

# Synthesis and anti-breast cancer activity of some succinimide derivatives via Michael addition reaction: arylhydrazide to maleimides

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## ABSTRACT

In this study five compounds were synthesized that included succinimide derivatives. New compounds (S<sub>1</sub>-S<sub>5</sub>) were produced by the reaction of hydrazide derivatives with N-substituted maleimide and were diagnosed by mass spectrometry, NMR spectra of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C, infrared spectroscopy, and the melting point of the generated compounds. Five substances were examined for their ability to inhibit breast cancer (MCF-7) using the MTT assay. When tested on breast cancer cells, the substances S<sub>3</sub>, S<sub>4</sub>, and S<sub>5</sub> showed anti-cancer activity.

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## 1. Introduction

Succinimides, also known as pyrrolidine-2,5-diones, are a fascinating group of heterocyclic chemicals that are frequently used in biochemistry and organic synthesis. For instance, compounds of succinimide have anticonvulsant and protease [1] and esterase [2] inhibitory properties [3, 4].

For numerous physiologically significant medications, including phensuximide, ethosuximide, methsuximide, and andrimias, the succinimide molecule is frequently employed as a precursor [5, 6]. A few of the compounds exhibited intriguing biological properties, including muscle relaxant [7], anticancer [8], antispasmodic [9], analgesic [10], and antibacterial [11,12].

Thus, synthetic methods that yield new succinimide compounds are very desirable. For the purpose of producing derivatives of substituted succinimide [13], one method is to add nucleophiles to the maleimide double bond via the Michael addition. Because maleimide derivatives are widely used and are known to respond with thiols, they are often utilized in bioconjugation processes [14]. Other hetero-Michael additions [15] that maleimides experience include phospho-Michael [16], aza-Michael [17, 18], and the less thoroughly researched oxa-Michael responses [19]. The latter produces derivatives of O-alkylated succinimide and happens under simple circumstances. Previous literature reports on the oxa-Michael reaction's ability to generate N-substituted alkoxy succinimides [14, 15]. Five succinimide derivatives were created in this work, and <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, mass spectroscopy, and FTIR were used to confirm the compounds' structures.

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## 2. Materials and Instruments

Equipment for measuring the Gallenkamp melting point. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was employed as the internal standard, and the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were registered utilize deuterated solvents. A Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer was used to measure chemical shifts at 400 and 100 MHz in ( $\delta$ ) ppm. By examining infrared spectra, the FT-IR-1600 Perkin-Elmer spectrophotometer was acquired. In addition to UV and I2 imaging, Merck silica gel thin layer chromatography (TLC) was employed to find the points. An Agilent Technologies 5975C Spectrometer was employed to analyze cluster spectra utilize the EI method at 70 eV.

## 3. Synthesis

### 3.1. Procedure for synthesis maleimides ( $\text{M}_1$ - $\text{M}_3$ ):

With minor modifications, the procedure followed the literature [20, 21]: Maleanilic acid derivatives (0.01 mole) were fixed in 15 milliliters of acetic anhydride, and then anhydrous sodium acetate (10%–20% by weight) was added. After refluxing the mixture on a water bath until it changed color, it was cooled and then put into an ice bath while being agitated ferociously. where the maleimide was filtered, precipitated, dried, and recrystallized using an appropriate solvent.

### 3.2. The general method of creating compounds (2a, 2b, and 5c)

A mixture of dry acetone (300 ml), anhydrous  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (100 mmole), phenol or p-methoxy phenol or 1-nephthol (100 mmole), and ethyl chloroacetate (100 mmole) was heated under reflux for 10 hours using thin-layer chromatography (TLC). The resultant solvent was then allowed to evaporate at a lower pressure following filtration. White powder was obtained in a 75–80% yield by recrystallizing the resultant precipitate from absolute ethanol.

### 3.3. General procedure the synthesis of hydrazone derivatives (3a, 3b and 6c)

For five hours, under reflux, a combination of ester (2a, 2b, and 5c) (10 mmole), ethanol (50 ml), and hydrazine hydrate (30 mmole) was heated. After being filtered out, the final chemical was recrystallized from pure ethanol, yielding 65–70% white powder.

### 3.4. General procedure the synthesis of compounds ( $\text{S}_1$ - $\text{S}_5$ ) [22]:

For seventy-two hours, a combination of hydrazone derivatives (3a, 3b, and 6c) (0.01mol) and variously substituted maleimides (0.01mol) in 20 milliliters of ethanol were refluxed while being stirred magnetically. After filtering, the white precipitate that had developed recrystallized in ethanol.

### 3.5. N'-(1-(4-methyl-3-nitrophenyl)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-2-phenoxyacetohydrazide ( $\text{S}_1$ ):

A mixture of 4-methyl-3-nitrophenylmaleimide (0.001mol) and 2-Phenoxyacetohydrazide (0.001mol) in (25ml) ethanol gave a white solid (79% yield), m.p=195-197 °C. FT-IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3364 (NH amid), 3214 (NH), 3080 (C-H Ar), 1700 (C=O), 1533, 1490 (C=C Ar), 1346 (C-N), ,1174 (C-O).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.83 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz,  $\text{NH}_{\text{amide}}$ ), 7.98 (s, 1H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.65 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.56 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 7.30-7.24 (m, 2H,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 6.95 (d, 3H, J=8Hz,  $\text{H}_{\text{Ar}}$ ), 5.92 (t, 1H, J=4 Hz,  $\text{NH}_b$ ), 4.55 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 4.19 (pent., 1H, J=4 Hz,  $\text{H}_c$ ), 3.00 (dd, 1H, J=12, 20 Hz,  $\text{H}_d$ ), 2.74 (dd, 1H, J=4, 16 Hz,  $\text{H}_e$ ), 2.58 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR(DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  175.53 (C1), 174.89 (C2), 167.68 (C3), [158.20, 149.03, 133.81, 133.62, 132.17, 131.42, 129.94, 123.22, 121.65, 115.09] C-Ar, 66.54 (O- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 58.25 (C4), 34.81 (C5), 19.96 ( $\text{CH}_3$ );MS (z/m): 398.2  $\text{M}^+$ .

### 3.6. 2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)-N'-(1-(4-methyl-3-nitrophenyl)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl) acetohydrazide(S<sub>2</sub>):

A mixture of 4-methyl-3-nitrophenyl maleimide (0.001mol) And 2-(4-methoxyphenoxy) acetohydrazide (0.001mol) in (25ml)ethanol gave a white solid (60% yield), m.p=207-209 °C. FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):3358 (NH amid, 3209 (NH), 3073 (C-H Ar), 1697 (C=O),1536,1500 (C=C Ar), 1346 (C-N), 1174 (C-O).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):δ 9.78 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz, NH<sub>a</sub>), 7.98 (s, 1H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.65 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz, H<sub>Ar</sub>),7.57 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 6.90-6.79 (m, 4H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 5.90 (t, 1H, J=4 Hz, NH<sub>b</sub>), 4.48 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.18 (pent., 1H, J=4 Hz, H<sub>c</sub>), 3.67 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.00 (dd, 1H, J=12, 20 Hz, H<sub>d</sub>), 2.74 (dd, 1H, J=4, 16 Hz, H<sub>e</sub>), 2.58 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 175.53 (C1), 174.90 (C2), 167.86 (C3), [154.26, 152.21, 149.01, 133.80, 133.61, 132.15, 131.41, 123.20, 116.10, 115.00] C-Ar, 67.31 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.25 (C4), 55.78 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.79 (C5), 19.97 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (z/m): 428.3 M<sup>+</sup>.

