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Antiproliferative activity of novel triazole scaffold

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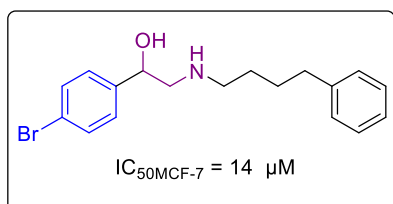
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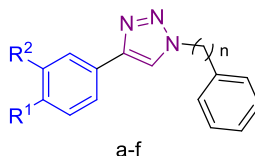
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ABSTRACT

The 1,2,3-triazole scaffold has a widespread occurrence on several bioactive compounds, such as antimicrobials¹, antitumorals², and antivirals³. Previously, a promisor β -amino alcohol compound had shown antiproliferative activity against two cell lines of breast cancer⁴. In this work, 1,2,3-triazole was used to replace the core structure of this β -amino alcohol prototype. A metal-free synthesis method was applied using primary amines (1.4 equiv), enolizable ketones (1 equiv), and 4-nitrophenyl azide (1 equiv)⁵. The obtained yields were 28-93%. All products demonstrated some antiproliferative activity, but the *p*-Br substituted compounds presented a higher activity than their equivalents with the guaiacol portion. The chain extension from two to three methylenes has improved activity, but the same improvement was not observed from three to four. Further studies are needed, but this work demonstrated that the 1,2,3-triazole scaffold has the potential for the development of new antitumoral candidates, and it is a promising bioisostere for β -amino alcohol.



Scaffold
Hopping



a: R¹ = Br; R² = H; n = 2
b: R¹ = Br; R² = H; n = 3
c: R¹ = Br; R² = H; n = 4
d: R¹ = OH; R² = OMe; n = 2
e: R¹ = OH; R² = OMe; n = 3
f: R¹ = OH; R² = OMe; n = 4

Compound	Cellular viability (%) in 60 μ M
a ¹	65.94 \pm 3.74
b ¹	30.12 \pm 1.10
c ¹	39.53 \pm 7.36
d ¹	91.45 \pm 4.73
e ¹	78.36 \pm 7.36
f ¹	72.89 \pm 6.90
Palbociclib ²	9.34 \pm 0.54
Vorinostat ¹	14.91 \pm 0.84

Results of the MTT assay on the MCF-7 cell line, 48h of incubation, % of cellular viability calculated based on the negative control. ¹Diluted in DMSO. ²Diluted in HCl 0.1M.

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