Supporting Information

N-((1-Benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)arylamide as a New Scaffold that Provides Rapid Access to Antimicrotubule Agents: Synthesis and Evaluation of Antiproliferative Activity Against Select Cancer

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All reagents were purchased from Aldrich, Arcos, Advanced ChemTech, and Fisher and used without purification unless otherwise indicated. Tetrahydrofuran was distilled from a mixture of sodium metal and benzophenone ketyl. Acetonitrile and triethylamine were distilled from CaH₂. All other solvents were used without purification.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Unityplus 300 MHz spectrometer, Varian Inova 500 MHz spectrometer, or Varian 600 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts are indicated in δ values (ppm) from internal reference peaks (TMS ¹H 0.00; CDCl₃ ¹H 7.27, ¹³C 77.00; CD₃OD ¹H 3.31, ¹³C 49.15; DMSO-d6 ¹H 2.50, ¹³C 39.51). Coupling constants (*J*) were measured using ACD/SpecManager Version 10 and are reported in hertz (Hz) (where, s = singlet, bs = broad singlet, d = doublet, dd = double doublet, bd = broad doublet, ddd = double doublet, t = triplet, tt = triplet triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet).

Infrared spectra were recorded on an FT-IR spectrometer using thin films on NaCl plates. Melting points were measured on a Thomas Hoover melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. TLC was performed with aluminum backed Merck silica gel 60 F_{254} using UV (254 nm) light, potassium permanganate stain, ceric ammonium molybdate stain, or ninhydrin for visualization.

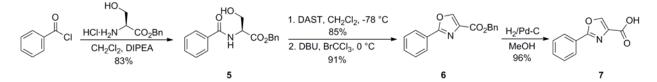
The LC/HRMS analyses were carried out on Waters ZQ instrument consisting of chromatography module Alliance HT, photodiode array detector 2996, and mass spectrometer Micromass ZQ, using a 3 x 50 mm Pro C18 YMC reverse phase column. Mobile phases: 10 mM ammonium acetate in HPLC grade water (A) and HPLC grade acetonitrile (B). A gradient was formed from 5% to 80% of B in 10 minutes at 0.7 mL/min and referred in manuscript as "method A." A typical run is 10 minutes. The MS electrospray source operated at capillary voltage 3.5 kV and a desolvation temperature 300 °C. The HPLC analyses were carried out on a Waters 2695 instrument consisting of a photodiode array detector 996, using the Waters symmetry C₁₈ 5 µm reverse phase column (Waters, Milford, MA, www.waters.com). Mobile phases: (a) 50% HPLC grade acetonitrile in Millipore purified water at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min⁻¹ and UV diction at 254 nm and referred in manuscript as "method B." A typical run time was 20 minutes. All compounds are \geq 95% pure as determined by HPLC or LC/HRMS as indicated above.

All reactions were conducted under argon gas unless otherwise noted. Solvents were removed *in vacuo* on a rotary evaporator. All reactions were carried out at ambient temperature (\sim 22 °C) unless stated otherwise. Flash chromatography was performed on Sorbent Technologies silica gel 60 (32–63 µm).

Abbreviations: ACN = acetonitrile; DAST = Diethylaminosulfur trifluoride; DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene; DIPEA = diisopropylethylamine; DMF = dimethylformamide; EDC = N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride; EtOAc = ethyl acetate; HOAc = acetic acid.

Chemistry: Experimental Procedures and Analytical Data

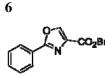
Scheme 1. Synthesis of 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylic acid.



Synthesis of 2-phenyl-1,3-oxazole-4-carboxylic acid (7):

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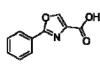
(*S*)-Benzyl 2-(benzamido)-3-hydroxypropanoate ($C_{17}H_{17}NO_4$, 5). Benzoyl chloride (4.15 g, 3.4 mL, 28.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (120 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice bath). L-Serine benzyl ester hydrochloride (7.2 g, 30.1 mmol) and DIPEA (9.3 g, 12.5 mL, 71.6 mmol) were added slowly and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 14 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and washed with 10% aqueous NaHCO₃, water, 0.5 N citric acid, and brine. The organic phase was separated, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give **5** as an off-white solid (7.15 g, 83%): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85–7.79 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.30 (m, 7H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.91 (td, *J*₁ = 7.1 Hz, *J*₂ = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.01 (m, 2H).



Benzvl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate $(C_{17}H_{13}NO_{3},$ 6). (S)-Benzyl 2-(benzamido)-3hydroxypropanoate (5, 7.15 g, 28.5 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (240 mL) and cooled to -78 °C (dry ice-acetone bath). diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST, 4.4 g, 3.6 mL, 27.5 mmol) was added slowly under Ar_(g) and stirred for 30 min. K₂CO₃ (8.9 g, 64.4 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. Once the reaction appeared complete by TLC analysis, the reaction mixture was poured into a solution of 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2x). The organic phase was separated, washed with 10% aqueous NaHCO3 and brine, dried with Na2SO4, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resultant crude material was purified by column chromatography (SiO_2 , EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ stepwise elution, 1:1 to 10:1) to give (S)-Benzyl 4,5-dihydro-2-phenyloxazole-4carboxylate as a white solid (5.7 g, 85%): mp 51–52 °C; TLC R_f = 0.25 (CH₂Cl₂); FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 1741 (C=O), 1643 (C=N), 1188; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.29 (m, 8H), 5.26 (dd, $J_1 = 20.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 12.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.99 (dd, $J_1 = 10.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.80-4.42 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.42, 163.45, 158.40, 156.25, 135.56, 135.48, 135.14, 128.67, 128.61, 128.49, 126.70, 124.19, 118.88, 118.71, 70.31, 68.83, 67.60; $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{25}$ +1.14 (c = 1.54 g/100 mL CHCl₃).

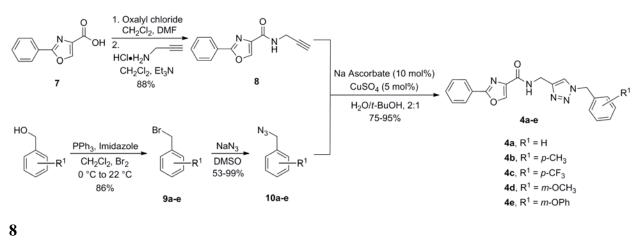
(*S*)-Benzyl 4,5-dihydro-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (6.27 g, 22.3 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (75 mL) and cooled to 0 °C (ice bath temperature). DBU (10 mL, 66.9 mmol) was added and followed by a slow addition of bromo-trichloromethane (6.6 mL, 66.9 mmol). After stirring for 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. Once the reaction appeared complete by TLC analysis, the mixture was poured into a solution of 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2x). The organic phase was separated, washed with 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resultant crude material was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ stepwise elution, 1:10 to 1:1) to give **6** as a white solid (5.64 g, 91%): mp = 94–95 °C; TLC *R_f* = 0.37 (CH₂Cl₂); FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 1741 (C=O), 1323, 1144, 1114; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.12 (dt, *J*₁ = 4.9 Hz, *J*₂ = 4.7 Hz, *J*₃ = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52–7.31 (m, 8H), 5.41 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.49, 161.13, 143.84, 135.47, 134.32, 131.15, 128.96, 128.78, 128.57, 128.50, 128.46, 128.41, 126.86, 126.35, 66.79; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₃, 280.0974; found, 280.0973.

