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# Synthesis of (*Z*)-2-(4-substitutedbenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4] triazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-9-carbonitrile

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#### ABSTRACT

A series of (*Z*)-2-(4-substitutedbenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9-carbonitrile derivatives (4a-j) were obtained by the initial reaction of 5-oxo-7-phenyl-2-thiol-3,5-dihydro[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-6,8-dicarbonitrile (3) with chloroacetic acid and appropriate aromatic aldehydes followed by fused sodium acetate condensation. The structures of the newly synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, Mass and analytical data. Compounds 4a, 4f, 4i and 4j exhibited good antimicrobial activity.

Key words: Fused sodium acetate, triazolos, antibacterial, antifungal activities

### INTRODUCTION

Triazoles are important classes of heterocyclic compounds. In particular, fused 1,2,4-triazoles express antifungal<sup>1</sup>, bactericidal<sup>1,2</sup>, anxiolytic<sup>3,4</sup>, anticonvulsant<sup>5</sup> or herbicidal<sup>6</sup> activities and can act as antidepressants<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, versatile and widely applicable methods for their synthesis are of considerable interest. Most methods for the preparation of fused 1,2,4-triazoles are mainly based on hydrazones as precursors. However, these methods have some restrictions regarding their applicability and the use of toxic reagents like lead tetracetate<sup>8,9</sup> and bromine<sup>9,10</sup>, also the products were formed in low yield and isolated as salts<sup>11,12</sup>. Many

1,2,4-triazine derivatives are well known to possess biological activities, thus they have found use as herbicides<sup>13,14</sup>. In the last decade they have been screened in vitro supporting their anti-HIV and anticancer activities<sup>15-18</sup>. However the aza-Wittig reaction is a powerful tool for the synthesis of five- to sevenmembered nitrogen heterocycles<sup>19-26</sup>. Annulation of ring systems with *N*-heterocycles by means of an aza-Wittig reaction has recently been widely utilized because of the availability of functionalized iminophosphoranes<sup>27-31</sup>. Many important fused nitrogen heterocycles such as indole, pyridine, pyrimidine and isoquinoline derivatives have been synthesized *via* the intramolecular aza-Wittig reaction<sup>19-22</sup>, as well as by the intermolecular azaWittig reaction followed by electrocyclization, intramolecular cycloaddition or heterocyclization<sup>23-</sup><sup>26</sup>. We have previously published the synthesis of fused pyrimidines based on the tandem aza-Wittig annulation strategy<sup>32</sup>, and as a part of our ongoing studies we now describe a novel one-pot synthesis of 1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-*a*]-pyridine and pyrido[1,2*b*][1,2,4] triazines derivatives in good yield.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The iminophosphorane (2) were synthesized according to the reported method by the reaction with triphenylphosphine/ hexachloroethane and triethylamine reagent system (the Appel method, *i.e.* the modified Kirsanov reaction)<sup>33</sup>. 5-oxo-7-phenyl-2-thiol-3,5-

Compound no	Staphylococcus aureus	Eschrichia coli	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Klebsiella pneumoniae	Streptococcus pyogenes
4a	20 (6.25)	25 (6.25)	29 (6.25)	18 (6.25)	23 (6.25)
4b	23 (6.25)	28 (6.25)	30 (6.25)	18 (6.25)	21 (6.25)
4c	10 (12.5)	-	-	17 (6.25)	11 (6.25)
4d	8 (25)	23 (6.25)	9 (25)	-	8 (12.5)
4e	22 (6.25)	27 (6.25)	32 (6.25)	20 (6.25)	24 (6.25)
4f	21 (6.25)	29 (6.25)	32 (6.25)	20 (6.25)	23 (6.25)
4g	10 (12.5)	15 (25)	-	-	17 (12.5)
4h	12 (12.5)	-	21 (6.25)	-	8 (25)
4i	21 (6.25)	24 (6.25)	29 (6.25)	19 (6.25)	23 (6.25)
4j	21 (6.25)	26 (6.25)	32 (6.25)	21 (6.25)	24 (6.25)
Standard <sup>a</sup>	24 (6.25)	30 (6.25)	33 (6.25)	23 (6.25)	25 (6.25)

#### Table 1: Antibacterial activity of thiazolotriazinoes (4a-j)

— Indicates bacteria is resistant to the compounds at > 100 \g/ml, MIC values are given in brackets. MIC (µg/ml) = minimum inhibitory concentration, ie. Lowest concentration to completely inhibit bacterial growth. Zone of inhibition in mm.
<sup>a</sup> Ciprofloxacin was used as standard.

