

# Design and Synthesis of Sulindac New Derivatives as Possible Mutual Prodrug with Potential to Maximized Therapeutic Area

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## Abstract

The urgent necessity today for development of anti cancer agent is crucial so highly dependent for searching for new anti neoplastic action ,the drug discovery process is costly and consume long time ,in my study focusing my efforts toward drug optimization process using sulindac (NSAID) which has a fantastic attractive area as anti cancer and anticancer in addition to it is anti inflammatory action .

The study describes design and synthesis of mutual pro-drug of sulindac in combination with thenatural anti oxidants (menthol ,thymol ,vanillin,guiacol) as a single integral pharmaceutical unit byan chloro acetyl chlorideas spacer to form an ester mutual prodrug with expected to improve the anti inflammatory ,anti cancer , antioxidant action of sulindac by the conjugation with natural anti oxidative integral moiety and minimized the ulcerogenic adverse effect of sulindacit is carboxylic acid functionality .The synthesis is conferred byH1NMR, FT-IR, CHN and physiochemical properties.

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## Introduction

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) consider as growing nucleus for driving research to screening anti neoplastic agents with due it is wide therapeutic & clinical applications that coverage a significant population in diversity clinical area in the world wide.

The epidemiological studies mention & demonstrate the fantastic action of NSAIDs in the prevention & treatment of cancer in the therapeutic area of NSAIDs with therapeutic dosage regimen.

The sulindac is only NSAID has a marked anti cancer action and a novel immunological mechanism <sup>[1]</sup> as well as anti oxidant activity <sup>[2]</sup>.

Today the human healthy life is limited to susceptibility of our vital organs and their cellular building units to natural environments and fresh natural bio resources .

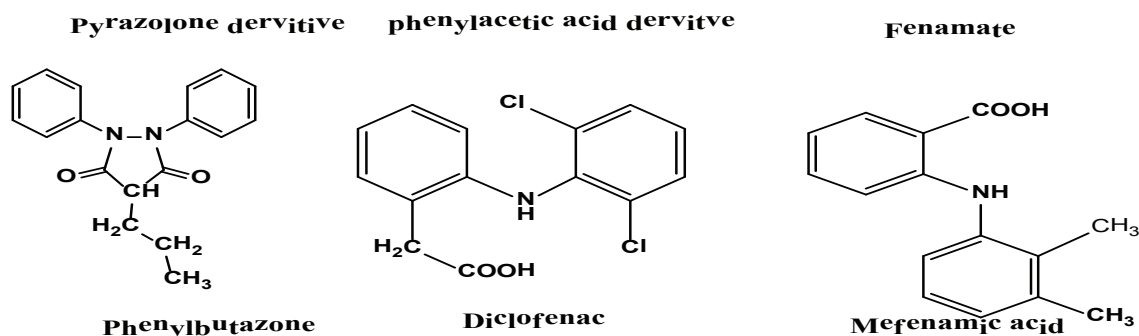
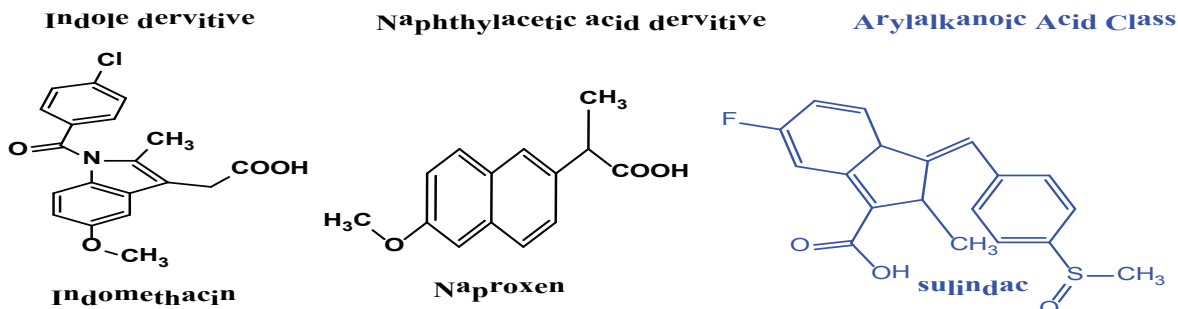
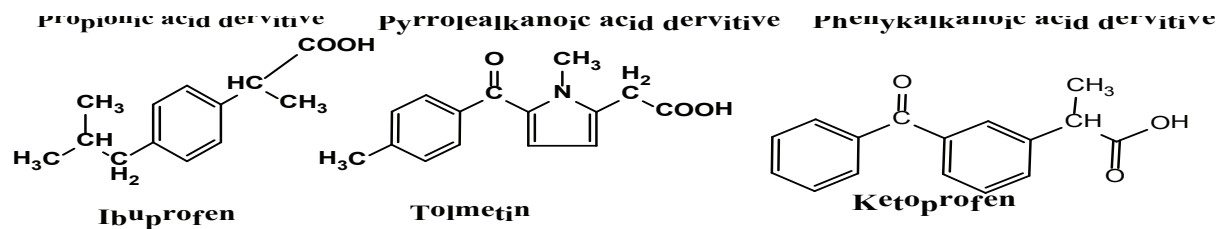
The rapid explosive developmental revolution in different area of life( industrial , agricultural, nutritional

