

Synthesis and biological activity of 2-oxo-azetidine derivatives of phenothiazine

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Abstract: We have synthesized of *N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(phenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine **4(a-m)**. The structures of all the newly synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and FAB-Mass and chemical methods. All synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular activity which displayed acceptable results.

Keywords: Synthesis; biological activity; 2-azetidinone, phenothiazine.

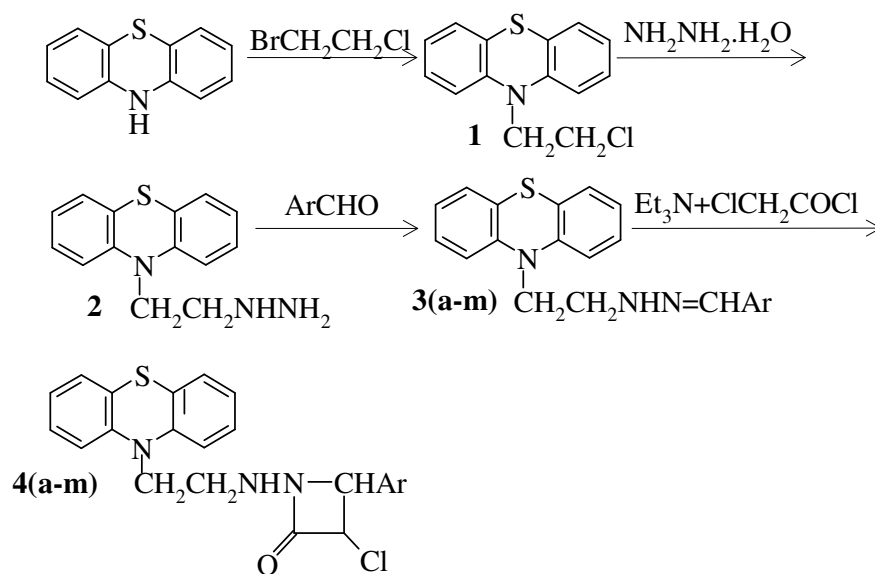
1. Introduction

Phenothiazines are amongst the most frequently encountered heterocycles in compounds of biological interest. They have been shown to possess a broad spectrum of biological activity depending on their particular structure. In fact, they constitute the largest group of psychoactive clinically used compounds, phenothiazine derivatives possess several other biological activities including antibacterial^{1,2}, antifungal, antiproliferative³, antipsychotic^{4,5}, anti-inflammatory^{6,7} and antiparkinsonian activities⁸. Tuberculosis is the leading infectious disease among adults and youth, one third of the world population infected with mycobacterium tuberculosis⁹. Recent studies have shown the synthesis of some new phenothiazine candidates as antitubercular agents^{10,11}. 2-Azetidinone skeleton is well established as the pharmacophore of β -lactam antibiotics. β -lactam antibiotics are the most widely employed class of antibiotics¹². The important and structural diversity of biologically active β -lactam antibiotics led to the development of many novel methods for the construction of appropriately substituted azetidine with attendant control of functional group and stereochemistry. Azetidine derivatives are reported to show a variety of antimicrobial¹³⁻¹⁵, antitubercular¹⁶, anticonvulsant¹⁷, antiinflammatory¹⁸ and cardiovascular activities¹⁹. These all activities showed that the minor change in the substitution pattern activities of azetidine derivatives have enhanced dramatically so our research group decide to synthesized a new series azetidine derivatives with several substitutions.

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2. Results and discussion

We have synthesized of *N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(phenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine compounds **4(a-m)** as shown in scheme 1. Phenothiazine on reaction with $\text{Cl}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Br}$ at room temperature gave 1-(2-chloroethyl)-10*H*-phenothiazine, compound **1**. The compound **1** on the reaction with hydrazine hydrate at room temperature, yielded *N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-hydrazine, compound **2**. The compound **2** on further reaction with several substituted aromatic aldehydes produced *N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(phenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine, compounds **3(a-m)**. The compounds **3(a-m)** on treatment with ClCH_2COCl in the presence of Et_3N furnished final products compounds **4(a-m)**. The structures of all the newly synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and FAB-Mass and chemical methods. All synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular activity which displayed acceptable activity in Table 1 and 2.



