

A series of 21 2-(4-(hydroxyalkyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-substituted propanamides (1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles having amide linkage and hydroxyl group) have been synthesized from click reaction between terminal alkyne and 2-azido-*N*-substituted propanamide (generated *in situ* from reaction of 2-bromo-*N*-substituted propanamide and sodium azide) and characterized by FTIR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectroscopy, and HRMS. All the newly synthesized triazoles were tested *in vitro* for antimicrobial activity against four bacterial cultures – *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Staphylococcus aureus* – and two fungal cultures – *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus niger*. The synthesized 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles displayed moderate to good antimicrobial potential against the tested strains.

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INTRODUCTION

In spite of significant progress in treatment of infectious diseases caused by bacteria and fungi still it remains a major world health problem owing to increasing resistance of microbes against the existing drugs. Owing to this, there is continuous requirement for antimicrobial having wide spectrum application. This leads to a challenging task for chemist to synthesize new molecule with excellent activity. Different heterocyclic compounds containing nitrogen heteroatom have been explored for development of microbicidal. In this sequence, five membered heterocyclic ring systems like triazole gained appreciable attention due to wide range of biological activities [1,2]. Triazoles have been reported to exhibit broad biological spectrum as anticancer [3,4], anti-HIV [5], antitubercular [6,7], antioxidant [8,9], antitrypanosomal [10], antimicrobial [11–15], anti-convulsant [16], antimalarial [17,18], antihistamines [19], antitumor [20], immune potentiators [21], antiviral [22,23], anti-inflammatory and [24,25], agents. In addition to aforementioned medicinal value, several members of the 1,2,3-triazoles family also show interesting industrial applications in form of corrosion inhibitions [26], dyes [27], and optical brighteners [28].

Several methods have been reported for preparation of substituted 1,2,3-triazoles [29], but the thermal cycloaddition reaction of azides with alkynes discovered by Huisgen [30] has received considerable attention, which later modified by copper (I)-catalyst [31,32]. The Cu(I)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition is one of the

prime click reactions, which has been used extensively for the synthesis of 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles with high regioselectivity and yield under normal reaction condition. Click chemistry provides an efficient method for the construction of the triazole ring with diversified groups that can be explored as drug entities.

Keeping in view the wide ranging importance of triazoles, we herein reported the synthesis and antimicrobial properties of amide linked 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles. The synthesis was carried out from reaction of terminal alkynes, 2-bromo-*N*-substituted propanamide, and sodium azide in dimethylformamide/aqueous system in the presence of Cu(I) catalyst. To the best of our knowledge, all the synthesized compounds are new. The synthesized triazoles were characterized by spectroscopic techniques such as FT-IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, HRMS, and evaluated for antimicrobial potential against *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Candida albicans*, and *Aspergillus niger*.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry. The starting reactants 2-bromo-*N*-substituted propanamide (**3a–3g**) were synthesized from reaction of 2-bromopropanoyl bromide (**2**) and aromatic amines (**1a–1g**) in dichloromethane using potassium carbonate as base. 1,4-Disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (**5a–5u**) were synthesized by reacting 2-azido-*N*-substituted propanamide

with terminal alkyne dimethylformamide : water in the presence of copper sulfate pentahydrate and sodium ascorbate with stirring of 6–10 h at 25–40°C. (Scheme 1).

The structures of synthesized compounds (**5a–5u**) were confirmed by FTIR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy, and HRMS. In IR spectra compounds, characteristic absorption band displayed in region 3398–3370 owing to O–H stretching, 3296–3259 cm^{-1} , and 1708–1664 cm^{-1} owing to N–H and C=O stretching of amide respectively, at 3163–3132 cm^{-1} owing to C–H stretching of triazole ring.

^1H spectra of compounds displayed two characteristic singlet in the region δ 10.37–11.09 and δ 7.95–8.16 owing to N–H proton and triazolyl proton, respectively. Aromatic protons appeared in the range of δ 6.89–8.25, and a single proton attached to N_1 of triazoles appeared as quartet at δ 5.20–5.82. In ^{13}C spectra, a characteristic signal of C=O appeared in range of δ 167.2–168.8, while C-4 of triazoles ring resonated in region δ 148.3–156.2. HRMS results of compounds showed good agreement with expected values.

