



Synthesis and antimicrobial evaluation of new thiazolyl-1,2,3-triazolyl-alcohol derivatives

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Abstract

A new series of 1-(4-methyl-2-aryl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol (6a-t) have been synthesized by a click reaction of 2-azido-1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone (3a-e) with substituted ethynylbenzene (4a-c) followed by reduction with sodiumborohydride. The newly synthesized 1-(4-methyl-2-aryl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol derivatives were screened for in vitro antibacterial activity against a Gram negative strains, *Escherichia coli* (National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms, NCIM 2574), a Gram positive strain *Staphylococcus albus* (NCIM 2178) and in vitro antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* (NCIM 3100), *Aspergillus niger* (American Type Culture Collection, ATCC 504), *Rhodotorula glutinis* (NCIM 3168), and *Penicillium chrysogenum* (NCIM 737). Eight thiazolyl-1,2,3-triazolyl-alcohol derivatives 6a, 6i, 6j, 6k, 6m, 6n, 6o, and 6p, reported promising antifungal activity against *A. niger* with minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) 31.25–62.5 µg/mL. Compounds 6d, 6m, and 6p showed good antibacterial activity against *S. albus*. It was revealed that, 4-chlorophenyl and 4-fluorophenyl group at position-2 of thiazole ring reported good activity against *A. niger*. The substantial antimicrobial activity of 1-(4-methyl-2-aryl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol derivatives suggested that, these compounds could assist in the development of lead compounds as a treatment against microbial infection.

Keywords Thiazole · 1,2,3-Triazole · Click reaction · Antibacterial activity · Antifungal activity

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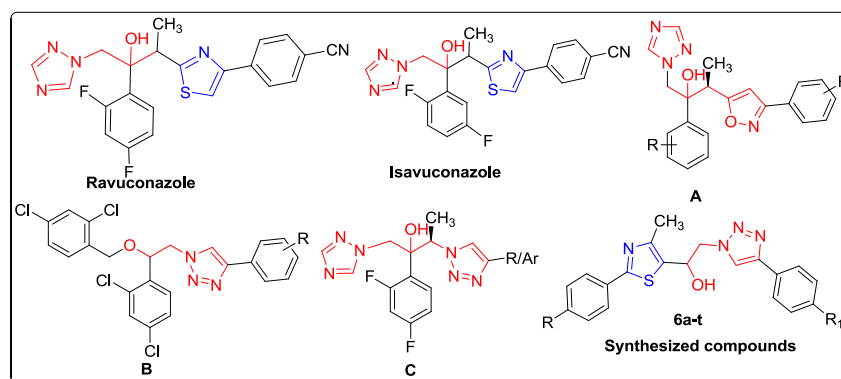
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Introduction

Combating infection has become one of the major challenges to global health, food security and development. The resistance to antimicrobial drugs threatens the effective prevention and treatment of an increasing range of bacterial and fungal infections. Future health management such as surgery, organ transplantation, cancer chemotherapy and diabetes treatments will become a high risk issue without efficient antibiotics (WHO report 2018, Aslam et al. 2018, Fisher et al. 2018)

Azoles are an important class of heterocyclic compounds which exhibit a large spectrum of biological activities (Sheehan et al. 1999, Allen et al. 2015, Choi et al. 2014) against infectious diseases. 1,3-Thiazole containing compounds exhibit a broad spectrum of biological activities (Mark et al. 2005) such as antifungal (Gaikwad et al. 2012, Patil et al. 2015) antibacterial (Tomasic et al. 2015, Brvar et al. 2012, Mhaske et al. 2017, Shelke et al. 2012) antimycobacterial (Abhale et al. 2015, 2016, 2017), antimalarial (Bueno et al. 2016), antioxidant (Jaishree et al. 2012), anti-inflammatory (Rostomet al. 2009), and antiviral (Liet al.

Fig. 1 Triazolyl-alcohol, thiazolyl-triazolyl-alcohol antifungal drugs and lead compounds, and our new proposed analogs (**6a–t**)



2008). 1,2,3-Triazole derivatives are therapeutically important in medicinal chemistry and drug discovery (Dheer et al. 2017, Bonandi et al. 2017), as they exhibit significant biological activities such as antifungal (Bonandi et al. 2017, Choi et al. 2014, Kathiravan et al. 2012), antimicrobial (Calderon et al. 2016, Zhang B 2019) anti-tubercular (Jadhav et al. 2017, Shaikh et al. 2015, Menendez et al. 2013), antimalarial (Chu et al. 2019), anticancer (Battula et al. 2017, Ma et al. 2015), anti-inflammatory (Dmitry et al. 2014), and antiviral (Tian et al. 2018). Triazole alcohols are vital pharmacophore of the azole antifungal drugs (Bozorov et al. 2019, Hashemi et al. 2015, Emamiet al. 2019) (Fig. 1). 1,2,3-Triazole clubbed with antibacterial drugs such as Rifampicin–Tobramycin hybrids showed potential antibacterial activity (Idowu et al. 2019). The biological importance and structural modification of thiazole and 1,2,3-triazole have made them a prominent target for new antimicrobial lead compounds. 1,3-Thiazole clubbed with other azole derivatives showed antibacterial, antifungal, and antitubercular activities (Nalawade et al. 2019, Takate et al. 2019). The 1,3-thiazole and 1,2,3-triazole tethered nucleus has received attention in recent years due to their significant antimicrobial and antitubercular (Shinde et al. 2018, 2019, Pardeshi et al. 2011, Shiradkar 2007) activities.

