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# Synthesis and Evaluation of Novel Quinazolin-4-(3h)-one Analogues for their Anti-Inflammatory Activity

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## ABSTRACT

New 2, 3-disubstituted quinazolin-4-(3H)ones was conceived and synthesized through the substitution of various primary amines at the 3-position and a range of aldehydes at the 2-position. These compounds were characterized using elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and MS. Subsequently, the anti-inflammatory activity of these newly developed quinazoline derivatives was investigated by *in-vitro* protein denaturation method. *In-vitro* studies revealed that compounds Q<sub>B1</sub>, Q<sub>B2</sub>, Q<sub>B4</sub>, Q<sub>B8</sub>, Q<sub>B9</sub>, Q<sub>F1</sub>, Q<sub>F3</sub>, Q<sub>F4</sub>, Q<sub>F8</sub> and Q<sub>F10</sub> have significant anti-inflammatory potential. In-vivo anti-inflammatory properties of QB2 and QF8 were tested in carrageenan-induced paw edema. Research findings demonstrated that compounds Q<sub>B2</sub> and Q<sub>F8</sub> have significant anti-inflammatory properties.

**Keywords:** Quinazolin-4-(3H)ones, Anti-inflammatory, Lipophilicity, NSAID.

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## INTRODUCTION

Through excluding pathogens and stimulating tissue healing and recovery, inflammation serves as a defense mechanism against bacteria, viruses, toxins, and illnesses, and is thus a process that has been conserved throughout evolution.<sup>1</sup> Systemic or localized, the intensity and duration of inflammation determine the metabolic and neuroendocrine alterations that occur. These modifications are made to save metabolic resources and supply the active immune system with more resources.<sup>2</sup> One of the pivotal medical revelations within the last two decades has been the recognition of the significant role played by the immune system and inflammatory processes in the prevailing morbidity and mortality rates globally.<sup>3</sup>

Ischemic heart disease, stroke non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, chronic kidney disease, autoimmune circumstances have all been linked to chronic inflammation, and together they account for more than half of all deaths worldwide today.<sup>4</sup> Recent research has connected prenatal environments to the later risk of chronic inflammation. Furthermore, it is understood that its impact endures across the entire lifespan, influencing adult health and mortality risk.<sup>5</sup>

NSAIDs find extensive application in the management of inflammation. NSAIDs function by inhibiting cyclooxygenases,

which are enzymes responsible for catalyzing the synthesis of cyclic endoperoxidases from arachidonic acid to produce prostaglandins. COX-1 and COX-2 are separate isoenzymes. Prostaglandins are produced in large quantities via cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) at inflammatory areas. The nitrogen heterocyclic molecule known as quinazoline, or 1,3-diazanaphthalene, is structurally distinguished by a double ring. The pyrimidine ring is fused to two adjacent carbon atoms in this structure, making it look like a benzene ring. The initial synthesis of a quinazoline derivative, specifically 2-cyano-3,4-dihydro-4-oxoquinazoline, was accomplished by Griess *et al.* in the year 1869 through a condensation process. By decarboxylating the 2-carboxy molecule, Bischler and Lang were able to synthesize related quinazoline analogues.<sup>6</sup> Gabriel and Colman (1993) produced a variety of quinazoline derivatives and conducted a thorough examination of their properties.<sup>7</sup> The quinazoline compounds can be categorized as either quinazolin-2(1H)-ones or quinazolin-4(3H)-ones, reliant on the placement of oxo or keto group. Among these, the latter type tends to prevail, appearing prominently as intermediate products in various planned organic synthetic schemes.<sup>8</sup> Quinazolinone derivatives have demonstrated significant and diverse biological activities, including

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antibacterial, antifungal, anticonvulsant and anti-inflammatory properties. Enhancements in the activity are attainable through subtle adjustments to the substituents on the fundamental quinazoline nucleus. Recent advancements in quinazoline derivatives have demonstrated improved efficacy and reduced toxicity, motivating our pursuit of synthesizing novel compounds.<sup>9</sup> In this context, in the present study, various aromatic benzaldehydes were introduced onto 2-methyl-3-aryl quinazolin-4-(3H)-ones under optimal conditions which caused formation of 2,3-disubstituted quinazolin-4-(3H)ones (Table 1). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and MS were used to look at the chemical structures of all substances that were produced. Subsequently, composites were subjected to screening for their anti-inflammatory properties both *in-vitro* and *in-vivo* conditions using protein denaturation and carrageenan-induced paw edema test in rats respectively.<sup>10</sup>

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

All chemicals required for the study were procured from Fine Chemicals. For TLC Silica gel G plates measuring 3 x 8 cm were employed. The melting points were ascertained using the ThermoNik melting point apparatus through open glass capillary tubes, and no corrections were made. The infrared spectra (Thermo Nicolet IR-700 Spectrometer with KBr) were analyzed, and the results were presented in terms of cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were collected in either CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, and TMS was used as a standard. The percentage changes in chemicals are denoted in ppm. We used a 400 MHz FT-NMR Spectrometer to get our readings. The mass spectra were recorded in JMS-700. The purity of compounds was regularly assessed through TLC employing silica gel, and the spots were subsequently subjected to iodine vapor exposure.<sup>10</sup> The lipophilicity of the compounds was assessed utilizing the ALOGPS software. The physicochemical information of the synthesized compounds is summarized in Table 2.

