# Design, Synthesis, and Anticancer Activity of Novel 2-(4-Arylsubstituted-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-{4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-6-yl]phenyl}acetamide Derivatives

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**Abstract**—A number of novel benzothiazole derivatives bearing 1,2,3-triazole has been synthesized. Molecular structures of the products are confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass spectral data. Anticancer activity of the products has been tested against human cancer cell lines: MCF-7 (breast), A549 (lung), Colo-205 (colon), and A2780 (ovarian). The synthesized compounds have demonstrated high to moderate activity. Six of those have been characterized by higher activity than that of the standard drug.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Benzothiazole derivatives demonstrate a range of pronounced biological activities including anticancer [1], antiinflammatory [2], antitubercular [3], analgesic [4], antifungicidal [5], antiviral [6], antimalarial [7], and antimicrobial [8]. Benzothiazole is a building block of the anticancer compound NSC-710305 (1, Fig. 1), which has been processed to phase-1 clinical trials [9]. 1,2,3-Triazole derivatives are well known as biologically active, including anticancer, agents [10]. Molecular structures of antibiotic drug tazobactum (2) [11] incorporate the 1,2,3-triazole unit.

In view of the above, we have designed and synthesized novel 2-(4-aryl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-{4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-6-yl]phenyl}acetamide derivatives (**11a**–**11j**) and tested their anticancer activity towards four human cell lines.

## EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals involved were obtained from Aldrich (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) and Lancaster (Alfa Aesar, Johnson Matthey Company, Ward Hill, MA, USA), and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored by TLC performed on silica gel glass plates containing 60 F-254, and visualized under UV light or by iodine indicator. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra



Fig. 1. Structures of (a) NSC710305 (1) and (b) tazobactum (2).

were measured on a Bruker UXNMR/XWIN-NMR (400 MHz) spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard. ESI spectra were recorded on a Micro mass, Quattro LC using ESI+ software with capillary voltage 3.98 kV and ESI mode positive ion trap detector. Melting points were determined on an electrothermal melting point apparatus, and are uncorrected.

**6-Bromo-2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazole (5).** A mixture of 2-amino-5-bromobenzenethiol (3) (10 g, 48.9 mmol) with thiazole-2-carbaldehyde (4) (4.3 mL, 48.9 mmol) and ZnO NPs (362 mg, 4.44 mmol) in absolute ethanol (40 mL) was stirred at room temperature for ca 8 min (TLC). The solvent was evaporated under vacuum, and the crude solid product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate–hexane (1 : 1) as an eluent to obtain pure compound 5, yield 93%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 7.49 d (1H, *J*=8.09 Hz), 7.68 d (1H, *J*=8.10 Hz), 7.75 d (1H, *J*=8.09 Hz), 7.84 d (1H, *J*=8.10 Hz), 7.93 s (1H). MS (FAB): *m/z*: 298 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>.

4-[2-(Thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-6-yl]benzenamine (7). To a mixture of compound 5 (13 g, 43.7 mmol) with 4-aminophenylboronic acid hydrochloride 6 (10.7 g, 61.8 mmol) dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (70 mL), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (504 mg, 0.437 mmol) catalyst was added. Then an aqueous solution of Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL, 28.4 g, 87.4 mmol) was added upon stirring and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. Upon cooling the mixture down, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, diethyl ether (100 mL) was added, and the mixture was washed with brine  $(3 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ , dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated to dryness. The crude product was recrystallized from ethyl acetate to obtained pure compound 7, yield 84%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 4.89 s (2H), 7.16 d (2H, J = 7.19 Hz), 7.50 d (1H, J = 8.10 Hz), 7.60 d (2H, J = 7.19 Hz), 7.66 d(1H, J = 8.11 Hz), 7.73 d (1H, J = 8.10 Hz), 7.75 d (1H, J = 8.11 Hz, 7.80 s (1H). MS (ESI): m/z: 311  $[M + H]^+$ .