### 3.7. N'-(1-(4-methyl-3-nitrophenyl)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yloxy) acetohydrazide (S<sub>3</sub>):

A mixture of 4-methyl-3-nitrophenyl maleimide (0.001mol) and 2-(Naphthalene-2-loxy) acetohydrazide (0.001mol) in (25ml) ethanol gave a white solid (80% yield), m.p=225-227°C. FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3311 (NH amid, 3203 (NH), 3031 (C-H Ar), 1659, 1623 (C=O),1522,1469 (C=C Ar), 1390 (C-N), 1184 (C-O).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.92 (d, 1H, J=4 Hz, 1H,NH<sub>a</sub>), 7.99 (s, 1H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 7.68-7.26 (m, 9H, H<sub>Ar</sub>),5.97 (t, 1H, J=4 Hz, NH<sub>b</sub>), 4.86 (s, 2H,CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.12 (pent., 1H, J=4 Hz, H<sub>c</sub>),3.01 (dd, 1H, J=8, 20 Hz, H<sub>d</sub>), 2.77 (dd, 1H, J=4, 16 Hz,H<sub>e</sub>), 2.56 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 175.56 (C1), 174.92 (C2), 167.55 (C3), [156.09, 148.97, 134.49, 133.78, 133.61, 132.13, 131.39, 129.83, 129.21, 127.98, 127.22, 126.91, 124.33, 123.19, 119.09, 107.58] C-Ar, 66.62 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.21 (C4), 34.85 (C5), 19.99 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (z/m): 448.3 M<sup>+</sup>.

### 3.8. N'-(1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-3-yl)-2-phenoxyacetohydrazide (S<sub>4</sub>):

A mixture of 4-bromophenyl maleimide (0.001mol)and 2- Phenoxyacetohydrazide (0.001mol) in (20ml) ethanol gave a white stiff (93% output), m.p=263-265°C. FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3347 (NH amid, 3215 (NH), 3074 (C-H Ar), , 1777, 1698 (C=O), , 1592, 1485 (C=C Ar), 1399 (C-N), 1176 (C-O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.81 (d, 1H, J=8 Hz, NH<sub>a</sub>), 7.72-6.94 (m, 9H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 5.88 (t, 1H, J=8 Hz, NH<sub>b</sub>), 4.54 (s, 2H,CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.17 (pent., 1H, J=4 Hz, H<sub>c</sub>), 2.97 (dd, 1H, J=8, 20 Hz, H<sub>d</sub>), 2.71 (dd, 1H, J=4, 16 Hz, H<sub>e</sub>).<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 175.64 (C1), 174.99 (C2), 167.68 (C3), [158.19, 132.36, 132.04, 129.96, 129.49, 121.71, 121.67, 115.08] C-Ar, 66.51 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.13 (C4), 34.77 (C5); MS (z/m): 419.1 M<sup>+</sup>.

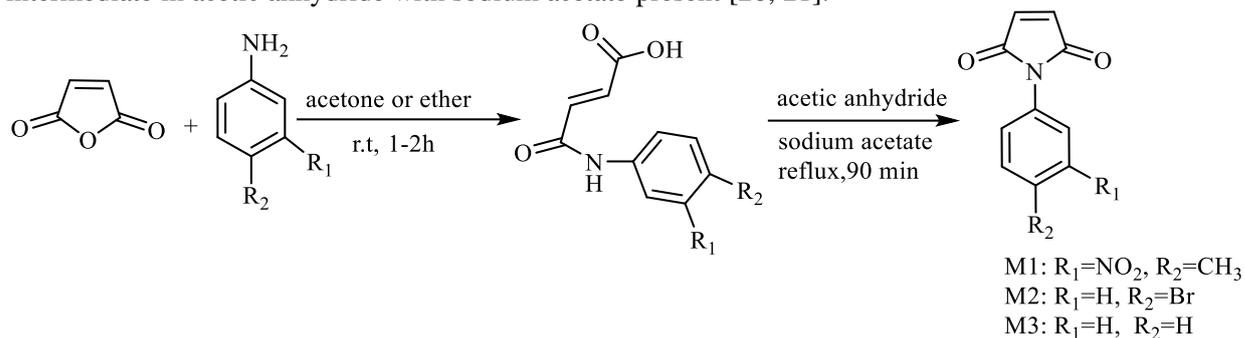
### 3.9.N'-(2,5-dioxo-1-phenyl-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-2-phenoxyacetohydrazide (S<sub>5</sub>):

A mixture of phenyl maleimide (0.001mol)and 2- Phenoxyacetohydrazide (0.001mol) in (20ml) ethanol gave a white solid (95% yield), m.p=240-243°C.FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3346 (NH amid, 3218 (NH), (C-H Ar), 1776, 1698 (C=O), 1591, 1487 (C=C Ar), 1398 (C-N), 1176 (C-O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 9.81 (d, 1H, J=4 Hz, NH<sub>a</sub>), 7.59-6.94 (m, 10H, H<sub>Ar</sub>), 5.89 (t, 1H, J=4 Hz, NH<sub>b</sub>), 4.55 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.21-4.15 (m, 1H, H<sub>c</sub>), 2.98 (dd, 1H, J=8, 16 Hz, H<sub>d</sub>), 2.75-2.70 (m, 1H, H<sub>e</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 175.69 (C1), 175.04 (C2), 167.69 (C3), [158.19, 133.22, 132.77, 131.61, 129.97, 129.73, 129.41, 129.33, 129.19, 121.67, 115.09] C-Ar, 66.51 (O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.12 (C4), 34.77 (C5); MS (z/m): 339.1 M<sup>+</sup>.

