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Research Article

# $\label{eq:Synthesis and cytotoxicity evaluation of $$ [(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazole/4H-1,2,4-triazole analogues $$ [(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazole $$ [(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-$

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Abstract: We report herein the synthesis, characterization, and cytotoxicity evaluations of some newer oxadiazole and triazole analogues (5a-j). The cytotoxicity of all the title compounds were evaluated as per the National Cancer Institute protocol in a one-dose assay (10  $\mu$ M) on nine different panels of 59 cancer cell lines. 2- { 5-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl} phenol (5e) showed the maximum cytotoxicity among the series of ten compounds. The cytotoxicity of **5e** was comparable to that of the standard anticancer drug, 5-fluorouracil, and better than that of imatinib. The structure activity relationship was also discussed.

Key words: Anticancer activity, cancer cell lines, cytotoxicity, one dose assay, oxadiazole, triazole

# 1. Introduction

Cancer is uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells that grow outside their usual boundaries and then assault the adjoining parts of the body and spread to other organs. Cancer is the second leading cause of deaths worldwide and accounted for 8.8 million deaths in 2015.<sup>1</sup> In 2018, 1,735,350 new cancer cases and 609,640 cancer deaths are projected to occur in the United States.<sup>2</sup> There are many types of cancer treatment, and the treatment strategy depends upon cancer type and stage. The most important cancer treatments are chemotherapy, surgery, radiation therapy, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, and hormonal therapy. Stem cell transplant and precision medicine may also help during cancer treatment.<sup>3</sup> Chemotherapy is a major part of cancer therapeutics; however, it has its own limitations of limited efficacy, selectivity, high cost, genotoxicity, and drug resistance.<sup>4</sup> Extensive research and development, especially in the design and discovery anticancer agents, is the need of the present day.

Compounds containing heterocyclic rings are of great importance both in medicine and industry.<sup>5</sup> Oxadiazole is one among the heterocyclic rings and has fascinating diverse biological potentials. Oxadiazoles have a large impact on multiple drug discovery programs across a variety of therapeutic areas, including tuberculosis,<sup>6</sup> cancer,<sup>7</sup> HIV,<sup>8</sup> diabetes,<sup>9</sup> obesity,<sup>10</sup> inflammation,<sup>11</sup> and infection.<sup>12</sup> The carbonyl compounds of amides, ester, carbamates, and hydroxamic acids have been successfully replaced with oxadiazole rings for improved efficacy.<sup>13-15</sup> Similarly, triazole analogues are well reported anticancer agents.<sup>16,17</sup> The literature on oxadizoles and our previous published work<sup>18</sup> is a source of inspiration to continue research on further exploration of oxadiazole, and in the present investigation we report herein the synthesis and cytotoxicity evaluation of some new oxadiazole analogues. A few triazole analogues were also synthesized and are reported herein.

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# 2. Results and discussion

## 2.1. Chemistry

As shown in the Scheme, ethyl(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetate (3) was synthesized by stirring a mixture of 2,4dichlorphenol (1) and ethylchloroacetate (2) suspended in acetone and potassium carbonate for 24 h.<sup>18,19</sup> Ethyl(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetate (3) was further refluxed with hydrazine hydrate in ethanol for 6 h to synthesize 2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetohydrazide (4).<sup>18,19</sup> In the final step, an equimolar quantity of 2-(2,4dichlorophenoxy) acetohydrazide (4) and aromatic aldehyde was refluxed in an ethanol/water system (1:2, v/v)solvent by adding 20 mol% NaHSO<sub>3</sub> for 10 h to obtain 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5a-h).<sup>12</sup> The progress of the reaction was monitored throughout by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using n-hexane:ethylacetate (1:1) as mobile phase. Base-catalyzed synthesis of 3-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5aryl-4H-1,2,4-triazole (5i,j) was achieved by refluxing 2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetohydrazide (4) and nitrile in *n*-butanol for 2–3 h in the presence of  $K_2 CO_3$ .<sup>20</sup> The progress of the reactions was monitored throughout by TLC (Silica gel 60  $F_{254}$ ) using mobile phase, chloroform-methanol (9:1), and benzene-acetone (9:1). The spots were visualized under either iodine vapor or UV light. All the compounds were obtained in satisfactory yield ranging between 52% and 81%. All the chemicals were procured from CDH (New Delhi, India), Merck (Kenilworth, NJ, USA), and SD Fine (Mumbai, India). The title compounds (5a-j) were further characterized by infrared (IR), nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR), and mass spectral data. IR, NMR, and mass spectra data were obtained on a Shimadzu 8201 PC (Kyoto, Japan), Bruker AC 400 MHz spectrometer (in  $DMSO-d_6$ ) (Billerica, MA, USA), and Bruker Esquire LCMS using ESI, respectively. The purity of compounds was checked by elemental analyses (PerkinElmer 2400 elemental analyzer, Waltham, MA, USA). In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR, the prototype compound **5e** showed a singlet at  $\delta$  5.27 ppm corresponding to the protons of CH<sub>2</sub>, a doublet at  $\delta$  6.85 ppm corresponding to one aromatic proton, a double doublet at  $\delta$  7.11 ppm corresponding to another aromatic proton of 2,4-dichlorophenyl, a multiplet at  $\delta$  7.23–7.70 ppm corresponding to the four aromatic protons, a singlet at  $\delta$  8.31 ppm corresponding to the one aromatic proton (2,4-dichlorophenyl), and a singlet at  $\delta$  10.03 ppm corresponding to the phenolic proton (ArOH). The <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **5e** showed  $\delta$  ppm: 166.52, 155.61, 152.83, 142.18, 131.49, 130.51, 128.91, 128.20, 128.13, 124.09, 121.99, 117.17, 116.31, 112.22, and 67.0. The mass spectra showed  $(M+H)^+$  and  $(M+2)^+$  at 337 and 338, respectively.

