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# Rational design, synthesis and anti-proliferative evaluation of novel 1,4-benzoxazine-[1,2,3]triazole hybrids



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#### 1. Introduction

The 2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3-(4*H*)-one scaffold has been extensively studied as an important heterocyclic system for building natural and designed synthetic compounds [1]. The 2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3-(4*H*)-ones and 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazines are frequently utilized as suitable scaffolds for the design of biologically active compounds, having various properties such as antibacterial [2], bacterial histidine protein kinases [3], for treating infections caused by *Mycobacterium* [4], for treating cardiovascular disease, myocardial necrosis or arrhythmia [5], peroxisome proliferator activated receptor (PPAR) agonist, diabetes, hyperlipidaemia[6], neuroprotectants [7], inhibitors of nitric oxide synthase, inflammatory, autoimmune, cardiovascular disorders [8,9], inhibitors of the coagulation serine proteases [10], anxiety and depression [11].

In general, 1,2,3-triazoles have received attention not only in organic chemistry but also in medicinal chemistry due to their easy synthesis by click chemistry bearing attractive features as well as numerous biological activities [12–16]. In particular, by combining 1,2,3-triazoles with other pharmacophores *via* click chemistry, a

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#### ABSTRACT

A series of novel 1,2,3-triazole-1,4-benzoxazine hybrids **5a**–**n** were efficiently synthesized employing click chemistry approach and evaluated for anti-proliferative activity against four cancer cell lines such as HeLa (cervical), MIAPACA (pancreatic), MDA-MB-231 (breast) and IMR32 (neuroblastoma). Compounds **5n** and **5g** exhibited promising anti-proliferative activity with Gl<sub>50</sub> values ranging from **1.2** to **2.5**  $\mu$ M and **0.1–1.1**  $\mu$ M respectively against all cell lines, like HeLa, MDA-MB-231, MIAPACA and IMR32, while compound **5I** showed significant activity against MDA-MB-231 and IMR32 with Gl<sub>50</sub> values ranging from **1.1** and **1.4**  $\mu$ M. This is the first report on the synthesis and *in vitro* anti-proliferative evaluation of 1,2,3-triazole-1,4-benzoxazine hybrids.

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number of compounds with potent antitumour activity were synthesized. For example, a series of 1,2,3-triazole bearing podophyllotoxins proved more potent than etoposide in selected human cancer cell lines [17], a library of 1,2,3-triazole analogues of combretastatin A-4 displayed potent cytotoxic activity against several cancer cell lines with IC<sub>50</sub> values in nano-molar range [18], a family of bifunctional hybrids of 1,2,3-triazole-tethered  $\beta$ -lactam-chalcones exhibited moderate to good cytotoxic activity [19] and *N*-((1benzyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methyl)arylamide was identified as a novel and proprietary antitumour molecule with IC<sub>50</sub> of 46  $\mu$ M against MCF-7 cancer cell line [20].

As shown in Fig. 1, compound (I) and (II) is a potential antibacterial agent and also acts as an inhibitor of bacterial histidine protein kinase [2,4]. The compound (III) possesses D2 receptor antagonistic activity and is a potential antipsychotic agent [21]. 1,4-Benzoxazinone (IV) inhibits the coagulation serine proteases factor Xa, thrombin and factor VIIa [10], and 1,4-benzoxazinone (VI) is a potential agent for treating anxiety and depression [11]. Myocardial necrosis or arrhythmia and 1,4-benzoxazine derivative (V) possesses peroxisome proliferator activated receptor (PPAR) agonist activity and could be used in treating diabetes, hyperlipidaemia and other diabetic complications [6].

As shown in Fig. 2, compound (a) is an aromatase inhibitor which could reduce the growth stimulatory effect of oestrogendependent breast cancer [22], compound (b) effectively inhibited



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Fig. 1. Representative examples of biologically active 1,4-benzoxazine derivatives.



Fig. 2. Triazole based under clinical trial cancer therapy agents.

epithelia proliferation [23], while contragestazol (c) exhibited outstanding effect on the suppression of Oophoroma cells [24]. All these compounds are under clinical trials for cancer therapy.