Scheme 1: Synthesis of compounds **1**, **2**, **3(a-m)** and **4(a-m)**.

2.1. Spectral data

2.1.1. Infrared spectral analysis

The appearance of an absorption band in the IR spectrum of the compound **1** for (N-CH₂) and (C-Cl) at 1262 and 771 cm^{-1} respectively have been found and NH proton of phenothiazine has been disappeared (at 3462 cm^{-1}). The appearance of absorption band in IR spectrum of compound **2** were appeared for (NH) and (NH₂) at 3348 and 3430 cm^{-1} respectively. Appearance of absorption band in the spectra of compounds **3(a-m)** for (N=C) was found in range of 1542.-1585 cm^{-1} which was a strong evidence for the synthesis of compounds **3(a-m)**. In the IR spectra of compounds **4(a-m)**, appearances of absorption peak for (CO cyclic) was found in range of 1732-1753 cm^{-1} which was suggesting the cyclization. This fact also supported by the disappearance of the peak of (N=CH) in the compounds **3(a-m)**.

2.1.2. ^1H NMR spectral analysis

In the ^1H NMR spectrum of the compound **1**, a new signal appeared for N-CH₂ at (δ) 4.77 ppm. In the ^1H NMR spectrum of the compound **2** showed two signals for NH and NH₂ at (δ) 7.61 and 5.69 ppm respectively. Presence of signals of NH and NH₂ confirm the synthesis of compound **2**. In the

compounds **3(a-m)**, the ^1H NMR spectra showed a singlet for N=CH in the range of (δ) 7.68-8.08 ppm which provide a strong evidence for presence of benzyldine type proton and also supported by disappearance of NH_2 proton in the ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **2**. In the ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **4(a-m)** showed a strong signals for (CH-Cl) and (N-CH) of azetidene ring in the range of (δ) 4.20-4.49 and 4.68-4.98 ppm respectively and fact also supported by disappearance of N=CH signal in the compounds **3(a-m)**.

2.1.3. ^{13}C NMR spectral analysis

^{13}C NMR spectra of the compound **1** showed a strong signal of N- CH_2 at (δ) 54.8 ppm. The signal for N=CH appeared in the range of (δ) 152.6-158.8 ppm in the ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **3(a-m)** which confirm the presence of carbon which is doubly bonded to nitrogen. In the spectra of compounds **4(a-m)** three new characteristic signals were found for (CH-Cl), (N-CH) and cyclic CO in the range of (δ) 47.6-58.6, 57.7-67.7 and 169.5-177.6 ppm respectively. It is strong evidence of the cyclization and also supported by disappearance of N=CH signal of ^{13}C NMR spectra of the compound **3(a-m)**.

2.1.4. FAB mass spectral analysis

FAB-Mass spectra of compounds **1**, **2**, **3(a-m)** and **4(a-m)** were showed appropriate parent ion peaks corresponding to their molecular formula weight respectively.

2.2 Biological activities

Compounds **4(a-m)** were prepared and screened for their antimicrobial and antitubercular activities data (as shown in Table 1 and 2) revealed that all the synthesized compounds **4(a-m)** have a structure activity relationship (SAR) because activity of compounds varies with substitution. Nitro group containing compounds (**4h**, **4i** and **4j**) showed higher activity than chloro (**4c**, **4d**), or bromo group containing compounds (**4e**, **4f**). Chloro and bromo derivatives also have higher activity than other rested compounds. On the basis of SAR, concluded that the activity of compounds depends on electron withdrawing nature of the substituted groups. The sequence of the activity is following



Table 1. Antifungal and antibacterial activities of compounds **4(a-m)** with MIC value ($\mu\text{g/mL}$).

