

Novel Phenyl and Purine Substituted Derivatives of Quinazolinones: Synthesis, Antioxidant and Antibacterial Features

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Abstract: A one-pot three-component protocol for the preparation of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones through the reaction of 7H-purin-6-amine, cyclohexane-1,3-diketone and aromatic aldehydes in acetic acid is reported. A broad range of quinazolinones were obtained in 55–82% overall yield. In this article, we describe the identification of the good oxidation inhibitors (IC₅₀ values of 13, 16, 22 and 25 µM, respectively). Compounds **IVf** and **IVg** exhibited excellent *in vitro* radical inhibition activity against a DPPH radical, providing new opportunities for the series. *In vitro* antibacterial activity toward bacterial strain was also examined, compounds **IVb**, **IVc** and **IVi** exhibits stronger bacterial activity. Overall, the obtained results suggest that further optimization of activity of the series could provide a strong lead for a new antioxidant and antibacterial drug development program.

Keywords: Novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones, Antioxidant, Antibacterial activity

Introduction

The one-pot synthesis of a target molecule in the same reaction vessel is widely considered to be an efficient approach in synthetic organic chemistry. It is effective because several synthetic transformations and bond-forming steps can be carried out in a single pot, while circumventing several purification procedures at the same time. A one-pot procedure can thus minimize chemical waste, save time and simplify practical aspects. In fact, this approach has been used widely in synthetic organic chemistry for a long time¹.

Heterocyclic chemistry comprises at least half of all organic chemistry research worldwide. In particular, heterocyclic structures form the basis of many pharmaceutical, agrochemical and veterinary products². Quinazolines (Figure 1 compounds (a) and (b)) are classes of fused heterocycles that are of considerable interest because of the diverse range of their biological properties, for example, anticancer, diuretic, anti-inflammatory, anticonvulsant and antihypertensive activities³⁻⁶. Webber *et al.*, has been reported 2-amino-6-

methyl-5-(pyridin-4-ylsulfanyl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one (c)⁷ as a nonclassical inhibitor of human and *E. coli* TS with the inhibitory binding constants (*K*) of 15 and 49 μ M, respectively. This compound further showed high cytotoxic activity against tumor cells in culture.

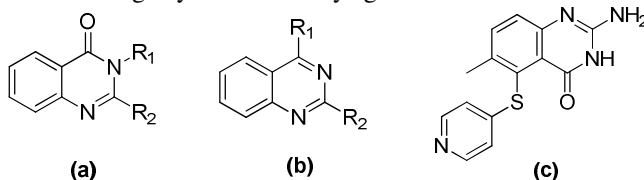


Figure 1. General structure of bioactive quinazolines

On the basis of the promising initial data and also due to our interests in synthesis of biologically active heterocycles⁸⁻¹¹, here a library of novel analogues was synthesized. Along with identifying the structural parameters that govern the antioxidant and antibacterial properties.

To the best of our knowledge, there was no report on the synthesis, antioxidant and antibacterial activity of phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones. To test our hypothesis, we designed and synthesized a series of phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (Figure 2) and demonstrated their biological activity, some of new derivatives displayed excellent antioxidant and antibacterial activities. Herein, we report the detailed synthesis and biological evaluation of these compounds.

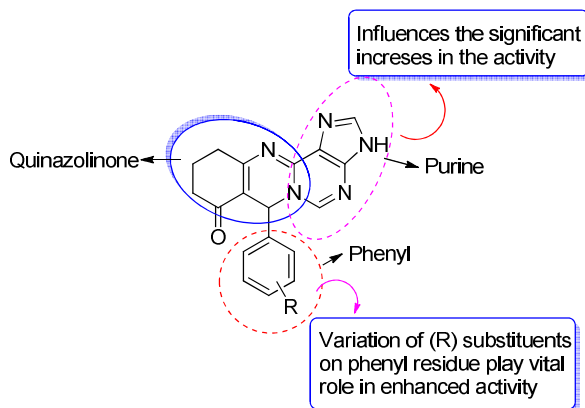

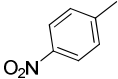
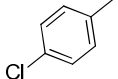
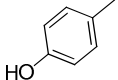
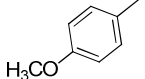
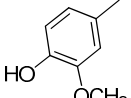
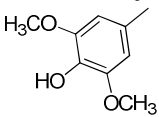
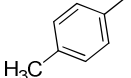