## 4. Results and Discussion

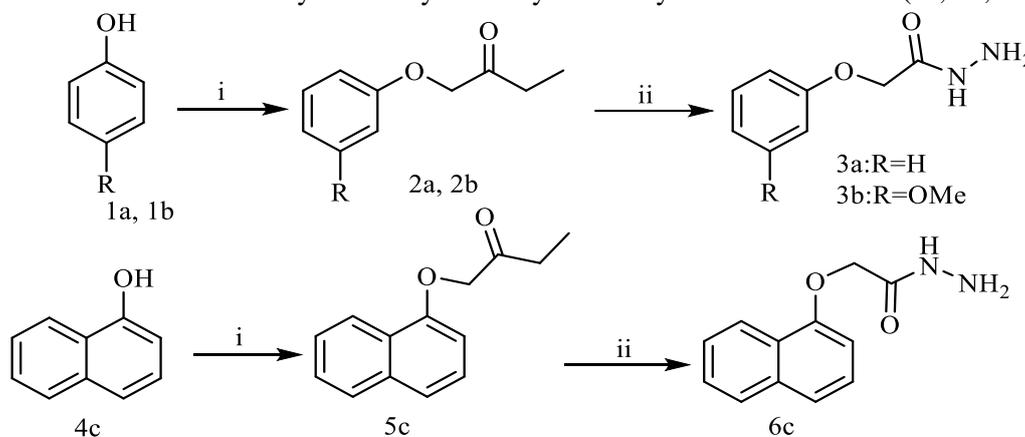
Two fundamental techniques were used to synthesize the N-substituted maleimides displayed here: scheme 1, which required N-substituted maleimides and aryl hydrazide, and scheme 2, which required replaced aniline and maleic anhydride as building blocks. To create the desired N-substituted maleimides (M1–M3), the corresponding substituted maleanilic acid was produced by responsive the required replaced aniline with maleic anhydride in a dissolvent like acetone or diethyl ether.The desired N-substituted maleimides (M1–M3) were then produced by cyclizing this open

intermediate in acetic anhydride with sodium acetate present [20, 21].



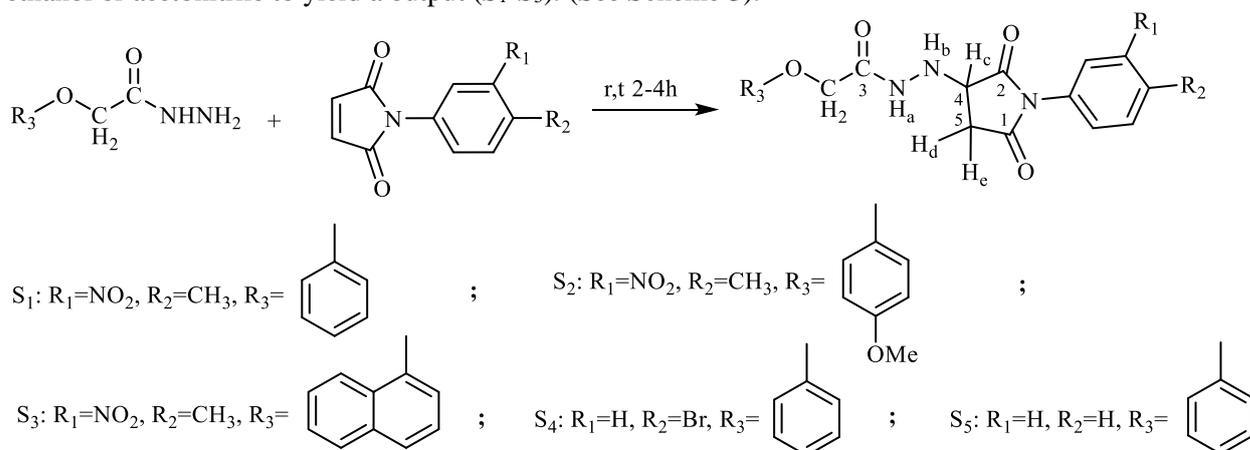
**Scheme 1:** Synthesis of maleimide derivatives ( $M_1$ - $M_3$ )

The process [32–26] yields the ester derivative (2a, 2b, and 5c) when phenol, p-methoxy phenol, or 1-naphthol reacts with ethyl chloroacetate in the presence of potassium carbonate. This ester derivative then reacts with hydrazine hydrate to yield the hydrazide derivatives (3a, 3b, and 6c).



Scheme 2: (i)  $ClCH_2COOEt$ ,  $K_2CO_3$ , acetone, reflux; (ii)  $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$ , EtOH, reflux

conversion of N-substituted maleimides by Michael addition using an aromatic primary amine to the corresponding succinimide derivatives. Maleimides with N-substituents were developed first, followed by succinimide derivatives. Michael addition was utilized to prepare the necessary succinimide derivatives [22]. Substances ( $M_1$ - $M_3$ ) were mixed with hydrazide derivatives in dry ethanol or acetonitrile to yield a output ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ ). (See Scheme 3).



**Scheme 3:** Synthesis of succinimide derivatives ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ )

FT-IR,  $^1H$ -NMR,  $^{13}C$ -NMR, and cluster spectrometry were utilized to emphasize the chemical structure of all succinimide compounds. The characteristics of the IR assimilation bands ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ ) were specified utilize the KBr disc. The infrared spectra were used to identify these compounds'

functional groups. The range of 3364-3311 and 3218-3203  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, was where the stretching bands corresponding to NH groups and NH amide were observed. The 1777-1623  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range was where the C=O groups were observed [27]. Assigned to the C=C aromatic stretching was the band in scope (1592-1485)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [28, 29]. (See figures 6-10). Succinimide derivatives ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ ) were characterized by  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra. The combinations were characterized by the manifestation of double and triplet signals ranging from  $\delta$  9.92-9.78 and 5.97-5.89, which belong to  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  protons, respectively. The  $H_d$  and  $H_e$  protons are responsible for the doublet of doublets peaks at  $\delta$  3.01-2.97 and 2.77-2.70, respectively, in order that they are bonded to carbon next to the chiral center.  $H_c$  was accountable for the pentet at  $\delta$  4.19-4.12. Multiple signals were applied to aromatic protons at approximately  $\delta$  7.99-6.79. The singlet is caused by the methyl groups at  $\delta$  2.58-2.56. The proton of the  $-\text{OCH}_3$  group was the cause of the singlet signal at  $\delta$  3.67. (See fig. 11-15).

The  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  of compounds ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ ) that showed signals at  $\delta$  175.69-167.55 were attributed to carbonyl groups. Signals appeared in the range  $\delta$  158.20-107.58 belonging to the carbon aromatic ring. Aliphatic carbons appear in the scope  $\delta$  67.31-19.96. (See fig. 16-20).

A molecular ion ( $m/z$ ) was detected in the cluster spectra of the  $S_1$ - $S_5$  groups, which were 398.2 ( $M^+$ ), 428.3 ( $M^+$ ), 448.3 ( $M^+$ ), 419.1 ( $M^+$ ), and 3399.1 ( $M^+$ ). (See fig. 21-25).

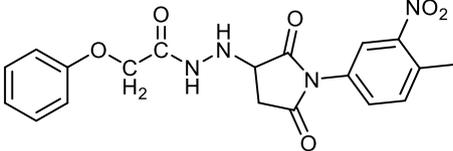
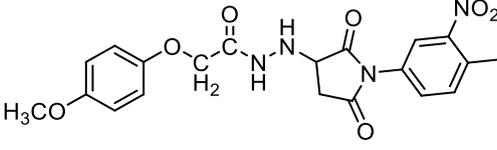
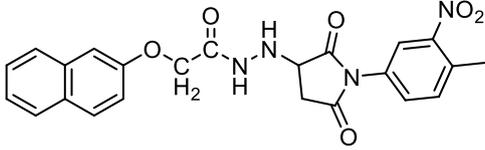
The accuracy of the structures was validated by the mass spectra. MS,  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ , and  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectroscopy were determined to be consistent with the proposed structure.