Compound no	Aspergillus fumigatus	Aspergillus flavus	Trichophyton mentagrophytes	Penicillium marneffei	Candida albicans
4a	22 (6.25)	22 (6.25)	25 (6.25)	22 (6.25)	20 (6.25)
4b	8 (25)	_	12 (12.5)	_	17 (6.25)
4c	22 (6.25)	20 (6.25)	22 (6.25)	25 (6.25)	17 (6.25)
4d	15 (6.25)	_	7 (25)	21 (6.25)	18 (6.25)
4e	5 (25)	18 (6.25)	_	12 (12.5)	17 (6.25)
4f	24 (6.25)	21 (6.25)	21 (6.25)	23 (6.25)	18 (6.25)
4g	11 (12.5)	12 (25)	_	_	14 (12.5)
4h	9 (25)	_	12 (12.5)	9 (25)	10 (12.5)
4i	22 (6.25)	19 (6.25)	20 (6.25)	23 (6.25)	19 (6.25)
4j	21 (6.25)	26 (6.25)	32 (6.25)	21 (6.25)	24 (6.25)
Standard <sup>b</sup>	25 (6.25)	21 (6.25)	23 (6.25)	25 (6.25)	19 (6.25)

#### Table 2: Antifungal activity of thiazolotriazinoes (4a-j)

- Indicates fungus is resistant to the compounds at >100 mg/ml, MIC values are given in brackets. MIC (mg/ml) = minimum inhibitory concentration, ie. Lowest concentration to completely inhibit fungal growth. Zone of Inhibition in mm.

<sup>b</sup> Amphotericin was used as standard.

dihydro[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-6,8dicarbonitrile (**3**) was obtained by reaction of iminophosphorane (**2**) with excess carbon disulfide. Compound 3 on condensation with chloroacetic acid and aromatic aldehydes in boiling acetic acid/acetic anhydride mixture in the presence of fused sodium acetate yielded (*Z*)-2-(4-substitutedbenzylidene)-7isocyano-3, 6-dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a] pyridine-9carbonitrile (4a-j) in good yields. The reaction sequences are outlined in Scheme 1.

The IR spectrum of (*Z*)-2-benzylidene-7isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-9-carbonitrile (4a) showed an absorption band at 3032 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicates the Ar-H stretching. The absorption band at 1730 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the presence of C=O stretching of the thiazolo ring system. Other prominent absorption band is observed at 1590 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N).

The 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4a showed a singlet at  $\delta$  8.20 integrating for one proton, which is attributed to the benzylidene proton. The aromatic protons resonated as three multiplets at  $\delta$  7.60-7.55,  $\delta$  7.45-7.33 and  $\delta$  7.19-7.17.

Further evidence for the formation of compound 4a was obtained by recording its mass spectra. The mass spectrum of compound 4a showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 422 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>, which is in consistent with its molecular formula  $C_{23}H_{11}N_5O_2S$ . The characterization data of (*Z*)-2-(4-substitutedbenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8-p h e n y I - 3, 6 - d i h y d r o - 2 *H* - t h i a z o I o - [3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-9-carbonitrile (4a-j) are given in experimental section.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

All reagents and solvents were purchased and used without further purification. Melting points were determined on a Fisher–Johns melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel of 60–120 mesh. IR spectra were obtained on a Perkin Elmer BX serried FT-IR 5000 spectrometer using KBr pellet. NMR spectra were recorded on a varian 300 MHz spectrometer for <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The chemical shifts were reported as ppm down field using TMS as an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a MASPEC low resolution mass spectrometer operating at 70 eV.



Scheme 1: (a) PPh<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> / TEA, toluene / reflux 2h; (b) dry toluene, CS<sub>2</sub>; (c) RCHO, CICH<sub>2</sub>COOH, used CH<sub>3</sub>COONa, reflux.

1-amino-6-(triphenylphosphoranylideneamino) -2-oxo-4-phenyl-1, 2-dihydropyridine- 3,5-dicarbonitrileimi-nophosphorane (2) were synthesized according to the reported method by the reaction with triphenylphosphine/ hexachloroethane and triethylamine reagent system (the Appel method, *i.e.* the modified Kirsanov reaction)<sup>33</sup>.

### Preparation of 5-oxo-7-phenyl-2-thiol-3,5dihydro[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-6,8dicarbonitrile (3)

To a solution of 1-amino-6-(triphenylphosphoranylideneamino)-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrileimino-phosphorane **2** (0.5 g, 1.0 mmol) in 15 mL of dry toluene an excess of carbon disulfide (7 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was heated in a sealed tube at 100 °C for 3 h. The crystals that formed were collected and crystallized from a mixture of DMF and  $H_2O$  (1:1) as yellow crystals.