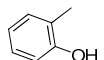


Figure 2. General structure of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (IVa-j)

Experimental

All reagents and solvents were purchased from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) chemical AR grade and were used as provided. DPPH (2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich chemical Co. (St. Louis, MO, USA). TLC analysis was performed on alumina sheets precoated with silica gel 60F-254 and SiO₂, 200-400 mesh (Merck) was used for column chromatography. ¹H NMR (300 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) were obtained AC Bruker spectrometer in the appropriate (DMSO) solvent. Melting points (Table 1) were obtained on a reichert thermopan melting point apparatus, equipped with a microscope and are uncorrected. Mass spectra were obtained on an Electron Impact mass spectrometer at 70 eV ionizing beam and using a direct insertion probe. Micro analytical data were obtained by elemental-Vario EL-III.

Table 1. Chemical structures, yield and melting point of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (**IVa-j**)

Compounds	R	Yield, %	Melting point, °C
IVa		70.35	133-135
IVb		82.15	129-131
IVc		67.30	250-252
IVd		73.33	265-267
IVe		55.00	179-181
IVf		58.40	194-196
IVg		69.60	198-200
IVh		77.20	213-215
IVi		67.00	255-257
IVj		62.50	217-219

Procedure for synthesis of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (IVa-j)

The stirred solution of 7*H*-purin-6-amine (2 mmol) and cyclohexane-1, 3-diketone (2 mmol) and aromatic aldehydes (2 mmol) in 8 mL glacial acetic acid was refluxed for 4 hours in a round bottom flask fitted with reflux condenser. The progress of the reaction was monitored by using TLC hexane: ethylacetate (8:2) used as mobile phase. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was poured in crushed ice to give buff colored precipitate which was filtered, dried and crystallized in ethanol to give the pure solid product.

*7-Phenyl-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3*H*)-one (IVa)*

Buff coloured solid; IR (KBr) λ_{max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3062.40 (Ar-H), 3852.35 (N-H); ¹H NMR (300 MHz) (DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 12.6 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.52 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.62 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.33-7.35 (d, 2H, *J*= 6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.31 (dd, 1H, *J*= 6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.20-7.22 (d, 2H, *J*= 6 Hz, Ar-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.94-2.97 (t, 2H, *J*= 9 Hz, cyclohexanone *o*-CH₂),

1.93-1.96(t, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, cyclohexanone p -CH₂), 1.67(m, 2H, cyclohexanone m -CH₂), ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 62.4, 117.8, 126.7, 126.9, 130.5, 143.3, 144.8, 147.6, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 198.9; Mass ($m/z\%$): M⁺ 317.13; Anal.calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₅O: C, 68.15; H, 4.70; N, 22.06; Found: C, 68.13; H, 4.76; N, 22.07%.

7-(4-Nitrophenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVb)

Yellow solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3124 (Ar-H), 3856 (N-H), 1500 (N=O); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.6 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.50 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.62 (s, 1H, CH-N), 8.12-8.14 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.49-7.51 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz, Ar-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.94-2.98 (t, 2H, $J = 12$ Hz, cyclohexanone o -CH₂), 1.96-1.99 (t, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, cyclohexanone p -CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone m -CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 62.4, 117.8, 125.3, 128.3, 130.5, 144.8, 145.9, 147.6, 149.4, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 198.9; Mass ($m/z\%$): M⁺ 362.11; Anal.calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₆O₃: C, 59.65; H, 3.91; N, 23.20; Found: C, 59.67; H, 3.89; N, 23.19%.

7-(4-Chlorophenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVc)

Buff coloured solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3132 (Ar-H), 3858 (N-H), 814 (C-Cl); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.6 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.58 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.60 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.37-7.39 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.34-7.37 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, Ar-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.94-2.97 (t, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, cyclohexanone o -CH₂), 1.96-2.00 (t, 2H, $J = 12$ Hz, cyclohexanone p -CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone m -CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 6.4, 117.8, 126.1, 128.6, 130.5, 132.3, 141.4, 144.8, 147.6, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 198.9; Mass ($m/z\%$): M⁺ 351.09; Anal.calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₅O: C, 61.48; H, 4.02; N, 19.95; Found: C, 61.46; H, 4.01; N, 19.91%.