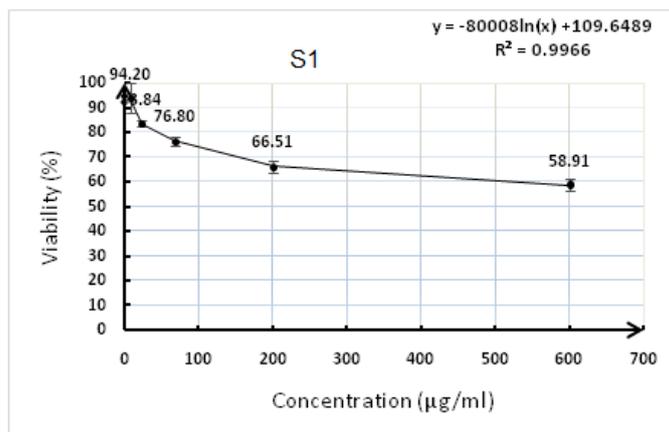
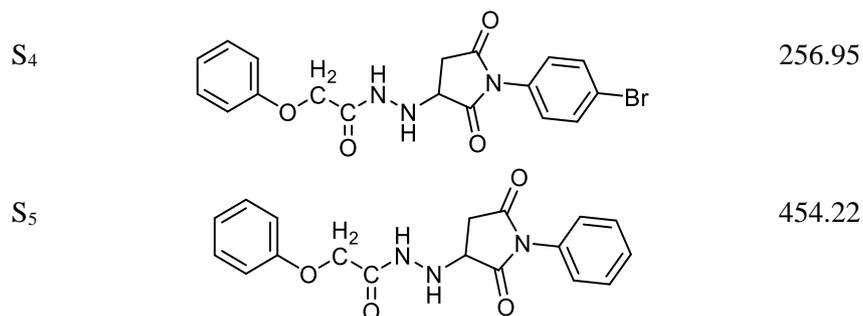
## 5. Cytotoxicity evaluation

Heterocyclic derivatives are a significant class of chemicals that may be applied to create novel anticancer medications, according to numerous studies [30, 31]. Drugs that specifically target and destroy cancer cells are used in chemotherapy for breast cancer. For the treatment of breast cancer, chemotherapy is frequently combined with hormone therapy, radiation, or surgery. Chemotherapy increases the danger of blood curdssuch as profound vein thrombosis in order that breast cancer patients are more likely to experience blood curds. As a result, improve novel heterocyclic combinations with fewer side impactsto treat breast cancer keeps difficult[32, 33]. Several reports suggest that studying the structures of maleimide and succinimide derivatives could be beneficial for the creation of new anticancer medications [34-37].

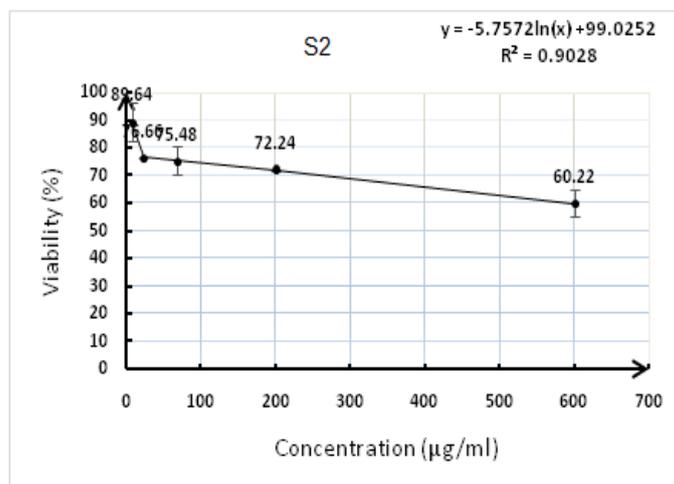
The MTT test was used to investigate the produced compounds' ability to prevent breast cancer. According to the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value, the data suggest that a few of the series' compounds have anti-breast cancer properties. combinations ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ ) shown anti-breast cancer properties. The methyl, methoxy, and nitro groups of substances  $S_3$ ,  $S_4$  and  $S_5$  are what give them their superior activity over the other compounds.  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values are displayed in Table (1). (See fig. 1-5).

**Table 1:** Express the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values of ( $S_1$ - $S_5$ ) combinations versus MDA-MB-231 cells

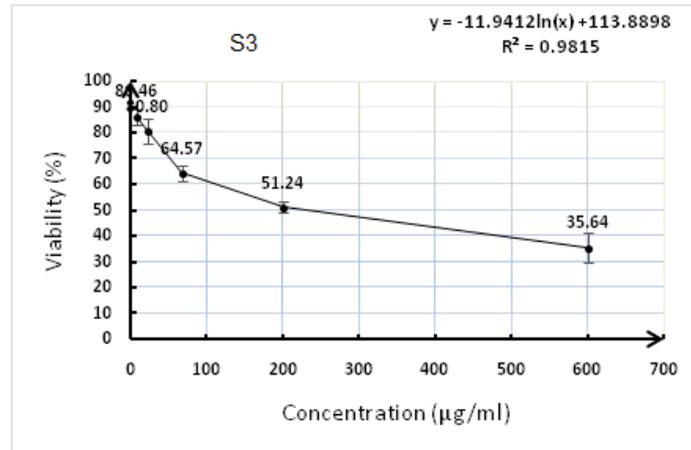
Symbol	Structure	MDA-MB-231 cell $\text{IC}_{50}$ in $\mu\text{g/mL}$
$S_1$		1729.03
$S_2$		4992.61
$S_3$		210.80



