Supporting Information

Design, synthesis, *in vitro* biological assessment and molecular modeling insights for novel 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydropyrazoles as anticancer agents with potential EGFR inhibitory activity

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1. Anti-proliferative activity

The two examined breast cancer cell lines (MDA-MB-231 and T-47D) as well as the normal breast MCF-10A cells have been obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). Cells lines were maintained as monolayers in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% FBS, 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin and 100µg/ml streptomycin sulfate. Cells were sub-cultured with trypsine /EDTA solution, counted with haemocytometer and plated onto 96-well plates (5000 cells/well) and left overnight to form a semi-confluent monolayer. Cell monolayers were treated in quadrates with vehicle (DMSO, 0.1% v/v), test samples (thiazolylpyrazolines **9a-p**) or Doxorubicin as positive control for an exposure time of 48 h. At the end of exposure, MTT solution in PBS (5 mg/ml) was then added to all well including no cell blank and left to incubate for 90 min. The formation of formazan crystals were visually confirmed using phase contract microscopy. DMSO (100 µl/well) was added to dissolve the formazan crystals with shaking for 10 min after which the absorbance was read at 590 nm against no cell blanks on a FLuo Star Optima microplate reader (BMG technologies, Germany). Cell proliferation was calculated comparing the OD values of the DMSO control wells and those of the samples represented as % proliferation to the control. Dose-response experiment was performed on samples producing > or =50% loss of cell proliferation using five serial 2-fold dilutions (50, 25, 12.5, 6.25) and 3.125 µM) of the sample. IC₅₀ values (concentration of sample causing 50% loss of cell proliferation of the vehicle control) were calculated using non-linear regression curve fitting of the dose response plots on GraphPad Prism V.6.0 software.

2. Cell Cycle Analysis

Breast cancer MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with compounds **9g and 9k** for 24 h (at their IC₅₀ concentration), and then cells were washed twice with ice-cold phosphate buffered saline (PBS). Subsequently, the treated cells were collected by centrifugation, fixed in ice-cold 70% (v/v) ethanol, washed with PBS, re-suspended with 100 µg/mL RNase, stained with 40 µg/mL PI, and analyzed by flow cytometry using FACS Calibur (Becton Dickinson, BD, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA). The cell cycle distributions were calculated using CellQuest software 5.1 (Becton Dickinson).

3. Annexin V-FITC Apoptosis Assay

Phosphatidylserine externalization was assayed using Annexin V-FITC/PI apoptosis detection kit (BD Biosciences, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Breast cancer MDA-MB-231 cells were cultured to a monolayer then treated with compounds **9g and 9k** at their IC₅₀ concentration. Briefly, cells were then harvested *via* trypsinization, and rinsed twice in PBS followed by binding buffer. Moreover, cells were re-suspended in 100 μ L of binding buffer with the addition of 1 μ L of FITC-Annexin V followed by an incubation period of 30 min at 4 °C. Cells were then rinsed in binding buffer and resuspended in 150 μ L of binding buffer with the addition of 1 μ L of DAPI (1 μ g/ μ L in PBS). Cells were then analyzed using the flow cytometer BD FACS Canto II and the results were interpreted with FlowJo7.6.4 software (Tree Star, Ashland, OR, USA).

4. EGFR Kinase Inhibitory Activity

Compounds **9g and 9k** were tested in vitro for inhibition of EGFR tyrosine kinase using ADP-GloTM Kinase Assay (Promega, Catalogue No. V3831) which is a luminescent kinase assay that measures ADP formed from a kinase reaction. ADP is converted into ATP which is converted into light by Ultra-GloTM Luciferase. The luminescent signal positively correlates with ADP amount and kinase activity.

Protocol: first dilute enzyme, substrate, ATP and inhibitors in Tyrosine Kinase Buffer (40 mM Tris,7.5; 20 mM MgCl₂; 0.1 mg/ml BSA (bovine serum albumin); 2 mM MnCl₂; 50 μ M DTT), then add to the wells of 384 low volume plate: 1 μ l of inhibitor or (5% DMSO), 2 μ l of enzyme and 2 μ l of substrate/ATP mix. Incubate at room temperature for 60 minutes, add 5 μ l of ADP-GloTM Reagent, incubate at room temperature for 40 minutes, add 10 μ l of Kinase Detection reagent, incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes and finally record luminescence (Integration time 0.5-1second).