Owing to the promising biological activities of thiazole and 1,2,3-triazole derivatives and in continuation of our search for new anti-infection agents, we report herein the synthesis and antimicrobial evaluation of 1-(4-methyl-2-aryl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol derivatives.

Materials and methods

Chemistry

^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker at either 500 MHz (^1H NMR) and 126 MHz (^{13}C NMR),

spectrometer instruments. Chemical shifts are reported from internal tetramethylsilane standard and are reported in δ units.

General procedure for synthesis of 2-azido-1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3a**)

The mixture of 2-bromo-1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone (**2a**) (10 mmol) and sodium azide (0.715 g, 11 mmol) in dimethyl sulphoxide (10 mL) was stirred for 30 min. The progress of the reaction was monitored on thin layer chromatography (TLC), after completion, the reaction mixture was quenched in water (50 mL) and stirred for 20 min. The aqueous solution of reaction was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3), the organic layer was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Solvent was removed under vacuum to afford 2-azido-1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3a**), (yield 85%). The crude product was used for further reaction. Derivative **3b–e** was synthesized by similar protocol (yield 80–88%).

General procedure for synthesis of 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanone (**5a**)

The mixture of 2-azido-1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone (**3a**) (5 mmol), ethynylbenzene (**4a**), sodium ascorbate (1 mmol) and copper sulfate (1 mmol) in DMF: H_2O (3:1) (4 mL) was stirred for 12–24 h. After completion of reaction (TLC), the reaction was quenched in water and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL \times 3), the organic layer was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and solvent was removed under vacuum to afford 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanone (**5a**). The crude product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate:hexane (2:8) as eluent (yield 76%). Derivatives **5b–t** was synthesized using similar experimental procedure (yield 70–85%).

General procedure for synthesis of 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, (6a)

To a solution of 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanone (**5a**) in methanol (10 mL), NaBH₄ (5 mmol) was added portion wise at 5–10 °C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour. After completion of the reaction (TLC), solvent was distilled under vacuum; the residue was dissolved in water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 mL × 3). Organic layer was washed with water and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Solvent was removed under vacuum to obtain 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, (**6a**) (yield 84%). Compounds **6b–t** was synthesized by same experimental procedure (yield 70–88%).

1-(4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, (6a)

MF: C₂₀H₁₇FN₄OS; yield: 84%; mp: 138–140 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.63 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.43 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.68 (qd, *J* = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.90 (C, Thiazole-C2), 149.19 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.63 (C, Triazole-C4), 134.68 (C, C1'), 133.59 (C, Thiazole-C5), 131.25 (C, C1''), 130.54 (C, C4'), 129.68 (2CH, C2', C6'), 129.40 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.30 (CH, Triazole-C5), 126.24 (2CH, C3', C5'), 125.59 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.81 (CH, C4''), 66.17 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.56 (CH₂–CH₂–Triazole), 15.60 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: *m/z* = 363.1287 (M + H)+.

1-(4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6b)

MF: C₂₀H₁₇BrN₄OS; yield: 80%; mp: 150–152 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.51 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.38 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.62 (qd, *J* = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.89 (C, Thiazole-C2), 149.18 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.69 (C, Triazole-C4), 137.59 (C, C4''), 134.69 (C, C1'), 133.59 (C, Thiazole-C5), 130.53 (C, C4'), 129.94 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 129.68 (2CH, C2', C6'), 128.48 (CH, Triazole-C5), 126.23 (2CH, C3', C5'), 125.53 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.36 (C, C1''), 66.18 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH),

56.53 (CH₂–CH₂–Triazole), 21.30 (CH₃, Ar–CH₃), 15.58 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: *m/z* = 377.1441 (M + H)+.

2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-1-(4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)ethanol, (6c)

MF: C₂₁H₂₀N₄O₂S; yield: 78%; mp: 160–162 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.46 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50–7.46 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.37 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.61 (qd, *J* = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 3.79 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 2.27 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.87 (C, Thiazole-C2), 159.44 (C, C4''), 149.17 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.56 (C, Triazole-C4), 134.71 (C, C1'), 133.60 (C, Thiazole-C5), 130.53 (C, C4'), 129.68 (2CH, C2', C6'), 126.93 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 126.23 (2CH, C3', C5'), 123.85 (CH, Triazole-C5), 121.83 (C, C1''), 114.80 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 66.19 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.52 (CH₂–CH–Triazole), 55.62 (CH₃, Ar–OCH₃), 15.59 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: *m/z* = 393.1390 (M + H)+.