#### 2. Results and discussion

#### 2.1. Chemistry

Considering the above facts, it is of our interest to integrate both 1,4-benzoxazine and triazole pharmacophore units in one molecular platform to generate a newer scaffold for biological evaluation [25–30]. These 1,2,3-triazoles were efficiently prepared through Cu(I) catalysed click chemistry. In continuation to our ongoing research activities [31–38], to discover and develop tumour growth inhibitors and apoptotic inducers as potential new anti canceragents, we herein report an efficient method for the synthesis of novel 1,4-benzoxazine-1,2,3-triazole hybrids 5a-n in excellent yields. The synthesized hybrids 5a-n were evaluated for their in vitro anti-proliferative activity against four human cancer cell lines such as HeLa (cervical), MIAPACA (pancreatic), MDA-MB-231 (breast) and IMR32 (neuroblastoma) using an SRB cell proliferation assay to estimate the viability or growth. Significantly, the compounds **5n** and **5g** showed promising anti-proliferative activity with GI<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1.2 to 2.5 µM and 0.1-1.1 µM respectively against all cell lines, like HeLa, MDA-MB-231, MIAPACA and IMR32 human cancer cell lines.

The synthesis of the desired 4-(3-azidopropyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4] oxazin-3(4H)-ones was performed in three steps starting from amino phenol using 1,3-dibromo propane and sodium azide as intermediates. The first synthetic step involved the subsequent acylation of aminophenol with TEBA, NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and chloroacetyl chloride in chloroform, about 12 h and "in situ" cyclization delivered benzoxazinone **2** [39]. In the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and catalytic amount of TBAI, a secondary amine 2 was alkylated with 1,3dibromo propane in DMF solution about 1 h to give the corresponding tertiary amine **3** under room temperature conditions, in good yields. Organic azide **4** were generated *in situ* by reacting alkyl bromide 3 with NaN<sub>3</sub> at 120 °C in DMF solution for 12 h, and subsequently, copper salt, sodium ascorbate, and alkynes (procured from commercial sources) were added without isolating the intermediate organic azides (Scheme 1). Finally, using a one-pot protocol, 1,4-benzoxazin-1,2,3-triazole hybrids **5a**-**n** were



*Reagent & conditions*: i) TEBA, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, Chloroacetyl chloride, CHCl<sub>3</sub>,12 h, reflux, 55°C ii) 1,3-dibromo propane, TBAI, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, RT, 1 h, iii) NaN<sub>3</sub>, TBAB, DMF, 12 h, reflux, 120°C



Reagents & conditions: i) CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O, Sodium ascorbate, THF:H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1), rt, 24 h

Scheme 2. Synthesis of 1,4-benzoxazine-1,2,3-triazole hybrides 5(a-n).

obtained in excellent yields from organic azide 4-(3-azidopropyl)-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazin-3(4*H*)-one (**4**) (Scheme 2) (Table 1).

The synthesized 1,4-benzoxazin-1,2,3-triazole hybrids **5a**–**n** were confirmed on the basis of their spectral data. In <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, the characteristic singlet signal appeared for triazole **5a**–**n** in the range of  $\delta$  7.37–7.99 ppm. The structures for all these compounds were further confirmed by HRMS analysis. For instance, **5a** displayed a molecular ion peak at *m*/*z* 335.14975 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> suggesting the molecular formula of C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Additionally, the IR spectra for the target compounds **5a**–**n** exhibited characteristic absorption bands at 1662–1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1501, 1466, 1400 cm<sup>-1</sup> which corresponded to C=O and N–N, N=N, respectively.

#### 2.2. Effects of the compounds on the viability of human cancer cells

The *in vitro* anti-proliferative activity of the designed compounds **5a**–**n** were evaluated against a panel of four different human cancer cell lines, HeLa (cervical), MIAPACA (pancreatic), MDA-MB-231 (breast) and IMR32 (neuroblastoma) summarized in Table 2. The compounds were picked for an advanced assay against these four human cancer cell lines at five different concentrations (0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100  $\mu$ M). GI<sub>50</sub> (growth inhibitory activity) was calculated and these values corresponded to the concentration of the compound causing 50% decrease in the net cell growth as compared to the standard drugs, Doxorubicin and Paclitaxel. Results were calculated for each of these parameters if the level of activity was reached; however, if the effect was not achieved, the value was expressed as greater or less than the maximum or minimum concentration tested.