7-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVd)

Buff colored solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3132 (Ar-H), 3858 (N-H), 3600 (O-H); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.55 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.55 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.60 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.32-7.35 (d, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, Ar-H), 7.24-7.26 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz, Ar-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.94-2.98 (t, 2H, $J = 12$ Hz cyclohexanone o -CH₂), 1.92-1.96 (t, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz cyclohexanone p -CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone m -CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 62.4, 115.7, 117.8, 126.1, 130.5, 135.9, 144.8, 147.6, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 156.5, 198.9; Mass ($m/z\%$): M⁺ 333.12; Anal.calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₅O₂: C, 64.88; H, 4.53; N, 21.05; Found: C, 64.86; H, 4.54; N, 21.01; O, 9.60%.

7-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVe)

Brown solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3132 (Ar-H), 3858 (N-H), 1100 (C-O); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 13.0 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.26 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.60 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.55-7.57 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz, Ar-H), 6.85-6.87 (d, 2H, $J = 6$ Hz, Ar-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.94-2.98 (t, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, cyclohexanone o -CH₂), 1.93-1.96 (t, 2H, $J = 9$ Hz, cyclohexanone p -CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone m -CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 55.8, 62.4, 114.1, 117.8, 125.7, 130.5, 135.6, 144.8, 147.6, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 158.6, 198.9; Mass ($m/z\%$): M⁺ 347.14; Anal.calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇N₅O₂: C, 65.69; H, 4.93; N, 20.16; Found: C, 65.67; H, 4.92; N, 20.17%.

7-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVf)

Off white solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3132 (Ar-H), 3858 (N-H), 3600 (O-H), 1100 (C-H); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.62 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.56 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.63

(s, 1H, CH-N), 6.67-6.69 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz, Ar-H), 6.60-6.62 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz, Ar-H), 5.35 (s, 1H, O-H) 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.94-2.97 (t, 2H, J = 9 Hz, cyclohexanone *o*-CH₂), 1.96-2.00 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz, cyclohexanone *p*-CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone *m*-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 56.1, 62.7, 112.4, 115.4, 117.8, 118.4, 130.5, 136.9, 144.8, 146.7, 147.3, 147.6, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 198.9; Mass (m/z %): M⁺ 363.13; Anal.calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇N₅O₃: C, 62.81; H, 4.74; N, 19.30; Found: C, 62.80; H, 4.72; N, 19.27%.

7-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVg)

Off white solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3132 (Ar-H), 3858 (N-H), 3605 (O-H), 1100 (C-O); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.57 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.58 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.62 (s, 1H, CH-N), 6.67-6.69 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz, Ar-H), 6.62-6.65 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz, Ar-H), 5.35 (s, 1H, O-H) 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.90-2.94 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz, cyclohexanone *o*-CH₂), 1.88-1.92 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz, cyclohexanone *p*-CH₂), 1.65 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone *m*-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 32.7, 36.0, 56.1, 63.0, 104.7, 117.8, 130.5, 135.4, 137.9, 144.8, 147.2, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 198.9; Mass (m/z %): M⁺ 393.14; C₂₀H₁₉N₅O₄: C, 65.71; H, 4.92; N, 20.19; Found: C, 65.69; H, 4.93; N, 20.16%.

7-(*p*-Tolyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVh)

Brown solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1715 (C=O), 3132 (Ar-H), 3858 (N-H), 1500 (C-H); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.6 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.58 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.59 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.11-7.13 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.07-7.09 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz, Ar-H), 5.35 (s, 1H, O-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.90-2.94 (t, 2H, cyclohexanone J = 6 Hz, *o*-CH₂), 2.34 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.92-1.96 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz, cyclohexanone *p*-CH₂), 1.67 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone *m*-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.5, 21.3, 32.7, 36.0, 62.4, 117.8, 126.8, 128.8, 130.5, 136.4, 140.3, 144.8, 147.6, 150.3, 154.9, 156.2, 198.9; Mass (m/z %): M⁺ 331.14; C₁₉H₁₇N₅O: C, 68.88; H, 5.19; N, 21.14; Found: C, 68.87; H, 5.17; N, 21.13; O, 4.83.