Comp.	Antibacterial activity				Antifungal activity			
	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	<i>A. niger</i>	<i>A. flavus</i>	<i>F. oxisporium</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
4a	12.5	>6.25	12.5	6.25	>25	>25	>25	>25
4b	>3.25	6.25	3.25	>3.25	>25	>12.5	>25	>25
4c	6.25	>3.25	6.25	3.25	>12.5	25	>12.5	>12.5
4d	>3.25	6.25	3.25	6.25	>12.5	>25	>12.5	>12.5
4e	6.25	>3.25	3.25	>3.25	>12.5	25	25	>25
4f	6.25	3.25	6.25	>3.25	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5
4g	>3.25	>6.25	>3.25	6.25	25	>12.5	>12.5	25
4h	3.25	>3.25	3.25	3.25	25	>12.5	>12.5	>25
4i	3.25	3.25	6.25	3.25	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5
4j	3.25	>3.25	3.25	3.25	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5
4k	>12.5	6.25	>12.5	6.25	25	25	>25	>25
4l	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5	>12.5	>25	>25	>25	>25
4m	>3.25	>3.25	>6.25	>6.25	>25	25	>12.5	>12.5
Strept.	1.25	2.75	2.25	3.25	-	-	-	-
Griso.	-	-	-	-	8.5	12.5	6.25	9.25

strept.= streptomycin standard for all bacteria strain and griso. = griseofulvin standard for all fungi strain.

The investigation of antimicrobial (antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular) data revealed that the compounds **(4c)**, **(4d)**, **(4e)**, **(4f)**, **(4h)**, **(4i)** and **(4j)** displayed high activity in the series, the compounds **(4b)**, **(4g)** and **(4m)** showed moderate activity and rest compounds showed less activity against all the strains compared with standard drugs.

Table 2. Antitubercular activity of compounds **4(a-m)** with MIC value ($\mu\text{g/mL}$).

Comp.	Conc.	Comp	Conc.	Comp	Conc	Comp	Conc.	Comp.	Conc
4a	>12.5	4d	2.50	4g	6.25	4j	>2.50	4m	6.25
4b	>2.50	4e	>2.50	4h	2.50	4k	12.5	-	-
4c	>2.50	4f	>2.50	4i	2.50	4l	>12.5	-	-

comp. = compound, conc. = concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$). isoniazid and rifampicin were used as standards, mic values 1.25, 2.50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ respectively for *m. tuberculosis*.

3. Conclusion

Compounds **4(a-m)** were synthesized by an efficient route and screened for their antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular activity against selected microorganisms. The investigation of antimicrobial data revealed that the compounds **(4c)**, **(4d)**, **(4e)**, **(4f)**, **(4h)**, **(4i)** and **(4j)** displayed highly active in the series, compounds **(4b)**, **(4g)** and **(4m)** showed moderate activity and rest compounds showed less activity against all the strains compared with standard drugs.

4. Experimental

Melting points were taken in open capillaries and are uncorrected. Progress of reaction was monitored by silica gel-G coated TLC plates using MeOH:CHCl₃ system (1:9). The spot was visualized by exposing dry plate at iodine vapours chamber. IR spectra were recorded in KBr disc on a Shimadzu 8201 PC, FTIR spectrophotometer (ν_{max} in cm^{-1}) and ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker DRX-300 spectrometer in CDCl₃ at 300 and 75 MHz respectively using TMS as an internal standard. All chemical shifts were reported on δ scale. The FAB mass spectra were recorded on a Jeol SX-102 mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed on a Carlo Erba-1108 analyzer. The analytical data of all the compounds were highly satisfactory. For column chromatographic purification of the products, Merck silica Gel 60 (230-400 Mesh) was used. The reagent grade chemicals were purchased from the commercial sources and further purified before use.

4.1. Procedure for the synthesis of compound 1.

A mixture of phenothiazine and 1-bromo-2-chloroethane (1:1 mole) was dissolved in acetone at room temperature. The reaction mixture was continuously stirred on a magnetic stirrer for about 8 h. The product was filtered and purified over a column chromatography using solvent system acetone : chloroform (8 : 2) as eluent. The purified product was recrystallized from ethanol at room temperature to yield compound **1**.

1-(2-chloroethyl)-10H-phenothiazine (1). Yield: 60%; mp 160-165 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NSCl: C,64.23, H,4.62, N,5.35%; found C,64.20, H,4.53, N,5.31%; IR (cm^{-1}): 3034, 2936 (CH), 1552 (C=C), 1262 (N-CH₂), 771 (C-Cl), 681 (C-S-C), ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ : 3.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.42 Hz, CH₂-Cl), 3.77 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.42 Hz, N-CH₂), 6.91-8.21 (m, 8H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ : 54.8 (N-CH₂), 46.3 (CH₂-Cl), 117.7, 121.7, 126.5, 127.7, 146.7, 148.8 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 262M⁺.

