

Synthesis and antibacterial and antifungal activity of *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-carboxyethylaminothiazole derivatives

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Abstract

A series of novel *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-carboxyethylaminothiazoles and thiazolones with aliphatic, aromatic and heterocyclic substituents were obtained in good to excellent overall yields. The synthesized compounds were screened for their antimicrobial and antifungal activity. The antibacterial tests indicated that the functionalized aminothiazole derivatives exhibit a higher activity as compared with thiazolone derivatives.

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Introduction

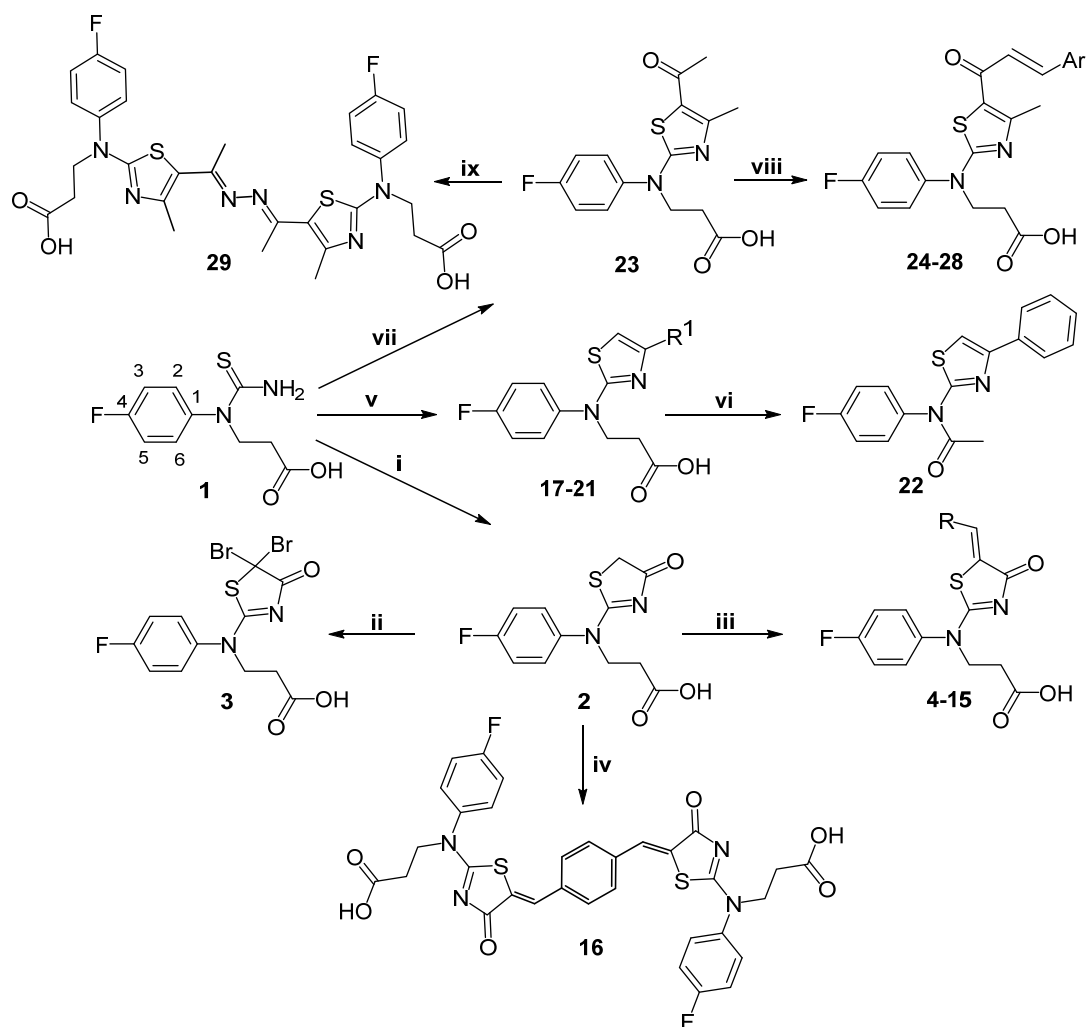
The thiazole ring is integral in the structure of many biologically active compounds. Thiazoles are found to be associated with various biological activities such as antiviral,¹ antimicrobial,²⁻⁵ antifungal,⁶ anticancer,⁷ anti-inflammatory,^{8,9} antihypertensive,^{10,11} anti-HIV,¹²⁻¹⁴ anticoagulant and antiarrhythmic,¹⁵ antidepressant,¹⁶ antidiabetic,¹⁷ etc. Chalcones have been shown to exhibit diverse biological activity, including antibacterial, antileishmanian, antimalarial, antifungal, antiviral, antifilarial, anti-inflammatory activities.¹⁸⁻²⁰ In most of our previous works, *N*-aryl-*N*-thiocarbamoyl- β -amino acids were used for the synthesis of 1-substituted dihydropyrimidinediones and 1-substituted dihydropyrimidine-2-thiones.²¹⁻²³ Part of our program is to synthesize new antimicrobial compounds. In a previous paper,²⁴ a synthesis of *N*-phenyl-*N*-carboxyethylaminothiazoles with antibacterial properties was reported. Also, it was found that 3-[(4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)(phenyl)amino]propanoic acid promotes rapeseed growth, increases seed yield and oil content.

Results and Discussion

To find more potent antimicrobial agents, we report here the synthesis of new *N,N*-disubstituted aminothiazoles from *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-thiocarbamoyl- β -alanine (**1**). For the formation of the thiazole ring we used the Hantzsch method – reactions of thioamides with the α -halocarbonyl compounds. It is known that the introduction of the halogen atom into a structure often increases its biological activity. In this part of the work, thiazolone **2** was synthesized, and some its chemical transformations were investigated (Scheme 1). Compound **2** was synthesized from 3-[(4-fluorophenyl)carbamothioylamino]propanoic acid (**1**) and monochloroacetic acid. The reaction was carried out in water in the presence of a base such as sodium carbonate. In the ^1H NMR spectrum of this compound, the methylene proton signals of the thiazolone ring were observed as a singlet at 3.93 ppm and the corresponding ^{13}C signal at 40.58. Bromination of compound **2**, performed in acetic acid at room temperature, gave the expected product, 3-[(5,5-dibromo-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (**3**). The methylene group in the five-membered heterocyclic ring easily participates in condensation reactions with carbaldehydes. All these reactions were carried out in water in the presence of sodium carbonate and glycine as a bifunctional catalyst which gave a single isomer (*Z*).²⁵ The formed sodium salts were converted into acids by acidifying the reaction mixture with acetic acid to pH 6. The structures of the synthesized compounds were confirmed on the basis of their IR, ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra and by elemental analysis data. A detailed analysis of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **4–16** revealed new additional signals in the aromatic region of the spectra that were assigned to the incorporated benzylidene fragment. An intense molecular $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ion at m/z 663.75 in the mass spectrum of **16** confirmed the structure.

