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# Development of 4-aminoquinoline-1,3,5-triazine conjugates as potent antibacterial agent through facile synthetic route

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**Abstract** A series of novel hybrid 4-aminoquinoline-1,3,5-triazine derivatives were developed and subsequently tested against representative Gram-positive and Gram-negative microorganisms for determination of their antibacterial activity. Screening results indicate that, title molecule exhibit moderate to potent activity in comparison to standard. These hybrid derivatives were synthesized through a facile synthetic routes and structure of reaction intermediates as well as target molecules were recognised with the aid of various spectroscopic techniques viz., FTIR, NMR, mass and elemental analysis.

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#### Introduction

The emergence of multi-drug resistance (MDR) pathogens in last decades significantly jeopardises the global health-

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care system in both poor and developed countries (Alanis, 2005; Shapiro *et al.*, 2011). Whereas, non-judicious use of these drugs has contributed largely among the other factors that brought up the mutation in microbial genome (Martinez and Baquero, 2000). This has put a selective pressure and necessitates the discovery of novel antimicrobial agents that acted via a novel pathway (Davies and Davies, 2010).

The 1,3,5-triazine scaffold has provided the basis for the design of biologically significant molecules with diverse therapeutic profile, e.g. as antifungal (Singh et al., 2012a, 2013a), anticancer (Corbett et al., 1982), antimalarial (Bhat et al., 2011, 2012a, 2013), antiviral (Lozano et al., 2011) and antibacterial activity (Gahtori et al., 2012). In continuation of our project (Junejo et al., 2011), till now, we had reported numerous antibacterial hybrid conjugates of 1,3,5triazine with thiazole (Singh et al., 2011), piperazine (Ghosh et al., 2012), 4-aminoquinoline (Bhat et al., 2012b) and 1,3,4-thiadiazole (Dubey et al., 2012), thiazolidine-4one (Kumar et al., 2013) as potent antimicrobial compounds. In our recent communication, inhibition of bacterial translation was identified as mechanism of action for these conjugates (Singh et al., 2012b). Concerning our endeavour on discovery of antibacterial agents (Singh et al., 2013b) and prompted by these results, herein, we disclosed the facile synthesis and antibacterial activity of hybrid conjugates derived from 4-aminoquinoline and 1,3,5-triazine.

#### Results and discussion

Chemistry

The synthesis of title hybrid 4-aminoquinoline 1,3,5-triazine derivatives **9** (**a**–**i**) were accomplished in five steps. The first

step corresponds to the synthesis 7-chloro-4-isothiocyanatoquinoline (3) was achieved by the substitution of potassium thiocynate (2) with 4-chloro of 4,7-dichloroquinoline (1) in the presences of few pieces of tin granules, Scheme 1. Whereas, in second step, synthesis of mono-substituted 1,3,5triazines viz., 4,6-dichloro-*N*-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,5-triazin-2amine (6) was accomplished by nucleophilic substitution of the Cl atom of the 2,4,6-trichloro-1,3,5-triazine (4) with p-nitro aniline (5) in the presence of saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The above-obtained compound (6) was subsequently treated with different primary and secondary amines (a-i) as presented in Scheme 2 to afford di-substituted 1,3,5triazines **7**(a–i) via nucleophilic substitution at one of Cl atom in the presence of activating base. The synthesis of tri-substituted 1,3,5-triazine 8(a-i) was accomplished by the nucleophilic substitution of the remained Cl atom of di-substituted 1,3,5-triazine  $7(\mathbf{a}-\mathbf{i})$  with piperazine in the presence of saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. Whereas, title compounds 9(a-i) were synthesized by incorporating tri-substituted 1,3,5triazine moiety **8(a–i)** with 7-chloro-4-isothiocyanatoquinoline

$$\begin{array}{c} Cl \\ \\ Cl \end{array} \begin{array}{c} N=C=S \\ \\ Cl \end{array}$$

**Scheme 1** i Reflux with stirring 18 h at 90–120 °C, anhydrous toluene, tin metal

pharmacophore (3) and serve as step five as showed in Scheme 3.

The series of title hybrid analogues were synthesized in moderate to excellent yields. Whereas, structure of the intermediate as well as target molecules were ascertained on the basis of spectroscopic analysis. FTIR spectra of compounds 9(a-i) in which aromatic C=N group of 1,3,5triazine was found in range of 1,679.28–1,548.26 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Whereas quinoline ring aromatic C=C group appears in range of 1,690-1,640 cm<sup>-1</sup>, C-N group appear in range of 1.275 cm<sup>-1</sup> and many strong absorption bands in range of 894-628 cm<sup>-1</sup> which confirm the existence of aromatic ring. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrums of quinoline expose a signal in the range of 7.27-8.85 ppm. The shielding for bridged NH was usually observed at 3.69-3.59 ppm which is attributable to tri-substituted 1,3,5-triazine but the chemical shift of -NH<sub>2</sub> bridge was found in range of 1.93 ppm in case of 8b. Moreover, all mass spectra and elemental analysis are in agreement of proposed structures.

## Antibacterial activity

Antibacterial screening of all the synthesized compounds **9(a–i)** (Table 1) revealed moderate to potent activities against the tested gram-positive and gram-negative microorganisms in comparison to Ofloxacin as a standard drug. The term significant, moderate and no activity were considered for the concentration range of 3.125, 6.25–25 and 50–100 μg mL<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Compound with morpholine substitution on 1,3,5-triazine **9a** exhibit significant activity

CI
$$N \rightarrow NO_2$$
 $NO_2$ 
 $NO_2$ 

**Scheme 2** Reagents and conditions: *ii p*-nitro aniline, 1,4-dioxane 0–5 °C, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, *iii* R–H (**a–i**) various amines, 1,4-dioxane 40–45 °C, 3 h, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, *iv* piperazine, 1,4-dioxane 120–130 °C, 5–6 h, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>



