# Design, Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Novel Pyrimidine Derivatives as Bone Anabolic Agents Promoting Osteogenesis via BMP2/SMAD1 Signaling Pathway

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#### **Chemistry:**

#### 1. Material and Methods:

All materials and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers from Sigma Aldrich or Alfa-Aesar or Spectrochem and used without further purification. All the glass apparatus were oven-dried prior to use. Silica gel (mesh size 100-200) was used for column chromatography and TLC was performed on Merck- pre-coated silica gel 60-F254 and aluminum oxide 60-F254 plates. The solvents of Thermo-Fisher were used for the column chromatography. The melting point was recorded with the COMPLAB melting point apparatus. All the synthesized compounds were fully characterized by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, ESI-MS, and ESI-HRMS analysis. <sup>1</sup>H spectrums were recorded at 300/400/500 MHz, and <sup>13</sup>C spectrums were recorded at 100/125 MHz. CDCl<sub>3</sub>, and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> were used as solvents for NMR recording, and tetramethyl silane as internal standards. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) downfield from solvent reference, and coupling constants (*J*) were measured in Hz. ESI-MS spectra were obtained as LCQ Advantage Ion Trap mass spectrometer (Finnigan Thermo Fischer Scientific) and high-resolution mass spectra (ESI-HRMS) were recorded on Agilent 6520 ESI-QTOP mass spectrometer.

#### 2. Experimental procedure and characterization of chalcones (starting material):

A mixture of benzaldehyde (1.1 mmol), acetophenone (1 mmol), and 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol was stirred in a 50 mL round bottom flask at room temperature. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC (25% ethyl acetate in hexane). After the completion of the reaction, ethanol was evaporated by rotavapor. The obtained crude was washed with (3 x 15 mL) hot water and followed by MeOH (3 x 15 mL) on a Buckner funnel, dried under vacuum resulting in a pure product obtained with 91% to 94% yield.<sup>S1</sup>

**3a.** (*E*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of 3a by the reaction of 2,4,5 tri methoxy benzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-bromoacetophenone (199 mg, 1 mmol) in the

presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound **3a** (354 mg, yield: 94%) was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in MeOH. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.10 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.92(s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  190.1, 154.8, 152.8, 143.3, 140.8, 137.6, 131.8, 130.0, 127.3, 119.8, 115.3, 111.6, 96.8, 56.6, 56.4, 56.1.

**3b.** (*E*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of **3b** by the reaction of 2,4,5 tri methoxy benzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-chloroacetophenone (154 mg, 1 mmol) in the presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound **3b** (305 mg, yield: 92%) was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in MeOH. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  189.9, 154.8, 152.8, 143.3, 140.8, 138.6, 131.2, 129.9,128.8, 119.8, 115.3, 111.6, 96.8, 56.6, 56.4, 56.1.

**3c.** (*E*)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of **3c** by the reaction of 2,4,5 tri methoxy benzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-fluoroacetophenone (138 mg, 1 mmol) in the presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound **3c** (288 mg, yield: 91%) was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in MeOH. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.01 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1), 7.16 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  189.5, 165.4 (d,  $J^1 = 251.8$  Hz), 154.8, 152.7, 143.4, 140.4, 135.2, 131.0 (d,  $J^3 = 9.0$  Hz), 119.9, 115.5 (d,  $J^2 = 21.5$  Hz), 111.6, 96.9, 56.6, 56.4, 56.1.

**3d.** (*E*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of **3d** by the reaction of 2,4,5 tri methoxy benzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-methoxyacetophenone (150 mg, 1 mmol) in the presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound **3d** (298 mg, yield: 91%) was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in MeOH. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91

(s, 6H), 3.89 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 189.0, 163.1, 154.5, 152.3, 143.3, 139.3, 131.7, 131.1, 130.7, 124.3, 120.2, 115.7, 113.7, 111.5, 97.0, 56.6, 56.4, 56.0, 55.4.

**3e.** (E)-1-(p-tolyl)-3-(2,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of **3e** by the reaction of 2,4,5 tri methoxy benzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-methylacetophenone (134 mg, 1 mmol) in the presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound **3e** (296 mg, yield: 95%) was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in MeOH. M.P. 120°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.08 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 6H), 2.43 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  190.6, 154.6, 152.4, 143.3, 143.0, 139.7, 136.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 124.0, 120.4, 115.7, 111.5, 96.9, 56.6, 56.4, 56.0, 21.7.

3f. (*E*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of 3f by the reaction of 3,4,5 tri methoxy benzaldehyde (215 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-bromoacetophenone (199 mg, 1 mmol) in the presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound 3f (3 mg, yield: 94%) was obtained as a yellow solid after crystallization in MeOH. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.26 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 6H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.1, 163.4, 161.9, 138.1, 136.7, 131.6, 130.0, 126.9, 121.5, 106.5, 90.6, 55.9, 55.4.

**3g.** (*E*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one: Above General procedure was followed for the synthesis of **3g** by the reaction of 4-methoxy benzaldehyde (136 mg, 1.1 mmol), and 4-chloroacetophenone (154 mg, 1 mmol) in the presence of 30% aqueous NaOH (2 mL) in 10 mL ethanol for 12 hours at room temperature. Pure compound **3g** (252 mg, yield: 93%) was obtained as a white solid after crystallization in MeOH. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.95 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{1H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  189.2, 161.9, 145.2, 138.9, 136.8, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 127.5,119.2, 114.5, 55.4.

# 3. Spectral data for starting material

<sup>1</sup>H NMR for 3a







# <sup>1</sup>H NMR for 3d





<sup>1</sup>H NMR for 3e



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR for 3f











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# 4. Spectral data for pyrimidine derivatives

<sup>1</sup>H NMR for 5a















<sup>13</sup>C NMR for 5e





























<sup>13</sup>C NMR for 7e













<sup>13</sup>C NMR for 8



<sup>13</sup>C NMR for 9















5.5 5.0 f1 (ppm) 10.5 10.0 9.5 9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0

























<sup>13</sup>C NMR for 17c











#### 5. Representative HPLC profile for active compounds:

HPLC profile for 5a

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#### HPLC profile for 5b



# HPLC profile for 7b

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Totals :	5410.02509 339.90578				

#### HPLC profile for 17c



#### HPLC profile for 18a



#### HPLC profile for 10c



# 6. ALP activity for rest compounds



Figure: S1. ALP activities of the inactive compounds.

### 7. Table S1: Sequence of primer for real time-PCR

S. No.	Gene name	Sequence
1.	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenate (GAPDH)	F-5'-AGCTTGTCATCAACGGGAAG-3' R-5'-TTTGATGTTAGTGGGGTCTCG-3'
2.	Bone Morphogenetic protein 2 (BMP-2)	F-5'-CGGACTGCGGTCTCCTAA-3' R-5'-GGGGAAGCAGCAACACTAGA-3'
3.	Type 1 collagenase (Col-1)	F-5'-CATGTTCAGCTTTGTGGACCT-3' R-5'-GCAGCTGACTTCAGGGATGT-3'
4.	Runt related transcription factor 2 (RUNX-2)	F-5'-CCCGGGAACCAAGAAATC-3' R-5'-AGATAGGAGGGGTAAGACTGG-3'

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