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## Design, synthesis of some new (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives as possible antimicrobial and antitubercular agents

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## ABSTRACT

A series of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester (**5a–t**) derivatives were synthesized in good yields and characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, mass spectral and elemental analyses. The crystal structure of **5a** was evidenced by X-ray diffraction study. The compounds were evaluated for their preliminary *in vitro* antibacterial, antifungal activity and were screened for antitubercular activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv strain. The synthesized compounds displayed interesting antimicrobial activity.

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## 1. Introduction

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious disease. It affects lung and other parts of body which leads to death of almost 3 million people each year and it is positioned as the leading bacterial infectious agent [1,2]. Among pharmacologically important heterocyclic compounds, thiazole and its derivatives have been well known in pharmaceutical chemistry because of their wide spectrum of biological activities [3,4] and their presence in naturally occurring compounds e.g. antibiotic like penicillin, cephalosporin, micrococcin, vitamin B1. A major challenge of modern drug discovery is the design of highly efficient chemical reaction sequences which provide a maximum of the structural complexity and biological diversity with just a minimum number of synthetic steps to assemble compounds with interesting properties. Thiazole and its derivatives are found to be associated with various biological activities such as antibacterial, antifungal and anti-inflammatory activities [5–7]. Different thiazole bearing compounds possess anti-inflammatory activities [8] and some are known to be used as

pharmaceuticals. Recently many natural products containing thiazole moiety were isolated and most of them exhibit considerable cytotoxicities and anti tumor potentials [9–12] and also find applications in the drug development for the treatment of allergies [13], hypertension [14], inflammation [15], schizophrenia [16], hypnotics [17], and for the treatment of pain [18], and HIV infections [19]. And more over being investigated for the other applications such as liquid crystals [20], and molecular diodes [21], the interest in substituted thiazole with reactive functionalities resides also in their synthetic potential as building blocks for natural product synthesis [22–24]. Synthetic thiazoles offer the opportunity to increase the structural diversity of natural thiazole substrates. Thiazole core displayed a broad range of biological activities and are found in many biologically relevant molecules such as Sulfathiazole (antimicrobial drug), Ritonavir (antiretroviral drug), Abafungin (antifungal drug). Thiazole derivatives were reported to possess antidegenerative activity and coupling with other aromatic ring system forms new biological active compounds [25]. The present study highlights the recently synthesized thiazoles possessing important biological activities. In this communication, we describe the synthesis of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester (**5a–t**) derivatives and evaluation of their *in vitro* antibacterial activity against five strains, viz. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus*

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*subtilis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Escherichia coli* and *in vitro* antifungal activity against five strains, viz. *Aspergillus flavus*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Penicillium marneffei*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* and *Candida albicans*. In addition, the antituberculosis activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv ATCC 27294, and non-tubercular mycobacterial (NTM) species like *Mycobacterium smegmatis* (MC2) ATCC 19420, *Mycobacterium fortuitum* ATCC 19542 and MDR-TB strains were also carried out.

As a part of our research work on the development of useful synthetic molecules [26], it has been planned to introduce active aryl/heteroaryl methylester at the position 4 of potent 2-aminosubstituted thiazole moiety using different aryl/heteroaryl acids having active groups like fluoro, trifluoro, nitro, methoxy etc at the ring. It has been hoped that the combination of these active groups in the new molecular design would lead to better antimicrobial agents. In this communication, we report the synthesis of newly designed (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives **5(a–t)** (Scheme 1) starting from thiourea and evaluated these compounds for the antimicrobial and antitubercular activities. In addition, we report here the single crystal X-ray study of **5a** to understand its conformational feature and supramolecular assembly. It helps in understanding the exact 3D structure of the molecule which would help in further understanding the mechanism of action of the drug and also in docking studies with various receptors.

## 2. Results and discussion

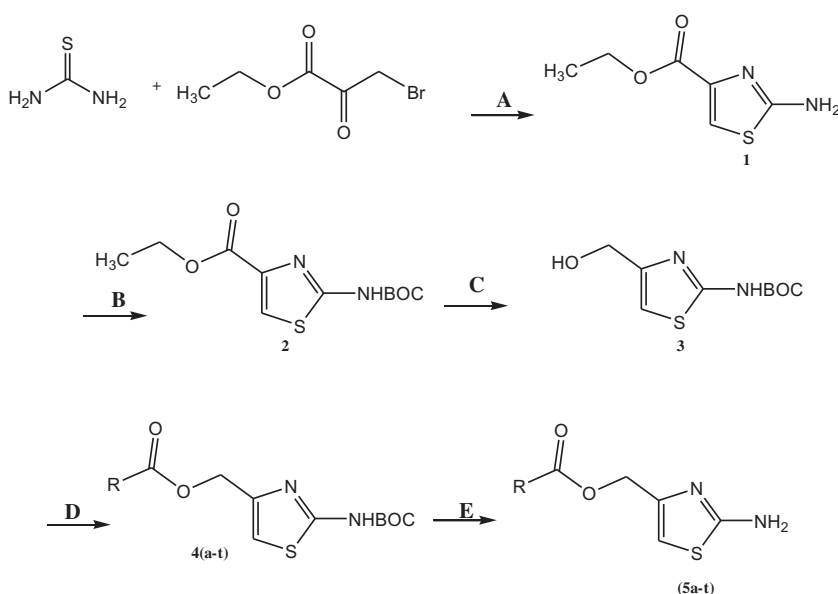
The title compounds were synthesized by a series of reaction as shown in the Scheme 1. The intermediate ethyl-2-aminothiazole-4-carboxylate (**1**) was synthesized by cyclizing ethyl bromopyruvate and thiourea in ethanol at 90 °C [27,28]. The intermediate **1** was then converted to *tert*-butyl-4-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiazol-2-carbamate (**2**) by treating with di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate (BOC anhydride) and triethylamine in tetrahydrofuran at ambient temperature. The required key intermediate *tert*-butyl-4-(hydroxymethyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**3**) was obtained by reducing the ester to a primary alcohol using diisobutylaluminumhydride (DIBAL-H) in dichloromethane at –78 °C for 10 h. Compound **4a–t**

was synthesized by coupling the intermediate **3** with different substituted aryl/heteroaryl acids in presence of 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)3-ethylcarbodiimide. HCl (EDC·HCl) and dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) in dichloromethane. The title compounds **5a–t** synthesized by deprotecting the BOC anhydride using ethanolic HCl in ethanol at ambient temperature.