**Scheme 3** Reagents and conditions: v dry acetone, 40-45 °C, 18 h

**Table 1** Antibacterial activity of target hybrid derivatives **9**(**a**-**i**)

Compounds	Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) (μg mL <sup>-1</sup> )						
	Gram +ve			Gram -ve			
	S. aureus	B. subtilis	B. cereus	P. aeruginosa	E. coli	P. mirabilis	P. vulgaris
9a	3.125	6.25	3.125	12.5	6.25	12.5	3.125
9b	25	6.25	6.25	12.5	25	6.25	12.5
9c	25	6.25	3.125	6.25	6.25	12.5	12.5
9d	25	12.5	12.5	6.25	6.25	12.5	25
9e	12.5	12.5	3.125	6.25	12.5	6.25	12.5
9f	12.5	3.125	6.25	12.5	12.5	6.25	6.25
9g	25	25	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	25
9h	100	25	25	25	50	50	50
9i	12.5	6.25	3.125	6.25	12.5	3.125	12.5
Ofloxacin (standard)	6.25	3.125	6.25	6.25	3.125	3.125	3.125

against Staphlococcos aureus, Bacillus cereus, Proteus vulgaris and moderate activity against the Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Bacillus subtilis. Whereas, on replacement of morpholine to hydrazine in the case of compound 9b, presented moderate activities against B. subtilis, S. aureus, P. aeruginosa, Proteus mirabilis, P. vulgaris and Escherichia coli. Compound 9c, formed on replacement of hydrazine by thiosemicarbazide showed the significant antibacterial activity against B. cereus, equipotent to ofloxacin against P. aeruginosa and moderate against the B. subtilis, P. vulgaris and S. aureus. Reasonable activity was observed in case of compound 9d having o-toluidine group as substituent, towards entire microbial strains. Replacement of o-toluidine to aromatic amine in the case of compound 9e, causes significant shift in the activity against B. cereus and moderately against the B. subtilis, S. aureus, P. vulgaris and P. aeruginosa. Compound 9f, resulted from introduction of semicarbazide in place of aromatic amine disclosed the significant antibacterial activity against B. subtilis and moderate activity against the P. aeruginosa, E.coli, S. aureus and P. vulgaris. Moderate activity was observed in case of compounds 9g and **9h** having 1,3-diaminopropane and p-aminophenol group as substituent, towards all gram-positive and gram-negative strains. However, substantial-to-significant activity was observed in the case of analogue having p-toluidine 9i against B. cereus and moderate activity against S. aureus, E. coli, B. subtilis, P. vulgaris and P. mirabilis, respectively.

From the bioactivity profile of the target hybrid derivatives, it was inferred that compounds having aliphatic group at 1,3,5-triazine ring viz., **9b**, **9c**, **9f** and **9g** showed prominent activity against *B. cereus* and *B. subtilis* and no activity against *P. aeruginosa*, *S. aureus*, *E. coli*, *P. vulgaris* and *P. mirabilis*. While, replacement of aliphatic group with aromatic **9a**, **9d**, **9e**, **9h** and **9i** makes the compound prominent active against *B. cereus*, *P. vulgaris* and no activity against *B. subtilis*, *E. coli*, *S. aureus*, *P. mirabilis* and *P. aeruginosa*. In addition, it was also corroborated that, replacement of aliphatic by aromatic substituent, was lead to remarkable increase in activity for *B. cereus* and further decrease was reported for rest of the strains.

#### **Experimental**

#### Chemistry

All commercially available solvents and reagents were of analytical grade and used without further purification. Melting points were determined on a Veego, MPI melting point apparatus and FTIR (2.0 cm<sup>-1</sup>, flat, smooth, abex)



were recorded on Perkin-Elmer RX-I spectrophotometer. 
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance II 400 NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra on Bruker Avance II 100 NMR spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> using TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained on VG-AUTOSPEC spectrometer equipped with electrospray ionisation (ESI) sources. Elemental analysis was carried out on Vario EL-III CHNOS elemental analyser.

#### 7-Chloro-4-isothiocyanatoquinoline (3)

A solution of 4,7-dichloroquinoline (1) (0.01 mol), potassium thiocynate (2) (0.02 mol) and few pieces of tin metal in anhydrous toluene was refluxed at 90–120 °C for 18 h. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using ethanol:acetone (1:1) as mobile phase. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulted residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The dried solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the title compound (3).

Brown crystals, yield: 68 %; m.p.: 197–198 °C; MW: 220.68;  $R_f$ : 0.48; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 1,275 (C–N), 1,630 (C=C), 1,690–1,640 (C=N), 3,000 (C–H), 1,600 (C=C, aromatic ring), 1,470 (C=C, aromatic ring); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.85 (d, 1H J = 4.97 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.27 (d, 1H J = 4.97 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.76 (d, 1H J = 8.60 Hz, quinoline ring), 8.40 (d, 1H J = 8.60 Hz, quinoline ring), 8.01 (d, 1H J = 1.96 Hz, quinoline ring); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  ppm: 152.30, 118.30, 138.40, 124.10, 129.80, 128.60, 135.20, 129.10, 137.20; mass: 221.60 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>5</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 54.43; H, 2.28; N, 12.69. Found: C, 54.41; H, 2.23; N, 12.58.

## 4,6-Dichloro-N-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine (6)

p-Nitro aniline (5) (0.1 mol) was added into 100 mL of acetone at temperature 0–5 °C. The solution of 2,4,6-tri-chloro-1,3,5-triazine (4) (0.1 mol) in 25-mL acetone was added to above mixture constantly. The resulting mixture was then stirred for 2 h followed by drop-wise addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (0.1 mol) taking care that reaction mixture does not become acidic. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using benzene:ethyl acetate (9:1) as mobile phase. The product was filtered and washed with cold water and recrystallized with ethanol to afford pure products (6).

Yellow crystals; yield: 83 %; m.p.: 123–124 °C; MW: 286.07;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.48; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,289.56 (N–H secondary), 3,056.73 (C–H broad), 1,548.26–1,446.16 (aromatic C=N); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 7.63 (d, 2H J = 8.63 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.28(d, 2H J = 8.57 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.62 (br, s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 118.25, 125.32, 139.26, 144.26, 168.85, 173.56; mass: 287.34 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 37.79; H, 1.76; N, 24.48. Found: C, 36.48; H, 1.75; N, 24.86.

General procedure for the synthesis of di-substituted 1,3,5-triazine derivatives 7(a-i)

Various distinguished amines (**a–i**) (0.1 mol) were added into 100 mL of acetone maintaining temperature 40–45 °C. The solution of mono substituted-1,3,5-triazine (**6**) (0.1 mol) in 25 mL acetone was added constantly, stirred for 3 h followed by drop-wise addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (0.1 mol) taking care that reaction mixture does not become acidic. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using benzene:ethyl acetate (9:1) as mobile phase. The product was filtered and washed with cold water and recrystallized with ethanol to afford pure products **7**(**a–i**).