Antimicrobial activity. Synthesized triazoles (**5a–5u**) were evaluated *in vitro* antibacterial activity against Gram-negative bacteria – *E. coli*, *E. aerogenes*, *K. pneumoniae*, and Gram-positive bacteria – *S. aureus* by the standard serial dilution method [33]. Results were compared with the standard drug Norfloxacin in term of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC, $\mu\text{mol/mL}$; Table 1).

The synthesized compounds showed moderate to good antibacterial activity. Compounds **5k**, **5r**, and **5t** (MIC, 0.0707, 0.0680, and 0.0375 $\mu\text{mol/mL}$, respectively) showed appreciable activity against bacteria *E. coli*, *E. aerogenes*, and *K. pneumoniae*. In case of *S. aureus*, compounds **5d**, **5k**, **5r**, **5t**, and **5u** (MIC, 0.0768, 0.0707, 0.0680, 0.0749 and 0.0738 $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ respectively) displayed potent activity compared to standard.

The aforementioned result revealed that the presence of electron-withdrawing group Br and NO_2 at phenyl ring improved the antibacterial activity against *E. coli*, *E. aerogenes*, *K. pneumoniae*, and *S. aureus*.

Over all, above data of activity revealed that presence of alkyl group on carbon having free hydroxyl group increases the antibacterial activity.

All the synthesized triazoles (**5a–5u**) were also screened for antifungal activity against *C. albicans* and *A. niger*. Fluconazole was used as reference compound, and the results were recorded in terms of MIC in $\mu\text{mol/mL}$. (Table 2).

Results of antifungal data revealed that triazoles exhibited moderate to good activity. Compounds **5k**, **5r**, and **5t** (MIC 0.0707, 0.0340 and 0.0375 $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ respectively) displayed potent fungicidal activity against *C. albicans*.

In case of *A. niger*, compounds **5d**, **5k**, **5r**, and **5t** (MIC 0.0384, 0.0353, 0.0340 and 0.0375 $\mu\text{mol/mL}$ respectively) showed good activity.

As evident from the activity data, all the tested compounds with Br and NO_2 group on phenyl ring showed good inhibitory activity against both the strains.

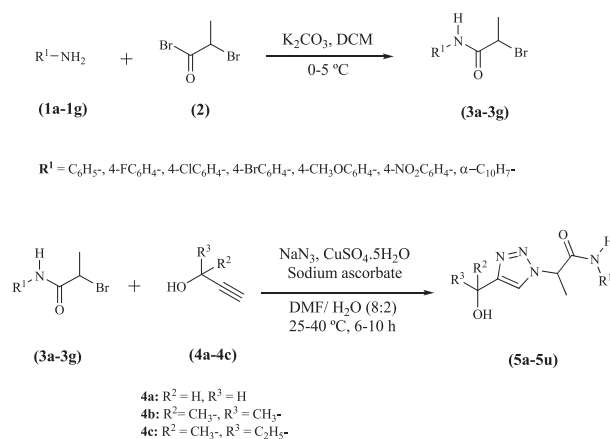
The presence of the alkyl group on carbon having free hydroxyl group improved the antifungal activity against *C. albicans* and *A. niger*.

EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals used in the synthesis were purchased from Alfa-Aesar, Sigma-Aldrich and used without purification. Thin layer chromatography was used to monitor the progress of the reactions using n-Hexane, ethyl acetate, and chloroform in different ratio as mobile phase. Melting points were determined by open capillary method and were uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR Affinity-I FT-IR spectrophotometer using KBr powder, and the values are expressed in cm^{-1} . The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of the synthesized compounds were recorded at 400 and 100 MHz, respectively, using Bruker Avance II 400 MHz NMR spectrometer in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ solvent, and the chemical shifts were expressed in δ , while coupling constants (J) in Hz. Splitting patterns were indicated as s: singlet, brs: broad singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet. HRMS were obtained on Waters Micromass Q-ToF Micro (ESI) spectrophotometer.