The second stage of this work was a synthesis of new substituted thiazoles **17–29**. 3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acid (**17**) was obtained from compound **1** and 50% aqueous chloroacetaldehyde in refluxing water. The obtained water-soluble amino acid hydrochloride was transformed into amino acid by adding sodium acetate to the reaction mixture.

The structure of compound **17** was confirmed by IR, NMR spectral and elemental analysis data. In the ^1H NMR spectrum, two triplets at 2.61 and 4.07 ppm were assigned to the CH_2CO and NCH_2 group protons, two doublets at 6.72 and 7.18 ppm belonged to the thiazole ring SCH and NCH group protons, respectively, and a broad one-proton singlet for the carboxyl group was observed at 12.29 ppm. Also, new resonances at 108.23 and 139.19 ppm in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum were detected, which are characteristic of carbon atoms of the NCH and SCH fragments of a thiazole ring. Reactions of thioureido acid **1** with various haloketones were also performed, and a number of new thiazole derivatives **18–21**, **23** with aliphatic, aromatic, or heterocyclic substituents were synthesized. The reactions were carried out in refluxing acetone, and the pure products from the reaction mixture were separated by adding aqueous sodium acetate. An attempt at cyclization of compound **18** using acetic anhydride was unsuccessful. The reaction gave *N*-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N*-(4-phenylthiazol-2-yl)acetamide (**22**). By taking advantage



Reagents: **i:** ClCH_2COOH , Na_2CO_3 , H_2O , t° , 4.5 h, CH_3COOH to pH 6; **ii:** CH_3COONa , CH_3COOH , Br_2 , r.t., 1.5 h, H_2O ; **iii:** RCHO , $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, Na_2CO_3 , water, 80°C , 8 h (11 – 21 h), CH_3COOH to pH 6; **iv:** $\text{OHC-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CHO}$, $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, Na_2CO_3 , water, 80°C , 6 h, CH_3COOH to pH 6; **v:** $\text{HalCH}_2\text{COR}^1$, acetone (17 – water), t° , 4 h, water, CH_3COONa ; **vi:** $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$, t° , 2 h, NH_3 ; **vii:** $\text{CH}_3\text{COCHClCOCH}_3$, acetone, t° , 4 h, water, CH_3COONa ; **viii:** methanol, $\text{ArCHO} + 10\% \text{NaOH}$, 0°C , 1.5 h, r.t., 22 h, water, CH_3COOH to pH 6; **ix:** $\text{N}_2\text{H}_4\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$, CH_3COOH , methanol, t° , 5.5 h.

4 $\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$; **5** $\text{R} = 4\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$; **6** $\text{R} = 4\text{-CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$; **7** $\text{R} = 4\text{-(CH}_3)_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4$; **8** $\text{R} = 4\text{-HOC}_6\text{H}_4$; **9** $\text{R} = 4\text{-FC}_6\text{H}_4$; **10** $\text{R} = 4\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4$; **11** $\text{R} = 3,4\text{-(H}_3\text{CO)}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$; **12** $\text{R} = 4\text{-O}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4$; **13** $\text{R} = \text{HC=CH-C}_6\text{H}_5$; **14** $\text{R} = \text{furan-2-yl}$; **15** $\text{R} = \text{thien-2-yl}$; **17** $\text{R}^1 = \text{H}$; **18** $\text{R}^1 = \text{CH}_3$; **19** $\text{R}^1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$; **20** $\text{R}^1 = \text{naphthalene-2-yl}$; **21** $\text{R}^1 = \text{chromen-3-yl}$; **24** $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$; **25** $\text{Ar} = 4\text{-FC}_6\text{H}_4$; **26** $\text{Ar} = 4\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$; **27** $\text{Ar} = 4\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4$; **28** $\text{Ar} = 4\text{-NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$

Scheme 1. Synthesis of *N,N*-disubstituted aminothiazolones **2–16** and *N,N*-disubstituted aminothiazoles **17–29**.

of the well known aldol (Claisen–Schmidt) condensation reaction, chalcones **24–28** were synthesized from 5-acetyl-4-methylthiazole derivative **23** and corresponding aldehydes by the reported procedure,¹⁹ and products with the (*E*) configuration were obtained. Finally 3-[(5-{1-[(1-{2-[(2-carboxyethyl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-4-methylthiazol-5-yl}ethylidene)hydrazono]ethyl}-4-methylthiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (**29**) was synthesized from compound **23** and hydrazine monohydrate in refluxing methanol. An intense molecular $[M+H]^+$ ion at m/z 641.80 was observed in the mass spectrum of compound **29**.

Antibacterial and antifungal evaluation of synthesized compounds

The synthesized compounds **2–28** were evaluated for their antibacterial and antifungal activity against strains of *Escherichia coli* B-906, *Staphylococcus aureus* 209-P, *Mycobacterium luteum* B-917 (as a nonpathogenic test bacteria culture representative of the genus *Mycobacterium*), *Candida tenuis* VKM Y-70, and *Aspergillus niger* VKM F-1119 by the diffusion technique²⁶ and by the serial dilution technique (determination of minimal inhibition concentrations MIC).²⁷ Their activities were compared with those of the known antibacterial agent Vancomycin and antifungal agent Nystatin (control C).

Test-cultures of *Escherichia coli* appeared not to be sensitive to the tested compounds **2–28** investigated by the diffusion technique at concentrations of 0.1 and 0.5%. *Staphylococcus aureus* was highly sensitive to compounds **3**, **20** and **21** at a concentration of 0.5% and slightly-sensitive to compounds **5**, **19** and **23** at the same concentration. Other compounds were not active against this strain of bacteria. The *Mycobacterium luteum* strain was moderately sensitive to compounds **20** and **21** at a concentration of 0.5% (the diameter of the inhibition zone was 15.4 and 16.0 mm, respectively).

Compounds **3** and **19** were found to exhibit a low antibacterial activity against this strain in comparison with the control evaluated by the diffusion method. The biological characteristics of the compounds, obtained using the serial dilution technique, were classified as follows: the antibacterial activity was considered as significant when the MIC was 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ or less, moderate, when the MIC was 100–500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, weak, when the MIC was 500–1,000 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, and inactive, when the MIC was above 1,000 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. All the synthesized compounds, except **11** (MIC 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) and **12** (MIC 250 $\mu\text{g/mL}$), had no inhibitory effect at the studied concentrations against *Escherichia coli*. The evaluation of the antibacterial activity of these compounds showed that **3**, **20** and **21** have MIC 125 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, **5**, **11**, **19** – 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against test-culture *Staphylococcus aureus*. The MIC of **20**, **21** was observed at 31.2 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, **27** – at 62.5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, **19**, **24**, **25** – at 125 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, **3** – at 250 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and **4**, **13** – at 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against the test-culture *Mycobacterium luteum*. The growth of the bacteria *S. aureus* and *M. luteum* was observed for other compounds.