4.2. Procedure for the synthesis of compound 2.

A mixture of compound 1 and hydrazine hydrate (1:1 mole) was dissolved in acetone at room temperature. The reaction mixture was continuously stirred on a magnetic stirrer for about 6 h. The product was filtered and purified over a column chromatography ethanol : chloroform (6 : 4) as eluent. The purified product was recrystallized from ethanol at room temperature to yield compound 2.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-hydrazine (2).** Yield: 71%; mp 145-150 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅N₃SCl: C,57.42, H,5.16, N,14.35%; found C,57.36, H,5.12, N,14.31%; IR: 1236 (C-N), 3348 (NH), 3430 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.41 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.93 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.44 Hz, N-CH₂), 5.69 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.61 (s, 1H, NH), 6.88-8.05 (m, 8H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 44.6 (CH₂-NH), 56.6 (N-CH₂), 114.0, 120.1, 125.2, 128.6, 145.3, 147.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 299M⁺.

4.3. General procedure for synthesis of compounds 3(a-m).

A mixture of compound 2 and several substituted benzaldehydes (1:1 mole) was dissolved in acetone at room temperature and allow to reaction. The reaction mixture was first continuously stirred on a magnetic stirrer for about 2-4 h then kept on a steam bath for about 2.3-5 h. The products were filtered and cooled at room temperature. The filtered products were purified over a column chromatography acetone : chloroform (7 : 7) as eluent and recrystallized from ethanol at room temperature to yield compounds 3(a-m).