General procedure for synthesis of 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (5a–5u**).** For the synthesis of target compounds, the starting reactants 2-bromo-*N*-substituted propanamide (**3a–3g**) were synthesized by dropwise addition of 2-bromopropanoyl bromide (1.2 mmol) to aromatic amines (**1a–1g**) (1.0 mmol) in the presence of potassium carbonate (1.5 mmol) using dichloromethane as solvent at 0–5°C for 15–20 min, and after the completion of reaction, ice cold water was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting solid was filtered and dried.

To synthesize the desired triazoles (**5a–5u**) 2-bromo-*N*-substituted propanamide (**3a–3g**) were stirred with aqueous sodium azide (3.0 mmol) in dimethylformamide for 30 min at 25–40°C. In the aforementioned mixture terminal alkyne (**4a–4c**), aqueous copper sulfate pentahydrate (0.1 mmol) and sodium ascorbate (0.4 mmol) were added, and stirring was continued for 6–10 h at same temperature. After the completion of reaction, as indicated by TLC, ice cold water was added to the reaction mixture, and then filtered the precipitated solid and washed with aqueous ammonia solution followed by water. The solid product was recrystallized with ethyl acetate to get pure product.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of amide linked 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (**5a–5u**).

Compound	R^1	R^2	R^3
5a	C_6H_5	H	H
5b	4- FC_6H_4	H	H
5c	4- ClC_6H_4	H	H
5d	4- BrC_6H_4	H	H
5e	4- $CH_3OC_6H_4$	H	H
5f	4- $NO_2C_6H_4$	H	H
5g	$\alpha\text{-}C_{10}H_7$	H	H
5h	C_6H_5	CH_3	CH_3
5i	4- FC_6H_4	CH_3	CH_3
5j	4- ClC_6H_4	CH_3	CH_3
5k	4- BrC_6H_4	CH_3	CH_3
5l	4- $CH_3OC_6H_4$	CH_3	CH_3
5m	4- $NO_2C_6H_4$	CH_3	CH_3
5n	$\alpha\text{-}C_{10}H_7$	CH_3	CH_3
5o	C_6H_5	CH_3	C_2H_5
5p	4- FC_6H_4	CH_3	C_2H_5
5q	4- ClC_6H_4	CH_3	C_2H_5
5r	4- BrC_6H_4	CH_3	C_2H_5
5s	4- $CH_3OC_6H_4$	CH_3	C_2H_5
5t	4- $NO_2C_6H_4$	CH_3	C_2H_5
5u	$\alpha\text{-}C_{10}H_7$	CH_3	C_2H_5

Table 1

Antibacterial activity of 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (**5a–5u**) (MIC in $\mu\text{mol/mL}$).

Compound	<i>Escherichia coli</i> (MTCC 443)	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> (NCDC 106)	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (NCDC 138)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MTCC 3160)
5a	0.2030	0.1015	0.1015	0.2030
5b	0.0946	0.1892	0.0946	0.1892
5c	0.0890	0.0890	0.1781	0.1781
5d	0.0768	0.0768	0.0768	0.0768
5e	0.0904	0.0904	0.1809	0.1809
5f	0.0858	0.0858	0.0858	0.1716
5g	0.0843	0.0843	0.0843	0.0843
5h	0.0911	0.0911	0.0911	0.0911
5i	0.0855	0.0855	0.0855	0.0855
5j	0.0809	0.0809	0.1619	0.1619
5k	0.0707	0.0707	0.0707	0.0707
5l	0.0821	0.1642	0.1642	0.1642
5m	0.0782	0.0782	0.0782	0.1564
5n	0.0770	0.0770	0.1541	0.1541
5o	0.0867	0.0867	0.0867	0.0867
5p	0.0816	0.0816	0.0816	0.0816
5q	0.0774	0.0774	0.1548	0.1548
5r	0.0680	0.0680	0.0680	0.0680
5s	0.0785	0.0785	0.1570	0.1570
5t	0.0375	0.0375	0.0375	0.0749
5u	0.0738	0.0738	0.0738	0.0738
Norfloracin	0.0391	0.0391	0.0391	0.0783

Table 2

Antifungal activity of 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (**5a–5u**) (MIC in $\mu\text{mol/mL}$).