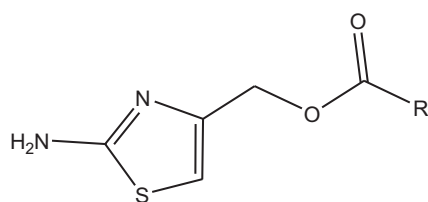
The newly synthesized compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, LCMS and elemental analysis. The formation of ethyl-2-aminothiazole-4-carboxylate (**1**) was confirmed by its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum, where the appearance of a singlet peak at δ 7.46 ppm indicated the presence of aromatic hydrogen and the primary amine which disappeared on D<sub>2</sub>O exchange. The formation of BOC protected derivative (**2**) was confirmed by its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. In its spectrum the disappearance of a broad peak at δ 7.23 ppm and the appearance of a singlet peak at higher δ value, i.e.; at δ 11.80 ppm was also evidenced by LCMS spectral data. The formation of primary alcohol derivative was confirmed by its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. In its spectrum appearance of a singlet at δ 6.84 ppm (–OH) and a doublet at δ 4.4 ppm (–CH<sub>2</sub>). The formation of (**3**) was also evidenced by LCMS spectral data. The spectral data is discussed in the Experimental section. The characterization data of **5a–t** are tabulated in Table 1.

### 2.1. Structure activity relationship

In this present study we have mainly concentrated at the region 2 of the synthesized molecules (Fig. 3). It is believed that strong lipophilic character of the molecule plays an essential role in introducing biological effect [29]. These properties are seen as an important parameter related to membrane permeation in biological system. It has been well established that the fluorinated, in particular CF<sub>3</sub> substituted molecules have got a significant place in modern medicinal chemistry [30]. Variety of substituted aryl groups have been attached at region 2. For example, result showed that compound **5b** displayed good activity, one of the reasons could be the presence of CF<sub>3</sub> group attached to the aryl ring (region 2) increases the lypophilicity of the compound there by making the molecule more cell permeable. Similarly compounds with chloro, fluoro, nitro substitution at the phenyl ring were found to be more



**Scheme 1.** (2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives (A) Ethanol, 90 °C, 4 h. (B) Tetrahydrofuran, triethylamine, di-*tert*-butyldicarbonate, 5 h, (C) Dichloromethane, Diisobutylaluminumhydride, –78 °C, 10 h. (D) Dichloromethane, 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)3-ethylcarbodiimide, HCl, dimethylaminopyridine, RCOOH, room temperature, 8 h. (E) Ethanol, ethanolic HCl, room temperature.

**Table 1**Characterization data of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives **5(a–t)**

R=Aryl, Heteroaryl

Compound	R	Mol. Formula/ Mol. wt	M.p. °C	Yield * (%)
<b>5a</b>		C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 308.78	213–215	84
<b>5b</b>		C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 316.3	ND	89
<b>5c</b>		C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S 332.3	178–180	85
<b>5d</b>		C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>8</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 320.26	230–232	80
<b>5e</b>		C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 287.34	165–167	90
<b>5f</b>		C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 259.28	235–237	72
<b>5g</b>		C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> 240.3	192–194	63
<b>5h</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S 313.72	150–152	68
<b>5i</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 260.27	178–180	62

**Table 1 (continued)**

Compound	R	Mol. Formula/ Mol. wt	M.p. °C	Yield * (%)
<b>5j</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClF <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 286.71	110–112	81
<b>5k</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>7</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 288.25	ND	68
<b>5l</b>		C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S 224.24	183–185	78
<b>5m</b>		C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 284.33	157–159	68
<b>5n</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 279.27	160–162	85
<b>5o</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 337.61	ND	62
<b>5p</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 234.27	174–176	84
<b>5q</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 260.27	185–187	80
<b>5r</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 268.72	171–173	76
<b>5s</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>9</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S 313.17	163–165	72
<b>5t</b>		C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S 279.27	166–168	82

ND–Not detected, \* Isolated yield after column purification.

active (**5d**, **5h**, **5j**, **5n**, **5r**, **5t**) than the compound with no substitution at the phenyl ring (**5p**) at the region 2 of the molecule. Further we have tried with different carboxylic acids with mono, di, tri substituted electron withdrawing substituent at the phenyl ring. The biological results indicated that the compound with electron withdrawing group at the phenyl ring at the region 2 of the molecule were more active. Furthermore some of the heterocyclic substitutions (**5i**, **5l**, **5g**) at R of the region 2 were found to be active. The weak activity of some of our compounds may be attributed to the presence of certain functional groups in the molecule.

## 2.2. Biological activity

All the title compounds were subjected to *in vitro* antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular properties following standard methods.

### 2.2.1. Antibacterial activity

Antibacterial activity of the title compounds was investigated against five different bacterial strains, *S. aureus*, *B. subtilis*, *P. aeruginosa*, *K. pneumoniae* and *E. coli* using ciprofloxacin as reference, by serial dilution method. Table 2 depicts the antibacterial screening results (MIC µg/mL) of final compounds, **5a–t**.

### 2.2.2. Antifungal activity

Antifungal activity of the title compounds were investigated against five different strains, *A. flavus*, *A. fumigatus*, *P. marneffei* (recultured), *T. mentagrophytes* (recultured) and *C. albicans* using Ciclopiroxolamine as reference, by serial dilution method. Table 3 depicts the antifungal screening results (MIC µg/mL) of final compounds, **5a–t**.

### 2.2.3. Antitubercular study

Based on the encouraging results from the antibacterial screening, title compounds were further tested for their *in vitro* antimycobacterial activity against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv, *M. smegmatis* (ATCC 19420), *M. fortuitum* (ATCC 19542) and MDR-TB strains using isoniazid and rifampicin as standards. The screening results

of *in vitro* antimycobacterial activity of the final compounds are tabulated in Table 4.

