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### **Strategic design, quantitative structure activity relationship and selective synthesis of some pyrazoline derivatives**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Numerous pyrazoline derivatives have been found to possess considerable biological activities; this fact had led us to model and design 120 trisubstituted 2-pyrazoline derivatives by linking pyrazoline ring system with different substituents in position 1, 3 and 5.

Quantitative structure–activity relationship (QSAR) studies were carried out in order to get models that can be used to predict the anti-cancer activity of designed compounds. Data set of compounds consisting of pyrazoline derivatives were collected and their anti-cancer activity were correlated with their physicochemical descriptors using multiple linear regression method. QSAR study revealed three good predictive and statistically significant descriptor models ( $r^2 = 0.7603$ ; r= 0.8720 for training set,  $Q^2$  = 0.5348 for cross validation and  $r^2$  = 0.8593; r = 0.9270 for test set); all other statistical parameters were found in the acceptable range (RMSE=  $0.33535$ , s=  $0.56$ , F=  $34.05$  and P=  $0.133$ ). Obtained model showed that the biological activity was proportionally correlated with density and inversely correlated with log P( $o/w$ ) partition coefficient and ionization potential. This model was used to predict the biological activity of designed 120 pyrazoline derivatives, and the results were compared with Combretastin A-4.

Drug ability of designed compounds was evaluated using Lipinski's "rule of five" to select compounds for synthesis. Therefor, 33 out of 120 compounds were selected for synthesis. Although only eight of them were found to have less anti-cancer activity (2.64 - 6.45 M) than that of the standard Combretastin A-4 (6.51 M), all the others had much more anti-cancer activity (6.72-14.88 M). These promising results have lured similar investigation of anti-cancer activity of breast cancer of another group of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives.

New data set consist of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were collected. Their anti-cancer activity and descriptors were correlated using multiple linear regression method. The best descriptor model was selected yielding a very high performance in terms of coefficient of determination  $(r<sup>2</sup>)$  as 0.84684 for training set and 0.9430 for test set; other statistical parameters calculated to justify the statistical quality of model were in acceptable range, RMSE=  $0.14550$ , s=  $0.384$ , F= 101.43 and P= 0.010. Model equation showed that there is proportional correlation between the biological activity, density and log P(o/w) partition coefficient, and inverse correlation with potential energy.

Derived model was used to predict the activity of designed  $\alpha$ - $\beta$ unsaturated carbonyl derivatives against human breast cancer. All compounds gave biological activity ranging from 3.74 to 6.24 M less than that given by standard drug Tamoxifen (7.39 M). The drug ability of these compounds were also evaluated through Lipinski's parameters, and they conformed with them.

In synthetic work, different aromatic acetophenone derivatives were treated with some substituted aromatic benzaldehydes in the presence of ethanol as solvent and sodium hydroxide as basic medium to give substituted  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives. These derivatives were further converted into pyrazolines by condensation of various synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives with hydrazine hydrate. The structures of previous compounds were characterized by melting point, FT-IR and other physicochemical properties. New Chloroacetyl pyrazoline derivatives have been synthesised by the condensation of pyrazoline derivatives obtained from previous step with chloroacetyl chloride. These derivatives were tested as alkylating agents in the reaction with sulfanilamide and sulfadoxine in dry DMF and anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$ with stirring under reflux. Thus the corresponding 1-[(aryl)aminoacetyl] -

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3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives have been obtained. The structures of newly synthesized trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives were established on the basis of melting point, FT-IR, UV, MS,  $^1$ H- NMR spectroscopies analysis and other physicochemical properties. All the synthesized compounds were isolated in satisfactory yields.

Docking studies were performed for synthesized compounds in order to evaluate their affinity to cancer proteins. 1JD0 protein obtained from protein data bank was selected for docking study of pyrazoline derivatives and acetazolamide carbonic anhydrase inhibitor was used as the reference drug.

The docking scores were calculated, least energy indicated the easy binding character of ligand and receptor. Some compounds have shown excellent docking scores (-21.9174, -22.2056, -22.0545 and -21.2136 kcal/mol respectively) comparing with that standard drug AZA (-21.0578 kcal/mol).

3DKC protein was selected for docking study of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives. The result suggested that all compounds were capable of forming metal complex interaction and their docking score ranged from -22.9170 to -16.1714 kcal/mol. All *in silico* studies were achieved by ACD\Lab and MOE soft wares.

#### **الخالصة**

تظهر العديد من مشتقات البير ازولين انشطه بيولوجيه مختلفة، قادت هذه الحقيقه لتصميم 120 من مشتقات 2- بير از ولين الثلاثية من خلال ربط حلقة البير از ولين بمستبدلات مختلفة في الموقع 1 و2 و 3. تم إجراء دراسات كمية للعلاقة بين البنية والنشاط (QSAR) من أجل الحصول على نمازج يمكن استخدامها للتنبؤ بنشاط المركبات المصممة كمضبات لسرطان الثدي. تم جمع مجموعة بيانات من مشتقات البير از ولين وربط نشاطها المضباد للسرطان مع الواصفات الجزيئية لّها باستخدام طريقة الارتداد الخطي المتعددة كما تم تقدير قدرة النموذج على التنبؤ باستخدام طرق الننبؤ الداخلية والخارجية.

كشفت دراسة QSAR عِن نموذج تنبؤي ذو ثلاث واصفات جزيئيه ودلالات إحصائية جيدة  $\rm{yr}^2$ لمجموعة الندريب ، 233348  $\rm{r} = 0.8720\cdot\rm{r}^2$  ،  $\rm{r} = 0.7603)$ 

0.9270  $=$ r لمجموعة الاختبار). كما ان جميع الدلالات الإحصائية الأخرى كانت في المدى المقبول (RMSE= 0.33535 =R=34.05 ، s= 0.56، RMSE و(P= 0.133). وضح النموذج المتحصل عليه أن النشاط البيولوجي يرتبط ارتباطًا إيجابيًا بالكثافة و عكسيا مع معامل التقسيم وقوة التأين. تم استخدام هذا النموذج للتنبؤ بالنشاط الحيوي لحوالي 120من مشتقات (130 م البيرِ از ولين المصممة، وتمت مقارِنة النتائج مع كمبر تاستسن أ-4.

تم تقييم امكانية المركبات المصممة كعقارات يمكن تعاطيها من خلال فاعدة الخمسه لليبينسكي من أجل اختيار مركبات للتخليق. لذلك ، تم اختيار 33 من أصل 120 مركبًا. اظهرت بعض المركبات المختارة نشاطًا ضد السرطان (2.64 - 6.45 مولار) اقل من ذلك العقار المرجعي كمبرناستسن أ-4 (6.51 مولار)، كما أظهرت بقية المجموعة المختارة نشاطًا كبيرًا ضد السرطان (6.72-14.88 مولار) مقارنة مع ذلك العقار المرجعي. وقد قادت هذه النتائج للتحقق من نشاط مجموعة أخرى من مشتقات الفا،بيتا-كربونيل غير المشبعة كمضـادات لسرطان الثدي. تم جمع مجموعة بيانات جديدة تتكون من مشتقات الفا،بيتا-كربونيل غير المشبعة وربط نشاطها كمضددات للسرطان مع واصفاتها الجزيئيه وقد تم اختيار أفضل نموذج بناءا علي أعلى معامل ارتباط ( ${\rm r}^2$ ) حيث يساوي 0.84684 لمجموعة التدريب و 0.9430 لمجموعة الاختبار، كما كانت الدلالات الإحصائية الأخرى المحسوبة لتقدير الجودة الإحصائية للنموذج في المدى المقبول(RMSE= 0.14550 و P= 0.010). أظهرت معادلة النموذج وجود علاقة طردية بين النشاط البيولوجي والكثافة ومعامل النقسيم (p (o / w وارتباط عكسى مع الطاقة الكامنة. تم استخدام النموذج المشتق للتنبؤ بنشاط مشتقات الفا،بيتا-كربونيل

غير المشبعة ضد سرطان الثدي البشري.، حيث أعطت جميع المركبات نشاط بيولوجي يتراوح من 3.74 إلى 6.24 م أقل من عقار تاموكسيفين المرجعي (7.39 م). كما تم تقييم امكانية هذه المر كبات للتعاطي من خلال معابير الليبينسكي وكلّها كانت مناسبة لذلك.

عُند التخليق، تم معالجة بعض مشتقات الاسيتوفينون العطريه مع بعض مشتقات البنزالدهيد العطرية في وجود الإيثانول كمذيب وهيدروكسيد الصوديوم كقاعدة لإعطاء مشتقات الفا،بيتا-كربونيل غير المشبعة. بعد ذلك تم تحويل هذه المشتقات إلى بيرازولينات عن طريق تكثيف مشتقات الفا،بيتا-كربونيل غير المشبعة مع الهيدرازين المائي. تم التحقق من بنية هذه المركبات طَيفيا من خلال طيف الاشعة تحت الحمراء كما تم تحديد نقاط انصهارها وخواصها الفيزيوكيميائية ِ مشتقات البير ازولين الكلور أسيتيل الجديدة تم تخليقها عن طريق تكثيف مشتقات البير ازولين التي تم الحصول عليها من الخطوة السابقة مع كلورو اسبتيل كلورايد. تم اختبار هذه المشتقات كعوامل ألكلة في التفاعل مع السلفانيلاميد والسلفادوكسين في وجود ثنائي ميثيل الفورماميد الجاف وكربونات البونسيوم اللامائيه مع النكثيف والنحريك المستمر، وبالتالي تم الحصول على مشتقات 1-((اريل)امينو اسيتيل)-3،5-ثنائي اريل 2-بيرازولين. تم التأكد من بنية هذه المركبات طبفيا من خلال طيف الاشعه تحت الحمراء، فوق البنفسجيه، مطيافية الكتلة والرنين النووى المغنطيسى، كما تقدير نقاط انصهار ها وخواصها الفيزيوكيميائيه.

أجريت دراسات الالنحام الجزيئي لجميع المركبات الني تم تخليقها من أجل تقدير انجزابها مع برونينات السرطان. البروتين 1JD0الذي تم الحصول عليه من بنك بيانات البروتين، تم اخيار ه لدراسة الالتحام الجزيئي لمشتقات البيرازولين المخلقه واستُخدم مثبط الكربونيك انهيدريز الاسيتوزولاميد كعقار مرجعي. تم حساب نتيجة الالتحام وعرضها في جدول، قيم الطاقات الاقل اشارة الى سهولة الالنحام الجزيئي بين المعقد والمستقبل وأشارت أقل الطاقة إلى الطابع الملزم السهل للر ابطات و المستقبلات. أظهر ت بعض المركبات قيم التحام ممتاز ه (1,9174 ، 22.2056 ، 22.0545 و 21.2136- كيلو سعر/مول) مقارنة بالدواء القياسي AZA (21.0578- كَيْلُو سعر/مُول)<sub>.</sub>

تم اختيار بروتين 3DKC لدراسة الالتحام الجزيئي لمشتقات الفا،بيتا-كربونيل غير المشبعة واقترحت النتائج أن جميع هذه المركبات قادرة على تكوين ترابط معقد معدنى وتتراوح قيم الالتحام بين 16.1714 - التي 22.9170- كيلو سعر/مول. جميع الدراسات النظرية تمت من خلال برنامجي ACD\Lab و MOE.

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#### **1. Introduction**

Synthetic chemistry is the science of constructing complex molecules from simple ones. It is possible to divide it into two great landscapes: the total synthesis, where the synthetic chemists study how step by step it is possible to build a structure usually with biological importance, and the methodologies which introduce new reactions. One might think that the synthetic chemistry is only focused on C-H bond making therefore a huge mistake because synthetic chemistry doesn't look only to molecules built by carbon and hydrogen but also to heterocyclic compounds (Marsili, 2013).

Structures of organic compounds can be acyclic or cyclic. The cyclic systems containing only carbon atoms are called carbocyclic and the cyclic systems containing carbons and at least one other element (heteroatom) are called heterocyclic (Nikitin & Andryukhova, 1954).

IUPAC gold book defined heterocyclic compounds as "cyclic compounds having as ring members atoms of at least two different elements". In short, heterocyclic chemistry is the branch of chemistry dealing with the synthesis, properties, and applications of heterocycles (Alvarez-Builla & Barluenga, 2011).

According to the heteroatom (s) present in the ring structures, heterocycles can be classified as oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur based and, within each class, compounds are organized based on the size of the ring structure size determined by the total number of atoms (Eicher *et al*, 2003). These make compounds with the most diverse physical, chemical and biological properties available, so is very easy to guess the huge diffusion and importance of heterocyclic compounds (Marsili, 2013).

Heterocyclic compounds also may be classified as aliphatic and aromatic heterocycles. The aliphatic heterocycles are the cyclic analogues of amines, ethers and thioethers and their properties are influenced by the ring strain. The common aliphatic heterocyclic compounds are aziridine, oxirane, thiirane, azetidine, oxetane, thietane, pyrrolidine, tetrahydrofuran, tetrahydrothiophene and piperidine fig (1.1) (Nikitin & Andryukhova, 1954)



**Figure (1.1):** Examples of aliphatic heterocyclic compounds

The heterocycles which show aromatic behavior as in homocyclic benzene analogues are called the aromatic heterocyclic compounds. These compounds follow the Hückel's rule which states that cyclic conjugated and planar systems having  $(4n+2)$   $\pi$  electrons are aromatic. Some simple aromatic heterocyclic compounds are pyrrole, furan, thiophene, imidazole, pyrazole, oxazole, thiazole and pyridine fig (1.2) (Nikitin & Andryukhova, 1954)



**Figure (1.2):** Examples of aromatic heterocyclic compounds

Among heterocyclic compounds five-membered heterocycles constitute a group with broad spectrum of biological activity (Pitucha *et al*., 2013). Pyrazolines are one of the five-membered heterocyclic compounds with very important biological activities.

#### **1.1.Pyrazoline**

#### **1.1.1. Definition of pyrazoline**

Pyrazoline is an unsaturated compound containing three carbon atoms and two nitrogen atoms in adjacent positions. It consists of only one endocyclic double bond in the structure. It is a reduction product of pyrazole, which is further reduced to pyrazolidine fig (1.3) (Shinkar *et al.*, 2015).



**Figure (1.3):** Hydrogenation of pyrazole

1-Pyrazoline, 2-pyrazoline and 3-pyrazoline are the three partially reduced forms of the pyrazole structure with different positions of the double bond and exists in equilibrium one with the other fig (1.4).



**Figure (1.4):** The three partially reduced forms of pyrazoline It was in the late nineteenth century that Fischer and Knovenagel described the reaction of acrolein with phenylhydrazine to provide a 2 pyrazoline . Their experiment seems to be the first example of pyrazoline formation by the reaction of an α, β-enone with a hydrazine derivative. It was revealed that the product of this reaction was 1-phenyl 2-pyrazoline (Avupati & Yejella, 2014).

Pyrazoline is a tautomeric substance; the existence of tautomerism can be demonstrated by the consideration of pyrazoline derivatives. Unsubstituted pyrazoline can be represented in three tautomeric forms fig (1.5).



**Figure (1.5):** Tautomeric forms of unsubstituted pyrazoline

Pyrazoline derivatives in which two carbon atoms neighboring the nitrogen atoms on the ring have different substituents, five tautomeric structures are possible fig (1.6) (Kumar & Govindaraju, 2015).



**Figure (1.6):** Tautomeric forms of substituted pyrazoline

Pyrazoline derivatives are the electron rich nitrogen heterocycles which play an important role in the diverse biological activities (Yusuf & Jain, 2014). Among its various derivatives, 2-pyrazolines seem to be the most frequently studied pyrazoline type compounds (Li *et al.*, 2007).

#### **1.1.2. 2-Pyrazolines**

2-Pyrazolines (4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole) fig (1.7) are an important class of five-membered heterocyclic compounds and were found to be vital building block in medicinal chemistry and led to the discovery of a number of bioactive derivatives (Aboul-Enein *et al.*, 2014).

2-Pyrazolines can be considered as a cyclic hydrazine moiety (Kelekci *et al.*, 2009). It exhibits the monoamino character and hence is more stable than the rest of the reduced forms. 2- Pyrazoline seems to be the most
frequently studied form of pyrazoline because it have a considerably easy route of synthesis and rich biological activity (Shinkar *et al.*, 2015).



**Figure (1.7):** 2- Pyrazoline structure

### **1.2.2.1. Nomenclature**

Application of present heterocyclic nomenclature to the pyrazolines requires that the nitrogen atoms be numbered one and two in each structure. Substituted 1-pyrazolines are numbered to produce the lower of two possible numbers for substituent group locants, or in the case of complicated structures to produce the simplest name consistent with clarity of meaning. Numbering of the 2-pyrazolines begins with the amino nitrogen (Jadhav *et al.*, 2016). The following pattern has been adopted by "Chemical Abstracts" published by American chemical society fig  $(1.8)$ .



**Figure (1.8):** Numbering of pyrazoline ring

#### **1.2.2.2. Properties of 2-pyrazoline**

2-pyrazoline is insoluble in water but soluble in propylene glycol because of its lipophilic character (Eisinger *et al.*, 1981). It contains two types of nitrogen atom, pyrrole and pyridine at position 1 and 2 respectively. Pyridine type nitrogen is susceptible to electrophilic attack, and the hydrogen atom attached to the nitrogen at position 1 is more acidic than pyrrolic N-H, so easily removed by nucleophiles (Alam *et al.*, 2015).