Based on Table 2, the synthesized compounds 5a-n showed significant to moderate cancer cell growth inhibition with GI<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.1 to >100 µM. The effect of various substituents on the 1,4-benzoxazine moiety was examined. The structure-activity relationship (SAR) study revealed that the orientation of substituent on 1,2,3-triazole ring is not only crucial but also required 1,4-benzoxazine along with a propyl linker for inducing the anti-proliferative activity against these cancer cell lines. In particular, the compounds 5g, 5l, 5m and 5n showed promising anti-proliferative activity with GI<sub>50</sub> values ranging from **0.1** to **1.1**, **1.1** to **23.2**, **0.1** to **12.5** and **1.2–2.5** µM respectively, against the four human cancer cell lines. Among them, compounds **5g** and **5n** showed potent anti-proliferative activity against all the four human cancer cell lines. The substituents on 1,4-benzoxazine containing triazin ring [phenathracyl (5e), pyridyl (5i) and butyl (5k)] were associated with a significant increase in the growth inhibitory effect against MIAPACA, MDA-MB-231 and IMR32 human cancer cell lines. In comparison, the saturated alkyl chain on triazin ring of the compounds **5g** and **5n** were more active than the remaining compounds, in particular on HeLa, MIAPACA, MDA-MB-231 and IMR32 cancer cell lines. Finally, we observed that the saturated alkane chain, aromatic hydrocarbon, and pyridyl groups on triazin containing 1,4-benzoxazine moiety, played an important role in the anti-proliferative activity (Fig 3).

#### 3. Conclusion

Taken together, we synthesized a series of novel 1,2,3-triazole-1,4-benzoxazine hybrids **5a**–**n** in good yields and performed antiproliferative activity against four different human cancer cell lines, namely HeLa, MIAPACA, MDA-MB-231 and IMR32 (cervical, pancreatic, breast and neuroblastoma, respectively). Among the tested cancer cell lines, Compound **5n** and **5g** exhibited promising anti-proliferative activity with  $GI_{50}$  values ranging from 1.2 to 2.5 µM and 0.1–1.1 µM respectively against all cell lines, like HeLa, MDA-MB-231, MIAPACA and IMR32, while compound 51 showed significant activity against MDA-MB-231 and IMR32 with  $GI_{50}$ values ranging from 1.1 and 1.4 µM. We succeeded in the orientation of substituent change on ring along with 1,4-benzoxazine and propyl linker which played a critical role in exhibiting promising anti-proliferative activities. This study provides valuable information for further design and developing more newer and potent antiproliferative agents.

#### 4. Experimental protocols

#### 4.1. Biological study

4.1.1. Materials and methods cell cultures, maintenance and anti proliferative evaluation

The cell lines, HeLa, MIAPACA, MDA MB 231 and IMR32 (cervical, pancreatic, breast and neuroblastoma) used in this study were procured from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), USA. The synthesized test compounds were evaluated for their in vitro antiproliferative activity in these four different human cancer cell lines. A protocol of 48 h continuous drug exposure was used and an SRB cell proliferation assay was used to estimate cell viability or growth. All the cell lines were grown in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (containing 10% FBS in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37 °C). Cells were trypsinized when sub-confluent from T25 flasks/60 mm dishes and seeded in 96-well plates in 100 µL aliquots at plating densities depending on the doubling time of individual cell lines. The microtiter plates were incubated at 37 °C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 95% air, and 100% relative humidity for 24 h prior to the addition of experimental drugs and were incubated for 48 h with different doses  $(0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100 \,\mu\text{M})$  of the prepared derivatives. After incubation at 37 °C for 48 h, the cell monolayers were fixed by the addition of 10% (wt/vol) cold trichloroacetic acid and incubated at 4 °C for 1 h and were then stained with 0.057% SRB dissolved in 1% acetic acid for 30 min at room temperature. Unbound SRB was washed with 1% acetic acid. The protein-bound dye was dissolved in 10 mM Tris base solution for OD determination at 510 nm using a microplate reader (Enspire, Perkin Elmer, USA). Using the seven absorbance