## 2.3. X-ray crystallographic study of compound **5a**

Single crystal X-ray diffraction study has carried out on the intermediate **5a** to understand the nature of its conformational and molecular assembly. **5a** forms colorless block shaped crystal from ethanol solvents by slow evaporation method at room temperature. Single crystal data of **5a** were recollected on CrysAlis CCD Xcalibur, Eos (Nova), Oxford Diffraction with X-ray generator operating at 50 kV and 1 mA, using MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.7107$  Å). The structures were solved and refined by using SHELXL97 [31], using the program suite WinGX. Thermal ellipsoid plot and packing diagram were generated using ORTEP-3 [32] and Mercury respectively. All the non hydrogen atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms were fixed geometrically and refined isotropically. The crystal structure of **5a** is  $P 2_1/n$  space group in monoclinic space group. Crystallographic information file (CIF) is provided as supporting information file for the details crystallographic information. Fig. 1 provides the thermal ellipsoid plot with atom numbering which shows the keto group preferred the conformation *anti* to 4-chlorophenyl group and *cis* to cyclopropane ring. The molecular assembly form dimer through N–H...N (2.09 Å, 174°) hydrogen bonds and N–H...O (2.03 Å, 171°) hydrogen bond chain links the dimer (Fig. 2).

## 2.4. Biological results

The investigation of antibacterial screening (Table 2) revealed that all the newly synthesizes compounds showed moderate to good inhibition at 1.56–25 µg/mL in DMSO. Compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5f**, **5g**, **5i**, **5k**, **5l**, **5m** and **5r** showed good activity against *E. coli* and *P. aeruginosa*. Compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5i**, **5j**, **5l**, **5m**, **5o**, **5p** and **5r** showed good activity against *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis*. Compounds **5a**, **5h**, **5i**, **5l**, **5m**, **5n**, **5p**, **5r**, **5s** and **5t** showed good activity against *K. pneumoniae*.

**Table 2**  
Antibacterial activity data of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives **5a–t**.

Compound	MIC in µg/mL and zone of inhibition in mm				
	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>
	ATCC 25922	ATCC 25923	ATCC 27853	(recultured)	(recultured)
<b>5a</b>	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5b</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5c</b>	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)
<b>5d</b>	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)
<b>5e</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5f</b>	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5g</b>	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	25(<10)
<b>5h</b>	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5i</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5j</b>	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5k</b>	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	25(<10)
<b>5l</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5m</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5n</b>	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	12.5(10–15)	12.5(10–15)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5o</b>	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5p</b>	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10))	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5q</b>	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)
<b>5r</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5s</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10))	6.25(16–20)
<b>5t</b>	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)
Ciprofloxacin (Standard)	6.25(30–40)	6.25(22–30)	6.25(16–20)	1.56(21)	6.25(23–27)

Note: MIC values were evaluated at concentration ranging between 1.56 and 25 µg/mL. The figures in the table show the MIC values in µg/mL and corresponding zone of inhibition in mm inside the bracket. MIC (µg/mL) = minimum inhibitory concentration, i.e., lowest concentration to completely inhibit bacterial growth.

**Table 3**Antifungal activity data of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives **5(a–t)**.

Compound	MIC in ug/mL and zone of inhibition in mm				
	<i>A. flavus</i>	<i>A. fumigatus</i>	<i>P. marneffei</i>	<i>T. mentagrophytes</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
	(NCIM No. 524)	(NCIM No. 902)	(recultured)	(recultured)	
<b>5a</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)
<b>5b</b>	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)
<b>5c</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5d</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5e</b>	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5f</b>	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5g</b>	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5h</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	25(<10)
<b>5i</b>	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)
<b>5j</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)
<b>5k</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5l</b>	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5m</b>	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5n</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5o</b>	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5p</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)
<b>5q</b>	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)
<b>5r</b>	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)	6.25(16–20)	25(<10)
<b>5s</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	6.25(16–20)
<b>5t</b>	25(<10)	25(<10)	12.5(11–15)	25(<10)	25(<10)
Ciclopiroxolamine (Standard)	6.25(25–30)	6.25(25–30)	6.25(20–27)	6.25(27–33)	6.25(20)

Note: MIC values were evaluated at concentration ranging between 6.25 and 100 µg/mL. The figures in the table show the MIC values in µg/mL and corresponding zone of inhibition in mm inside the bracket. MIC (µg/mL) = minimum inhibitory concentration, i.e., lowest concentration to completely inhibit bacterial growth.

The investigation of antifungal screening (Table 3) revealed that all the newly synthesized compounds showed moderate to good inhibition at 1.56–25 µg/mL in DMSO. Compounds **5c–e**, **5k**, **5l**, **5n**, **5o** and **5q** showed good activity against *A. flavus* and *P. marneffei*. Compounds **5c**, **5d**, **5g**, **5i**, **5k**, **5n**, **5o** and **5r** showed good activity against *T. mentagrophytes* and *A. fumigatus*. Compounds **5c**, **5d**, **5f**, **5k**, **5l**, **5m**, **5n**, **5o** and **5s** showed good activity against *C. albicans*. Further, the preliminary

antimycobacterial screening of the title compounds were carried out at 1, 10 and 100 µg/mL concentrations against three different TB strains and also against MDR-TB strain. From the result, it was noticed that the compounds **5a–e**, **5g**, **5h**, **5j**, **5k**, **5m–o**, **5q**, **5s** and **5t** were active between 1 and 10 µg/mL concentrations against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv strain. The active compounds from the preliminary investigation were further subjected to second level of testing. The compounds which were active at 100 µg/mL

