

# The Substituted Benzothiazole derivatives as promising Antineoplastic Agent: A Review

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**Abstract:** Benzothiazole is heterocyclic class of bicyclic compound containing mercapto group play an important role in synthetic chemistry due to their wide range of biological and pharmacological activities. Derivatives possess wide range of biological properties including anticancer, antimicrobial, and antidiabetic, anticonvulsant, anti-inflammatory, antiviral, antitubercular activities. Due to wide range of pharmacological activity benzothiazole are prominent in medicinal chemistry. In this review study on literature survey over the last decade discloses the role various benzothiazole derivatives mainly as anticancer agents. Such benzothiazole derivative activity against various types of cancer cell lines compare with standard drug available in market.

**Keywords:** Benzothiazole, Anti-neoplastic, Cancer cell line, pharmacological activities.

## INTRODUCTION:

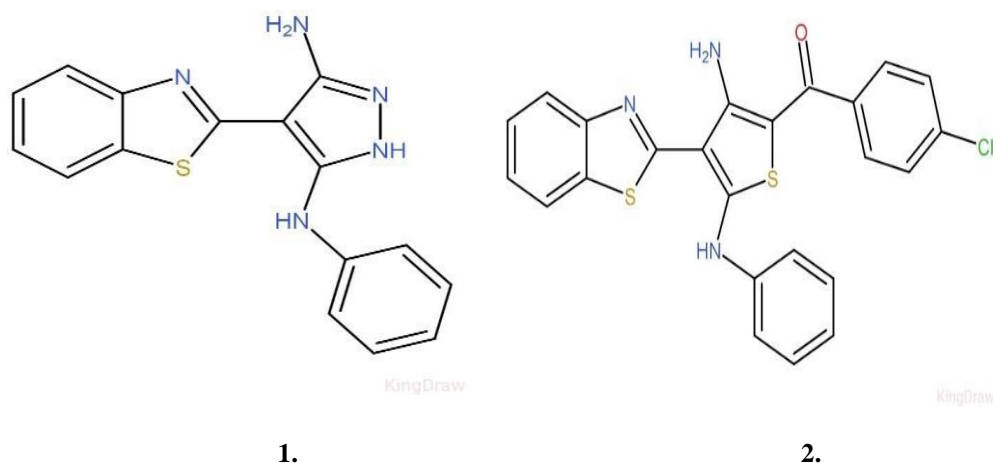
Heterocyclic compounds have become popular in medicine chemistry research probably because of their crucial and diversity biological functions. Examples include benzothiazole derivatives and its isosteres benzoxazole and benzimidazole derivatives with recorded antitumor. [1] Benzothiazoles are an important class of heterocycles, which can serve as unique and versatile scaffolds for experimental drug design. [2] Benzothiazole and its derivatives (especially 2-aryl benzothiazoles) are radioactive imaging neurodegenerative disorders due to their amyloid binding property. Their comprehensive list of properties associated with nature and the positions of different substitution. Various review include derivative substituted at 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th position is very important to obtaining effective activity against cancer. [3] The Benzothiazole scaffold possesses a wide spectrum of pharmacological activities such as anti-inflammatory [4], fungicidal [5], anti-diabetic [6], analgesic [7], anti-microbial [8], antitumor [9], antileishmanial [10], anthelmintic [11] and CNS depressant [12] etc.

Benzothiazole derivatives exhibit remarkable and prevalent biological and pharmacological activities against different types of tumors and cancer cell lines such as HeLa (human cervical cancer cell line), SW480 (human colon adenocarcinoma cell line), HepG2 (human liver carcinoma cells) [16], mammary and ovarian tumor cell lines [17], colon, non-small-cell lung and breast subpanels cell lines [18], and HCC (hepatocellular carcinoma) [19] etc. [13] Healthy cells are under strict biochemical control for growth and differentiation. In cancer these cells are not able to adequately differentiate because of cycle of growth and division get disturbed, divide uncontrollably, consuming energy and losing both structure and function. More deaths occur worldwide as a result of infectious diseases. One of the world's most dangerous diseases is cancer and despite all medical advances, cancer remains the second leading cause of death in both developing and developed countries. [14]