etc )has been accomplished by the marked incidence of an auto immune disorders mainly rheumatoid arthritis which is one of major complicated disease limits human life <sup>[3,4]</sup>.

On other hand, The generation of free radicals have been contributing etiology in Parkinson's disease, senile and drug-induced deafness, schizophrenia, arthritis, ,diabetes mellitus, aging process and Alzheimer's<sup>[5]</sup>.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) display promising anticancer activity in many patient with solid tumors involving colorectal cancer. Previous evidence referred to that sulindac sulfide (SS) can inhibit the growth of tumor cells through cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) based path way or other biomechanical ways.

Clearly, COX-2 independent mechanismincludeda low toxic criteria to support the clinical potential sulindac as a chemoprevention drug. However, the molecular mechanisms responsible for COX-2 independent pathway have not been completely elucidated<sup>[6]</sup>



One of predicted mechanism says that carcinogenic cell obey a critical remodeling phase of intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  homeostasis that rationalize to critical cancer hallmarks. Store-operated  $Ca^{2+}$  entry (SOCE), a  $Ca^{2+}$  entry pathway In addition, majority of carcinogenic cells generate the Warburg effect, a metabolic switch from mitochondrial metabolism to glycolysis that supplies survival advantages.

The selection of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs depolarize mitochondria, inhibit mitochondrial  $Ca^{2+}$  uptake that promote SOC inactivation, leading to inhibition of both SOCE and carcinogenic cell proliferation. Thus, mitochondria sustain store-proceeds currents in colon neoplastic cells but not in non neoplastic normal colonic cells and this action is counteracted by selected NSAIDs supplying a pathway for cancer chemoprevention<sup>[7]</sup>

The anti-inflammatory drugs Sulindac and Aspirin, displays significantly higher IC50 values in proliferation

assays for AA cell lines compared to CA cell lines indicating the anti-inflammatory actions of these drugs by measuring the secretion of inflammatory cytokines and MAPKs activation in response to the pro-inflammatory cytokine TNF-alpha<sup>[8]</sup>

Sulindac can reduce the number and size of precancerous colonic adenomas in patients with history adenomatous polyposis (FAP), but is not recommended for long-term as a cancer chemopreventive drug due to fatal toxicities related to cyclooxygenase (COX) inhibition<sup>[9]</sup>

Natural antioxidants are the most important molecules for centuries, it has been used in traditional medicine and has been shown to possess various pharmacological properties including antioxidant, free radical scavenging, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antispasmodic, antibacterial, antifungal, antiseptic and antitumor activities<sup>[10]</sup>

The pharmacological criteria of thymol is for example it has a multiple therapeutic actions against various metabolic and malignant diseases at both biochemical and molecular levels ,cardiovascular, rheumatological,neurological,gastrointestinal. It is promising therapeutic potential, molecular mechanisms and pharmacological properties as well as pharmacokinetic criteria for the pharmaceutical development of thymol<sup>[11][12]</sup>.

Here we characterize the antineoplastic actions of a novel sulindac derivatives in conjugation with natural anti oxidants as mutual prodrug to combine the anti neoplastic action of sulindac with anti neoplastic anti oxidative power of the nature as a single synergistic integral therapeutic unit with minimal adverse effects

## Materials and Methods

### Experimental:

All reagents and anhydrous solvents were of analytical grade and supplied from (Sigma-Aldrich Germany ; BDH England ;ReidalDehean Germany). Melting points were determined by capillary tube method by melting point apparatus SMP30 Stuart(UK). Rf values were determined through using ascending thin layer chromatography method , on DC-Kartan SI Alumina 0.2 mm to ensure the purity and flow of the reaction, using methanol: chloroform (50:50) as mobile phase. Determination of FT-IR spectra done by FT-IR Shimadzu spectrophotometer, at faculty of pharmacy, kufa university, by using KBr discs. CHN microanalysis has been done in a central bio-chemical laboratory faculty of pharmacy-Kufa university, by using Euro EA 3000 elemental analyzer (Italy),HNMR).