As follows from the X-ray analysis, it has the structure of the fivemembered dihydropyrazole ring, has an envelope conformation, C5 atom is deviated from the almost planar system of the other four atoms of the heterocyclic ring (Hadi, 2012).

Pyrazolines are used extensively as useful synthons in organic synthesis (Gupta *et al*., 2010). Pyrazoline derivatives, typical ICT (Intramolecular Charge Transfer) compounds (Li *et al.,* 2007), are known as a kind of fluorescent brightening agents because they have strong blue fluorescence in solution (Bai *et al.*, 2007) and they have a hole transport tendency (Lu *et al.*, 2000).

These compounds show stronger fluorescence because of the double bond hindering which occurred due to cyclization. Bulky groups in both the 4 and 5-positions improved both the fluorescence efficiency and the stability to light of the molecule. It has significance for the design of pyrazoline whitening agents (Evans *et al.*, 1974). Aryl group at position-5 is also responsible for spiroconjugated charge transfer quenching of pyrazoline fluorescence (Rahman & Siddiqui, 2010).

An intramolecular conjugated charge transfer process has been reported to exist in it in the excited state. In the conjugated part  $(-N^1-N^2=C^3)$  of the ring, the nitrogen atom at the 1-position and the carbon atom at the 3 position are, respectively, electron donating and withdrawing moieties. The carbon atoms at 4- and 5-positions do not conjugate with the above conjugated part. Its fluorescence spectrum exhibits a large red shift with an increase in the polarity of solvents (Li *et al*, 2007).

#### **1.1.3. Naturally Occurring pyrazoline derivatives**

Pyrazoline derivatives are rarely found in nature probably due to difficulty in the formation of N-N bond by the living organisms (Suri *et al.*, 2012). In 1996, the violet pigment named nostocine **A** fig (1.9) was isolated from the freshwater cyanobacterium Nostoc spongiaeforme TISTR 8169 growing in a Thai paddy field (Hirata *et al.*, 1996). It has been proposed that the pigment is released from the cyanobacterium in response to oxidative stress (Blair & Sperry, 2013).



**Figure (1.9):** Structure of nostocine A

Nostocine **A** inhibits the growth of various human cancer cell lines at concentrations as low as 0.1 μg/mL and has a cytotoxicity comparable to 5-fluorouracil (Hirata *et al.*, 1996). Acute toxicity was observed following the administration of Nostocine **A** to mice (Blair & Sperry, 2013).

Fluviols **A−E** fig (1.10) were isolated from strains of *P. f luorescens var. pseudoiodinum*. Natural fluviol **E** inhibits the growth of various bacteria, with weaker activity against fungi, inhibited the growth of the ascetic form of Ehrlich carcinoma *in vivo*, and was also toxic to the mice used. Natural fluviol **C** proved to be an inferior antibacterial and was also less toxic to mice, with moderate antitumor activity. Fluviol **A** was the least toxic, yet possessed the strongest antitumor activity (Smirnov *et al.*, 1997).



**Figure (1.10):** Structures of fluviol A-E

Boudiar *et al.*, 2010 was isolated a 2-pyrazoline derivative (1,5-diphenyl-3-[(*E*)-2-phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole) fig (1.11) from the aerial parts of Euphorbia guyoniana.



**Figure (1.11):** Structure of 1,5-diphenyl-3-[(*E*)-2-phenylethenyl]-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole

## **1.1.4. Reactions of pyrazoline**

An important reaction of pyrazoline is aromatization. It was achieved by heating 1,3,5-trisubstituted-2-pyrazoline with bis-1,4-diazabicyclo [2.2.2] octane complex, (DABCO-bromine), to get corresponding pyrazoles. The method was found efficient and convenient for its easy isolation procedures and use of eco-friendly reagents fig (1.12) (Azarifar *et al.*, 2010).



**Figure (1.12):** Aromatization of pyrazoline

Pyrazoline derivatives can be oxidized to corresponding pyrazoles with weak oxidizing agents like bromine water fig (1.13) (Basaif *et al.*, 1997).



**Figure (1.13):** Oxidation of pyrazoline

1,3,5-Trisubstituted pyrazolines have been oxidized to the corresponding pyrazoles with tri (4-bromophenyl) aminium (TBPA) hexachloroantimo nate in chloroform at room temperature fig (1.14) (Yusuf & Jain, 2014).



**Figure (1.14):** Oxidation of 1,3,5-trisubstituted pyrazolines

Oxidative dehydrogenation of 3-vinyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-pyrazoles with 20eq of  $MnO<sub>2</sub>$  in benzene at room temperature produce 3-alkenyl-1Hpyrazoles in good yield. While, oxidative dehydrogenation of 4,4′,5,5′ tetrahydro-3*H*,3′*H*- 3,3′-bipyrazole having two dihydropyrazole rings was accompanied by elimination of nitrogen molecule from one dihydro

pyrazole ring, leading to the formation of a mixture of bipyrazole and 3 cyclopropyl-1*H*-pyrazole fig (1.15) (Yakovlev *et al.*, 2009).



**Figure (1.15):** Oxidative dehydrogenation of 4,5-dihydro-3*H*-pyrazoles and 4,4′,5,5′-tetrahydro-3*H*,3′*H*- 3,3′-bipyrazole

Reaction of 3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-2 -pyrazoline-4-thiocarbohydrazide with phenyl isothiocyanate in absolute ethanol afforded  $N^1$  -(4,5-dihydro-3- methyl-5-oxo-1-phenylpyrazol-4-yl) thiocarbonyl-N-phenylthiosemi carbazide.

Hydrolysis of  $N^1$  -(4,5-dihydro-3- methyl-5-oxo-1-phenylpyrazol-4-yl) thiocarbonyl-N-phenylthiosemicarbazide with 10% sodium hydroxide solution followed by acidification with dilute hydrochloric acid gave 4- (4,5-dihydro-1-phenyl-5-thioxo-1,3,4-triazol-2- yl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-2 pyrazolin-5-one. Treatment of 3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-2 -pyrazoline-4 thiocarbohydrazide with sodium nitrite in acetic acid yielded 4 azidothiocarbonyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-2 -pyrazolin-5- one (Kandeel *et al.*, 2002).

3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-2 -pyrazoline-4-thiocarbohydrazide was also subjected to the reaction with carbon disulphide. It was found that it is reacted with  $CS_2$  in KOH to give 4-(4,5-dihydro-5-thioxo-1,3,4thiadiazol-2-yl) - 3-methyl-1-phenyl-2 -pyrazolin-5-one and then reacted

with hydrazine hydrate to give 4-(1-amino-4,5-dihydro-5-thioxo-1,3,4 triazol- 2-yl)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-2 -pyrazolin-5-one fig (1.16) (Kandeel *et al.*, 2002).



**Figure (1.16):** Reactions of 3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-2-pyrazoline-4 thiocarbohydrazide

## **1.1.5. Therapeutic potential of pyrazolines**

2-Pyrazolines display a broad spectrum of potential pharmacological activities and are present in a number of pharmacologically active molecules such as phenazone/ amidopyrene/ methampyrone (analgesic and antipyretic), azolid/ tandearil (anti-inflammatory), indoxacarb (insecticidal), anturane (uricosuric), etc. Considerable interest has been focused on the pyrazoline structure. The discovery of this class of drugs provides an outstanding case history of modern drug development and also points out the unpredictability of pharmacological activity from structural modification of a prototype drug molecule. It is having a

variety of medicinal applications. Pyrazoline derivatives were found to have potential antipyretic-analgesic, tranquillizing, muscle relaxant, psycho analeptic, antiepileptic, antidepressant, anti-inflammatory, insecticidal, antimicrobial and antihypotensive activities. Their derivatives were also found to exhibit cytotoxic activity, inhibitory activity of platelet aggregation, herbicidal activity and cannabinoid receptor modulators. Pyrazoline interest extended to dyes and dye couplers too fig (1.17) (Rahman & Siddiqui, 2010).



**Figure (1.17):** Structures of some pharmacologically active molecules containing pyrazloine moiety

## **1.1.6. Synthesis of 2-pyrazolines**

Pyrazoline derivatives are considered as useful building blocks in organic synthesis for designing pharmaceutical and agrochemicals (Kumar & Govindaraju, 2015). It has variety of methods for their synthesis,

- a) Cyclization, which proceeds stepwise through one or more intermediates involving the expulsion of a small molecule such as an alcohol or water.
- b) Cycloaddition, which proceed via no distinct intermediate but the bond formation may be asynchronous (Krishna & Sekhar, 2008).
- c) Fischer and Knoevenagel reaction *i.e.* the condensation of *α, β* unsaturated compounds with hydrazines under refluxing condition (Sharma *et al.*, 2014).

[3+2] cycloaddition reaction strategy to form five membered ring systems is the most accessible route for formation pyrazolines. Loh *et al*., 2013 were synthesized N-substituted pyrazolines by the reaction of respective chalcone with hydrazine hydrate in the presence of different aliphatic acids namely formic acid, acetic acid and propionic acid as shown fig  $(1.18)$ .



**Figure (1.18):** Synthesis of N-substituted pyrazoline derivatives

Also (Kumar & Jayaroopa, 2013), (Joshi *et al.,* 2012), (Sridhar & Rajendraprasad, 2012), (Pant *et al.,* 2011), (Sahoo *et al.,* 2011), (Sid *et al.*, 2011), (Acharya *et al.*, 2010), (Das *et al*., 2010), (Karuppasamy *et al.*, 2010), (Venkataraman *et al.,* 2010), (Gowramma *et al.,* 2009), (Kaplancikli *et al.,* 2009), (Sauzem *et al*, 2008), (Shoman *et al.*, 2009), (Chimenti *et al.*, 2008), (Jayaprakash *et al*.,2008), (Krishna & Sekhar, 2008), (Ali *et al*., 2007), (Li *et al.*, 2007), (Mishra *et al.,* 2007) and

(Shinde *et al.,* 2004) were followed the same strategy in synthesis of pyrazoline derivatives.

The intensity of diverse biological applications of pyrazolines made them popular drugs that created an interest among the scientists to work in this area (Kumar & Govindaraju, 2015), another important reason for the popularity of this scaffold is its ease of synthesis (Shinkar *et al.*, 2015).

#### **1.2. Molecular modeling and drug design**

Molecular modeling is a tool for doing chemistry. Models are central for understanding of chemistry. Molecular modeling allows to do and teach chemistry better by providing better tools for investigating, interpreting, explaining and discovering new phenomena. Molecular modeling is easy to perform with currently available software, but the difficulty lies in getting the right model and proper interpretation. Molecular modeling is the general term used to describe the use of computers to construct molecules and perform a variety of calculations on these molecules in order to predict their chemical characteristics and behaviour. The term molecular modeling is often used synonymously with the term computational chemistry. Computational chemistry is a broader term, referring to any use of computers to study chemical systems. Molecular modeling encompasses all theoretical methods and computational techniques used to model or mimic the behaviour of molecules. The techniques are used in the field of computational chemistry, computational biology and materials science for studying molecular systems ranging from small chemical systems to large biological molecules and material assemblies (Mukesh & Rakesh, 2011).

Drug design is a process which is driven by technological breakthroughs implying advanced experimental and computational methods. Nowadays,

the techniques or the drug design methods are of paramount importance for prediction of biological profile, identification of hits, generation of leads, and moreover to accelerate the optimization of leads into drug candidates (Patel *et al.*, 2014).

Drug discovery has often evolved from serendipitous and fortuitous findings, for example, the discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming in 1928 triggered the Antibiotic Revolution which contributed tremendously to humankind's quest of longevity. If not by chance, such discoveries may be achieved through random systematic experimentation or chemical intuition where combinatorial libraries are synthesized and screened for potent activities. Such approach is extremely time consuming, labor intensive, and impractical in terms of costs. A more lucrative solution to this problem is to rationally design drugs using computer-aided tools via molecular modeling, simulation, and virtual screening for the purpose of identifying promising candidates prior to synthesis (Nantasenamat *et al*., 2009).

Quantitative structure-activity relationship modeling is an important approach in drug discovery that correlates molecular structure with biological and pharmaceutical activities (Shahlaei, 2013).

#### **1.3. Quantitative structure-activity relationships**

#### **1.3.1. Definition of QSAR**

Differentiating between drug-like from non-drug-like molecules is essential to reduce the cost associated with failed drug development. Various *in silico* approaches have shown the potential for screening chemical databases against the desired biological targets for the development of new potential leads. Among them, ligand-based virtual screening has become popular because of its ability to screen millions of

molecules rapidly from available chemical databases (Danishuddin & Khan, 2016).

Quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) is the name usually applied to methods which correlate molecular structure to some kind of *in vitro* or *in vivo* biological property. When this approach is applied to modelling of toxicological data, it is termed quantitative structure-toxicity relationships (QSTR). When applied to modelling physicochemical properties it is called quantitative structure-property relationships (QSPR) (Winkler, 2001).

Quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) and quantitative structure- property relationship (QSPR) makes it possible to predict the activities/properties of a given compound as a function of its molecular substituent. Essentially, new and untested compounds possessing similar molecular features as compounds used in the development of QSAR/QSPR models are likewise assumed to also possess similar activities/properties (Nantasenamat *et al*., 2009).

In simplest terms, quantitative structure-activity relationship is a method for building computational or mathematical models which attempts to find a statistically significant correlation between structure and function using a chemometric technique. In terms of drug design, structure here refers to the properties or descriptors of the molecules, their substituents or interaction energy fields, function corresponds to an experimental biological/biochemical endpoint like binding affinity, activity, toxicity or rate constants, while chemometric method include multiple linear regression (MLR), partial least-squares (PLS), principal component analysis (PCA), principal component regression (PCR), artificial neural networks (ANN), genetic algorithms (GA) *etc*. Various QSAR

approaches have been developed gradually over a time span of more than a hundred years and served as a valuable predictive tool, particularly in the design of pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals (Verma *et al*., 2010). If we can understand how a molecular structure brings about a particular effect in a biological system, we have a key to unlocking the relationship and using that information to our advantage (Consonni & Todeschini, 2010).

#### **1.3.2. Historical overview**

It is generally accepted that Hansch was the first to use QSARs to explain the biological activity of series of structurally related molecules. Hansch pioneered the use of descriptors related to a molecule's electronic characteristics and to its hydrophobicity. This led him to propose that biological activity could be related to the molecular structure via equations of the following form:

$$
\log(1/C) = k1 \log P + k2\sigma + k3 \tag{eq.1.1}
$$

Where *C* is the concentration of compound required to produce a standard response in a given time, log *P* is the logarithm of the molecule's partition coefficient between 1-octanol and water and  $\sigma$  is the appropriate Hammett substitution parameter. This formalism expresses both sides of the equation in terms of free energy. An alternative formulation of this equation uses the parameter  $\pi$ , which is the difference between the log *P* for the compound and the analogous hydrogen-substituted compound:

$$
\log(1/C) = k1\pi + k2\sigma + k3; \quad \pi = \log PX - \log PH \qquad (eq.1.2)
$$

Another important breakthrough was Hansch's proposal that the activity was parabolically dependent on log *P*:

$$
\log(1/C) = -k1 (\log P)^2 + k2 (\log P) + k3\sigma + k4
$$
 (eq.1.3)

Hansch's rationale for suggesting the parabolic dependence on log *P* was that the drug's hydrophobicity should not be so low that the drug did not partition into the cell membrane nor so high that once in the membrane it simply remained there. An early example of such a non-linear relationship between a biological response and the partition coefficient is the following equation derived for the narcotic effect of thirteen barbiturates on mice:

$$
\log(1/C) = -0.44 \left(\log P\right)^2 + 1.58 \left(\log P\right) + 1.93\tag{eq.1.4}
$$

The electronic characteristics of a molecule are also important in determining its activity against the target; the Hammett parameters provided a concise and convenient way to quantify these. Hammett and others had shown that for related compounds reaction rates (e.g. for the hydrolysis of benzoate esters) and positions of equilibrium (e.g. the ionisation constants of substituted benzoic acids) could be quantified using equations of the following form:

$$
Log (k/k0) = \rho \sigma
$$
  

$$
log (K/K0) = \rho \sigma
$$
 (eq.1.5)

These equations express the rate *(k)* or equilibrium *(K)* constant for a particular substituent relative to that for a reference compound. The substituent parameter  $\sigma$  is determined by the nature of the substituent and whether it is *meta* or *para* to the carboxylic acid or ester group on the aromatic ring. The reaction constant  $\rho$  is fixed for a particular process with the standard reaction being the dissociation of benzoic acids  $(\rho = 1)$ . There have been many extensions to Hammett's original formulation, such as the work of Taft who showed how to incorporate steric effects. Another key development of particular relevance to the QSAR community was the suggestion by Swain and Lupton that *σ* values could be written as a weighted linear combination of two components: a field component *(F)* and a resonance component *(R)*. Many phenomena had been found to follow a Hammett-style equation but were not well correlated using Hammett's original substitution values (Winkler, 2001).

#### **1.3.3. QSAR method**

The QSAR method involves recognition that molecule (organic, peptide, protein, etc.) is really a three-dimensional distribution of properties. The most important of these properties are steric (e.g. Shape and volume), electronic (e.g. Electric charge and electrostatic potential), and what are termed "lipophilic" properties (how polar or non-polar the sections of the molecular are, usually exemplified by the log of the octanol-water partition coefficient, *log P*). Scientists are used to visualising mainly steric properties of molecules. However, molecules look different when viewed in electrostatic, or lipophilic space.