Compound	<i>Candida albicans</i> (MTCC 227)	<i>Aspergillus niger</i> (MTCC 282)
5a	0.1015	0.1015
5b	0.0946	0.0946
5c	0.0890	0.0890
5d	0.0768	0.0384
5e	0.0904	0.0904
5f	0.0858	0.0858
5g	0.0843	0.0843
5h	0.0911	0.0911
5i	0.0855	0.0427
5j	0.0809	0.0809
5k	0.0707	0.0353
5l	0.0821	0.0821
5m	0.0782	0.0782
5n	0.0770	0.0770
5o	0.0867	0.0433
5p	0.0816	0.0408
5q	0.0774	0.0774
5r	0.0340	0.0340
5s	0.0785	0.0785
5t	0.0375	0.0375
5u	0.0738	0.0738
Fluconazole	0.0408	0.0102

Characterization of synthesized 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles. *2-(4-(Hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-phenylpropanamide (5a)*. Appearance: white solid; yield: 89%; mp 128–130°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3381 (O–H str.), 3259 (N–H str.), 3142 (C–H str. triazole),

3084 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2968 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1695 (C=O str. amide), 1548, 1448 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.78 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.55 d (2H, OCH_2 , $J = 8$ Hz), 5.22 t (1H, OH, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.55 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.10 t (1H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.34 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.60 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.12 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.50 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.3, 55.5, 59.2, 119.9, 122.4 (C_5 triazole), 124.4, 129.3, 138.8, 148.3 (C_4 triazole), 167.7 (C = O). Found, m/z : 247.1189 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ Calculated, m/z : 247.1117.

N-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5b). Appearance: white solid; yield: 92%; mp 118–120°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3378 (O–H str.), 3271 (N–H str.), 3143 (C–H str. triazole), 3069 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2968 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1674 (C = O str. amide), 1554, 1458 (C = C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.78 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.55 s (2H, OCH_2), 5.22 s (1H, OH), 5.53 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.18 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.62 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.12 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.57 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.3, 55.5, 59.1, 115.9 d ($J = 30$ Hz), 121.7 d ($J = 10$ Hz), 122.4 (C_5 triazole), 135.2 d ($J = 10$ Hz), 148.3 (C_4 triazole), 158.8 d ($J = 240$), 167.7 (C=O). Found, m/z : 265.1095 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 265.1023.

N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5c). Appearance: white solid; yield:

88%; mp 136–138°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3378 (O–H str.), 3261 (N–H str.), 3132 (C–H str. triazole), 3094 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2968 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1664 (C=O str. amide), 1548, 1456 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.78 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.55 s (2H), 5.21 s (1H, OH), 5.54 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.40 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.62 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.12 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.64 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.2, 55.5, 59.2, 121.5, 122.4 (C_5 triazole), 128.0, 129.3, 137.8, 148.3 (C_4 triazole), 167.9 (C=O). Found, m/z : 281.0800 (^{35}Cl), 283.0770 (^{37}Cl) [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 281.0727 (^{35}Cl), 283.0731 (^{37}Cl).

***N*-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(4-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5d).** Appearance: white solid; yield: 96%; mp 154–156°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3377 (O–H str.), 3275 (N–H str.), 3142 (C–H str. triazole), 3053 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2951 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1666 (C=O str. amide), 1541, 1448 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.79 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.57 s (2H, OCH_2), 5.24 s (1H, OH), 5.55 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.59–7.50 m (4H, Ar–H), 8.13 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.64 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.2, 55.5, 59.2, 116.1, 121.9, 122.4 (C_5 triazole), 132.2, 138.2, 148.3 (C_4 triazole), 167.9 (C=O). Found, m/z : 325.0298 (^{79}Br), 327.0274 (^{81}Br) [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 325.0222 (^{79}Br), 327.0201 (^{81}Br).