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(phenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3a).** Yield: 58%; mp 150-153 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₃S: C,73.01, H,5.54, N,12.16%; found C,72.95, H,5.50, N,12.11%; IR: 1545 (N=CH), 3362 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.45 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.95 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.51 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.78 (s, 1H, NH), 7.86 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.49-8.22 (m, 13H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 46.8 (CH₂-NH), 52.6 (N-CH₂), 153.7 (N=CH), 117.4, 120.7, 122.6, 125.8, 127.3, 128.1, 129.0, 137.6, 145.4, 146.8, (Ar); Mass (FAB): 345M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(4-chlorophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3b).** Yield: 66%; mp 165-168 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃SCl: C,66.39, H,4.77, N,11.06%; found C,66.35, H,4.72, N,11.01%; IR: 736 (C-Cl), 1574 (N=CH), 3372 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.49 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.98 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.69 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.90 (s, 1H, NH), 7.98 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.45-7.99 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 45.6 (CH₂-NH), 56.3 (N-CH₂), 156.8 (N=CH), 115.7, 121.2, 124.6, 126.9, 127.7, 127.8, 129.8, 138.6, 145.8, 147.7 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 380M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(3-chlorophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3c).** Yield: 67%; mp 160-162 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃SCl: C,66.39, H,4.77, N,11.06%; found C,66.32, H,4.74, N,11.02%; IR: 734 (C-Cl), 1572 (N=CH), 3364 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 4.57 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 5.06 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.64 Hz, N-CH₂), 8.01 (s, 1H, NH), 8.08 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.44-7.92 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 46.7 (CH₂-NH), 56.8 (N-CH₂), 158.7 (N=CH), 114.8, 116.2, 119.7, 122.0, 124.9, 125.3, 127.1, 129.4, 130.9, 134.2, 144.6, 147.2 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 380M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(2-chlorophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3d).** Yield: 74%; mp 158-161 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃SCl: C,66.39, H,4.77, N,11.06%; found C,66.37, H,4.71, N,11.00%; IR: 744 (C-Cl), 1584 (N=CH), 3374 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.52 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 4.01 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.65 Hz, N-CH₂), 8.06 (s, 1H, NH), 8.11 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.41-7.88 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 45.2 (CH₂-NH), 56.3 (N-CH₂), 157.6 (N=CH), 116.8, 122.9, 123.7, 124.8, 125.7, 126.8, 127.8, 128.9, 130.7, 135.5, 146.4, 149.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 380M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(4-bromophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3e).** Yield: 65%; mp 149-154 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃SBr: C,59.43, H,4.27, N,9.90%; found C,59.38, H,4.21, N,9.87%; IR: 639 (C-Br), 1571 (N=CH), 3378 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.47 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.61 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.97 (s, 1H, NH), 8.09 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.39-7.96 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 47.6 (CH₂-NH), 58.2 (N-CH₂), 158.8 (N=CH), 116.9, 120.8, 122.9, 126.8, 127.8, 128.8, 132.4, 138.7, 148.4, 150.9 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 424M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(3-bromophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3f).** Yield: 64%; mp 151-154 °C; Yield: Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃SBr: C,59.43, H,4.27, N,9.90%; found C,59.34, H,4.17, N,9.81%; IR: 647 (C-Br), 1572 (N=CH), 3371 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.39 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.94 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.60 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.99 (s, 1H, NH), 8.10 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.37-7.92 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 47.6 (CH₂-NH), 60.6 (N-CH₂), 157.8 (N=CH), 116.1, 122.4, 124.4, 125.7, 126.8, 127.3, 128.9, 129.4, 135.8, 139.2, 145.4, 152.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 424M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(2-bromophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3g).** Yield: 62%; mp 153-157 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₃SBr: C,59.43, H,4.27, N,9.90%; found C,59.40, H,4.21, N,9.84%; IR: 630 (C-Br), 1585 (N=CH), 3364 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.48 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 4.00 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.62 Hz, N-CH₂), 8.04 (s, 1H, NH), 8.18 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.41-7.88 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 46.8 (CH₂-NH), 59.7 (N-CH₂), 157.2 (N=CH), 115.1, 122.6, 123.7, 125.0, 126.4, 127.5, 128.4, 130.1, 134.2, 138.2, 144.2, 147.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 424M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(4-nitrophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3h).** Yield: 66%; mp 165-168 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₄SO₂: C,64.59, H,4.64, N,14.34%; found C,64.52, H,4.60, N,14.32%; IR: 849 (C-N), 1535 (N=O), 1561 (N=CH), 3364 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.38 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.98 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.69 Hz, N-CH₂), 8.06 (s, 1H, NH), 8.12 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.36-7.91 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 47.9 (CH₂-NH), 56.7 (N-CH₂), 156.8 (N=CH), 116.1, 122.1, 124.4, 126.8, 127.8, 129.4, 135.8, 138.2, 145.4, 149.0 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 390M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(3-nitrophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3i).** Yield: 63%; mp 162-166 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₄SO₂: C,64.59, H,4.64, N,14.34%; found C,64.53, H,4.62, N,14.28%; IR: 848 (C-N), 1529 (N=O), 1562 (N=CH), 3360 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.40 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.64 Hz, N-CH₂), 8.02 (s, 1H, NH), 8.17 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.39-7.96 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 46.5 (CH₂-NH), 56.8 (N-CH₂), 155.3 (N=CH), 115.0, 118.5, 120.1, 124.2, 126.7, 128.9, 129.4, 135.8, 138.2, 145.4, 147.4, 149.2 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 390M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(2-nitrophenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3j).** Yield: 62%; mp 160-164 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈N₄SO₂: C,64.59, H,4.64, N,14.34%; found C,64.55, H,4.58, N,14.30%; IR: 848 (C-N), 1534 (N=O), 1557 (N=CH), 3358 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.35 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 4.01 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.63 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.96 (s, 1H, NH), 8.07 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.36-7.91 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 47.9 (CH₂-NH), 58.8 (N-CH₂), 155.8 (N=CH), 116.1, 121.4, 124.4, 125.7, 127.8, 128.4, 129.4, 131.8, 135.3, 139.6, 144.7, 148.2 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 390M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3k).** Yield: 61%; mp 147-150 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁N₃SO: C,70.37, H,5.63, N,11.19%; found C,70.32, H,5.60, N,11.12%; IR: 1559 (N=CH), 2950 (OCH₃), 3358 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 4.21 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.31 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.85 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.56 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.79 (s, 1H, NH), 7.78 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.54-7.85 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 45.9 (CH₂-NH), 54.2 (N-CH₂), 55.9 (OCH₃), 154.6 (N=CH), 118.4, 121.5, 125.7, 126.4, 130.8, 135.1, 138.6, 142.2, 149.3, 158.9 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 375M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(4-methylphenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3l).** Yield: 60%; mp 142-146 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₁N₃S: C,73.50, H,5.88, N,11.58%; found C,73.42, H,5.81, N,11.52%; IR: 1542 (N=CH), 2924 (CH₃), 3348 (NH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.19 (t, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.71 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.51 Hz, N-CH₂), 7.84 (s, 1H, NH), 7.98 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.52-8.03 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 27.6 (CH₃), 46.3 (CH₂-NH), 54.6 (N-CH₂), 152.6 (N=CH), 117.2, 123.5, 124.7, 126.2, 127.8, 129.6, 136.0, 138.1, 143.5, 149.8 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 359M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-*N'*-[(4-hydroxyphenyl)methylidene]-hydrazine (3m).** Yield: 64%; mp 140-143 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₉N₃SO: C,69.77, H,5.29, N,11.62%; found C,69.72, H,5.21, N,11.60%; IR: 1557 (N=CH), 3362 (NH), 3464 (OH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.38 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.94 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.46 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.24 (s, 1H, OH), 7.98 (s, 1H, NH), 8.05 (s, 1H, N=CH), 6.49-7.72 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 47.5 (CH₂-NH), 58.2 (N-CH₂), 157.9 (N=CH), 115.7, 122.6, 124.9, 125.7, 127.8, 128.7, 137.3, 139.7, 145.8, 156.6 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 403M⁺.