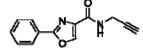
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2-Phenyloxazole-4-carboxylic acid ($C_{10}H_7NO_3$, **7**). Benzyl 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylate (**6**, 5.34 g, 19.1 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (100 mL) and EtOAc (75 mL) and purged with bubbling Ar_(g). Palladium on carbon (203 mg, 1.9 mmol) was added carefully. The reaction was sealed with a septum and evacuated by vacuum. Hydrogen gas was bubbled through the reaction mixture for 5 minutes while under vacuum. The reaction was stirred under hydrogen gas (1 atm) until the reaction appeared complete by TLC analysis. The reaction flask was purged with Ar_(g), diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), and filtered through glass filter paper to remove the palladium on carbon. The filtrate was concentrated to afford **7** as a white solid (3.46 g, 96%): mp = 207–208 °C; HPLC t_r = 2.0 min (method A); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 8.12–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.47 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.49, 161.46, 141.45, 140.11, 130.77, 128.87, 127.21, 126.39; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₈NO₃, 190.0499; found, 190.0557.

Scheme 2. Synthesis of *N*-((1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenyl-oxazole-carboxamide scaffold.





2-Phenyl-*N*-(prop-2-ynyl)oxazole-4-carboxamide ($C_{13}H_{10}N_2O_2$, 8). 2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxylic acid (7, 2.02 g, 10.7 mmol) was suspended in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (55 mL) under $Ar_{(g)}$. Oxalyl chloride (2.2 mL, 25.6 mmol) and DMF (50 µL) were added carefully to the mixture because of gas evolution. The reaction slowly turned to a light yellow homogeneous solution over 3 h. The solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give 2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonyl chloride (2.2 grams, 100%) as an off-white solid, which was used immediately in the next reaction without characterization.

2-phenyloxazole-4-carbonyl chloride (2.20 g, 10.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) under Ar_(g) and cooled to 0 °C (ice bath). Propargyl amine hydrochloride (1.09 g, 11.8 mmol) and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (5.6 mL, 32.1 mmol) were added with stirring. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After stirring for 20 h, TLC analysis indicated completion of the reaction. The mixture was poured into a solution of 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2x). The organic layer was separated, washed with 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resultant crude material was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ stepwise elution, 1:1 to 10:1) to give **8** as a white solid (2.13 g, 88%): mp = 123–124 °C; HPLC $t_r = 3.4-3.7$ min (method A); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.05–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.45 (m, 3H), 7.26 (bs, NH, 1H), 4.25 (dd, $J_1 = 5.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.48, 160.22, 141.02, 136.65, 131.09, 128.87, 126.57, 79.12, 71.74, 28.69; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₀N₂O₂, 227.0815; found, 227.0789.

Synthezes of Azides 10a – e.

10a

N₃

(Azidomethyl)benzene (C₇H₇N₃, 10a). Sodium azide (4.9 g, 75.1 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (150 mL) by stirring in a flame–dried 500 mL round bottom flask under $Ar_{(g)}$ for 12 h. A solution of benzyl bromide **9a** (7.9 mL, 68.4 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred for 10 h. Water (200 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction (exothermic process) and stirred until it cooled to room temperature. The mixture was poured into water (100 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 100 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **10a** as a clear oil (8.2 g, 91%): FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2931, 2097 (-N₃), 1496, 1456, 1256, 1203, 1078, 1029; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46–7.35 (m, 5H), 4.37 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.23, 128.67, 128.13, 128.06, 54.59.

10b

H₃C N₃

1-(Azidomethyl)-4-methylbenzene ($C_8H_9N_3$, 10b). Sodium azide (102 mg, 1.56 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (3.1 mL) by stirring in a flame-dried 25 mL round bottom flask under $Ar_{(g)}$ for 3 h. To this

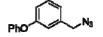
solution was added α -chloro-p-xylene (0.2 g, 1.42 mmol) and the reaction was stirred for 14 h. Water (7 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction (exothermic process) and stirred until it cooled to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **10b** as a clear oil (208 mg, 99%): FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2923, 2097.7 (-N₃), 1515, 1254; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24–7.17 (m, 4H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H).

10c

1-(Azidomethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (C₈H₆F₃N₃, 10c). Sodium azide (61 mg, 0.93 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (1.9 mL) by stirring in a flame–dried 25 mL round bottom flask under Ar_(g) for 3 h. To this solution was added 4-(bromomethyl)-1-(trifluoromethyl)benzene (0.2 g, 0.85 mmol) and the reaction was stirred for 14 h. Water (5 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction (exothermic process) and stirred until it cooled to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 7 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **10c** as a clear oil (91 mg, 53%): FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2936, 2105 (-N₃), 1620, 1420, 1328, 1166, 1125, 1057; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H).

10d

1-(Azidomethyl)-3-methoxybenzene (C₈H₉N₃O, 10d). Sodium azide (91 mg, 1.40 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (2.8 mL) by stirring in a flame–dried 25 mL round bottom flask under Ar_(g) for 3 h. To this solution was added 1-(chloromethyl)-3-methoxybenzene (0.2 g, 1.27 mmol) and the reaction was stirred for 14 h. Water (7 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction (exothermic process) and stirred until it cooled to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 7 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **10d** as a clear oil (207 mg, 99%): FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3005, 2940, 2837, 2099 (-N₃), 1602, 1587, 1456, 1437, 1343, 1266, 1152, 1051; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94–6.84 (m, 3H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H). 10e



1-(Azidomethyl)-3-phenoxybenzene (C₁₃H₁₁N₃O, 10e). Sodium azide (1.02 g, 15.5 mmol) was dissolved in DMSO (20 mL) by stirring in a flame-dried 50 mL round bottom flask under Ar(g) for 1 h. A solution of 3-phenoxybenzyl bromide 9e (3.70 g, 14.1 mmol) in DMSO (5 mL) was added and stirred for 10 h. Water (10 mL) was added slowly to quench the reaction (exothermic process) and stirred until it cooled to room temperature. The mixture was poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford 10e as a clear oil (3.11 g, 98.1%): FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) \overline{v}_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3040, 2111 (-N₃) 1583, 1484, 1445, 1341, 1231, 1211, 1162, 1142; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.95–7.09 (m, 5H), 4.32 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.77, 156.75, 137.26, 130.17, 129.83, 123.59, 122.76, 119.14, 118.47, 118.25, 54.42.

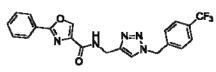
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4a

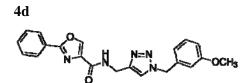
N-((**1-Benzyl-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxamide** ($C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_2$, 4a). mp 180–182 °C; HPLC $t_r = 4.4$ min (method A); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.06–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.60 (bs, NH, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 5.1$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.9$ Hz, 3H), 7.41–7.24 (m, 5H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.46, 160.67, 144.93, 140.78, 136.90, 134.39, 131.08, 129.12, 128.89, 128.79, 128.13, 126.59, 126.46, 122.21, 54.23, 34.49; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for $C_{20}H_{18}N_5O_2$, 260.1455; found, 360.1481.

N-((1-(4-Methylbenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxamide ($C_{21}H_{19}N_5O_2$, 4b). mp 178–179 °C; HPLC t_r = 7.45 min (method B); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.04–8.00 (m, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H, NH), 7.51–7.45 (m, 4H), 7.18 (s, 4H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.73, 160.92, 145.11, 141.05, 139.02, 137.20, 131.64, 131.35, 130.06, 129.17, 128.48, 126.87, 126.76, 122.35, 54.32, 34.77, 21.43; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₅O₂, 374.1617; found, 374.1622.