2-(4-(Hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanamide (5e). Appearance: white solid; yield: 94%; mp 134–136°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3383 (O–H str.), 3275 (N–H str.), 3142 (C–H str. triazole), 3031 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2954 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1662 (C=O str. amide), 1550, 1450 (C=C str., aromatic ring), 1243 (C–O asym. Str., ether), 1032 (C–O sym. Str., ether). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.77 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 3.72 s (3H, OCH_3), 4.54 d (2H, OCH_2 , $J = 8$ Hz), 5.21 t (1H, OH, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.51 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.90 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.51 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.10 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.37 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.4, 55.5, 59.1, 114.4, 121.5, 122.3 (C_5 triazole), 131.9, 148.3 (C_4 triazole), 156.1, 167.2 (C=O). Found, m/z : 277.1293. [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$. $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$. Calculated, m/z : 277.1222.

2-(4-(Hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(4-nitrophenyl)propanamide (5f). Appearance: yellow solid; yield: 89%; mp 178–180°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3378 (O–H str.), 3274 (N–H str.), 3159 (C–H str. triazole), 3088 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2966 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1708 (C=O str. amide), 1554, 1458 (C=C str., aromatic ring), 1502 (N–O str., asym., NO_2), 1340 (N–O str., sym., NO_2). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.82 d

(3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.55 d (2H, OCH_2 , $J = 8$ Hz), 5.23 t (1H, OH, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.59 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.85 d (2H, Ar–H), 8.15 s (1H, C–H triazole), 8.25 d (2H, Ar–H), 11.08 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 18.1, 55.5, 59.3, 119.8, 122.6 (C_5 triazole), 125.5, 143.2, 144.9, 148.4 (C_4 triazole), 168.7 (C=O). Found, m/z : 292.1039 [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$. $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4$. Calculated, m/z : 292.0968.

2-(4-(Hydroxymethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)propanamide (5g). Appearance: white solid; yield: 93%; mp 140–142°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3381 (O–H str.), 3270 (N–H str.), 3142 (C–H str. triazole), 3051 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2951 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1681 (C=O str. amide), 1554, 1454 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.89 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.56 s (2H, OCH_2), 5.22 s (1H, OH), 5.82 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.67–7.51 m (4H, Ar–H), 7.82 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.97 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.04 d (1H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.16 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.47 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.6, 55.5, 58.9, 122.5 (C_5 triazole), 122.9, 126.0, 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 128.3, 128.7, 133.1, 134.2, 148.3 (C_4 triazole), 168.7 (C=O). Found, m/z : 297.1347 [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 297.1273.

2-(4-(2-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-phenylpropanamide (5h). Appearance: white solid; yield: 89%; mp 158–160°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3396 (O–H str.), 3286 (N–H str.), 3145 (C–H str. triazole), 3051 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2960 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1678 (C=O str. amide), 1554, 1500, 1446 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.48 s (6H), 1.77 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.13 s (1H, OH), 5.53 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.10 t (1H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.34 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.60 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.00 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.51 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.3, 31.2, 59.1, 67.5, 119.9 (C_5 triazole), 124.4, 129.3, 138.8, 156.1 (C_4 triazole), 167.8 (C=O). Found, m/z : 275.1502 [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$. $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 275.1430.

N-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5i). Appearance: white solid; yield: 88%; mp 198–200°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3396 (O–H str.), 3296 (N–H str.), 3163 (C–H str. triazole), 3078 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2978 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1678 (C=O str. amide), 1558, 1454 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.48 s (6H), 1.77 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.13 s (1H, OH), 5.50 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.18 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.63 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.00 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.57 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.3, 31.1, 59.1, 67.5, 115.9 d ($J = 30$ Hz), 119.9 (C_5 triazole), 121.8 d ($J = 10$ Hz), 135.2 d ($J = 10$ Hz), 156.1 (C_4 triazole), 158.8 d ($J = 240$ Hz), 167.7 (C=O). Found, $m/$

z : 293.1405 $[M + H]^+$. $C_{14}H_{17}FN_4O_2$. Calculated, m/z : 293.1336.