### 3. Cytotoxicity

All the title compounds (5a–j) were evaluated for their cytotoxicity at 10  $\mu$ M drug concentrations as per the National Cancer Institute (NCI) protocol on nine different panels of 59 human cancer cell lines.<sup>21–24</sup> The results of cytotoxicity study are given in Table 1. All the tested compounds showed moderate or weaker cytotoxicity except for 5e, which showed promising cytotoxicity among the series. The compounds 5a, 5b, 5f, and 5g showed higher sensitivity towards the UACC 257 (melanoma) [percent growth inhibitions (%GIs) = 43.11, 28.58, 45.05, and 40.58, respectively], NCI-H522 (non-small cell lung cancer) (%GIs = 39.29, 39.28, 36.14, and 40.83, respectively) and A549/ATCC (non-small cell lung cancer) (%GIs = 29.97, 23.44, 20.45, and 28.05, respectively). Compounds 5i and 5j showed higher sensitivity towards the UO-31 (renal cancer) with %GIs of 22.89 and 23.43, respectively. Similarly, compounds 5e and 5h showed higher sensitivity towards the NCI-H522 (non-small cell lung cancer) with %GIs of 98.03 and 36.89. Overall, excellent growth control (%GI of 98.03) regarding NCI-H522 (non-small cell lung cancer) was observed in compound 5e. Compounds with GIs of  $\geq 68\%$ 



Scheme. Protocol for the synthesis of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles (5a-h) and <math>3-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-4H-1,2,4-triazoles (5i,j).

were considered to be active towards that particular cell line.<sup>25</sup> Compound **5e** showed promising cytotoxicity (%GIs of  $\geq 68\%$ ) against 15 different cancer cell lines (Figure 1). Figure 1 shows the %GIs of **5e** on 59 human cancer cell lines at 10  $\mu$ M drug concentration. The cytotoxicity of **5e** [mean growth percent (MGP) = 46.12] and 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) (MGP = 42.21) was comparable. Compound **5e** showed far better %GIs of **5e** and 5-FU on 50 human cancer cell lines in common (Figure 2). Figure 2 shows the %GIs of **5e** and 5-FU on 50 human cancer cell lines in common at 10  $\mu$ M drug concentrations. The average %GIs against the nine panels was also calculated for comparative study and **5e** showed higher sensitivity towards leukemia, non-small cell lung cancer, CNS cancer, and ovarian cancer (Table 2). The cytotoxicity data of imatinib and 5-FU were obtained from the NCI data warehouse index.

The structure activity relationship was established with cytotoxicity studies, and the 2-hydroxy substitution showed the maximum cytotoxicity. The 2-chloro substitution showed higher cytotoxicity than the 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy and nitro substitutions. The order of cytotoxicity in the present investigation was 2-OH > 2-Cl > 4-OH-3-OCH<sub>3</sub> > 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, while the overall activity was 3,4-( $OCH_3$ )<sub>2</sub> > 2-OH > 2-Cl > 4-OH-3-OCH<sub>3</sub> > 4-NO<sub>2</sub> > 4-Cl > 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>.<sup>18</sup>

#### 3.1. Conclusion

All the compounds were synthesized in satisfactory yield and evaluated for cytotoxicity on nine different panels of nearly 60 human cancer cell lines. Compound **5e** showed promising cytotoxicity among the series of compounds.