**Table 4**Antitubercular activity data of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives **5(a–t)**.

Preliminary <i>in vitro</i> screening results, MIC(µg/mL)					Second level screening results, MIC(µg/mL)			
Compound	MTB <sup>a</sup>	MS <sup>b</sup>	MF <sup>c</sup>	% <sup>d</sup>	MTB	MS	MF	MDR-TB
<b>5a</b>	1	1	10	90	1.25	1.25	1.25	>50
<b>5b</b>	1	10	10	95	0.625	10	10	6.25
<b>5c</b>	10	>100	>100	<90	5	—	—	>50
<b>5d</b>	1	>100	10	90	1.25	—	10	>50
<b>5e</b>	1	1	10	95	0.625	1.25	10	6.25
<b>5f</b>	10	>100	>100	<90	5	—	—	>50
<b>5g</b>	10	10	10	<90	10	10	10	>50
<b>5h</b>	1	1	10	90	0.625	1.25	10	6.25
<b>5i</b>	>100	>100	>100	0	—	—	—	—
<b>5j</b>	1	10	10	95	0.625	10	10	6.25
<b>5k</b>	10	10	>100	<90	5	10	—	25
<b>5l</b>	>100	>100	>100	0	—	—	—	—
<b>5m</b>	10	10	10	<90	2.5	10	10	>50
<b>5n</b>	1	10	10	90	1.25	10	10	1.25
<b>5o</b>	10	>100	>100	<90	10	—	—	>50
<b>5p</b>	>100	>100	>100	0	—	—	—	—
<b>5q</b>	10	>100	>100	<90	10	—	—	>50
<b>5r</b>	>100	>100	>100	0	—	—	—	—
<b>5s</b>	10	10	>100	<90	2.5	2.5	—	2.5
<b>5t</b>	1	10	10	95	0.625	10	10	12.5
Isoniazid	0.7	50	12.5	95	0.7	50	12.5	12.5
Rifampicin	0.5	1.5	1.5	95	0.5	1.5	1.5	25

<sup>a</sup> *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv.<sup>b</sup> *Mycobacterium smegmatis* (ATCC 19420).<sup>c</sup> *Mycobacterium fortuitum* (ATCC 19542).<sup>d</sup> Percentage of inhibition against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv; '—' Not detected.



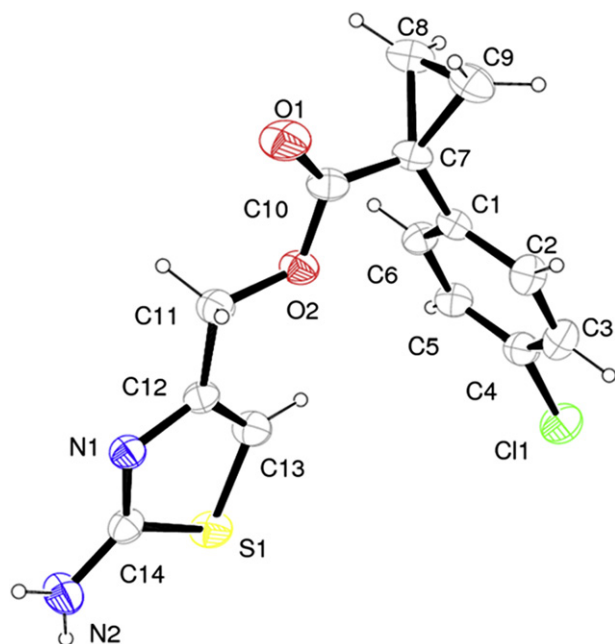


Fig. 1. ORTEP diagram of **5a** with 30% thermal ellipsoid plot for non hydrogen atoms with the atom labeling and hydrogen atoms as open circle.

concentration were not taken for further studies. The second level testing was carried out at concentrations 0.3125, 0.625, 1.25, 2.5, and 5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . Amongst the tested compounds, **5b**, **5e**, **5h**, **5j** and **5t** are active at 0.625  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  concentrations against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv strain and compounds **5a**, **5d** and **5n** are active at 1.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  concentrations. Similarly the target molecules **5a**, **5e** and **5h** displayed significant activity at 1.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  against *M. smegmatis* (ATCC 19420) whereas compound **5s** is active at 2.5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . It is interesting to note that most of the compounds showed either enhanced activity or activity in line with the reference compound isoniazid against *M. fortuitum* (ATCC 19542). Further, the compounds **5b**, **5h** displayed substantial activity against the MDR-TB strain at 12.5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  whereas **5e** exhibited promising activity at

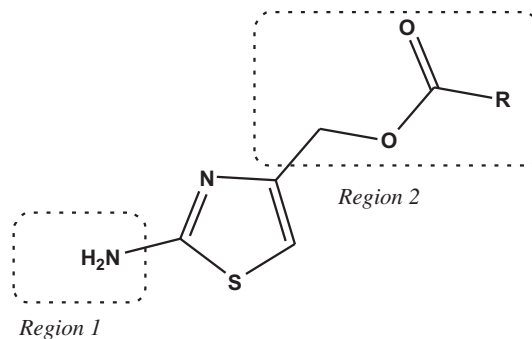


Fig. 3. Selected regions of interest for structure activity relationship.

6.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  concentrations. Similarly the compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5h** and **5j** showed promising activity against the MDR-TB strain at 6.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . These are just initial screening results to check the antimicrobial potential, since this is established and further work would be done to understand their mechanism of action.

### 3. Conclusion

We herein report the successful synthesis of twenty newly designed derivatives of (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester. They have been characterized by spectral studies. The structure of **5a** has been confirmed by X-ray crystallographic study. All the title compounds have been investigated for their antimicrobial and antimycobacterial activities, the investigation of antibacterial and antifungal screening revealed that all the newly synthesized compounds showed moderate to good inhibition at 1.56–25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  in DMSO. Compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5i**, **5l**, **5m** and **5r** exhibited comparatively good activity against the tested bacterial strains. Compounds **5c**, **5d**, **5k**, **5n** and **5o** exhibited comparatively good activity against the five fungal strains. Further, the compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5h**, **5j** and **5t** displayed significant activity against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv strain. Furthermore, the target molecules **5a**, **5e** and **5h** displayed significant activity at 1.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  against *M. smegmatis* (ATCC 19420) whereas compound **5s** was shown to be active at 2.5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . Similarly the compounds **5b**, **5e**, **5h** and **5j** showed substantial activity against the MDR-TB strain at 6.25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . The halogen substituted aromatic compounds will improve the lipophilic nature of the compound at the same time methoxy substituted compound would act as an electron donors. In addition the presence of an amine group at the 2nd position of thiazole would be the essential element for hydrogen bonding with receptor. The above mentioned properties of these pharmacophores would be responsible for the promising activities of the title compounds. The scaffold synthesized in the research work can be taken for further derivatization in order to find the lead in these series.