Although surgical resection may be curative, the risk of recurrence remains very high. In addition to surgical resection, treatment strategies for high-risk patients are still largely based on the use of adjuvant or neoadjuvant of chemotherapeutic agents single or in combination with radiotherapy. Unfortunately, the use of these standard therapies only results in a significant reduction in mortality and the risk of recurrence of the disease remains high. Therefore, it is urgent to develop chemotherapeutic agents for novel cancer treatment. In a recent lead generation study of an anti-cancer agent. [15]

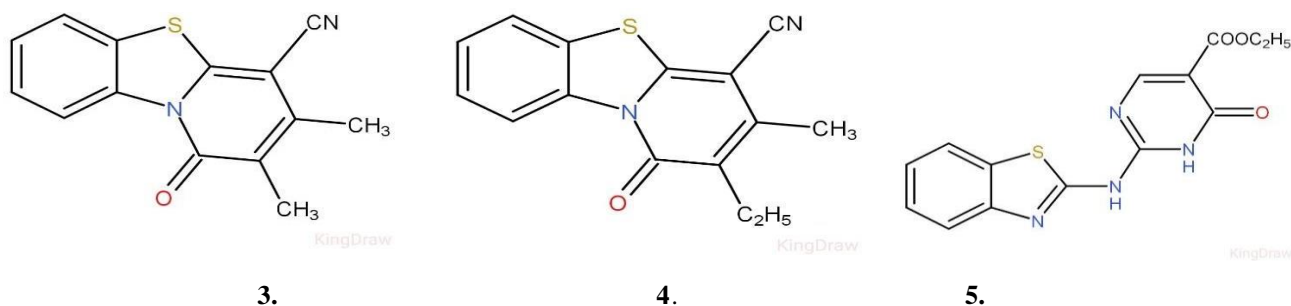
**BENZOTHIAZOLE DERIVATIVES AS AN ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENT:****1.1: Heterocyclic based benzothiazole derivatives as an antineoplastic agent**

Aisha Y. Hassan et. al. synthesized different heterocyclic substituted derivatives of benzothiazole are prepared by different chemical reactions. Thirteen newly synthesized compound were selected by the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, USA, and tested for in vitro antitumor activity against 60 tumor cell lines in a one dose screening panel out of 60 two compounds 1 and 2 most potent and was selected for further testing in a five-dose full panel assay, where compound 1 exhibit potent inhibiting growth against all cell line via GI50 from 0.683 up to 4.66  $\mu\text{M}$  / L over excellent lethal activity against multiple cell lines.[16]



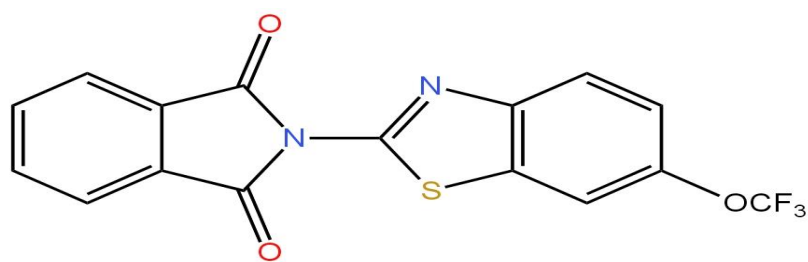
**Figure 1:** Heterocycle fused with benzothiazole as an anti-neoplastic agent

Amal M. Youssef et. al. reported synthesis of novel series of pyrido[2,1-b] benzo[d]thiazole and 2-(benzo [d]thiazol-2-ylamino)pyrimidine derivatives was synthesized. The synthesized compounds were evaluated for their anticancer activity. while compounds 3 and 4 induced high cytotoxic action with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 50.15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  and 50.45  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , respective 1 Compounds 3, 4, showed more cytotoxic effects than the control drug doxorubicin (IC<sub>50</sub> 52). Compound 5 was the most potent cytotoxic, with IC<sub>50</sub> 42.55  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ , while compounds 3a and 3b induced high cytotoxic action with IC<sub>50</sub> 50.15 and 50.45, respectively. [17]