5. Characterisation of the target compounds (9a-p)

5-Benzylidene-2-(5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9a**.

White crystals (yield 68%), m.p. 201-203 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1702 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.67 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 4.39 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.92 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 7.22-7.27(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.48 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.53-7.57 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.63 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.6 Hz), 7.65- 7.70 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.80 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.6 Hz), 8.07 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.16 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 46.60 (CH₂), 62.49 (CH), 116.19, 116.41, 125.74, 126.48, 127.05, 128.44, 128.72, 128.80, 128.87, 129.55, 129.80, 130.19, 130.30, 130.45, 130.89, 131.72, 132.93, 134.11, 134.34, 136.74, 162.34, 171.21, 179.62; Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₀FN₃OS: C, 72.94; H, 4.22; N, 8.80; found C, 72.74; H, 4.26; N, 8.86.

2-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4hydroxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9b**.

White crystals (yield 72%), m.p. 224-226 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3210 (OH) and 1700 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.63 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 17.6 Hz), 4.37 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.6 Hz, 18.4 Hz), 5.89 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.70-6.74 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.56 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.69 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.81 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.92 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.07 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.19 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 46.48 (CH₂), 62.24 (CH), 116.14, 116.35, 118.51, 125.73, 126.52, 126.60, 127.04, 127.92, 128.58, 128.66, 128.83, 129.13, 129.49, 130.30, 130.60, 132.65, 132.95, 133.07, 134.10, 137.11, 160.93, 163.35, 170.88; Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₀FN₃O₂S C, 70.57; H, 4.08; N, 8.51; found C, 70.31; H, 4.05; N, 8.45.

5-(4-(Dimethylamino)benzylidene)-2-(5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9c**.

White crystals (yield 70%), m.p. 217-219 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1710 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.02 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 3.65 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 17.6 Hz), 4.38 (dd, 1H,

CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.6 Hz, 18.4 Hz), 5.90 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.48 (d, 2H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.22-7.26 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.47 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50 (d, 2H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.59-7.71 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.83 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz), 7.94 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.6 Hz), 8.09 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.21 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 40.10 (N(CH₃)₂), 46.50 (CH₂), 62.27 (CH), 112.63, 116.15, 116.37, 121.12, 121.41, 125.76, 126.54, 127.00, 128.63, 128.72, 128.83, 129.56, 130.32, 130.75, 132.15, 132.75, 132.91, 134.13, 161.27, 170.86; Anal. Calcd. for C₃₁H₂₅FN₄OS: C, 71.52; H, 4.84; N, 10.76; found C, 71.77; H, 4.80; N, 10.69.

2-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(2methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9d**.

White crystals (yield 78%), m.p. 212-213 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1709 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.35 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.63 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 4.36 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.4 Hz), 5.89 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 7.10-7.13 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.48 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60-7.68 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.76-7.80 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.91-7.95 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.06 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.16 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.55 (CH₂), 56.16 (OCH₃), 62.39 (CH), 116.38, 121.53, 122.94, 125.75, 126.45, 127.05, 128.68, 128.76, 129.17, 129.55, 130.31, 130.85, 132.37, 132.89, 133.16, 134.11, 136.79, 137.21, 141.54, 146.06, 158.37, 162.08, 171.44, 179.68 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂FN₃O₂S: C, 70.99; H, 4.37; N, 8.28; found C, 71.16; H, 4.33; N, 8.22.

2-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9e**.

