



New Series of Substituted Heterocycles Derived from α , β -unsaturated Ketone and Their Cytotoxic Activity in Tumor Cell Lines

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ABSTRACT

The aldol condensation of 2-acetylnaphthalene with 9-anthracene carboxaldehyde afforded α , β -unsaturated ketone (1). New heterocyclic compounds containing: cyclohexenone[2], indazole[3], pyrimidinethion [4], thiazolo fused pyrimidine[5], isoxazoline[6], substituted pyrazoline[7]_{a-d} and pyrimidinone[8] rings system were synthesized from α , β -unsaturated ketone[1]. Cyclization of [1] with ethylacetoacetate gave the mentioned heterocycle cyclohexanone [2]. The cyclo condensation of [2] with hydrazine gave the new indazole derivative [3]. Furthermore, the reaction of [1] with thiourea gives thiopyrimidine derivative [4]. The cyclo condensation of [4] with chloroacetic acid gave the fused rings [5]. Then reacted compound [1] with hydroxylamine to produce isoxazoline [6]. Also the reaction of [1] with hydrazine and hydrazide derivatives to produce pyrazole [7]_{a-d}. All the newly synthesized derivatives[2-7]_{a-d} were characterized via the CHN-S, FT- IR, ¹H NMR, and ¹³C NMR (of some of them). The antibacterial and cytotoxic activities were evaluated for these derivatives[2-7]_{a-d}. The study of antibacterial displayed good to moderate activity and the study of anticancer activity showed that were effective for inhibition of L₂₀B the mice intestines carcinoma cell line and RD human pelvic rhabdomyosarcoma cell line. treated

Keywords: α , β -Unsaturated ketones, Cyclohexenone, Indazole, Pyrimidinethion, Isoxazoline, Pyrazoline, Pyrimidinone, Anti-cancer activity.

INTRODUCTION

α , β -Unsaturated ketones, one of the primary classes of natural products and belongs to flavonoid family, as well these compounds keep several biological activities^{1,2}. α , β -Unsaturated ketones are suitable for the synthesis of an important heterocycles rings like cyclohexenone, indazole,

pyrimidinethion, isoxazoline, pyrazoline, and pyrimidinone³. The biological activity for chalcones are wide ranging in the recent years, isoxazolines are considered biologically active molecules since they are used in controlling parasite infections in humans⁴ in addition to their use as insecticides⁵, nematocides and molluscicides agents⁶. Pyrazolines, for example, have attracted increasing attention



due to their pharmaceutical applications such as: anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, enzymatic inhibitors and cytotoxic properties⁷⁻⁹. Pyrimidine derivatives play an essential role in medicinal field due to their anti-inflammatory, anti-ulcerogenic¹⁰. The anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer activities of indazoles were also reported¹¹. Hence, it appeared of interest to prepare the mentioned heterocycles linked to 2-acetyl naphthalene moiety and evaluated their cytotoxicity effect on two cancer cell lines including: L₂₀B and RD cell lines.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

All chemicals utilized brand Sigma-Aldrich and used as received.