## Table 1 1,4-benzoxazine-1,2,3-triazole hybrides 5(a-n).

Entry	Azide	Alkyne	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
a		=-	5a N,N,N	69
b	4			83
С	4	C₅H <sub>11</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	64
d	4		C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	79
е	4		5e N <sup>-N</sup> N	79
f	4	ОСН3	5f N-N;N	89
g	4		OCH <sub>3</sub>	73

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Entry	Azide	Alkyne	Product	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
h	4		5h N <sup>2</sup> N N	70
i	4			68
j	4	М		80
k	4			74
I	4		CH <sub>3</sub>	77
m	4	CI	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> 5m	74
n	4	HO	Sn V-N V-Cl	62

<sup>a</sup> Isolated Yield.

measurements [time zero, (Tz), control growth, (C), and test growth in the presence of drug at the five concentration levels (Ti)], the percentage growth was calculated at each of the drug concentrations levels. Percentage growth inhibition was calculated as:

 $[(Ti-Tz)/(C-Tz)] \times 100$  for concentrations for which Ti>/=Tz

 $[(Ti-Tz)/Tz] \times 100$  for concentrations for which Ti < Tz.

The dose response parameter, growth inhibition of 50% (GI<sub>50</sub>) was calculated from  $[(Ti-Tz)/(C-Tz)] \times 100 = 50$ , which is the drug concentration resulting in a 50% reduction in the net protein increase (as measured by SRB staining) in control cells during the drug incubation. Values were calculated for this parameter if the level of activity is reached; however, if the effect is not reached or is exceeded, the value for that parameter was expressed as greater or less than the maximum or minimum concentration tested.

Table 2	
$(Gl_{ro})^{a}$ values of the tested compounds against four human cancer cell lines	

S. no.	Compounds	HeLa	MIAPACA	MDA-MB-231	IMR32
1	5a	9.0 ± 0.7	$94.0 \pm 0.5$	$4.9 \pm 0.6$	$\textbf{0.37} \pm \textbf{0.02}$
2	5b	$14.3 \pm 0.84$	>100	$1.12 \pm 0.2$	$4.4 \pm 0.09$
3	5c	>100	>100	$5.0 \pm 0.7$	$43.5 \pm 0.8$
4	5d	>100	>100	$5.0 \pm 0.6$	$\textbf{1.3} \pm \textbf{0.05}$
5	5e	>100	$8.4 \pm 0.3$	>100	$0.13 \pm 0.03$
6	5f	$4.9 \pm 0.2$	$15.7 \pm 0.7$	$41.5 \pm 0.1$	$49.9 \pm 0.7$
7	5g	$0.10 \pm 0.3$	0.15 ± 0.09	$1.1 \pm 0.08$	$\textbf{0.71} \pm \textbf{0.07}$
8	5h	$10.0 \pm 0.9$	$5.8 \pm 0.07$	$4.8 \pm 0.5$	$2.0 \pm 0.08$
9	5i	>100	$8.2 \pm 0.5$	$3.0 \pm 0.7$	$0.86 \pm 0.05$
10	5j	$7.3 \pm 0.5$	<b>1.01 ± 0.6</b>	$5.7 \pm 0.2$	$5.5 \pm 0.3$
11	5k	$1.02 \pm 0.5$	$2.5 \pm 0.1$	$3.6 \pm 0.3$	$5.7 \pm 0.7$
12	51	$23.2 \pm 0.6$	$2.6 \pm 0.3$	$1.1 \pm 0.04$	$\textbf{1.4} \pm \textbf{0.06}$
13	5m	$0.10 \pm 0.3$	$12.5 \pm 0.5$	$6.4 \pm 0.5$	$\textbf{0.2} \pm \textbf{0.06}$
14	5n	$2.0 \pm 0.5$	$2.5 \pm 0.5$	$1.2 \pm 0.1$	$\textbf{1.2} \pm \textbf{0.06}$
Doxorubicin <sup>b</sup>		0.073 ± 0.001	$0.097 \pm 0.002$	$0.085 \pm 0.001$	$\textbf{0.023} \pm \textbf{0.002}$
Paclitaxel <sup>b</sup>		$0.025 \pm 0.001$	$\textbf{0.056} \pm \textbf{0.002}$	$0.091 \pm 0.005$	$\textbf{0.075} \pm \textbf{0.003}$

The significance of bold is indication nearer value to standard drug.