### 4. Experimental

#### 4.1. General

All reagents were purchased from Aldrich. Solvents used were extra dried. TLC experiments were performed on alumina backed silica gel 40 F254 plates (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). The plates were illuminated under UV (254 nm) and molybdic acid. All  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 (300.12 MHz) and AM-400 (400.13 MHz), Bruker Biospin Corp., Germany. Molecular weights of unknown compounds were checked by LCMS 6200 series Agilent Technology. Chemical shifts are reported in

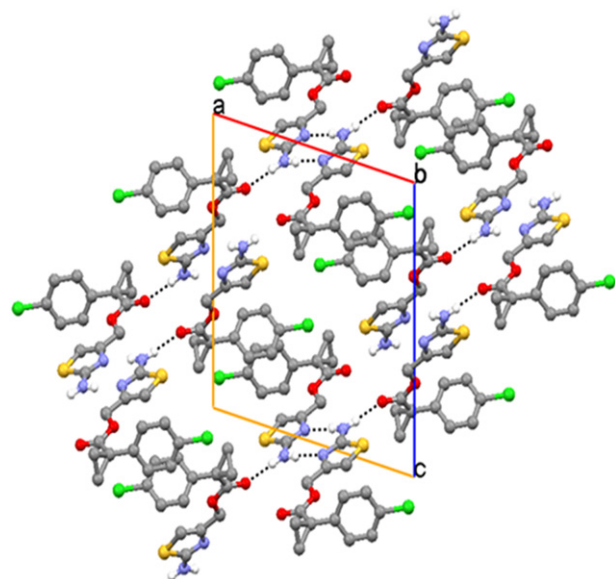


Fig. 2. Molecular assembly through hydrogen bonds of N–H...N dimer and N–H...O chains along a-axis.

ppm ( $\delta$ ) with reference to internal standard TMS. The signals are designated as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet.

#### 4.2. Procedure for the preparation of ethyl-2-aminothiazole-4-carboxylate (**1**)

Thiourea (12.93 g, 0.170 mol) was taken in a round bottom flask and charged ethanol (45 mL), stirred for 10 min, slowly added ethyl bromopyruvate (19.36 mL, 0.155 mol). The reaction mass was heated to 90 °C for 4 h. Reaction completion was monitored by TLC. Reaction was complete. The reaction mass was filtered and the ethanol layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a pale yellow solid. The crude product was recrystallized in ethylacetate/hexane to afford (**1**) (23.58 g, 90%) an off white solid. M.p. = 177–178 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.26 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.21 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.23 (s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 7.46 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )  $\delta$  ppm = 1.26 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.21 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.46 (s, 1H, ArH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 173.1 ( $M + 1$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ; C, 41.85; H, 4.68; N, 16.27; Found C, 41.94; H, 4.69; N, 16.50.

#### 4.3. Procedure for the preparation of tert-butyl-4-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiazol-2-carbamate (**2**)

The intermediate ethyl-2-aminothiazole-4-carboxylate (20 g, 0.116 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (300 mL) was stirred for 5 min, cooled the reaction mass to 0 °C and charged triethylamine (48.54 mL, 0.348 mol), the added BOC anhydride (28.26 mL, 0.123 mol) slowly to the reaction mixture, during the addition temperature was maintained at 0–10 °C, after complete addition reaction temperature was raised to ambient temperature and stirred for 5 h. Reaction completion was monitored by TLC. Reaction was complete. The reaction mass was filtered and the THF was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude obtained was dissolved in ethylacetate (250 mL) and the organic layer was washed with water (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford (**2**) (29 g, 91.6%) as an off white solid. M.p. = 151–152 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.26 (t, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.48 (s, 9H, BOC), 4.26 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 8.0 (s, 1H, ArH), 11.80 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 273.1 ( $M + 1$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ; C, 48.52; H, 5.92; N, 10.29; Found C, 48.64; H, 5.97 N, 10.38.

#### 4.4. Procedure for the preparation of tert-butyl-4-(hydroxymethyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**3**)

The intermediate tert-butyl-4-(ethoxycarbonyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**2**), (28 g, 0.102 mol) in dichloromethane (280 mL), and the reaction mixture was cooled to –78 °C, then slowly charged DIBAL-H (82.51 mL, 0.463 mol) to the reaction mixture. After the complete addition of DIBAL-H reaction temperature was raised to ambient temperature and was stirred for 10 h. Reaction completion was monitored by TLC. Reaction was complete. Then cooled the reaction mass to 0 °C, Charged MTBE (400 mL) very slowly to the reaction mass followed by 0.5 N HCl (280 mL). The reaction mass temperature was raised to ambient temperature and stirred for an hour. The reaction mixture was filtered and the organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude obtained was dissolved in ethylacetate (300 mL) and washed the organic layer with water (3 $\times$ 100 mL). The organic layer was concentrated and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (230–400 mesh) using ethylacetate (20–40%) in petroleum ether as eluent to afford (**3**) (18 g, 76%) as a white solid. M.p. 101–102 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.47 (s, 9H, BOC), 4.4 (d, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.17 (t, 1H, OH), 6.80 (s,

1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 28.36, 60.32, 81.40, 107.57, 153.06, 153.24, 159.88; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 231.29 ( $M + 1$ ); Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ ; C, 46.94; H, 6.13; N, 12.16; Found C, 47.01; H, 6.27; N, 12.12.

#### 4.5. General procedure for the preparation of (**4a–t**)

The intermediate (**3**) (0.5 g, 0.00217 mol), EDCl (0.622 g, 0.00325 mol), DMAP (0.345 g, 0.0028 mol) were stirred in dichloromethane (6 mL) at 0 °C, and the substituted acid (0.00217 mol) were dissolved in (4 mL) of dichloromethane and charged to the reaction mixture and stirred at room temperature for 8 h. The reaction completion was monitored by TLC. Reaction was completed. The reaction mixture was diluted with (10 mL) of dichloromethane, and was washed with 10%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (10 mL). Separated the organic layer and was washed with saturated brine solution (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated the organic layer under reduced pressure to afford compounds **4a–t**. The spectral data of compounds **4(a–t)** are given below.

##### 4.5.1. tert-Butyl 4-((1-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4a**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.24 (t, 2H, cyclopropyl $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 1.53 (t, 2H, cyclopropyl $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.98 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.93 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.39 (s, 4H, ArH), 11.46 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 409.62 ( $M + 1$ ).

##### 4.5.2. tert-Butyl 4-((2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetoxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4b**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.49 (s, 9H, Boc), 3.80 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.04 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.12 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.51 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.65 (m, 3H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 317.51 ( $M + 1$ ).