4-Chloro-6-morpholino-N-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine (7a) Light yellow crystals; yield: 76 %; m.p.: 146–148 °C; MW: 336.73;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.56; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,288.57 (N–H secondary), 3,055.79 (C–H broad), 1,679.28–1,638.32 (aromatic C=N), 1,348.23–1,023.12 (aromatic C–N), 1,528.24 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,662, 786; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS) δ ppm: 7.28(d, 2H J = 8.57 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.58 (br, s, 1H, NH), 3.68 (d, 1H J = 17.31 Hz, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H) 3.63 (d, 1H J = 18.37 Hz, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 118.21, 124.22, 138.26, 144.25, 168.81, 173.55, 67.34, 46.67; mass: 337.79 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 46.37; H, 3.89; N, 24.96. Found: C, 46.43; H, 3.97; N, 24.83.

4-Chloro-6-hydrazinyl-N-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-amine hydrate (7b) Brown crystals; yield: 86 %; m.p.: 156–158 °C; MW: 299.67;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.63; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,315.32 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3,288.53 (N–H secondary), 3,043.79 (C–H broad), 1,676.23–1,639.32 (aromatic C=N), 1,668, 1,347.13–1,002.19 (aromatic C–N), 1,525.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 757; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS) δ ppm: 8.12 (d, 2H J = 8.67 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.37 (d, 2H, J = 1.95 Hz 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.67 (br, s, 1H, NH), 1.87 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 183.24, 172.56, 168.37, 143.24, 137.25, 126.75, 117.28; mass: 301.36 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 36.07; H, 3.36; N, 32.72. Found: C, 35.96; H, 3.28; N, 32.71.

2-(4-Chloro-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) hydrazinecarbothioamide (7c) Yellow crystals; yield: 69 %; m.p.: 169–170 °C; MW:340.75;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.68; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,321.35 (NH2), 3,287.47 (N–H secondary), 3,043.76 (C–H broad), 1,676.53–1,639.36 (aromatic C=N),



1,668, 1,525.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,347.13–1,002.19 (aromatic C–N), 1,273.78 (C=S),757;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_{6}$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.08 (d, 2H J = 8.65 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.48 (d, 2H, J = 2.96 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.67 (br, s, 1H, NH), 1.87 (s, 1H, NH), 8.77 (s, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 184.52, 180.43, 172.20, 165.73, 152.36, 136.32, 128.36, 117.65; mass: 341.76 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 35.25; H, 2.66; N, 32.88. Found: C, 35.27; H, 2.72; N, 32.86.

6-Chloro- $N^2$ -(4-nitrophenyl)- $N^4$ -(o-tolyl)-1.3.5-triazine-2.4diamine (7d) White crystals; yield: 73 %; m.p.: 152-153 °C; MW:356.77;  $R_f$ : 0.47; FTIR ( $v_{max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,285.45 (N-H secondary), 3,045.72 (C-H broad), 1,672.51-1,631.30 (aromatic C=N), 1,667-1,600 (aromatic C=C), 1,528.22 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,346.12–1,016.12 (aromatic C–N), 894, 635;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_{6}$ , TMS) δ ppm: 8.12 (d, 2H  $J = 8.66 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}, \text{Ar-H}, 7.34 (d, 2H, <math>J = 0.71 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times 1.00 \text{ Hz}$ CH, Ar–H), 3.67 (br, s, 1H, NH), 7.12(d, 1H J = 8.64 Hz, 1× CH, Ar-H), 7.03 (d, 1H J = 7.49 Hz, 1× CH, Ar-H), 6.72 (d, 1H J = 1.17 Hz, 1× CH, Ar–H), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 167.32, 164.62, 163.27, 146.23, 141.82, 138.21, 132.82, 129.25, 125.32, 123.73, 122.83, 118.56, 17.63; mass: 357.73 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 53.86; H, 3.67; N, 23.56. Found: C, 54.02; H, 3.64; N, 23.58.

6-Chloro- $N^2$ -(4-nitrophenyl)- $N^4$ -phenyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4diamine (7e) Light brown crystals; yield: 81 %; m.p.: 182–183 °C; MW:342.74;  $R_f$ : 0.52; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,285.45 (N-H secondary), 3,045.78 (C-H broad), 1,672.53-1,631.33 (aromatic C=N), 1,671-1,606 (aromatic C=C), 1,524.32 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,345.10–1,016.14 (aromatic C–N), 775, 628; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS) δ ppm: 8.14 (d, 2H J = 8.65 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.34 (d, 2H,  $J = 0.74 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}, \text{Ar-H}), 3.67 \text{ (br,s, 1H, NH)}, 7.53\text{(d, s)}$  $1H J = 8.29 \text{ Hz}, 1 \times \text{CH}, \text{Ar-H}, 7.48 (d, 1H J = 8.15 \text{ Hz},$  $1 \times \text{CH}$ , Ar-H), 6.89(d, 1H J = 1.18 Hz,  $1 \times \text{CH}$ , Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 167.31, 164.52, 164.23, 143.52, 139.39, 137.25, 129.53, 124.73, 122.86, 119.37, 115.84; mass: 343.76 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 53.86; H, 3.67; N, 23.56. Found: C, 54.02; H, 3.64; N, 23.58.

2-(4-Chloro-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) hydrazinecarboxamide (7f) Light yellow crystals; yield: 68 %; m.p.: 156–159 °C; MW:324.68;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.46; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,321.35 (NH2), 3,287.47 (N–H secondary), 3,043.76 (C–H broad), 1,676.53–1,639.36 (aromatic C=N), 1,668, 1,525.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,347.13–1,002.19 (aromatic C–N), 1,753.62 (C=O),758; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_{\rm 6}$ , TMS) δ ppm: 8.05 (d, 2H J = 8.67 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.65 (d, 2H, J = 0.74 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.67 (br,s, 1H, NH),

6.77 (s, 1H, NH), 6.87 (s, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 183.35, 171.93, 168.24, 158.42, 147.28, 137.56, 125.35, 118.28; mass: 325.79 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 36.99; H, 2.79; N, 34.51. Found: C, 37.02; H, 2.75; N, 34.57.

