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Structure Activity Relationship Studies of 5-Membered Heterocyclic Derivatives

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ABSTRACT

Some novel 4-([5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2yl) methyl)-5-substituted phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-thiols (**8a-d**), 5[(3-mercapto-5-substituted phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)methyl]1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiol[**9a-d**], 4-{(5-mercapto-4-(4-substituted phenyl)-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl]methyl}-5-substituted phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol [**10a**₁-**a**₂ – **10d**₁-**d**₂], 2-(3-mercapto-5-substituted phenyl)-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)-N¹-[(1*E*)-substituted phenyl methylene) acetohydrazide (Schiffs bases) [**11a**₁-**a**₆-**11d**₁-**d**₆] and 2-(3-mercapto-5-substituted phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)-N¹-[(1*E*)-substituted phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)-N-(4-oxo-2-substituted phenyl-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl) acetamides [**12a**₁-**a**₃-**12d**₁-**d**₃] were prepared and characterized by IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, Mass spectral analysis. Few compounds were evaluated for anticonvulsant, CNS depressant activities and neurotoxicity as reported earlier. Additionally the Structure Activity Relationship (SAR) studies have been carried out to determine the relevance of the different moieties that define the potency of triazole derivatives.

Key words:1,2,4-triazole,1,3,4-thiadiazoles,1,3,4-oxadiazole, Schiff's bases ,4-Thiazolidinones anticonvulsant, CNS depressant activity, Neurotoxicity , SAR .

INTRODUCTION

Oxadiazole is a five membered heterocyclic ring containing two nitrogen and one oxygen. 1,3,4oxadiazoles are found to possess biological activitieslike antibacterial ^[1], antifungal ^[1], antimicrobial ^[2], antituberculor ^[5], anti-HIV ^[4], antidepressant ^[7], analgesic ^[3], anticancer ^[4], antiinflammatory ^[2,3,7], anticonvulsant ^[6] activities etc. Also some heterocyclic moieties such as 1.2.4-triazole nucleus exhibit wide spectrum of pharmacological activities such as antibacterial ^[13,14], antifungal ^[13,14], antimycobacterial^[8,12], antitumor ^[10,12], anti-HIV ^[11], anti-inflammatory ^[15], analgesic ^[15], antiviral ^[12], antihistaminic^[9], anticonvulsant ^[16], anxiolytic ^[15], insecticidal ^[14], antimicrobial^[8] etc. On other hand 1,3,4thiadiazoles are of current interest due to their broad spectrum of pharmacological activities such as antifungal ^[20], antituberculor ^[19], antimicrobial ^[17,21], anti-inflammatory ^[22], anticancer ^[24], anticonvulsant ^[23], antiviral ^[18], analgesic ^[21], antibacterial^[20] activities. In addition it has been reported that 1,3,4-thiadiazoles exhibit various biological activities possibly due to the presence of =N-C-S moiety ^[18]. Schiff's bases are associated with various biological activities such as antibacterial ^[25,26], antifungal ^[26], antimicrobial

^[27], CNS depressant ^[31], anticonvulsant ^[29-31], anthelmintic ^[27], antioxidant ^[27], antituberculor^[32], analgesic ^[28], anti-inflammatory ^[28], antipyretic ^[28] activities. Schiff's bases are also used as substrates in the synthesis of number of industrial and pharmacologically active compounds via ring closure, cycloaddition and replacement reaction. 4-thiazolidinones have been found to possess different biological activities such as antifungal ^[33], antituberculor ^[34], antimicrobial ^[35], antiinflammatory ^[40], anticonvulsant ^[36], antiviral ^[42], anti-HIV^[41], analgesic ^[37], antibacterial ^[33,34,37], antidiabetic ^[39], anti-parkinsonian ^[38] activities.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Melting Points were in an open capillary tube and are uncorrected. IR Spectra (KBr) were recorded on a Perkin Elmer FT-IR Spectrophotometer and ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Ultra Shield NMR-Spectrophotometer 300MHz instrument using DMSO-d6/D₂O/CDCl₃ using TMS as an internal standard (Chemical shift in δ ppm). The mass spectra were recorded on a JOEL-Accu JMS -T100LC TOF Mass Spectrometer. Compounds were checked for their homogeneity by TLC on Silica Gel G plates and spots were visualized in iodine vapour.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

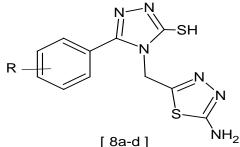
Structure activity relationship:

Literature review revealed that 1, 2, 4-triazole nucleus and their derivatives emerge rapidly with the advance of modern heterocyclic chemistry promising a variety of biological activities. 1, 2, 4-Triazole nucleus has been incorporated into wide variety of therapeutically interesting molecules to transform them into better drugs.