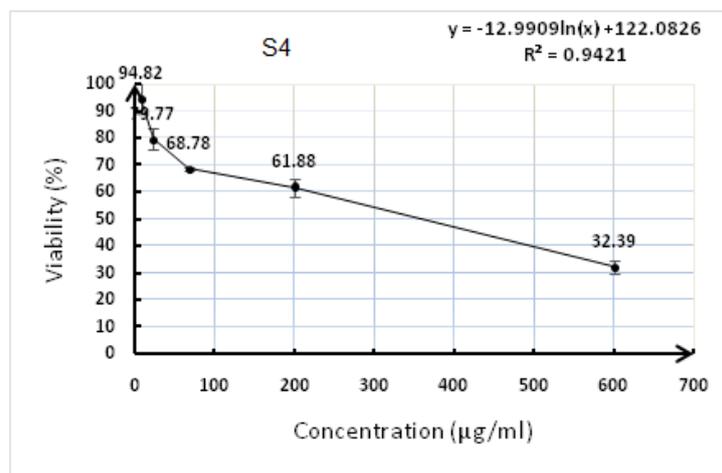
**Fig. 1:** Compound S1



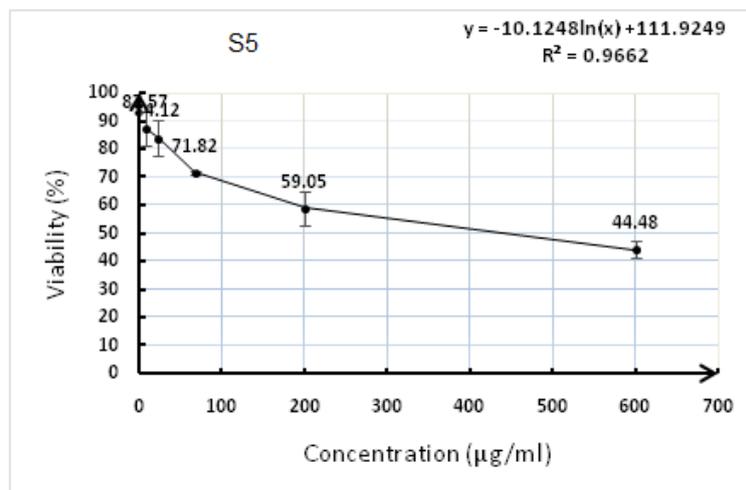
**Fig. 2:** Compound S2



**Fig. 3:** Compound S3



**Fig. 4:** Compound S4



**Fig. 5:** Compound S5

## 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, N-substituted maleimides with hydrazide derivatives were successfully used to create a variety of succinimide derivatives, which were then characterized by mass spectra, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, and FT-IR. The substances' potential to prevent breast cancer was investigated. The substances (S1-S4) exhibited anti-breast cancer action. Compounds S3, S4, and S5 demonstrated anti-breast cancer properties.

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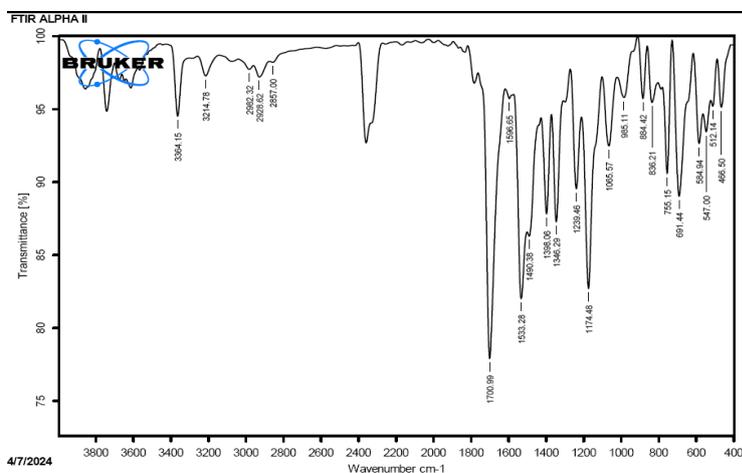


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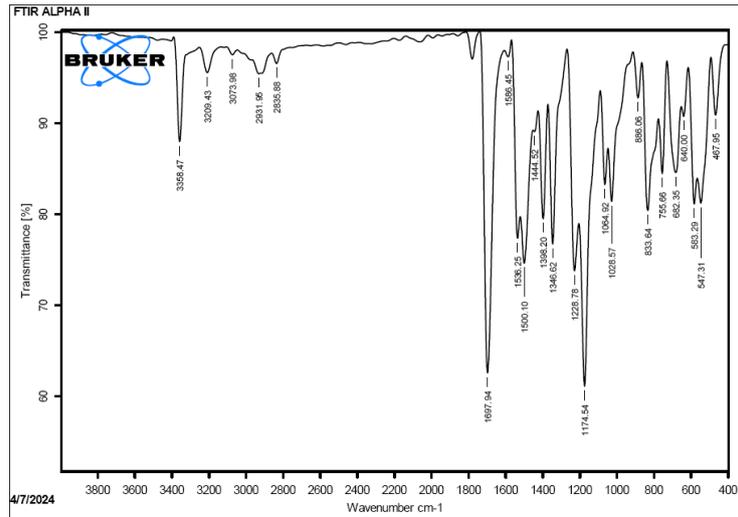


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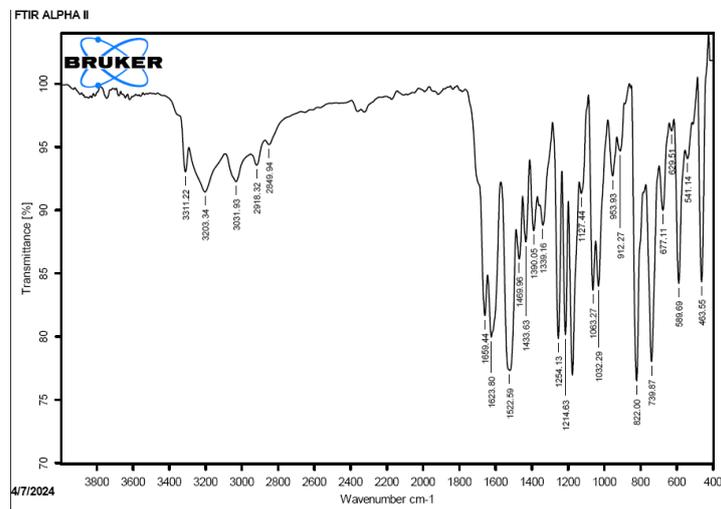


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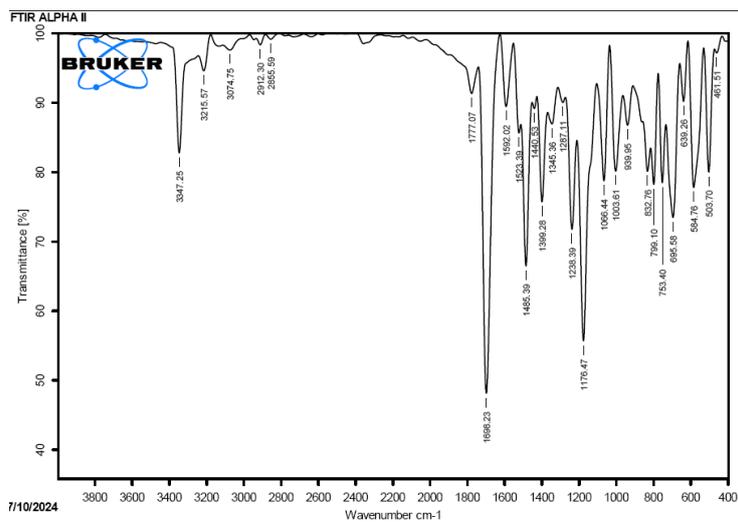