<sup>a</sup> GI<sub>50</sub>: 50% Growth inhibition, concentration of drug (in μM) resulting in a 50% reduction in net protein increase compared with control cells.

<sup>b</sup> Positive controls.

#### 4.2. General information

All the solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. Melting points were measured with a Fischer-Johns melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectra were recorded on 300 (Bruker) and 500 MHz (Varian) spectrometers in appropriate solvents using TMS as internal standard or the solvent signals as secondary standards and the chemical shifts are represented in  $\delta$  scales. Multiplicities of NMR signals are designated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), br (broad), m (multiplet, for unresolved lines), etc. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 75 MHz spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer model 683 or 1310 spectrometers with sodium chloride optics or KBr pellets with neat. ESI-MS were recorded on Thermo Finnigan LCQ ion trap mass spectrometer equipped with electron spray ionization. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained by using ESI-OTOF mass spectrometer. All the experiments were monitored by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on silica gel G F<sub>254</sub> pre-coated plates. After elution, the plate was visualized for the spots on TLC plates which was achieved either by exposure to UV (254 nm) light, iodine vapour and/or by dipping the plates in phosphomolybdic acid-ceric (IV) sulphate-sulphuric acid solution (PMA solution) and heating the plates at 110 °C. Solvents were removed under vacuum and heated in a water bath at 40 °C. Silica gel (60–120 mesh) was used for column chromatography. Columns were packed as the slurry of silica gel in hexane and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent/solvent mixture prior to use. The compounds were loaded neat or as a concentrated solution using the appropriate solvent system. Appropriate names (if possible) for



Fig. 3. Design strategy for new 1,4-benzoxazin-1,2,3-triazole hybrids.

all the new compounds were given with the help of Chem BioOffice v12.0; 2012.

#### 4.3. Synthesis of 2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (2)

To a mixture of 2-aminophenol (49.98 mmol), TEBA (50 mmol) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (200 mmol) in CHC1<sub>3</sub> (30 mL) was added a solution of 2-chloroacetyl chloride (72.21 mmol) in CHC1<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) for 1 h. Dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 1 h at the same temperature and then heated to 55 °C for 10 h with stirring. The resulting mixture was concentrated under vacuum and then 50 mL of water was added. The precipitate was collected, recrystallized from ethanol to give 2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxazin-3(4*H*)-one as a white solid (48% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.55 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.97–6.86 (m, 4H, Ar–H), 9.53 (br s, 1H, NH).

## 4.4. Synthesis of 4-(3-bromopropyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**3**)

To a stirred solution of compound **2** (20 mmol) in DMF (15 mL), ice cold solution of 1,3-dibromopropane (20 mmol) in 100 mL of DMF with vigorous stirring and tetra-*n*-butyl ammonium iodide (2 mol%), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (60 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and then poured into 800 mL of brine. Thus, suitably substituted 4*H*-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one (**2**) was deprotonated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and alkylated with 1,3-dibromopropane. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic extracts were dried on Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After filtration, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using an eluent of 35% ethyl acetate in hexane. Yield: 62%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.23–2.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>–Br), 4.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.00–7.03 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.05–7.08 (m, 2H, Ar–H).

#### 4.5. Synthesis of 4-(3-azidopropyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)one (**4**)

A mixture of sodium azide (10 mmol), alkyl bromide **3** (50 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (5–10 mol%), DMF (30 mL) were refluxed with efficient stirring for 12 h at 120 °C. The product was cooled to room temperature and extracted with ethyl acetate and cold water, dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated under vacuum. The residue obtained was purified over silica gel

column chromatography to afford compound **4** in 75% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.78–1.97 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.02 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57–4.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.99–7.04 (m, 4H, Ar–H).