##### 4.5.3. tert-Butyl 4-((2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)acetoxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4c**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 3.82 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.12 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.16 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.65 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.95 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 433.31 ( $M + 1$ ).

##### 4.5.4. tert-Butyl 4-((3-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4d**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.32 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.29 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.08 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.10 (s, 1H, ArH), 11.51 (s, 1H, ArH), 13.81 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 421.19 ( $M + 1$ ).

##### 4.5.5. tert-Butyl 4-((4-(2-cyanoethyl)benzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4e**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.49 (s, 9H, Boc), 2.78 (t, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.96 (t, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.28 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.23 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.53 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.74 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.01 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.51 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 388.62 ( $M + 1$ ).

##### 4.5.6. tert-Butyl 4-((3-cyanobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4f**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.14 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.28 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.56 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.22 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.25 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.52 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 360.27 ( $M + 1$ ).

##### 4.5.7. tert-Butyl 4-((thiophene-2-carboxyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4g**)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.24 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.20 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.24 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.84 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.52 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 341.31 ( $M + 1$ ).



#### 4.5.8. *tert*-Butyl 4-((2-chloro-3-nitrobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4h**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.22 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.18 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.54 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.31 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.38 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH).

#### 4.5.9. *tert*-Butyl 4-((6-cyanopyridine-3-carboxyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4i**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.46 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.18 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.52 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.82 (d, 1H, ArH), 9.64 (s, 1H, ArH), 11.52 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 414.62 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.10. *tert*-Butyl 4-((2-chloro-6-fluorobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4j**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.23 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.92 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.20 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.31 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 387.89 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.11. *tert*-Butyl 4-((2,4,5-trifluorobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4k**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.47 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.23 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.72 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.22 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 11.46 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 389.2 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.12. *tert*-Butyl 4-((furan-2-carboxyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4l**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.24 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.28 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.45 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.98 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.52 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 325.3 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.13. *tert*-Butyl 4-((2-naphthoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4m**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.46 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.22 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.22 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.38 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.82 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.51 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 385.6 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.14. *tert*-Butyl 4-((4-nitrobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4n**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.32 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.28 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.21 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.32 (m, 2H, ArH), 11.50 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 380.4 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.15. *tert*-Butyl 4-((2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4o**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.21 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.70 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.21 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (s, 1H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 438.6 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.16. *tert*-Butyl 4-((benzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4p**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.46 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.18 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.26 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.34 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.48 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.01 (m, 2H, ArH), 11.47 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 335.2 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.17. *tert*-Butyl 4-((6-cyanopyridine-2-carboxyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4q**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.46 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.18 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.41 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.67 (t, 1H, ArH), 9.29 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.50 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 361.29 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.18. *tert*-Butyl 4-((4-chlorobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4r**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.31 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.28 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.20 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.36 (m, 2H, ArH), 11.48 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 369.91 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.19. *tert*-Butyl 4-((4-bromobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4s**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.46 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.30 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.26 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.22 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.31 (m, 2H, ArH), 11.49 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 414.3 (M + 1).

#### 4.5.20. *tert*-Butyl 4-((4-nitrobenzoyloxy)methyl)thiazol-2-ylcarbamate (**4t**)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.48 (s, 9H, Boc), 5.32 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.28 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.59 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.67 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.28 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.43 (d, 1H, ArH), 11.50 (s, 1H, NH); LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 380.2 (M + 1).

#### 4.6. General procedure for the preparation (2-aminothiazol-4-yl)methylester derivatives (**5a–t**)

The intermediate (**4**) (1.5 mmol) was taken in ethanol (5 mL), cooled to 0 °C, slowly added ethanolic HCl (5 mL), to the reaction mixture and stirred the reaction mixture at ambient temperature for 4 h. The reaction completion was monitored by TLC. Reaction was completed. The ethanol layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. Charged 10% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and extracted with ethylacetate (2 × 25 mL) and the organic layer was concentrated under pressure. The crude obtained was recrystallized in ethylacetate/hexane, and the solid formed was filtered to afford the title compounds **5a–t**. The spectral data of compounds **5(a–t)** are given below.

##### 4.6.1. (2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)methyl 1-(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopropanecarboxylate (**5a**)

Appearance: white solid; m.p. 213–215 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 1.22 (t, 2H, cyclopropylCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.23 (t, 2H, cyclopropylCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.82 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.31 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.38 (s, 4H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 16.77, 28.61, 62.78, 104.43, 128.47, 132.14, 132.62, 138.65, 146.90, 169.21, 173.26; LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 309.62 (M + 1); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S; C, 54.46; H, 4.24; N, 9.07; Found C, 54.52; H, 4.32; N, 10.10.

##### 4.6.2. (2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)methyl 2-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acetate (**5b**)

Appearance: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 3.57 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.03 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.11 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.06 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.07 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.25 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.29 (d, 1H, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 46.46, 62.91, 103.28, 123.68, 124.01, 126.38, 128.74, 130.69, 132.64, 134.92, 152.91, 168.61, 171.14; LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 317.42 (M + 1); C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S; C, 49.36; H, 3.51; N, 8.86; Found C, 49.41; H, 3.48; N, 8.79.

##### 4.6.3. (2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)methyl 2-(2-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)acetate (**5c**)

Appearance: off white solid; m.p. 178–180 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 3.86 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.98 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.40 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.49 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.51 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 32.19, 58.95, 107.86, 119.28, 121.83, 127.18, 127.89, 129.78, 133.07, 135.73, 147.54, 170.13, 170.40; LC/MS(ESI-MS)*m/z* = 333.2 (M + 1); C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S; C, 46.99; H, 3.34; N, 8.43; Found C, 47.03; H, 3.39; N, 8.39.

##### 4.6.4. (2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)methyl 3-fluoro-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (**5d**)

Appearance: off white solid; m.p. 230–232 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.28 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.06 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.09 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.11 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.13 (s, 1H, ArH), 9.23 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  ppm

(DMSO) = 60.18, 108.20, 118.68, 120.92, 121.15, 122.43, 132.17, 133.35, 135.47, 161.25, 163.74, 170.54; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 321.31 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{12}H_8F_4N_2O_2S$ ; C, 45.00; H, 2.52; N, 8.75; Found C, 4.13; H, 2.61; N, 8.68.