N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5j). Appearance: white solid; yield: 85%; mp 198–200°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3387 (O–H str.), 3280 (N–H str.), 3145 (C–H str. triazole), 3051 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2975 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1676 (C=O str. amide), 1548, 1454 (C=C str., aromatic ring). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.48 s (6H), 1.77 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.13 s (1H, OH), 5.50 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.40 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 12$ Hz), 7.63 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 12$ Hz), 8.00 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.65 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.2, 31.1, 59.1, 67.5, 120.0 (C_5 triazole), 121.5, 128.0, 129.3, 137.8, 156.1 (C_4 triazole), 167.9 (C=O). Found, m/z : 309.1111 (^{35}Cl), 311.1084 (^{37}Cl). $[M + H]^+$. $C_{14}H_{17}ClN_4O_2$. Calculated, m/z : 309.1040 (^{35}Cl), 311.1044 (^{37}Cl).

N-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(4-(2-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5k). Appearance: white solid; yield: 94%; mp 202–204°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3381, 3282 (N–H str.), 3145 (C–H str. triazole), 3069 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2978 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1676 (C=O str. amide), 1546, 1446 (C=C str., aromatic ring). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.47 s (6H), 1.77 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.12 s (1H, OH), 5.50 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.59–7.51 m (4H, Ar–H), 8.00 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.64 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.2, 31.1, 59.1, 67.5, 116.1, 120.0 (C_5 triazole), 121.9, 132.2, 138.2, 156.1 (C_4 triazole), 167.9 (C=O). Found, m/z : 353.0611 (^{79}Br), 355.0583 (^{81}Br). $[M + H]^+$. $C_{14}H_{17}BrN_4O_2$. Calculated, m/z : 353.0535 (^{79}Br), 355.0514 (^{81}Br).

2-(4-(2-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanamide (5l). Appearance: white solid; yield: 84%; mp 136–138°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3375 (O–H str.), 3296 (N–H str.), 3143 (C–H str. triazole), 3060 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2981 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1666 (C=O str. amide), 1548, 1462 (C=C str., aromatic ring), 1243 (C–O asym. str., ether), 1032 (C–O sym. str., ether). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.48 s (6H), 1.76 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 3.73 s (3H, OCH_3), 5.12 s (1H, OH), 5.50 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.91 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.52 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.99 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.37 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.4, 31.2, 55.6, 59.1, 67.5, 114.4, 119.9 (C_5 triazole), 121.4, 131.9, 156.1, 156.1 (C_4 triazole), 167.2 (C=O). Found, m/z : 305.1607 $[M + H]^+$. $C_{15}H_{20}N_4O_3$. Calculated, m/z : 305.1535.

2-(4-(2-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(4-nitrophenyl)propanamide (5m). Appearance: yellow solid; yield: 90%; mp 156–158°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3398 (O–H str.), 3273 (N–H str.), 3157 (C–H str.

triazole), 3056 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2970 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1699 (C=O str. amide), 1564, 1456 (C=C str., aromatic ring), 1516 (N–O str., asym., NO_2), 1342 (N–O str., sym., NO_2). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.48 s (6H), 1.81 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.14 s (1H, OH), 5.57 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.86 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.03 s (1H, C–H triazole), 8.25 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 11.09 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.1, 31.1, 59.2, 67.5, 119.8 (C_5 triazole), 120.2, 125.5, 143.2, 144.9, 156.2 (C_4 triazole), 168.8 (C=O). Found, m/z : 320.1352 $[M + H]^+$. $C_{14}H_{17}N_5O_4$. Calculated, m/z : 320.1281.

2-(4-(2-Hydroxypropan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)propanamide (5n). Appearance: white solid; yield: 87%; mp 90–92°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3381 (O–H str.), 3278 (N–H str.), 3142 (C–H str. triazole), 3057 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2980 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1672 (C=O str. amide), 1541, 1456 (C=C str., aromatic ring). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 1.50 s (6H), 1.89 d (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.16 s (1H, OH), 5.82 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.69–7.51 m (4H, Ar–H), 7.82 d (1H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.07–7.96 m (3H, 2Ar–H, C–H triazole), 10.47 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 18.6, 31.2, 58.9, 67.6, 120.1 (C_5 triazole), 122.5, 122.9, 126.0, 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 128.3, 128.7, 133.0, 134.2, 156.1 (C_4 triazole), 168.8 (C=O). Found, m/z : 325.1657 $[M + H]^+$. $C_{18}H_{20}N_4O_2$. Calculated, m/z : 325.1586.