Campound Cancer cell lines assay in single dose assay 10 µM concentration					
Compound	Mean GP	GP	% GI		
			UACC 257 (Melanoma)	56.89	43.11
			NCI-H522 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	60.71	39.29
5a	98.36	56.89 to 116.71	A549/ATCC (Non-small cell lung cancer)	70.03	29.97
			HT29 (Colon cancer)	80.15	19.85
			PC-3 (Prostate cancer)	80.90	19.10
			NCI-H522 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	60.72	39.2
			UACC 257 (Melanoma)	71.42	28.5
5b	98.78	60.72 to 117.88	HT29 (Colon cancer)	72.64	27.3
			A549/ATCC (Non-small cell lung cancer)	76.56	23.4
			HL-60(TB) (Leukemia)	87.29	12.7
			HCT116 (Colon cancer)	72.06	27.9
			T-47D (Breast cancer)	77.06	22.9
5c	97.75	72.06 to 126.71	A549/ATCC (Non-small cell lung cancer)	77.21	22.7
			PC-3 (Prostate cancer)	77.25	22.7
			A549/ATCC (Non-small cell lung cancer)	77.31	22.6
			SNB-75 (CNS cancer)	81.46	18.5
5d	99.88	77.31 to 140.84	UACC 257 (Melanoma)	81.55	18.4
			HL-60(TB) (Leukemia)	85.24	14.7
			NCI-H522 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	1.97	98.0
			HL-60 (TB) (Leukemia)	3.89	96.1
5e	46.12	1.97 to 89.91	HCT-116 (Colon cancer)	8 59	91.4
	10.12	1.57 10 05.51	CCRF-CEM (Leukemia)	15 45	84 5
			HT29 (Colon cancer)	18.16	81.8
			UACC 257 (Melanoma)	54.95	45.0
			NCI-H522 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	63.86	36.1
5f	93 33	54 95 to 116 65	MOLT-4 (Leukemia)	65.29	34.7
51	55.55	51.55 to 110.05	CCRE CEM (Leukemia)	71.41	20.5
			A 549/ATCC (Non-small cell lung cancer)	71.55	20.3
			NGL US22 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	50.17	40.9
			NGI-H522 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	59.17	40.8
50	04.07	50 17 to 115 61	HI 60 (TP) (Laukamia)	59.42 61.20	20.7
Jg	94.97	39.17 to 113.01	A 540/ATCC (Non small call lung concer)	71.05	20.7
			IO 31 (Renal cancer)	75.10	20.0
				75.10	24.9
			NCI-H522 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	63.11	36.8
-1	06.72	(2.11.4.120.45	HL-60 (1B) (Leukemia)	70.44	29.5
эп	90./3	63.11 to 120.45	COPE CEM (Lenhamin)	/5.54	24.4
			UQ 31 (Popel concer)	79.27	22.9
				/0.2/	21./
			UU-31 (Renal cancer)	77.11	22.8
	00.01		SK-OV-3 (Ovarian cancer)	80.91	19.0
51	98.01	77.11 to 121.90	CCRF-CEM (Leukemia)	85.89	14.1
			PC-3 (Prostate cancer)	87.34	13.6
			HOP-62 (Non-small cell lung cancer)	86.76	13.2

Common d	Cancer cell lines assay in single dose assay 10 $\mu$ M concentration					
Compound	Mean GP	GP range	The most sensitive cell lines	GP	% GI	
			UO-31 (Renal cancer)	76.57	23.43	
			HL-60(TB) (Leukemia)	82.56	17.44	
5j	97.14	97.14 76.57 to 112.18	MOLT-4 (Leukemia)	83.27	16.73	
			SNB-75 (CNS cancer)	86.37	13.63	
			T-47D (Breast cancer)	86.79	13.21	
			SF-539 (CNS cancer)	-19.6	119.6	
			HCC-2998 (Colon cancer)	-17.8	117.8	
5-FU	42.21	-19.6 to 95.5	A498 (Renal cancer)	-16.3	116.3	
			HS 578T (Breast cancer)	-10.8	110.8	
			MCF7 (Breast cancer)	11.5	88.5	

Table 1. Continued.

GP = growth percent; %GI = percent growth inhibition

The data of one-dose assay for 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) were taken from the NCI database compound ID NSC 19893 (https://dtp.cancer.gov/dtpstandard/servlet/MeanGraphSummary).



Figure 1. The percent growth inhibitions (%GIs) of the compound, 5e, on 59 human cancer cell lines at 10  $\mu$ M drug concentration.



Figure 2. The percent growth inhibitions (%GIs) of the compound, 5e, and 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) on 50 human cancer cell lines in common at 10 µM drug concentrations.

Compound	Loukomia	Non-small cell	Colon	CNS	Molanoma	Ovarian	Renal	Prostate	Breast
Compound	Leukeima	lung cancer	cancer	cancer	Wielanoma	cancer	cancer	cancer	cancer
5a	5.81	8.69	0.43	-1.07	3.26	-5.82	-0.67	3.83	0.91
5b	2.86	6.88	-0.59	-0.75	3.50	-5.79	0.79	4.99	0.19
5c	108.88	91.81	95.58	99.56	95.72	101.36	100.53	91.4	95.28
5d	112.31	94.41	99.67	97.64	97.92	99.38	102.30	106.86	98.15
5e	73.57	58.45	51.09	51.72	52.96	51.84	46.31	52.02	48.07
<b>5</b> f	23.47	11.64	2.17	1.00	6.65	0.15	2.73	11.27	5.52
5g	15.27	11.97	0.46	2.61	4.01	-1.06	4.27	-0.79	4.91
5h	19.55	9.99	1.64	0.77	1.41	-8.59	0.47	7.31	3.49
5i	3.11	5.69	1.54	2.98	-1.05	2.56	-1.90	0.74	3.58
5j	8.65	3.61	-3.71	5.68	2.50	4.36	0.75	3.39	1.87
Imatinib	9	15.68	5.34	5.80	2.02	-7.15	3.86	12.50	12.15
5-FU	57.23	51.23	73.63	51.57	55.2	45.44	61.69	53.15	65.34

**Table 2.** The average percent growth inhibitions (GIs) of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazoles, 3-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-4H-1,2,4-triazoles, imatinib, and 5-FU.