Instrumentation

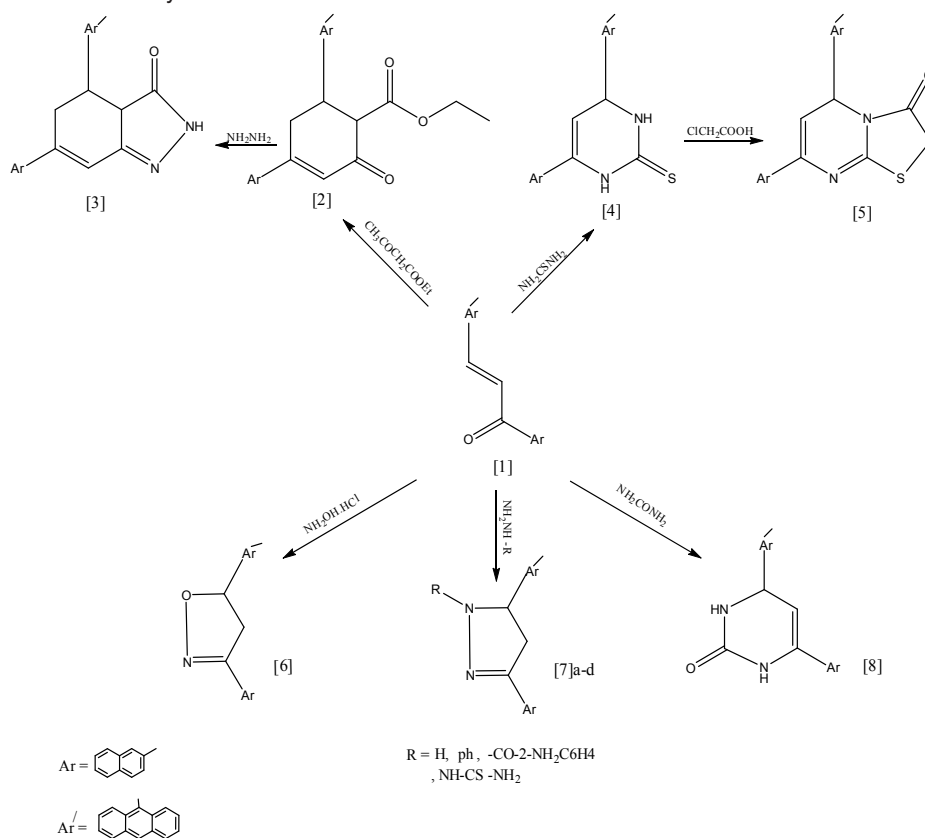
FTIR spectra were registered in KBR dices on a SHIMADZU-FTIR-8400 spectro photometer. ¹H & ¹³CNMR spectra were done on Bruker 400-MHz spector photometer. CHN-S were completed an EuroEA Elemental Analyzser.

General Synthetic Procedures

All compounds [2-8] were synthesized confer to the scheme 1.

Preparation of of chalcone: 3-(anthracen-9-yl)-1-(naphthalen-2 -yl) prop-2-en-1-one[1]

2-Acetyl naphthalene (1.70 g, 0.01 mol) was added with small portions to a solution of (2.06 g, 0.01 mol) 9-anthracenecarboxaldehyde in 10% ethanolic NaOH (10 mL) and stirred for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was acidification with dilute HCl. The resulting product was filtered off, washed well with cold water, dried in air to give the required product [1]; Yield 82%; m.p 155-157°C; FT- IR : 3049 (C-H arom.), 2931 (C-H aliph.), 1658 (C=O), 1622- 1597 (C=C) and 1172 due to (C-O-C); ¹H-NMR (δ): 8.42-7.70 (m, 16H, Ar-H), 6.20, 6.15 (2H,d, CH=CH). Furthermore, the results of CHN-S analysis harmonized with the proposed structure for [1] C₂₇H₁₈O: C, 90.47; H, 5.06; Found: C, 90.91; H, 5.63.



Scheme 1. Synthetic route for target derivatives [1-8]

Synthesis of ethyl 6-(anthracen-9-yl)-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-oxocyclohexa-3-ene-carboxylate [2]

A stirred mixture of chalcone [1] (3.58 g, 0.01 mol), $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$ (0.01 mol), aqueous KOH solution (1 mL, 10%) was heated for 3 h and then left to stirring overnight at ambient temperature. The precipitated off white was collected and dried to give the cyclohexanone derivatives [2]; Yield : 68% ; m.p 182-184°C; FTIR 3035 (C-H arom.), 2981 (C-H aliph.), 1737 (C=O) 1660 (C=O) and 1604 (C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$: 8.55-6.92 (m, 16H, H-Ar), 6.69(s, 1H, CH=C-Ar), 4.02(1H, m, CH-Ar/), 2.71 (1H, s, CH-CO), 1.58 (s, 2H, CH_2 -C-Ar), 1.24 (q, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$) and 1.10 (t, 3H, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$); Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$: C (84.23); H(5.57); Found:C(84.85); H (5.76).