**2-Azido-***N*-{**4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (9).** To the solution of compound 7 (10 g, 32.2 mmol) in 25 mL of anhydrous dichloromethane, were added 2-azidoacetic acid (**8**) (2.4 mL, 32.2 mmol), EDCI (7.4 g, 48.3 mmol) and HOBt (400 mg, 0.0322 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, then washed with saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography with ethyl acetate–hexane (6 : 4) to give pure compound **9**, yield 89%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.37 s (2H), 7.52 d (1H, *J* = 8.12 Hz), 7.57 d (2H, *J* = 7.25 Hz), 7.67 d (1H, *J* = 8.13 Hz), 7.73–7.80 m (3H), 7.82 s (1H), 7.86 d (1H, *J* = 8.12 Hz), 9.86 s (1H). MS (ESI): *m/z*: 394 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

Synthesis of 2-(4-arylsubstituted-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-(4-(2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-6-yl)phenyl) acetamide derivatives (11a-11j). Azide 9 (300 mg, 7.6 mmol) and the desired ethynylbenzene 10a (7.6 mmol) were dissolved in a 1 : 1 mixture of water with tert-butyl alcohol (15 mL). Sodium ascorbate (225 mg, 15 mol%, 1.14 mmol) was added followed by copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate (95 mg, 5 mol%, 0.38 mmol). The mixture was stirred vigorously in darkness for 24 h. Upon completion of the reaction *tert*-butyl alcohol was evaporated in vacuo, and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under vacuum the crude product was purified by column chromatography using ethyl acetate-hexane (1:1) to obtain the corresponding pure compound 11a-11j.

**2-(4-Phenyl-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-***N***-{4-[2-(thiazol-<b>2-yl)benzo**[*d*]thiazol-6-yl]phenyl}acetamide (11a). Yield 56%, mp 249–251°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.60 s (2H), 7.51 d (1H, J = 8.12 Hz), 7.56 d (2H, J =7.24 Hz), 7.61 d (2H, J = 7.24 Hz), 7.64–7.68 m (3H), 7.72–7.79 m (4H), 7.81 s (1H), 7.84 d (1H, J = 8.12 Hz), 8.23 s (1H), 10.09 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.3, 114.7, 116.3, 120.4, 124.5, 125.3, 126.4, 127.2, 128.3, 129.5, 131.5, 132.8, 134.6, 143.4, 143.7, 147.5, 148.5, 149.6, 152.8, 157.4, 162.8. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 496 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(3,4,5-Trimethoxyphenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N*-{**4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thia zol-6-yl]phenyl**}-**acetamide (11b).** Yield 49.7%, mp 256–258°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.86 s (3H), 3.90 s (6H), 5.61 s (2H), 7.32 s (2H), 7.52 d (1H, *J* = 8.09 Hz), 7.55 d (2H, *J* = 7.23 Hz), 7.63 d (2H, *J* = 7.23 Hz), 7.67 d (1H, *J* = 8.14 Hz), 7.78 s (1H), 7.82 d (1H, *J* = 8.09 Hz), 8.24 s (1H), 10.10 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.4, 57.4, 61.9, 110.8, 114.5, 116.4, 117.8, 120.5, 124.3, 125.6, 126.7, 127.3, 131.2, 134.7, 143.5, 144.4, 145.6, 147.6, 148.5, 149.4, 152.7, 155.7, 157.5, 162.7. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 586 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]**-*N*-{**4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (11c).** Yield 59%, mp 253–255°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.91 s (6H), 5.60 s (2H), 7.10 s (1H), 7.34 s (2H), 7.51 d (1H, *J* = 8.08 Hz), 7.54 d (2H, *J* = 7.24 Hz), 7.63 d (2H, *J* = 7.24 Hz), 7.66 d (1H, *J* = 8.13 Hz), 7.72 d (1H, *J* = 8.12 Hz), 7.79 s (1H), 7.82 d (1H, J = 8.08 Hz), 8.23 s (1H), 10.08 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.3, 57.4, 99.5, 110.5, 114.7, 116.4, 117.5, 120.5, 124.6, 125.3, 126.7, 131.2, 132.7, 134.5, 143.4, 145.2, 147.5, 148.3, 149.4, 154.3, 157.3, 160.4, 162.9. MS (ESI): m/z: 556  $[M + H]^+$ .