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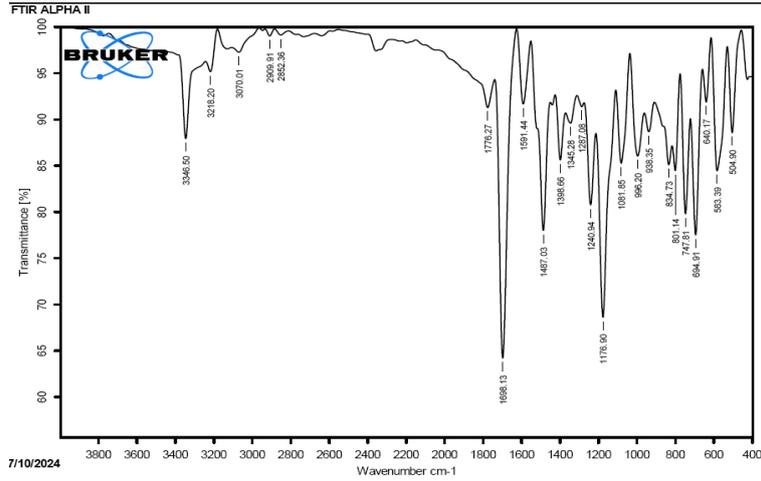


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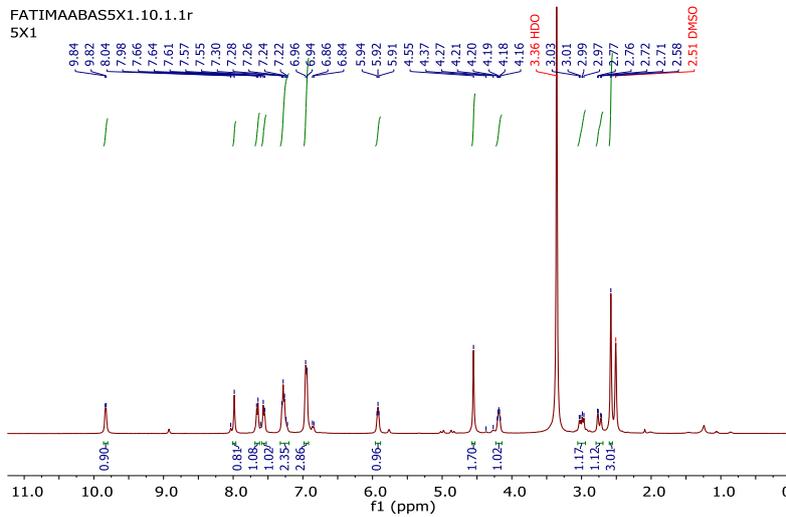


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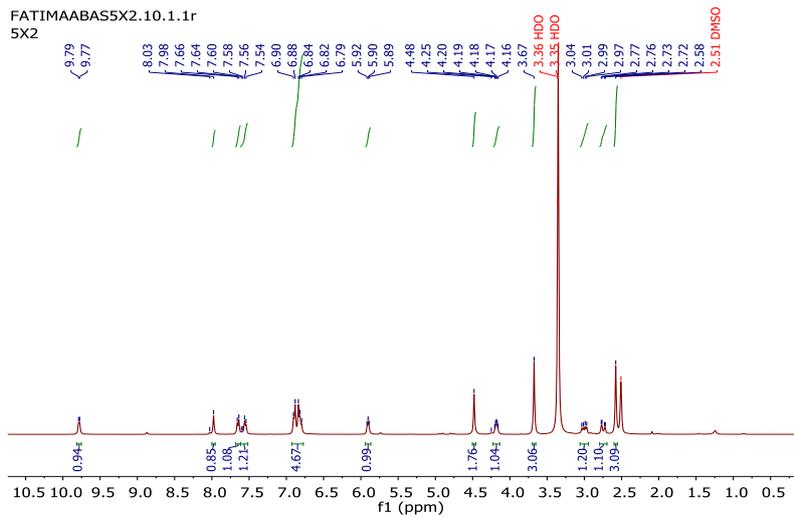


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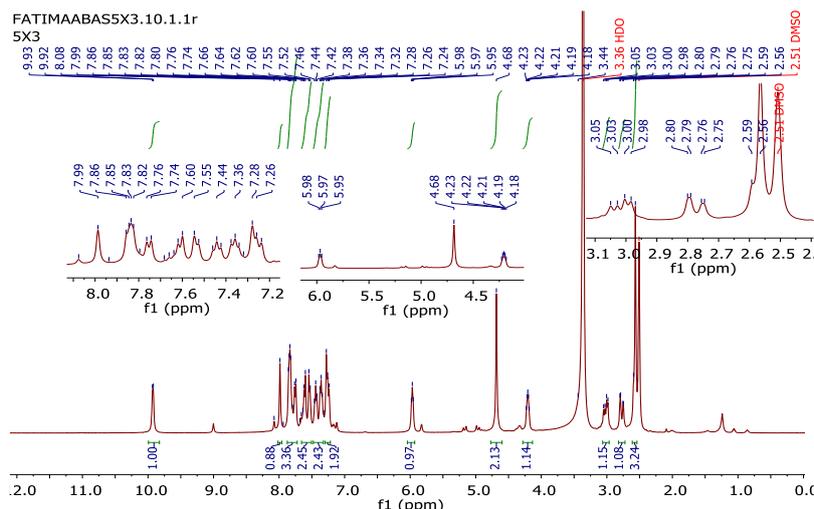