The evaluation of antifungal activity of the synthesized compounds showed that the strain *Candida tenuis* was slightly-sensitive (fungistatic action) to compounds **5** and **18** at a concentration of 0.5% (the diameter of the inhibition zone was 13.0 and 10.0 mm, respectively).

The MIC of **4** and **19** was observed at 125 µg/mL, of **5**, **12**, **17** – at 250 µg/mL, of **23** – at 500 µg/mL.

Compounds **5** and **10** showed a low fungistatic action against *Aspergillus niger* cultures at 0.5% concentrations (the diameter of the inhibition zone was 7.0 mm). *A. niger* was moderately sensitive to compounds **9** and **18** (the diameter of the inhibition zone was 13.7 and 14.0 mm, respectively). The MIC of **3** and **19** was observed at 125 µg/mL against *A. niger*. The growth of the fungi *Candida tenuis* and *Aspergillus niger* was observed for other compounds.

Conclusions

N,N-Disubstituted aminothiazole derivatives with a carboxyethyl moiety can be easily synthesized from *N*-aryl-*N*-thiocarbamoyl-β-alanines and α-halocarbonyl compounds by the Hantzsch method. Studies of antimicrobial activity of the synthesized compounds have revealed potentially new compounds with antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (**3**, **20**, **21**) and against *Mycobacterium luteum* (**20** and **21**). The antibacterial tests have indicated the functionalized aminothiazole derivatives to exhibit a higher activity as compared with thiazolone derivatives. The evaluation of the antifungal activity of the synthesized compounds showed them to be slightly-sensitive.

Experimental Section

General. The starting materials and solvents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH (Munich, Germany) and Fluka (Buchs, Switzerland) and were used without further purification. The methods used to follow the reactions were TLC and NMR. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III/400 (400 MHz). Chemical shifts are expressed as δ, ppm relative to TMS. The *J* constants are given in Hz. The IR spectra (ν, cm⁻¹) were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer BX FT–IR spectrometer (Perkin–Elmer Inc., Waltham, MA, USA) using KBr tablets. The mass spectra were obtained on a Waters ZQ 2000 spectrometer (Waters, Germany) using the electrospray ionization (ESI) mode and operating at 25 V. Elemental analyses were performed with a CE-440 elemental analyzer (Exeter Analytical Inc., Chelmsford, MA, USA). Melting points were determined with a B-540 Melting Point Analyzer (Büchi Corporation, New Castle, DE, USA) and are uncorrected. TLC was performed using Merck, Silica gel 60 F254 (Kieselgel 60 F254) plates.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acid (2**).** A mixture of the 3-[(4-fluorophenyl)carbamothioylamino]propanoic acid (**1**) (1.21 g, 5 mmol), monochloroacetic acid (0.57 g, 6 mmol), sodium carbonate (0.64 g, 6 mmol) and water (15 mL) was refluxed for 4.5 h, cooled down to r.t. and acidified with acetic acid to pH 6. The precipitate

was filtered off, washed with water, dried. Purification was performed by dissolving crystals in 5% aqueous sodium carbonate, filtering, and acidifying the filtrate with acetic acid to pH 6 to give **2** as a white solid, yield 59%, 0.83 g, mp 190-191 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3419 (OH), 1720 and 1662 (C=O), 1521 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ_{H} 2.58 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 3.93 (2H, s, CH_2S), 4.15 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, NCH_2), 7.38 (2H_{arom}, t, J 8.7 Hz, 2CH), 7.51-7.59 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 12.42 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ_{C} 31.8 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{COO}$), 40.6 (CH_2S), 50.0 (NCH_2), 116.7 (d, ^2JCF 23.0 Hz), 130.6 (d, ^3JCF 9.3 Hz), 136.4 (d, ^4JCF 2.6 Hz) and 162.0 (d, ^1JCF 247.2 Hz) (6C, benzene), 171.9 (COOH), 183.3 (C=O), 186.9 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (282.30): C, 51.06, H, 3.93, N, 9.92%. Found: C, 51.26, H, 3.90, N, 9.73%.

3-[(5,5-Dibromo-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (3). To a solution of compound **2** (1.41 g, 5.00 mmol) and sodium acetate (1.23 g, 15 mmol) in acetic acid (15 mL), bromine (2.0 g, 0.64 mL, 12.5 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir for 1.5 h. at r.t. Upon completion of the reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with water (50 mL). The solid was filtered off, washed with water, dried and recrystallized to give the brominated product **3** as a white solid, yield 59.5%, 1.31 g, mp 163-164 °C (2-PrOH); IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3438 (OH), 1738 and 1692 (C=O), 1540 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ_{H} 2.61 (2H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.27 (2H, t, J 7.2 Hz, NCH_2), 7.35-7.48 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.56-7.70 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 12.44 (1H, b s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ_{C} 31.6 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{COO}$), 50.1 (NCH_2), 51.9 (C-Br₂), 117.2 (d, ^2JCF 23.1 Hz), 130.6 (d, ^3JCF 9.4 Hz), 134.6 (d, ^4JCF 2.8 Hz) and 162.7 (d, ^1JCF 248.6 Hz) (6C, benzene), 171.8 (COOH), 175.6 (C=O), 180.0 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{Br}_2\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (440.09): C, 32.75, H, 2.06, N, 6.37%. Found: C, 32.61, H, 2.16, N, 6.45%.

General synthetic procedure for 5-substituted thiazolones 4–15. A mixture of the compound **2** (1.41 g, 5 mmol), the corresponding aldehyde (5.5 mmol), sodium carbonate (1.59 g, 15 mmol), glycine (0.38 g, 5 mmol), and water (25 mL) was heated at 80 °C under stirring for 8 h (**11** – for 21 h). Upon completion of the reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and acidified with acetic acid to pH 6. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with water. Purification was performed by dissolving crystals in 5% aqueous sodium carbonate, filtering, and acidifying the filtrate with acetic acid to pH 6 to give **4–15**.

3-[5-(Benzylidene-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (4). Yellowish solid, yield 76%, 1.41 g, mp 129-130 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3369 (OH), 1768 and 1686 (C=O), 1541 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ_{H} 2.56 (2H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.24 (2H, t, J 7.2 Hz, NCH_2), 7.28-7.60 (7H_{arom}, m, 7CH), 7.63 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 7.64-7.70 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$): δ_{C} 32.6 ($\underline{\text{CH}}_2\text{COO}$), 50.6 (NCH_2), 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 23.1 Hz), 129.1, 129.3, 129.5, 129.9, 130.5, 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.3 Hz), 133.6, 136.3 (d, ^4JCF 2.8 Hz), 162.3 (d, ^1JCF 247.5 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.4-172.6 (COOH), 176.4 (C=O), 179.6 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (370.41): C, 61.61, H, 4.08, N, 7.56%. Found: C, 61.85, H, 4.12, N, 7.34%.