The QSAR method (and analogously QSTR and QSPR) involves a number of key steps. Firstly, converting molecular structures into mathematical descriptors that encapsulate the key properties of the molecules relevant to the activity or property being modelled. Secondly, selecting the best descriptors from a larger set of accessible, relevant descriptors. Thirdly, mapping the molecular descriptors into the properties, preferably using a "model-free" mapping system in which no assumptions are needed as to the functional form of the structure-activity relationship. These relationships are often complex, unknown and nonlinear. Finally, validating the model to determine how predictive it is, and how well it will generalise to new molecules not in the data set used to generate the model (the training set) (Winkler, 2001).

Briefly, this method included data collection, molecular descriptor selection, correlation model development, and lastly model evaluation. QSAR studies have predictive ability and simultaneously provide deeper insight into mechanism of drug receptor interactions (Hansch *et al*., 1995)

### **1.3.4 Validation of quantitative structure–activity relationship model**

To test the internal stability and predictive ability of the derived QSAR model, it was validated or cross-checked by the internal validation and external validation test procedure as follows:

- a) *Internal validation by training set compounds:* Internal validation of the derived QSAR model was carried out by using leave-one-out (LOO) validation method. For calculating cross validation regression coefficient  $(Q^2)$ , each molecule in the training set was eliminated once, and the activity of the eliminated molecule was predicted by using the QSAR model developed by the remaining molecules.
- b) *External validation by test set compounds:* For external validation of QSAR model, the activity of each molecule in the test set was predicted by using the derived QSAR model developed by the training set compounds. The predictive accuracy of the derived QSAR model for external test set refers by correlation coefficient (r) and square of the correlation coefficient  $(r^2)$  (Yadav *et al.*, 2014)

#### **1.3.5. Molecular descriptors**

Molecular descriptors can be defined as numerical values that characterise properties of molecules (Leach & Gillet, 2007). Also it can be defined as the essential information of a molecule in terms of its physicochemical properties such as constitutional, electronic, geometrical, hydrophobic, lipophilicity, solubility, steric, quantum chemical, and topological descriptors. From a practical viewpoint, molecular descriptors are chemical information that is encoded within the molecular structures for which numerous sets of algorithms are available for such transformation (Nantasenamat *et al*., 2009). Molecular descriptors have now become some of the most important variables used in molecular modeling, and, consequently, managed by statistics, chemometrics, and chemoinformatics (Consonni & Todeschini, 2010).

## **1.3.5.1. Classification of molecular descriptors**

Molecular descriptors are divided into two main classes:

- a) *Experimental measurements*: such as log P, molar refractivity, dipole moment, polarizability, and, in general, physico-chemical properties.
- b) *Theoretical molecular descriptors*: theoretical descriptors derived from physical and physico-chemical theories show some natural overlap with experimental measurements. Several quantumchemical descriptors, surface areas, and volume descriptors are examples of such descriptors also having an experimental counterpart. With respect to experimental measurements, the greatest recognized advantages of the theoretical descriptors are usually (but not always) in terms of cost, time, and availability.

The fundamental difference between theoretical descriptors and experimentally measured ones is that theoretical descriptors contain no statistical error due to experimental noise, as opposed to experimental measurements.

There are simple molecular descriptors derived by counting some atom types or structural fragments in the molecule, as well as physico-chemical

and bulk properties such as, for example, molecular weight, number of hydrogen bond donors/acceptors, number of OH-groups, and so on. Other molecular descriptors are derived from algorithms applied to a topological representation. These are usually termed topological, or 2Ddescriptors. Other molecular descriptors are derived from the spatial (*x*, *y*, *z*) coordinates of the molecule, usually called geometrical, or 3Ddescriptors; another class of molecular descriptors, called 4D-descriptors, is derived from the interaction energies between the molecule, imbedded into a grid, and some probe (Consonni & Todeschini, 2010).

#### **1.3.5.2. Descriptor selection method**

Descriptor selection is an important step for several reasons, because of using a few descriptors increases the interpretability and understanding of resulting models, it can reduce the risk of overfitting from noisy redundant molecular descriptors, it can provide faster and cost-effective models and it removes the activity cliff. However, noisy, redundant, or irrelevant descriptors should be removed in a way that the dimension of the input space is reduced without any loss of significant information.

To remove irrelevant descriptors, a selection criterion is required that can measure the relevance of each selected descriptor with the output of any classifier. Depicts the procedure that can be used for the selection of the descriptors. Such descriptor selection techniques have become an obvious requirement in development of the robust QSAR models. The interpretability and generality of the models obtained by these methods are highly dependent on the statistical relations among the descriptors and target properties. Thus, expert knowledge in the selection process is required to gain user confidence in the selected set of descriptors (Danishuddin & Khan, 2016).

#### **1.3.6. Purpose of QSAR**

QSAR should not be seen as an academic tool to allow for the postrationalization of data. Relationships between molecular structure, chemistry and biology must be derived for good reason. From these relationship models can be developed, and with luck, good judgment and expertise these will be predictive. For many practical purposes including QSAR techniques are utilized widely in many situations in the following:

- a) to quantitatively correlate and recapitulate the relationships between trends in chemical structure alterations and respective changes in biological endpoint for comprehending which chemical properties are most likely determinants for their biological activities
- b) to optimize the existing leads so as to improve their biological activities
- c) to predict the biological activities of untested and sometimes yet unavailable compounds fig (1.19) (Verma *et al.*, 2010).
- d) to save in the cost of product development (e.g. in the pharmaceutical, pesticide, personal products, etc. areas).
- e) to be able to reduce the requirement for lengthy and expensive animal tests in predictions.
- f) to reduce (and even, in some cases, to replace) animal tests, thus reducing animal use and obviously pain and discomfort to animals.
- *g)* to promote green and greener chemistry in other areas to increase efficiency and eliminate waste by not following leads unlikely to be successful (Consonni & Todeschini, 2010).



Figure (1.19): Overview of QSAR/QSPR modelling model

### **1.3.7. Applications of QSAR**

Some of the major applications of QSAR are to: optimize of pharmacological, biocidal or pesticidal activity, identify rationally new leads with pharmacological, biocidal or pesticidal activity, design rationally numerous other products such as surface-active agents, perfumes, dyes, and fine chemicals, identify hazardous compounds at early stages of product development or the screening of inventories of existing compounds, designing out of toxicity and side-effects in new compounds, predict toxicity to humans through deliberate, occasional and occupational exposure, predict toxicity to environmental species, select compounds with optimal pharmacokinetic properties (whether it be

stability or availability in biological systems), predict a variety of physico-chemical properties of molecules (whether they be pharmaceuticals, pesticides, personal products, fine chemicals, etc.), rationalize and predict the combined effects of molecules (whether it be in mixtures or formulations) and predict the fate of molecules which are released into the environment (Consonni & Todeschini, 2010).

#### **1.3.8. Classification of QSAR Methodologies**

- a) *Based on dimensionality*, most often the QSAR methods are categorized into following classes, based on the structural representation or the way by which the descriptor values are derived:
	- 1D-QSAR correlating activity with global molecular properties like pKa, log P, etc.
	- 2D-QSAR correlating activity with structural patterns like connectivity indices, 2D pharmacophores, without taking into account the 3D-representation of these properties.
	- 3D-QSAR correlating activity with non-covalent interaction fields surrounding the molecules.
	- 4D-QSAR additionally including ensemble of ligand configurations in 3D-QSAR.
	- 5D-QSAR explicitly representing different induced-fit models in 4D-QSAR.
	- 6D-QSAR further incorporating different solvation models in 5D-QSAR (Patel *et al*., 2014).
- a) *Based on the type of chemometric methods used* , sometimes QSAR methods are also classified into following two categories, depending upon the type of correlation technique employed to

establish a relationship between structural properties and biological activity:

- Linear methods including linear regression (LR), multiple linear regression (MLR), partial least-squares (PLS), and principal component analysis/regression (PCA/ PCR).
- Non-linear methods consisting of artificial neural networks (ANN), *k*-nearest neighbors (*k*NN), and Bayesian neural nets (Verma *et al*., 2010).

#### **1.4. Molecular docking**

Molecular docking methodologies are of great importance in the planning and design of new drugs. These methods aim to predict the experimental binding mode and affinity of a small molecule within the binding site of the receptor target of interest (Guedes *et al.*, 2014).

The molecular docking approach can be used to model the interaction between a small molecule and a protein at the atomic level, which allows us to characterize the behaviour of small molecules in the binding site of target proteins as well as to elucidate fundamental biochemical processes. The docking process involves two basic steps: prediction of the ligand conformation as well as its position and orientation within these sites (usually referred to as *pose*) and assessment of the binding affinity. Knowing the location of the binding site before docking processes significantly increases the docking efficiency. In many cases, the binding site is indeed known before docking ligands into it. Also, one can obtain information about the sites by comparison of the target protein with a family of proteins sharing a similar function or with proteins cocrystallized with other ligands. In the absence of knowledge about the binding sites, cavity detection programs or online servers can be utilized to identify putative active sites within proteins. Docking without any assumption about the binding site is called blind docking (Meng *et al*, 2011).

The interaction between ligand and target molecule involves many types of non-covalent interactions such as hydrogen bond, ionic bond, hydrophobic and van der Waals. Molecular docking study can be possible in between protein-protein, protein-ligand and protein-nucleotide (Tripathi & Misra, 2017).

Molecular docking can be divided into two separate sections:

- a) *Search algorithm*: these algorithms determine all possible optimal conformations for a given complex (protein-protein, proteinligand) in an environment, i.e., the position and orientation of both molecules relative to each other. They can also calculate the energy of the resulting complex and of each individual interaction.
- b) *Scoring function* : these are mathematical methods used to predict the strength of the non-covalent interaction called as binding affinity, between two molecules after they have been docked. Scoring functions have also been developed to predict the strength of other types of intermolecular interactions, for example between two proteins or between protein and DNA or protein and drug. These configurations are evaluated using scoring functions to distinguish the experimental binding modes from all other modes explored through the searching algorithm (Mukesh & Rakesh, 2011).

## **1.4.1. Applications of molecular docking**

## **1.4.1.1. Applications of molecular docking in drug development**

Docking is most commonly used in the field of drug design, most drugs are small organic molecules and docking may be applied to:

- a) *Hit identification*: Docking combined with a scoring function can be used to quickly screen large databases of potential drugs *in silico* to identify molecules that are likely to bind to protein target of interest
- b) *Lead optimization:* Docking can be used to predict in where and in which relatives orientation a ligand binds to a protein. This information may in turn be used to design more potent and selective analogs.
- c) *Bioremedation:* Protein ligand docking can also be used to predict pollutants that can be degraded by enzymes (Supriya *et al.*, 2016).

# **1.4.1.2. Application of molecular modelling in modern drug development**

It is used in screening for the side effects that can be caused by the interactions with other proteins, like proteases and Cytochrome P450. It is also possible to check the specificity of the potential drug against homologous proteins through docking, and it is a widely used tool in predicting protein-protein interactions and knowledge of the molecular associations aids in understanding a variety of pathways taking place in the living and in revealing of the possible pharmacological targets. The technique is used in the field of computational chemistry, computerised biology material used for molecular system ranging from small molecules to large biological molecules and material assemblies.

Molecular docking is an inexpensive, safe and easy to use tool and helps in investigating, interpreting, explaining and identification of molecular properties using three-dimensional structures (Supriya *et al.*, 2016).

## **Aims and objectives**

There has always been and will continue to be a need for new and novel chemical entities with diverse biological activities. The present work deals with the:

- $\checkmark$  Design of new trisubistituted pyrazoline derivatives expected to possess anticancer activity.
- $\checkmark$  Generation of QSAR models that can be used to predict anticancer activity against MCF-7 breast cancer cell line by using compounds collected from literature.
- $\checkmark$  Study of the usefulness of QSAR model in the prediction of the anticancer activity of designed trisubistituted pyrazoline derivatives against MCF-7 breast cancer cell line.
- $\checkmark$  Evaluation of the druggability of designed compounds by using Lipinski's rule.
- $\checkmark$  Selection of pyrazoline derivatives that fit in Lipinski's rule.
- $\checkmark$  Synthesis of selected trisubistituted pyrazoline derivatives.
- $\checkmark$  Calculation of the physicochemical properties of the synthesized compounds.
- $\checkmark$  Characterization of these compounds for structure elucidation using spectroscopic techniques like FT-IR, UV, GC-MS and <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectral studies.
- $\checkmark$  Prediction of the ligand-receptor complex structure through molecular docking studies of the synthesize compounds.

# **2. Materials and Methods**

#### **2.1. Materials, soft wares and instruments**

#### **2.1.1. Dataset**

In QSAR studies, a total of **18** trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives (group I) and **18** α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (group II) were gathered from Qin *et al*. (2015) and Syam *et al*. (2012), respectively. They reported the *in vitro* cytotoxicity of mentioned compounds against various human cell lines, including human breast adenocarcinoma cell line MCF-7. The biological activities in each group expressed as  $IC_{50}$ (concentration of the compounds exhibiting 50% inhibition of cell growth for human breast cancer MCF-7), and were compared with combretastatin A-4 (CA-4) in group (I) and with tamoxifen in group (II).

#### **2.1.2. Chemicals**

Acetic acid (99.9%) was obtained from Chemajet company (Egypt).

Acetone (99%), dioxane (99.5%) and n-hexane (99%) were obtained from ADWIC company (Egypt).

Acetophenone (99%), benzaldehyde (98.5%), chloroacetylchloride (98%), 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (98%), furfural (98%), 4 nitroacetophenone (99%), sodium hydroxide (98%) and potassium carbonate unhydrous (99%) were obtained from Loba Chemie company (India).

4-Bromoacetophenone(98%), 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (98%), sulfanilamide (98%) and sulfadoxine (98%) were obtained from Alfa Aesar company (Germany).

Cinnamaldehyde (98%) and hydrazine hydrate (99%) were obtained from Scharlau company (Spain).

Dimethyl formmaide (99%) was obtained from Oxford company (India).

Ethanol (99.5%) was obtained from Alamia company (Egypt).

Ethylacetate (99%) was obtained from Alpha Chemicals company (Eygpt).

Hydrochloric acid (32%) was obtained from Piochem company (Egypt).

4-Methylacetophenone (95%), triethylamine (99%) and toluene (99%) were obtained from Honeywell Riedel-de Haen (Germany).

Sodium sulfate unhydrous (99%) was obtained from LABCO Chemical LTD.

### **2.1.3. Soft wares**

### **2.1.3.1. ACD/Labs Software**

ACD/ChemSketch (Freeware) is a drawing package that allows to draw chemical structures including organics, organometallics, and polymers structures. It also includes features such as calculation of molecular properties (e.g., molecular weight, density molar refractivity etc.), 2D and 3D structure cleaning and viewing, functionality for naming structures (fewer than 50 atoms and 3 rings), and prediction of logP. The freeware version of ChemSketch does not include all of the functionality of the commercial version such as ACD/Dictinory and search of files on personal computer by structures. Copyright © 1994-2016, ACD/Labs 2016.2 (File Version C30E41, Build 90752, 20 Dec 2016).

#### **2.1.3.2. ChemBioDraw Soft ware**

ChemBioDraw (version 14.0) designed for scientists, students, and scientific authors, ChemBioDraw is a powerful, yet easy-to use, tool for producing chemical and biological drawings. Copyright 1998-2014 CambridgeSoft Corporation, a subsidiary of PerkinElmer, Inc.

#### **2.1.3.3. Molecular Operating Environment (MOE) Soft ware**

MOE, Chemical Computing Group's Molecular Operating Environment is an interactive, windows-based chemical computing and molecular modeling tool with a broad base of scientific applications: bioinformatics, cheminformatics, structure based design, protein modeling, high throughput discovery, molecular modeling and simulations, and methodology development and deployment.

Molecular Operating Environment (MOE), 2010.10; Chemical Computing Group Inc., 1010 Sherbooke St. West, Suite #910, Montreal, QC, Canada, H3A 2R7, 2010

#### **2.1.3.4. Statistical package for social sciences (SPSS) Soft ware**

SPSS for windows version 11.5.0 programme provides a powerful statistical analysis and data management system in a graphical environment, using descriptive menus and simple dialog boxes to do most of the work for you.

#### **2.1.4. Spectroscopic Instruments**

#### **2.1.4.1. Infrared Spectrophotometer (IR)**

The infrared spectra  $(cm<sup>-1</sup>)$  were recorded using KBr disk by using infrared spectrophotometer, model FT-IR 4100 shimadzu – Japan.

# **2.1.4.2. Ultra Violet Spectrophotometer (UV)**

Ultra violet spectral data were obtained using UV.3101PC. shimadzu – Japan.

## **2.1.4.3. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrophotometer (NMR)**

<sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra were recorded in Bruker (Germany) Avance III 400 spectrometer using DMSO as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts  $(\delta)$  are reported in ppm. Splitting patterns are designed as follows: s- singlet, d- doublet, t- triplet, q- quartet and m- multiplet.

## **2.1.4.4. Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS)**

The mass spectra were recorded on GC-MS Shimadzu Qp-2010 Plus Spectrometer.