### Chemical synthesis:

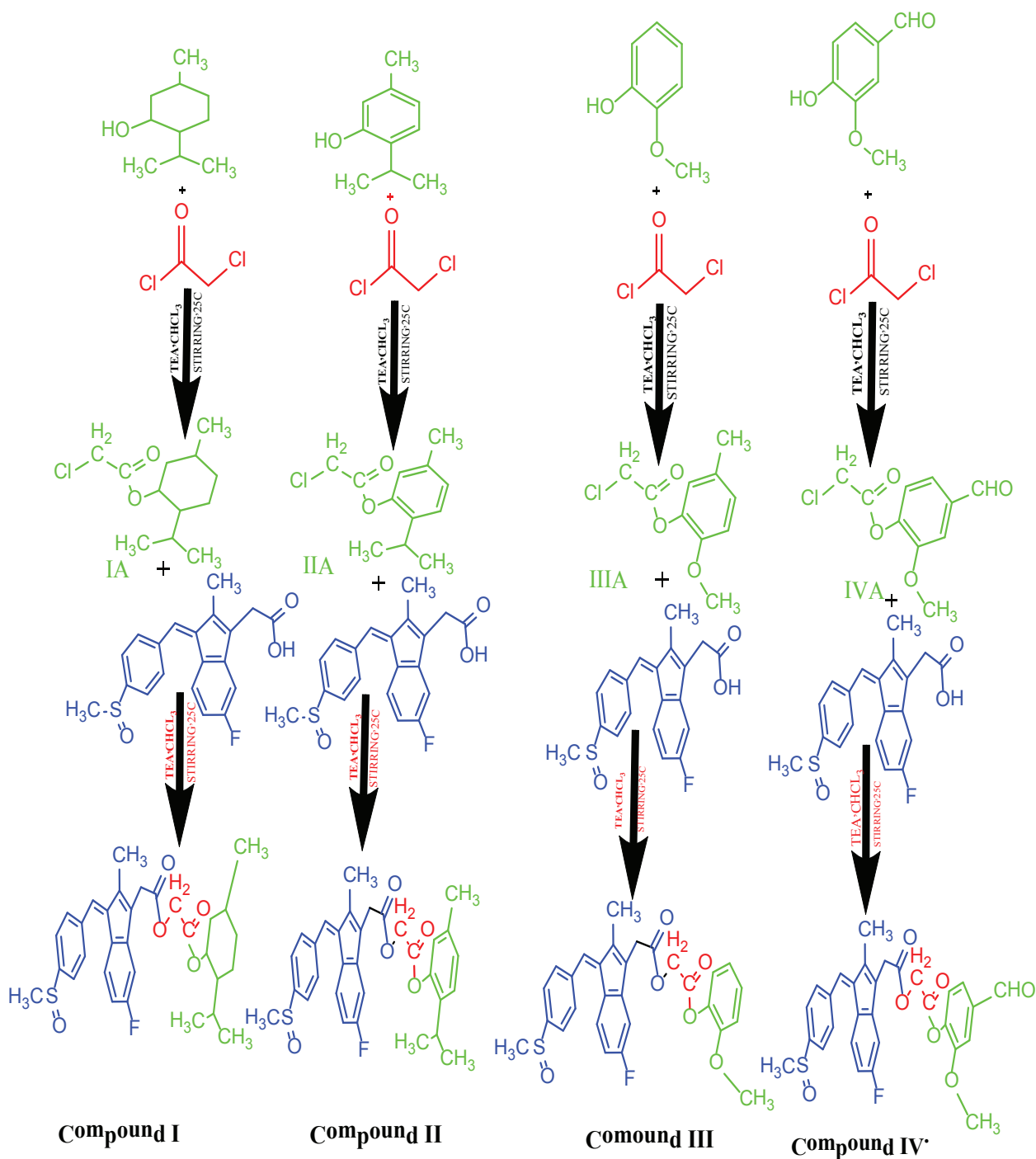
#### Chemistry:

#### 1-Coupling reaction of antioxidants with chloroacetylchloride:

Antioxidant(menthol or thymol or guaiacol or vanilline) (10mmol) from each antioxidant coupling separately, was dissolved in chloroform (40 ml), then TEA (1.4 ml, 10mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred on ice bath, chloroacetylchloride (0.78 ml, 10mmol in 10 ml CHCl<sub>3</sub>) was added drop wise with continuous stirring over a period of one hour, followed by refluxing of the mixture for three hours. Then, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the recrystallized from methanol, to provide compounds ( IA , IIA, IIIA and IVA) respectively[13]. The percent yield, physical appearance, and Rf values were given in table(1), and FT-IR spectrum was given in table 2.