3-{{5-(4-Chlorobenzylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}-propanoic acid (5). Light brown solid, yield 80%, 1.62 g, mp 227-228 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3400 (OH), 1723 and 1694 (C=O), 1538 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.60 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.24 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, NCH_2), 7.40-7.51 (6 H_{arom} , m, 6CH), 7.63 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 7.64-7.69 (2 H_{arom} , q, J 5.0 Hz, 2CH), 12.24 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 32.3 (CH_2COO), 50.4 (NCH_2), 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 22.9 Hz), 129.2, 129.3, 129.8, 130.8 (d, ^3JCF 9.3 Hz), 131.1, 132.6, 134.4, 136.2 (d, ^4JCF 2.9 Hz), 162.3 (d, ^1JCF 247.8 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.1 (COOH), 176.2 (C=O), 179.4 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClFN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (404.85): C, 56.37, H, 3.49, N, 6.92%. Found: C, 56.58, H, 3.43, N, 6.81%.

3-{{5-(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-methoxybenzylidene)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}-propanoic acid (6). Light brown solid, yield 80%, 1.59 g, mp 225-226 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3438 (OH), 1728 and 1649 (C=O), 1532 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.63 (2H, t, J 7.1 Hz, CH_2COO), 3.76 (3H, s, OCH_3), 4.25 (2H, t, J 7.0 Hz, NCH_2), 6.93-7.08 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 7.35-7.51 (4 H_{arom} , m, 4CH), 7.61 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 7.63-7.71 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 12.52 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 31.9 (CH_2COO), 49.9 (NCH_2), 55.4 (OCH_3), 114.9, 117.1 (d, ^2JCF 23.1 Hz), 126.1 (d, J 3.5 Hz), 130.7, 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.2 Hz), 131.5, 136.4 (d, ^4JCF 2.5 Hz), 160.6, 162.2 (d, ^1JCF 247.6 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.0 (COOH), 176.3 (C=O), 179.8 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (400.43): C, 59.99, H, 4.28, N, 7.00%. Found: C, 59.79, H, 4.38, N, 6.87%.

3-{{5-(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-dimethylaminobenzylidene)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}propanoic acid (7). Orange solid, yield 77.5%, 1.60 g, mp. 247-248 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3423 (OH), 1721 and 1639 (C=O), 1523 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.63 (2H, t, J 7.0 Hz, CH_2COO), 2.94, 3.04 (6H, 2s, 2 CH_3), 4.23 (2H, t, J 7.0 Hz, NCH_2), 6.73, 6.78 (2 H_{arom} , 2d, J 8.6 Hz, J 8.7 Hz, 2CH), 7.27 (2 H_{arom} , d, J 8.5 Hz, 2CH), 7.43 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.5 Hz, 2CH), 7.53 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 7.64-7.70 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 12.48 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 32.0 (CH_2COO), 39.6, 39.7 (2 CH_3), 49.7 (NCH_2), 111.1, 112.1, 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 22.8 Hz), 120.4, 122.2, 124.5, 131.0 (d, ^3JCF 9.1 Hz), 131.5-131.6, 131.7, 136.6 (d, ^4JCF 2.5 Hz), 151.1, 162.2 (d, ^1JCF 250.6 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.1 (COOH), 176.1 (C=O), 180.1 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (413.47): C, 61.00, H, 4.88, N, 10.16%. Found: C, 61.24, H, 5.01, N, 9.93%.

3-{{5-(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-hydroxybenzylidene)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}-propanoic acid (8). Dark yellow solid, yield 77%, 1.49 g, mp. 140-141 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3114 (OH), 1727 and 1677 (C=O), 1532 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.58 (2H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.22 (2H, t, J 7.2 Hz, NCH_2), 6.83 (2 H_{arom} , d, J 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 7.29 (2 H_{arom} , d, J 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 7.41 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 7.55 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 7.62-7.68 (2 aromH , m, 2CH), 10.37 (2H, s, 2OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 32.4 (CH_2COO), 50.3 (NCH_2), 116.3, 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 23.1 Hz), 124.4, 124.8, 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.1 Hz), 131.7, 131.2, 131.4, 136.4 (d, ^4JCF 2.8 Hz), 159.7, 162.3 (d, ^1JCF 247.7 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.1 (COOH), 176.3 (C=O), 180.0 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (386.40): C, 59.06, H, 3.91, N, 7.25%. Found: C, 59.32, H 3.91, N 7.12%.

3-{{5-(4-Fluorobenzylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}-propanoic acid (9). Light yellow solid, yield 77%, 1.49 g, mp. 230-231 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3415 (OH), 1725 and 1655 (C=O), 1538 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.63 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.26 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, NCH_2), 7.28 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.8 Hz, 2CH), 7.43 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 7.48-7.54 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 7.64-7.70 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 7.66 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 12.50 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 31.9 (CH_2COO), 50.1 (NCH_2), 116.4 (d, ^2JCF 22.1 Hz), 117.1 (d, ^2JCF 22.9 Hz), 128.8 (d, J 2.4 Hz), 129.5, 130.3 (d, ^4JCF 3.0 Hz), 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.3 Hz), 131.9 (d, ^3JCF 8.7 Hz), 136.2 (d, ^4JCF 2.8 Hz), 162.4 (d, ^1JCF 247.6 Hz), 162.6 (d, ^1JCF 249.5 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.0 (COOH), 176.4 (C=O), 179.5 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (388.40): C, 58.76; H, 3.63; N, 7.21%. Found: C, 58.68, H, 3.72, N, 7.07%.

3-{{5-(4-Bromobenzylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}-propanoic acid (10). Light yellow solid, yield 76%, 1.71 g, mp. 257-258 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3379 (OH), 1726 and 1697 (C=O), 1536 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.61 (2H, t, J 6.9 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.25 (2H, t, J 6.9 Hz, NCH_2), 7.36-7.48 (4 H_{arom} , m, 4CH), 7.60-7.70 (4 H_{arom} , m, 4CH), 7.62 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 12.72 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 32.1 (CH_2COO), 50.3 (NCH_2), 117.2 (d, ^2JCF 23.2 Hz), 123.4, 129.5, 129.9, 131.0 (d, ^3JCF 9.2 Hz), 131.54, 132.4, 133.0, 136.3 (d, ^4JCF 2.2 Hz), 162.5 (d, ^1JCF 247.5 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.3 (COOH), 176.4 (C=O), 179.6 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrFN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (449.30): C, 50.79, H, 3.14; N, 6.23%. Found: C, 50.68; H, 3.24; N, 6.06%.