**Figure 2:** Pyrimidine based benzothiazole derivatives

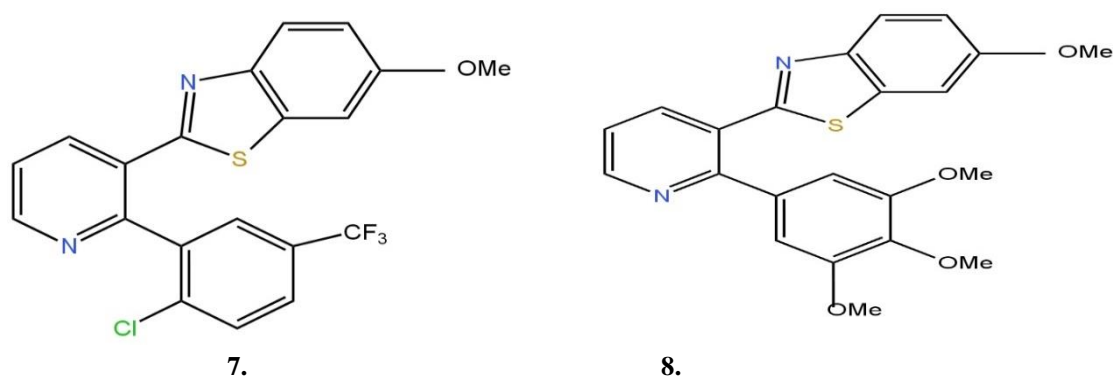
Stanton Hon Lung Kok et. al. synthesized benzothiazole containing phthalimide anticancer compound which shows potent cytotoxic activity towards three human cancer cell lines tested such as Human Burkitt's lymphoma cell line (B cell type) CA46, chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) K562 and hepatoma cell line SKHep1 were used for preliminary anti-cancer screening of the novel synthesized compound. Synthesized compound also shows anti-microbial activity including inhibition of Beta-lactamase. Study involve Caspase-dependent and -independent pathways are involved in benzothiazole containing phthalimide induced apoptosis on human cancer cells.[18]



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**Figure 3:** Phthalimide based benzothiazole derivatives

Kamal et. al. reported on a new series of benzothiazole-pyrrole-based conjugates for their cytotoxic efficacy against the MCF-7 cell line. MCF-7 cells behaved well to the apoptosis-inducing effects of compounds 7 and 8. Compound 7 shows carcinogenic expression of Ras and its downstream effector molecules, including MEK1, ERK1/2, p38MAPK, and VEGF. [19]



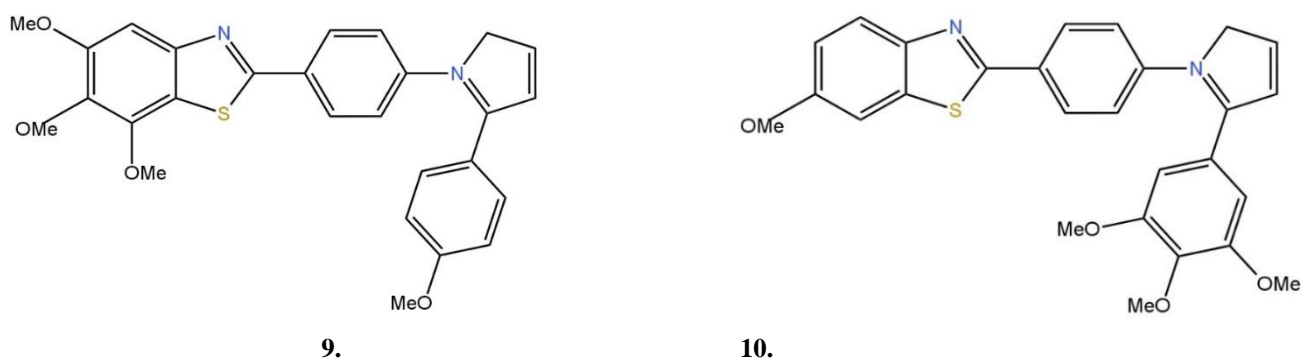
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**Figure 4:** Pyrrole based benzothiazole derivatives

### 1.2 Phenyl substituted based benzothiazole derivatives as an antineoplastic agent:

Ashraf et. al. developed and produced a series of colchicine site binding tubulin inhibitors. By modifying the combretastatin A-4 (CA4) pharmacophore utilizing benzothiazole scaffolds. These substances were tested for their ability to inhibit the proliferation of particular cancer cell lines. The two most effective compounds 9 and 10 showed an antiproliferative activity against HeLa cells (human cervical cancer cell line) that was comparable to and superior to that of CA4 ( $GI_{50} = 0.06 \text{ } 0.001 \text{ M}$  and  $0.04 \text{ } 0.001 \text{ M}$ , respectively). According to molecular docking experiments, these drugs attach to the tubulin colchicine site similarly to combretastatin A-4. SAR indicate methoxy group on the benzothiazole moiety at C-6 position was found to be crucial for the antiproliferative effect. [20]