2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-1-(4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)ethanol, (6d)

MF: C₂₀H₁₇FN₄OS; yield: 84%; mp: 168–170 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.58 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.92–7.87 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.40–5.36 (m, 1H, –CH), 4.67–4.59 (m, 2H, –CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 164.90 (C, Thiazole-C2), 163.19 and 161.24 (C, C4'', d, ¹*J* = 245.7 Hz), 149.18 (C, Thiazole-C4), 145.77 (C, Triazole-C4), 134.64 (C, C1'), 133.58 (C, Thiazole-C5), 130.54 (C, C4'), 129.68 (2CH, C2', C6'), 127.83 and 127.80 (C, C1'', d, ⁴*J* = 3.8 Hz), 127.63 and 127.56 (2CH, C2'', C6'', d, ³*J* = 8.8 Hz), 126.24 (2CH, C3', C5'), 122.73 (CH, Triazole-C5), 116.42 and 116.24 (2CH, C3'', C5'', d, ⁴*J* = 22.7 Hz), 66.16 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.58 (CH₂–CH₂–Triazole), 15.60 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: *m/z* = 381.1192 (M + H)+.

1-[2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-(4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, (6e)

MF: C₂₀H₁₇BrN₄OS; yield: 75%; mp: 140–142 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.62 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.47–5.40 (m, 1H, –CH), 4.68 (qd, *J* = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 2H, –CH₂), 2.32 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.53 (C, Thiazole-C2), 149.34

(C, Thiazole-C4), 146.64 (C, Thiazole-C4), 135.31 (C, C1'), 135.03 (C, Thiazole-C5), 132.40 (C, C4'), 131.23 (C, C1''), 129.73 (2CH, C3', C5'), 129.40 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.30 (CH, Thiazole-C5), 127.92 (2CH, C2', C6'), 125.59 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.81 (CH, C4''), 66.16 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.51 (CH₂, -CH-Triazole), 15.56 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 441.0385 (M + H) + 443.0371 (M + 2 + H) +.

1-[2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6f)

MF: C₂₁H₁₉BrN₄O₂S; yield: 84%; mp: 182–184 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.56 (s, 1H, Thiazole-H), 7.96–7.92 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.58 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.43 (dt, J = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.66 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.38 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃), 2.32 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.51 (C, Thiazole-C2), 149.34 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.70 (C, Thiazole-C4), 137.59 (C, C4''), 135.33 (C, C1'), 135.03 (C, Thiazole-C5), 132.41 (C, C4'), 129.94 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 129.73 (2CH, C3', C5'), 128.47 (CH, Thiazole-C5), 127.92 (2CH, C2', C6'), 125.53 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.37 (C, C1''), 66.17 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.49 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 21.30 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.56 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 455.0546 (M + H) + 457.0528 (M + 2 + H) +.

1-[2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6g)

MF: C₂₁H₁₉BrN₄O₂S; yield: 80%; mp: 160–162 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.51 (s, 1H, Thiazole-H), 7.97–7.93 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.84–7.79 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.58 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.42 (dt, J = 7.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.65 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 3.84 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 2.32 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.50 (C, Thiazole-C2), 159.44 (C, C4''), 149.34 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.58 (C, Thiazole-C4), 135.35 (C, C1'), 135.03 (C, Thiazole-C5), 132.41 (C, C4'), 129.73 (2CH, C3', C5'), 127.92 (2CH, C2', C6'), 126.94 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 123.83 (CH, Thiazole-C5), 121.84 (C, C1''), 114.80 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 66.18 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.48 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 55.62 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.56 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 471.0498 (M + H) +, 473.0478 (M + 2 + H) +.

1-[2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6h)

MF: C₂₀H₁₆BrFN₄O₂S; yield: 80%; mp: 184–186 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.63 (s, 1H, Thiazole-H),

7.97–7.91 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.59 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.46–5.40 (m, 1H, -CH), 4.72–4.62 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.53 (C, Thiazole-C2), 163.19 and 161.25 (C, -C4'', d, 1J = 244.4 Hz), 149.33 (C, Thiazole-C4), 145.78 (C, Thiazole-C4), 135.27 (C, C1'), 135.04 (C, Thiazole-C5), 132.40 (C, C4'), 129.74 (2CH, C3', C5'), 127.92 (2CH, C2', C6'), 127.81 and 127.79 (C, C1'', d, 4J = 3.8 Hz), 127.63 and 127.56 (2CH, C2'', C6'', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 122.74 (CH, Thiazole-C5), 116.41 and 116.24 (2CH, C3'', C5'', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 66.15 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.53 (CH₂, -CH-Triazole), 15.57 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 459.0299 (M + H) +, 461.0280 (M + 2 + H) +.

1-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6i)

MF: C₂₀H₁₇ClN₄O₂S; yield: 88%; mp: 163–165 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.58 (s, 1H, Thiazole-H), 7.83 (dt, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.70–7.66 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.54 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.39 (dt, J = 7.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.63 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.28 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.61 (C, Thiazole-C2), 149.38 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.64 (C, Thiazole-C4), 135.33 (C, C4'), 132.74 (C, C1'), 132.65 (2CH, C2', C6'), 131.23 (C, C1''), 129.40 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.31 (CH, Thiazole-C5), 128.13 (2CH, C3', C5'), 125.59 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 123.77 (C, Thiazole-C5), 122.81 (CH, C4''), 66.16 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.50 (CH₂, -CH-Triazole), 15.56 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 397.0896 (M + H) +, 399.0867 (M + 2 + H) +.