## **2.1.4.5. General Instruments**

-Ultra violet lamp model UVGL-58 multiband UV.254-365 NM, Upland, CA91786 U.S.A.

-Hot plate with magnetic stirrer VELP scientific – Europe.

- Sensitive balance Sartorius-BI2105 model.

- Melting points were determined by using Fisher-Johns 6200 melting point apparatus and were uncorrected ( Fisher scientific company made in  $U.S.A$ )

# **2.1.5. Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC)**

The progress and purity of synthesized trisubstituted pyrazolines were carried out on pre-coated TLC silica gel 60 F254 plates and the spots were visualized in ultraviolet light with different eluting system.

## **2.2. Methods**

# **2.2.1. QSAR modeling**

The activity in terms of  $IC_{50}$  in group (I) and (II) ( $IC_{50}$  in microgram per milliliter) were converted to negative logarithmic concentration in moles (anticancer potential  $\text{pIC}_{50}$ ), in order to obtain higher mathematical values when the structures are biologically very efficient (N'guessan *et al*., 2017).

The anticancer activity which is expressed by the anticancer potential  $(pIC_{50})$  is defined in equation (2.1):

 $1 \mu M = 10^{-6} M$ 

 $pIC_{50} = log 1/IC_{50}$ 

 $pIC_{50} = -log_{10} (IC_{50} x 10^{-6})$  (eq.2.1)

ChemSketch/ACDlab software was used for drawing series of the studied compounds tables (2.1) and (2.2). Then, the data set of trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives (group I) and α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (group II) were divided into a training set of **15** and a test set of **3** compounds by random selection.

# **Table (2.1):** Structures,  $IC_{50}$  and  $pIC_{50}$  of 1,3,5-trisubstituted pyrazoline

derivatives (Qin *et al*., 2015)





# **Table (2.2):** Structures,  $IC_{50}$  and  $pIC_{50}$  of  $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl

derivatives (Syam *et al*., 2012)





## **2.2.2. Molecular modeling parameters**

Total of **11** molecular descriptors listed in table (2.3) were initially calculated for each compound in training set of group (I) using MOE and ACD/lab. 2D descriptors (MW, MR, MV, RI and D) was calculated by ACD/lab programme, the rest of 3D descriptors and log P(o/w) descriptor were calculated by MOE programme. Table (2.4) illustrated values of descriptors that calculated by programmes for group (I).

Eight molecular descriptors namely, molecular weight (MW), molar volume (MV), surface tension (ST), molar reactivity (MR), potential energy  $(E)$ , refractive index  $(RI)$ , density $(D)$  and  $logP$  (octanol/water)  $(logP(o/w))$  were calculated for each compound in training set of group (II) using MOE and ACD/lab programmes and listed in table (2.5).







Compound											
No.	<b>MW</b>	<b>MR</b>	MV	<b>RI</b>	D	<b>ST</b>	logP(o/w)	HF	IP	dipole	E
1a	490.504	129.69	129.69	129.69	1.31	45.5	4.43548	$-99.2623$	8.73152	1.819013	149.3456
3a	490.504	129.69	372.3	1.613	1.31	45.5	4.43748	$-101.624$	8.65333	1.688911	144.9774
4a	494.923	128.48	360	1.632	1.37	47.6	5.07348	$-47.8222$	8.96887	1.215617	135.8836
5a	478.469	123.75	353.6	1.617	1.35	45.2	4.63448	$-109.418$	8.94147	1.227071	133.4252
6a	494.923	128.48	360	1.632	1.37	47.6	5.11048	$-66.5089$	8.95443	1.023524	133.596
7a	474.505	128.3	365.9	1.618	1.29	45	4.77948	$-71.2613$	8.7929	1.551001	138.316
9a	460.478	123.87	350.7	1.624	1.31	46.7	4.48148	$-64.2462$	8.91351	1.53525	134.8879
10a	467.287	113.86	301.2	1.68	1.55	52.2	5.991	3.47809	9.00173	1.046086	96.19308
11a	481.417	112.12	310.3	1.642	1.34	47.9	5.149	$-39.8802$	8.69181	1.579098	104.5233
12a	434.871	116.85	316.7	1.659	1.37	50.7	5.588	$-1.75945$	8.6971	1.611742	105.5788
13a	430.452	118.06	329.1	1.636	1.3	48.1	4.989	$-32.2138$	8.662	1.596563	113.0786
15a	460.478	123.87	350.7	1.624	1.31	16.7	4.69474	$-55.6539$	8.65394	1.744001	130.2732
16a	400.426	112.25	307.5	1.65	1.3	49.7	4.996	5.29364	8.61974	1.33213	106.1936
17a	478.469	123.75	353.6	1.617	1.35	45.2	4.63448	$-109.192$	8.79335	1.501933	136.1933
18a	494.923	128.48	360	1.632	1.37	47.6	5.07348	$-69.2972$	8.824781	1.57097	137.2353

**Table 2.4:** Values of chemical descriptors with details used in QSAR modeling of group (I)

Compound No.	<b>MW</b>	MV	<b>ST</b>	<b>MR</b>	E	<b>RI</b>	D	logP(o/w)
1 <sub>b</sub>	208.255	189.8	44.7	67.1	53.88202	1.624	1.097	4.065
2 <sub>b</sub>	222.281	206	43.2	71.93	56.0874	1.615	1.078	4.363
4 <sub>b</sub>	242.7	201.7	46.4	72	61.17518	1.632	1.202	4.655
5 <sub>b</sub>	238.281	204.5	49.9	73.81	55.46881	1.641	1.165	4.053
6 <sub>b</sub>	222.281	206	43.2	71.93	56.1036	1.615	1.078	4.4
7 <sub>b</sub>	238.281	204.5	49.9	73.81	53.3754	1.641	1.165	4.092
8 <sub>b</sub>	236.308	222.3	42	76.75	58.28762	1.606	1.062	4.698
9 <sub>b</sub>	252.307	230.1	41.8	78.61	65.41583	1.598	1.096	4.356
11 <sub>b</sub>	252.307	230.1	41.8	78.61	68.13621	1.598	1.096	4.319
12 <sub>b</sub>	268.307	237.8	41.6	80.46	72.26687	1.591	1.128	3.977
13 <sub>b</sub>	251.322	227.8	45.9	81.42	72.06151	1.633	1.103	3.98
14 <sub>b</sub>	265.349	244	44.5	86.24	71.59818	1.624	1.087	4.278
15 <sub>b</sub>	224.254	188.2	52.1	68.99	56.14378	1.653	1.191	3.755
16 <sub>b</sub>	238.281	204.5	49.9	73.81	58.24109	1.641	1.165	4.09
18b	242.7	201.7	46.4	72	55.27224	1.632	1.202	4.694

**Table 2.5:** Values of chemical descriptors with details used in QSAR modeling of group (II)
### **2.2.2.1. Selection of subset descriptors**

The ratio of the number of compounds to the physicochemical descriptors used for the correlation is usually 5:1(Vaidya *et al*., 2012). To select the best sub-set of physico-chemical properties in group (I) and (II), highly correlated chemical descriptors were excluded through co-variance analysis using correlation fig (2.1) and (2.2).

## Figure (2.1): Details of correlation matrix for chemical descriptors in group (I)





**Figure (2.2):** Details of correlation matrix for chemical descriptors in  $group (II)$ 

The correlation matrix in fig (2.1) showed that the MR and MV are correlated to each other and are highly correlated to E, also RI correlated to log P(o/w). So, MR, MV and RI are excluded from the study.

In fig (2.2) which showed the correlation matrix for descriptors in group (II) showed that the MV correlated to MR, and ST correlated to RI. So, MV and ST are excluded from the study.

About 46 regression equation was employed for MCF-7 cancer cell line in group (I) table (2.6), and 20 regression equation in group (II) table (2.7) using multiple linear regression method. Lastly, a QSAR model equation with high square of the correlation coefficient  $(r^2)$  was selected.

# **Table (2.6):** The QSAR models between descriptors and biological activity of trisubisitiuted pyrazoline derivatives for MCF-7 cancer cell

### line (group I)



Table (2.6): continued



Table (2.6): continued





\***r 2** : Squared correlation coefficient **RMSE**: Root mean square error

The best QSAR model equation which showed a high square of the correlation coefficient ( $r^2$  = 0.76032) and low root mean square error (RMSE= 0.33535) was QSAR equation No. 28:

 $Pc =$ 

 23.81540 +14.28884  $x$  D  $-2.47851 x \log P(o/w)$ -2.85524 IP ……………….................. (model I)

# **Table (2.7):** The QSAR models between descriptors and biological activity of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives for MCF-7 cancer cell

### line (group II)



Table (2.7): continued



\***r 2** : Squared correlation coefficient **RMSE**: Root mean square error

The QSAR model equation with high square of the correlation coefficient  $(r^2$  = 0.84684) and low root mean square error (RMSE = 0.14550) was QSAR equation No. 19:

 $Pc =$ 

 4.37301  $-0.04322 x E$  $+ 1.59035 x D$ + 0.31076 log P (o/w) ……………………………. (model II)

#### **2.2.2.2. Calculation of statistical parameters**

The statistical quality of models were justified by statistical parameters such as the root mean square error (RMSE), correlation coefficient (r), squared correlation coefficient  $(r^2)$ , standard error of estimate (s) and Ftest value (ratio between the variances of observed and calculated activities, F). Calculation of statistical parameters was carried out by using statistical program SPSS version 15.5, table (2.8).

**Table 2.8:** Statistical parameters used for statistical quality of models

Model No. r		RMSE $Q^2$ s F		$P$ value
		0.8720 0.7603 0.33535 0.5348 0.56 34.05 0.133		
		0.9202 0.84684 0.14550 0.7621 0.384 101.43 0.010		

#### **2.2.3. Validation of quantitative structure–activity relationship model**

To test the internal stability and predictive ability of the derived QSAR models, they were validated or cross-checked by the internal validation and external validation test procedure as follows:

*(a) Internal validation by training set compounds:*

Internal validations of the derived QSAR models were carried out by using LOO validation method to calculate cross validation regression coefficient  $(Q^2)$  and the results were illustrated in table (2.9) and (2.11) for group (I) and (II) respectively.

*(b) External validation by test set compounds:*

For external validation of QSAR models, the activity of each compound in the test set was predicted by using the derived QSAR models developed by the training set compounds in each group table (2.10) and (2.12).

**Table 2.9:** Experimental and predicted activities of training data set compounds and cross validation against the MCF-7

breast cancer cell line (group I)







**Table 2.10:** Predicted biological activity values of test set (group I)

Compound No.	R <sup>1</sup>	$R^2$	Experimental $\text{pIC}_{50}$ (M)	Predicted $\text{pIC}_{50}$ (M)	Residuals
2a	$3,4,5-(OCH_3)$	$3-OCH3$	7.22	6.111	1.109
8a	$3,4,5-(OCH_3)$	$3$ -CH <sub>3</sub>	5.13	5.042	0.088
14a	$4-OCH3$	$4-OCH3$	5.19	5.470	$-0.28$

**Table 2.11:** Experimental and predicted activities of training data set compounds and cross validation against the MCF-7

breast cancer cell line (group II)





Table $(2.11)$ : continued										
9 <sub>b</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	5.02	4.642254	0.377746	4.589873	0.430127
15 <sub>b</sub>	H	H	H	H	<b>OH</b>	5.03	5.007334	0.022666	4.99276	0.03724
6 <sub>b</sub>	H	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	5.03	5.029799	0.000202	5.029741	0.000259
7 <sub>b</sub>	<b>OH</b>	H	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>OH</b>	5.08	5.190366	$-0.11037$	5.216456	$-0.13646$
4 <sub>b</sub>	H	H	H	H	H	5.1	5.087039	0.012961	5.075714	0.024286
1 <sub>b</sub>	H	H	H	H	H	5.16	5.051935	0.108065	5.011246	0.148754
16 <sub>b</sub>	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	<b>OH</b>	5.16	4.979438	0.180562	4.952883	0.207117
18 <sub>b</sub>	H	H	H	Cl	H	5.28	5.354298	$-0.0743$	5.415618	$-0.13562$

Table 2.12: Predicted biological activity values of test set (group II)



#### **2.2.4. Modeling of pyrazoline derivatives**

Literature survey reveals that the 2-pyrazoline derivatives have engrossed substantial attention from medicinal chemists, it is an important scaffold since several 2-pyrazoline derivatives are found to be associated with wide range of biological activities. Furthermore, the use of the combinations of different pharmacological compounds in the design of new drugs may lead to finding novel drugs with interesting biological activity. In view of these points, about 120 trisubstituted 2-pyrazoline derivatives were modeled and designed as anticancer agent by using a hybrid pharmacophore approach. The new designed hybrid compounds were made by linking pyrazoline ring system with different substituents in position 1, 3 and 5 fig (2.3). All designed hybrid compounds were found in appendix A.



**Figure (2.3):** Designing of target compounds

α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives are an interesting target class of compounds which are extensively investigated due to their broad spectrum of biological activities, including anti-inflammatory, antiinvasive, antitumour and antibacterial properties. They are regarded as promising anticancer agents against most human cancers (Syam *et al*., 2012). Twenty of  $\alpha$ ,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were modeled and designed as anticancer agent against human breast cancer cell line MCF-7 table (2.15).

### **2.2.4.1. Predicting the biological activity of designed compounds**

The QSAR model (I) was selected to predict the biological activity of designed trisubstituted pyrazolines (1-120) against human breast cancer MCF-7, the results along with their predicted chemical descriptors were calculated and displayed as given in appendix A.

Druggability of designed trisubstituted pyrazolines was evaluated using Lipinski's "rule of five" in order to select compounds for synthesis. According to Lipinski rule of five, most "drug-like" molecules have logP≤5, number of hydrogen bond acceptors ≤10, molecular weight ≤500, and number of hydrogen bond donors ≤5. Molecules violating one or more of these rules may have problems with bioavailability (Jagadish *et al*, 2013). Therefor, 33 out of 120 compounds were selected for synthesis in the next step. Descriptors of selected compounds, predicted  $\text{pIC}_{50}$  and Lipinski's parameters were listed in table (2.13).

**Table 2.13:** Predicted descriptors, predicted activity against human breast cancer and Lipinski's parameters of selected trisubstituted pyrazolines

Compound	<b>MW</b>	D	logP	IP	<b>HB</b>	<b>HB</b>	Predicted
No.			(o/w)		donors	acceptors	$\rm pIC_{50}$
	298.76	1.23	4.100	8.972	$\theta$	$\overline{2}$	5.60
$\overline{2}$	333.21	1.32	4.692	9.064	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{2}$	5.16
3	341.83	1.20	4.015	8.319	$\theta$	$\overline{2}$	7.25
$\overline{4}$	324.80	1.18	4.744	8.964	$\theta$	$\overline{2}$	3.32
5	288.72	1.32	2.816	8.984	$\Omega$	$\overline{2}$	10.04
6	377.66	1.47	4.899	9.066	$\theta$	$\overline{2}$	6.79



QSAR model (II) was used to predict the biological activity of designed α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives against human breast cancer MCF-7 (16 out of 20 compounds), druggability of these compounds was also evaluated using Lipinski's "rule of five" , the results along with their predicted chemical descriptors were displayed in table (2.14).

**Table 2.14:** Predicted descriptors, predicted activity against human breast cancer and Lipinski's parameters of designed α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives

Compound	<b>MW</b>	E	logP(o/w)	D	HB	HB	Predicted
No.					donors	acceptors	$\rm pIC_{50}$
$\mathbf{I}$	242.70	53.405	4.657	1.202	$\overline{0}$	1	5.42
IV	234.29	56.242	4.709	1.082	$\overline{0}$	1	5.13
$\mathbf V$	198.21	45.018	2.78	1.148	$\overline{0}$	1	5.12
VI	287.15	54.397	4.863	1.393	$\overline{0}$	1	5.75
VII	321.59	53.933	5.455	1.475	$\overline{0}$		6.08
<b>VIII</b>	330.21	69.933	4.778	1.353	$\overline{0}$	1	4.99
IX	313.18	56.813	5.507	1.346	$\overline{0}$	1	5.77
X	277.11	36.410	3.578	1.467	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	6.24
XI	253.25	72.698	4.000	1.255	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	4.47
XII	287.69	72.231	4.592	1.346	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	4.82
XIII	296.32	88.256	3.915	1.236	$\overline{0}$	1	3.74
<b>XIV</b>	279.29	75.030	4.644	1.223	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	4.52
XV	243.21	54.943	2.715	1.318	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	4.94
<b>XVII</b>	256.72	55.604	4.955	1.177	$\overline{0}$	1	5.38
<b>XIX</b>	248.31	58.428	5.007	1.066	$\overline{0}$	1	5.09
XX	212.24	38.118	3.078	1.123	$\boldsymbol{0}$	1	5.47
Tamoxifen					$\boldsymbol{0}$	1	7.39

#### **2.3. Synthesis**

#### **2.3.1. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds**

### **2.3.1.1. Synthesis of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives ( I-XX )**

A mixture of the substituted aromatic aldehyde (0.05 mol), substituted aromatic acetophenone (0.05 mol) and sodium hydroxide (10%) in ethanol (30 mL) was stirred at room temperature until the mixture was so thick that stirring was no longer effective (3-5 h); reaction mixture was removed and kept in refrigerator overnight. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with cold water until the washings were neutral to litmus. The crude α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivative, was air-dried and recrystallized from ethanol (see scheme  $(2.1)$ ,  $(2.2)$ ,  $(2.3)$  and  $(2.4)$ ). Chemical names and physiochemical properties are tabulated in table  $(2.15)$  and  $(2.19)$ , respectively.