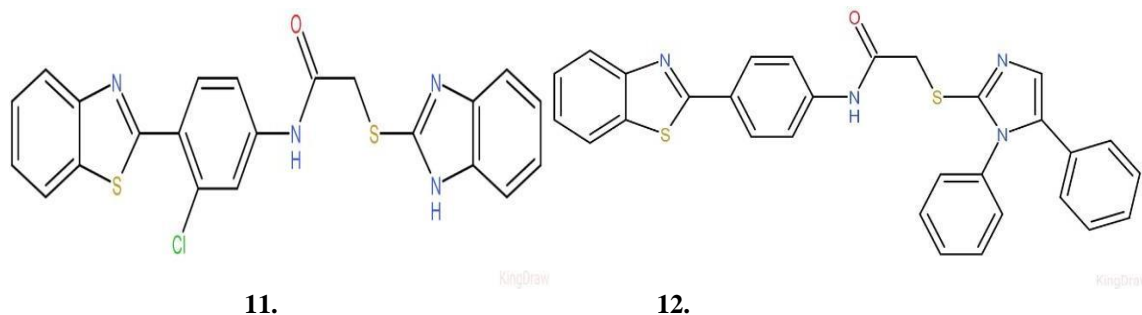


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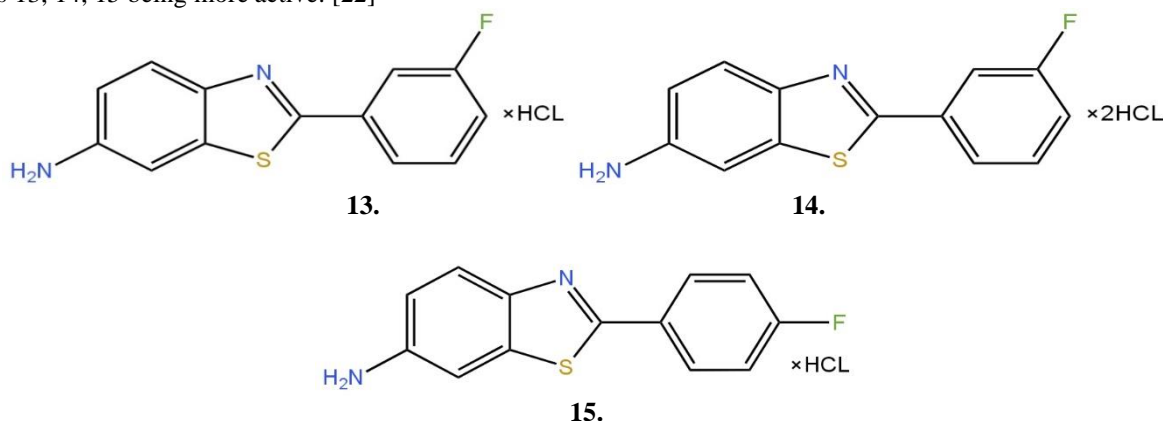
**Figure 5:** Phenyl substituted pyrrole based benzothiazole derivatives

Leyla Yurttta et. al. synthesized Twenty-five new N-[4-(benzothiazole-2-yl) phenyl] acetamide derivatives. All synthesized compound screened for their cytotoxic activity in vitro against 60 human tumor cell line. Out off twenty-five compound 11, namely N-[4-(benzothiazole-2-yl)-3-chlorophenyl]-2-[(benzimidazole-2-yl)thio]acetamide and compound 12, namely N-[4-(benzothiazole-2-yl) phenyl]-2-[(1,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole-2-yl)thio]acetamide, it shows potent anticancer activity against some cancer cell lines. Those selected for NCI's in vitro disease-oriented human tumor cell lines for compounds 11 and 12 on nine cancer disease at five concentrations gives mean log<sub>10</sub> GI<sub>50</sub> Values from which activity of compound higher than melphalan and lower than cisplatin. [21]