1-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6j)

MF: C₂₁H₁₉ClN₄O₂S; yield: 78%; mp: 198–200 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.51 (s, 1H, Thiazole-H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.53 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H, -CH), 4.62 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.28 (s, 3H, Thiazole-CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.59 (C, Thiazole-C2), 149.37 (C, Thiazole-C4), 146.71 (C, Thiazole-C4), 137.59 (C, C4''), 135.35 (C, C4'), 132.74 (C, C1'), 132.64 (2CH, C2', C6'), 129.93 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.47 (CH, Thiazole-C5), 128.13 (2CH, C3', C5'), 125.53 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 123.76 (C, Thiazole-C5), 122.37 (C, C1''), 66.18 (CH, Thiazole-CHOH), 56.48 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 21.30 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.56 (CH₃, Thiazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 411.1052 (M + H) + 0.413.1025 (M + 2 + H) +.

1-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6k)

MF: $C_{21}H_{19}ClN_4O_2S$; yield: 85%; mp: 178–180 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.50 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.74–7.71 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.57 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.42 (dt, J = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.65 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.2 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ar-OCH₃), 2.32 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.59 (C, Triazole-C2), 159.44 (C, C4''), 149.37 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.58 (C, Triazole-C4), 135.37 (C, C4'), 132.74 (C, C1'), 132.64 (2CH, C2', C6'), 128.13 (2CH, C3', C5'), 126.94 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 123.83 (C, C1''), 123.76 (C, Triazole-C5), 121.84 (CH, Triazole-C5), 114.80 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 66.19 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.46 (CH₂, -CH-Triazole), 55.62 (CH₃, Ar-OCH₃), 15.55 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 427.1002 (M + H)⁺, 429.0974 (M + 2 + H)⁺.

1-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6l)

MF: $C_{20}H_{16}ClFN_4OS$; yield: 78%; mp: 162–164 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.63 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.94–7.92 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.56 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.46–5.39 (m, 1H, -CH), 4.73–4.63 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 2.33 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.61 (C, Triazole-C2), 163.19 and 161.25 (C, C4'', d, 1J = 244.4 Hz), 149.18 (C, Triazole-C4), 145.79 (C, Triazole-C4), 135.30 (C, C4'), 133.58 (C, C1'), 132.65 (2CH, C2', C6'), 128.13 (2CH, C3', C5'), 127.81 and 127.79 (C, C1'', d, 4J = 3.8 Hz), 127.63 and 127.57 (2CH, C2'', C6'', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 126.24 (C, Triazole-C5), 122.73 (CH, Triazole-C5), 116.41 and 116.24 (2CH, C3'', C5'', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 66.16 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.58 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 15.60 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 415.0802 (M + H)⁺, 417.0774 (M + 2 + H)⁺.

1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-(4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, (6m)

MF: $C_{20}H_{17}FN_4OS$; yield: 75%; mp: 160–162 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.62 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.97 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.37 (dd, J = 17.7, 8.8 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 6.57 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.47–5.40 (m, 1H, -CH), 4.67 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.31 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.75 (C, Triazole-C2), 164.53 and 162.56 (C, C4', d, 1J

= 244.4 Hz), 149.17 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.64 (C, Triazole-C4), 134.81 (C, Triazole-C5), 131.24 (C, C1''), 130.28 and 130.25 (C, C1', d, 4J = 3.8 Hz), 129.40 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.55 and 128.48 (2CH, C2', C6', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 128.30 (CH, Triazole-C5), 125.59 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.80 (CH, C4''), 116.78 and 116.60 (2CH, C3', C5', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 66.15 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.55 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 15.56 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 381.1193 (M + H)⁺.

1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6n)

MF: $C_{21}H_{19}FN_4OS$; yield: 72%; mp: 172–174 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.55 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.97 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.55 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.42 (dt, J = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.65 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.37 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.31 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.73 (C, Triazole-C2), 164.53 and 162.56 (C, C4', d, 1J = 244.4 Hz), 149.16 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.70 (C, Triazole-C4), 137.59 (C, C4''), 134.83 (C, Triazole-C5), 130.28 and 130.26 (C, C1', d, 4J = 2.5 Hz), 129.93 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.55 and 128.48 (2CH, C2', C6', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 128.48 (C, C1''), 125.53 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.36 (CH, Triazole-C5), 116.77 and 116.60 (2CH, C3', C5', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 66.16 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.52 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 21.29 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.55 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 395.1350 (M + H)⁺.