### 4.6. General procedure for the synthesis of 1,4-benzoxazine-1,24-triazoles 5a-n

To a solution of alkyne (43 mmol) with azide (43 mmol) in THF/ H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1), was added CuSO<sub>4</sub>.5H<sub>2</sub>O (8.6 mmol), sodium ascorbate (17.2 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, then H<sub>2</sub>O was added and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure. The desired product was purified by column chromatography using an eluent of 50% ethyl acetate in hexane.

### 4.6.1. 4-(3-(4-phenyl-1-H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b] [1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5a**)

Light blue solid (69% yield): m.p: 118–121 °C; IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ): 3427, 3132, 2957, 1680, 1605, 1501, 1466, 1400, 1278, 1223, 1129, 1049, 975, 773, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.37–2.42 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.91–6.93 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.33–7.36 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.41–7.45 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.82–7.85 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.92 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.76, 38.21, 47.82, 67.51, 114.59, 117.34, 120.29, 120.45, 123.06, 124.23, 125.69, 128.16, 128.28, 128.83, 130.46, 130.88, 132.45, 145.30, 164.73; MS (ESI): *m/z* 335[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 335.15025, Found: 335.14975.

#### 4.6.2. 4-(3-(4-p-tolyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b] [1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5b**)

Light brown solid (83% yield): m.p: 114–118 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3552, 3102, 2957, 2925, 2854, 1662, 1604, 1591, 1503, 1415, 1322, 1281, 1234, 1159, 1129, 1056, 976, 872, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.36–2.41 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.90–6.93 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar–H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar–H), 7.87 (s, 1H, N–N–CH; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  21.25, 27.78, 38.29, 47.81, 67.52, 114.61, 117.33, 119.89, 123.05, 124.22, 125.62, 127.66, 127.90, 129.49, 138.00, 145.32, 147.86, 164.71; MS (ESI): *m/z* 349 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 349.16590, Found: 349.16527.

## 4.6.3. 4-(3-(4-pentylphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5c**)

White solid (64% yield)): m.p: 110–112 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3366, 3097, 2954, 2933, 2854, 1692, 1602, 1497, 1459, 1397, 1321, 1274, 1233, 1162, 1127, 1054, 846, 816, 764 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.89 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.32–1.37 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.62–1.67 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35–2.42 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.06 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.47 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.90–6.92 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 6.99–7.03 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar–H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar–H), 7.87 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.03, 22.53, 27.80, 29.68, 31.08, 31.46, 35.70, 38.29, 47.83, 67.54, 114.63, 117.35, 119.93, 123.09, 124.25, 125.64, 127.84, 128.89, 143.15, 152.09, 164.75; MS (ESI): m/z 405[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 405.22850, Found: 405.22786.

### 4.6.4. 4-(3-(4-(6-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl) propyl)-2H-benzo [b] [1,4] oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5d**)

Pale brown solid (79% yield)): m.p: 148–152 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3559, 3125, 2956, 1663, 1610, 1503, 1467, 1416, 1327, 1280, 1260,

1223, 1165, 1055, 894, 861, 820, 781, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.39–2.45 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.94 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.09 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.92–6.95 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.00–7.05 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.14–7.19 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.78–7.81 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.89–7.91 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.99 (s, 1H, N–N–CH), 8.27 (s, 1H, Ar–H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 29.02, 38.00, 47.63, 53.67, 67.25, 105.51, 114.43, 117.08, 119.06, 120.15, 122.83, 124.00, 124.14, 125.49, 127.13, 127. 62, 128.69, 129.41, 134.08, 145.07, 147.59, 157.64, 164.53; MS (ESI): *m/z* 415[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Cacld for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 415.17647, Found: 415.17485.