Synthesis of 4-(anthracen-9-yl)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl) -2,3,4,5 -tetrahydro-3H-indazol-3-one [3]

Hydrazine hydrate was added dropwise to a solution of compound[2] (4.70 g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (20 mL) and glacial acetic acid (0.3 mL) at ambient temperature. The mixture was heated for 6 h¹². The pale yellow solid formed was filtered off and dried, Yield:52%; M. P. 137-139°C; FT-IR(3385-NH), (3020C-H arom.), (2980 C-H aliph.), (1653 C=O) (1631 C=N) and (1955 C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (9.78:s, 1H, NH), (7.86-7.22 : m, 16H, H-Ar), (4.02:s, 1H, CH=C-Ar), (3.47 :1H, d, CH-CO), 3.18(d, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH-Ar/}$), 1.35 (m, 1H, CH_2 -CH-Ar/); likewise, the results of CHN-S analysis agree with the suggested structure for compound(3) : $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: (C:84.91); (H:5.06); (N:6.39) ; Found:(C: 85.15); (H:5.66, (N:6.91).

Synthesis of 4-(anthracen-9-yl)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidine 2 (1H) -thione [4]

To a solution of chalcone (3.58 g) in ethanolic NaOH (0.01 mol), $\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2$ (0.6 g) was added, refluxed for 7 hours. A solution of ice cold water was added, the orange solid created, washed with water and dried, yield :68%; m.p. 214-216°C ; FT-IR: 3383 cm^{-1} for(NH), 3012 cm^{-1} (C-H arom.), 1638 (C=N), and 1255 (C=S). $^1\text{H NMR}$: 12.00 (s, 1H, NH tautomeric with SH in thiopyrimidine ring), 11.38(s, 1H, NH), 9.00-7.86(m, 16H ArH), 8.29 (d, 1H, CH=C-Ar), 7.65 (d, 1H, =CH-CH-Ar); Also, the output of CHN-S analysis correspond with the indicate structure for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{S}$.

Synthesis of 5-(Anthracen-9-yl)-7-(naphthalen-2-yl) -5H- Thiazolo [3,2-a] pyrimidin-3(2H)- one [5]

Chloroacetic acid (0.01 mol) was added to a compound[4] (4.16 g, 0.01 mol) in mixture of glacial $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ (10 ml) and $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$ (5ml) and anhydrous sodium acetate (0.45 g). The mixture refluxed for 6 h and poured into 30 mL crushed ice to allow golden yellow solid precipitate, which was filtered and dried; Yield (48%); M. P. 193-195°C; FT-IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3091 (C-H aromatic), 2098 (C-H aliphatic), 1668 (C=O), 1606 (C=N), 1078(C-S); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (9.55-7.16:m, 16H Ar-H), 8.46 (d, 1H, CH=CAr), 5.45 (d, 1H, =CH-CH-Ar), 1.66(s, 2H, CH_2). CHN-S for compound $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: (C, 78.92); (H, 4.42); (N, 6.14); (S, 7.02); Found: (C, 79.20); (H, 4.18); (N, 6.45); (S, 7.42).

Synthesis of derivatives 5-(anthracen-9-yl)-3-(naphthalene-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-isoxazole[6]

To a mixture of chalcone[1] (3.58 g, 0.01 mol) and hydroxyl amine hydrochloride (0.69 g, 0.01 mol) ethanolic sodium hydroxide (10 mL) was refluxed for 8 hours. On cooling 50 mL water was added then the mixture acerbated at fridge overnight and the white solid was formed, Yield (77%); m.p. 146-148°C; FT-IR3064 (C-H arom.), 1627 (C=N), 1598 (C=C); 1348 (cyclic ether) (C-O); $^1\text{H NMR}$: (8.89-7.36: m, 16H, ArH), (4.73-4.61 :d, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHAr/}$), (2.25-1.20 :t, 1H, CH_2 -CH-Ar/). The CHN analysis for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}$: (C, 86.84); (H, 5.13); (N, 3.75); Found: (C, 86.22); (H, 5.45); (N, 3.95).

Synthesis of 5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(substituted phenyl) - pyrazoline derivatives [7]_{a-d}

A mixture of chalcon [1] (3.58 g, 0.01 mol) and hydrazine hydrate or substituted hydrazine (0.01 mol) in EtOH (20 mL) containing glacial acetic acid (0.3 mL) was heated for 4 hour. The precipitated was formed, collected and dried to afford [7]_{a-d}.