1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6o)

MF: $C_{21}H_{19}FN_4O_2S$; yield: 70%; mp: 123–125 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.46 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.32 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.51 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.37 (dt, J = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.60 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 3.79 (s, 3H, Ar-OCH₃), 2.26 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.73 (C, Triazole-C2), 164.53 and 162.56 (C, C4', d, 1J = 244.4 Hz), 159.44 (C, C4''), 149.16 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.57 (C, Triazole-C4), 134.85 (C, Triazole-C5), 130.28 and 130.26 (C, C1', d, 4J = 2.5 Hz), 128.55 and 128.48 (2CH, C2', C6', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 126.94 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 123.84 (C, C1''), 121.83 (CH, Triazole-C5), 116.77 and 116.60 (2CH, C3', C5', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 114.80 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 66.17 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.51 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 55.62 (CH₃, Ar-OCH₃), 15.55 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 411.1294 (M + H)⁺.

2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]ethanol, (6p)

MF: $C_{20}H_{16}F_2N_4OS$; yield: 74%; mp: 182–184 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.58 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.95–7.86 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.35–7.27 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.53 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.41–5.34 (m, 1H, -CH), 4.67–4.58 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 2.27 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 163.75 (C, Triazole-C2), 164.53 and 162.56 (C, C4', d, 1J = 244.4 Hz), 163.19 and 161.25 (C, C4'' 1J = 244.4 Hz), 149.15 (C, Triazole-C4), 145.78 (C, Triazole-C4), 134.77 (C, Triazole-C5), 130.27 and 130.25 (C, C1', d, 4J = 2.5 Hz), 128.55 and 128.48 (2CH, C2', C6', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 127.82 and 127.79 (C, C1'' d, 4J = 3.8 Hz), 127.63 and 127.56 (2CH, C2'', C6'', d, 3J = 8.8 Hz), 122.72 (CH, Triazole-C5), 116.77 and 116.60 (2CH, C3', C5', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 116.41 and 116.24 (2CH, C3'', C5'', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 66.15 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.56 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 15.56 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃). HRMS: m/z = 399.1095 (M + H)+.

1-[4-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-phenyl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6q)

MF: $C_{21}H_{20}N_4OS$; yield: 86%; mp: 190–192 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.57 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.48 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.37 (dt, J = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.62 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.35 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.26 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.05 (C, Triazole-C2), 149.02 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.62 (C, Triazole-C4), 140.34 (C, C4'), 134.03 (C, Triazole-C5), 131.24 (C, C1''), 131.01 (C, C1'), 130.21 (2CH, C2', C6'), 129.40 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.30 (CH, Triazole-C5), 126.19 (2CH, C3', C5'), 125.59 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.79 (CH, C4''), 66.16 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.57 (CH₂, -H₂-Triazole), 21.39 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.57 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 377.1440 (M + H)+.

1-[4-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (6r)

MF: $C_{22}H_{22}N_4OS$; yield: 80%; mp: 190–192 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.51 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.47 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.37 (dt, J = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.61 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 2.35 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.33 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.26 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz,

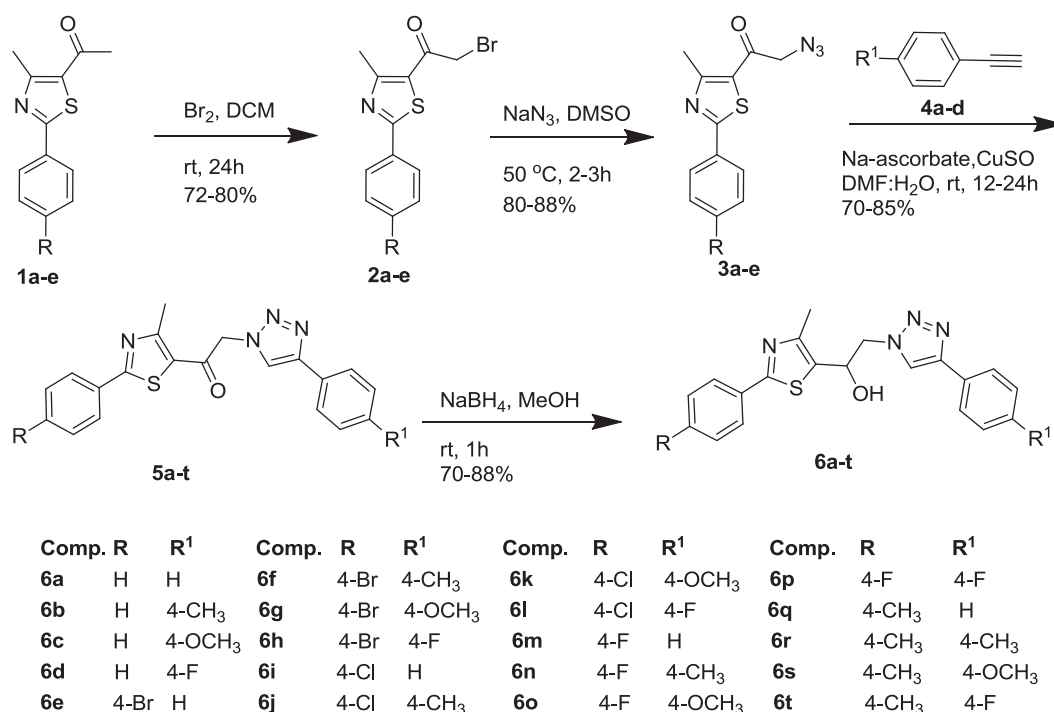
DMSO- d_6) δ 165.02 (C, Triazole-C2), 149.01 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.69 (C, Triazole-C4), 140.32 (C, C4'), 137.58 (C, C4''), 134.06 (C, Triazole-C5), 131.03 (C, C1'), 130.20 (2CH, C2', C6'), 129.93 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 128.49 (CH, Triazole-C5), 126.18 (2CH, C3', C5'), 125.53 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 122.35 (C, C1''), 66.17 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.55 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 21.39 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 21.30 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.57 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 391.1597 (M + H)+.