 $N^2$ -(3-aminopropyl)-6-chloro- $N^4$ -(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3,5triazine-2,4-diamine (7g) Yellow white crystals; yield: 75 %; m.p.: 172–173 °C; MW:323.74; R<sub>f</sub>: 0.54; FTIR  $(v_{\text{max}}; \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ KBr})$ : 3,319.56 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3,284.57 (N-H secondary), 3,041.78 (C-H broad), 1,674.45-1,638.12 (aromatic C=N), 1,668, 1,347.13-1,023.19 (aromatic C-N), 1,527.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 759; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.12 (d, 2H J = 8.66 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.37 (d, 2H, J = 2.12 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar–H), 3.67 (br,s, 1H, NH), 3.25 (t, 2H J = 6.76 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.62 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.85 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_2$ ), 1.66 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.76 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_2$ ), 6.87 (s, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 173.25, 171.43, 165.73, 148.12, 136.43, 126.65, 119.28, 38.58, 31.63; mass: 324.83 (M+H)+; elemental analysis for C12H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 44.52; H, 4.36; N, 30.29. Found: C, 45.03; H, 4.34; N, 30.28.

4-((4-Chloro-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) amino)phenol (7h) Black crystals; yield: 63 %; m.p.: 184–185 °C; MW:358.74;  $R_f$ : 0.42; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,416 (OH stretching), 3,286.51 (N-H secondary), 3,046.58 (C-H broad), 2,800-3,012 (CH<sub>2</sub> stretching), 1,672.42-1,637.16 (aromatic C=N), 1,605 (C=C), 1,347.13-1,023.19 (aromatic C–N), 1,527.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.14 (d, 2H J = 8.65 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 7.34 (d, 2H, J = 0.73 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 3.67 (br,s, 1H, NH), 7.41 (d, 1H J = 8.73 Hz, Ar–H), 6.82 (d, 1H, J = 2.26 Hz, Ar–H), 5.67 (s, 1H, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 173.25, 169.54, 167.43, 148.52, 143.85, 139.62, 132.21, 125.73, 122.82, 118.27, 114.75; mass: 359.65 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C15H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 50.22; H, 3.09; N, 23.43. Found: C, 50.32; H, 3.07; N, 23.46.

6-Chloro- $N^2$ -(4-nitrophenyl)- $N^4$ -(p-tolyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine (7i) Light yellow crystals; yield: 65 %; m.p.: 158–159 °C; MW:356.77;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.63; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,285.45 (N–H secondary), 3,045.72 (C–H broad), 1,672.51–1,631.30 (aromatic C=N), 1,667–1,600 (aromatic C=C), 1,528.22 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,346.12–1,016.12 (aromatic C–N), 894, 635; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS) δ ppm: 8.13 (d, 2H J = 8.64 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.32 (d, 2H, J = 0.74 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.67 (br,s, 1H, NH), 7.35 (d, 1H J = 8.27 Hz, Ar–H), 6.97 (d, 1H J = 5.49 Hz, Ar–H), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 172.45, 168.32, 167.36, 152.65, 138.14, 134.53, 130.21, 128.72, 123.87, 118.52, 117.28, 24.37; mass: 357.53 (M+H)+;



elemental analysis for  $C_{16}H_{13}ClN_6O_2$ : calculated: C, 53.86; H, 3.67; N, 23.56. Found: C, 54.02; H, 3.64; N, 23.58.

General procedure for the synthesis of tri-substituted 1,3,5-triazine derivatives 8(a-i)

A solution of di-substituted 1,3,5-triazine compounds 7(a-i) (0.01 mol), piperazine (0.01 mol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (0.01 mol) in 1,4-dioxane was refluxed for 6–7 h. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using benzene:ethyl acetate (9:1) as mobile phase. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified by ethanol to afford the desired product 8(a-i).

4-Morpholino-N-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5triazin-2-amine (8a) White crystals; yield: 72 %; m.p.: 216–217 °C; MW: 386.41;  $R_f$ : 0.58; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,323.98 (N-H stretching in piperazine), 3,287.37 (N-H secondary), 3,056.78 (C-H broad), 2,813-3,003 (CH<sub>2</sub> stretching), 1,282-1,178 (C-N stretching), 1,676.25-1,637. 39 (aromatic C=N), 1,616.15 (N-H bending piperazine), 1,528.53 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,605 (C=C), 784; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.12 (d, 2H J = 8.66 Hz, 2× CH, Ar-H), 7.32 (d, 2H J = 0.71 Hz, 2× CH, Ar-H), 3.62 (br, s, 1H, NH), 3.69 (d, 1H J = 17.80 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H) 3.65 (d, 1H J = 15.61 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 3.12 (d, 4H J =13.29 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.73 (d,4H J = 3.21 Hz,  $2 \times$ CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 1.94 (s,1H NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 183.32, 178.65, 168.86, 147.42, 138.53, 126.21, 119.85, 68.36, 48.73, 46.63, 45.71; mass:  $387.63 (M+H)^+$ ; elemental analysis for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 52.84; H, 5.74; N, 29.00. Found: C, 52.82; H, 5.71; N, 28.85.

4-Hydrazinyl-N-(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5triazin-2-amine hydrate (8b) Light yellow crystals; yield: 59 %; m.p.: 187–188 °C; MW: 349.35; R<sub>f</sub>: 0.46; FTIR  $(v_{\text{max}}; \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ KBr}): 3,323.98 \text{ (N-H stretching in piperazine)},$ 3,312.34 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3,287.56 (N-H secondary), 3,046.72 (C-H broad), 2,803-3,012 (aromatic CH<sub>2</sub>) 1,676.23-1,639.32 (aromatic C=N), 1,616.15 (N-H bending piperazine), 1,606 (C=C), 1,349.13-1,008.19 (aromatic C-N), 1,523.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 767; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS) δ ppm: 8.13 (d,  $2H J = 8.67 Hz, 2 \times CH, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, 2H, J = 1.01 Hz)$ 2× CH, Ar-H), 3.65 (br,s 1H, NH), 1.97 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.15 (d, 4H J = 13.25 Hz, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.76 (d,4H  $J = 3.11 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}_2, \text{Ar-H}), 1.97 \text{ (s,1H NH)}; ^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 184.25, 178.54, 171.75, 152.12, 142.65, 128.73, 121.51, 52.48, 47.14; mass: 351.12  $(M+H)^+$ ; elemental analysis for  $C_{13}H_{19}N_9O_3$ : calculated: C, 44.69; H, 5.48; N, 36.08. Found: C, 44.71; H, 5.49; N, 36.12.