7-(3-Chlorophenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVi)

Light yellow solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1713 (C=O), 3145 (Ar-H), 3866 (N-H), 808 (C-Cl); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.5 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.58 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.62 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.35-7.37 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.30-7.33 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz, Ar-H), 5.21 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.90-2.94 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz, cyclohexanone *o*-CH₂), 1.96-2.00 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz, cyclohexanone *p*-CH₂), 1.68 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone *m*-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.3, 33.5, 36.8, 60.4, 117.4, 126.9, 129.4, 131.0, 131.3, 141.9, 144.8, 147.8, 150.0, 155.3, 156.7, 199.1; Mass (m/z %): M⁺ 351.09; Anal.calcd. For C₁₈H₁₄ClN₅O: C, 61.44; H, 4.04; N, 19.93; Found: C, 61.46; H, 4.01; N, 19.91%.

7-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-7,9,10,11-tetrahydropurino[6,1-*b*]quinazolin-8(3H)-one (IVj)

Buff colored solid; IR (KBr) λ_{\max} (cm⁻¹): 1722 (C=O), 3143 (Ar-H), 3848 (N-H), 3615 (O-H); ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 300 MHz) δ ppm: 12.4 (s, 1H, N-H), 8.53 (s, 1H, CH=N), 7.61 (s, 1H, CH-N), 7.34-7.37 (d, 2H, J = 9 Hz, Ar-H), 7.23-7.27 (d, 2H, J = 6 Hz, Ar-H), 5.18 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), 2.92-2.96 (t, 2H, J = 12 Hz cyclohexanone *o*-CH₂), 1.94-1.98 (t, 2H, J = 9 Hz cyclohexanone *p*-CH₂), 1.63 (m, 2H, cyclohexanone *m*-CH₂); ¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆ 100 MHz) δ ppm: 20.7, 32.3, 36.1, 62.2, 116.1, 118.3, 126.4, 130.5, 135.4, 145.5, 147.9, 151.0, 155.3, 156.7, 156.8, 198.7; Mass (m/z %): M⁺ 333.12; Anal.calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₅O₂: C, 64.85; H, 4.52; N, 21.08; Found: C, 64.86; H, 4.54; N, 21.01%.

Biological studies

Antioxidant activity

The newly synthesized compounds were screened for their radical scavenging activities using 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging activity.

DPPH radical scavenging assay

The DPPH radical scavenging effect was carried out according to the method first employed by Blois¹². Compounds at different concentrations were prepared in distilled ethanol, 1 mL of each compound solutions having different concentrations (10 μ M, 50 μ M, 100 μ M, 200 μ M and 500 μ M) were taken in different test tubes, 4 mL of a 0.1 mM ethanol solution of DPPH was added and shaken vigorously. The tubes were then incubated in the dark room at RT for 20 min. A DPPH blank was prepared without compound and ethanol was used for the baseline correction. Changes (decrease) in the absorbance at 517 nm were measured using a UV-Visible spectrophotometer and the remaining DPPH was calculated. The percent decrease in the absorbance was recorded for each concentration and percent quenching of DPPH was calculated on the basis of the observed decreased in absorbance of the radical. The radical scavenging activity was expressed as the inhibition percentage and was calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Radical scavenging activity (\%)} = [(A_0 - A_1)/A_0 \times 100]$$

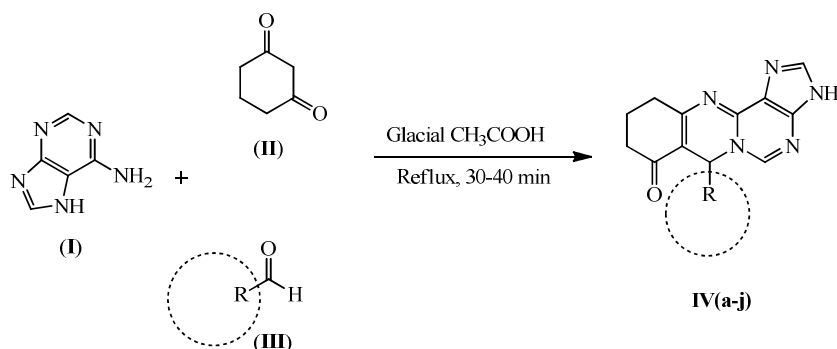
Where A_0 is the absorbance of the control (blank, without compound) and A_1 is the absorbance of the compound. IC_{50} values were calculated by liner regression algorithm.