Fig. 13: 1HNMR of S<sub>3</sub>

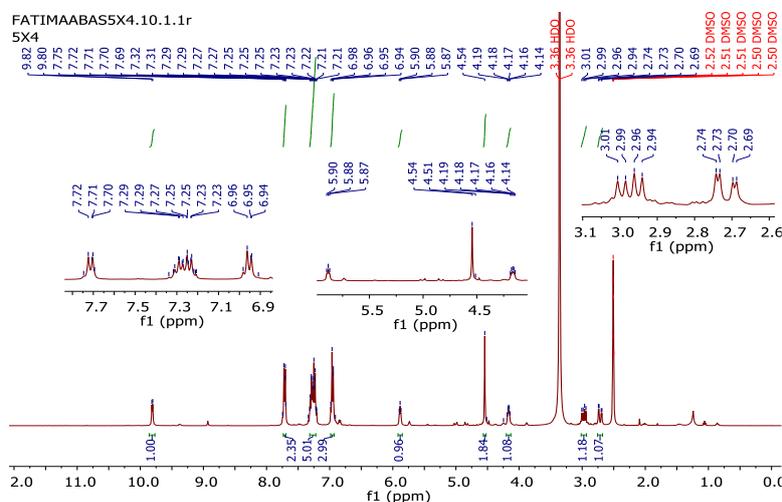


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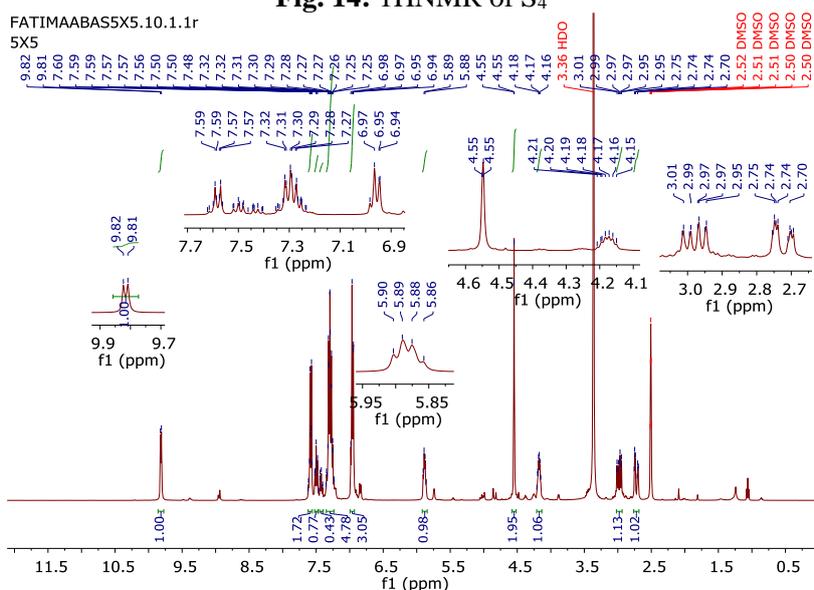


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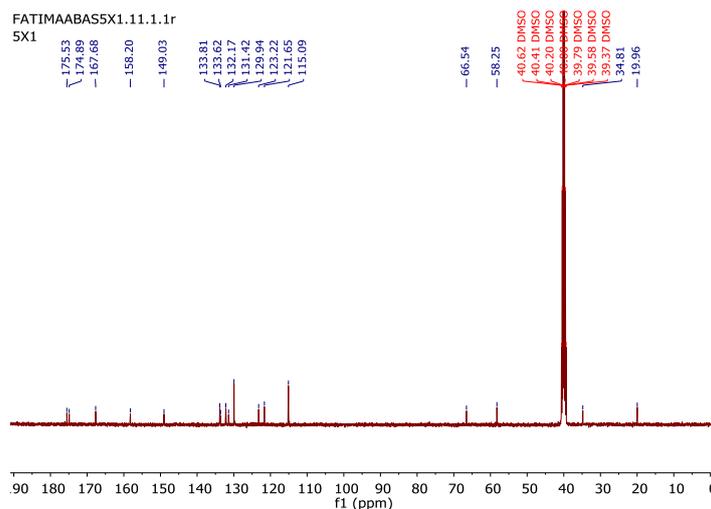


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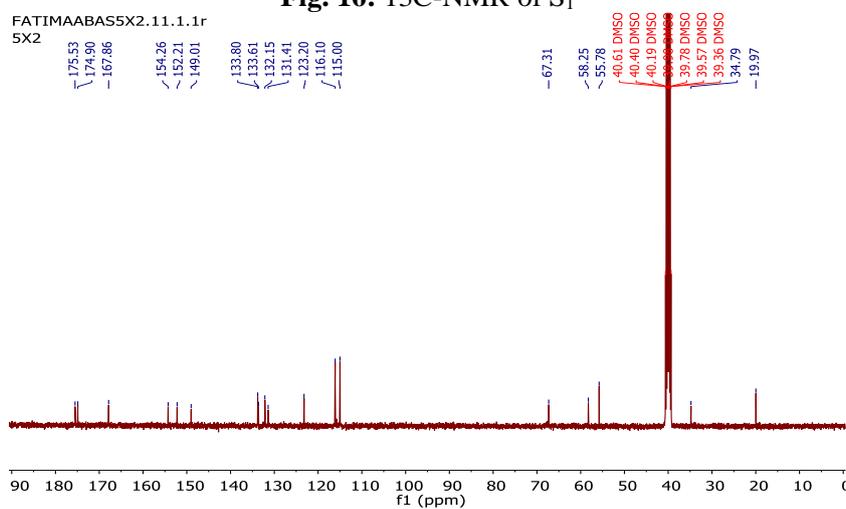


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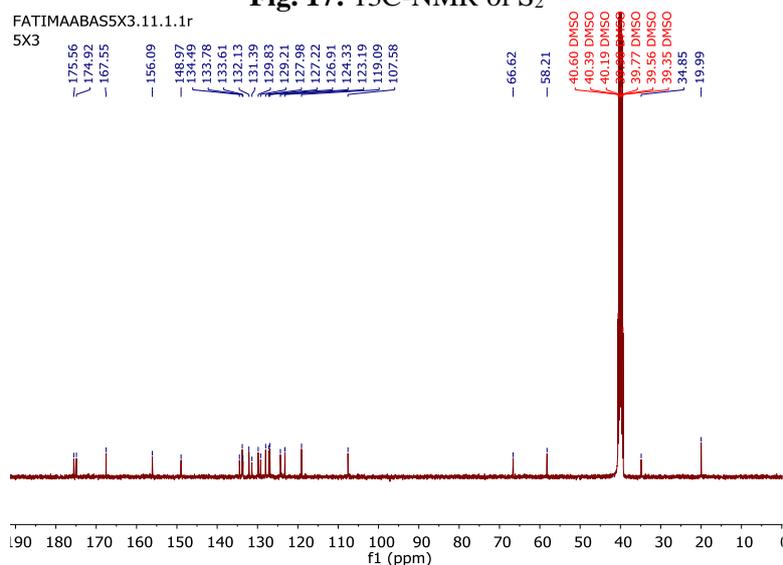


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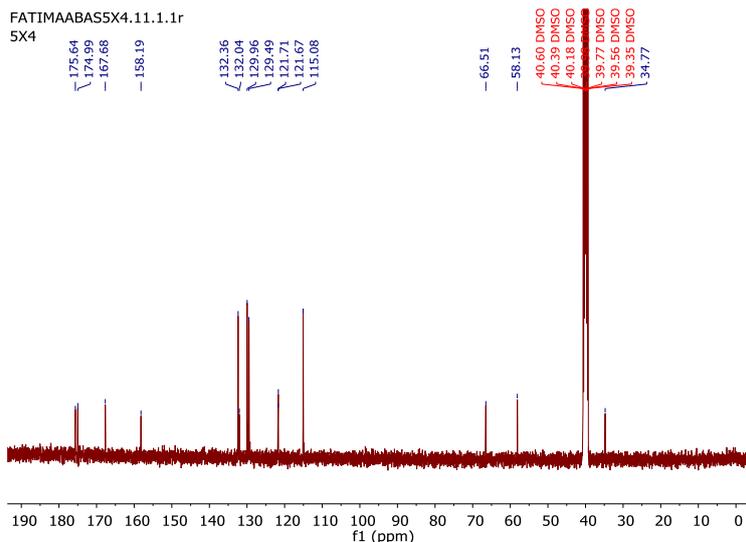