2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]ethanol, (6s)

MF: $C_{22}H_{22}N_4O_2S$; yield: 86%; mp: 125–127 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.50 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.51 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.41 (dt, J = 7.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.64 (qd, J = 13.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ar-OCH₃), 2.40 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.31 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.02 (C, Triazole-C2), 159.44 (C, C4''), 149.01 (C, Triazole-C4), 146.56 (C, Triazole-C4), 140.32 (C, C4'), 134.08 (C, Triazole-C5), 131.02 (C, C1'), 130.20 (2CH, C2', C6'), 126.93 (2CH, C2'', C6''), 126.18 (2CH, C3', C5'), 123.85 (CH, Triazole-C5), 121.82 (C, C1''), 114.79 (2CH, C3'', C5''), 66.18 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.54 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 55.61 (CH₃, Ar-OCH₃), 21.39 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.57 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 407.1548 (M + H)+.

2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-methylphenyl)-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]ethanol, (6t)

MF: $C_{21}H_{19}FN_4OS$; yield: 80%; mp: 168–170 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 8.58 (s, 1H, Triazole-H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.29 (dd, J = 12.3, 4.7 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 6.48 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H, OH), 5.37 (dt, J = 7.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H, -CH), 4.67–4.57 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 2.35 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 2.27 (s, 3H, Triazole-CH₃); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 165.04 (C, Triazole-C2), 163.19 and 161.24 (C, -C4'', d, 1J = 245.7 Hz), 149.01 (C, Triazole-C4), 145.77 (C, Triazole-C4), 140.33 (C, C4'), 134.00 (C, Triazole-C5), 131.02 (C, C1'), 130.20 (2CH, C2', C6'), 127.83 and 127.81 (C, C1'', d, 4J = 2.5 Hz), 127.62 and 127.56 (2CH, C2'', C6'', d, 3J = 7.6 Hz), 126.18 (2CH, C3', C5'), 122.71 (CH, Triazole-C5), 116.41 and 116.24 (2CH, C3'', C5'', d, 2J = 21.4 Hz), 66.16 (CH, Triazole-CHOH), 56.60 (CH₂, -CH₂-Triazole), 21.38 (CH₃, Ar-CH₃), 15.58 (CH₃, Triazole-CH₃); HRMS: m/z = 395.1346 (M + H)+.



Scheme 1 : Synthetic route of thiazolyl-1,2,3-triazolyl-ethanol, **6a–t**

Biological activity

Antibacterial activity

The *in vitro* antibacterial screening of the synthesized thiazolyl-triazole derivatives (**6a–t**) was performed by the well diffusion method (Wayne 2002, NCCLS 2000, Mali et al. 2015). 500 μ L of 24–48 h old fresh bacterial culture were spread over the nutrient agar plates and the cultures were inoculated using the sterile cotton swab. Using the well borer, 5 mm diameter wells were punched on the agar plates. The synthesized compounds were dissolved in DMSO. The wells were filled with 80 μ L of respective synthesized compounds and a vehicle control, DMSO was added to one agar plate and standard drug Streptomycin used as positive control. The plates were incubated for 24–48 h at 37 °C. After the incubation period, the antimicrobial activity was evaluated by measuring the zone of inhibition in mm using a measuring scale and the average was calculated. The experiments were carried out in five replicates.

Antifungal activity

The *in vitro* antifungal activity of thiazolyl-triazole derivatives (**6a–t**) was done by well diffusion method (Wayne 2002, NCCLS 2000, Mali et al. 2015). Mueller-Hinton agar plates were prepared by pouring 20 mL in each sterile petri-

plates for fungal assay and allowed to solidify. During the assay, standard fungal cultures were grown on Potato-Dextrose broth. 500 μ L of 48–72 h old fresh fungal spore suspension was spread on the agar plates using a sterile cotton swab to get uniform growth. With the help of well borer, 5 mm diameter wells were punched on the agar plates. The wells were filled with 80 μ L of the samples and a vehicle control, DMSO was added to one agar plate. A standard plate with Fluconazole and Ravuconazole was used as a positive control. The plates were incubated for a period of 48–72 h at 30 °C. After the incubation period, the plates were observed for the clear zone of inhibition. The zones of inhibition were measured in mm using a measuring scale and the mean was calculated. The experiments were carried out in five replicates.

