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# Thiazole an Attractive Scaffold for Development of Anticancer Agent: A Review



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# ABSTRACT

Thiazole is a heterocycle that contains nitrogen and sulfur as heteroatom in its structure. Thiazole is an attractive heterocycle as it is widely distributed in various drugs. Number derivatives have developed using the Thiazole nucleus which are possessing diverse biological activities like anticancer, antimicrobial, antiulcer, and antiinflammatory. Two different heteroatoms imparting important physicochemical properties in the thiazole derivatives make them the first choice of various researchers. Here we are summarizing the anticancer potential of some thiazole derivatives which are reported.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Thiazole is heterocycles that contain nitrogen and sulfur as heteroatom in its structure. Thiazole is an attractive heterocycle as it is widely distributed in various drugs. Number derivatives have developed using the Thiazole nucleus which are possessing diverse biological activities like anticancer, antimicrobial, antiulcer, and anti-inflammatory. Vitamin Thiamine contains the thiazole nucleus as shown in figure no 1.

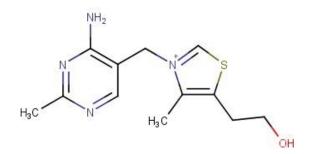
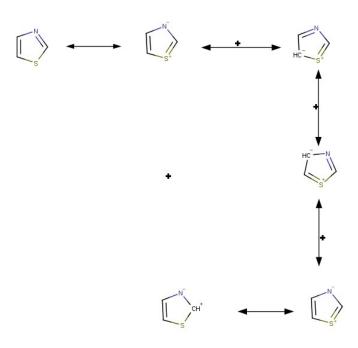


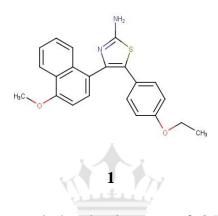
Figure no 1: Thiamine

Resonating structures of the thiazole are still possible and the d orbital sulfur is important to generate different resonating structures as shown in figure no 2.

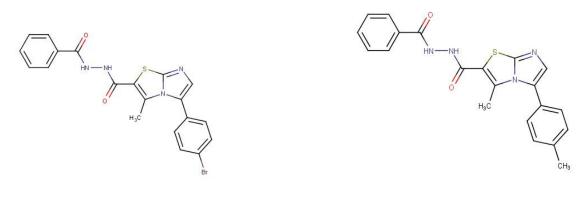


Several drugs are reported to have thiazole nuclei like ritonavir (Antiviral), Sulphathiazole (Antimicrobial), and Abafungin (Antifungal). Here we have summarized some anticancer thiazole derivatives with the most potent derivatives.

Wang *et.al.* (2021) reported the development of novel thiazole-naphthalene as inhibitors of tubulin polymerization with anticancer potential. 5-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-4-(4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-amine (1) was found to be the most promising agent from the synthesized series of compounds. This compound was found to arrest the cell cycle in the G2/M phase and its molecular docking studies indicated it is binding to the colchicine binding site.



El-Subbagh et.al. (2021) reported the development of 3-Methyl-imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole derivatives as a new class of folate inhibitors. They observed that 5-(4-Bromophenyl)-N' - (benzoyl)-3-methyl-imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole-2- carbohydrazide (2a) and 5-(4-Methylphenyl)-N' -(benzoyl)-3-methyl-imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole-2- carbohydrazide (2b) was found to be most promising agent both these molecules showed cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. 5-(4-Methylphenyl)-N' -(benzoyl)-N' -(benzoyl)-3-methyl-imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole-2- carbohydrazide (2b) was found to be most promising agent both these molecules showed cell cycle arrest and apoptosis. 5-(4-Methylphenyl)-N' -(benzoyl)-3-methyl-imidazo[2,1-b]thiazole-2- carbohydrazide was found to be reducing body weight and tumor volume.

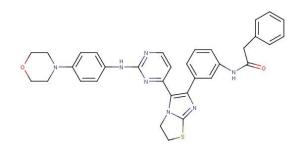


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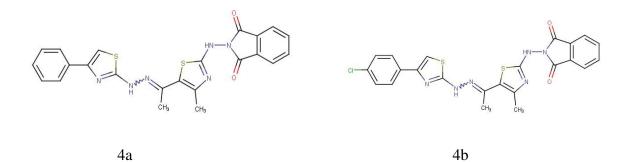
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Gadekar et.al. (2021) reported development of 2,3-dihydroimidazo[2,1-b] thiazoles derivatives as new class of dual EGFR and IGF1R inhibitors. They observed that N-{3-[5-(2-{[4-(morpholin-4-yl)phenyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)-2H,3H-imidazo[2,1-b][1,3]thiazol-6-yl]phenyl}-2-phenylacetamide (3) was found to be most promising agent.