GP = growth percent; %GI = percent growth inhibition. Bold figure shows higher activity.

The cytotoxicity of **5e** was higher than that of imatinib and comparable to that of 5-FU. The cytotoxicity studies reported herein may provide an insight into the design of other anticancer agents with improved antiproliferative activity.

#### 4. Experimental

#### 4.1. Method for the synthesis of ethyl(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetate (3)

Equimolar amounts of 2,4-dichlorophenol (0.05 mol; 5.91 mL) and ethyl chloroacetate (0.05 mol; 5.35 mL) in 50–60 mL acetone, and 5 g anhydrous potassium carbonate were refluxed for 24 h with continuous stirring to obtain ethyl(2,4-dichlorophenoxy) acetate (**3**).<sup>19</sup>

# 4.2. Method for the synthesis of 2-(substitutedphenoxy)acetohydrazide (4)

A solution of substituted ethyl(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetate (0.03 mol; 7.01 mL) (**3**) and hydrazine hydrate (0.045 mol; 2.18 mL) was refluxed in ethanol for 5–6 h to obtain 2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)acetohydrazide (**4**). The solid thus obtained was recrystallized with an absolute ethanol.<sup>19</sup>

# 4.3. General procedure for the synthesis of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5a-h)

2-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)acetohydrazide (4) (0.001 mol; 0.235 g) and aromatic aldehydes (0.001 mol) were refluxed in an ethanol-water (1:2, v/v) solvent system for 10–12 h, using 20 mol% solution of NaHSO<sub>3</sub> to obtain the title compounds [(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (**5a**-**h**).

# 4.3.1. 2-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5a)

Creamy solid; mp 112–114 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 5.30 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.07 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 8.9 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (1H, d, J = 7.4 Hz, ArH), 7.41–7.96 (5H, m, ArH), 8.02 (1H, s, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 168.74, 163.98, 153.30, 134.36, 129.69, 129.20, 128.98, 128.27, 127.62, 127.42, 124.98, 115.53, 66.17; Mass (m/z) 321 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 322 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (56.10) 56.06, H (3.14) 3.16, N (8.72) 8.75].

# 4.3.2. 2-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5b)

Creamy solid; mp 118–120 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 5.32 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.11 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, ArH), 7.15–7.57 (4H, m, ArH), 7.71 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.98 (1H, s, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 166.40, 152.98, 142.27, 132.24, 129.80, 129.73, 128.41, 126.09, 125.57, 122.96, 115.83, 115.32, 67.00; Mass (m/z) 339 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 340 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (53.12) 53.10, H (2.67) 2.69, N (8.26) 8.24].

# 4.3.3. 2-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5c)

White solid; mp 122–124 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 5.31 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.99 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.12 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.27 (1H, s, ArH), 7.43 (2H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.78 (2H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 166.52, 152.91, 142.44, 134.27, 131.41, 129.40, 128.93, 128.11, 128.09, 124.57, 124.31, 117.13, 67.11; Mass (m/z) 354 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 355 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (50.66) 50.63, H (2.55) 2.59, N (7.88) 7.85].

# 4.3.4. 2-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5d)

Light yellow solid; mp 102–104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 3.81 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.32 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.97 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.02 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.12 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.19 (1H, s, ArH), 7.39 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 166.52, 160.67, 152.81, 142.48, 131.47, 128.51, 128.40, 128.13, 124.01, 118.99, 117.57, 114.31, 67.11, 55.62; Mass (m/z) 351 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 352 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (54.72) 54.69, H (3.44) 3.47, N (7.98) 7.95].

# $\textbf{4.3.5. 2-} {5-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl} phenol~(5e)$

Light brown solid; mp 152–154 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 5.27 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.11 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 7.2 Hz, ArH), 7.23–7.70 (4H, m, ArH), 8.31 (1H, s, ArH), 10.03 (1H, s, ArOH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 166.52, 155.61, 152.83, 142.18, 131.49, 130.51, 128.91, 128.20, 128.13, 124.09, 121.99, 117.17, 116.31, 112.22, 67.01; Mass (m/z) 337 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 338 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (53.44) 53.49, H (2.99) 2.97, N (8.31) 8.29].

# $4.3.6. \ 2-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole \ (5f)$

White solid; mp 152–154 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 5.32 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (1H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.05 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.19 (1H, s, ArH), 7.23-7.46 (4H, m, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 166.51, 155.60, 152.81, 142.18, 139.49, 132.31, 131.91, 130.22, 129.44, 128.90, 128.43,

128.09, 127.21, 124.11, 117.56, 67.12; Mass (m/z) 354 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 355 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (50.66) 50.65, H (2.55) 2.57, N (7.88) 7.86].

### 4.4. 4-{5-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl}-2-methoxyphenol (5g)

Creamy solid; mp 160–162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 3.73 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.20 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.09 (1H, s, ArH), 7.31–8.15 (4H, m, ArH), 8.39 (1H, s, ArH), 11.86 (1H, s, ArOH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 168.93, 164.23, 153.26, 142.16, 140.47, 133.45, 131.86, 130.31, 129.69, 128.29, 127.54, 125.00, 122.65, 115.60, 67.59, 66.20; Mass (m/z) 367 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 368 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Cacld/Anal. [C (52.34) 52.38, H (3.29) 3.33, N (7.63) 7.65].