# Synthesis of (*Z*)-2-(4-substitutedbenzylidene)-7isocyano-3, 6-dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4)

A mixture of 5-oxo-7-phenyl-2-thiol-3,5dihydro[1,2,4]-triazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-6,8dicarbonitrile (3) (5 mmol), aromatic aldehydes (5 mmol), chloroacetic acid (5 mmol) and fused sodium acetate (10 mmol) was refluxed in acetic acid/acetic anhydride (25:5 mL) mixture for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was then cooled, filtered and crystallized from acetic acid to give the (*Z*)-2-(4substitutedbenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8p h e n y l - 3, 6 - d i h y d r o - 2 *H* - t h i a z o l o -[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-9-carbonitrile **4a-j** in 66 ~ 89% yields The R<sub>1</sub> values were measured using benzene/ethyl acetate mixture as an eluent in ratio (9:1).

#### (*Z*)-2-Benzylidene-7-isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*- thiazolo-

#### [3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4a)

White solid in a yield of 87%, mp 146-148 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3032 (Ar-H), 1730 (C=O), 1590 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  8.20 (s, 1H, CH), 7.60-7.55 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 2H, Ar-H), MS (*m*/*z*, %): 422 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{11}N_5O_2S$ : C, 64.25; H, 2.55; N, 16.57. Found: C, 65.55; H, 2.63; N, 16.62.

### (Z)-2-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4b)

White solid in a yield of 66%, mp 171-172 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1730 (C=O), 1590 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), MS (m/z, %): 456 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CIN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 60.76; H, 2.36; N, 15.52. Found: C, 60.60; H, 2.21; N, 15.36.

### (Z)-2-(4-Nitrobenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8 - p h e n y l - 3, 6 - d i h y d r o - 2 *H* - t h i a z o l o -[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4c)

Yellow solid in a yield of 79%, mp 201-202 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3050 (Ar-H), 1730 (C=O), 16000 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): ä 8.21-8.20 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.03-8.00 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.94 (s, 1H, CH), 7.46-7.33 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), MS (m/z, %): 465 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{10}N_6O_4$ S: C, 59.37; H, 2.29; N, 18.24. Found: C, 59.23; H, 2.16; N, 18.02

### (Z)-7-Isocyano-2-(4-methoxybenzylidene)-3,6dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4d)

White solid in a yield of 81%, mp 183-184 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1710 (C=O), 1590 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.46-7.33 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.71-6.70 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.06 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (*m/z*, %): 452 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: C, 64.12; H, 2.98; N, 15.06. Found: C, 63.85; H, 2.90; N, 15.51.

# (Z)-2-(4-(Dimethylamino)benzylidene)-7isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4e)

Yellow solid in a yield of 69%, mp 203-204 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1710 (C=O), 1580 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.46-7.33 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 6.71-6.70 (m,

2H, Ar-H), 3.02 (s, 3H,  $N(CH_3)_2$ ). MS (m/z, %): 465 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for  $C_{25}H_{16}N_6O_2S$ : C, 64.83; H, 3.56; N, 17.89. Found: C, 64.64; H, 3.47; N, 18.07.

### (Z)-2-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-7-isocyano-3,6dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4f)

White solid in a yield of 89%, mp 194-195 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1710 (C=O), 1580 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.68-7.66 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H). MS (*m*/*z*, %): 502 (M+2)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{10}BrN_5O_2S$ : C, 55.43; H, 2.22; N, 13.88. Found: C, 55.21; H, 2.01; N, 14.00.

### (Z)-Methyl 4-((9-cyano-7-isocyano-3,6-dioxo-8p h e n y l - 3, 6 - d i h y d r o - 2 *H* - t h i a z o l o -[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-2ylidene)methyl)benzoate (4g)

White solid in a yield of 68%, mp 165-166 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1760 (OCO), 1730 (C=O), 1580 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSOd<sub>6</sub>): ä 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.67-7.66 (m, 2H, CH), 7.49-7.33 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.89 (s, 3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (*m*/*z*, %): 480 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: C, 62.89; H, 2.91; N, 14.73. Found: C, 62.63; H, 2.73; N, 14.61.

# (Z)-7-Isocyano-2-(4-methylbenzylidene)-3,6dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4h)

White solid in a yield of 74%, mp 192-193 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1730 (C=O), 1590 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.59-7.57 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.17 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (*m*/*z*, %): 436 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 66.58; H, 3.18; N, 16.27. Found: C, 66.20; H, 3.01; N, 16.08.