### Preparation of 2-Methyl Benzoxazin-4-one from Anthranilic acid

In a round-bottomed flask, Anthranilic acid and acetic anhydride were combined in a 1:2 ratio. The mixture was subjected to gentle heating and refluxing for one hour. The surplus acetic anhydride was subsequently removed through distillation. Carefully, we poured the resulting liquid into a beaker containing crushed ice, swirled it constantly, and then strained it. Ethyl acetate was used to re-crystallize the obtained crude product.<sup>11</sup>

### Preparation of 2-methyl-3-aryl quinazolin-4-(3H)-ones

In a round-bottomed flask, an equimolar (0.01 mol) mixture of 2-methyl-1,3-benzoxazin-4-one, aryl amine and anhydrous zinc chloride was subjected to reflux for a duration of 9 hours in the presence of anhydrous ethanol. Subsequently, any surplus anhydrous ethanol was removed via distillation. After mixing, the liquid was left to cool to ambient temperature and then dispensed over ice. After getting solid result, it was cleaned up by re-crystallization with ethanol.<sup>12</sup>

### Preparation of 2, 3-disubstituted quinazolin-4-(3H)ones using aromatic substituted Aldehydes

In a round-bottomed flask, an equimolar amount (0.01 mol) of the respective quinazoline, anhydrous zinc chloride and different aromatic aldehydes were combined and subjected to reflux for 22 hours with anhydrous ethanol. Any surplus anhydrous ethanol was subsequently distilled off. The resultant mixture from the reaction was allowed to cool and carefully dumped into ice-cold water. After filtration and drying, the ultimate product was obtained and subsequently purified through re-crystallization using an appropriate solvent.<sup>13</sup>

### Anti-inflammatory Action

Anti-inflammatory action of synthesized compounds was evaluated by *in-vitro* and *in-vivo* models.

### *In-vitro* Method

#### *Albumin denaturation inhibition*

The Mizushima method was employed with slight adjustments. The reaction mixture comprised varying concentrations of the test sample and a 1% aqueous solution of bovine albumin fraction. Slight quantity of 1N HCl was introduced to the reaction mixture to attain the desired pH. Subsequently, samples were subjected to an incubation period at 37°C for 20 minutes, heating at 57°C for an additional 20 minutes. Following the cooling process, turbidity levels were assessed spectrophotometrically at 660 nm. The same procedure was followed for the standard drug aspirin. The procedure was repeated three times.<sup>14</sup> The following method was used to determine the percentage of protein denaturation inhibition:

$$\text{Percentage Inhibition} = \frac{\text{Abs}_{\text{control}} - \text{Abs}_{\text{sample}}}{\text{Abs}_{\text{control}}} \times 100$$

### *In-vivo* Anti-inflammatory Activity

Based on the results obtained during the *in-vitro* protein denaturation study, Q<sub>B2</sub> and Q<sub>F8</sub> (showing significant activity) were selected for further evaluation of their *in-vivo* anti-inflammatory action using the carrageenan-induced paw edema method.

### Carrageenan-induced Paw Edema Model

Albino Wistar rats, weighing between 150 to 200 grams, were selected and maintained in accordance with standard protocols at the central animal facility of the college. Ethical approval for the research was approved by the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (Approval No. SACCP/IAEC/11/2009-10). These rats were housed in the pharmacology branch of the college for a period of 7 days to allow them to acclimate to the controlled environment at a temperature of 20°C. Previously beginning of testing, animals underwent an overnight fast, with access to water provided *ad libitum*.

Twenty-four male albino wistar rats, with weights ranging from 150 to 200 g, were segregated into four groups (n = 6). Group I functioned as the control and was administered 1% carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) suspension orally.

Group II, identified as the standard group, was administered Diclofenac sodium suspension at a dosage of 25 mg/kg.

**Table 1:** Spectral data of FTIR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and Mass for newly synthesized Quinazolin-4-(3H)one analogues