4.4. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 4(a-m).

A mixture of compounds **3(a-m)** and chloroacetyl chloride in the presence of Et₃N (1:1 mole) was dissolved in acetone at room temperature and allow to reaction. The reaction mixture was first continuously stirred on a magnetic stirrer for about 2-3. h then kept on a steam bath for about 2.3-4.2 h. The products were filtered and cooled at room temperature. The filtered products were purified over a column chromatography acetone : chloroform (7 : 3) as eluent and recrystallized from ethanol at room temperature to yield compounds **4(a-m)**.

N-[2-(10H-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(phenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidide (4a). Yield: 68%; mp 142-145 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃SO: C,71.47, H,5.21, N,10.47%; found C,71.41, H,5.18, N,10.41%; IR: 1334 (C-N), 1732 (C=O cyclic), 2927 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.30 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.90 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.40 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, N-CH), 6.52-7.84 (m, 13H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 42.1 (CH₂-NH), 53.0 (N-CH₂), 47.6 (CH-Cl), 57.9 (N-CH), 171.5 (CO cyclic), 114.5, 118.9, 123.5, 126.7, 128.5, 129.1, 130.7, 136.2, 145.8, 149.7 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 386M⁺.

N-[2-(10H-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidide (4b). Yield: 64%; mp 144-146 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃SOCl₂: C,60.52, H,4.19, N,9.20%; found C,60.48, H,4.12, N,9.16%; IR: 769 (C-Cl), 1336 (C-N), 1748 (CO cyclic), 2920 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.32 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.98 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.45 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.41 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.10 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.10 Hz, N-CH), 6.51-8.12 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 41.3 (CH₂-NH), 55.2 (N-CH₂), 53.9 (CH-Cl), 65.6 (N-CH), 177.6 (CO cyclic), 117.5, 122.8, 124.9, 126.7, 127.7, 129.9, 130.8, 138.8, 146.3, 149.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 456M⁺.

N-[2-(10H-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidide (4c). Yield: 64%; mp 140-142 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃SOCl₂: C,60.52, H,4.19, N,9.20%; found C,60.44, H,4.13, N,9.14%; IR: 774 (C-Cl), 1342 (C-N), 1750 (CO cyclic), 2929 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.35 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.88 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.45 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.43 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.10 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.10 Hz, N-CH), 6.53-8.05 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 44.9 (CH₂-NH), 52.6 (N-CH₂), 55.7 (CH-Cl), 64.8 (N-CH), 177.5 (CO cyclic), 115.8, 124.2, 125.8, 127.7, 129.3, 130.9, 131.6, 135.1, 135.8, 141.6, 145.7, 148.8 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 456M⁺.