Fig.19: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of S<sub>4</sub>

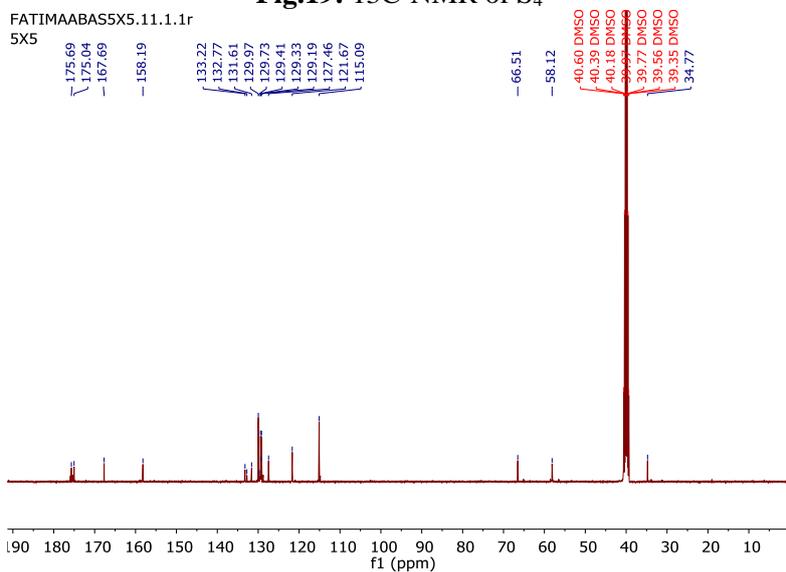


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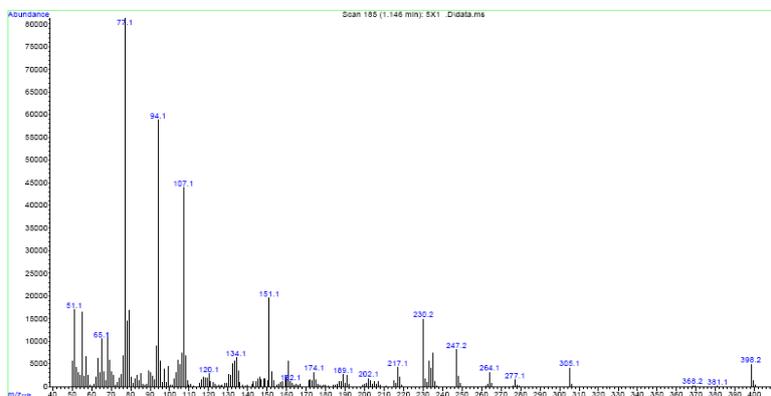
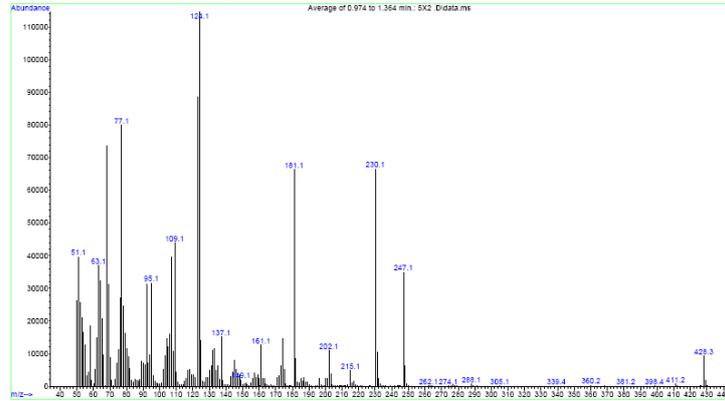


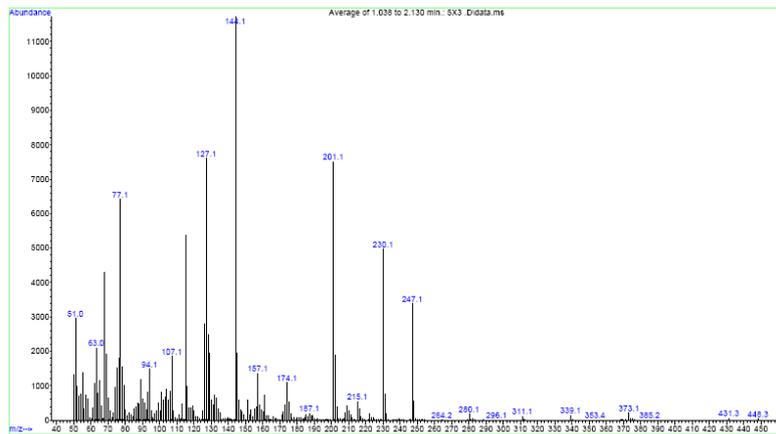
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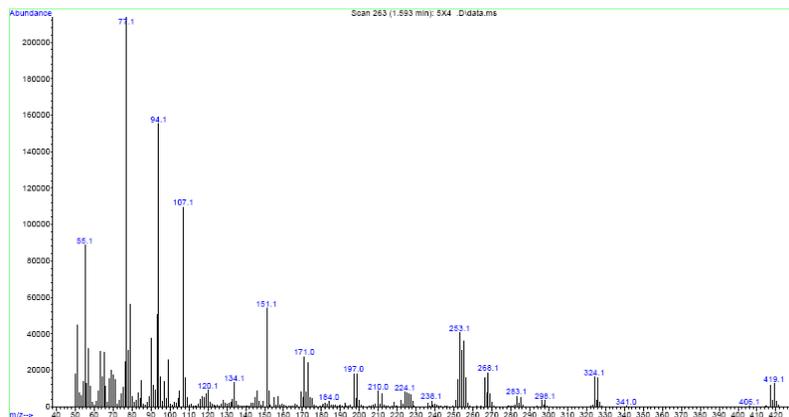
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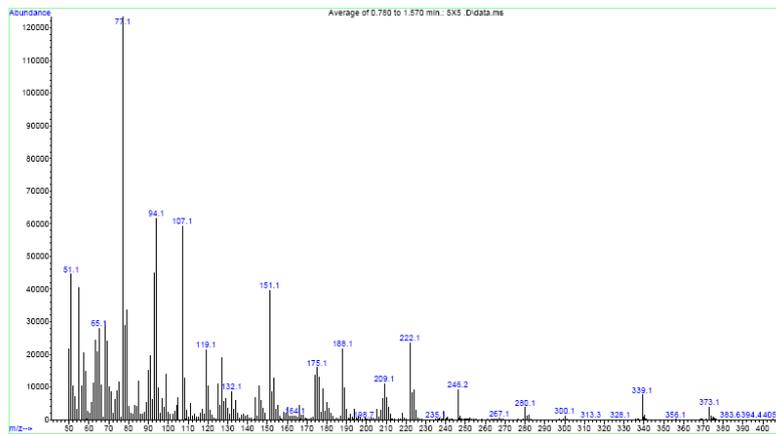
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**Fig.24: Mass spectrum of S<sub>4</sub>**

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**Fig.25:** Mass spectrum of S<sub>5</sub>