#### 4.6.5. 4-(3-(4-(Phenanthren-10-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3 (4H)-one (**5e**)

Brown solid (79% yield)): m.p: 140–144 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3365, 3121, 3077, 2926, 2851, 1682, 1603, 1500, 1451, 1404, 1319, 1277, 1230, 1129, 1054, 921, 851, 759, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.46–2.52 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.59 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.64 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.96–6.98 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.02–7.06 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.61–7.65 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.67–7.72 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.92 (s, 1H, N–N–CH), 8.02 (s, 2H, Ar–H), 8.40 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar–H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.86, 38.28, 47.94, 67.53, 114.58, 117.39, 122.53, 122.98, 123.09, 123.45, 124.26, 126.08, 126.70,126.86, 126.94,127.10, 128.39, 128.87, 130.05, 131.25, 144.26, 146.81, 164.75; MS (ESI): *m/z* 435[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 435.18155, Found: 435.17951.

#### 4.6.6. 4-(3-(4-(Methoxyphenyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2Hbenzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3 (4H) -one (**5f**)

White solid (89% yield)): m.p: 84–88 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3435, 3137, 3083, 3021, 2986, 2932, 2857, 2833, 2429, 2087, 1604, 1589, 1489, 1358, 1323, 1306, 1291, 1222, 1160, 1130, 1037, 994, 847, 792, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.34–2.44 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.62 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.88–6.93 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.02 (s, 3H, Ar–H), 7.31–7.39 (m, 2H, Ar–H), 7.47 (s, 1H, Ar–H), 7.91 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.77, 38.23, 47.85, 55.33, 67.49, 110.67, 114.27, 114.58, 117.34, 118.09, 120.48, 123.05, 124.23, 127.85, 129.85, 131.76, 145.29, 147.61, 159.97, 164.71; MS (ESI): *m/z* 365 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 365.16082, Found: 365.16056.

#### 4.6.7. 4-(3-(4-Hexyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b] [1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5g**)

Pale brown solid (73% yield)): m.p: 80–85 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3546, 3342, 3111, 3060, 2989, 2954, 2923, 2854, 2425, 1682, 1604, 1501, 1461, 1404, 1281, 1237, 1219, 1129, 1056, 1032, 785, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29–1.32 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.34–1.40 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.64–1.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30–2.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) 2.72 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.40 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.87–6.89 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 6.99–7.03 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.38 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.05, 22.54, 25.64, 27.73, 28.91,29.44, 31.55, 38.32, 47.57, 67.51, 114.59, 117.29, 121.13, 123.03, 124.18, 127.91, 135.73, 145.28, 164.65; MS (ESI): m/z 343 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 343.21285, Found: 343.21166.

#### 4.6.8. 4-(3-(4-(Pyridin-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2Hbenzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5h**)

Light red liquid (70% yield): IR (KBr, v): 3422, 2924, 2854, 1680, 1501, 1405, 1053, 771 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.38–2.43 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.92–6.96 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 4H, Ar–H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 1H, N–N–CH), 8.07 (s, 1H, Ar–H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 8.57 (s, 1H, Ar–H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.26, 37.73, 49.09, 66.99, 114.23, 116.86, 120.80, 122.57,

123.49, 124.20, 126.48, 127.37, 132.77, 144.85, 146.13, 148.28, 164.31; MS (ESI): m/z 336[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 336.14550, Found: 336.14493.

#### 4.6.9. 4-(3-(4-(Pyridin-3-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2Hbenzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5i**)

Light red liquid (68% yield)): IR (KBr, v): 3419, 2924, 2854, 1681, 1501, 1466, 1407, 1279, 1231, 1128, 1053, 807, 755, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.37–2.43 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.93–6.95 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.00–7.04 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.37–7.40 (m, 1H, N–N–CH), 8.07 (s, 1H, Ar–H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar–H), 8.57 (s, 1H, Ar–H), 9.01 (s, 1H, Ar–H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  28.91, 33.78, 49.15, 69.16, 114.28, 116.86, 120.89, 123.550, 124.26, 127.42, 132.82, 143.95, 144.87, 146.22, 148.33, 164.36; MS (ESI): *m/z* 336 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 336.14550, Found: 336.14468.