### 4.4.1. 2-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5h)

Light yellow solid; mp 220–222 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 5.35 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10 (1H, d, J = 8.75 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (1H, dd, J = 7.0, 6.7 Hz, ArH), 7.96 (2H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 8.09 (1H, s, ArH), 8.25 (2H, d, J = 8.5, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 169.20, 153.22, 148.37, 142.07, 132.64, 131.40, 128.54, 128.35, 128.27, 124.38, 121.98, 115.79, 67.52; Mass (m/z) 365 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 366 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (49.20) 49.18, H (2.48) 2.50, N (11.48) 11.43].

# 4.5. General method for the synthesis of 3-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-4H-1,2,4-triazoles (5i,j).

2-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy) acetohydrazide (4) (0.001 mol; 0.235 g) and nitriles (0.001 mol) were refluxed in *n*-butanol and  $K_2 CO_3$  for 2–3 h to obtain the 3-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-aryl-4H-1,2,4-triazoles (5i,j).<sup>20</sup>

## 4.5.1. 3-[(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole (5i)

Creamy solid; mp 182–184 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 4.55 (1H, s, NH), 4.82 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.01 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.33–7.57 (5H, m, ArH), 7.85 (1H, dd, J = 6.9, 7.0 Hz, ArH), 7.93 (1H, s, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 157.20, 152.08, 148.37, 131.07, 130.64, 129.31, 128.84, 128.35, 128.27, 127.55, 124.08, 117.79, 71.82; Mass (m/z) 320 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 321 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (56.27) 56.23, H (3.46) 3.48, N (13.12) 13.15].

### 4.5.2. 3-Benzyl-5-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-4H-1,2,4-triazole (5j)

Creamy solid; mp 172–174 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 3.33 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.14 (1H, s, NH), 4.82 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.80 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.23 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.43–7.50 (5H, m, ArH), 7.80 (1H, s, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO  $d_6$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: 157.25, 152.18, 141.37, 136.37, 131.14, 129.41, 128.81, 128.05, 128.01, 125.85, 124.18, 117.09, 71.82, 36.22; Mass (m/z) 334 (H)<sup>+</sup>, 335 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>; Calcd/Anal. [C (57.50) 57.55, H (3.92) 3.89, N (12.57) 12.54].

# 4.6. Cytotoxicity

The new synthesized compounds were evaluated for their cytotoxicity at 10  $\mu$ M drug concentrations as per the NCI protocol on nine different panels of 59 human cancer cell lines.<sup>21–24</sup> The human tumor cell lines were

grown in RPMI 1640 medium. The cell lines were inoculated into 96-well microtiter having cell densities 5000–40,000 cells/well and further incubated for 24 h at 37 °C (5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 95% air, and 100% relative humidity) prior the addition of test compounds. The microtiter plates were incubated for 48 h after addition of test compounds (solution in DMSO) and finally the assay was terminated by addition of trichloroacetic acid (10%). Sulforhodamine B (SRB) was added and excess SRB was removed washing 5 times with 1% acetic acid, and finally absorbance was recorded on an automated plate reader at a wavelength of 515 nm. Using the seven absorbance measurements [time zero ( $T_i$ ), control growth (C), and test growth in the presence of drug at the five concentration levels ( $T_f$ )], the percentage growth was calculated at each of the drug concentrations levels as  $\frac{T_f - T_i}{C - T_i} \times 100$  for concentrations for which  $T_f \geq T_i$ , and  $\frac{T_f - T_i}{T_i} \times 100$  for concentrations for which  $T_f \geq T_i$ .

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# Supplementary material

Developmental Therapeutics Program		NS	NSC: D-799017 / 1 Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar		lar	Test Date: Jul 10, 2017	
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Exp	Experiment ID: 1707OS32			Report Date: Aug 03, 2017	
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent		Mean Growth	Percent - Growth	Perce	ent	
Leukemia CCRF-CEM HL-60(TB) K-562 MOLT-4 RPMI-8226 SR Non Small Coll Lung Cancor	84.25 105.76 87.55 98.45 96.12 93.03			-			
A549/ATCC EKVX HOP-62 NCI-H226 NCI-H23 NCI-H322M NCI-H460 NCI-H522	70.03 98.19 95.31 101.35 99.00 101.97 103.89 60.71						
Colon Cancer COLO 205 HCC-2998 HCT-116 HCT-15 HT29 KM12 SW-620 CNS Concor	107.54 101.90 100.22 105.17 80.15 101.69 100.35			1			
SF-268 SF-295 SF-539 SNB-19 SNB-75 U251 Malacama	103.62 105.00 100.03 103.01 100.08 94.70						
Melafiona LOX IMVI MALME-3M MDA-MB-435 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-28 SK-MEL-28 SK-MEL-5 UACC-257 UACC-257	100.84 98.53 106.50 104.63 97.17 109.75 105.47 56.89 90.88				-		
Ovanan Cancer IGROV1 OVCAR-3 OVCAR-4 OVCAR-5 OVCAR-5 OVCAR-8 NCI/ADR-RES SK-OV-3 Renal Cancer	111.91 107.59 116.71 111.72 91.91 106.44 94.49						
786-0 A498 ACHN CAKI-1 RXF 393 SN12C TK-10 UO-31 Prostate Cancer	101.64 99.62 103.35 99.84 106.08 101.40 102.60 90.83						
PC-3 DU-145 Breast Cancer MCF7	80.90 111.64 91.42			_			
MDA-MB-231/ATCC HS 578T BT-549 T-47D MDA-MB-468	100.44 97.04 105.12 95.40 105.17						
Mean Delta Range	98.36 41.47 59.82						
	150	1	100 50	0	-50	-100	) -150