4c

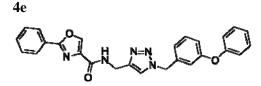


2-Phenyl-*N*-((**1**-(**4**-(**trifluoromethyl**)**benzyl**)-**1***H*-**1**,**2**,**3**-**triazol-4**-**yl**)**methyl**)**oxazole**-**4**-**carboxamide** (**C**₂₁**H**₁₆**F**₃**N**₅**O**₂, **4c**). mp 183–184 °C; HPLC $t_r = 8.0$ min (method B); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.65–7.59 (m, 3H), 7.56–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.57 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.52, 160.75, 145.35, 140.81, 138.38, 136.86, 131.13, 130.91, 128.91, 128.25, 126.59, 126.43, 126.16, 126.13, 126.10, 124.80, 122.46, 53.51, 34.49; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆F₃N₅O₂, 428.1337; found, 428.1328.



N-((1-(3-Methoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxamide

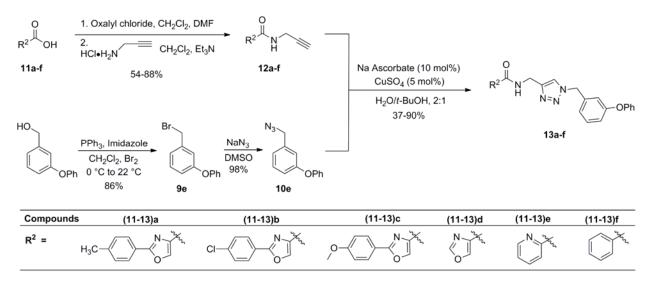
(C₂₁H₁₉N₅O₃, 4d). mp 131–132 °C; HPLC t_r = 7.9 min (method B); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.05–7.99 (m, 2H), 7.59 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.76 (m, 3H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.45, 160.66, 160.05, 144.93, 140.77, 136.91, 135.82, 131.06, 130.19, 128.88, 126.59, 126.46, 122.22, 120.30, 114.24, 113.69, 55.28, 54.16, 34.50; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₅O₃, 390.1566; found, 390.1578.



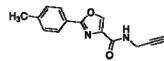
N-((1-(3-Phenoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-phenyloxazole-4-carboxamide ($C_{26}H_{21}N_5O_3$, 4e). mp 134–135 °C; HPLC $t_r = 8.6$ min (method B); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.03 (dd, $J_1 = 6.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 3.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J_1 = 5.2$ Hz, J_2

=1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.40–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.19–6.88 (m, 6H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 4.72 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.47, 160.68, 158.05, 156.36, 145.01, 140.79, 136.90, 136.27, 131.08, 130.47, 129.87, 128.89, 126.59, 126.45, 123.81, 122.48, 122.29, 119.26, 118.58, 118.06, 53.87, 34.49; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N₅O₃, 452.1723; found, 452.1748.

Scheme 3. Synthesis of *N*-((1-benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)arylamide scaffold.



<u>Alkynes 12a – f can all be prepared by the methods described for compound 8 in this manuscript.</u> 12a

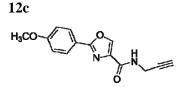


N-(**Prop-2-ynyl**)-2-*p*-tolyloxazole-4-carboxamide ($C_{14}H_{12}N_2O_2$, 12a). mp 154–155 °C; HPLC $t_r = 4.3-4.4$ min (method A); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (bs, NH, 1H), 4.25 (dd, $J_1 = 5.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 1H), 2.28 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.73, 160.33, 141.55, 140.73, 136.54, 129.60, 126.55, 123.76, 79.16, 71.73, 28.69, 21.56; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}N_2O_2$, 241.0972; found, 241.0994.

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2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-(**prop-2-ynyl**)**oxazole-4-carboxamide** ($C_{13}H_9ClN_2O_2$, 12b). mp 146–147 °C; HPLC $t_r = 4.6-4.7$ min (method A); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (bs, NH, 1H), 4.24 (dd, $J_1 = 5.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.53, 160.00, 141.17, 137.29, 136.78, 129.21, 127.83, 124.87, 79.06, 71.79, 28.70; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₉ClN₂O₂, 261.0425; found, 461.0451.



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-(**prop-2-ynyl**)**oxazole-4-carboxamide** ($C_{14}H_{12}N_2O_3$, 12c). mp 151–152 °C; HPLC $t_r = 0.7-0.8$ min (method A); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (bs, NH, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.15–4.07 (m, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.82, 161.57, 160.40, 140.49, 136.44, 128.83, 128.29, 119.13, 114.26, 113.69, 79.17, 71.69, 55.37, 28.66; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₃, 257.0921; found, 257.0930.

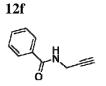
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N-(**Prop-2-ynyl**)**oxazole-4-carboxamide** ($C_7H_6N_2O_2$, **12d**). mp 94–95 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.14 (bs, NH, 1H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.85, 150.56, 141.61, 28.73, 135.40, 78.98, 71.80; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₇H₆N₂O₂, 151.0508; found, 151.0496.

12e

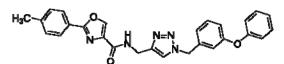
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N-(**Prop-2-ynyl**)**benzamide** (**C**₁₀**H**₉**NO**, **12f**). mp 109–110 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.40 (m, 3H), 6.34 (bs, NH, 1H), 4.27 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.17, 133.64, 131.72, 128.53, 127.01, 79.48, 71.74, 29.70.

Triazoles 13a – f can all be prepared by the method described in manuscript.

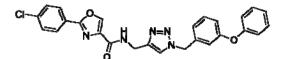
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N-((1-(3-Phenoxybenzyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)-2-p-tolyloxazole-4-carboxamide

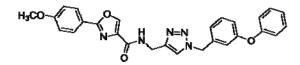
(C₂₇H₂₃N₅O₃, 13a). HPLC $t_r = 5.6-5.7$ min (method A); mp 160–161 °C; FT–IR (NaCl, thin film) $\bar{\nu}_{max}$ (cm⁻¹) 1656.6, 1594.6, 1486; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (bs, 1H, NH), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.12 (tt, $J_1 = 7.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.90–7.01 (m, 5H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.73, 160.80, 158.08, 156.39, 145.04, 141.54, 140.51, 136.79, 136.30, 130.48, 129.87, 129.61, 126.57, 123.82, 123.78, 122.48, 122.28, 119.28, 118.59, 118.07, 53.87, 34.49, 21.57; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₃N₅O₃, 466.1874; found, 466.1867.

13b

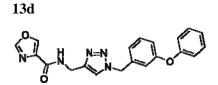


2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-*N*-((**1-(3-phenoxybenzyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)oxazole-4-carboxamide** ($C_{26}H_{20}CIN_5O_3$, 13b). HPLC $t_r = 9.33$ min (method B); mp 172–173 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.71 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 6.90–7.02 (m, 5H), 7.12 (td, $J_1 = 7.5$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.64 (bs, 1H), 7.91–7.98 (m, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 1.0Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 34.44, 53.80, 118.03, 118.52, 119.20, 122.23, 122.44, 123.77, 124.88, 127.83, 129.19, 129.82, 130.42, 136.26, 137.02, 137.24, 140.92, 144.83, 156.32, 158.01, 160.44, 160.49; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for $C_{26}H_{20}CIN_5O_3$, 486.1333; found, 486.1342.

13c

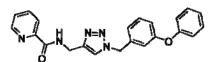


2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-*N*-((**1-(3-phenoxybenzyl)**-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)oxazole-4-carboxamide (C₂₇H₂₃N₅O₄, 13c). HPLC $t_r = 1.1-1.2$ min (method A); mp 119.1–119.4 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.99–7.93 (m, 2 H), 7.60 (bs, NH, 1 H), 7.55 (s, 1 H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 3 H), 7.16–7.09 (m, 1 H), 7.03–6.90 (m, 7 H), 5.47 (s, 2 H), 4.72 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.83, 161.56, 160.84, 158.04, 156.36, 145.05, 140.26, 136.70, 136.29, 130.46, 129.85, 128.31, 123.79, 122.46, 122.27, 119.26, 119.18, 118.56, 118.04, 114.28, 55.40, 53.84, 34.46. HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₂₃N₅O₄, 482.1823; found, 482.1803.

