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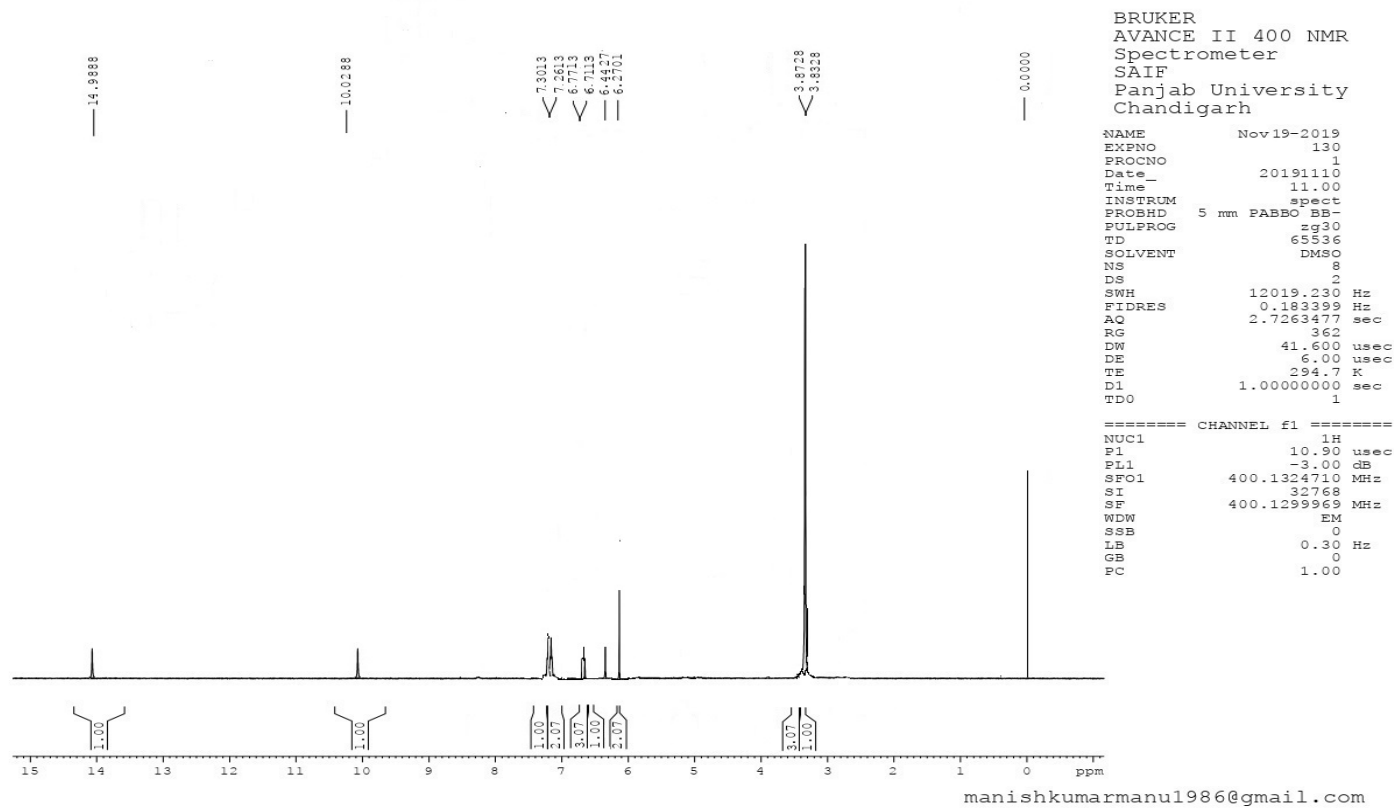
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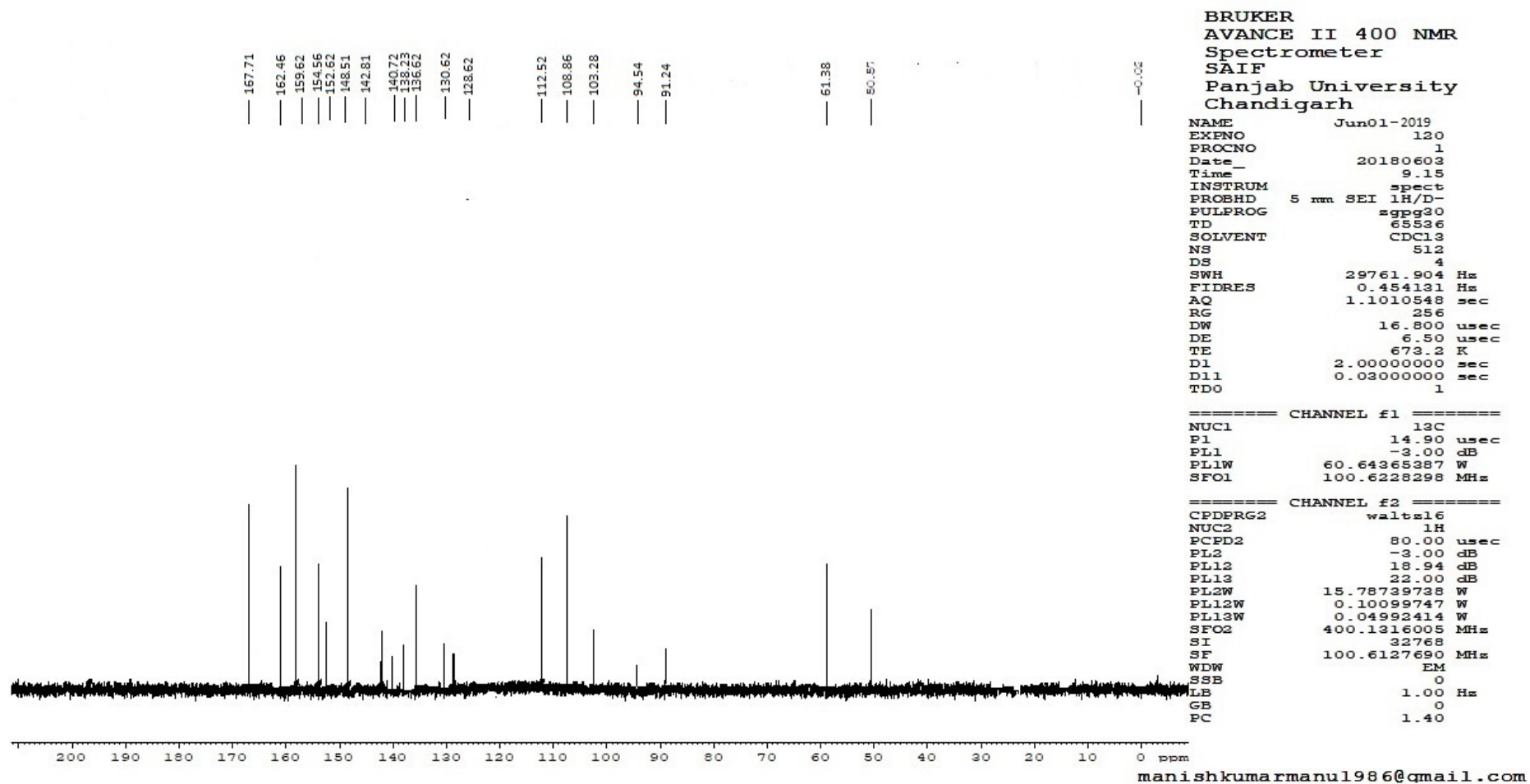
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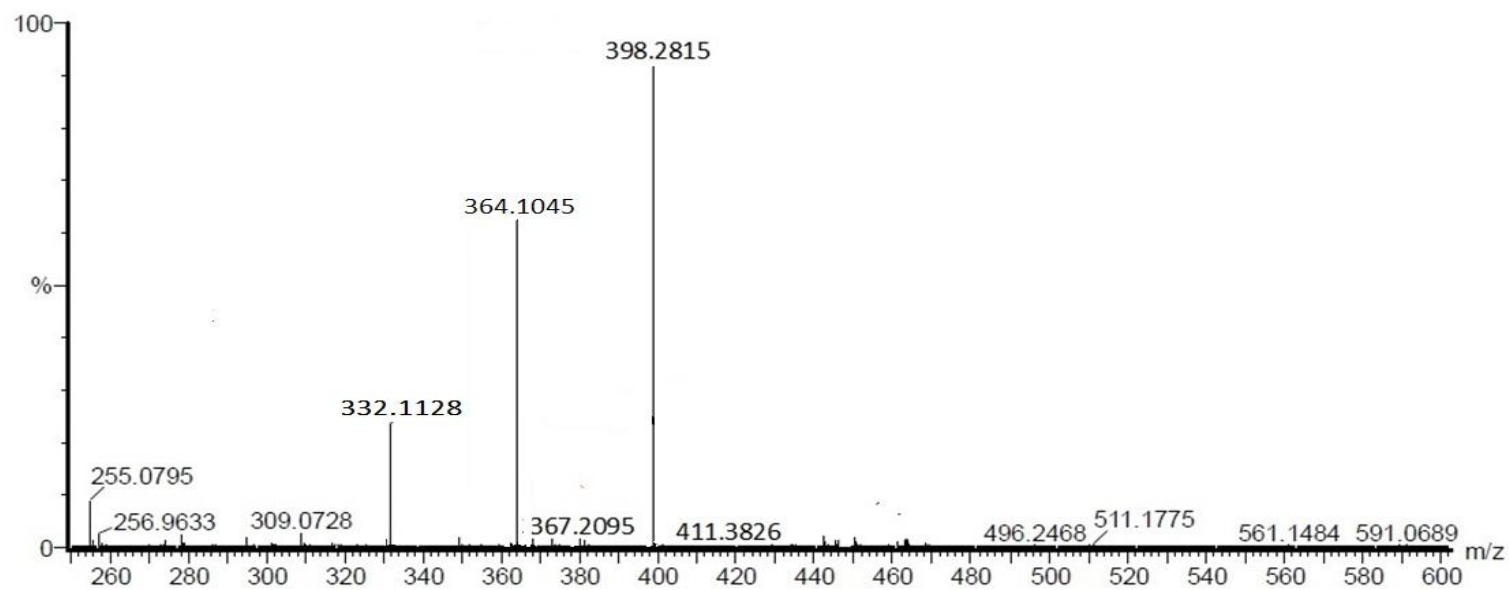