**2-[4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N***-{<b>4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (11d).** Yield 59%, mp 240–242°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 3.88 s (3H), 5.61 s (2H), 7.13 d (2H, *J* = 7.20 Hz), 7.52 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 7.55 d (2H, *J* = 7.22 Hz), 7.59–7.67 m (5H), 7.70 d (1H, *J* = 8.13 Hz), 7.79 s (1H), 7.83 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 8.24 s (1H), 10.09 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.6, 57.6, 114.7, 115.3, 116.4, 117.6, 120.6, 124.3, 125.6, 125.9, 126.3, 127.5, 131.8, 134.6, 143.2, 143.6, 147.6, 148.5, 149.3, 154.2, 156.8, 157.6, 162.8. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 526 [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N***-{<b>4**-**[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}acetamide (11e). Yield 65%, mp 259–261°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.67 s (2H), 7.51 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 7.54 d (2H, *J* = 7.26 Hz), 7.59 d (2H, *J* = 7.26 Hz), 7.61 d (2H, *J* = 7.28 Hz), 7.65 d (1H, *J* = 8.13 Hz), 7.69 d (1H, *J* = 8.12 Hz), 7.80 s (1H), 7.83 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 8.27 s (1H), 8.32 d (2H, *J* = 7.28 Hz), 10.14 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.7, 114.5, 116.5, 117.6, 120.6, 124.5, 125.3, 126.4, 127.5, 130.6, 131.5, 134.5, 135.6, 143.5, 144.5, 147.4, 148.5, 149.7, 150.3, 154.3, 157.8, 162.9. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 541 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(3,5-Dinitrophenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N***-{<b>4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (11f).** Yield 63%, 264–266°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.69 s (2H), 7.51 d (1H, *J* = 8.11 Hz), 7.54 d (2H, *J* = 7.27 Hz), 7.60 d (2H, *J* = 7.27 Hz), 7.65 d (1H, *J* = 8.14 Hz), 7.68 d (1H, *J* = 8.12 Hz), 7.81 s (1H), 7.83 s (1H), 8.28 s (1H), 8.36 s (2H), 8.40 s (1H), 10.15 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.7, 114.7, 116.5, 117.4, 118.5, 120.6, 124.5, 125.4, 126.5, 131.4, 133.5, 134.7, 135.5, 143.5, 147.4, 148.2, 149.5, 150.3, 151.7, 154.7, 157.8, 162.9. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 586 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N***-{<b>4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (11g).** Yield 61%, mp 260–262°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.62 s (2H), 7.50 d (1H, *J* = 8.11 Hz), 7.55 d (2H, *J* = 7.26 Hz), 7.58 d (2H, *J* = 7.28 Hz), 7.62 d (2H, *J* = 7.26 Hz), 7.67 d (1H, *J* = 8.14 Hz), 7.71 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 7.77 d (2H, *J* = 7.28 Hz), 7.82 s (1H), 7.84 d (1H, *J* = 8.11 Hz), 8.25 s (1H), 10.11 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.6, 114.5, 116.5, 117.3, 120.7, 124.5, 125.4, 126.5, 128.6, 130.6, 131.5, 132.5, 133.4, 134.7, 143.2, 144.7, 148.3, 149.3, 149.8, 154.6, 157.9, 162.9. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 530 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(4-Bromophenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N***-{<b>4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (11h).** Yield 66%, mp 266–268°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 5.64 s (2H), 7.48 d (2H, *J* = 7.29 Hz), 7.53 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 7.56 d (2H, *J* = 7.25 Hz), 7.59 d (2H, *J* = 7.29 Hz), 7.63 d (2H, *J* = 7.25 Hz), 7.67 d (1H, *J* = 8.09 Hz), 7.72 d (1H, *J* = 8.07 Hz), 7.81 s (1H), 7.84 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 8.27 s (1H), 10.10 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 55.7, 114.5, 116.4, 117.3, 120.5, 122.4, 124.6, 125.3, 126.5 128.6, 130.5, 131.2, 132.6, 134.4, 143.5, 144.3, 147.6, 148.4, 149.5, 154.6, 157.9, 162.8. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 575 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-(4-Mesityl-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-***N***-{<b>4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide** (11i). Yield 52%, mp 247–249°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.38 s (3H), 2.41 s (6H), 5.49 s (2H), 7.16 s (2H), 7.50 d (1H, *J* = 8.09 Hz), 7.55 d (2H, *J* = 7.25 Hz), 7.60 d (2H, *J* = 7.25 Hz), 7.66 d (1H, *J* = 8.13 Hz), 7.70 d (1H, *J* = 8.12 Hz), 7.79 s (1H), 7.83 d (1H, *J* = 8.09 Hz), 8.22 s (1H), 10.09 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 23.5, 24.8, 55.6, 114.5, 116.4, 117.3, 120.5, 124.5, 125.6, 126.3, 129.6, 130.2, 131.3, 134.5, 136.4, 138.6, 143.2, 144.5, 147.6, 148.6, 149.7, 154.6, 157.8, 162.7. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 538 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**2-[4-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-1***H***-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl]-***N***-{<b>4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo**[*d*]**thiazol-6-yl]phenyl**}**acetamide (11j).** Yield 54%, mp 262–264°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 2.37 s (6H), 5.46 s (2H), 7.10 s (2H), 7.17 s (1H), 7.50 d (1H, *J* = 8.08 Hz), 7.53 d (2H, *J* = 7.23 Hz), 7.57 d (2H, *J* = 7.23 Hz), 7.63 d (1H, *J* = 8.11 Hz), 7.69 d (1H, *J* = 8.10 Hz), 7.78 s (1H), 7.83 d (1H, *J* = 8.08 Hz), 8.23 s (1H), 10.09 s (1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum,  $\delta$ , ppm: 23.7, 55.7, 114.7, 116.4, 117.5, 120.6, 124.5, 125.4, 126.5, 129.6, 131.3, 132.6, 134.5, 135.8, 140.5, 143.3, 146.8, 147.4, 148.4, 149.7, 154.6, 157.8, 162.6. MS (ESI): *m/z*: 524 [*M* + H]<sup>+</sup>.