<b>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl) ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>B1</sub>]</b>	Colorless Crystals, Yield: 55%, m.p: 92°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>14</sub> BrClN <sub>2</sub> O (FW437.71): C. 64.58, H.4.52, N. 9.41% Found: C. 64.58, H. 4.52, N.9.41% FTIR (KBr): 1685.67(C=O), 1089.75 (Ar-Br), 1654.99 (C=C), 755.63 (Ar-Cl). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.5, 7.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 3.1 (s, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%)437 (50%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 172.3 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 171.9 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 137.8 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 136.4 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 142.5 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 131.4 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 166.0 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 130.2 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 120.8 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 146.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 142.2 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 136.8 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 137.8 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 150.4 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 137.8 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 136.8 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 144.3 (C <sub>19,20</sub> ), 137.3 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 133.8 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 135.0 (C <sub>23</sub> ), 130.5(C <sub>24</sub> ), 31.2 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).	<b>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>B4</sub>]</b>	Pale green color crystals, Yield: 58%, m.p136°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>17</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (FW449.29): C.58.95, H. 3.15, N. 9.37% Found: C. 58.95, H. 3.15, N. 9.37% FTIR (KBr): 1685.68 (C=O), 1124.70 (Ar-Br), 1637.47 (C=C), 3490.50 (OH). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm):9.6 (s, 1H, OH), 8-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.5, 7.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 3.1-5.0 (2s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> , OCH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%)449 (40%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 173.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 171.9 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 137.8 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 135.4 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 142.3 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 131.9 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 156.1 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 130.4 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 122.8 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 147.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 137.8 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 121.0 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 160.3 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 150.9 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 125.5 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 129.1 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 143.4 (C <sub>19,20</sub> ), 138.3 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 133.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 135.0 (C <sub>23</sub> ),
<b>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-(dimethyl amino) phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>B2</sub>]</b>	Pale green color crystals, Yield: 58%, m.p. 98°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>20</sub> BrN <sub>5</sub> O (FW446.33): C. 64.58, H. 4.52, N. 9.41% Found: C. 64.58, H. 4.52, N.9.41% FTIR (KBr): 1664.57(C=O), 1065.05(Ar-Br), 1654.99(C=C), 1165.04(C-N). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): δ 2.91(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.55-7.19 (m, Ar-H), 6.6 (d, CH=CH). MS: m/z (%)446 (40%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 164.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 161.9 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 157.8 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 145.4 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 152.3 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 131.9 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 146.1 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 130.4 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 112.8 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 137.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 127.8 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 126.0 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 140.3 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 130.9 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 129.1 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 143.4 (C <sub>19,20</sub> ), 148.3 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 123.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 135.0 (C <sub>23</sub> ),	<b>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-hydroxy phenyl) ethenyl] quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>B5</sub>]</b>	Color less Crystals, Yield: 57%, m.p: 102°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (FW 419.27.40): C. 63.02, H. 3.61, N. 6.68%. Found: C. 77.91, H. 5.21, N. 7.92 % FTIR (KBr): 3081 (O-H), 1709 (C=O), 3068 (C-H), 1620 (C=C), 1384 (C=N). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 9.7 (s, 1H, OH), 8-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.5, 7.7(2d, 2H, CH=CH), 3.2 (s, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%)419 (54%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 171.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 170.2 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 136.3 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 137.0 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 143.6 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 131.9 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 156.7 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 129.9 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 131.2 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 145.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 125.6 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 163.5 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 125.0 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 138.4 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 130.3 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 136.8 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 144.6 (C <sub>19, 20</sub> ), 139.5 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 133.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 135.5 (C <sub>23</sub> ), 130.3 (C <sub>24</sub> ), 30.4 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).
<b>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-nitro phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>B3</sub>]</b>	Colourless crystals, Yield: 53%, m.p: 136°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>14</sub> BrN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (FW448.26): C. 58.95, H3.15, N. 9.37% Found: C. 58.95, H. 3.15, N. 9.37 FTIR (KBr) : 1685.73 (C=O), 1103.21 (Ar-Br), 1655.07 (C=C), 3100 (Ar-CH), 1508.77 (C-NO <sub>2</sub> ). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.5, 8.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 3.0 (s, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%) 448 (55%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 163.9(C <sub>2</sub> ), 170.1 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 138.2 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 136.1 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 142.6(C <sub>7</sub> ), 131.3 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 156.2 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 130.7 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 121.5 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 147.9 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 126.0 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 165.5 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 124.9 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 138.0 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 130.2(C <sub>17</sub> ), 136.5 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 137.3 (C <sub>19</sub> ), 131.5 (C <sub>20, 24</sub> ), 143.0 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 138.4 (C <sub>21,23</sub> ), 32.2 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).	<b>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(3-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl) ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>B6</sub>]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 55%, MP: 220°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (FW463.32): C. 62.22, H. 4.13, N. 6.05.% Found: C. 62.22, H. 4.13, N. 6.05.% FTIR (KBr)1685.65 (C=O), 1028.43 (Ar-Br), 1637.67 (C=C), 3497.12 (OH). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8.6 (s, 1H, OH),7-8.7 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.8, 6.6 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.5 (s, 3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.1 (s, 3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%)463 (55%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 166.9(C <sub>2</sub> ), 163.5 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 137.9 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 136.2 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 136.0 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 131.7 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 126.8 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 120.3(C <sub>10</sub> ), 112.1 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 136.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 125.8 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 112.3 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 140.9 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 139.9 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 115.3 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 120.2 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 128.3 (C <sub>19</sub> ), 121.0 (C <sub>20, 24</sub> ), 133.0 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 128.8 (C <sub>21,23</sub> ), 23.1 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).