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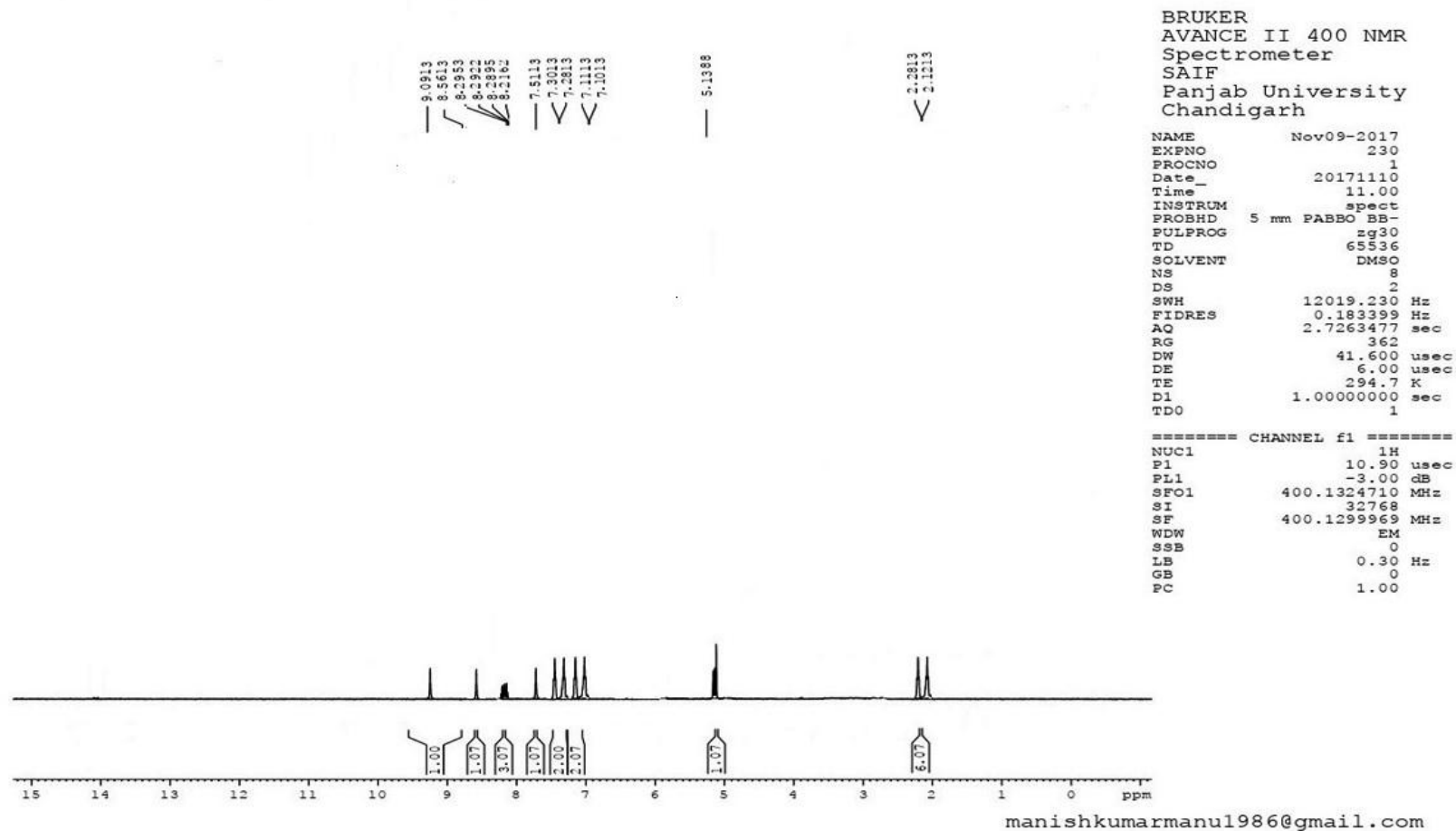


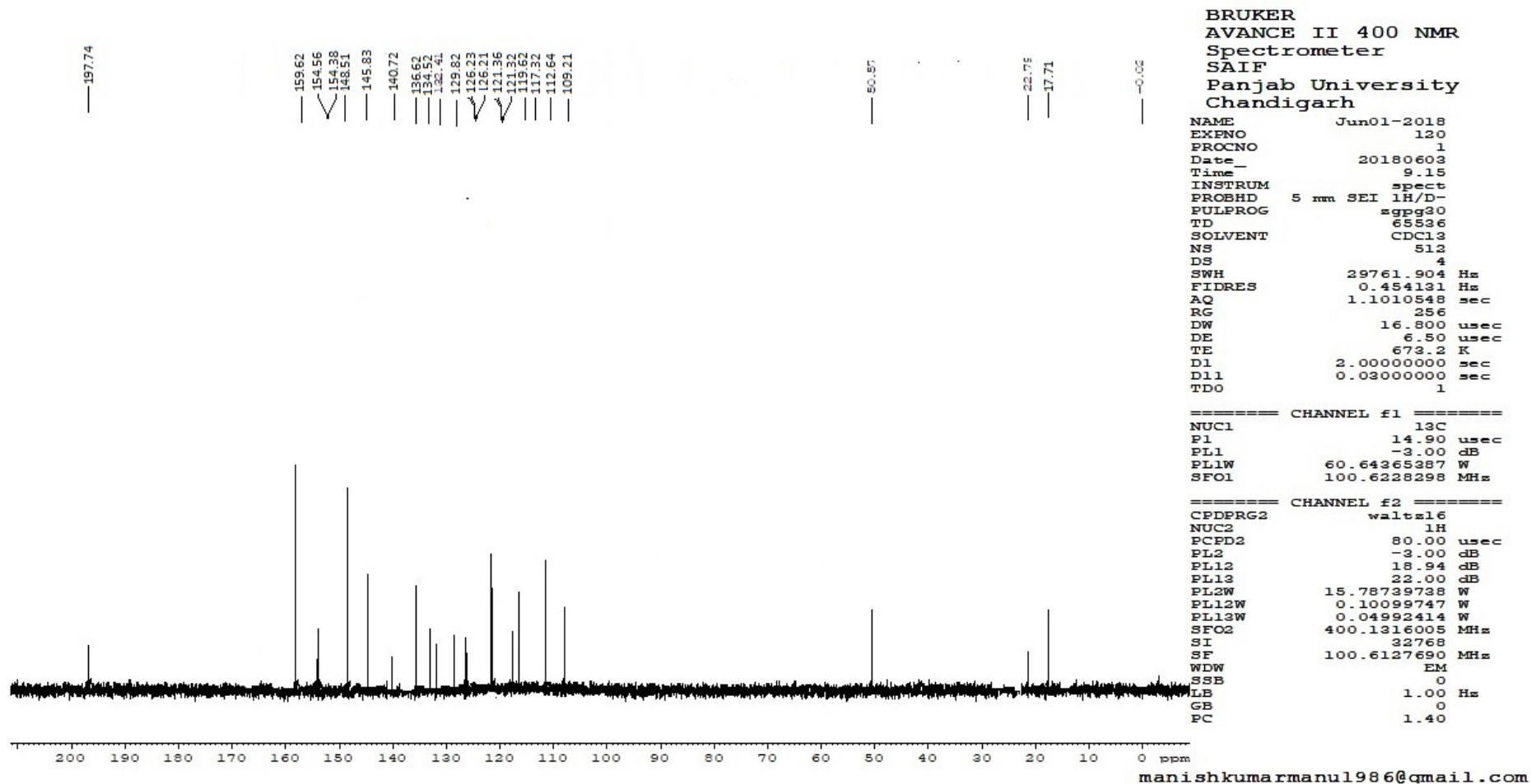
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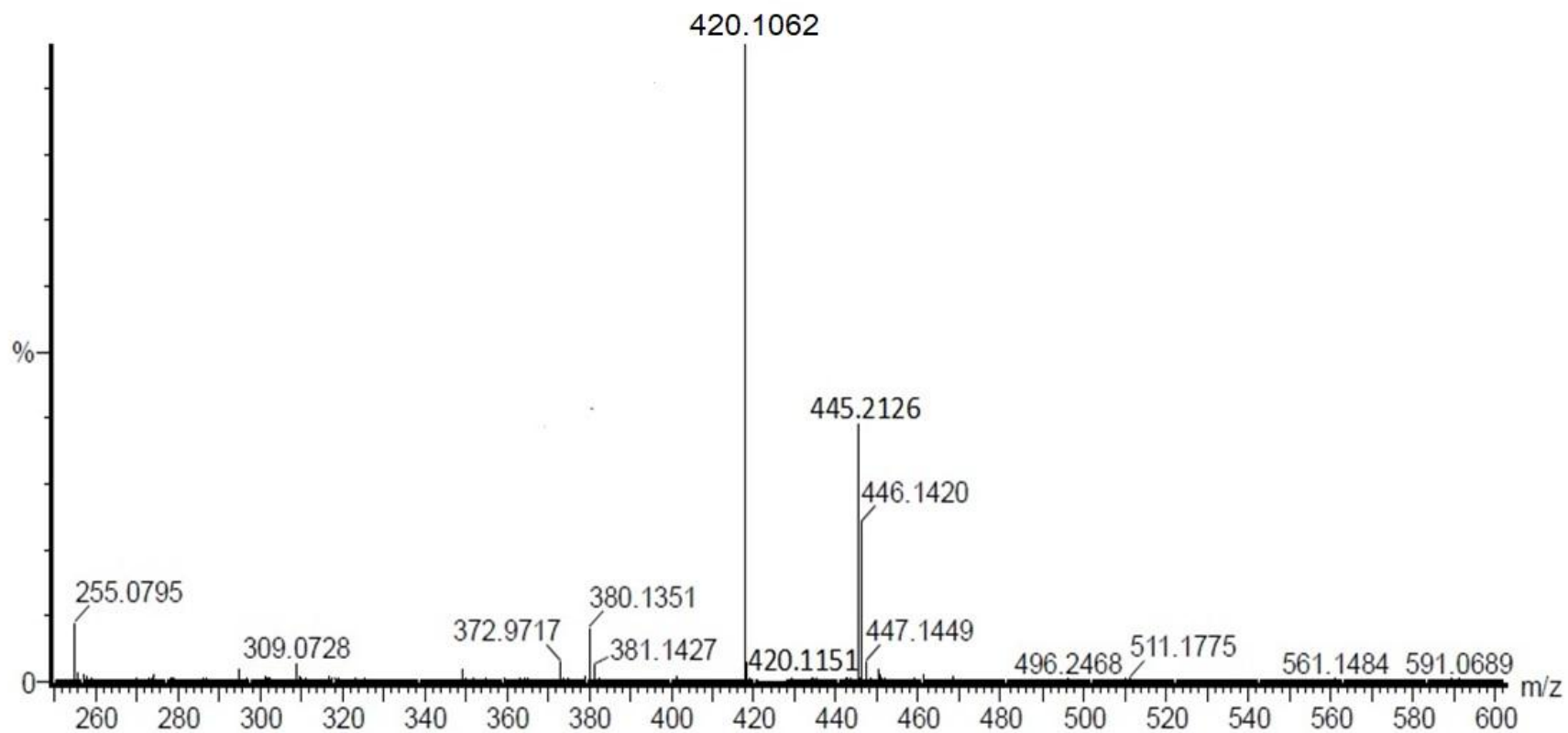
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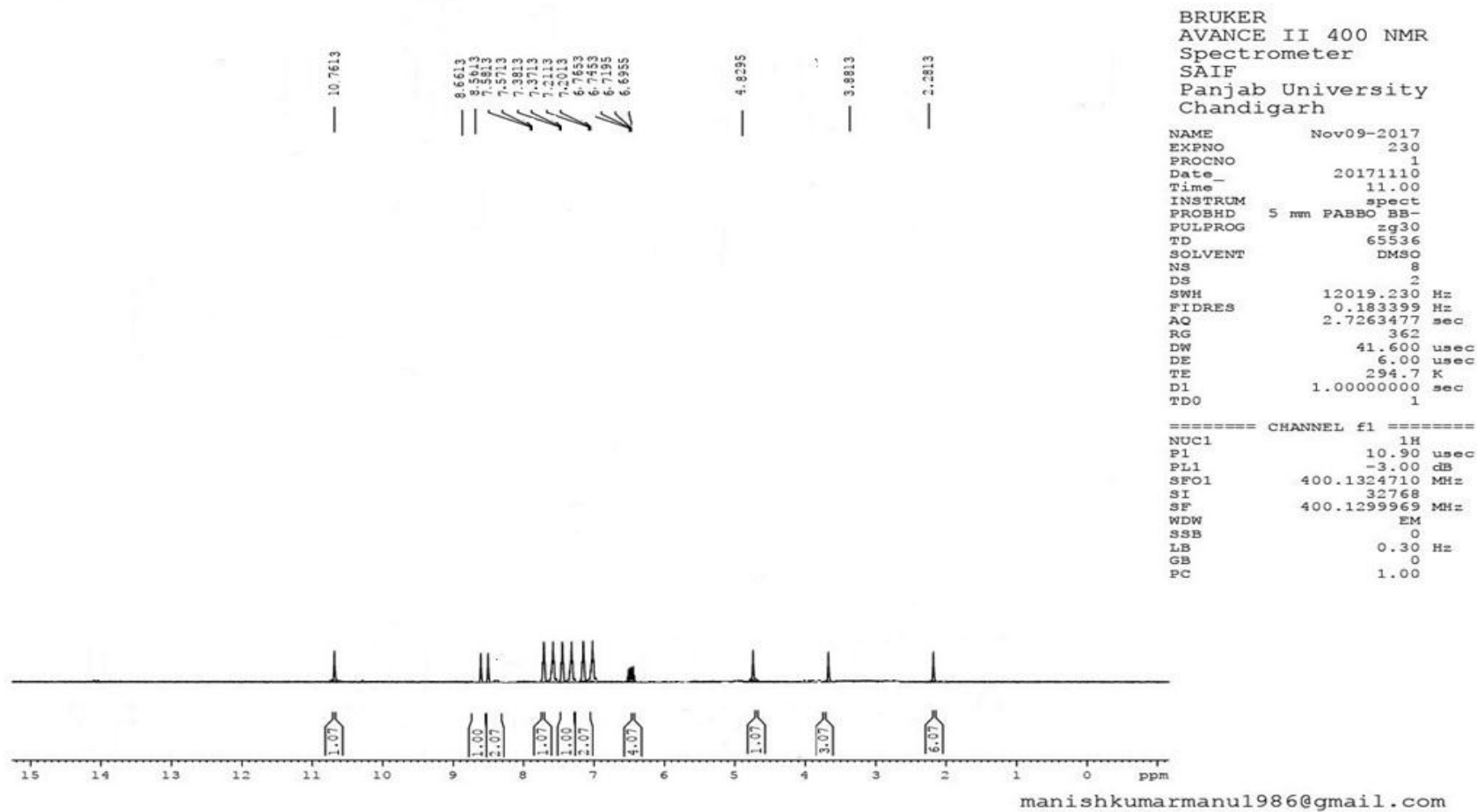


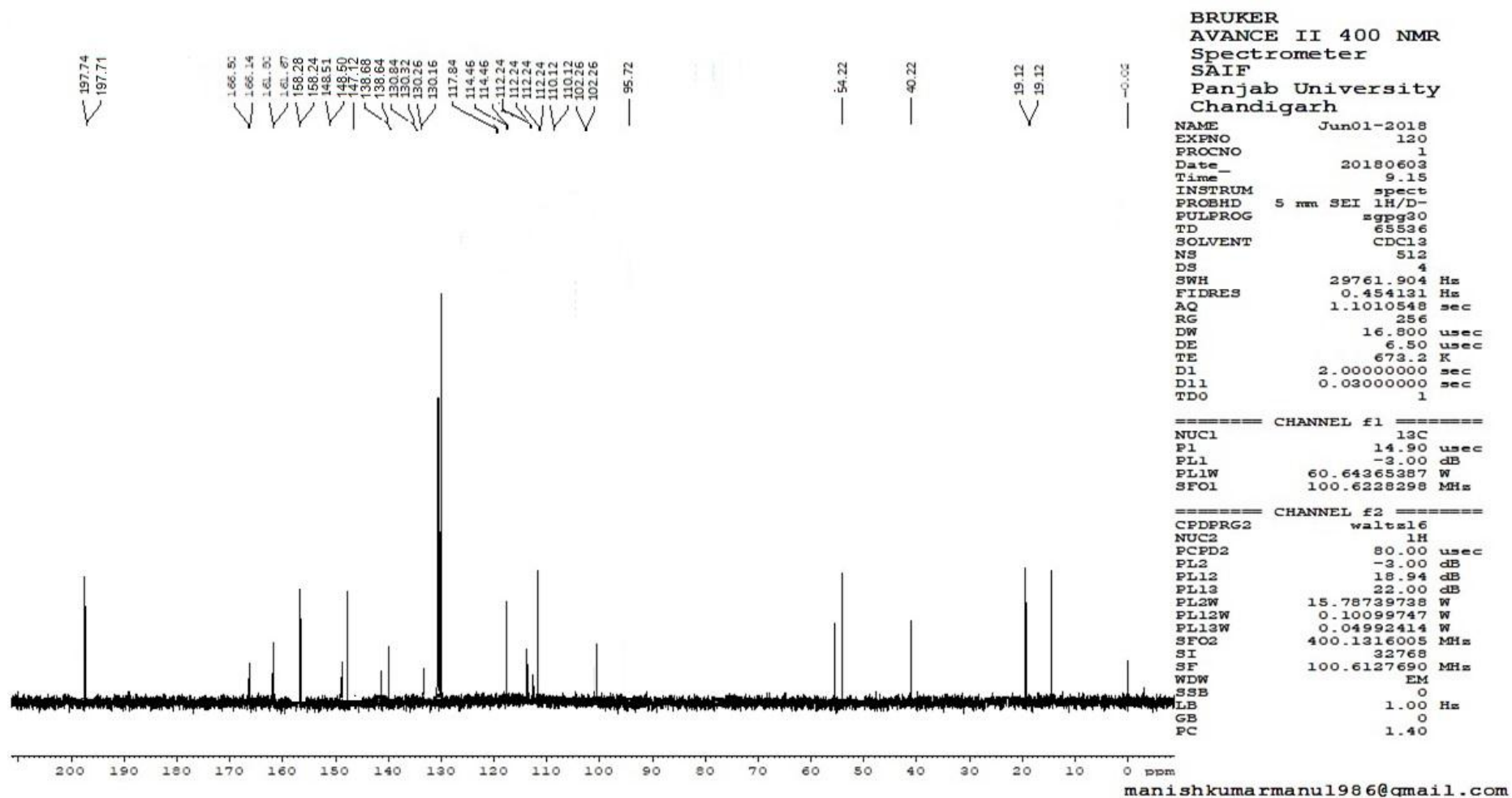