#### 4.6.10. 4-(3-(4-(Hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2Hbenzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3 (4H)-one (5j)

Pale brown liquid (80% yield); IR (KBr, v): 3418, 2973, 2928, 1682, 1504, 1403, 1280, 1219, 1180, 1145, 1056, 952, 913, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.86–1.92 (m, 1H, OH), 2.00–2.04 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.42–4.44 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57–4.61 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.79 (s, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.83–7.05 (m, 4H, Ar–H), 7.72 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.77, 38.23, 47.85, 55.33, 67.49, 114.58, 117.34, 118.00, 120.48, 123.05, 124.23, 129.85, 145.29, 159.97; MS (ESI): *m/z* 289 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 289.12952, Found: 289.12878.

#### 4.6.11. 4-(3-(4-Butyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b] [1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5k**)

White solid (74% yield): m.p: 65–68 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3444, 3111, 3060, 2956, 2925, 2856, 1682, 1604, 1501, 1461, 1403, 1328, 1281, 1238, 1216, 1184, 1146, 1056, 923, 784, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37–1.42 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.63–1.69 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.29–2.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.02 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.41 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.60–4.62 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89–6.92 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.00–7.03 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.46 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.05, 22.54, 25.64, 29.44, 31.55, 38.32, 47.57, 67.51, 114.59, 117.29, 121.13, 123.03, 124.18, 127.91, 145.33. 164.65; MS (ESI): *m/z* 315[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Cacld for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 315.18155, Found: 315.18050.

#### 4.6.12. 4-(3-(4-Propyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2H-benzo[b] [1,4]oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5**I)

Brown liquid (77% yield); IR (KBr, v): 3438, 2925, 2854, 1682, 1502, 1465, 1404, 1278, 1128, 1054, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.88 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.64–1.70 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30–2.35 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.72 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.40 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.87–6.89 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.00–7.03 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.38 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.05, 25.64, 31.55, 38.32, 47.57, 67.51, 114.59, 117.29, 121.13, 123.03, 124.18, 127.91, 135.73, 145.28, 164.65; MS (ESI): m/z 301 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 301.16590, Found: 301.16479.

#### 4.6.13. 4-(3-(4-(3-Chloropropyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propyl)-2Hbenzo[b][1,4]oxazin-3 (4H)-one (**5m**)

Brown solid (74% yield)): m.p: 71–79 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3545, 3112, 3062, 2926, 2853, 1657, 1605, 1503, 1456, 1419, 1329, 1280, 1234, 1185, 1131, 1057, 926, 826, 749, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.64–1.69 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30–2.36 (m, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.40 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>),

6.87–6.89 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 7.00–7.02 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.38 (s, 1H, N–N–CH);  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  25.64, 27.73, 31.55, 38.32, 47.57, 67.51, 114.59, 117.29, 121.13, 124.18, 123.03, 135.73, 145.28, 164.65; MS (ESI): *m/z* 335[M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl: 335.12693, Found: 335.12569.

### 4.6.14. 4-(3-(4-(1-Hydroxycyclohexyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl) propyl)-2H-benzo[b][1,4] oxazin-3(4H)-one (**5n**)

White solid (62% yield)): m.p: 125–130 °C; IR (KBr, v): 3367, 3138, 3069, 2921, 2856, 1605, 1500, 1459, 1446, 1433, 1335, 1295, 1237, 1210, 1175, 1163, 1144, 1129, 1070, 1035, 1001, 984, 833, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.26 (s, 1H, CH), 1.38 (s, 1H, CH), 1.54–1.59 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.72–1.80 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.86–1.91 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.96–2.02 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>, OH), 2.31–2.37 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.03 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.42 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.61 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.87–6.90 (m, 1H, Ar–H), 6.99–7.04 (m, 3H, Ar–H), 7.57 (s, 1H, N–N–CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  21.95, 25.31, 27.66, 29.32, 29.63, 38.06, 38.22, 47.68, 67.45, 69.43, 114.53, 117.30, 120.21, 123.00, 124.19, 127.82, 145.23, 155.57, 164.64; MS (ESI): *m/z* 357 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; HRMS: Cacld for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 357.19212, Found: 357.19106.

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