**Scheme (2.1):** Chemical structures of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (I-V) (Acetophenone derivatives)



**Scheme (2.2):** Chemical structures of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (VI-X) (*p*-bromoacetophenone derivatives)



**Scheme (2.3):** Chemical structures of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (XI-XV) (*p*-nitroacetophenone derivatives)



**Scheme (2.4):** Chemical structures of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (XVI-XX) (*p*-methylacetophenone derivatives)

### **2.3.1.2. Synthesis of 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL)**

A mixture of appropriate  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivative (0.03 mol) and hydrazine hydrate (2.9 ml, 3 g, 0.06 mol) in ethanol (30 ml) were refluxed for 6 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and kept in refrigerator overnight. The resulting solid was filtered, and the crude pyrazoline, after drying and recrystallization from ethanol, was taken for the next step (see scheme (2.5)). Chemical names and physiochemical properties are tabulated in table (2.16) and (2.20).



**Scheme (2.5):** Chemical structures of 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL)

## **2.3.1.3. Synthesis of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)**

3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivative (0.025 mol) and triethylamine (3.48 ml, 2.52 g, 0.025 mol) were dissolved in dry toluene (30 ml) with constant stirring. The mixture was cooled in an ice bath, and chloroacetylchloride (1.99 ml, 2.82 g, 0.025 mol) was added drop wise with stirring. The reaction mixture thus obtained was further agitated for 3 h at room temperature and followed by TLC. The precipitate (triethylamine hydrochloride) was filtered; the solvent was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The products were recrystallized from ethanol and were taken for the next step (see scheme (2.6)). Chemical names and physiochemical properties are tabulated in table (2.17) and  $(2.21)$ .

## **2.3.1.4. Synthesis of 1-[(aryl)aminoacetyl]-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)**

A mixture of 0.5 mmol sulfanilamide (0.086 g) or sulfadoxine (0.155 g), 0.5 mmol of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivative, and 0.069 g of potassium carbonate anhydrous was stirred under reflux in 10 mL of dry DMF. Reaction was followed by TLC. The reaction mixture was poured in crushed ice, the products were separated by filtration, washed with water, ethanol, and dried. Recrystallization from ethanol/dioxane rendered desired products in pure form (see schemes (2.7) and (2.8)). Chemical names and physiochemical properties are tabulated in table (2.18) and (2.22).



**Scheme (2.6):** Chemical structures of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2 pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)



**Scheme (2.7):** Chemical structures of 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXVII)



**Scheme (2.8):** Chemical structures of 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LXVIII-LXXI)

**Table (2.15):** Chemical names of synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl

## derivatives (I-XX)





Table (2.15): continued



## **Table (2.16):** Chemical names of synthesized 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline

derivatives (XXI-XL)







**Table (2.17):** Chemical names of synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-

diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)







XLVIII=11, XLIX=12, L=13, LI=14, LII=15, LIII=16, LIV=17, LV=18, LVI=19, LVII=20

## **Table (2.18):** Chemical names of synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -

3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)







**Table (2.19):** Physiochemical data of synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives ( I-XX )








**Table (2.20):** Physiochemical data of synthesized 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL)







# **Table (2.21):** Physiochemical data of synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)









**\***Eluting solvent: hexane:ethyleacetate (8:2 v/v)

## **Table (2.22):** Physiochemical data of synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)









**\***Eluting solvent: hexane:ethyleacetate (4:6 v/v)

**Table (2.23):** Infra-red spectral data (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> of synthesized  $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives









**Table (2.24):** Infra-red spectral data (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> of synthesized 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives

(XXI-XL)









**Table (2.25)** Infra-red spectral data (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> of synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)









**Table (2.26):** Infra-red spectral data (KBr) cm<sup>-1</sup> of synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)









**Table (2.27):** UV spectral data of synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5 diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)





**Table (2.28):** UV spectral data of synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -

3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)





### **Table (2.29):**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Data of synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2 pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)











**Table (2.30):**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Data of synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-

Compound	Structure of compound	Chemical shift (ppm)
No.		
<b>LVIII</b>	Hb Ha Hx NΗ $SO_2NH_2$	3.10 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Ha,Hb} = 18.12$ Hz, $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.72 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ha}$ 3.80 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Hb,Ha}$ = 18.16 Hz, $J_{Hb,Hx} = 11.80 \text{ Hz}, \text{ Hb}$ 4.02 ppm (d, 2H, $J=6.00$ Hz, CO-CH <sub>2</sub> ) 5.44 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Hb,Hx} = 11.76$ Hz, $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.64 \text{ Hz}, \text{Hx}$ 5.95 ppm $(s, 2H, NH2-1°$ amino group) 6.58 ppm (d, 2H, $J=8.68$ Hz, Ar-H) 7.13 ppm (d, 2H, $J=$ 7.16 Hz, Ar-H) 7.24 ppm (t, 1H, NH-2° amino group) 7.32-7.78 ppm (m, 10H, Ar-H)
<b>LIX</b>	Hb Ha Hx NΗ $SO_2NH_2$	3.11 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Ha,Hb} = 18.24$ Hz, $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.72 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ha}$ 3.80 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Hb,Ha}$ = 18.20 Hz, $J_{\text{Hb,Hx}} = 11.80 \text{ Hz}, \text{Hb}$ 4.01 ppm (d, 2H, $J=5.72$ Hz, CO-CH <sub>2</sub> ) 5.44 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Hb,Hx}$ =11.72 Hz, $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.54 \text{ Hz}, \text{Hx}$ 5.95 ppm (s, 2H, $NH2$ -1° amino group) 6.58 ppm (d, 2H, $J=$ 8.48 Hz, Ar-H), 7.16 ppm (d, 2H, $J=$ 8.24 Hz, Ar-H), 7.31 ppm (t, 1H, NH, 2° amino group) 7.36-7.77 ppm (m, 9H, Ar-H)
LX	Ha Hb Hx $H_3C$ $H_3C$ $SO_2NH_2$	2.84 ppm $(s, 6H, CH_3-N)$ 3.07 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Ha,Hb} = 18.12$ Hz, $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.36 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ha}$ 3.73 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Hb,Ha} = 18.08$ Hz, $J_{\text{Hb,Hx}} = 11.60 \text{ Hz}, \text{Hb}$ 3.92-4.04 ppm (m, 2H, CO-CH <sub>2</sub> ) 5.33 ppm (dd, 1H, $J_{Hb,Hx} = 11.52$ Hz, $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.32 \text{ Hz}, \text{Hx}$ 5.95 ppm $(s, 2H, NH2-1°$ amino group) 6.59 ppm (dd, 2H, $J=8.60$ Hz, Ar-H) 6.94 ppm (d, 2H, $J=8.60$ Hz, Ar-H) 7.25 ppm (t, 1H, NH, $2^{\circ}$ amino group) 7.45-7.77 ppm (m, 9H, Ar-H)

diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)







## **Table (2.31):** Mass spectral data of of synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)









#### **Table (2.32):** Mass spectral data of of synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)








### **2.4. Docking study**

Molecular docking of the drug molecule with the receptor (target) gives important information about drug receptor interactions and is commonly used to find out the binding orientation of drug candidates to their protein targets in order to predict the affinity and activity (Bano *et al*., 2015).

Molecular docking softwares are mainly used in drug development. The most important application of docking software is virtual screening. In virtual screening the most interesting and promising molecules are selected from existing database for further research (Mukesh & Rakesh, 2011).

### **2.4.1. Major steps in molecular docking**

### **Step I –***Building the Receptor*

- Downloaded PDB structure of the receptor.
- Removal of the water molecules from the cavity, stabilizing charges, filling in the missing residues, generation the side chains.

### **Step II –***Identification of the Active Site*

- After the receptor is built, the active site within the receptor should be identified.
- The receptor may have many active sites but the one of the interest should be selected

### **Step III –***Ligand Preparation*

- Ligands can be obtained from various databases like ZINC, PubChem or can be sketched using tools like Chemsketch.
- While selecting the ligand, the LIPINSKY'S RULE OF 5 should be applied.

### **Step IV-***Docking*

This is the last step, where the ligand is docked onto the receptor and the interactions are checked. The scoring function generates scores depending on which the ligand with the best fit is selected (Jade, 2016).

All synthesized trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives were subjected to docking study to investigate their binding mechanism with 1JD0 protein, which was downloaded from protein data bank (PDB). Compounds (LXVIII, LXIX, LXX and LXXI) were excluded from study, because their molecular weight over 500 (Lipinsky's rule of 5).

Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor acetazolamide (AZA) was used as the reference drug, molecular docking of standard acetazolamide was carried out and corresponding docking score which was obtained, set as a standard in table (2.33).

Synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were also subjected to docking study, the protein file (PDB ID: 3DKC) selected for this purpose and the result was tabulated in table (2.34)

# **Table 2.33:** Docking results of the synthesized trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LXVII) with 1JD0 using MOE

software version 10.2008











# **Table 2.34:** Docking results of the synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives with 3DKC using MOE software version 10.2008









#### **3. Discussion**

#### **3.1. QSAR study**

Cancer has been prevailing as most serious disease and its incidence is rising day-to-day in the world. Cancer treatment usually falls into the category of surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. Despite of all these treatments, cancer is still continuing as uncontrollable disease and exploring for new approaches in anticancer therapy. Chemotherapy is generally used to treat cancer that has spread or metastasized because the medicines travel throughout the entire body (Reddy *et al*., 2016).

The worldwide cancer burden is expected to increase by as much as 15 million new cancer cases per year by 2020, according to the World Health Organization, unless further preventive measures are put into practice. Generally, cancers of the breast, lung, colorectal, and prostate are the most frequent types in developed countries while those of the stomach, liver, oral cavity, and cervix, in developing countries, although this pattern seems to be evolving, especially due to population aging and life style changes (George *et al*., 2016).

In a recent report of the American Cancer Society breast cancer was classified as the most frequently diagnosed cancer and the leading cause of cancer death among females. Although there are many therapeutic strategies, more than one million new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed every year. Some of the main problems in the treatment of cancer are high cytotoxicity and drug resistance, and no clinically active substances are known to act selectively on tumour cells. Scientists put great effort in finding new therapeutic targets for cancer and to the development of new selective drugs (Dimic *et al*., 2015). New, effective cytotoxic agents with novel mechanisms of action are therefore urgently

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needed for the treatment of women with metastatic breast cancer (Yahya *et al*., 2014).

Pyrazoline derivatives have attracting continuing attention over the years because of their broad spectrum biological activities and strong efficacy. Some representative of this heterocyclic exhibit anti-proliferative, antiinflammatory, anti-infective carrying the biologically active sulfonamide moieties. Among the wide range of compounds tested as potential anticancer agents, derivatives comprising the sulphonamide. Recently three sulphonamides derivatives have been reported as potent antitumor agents and are in advanced clinical trials (Rathore *et al*., 2014).

If we can understand how a molecular structure brings about a particular effect in a biological system, we have a key to unlocking the relationship and using that information to our advantage. Formal development of these relationships on this premise has proved to be the foundation for the development of predictive models. If we take a series of chemicals and attempt to form a quantitative relationship between the biological effects (i.e. the activity) and the chemistry (i.e. the structure) of each of the chemicals, then we are able to form a quantitative structure–activity relationship or QSAR (Cronin, 2010).

*In-silico* modeling methodologies such as QSAR prove to be a key for the analysis of bio-chemo-physical property and activity. QSAR is a broadly used tool for developing relationships between the effects of a series of molecules with their structural properties (Mishra *et al.*, 2017). It is used in many areas of science to reduce the excessive number of experiments, sometimes long, expensive and harmful for environment protection (N'guessan *et al*., 2017).

Structural properties expressed in terms of descriptors. Molecular descriptors play a fundamental role in developing models for chemistry.

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Molecular descriptors can be calculated from the chemical formula (1D descriptors), the 2D structure (2D descriptors), and the 3D conformation (3D descriptors) using a large number of methods based on atom types, molecular fragments, and the three dimensional structure, respectively (Bajot, 2010).

In this work, QSAR study was carried out for two groups, trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives (group I) and α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (group II). Data set in each group collected from literature (Qin *et al*, 2015 and Syam *et al*, 2012) consists of **18** compounds, table (2.1) and (2.2), which was then divided into two sub sets: training data set containing **15** compounds and test set of three compounds.

Total of 11 molecular descriptors namely, molecular weight (MW), molar refractivity (MR), molar volume (MV), refractive index (RI), density

(D), surface tension (ST), logarithm of the Partition coefficient Log P (octanol/water) (Log  $P(o/w)$ ), heat of formation (HF), ionization potential (IP), dipole moment (dipole) and potential energy (E) were calculated for training set in group (I) table (2.4).

Only 8 molecular descriptors (MW, MV, ST, MR, E, RI, D and Log  $P(o/w)$ ) were calculated for each compound in training set in group (II) table (2.5). All descriptors were calculated by using MOE and ACD/lab programmes.

For a statistically reliable model, the number of compounds and number of descriptors should bear a ratio of at least 5:1. Thus, only three descriptors are required for **15** compounds in training set to develop statistically reliable QSAR model in each group. Selection of a set of appropriate descriptors from a large number of them requires a method, which is able to discriminate between the parameters. Pearson's correlation matrix has been performed for all selected descriptors by using MOE Software fig (2.1) and (2.2) in order to select appropriate sub

set descriptors. The analysis of these matrixes revealed appropriate eight descriptors in group (I) and five in group (II).

Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) is a commonly used method in QSAR due to its simplicity, transparency, reproducibility, and easy interpretability (Roy *et al*., 2015). 46 QSAR models were devolved during MLR analysis in group (I) with three descriptors and the best equation (No. 28) which showed high squared correlation coefficient  $(r^2)$ and low root mean square error (RMSE), was considered as the best model with D, logP(o/w) and IP descriptors.

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Pc= 23.8154+14.28884x D- 2.47851x log P(o/w)- 2.85524x IP… model (I)
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The developed QSAR model equation (model I) shows a relationship between *in vitro* biological activity and correlated three chemical descriptors  $(D, \log P(o/w)$  and IP). It is evident from the model equation that the molecular descriptors, namely  $log P(o/w)$  partition coefficient and ionization potential are negatively correlated. On the other hand, density shows positive correlation.

In group II, about 20 QSAR models were devolved during MLR analysis, and the best equation (No. 19) with high  $r^2$  and low RMSE was considered as the best model.

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Pc = 4.3730 - 0.04322 \times E + 1.59035 \times D + 0.31076 \times \log P(o/w) \dots \text{model (II)}
$$

The model (II) equation shows that there is positive correlation between the biological activity, density and Log P(o/w) partition coefficient, and negative correlation with potential energy.

Validation is a crucial aspect of any QSAR analysis, this step achieved by internal validation by training set compounds (cross validation) and external validation by test set compounds. The statistical fit of a QSAR

can be assessed in many easily available statistical terms. The statistical quality of the resulting models, as depicted in table (2.8), is determined by r,  $r^2$ ,  $Q^2$ , RMSE, S, F and P value

*The correlation coefficient, r* is a measure of the degree of linearity of the relationship. It signifies the quality of fit of the model and quantifies the variance in the data. In an ideal situation the correlation coefficient must be equal to or approach **1** (Verma *et al*, 2010).

*The squared correlation coefficient,*  $r^2$  which gives an evaluation of the dispersion of theoretical values around the experimental data. The quality of the model is improved when the points are close to the fitting line. The adjustment of the points to this line can be evaluated by the correlation coefficient (N'guessan *et al*, 2017), that means if  $\mathbf{r}^2$  value closes to 1 the theoretical and experimental values will be assumed to correlate.

*Cross-validation*  $Q^2$  is one of the most extensively employed methods for the internal validation of a statistical model. In cross-validation, the predictive ability of a model is estimated using a reduced set of structural data. Usually, one element of the set is extracted each time, and a new model is derived based on the reduced dataset, which is then employed to predict the activity of the excluded molecule. The procedure is repeated *n* number of times until all compounds have been excluded and predicted once. This is the so-called leave-one-out (*LOO*) method. The outcome of *LOO* procedure is a cross- validated correlation coefficient  $(Q^2, q^2 \text{ or } CV)$ which is a criterion of both robustness and predictive ability of the mode. It has been established that, in cases where test sets with known values of biological activities were available for prediction, there existed no correlation between the  $Q^2$  and  $r^2$ .  $Q^2$  should be regarded as a measure of internal consistency of the derived model rather than as a true indicator of the predictability. It should be noted that, since it is easier to fit the experimental data than to predict them from the QSAR model,  $r^2$  of the model is always higher than  $Q^2$  (Verma *et al*, 2010). For a satisfactory model  $Q^2 > 0.5$  and for an excellent model  $Q^2 > 0.9$ . So, for a given training set, a model will be performance if the acceptance criterion  $\mathbf{r}^2$  **-**  $\mathbf{Q}^2$  < 0.3 is respected (N'guessan *et al*, 2017).