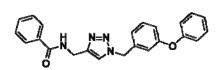


N-((1-(3-Phenoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)oxazole-4-carboxamide ($C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_3$, 13d). HPLC $t_r = 6.67$ min (method B); m.p. 130–131°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.69 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 6.87–7.04 (m, 4H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.53 (s, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.30, 158.07, 156.37, 150.53, 144.84, 141.36, 136.28, 135.65, 130.47, 129.87, 123.82, 122.46, 122.24, 119.27, 118.58, 118.05, 53.85, 34.53; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for $C_{20}H_{17}N_5O_3$, 376.1410; found, 376.1413.

13e



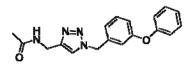
N-((1-(3-Phenoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)picolinamide ($C_{22}H_{19}N_5O_2$, 13e). HPLC $t_r =$ 7.40 min (method B); mp 98–99 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.74 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 6.88–7.03 (m, 4H), 7.08–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.43 (dddd, $J_1 = 7.4$ Hz, $J_2 = 4.9$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, $J_4 = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.90 (m, 1H), 8.18 (dq, $J_1 = 7.8$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 8.54 (dddd, $J_1 = 3.9$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.8$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.0$ Hz, $J_4 = 0.8$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.41, 158.04, 156.37, 149.51, 148.18, 145.23, 137.28, 136.34, 130.44, 129.85, 126.29, 123.79, 122.46, 122.17, 122.14, 119.26, 118.55, 118.03, 53.82, 34.94. HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}N_5O_2$, 386.1617; found, 386.1601.



N-((1-(3-Phenoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)benzamide ($C_{23}H_{20}N_4O_2$, 13f). HPLC $t_r = 7.65$ min (method B); mp 117–118 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.70 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (s, 2H), 6.89–7.04 (m, 5H), 7.09–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.54 (m, 6H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.76–7.82 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 35.33, 53.89, 118.06, 118.62, 119.26, 122.32, 122.47, 123.83, 126.97, 128.58, 129.88, 130.50, 131.67, 133.90, 136.24, 144.99, 156.38, 158.09, 167.38; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for $C_{23}H_{20}N_4O_2$, 385.1665; found, 385.1655.

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13f



N-((1-(3-Phenoxybenzyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)acetamide (C₁₈H₁₈N₄O₂, 14). HPLC $t_r = 6.08$ min (method B); mp 118–119 °C ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.99 (s, 3H), 4.48 (d, J = 5.74 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 6.15 (br. s., 1H), 6.89–7.03 (m, 5H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.47 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.04, 34.81, 53.78, 118.04, 118.55, 119.20, 122.24, 122.42, 123.79, 129.85, 130.43, 136.24, 145.09, 156.34, 158.00, 170.22; HRMS–FAB (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₄O₂, 323.1508; found, 323.1497.

In Vitro MCF-7 Assay

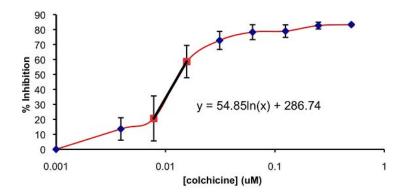
In vitro activities against MCF-7 cells were determined with a crystal violet biomass reduction assay. MCF-7 cells were grown in α -MEM media supplemented with 5% fetal bovin serum and trichostatin-A antibiotic and incubated at 37 °C and 5% CO₂. After cell inoculation, the microtiter plates were incubated at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ for 24 h prior to addition of compounds. To MCF-7 cell cultures in 96-well plates (100 µL containing 2,500 cells), DMSO solutions of compounds were added in replicates of 3. The cells were incubated in a 37 °C, 5% CO₂ for 72 h. The media was removed and the cells were stained with crystal violet, washed and air-dried. The stain was eluted with solution of Triton-X-100 and optical density was measured at 595 nm. Using at least seven absorbance measurements [well background (no cells) (T_b), vehicle control growth (C), and test growth in the presence of compound concentration levels (T_i) (\geq 5 compound concentration levels)], the percentage reduction in biomass was calculated at each of

the compound concentrations levels. IC_{50} (half maximal inhibitory concentration) values were calculated from dose response curves where $[(T_i - T_b)/(C - T_b)] \ge 100 = 50$, which is the drug concentration resulting in a 50% reduction in the net cell mass (as measured by crystal violet staining) relative to the vehicle control cells during the compound incubation.

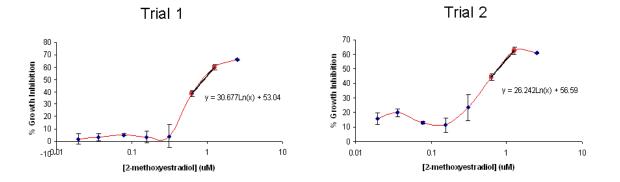
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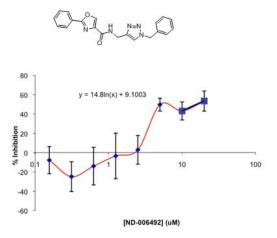
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ND #	Notebook #	Compound	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	AVE	STDEV	MCF-7 IC50
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x	x	2-methoxy- estradiol	0.905655	0.777926	nd	nd	0.84179	0.090318	0.842 ± 0.090
ND-6492	gm7-70-1	4a	15.855	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	15.9
ND-6735	RJP-1-34-3	4b	7.591	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	7.59
ND-6730	RJP-1-22	4c	7.33	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	7.33
ND-6731	RJP-1-23-2	4d	8.35	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	8.35
ND-6732	JAS-I-191	4e	0.676514	0.4654	0.537256	nd	0.559723	0.107335	0.56 ± 0.11
ND-8467	JAS-I-171	13a	0.398593	0.307611	0.304077	0.311886	0.330542	0.04548	0.33 ± 0.045
ND-8186	JAS-I-166	13b	3.565396	1.047174	1.091277	nd	1.901282	1.441333	1.9 ± 1.4
ND-7887	JAS-II-1	13c	1.025626	0.4982	0.4695	nd	0.664	0.313	0.66 ± 0.31
ND-8505	JAS-I-190	13d	1.038797	0.43823	0.442965	nd	0.639997	0.345379	0.64 ± 0.35
ND-8504	JAS-I-189	13e	0.071149	0.0331	0.0325	nd	0.0456	0.0222	0.046 ± 0.022
ND-8506	JAS-I-188	13f	0.251466	0.245464	0.237373	nd	0.244768	0.007072	0.245 ± 0.007
ND-8492	JAS-I-181	14	7.832581	5.735645	5.498479	nd	6.355568	1.284616	6.4 ± 1.3

MCF-7 IC₅₀ Data Summary

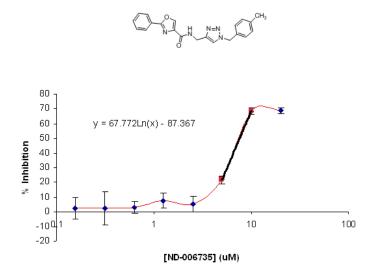


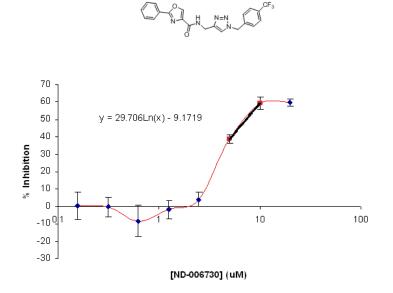
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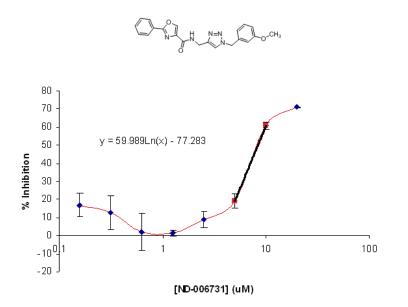