3-{{5-(4-Fluorophenyl)(3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}propanoic acid (11). Dark yellow solid, yield 58%, 1.25 g, mp. 210-211 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3436 (OH), 1734 and 1696 (C=O), 1536 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.64 (2H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CH_2COO), 3.72 and 3.75 (6H, 2s, 2 OCH_3), 4.25 (2H, t, J 7.4 Hz, NCH_2), 6.97 (1 H_{arom} , dd, J 8.4 Hz, J 1.9 Hz, CH), 7.05 (1 H_{arom} , d, J 8.5 Hz, CH), 7.15 (1 H_{arom} , d, J 1.9 Hz, CH), 7.43 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.7 Hz, 2CH), 7.62 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 7.64-7.69 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 12.45 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 31.9 (CH_2COO), 49.8 (NCH_2), 55.5 and 55.6 (2 OCH_3), 112.2, 114.2, 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 23.0 Hz), 121.8, 126.4 (d, J 12.8 Hz), 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.1 Hz), 131.0, 136.3, 148.8, 150.3, 162.3 (d, ^1JCF 247.7 Hz) (13C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.0 (COOH), 176.4 (C=O), 179.7 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ (430.46): C, 58.60, H, 4.45, N, 6.51%. Found: C, 58.74, H, 4.41, N, 6.35%.

3-{{5-(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-nitrobenzylidene)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino}-propanoic acid (12). Light yellow solid, yield 87%, 1.81 g, mp. 230-231 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3391 (OH), 1729 and 1691 (C=O), 1543 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.61 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.27 (2H, t, J 7.4 Hz, NCH_2), 7.45 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.7 Hz, 2CH), 7.66-7.72 (4 H_{arom} , m, 4CH), 7.74 (1H, s, S-C=CH), 8.25 (2 H_{arom} , d, J 8.8 Hz, 2CH), 12.57 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 32.2 (CH_2COO), 50.6 (NCH_2), 117.1 (d, ^2JCF 23.3 Hz), 124.3, 128.0, 130.5, 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.0 Hz), 133.3, 136.0 (d, ^4JCF 3.1 Hz), 140.1, 147.2, 162.4 (d, ^1JCF 248.0 Hz) (14C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.3 (COOH), 176.2 (C=O), 179.1 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$ (415.40): C, 54.94, H, 3.40, N, 10.12%. Found: C, 54.75; H, 3.36; N, 9.97%.

3-((4-Fluorophenyl)[4-oxo-5-(3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ylidene)-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]-amino}propanoic acid (13). Yellow solid, yield 94%, 1.87 g, mp. 225-226 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3417 (OH), 1720 and 1650 (C=O), 1531 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.59 (2H, t, J 6.7 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.21 (2H, t, J 6.4 Hz, NCH_2), 6.85-6.94 (1H, m, $=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 7.14 (1H, d, J 15.2 Hz, $=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 7.26-7.46 (6 H_{arom} , 1H, m, 6CH), 7.31 (1H, d, J 15.4 Hz, $=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 7.58-7.69 (3 H_{arom} , m, 3CH), 12.42 (1H, b s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 32.2 (CH_2COO), 49.8 (NCH_2), 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 23.1 Hz), 125.1, 127.6, 128.8, 128.9 (d, J 6.5 Hz), 129.3, 130.5, 131.0 (d, ^3JCF 9.5 Hz), 135.9, 136.5 (d, ^4JCF 2.4 Hz), 142.0, 162.63 (d, ^1JCF 248.4 Hz) (16C, benzene, thiazole, $=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}$), 172.4 (COOH), 175.9 (C=O), 179.2 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (396.44): C, 63.62, H, 4.32, N, 7.07%. Found: C, 63.48, H, 4.46, N, 6.96%.

3-((4-Fluorophenyl)[5-(furan-2-ylmethylidene)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino}propanoic acid (14). Light brown solid, yield 68%, 1.22 g, mp. 192-193 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3491 (OH), 1733 and 1724 (C=O), 1526 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.63 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.24 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, NCH_2), 6.65, 6.96, 7.89 (3 H_{fur} , 3s, 3CH), 7.40-7.48 (2 H_{arom} , 1H, m, 2CH, S-C=CH), 7.61-7.70 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 12.44 (1H, b s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 31.9 (CH_2COO), 49.8 (NCH_2), 113.3, 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 23.0 Hz), 117.1, 117.3, 126.3, 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.2 Hz), 136.3 (d, ^4JCF 2.6 Hz), 146.7, 149.4, 162.3 (d, ^1JCF 247.6 Hz) (12C, benzene, S-C=CH, furan), 172.0 (COOH), 177.1 (C=O), 179.4 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (360.37): C, 56.66, H, 3.64, N, 7.77%. Found: C, 56.71, H, 3.61, N, 7.52%.

3-((4-Fluorophenyl)[4-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-ylmethylidene)-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]-amino}propanoic acid (15). Light brown solid, yield 71%, 1.34 g, mp. 209-210 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3360 (OH), 1735 and 1687 (C=O), 1541 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.63 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.24 (2H, t, J 7.3 Hz, NCH_2), 7.19 (1 H_{fur} , t, J 4.3 Hz, CH), 7.44 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 7.53 (1 H_{fur} , d, J 3.2 Hz, CH), 7.63-7.71 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 7.79 (1 H_{fur} , d, J 4.9 Hz, CH), 7.87 (1H, s, S-C=CH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{C} 31.9 (CH_2COO), 49.9 (NCH_2), 117.0 (d, ^2JCF 22.9 Hz), 123.5, 127.2, 128.9, 130.9 (d, ^3JCF 9.3 Hz), 131.5, 133.4, 136.3 (d, ^4JCF 2.6 Hz), 138.4, 162.3 (d, ^1JCF 247.9 Hz) (12C, benzene, S-C=CH, furan), 172.0 (COOH), 175.6 (C=O), 179.2 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$ (376.43): C, 54.24, H, 3.48, N, 7.44%. Found: C, 54.53, H, 3.57, N, 7.69%.