<p>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-methoxy phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>87</sub>]</p>	<p>Colourless Crystals, Yield: 68%, m.p: 80°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (FW433.29): C. 63.75, H. 3.95, N. 6.47%. Found: C. 63.75, H. 3.95, N. 6.47%. FTIR (KBr)1685.70 (C=O), 1024.70 (Ar-Br), 1637.51 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 7-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.5, 6.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.0 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.1 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), MS: m/z (%): 433 (55%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 163.0 (C2), 160.8(C4), 127.8 (C5), 126.6 (C6), 132.5 (C7), 121.4 (C8), 146.3 (C9), 119.9 (C10), 112.0 (C11), 137.2 (C12), 114.0 (C13), 156.6 (C14), 113.2 (C15), 128.4 (C16), 120.7 (C17), 126.4 (C18), 134.6 (C19,20), 128.3 (C21), 123.3 (C22), 125.0 (C23), 120.5 (C24), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>).</p>	<p>(E)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxystyryl)-3-(4-Bromo phenyl)Quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>81a</sub>]</p>	<p>Pale green colour crystals, Yield: 52%, MP: 142°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (FW 493.34): C. 60.86, H. 4.29, N. 5.68.% Found: C. 60.86, H. 4.29, N. 5.68.% FTIR (KBr)1685. 1685.74 (C=O), 1002.84 (Ar-Br), 1637.52 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8.8 (s, 1H, OH), 7-8.8 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.8, 6.6 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.8 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.9 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS: m/z (%): 493(55%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 166.9(C2), 163.5 (C4), 137.9 (C5), 136.2 (C6), 136.0 (C7), 131.7 (C8), 126.8 (C9), 120.3(C10), 112.1 (C11), 136.2 (C12), 125.8 (C13), 112.3 (C14), 140.9 (C15), 139.9 (C16), 115.3 (C17), 120.2 (C18), 128.3 (C19), 121.0 (C20,24), 133.0 (C22), 128.8 (C21,23), 23.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>).</p>
<p>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(3-nitro phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>85</sub>]</p>	<p>Pale green Crystals, Yield: 66%, m.p: 67°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (FW448.26): C. 58.95, H. 3.15, N. 9.37%. Found: C. 58.95, H. 3.15, N. 9.37%. FTIR (KBr): 1665.57(C=O), 1066.05(Ar-Br), 1655.99(C=C), 1166.04(C-N).. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): δ 2.99(s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.7-7.19 (m, Ar-H), 6.9 (d, CH=CH). MS: m/z (%): 448 (40%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 165.0 (C<sub>2</sub>), 168.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 159.8 (C<sub>5</sub>), 148.4 (C<sub>6</sub>), 157.3 (C<sub>7</sub>), 138.9 (C<sub>8</sub>), 148.1 (C<sub>9</sub>), 132.4 (C<sub>10</sub>), 118.8 (C<sub>11</sub>), 147.2 (C<sub>12</sub>), 137.8 (C<sub>13</sub>), 128.0 (C<sub>14</sub>), 140.3 (C<sub>15</sub>), 130.9 (C<sub>16</sub>), 123.5 (C<sub>17</sub>), 129.1 (C<sub>18</sub>), 143.4 (C<sub>19,20</sub>), 148.3 (C<sub>21</sub>), 123.3 (C<sub>22</sub>), 135.0 (C<sub>23</sub>).</p>	<p>2-[(E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethenyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>81</sub>]</p>	<p>Colourless Crystals, Yield: 60%, m.p: 92°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClFN<sub>2</sub>O (FW. 367.81): C. 70.12, H. 3.74, N. 9.41% Found: C. 70.12, H. 3.74, N. 9.41% FTIR (KBr): 1686.67(C=O), 1090.75 (Ar-F), 1664.99 (C=C), 765.63 (Ar-Cl). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 9-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 8.5, 8.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.1 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS: m/z (%): 367 (50%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 182.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 181.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 147.8 (C<sub>5</sub>), 146.4 (C<sub>6</sub>), 152.5 (C<sub>7</sub>), 141.4 (C<sub>8</sub>), 176.0 (C<sub>9</sub>), 140.2 (C<sub>10</sub>), 130.8 (C<sub>11</sub>), 136.2 (C<sub>12</sub>), 152.2 (C<sub>13</sub>), 146.8 (C<sub>14</sub>), 147.8 (C<sub>15</sub>), 160.4 (C<sub>16</sub>), 147.8 (C<sub>17</sub>), 146.8 (C<sub>18</sub>), 154.3 (C<sub>19,20</sub>), 147.3 (C<sub>21</sub>), 143.8 (C<sub>22</sub>), 145.0 (C<sub>23</sub>), 140.5(C<sub>24</sub>), 41.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).</p>
<p>3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(3-methoxy phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>85</sub>]</p>	<p>Colourless Crystals, Yield: 52%, m.p: 142°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (FW433.29): C. 63.75, H. 3.95, N. 6.47%. Found: C. 63.75, H. 3.95, N. 6.47%. FTIR (KBr)1688.70 (C=O), 1034.70 (Ar-Br), 1647.51 (C=C).. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 7-8.3 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.5, 6.8 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.6 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.8 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), MS: m/z (%): 433 (55%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 163.0 (C2), 165.8(C4), 127.8 (C5), 129.6 (C6), 138.5 (C7), 131.4 (C8), 156.3 (C9), 119.9 (C10), 112.0 (C11), 137.2 (C12), 114.0 (C13), 156.6 (C14), 113.2 (C15), 128.4 (C16), 120.7 (C17), 126.4 (C18), 134.6 (C19,20), 128.3 (C21), 123.3 (C22), 125.0 (C23), 120.5 (C24), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 65.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>).</p>	<p>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-nitro phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Q<sub>82</sub>]</p>	<p>Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 54%, m.p. 110°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (FW385.43): C. 74.79, H. 5.23, N. 10.90% Found: C. 74.79, H. 5.23, N. 10.90%. FTIR (KBr): 1664.57(C=O), 1118.12 (Ar-F), 1654.99(C=C), 1165.04(C-N).. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): δ 2.91(s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.55-7.19 (m, Ar-H), 7.6 (d, CH=CH). MS: m/z (%): 487 (40%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ / ppm): 174.0 (C<sub>2</sub>), 171.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 167.8 (C<sub>5</sub>), 145.4 (C<sub>6</sub>), 162.3 (C<sub>7</sub>), 141.9 (C<sub>8</sub>), 156.1 (C<sub>9</sub>), 140.4 (C<sub>10</sub>), 122.8 (C<sub>11</sub>), 147.2 (C<sub>12</sub>), 137.8 (C<sub>13</sub>), 136.0 (C<sub>14</sub>), 140.3 (C<sub>15</sub>), 140.9 (C<sub>16</sub>), 133.5 (C<sub>17</sub>), 139.1 (C<sub>18</sub>), 123.4 (C<sub>19,20</sub>), 138.3 (C<sub>21</sub>), 113.3 (C<sub>22</sub>), 125.0 (C<sub>23</sub>),</p>