N-[2-(10H-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidide (4d). Yield: 64%; mp 138-141 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃SOCl₂: C,60.52, H,4.19, N,9.20%; found C,60.41, H,4.11, N,9.18%; IR: 774 (C-Cl), 1339 (C-N), 1742 (C=O cyclic), 2922 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.30 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.40 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.15 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.15 Hz, N-CH), 6.46-8.01 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 43.7 (CH₂-NH), 55.4 (N-CH₂), 57.8 (CH-Cl), 64.5 (N-CH), 177.6 (CO cyclic), 114.8, 119.0, 123.5, 125.8, 126.7, 128.7, 130.8, 136.7, 138.8, 145.8, 148.3, 150.4, (Ar); Mass (FAB): 456M⁺.

N-[2-(10H-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(4-bromophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidide (4e). Yield: 61%; mp 151-154 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃SOBrCl: C,55.15, H,3.82, N,8.38%; found C,55.11, H,3.78, N,8.34%; IR: 572 (C-Br), 1338 (C-N), 1742 (CO cyclic), 2892 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.31 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.91 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.46 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.39 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.05 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.05 Hz, N-CH), 6.48-7.89 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 40.9 (CH₂-NH), 53.4 (N-CH₂), 52.6 (CH-Cl), 62.3 (N-CH), 176 (CO cyclic), 115.8, 120.8, 124.3, 126.7, 127.3, 128.3, 133.2, 137.6, 141.3, 148.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 501M⁺.

N-[2-(10H-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(3-bromophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidide (4f). Yield: 64%; mp 153-155 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃SOBrCl: C,55.15, H,3.82, N,8.38%; found C,55.10, H,3.80, N,8.31%; IR: 593 (C-Br), 1338 (C-N), 1746 (CO cyclic), 2890 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.35 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.87 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.50 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.15 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.15 Hz, N-CH), 6.43-7.87 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 46.1 (CH₂-

NH), 53.2 (N-CH₂), 54.4 (CH-Cl), 63.4 (N-CH), 177.4 (CO cyclic), 115.8, 121.8, 124.3, 125.7, 126.4, 126.7, 127.5, 128.9, 131.4, 135.2, 145.8, 148.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 501M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(2-bromophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4g).** Yield: 65%; mp 149-151 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₃SOBrCl: C,55.15, H,3.82, N,8.38%; found C,55.14, H,3.76, N,8.32%; IR: 589 (C-Br), 1339 (C-N), 1752 (C=O cyclic), 2873 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.30 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.92 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.46 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.15 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.15 Hz, N-CH), 6.41-7.93 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 43.3 (CH₂-NH), 52.7 (N-CH₂), 55.5 (CH-Cl), 61.4 (N-CH), 175.2 (CO cyclic), 115.8, 119.2, 124.3, 125.7, 127.5, 128.1, 128.7, 132.9, 134.3, 137.8, 140.8, 146.1 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 501M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4h).** Yield: 63%; mp 157-160 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₄SO₃Cl: C,59.16, H,4.10, N,11.99%; found C,59.12, H,4.04, N,11.92%; IR: 868 (C-NO), 1352 (C-N), 1540 (NO₂), 1741 (CO cyclic), 2927 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.35 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.87 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.50 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, N-CH), 6.37-7.79 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 43.7 (CH₂-NH), 54.2 (N-CH₂), 58.6 (CH-Cl), 62.8 (N-CH), 174.9 (CO cyclic), 118.8, 123.5, 126.7, 127.5, 128.3, 129.4, 135.2, 138.8, 145.3, 147.4 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 497M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4i).** Yield: 64%; mp 155-157 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₄SO₃Cl: C,59.16, H,4.10, N,11.99%; found C,59.11, H,4.05, N,11.96%; IR: 867 (C-NO), 1347 (C-N), 1548 (NO₂), 1742 (CO cyclic), 2923 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.41 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.98 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.50 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.95 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.95 Hz, N-CH), 6.26-7.89 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 46.0 (CH₂-NH), 55.2 (N-CH₂), 51.5 (CH-Cl), 62.8 (N-CH), 173.8 (CO cyclic), 116.1, 119.8, 122.6, 124.4, 125.7, 128.9, 132.3, 137.8, 138.2, 141.4, 150.4, 156.2 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 497M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4j).** Yield: 62%; mp 152-154 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₁₉N₄SO₃Cl: C,59.16, H,4.10, N,11.99%; found C,59.12, H,4.04, N,11.94%; IR: 879 (C-NO), 1548 (NO₂), 1347 (C-N), 1741 (CO cyclic), 2929 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.40 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 5.0 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.50 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.25 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.10 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.10 Hz, N-CH), 6.32-7.82 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 42.7 (CH₂-NH), 53.2 (N-CH₂), 54.7 (CH-Cl), 63.4 (N-CH), 172.8 (CO cyclic), 116.4, 124.1, 126.7, 127.8, 128.4, 128.9, 129.4, 131.3, 136.2, 140.8, 147.4, 158.0 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 497M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4k).** Yield: 65%; mp 135-137 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂N₃SO₂Cl: C,63.77, H,4.90, N,9.29%; found C,63.74, H,4.87, N,9.22%; IR: 1150 (C-O), 1338 (N-C), 1736 (CO cyclic), 2891 (CH-Cl); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.28 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.63 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.84 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.45 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.28 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.87 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.0 Hz, N-CH), 6.26-7.92 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 41.9 (CH₂-NH), 50.2 (N-CH₂), 51.6 (CH-Cl), 55.6 (OCH₃), 65.4 (N-CH), 174.5 (CO, cyclic), 117.9, 122.4, 125.9, 128.7, 130.8, 136.5, 137.8, 139.8, 148.7, 155.9 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 452M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(4-methylphenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4l).** Yield: 62%; mp 133-136 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₂N₃SOCl: C,66.11, H,5.08, N,9.63%; found C,66.05, H,5.02, N,9.60%; IR: 1332 (C-N), 1732 (CO cyclic), 2887 (CH-Cl), 2932 (CH₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 2.69 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.25 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.80 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.45 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.90 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.90 Hz, N-CH), 6.28-7.98 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ: 27.7 (CH₃), 40.9 (CH₂-NH), 51.3 (N-CH₂), 55.4 (CH-Cl), 63.8 (N-CH), 169.5 (CO cyclic), 115.8, 122.8, 122.9, 124.8, 125.7, 127.7, 129.9, 135.9, 143.6, 149.8 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 436M⁺.