*The Fischer statistic (F value)* parameter is one of the several variance related parameters that can be used as a measure of the level of statistical significance of the regression model. A higher F value implies that a more significant correlation has been reached (Verma *et al*, 2010).

*Root mean square error (RMSE),* has been used as a standard statistical metric to measure model performance in meteorology, air quality, and climate research studies (Chai & Draxler, 2014). The lower its value the better the model.

**Standard error of estimate** (s), for a good model, the standard error of estimate of Y should be low, it measures the dispersion of the observed values about the regression line. The smaller the value of s means higher reliability of the prediction (Roy *et al.*, 2015)

*P* value is defined as the probability under null distributions of the sample outcome equal to or more extreme than that observed (Gibbons & Pratt, 1975).

The QSAR models present robustness, with good internal and external predictive capabilities and these models are acceptable because all the values of statistical measures are found to be in the acceptable range,

in group (I):



in group (II):

 $r = 0.9202$  $r^2$  = 0.84684 = 0.84684 **RMSE**= 0.14550 **Q**  $^2$  = 0.7621 **s**=  $0.38484$  **F**=  $101.434$  **P**=  $0.010$ 

One of the most important characteristics of a QSAR model is its predictive power, i.e., the ability of a model to predict accurately the biological activity of compounds that were not used for model development (external validation). While the internal validation techniques described above can be used to establish model robustness, they do not directly assess model predictivity. In principle, external validation is the only way to "determine" the true predictive power of a QSAR model. This type of assessment requires the use of an external test set, i.e., compounds not used for the model development.

The predictivity of a regression models were estimated by comparing the predicted and observed values of  $\text{pIC}_{50}$  against breast cancer of training set and cross validation in each group, the residual values were calculated and are tabulated in table (2.9) and (2.11).

The values of biological activity of a test set compounds in group (I) and (II) were calculated with the derived models (I) and (II), respectively. These data are compared with experimentally obtained values as shown in table (2.10) and (2.12).

Data presented in table (2.9) and (2.11), show the agreement between experimental and predicted  $pIC_{50}$  values in each group. The residual

values shown are small, indicating the good predictability of the established models (Kuzmanovic *et al.*, 2009).

Figures (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) show the plots of linear regression predicted versus experimental values of the biological activity of training set, cross validation and test set compounds in group (I) against human breast cancer MCF-7, respectively. The plots for QSAR model show good fit with  $r^2 = 0.7603$ ; r= 0.8720 for training set,  $r^2 = 0.5348$ ; r= 0.7313 for cross validation and very good fit with  $r^2 = 0.8593$ ; r= 0.9270 for test set.



**Figure (3.1):** Plots of predicted versus experimentally observed log  $IC_{50}$ of training set compounds (group I) against human breast cancer MCF-7



**Figure (3.2):** Plots of predicted versus experimentally observed log  $IC_{50}$ of cross validation (group I) against human breast cancer MCF-7



**Figure (3.3):** Plots of predicted versus experimentally observed log  $IC_{50}$ of test set compounds (group I) against human breast cancer MCF-7

Figures (3.4), (3.5) and (3.6) show the plots of linear regression predicted versus experimental values of the biological activity of training set, cross validation and test set compounds, in group (II), against human breast cancer MCF-7, respectively. The plots for QSAR model show very good

fit with  $r^2 = 0.8468$ ; r= 0.9202 for training set,  $r^2 = 0.7621$ ; r= 0.8730 for cross validation and excellent fit with  $r^2 = 0.9430$ ; r= 0.9711 for test set.



**Figure (3.4):** Plots of predicted versus experimentally observed log  $IC_{50}$ of training set compounds (group II) against human breast cancer MCF-7



**Figure (3.5):** Plots of predicted versus experimentally observed log  $IC_{50}$ of cross validation (group II) against human breast cancer MCF-7





#### **3.1.1. Designing of compounds**

#### **3.1.1.1. Designing of trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives**

Pyrazoline derivatives have attracted attention of medicinal chemists in both heterocyclic chemistry and in pharmacological activities associated with them. In order to synthesize pyrazoline derivatives expecting to possess biological activity against breast cancer about 120 compounds were designed as anti-breast cancer and their structures are illustrated in appendix (A)

The proposed model (I) has all conditions to be considered as predictive model. It has correlation coefficient of cross validation  $(Q^2)$  larger than 0.5, prediction  $(r^2)$  higher than 0.6 and very good prediction in external validation  $(r^2 = 0.85)$ . Thus, this model was used to predict the *in-vitro* biological activity of designed pyrazoline derivatives (1-120) against human breast cancer cell line MCF-7, predicted biological activity of

these compounds along with predicted chemical descriptors are listed in appendix (A).

To select compounds for synthesis from designed one, the drugability of these compounds were evaluated through Lipinski's parameters "rule of five" which proposes that molecules with poor permeation and oral absorption have  $logP > 5$ , molecular weight  $> 500$ , more than 5 hydrogenbond donor and more than 10 acceptor groups.

The hydrogen bond donor and acceptor groups correlate to the capacity of intermolecular interactions, mainly with water molecules. The passage through cellular membrane becomes thermodynamically unfavorable with the increase of hydrogen bond count groups because desolvatation is needed to enter in the lipidic environment (Gimenez *et al,* 2010). All designed pyrazoline derivatives have acceptable number of hydrogen bond donor and acceptor groups shown in Appendix (A).

The logP value is one of the most important descriptors to evaluate oral bioavailability because it indicates the lipophilicity and hydrosolubility of a compound . As many lipophilic is the compound, as better is the capacity to cross the lipidic-bilayer of the cellular membrane, and consequently, as high will be the bioavailability. The problem is that compounds, excessively lipophilic, have difficulty to dissolve in the water of the organism, and then, they will not be absorbed (Gimenez *et al,* 2010).

The compounds that overcame the logP threshold value were 7, 8, 9, 19, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 75, 80, 88, 90, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107-115 and117-120.

The molecular weight describes the molecular size. Big molecules will have difficulty to be absorbed, because the passage through biological

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membranes is unfavorable (Gimenez *et al,* 2010). The compounds that not passed in this criterion were 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34 and 41-120. Compounds 1-6 (XLI-XLVI), 10-25 (XLVII-LXI), 31 (LXII) and 35-40 (LXIII-LXVII) fit in the rule of five and can be classified as drug-like compounds, these compounds were selected for synthesis. Compounds 62 (LXVIII), 63 (LXIX), 76 (LXX) and 78 (LXXI) were randomly selected for synthesis as shown in Table (2.13).

Combretastatin A-4 (CA-4) is a potent anticancer and antiangiogenesis natural substance isolated from *Combretum caffrum* (Shan *et al*, 2011); it is used as standard drug for designed pyrazoline derivatives in Table (2.13).

Selected compunds XLI, XLII, XLIV, XLIX, LI, LIII, LIV and LVI showed low predicted pIC<sub>50</sub> ranging from 2.64 to 6.45 M in comparison with CA-4 ( $pIC_{50} = 6.51$  M). The rest of selected compounds showed high predicted  $pIC_{50}$  (6.72-14.88 M) when compared with CA-4.

#### **3.1.1.2. Designing of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives**

Substituted  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives have been reported to possess some interesting biological properties (Das *et al*, 2010). Twenty α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were designed as anticancer agent against breast cancer. Their biological activity were predicted by using obtained predictive QSAR model (II)  $(r^2 = 0.84684)$ , the results were compared with the anticancer drug tamoxifen (Dorchies *et al*., 2013), and listed in Table (2.14). All designed compounds gave biological activity ( $pIC_{50}$ ) ranging from 3.74 to 6.24 M less than that of the standard drug (pIC<sub>50</sub>= 7.39 M). The drugability of designed  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were also evaluated through Lipinski's parameters and all were within acceptable ranges of parameters as shown in Table (2.14)

#### **3.2. Organic synthesis**

#### **3.2.1. Synthetic Design**

The synthetic design of the compounds selected in this part is based mainly upon retrosynthetic analysis of the target pyrazolines. Standard C-X and C-C disconnection was followed, bearing in mind the concepts of regio and chemoselectivity, Figure (3.7).



**Figure** (3.7): Retrosynthetic analysis of target compounds

# **3.2.2. First step: Synthesis of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (I-XX)**

α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives are 1,3-diaryl-2-propene-1-one, in which two aromatic rings are linked by a three carbon with  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ unsaturated carbonyl system (Balaji *et al*., 2010). They possess conjugated double bonds and a completely delocalized  $\pi$ -electron system on both aryl rings. Molecules possessing such system have relatively low redox potentials and have a greater probability of undergoing electron

transfer reactions (Patil *et al*., 2009). α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives are useful intermediates in the synthesis of various heterocyclic compounds such as pyrzolines, isoxazolines pyrimidines, flavones, flavonols and quinoxalines (Kaithwal *et al*., 2009).

In the present work twenty  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (I-XX) were synthesised via Claisen- Schmidt reaction by treating benzaldehyde, 4-Chloro-benzaldehyde, 4-Dimethylamino benzaldehyde, Cinnamaldehyde and Furfural with acetophenones like 4- Nitroacetophenone , 4-Bromoacetophenone, 4-Methylacetophenone and acetophenone in presence of NaOH. The suggested mechanism for this reactions is illustrated in scheme (3.1).



**Scheme (3.1.):** Proposed mechanism for Claisen- Schmidt condensation of acetophenone and benzaldehyde

#### **3.2.3. Second step: Synthesis of 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazolines (XXI-XL)**

Twenty 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL) were synthesized by cyclization of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives ( I-XX ). This step was achieved via heating under reflux of α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives with excess of hydrazine monohydrate in absolute ethanol to give the cyclized 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL). This reaction appears to involve the subsequent addition of **N-H** across the carbon-carbon double bond. Scheme (3.2) shows the mechanism of this reaction.



**Scheme (3.2):** Proposed mechanism for the formation of 3,5-Diaryl-2 pyrazoline derivatives

The reaction proceeds by Michael addition which involves nucleophilic attack by hydrazine nucleophile  $(R-N-NH_2)$  at the β-carbon of the α,βunsaturated compound (1,4-addition) followed by proton transfer from nitrogen to oxygen leading ultimately to amine, then cyclization via

Claisen addition, and hydrolysis. The later with a hydroxy group and amino group on the carbon loses water molecule to yield the pyrazolines (dehydration).

# **3.2.4. Third step: Synthesis of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2 pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)**

1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines (XLI-LVII) were synthesized by treatment of 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL) with chloroacetylchloride in the presence of triethylamine in dry toluene at 0˚C. Seventeen 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives were synthesized and characterized by physiochemical properties, IR, UV, <sup>1</sup>HNMR and MS. This reaction is summarized in scheme  $(3.3)$ .



# **Scheme (3.3):** Proposed mechanism for preparation of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives

Acylation with chloroacetyl chloride leads to the amide (Lednicer & Mitscher, 2008). This reaction achieved via nucleophilic addition to the

carbonyl group in chloroacetyl chloride (triethylamine acts as the nucleophile) followed by elimination of chloride ion and formation of carbocation, which is then attacked N-pyrazoline (electrophilic substitution) to form 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines. By the end of this reaction the precipitate triethylamine hydrochloride is obtained as by product, it dissolves in water and melts at 260˚C.

## **3.2.5. Forth step: Synthesis of 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2 pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)**

Appropriate 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines were tested as alkylating agents in the reaction with sulfanilamide and sulfadoxine in dry DMF and unhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  with stirring under reflux. Thus the corresponding 1-[(aryl) amino oacetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI) have been obtained as shown in scheme (3.4).



**Scheme (3.4):** Proposed mechanism for the formation of 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives

In this proposed nucleophilic substitution reaction mechanism (whether it is  $S_N1$  or  $S_N2$ ), the **N** in secondary amino group of sulfanilamide or sulfadoxine functions as the nucleophile and attacks the electrophilic **C** of the 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline displacing good the leaving group (chloride ion) and creating the new **C-N** bond. Fourteen of the desired derivatives were synthesized and characterized by physiochemical properties, IR, UV,  $H<sup>1</sup>NMR$  and MS.

All the synthesized compounds were isolated in satisfactory yield,  $\alpha, \beta$ unsaturated derivatives (I- XX) ranges of 52-97%, 60-87% 3,5-Diaryl-2 pyrazoline derivatives (XXI - XL), 46-72% 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI - LVII) and 39-75% 1**-**[(aryl)amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI).

#### **3.3. Spectroscopic Analysis**

#### **3.3.1. Fourier infra-red Spectroscopic analysis (FT-IR)**

Almost any compound having covalent bonds, whether organic or inorganic, absorbs frequencies of electromagnetic radiation in the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum. The region lies at wavelengths longer than those associated with visible light and shorter than that associated with microwaves. For chemical purposes, scientists interested in the vibrational portion of the infrared region. The instrument that determines the absorption for a compound is called an infrared spectrometer or, more precisely, a spectrophotometer. Two types of infrared spectrometers are in common use in organic laboratory: dispersive and fourier transform (FT) instruments. Both of these types of instruments provide spectra of compounds in the common range of 4000 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Although the two provide nearly identical spectra for a given

compound, FT infrared spectrometers provide the infrared spectrum much rapidly than the dispersive instruments (Pavia *et al*., 2013).

### **3.3.1.1. Synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl compounds ( I-XX)**

These compounds showed several characteristic sharp bands in the IR region, where the bands in the range between  $1644-1665$  cm<sup>-1</sup> indicated the appearance of the carbonyl C=O st.vib group of the formed ketone, which was conjugated to both the aromatic and the alkene systems. The absorption bands for C=C st.vib of the  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl system and C=C st.vib of aromatic rings appeared at  $1562-1608$  cm<sup>-1</sup> and  $1407-$ 1594 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

Absorption bands at  $1365-1374$  cm<sup>-1</sup> in compounds III, VIII, XIII and XVIII indicated the presence of  $N(CH_3)$  st.vib group.

Compounds V, X, XV and XX showed C-O-C stretching at 1222-1227  $cm^{-1}$  referring to furfural ring.

Compounds XI-XV showed two absorption bands at  $1407-1448$   $cm^{-1}$  and 1334-1343  $cm^{-1}$  due to asymmetry and symmetry stretching NO<sub>2</sub>. Compounds contain  $CH_3$  group (XVI-XX) absorption bands at 2907-3024 cm -1 were observed. Aromatic C-H stretch also observed at 2095-3131  $cm<sup>-1</sup>$  in all derivatives.

### **3.3.1.2. Synthesized 3,5-Diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XXI-XL)**

The IR spectra of these compounds show the disappearance of conjugated system ( $-C=C=C=O$ ) of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl derivatives (I-XX), and appearance of strong band at  $3249-3421$  cm<sup>-1</sup> due to closure of ring and formation of –NH st.vib group. C=C stretching band of aromatic rings appeared at 1477-1613 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The absorption bands at 1588-1681 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1144-1240 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1047-1111 cm<sup>-1</sup> were attributed to the  $(C=N)$ ,  $(C-N)$  and (N-N) stretching vibrations, these confirms the formation of the pyrazoline ring in all the compounds (XXI-XL).

# **3.3.1.3. Synthesized of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)**

These compounds showed a strong band at  $1664-1757$ cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the presence of carbonyl group(C=O st.vib) and disappearance of -NH stretching. Some significant stretching bands due to C=N and aromatic C=C stretching bands appeared in the region of  $1573-1671$  cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1442–1608 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

# **3.3.1.4. Synthesized of 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)**

All these derivatives have a strong characteristic band in the region 3213– 3425 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the formation of amide N-H, amide C=O stretching vibration appeared at  $1651-1670$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, also IR spectrum exhibited two asymmetric and symmetric stretching bands in all derivatives at 1311– 1396 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1118–1157 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to  $SO_2$  st.vib group.

Compounds LVIII-LXVII which contain  $NH<sub>2</sub>$  group show two stretching vibration absorption bands at range  $3482 - 3441$  cm<sup>-1</sup> and  $3392 - 3356$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

C=N st.vib group showed absorption at  $1593-1635$  cm<sup>-1</sup> confirmation of pyrazoline ring, while aromatic C=C st.vib showed peak at 1492–1597  $cm^{-1}$ .

### **3.3.2. Ultra violet Spectroscopic Analysis (UV)**

Most organic molecules and functional groups are transparent in the portions of the electromagnetic spectrum which we call the ultraviolet (UV) and visible (VIS) regions that is, the regions where wavelengths range from 190 nm to 800 nm. Consequently, absorption spectroscopy is of limited utility in this range of wavelengths. However, in some cases we can derive useful information from these regions of the spectrum. That information, when combined with the detail provide by infrared and nuclear magnetic resonance, can led to valuable structural proposals (Pavia *et al*., 2013). Pyrazolines absorb light in the range 300–400 nm and emit blue fluorescence because the heterocyclic ring contains two nitrogen atoms (Pant *et al*., 2011).

## **3.3.2.1. Synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)**

The UV-Vis spectra of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazolines (XLI-LVII) recorded in DMSO exhibit an intense absorption band which is attributed to the  $\pi - \pi^*$  transition of the conjugated system in pyrazoline moiety  $(-N^1-N^2=C^3)$ . The absorption maxima ( $\lambda$ max) wavelength was observed in the range of 294.40−351.40 nm Table (2.21).