A study of structure activity relationship revealed that compound bearing triazole moiety possess excellent anticonvulsant activity. Likewise 5 heterocyclic membered moieties such as oxadiazole, thiadiazole and thiazolidinones possess good anticonvulsant activity. In addition to this, Schiff's base (Imino moiety) also possesses good anticonvulsant activity. The above said moieties are incorporated into 5-Substituted phenyl-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol, the resulting compounds possess synergistic may anticonvulsant activity at the dose of 20mg/Kg compared with standard drug Phenytoin (30 mg/Kg).

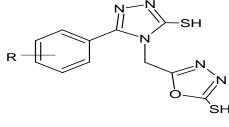
In (8a-c), the 5-Substituted phenyl-4H-1, 2, 4triazole-3-thiol is incorporated with 2-amino 1,3,4-thiadiazole moiety through methylene bridge (-CH₂-). The newly synthesized compounds (8a-d) possess good anticonvulsant activity in MES and PTZ animal models. The compounds 8b, 8c, 8d showed good activity in which the phenyl ring is substituted with R=2-Cl, 3-CH₃, 4-CH₃ respectively, than the unsubstituted compound 8a where R=H. Among all the compounds, 8c showed excellent anticonvulsant activity.

General Structure:



In (9a-c), the 5-Substituted phenyl-4*H*-1, 2, 4triazole-3-thiol is incorporated with 1,3, 4 oxadiazole-2 thiol possess excellent anticonvulsant activity at the dose of 20 mg/Kg when compared with Phenytoin (30mg/Kg). The newly synthesized compounds **9a**, **9b**, **9c** has a substituent R at phenyl ring in which R=H, 2-Cl, 3-CH₃ respectively. Among these compounds, **9b** showed excellent activity in MES and PTZ animal model due to the presence of 2-Cl on the phenyl ring.

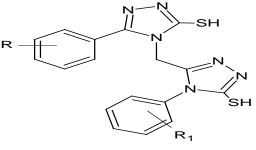
General structure:



[9a-d]

In $10a_1$, $10b_1$, $10c_2$, the 5-Substituted phenyl-4*H*-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol is incorporated with 5mercapto-4-(4-Substituted phenyl)-4*H*-1, 2, 4-Triazole moiety through the methylene bridge. All the compounds showed significant activity in MES and PTZ method. This may be due to the presence of substituted phenyl rings attached to triazole moiety. Among these compounds, $10a_1$, $10c_2$ showed highest % of inhibition compared to $10b_1$.

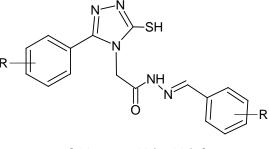
General Structure:



[10a₁-a₂ - 10d₁-d₂]

In **11a₁**, **11b₂**, **11c₃**, the 5-Substituted phenyl-4*H*-1, 2, 4-triazole-3-thiol is incorporated with imino group (-CONHN=C-C₆H₄R) through methylene bridge. These compounds possess significant anticonvulsant activity in MES and PTZ methods. **11b₂** possess excellent activity may be due to the presence of R=2-Cl, R1= 4-OH substituents on phenyl ring at the dose of 20 mg/Kg.

General Structure:

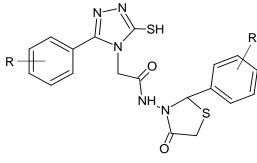


[11a₁-a₆ - 11d₁- 11d₆]

In $12a_1$, $12b_2$, $12b_3$, the 5-Substituted phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol is incorporated with

substituted with TDZ ring. All these compounds exhibited good anticonvulsant activity at the dose of 20 mg/Kg. This may be due to the presence of aryl substituents R, R1 such as (H, 4-Cl), (2-Cl, 2-OH), (3-CH₃, (3-OCH₃, 4-OH)) respectively.