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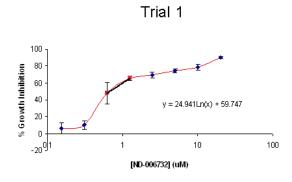


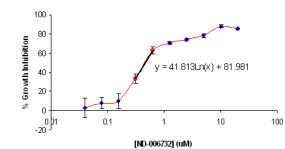


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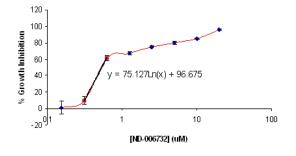


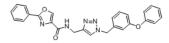


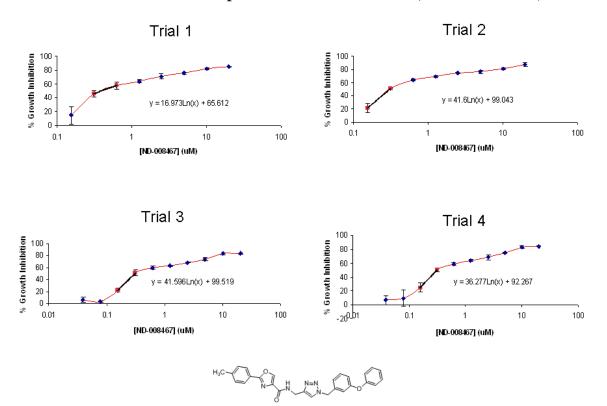






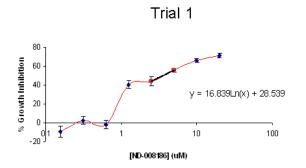


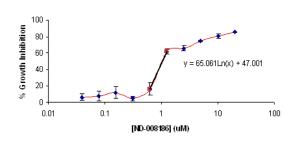


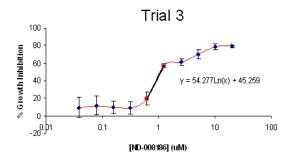


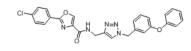
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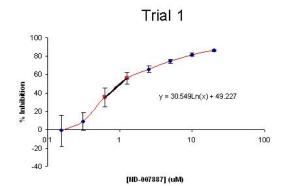




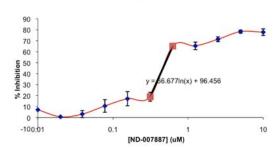




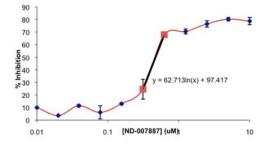


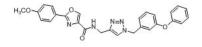


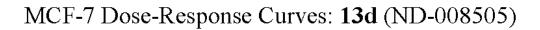
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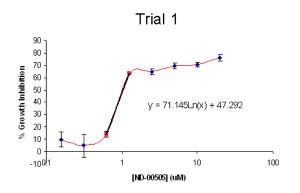


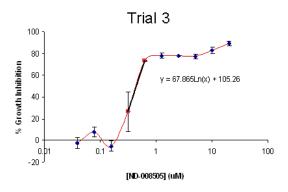


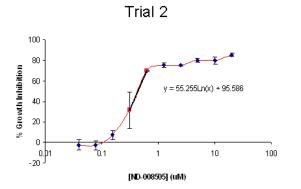


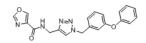


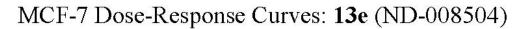


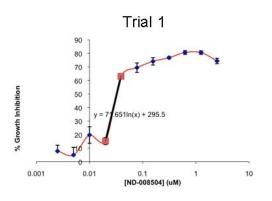




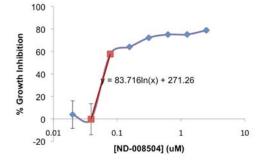


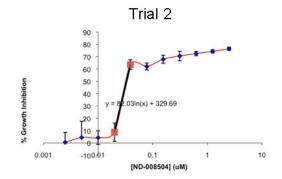


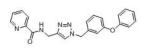


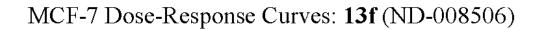


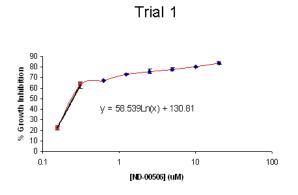


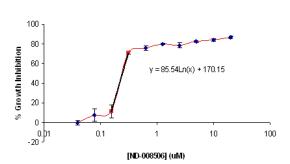


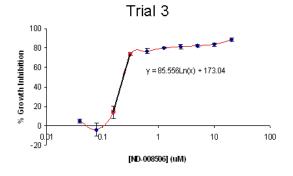


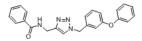


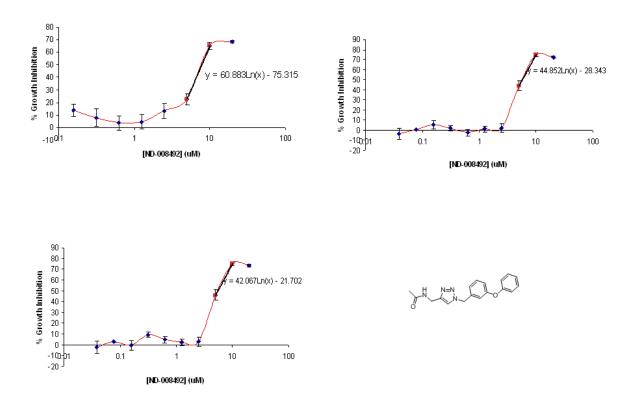










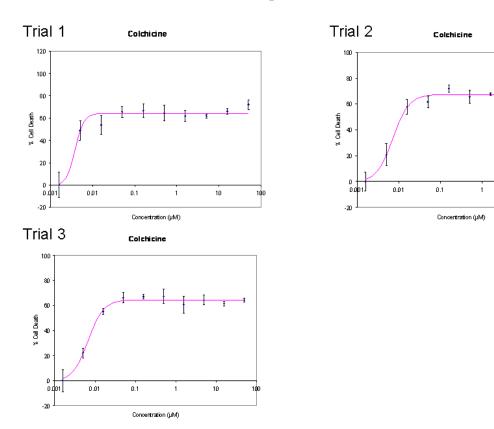


In Vitro U-937 Assay

In vitro activities against U-937 cells were determined with a Sulforhodamine B biomass reduction assay. U-937 cells were grown in RPMI-1640 media supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Gemini Bioproducts) and 1% Pen-Strep antibiotic and incubated at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂, 95% humidity atmosphere. DMSO solutions of compounds were added in replicates of 5 (1 μ L to each well) in 96-well plates and U-937 cells were added (199 μ L containing 4 x 104 cells). The cells were incubated in a 37 °C, 5% CO₂, 95% humidity incubator for 72 h. Ice-cold trichloroacetic acid (50 μ L of 50% w/v) was added directly to the wells containing media and the cells fixed overnight at 4 °C. The plates were washed with water 5 times and stained with sulforhodamine B (50 μ L of a 0.057% solution in 1% acetic acid) at room temperature for 30 min. The plates were washed 5 times with 1% acetic acid to remove excess sulforhodamine B and the bound-dye was released by the addition of Tris-base (200 μ L of 10 mM solution). The absorbance at 510 nm measured on a Molecular Devices SpectraMax 384 plus plate reader. The percentage reduction in biomass was calculated using vehicle-treated cells and wells without cells as the 100% and 0% biomass controls respectively. IC₅₀ values were determined by fitting the dose response data to the logistic dose response equation in the software TableCurve 2D.