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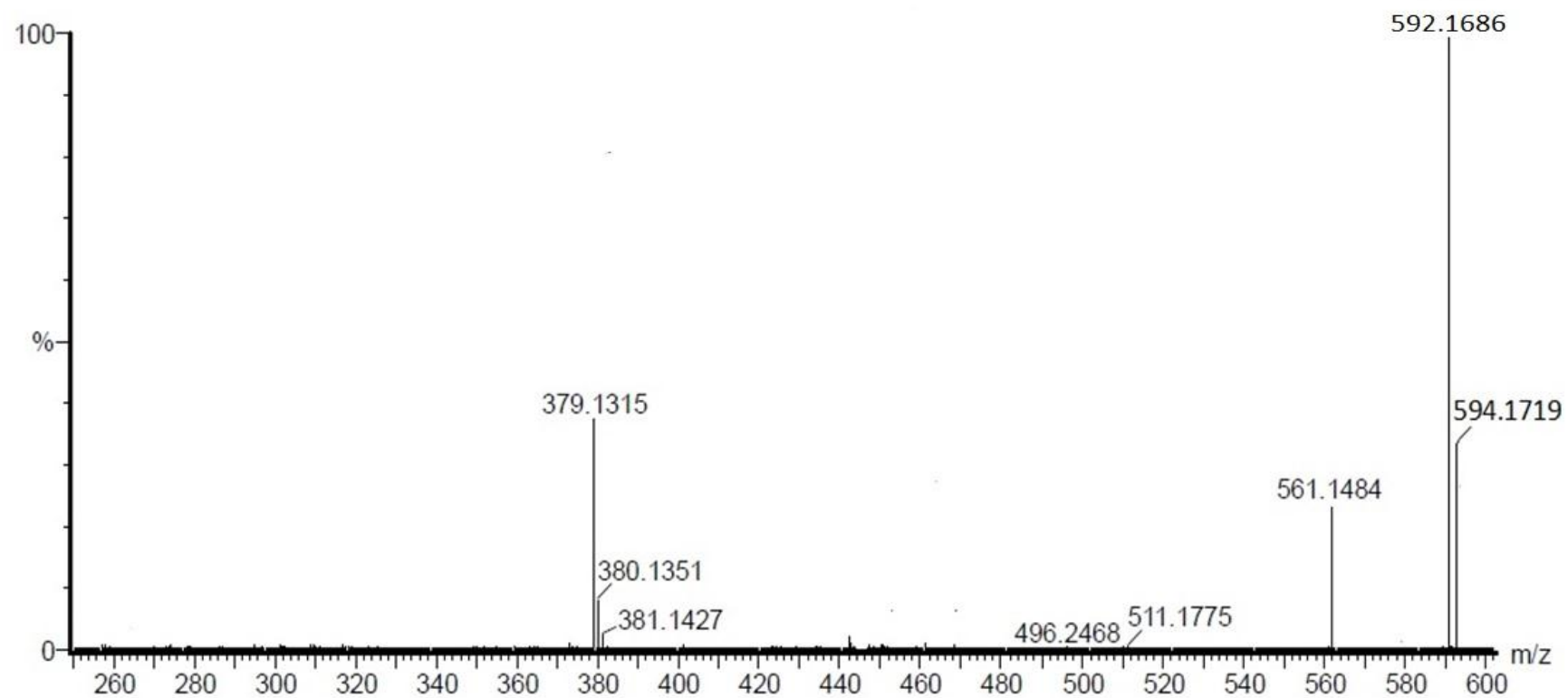
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In silico Investigation of Therapeutic Potentials of Coumarin-Quinoxaline Hybrids against Breast Cancer, Synthesis and *In vitro* Activity

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ABSTRACT To explore the aromatase and HER2 inhibitory activity and to develop newer drug candidates, we have designed a library of ninety compounds by hybridization of two heterocyclic scaffolds; coumarin and quinoxaline. The different derivatives were designed by making substitutions on both the moieties. The designed compounds were further subjected to molecular docking studies against aromatase (PDB Id: 3S7S) and HER2 (PDB Id: 3WSQ) using molecular operating environment 2019.0102 software. Seven compounds revealed best docking scores and their binding patterns in the pocket of aromatase were determined and compared with the standard drugs. Further, *in silico* drug likeliness properties and toxicity profile of best compounds were established using preADME, swissADME, and Protox softwares. The docking protocol was validated and the RMSD value was found to be 1.34. The best four compounds were further synthesized and evaluated for *in vitro* activity against breast cancer utilizing MCF7 and T47D cell lines. The compounds revealed moderate to good activity. The best four compounds were synthesized in the laboratory.

KEYWORDS Aromatase, Coumarin, Drug likeliness, Molecular operating environment, Quinoxaline.