<b>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-nitro phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3<i>H</i>)-one [Qr3]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 66%, m.p: 128°C C, Anal. Calcd. for (FW387.36): C. 68.21, H.3.64, N. 10.85% Found: C. 68.21, H. 3.15, N.10.85 FTIR (KBr): 1676.06 (C=O), 1104.12 (Ar-F), 1637.59 (C=C). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8-8.8 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 8.5, 8.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.0 (s, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%):387(55%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 173.9(C <sub>2</sub> ), 180.1 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 148.2 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 146.1 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 152.6(C <sub>7</sub> ), 141.3 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 166.2 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 140.7 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 131.5 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 157.9 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 136.0 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 175.5 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 134.9 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 148.0 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 140.2(C <sub>17</sub> ), 136.5 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 137.3 (C <sub>19</sub> ), 141.5 (C <sub>20, 24</sub> ), 153.0 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 148.4 (C <sub>21,23</sub> ), 42.2 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).	<b>2-[(E)-2-(3-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl) ethenyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)quinazolin-4(3<i>H</i>)-one [Qr5]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 48%, MP: 150°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (FW402.41): C. 62.22, H. 4.13, N. 6.05.% Found: C. 62.22, H. 4.13, N. 6.05.% FTIR (KBr)1683.65 (C=O), 1022.41 (Ar-Br), 1635.67 (C=C), 3491.12 (OH). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8.8 (s, 1H, OH), 7-8.3 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.2, 6.8 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.5 (s, 3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.9 (s, 3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%):402 (55%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 176.9(C <sub>2</sub> ), 168.5 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 139.9 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 145.2 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 151.0 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 144. 7 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 136.8 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 130.3(C <sub>10</sub> ), 122.1 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 146.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 135.8 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 122.3 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 150.9 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 149.9 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 125.3 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 130.2 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 138.3 (C <sub>19</sub> ), 131.0 (C <sub>20, 24</sub> ), 143.0 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 138.8 (C <sub>21,23</sub> ), 43.1 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).
<b>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-hydroxy- 3-methoxyphenyl) ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3<i>H</i>)-one [Qr4]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 55% m.p 88°C C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>17</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (FW388.39): C. 71.13, H. 4.41, N. 7.21% Found: C. 71.13, H. 4.41, N. 7.21% FTIR (KBr): 1655.12 (C=O), 1162.57 (Ar-F), 1648.60 (C=C), 3401.089 (OH). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm):9.2 (s, 1H, OH),8-8.7 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.7, 7.9 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.1-5.8 (2s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> , OCH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%):388 (40%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 183.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 181.9 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 147.8 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 145.4 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 152.3 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 141. 9 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 166.1 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 140.4 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 132.8 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 157.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 147.8 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 131.0 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 170.3 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 140.9 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 135.5 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 139.1 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 153.4 (C <sub>19,20</sub> ), 148.3 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 143.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 145.0 (C <sub>23</sub> ),	<b>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-methoxy phenyl)ethenyl] quinazolin-4(3<i>H</i>)-one [Qr7]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 70%, m.p: 74°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>17</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (FW372.39): C. 74.18, H. 4.60, N. 7.52% Found: C. 63.75, H. . 4.60, N. 7.52%. FTIR (KBr): 1676.01 (C=O), 1118.12 (Ar-F), 1637.87 (C=C). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 7-8.2 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.5, 6.7 (2d, 2H, CH=CH). 4.0 (s,3H, OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.1 (s,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%):372(55%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 163.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 160.8(C <sub>4</sub> ), 127.8 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 126.6 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 132.5 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 121. 4 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 146.3 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 119.9 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 112.0 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 137.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 114.0 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 156.6 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 113.2 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 128.4 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 120.7 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 126.4 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 134.6 (C <sub>19,20</sub> ), 128.3 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 123.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 125.0 (C <sub>23</sub> ), 120.5 (C <sub>24</sub> ), 20.2 (CH <sub>3</sub> ), 55.3 (OCH <sub>3</sub> ).
<b>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(4-hydroxy phenyl)ethenyl] quinazolin-4(3<i>H</i>)-one [Qr5]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 64%, m.p: 85°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>15</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> . (FW358.36): C73.73, H. 4.42, N. 7.82%. Found: C73.73, H. 4.42, N. 7.82%. FTIR (KBr): 3089 (O-H), 1712 (C=O), 3078 (C-H), 16410 (C=C), 1388 (C=N). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 9.4 (s, 1H, OH), 8-8.9 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.5, 7.9(2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.2 (s, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ). MS: m/z (%):388 (54%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 181.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 180.2 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 146.3 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 147.0 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 153.6 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 141. 9 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 166.7 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 139.9 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 141.2 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 155.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 135.6 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 173.5 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 135.0 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 148.4 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 140.3 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 146.8 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 154.6 (C <sub>19, 20</sub> ), 149.5 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 143.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 145.5 (C <sub>23</sub> ), 140.3 (C <sub>24</sub> ), 34 (CH <sub>3</sub> ).	<b>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(3-nitro phenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3<i>H</i>)-one [Qr8]</b>	Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 69%, m.p. 70°C, Anal. Calcd. for C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>14</sub> FN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .(FW387.36): C. 74.18, H. 4.60, N. 7.52% Found: C. 74.18, H. 4.60, N. 7.52% FTIR (KBr): 1685.64 (C=O), 1161.43 (Ar-F), 1637.57 (C=C). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): δ 3.91(s, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 8.0-8.19 (m, Ar-H), 7.6 (d, CH=CH). MS: m/z (%):387 (40%) [M <sup>+</sup> ]. <sup>13</sup> C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> , δ / ppm): 178.0 (C <sub>2</sub> ), 177.9 (C <sub>4</sub> ), 168.8 (C <sub>5</sub> ), 148.4 (C <sub>6</sub> ), 169.3 (C <sub>7</sub> ), 148. 9 (C <sub>8</sub> ), 166.1 (C <sub>9</sub> ), 148.4 (C <sub>10</sub> ), 127.8 (C <sub>11</sub> ), 149.2 (C <sub>12</sub> ), 138.8 (C <sub>13</sub> ), 136.0 (C <sub>14</sub> ), 140.3 (C <sub>15</sub> ), 140.9 (C <sub>16</sub> ), 133.5 (C <sub>17</sub> ), 139.1 (C <sub>18</sub> ), 133.4 (C <sub>19,20</sub> ), 132.3 (C <sub>21</sub> ), 119.3 (C <sub>22</sub> ), 165.0 (C <sub>23</sub> ),