3-((5-(4-((2-((3-Hydroxy-3-oxopropyl)(4-fluorophenyl))-4-oxo-1,3-thiazol-5-yliden)methyl)-phenyl)methyliden)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}(4-fluorophenyl))propanoic acid (16). A mixture of the compound **2** (1.41 g, 5 mmol), terephthalaldehyde (0.34 g, 2.5 mmol), sodium carbonate (1.59 g, 15 mmol), glycine (0.38 g, 5 mmol), and water (25 ml) was heated at 80 °C under stirring for 6 h. Upon completion of the reaction (TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to r.t. and acidified with acetic acid to pH 6. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with water. Purification was performed by dissolving crystals in 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide, filtering, and acidifying the filtrate with acetic acid to pH 6 to give **16** as a dark yellow solid, yield 46%, 1.52 g, mp 183-184 °C; IR (ν_{\max} , cm^{-1}): 3392 (OH), 1692 (C=O), 1540 (C=N). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_{H} 2.59 (4H, t, J 7.3 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.24 (4H, t, J 7.4 Hz, NCH_2),

7.39-7.51 (8H_{arom}, m, 8CH), 7.58-7.68 (4H_{arom}, m, 4CH), 7.59 (2H, s, =CH), 12.32 (2H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 32.2 (CH₂COO), 50.4 (NCH₂), 117.1 (d, ²JCF 22.9 Hz), 129.4, 130.0 (d, *J* 5.6 Hz), 130.2 (d, ³JCF 8.2 Hz), 130.8 (d, ³JCF 9.2 Hz), 134.6, 136.2 (d, ⁴JCF 2.8 Hz), 162.3 (d, ¹JCF 248.0 Hz), 162.4 (d, ¹JCF 248.3 Hz) (22C, benzene, S-C=CH), 172.1 (COOH), 176.3 (C=O), 179.5 (C=N); MS (ESI): *m/z* 663.75 [M + H]⁺; Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₄F₂N₄O₆S₂ (662.70): C, 58.00, H, 3.65, N, 8.45%. Found: C, 57.81, H, 3.66, N, 8.29%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)(1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acid (17). A mixture of compound **1** (1.21 g, 5 mmol), chloroacetaldehyde 50% aqueous solution (3.5 mL, 10 mmol) and water (15 mL) was refluxed for 4 h. Then sodium acetate (0.82 g, 10 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 5 min at r.t. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried. Purification was performed by dissolving crystals in 10% aqueous sodium carbonate, filtering and acidifying the filtrate with acetic acid to pH 6 to give product **17** as a white solid, yield 72%, 0.96 g, mp 137-138 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3423 (OH), 1713 (C=O), 1508 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.61 (2H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH₂COO), 4.07 (2H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, NCH₂), 6.72 (1H, d, *J* 3.6 Hz, SCH), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* 3.6 Hz, NCH), 7.31 (2H_{arom}, t, *J* 8.7 Hz, 2CH), 7.43-7.53 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 12.29 (1H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 32.2 (CH₂COO), 48.6 (NCH₂), 108.2 (SCH), 116.8 (d, ²JCF 22.7 Hz), 129.4 (d, ³JCF 8.9 Hz), 139.2, 141.0 (d, ⁴JCF 2.8 Hz), 160.6 (d, ¹JCF 244.7 Hz) (8C, benzene, thiazole), 169.8 (C=N), 172.5 (COOH); Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁FN₂O₂S (266.30): C, 54.13, H, 4.16, N, 10.52%. Found: C, 54.34, H, 4.03, N, 10.52%.

General synthetic procedure for 3-[(4-fluorophenyl)(4-substituted or 4,5-disubstituted 1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acids 18-21 and 23. To a solution of thioureido acid **1** (1.21 g, 5 mmol) in acetone (15 mL), the haloketone or halodiketone [chloroacetone (0.29 g, 6 mmol), 2-bromoacetophenone (1.19 g, 6 mmol), 2-bromo-2'-acetophenone (1.49 g, 6 mmol), 3-(bromoacetyl)coumarin (1.60 g, 6 mmol) or 3-chloro-2,4-pentanedione (0.81 g, 6 mmol) as indicated] was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled down, diluted with water (20 mL), and sodium acetate (0.49 g, 6 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 min at r.t. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried. Purification was performed by dissolving crystals in 10% aqueous potassium carbonate, filtering and acidifying the filtrate with acetic acid to pH 6 to give products **18-21**.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acid (18). White solid, yield 76%, 1.06 g, mp 109-110 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3434 (OH), 1711 (C=O), 1507 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.15 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.59 (2H, t, *J* 7.3 Hz, CH₂COO), 4.05 (2H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, NCH₂), 6.27 (1H, s, SCH), 7.27-7.32 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.42-7.47 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 12.28 (1H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 17.3 (CH₃), 32.2 (CH₂COO), 48.4 (NCH₂), 102.2, 116.7 (d, ²JCF 22.6 Hz), 129.5 (d, ³JCF 8.8 Hz), 140.8 (d, ⁴JCF 2.9 Hz), 148.4, 160.6 (d, ¹JCF 244.6 Hz) (8C, benzene, thiazole), 168.9 (C=N), 172.5 (COOH); Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃FN₂O₂S (280.32): C, 55.70, H, 4.67, N, 9.99%. Found: C, 56.57, H, 4.70, N, 9.74%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acid (19). White solid, yield 56%, 0.96 g, mp 158-159 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3400 (OH), 1706 (C=O), 1541 (C=N). ¹H NMR

(400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_H 2.70 (2H, t, J 7.1 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.18 (2H, t, J 7.1 Hz, NCH_2), 7.15 (1H, s, SCH), 7.26-7.59 (7 H_{arom} , m, 7CH), 7.87 (2 H_{arom} , d, J 7.1 Hz, 2CH), 12.33 (1H, b s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_C 32.3 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2\text{COO}}$), 48.6 (NCH_2), 102.8, 116.8 (d, ^2JCF 22.6 Hz), 125.6, 127.5, 128.5, 129.6 (d, ^3JCF 8.9 Hz), 134.5, 140.7 (d, ^4JCF 2.7 Hz), 150.4, 160.8 (d, ^1JCF 244.8 Hz) (14C, benzene, thiazole), 169.0 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 172.6 (COOH); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (342.39): C, 63.14, H, 4.42, N, 8.18%. Found: C, 63.36, H, 4.45, N, 8.35%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)[4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino]propanoic acid (20). White solid, yield 94%, 1.84 g, mp 143-144 °C; IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3436 (OH), 1714 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1506 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_H 2.37 (2H, t, J 8.1 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.16 (2H, t, J 8.1 Hz, NCH_2), 7.27 (1H, s, SCH), 7.31 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.8 Hz, 2CH), 7.45-7.57 (4 H_{arom} , m, 4CH), 7.86-8.01 (4 H_{arom} , m, 4CH), 8.38 (1 H_{arom} , s, CH); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_C 35.8 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2\text{COO}}$), 50.8 (NCH_2), 103.2, 116.6 (d, ^2JCF 22.5 Hz), 124.0 (d, J 9.8 Hz), 125.8, 126.3, 127.5, 128.0 (d, J 11.4 Hz), 132.2, 132.4, 133.1, 129.3 (d, ^3JCF 8.7 Hz), 141.0 (d, ^4JCF 2.7 Hz), 150.4, 160.5 (d, ^1JCF 244.3 Hz) (18C, benzene, thiazole, naphthalene), 169.2 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 174.8 (COOH); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (392.46): C, 67.33, H, 4.37, N, 7.14%. Found: C, 67.12, H, 4.59, N, 7.21%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)[4-(2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]amino]propanoic acid (21). White solid, yield 92%, 1.89 g, mp 171-172 °C; IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3408 (OH), 1737 and 1716 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1508 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_H 2.53 (2H, t, J 7.4 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.15 (2H, t, J 7.4 Hz, NCH_2), 7.27-7.61 (8 H_{arom} , m, 8CH), 7.85 (1 H_{arom} , d, J 7.5 Hz, CH), 8.59 (1H, s, SCH), 12.07 (1H, b s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_C 33.9 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2\text{COO}}$), 49.4 (NCH_2), 109.5, 115.7, 116.8 (d, ^2JCF 22.6 Hz), 119.2, 120.3, 124.6, 128.8, 129.6 (d, ^3JCF 8.5 Hz), 131.5, 138.4, 140.7 (d, ^4JCF 2.8 Hz), 143.8, 152.2, 158.7, 160.8 (d, ^1JCF 244.9 Hz) (1C, benzene, thiazole, coumarin), 168.4 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 173.8 (COOH); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ (410.43): C, 61.46, H, 3.68, N, 6.83%. Found: C, 61.63, H, 3.48, N, 6.59%.