## **3.2.2.2. Synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)**

The electronic spectra of the 1-[(aryl)amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2 pyrazoline (LVIII-LXXI) recorded in DMSO. The  $\lambda$ max values are summarized in Table (2.22).The absorption band positions broadly lie between 280.60-349 nm assignable to  $\pi$ - $\pi$ <sup>\*</sup> transitions due to the conjugation in pyrazoline ring.

The absorption spectra of the compounds XLI-LVII and LVIII-LXXI show that the spectral shapes are very similar in two groups of the compounds because all these compounds possess the same 2-pyrazoline central nucleus. The difference of absorption wavelengths is due to the effect of substituents in the position 3 and 5 of pyrazoline moiety in case of compounds XLI-LVII, in addition of that the substitution in methylene  $(-CH<sub>2</sub>)$  attached to carbonyl group in case of the derivatives LVIII-LXXI.

#### **3.3.3. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopic Analysis (<sup>1</sup>HNMR)**

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) is a spectroscopic method that is even more important to the organic chemist than infrared spectroscopy. Whereas infrared spectroscopy reveals the types of functional groups present in a molecule, NMR gives information about the number of magnetically distinct atoms of the type being studied. The combination of IR and NMR data is often sufficient to determine completely the structure of an unknown molecule (Pavia *et al*., 2013).

## **3.3.3.1. Synthesized of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)**

In the  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR spectra all the three protons in pyrazoline ring of 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII), HA, HB and HX attached to the C-4 and C-5 carbon atoms gave an ABX spin system fig (3.8).



**Figure (3.8):** ABX spin system of pyrazoline ring

In all compounds the  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  protons of the pyrazoline ring resonated as a doublets of doublets (dd) at  $\delta$  3.11–3.48 ppm proton (C4-Ha), 3.59–3.93 ppm proton (C4-Hb). The CH proton (C5-Hx, except for XLIV, LI and LVI) also appeared as a doublet of doublets at  $\delta$  5.43–5.74 ppm due to the vicinal coupling with two magnetically nonequivalent protons of the methylene group at position four of the pyrazoline ring ( $J_{Ha,Hb} = 18.00-$ 18.36 Hz,  $J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} = 4.44 - 5.16$  Hz,  $J_{\text{Hb,Hx}} = 11.28 - 11.99$  Hz).

The  $CH<sub>2</sub>$  protons of the acetyl group at position 1 of the all pyrazolines ring were observed as two doublets at  $\delta$  4.62–4.72 ppm (*J* = 13.72–14.16 Hz) and at δ 4.68–4.82 ppm ( $J = 13.96$ –14.16 Hz). This geminal coupling resulted from the steric structure of the compound. These geminal protons were observed as a doublet due to two different possible conformations since rigid protons occurred fig (3.5).

The CH proton (C5-Hx) in XLIV, LI and LVI compounds appeared as multiplets (5.16-5.31ppm) due to the vicinal coupling with two methylene protons (Ha, Hb) and α-proton (Hα) fig (3.9).



**Figure (3.9):** α-proton in XLIV, LI and LVI compounds

Also these compounds contain a pair of trans-olefinic proton,  $H\alpha$ appeared as a doublet of doublets at  $\delta$  6.28–6.32 ppm ( $J_{\alpha\text{-H},\beta\text{-H}}$ = 15.88 Hz,  $J_{\alpha$ -H,Hx =7.08 Hz) because of the vicinal coupling with two protons Hx and H $\beta$  which are magnetically not equivalent. H $\beta$  appeared as doublet  $\delta$ 6.57–6.60 ppm (*J*= 15.88 Hz) fig (3.9).

Compounds XLIII, L and LV showed singlet signal at  $\delta$  (2.85-2.87 ppm) which indicated the six protons of  $-N(CH_3)$ .

Compounds LIII-LVII showed (s, 3H) at δ 2.35–2.36 ppm indicated a three protons of methyl group  $(-CH_3)$ .

Furan protons in compounds XLV, XLVII, LII and LVII appeared as multiplet 2H at  $\delta$  6.37-6.43ppm and duplet 1H at  $\delta$  7.57-7.60 ppm with small coupling constant  $(J= 0.72 - 2.32 \text{ Hz})$ 

All the other aromatic protons were observed at expected regions and the results are tabulated in table (2.16).

## **3.3.3.2. Synthesized of 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)**

All these derivatives also showed ABX spin system of pyrazoline ring, Ha appeared as two doublets ( $\delta$  3.06-3.17 ppm) or multiplet ( $\delta$  3.04-3.71 ppm). Hb also appeared as doublet of doublet or multiplet at  $\delta$  3.69-3.80 ppm and  $\delta$  3.76-3.99 ppm respectively. Another doublet of doublet at  $\delta$ 5.31-5.59 ppm or multiplet at  $\delta$  5.11-5.65 ppm region due to the methine proton (Hx) which was coupled with the magnetically nonequivalent methylene protons of pyrazoline ring ( $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}} = 17.84 - 18.24 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{Ha,Hx}} =$ 4.20–4.72 Hz,  $J_{Hb,Hx} = 11.52$ –11.84 Hz).

Two protons of methylene group attached to carbonyl group  $(COCH<sub>2</sub>)$ observed in all derivatives as doublet ( $\delta$  4.00-4.02 ppm,  $J = 5.52$ -6.00 Hz) or multiplet at  $\delta$  3.92-4.62 ppm.

LVIII-LXVII compounds exhibits a single peak in the region  $\delta$  5.94-5.95 ppm characteristic of NH<sub>2</sub> protons (1°amino group  $SO_2NH_2$ ). Another signal for proton attached with nitrogen in  $COCH<sub>2</sub>NH$  system (2° amino group) appeared as triplet or distorted triplet at between  $\delta$  7.21 and 7.35 ppm.

LXVIII-LXXI compounds exhibits two single peak at  $\delta$  3.62-3.83 ppm and  $\delta$  3.85-4.00 ppm characteristic of methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) which is located far and near the nitrogen atom of eterocyclic ring.
Compounds LX and LXIX showed single peak at  $\delta$  2.84-2.85 ppm indicated six protons of two methyl groups which linked with nitrogen atom  $(-N(CH_3)_2)$ .

Olefinic proton in compound LXI (Hα and Hβ) appeared as multiplet at  $\delta$ 6.29-6.46 ppm.

Three protons of methyle group  $(-CH_3)$  attached to LXIV, LXV, LXVII and LXX observed as single peak at  $\delta$  2.34-2.36 ppm.

Compounds LXVI and LXXI showed two single peaks, first one at  $\delta$  2.35 ppm indicated the protons of methyle group, and second peak at  $\delta$  2.84 ppm indicated six protons of methyl groups attached to nitrogen atom.

### **3.3.4. Mass Spectroscopic Analysis (MS)**

In its simplest form, the mass Spectrometer performs three essential functions:

- a) Molecules are subjected to bombardment by stream of high energy electrons, converting some of the molecules to ions, which are accelerated in an electric field.
- b) The accelerated ions are separated according to their mass-tocharge rations in a magnetic or electric field.
- c) The ions that have a particular mass-to-charge ratio are detected by a device which can count the number of ions striking it. The detector's output is amplified and fed to a recorder (Pavia *et al*., 2013).

Mass Spectrometry (MS) was used to determine the molecular weights of synthesized compounds (XLI-LXXI). A molecular ion peak  $(M<sup>+</sup>)$  was observed for all trisubstituted pyrazoline (XLI-LXXI), in their respective mass spectra.

## **3.3.4.1. Synthesized 1-(Chloroacetyl)-3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (XLI-LVII)**

The mass spectrum of the compounds **(XLI-LVII)** shows a molecular ion peaks  $(M^+)$  at m/z 298.05 (100%), 332 (86.9%), 341.15 (61.12%), 324.10 (54.66%), 288.30 (93.415), 376.30 (75.18%), 366.25 (74.80%), 343 (56.93%), 377 (61.92%), 386.10 (55.1%5), 369.45 (32.40%), 333.35 (79.03%), 312.05 (100%), 346.05 (100%), 355.15 (74.63%), 338.40 (75.88%), 302 (100%) corresponding to the molecular formulas that consistent with their structures.

Compounds XLI, LIII, LIV and LVII showed a molecular ion peak  $(M^+)$ as base peak.

The M+1 and M+2 isotope peaks was also observed in all derivatives. M+1 occur due to the presence of isotopes  ${}^{2}H$  or  ${}^{13}C$  observed with a relative abundance ranging from 12-24%. M+2 the isotope peak of halogen atom appears due to the presence of  $(COCH<sub>2</sub>Cl)$  group in all derivatives with a relative abundance between 11-100%. Compounds XLII, XLVI, XLVII, XLIX and LIV exhibit peaks at 336(10.34%), 380(26.44%), 370(25.16%), 381(7.62%) and 350(12.05%) respectively due to M+4 characteristic of compounds contain two halogen atom (Cl or Br). XLII, XLIX and LIV contain 2Cl atoms, XLVI and XLVII contain one Cl and one Br atoms. The fragmentation pattern of the synthesized compounds exemplified by that of compounds XLI, XLV and LVI in schemes (3.5), (3.6) and (3.7), respectively**.** The common fragmentation pattern involves some rearrangement with the removal of simple and smaller molecules.



**Scheme (3.5):** Mass fragmentation of XLI



**Scheme (3.6):** Mass fragmentation of XLV



**Scheme (3.7):** Mass fragmentation of LVI

# **3.3.4.2. Synthesized 1-[(aryl) amino acetyl] -3,5-diaryl-2-pyrazoline derivatives (LVIII-LXXI)**

All the synthesized new compounds (LVIII-LXXI) gave significantly stable molecular ion peaks with a relative abundance ranging from 4.70- 100%. Compounds LX and LXVI showed a molecular ion peak  $(M^+)$  as base peak. M+1 isotope peaks was observed in all derivatives with a relative abundance 0.74-32.77%.

Compounds LIX and LXV showed isotope peak of halogen atom  $(M+2)$ due to presence of Cl atom at position 5 of pyrazoline ring (Ph-Cl). The other peaks are due to fragments exemplified by the fragmentation of compound LVIII shown in scheme (3.8).



**Scheme (3.8):** Mass fragmentation of LVIII

#### **3.4. Docking study**

Docking of molecules is not an easy task. The difficulties are mainly associated with the choice of the crystallographic structure of a target protein. Some molecules may have a specific mechanism of chemical behaviour associated with their unique binding properties. For instance, some molecules may have multiple binding modes resulting in higher overall interaction energies in comparison with molecules with a single binding mode. Such a molecule can be attractive as a potential drug. Alkylating agents have been found no doubt as potent anticancer agents (Gowramma *et al*., 2009). Sulfonamides have been reported for potent antitumor activity *in vitro* and *in vivo* against numerous types of cancers. A number of mechanisms of action were reported to be associated with

the anticancer ability of sulfonamides, the most prominent being their power to act as carbonic anhydrase inhibitors (CAIs). Carbonic anhydrases are a group of metalloenzymes that catalyze the hydration of carbon dioxide (cellular waste product) to bicarbonate and a proton (Ghorab *et al*., 2014). Human carbonic anhydrase XII (hCAXII) is expressed in a variety of normal human tissues and becomes stronger or more widespread in tumors compared to the corresponding normal tissues. This characteristic of CAXII can act as potential target for anticancer studies. The catalytic activity of CAXII has been demonstrated to facilitate tumor metabolism and thus to trigger tumor growth. Inhibition of hCAXII can be used as a novel means of targeting cancer (Barua *et al*., 2017).

Most of synthesized trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives listed in table (2.13) revealed promising biological activity against human breast cancer MCF-7. Thus, it was interesting to perform molecular docking to study the differences in docking patterns and amino acid interactions for the newly synthesized trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives.

Acetazolamide was reported as a strong inhibitor of several carbonic anhydrase isozymes. It acts as a potential modulator of anticancer therapies in combination with different cytotoxic agents (alkylating agents, nuclueoside analogs, etc.) (Ghorab *et al*, 2014), it was used as reference drug.

The protein CAXII had the PDB ID: 1JD0 which was used to download the protein structure. The file contains hCAXII co-crystallized with acetazolamide. All docking procedures were achieved by MOE (Molecular Operating Environment) software, the docking protocol was verified by re-docking of the co-crystallized ligand (acetazolamide) in the vicinity of the active site of the enzyme with energy score  $(S) = -21.0578$ 

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kcal/mol. Figure (3.10) shows structure of CAXII that was imported from PDB using ID 1JD0, figure (3.11) shows structure of CAXII after protein preparation and 2D interaction of AZA inside the active site of hCAXII.



**Figure (3.10):** Structure of CAXII that was imported from PDB using ID 1JD0



Figure (3.11): Structure of CAXII after protein preparation and 2D binding interaction of AZA inside the active site of CAXII

Docking on the active site of hCAXII was performed for all synthesized trisubstituted pyrazolines (XLI-LXVII) except XLVIII, LXIX, LXX and LXXI because they did not fit in rule of five, the results were tabulated in table (2.33).

Acetazolamide interacted with the active site of hCAXII by: two hydrogen bonds between Thr 199 and the  $SO<sub>2</sub>$  group, one hydrogen bond between Thr 200 and N3 of the thidiazole ring, and finally metal complex between the  $Zn(II)$  ion, His94, His96 and His119 and the  $SO_2NH_2$  group of AZA as shown in Figure (3.11).

Compounds XLI-LVII showed low docking scores ranging from -14.29 to -18.94 kcal/mol comparing with AZA (-21.0578 kcal/mol) and with compounds that carrying sulfanilamide moiety (LVIII-LXVII), which showed proper fitting to the active site of hCAXII with high energy scores ranging from -20.12 to -22.20 kcal/mol, supporting the observation of these sulfonamides as hCAXII inhibitors. The best docking score was assigned to compound LXII (-22.2056 kcal/mol).

XLIII, XLV, XLIX and L failed to show interaction with the amino acid in the docking study.

In a further look to the docking results side by side to QSAR results when predicted the  $\text{pIC}_{50}$  for this newly synthesized compounds, we can observe that the more active compounds LVIII, LXII, LXVI and LXVII ( $pIC_{50}=$  9.17, 13.40, 9.5 and 12.39 M respectively) have shown excellent docking scores (-21.9174, -22.2056, -22.0545 and -21.2136 respectively), also these compounds were capable of forming a metal complex with the Zn ion through His 94, His 96 and His 119 in a similar manner to the cocrystallized ligand (AZA). Amino acid interactions of the most active compounds (LVIII, LXII, LXVI and LXVII) towards hCAXII are illustrated in figures  $(3.12)$ ,  $(3.13)$ ,  $(3.14)$  and  $(3.15)$ , the rest of figures can be found in the appendix C. These results merit further investigation of these new sulfonamides as potential antitumor agents.



**Figure (3.12):** 2D Binding interaction and 3D structure of LVIII inside the active site of hCAXII



**Figure (3.13):** 2D Binding interaction and 3D structure of LXII inside the active site of hCAXII



**Figure (3.14):** 2D Binding interaction and 3D structure of LXVI inside the active site of hCAXII



**Figure (3.15):** 2D Binding interaction and 3D structure of LXVII inside the active site of hCAXII

A number of human malignancies exhibit sustained stimulation, mutation or gene amplification of the receptor tyrosine kinase human mesenchymal-epithelial transition factor (c-Met) (Eathiraj *et al*., 2011). The over expression and mutations of c-Met and its natural ligand, hepatocyte growth factor (HGF), have been found in different types of tumors including breast, ovarian, colorectal, lung, gastric, pancreatic, melanoma, prostate, head and neck, glioma, hepatocellular, renal and a number of sarcomas. The protein 3DKC is the crystal structure of c-Met kinase in complex with ATP which is widely used in docking study (Ye *et al*., 2017).

Synthesized α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were selected to predict their binding interaction on c-Met kinase. Figure (3.16) shows structure of c-Met kinase that was imported from PDB using ID 3DKC, and the structure of it after protein preparation.



**Figure (3.16):** Structure of c-Met kinase that was imported from PDB using ID 3DKC before and after preparation

α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were docked on the active site of 3DKC. The result suggested that all compounds were capable of forming a metal complex with the Mg ion through Asp1222 (bond length  $2.10 \text{ Å}$ ) and Asn1209 (bond length 2.03 Å). Compound VIII showed three

interactions, beside two interactions mentioned above, one  $\pi$ -cation interaction was revealed between Arg1208 residue with phenyl ring of 4 bromo benzoyl moiety figure (3.17) and all other figures can be found in the appendix C. Docking score of these compounds ranging between -22.9170 to -16.1714 kcal/mol. The energy score (S) of the complexes between each α,β-unsaturated carbonyl derivatives and the active site of the 3DKC as well as amino acid interacted are listed in table (2.33).



**Figure (3.17):** 2D Binding interaction and 3D structure of VIII inside the active site of 3DKC

### **4. Conclusion and Recommendation**

In summary, the following points can be concluded according to this study:

- Two QSAR models were developed, and they were statistically significant and predictive, and could be used for the design and synthesis of new anti-cancer molecules against breast cancer MCF-7.
- First model showed that the anti-cancer activity was positively correlated with density and negatively correlated with  $log P(o/w)$ partition coefficient and ionization potential. This model was used to predict the anti-cancer activity of designed 120 pyrazoline derivatives
- Second model showed that there was positive correlation between the anti-cancer activity, density and  $log P(o/w)$  partition coefficient, and negative correlation with potential energy. Developed model was used to predict the activity of designed 16 α-β unsaturated carbonyl derivatives.
- 33 out of 120 designed pyrazoline derivatives and all  $\alpha$ - $\beta$ unsaturated carbonyl derivatives were selected for synthesis according to Lipinski's "rule of five".
- Total of 71 compounds were synthesized in synthetic part, including the intermediates.
- The reactions of synthesized trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives were followed by TLC, and their structures were characterized using spectroscopic analysis such as IR, UV, GC-MS and  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR.
- Molecular docking studies were carried out to investigate the interaction between the cancer proteins and synthesized

trisubstituted pyrazoline derivatives, α-β unsaturated carbonyl derivatives.