**MTT assay.** Individual wells of a 96-well tissue culture micro titre plate were inoculated with 100  $\mu$ L of complete medium containing 1×10<sup>4</sup> cells. The plates were incubated at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 18 h prior to the experiment. After medium removal, 100  $\mu$ L of fresh medium containing the test compounds and etoposide (Eto) at concentrations 0.5, 1 or 2  $\mu$ M were added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 24 h. Then the medium was discarded and replaced with 10  $\mu$ L of MTT dye. Plates were incubated at 37°C for 2 h. The resulting formazan crystals were solubilized in 100  $\mu$ L

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of 2-(4-arylsubstituted-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-N-{4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo[d]thiazol-6-yl]phenyl}acetamide derivatives.



R = H (10a, 11a), 3,4,5-trimethoxy (10b, 11b), 3,5-dimethoxy (10c, 11c), 4-methoxy (10d, 11d), 4-nitro (10e, 11e), 3,5-dinitro (10f, 11f), 4-chloro (10g, 11g), 4-bromo (10h, 11h), 2,4,6-trimethyl (10i, 11i), 3,5-dimethyl (10j, 11j).

of extraction buffer. Optical density (O.D) was read at 570 nm with a micro plate reader (Multi-mode Varioskan Instrument-Themo Scientific). Percentage of DMSO in the medium never exceeded 0.25%.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The synthetic route to the target compounds 11a–11j is presented in Scheme 1. 2-Amino-5-bromobenzenethiol (3) was reacted with thiazole-2-carbaldehyde (4) in presence of zinc oxide nanoparticles used as the catalyst in absolute ethanol to afford pure compound 6-bromo-2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazole (5). The intermediate 5 was subjected to the Suzuki-coupling reaction with 4-aminophenylboronic acid hydrochloride (6) in presence of  $Cs_2CO_3$  base and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> catalyst to afford pure intermediate 7, which was coupled with 2-azidoacetic acid (8) in presence of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide (EDCI) and hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt)

in anhydrous dichloromethane to afford pure compound **9**. Its following cycloaddition reaction with substituted arylalkynes **10a–10j** in presence of sodium ascorbate and copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate used as a catalyst in *tert*-butyl alcohol– $H_2O(1:1)$  led to the corresponding products **11a–11j**.

