

Ethyl 5-methyl-7-(1,3-diaryl-1*H*-pyrazolyl)-4,7-dihydro-tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate hybrids: Synthesis, biological, molecular docking, and ADME studies

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ABSTRACT Five ethyl 5-methyl-7-(1,3-diaryl-1*H*-pyrazolyl)-4,7-dihydro-tetrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine-6-carboxylates (**7a-7e**) were designed and synthesized from aralkyl ketone and phenyl hydrazine through condensation, cyclization, and multi-component reactions. The outcome of radical scavenging evaluation reflects that all the synthesized molecular hybrids exhibited good activity, with the highest one being the hybrid **7d** (~83%), which is comparable to the standard ascorbic acid (~85%). Cytotoxicity examination indicates that molecular hybrids **7a** and **7d** showed appreciable activity and, among them, **7d** was identified as the most active one against SW1990 (IC₅₀ ~19 μM) as well as MDA-MB-231 (IC₅₀ ~28 μM). On comparing with the standard gemcitabine, **7d** exhibited superior activity. Further, **7d** displayed a significant binding affinity (-8.8 kcal/mol) while employing molecular docking with the protein BCL-2 (B-cell lymphoma 2). The outcome of the pharmacokinetics and physicochemical properties prediction analysis implies that **7d** has the potential to be developed into a successful medication.

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