U937 IC₅₀ Data Summary

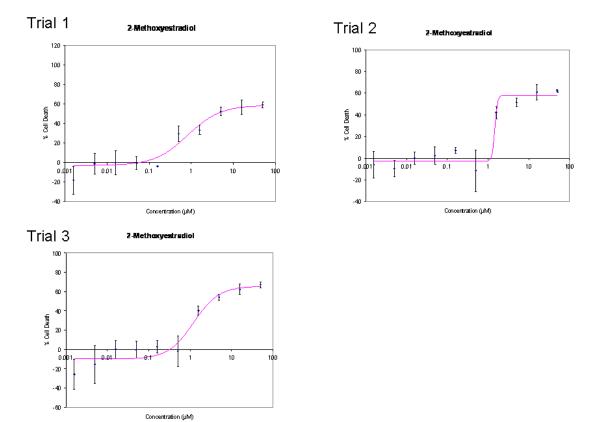
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x	x	Colchicine	0.005	0.011	0.0067	0.008	0.003	0.008 ± 0.003
x	x	2-methoxy- estradiol	4	1.67	3.07	2.91	1.17	2.91 ± 1.17
ND-6732	JAS-I-191	4e	1.58	1.38	1.23	1.40	0.18	1.40 ± 0.18
ND-8467	JAS-I-171	13a	0.735	1.60	1.05	1.13	0.44	1.13 ± 0.44
ND-7887	JAS-II-1	13c	1.73	4.43	5.08	3.75	1.78	3.75 ± 1.78
ND-8505	JAS-I-190	13d	2.18	1.62	2.77	2.19	0.58	2.19 ± 0.58
ND-8504	JAS-I-189	13e	0.242	0.45	1.06	0.58	0.42	0.58 ± 0.42
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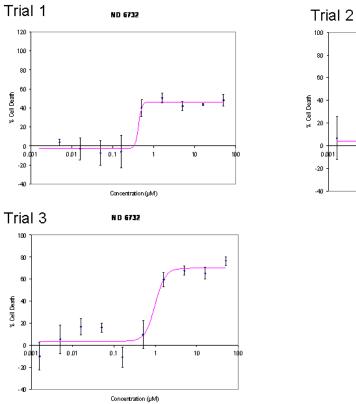
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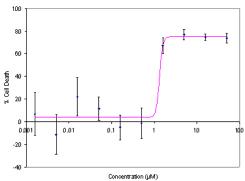
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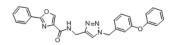
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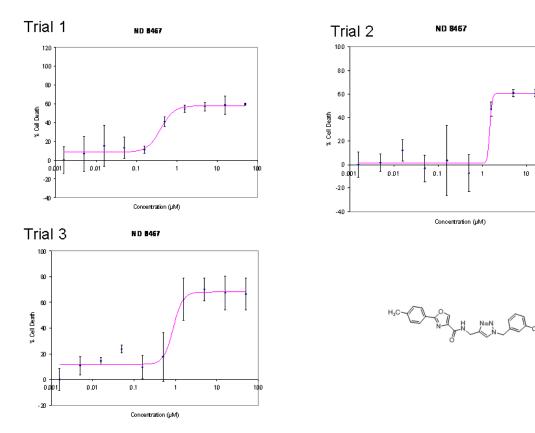


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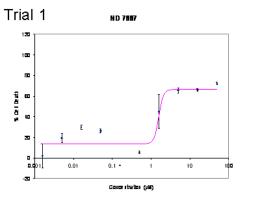
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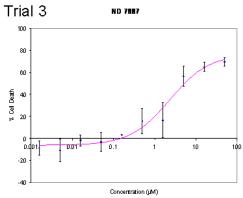
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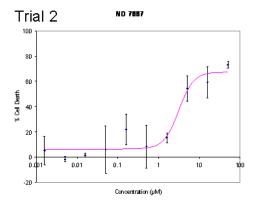
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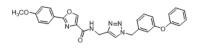
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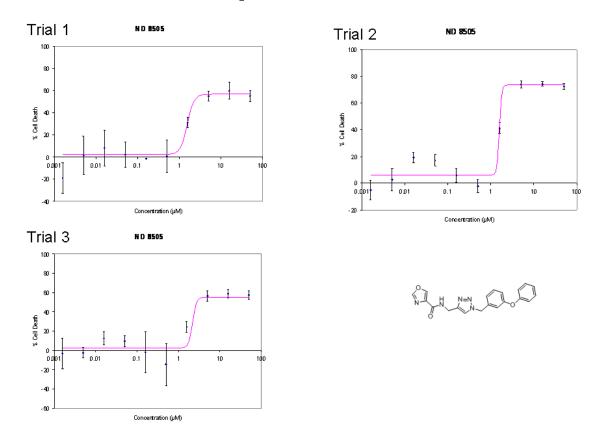


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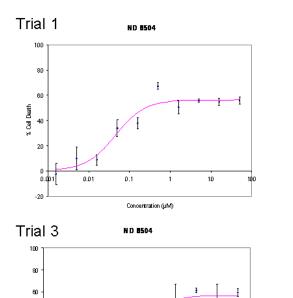








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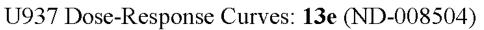
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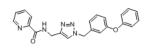
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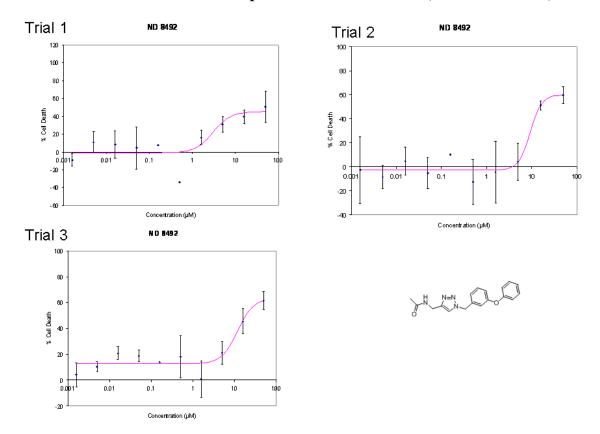
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U937 Dose-Response Curves: 14 (ND-008492)

In Vitro NCI60 Assay

The methodology of the NCI60 in vitro cancer screen can be found on-line (<u>http://dtp.nci.nih.gov/branches/btb/ivclsp.html</u>) and is reproduced here:

The human tumor cell lines of the cancer screening panel are grown in RPMI–1640 medium containing 5% fetal bovine serum and 2 mM L-glutamine. For a typical screening experiment, cells are inoculated into 96 well microtiter plates in 100 μ L at plating densities ranging from 5,000 to 40,000 cells/well depending on the doubling time of individual cell lines. After cell inoculation, the microtiter plates are incubated at 37 °C, 5% CO₂, 95% air and 100% relative humidity for 24 h prior to addition of experimental drugs.