General Structure:



[12a₁-a₃ - 12d₁-d₃]

In 8a-d, 9a-c, 10a₁, 10b₁, 10c₂, 11a₁, 11b₂, 11c₃, 12a₁, 12b₂, 12b₃ are tested *in vivo* for anticonvulsant activity at the dose of 20 mg/Kg. The Standard drug Phenytoin (30mg/Kg) showed 81% inhibition in duration of extensor phase, whereas the test drugs 8b, 8c, 8d, 9a, 9b, 10a₁, 10b₁, 10c₂, 11a₁,11b₂, 11d₁, 12a₁, 12b₂, 12b₃ showed 68-78 % inhibition, other compounds 8a, 9c, 11c₃ showed 61- 68 % inhibition respectively. The results are tabulated in (Table 1).

 Table 1: Anticonvulsant activity of s-triazole derivatives by

 MES method

| MES metho Code No | Dose | Duration of tonic hind | % inhibition |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Coucino | Duse | limb extensor in | /0 111110111011 |
| | | sec(Mean ±SEM) | |
| Control | DMSO | 13.52±0.72NS | 00 |
| Phenytoin | 30mg/kg | 2.45±0.431** | 81.87 |
| sodium | | | |
| 8a | 20mg/kg | $5.22 \pm 0.96*$ | 61.39 |
| 8b | 20mg/kg | $4.12 \pm 0.90 **$ | 69.52 |
| 8c | 20mg/kg | 3.25±0.25** | 75.96 |
| 8d | 20mg/kg | 3.75± 0.65** | 72.26 |
| 9a | 20mg/kg | $4.81 \pm 0.56*$ | 64.42 |
| 9b | 20mg/kg | 3.78 ± 0.32** | 72.04 |
| 9c | 20mg/kg | 5.01±0.72* | 62.94 |
| 10a ₁ | 20mg/kg | 3.01±0.12** | 77.73 |
| 10b ₁ | 20mg/kg | 4.32±0.41** | 68.04 |
| 10c ₂ | 20mg/kg | 4.17±0.23** | 69.15 |
| 11a ₁ | 20mg/kg | 3.21 ± 0.71** | 76.25 |
| 11b ₂ | 20mg/kg | 3.01 ± 0.82** | 77.73 |
| 11c ₃ | 20mg/kg | $4.53 \pm 0.11*$ | 66.49 |
| 11d ₁ | 20mg/kg | 3.12±0.31** | 76.92 |
| 12a ₁ | 20mg/kg | 2.91±0.23** | 78.47 |
| 12b ₂ | 20mg/kg | 3.72±0.98** | 72.48 |
| 12c ₃ | 20mg/kg | 3.11±0.77** | 76.99 |

Results are expressed in Mean \pm SEM (n=6); Significance levels **P<0.01, *P<0.05, ns = Non significant compared with the respective control Test drug showed excellent anticonvulsant activity (75-97%) of phenytoin activity even at less dose of 20 mg/Kg when compared to phenytoin 30 mg/Kg.

In PTZ animal model, 8a-d, 9a-c, 10a₁, 10b₁, 10c₂, 11a₁,11b₂, 11c₃, 12a₁, 12b₂, 12b₃ are screened in vivo for anticonvulsant activity at the dose of 20 mg/Kg b.w. Standard drug diazepam(4mg/Kg) significantly prolongs the onset of seizure and protected 100% against PTZ induced convulsions. All the newly synthesized compounds significantly prolongs the time required to produce PTZ induced seizures as discussed above and showed excellent protection (83.33%) against PTZ seizures whereas 8a, 8d afforded moderate protection (66.66%) against PTZ seizures. The results are given in (**Table 2**).

 Table 2: Anticonvulsant activity of s-triazole derivatives by

 PTZ animal model

| Code No | Dose | Onset of Seizure (min) (Mean ± SEM) | % Protection | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| Control | DMSO | 2.10± 0.27 ^{ns} | 0 | |
| Diazepam | 4mg/Kg | 13.52±0.52*** | 100 | |
| 8a | 20mg/kg | 09.13±0.75* | 66.6 | |
| 8b | 20mg/kg | 11.01±0.37** | 83.33 | |
| 8c | 20mg/kg | 11.32±0.27** | 83.33 | |
| 8d | 20mg/kg | 08.01±0.49* | 66.66 | |
| 9a | 20mg/kg | 10.21±0.52** | 83.33 | |
| 9b | 20mg/kg | 11.53±0.61** | 83.33 | |
| 9c | 20mg/kg | 8.58±0.14* | 66.66 | |
| 10a ₁ | 20mg/kg | 11.20±0.75** | 83.33 | |
| 10b1 | 20mg/kg | 9.32±0.79* | 66.66 | |
| 10c ₂ | 10c ₂ 20mg/kg 10.03± | | 83.33 | |
| 11a ₁ 20mg/kg | | 11.45±0.31** | 83.33 | |
| 11b ₂ 20mg/kg | | 11.98±0.46** | 83.33 | |
| 11c ₃ | 20mg/kg | 12.01±0.73*** | 83.33 | |
| 12a ₁ | 20mg/kg | 10.35±0.74** | 83.33 | |
| 12b ₂ | 20mg/kg | 11.67±0.86** | 66.66 | |
| 12c ₃ | 20mg/kg | 10.79±0.27** | 83.33 | |