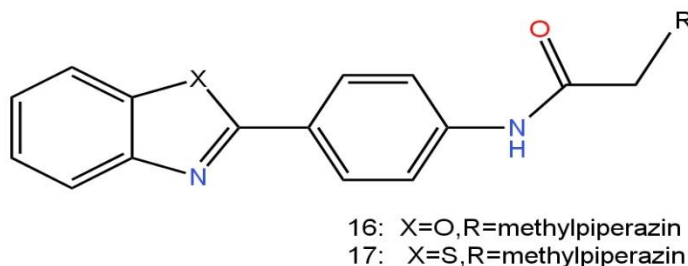
**Figure 6:** Phenyl substituted acetamide linkage benzothiazole derivatives

Livio Racane et. al. reported synthesis of hydrochloride salts of 6-amino-2-phenylbenzothiazole bearing different substituents (amino, diethylamino or fluoro) on the phenyl ring. compound 13 -19 exert cytostatic activities [Inhibitory effect] against various cell line malignant human cell lines: cervical (HeLa), breast (MCF-7), colon (CaCo-2), laryngeal carcinoma (Hep-2), and normal human fibroblast cell lines (WI38) against. All derivatives show moderate antitumor activity with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 9×10<sup>-6</sup> to 4×10<sup>-3</sup> M. from result it is concluded that activity order from ortho- meta- to para- position get decreased. Fluoro substituted derivatives 13, 14, 15 being more active. [22]



**Figure 7:** Phenyl substituted fluoro based benzothiazole derivatives

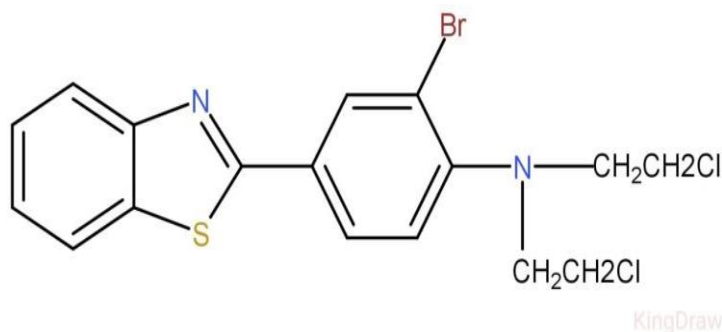
Mohamed A. Abdelgawad et. al. synthesized derivatives of benzothiazoles and benzoxazoles Prepared compounds were evaluated for their antitumor activities against human breast cancer cell lines, MCF-7 and MDA-231 231, using 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) cell viability analysis. Result indicates that all tested compounds having potent antitumor activity, especially the N-methyl piperazinyl substituted derivative 16 and 17, which displayed the most potent inhibitory activity with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 8 to 17 nM. Docking study of all synthesized compound performed s into the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), which is highly expressed in breast cancer. to gives an idea related to all possible interaction with EGFR. [23]



**Figure 8:** Phenyl substituted benzothiazole

Suvarna kini et. al. synthesis derivatives of 2-arylsubstituted benzothiazole, those compounds were confirmed by physical and

spectral data such as MP, Rf, IR, NMR. Compound SBCF, SBNCB, SBSNH (18) were found to be potent cytotoxic activity compared to the other derivatives selected for *in vivo* study using Swiss mice. Screening for antitumor activity included measuring EAC cell mortality with the Trypan blue exclusion assay. Compound 18 showed good activity on cell growth inhibition of cervical cancer cell lines. Comparison with standard cisplatin, SBSNH and SBCF showed moderate cytotoxicity. While SBNCB showed good activity, others show poor activity. [24]



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**Figure 9:** Phenyl substituted benzothiazole derivatives

## CONCLUSION:

There are great challenges in medicinal chemistry because cancer is one of the dangerous diseases, killing almost seven million people a year. Various benzothiazole derivatives are used in medicinal chemistry. This review gives an idea about how different types of substituted benzothiazole scaffolds are used in the management of different types of cancer, for example, breast, ovarian, renal, lung, colon cancer, gastric, liver, pancreatic cancers. This review gives a short summary of research on the antineoplastic activity of benzothiazole derivatives synthesized and evaluated for various cell lines by comparing with standard marketed drugs, which may be useful for the further development of new such derivatives.

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