5-(anthracen-9-yl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole[7]_a

Yellowish brown; Yield (58%); m.p. 92-94°C; FTIR for this compound confirm that: 3431(NH), 3053 (CH-Ar), 1666 (C=N), 1593 (C=C); $^1\text{H NMR}$: (9.01:s, 1H, NH), (8.48 -6.76: m, 16H Ar-H), 4.11 (t, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CHAr/}$), 2.49-1.46 (d, 2H, CH_2 -CH-Ar/), CHN analysis ($\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2$) agree with the proposed structure: C, 87.07; H, 5.41; N, 7.52 Founder: C, 87.55; H, 5.85; N, 7.85.

5-(anthracen-9-yl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazole[7]_b

Dark orange; Yield (60%); m.p. 149-151°C; FTIR(CH-Ar 3057), (C=N1620); ¹HNMR, 8.12-7.23 (m, 16H ArH), 3.67 (t, 1H, CH₂CHAR/), 1.19-1.35 (d, 2H, CH₂-CH-Ar/); the CHN-S compound[7]_b C₃₃H₂₄N: C, 88.36; H, 5.39; N, 6.25; Founder: C, 88.99; H, 5.70; N, 6.05.

(2-aminophenyl)(5-(anthracen-9-yl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) methanone [7]_c

Brownish red; Yield (74%); m.p. 172-174°C; FTIR: 3344(NH₂), 3026 (CH-Ar), 1666 (C=N), 1593 (C=C), 1336 (C=S); ¹HNMR: 9.32(s, 1H, NH), 8.70-7.55 (m, 16H, Ar-H), 4.27 (t, 1H, CH₂CHAR/), 1.711.21 (d, 2H, CH₂-CH-Ar/); CHN-S for compound C₃₄H₂₅N₃O [7]_c: C, 83.07; H, 5.13; N, 8.55; Found: C, 83.65; H, 5.42; N, 8.76.

1-(5-(anthracen-9-yl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) thiourea [7]_d

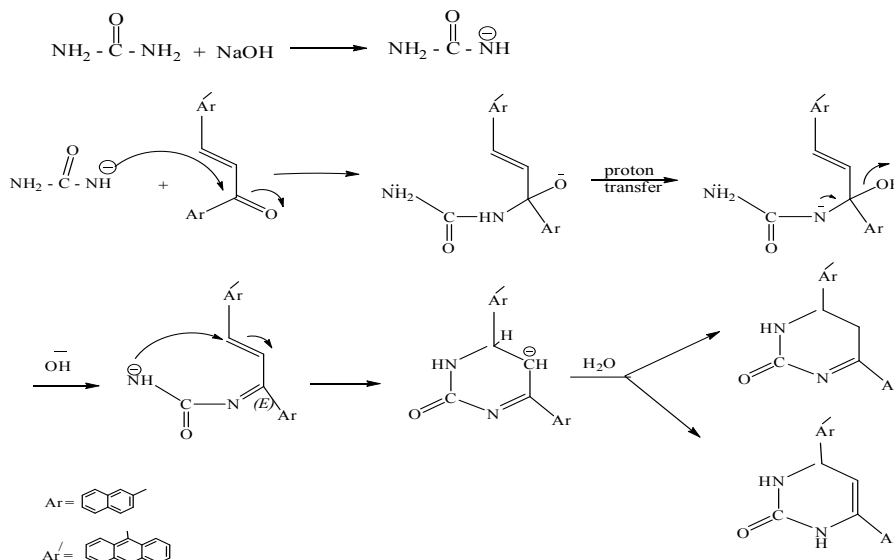
Bright yellow; Yield (67%); m.p. 204-206°C; FT-IR(v, cm⁻¹): 3309(NH₂), 3035 (C-H aromatic), 1718(C=O), 1660 (C=N), 1597 (C=C); ¹HNMR: 11.47(s, 1H, NH₂), 9.70-7.45 (m, 16H Ar-H), 7.60-7.61 (t, 1H, CH₂CHAR/), 1.62 (d, 2H, CH₂-CH-Ar/); Anal. Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₂N₄S: C, 75.31; H, 4.97; N, 12.55; S, 7.18 Founder: C, 75.73; H, 5.11; N, 12.32; S, 7.29.