2-(4-((4-Nitrophenyl)amino)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)hydrazinecarbothioamide (8c) Brown crystals; yield: 71 %; m.p.: 197–198 °C; MW: 390.42; R<sub>f</sub>: 0.58; FTIR  $(v_{\text{max}}; \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ KBr}):3,328.98 \text{ (N-H stretching in piperazine)},$ 3,321.43 (NH2), 3,286.25 (N-H secondary), 3,048.83 (C-H broad), 1,676.25-1,630.48 (aromatic C=N), 1,617.15 (N-H bending piperazine), 1,525.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,349.13-1,007.19 (aromatic C-N), 1,274.78 (C=S),753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.05 (d, 2H J = 8.67 Hz, 2× CH, Ar-H), 7.94 (d, 2H, J = 0.96 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 3.67 (br,s, 1H, NH), 1.97 (s, 1H, NH), 8.57 (s, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.18 (d, 4H  $J = 13.29 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}_2, \text{Ar-H}, 2.74 \text{ (d,4H } J = 3.29 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times$ CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar-H), 1.95 (s,1H NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 185.54, 181.32, 178.53, 186.72, 148,75, 139.36, 127.83, 121.59, 49.13, 44.57; mass: 391.56 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 43.07; H, 4.65; N, 35.88. Found: C, 43.11; H, 4.67; N, 35.89.

 $N^2$ -(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)- $N^4$ -(o-tolyl)-1,3,5triazine-2,4-diamine (8d) Light yellow crystals; yield: 64 %; m.p.: 212-213 °C; MW:406.44; R<sub>f</sub>: 0.47; FTIR  $(v_{\text{max}}; \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ KBr})$ : 3,328.98 (N–H stretching in piperazine), 3,286.43 (N-H secondary), 3,043.78 (C-H broad), 1,679.56-1,637.35 (aromatic C=N), 1,663-1,602 (aromatic C=C), 1,617.15 (N-H bending piperazine), 1,525.29 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,455.38 (C-C stretching aromatic), 1,349.42-1,018.15 (aromatic C-N), 892, 635;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$ ppm: 8.15 (d, 2H J = 8.62 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.38 (d, 2H,  $J = 1.15 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}, \text{Ar-H}, 3.64 (br,s, 1H, NH), 7.14(d, 1H)$  $J = 8.42 \text{ Hz}, 1 \times \text{CH}, \text{Ar-H}, 7.01 \text{ (d, } 1\text{H } J = 7.89 \text{ Hz}, 1 \times$ CH, Ar-H), 6.86 (d, 1H J = 1.18 Hz,  $1 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 2.16 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (d, 4H J = 13.26 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.82  $(d,4H J = 3.11 Hz, 2 \times CH_2, Ar-H), 1.98 (s,1H NH);$  <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 184.56, 176.73, 168.63, 152.32, 143.21, 139.92, 134.36, 131.42, 128.57, 125.73, 124.83, 119.25, 52.31, 46.82, 18.64; mass: 407.47 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 59.10; H, 5.46; N, 27.57. Found: C, 59.13; H, 5.47; N, 27.54.

 $N^2$ -(4-nitrophenyl)- $N^4$ -phenyl-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine (8e) Brown crystals; yield: 79 %; m.p.: 217–218 °C; MW: 392.41;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.59; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,328.98 (N–H stretching in piperazine), 3,285.45 (N–H secondary), 3,045.78 (C–H broad), 1,672.53–1,631.33 (aromatic C=N), 1,617.15 (N–H bending piperazine), 1,590.27 (C=C stretching aromatic) 1,529.38 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,349.15–1,015.19 (aromatic C–N), 779, 625; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS) δ ppm: 8.13 (d, 2H J = 8.67 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.32 (d, 2H, J = 0.69 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.68 (br,s, 1H, NH), 7.55 (d, 1H J = 8.15 Hz, 1× CH, Ar–H), 7.46 (d, 1H J = 8.13 Hz, 1× CH, Ar–H), 6.91 (d, 1H J = 1.21 Hz, 1× CH, Ar–H), 3.18 (d, 4H J = 13.29 Hz,



2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.91 (d,4H J = 3.16 Hz, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 1.97 (s,1H NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 182.35, 173.42, 168.36, 153.63, 142.23, 138.73, 132.46, 128.92, 124.24, 119.53, 52.85, 47.84; mass: 393.49 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 58.15; H, 5.14; N, 28.55. Found: C, 58.17; H, 5.13; N, 28.45.

2-(4-((4-Nitrophenyl)amino)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)hydrazinecarboxamide (8f) Yellow crystals; yield: 64 %; m.p.: 234–235 °C; MW:374.16; R<sub>f</sub>: 0.62; FTIR  $(v_{\text{max}}; \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ KBr})$ : 3,328.98 (N–H stretching in piperazine), 3,323.38 (NH2), 3,289.42 (N-H secondary), 3,046.72 (C-H broad), 1,672.56–1,634.38 (aromatic C=N), 1,663, 1,617.15 (N-H bending piperazine) 1,527.29 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,337.17-1,008.29 (aromatic C–N), 1,759.66 (C=O),753; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.08 (d, 2H J = 8.63 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 7.48 (d, 2H, J = 0.78 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 3.65 (br,s, 1H, NH), 6.73 (s, 1H, NH), 6.82 (s, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.21 (d, 4H J = 13.25 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.96 (d,4H  $J = 3.12 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{ CH}_2, \text{ Ar-H}), 1.93 \text{ (s,1H NH);} ^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 185.93, 178.32, 168.34, 158.63, 148.75, 138,72, 128.42, 121.63, 52.36, 45.83; mass: 375.28 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 44.92; H, 4.85; N, 37.42. Found: C, 44.95; H, 4.82; N, 37.47.