White crystals (yield 65%), m.p. 229-231 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1700 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.66 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.38 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.90 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 7.10-7.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.60-7.71 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.81-7.86 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.94 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.2 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.6 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.18 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.55 (CH₂), 55.91 (OCH₃), 62.40 (CH), 115.37, 116.17, 116.39, 125.46, 125.73, 126.44, 126.52, 126.75,

127.01, 128.68, 128.77, 128.86, 129.55, 130.31, 130.83, 131.76, 132.13, 132.87, 134.11, 136.81, 136.84, 160.98, 161.14, 161.90, 171.09, 179.88 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂FN₃O₂S: C, 70.99; H, 4.37; N, 8.28; found C, 71.22; H, 4.34; N, 8.21.

2-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(2-hydroxy-3methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9f**.

White crystals (yield 73%), m.p. 243-245 °C; IR (KBr, ν cm⁻¹) 3213 (OH) and 1702 (C=O); ¹H NMR δ *ppm*: 3.19 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.65 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 4.0 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 4.38 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.94 (t, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 7.06 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 7.6 Hz), 7.21-7.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.60-7.68 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.78 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 7.6 Hz), 7.93 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 7.2 Hz), 8.01 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.06 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 9.15 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 49.07 (CH₂), 56.43 (OCH₃), 62.34 (CH), 116.39, 119.62, 120.13, 120.56, 121.54, 123.72, 125.77, 126.44, 127.06, 127.28, 128.84, 129.56, 130.27, 130.82, 131.99, 132.86, 134.10, 135.04, 137.50, 140.61, 143.04, 147.74, 151.54, 156.54, 166.61, 173.71, 179.91 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂FN₃O₃S: C, 68.82; H, 4.24; N, 8.03; found C, 68.98; H, 4.21; N, 7.96.

2-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(3-hydroxy-4methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9**g.

White crystals (yield 80%), m.p. 226-227 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3240 (OH) and 1712 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.66 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.39 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 11.6 Hz), 7.07-7.10 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.13-7.16 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.56 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.71 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.81-7.85 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.94 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.6 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.6 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.15 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz), 9.51 (s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.60 (CH₂), 56.14 (OCH₃), 62.43 (CH), 112.98, 116.12, 116.18, 116.39, 123.47, 125.20, 125.75, 126.49, 126.52, 126.97, 127.05, 128.67, 128.75, 128.83, 129.55, 130.31, 130.74, 132.25, 132.82, 134.11, 136.87, 147.43, 150.18, 161.90, 171.19, 179.93 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂FN₃O₃S: C, 68.82; H, 4.24; N, 8.03; found C, 68.64; H, 4.21; N, 8.09. 2-(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4-hydroxy-3methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9h**.

White crystals (yield 74%), m.p. 229-230 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3230 (OH) and 1711 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.64 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.38 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.90 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 11.6 Hz), 6.69 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.06-7.10 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.55 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.59-7.71 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.90 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.06 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.27 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.50 (s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.40 (CH₂), 55.43 (OCH₃), 62.09 (CH), 112.77, 116.13, 116.34, 117.86, 119.01, 119.75, 125.75, 126.43, 126.68, 127.05, 128.48, 128.61, 128.69, 129.54, 130.31, 130.81, 132.72, 134.03, 134.16, 137.12, 137.15, 150.17, 160.93, 163.36, 170.74, 180.39 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂FN₃O₃S: C, 68.82; H, 4.24; N, 8.03; found C, 69.07.88; H, 4.20; N, 8.00.

5-Benzylidene-2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9i**.

White crystals (yield 75%), m.p. 217-218 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1701 (C=O); ¹H NMR δ *ppm*: 3.66 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 4.38 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.90 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.360-7.68 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.70 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.79-7.83 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.92 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 7.6 Hz), 8.07 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 9.15 (d, 1H, Ar-H, *J*= 8.4 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 46.52 (CH₂), 62.52 (CH), 125.75, 126.36, 126.46, 127.07, 128.39, 128.52, 128.89, 129.40, 129.48, 129.56, 129.82, 130.20, 130.29, 130.49, 130.91, 131.81, 132.96, 133.11, 134.11, 134.31, 139.46, 139.83, 147.31, 151.83, 161.16, 162.33, 171.23, 179.59 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₀ClN₃OS: C, 70.51; H, 4.08; N, 8.51; found C, 70.40; H, 4.02; N, 8.55.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4hydroxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9***j*.