<p>3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(E)-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethenyl]quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Qr9]</p>	<p>Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 55%, m.p: 155°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (FW372.39): C. 74.18, H. 4.60, N. 7.52% Found: C. 63.75, H. 4.60, N. 7.52%. FTIR (KBr): 1677.01 (C=O), 1128.12 (Ar-F), 1647.87 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 7-8.8 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.5, 6.9 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.8 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.8 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), MS: m/z (%) 372(55%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 163.0 (C2), 160.8(C4), 127.8 (C5), 126.6 (C6), 132.5 (C7), 121.4 (C8), 146.3 (C9), 119.9 (C10), 112.0 (C11), 137.2 (C12), 114.0 (C13), 156.6 (C14), 113.2 (C15), 128.4 (C16), 120.7 (C17), 126.4 (C18), 134.6 (C19,20), 128.3 (C21), 123.3 (C22), 125.0 (C23), 120.5 (C24), 20.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>).</p>
<p>(E)-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxystyryl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)Quinazolin-4(3H)-one [Qr10]</p>	<p>Pale yellow crystals, Yield: 48%, MP: 150°C, Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (FW432.44): C. 69.44, H. 4.89, N. 6.48. % Found: C. 69.44, H. 4.89, N. 6.48. % FTIR (KBr) 1683.65 (C=O), 1322.41 (Ar-F), 1636.67 (C=C), 3481.12 (OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 8.7 (s, 1H, OH), 7-8.3 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 6.2, 6.8 (2d, 2H, CH=CH), 4.5 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.9 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS: m/z (%) 432(55%) [M<sup>+</sup>]. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> δ / ppm): 176.9(C2), 168.5 (C4), 139.9 (C3), 145.2 (C6), 151.0 (C7), 144.7 (C8), 136.8 (C9), 130.3(C10), 122.1 (C11), 146.2 (C12), 135.8 (C13), 122.3 (C14), 150.9 (C15), 149.9 (C16), 125.3 (C17), 130.2 (C18), 138.3 (C19), 139.0 (C20, 24), 133.0 (C22), 148.8 (C21,23), 42.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>).</p>

Groups III and IV received orally administered quinazolinone derivatives that were synthesized, with a dosage of 25 mg/kg, suspended in Tween-80.

One hour following the administration, a 0.4 mL dose of a 1% carrageenan solution was introduced below sub-plantar surface of right hind paw for all subjects involved.

To evaluate the anti-inflammatory potential, a mercury Plethysmometer was utilized to measure paw volume at intervals of 0, 15, 30, 60, and 120 minutes following the administration of carrageenan, spanning a two-hour duration.<sup>15,16</sup>

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Anthranilic acid (2-amino benzoic acid) was gently heated and refluxed with acetic anhydride in a 1:2 ratio for one hour. This process yields 2-methyl Benzoxazin-4-one. Upon condensation with several substituted primary amines, in the presence of anhydrous ZnCl<sub>2</sub> catalyst, it forms 2-methyl-3-aryl quinazolin-4-(3H)-ones. Finally, in optimal conditions, using equimolar

quantities of different substituted aromatic benzaldehydes that are substituted on 2-methyl-3-aryl quinazolin-4-(3H)-ones, and employing anhydrous ZnCl<sub>2</sub> as a catalyst, 2,3-disubstituted quinazolin-4-(3H) ones are obtained (Scheme 1).