Results are expressed in Mean \pm SEM (n=6); Significance levels ***P<0.001, **P<0.01, *P<0.05, ns = Non significant compared with the respective control

CNS Depressant activity:

All the compounds **8a-c**, **9a-c**, **10a**₁, **10b**₁, **10c**₂, **11a**₁, **11b**₂, **11c**₃, **12a**₁, **12b**₂, **12b**₃ are evaluated for CNS depressant activity by using actophotometer scoring technique and swim pool technique.

In behavioral study of *s*-triazole derivatives using actophotometer, the synthesized compounds **8a-c**, **9a-c**, **10a**₁, **10b**₁, **10c**₂, **12a**₁, **12b**₂, **12b**₃ do not show any decrease in locomotor activity. Only the test compounds **8d**, **11a**₁, **11b**₂, **11c**₃ showed poor CNS depressant activity as compared to Phenytoin, the results are given in (**Table 3**).

Table 3: Behavioral study of s-triazole derivatives using actophotometer

| Code No | Control (24Hrs Prior) | Post Treatment | | % inhibition |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | (2411311101) | 0.5Hr | 1Hrs after | minoriton |
| Phenytoin | 474.84±0.21 | 220.22±0.50 | 173.19±0.41** | 64 |
| 8a | 415.09±0.76 | 365.65±0.91 | 352.62±0.18 ^{ns} | 15 |
| 8b | 441.17±0.72 | 401.71±0.25 | 373.26±0.23 ^{ns} | 15 |
| 8c | 387.42±0.53 | 367.27±0.70 | 351.07±0.33 ^{ns} | 9 |
| 8d | 394.48±0.17 | 285.51±0.37 | 261.07±0.41* | 32 |
| 9a | 481.13±1.31 | 476.51±0.23 | 430.61±0.38 ^{ns} | 11 |
| 9b | 470.03±0.92 | 450.62±0.64 | 382.91±0.29 ^{ns} | 19 |
| 9c | 466.15±0.70 | 459.29±0.79 | 400.31±0.31 ^{ns} | 15 |
| 10a ₁ | 532.33±0.21 | 520.15±0.66 | 468.14±1.52 ^{ns} | 13 |
| 10b ₁ | 489.47±0.39 | 436.25±0.17 | 412.14±0.13 ^{ns} | 16 |
| 10c ₂ | 459.63±0.91 | 431.29±0.29 | 390.72±0.69 ^{ns} | 15 |
| 11a ₁ | 475.12±0.73 | 407.56±0.91 | 325.26±0.56** | 32 |
| 11b ₂ | 483.14±0.17 | 410.23±0.73 | 350.57±0.32* | 26 |
| 11c ₃ | 463.18±0.16 | 415.72±0.23 | 358.47±0.37* | 22 |
| 12a ₁ | 512.21±0.24 | 500.27±0.47 | 466.34±0.36 ^{ns} | 09 |
| 12b ₂ | 493.41±0.27 | 480.71±0.71 | 440.48±0.76 ^{ns} | 11 |
| 12c3 | 461.73±0.72 | 440.31±0.34 | 401.13±0.86 ^{ns} | 13 |

Results are expressed in Mean \pm SEM (n=6); Significance levels **P<0.01, *P<0.05, ns = Non significant compared with the respective control The test compounds were tested at a dose of 20mg/kg (i.p), Phenytoin tested at 30mg/kg (i.p.). In a similar study, using forced swim pool test, the immobility period after the administration of synthesized compounds are compared to Carbamazepine (Standard Drug). The compounds 8d, 11a₁, 11b₂, 11c₃ showed little increase in immobility period when compared to standard indicating poor CNS depressant activity. The results are given in (Table 4).

