by their elemental and spectroscopic analyses.

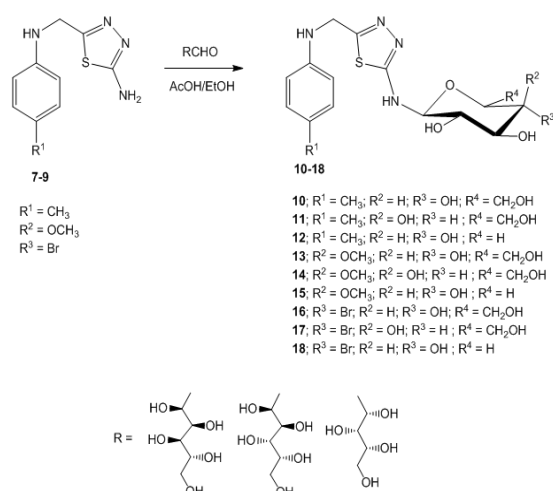


Figure 2: Synthesis of compounds 10-18.

Their IR spectra inferred absorption bands characterizing the poly NH groups around 3255-3225 cm⁻¹. Also, the strong broad bands of OH groups were disappeared and replaced by methyl groups (Figure 3).

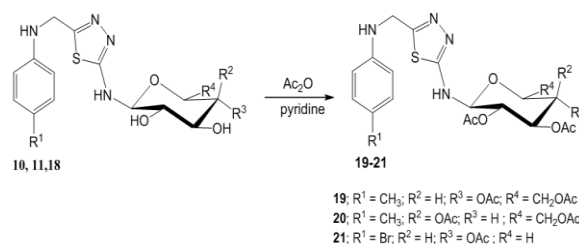


Figure 3: Synthesis of compounds 19-21.

2-Chloro-*N*-(5-[(*p*-tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)acetamide (**22**) was produced when compound **7** was reacted with chloroacetyl chloride. While, *N*-(5-[(*p*-Tolylamino)methyl]-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)acetamide (**23**) was produced when the same compound **7** was reacted with acetic anhydride.

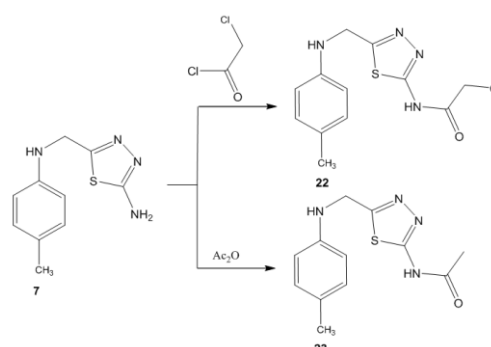


Figure 4: Synthesis of compounds 22 and 23.

The IR spectra of compounds **22** and **23** inferred two different bands, the band of NH group at 3230 cm⁻¹ in compound **22** while at 3235 cm⁻¹ in compound **23**, also, the a band of C=O group was at 1672 and 1681 cm⁻¹ in the same compound respectively (Figure 4).

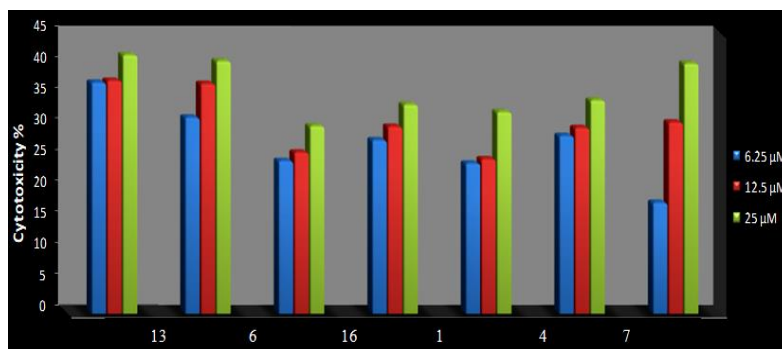


Figure 5: Dose-dependent cytotoxicity data of the compounds against the HepG-2 human cancer type, according to the MTT assay after 48 h of exposure.

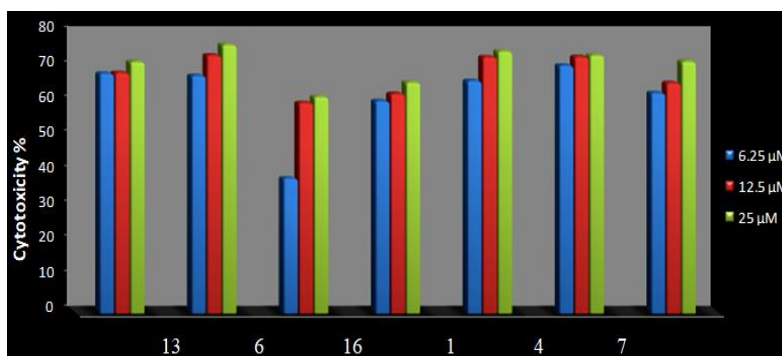


Figure 6: Dose dependent cytotoxicity data of the compounds on the MCF-7 human cancer type according to the MTT assay after 48 h of exposure.

Cytotoxicity activity

Six of the new compounds were evaluated *in vitro* for their cytotoxic activity against the HepG-2 and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines through the employment of the MTT assay. The percentages of viable cells and their IC₅₀ values were measured and were subsequently assessed with those of the control, Doxorubicin® (Figure 5, Figure 6 and Table 1).

Table 1: The cytotoxic IC₅₀ values of the compounds according to the MTT assay on the two human cell types.

Compound	IC ₅₀ (μM) ±SD	
	HepG-2	MCF-7
1	29.7±2.9	12.2±1.5
4	32±3.1	9.4±0.8
6	26.3±2.8	9.1±0.6
7	29.5±2.6	9.1±0.5
13	24.9±2.5	10.2±1.3
16	32.1±3.1	15.3±1.7
Doxorubicin	28.5±1.9	10.3±0.8

The results revealed that, all compounds presented dose-dependent cytotoxic activity against both cell varieties (Figure 5, Figure 6). The constructed deduction from these outcomes is that in assessment with the positive control doxorubosin, compounds **13** and **6** were more potent; compounds **7** and **1** displayed comparable cytotoxic activity; compounds **4** and **16** had slightly less activity relative to the positive control, regarding human liver cancer (HepG-2) (Figure 5 and Table 1).

Regarding to breast cancer cells (MCF-7); compounds **6**, **7**, **4**, and **13** were more potent, and compounds **1** and

16 had slightly less cytotoxic activity relative to the positive control (Figure 6 and Table 1).

CONCLUSION

New heterocyclic compounds were synthesized by reaction of compounds **1**, **2** and/or **3** with thio-semicarbazide to give compounds **4-6**, which then kept with conc. H₂SO₄ overnight to yield derivatives **7-9**, then compounds **10-18** were also yielded by reaction of compounds **7-9** with *D-sugars* namely, *D-galactose*, *D-Glucose* or *D-xylose* in ethanol and a catalytic amount of acetic acid. Compounds **10-18** were then acetylated with acetic anhydride to form compounds **19-21**. Finally, compound **7** was reacted with chloroacetyl chloride and/or acetic anhydride to afford compounds **22** and/or **23** respectively. Six new derivative compounds were designated *in vitro* for their cytotoxic activity on the HepG-2 and MCF-7 human cancer cell lines where compounds **6** and **13** were found to be more potent for their cytotoxic activity on the two cancer cell lines as compared with the reference drug Doxorubicin.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors stated that they do not have any conflict of interest.

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