#### 2-Coupling reaction of sulindac with compounds ( IA , IIA, IIIA and IVA).

A mixture of each compound( IA or IIA or IIIA or IVA) (8mmol), and sulindac (8mmol), were dissolved in chloroform (40 ml), then TEA (1.1ml, 8mmol), was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure ; the residue was triturated with acetone and recrystallized from methanol.[13,14,15] The percent yield, physical appearance, and Rf values were given in table 1, and FT-IR spectrum was given in table 2. All steps of the synthesis of all compounds are presented in following scheme .



### Result and Discussion

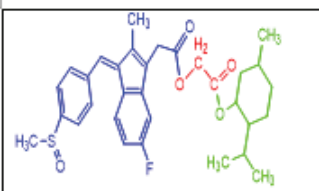
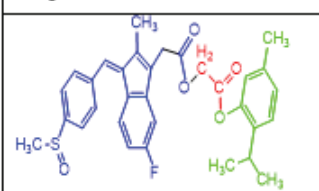
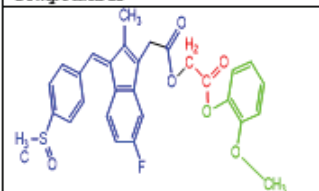
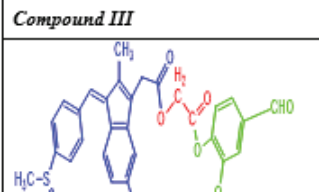
Mutual new an ester derivatives of sulindac with natural antioxidants (menthol ,thymol ,vanillin ,guaiacol) were synthesized by the scheme that shown above. They were studied to physico-chemical characterization, the

data are shown in Table 1, and their structures were confirmed by the FT-IR spectroscopy, thus confirmed the formation of double an ester bonds in the synthesized new derivatives of sulindac with the natural antioxidant as united molecule with combined therapeutic action

Table (1) the physicochemical properties of the synthesized compounds:

Synthesized compounds	chemical formula	Molecular weight	Description	% yield	Melting point oC	Rf value
Compound IA	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClO <sub>2</sub>	232	Yellow oil	88	.....	0.55
Compound.IIA	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> ClO <sub>2</sub>	226	Orange oil	95	.....	0.46
Compound IIIA	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ClO <sub>4</sub>	229	Yellow oil	90	.....	0.86
Compound IVA	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ClO <sub>3</sub>	214	Red oil	95	.....	0.76
Compound I	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>37</sub> FO <sub>5</sub> S	523	Yellow crystal	90	133-135	0.86
Compound II	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>31</sub> FO <sub>5</sub> S	547	Yellow crystal	88	78-80	0.52
Compound III	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>25</sub> FO <sub>6</sub> S	520	Orange crystal	80	144-146	0.83
CompoundIV	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>25</sub> FO <sub>7</sub> S	549	Orange crystal	66	115-117	0.36

**1H-NMR and C,H,N MICRO ANALYSIS**

 <p><b>Compound I</b></p>	<p>(6H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.1 ppm), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.5 ppm), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 0.9 ppm), (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, 3.6 ppm), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.9 ppm), (1H, CH, 2.9 ppm), (1, CH, 3 ppm).  <b>Calculated: C, 69.54; H, 6.75</b>  <b>actual: C, 69.2; H, 6.2</b></p>
 <p><b>Compound II</b></p>	<p>(6H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.3 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.1 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.1 PPM) (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, 3.1 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.8 PPM).  <b>Calculated: C, 70.31; H, 5.72</b>  <b>Actual: C, 70.2; H, 5.71</b></p>
 <p><b>Compound III</b></p>	<p>(6H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.3 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.1 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.1 PPM) (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, 3.1 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.9 PPM).  <b>Calculated: C, 66.91; H, 4.84</b>  <b>Actual: C, 66.3; H, 4.54</b></p>
 <p><b>Compound IV</b></p>	<p>(6H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.3 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.1 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.1 PPM) (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, 3.1 PPM), (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.9 PPM), (1H, CH, 9.8 PPM).  <b>Calculated: C, 65.68; H, 4.59</b>  <b>Actual: C, 67.68; H, 4.77</b></p>

## Conclusions:

The synthesis of the designed compounds of sulindac and natural antioxidants (menthol, thymol, guaiacol, vanillin) (as a single unit) has been successfully achieved by chloroacetyl chloride as arm between sulindac and natural moiety.

The Purity and structural formulas of the synthesized compounds were confirmed by melting points determination,  $R_f$  values, FT-IR spectroscopy (C.H.N) microanalysis and  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Ethical Clearance:** this study did not involve the testing on human or laboratory animal.

## Recommendations:

1-Full kinetic studies of final compounds.

2-Study of the cell line to evaluate anti neo plastic activity.

3-Determination of COX-2 selectivity of the tested compounds by assessing COX-2:COX-1 inhibitory ratio using human whole blood assay.

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