Cytotoxicity data of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5a)

Developmental There	apeutics Program	NSC: D-799016/1	Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar	Test Date: Jul 10, 2017	
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Experiment ID: 1707	OS32	Report Date: Aug 03, 2017	
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mean Growth	Mean Growth Percent - Growth Perc		
Leukemia CCRF-CEM	100.35				
HL-60(TB) K-562	87.29 100.04				
MOLT-4 RPMI-8226	100.69 90.09				
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	104.38				
EKVX HOP-62	101.57				
NCI-H226	99.65 00.15				
NCI-H322M	103.85		_		
NCI-H400 NCI-H522 Colon Cancor	60.72				
COLO 205	117.41		_		
HCT-116	97.87				
HT29	72.64				
SW-620	107.85		-		
SF-268	95.00		-		
SF-295 SF-539	110.67		-		
SNB-19 SNB-75	97.18				
Melanoma	95.47				
MALME-3M	93.77				
MDA-MB-435 SK-MEL-2	109.53				
SK-MEL-28 SK-MEL-5	111.49				
UACC-257 UACC-62	71.42				
Ovarian Cancer IGROV1	105.67		_		
OVCAR-3 OVCAR-4	101.09 115.50		_		
OVCAR-5 OVCAR-8	117.88 91.89		_		
NCI/ADR-RES SK-OV-3	106.54 101.93				
Renal Cancer 786-0	103.24		-		
A498 ACHN	96.37 108.01		<b>_</b>		
CAKI-1 RXF 393	100.55 108.38		_		
SN12C TK-10	93.26 96.45				
UO-31 Prostate Cancer	87.42				
PC-3 DU-145	94.25 95.77		-		
MCF7	95.91				
HS 578T	90.50 99.92				
T-47D MDA MR 469	98.29				
Mean	98 78				
Delta Range	38.06 57.16				
	150	100 50	0 -50	-100 -150	

Cytotoxicity data of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (5a)

Developmental Ther	apeutics Program	NSC: D-799014 / 1	Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar	Test Date: Jul 10, 2017	
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Experiment ID: 1707	Experiment ID: 1707OS32		
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mean Growth	Mean Growth Percent - Growth Perc		
Panel/Cell LineLeukemiaCCRF-CEMH1-60(TB)K-562MOLT-4RPMI-8226SRNon-Small Cell Lung CancerA549/ATCCEKVXHOP-62NCI-H226NCI-H23NCI-H322MNCI-H226NCI-H23NCI-H322MNCI-H322Colon CancerCOLO 205HCC-2998HCT-116HCT-15HT29KM12SW-620CNS CancerSF-268SF-295SF-539SNB-75U251MelanomaLOX IMVIMALME-3MM14MDA-MB-435SK-MEL-2SK-MEL-28SK-MEL-28SK-MEL-28SK-MEL-28SK-MEL-28SK-MEL-28SK-MEL-5UACC-62OvcAR-4OVCAR-5OVCAR-5OVCAR-4OVCAR-5OVCAR-5OVCAR-8NCI/ADR-RESSK-OV-3Renal Cancer786-0A498ACHNCAKL1RXF 393SN12CTK-10UO-31Prostate CancerPC-3DU-145Prostate CancerPC-3DU-145Prostate CancerPC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3PC-3 <td< th=""><th>Growth Percent     15.45     3.89     44.49     19.54     39.43     36.04     54.51     31.12     40.63     66.22     57.00     52.64     28.34     1.97     67.03     76.76     18.16     27.36     60.28     41.54     51.21     8.59     47.41     52.07     53.52     86.64     41.46     25.53     68.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.5     58.89     32.5     60.66     44.</th><th>Mean Growth</th><th>Percent - Growth Perc</th><th>sent</th></td<>	Growth Percent     15.45     3.89     44.49     19.54     39.43     36.04     54.51     31.12     40.63     66.22     57.00     52.64     28.34     1.97     67.03     76.76     18.16     27.36     60.28     41.54     51.21     8.59     47.41     52.07     53.52     86.64     41.46     25.53     68.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.35     58.89     32.5     58.89     32.5     60.66     44.	Mean Growth	Percent - Growth Perc	sent	
MCF7 MDA-MB-231/ATCC HS 578T BT-549 T-47D MDA-MB-468 Mean	20.59 48.18 78.20 63.28 42.58 58.73 46.12				
Delta Range	44.15 87.94 <b>150</b>	100 50	0 -50	-100 -150	