White crystals (yield 68%), m.p. 252-253 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3301 (OH) and 1702 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.61 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, *J*= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 4.30 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.80 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.98-6.91 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.58-7.68 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.80-7.85 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.05-8.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 9.17-9.22 (m, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 46.26 (CH₂), 62.27 (CH), 117.27, 125.73, 126.30, 126.51, 127.02, 128.38, 128.45, 128.61, 128.86, 129.08, 129.39, 129.44, 129.55, 130.28, 130.71, 130.90, 132.56, 132.82, 132.97, 134.10, 134.13, 139.66, 139.82, 161.14, 171.09, 178.26 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₂₉H₂₀ClN₃O₂S: C, 68.30; H, 3.95; N, 8.24; found C, 68.49; H, 3.93; N, 8.20.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4-(dimethylamino)benzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9k**.

White crystals (yield 75%), m.p. 241-243 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1710 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.10 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 3.64 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J = 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 4.37 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J = 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.88 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J = 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.82-8.86 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.41 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.57 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.58 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.66 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.82 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J = 7.2 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J = 8.4 Hz), 8.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J = 8.0 Hz), 9.20 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J = 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ *ppm*: 46.40 (CH₂), 49.07 (N(CH₃)₂), 62.32 (CH), 112.64, 121.08, 122.92, 125.76, 126.48, 127.02, 128.45, 129.45, 129.56, 130.30, 130.75, 132.17, 132.78, 133.01, 134.12, 137.52, 138.26, 139.73, 142.06, 142.78, 144.81, 151.74, 170.89, 180.21 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₁H₂₅CIN₄OS: C, 69.33; H, 4.69; N, 10.43; found C, 69.25; H, 4.70; N, 10.40.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(2methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9***l*.

White crystals (yield 78%), m.p. 209-211 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1705 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.63 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.36 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 11.6 Hz), 6.68 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.06-7.10 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.56 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.59-7.71 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.90 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.06 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.10 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.25 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR δppm : 49.07 (CH₂), 56.14 (OCH₃), 62.39 (CH), 112.28, 121.54, 122.82, 125.76, 126.31,

127.08, 128.48, 128.82, 129.17, 129.47, 129.57, 130.26, 130.94, 132.44, 132.96, 133.09, 134.10, 135.13, 137.50, 139.52, 158.34, 162.10, 171.40, 179.68 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂ClN₃O₂S: C, 68.76; H, 4.23; N, 8.02; found C, 68.51; H, 4.20; N, 8.07.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9m**.

White crystals (yield 75%), m.p. 249-250 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 1707 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.62 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.31 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.79 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.0 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 7.10-7.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.48 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.59-7.76 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.82-7.95 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.06-8.16 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 9.17-9.25 (m, 1H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.25 (CH₂), 55.92 (OCH₃), 62.26 (CH), 115.38, 125.42, 125.74, 126.29, 126.38, 126.52, 126.72, 127.03, 128.38, 128.48, 128.88, 129.40, 129.46, 129.56, 130.27, 130.91, 132.15, 132.83, 132.96, 133.08, 134.10, 134.12, 139.82, 161.14, 161.89, 171.12, 178.25 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂ClN₃O₂S: C, 68.76; H, 4.23; N, 8.02; found C, 68.86; H, 4.28; N, 8.00.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(2-hydroxy-3methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9n**.