Synthesis of 4-(anthracen-9-yl)-6-(naphthalene-2-yl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one [8]

To a solution of chalcone[1] (3.58 g, 0.01 mol), urea (0.6 g, 0.01 mol) and EtOH (30 mL) containing glacial CH₃CO₂H (0.3 ml) was added. The combination was heated for 7 h and poured into crushed ice. The solid light yellow precipitate was washed, filtered and dried to give pyrimidinone derivative[8]. Yield (75%); m.p. 119-121°C; FTIR: (3406, 3350NH), (3064 CH arom.), (1670 C=O), (1614, 1597 C=C); ¹HNMR: 10.12 (s, 1H, NH), 8.82(s, 1H, NH), 8.38-7.35 (m, 16H, Ar-H and pyrimidine proton), 3.33 (d, 1H, =CH-CH); ¹³CNMR the presence of peaks at δ 190.88 (C=O), δ 125.11-138.96 (C aromatic) and δ 123(CH=CH); CHNS for C₂₈H₂₀N₂O the target compound: C, 83.98; H, 5.03; N, 7.00; Found: C, 83.67; H, 5.43; N, 7.11.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Aldole condensation reaction of 2-acetyl naphthalene with 9-anthracenecarboxaldehyde in alcoholic sodium hydroxide afforded 3-(anthracen-9-yl)-1-(naphthalen-2-yl) prop-2-en-1-one[1] at room temperature. The structural of the chalcone[1] was substantiated spectroscopically and elemental analyses. The formation of cyclohexanone derivative [2] was achieved by refluxing chalcone[1] with ethylacetoacetate in the presence of aqueous potassium hydroxide solution. Moreover, reaction of this derivative[2] with hydrazine hydrate in the presence of CH₃CO₂H as a catalyst give a new indazol derivative[3], the reaction may have proceeded through condensation between carbonyl group of cyclohexanone[2] and amineNH₂ of hydrazine, followed by cyclization by losing a molecule of ethanol. The pyrimidinethione derivative [4] was obtained from refluxing chalcone [1] with thiourea in basic medium, its structure was ascertained by spectral data. However, compound [5] was prepared directly from the reaction [4] with ClCH₂CO₂H in glacial CH₃CO₂H and (CH₃CO)₂O in the presence of anhydrous CH₃CO₂Na. Isoxazoline compound [6] was synthesized from the reaction of chalcone [1] with NH₂OH.HCl. Structure of compound[6] was established by their spectral data, the FTIR spectra were no characteristic bands of the CH=CH and C=O and NH groups in the starting material, with the appearance of new absorption band for (C=N) group around 1627 cm⁻¹ and C-O (cyclic ether) group around 1348 cm⁻¹. It was reported that, reaction of α, β-Unsaturated ketone with N₂H₄ or PhNHNH₂ or 2-amino benzohydrazide or thiosemicarbazide in the presence of glacial acetic acid and refluxed, yield the target pyrazoline [7]_{a-d}, respectively. The structure of the pyrazoline derivatives [7]_{a-d} were identified by their melting point, CHN-S analysis, FTIR and ¹HNMR spectroscopy. The FTIR spectra of these compounds exhibited new absorption stretching peaks of NH and imine groups in the region 3431cm⁻¹ and 1666-1660 cm⁻¹, the more characteristic for pyrazole ring. The pyrimidinone derivative [8] was synthesized from reaction of chalcone [1] with urea in glacial acetic acid as a catalyst. The structure of the pyrimidinone [8] characteristic by FTIR, H & ¹³C NMR spectroscopy; the suggested mechanism of this reaction may be shown as follows Scheme 2.