- There was a good correlation between QSAR and docking results.
- Further research can be carried out on synthesized compounds (LVIII, LXII, LXVI and LXVII) to investigate their *in vitro* anticancer activity against breast cancer MCF-7.

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# **5. APPENDIX**

**5.1. Appendix A:** Designed trisubstituted 2-pyrazoline derivatives






























**5.2. Appendix B:** Spectroscopic analysis figures

**Figure (4.1):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-1,3-diphenyl prop-2-en-1-one (**I)**



**Figure (4.2):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-3-(4-chloro phenyl)-1-phenyl prop-2 en-1-one (**II)**



**Figure (4.3):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-1 phenyl prop-2-en-1-one (**III)**



**Figure (4.4):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*,4*E*)-1,5-diphenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one **(IV)**



**Figure (4.5):** IR Spectrum of (2*Z*)-3-(furan-2-yl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1 one (**V)**



**Figure (4.6):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-1-(4-bromo phenyl)-3-phenyl prop-2 en-1-one (**VI)**



**Figure (4.7):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-1-(4-bromo phenyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl) prop-2-en-1-one (**VII)**



**Figure (4.8):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-1-(4-bromophenyl )-3-[4- (dimethylamino) phenyl]prop-2-en-1-one (**VIII)**



**Figure (4.9):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*,4*E*)-1-(4-bromo phenyl)-5 phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (**IX)**



**Figure (4.10):** IR Spectrum of (2*Z*)-1-(4-bromo phenyl)-3-(furan-2 yl)prop-2-en-1-one (**X)**



**Figure (4.11):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-1-(4-nitro phenyl)-3-phenyl prop-2 en-1-one **(XI)**



**Figure (4.12):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-3-(4-chloro phe nyl)-1-(4 nitrophenyl) prop-2-en-1-one (**XII)**



**Figure (4.13):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-3-[4-(dimethylami- no)phenyl]-1-(4 nitrophenyl) prop-2-en-1-one (**XIII)**



**Figure (4.14):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*,4*E*)-1-(4-nitro phe nyl)-5 phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (**XIV)**



**Figure (4.15):** IR Spectrum of (2*Z*)-3-(furan-2-yl)-1-(4-nitrophenyl) prop-2-en-1-one (**XV)**



**Figure (4.16):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-1-(4-methyl phenyl)-3-phenyl prop-2-en-1-one (**XVI)**



**Figure (4.17):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-3-(4-chloro phenyl)-1-(4-methyl phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (**XVII)**



**Figure (4.18):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*)-3-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-1-(4 methyl phenyl) prop-2-en-1-one **(XVIII)**



**Figure (4.19):** IR Spectrum of (2*E*,4*E*)-1-(4-methyl phenyl)-5 phenylpenta-2,4-dien-1-one (**XIX)**



**Figure (4.20):** IR Spectrum of (2*Z*)-3-(furan-2-yl)-1-(4-methyl phenyl) prop-2-en-1-one (**XX)**



**Figure (4.21):** IR Spectrum of 3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (**XXI)**



**Figure (4.22):** IR Spectrum of 5-(4-chlorophe nyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (**XXII)**



**Figure (4.23):** IR Spectrum of N,N-dimethyl-4-(3-phenyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-pyra zol-5-yl) aniline (**XXIII)**



**Figure (4.24):** IR Spectrum of 3-phenyl-5-[(E)-2-phenyl ethen yl]-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXIV)**



**Figure (4.25):** IR Spectrum of 5-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrazole **(XXV)**



**Figure (4.26):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXVI)**



**Figure (4.27):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-bromophenyl)-5 -(4-chlorophenyl)-4, 5- dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXVII)**



**Figure (4.28):** IR Spectrum of 4-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrazol-5-yl]-N,N-dimethylaniline **(XXVIII)**



**Figure (4.29):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-[(E)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole (**XXIX)**



**Figure (4.30):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXX)**



**Figure (4.31):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXXI)**



**Figure (4.32):** IR Spectrum of 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXXII)**



**Figure (4.33):** IR Spectrum of N,N-dimethyl-4-[3-(4-nitrophen yl)-4,5 dihy dro-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]aniline **(XXXIII)**



**Figure (4.34):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-[(E)-2phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXXIV)**



**Figure (4.35):** IR Spectrum of 5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXXV)**



**Figure (4.36):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-methylphenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXXVI)**



**Figure (4.37):** IR Spectrum of 5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methyl phenyl)- 4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XXXVII)**



**Figure (4.38):** IR Spectrum of N,N-dimethyl-4-[3-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]aniline **(XXXVIII)**



**Figure (4.39):** IR Spectrum of 3-(4-methylphen yl)-5-[(*E*)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazole **(XXXIX)**



**Figure (4.40):** IR Spectrum of 5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4-methylphen yl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazole **(XL)**



**Figure (4.41):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-(3,5-diphe nyl-4,5-dih ydro-1*H*-py razol-1-yl) ethan-1-one **(XLI)**



**Figure (4.42):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLII)**



**Figure (4.43):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dime thylamino) phenyl]-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(XLIII)**



**Figure (4.44):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-phenyl-5-[(*E*)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(XLIV)**



**Figure (4.45):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(fura n-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLV)**



**Figure (4.46):** IR Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVI)**



**Figure (4.47):** IR Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVII)**



**Figure (4.48):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[ 3- (4-nitro phenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLVIII)**



**Figure (4.49):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chloro phenyl)-3-(4-nitro phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLIX)**



**Figure (4.50):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]- 3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 *H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(L)**



**Figure (4.51):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-[(*E*)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LI)**



**Figure (4.52):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4 nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LII)**



**Figure (4.53):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[3-(4-methylphenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(LIII)**



**Figure (4.54):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chloro p henyl)-3-(4 methylphenyl )-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LIV)**



**Figure (4.55):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LV)**



**Figure (4.56):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-methyl phenyl)-5-[(E)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LVI)**


**Figure (4.57):** IR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4 methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one (**LVII)**



**Figure (4.58):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5-di hydro-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LVIII)**



**Figure (4.59):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino) benzene sulfonamide **(LIX)**



**Figure (4.60):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethylamin o)phenyl)-3phenyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LX)**



**Figure (4.61):** IR Spectrum of (E)-4-((2-oxo-2-(3-phenyl-5-styryl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXI)**



**Figure (4.62):** IR Spectrum of 4-( ${2-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5-}$ dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}amino)benzene-1-sulfonamide **(LXII)**



**Figure (4.63):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoeth yl) amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXIII)**



**Figure (4.64):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXIV)**



**Figure (4.65):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXV)**



**Figure (4.66):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethyl amino)phenyl)-3-(ptolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVI)**



**Figure (4.67):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVII)**



**Figure (4.68):** IR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino)-N-(5,6-dimethoxy pyrimidin-4-yl)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVIII)**



**Figure (4.69):** IR Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimi d in-4-yl)-4-((2- (5-(4-(dime thylamino)phenyl)-3-phen yl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol -1-yl)- 2-oxoethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXIX)**



**Figure (4.70):** IR Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)-4-((2 oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1 yl)ethyl)amino)benzenesulfonamide **(LXX)**



**Figure (4.71):** IR Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimid in-4-yl)-4-((2- (5-(4-(dime thylamino)phenyl)-3-(p-tol yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyraz ol-1 yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXXI)**



**Figure (4.72):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-(3,5-diphe nyl-4,5-dih ydro-1*H*-py razol-1-yl) ethan-1-one **(XLI)**



**Figure (4.73):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLII)**



**Figure (4.74):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(XLIII)**



**Figure (4.75):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-phenyl-5-[(*E*)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(XLIV)**



**Figure (4.76):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(fura n-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLV)**



**Figure (4.77):** UV Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVI)**



**Figure (4.78):** UV Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVII)**



**Figure (4.79):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[ 3- (4-nitro phenyl)-5 phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLVIII)**



**Figure (4.80):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chloro phenyl)-3-(4 nitro phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLIX)**



**Figure (4.81):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4- (dimethylamino)phenyl]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 *H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(L)**







**Figure (4.83):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4 nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LII)**



**Figure (4.84):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[3-(4-methylphenyl)-5 phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LIII)**







**Figure (4.86):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LV)**



**Figure (4.87):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-methyl phenyl)-5-[(E)- 2-phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LVI)**



**Figure (4.88):** UV Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4 methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LVII)**



**Figure (4.89):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5-di hydro-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LVIII)**



**Figure (4.90):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino) benzene sulfonamide **(LIX)**



**Figure (4.91):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3phenyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LX)**



**Figure (4.92):** UV Spectrum of (E)-4-((2-oxo-2-(3-phenyl-5-styryl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXI)**



**Figure (4.93):** UV Spectrum of 4-({2-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}amino)benzene-1-sulfonamide **(LXII)**



**Figure (4.94):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)- 4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoeth yl) amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXIII)**



**Figure (4.95):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXIV)**



**Figure (4.96):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXV)**



**Figure (4.97):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethyl amino)phenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVI)**



**Figure (4.98):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVII)**



**Figure (4.99):** UV Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino)-N-(5,6-dimethoxy pyrimidin-4-yl)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVIII)**



**Figure (4.100):** UV Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)-4-((2- (5-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2 oxoethyl)amino)benzenesulfonamide **(LXIX)**



**Figure (4.101):** UV Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)-4-((2 oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1 yl)ethyl)amino)benzenesulfonamide **(LXX)**



**Figure (4.102):** UV Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimid in-4-yl)-4- ((2-(5-(4-(dime thylamino)phenyl)-3-(p-tol yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyraz ol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXXI)**



**Figure (4.103):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-(3,5-diphe nyl-4,5-dih ydro-1*H*-py razol-1-yl) ethan-1-one **(XLI)**



**Figure (4.104):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3 phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLII)**



**Figure (4.105):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(XLIII)**



**Figure (4.106):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-phenyl-5-[(*E*)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(XLIV)**



**Figure (4.107):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(fura n-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLV)**



**Figure (4.108):** MS Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVI)**



**Figure (4.109):** MS Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(furan-2-yl)- 4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVII)**



**Figure (4.110):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[ 3- (4-nitro phenyl)-5 phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLVIII)**



**Figure (4.111):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chloro phenyl)-3-(4 nitro phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLIX)**



**Figure (4.112):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4- (dimethylamino)phenyl]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 *H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(L)**



**Figure (4.113):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-[(*E*)-2 phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LI)**



**Figure (4.114):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4 nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LII)**



**Figure (4.115):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[3-(4-methylphenyl)-5 phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(LIII)**



**Figure (4.116):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chloro p henyl)-3-(4 methylphenyl )-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LIV)**



**Figure (4.117):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LV)**



**Figure (4.118):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-methyl phenyl)-5- [(E)-2-phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LVI)**



**Figure (4.119):** MS Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4 methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LVII)**



**Figure (4.120):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5-di hydro-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LVIII)**



**Figure (4.121):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino) benzene sulfonamide **(LIX)**



**Figure (4.122):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethylamin o)phenyl)-3 phenyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LX)**



**Figure (4.123):** MS Spectrum of (E)-4-((2-oxo-2-(3-phenyl-5-styryl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXI)**



**Figure (4.124):** MS Spectrum of 4-({2-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}amino)benzene-1-sulfonamide **(LXII)**



**Figure (4.125):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoeth yl) amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXIII)**



**Figure (4.126):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl) amino) benzene sulfonamide **(LXIV)**



**Figure (4.127):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXV)**



**Figure (4.128):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethyl amino)phenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVI)**


**Figure (4.129):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVII)**



**Figure (4.130):** MS Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5 dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino)-N-(5,6-dimethoxy pyrimidin-4-yl)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVIII)**



**Figure (4.131):** MS Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)-4-((2- (5-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2 oxoethyl)amino)benzenesulfonamide **(LXIX)**







**Figure (4.133):** MS Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimid in-4-yl)-4- ((2-(5-(4-(dime thylamino)phenyl)-3-(p-tol yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyraz ol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXXI)**



**Figure (4.134):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-(3,5-diphe nyl-4,5dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl) ethan-1-one **(XLI)**



Figure (4.135): <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLII)**



**Figure (4.136):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-phe n yl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(XLIII)**



**Figure (4.137):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-phenyl-5- $[(E)-2$ phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(XLIV)**



**Figure (4.138):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(fura n-2-yl)-3phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLV)**



Figure (4.139): <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVI)**



**Figure (4.140):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 1-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(furan-2yl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-chloroethan-1-one **(XLVII)**



**Figure (4.141):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[ 3- (4-nitro phenyl)-5phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(XLVIII)**



Figure (4.142): <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chloro phenyl)-3-(4-nitro phenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(XLIX)**



**Figure (4.143):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 *H*-pyrazol-1-yl} ethan-1-one **(L)**



**Figure (4.144):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-[(*E*)-2-phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LI)**



**Figure (4.145):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LII)**



**Figure (4.146):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[3-(4-methylphenyl)-5ph enyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl] ethan-1-one **(LIII)**



Figure (4.147): <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl )-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]ethan-1-one **(LIV)**



Figure (4.148): <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{5-[4-(dimethylamino) phenyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1 H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LV)**



**Figure (4.149):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 2-chloro-1-{3-(4-methyl phenyl)-5-[(E)-2-phenylethenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl}ethan-1-one **(LVI)**







**Figure (4.151):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-((2-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LVIII)**



**Figure (4.152):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of  $4-(2-(5-(4-\text{chlorophenyl})-3-\text{Covol})$ phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino) benzene sulfonamide **(LIX)**



**Figure (4.153):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of  $4-(2- (5- (4- (dimethylamin$ o)phenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-di hydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2 oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LX)**



**Figure (4.154):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of (E)-4-((2-oxo-2-(3-phenyl-5-styryl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzenesulfonamide **(LXI)**



**Figure (4.155):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-({2-[5-(furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-4,5dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-oxoethyl}amino)benzene-1-sulfonamide **(LXII)**



**Figure (4.156):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(4nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoeth yl) amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXIII)**



**Figure (4.157):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-((2-oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl)amino) benzene sulfonamide **(LXIV)**







**Figure (4.159):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethyl) amino)phenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2 oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVI)**



**Figure (4.160):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(furan-2-yl)-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVII)**



**Figure (4.161):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of 4-((2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl) amino)-N-(5,6 dimethoxy pyrimidin-4-yl)benzene sulfonamide **(LXVIII)**



**Figure (4.162):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)-4-((2-(5-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1 yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXIX)**



**Figure (4.163):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of N- $(5,6$ -dimethoxypyrimidin-4-yl)-4-((2-oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1 yl)ethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXX)**



**Figure (4.164):** <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of N-(5,6-dimethoxypyrimid in-4-yl)-4-((2-(5-(4-(dime thylamino)phenyl)-3-(p-tol yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyraz ol-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)amino)benzene sulfonamide **(LXXI)**

**5.3.Appendix C:**Docking figures



**Figure (4.165):** 2D interaction of compound **XLI** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.166):** 2D interaction of compound **XLII** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.167):** Compound **XLIII** showed no interaction with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.168):** 2D interaction of compound **XLIV** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.169):** Compound **XLV** showed no interaction with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.170):** 2D interaction of compound **XLVI** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.171):** 2D interaction of compound **XLVII** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.172):** 2D interaction of compound **XLVIII** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.173):** Compound **XLIX** showed no interaction with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.174):** Compound **L** showed no interaction with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.175):** 2D interaction of compound **LI** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.176):** 2D interaction of compound **LII** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.177):** 2D interaction of compound **LIII** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.178):** 2D interaction of compound **LIV** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.179):** 2D interaction of compound **LV** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.180):** 2D interaction of compound **LVI** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.181):** 2D interaction of compound **LVII** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.182):** 2D interaction of compound **LIX** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.183):** 2D interaction of compound **LX** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.184):** 2D interaction of compound **LXI** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.185):** Compound **LXIII** showed no interaction with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.186):** 2D interaction of compound **LXIV** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.187):** 2D interaction of compound **LXV** with the active site amino acid of hCAXII



**Figure (4.188):** 2D interaction of compound **II** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.189):** 2D interaction of compound **IV** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.190):** 2D interaction of compound **V** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.191):** 2D interaction of compound **VI** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.192):** 2D interaction of compound **VII** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.193):** 2D interaction of compound **IX** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.194):** 2D interaction of compound **X** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.195):** 2D interaction of compound **XI** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.196):** 2D interaction of compound **XII** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.197):** 2D interaction of compound **XIII** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.198):** 2D interaction of compound **XIV** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.199):** 2D interaction of compound **XV** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.200):** 2D interaction of compound **XVII** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.201):** 2D interaction of compound **XIX** in the active site of 3DKC



**Figure (4.202):** 2D interaction of compound **XX** in the active site of 3DKC