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INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is one of the most frequent and insidious cancer in women.^[1] It impacts about 2.1 million women per year and is one of the most lethal ailments in women. According to the WHO, about 627,000 women died globally in 2018 due to breast cancer which constituted 15% of all deaths due to cancer among women.^[2] It has been estimated that about 66% postmenopausal women suffering from breast cancer are associated with estrogen dependent breast cancer. Estrogen binds to the estrogen receptors (present in mammary glands) and promotes the tumor growth in female breasts.^[3] Estrogens cause enhancement of proliferation of breast epithelial cells and estrogen dependent mammary carcinoma cells and secrete

various growth factors.^[4] Aromatase is a cytochrome P450 enzyme complex which is present in large concentrations in ovaries of premenopausal women, in peripheral adipose tissues of postmenopausal women and in the placenta of pregnant women.^[5] It has been also reported that aromatase activity is maximum in or near the tumor sites in breasts.^[6,7] Aromatase enzyme acts on the androgens and produces the most potent endogenous estrogen estradiol.^[8] A continuous research is in progress to develop newer drug candidates with promising activity against breast cancer. Many research groups have focused on inhibition of aromatase for drug design and development. A few aromatase inhibitors have been already available in market such as anastrozole, letrozole, exemestane, and testolactone.^[9] Another enzyme

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**COUMARIN-DIHYDROPYRIMIDINONE HYBRIDS: DESIGN, VIRTUAL SCREENING, SYNTHESIS AND CYTOTOXIC ACTIVITY AGAINST BREAST CANCER****Rohit Bhatia^{*1,2}, Raj K. Narang³, Ravindra K. Rawal⁴**¹Research Scholar, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences & Technology, MRSPTU, Bathinda, Punjab, India²Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, ISF College of Pharmacy, Ferozepur G.T. Road, Moga, Punjab, India³Department of Pharmaceutics, ISF College of Pharmacy, Ferozepur G.T. Road, Moga, Punjab, India⁴Department of Chemistry, Maharishi Markandeshwar (Deemed to be University), Mullana, Haryana, India*Corresponding author: bhatiarohit5678@gmail.com**ABSTRACT**

Breast cancer is the most invasive form of cancer in women. It is characterized by over production of oestrogens which is mainly mediated by over-expression of aromatase. In the presented work we have designed a library of fifty coumarin-dihydropyrimidinone hybrids and screened them virtually for their aromatase inhibitory potentials through molecular docking tools. Docking was carried out against human aromatase (PDB Id: 3S7S) using exemestane as standard drug. Six compounds with best docking scores and interactions were selected and also analysed for *in silico* drug likeliness and toxicity. Further these six compounds were synthesized and characterized through spectrometric techniques. Further these were evaluated for cytotoxic potentials against breast cancer cell lines using MTT assay. Compounds **CD8** and **CD28** were found most potent among the all. The synthesized compounds must be explored further for discovery of a suitable therapeutic candidate against breast cancer.

Keywords: Breast cancer, Aromatase, Coumarin, Dihydropyrimidinone, Hybrids, MOE**1. INTRODUCTION**

Despite of a great advancement in health and medical service sector, cancer is still a major life threatening disease around the globe [1-4]. Breast cancer is one of the most lethal forms of cancer in women and leading cause of death in post menopausal women. It has been reported that almost 66% of post menopausal breast cancer occurs due to over expression of oestrogen which leads to emergence of hormone-dependent tumors [5]. Oestrogen binds to its receptors present in mammary cells and is responsible for development of tumors in female breasts [6]. Aromatase belongs to cytochrome P450 enzyme class which is present in ovaries of premenopausal, adipose tissue of postmenopausal and placenta of pregnant women in higher concentrations [7]. It is evident that aromatase is highly expressed in tumor sites of breasts [8, 9]. Therefore aromatase has been identified as a significant target for development of therapeutic agents against breast cancer. There is a huge number of medicines/chemotherapeutic agents working through different targets/modes, already available in market against breast cancer and other cancers. Beyond this, there is still selectivity and normal cell toxicity

issues are there which are limiting the use of existing therapeutic agents [10]. Many scientists, researchers, academicians and industries from all over the world are working continuously towards developing therapeutic candidates against cancer with least toxicity and high selectivity. Pathophysiology and progression of breast cancer involves a series of complex underlying events and many of the single targeted agents fail to achieve the therapeutic action. Therefore either high dose or a combination of multiple drugs is required to treat the ailment which generally leads to toxicity [11]. To combat this issue researchers and medicinal chemists have focussed their attention towards concept of molecular hybridization. This approach is based upon generation of new hybrid molecule by combining two or more scaffolds/sub unit of scaffold having different mode of actions [12] through suitable chemical approach. The hybrid molecule thus created possesses all the therapeutic potentials of individual moieties and is able to bind to more than one therapeutic target [13, 14]. Hence this is an ideal approach to design multi-target directed therapeutic agents against cancer.

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Audience take Away:

- Audience will be able to know how to select drug design approaches.
- The presentation will be helpful to the audience to apply CADD tools in drug design by combining them with molecular hybridization approach to design multitarget directed therapeutic agents against cancer.

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