

# Design, Synthesis and Docking Study of Novel 4-anilinoquinazoline Derivatives for Potential EGFR Kinase Inhibitors <sup>†</sup>

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**Abstract:** According to clinical data existing since last two decades, EGFR (Epidermal Growth Factor Receptors) Inhibitors have shown significant resistance effects after six to nine-month treatment due to point mutation in NSCLC (Non-small cell lung cancer) patients. There is an imperative need for the identification of a capable scaffold that provides knowledge regarding new strategies to overcome current clinical limitations. Design and synthesis of *N*<sup>4</sup> –(2-methyl-4-nitrophenyl) quinazoline-4, 6-diamine derivatives have been prepared in four steps; in all steps, the obtained product was purified by recrystallization using suitable solvents. All synthesized compounds were characterized by Fourier-transform infrared (FT-IR), <sup>1</sup>H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). Results of Molecular docking analysis indicated that most of these analogs are comparable to gefitinib in their ability to inhibit against EGFR<sup>T790M</sup> mutant form in EGFR Kinase Domain and several also exhibited significantly enhanced anti-tumor potency in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients. Therefore, these derivatives can be potential agents for cancer therapy, deserving further research.

**Keywords:** 5-nitroanthranilic acid; EGFR kinase domain; molecular docking; EGFR inhibitors; NSCLC.

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