Antibacterial activity

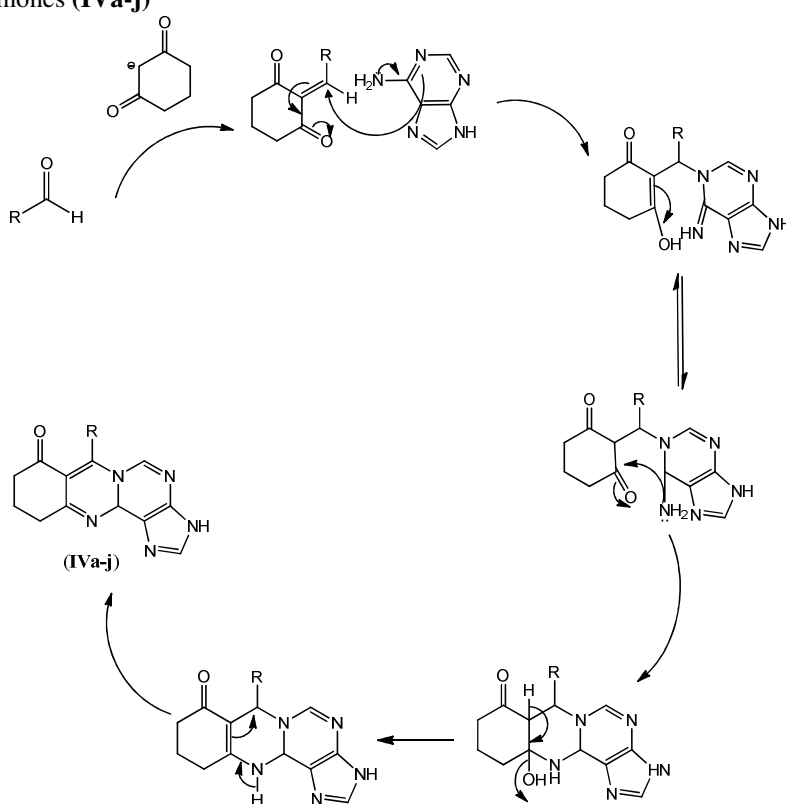
The antibacterial activities of newly synthesized compounds were determined by well plate method in Mueller-Hinton Agar¹³. The antibacterial activity was carried out against 24 h old cultures of bacterial strains. In this work, *E. coli*, *S. aureus*, *B. subtilis* and *S. typhimurium* were used to investigate the activity. The test compounds were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at concentration of 1000 mg/mL. 20 mL of sterilized agar media was poured into each pre-sterilized Petri dish. Excess of suspension was decanted and plates were dried by placing in an incubator at 37 °C for an hour. About 60 mL of 24 h old culture suspension were poured and neatly swabbed with the pre-sterilized cotton swabs. Six millimeter diameter well were then punched carefully using a sterile cork borer and 30 mL of test solutions of different concentrations were added into each labeled well. The plates were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C. The inhibition zone that appeared after 24 h, around the well in each plate were measured as zone of inhibition in mm. Experiments were triplicates and standard deviation was calculated.

Results and Discussion

The reaction involves 7H-purin-6-amine with cyclic β -diketone and aromatic aldehydes in the presence of glacial acetic acid. The reaction is proceed with Knoevenagel condensation between cyclic β -diketone and an aromatic aldehydes in the initial step to form an α,β -unsaturated ketone, which undergoes Michael-type addition with the nucleophilic endocyclic nitrogen of 7H-purin-6-amine under reflux. The adduct is then cyclized intramolecularly with loss of water molecule to give novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (**IVa-j**) (Scheme 1 & 2)¹⁴. These reactions have taken place in one flask in a domino manner and the enone system generated *in situ* immediately undergoes Michael-type addition with 7H-purin-6-amine and subsequent cyclization. The structures of the compounds were elucidated by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, mass and elemental analysis.



Scheme 1. Synthetic pathway for novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (IVa-j)



Scheme 2. Synthetic mechanism for novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (IVa-j)

Biological studies

Antioxidant studies

Initially our basic compound **I** possess free N-H and NH_2 electron donating groups showed considerable activity. Whereas, further reaction with substituted aldehydes and diketone gives the significant enhancement of antioxidant activity. From the Table 2, we can

conclude that the antioxidant activity is depends on the position and type of functioning group presence on aldehydic phenyl ring. Among the synthesized compounds, **IVd**, **IVf**, **IVg** and **IVj** exhibited dominant activity. This may be due to the presence of electron donating methoxy, hydroxyl group at different position of phenyl ring. The compounds, **IVe**, **IVh** shown good activity but slightly less than the compounds **IVd**, **IVf**, **IVg** and **IVj**. This could be presence of single methoxy and methyl group on phenyl ring. Whereas, compounds **IVb**, **IVc** possess electron withdrawing like nitro and chloro, this might be the reason these compounds reveals less activity compare to other synthesized compounds. IC_{50} for all the synthesized compounds was also calculated and is depicted in Table 2. The decreasing orders of DPPH activity of newly synthesized analogues are as follows: **IVg** > **IVf** > **IVd** > **ascorbic acid** > **IVe** > **IVh** > **IVb** > **IVc** > **IVa**.