White crystals (yield 70%), m.p. 234-235 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3202 (OH) and 1701 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.64 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.36 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.2 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 5.90 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.93 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.05 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.12 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 7.38-7.41(m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58-7.67 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.8 Hz), 7.91 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 7.2 Hz), 8.03 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.05 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.11 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.4 Hz), 9.15 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.40 (CH₂), 56.45 (OCH₃), 62.37 (CH), 113.94, 120.01, 120.08, 121.63, 125.71, 126.37, 126.48, 127.02, 127.09, 127.38, 128.43, 128.79, 129.45, 129.52, 130.28, 130.79, 132.86, 133.10, 134.09, 139.52, 146.93, 148.50, 161.83, 171.44, 179.84 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂ClN₃O₃S: C, 66.72; H, 4.11; N, 7.78; found C, 66.60; H, 4.14; N, 7.72.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(3-hydroxy-4methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **90**. White crystals (yield 73%), m.p. 265-266 °C; IR (KBr, $\nu \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3220 (OH) and 1712 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.65 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.39 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.6 Hz, 18.4 Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 7.07-7.09 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.13-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.57 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.70 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.08 (t, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.8 Hz), 7.93 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 8.08 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.8 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.17 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.52 (s, 1H, OH); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.50 (CH₂), 56.15 (OCH₃), 62.45 (CH), 112.98, 116.14, 123.46, 125.18, 125.75, 126.48, 126.95, 127.06, 128.47, 128.83, 129.47, 129.55, 130.29, 130.74, 132.32, 132.83, 133.07, 134.10, 139.57, 147.43, 150.20, 161.86, 171.23, 179.90 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂ClN₃O₃S: C, 66.72; H, 4.11; N, 7.78; found C, 66.61; H, 4.06; N, 7.72.

2-(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-5-(4-hydroxy-3methoxybenzylidene)thiazol-4(5H)-one **9p**.

White crystals (yield 76%), m.p. 256-258 °C; IR (KBr, $v \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3213 (OH) and 1702 (C=O); ¹H NMR δppm : 3.65 (dd, 1H, CH₂a of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 18.0 Hz), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.39 (dd, 1H, CH₂b of pyrazoline ring, J= 11.6 Hz, 18.4 Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1H, CH of pyrazoline ring, J= 4.4 Hz, 11.2 Hz), 6.88-6.70 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.06-7.11 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.55 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60-7.76 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.91-7.94 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 8.06-8.09 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 8.13 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz), 9.22 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J= 8.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR δppm : 46.34 (CH₂), 55.54(OCH₃), 62.15 (CH), 113.06, 117.74, 123.56, 124.48, 125.77, 126.39, 126.63, 126.75, 127.09, 128.45, 128.53, 129.43, 129.56, 130.29, 130.85, 132.77, 132.98, 133.84, 134.15, 139.84, 140.35, 145.38, 149.84, 160.68, 170.75, 180.26 (C=O); Anal. Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂ClN₃O₃S: C, 66.72; H, 4.11; N, 7.78; found C, 66.47; H, 4.09; N, 7.75.

6.1. Molecular Dynamics

The receptor and ligand topologies were generated by PDB2gmx (embedded in GROMACS) and GlycoBioChem PRODRG2 Server respectively, both under GROMOS96 force field was implemented to generate the ligand topologies using the [40]. After rejoining ligands and receptor topologies to generate four systems, the typical molecular dynamics scheme of GROMACS was applied for all the systems. This include, solvation, neutralization, energy minimization under GROMOS96 43a1 force field and two stages of equilibration (NVT and NPT) [41-44]. Finally, unrestricted production stage of 200ns was applied for the four systems with particle mesh ewald (PME) method implemented to compute the long-range electrostatic values using 12 Å cut-off and 12 Å Fourier spacing. Further information is available in the supplementary material section. The stability of the complexes was judged using RMSD and RMSF values calculated from the MDS trajectories from the production step.

6.2. MMPBSA calculations

$$\Delta G_{(Binding)} = G_{(Complex)} - G_{(Receptor)} - G_{(Ligand)}$$

Where $G_{(Complex)}$ is the total free energy of the protein–ligand complex and $G_{(Receptor)}$ and $G_{(Ligand)}$ are the total free energies of the isolated protein and ligand in solvent, respectively. The total free energy of any of the three mentioned entities (complex, receptor and ligand) were calculated for all MD trajectories from its molecular mechanics potential energy plus the energy of the solvation, using the g_mmpbsa package implemented in the GROMACS software. Individual energies along with the values of standard deviations were calculated and then summed together to yield the average total free energy of each component. Finally, to calculate the binding-free energy, the total free energy of the receptor and the ligand were subtracted from the total free energy of the complex.































