# (*Z*)-7-Isocyano-2-(4-isopropylbenzylidene)-3,6dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4i)

White solid in a yield of 72%, mp 210-211 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1730 (C=O), 1590

(C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.63-7.62 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 2.87-2.70 (m, 1H, CH), 1.20 (d, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (*m*/*z*, %): 464 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 67.71; H, 3.88; N, 15.32. Found: C, 67.38; H, 3.70; N, 15.11.

# (Z)-2-(4-(Tert-butyl)benzylidene)-7-isocyano— 3,6-dioxo-8-phenyl-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-thiazolo-[3',2':2,3][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-9carbonitrile (4j)

White solid in a yield of 75%, mp 201-202 °C; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3030 (Ar-H), 1730 (C=O), 1590 (C=N), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.80 (s, 1H, CH), 7.63-7.62 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.25 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 1.35 (s, 9H, CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (*m*/*z*, %): 478 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>. Analysis. Calcd for  $C_{27}H_{19}N_5O_2S$ : C, 68.23; H, 4.17; N, 14.72. Found: C, 67.91; H, 4.01; N, 14.67.

### Pharmacological studies Antibacterial activity

The newly synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against *Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (recultured) bacterial strains by disc diffusion method<sup>34,35</sup>. The investigation of antibacterial screening data revealed that all the tested compounds showed moderate to good bacterial inhibition. The compounds 4a, 4b, 4e, 4f, 4i and 4j showed very good activity against all the bacterial strains.

#### Antifungal studies

Newly prepared compounds were screened for their antifungal activity against *Aspergillus flavus, Aspergillus fumigatus, Candida albicans, Penicillium marneffei* and *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* (recultured) in DMSO by serial plate dilution method<sup>36,37</sup>. The antifungal screening data showed moderate to good activity. Compounds 4a, 4c, 4f, 4i and 4j emerged as very active against all the fungal strains.

#### Pharmacological Assay Antibacterial assay

A standard inoculum (1-2 X  $10^7$  c.f.u/cm<sup>3</sup> 0.5 McFarland standards) was introduced on to the

surface of sterile agar plates, and a sterile glass spreader was used for even distribution of the inoculum. The discs measuring 6.25 mm in diameter were prepared from Whatman no.1 filter paper and sterilized by dry heat at 140 °C for 1 h. The sterile disc previously soaked in a known concentration of the test compounds were placed in nutrient agar medium. Solvent and growth controls were kept. The plates were inverted and incubated for 24 h at 37 °C. The inhibition zones were measured and compared with the controls. Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was determined by broth dilution technique. The nutrient broth, which contained logarithmic serially two fold diluted amount of test compound and controls were inoculated with approximately 5 × 105 c.f.u of actively dividing bacteria cells. The cultures were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C and the growth was monitored visually and spectrophotometrically. The lowest concentration (highest dilution) required to arrest the growth of bacteria was regarded as minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC). Ciprofloxacin was used as a standard drug. The diameter of the zone of inhibition and minimum inhibitory concentration values are given in Table 1.

#### Antifungal assay

Sabourauds agar media was prepared by dissolving 1 g peptone, 4 g D-glucose, and 2 g agar in 100 cm<sup>3</sup> distilled water, and adjusting pH to 5.7 using buffer. Normal saline was used to make a suspension of spore of fungal strain for lawning. A loop ful of particular fungal strain was transferred to 3 cm<sup>3</sup> saline to get a suspension of corresponding

species. 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of agar media was poured in to each Petri dish. Excess of suspension was decanted and the plates were dried by placing in a incubator at 37 °C for 1 h. Using an agar punch, wells were made and each well was labeled. A control was also prepared in triplicate and maintained at 37 °C for 3-4 d. The inhibition zones in diameter were measured and compared with the controls. The Nutrient Broth, which contained logarithmic serially two fold diluted amount of test compound and controls was inoculated with approximately 1.6 X 104-6 X 104 c.f.u cm<sup>-3</sup>. The cultures were incubated for 48 h at 35 °C and the growth was monitored. The lowest concentration (highest dilution) required to arrest the growth of fungus was regarded as minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC). Amphotericin B was used as the standard drug. The diameter of zone of inhibition and minimum inhibitory concentration values are given in Table 2.

#### CONCLUSION

The investigation of antibacterial screening data reveals that among the 10 compounds screened, four compounds showed good bacterial and fungal inhibition almost equivalent to that of standard.

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