Cytotoxicity data of 2-{5-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl}phenol (5e)

Cytotoxicity data of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole

(**5f**)

Developmental Therapeutics Program		NSC: D-799012/1	Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar	Test Date: Jul 10, 2017
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Experiment ID: 1707	OS32	Report Date: Aug 03, 2017
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mean Growth	Percent - Growth Perc	cent
Leukemia	71 41			
HL-60(TB)	75.28			
K-562	76.62			
MOLI-4 RPMI-8226	65.29 81.41			
SR	89.18		-	
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	71 55			
FKVX	94.32			
HOP-62	91.86			
NCI-H226	91.19			
NCI-H322M	94.53			
NCI-H460	102.31		-	
NCI-H522 Colon Cancer	63.86			
COLO 205	97.88		-	
HCC-2998	114.07			
HCT-15	104.60			
HT29	80.60			
KM12 SW-620	96.53			
CNS Cancer	100.04			
SF-268	97.53			
SF-295 SF-539	102.40			
SNB-19	100.21			
SNB-75 U251	99.33 87.07			
Melanoma	07.07			
	92.79			
M14	99.48			
MDA-MB-435	110.34			
SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-28	86.16			
SK-MEL-5	101.17		-	
UACC-257	54.95			
Ovarian Cancer	00.13			
IGROV1	104.46			
OVCAR-3 OVCAR-4	100.79			
OVCAR-5	116.65			
OVCAR-8 NCI/ADR-RES	81.39			
SK-OV-3	92.32			
Renal Cancer	104 53			
A498	96.13			
ACHN	100.94		-	
RXF 393	105.94		_	
SN12C	92.53			
UO-31	79.08			
Prostate Cancer	74.00			
DU-145	102.52			
Breast Cancer	102.02			
MCF7 MDA MB-231/ATCC	80.26			
HS 578T	99.21			
BT-549	100.03			
MDA-MB-468	105.99			
Moon	02.22			
Delta	38.38			
Range	61.70			
	150	100 50	0 -50	-100 -150

# Cytotoxicity data of 4-{5-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl}-2-

methoxyphenol (5g)

Developmental Therapeutics Program		NSC: D-799015/1	Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar	Test Date: Jul 10, 2017		
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Experiment ID: 1707	OS32	Report Date: Aug 03, 2017		
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mean Growth	Percent - Growth Perc	cent		
Leukemia CCRF-CEM	87.27		-			
HL-60(TB)	61.28					
MOLT-4	80.54					
RPMI-8226 SR	92.47 106.74					
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	71.05					
EKVX	93.03		•			
HOP-62 NCI-H226	99.50 95.94					
NCI-H23	93.01					
NCI-H460	100.13		I			
NCI-H522 Colon Cancer	59.17					
COLO 205	107.25		-			
HCC-2998 HCT-116	98.25					
HCT-15 HT29	108.04					
KM12	97.83		_			
CNS Cancer	108.90					
SF-268 SF-295	88.60 105.32		_			
SF-539	101.82		-			
SNB-19 SNB-75	97.05					
U251 Melanoma	90.18		-			
	95.22		_			
M14	109.37					
MDA-MB-435 SK-MEL-2	103.26 98.59					
SK-MEL-28	112.09					
UACC-257	59.42					
Ovarian Cancer	87.80					
IGROV1 OVCAR-3	106.10 98.17					
OVCAR-4	95.82					
OVCAR-8	84.08		_			
NCI/ADR-RES SK-OV-3	104.15 103.54					
Renal Cancer	102.07					
A498	87.52		_			
CAKI-1	99.79					
RXF 393 SN12C	101.67					
TK-10	98.49		•			
Prostate Cancer	75.10					
PC-3 DU-145	104.00 97.58					
Breast Cancer	00.50					
MDA-MB-231/ATCC	98.71		•			
HS 5781 BT-549	96.77 98.57					
T-47D MDA-MB-468	89.42					
Mean	94.97					
Delta	35.80					
Range	oo.44					
	150	100 50	050	-100 -150		
	150	100 30	0 -50	-100 -100		

Cytotoxicity data of 2-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole

(**5h**)

Developmental Therapeutics Program		NSC: D-799013/1	Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar	Test Date: Jul 10, 2017
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Experiment ID: 1707	Experiment ID: 1707OS32	
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mean Growth	Percent - Growth Per	cent
Panel/Cell Line Leukemia CCRF-CEM HL-60(TB) K-562 MOLT-4 RPMI-8226 SR Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer A549/ATCC EKVX HOP-62 NCI-H226 NCI-H226 NCI-H227 NCI-H322M NCI-H322M NCI-H322M NCI-H322M NCI-H322M NCI-H322M NCI-H322M NCI-H322 Colon Cancer COLO 205 HCC-2998 HCT-116 HCT-15 HT29 KM12 SW-620 CNS Cancer SF-268 SF-295 SF-539 SNB-19 SNB-75 U251 Melanoma LOX IMVI MALME-3M M14 MDA-MB-435 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-2 SK-MEL-3 UACC-62 Ovarian Cancer IGROV1 OVCAR-3 OVCAR-8 NCI/ADR-RES SK-OV-3 Renal Cancer 786-0 A498 ACHN CAKL-1 RXF 393 SN12C TK-10 UO-31 Prostate Cancer PC-3 DU-145 Breast Cancer MCF7 MDA-MB-231/ATCC HS 578T BT-549 T-47D MDA-MB-468 Mean Delta	Growth Percent   77.09   70.44   81.93   81.85   79.19   92.22   81.34   95.42   96.45   92.77   98.44   95.14   105.44   63.11   104.82   98.27   96.91   107.53   80.22   98.71   102.05   91.79   105.79   101.38   97.37   97.80   101.48   93.90   96.64   11.68   107.72   84.34   11.27   100.75   108.18   100.60   120.45   104.52   99.47   107.63   96.33   12.28   98.55   103.19   78.27   75.54   109.84   79.30   96.33	Mean Growth	Percent - Growth Per	
Range	57.34			
	150	100 50	0 -50	-100 -150