Table 2. 50% Inhibition of DPPH radical by compounds (**IVa-j**). Each value represents mean \pm SD (n=3)

Compound	IC_{50} [μ M]/mL DPPH
IVa	>500
IVb	200 \pm 0.21
IVc	300 \pm 0.05
IVd	22 \pm 0.13
IVe	101 \pm 0.17
IVf	14 \pm 0.09
IVg	11 \pm 0.23
IVh	170 \pm 0.35
IVi	400 \pm 0.03
IVj	25 \pm 0.57
Ascorbic acid	9 \pm 0.18

Antibacterial activity

The synthesized compounds (**IVa-j**) were also evaluated for their *in vitro* antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (Gram positive) and *Escherichia coli* (Gram negative) bacterial strains using well plate method in Mueller-Hinton Agar. As shown in our results, some analogues of this series were found to have near equal potency to the standard drug ciprofloxacin while some of them have least potency. Among the synthesized compounds **IVb**, **IVc** and **IVi** exhibited maximum bacterial inhibition power against tested microorganisms at a concentration of 1000 mg/mL similar to that of the standard ciprofloxacin. Whereas, compounds **IVe** and **IVh** displayed good antibacterial activity. The activity is considerably affected by substituents present at the *para* position of phenyl residue. The high potency of **IVb**, **IVc** and **IVi** may be attributed to the presence of lipophilic or H-bond acceptor type group's placement of Cl and NO₂ at 4-positions, respectively¹⁵. This might be the reason compounds **IVb**, **IVc** and **IVi** are highly active than other compounds. Rest of the compounds **IVa**, **IVd**, **IVf-g**, **IVi-j** bearing substituent such as OH, CH₃, and also having OCH₃ groups at different position showed considerable or least activity with respect to standard drug against the tested strains.

It is clear from our results (Table 3) that the SAR of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (**IVa-j**) for bacterial inhibition effect strongly correlates with the substituent's at *C-4* position of phenyl residue which favorable site for high inhibition effect.

Table 3. Antibacterial activity of the compounds (**IVa-j**). Inhibitory zone (diameter) mm of the synthesized compounds against tested bacterial strains by well plate method

Compound	Gram positive	Gram negative
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
Control	0	0
1	01±0.01	NA
IVa	01±0.02	02±0.07
IVb	19±0.10	18±0.14
IVc	17±0.01	15±0.10
IVd	03±0.21	07±0.06
IVe	10±0.01	10±0.03
IVf	19±0.21	01±0.01
IVg	02±0.17	NA
IVh	11±0.23	10±0.27
IVi	15±0.34	14±0.11
IVj	02±0.10	01±0.13
Ciprofloxacin	22±0.32	22±0.24

The concentration of test compounds was 1000 g/mL. Solvent used was DMSO.

NA = no active. The data represent mean value (SEM).

Conclusion

Synthesis, antioxidant and antibacterial properties of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones (**IVa-j**) have been studied. Initially, a simple method used for the preparation of novel phenyl and purine substituted derivatives of quinazolinones by Knoevenagel condensation reaction with moderate to high yield. The antioxidant properties of the new analogues were evaluated by DPPH free radical scavenging activity. Among these compounds **IVd**, **IVf**, **IVg** reveals high radical scavenging activity near to the standard (ascorbic acid). Whereas, **IVe**, **IVh** shows good activity but less than the standard. Rest of compounds showed considerable to moderate radical scavenging activity. *In vitro* antibacterial activity toward gram positive and gram negative bacterial strain, compounds **IVb**, **IVc** and **IVi** exhibits stronger bacterial activity. Here substituents present on the phenyl residue is the important source for the significant increases in antioxidant and antibacterial property of synthesized analogues. This studies reveal that, substituent's electron donating and electron withdrawing groups on phenyl residue are crucial for the activity. On the basis of their activity, these derivatives were identified as viable leads for further studies.

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