**Biological activity.** *In vitro cytotoxicity.* The products **11a–11j** were tested for their anticancer activity towards four different human cancer cell lines: MCF-7 (breast), A549 (lung), Colo-205 (colon), and A2780 (ovarian) using the MTT assay and etoposide as a standard drug (Table 1). All derivatives demonstrated activity in the range of IC<sub>50</sub> values  $0.10\pm0.039$  to  $20.5\pm6.23 \mu$ M and the standard drug was characterized by IC<sub>50</sub>  $0.13\pm0.017$  to  $3.08\pm0.135 \mu$ M. Their structure-activity relationship (SAR) indicated that compound **11b** with 3,4,5-trimethoxy substituents on the phenyl ring of triazole

Compounds	$IC_{50}, \mu M^a$			
	MCF-7	A549	Colo-205	A2780
11a	4.78±2.33	6.12±3.01	12.2±4.34	_
11b	0.10±0.039	0.15±0.037	0.18±0.034	1.22±0.62
11c	1.37±0.66	$1.42 \pm 0.69$	$0.98 \pm 0.073$	$1.65 \pm 0.80$
11d	2.89±1.55	$1.99 \pm 0.82$	$1.73 \pm 0.76$	2.08±1.92
11e	0.12±0.036	0.19±0.04	$1.83 \pm 0.74$	$0.54{\pm}0.044$
11f	1.29±0.77	2.00±1.48	2.10±1.58	Not active
11g	1.63±0.11	$1.88 \pm 0.78$	Not active	$1.60{\pm}0.45$
11h	13.2±5.78	9.15±4.55	8.12±4.51	3.44±1.23
11i	14.02±5.11	5.87±2.34	Not active	18.3±6.11
11j	20.5±6.23	Not active	$3.99 \pm 2.09$	Not active
Etoposide	2.11±0.024	$3.08 \pm 0.135$	0.13±0.017	1.31±0.27

Table 1. In vitro cytotoxicity activity of the products 11a-11j

<sup>a</sup> Each data represents as mean ±S.D values.

possessed the most potent anticancer activity against all cell lines (MCF-7 =  $0.10\pm0.039$ , A549 =  $0.15\pm0.037$ , Colo-205 =  $0.18 \pm 0.034$ , and A2780 =  $1.22 \pm 0.62 \mu$ M). The compound **11c** containing 3,5-dimethoxy groups demonstrated lower activity (MCF-7 =  $1.37\pm0.66$ ,  $A549 = 1.42 \pm 0.69$ , Colo-205 = 0.98 $\pm 0.073$ , and A2780 =  $1.65\pm0.80 \mu$ M) than **11b**. Compound **11d** with the mono electron-donating (4-methoxy) substituent exhibited even lower activity (MCF-7 =  $2.89 \pm 1.55$ , A549 =  $1.99 \pm 0.82$ ,  $Colo-205 = 1.73 \pm 0.76$ , and  $A2780 = 2.08 \pm 1.92 \mu M$ ) than 11b and 11c. Replacement of 4-methoxy group with electron-withdrawing (4-nitro) group in compound 11e resulted in its increased anticancer activity (MCF-7 =  $0.12\pm0.036$ , A549 = 1.99 $\pm0.82$ , Colo-205 = 1.73 $\pm0.76$ , and  $A2780 = 2.08 \pm 1.92 \mu M$ ) higher than **11d**. Two electron-withdrawing groups, 3,5-dinitro, of 11f on the phenyl ring led to a remarkable decline in activity  $(MCF-7 = 1.29 \pm 0.77, A549 = 2.00 \pm 1.48, and Colo-205 =$ 2.10±1.58 µM).

### CONCLUSIONS

We have designed and synthesized ten novel derivatives of 2-(4-arylsubstituted-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-*N*-{4-[2-(thiazol-2-yl)benzo[*d*]thiazol-6-yl]phenyl}-acetamide (**11a–11j**), and their structures have been confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass spectral data.

The products have been studied for their anticancer activity towards human cancer cell lines MCF-7 (breast), A549 (lung), Colo-205 (colon), and A2780 (ovarian). Among the synthesized compounds, six products demonstrate activity higher than the standard drug.

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared by the authors.

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