#### 4.6.5. (2-Aminothiazol-4-yl)methyl 3-(2-cyanoethyl)benzoate (**5e**)

Appearance: white solid; m.p. 165–167 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 2.74 (t, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 2.98 (t, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 5.28 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 7.17 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.23 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.28 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.17 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 8.23 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.42 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 17.02, 32.84, 62.82, 104.42, 116.91, 127.41, 127.62, 127.98, 130.02, 152.74, 167.39, 169.32; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 288.31 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{14}H_{13}N_3O_2S$ ; C, 58.52; H, 4.56; N, 14.62; Found C, 58.63; H, 4.48; N, 14.71.

#### 4.6.6. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2-cyanobenzoate (**5f**)

Appearance: brown solid; m.p. 235–237 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.17 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.88 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.12 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.14 (t, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 63.55, 105.98, 112.19, 117.80, 131.39, 131.99, 133.86, 134.06, 135.75, 146.17, 163.74, 169.36; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 260.31 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{12}H_9N_3O_2S$ ; C, 55.59; H, 3.50; N, 16.20; Found C, 55.63; H, 3.61; N, 16.09.

#### 4.6.7. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl thiophene-2-carboxylate (**5g**)

Appearance: brown solid; m.p. 192–194 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.08 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.61 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.23 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.84 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.97 (d, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 62.69, 105.86, 128.87, 133.24, 134.36, 134.54, 146.62, 161.61, 169.35; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 241.21 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_9H_8N_2O_2S_2$ ; C, 44.98; H, 3.36; N, 11.66; Found C, 45.13; H, 3.41; N, 11.59.

#### 4.6.8. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2-chloro-3-nitrobenzoate (**5h**)

Appearance: yellow solid; m.p. 150–152 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.17 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.72 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.64 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.28 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.92 (d, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 62.62, 103.78, 125.48, 126.97, 131.09, 131.82, 136.81, 148.31, 154.26, 166.41, 170.14; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 314.81 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_8ClN_3O_4S$ ; C, 42.11; H, 2.57; N, 13.39; Found C, 42.20; H, 2.43; N, 13.58.

#### 4.6.9. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 6-cyanopyridine-3-carboxylate (**5i**)

Appearance: white solid; m.p. 178–180 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.19 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.72 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 8.21 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.53 (d, 1H, ArH), 9.09 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 63.28, 116.87, 103.81, 126.32, 130.13, 134.84, 136.91, 150.98, 154.15, 166.43, 170.48; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 261.3 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_8N_4O_2S$ ; C, 50.76; H, 3.10; N, 21.53; Found C, 50.61; H, 3.21; N, 21.58.

#### 4.6.10. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2-chloro-6-fluorobenzoate (**5j**)

Appearance: off white solid; m.p. 110–112 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.15 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.66 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.41 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.57 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.62 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 64.05, 106.78, 115.47, 122.21, 126.41, 131.30, 133.55, 145.67, 157.98, 160.47, 169.33; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 287.82 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_8ClFN_2O_2S$ ; C, 46.08; H, 2.81; N, 9.77; Found C, 46.21; H, 2.30; N, 9.62.

#### 4.6.11. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2,4,6-trifluorobenzoate (**5k**)

Appearance: yellow oil;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.14 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.68 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.04 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.98 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.08 (s,

1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 64.18, 105.76, 132.24, 132.68, 132.94, 133.14, 134.68, 140.07, 154.17, 167.38, 170.13; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 289.32 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_7F_3N_2O_2S$ ; C, 45.84; H, 2.45; N, 9.72; Found C, 45.75; H, 2.53; N, 9.68.

#### 4.6.12. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl furan-2-carboxylate (**5l**)

Appearance: white solid; m.p. 183–185 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.07 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.69 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.71 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.01 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.34 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.97 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 62.27, 106.01, 112.81, 119.07, 144.16, 146.48, 148.17, 158.06, 169.33; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 225.32 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_9H_8N_2O_3S$ ; C, 48.21; H, 3.60; N, 12.49; Found C, 48.38; H, 3.69; N, 12.53.

#### 4.6.13. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2-naphthoate (**5m**)

Appearance: off white solid; m.p. 157–159 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.23 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.69 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.06 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.67 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.05 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.21 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.78 (d, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 62.84, 104.84, 126.09, 126.82, 128.32, 128.87, 129.82, 130.17, 131.98, 135.61, 154.70, 166.19, 170.09; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 285.3 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{15}H_{12}N_2O_2S$ ; C, 63.36; H, 4.25; N, 9.85; Found C, 63.42; H, 4.38; N, 9.76.

#### 4.6.14. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 4-nitrobenzoate (**5n**)

Appearance: pale yellow solid; m.p. 160–162 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.17 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 5.24 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.60 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.25 (m, 4H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 62.96, 108.34, 123.51, 130.93, 135.41, 146.25, 150.62, 164.45, 168.17; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 280.3 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_9N_2O_2S$ ; C, 47.31; H, 3.25; N, 15.05; Found C, 47.28; H, 3.31; N, 15.12.

#### 4.6.15. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoate (**5o**)

Appearance: semi solid;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.12 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.63 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.01 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.89 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.96 (s, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 63.21, 104.32, 131.20, 131.62, 131.79, 132.90, 134.19, 139.65, 154.09, 166.00, 168.59; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 338.6 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_7Cl_3N_2O_2S$ ; C, 39.13; H, 2.09; N, 8.30; Found C, 39.24; H, 2.12; N, 8.23.

#### 4.6.16. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl benzoate (**5p**)

Appearance: white solid; m.p. 174–176 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.12 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.62 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.11 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 7.55 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.69 (t, 1H, ArH), 8.00 (d, 2H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 62.72, 105.59, 129.25, 129.68, 130.08, 133.86, 146.81, 165.88, 169.34; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 235.3 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_{10}N_2O_2S$ ; C, 56.39; H, 4.30; N, 11.96; Found C, 56.47; H, 4.21; N, 11.85.

#### 4.6.17. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 6-cyanopyridine-2-carboxylate (**5q**)

Appearance: white solid; m.p. 185–187 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.20 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.83 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.14 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 8.30 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.87 (t, 1H, ArH), 9.31 (d, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 63.7, 117.96, 105.64, 128.39, 130.04, 136.78, 138.31, 152.10, 154.16, 167.12, 169.64; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 261.3 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_8N_4O_2S$ ; C, 50.76; H, 3.10; N, 21.53; Found C, 50.87; H, 3.21; N, 21.65.