 $N^2$ -(3-aminopropyl)- $N^4$ -(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine (8g) White crystals; yield: 65 %; m.p.: 241–242 °C; MW: 373.41;  $R_f$ : 0.43; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,327.95 (N–H stretching in piperazine), 3,319.56 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3,284.57 (N-H secondary), 3,041.78 (C-H broad), 2,964.65 (C-H stretching in aliphatic chain) 1,674.45-1,638.12 (aromatic C=N), 1,668, 1,618.13 (N-H bending piperazine), 1,347.13-1,023.19 (aromatic C-N), 1,527.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,455.38 (C–C stretching), 756; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.16 (d, 2H J = 8.68 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 7.35 (d, 2H, J = 1.03 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH, Ar-H), 3.68 (br,s, 1H, NH), 3.27 (t, 2H J = 6.78 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.74  $(t, 2H, J = 6.83 \text{ Hz}, CH_2), 1.69 (t, 2H, J = 6.74 \text{ Hz}, CH_2),$ 6.74 (s, 1H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19 (d, 4H J = 13.29 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar– H), 2.84 (d,4H J = 3.14 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 1.96 (s,1H NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 184.52, 172.65, 148.72, 142.83, 128.93, 121.53, 53.42, 46.75, 39.45, 32.21; mass: 374.56 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 51.46; H, 6.21; N, 33.76. Found: C, 51.48; H, 6.20; N, 33.76.

4-((4-((4-Nitrophenyl)amino)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-tria-zin-2-yl)amino)phenol (8h) Black crystals; yield: 72 %; m.p.: 236–238 °C; MW:408.41;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.59; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,328.93 (N–H stretching in piperazine), 3,416 (OH stretching), 3,286.51 (N–H secondary), 3,046.58 (C–H broad), 2,800–3,012 (CH<sub>2</sub> stretching), 1,672.42–1,637.16

(aromatic C=N), 1,618.13 (N–H bending piperazine), 1,605 (C=C), 1,347.13–1,023.19 (aromatic C–N), 1,527.27 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 753;  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS) δ ppm: 8.13 (d, 2H J = 8.66 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.37 (d, 2H, J = 0.68 Hz, 2× CH, Ar–H), 3.68 (br,s, 1H, NH), 7.37 (d, 1H J = 8.74 Hz, Ar–H), 6.87 (d, 1H, J = 3.22 Hz, Ar–H), 5.48 (s, 1H, OH), 3.24 (d, 4H J = 13.24 Hz, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.91 (d,4H J = 3.11 Hz, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 1.98 (s,1H NH);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 183.42, 173.23, 167.84, 153.57, 147.32, 139.24, 134.47, 124.63, 123.21, 119.56, 117.82, 52.31, 46.73; mass: 409.45 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: calculated: C, 55.88; H, 4.94; N, 27.44. Found: C, 55.90; H, 4.92; N, 27.43.

 $N^2$ -(4-nitrophenyl)-6-(piperazin-1-yl)- $N^4$ -(p-tolyl)-1,3,5triazine-2,4-diamine (8i) Yellow crystals; yield: 73 %; m.p.: 218–219 °C; MW:406.44;  $R_f$ : 0.54; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,329.97 (N-H stretching in piperazine), 3,283.48 (N-H secondary), 3,045.71 (C-H broad), 1,674.53–1,633.31 (aromatic C=N), 1,668-1,609 (aromatic C=C), 1,613.19 (N-H bending piperazine), 1,527.28 (NO<sub>2</sub>), 1,456.35 (C-C stretching aromatic), 1,344.41–1,015.12 (aromatic C-N), 897, 632; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS) δ ppm: 8.14 (d, 2H J = 8.66 Hz, 2× CH, Ar-H), 7.34 (d, 2H,  $J = 0.69 \text{ Hz}, 2 \times \text{CH}, \text{Ar-H}, 3.67 (br,s, 1H, NH), 7.38 (d,$ 1H J = 8.09 Hz, Ar-H), 7.05 (d, 1H J = 5.42 Hz, Ar-H), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.28 (d, 4H J = 13.29 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar– H), 2.87 (d,4H J = 3.08 Hz,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 1.97 (s,1H NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 183.42, 172.53, 168.75, 153.47, 142.76, 134.21, 129.72, 126.42, 121.62, 118.82, 52.12, 46.35; mass: 407.47 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 59.10; H, 5.46; N, 27.57. Found: C, 59.13; H, 5.47; N, 27.54.

General procedure for the synthesis of titled compounds 9(a-i)

A solution of compound (3) (0.01 mol) and desired trisubstituted 1,3,5-triazine compounds 8(a-i) (0.01 mol) in dry acetone was stirred at 40–45 °C for 8–9 h. The completion of reaction was monitored by TLC using ethanol:acetone (1:1) as mobile phase. The reaction mixture was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The dried solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain the titled compounds 9(a-i).

N-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4-(4-morpholino-6-((4-nitrophenyl) amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carbothioamide (9a) Light black crystals; yield: 57 %; m.p. 256–257 °C; MW: 607.09;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.42; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,397.12 (C–O stretching), 2,933.32(C–H stretching), 2,344.21 (N–H stretching)



secondary amine), 1,602.13(N=O stretching), 1,325.63–1,489.96 (C=C stretching), 1,219.82 (C-N stretching), 771.13 (Cl), 685.7 (C=S stretching);  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.36 (d, 1H J = 6.60 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.35 (d, 1H J = 6.65 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.07 (m, 4H, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 2.54 (m, 4H, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 6.90 (m,2H C–H, Ar–H), 4.13 (br, s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  ppm:185.53, 181.25, 174.31, 168.93, 152.73, 151.26, 145.44, 137.51, 134.83, 129.44, 125.62, 124.74, 121.68, 119.21, 68.35, 58.72, 52.14, 48.94; mass: 608.18 (M+H) $^+$ ; elemental analysis for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: calculated: C, 53.42; H, 4.48; N, 23.07. Found: C, 53.46; H, 4.46; N, 23.09.

*N-*(7-chloroguinolin-4-yl)-4-(4-hydrazinyl-6-((4-nitrophenyl) amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carbothioamide hydrate (9b) Light yellow crystals; yield: 73.32 %; m.p.: 230-236 °C; MW: 570.03;  $R_f$ : 0.27; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,396.21 (O-H stretching), 2,372.23 (N-H stretching secondary amine), 1,592.25 (N=O stretching), 1,432.81 (C=N stretching), 1,324.41–1,488.73 (C=C stretching aromatic), 1,220.62 (C-N stretching), 771.73 (C-Cl stretching), 676.32 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.36 (d, 1H J = 6.60 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.35 (d, 1H J = 6.65 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.07 (m, 4H,  $2 \times$ CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar-H), 6.90 (m,2H C-H, Ar-H), 6.70 (s, 1H, NH), 4.13 (br, s, 1H, NH),;  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$ ppm: 186.73, 181.35, 176.42, 153.92, 151.52, 151.17, 150.06, 139.13, 135.58, 126.83, 124.80, 124.36, 119.39, 117.83, 40.74, 39.94; mass: 572.13 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClN<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: calculated: C, 48.46; H, 4.24; N, 27.03. Found: C, 48.50; H, 4.21; N, 27.13.