3-[(5-Acetyl-4-methylthiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (23). White solid, yield 70%, 1.13 g, mp 135-136 °C; IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3416 (OH), 1720 and 1657 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1504 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_H 2.31 (3H, s, CH_3), 2.49 (3H, s, CH_3CO), 2.59 (2H, t, J 7.2 Hz, CH_2COO), 4.12 (2H, t, J 7.2 Hz, NCH_2), 7.37 (2 H_{arom} , t, J 8.8 Hz, 2CH), 7.49-7.54 (2 H_{arom} , m, 2CH), 12.36 (1H, s, OH). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_C 18.6 (CH_3), 29.6 ($\underline{\text{CH}_3\text{CO}}$), 32.2 ($\underline{\text{CH}_2\text{COO}}$), 48.2 (NCH_2), 117.2 (d, ^2JCF 22.8 Hz), 122.8, 130.0 (d, ^3JCF 9.0 Hz), 139.6 (d, ^4JCF 2.9 Hz), 157.4, 161.4 (d, ^1JCF 246.0 Hz) (8C, benzene, thiazole), 170.5 (COOH), 172.4 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 188.8 ($\underline{\text{COCH}_3}$); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (322.36): C, 54.78, H, 4.56, N, 8.35%. Found: C, 54.89, H, 4.69, N, 8.49%.

N-(4-Fluorophenyl)-N-(4-phenylthiazol-2-yl)acetamide (22). A mixture of the 3-[(4-fluorophenyl)(4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]propanoic acid (**19**) (1.71 g, 5 mmol) and acetic anhydride (25 mL) was refluxed for 2 h, cooled to r.t. and diluted with ammonia (20 mL). The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, dried to give **22** as a white solid, yield 88%, 1.37 g, mp 155-156 °C (from methanol); IR (ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1678 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1512 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ_H 2.01 (3H, s, CH_3), 7.24 (1H, t, J 7.3 Hz, H_{arom}), 7.32 (2H, t, J 7.6 Hz,

H_{arom}), 7.42 (2H, t, *J* 8.7 Hz, H_{arom}), 7.57-7.65 (4H, m, H_{arom}), 7.71 (1H, s, S-CH). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 23.8 (CH₃), 109.4, 116.5 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} 22.8 Hz), 125.5, 127.8, 128.6, 131.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} 8.9 Hz), 134.0, 136.4 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} 3.1 Hz), 148.0, 159.8, 161.9 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} 245.6 Hz) (15C, benzene, thiazole), 169.8 (C=O); Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃FN₂OS (312.37): C, 65.37, H, 4.19, N, 8.97%. Found: C, 65.52, H, 4.38, N, 9.11%.

General synthetic procedure for 3-[(4-fluorophenyl){4-methyl-5-[3-(substituted phenyl)prop-2-enoyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino]propanoic acids 24-28. A round-bottomed flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with a cooled solution of the corresponding aromatic aldehyde (5 mmol) in aqueous 10% NaOH (5 mL), and the compound **23** (1.61 g, 5 mmol) solution in methanol (20 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was kept at 0 °C for 1.5 h and then stirred at r.t. for 22 h. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water (25 mL) and acidified with acetic acid to pH 6. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, dried and purified by dissolving crystals in 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide, filtering and acidifying the filtrate with acetic acid to pH 6 to give products **24-28**.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl)[4-methyl-5-(3-phenylprop-2-enoyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]-amino]propanoic acid (24). Yellow solid, yield 79%, 1.62 g, mp 227-228 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3438 (OH), 1728 and 1631 (C=O), 1508 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.61 (3H, s, CH₃), 2.61 (2H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH₂COO), 4.15 (2H, t, *J* 7.3 Hz, NCH₂), 7.23 (1H, d, *J* 15.5 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.35-7.45 (5H_{arom}, m, 5CH), 7.49-7.58 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.54 (1H, d, *J* 15.7 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.68-7.78 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 12.41 (1H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 19.1 (CH₃), 32.2 (CH₂COO), 48.4 (NCH₂), 117.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} 22.8 Hz), 122.5, 124.6, 128.6, 129.0, 130.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} 8.9 Hz), 130.4, 134.5, 139.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} 2.8 Hz), 141.8, 158.8, 161.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} 246.1 Hz) (16C, benzene, thiazole, CO-CH=CH), 170.8 (COOH), 172.4 (C=O), 180.4 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉FN₂O₃S (410.47): C, 64.38, H, 4.67, N, 6.82%. Found: C, 64.56, H, 4.85, N, 6.83%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl){4-methyl-5-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-enoyl]-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino]propanoic acid (25). Yellow solid, yield 74%, 1.58 g, mp 185-186 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3435 (OH), 1718 and 1651 (C=O), 1509 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.61 (5H, b s, CH₃, CH₂COO), 4.15 (2H, t, *J* 6.6 Hz, NCH₂), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* 15.6 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.24 (2H_{arom}, t, *J* 8.5 Hz, 2CH), 7.39 (2H_{arom}, t, *J* 8.3 Hz, 2CH), 7.51-7.59 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.52 (1H, d, *J* 15.1 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.78-7.85 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 12.41 (1H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 19.1 (CH₃), 32.2 (CH₂COO), 48.4 (NCH₂), 115.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} 21.9 Hz), 117.3 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} 22.7 Hz), 122.5, 124.5, 130.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} 9.2 Hz), 131.0 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} 8.8 Hz), 131.2 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} 3.0 Hz), 139.5 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} 2.7 Hz), 140.6, 158.8, 161.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} 247.4 Hz), 163.3 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} 249.8 Hz) (16C, benzene, thiazole, CO-CH=CH), 170.9 (COOH), 172.4 (C=O), 180.3 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈F₂N₂O₃S (428.46): C, 61.67, H, 4.23, N, 6.54%. Found: C, 61.44, H, 4.06, N, 6.50%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl){4-methyl-5-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-enoyl]-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino]propanoic acid (26). Yellow solid, yield 78%, 1.74 g, mp 222-223 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3422 (OH), 1719 and 1630 (C=O), 1508 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.60 (3H,