#### 4.6.18. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 4-chlorobenzoate (**5r**)

Appearance: off white solid; m.p. 171–173 °C;  $^1H$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.02 (s, 2H,  $NH_2$ ), 5.18 (s, 2H,  $CH_2$ ), 6.48 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.19 (m, 4H, ArH);  $^{13}C$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 61.89, 107.67, 122.49, 128.67, 133.59, 146.01, 149.69, 162.34, 167.96; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 269.81 ( $M + 1$ );  $C_{11}H_9ClN_2O_2S$ ; C, 49.17; H, 3.38; N, 10.42; Found C, 49.23; H, 3.461; N, 10.39.

4.6.19. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 4-bromobenzoate (**5s**)

Appearance: brown solid; m.p. 163–165 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 4.98 (s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 5.12 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.41 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.10 (m, 4H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 60.96, 107.43, 121.90, 128.04, 132.91, 145.79, 148.84, 161.62, 167.21; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 314.21 ( $M + 1$ );  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ; C, 42.19; H, 2.90; N, 8.95; Found C, 42.26; H, 2.92; N, 8.92.

4.6.20. (2-Aminothiazole-4-yl)methyl 2-nitrobenzoate (**5t**)

Appearance: pale yellow solid; m.p. 166–168 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO)  $\delta$  ppm = 5.19 (s, 2H,  $\text{NH}_2$ ), 5.28 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.64 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.19 (t, 1H, ArH) 8.34 (t, 1H, ArH) 8.79 (d, 1H, ArH) 8.98 (d, 1H, ArH);  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\delta$  ppm (DMSO) = 60.71, 107.39, 121.86, 128.19, 133.42, 148.61, 154.67, 159.18, 160.43, 163.87, 169.42; LC/MS(ESI-MS) $m/z$  = 280.34 ( $M + 1$ );  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ ; C, 47.31; H, 3.25; N, 15.05; Found C, 47.39; H, 3.31; N, 15.16.

## 4.7. Antibacterial studies

The synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against *E. coli* (ATCC-25922), *S. aureus* (ATCC-25923), *P. aeruginosa* (ATCC-27853) and *K. pneumoniae* (recultured) and *S. pyogenes* bacterial strains by serial plate dilution method [33,34]. Serial dilutions of the drug in Mueller–Hinton broth were taken in tubes and their pH was adjusted to 5.0 using phosphate buffer. A standardized suspension of the test bacterium was inoculated and incubated for 16–18 h at 37 °C. The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) was noted by seeing the lowest concentration of the drug at which there was no visible growth. A number of antimicrobial discs are placed on the agar for the sole purpose of producing zone of inhibition in the bacterial lawn. Twenty milliliters of agar media was poured into each Petri dish. Excess of suspension was decanted and plates were dried by placing in an incubator at 37 °C for an hour. Using an agar punch, wells were made on these seeded agar plates and minimum inhibitory concentration of the test compounds in dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) were added into each labeled well. A control was also prepared for the plates in the same way using solvent DMSO. The Petri dishes were prepared in triplicate and maintained at 37 °C for 3–4 days. Antibacterial activity was determined by measuring the diameter of the inhibition zone. Activity of each compound was compared with ciprofloxacin as standard [35,36]. MIC ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) and Zone of inhibition (mm) was determined for all the synthesized compounds and the corresponding results are summarized in Table 2.

## 4.8. Antifungal studies

Newly prepared compounds were screened for their antifungal activity against *A. flavus* (NCIM No. 524), *Aspergillus fumigatus* (NCIM No. 902), *P. marneffei* (recultured) and *T. mentagrophytes* (recultured) and *C. albicans* in DMSO by serial plate dilution method [37,38]. Sabourands agar media was prepared by dissolving peptone (1 g), D-glucose (4 g) and agar (2 g) in distilled water (100 mL) and adjusting the pH to 5.7. Normal saline was used to make a suspension of spore of fungal stain for lawning. A loopful of particular fungal strain was transferred to 3 mL saline to get a suspension of corresponding species. Twenty milliliters of agar media was poured into each Petri dish. Excess of suspension was decanted and plates were dried by placing in incubator at 37 °C for 1 h. Using a punch, wells were made on these seeded agar plates minimum inhibitory concentrations of the test compounds in DMSO were added into each labeled well. A control was also prepared for the plates in the same way using solvent DMSO. The Petri dishes were prepared in triplicate and maintained at 37 °C for 3–4 days. Antifungal activity was determined by measuring the diameter of the inhibition zone. Activity of

each compound was compared with Ciclopiroxolamine as standard. MIC ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) and Zone of inhibition (mm) were determined for all the synthesized compounds and their corresponding results are summarized in Table 3.

## 4.9. Antituberculosis study

The compounds were screened for their *in vitro* antimycobacterial activity against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv ATCC 27294 and non-tubercular mycobacterial (NTM) species like *M. smegmatis* (MC2) ATCC 19420, and *M. fortuitum* ATCC 19542 by Resazurin Assay method [39] and their MIC values were determined. The standard drugs, viz. isoniazid and rifampicin were used for comparison. *M. tuberculosis* strains were grown in Middlebrook 7H9 broth (Difco BBL, Sparks, MD, USA) supplemented with 10% OADC (Becton Dickinson, Sparks, MD, USA). The culture was diluted to McFarland 2 standard with the same medium. From this, 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of this culture was added to 150  $\mu\text{L}$  of fresh medium in 96 well microtitre plates. Stock solutions (2 mg/mL) of the test compounds were prepared in dimethyl formamide (DMF). The compounds were tested at 1, 10 and 100  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  concentrations. Further the second level testing was carried out at concentrations 0.3125, 0.625, 1.25, 2.5, and 5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . Control tubes had the same volumes of DMF without any substrate. Rifampicin and isoniazid were used as the reference compounds. After incubation at 37 °C for 7 days, 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of 0.01% Resazurin (Sigma, St. Louis, MO, USA) in water was added to each tube. Resazurin, a redox dye, is blue in the oxidized state and turns pink when reduced by the growth of viable cells. The control tubes showed a color change from blue to pink after 1 h at 37 °C. Compounds which prevented the change of color of the dye were considered to be inhibitory to *M. tuberculosis*.

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