4-(4-(2-Carbamothioylhydrazinyl)-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-N-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)piperazine-1-carbothioamide (9c) Dark yellow crystals; yield: 64.16 %; m.p.: 270–271 °C; MW: 611.10;  $R_f$ : 0.49; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,417.21 (N-H stretching of primary amine), 2,373.52 (N-H stretching of secondary amine), 1,595.72 (N-O stretching), 1,429.31 (C=N stretching), 1,330.32-1,485.72 (C=C aromatic), 1,220.12 (C-N stretching), 771.62 (C–Cl stretching), 677.14 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.39 (d, 1H J = 6.62 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.32 (d, 1H J = 6.64 Hz, quinoline ring),  $4.09 \text{ (m, 4H, } 2 \times \text{CH}_2), 6.88 \text{ (m,2H C-H, Ar-H)}, 6.78 \text{ (s, 2H, }$ NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.50 (s, 1H NH), 4.19 (br, s, 1H, NH),; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ ppm: 185.32, 183.12, 179.72, 175.68, 171.65, 152.81, 146.92, 138.96, 135.32, 126.83, 124.80, 121.47, 120.38, 119.39, 58.94, 54.23; mass: 612.12 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClN<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: calculated: C, 47.17; H, 3.79; N, 27.50. Found: C, 47.16; H, 3.76; N, 27.53.

N-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4-(4-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-6-(o-tolylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carbothioamide (9d) Light yellow crystals; yield: 48.83 %; m.p.: 274–276 °C; MW: 627.12;  $R_f$ : 0.46; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,397.83 (N–H stretching), 2,371.13 (N–H stretching in secondary amine), 1,500.63 (N=O stretching), 1,418.14 (C=N stretching), 1,333.82 (C=C stretching aromatic), 1,222.21 (C-N stretching), 771.63 (C-Cl stretching), 662.85 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.81 (d, 1H J = 8.23 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.90 (d, 1H J = 6.78 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.23 (m, 4H,  $2 \times$  $CH_2$ ), 6.93 (m,2H C-H, Ar-H), 3.66–3.85 (d, 4H J = 48.6 Hz, Ar-H), 2.24 (s, 1H NH), 2.51 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.19 (br, s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ ppm: 186.83, 178.64, 169.41, 164.62, 154.12, 149.53, 143.55, 142, 137.92, 136.35, 132.32, 131.96, 129.21, 126.83, 126.12, 123.97, 121.63, 119.26, 58.71, 53.37; mass: 628.35 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClN<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 57.46; H, 4.34; N, 22.33. Found: C, 57.49; H, 4.31; N, 22.36.

*N-*(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4-(4-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-6-(phenylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carbothioamide (9e) Brown crystals; yield: 49.23 %; m.p.: 247-248 °C; MW: 613.09;  $R_f$ : 0.54; FTIR ( $v_{max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr): 3,020.93 (C-H stretching aromatic), 2,336.21-2,402.35 (N-H stretching secondary amine), 1,500,24 (N=O stretching), 1,417.68 (C=N stretching), 1,330.26-1,493.47 (C=C stretching), 1,217.48 (C-N stretching), 771 (C-Cl stretching), 670.85 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>, TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.13 (d, 1H J = 8.76 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.78 (d, 1H J = 6.36 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.12 (m, 4H,  $2 \times$  CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (m,2H C-H, Ar-H), 3.78 (m. 4H, 4× CH, Ar-H), 2.50 (s, 1H NH), 4.19 (br, s, 1H, NH),; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  ppm: 186.85, 181.65, 173.42, 168.96, 158.47, 151.28, 149.36, 146.73, 139.96, 138.21, 136.24, 129.43, 128.94, 126.72, 125.93, 121.67, 119.85, 117.85, 113.38, 57.71, 53.12; mass: 614.17 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClN<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 56.81; H, 4.11; N, 22.85. Found: C, 56.78; H, 4.15; N, 22.87.

2-(4-(4-((7-Chloroquinolin-4-yl)carbamothioyl)piperazin-1-yl)-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)hydrazin-ecarboxamide (9f) Dark yellow crystals; yield: 46.91 %; m.p.: 214–215 °C; MW: 595.04;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.52; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr):3,116.63–3,411.87 (N–H stretching of primary amine), 3,020.21 (C–H stretching), 2,402.23 (N–H stretching secondary amine), 1,782.83 (C=O stretching), 1,488.53 (N=O stretching), 1,437.13 (C=N stretching), 1,322.64–1,363.52 (C=C stretching), 1,217.15 (C–N stretching), 770.37 (C–Cl stretching), 670.49 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS) δ ppm: 8.47 (d, 1H J = 6.24 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.61 (d, 1H J = 5.12 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.21 (m, 4H,



 $2\times$  CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.82 (m, 2H C–H, Ar–H), 6.54 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (s, 1H NH), 4.32 (br, s, 1H, NH),;  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  ppm: 185.63, 182.36, 176.32, 171.92, 163.41, 154.48, 151.52, 149.32, 146.12, 138.81, 136.94, 129.42, 124.81, 123.42, 121.65, 119.72, 118.54, 57.71, 53.48; mass: 597.07 (M+H)+; elemental analysis for  $C_{24}H_{23}\text{ClN}_{12}O_{3}\text{S}$ : calculated: C, 48.44; H, 3.90; N, 28.25. Found: C, 48.47; H, 3.93; N, 28.24.