The micro-dilution susceptibility test in Sabouraud Liquid Medium (Oxoid) was used for the determination of minimum inhibition concentration (MIC). Stock solution of the test compounds, Streptomycin, Fluconazole and Ravuconazole were prepared in DMSO at concentration of 1000 μ g/mL. Two fold serial dilutions of the test compounds solutions were prepared using broth. The final concentration of the solutions was 500, 250, 125, 62.5, 31.25, 15.62, 7.81, and 3.90 μ g/mL. The tubes were inoculated with the test organisms and kept for incubation for 48–72 h. at 30 °C. The lowest concentration showing no growth was considered as MIC. Control experiment with DMSO and un-inoculated media were run parallel to the test

compounds under similar conditions. All experiments were carried in triplicates.

Results and discussion

Chemistry

The synthetic route for 1-(4-methyl-2-aryl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol derivatives is presented in Scheme 1. 1-(4-methyl-2-arylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone, **1a–e** on bromination with bromine in dichloromethane gave 2-bromo-1-(4-methyl-2-arylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone **2a–e**. Bromo derivatives **2a–e** on nucleophilic substitution reaction with sodium azide in dimethyl sulphoxide gave 2-azido-1-(4-methyl-2-arylthiazol-5-yl)ethanone, **3a–e**. A click reaction of azide **3a–e** with substituted aryl alkyne **4a–d** in the presence of catalytic sodium ascorbate and copper sulfate in DMF:water (3:1) gave 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanone **5a–t**, which upon reduction with NaBH₄ in methanol furnished target compounds 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, **6a–t**. The structure of newly synthesized thiazolyl-1,2,3-triazolyl-ethanol, **6a–t** was confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectral analysis.

As a representative analysis, of thiazolyl-triazole derivative 1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol (**6n**), the ¹H NMR spectrum revealed the two singlets in the aliphatic region at δ 2.37 and 2.31 integrated for three protons each corresponds to -CH₃ at C-4 of thiazole and C-4 of phenyl ring, respectively. A double doublet at δ 4.70–4.61 integrated for one proton each corresponds to diastereotopic methylene protons. A multiplet appeared at δ 5.44–5.40 and a doublet at δ 6.55 integrated for one proton each was assigned to methine proton and alcohol proton of thiazole-CHOH-CH₂ functional group, respectively. The aromatic protons of fluoro substituted phenyl ring appeared as a triplet at δ 7.97 and a double doublet at δ 7.36 while the protons of 4-methyl substituted in the phenyl ring showed two doublets at δ 7.77 and 7.31. A singlet at δ 8.55, was due to the proton at C-5-position of 1,2,3-triazole ring. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **6n** displayed four signals in aliphatic region at δ 66.16, 56.52, 21.29, and 15.55 corresponds to CH, CH₂, Ar-CH₃ and thiazole-CH₃, respectively. The carbons of 4-methyl substituted phenyl, 1,2,3-triazole and thiazole resonated between δ 163.73 and 122.36. The carbons of fluoro substituted phenyl ring showed typical C-F coupling, they appeared as four doublets at δ 164.53 and 162.56 (d, ¹J = 244.4 Hz), 116.77, and 116.60 (d, ²J = 21.4 Hz), 128.55 and 128.48 (d, ³J = 8.8 Hz), 130.28 and 130.26 (d, ⁴J = 2.5 Hz). Structure of compound **6n** was

further confirmed by molecular ion peak (HRMS) at m/z : 395.1350 (M + H)⁺. Structure of all synthesized compounds was confirmed accordingly.

Compounds 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol derivatives, **6a–t** were evaluated for antibacterial activity against Gram-negative bacteria *E. coli* and Gram-positive bacteria *S. albus* using well diffusion method (Wayne 2002, NCCLS 2000, Mali et al. 2015). Standard drug Streptomycin and DMSO were used as positive and negative control, respectively. The in vitro antifungal activity was performed against *R. glutinis*, *P. chrysogenum*, *C. albicans* and *A. niger* using the well diffusion method. The antifungal drugs Fluconazole and Ravuconazole were used as reference. All the test solutions were prepared in DMSO at 1000 μ g/mL concentrations and the wells were filled with 80 μ L (80 μ g) of the samples. The result of antimicrobial activity in the zone of inhibition (mm) has been presented in supporting information (Table S1).

The antimicrobial activity result analysis of 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol derivatives, **6a–t** revealed that, most of the compounds showed moderate activity against *E. coli* and moderate to good activity against *S. albus*. The preliminary antifungal activity against *R. glutinis*, *P. chrysogenum*, *C. albicans* and *A. niger* revealed that, most of the thiazolyl-triazolyl-alcohol derivatives reported moderate to good antifungal activity. The convincing antimicrobial activity against bacterial and fungal strains of compounds **6a–t** leads us to determine that the microbial inhibition in a dose dependent way with the concentrations ranges from 500 to 3.90 μ g/mL. The in vitro antimicrobial screening results of minimum inhibitory concentration in μ g/mL are presented in Table 1.