***N*-[2-(10*H*-phenothiazinyl)ethyl]-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-chloro-2-oxo-1-iminoazetidine (4m).** Yield: 60%; mp 132-135 °C; Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀N₃SO₂Cl: C,63.07, H,4.60, N,9.59%; found C,63.01, H,4.53, N,9.51%; IR: 1177 (C-O), 1357 (C-N), 1753 (CO cyclic), 2927 (CH-Cl), 3469 (OH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ: 3.30 (m, 2H, CH₂-NH), 3.90 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.45 Hz, N-CH₂), 4.24 (s, 1H, OH), 4.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.85 Hz, CH-Cl), 4.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.85 Hz, N-CH), 7.09-8.1 (m, 12H, Ar-H); ¹³C

NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ : 44.1 (CH₂-NH), 51.7 (N-CH₂), 56.9 (CH-Cl), 67.7 (N-CH), 176.5 (CO cyclic), 115.3, 124.4, 126.8, 129.7, 130.8, 135.8, 138.9, 146.4, 148.4, 158.3 (Ar); Mass (FAB): 438M⁺.

4.5. Biological study

The antibacterial, antifungal and antitubercular activities of compounds **4(a-m)** has been assayed *in vitro* against selected Gram positive bacteria, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and Gram negative bacteria, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* fungi, *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus flavus*, *Candida albicans* *Fusarium oxisporium* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Rv strain MIC values of compounds **4(a-m)** were determined using filter paper disc diffusion method (antibacterial and antifungal activities) and L.J. medium (Conventional) method²⁰ (antitubercular activity). Streptomycin and Griseofulvin used as standard for antibacterial and antifungal activity showed MIC range for all bacterial strain 1.25-6.25 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and for all fungal strain 6.25-12.5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ respectively and for antitubercular activity, Isoniazid and Rifampicin taken as standards. All standards also screened under the similar condition for comparison. Results of all given activities of above compounds were given in Table 1 and 2.

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