2-(4-(2-Hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-phenylpropanamide (5o). Appearance: white solid; yield: 86%; mp 118–120°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3393 (O–H str.), 3286 (N–H str.), 3163 (C–H str. triazole), 3055 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2978 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1680 (C=O str. amide), 1546, 1450 (C=C str., aromatic ring). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.76 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.44 s (3H), 1.78–1.72 m (5H), 4.98 s (1H, OH), 5.53 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.10 t (1H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.34 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.60 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.97 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.50 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.3, 28.6, 35.9, 59.1, 70.2, 119.9, 120.7 (C_5 triazole), 124.4, 129.3, 138.8, 155.1 (C_4 triazole), 167.8 (C=O). Found, m/z : 289.1657 $[M + H]^+$. $C_{15}H_{20}N_4O_2$. Calculated, m/z : 289.1586.

N-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(4-(2-hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5p). Appearance: white solid; yield: 93%; mp 140–142°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3391 (O–H str.), 3283 (N–H str.), 3157 (C–H str. triazole), 3062 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2974 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1680 (C=O str. amide), 1552, 1454 (C=C str., aromatic ring). 1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.75 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.44 s (3H), 1.78–1.72 m (5H), 4.98 s (1H, OH), 5.51 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.18 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.63 t (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.96 s (1H, C–H

triazole), 10.57 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.3, 28.6, 35.9, 59.1, 70.3, 115.9 d ($J = 30$ Hz), 120.7 (C_5 triazole), 121.8 d ($J = 10$ Hz), 135.2 d ($J = 10$ Hz), 155.1 (C_4 triazole), 158.8 d ($J = 240$), 167.7 (C=O). Found, m/z : 307.1562 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 307.1492.

***N*-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4-(2-hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5g).** Appearance: white solid; yield: 90%; mp 162–164°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3378 (O–H str.), 3286 (N–H str.), 3140 (C–H str. triazole), 3062 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2978 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1680 (C=O str. amide), 1546, 1450 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm (J , Hz): 0.75 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.44 s (3H), 1.79–1.72 m (5H), 4.98 s (1H, OH), 5.51 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.40 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 12$ Hz), 7.63 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 12$ Hz), 7.97 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.64 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.2, 28.6, 35.9, 59.1, 70.2, 120.7 (C_5 triazole), 121.5, 128.0, 129.3, 137.8, 155.1 (C_4 triazole), 167.9 (C=O). Found, m/z : 323.1267 (^{35}Cl), 325.1237 (^{37}Cl) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 323.1197 (^{35}Cl), 325.1201 (^{37}Cl).>

***N*-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(4-(2-hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)propanamide (5r).** Appearance: white solid; yield: 89%; mp 172–174°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3370 (O–H str.), 3282 (N–H str.), 3152 (C–H str. triazole), 3082 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2976 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1672 (C=O str. amide), 1546, 1450 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.75 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.44 s (3H), 1.78–1.72 m (5H), 4.98 s (1H, OH), 5.51 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.59–7.51 m (4H, Ar–H), 7.97 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.63 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.2, 28.6, 35.9, 59.1, 70.2, 116.1, 120.7 (C_5 triazole), 121.9, 132.2, 138.2, 155.1 (C_4 triazole), 168.0 (C=O). Found, m/z : 367.0770 (^{79}Br), 369.0738 (^{81}Br) $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 367.0691 (^{79}Br), 369.0671 (^{81}Br).

***2*-(4-(2-Hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanamide (5s).** Appearance: white solid; yield: 86%; mp 110–112°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3370 (O–H str.), 3286 (N–H str.), 3140 (C–H str. triazole), 3062 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2972 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1676 (C=O str. amide), 1546, 1458 (C=C str., aromatic ring) 1243 (C–O asym. str., ether), 1034 (C–O sym. str., ether). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.75 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.44 s (3H), 1.77–1.72 m (5H), 3.72 s (3H, OCH_3), 4.97 s (1H, OH), 5.49 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 6.90 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.51 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.95 s (1H, C–H triazole), 10.37 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.4, 28.6, 35.9, 55.6, 59.1, 70.2, 114.4, 120.6 (C_5 triazole), 121.4, 131.9, 155.1 (C_4 triazole),

156.1, 167.3 (C=O). Found, m/z : 319.1762 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$. Calculated, m/z : 319.1692.