Scheme 2

Antibacterial evaluation

The target compounds were synthesized [2-8] were screened their antibacterial activity (*in vitro*) against both G+ and G- bacteria; like *Staph. aureus* (G+), *Bacillus cereus* (G+) and *E. coli* (G-) according to the agar plate diffusion method. The test solution was prepared by using DMSO as a solvent, and each compounds was dissolved in DMSO to give concentration (1 ppm). The plates were then incubated at 37°C and examined after

24 hours. (+) and (++) depending upon the diameter and clarity as in Table 1. The derivatives [3], [5], [7]b, [7]_d, and [8] displayed good to moderate antibacterial activity against three pathogenic species; also, the derivatives [2], [6], [7]_a and [7]_c shows low activity against Gram positive. Finally, both compounds [2] and [7]_c shows no activity against *Gram negative* but they exhibited moderate to weak antibacterial against *Gram positive*.

Table 1 : Antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds[2-8]

Comp. No.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (G+)	<i>Bacillus cereus</i> (G+)	<i>E. coli</i> (G-)	Comp. No.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (G+)	<i>Bacillus cereus</i> (G+)	<i>E. coli</i> (G-)
[2]	7.1	12	0	[7]a	5.5	15	6.9
[3]	20.4	16.8	6.5	[7]b	27	7.7	9.8
[4]	11.7	6.6	13.7	[7]c	10	7.5	0
[5]	18.7	13	11.9	[7]d	19.2	11	8.8
[6]	8.1	9.5	8	[8]	13.7	11.8	6.7

Key to symbols: highly active = ≤15 mm, moderately active = 11-15 mm and slightly active = 5-10mm.

Cytotoxic activity

All derivatives of chalcone were chosen for examined their anticancer activity. Two cell lines were used for testing: L₂₀B (mice intestines carcinoma) cell line and RD (human pelvic rhabdomyosarcoma) according to the procedure of Freshney (13). Seven derivatives [2-8] different concentrations were tested for their cytotoxicity by using cultured cells in microtiter plate (96 wells). The examine was applied by the next steps:

a-Seeding: When cells in the incubated falcon became monolayer, a liquot 200 μl/10⁴-10⁵ cells/

well from single cell hang were added to all the 96 wells of the microtiter plates; which wrapped by plate lids and sealed with parafilm, shaken softly and returned to the incubator.

b- Incubation: Plates were incubated in moisten chamber at 37°C, 5% CO₂.

c- Exposure: When the cells are in full activity, they were exposed to 6 concentrations of the derivatives μg/ml for cell line, 200 μl of maintenance medium were added to each well of control group, then

plates were locked with paraffilm and returned to the incubator. cytotoxicity was carried out after 48 h and the photo picture were taken after 24 hour.

d- Staining: Cell viability was measured after 48 h, then removing the medium and 20 µl/well solution of MTT were added. The crystals remaining in the wells were solubilized by the addition of 200 µl/well of DMSO followed by incubation in 37°C for 15 min. with shaking. The absorbance was measured on a microplate reader at 620 nm .The average of inhibition of cell growth was counted according to (46) as follow equation.

$$\text{Inhibition rate} = \frac{\text{mean of control} - \text{mean of treatment}}{\text{mean of control}} \times 100$$

The synthesized derivatives [5], [7]a, [7] b,[7]c and [8] showed moderate anticancer activity against two type of cancer cell lines. The remaining derivatives exhibited low anticancer activity. However, the compound [6] showed no activity versus both cell lines, and [2] showed no activity versus RD cell line. Structure-activity relationship could be observed by examining the effect of heterocyclic rings on these derivatives on the cell growth inhibition.

Table 2 : The inhibition of cells growth of synthesized derivatives. µl/well

Comp. No.	For (L20 B)	For (RD)	Comp. No.	For (L20 B)	For (RD)
[2]	20.00%	-	[7] _a	47.80%	42.10%
[3]	15.90%	23.30%	[7] _b	60.70%	33.50%
[4]	11.50%	25.70%	[7] _c	18%	11.90%
[5]	52.70%	12.20%	[7] _d	51.90%	32.30%
[6]	-	-	[8]	23%	34.20%

CONCLUSION

The aim of the present work has been directed towards synthesized of new series of heterocyclic compounds derived from α , β -un saturated ketone they may be have more activity and less toxicity as anticancer agents. Biological evaluation may support the development of synthetic organic compounds and pharmaceutical chemistry.

The study of antibacterial displayed good to moderate activity. All compounds except [6] showed moderate to low inhibition for L20B and RD cancer cell lines.

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