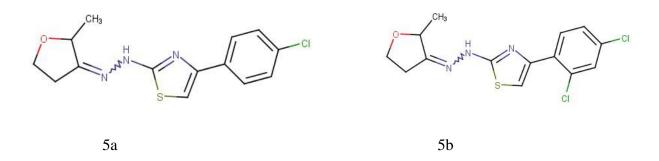


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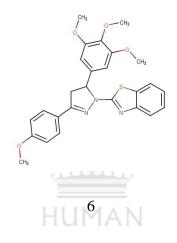
Cristina Lima Leite et .al. (2021) reported synthesis of new phthalimido-1,3-thiazole derivatives as carried out their anticancer activity.2-((4-methyl-5-(1-(2-(4-phenylthiazol-2-yl)hydrazono)ethyl) thiazol-2-yl)amino)isoindoline-1,3-dione (4a) and 2-((5-(1-(2-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)hydrazono)ethyl)-4- methylthiazol-2-yl)amino)isoindoline-1,3-dione (4b) was found to be most active derivatives.



Asım Kaplancıklı et .al. (2021) reported development of thiazole-dihydrofuran as aromatase inhibitors.4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-(2-methyldihydrofuran-3(2H)-ylidene) hydrazineyl)thiazole (5a) and 4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-(2-(2-methyldihydrofuran-3(2H)-ylidene)hydrazineyl)thiazole (5b) are most active compounds from the series.



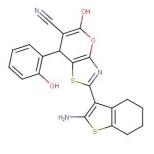
Tugrak et.al. (2020) reported development of 2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(aryl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)benzo[d]thiazole as Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors.2-(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (6) is most active compound from the series.



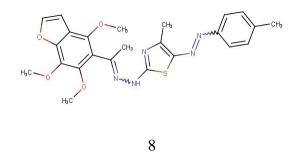
Abdallah et.al. (2019) synthesized novel Pyrano[2,3-d]thiazole and Thiazolo[4,5-b]pyridine compounds acting on c-Met, andPim-1 Kinase. All the compounds showed good anticancer potential 2-(2-amino-4,5,6,7

tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-5-hydroxy-7-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-

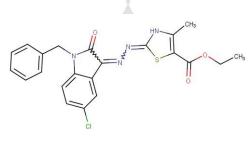
7H-pyrano[2,3-d]thiazole-6 carbonitrile (7) was observed to be active against both c-Met, and Pim-1 Kinase.



Gomha et.al.(2018) reported the development of benzofuran-based thiazole derivatives and carried out their cytotoxic analysis on the human breast cancer cell line. 4-Methyl-5-(p-tolyldiazenyl)-2-(2-(1-(4,6,7-trimethoxybenzofuran-5-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)thiazole (8) was found to be active compound.

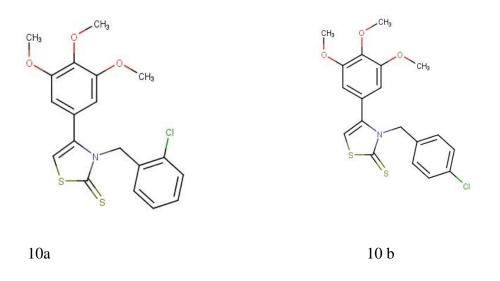


Farghaly et.al. (2020) reported 2-indolinone thiazole hybrids as the sunitinib analogs with anti-renal cancer activity. Ethyl 2-((1-benzyl-5-chloro-2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)hydrazono)-4-methyl-2,3-dihydrothiazole-5-carboxylate (9) was found to be potent compound amongst the synthesized series of compounds.

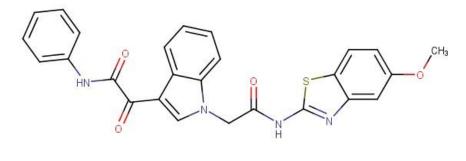


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Emami et.al. (2019) reported thiazole-2(3H)-thiones containing 4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl) moiety as anticancer. 3-(2-Chlorobenzyl)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thiazole-2(3H)-thione(10a) and 3-(4-Chlorobenzyl)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thiazole-2(3H)-thione(10b) are the two promising compounds obtained.



Nagendra Babu et.al.(2017) reported the development of indolyl-3-glyoxylamide derivatives compounds as tubulin polymerization inhibitors. 2-(1-(2-(5-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-oxoethyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-2-oxo-Nphenylacetamide (11) was found be active compound.



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# **SUMMARY:**

Thiazole is one of the most prominently utilized heterocycles in medicinal chemistry. Thiazole contains two heteroatoms in its structures which contributes to the various physicochemical as well as biological properties associated with it. Various thiazole derivatives have been reported as anticancer agents and the development of heterocyclic systems based on the thiazole nucleus will be an attractive tool for anticancer drug design and development.

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