4-(4-((3-Aminopropyl)amino)-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5triazin-2-yl)-N-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)piperazine-1-carbothioamide (9g) Dark brown crystals; yield: 88.83 %; m.p.: 196–197 °C; MW: 594.09;  $R_f$ : 0.24; FTIR ( $v_{\text{max}}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr):3,371.43 (N-H stretching primary amine), 3,020.71 (C-H stretching), 2,369.83 (N-H secondary amine), 1,485.47 (N=O stretching), 1,419.52 (C=N stretching), 1,326.12 (C=C stretching), 1,217.57 (C-N stretching), 768.82 (C-Cl stretching), 671.75 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.67 (d, 1H J = 5.87 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.70 (d, 1H J = 5.37 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.78 (m, 4H, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.895 (m, 2H C-H, Ar-H), 6.68 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.67 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) 2.50 (s, 1H NH), 4.38 (br, s, 1H, NH),; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ ppm: 184.53, 178.91, 171.20, 164.52, 154.38, 151.21, 149.62, 148.36, 138.57, 136.29, 131.53, 129.78, 126.85, 123.62, 119.83, 118.38, 58.21, 53.28, 41.81, 32.17; mass: 596.12 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 52.56; H, 4.75; N, 25.93. Found: C, 52.52; H, 4.77; N, 25.98.

*N-*(7-chloroguinolin-4-yl)-4-(4-((4-hydroxyphenyl)amino)-6-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)piperazine-1carbothioamide (9h) Brown yellow crystals; yield: 81.84 %; m.p.: 310–311 °C; MW: 629.09; R<sub>f</sub>: 0.46; FTIR  $(v_{\text{max}}; \text{cm}^{-1} \text{ KBr}): 3,439.83 \text{ (O-H stretching)}, 3,020.73 \text{ (C-H stretching)}$ stretching), 2,335.52-2,375.81 (N-H stretching in secondary amine), 1,625.38 (C=C stretching), 1,488.57 (N=O stretching), 1,414.32 (C=N stretching), 1,218.31 (C-N stretching), 770.83 (C–Cl stretching), 672.35 (C=S stretching); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $d_6$ , TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.92 (d, 1H J = 7.54Hz, quinoline ring), 7.45 (d, 1HJ = 5.32 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.09 (m, 4H, 2×, Ar–H), 7.53 (m, 4H, 4× CH, Ar–H), 6.75 (m, 4H, 4× CH, Ar-H), 5.40 (s, 1H Ar-OH), 4.05 (br, s, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ ppm: 185.62, 178.41, 171.28, 167.76, 161.78, 154.53, 149.51, 147.12, 139.96, 134.26, 132.54, 131.29, 128.92, 125.74, 123.15, 121.64, 118.63, 117.28, 115.38, 58.26, 53.42; mass:  $630.21 (M+H)^+$ ; elemental analysis for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClN<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: calculated: C, 55.37; H, 4.01; N, 22.26. Found: C, 55.38; H, 4.00; N, 22.32.

N-(7-chloroquinolin-4-yl)-4-(4-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)-6-(p-tolylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)piperazine-1-carbothio-amide ( $\mathbf{9i}$ ) Brown crysals; yield: 78.82 %; m.p.: 145–148 °C; MW: 627.12;  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.64; FTIR ( $v_{\rm max}$ ; cm<sup>-1</sup> KBr):

3,376.63–3,490.13 (N–H stretching), 2,934.23–3,078.51 (C–H stretching), 2,343.65 (N–H stretching secondary amine), 1,489.73 (N=O stretching), 1,414.57 (C=N stretching), 1,327.12 (C=C stretching), 1,218.57 (C–N stretching), 769.18(C–Cl stretching), 673.37 (C=S stretching);  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>- $^{4}$ 6, TMS)  $\delta$  ppm: 8.84 (d, 1H  $_{J}$  = 7.42 Hz, quinoline ring), 7.43 (d, 1H  $_{J}$  = 5.38 Hz, quinoline ring), 4.09 (m, 4H, 2× CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar–H), 7.08 (m, 2H, 2× CH, Ar–H), 7.43 (m, 2H, 2× CH, Ar–H), 2.49 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>),4.17 (br, s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta$  ppm: 186.56, 182.38, 172.94, 168.36, 161.24, 153.58, 148.36, 145.58, 141.27, 138.69, 136.94, 132.26, 131.86, 129.47, 126.64, 123.74, 121.87, 118.26, 58.73, 51.54, 23.47; mass: 628.10 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>; elemental analysis for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>27</sub>ClN<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: calculated: C, 57.46; H, 4.34; N, 22.33. Found: C, 57.49; H, 4.32; N, 22.35.

#### **Antibacterial screening**

### Minimum inhibitory concentration

Entire target compounds were screened for their minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC, µg/mL) against selected grampositive organisms viz. B. subtilis (NCIM-2,063), B. cereus (NCIM-2,156), S. aureus (NCIM-2079) and gram-negative organism viz. P. aeruginosa (NCIM-2036), E. coli (NCIM-2065), P. mirabilis (NCIM-2241), P. vulgaris (NCIM-2027) by the broth dilution method as recommended by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards with minor modifications. Ofloxacin was used as standard antibacterial agent. Solutions of the test compounds and reference drug were prepared in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at concentrations of 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25 and 3.125  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>. Eight tubes were prepared in duplicate with the second set being used as MIC reference controls (16–24 h visual). After sample preparation, the controls were placed in a 37 °C incubator and read for macroscopic growth (clear or turbid) the next day. Into each tube, 0.8 mL of nutrient broth was pipette (tubes 2–7), tube 1 (negative control) received 1.0 mL of nutrient broth and tube 8 (positive control) received 0.9 mL of nutrient. Tube 1, the negative control, did not contain bacteria or antibiotic. The positive control, tube 8, received 0.9 mL of nutrient broth since it contained bacteria but not antibiotic. The test compound were dissolved in DMSO (100 µg/mL), 0.1 mL of increasing concentration of the prepared test compounds which are serially diluted from tube 2 to tube 7 from highest (100  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>) to lowest (3.125  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>) concentration (tube 2-7 containing 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.125  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>). After this process, each tube was inoculated with 0.1 mL of the bacterial suspension, concentration of which corresponded to 0.5 McFarland scale (9  $\times$  10<sup>8</sup> cells/ mL) and each bacterium was incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. The final volume in each tube was 1.0 mL. The incubation



chamber was kept humid. At the end of the incubation period, MIC values were recorded as the lowest concentration of the substance that gave no visible turbidity, i.e. no growth of inoculated bacteria, (National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards, 1982) results were shown in Table 1.

#### Conclusion

As a concluding remark, we had developed a new series of hybrid 4-aminoquinoline-1,3,5-triazine conjugates as potent antibacterial agents through facile and economical route. In addition, this study suggests the potential utility of this hybrid skeleton to develop newer antibacterial agents. Our studies are in progress towards the development of newer entities of this skeleton and reported subsequently in future.

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