Compositions of the compounds were determined by analyzing their spectroscopic data. The IR spectrum exhibited absorption peaks at 1685.67 cm<sup>-1</sup> (indicative of C=O stretching), 1654.99 cm<sup>-1</sup> (representing C=C stretching), 1089.75 cm<sup>-1</sup> (corresponding to Ar-Br stretching), and 1161.43 cm<sup>-1</sup> (associated with Ar-F stretching).

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the compounds displayed distinctive peaks: a multiplet at approximately δ (6.55-7.19) ppm, representing 12 protons associated with Ar-H moieties; a singlet at approximately δ (2.91) ppm, indicating six protons from 2CH<sub>3</sub> groups; and a doublet at around δ (6.6 and 9.6) ppm, signifying two protons attributed to CH=CH groups. These respective multiplet, singlet, and doublet signals corresponded to the aromatic ring, methyl group, and ethylene group. The remaining protons exhibited chemical shifts consistent with expectations.

The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of the compounds displayed signals at approximately δ 123.15 to 132.05 ppm, representing the integration of sixteen carbons associated with Ar-C functionalities, and at δ 161.08 ppm, indicating the integration of one carbon linked to a C=O group. The mass spectra of the compounds exhibited molecular ions as M<sup>+</sup> and M+1 ions, which proved to be valuable for the characterization of the derivatives.

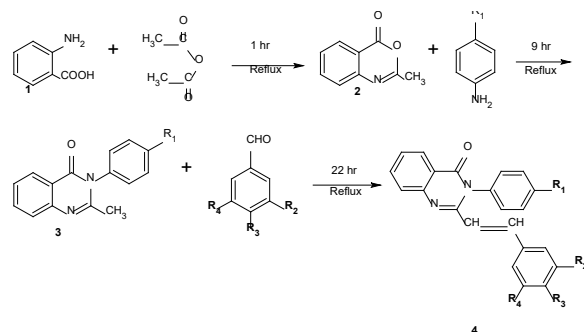
### *In-vitro* Anti-inflammatory Activity

As part of an inquiry into the mechanism behind the anti-inflammatory properties, we examined capacity of quinazolinone analogs to impede protein denaturation. The Q<sub>B2</sub> and Q<sub>F8</sub> compounds demonstrated notable effectiveness in preventing the denaturation of albumin induced by heat, as detailed in Table 3. The highest observed inhibition, at 73%, was achieved at a concentration of 300 µg/mL. notably, aspirin, a well-known typical anti-inflammatory drug, also displayed a comparable 73% inhibition at the same concentration. These findings have been summarized in Table 4 for reference.

### Anti-inflammatory Action

Quinazolin-4-one derivatives were prepared following the outlined Scheme and subsequently evaluated their anti-inflammatory action using an *in-vivo* carrageenan-induced paw edema method conducted on rats. The experiment involved the administration of synthesized compounds on the paws of wistar albino rats. Animals were categorized into distinct groups, every comprised of six individuals. Animals were distributed into four groups namely Control (Group I), Standard (Group II), Test 1 (Q<sub>B2</sub>) and test 2 (Q<sub>F8</sub>). The control group received an equivalent dosage of 1% CMC orally. The standard group was administered with diclofenac sodium suspension (25 mg/kg) while other groups were received 25 mg/kg dose of respective synthesized compounds. The paw volumes were measured at one-hour intervals, and SEM values were computed by the

## Synthesis of Novel Quinazolin-4-(3h)-one Analogues



**Scheme 1:** Synthesis of quinazolin-4-(3H)-one analogues

**Table 2:** Physico-chemical characteristics of synthesized compounds

<i>Compounds</i>	<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>4</sub></b>	<i>Compounds</i>	<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>R<sub>4</sub></b>
Q <sub>B1</sub>	Br	H	Cl	H	Q <sub>F1</sub>	F	H	Cl	H
Q <sub>B2</sub>	Br	H	CH <sub>3</sub>   N-CH <sub>3</sub>	H	Q <sub>F2</sub>	F	H	CH <sub>3</sub>   N-CH <sub>3</sub>	H
Q <sub>B3</sub>	Br	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	Q <sub>F3</sub>	F	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	H
Q <sub>B4</sub>	Br	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OH	H	Q <sub>F4</sub>	F	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OH	H
Q <sub>B5</sub>	Br	H	OH	H	Q <sub>F5</sub>	F	H	OH	H
Q <sub>B6</sub>	Br	OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	OH	H	Q <sub>F6</sub>	F	OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	OH	H
Q <sub>B7</sub>	Br	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	Q <sub>F7</sub>	F	H	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H
Q <sub>B8</sub>	Br	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	H	Q <sub>F8</sub>	F	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	H
Q <sub>B9</sub>	Br	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Q <sub>F9</sub>	F	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H
Q <sub>B10</sub>	Br	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	Q <sub>F10</sub>	F	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>	OCH <sub>3</sub>