After 24 h, two plates of each cell line are fixed in situ with TCA, to represent a measurement of the cell population for each cell line at the time of drug addition (T_z) . Experimental drugs are solubilized in dimethyl sulfoxide at 400-fold the desired final maximum test concentration and stored frozen prior to

use. At the time of drug addition, an aliquot of frozen concentrate is thawed and diluted to twice the desired final maximum test concentration with complete medium containing 50 μ g/ml gentamicin. Additional four, 10-fold or ½ log serial dilutions are made to provide a total of five drug concentrations plus control. Aliquots of 100 μ l of these different drug dilutions are added to the appropriate microtiter wells already containing 100 μ l of medium, resulting in the required final drug concentrations.

Following drug addition, the plates are incubated for an additional 48 h at 37 °C, 5% CO₂, 95% air, and 100 % relative humidity. For adherent cells, the assay is terminated by the addition of cold TCA. Cells are fixed in situ by the gentle addition of 50 μ l of cold 50% (w/v) TCA (final concentration, 10% TCA) and incubated for 60 minutes at 4 °C. The supernatant is discarded, and the plates are washed five times with tap water and air dried. Sulforhodamine B (SRB) solution (100 μ l) at 0.4% (w/v) in 1% acetic acid is added to each well, and plates are incubated for 10 minutes at room temperature. After staining, unbound dye is removed by washing five times with 1% acetic acid and the plates are air dried. Bound stain is subsequently solubilized with 10 mM trizma base, and the absorbance is read on an automated plate reader at a wavelength of 515 nm. For suspension cells, the methodology is the same except that the assay is terminated by fixing settled cells at the bottom of the wells by gently adding 50 μ l of 80% TCA (final concentration, 16% TCA). Using the seven absorbance measurements [time zero, (T_z), control growth, (C), and test growth in the presence of drug at the five concentration levels (T_i)], the percentage growth is calculated as:

$$\label{eq:constant} \begin{split} & [(T_i - T_z)/(C - T_z)] \ x \ 100 \ for \ concentrations \ for \ which \ T_i \geq T_z \\ & [(T_i - T_z)/T_z] \ x \ 100 \ for \ concentrations \ for \ which \ T_i < T_z. \end{split}$$

Three dose response parameters are calculated for each experimental agent. Growth inhibition of 50% (GI₅₀) is calculated from $[(T_i - T_z)/(C - T_z)] \ge 100 = 50$, which is the drug concentration resulting in a 50% reduction in the net protein increase (as measured by SRB staining) in control cells during the drug incubation. The drug concentration resulting in total growth inhibition (TGI) is calculated from $T_i = T_z$. The LC₅₀ (concentration of drug resulting in a 50% reduction in the measured protein at the end of the drug treatment as compared to that at the beginning) indicating a net loss of cells following treatment is calculated from $[(T_i - T_z)/T_z] \ge 100 = -50$. Values are calculated for each of these three parameters if the level of activity is reached; however, if the effect is not reached or is exceeded, the value for that parameter is expressed as greater or less than the maximum or minimum concentration tested.

COMPARE Analysis

Matrix COMPARE Analysis of Compounds 4b–e. A Matrix COMPARE analysis was performed through the Private COMPARE web site <u>http://dtp.nci.nih.gov/compare-web-private_compare/login.do</u>. The differential antiproliferative activity profiles (based on GI₅₀) of compounds **4b–e** were compared to each other through the matrix compare. The NSC numbers used to retrieve the data for this Matrix COMPARE were NSC 743295 (**4b**), NSC 744736 (**4c**), NSC 744737 (**4d**), and NSC 743294 (**4e**).

Standard COMPARE Analysis of 4e (NSC 743294). A Standard COMPARE analysis was performed through the Private COMPARE web site <u>http://dtp.nci.nih.gov/compare-web-private_compare/login.do</u>. Compound **4e** was tested twice in the NCI60 5-Dose Assay, so the average data (NSC_FIVE_DOSE; S743294 AVGDATA –4.0) was used in the analysis. Standard COMPARE analyses were run using all three DTP Screening Data Endpoints (GI₅₀, TGI, & LC₅₀). The configurations for each standard COMPARE analysis can be viewed in the Supporting Information (along with the results). A standard COMPARE analysis was also performed for **4b–d** using similar procedures (COMPARE configurations and results in Supporting Information).

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3	0.675	NSC:S73754 Endpt:GI50 Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-2.6	fluorodopan
4	0.643	NSC:S132319 Endpt:GI50 Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-2.0	indicine N-oxide
5	0.642	NSC:S95441 Endpt:GI50 Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-3.6	methyl-CCNU

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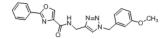
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3	0.469	NSC:S163501 Endpt:GI50 Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-4.0	AT-125 (acivicin)
4	0.455	NSC:S126771 Endpt:GI50 Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-4.0	dichloroallyl lawsone
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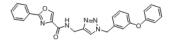
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3	0.587	NSC:S284751 Endpt:TGI Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-3.5	8CI-cyc-AMP
4	0.503	NSC:S293015 Endpt:TGI Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-4.2	flavoneacetic acid ester
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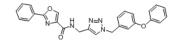
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4	0.498	NSC:S73754 Endpt:TGI Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-2.6	fluorodopan
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4	0.438	NSC:S332598 Endpt:TGI Expld:AVGDATA hiConc:-5.3	rhizoxin	
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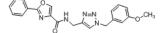
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In Vitro Tubulin Polymerization Assay

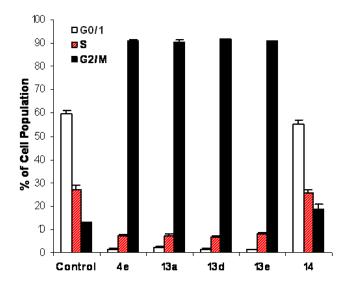
Ice-cold assay buffer (39 μ L of 80 mM PIPES pH 6.9, 0.5 mM EGTA, 2 mM MgCl₂, 5% glycerol) was placed in a 384-well plate. Compound (1 μ L of 0.5 mM in DMSO) was added to achieve a final drug concentration of 10 μ M. Tubulin (10 μ L of 15 mg/mL in ice-cold 500 mM K–PIPES, 0.5 mM MgCl₂, pH 6.9 buffer) was added to each well. The plate was cooled on ice for 10 min and GTP (0.5 μ L from 100 mM) stock was added using an automated multichannel pipette followed by mixing three times (mix volume = 12 μ L). The plate was placed immediately in a Molecular Devices SpectraMax 384 plus plate reader pre-heated to 37 °C and the progress of polymerization monitored at 340 nm for 30 min. The microtubule stabilizer and destabilizer, paclitaxel and nocodazole respectively were used as controls at a final concentration of 10 μ M.

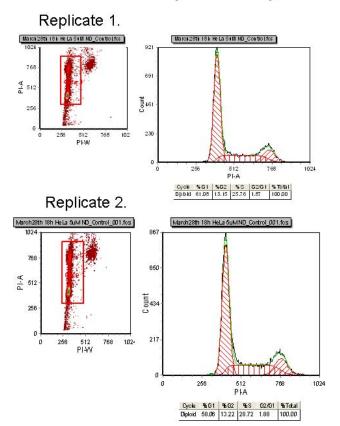
Cell Cycle Arrest

HeLa cells were grown in RPMI–1640 media supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Gemini Bioproducts) and 1% Pen-Strep antibiotic and incubated at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂, 95% humidity atmosphere. The HeLa cells (8 x 105 in 4 mL) were treated with 5 μ M compound (0.05% DMSO final) in 6-well plates for 18 h in replicates of three. The cells were harvested, fixed in 70% ice-cold ethanol for 1 h at –20 °C, rinsed with phosphate buffered saline (PBS pH 7.4) and RNase treated (50 μ L of 0.1 mg/mL RNase A in PBS) for 2 h and subsequently stained with propidium iodide (50 μ g/mL in PBS). The DNA content was measured using a Benton Dickinson LSR II cell flow cytometer with 20,000 events acquired per sample. The data was gated for single cells using propidium iodide-width vs. area as discriminators (see supporting information for raw data). Population distribution in the various phases of the cell cycle was determined using the software FCS Express version 3.