s, CH₃), 2.61 (2H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, CH₂COO), 4.15 (2H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, NCH₂), 7.22 (1H, d, *J* 15.5 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.39 (2H_{arom}, t, *J* 8.7 Hz, 2CH), 7.45 (2H_{arom}, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 2CH), 7.52 (1H, d, *J* 15.4 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.53-7.58 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.76 (2H_{arom}, d, *J* 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 12.42 (1H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 19.1 (CH₃), 32.3 (CH₂COO), 48.4 (NCH₂), 117.3 (d, ²JCF 22.8 Hz), 122.4, 125.3, 128.9, 130.0 (d, ³JCF 9.1 Hz), 130.3, 133.5, 134.8, 139.5 (d, ⁴JCF 2.9 Hz), 140.3, 159.0, 161.5 (d, ¹JCF 246.2 Hz) (16C, benzene, thiazole, CO-CH=CH), 170.8 (C=O), 172.3 (C=O), 180.1 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈ClFN₂O₃S (444.92): C, 59.39, H, 4.08, N, 6.30%. Found: C, 59.00, H, 3.99, N, 6.43%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl){4-methyl-5-[3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-enoyl]-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino]propanoic acid (27). Yellow solid, yield 85%, 2.08 g, mp 241-242 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3421 (OH), 1717 and 1630 (C=O), 1508 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.55 (2H, t, *J* 6.6 Hz, CH₂COO), 2.60 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.13 (2H, t, *J* 6.4 Hz, NCH₂), 7.24 (1H, d, *J* 15.5 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.38 (2H_{arom}, t, *J* 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 7.50 (1H, d, *J* 15.5 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.52-7.57 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.59 (2H_{arom}, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 2CH), 7.69 (2H_{arom}, d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 2CH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 19.1 (CH₃), 32.8 (CH₂COO), 48.9 (NCH₂), 117.3 (d, ²JCF 22.7 Hz), 122.3, 123.7, 125.4, 130.0 (d, ³JCF 8.7 Hz), 130.5, 131.9, 133.8, 139.5 (d, ⁴JCF 3.0 Hz), 140.4, 159.1, 161.5 (d, ¹JCF 246.3 Hz) (16C, benzene, thiazole, CO-CH=CH), 170.9 (COOH), 172.8 (C=O), 180.1 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈BrFN₂O₃S (489.37): C, 54.00, H, 3.71, N, 5.72%. Found: C, 53.88, H, 3.83, N, 5.91%.

3-[(4-Fluorophenyl){4-methyl-5-[3-(4-nitrophenyl)prop-2-enoyl]-4,5-dihydro-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}amino]propanoic acid (28). Yellow solid, yield 66%, 1.50 g, mp 208-209 °C; IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3421 (OH), 1712 and 1639 (C=O), 1510 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.62 (5H, s, CH₃, CH₂COO), 4.16 (2H, t, *J* 7.1 Hz, NCH₂), 7.37-7.47 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.39 (1H, d, *J* 15.3 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 7.51-7.59 (2H_{arom}, m, 2CH), 7.61 (1H, d, *J* 15.5 Hz, CO-CH=CH), 8.01 (2H_{arom}, d, *J* 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 8.21 (2H_{arom}, d, *J* 8.6 Hz, 2CH), 12.43 (1H, b s, OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_C 19.2 (CH₃), 32.3 (CH₂COO), 48.5 (NCH₂), 117.4 (d, ²JCF 22.7 Hz), 122.3, 124.0, 128.6, 129.6, 130.0 (d, ³JCF 9.1 Hz), 130.1, 139.0, 139.4 (d, ⁴JCF 3.0 Hz), 141.0, 147.9, 159.8, 161.6 (d, ¹JCF 246.1 Hz) (16C, benzene, thiazole, CO-CH=CH), 171.2 (COOH), 172.4 (C=O), 179.9 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈FN₃O₅S (455.47): C, 58.02, H, 3.98, N, 9.23%. Found: C, 58.08, H, 3.73, N, 9.12%.

3-[(5-{1-[(1-{2-[(2-Carboxyethyl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]-4-methylthiazol-5-yl}ethylidene)-hydrazono]ethyl}-4-methylthiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (29). To a solution of 3-[(5-acetyl-4-methylthiazol-2-yl)(4-fluorophenyl)amino]propanoic acid (**23**) (1.61 g, 5 mmol) in methanol (15 mL), the hydrazine monohydrate (0.25 g, 5 mmol) and acetic acid (1 mL) was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 5.5 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled down, and the formed precipitate was filtered off, washed with methanol, dried to give **29** as a yellow solid, yield 30%, 0.96 g, mp 199-200 °C (from methanol); IR (ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 3436 (OH), 1712 (C=O), 1509 (C=N). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ_H 2.21 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 2.42 (6H, s, 2CH₃-C=N), 2.58 (4H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 2CH₂COO), 4.07 (4H, t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 2NCH₂), 7.30-7.35 (4H_{arom}, m, 4CH), 7.45-7.51 (4H_{arom}, m, 4CH), 12.21 (2H, b s, 2OH). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆):

δ_C 16.2, 18.7 (4CH₃), 32.3 (2CH₂COO), 48.0 (2NCH₂), 116.9 (d, ²JCF 22.7 Hz), 121.8, 129.8, (d, ³JCF 8.8 Hz), 140.1 (d, ⁴JCF 2.4 Hz), 150.4, 156.7, 161.0 (d, ¹JCF 245.5 Hz) (18C, benzene, thiazole, C=N-N=C), 167.9, 172.4 (2C=N, COOH); MS (ESI): *m/z* 641.80 [M + H]⁺; Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₀F₂N₆O₄S₂ (640.74): C, 56.24, H, 4.72, N, 13.12%. Found: C, 56.24, H, 4.56, N, 13.35%.

Antifungal and antibacterial evaluation. The antibacterial activity of compounds was evaluated by diffusion in peptone on a nutrient medium (meat-extract agar for bacteria and wort agar for fungi). The microbial loading was 10⁹ cells (spores)/1 mL. The required incubation periods were 24 h at 35 °C for bacteria and 48–72 h at 28–30 °C for fungi. The results were recorded by measuring the zones surrounding the disk. The control disk contained vancomycin (for bacteria) or nystatin (for fungi) as a standard.

Testing was performed in a flat-bottomed 96-well tissue culture plate. The tested compounds were dissolved in DMSO applying the necessary concentration. The exact volume of the solution of compounds is brought into a nutrient medium. The bacteria and fungi were inoculated in a nutrient medium (meat-extract agar for bacteria and wort agar for fungi). The duration of incubation was 24–72 h at 37 °C for bacteria and 30 °C for fungi. The results were estimated according to the presence or absence of microorganism growth.

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