**Table 3:** Lipophilicity of Quinazoline derivatives

<i>Compounds</i>	<i>M.P. (°C)</i>	<i>Yield %</i>	<i>Average Log P</i>	<i>Compounds</i>	<i>M.P. (°C)</i>	<i>Yield %</i>	<i>Average Log P</i>
Q <sub>B1</sub>	105	55	5.56 (+-0.63)	Q <sub>F1</sub>	92	63	5.51 (+-0.55)
Q <sub>B2</sub>	98	58	5.58 (+-0.59)	Q <sub>F2</sub>	110	54	5.03 (+-0.55)
Q <sub>B3</sub>	136	53	5.33 (+-0.55)	Q <sub>F3</sub>	128	66	4.77 (+-0.56)
Q <sub>B4</sub>	114	58	4.93 (+-0.52)	Q <sub>F4</sub>	88	55	4.38 (+-0.47)
Q <sub>B5</sub>	102	57	5.04 (+-0.48)	Q <sub>F5</sub>	85	64	4.53 (+-0.47)
Q <sub>B6</sub>	133	55	5.29 (+-0.57)	Q <sub>F6</sub>	150	48	4.77 (+-0.49)
Q <sub>B7</sub>	80	68	5.38 (+-0.60)	Q <sub>F7</sub>	74	70	4.87 (+-0.56)
Q <sub>B8</sub>	66	66	5.33 (+-0.55)	Q <sub>F8</sub>	70	69	5.91 (+-0.55)
Q <sub>B9</sub>	142	52	5.38 (+-0.64)	Q <sub>F9</sub>	155	55	4.86 (+-0.56)
Q <sub>B10</sub>	160	53	5.03 (+-0.65)	Q <sub>F10</sub>	117	58	4.48 (+-0.55)

SPSS software. Research findings witnessed that compounds Q<sub>B2</sub> and Q<sub>F8</sub> have significant anti-inflammatory properties. The findings are as shown in Table 5.

### Lipophilicity of Quinazoline Derivatives

The lipophilicity of the compounds was assessed utilizing the ALOGPS software. The lipophilicity of the compounds

significantly contributes to their anti-inflammatory effect. Notably, in this analysis, the quinazoline derivatives Q<sub>B2</sub> and Q<sub>F8</sub> emerged as major outliers, exhibiting higher values in comparison to other substituted derivatives. This may be the underlined reason for their higher anti-inflammatory activity.

**Table 4:** *In-vitro anti-inflammatory activity of compounds*

% inhibition of protein denaturation				% inhibition of protein denaturation			
Drugs/Std	100 µg/mL	200 µg/mL	300 µg/mL	Drugs/Std	100 µg/mL	200 µg/mL	300 µg/mL
Q <sub>B1</sub>	39.6	50.6	69.5	Q <sub>F1</sub>	26.6	41.9	50.6
Q <sub>B2</sub>	41.7	53.2	73.0	Q <sub>F2</sub>	11.2	21.6	33.2
Q <sub>B3</sub>	24.8	39.7	59.1	Q <sub>F3</sub>	41.0	46.7	63.0
Q <sub>B4</sub>	31.7	41.8	65.6	Q <sub>F4</sub>	27.3	40.4	52.1
Q <sub>B5</sub>	30.6	41.6	63.8	Q <sub>F5</sub>	22.2	15.5	22.9
Q <sub>B6</sub>	32.8	45.2	65.8	Q <sub>F6</sub>	29.6	32.0	38.6
Q <sub>B7</sub>	9.25	21.5	36.0	Q <sub>F7</sub>	24.4	34.0	44.3
Q <sub>B8</sub>	39.5	47.5	66.7	Q <sub>F8</sub>	38.5	56.7	70.2
Q <sub>B9</sub>	37.6	48.8	65.9	Q <sub>F9</sub>	26.2	35.2	45.4
Q <sub>B10</sub>	21.9	41.9	47.1	Q <sub>F10</sub>	32.4	53.2	65.2
Standard	41.7%	53.2%	73.0%	Standard	41.7%	53.2%	73.0%

**Table 5:** *In-vivo Anti-inflammatory activity of the compounds Q<sub>B2</sub>- Q<sub>F8</sub>*

Compounds	0 Minute	15 Minutes	30 Minutes	60 Minutes	120 Minutes	% Increase in reaction time
Control	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.15	0.14	0.14 + 0.008539
	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.13	0.12	
	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.18	0.16	
	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.13	0.12	
Q <sub>B2</sub>	0.08	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.10 + 0.004082
	0.07	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.07	
	0.06	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.06	
	0.07	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.07	
Q <sub>F8</sub>	0.07	0.09	0.13	0.12	0.07	0.11 + 0.008539
	0.07	0.10	0.14	0.10	0.07	
	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.09	
	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.08	
Standard	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.07+ 0.004082
	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.08	
	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.07	
	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.07	

## CONCLUSION

A set of innovative quinazoline derivatives was created and subjected to screening for anti-inflammatory properties. The synthesis involved the integration of two components, namely aromatic-substituted aldehydes and aryl amines, into the quinazoline structure with the aim of enhancing anti-inflammatory efficacy. Examination of the structural activity of these compounds unveiled that those bearing -Br, -F, and -NO<sub>2</sub> groups exhibited noteworthy anti-inflammatory potential.

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