***2*-(4-(2-Hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)propanamide (5t).** Appearance: yellow solid; yield: 90%; mp 128–130°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3390 (O–H str.), 3276 (N–H str.), 3151 (C–H str. triazole), 3086 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2970 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1697 (C=O str. amide), 1586, 1458 (C=C str., aromatic ring), 1502 (N–O str., asym., NO_2), 1338 (N–O str., sym., NO_2). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.75 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.44 s (3H), 1.82–1.72 m (5H), 4.98 s (1H, OH), 5.57 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.86 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.00 s (1H, C–H triazole), 8.25 d (2H, Ar–H, $J = 8$ Hz), 11.09 s (1H, N–H amide). ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.1, 28.6, 35.9, 59.2, 70.2, 119.8, 120.9 (C_5 triazole), 125.5, 143.2, 144.9, 155.2 (C_4 triazole), 168.8 (C=O). Found, m/z : 334.1505 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{O}_4$. Calculated, m/z : 334.1437.

***2*-(4-(2-Hydroxybutan-2-yl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-(naphthalen-1-yl)propanamide (5u).** Appearance: white solid; yield: 94%; mp 106–108°C. IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1} : 3378 (O–H str.), 3269 (N–H str.), 3152 (C–H str. triazole), 3055 (C–H str. aromatic ring), 2970 (C–H str., aliphatic), 1674 (C=O str. amide), 1541, 1456 (C=C str., aromatic ring). ^1H NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 0.75 t (3H, $J = 8$ Hz), 1.46 s (3H), 1.90–1.74 m (5H), 4.98 s (1H, OH), 5.82 q (1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 8.02 m (8H, 7Ar–H, C–H triazole), 10.45 s (1H, N–H amide), ^{13}C NMR spectrum (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 8.8, 18.5, 28.7, 36.0, 58.9, 70.3, 120.9 (C_5 triazole), 122.5, 122.9, 126.0, 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 128.3, 128.7, 133.1, 134.2, 155.1 (C_4 triazole), 168.7 (C=O). Found, m/z : 339.1813 $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$. $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$. Calculated, m/z : 339.1743.

Antimicrobial activity. The antimicrobial testing of newly synthesized compounds was assessed *in vitro* against Gram-negative bacteria – *E. coli* (MTCC 443), *E. aerogenes* (NCDC 106), *K. pneumoniae* (NCDC 138), Gram-positive bacteria – *S. aureus* (MTCC 3160) and two fungal strains – *C. albicans* (MTCC 227), *A. niger* (MTCC 282) through standard serial dilution method [33] using a stock solution of 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ concentration. Nutrient broth and sabouraud dextrose were employed as culture media for bacteria and fungus, respectively. Norfloxacin and Fluconazole were used as standard drug for bacterial and fungal activity assay, respectively. A stock solution of test compounds and control drug were serially diluted to get concentration of 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, and 3.12 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. All these dilutions were inoculated with respective bacterial and fungal strain in saline solution and incubated at 37°C for 24 h in case of all bacteria, at 25°C in case of *C. albicans* for 48 h and at 25°C for 120 h in case of *A. niger* and then compared with control drug. The antimicrobial activity of compounds was represented in

terms of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC, $\mu\text{mol/mL}$) which reflects as the lowest concentration of compound that completely inhibits the growth of each strain.

CONCLUSION

A small library of 2-(4-(hydroxyalkyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-substituted propanamides (**5a–5u**) have been synthesized via Cu(I) catalyzed reaction of terminal alkynes and 2-azido-*N*-substituted propanamide. Further, these triazoles were tested *in vitro* antimicrobial activity against Gram-negative bacteria – *E. coli*, *E. aerogenes*, *K. pneumoniae*, and Gram-positive bacteria – *S. aureus* and two fungal strains – *C. albicans* and *A. niger* by a standard serial dilution method. Compounds **5r** and **5t** showed potent activity against all the microbial strains.

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