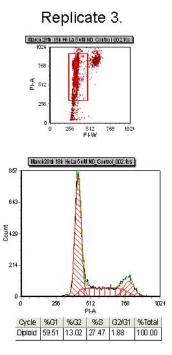
Summary of Cell Cycle Analysis Results:

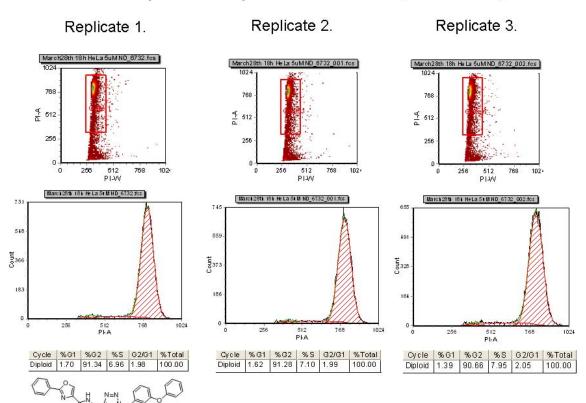
- 800,000 HeLa cells in 4mL treated with 5µM Compound (0.05% DMSO) in 6-well plates in triplicate for 18h.
- Cells were harvested, fixed in 70% ice-cold EtOH for 1hr, RNase (0.1mg/ml) treated for 2h and stained with propidium iodide (50 µg/mL) and DNA content was measured by Cell flow cytometry with 20,000 events acquired per sample. The data was gated for single cells using PI-width vs. PI-Area.



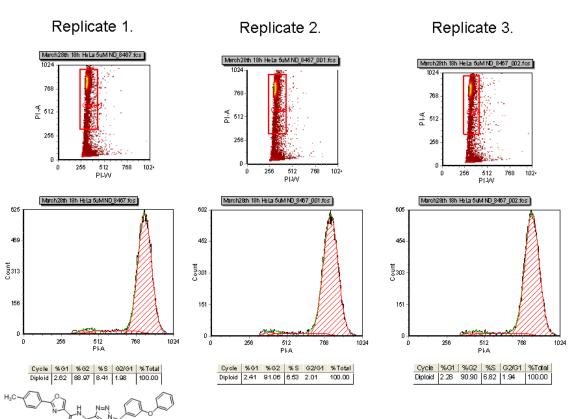


Cell Cycle Analysis Results: Control

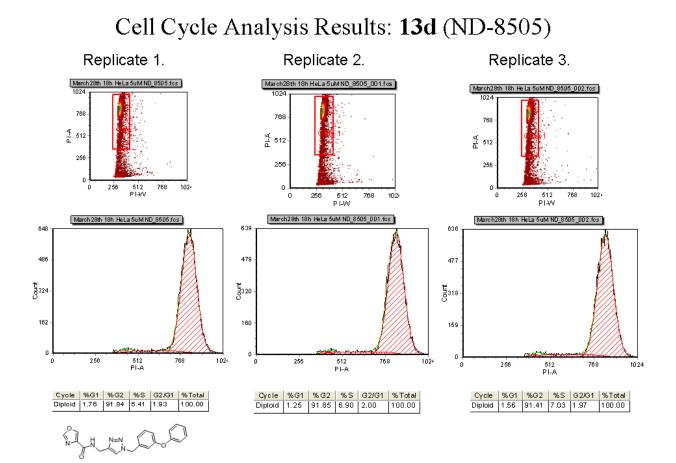


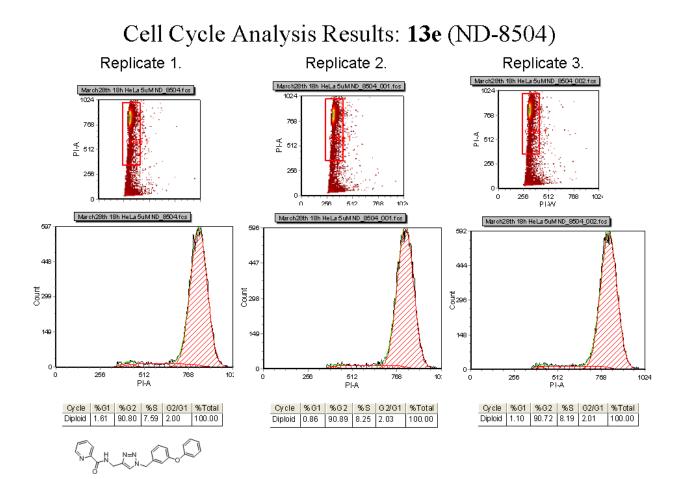


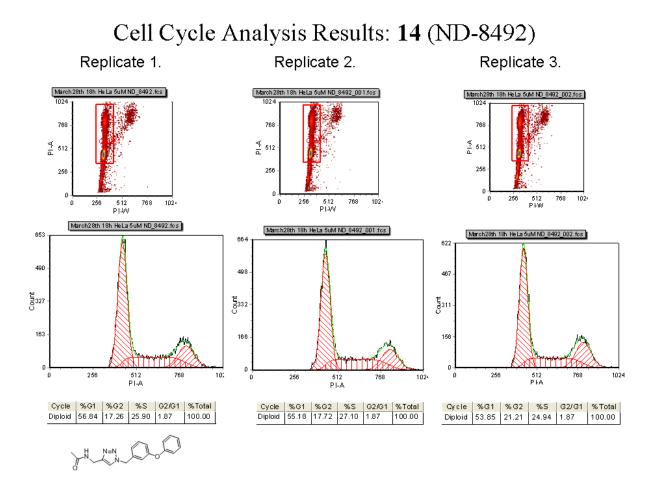
Cell Cycle Analysis Results: 4e (ND-6732)



Cell Cycle Analysis Results: **13a** (ND-8467)







Confocal Microscopy

HeLa cells were grown in RPMI–1640 media supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Gemini Bioproducts) and 1% Pen-Strep antibiotic and incubated at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂, 95% humidity atmosphere. The HeLa cells (2.5 x 106 cells/mL) were placed on 22 mm Corning type 1 square cover slips and incubated for 3 h to allow the cells to attach. The cells were then incubated for 18 h in media containing DMSO vehicle or 5 μ M compound (0.05% DMSO final). The media was aspirated and cells treated with microtubule stabilizing buffer (MTSB: 80 mM PIPES pH 6.8, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EGTA) for 30 seconds after which glutaraldehyde was added to 0.5% final and the cells fixed for 10 min. Excess glutaraldehyde was quenched by treating the samples twice with a freshly made solution of NaBH₄ (1 mg/mL in PBS) for 5 min. The samples were rinsed with PBS and blocked for 10 min with antibody diluting solution (PBS pH 7.4, 0.2% Triton X–100, 2% BSA, 0.1% sodium azide). Monoclonal anti- α -tubulin mouse FITC conjugated antibody (1:50 dilution) in antibody diluting solution containing 0.5 mg/mL RNase A (Qiagen) was added and the samples incubated for 2.5 hrs and then treated for 15 min

with propidium iodide (50 μ g/mL in antibody diluting solution). The samples were washed four times (5 min each) with PBS containing 0.1% Triton X-100, drained, mounted onto microscope slides using 10 μ L of vectashield (Vector Technologies) mounting media. The cover slips were sealed and the samples visualized immediately on a Zeiss confocal LSM510 microscope.