Developmental Thera	apeutics Program	NSC: D-	793125 / 1	Conc: 1.00E-5 M	olar T	est Date: Sep	12, 2016
One Dose Mea	n Graph	Experime	ent ID: 1609	OS82	R	eport Date: S	ep 29, 2016
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mea	Mean Growth Percent - Growth Perc			t	
Leukemia CCRE-CEM	85.89						
HL-60(TB)	94.91						
K-562 MOLT-4	110.80 98.69						
RPMI-8226	94.00						
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	97.07						
A549/ATCC	97.12						
HOP-62	86.76						
HOP-92 NCI-H226	90.84 89.94						
NCI-H23	97.65						
NCI-H322M NCI-H460	101.37						
NCI-H522	92.05			-			
COLO 205	90.52			-			
HCC-2998	99.78						
HT29	101.22			-			
KM12 SW-620	101.48						
CNS Cancer	00.01						
SF-268 SF-295	96.61 97.77						
SF-539	99.42						
SNB-75	93.57			-			
U251 Melanoma	95.51			•			
LOX IMVI	94.59			_			
MALME-3M M14	104.07 105.80			-			
MDA-MB-435 SK MEL 2	97.67						
SK-MEL-28	110.17						
SK-MEL-5 UACC-257	100.35 97.83						
UACC-62	95.64			•			
IGROV1	97.56						
OVCAR-3 OVCAR-4	107.89 98.14						
OVCAR-5	99.65						
NCI/ADR-RES	101.39						
SK-OV-3 Renal Cancer	80.91						
786-0	108.05			_			
A498 ACHN	98.01						
RXF 393 SN12C	107.74			-			
TK-10	121.90						
UO-31 Prostate Cancer	77.11						
PC-3 DU-145	87.34 109.18			_			
Breast Cancer	00.70						
HS 578T	88.64			_			
BT-549	99.95						
MDA-MB-468	99.08						
Mean	98.01						
Delta	20.90						
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	150	100	50	0	-50	-100	-150
	100			-			

# Cytotoxicity data of 3-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-5-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole (5i)

Developmental Thera	apeutics Program	NSC: D-794025/1	Conc: 1.00E-5 Molar	Test Date: Nov 28, 2016	
One Dose Mea	an Graph	Experiment ID: 1611	Experiment ID: 16110S18		
Panel/Cell Line	Growth Percent	Mean Growth	Mean Growth Percent - Growth Perc		
Leukemia CCRF-CEM	100.78				
HL-60(TB) K-562	82.56 91.04		-		
MOLT-4 RPMI-8226	83.27 98.27				
SR Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	92.19		-		
A549/ATCC EKVX	100.05 94.93				
HOP-62 HOP-92	94.87 88.64		•		
NCI-H226	103.90		-		
NCI-H23 NCI-H322M	90.42				
NCI-H460 NCI-H522	106.65 94.34				
Colon Cancer COLO 205	109.96				
HCC-2998 HCT-116	101.89 104 17				
HCT-15	104.86				
KM12 SW 620	97.62				
CNS Cancer	101.54		1		
SF-268 SF-295	98.06				
SF-539 SNB-19	95.57 93.14				
SNB-75 U251	86.37 100.02				
Melanoma LOX IMVI	94.30		•		
MALME-3M M14	95.99 96.71		1		
MDA-MB-435	101.40				
SK-MEL-28	97.25				
UACC-257	99.53		•		
IGROV1	88.82		_		
OVCAR-3 OVCAR-4	96.04		2		
OVCAR-5 OVCAR-8	88.63 100.65				
SK-OV-3	92.10		-		
Renal Cancer 786-0	92.83		-		
A498 ACHN	103.92 93.87		-		
RXF 393 SN12C	112.18 103.98				
TK-10 UO-31	111.41 76.57				
Prostate Cancer PC-3	87.22		_		
DU-145 Breast Cancer	105.99				
MCF7 MDA-MB-231/ATCC	104.66 91.99				
HS 578T BT-549	101.32 93.24				
T-47D MDA-MB-468	86.79 110.80				
Mean	97.14				
Delta Range	20.57 35.61				
	150	100 50	0 -50	-100 -150	

Cytotoxicity data of 3-benzyl-5-[(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)methyl]-4H-1,2,4-triazole (5j)