The antimicrobial activity analysis revealed that, the thiazolyl-1,2,3-triazolyl-ethanol derivatives were less active against the *E. coli* and *S. albus*. The analysis of antifungal activity presented in Table 1 provided some lead compounds that showed good antifungal activity against *A. niger*.

The structure activity relationship revealed that, amongst the 1-(4-methyl-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol (**6a–d**), the compound **6a** (R=H, R¹=H) showed comparable activity against *A. niger* with respect to the standard drug Ravuconazole. Among the compounds **6e–t**, it was observed that compound with R=Cl, exhibited better activity against *A. niger* irrespective of different R' groups. Compounds **6m** (R=F, R¹=H), **6n** (R=F, R¹=CH₃) showed good activity against *A. niger* with MIC 62.5 μ g/mL, and were found less active against other strains. Compound **6o** (R=F, R¹=OCH₃) showed good activity against *A. niger* with MIC 31.25 μ g/mL comparable to standard antifungal Ravuconazole. The compound **6p**

Table 1 Antimicrobial activity in Minimum Inhibitory Concentration ($\mu\text{g/mL}$) of compounds **6a–t**

| Comp. | R | R ¹ | <i>E.coli</i> | <i>S.albus</i> | <i>R. glutinis</i> | <i>P.chrysogenum</i> | <i>C. albicans</i> | <i>A.niger</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 6a | H | H | >250 | >250 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 31.25 |
| 6b | H | 4-CH ₃ | >250 | 125 | >250 | 250 | 250 | >250 |
| 6c | H | 4-OCH ₃ | >250 | 250 | >250 | 250 | >250 | >250 |
| 6d | H | 4-F | >250 | 62.5 | >250 | 250 | 125 | 125 |
| 6e | Br | H | >250 | 125 | 125 | 125 | 250 | >250 |
| 6f | Br | 4-CH ₃ | >250 | 250 | >250 | >250 | 250 | >250 |
| 6g | Br | 4-OCH ₃ | >250 | 250 | 250 | >250 | >250 | >250 |
| 6h | Br | 4-F | >250 | 250 | 125 | >250 | >250 | 125 |
| 6i | Cl | H | >250 | >250 | 250 | 250 | >250 | 62.5 |
| 6j | Cl | 4-CH ₃ | >250 | >250 | >250 | 125 | >250 | 62.5 |
| 6k | Cl | 4-OCH ₃ | >250 | >250 | 250 | 250 | >250 | 62.5 |
| 6l | Cl | 4-F | >250 | 125 | 125 | >250 | >250 | 125 |
| 6m | F | H | >250 | 62.5 | 125 | 250 | >250 | 62.5 |
| 6n | F | 4-CH ₃ | >250 | >250 | 250 | >250 | 250 | 62.5 |
| 6o | F | 4-OCH ₃ | >250 | 125 | >250 | >250 | 250 | 31.25 |
| 6p | F | 4-F | >250 | 62.5 | 62.5 | 250 | >250 | 62.5 |
| 6q | CH ₃ | H | >250 | 125 | 250 | >250 | >250 | 125 |
| 6r | CH ₃ | 4-CH ₃ | >250 | 250 | 250 | >250 | 125 | 125 |
| 6s | CH ₃ | 4-OCH ₃ | >250 | >250 | 250 | >250 | 250 | 250 |
| 6t | CH ₃ | 4-F | >250 | >250 | 250 | >250 | 250 | 250 |
| Streptomycin | | | 7.81 | 7.81 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Fluconazole | | | NA | NA | 7.81 | 7.81 | 7.81 | 7.81 |
| Ravuconazole | | | NA | NA | 15.62 | 7.81 | 7.81 | 31.25 |

NA not applicable

MIC of active compounds are highlighted in bold

(R=F, R¹=F) reported good activity against *A. niger* with MIC 62.5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. It is noteworthy that the compounds **6i**, **6j**, **6k**, **6m**, **6n**, and **6p** recorded two fold less activity while compounds **6a** and **6o** were seen to exhibit comparable activity against *A. niger* with Ravuconazole.

It is worth mentioning, among the twenty derivatives of 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, **6a–t**, compounds **6a** and **6o** found comparatively active and compounds **6i**, **6j**, **6k**, **6m**, **6n**, and **6p** were found two fold less active against *A. niger* compared with Ravuconazole.

Conclusion

In conclusion, a series of 1-(4-methyl-2-aryl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-aryl-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol (**6a–t**) have been synthesized. The antimicrobial screening studies of compounds **6a–t** was undertaken to evaluate the effects of substituent on the antimicrobial activities. Most of the synthesized compounds exhibited good antifungal activity against *A. niger*. The compounds 1-(4-methyl-2-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-2-(4-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)ethanol, (**6a**) and

1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl]-2-[4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]ethanol, (**6o**) reported comparable antifungal activity against *A. niger* with respect to the standard drug Ravuconazole. It is concluded that, 4-chlorophenyl and 4-fluorophenyl substituted at position-2 of thiazole ring was found to be more active against *A. niger*.

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