Table 4: CNS Depressant activity of s-triazole derivatives by Swim nool test

| Code No | Immobility time(s) Control (24Hrs Prior) | Post treatment (60min after) |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Control | 170.42 ±12.01 | 174.62±07.12 ^{ns} |
| Carbamazepine | 138.94±19.09 | 241.60±13.62*** |
| 8a | 133.12±8.31 | 154.32±08.63 ^{ns} |
| 8b | 126.47±13.12 | 147.01±06.14 ^{ns} |
| 8c | 118.16±7.03 | 130.34±05.27 ^{ns} |
| 8d | 148.76±6.72 | 183.70±01.14* |
| 9a | 115.12±9.14 | 120.17±10.24 ^{ns} |
| 9b | 124.17±8.17 | 130.17±09.17 ^{ns} |
| 9c | 100.14±13.17 | 117.28±16.32 ^{ns} |
| 10a ₁ | 114.16±16.12 | 132.66±8.21 ^{ns} |
| 10b ₁ | 168.19±8.72 | 140.41±9.35 ^{ns} |
| 10c ₂ | 125.19±16.42 | 105.61±15.40 ^{ns} |
| 11a ₁ | 120.54±12.45 | 180.50±12.51** |
| 11b ₂ | 145.21±8.01 | 178.61±17.12* |
| 11c ₃ | 124.13±9.12 | 160.71±09.12* |
| 12a ₁ | 127.15±13.45 | 145.33±10.22 ^{ns} |
| 12b ₂ | 135.23±15.53 | 157.38±9.25 ^{ns} |
| 12c ₃ | 160.73±9.34 | 180.11±08.32 ^{ns} |

Results are expressed in Mean \pm SEM (n=6); Significance levels ***P<0.001, *P<0.05, ns = Non significant compared with the respective control

In Hole board test, Injection of test compounds 8a-d, 9a-c, 10a₁, 10b₁, 10c₂, 11a₁, 11b₂, 11c₃, $12a_1$, $12b_2$, $12c_3$ at 20mg/kg showed not significantly decrease in nose poking except the compounds 8d, 11a₁, 11b₂, 11c₃ indicating poor CNS depressant activity. The results are given in (Table 5).

Table 5: Anxiolytic activity of s-triazole derivatives hole board test in mice

| Treated | Dose | No. of nose poking in 5 | %decrease in |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|
| group | mg/kg | min (Mean±SEM) | nose pose |
| Control | 10ml/kg | 30.13 ± 3.132^{ns} | - |
| Diazepam | 3 | 15.95 ± 2.011** | 47.06 |
| 8a | 20 | 27.36 ± 0.726^{ns} | 10.12 |
| 8b | 20 | 28.12 ± 1.263^{ns} | 06.67 |
| 8c | 20 | 27.01 ± 0.926^{ns} | 10.35 |
| 8d | 20 | $22.16 \pm 0.327*$ | 26.45 |
| 9a | 20 | 28.15 ± 0.003^{ns} | 06.57 |
| 9b | 20 | 29.00 ± 0.721^{ns} | 03.75 |
| 9c | 20 | 27.97 ± 0.132^{ns} | 07.16 |
| 10a ₁ | 20 | 26.92 ± 0.175^{ns} | 10.65 |
| 10b ₁ | 20 | 28.56 ± 0.731^{ns} | 05.21 |
| 10c ₂ | 20 | 26.98 ± 0.631^{ns} | 10.45 |
| 11a ₁ | 20 | 21.07 ± 0.221* | 30.07 |
| 11b ₂ | 20 | 23.06 ± 1.729* | 23.46 |
| 11c ₃ | 20 | $23.79 \pm 0.771*$ | 21.04 |
| 12a ₁ | 20 | 25.98 ± 0.231^{ns} | 13.77 |
| 12b ₂ | 20 | 26.52 ± 0.718^{ns} | 11.98 |
| 12c ₃ | 20 | 28.14 ± 0.237^{ns} | 06.60 |

Results are expressed in Mean \pm SEM (n=6); Significance levels **P<0.01, *P<0.05, ns = Non significant compared with the respective control In Staircase test, the test compounds 8a-d, 9a-c, 10a₁, 10b₁, 10c₂, 11a₁, 11b₂, 11c₃, 12a₁, 12b₂, 12c₃ screened for anxiolytic activity at the dose of 20mg/kg did not show any significant effect on anxiolytic activity expect the 8d, 11a₁, 11b₂, 11c₃ showed slight decrease in number of rearing indicates the presence of mild anxiolytic activity when compared to diazepam. The results are given in (Table 6).

Table 6: Anxiolytic activity of s-triazole derivatives by Staircase test in mice

| Treated group | Dose mg/kg | No. of steps climbed in 5min (Mean±SEM) | No. of rearing in 5min (Mean±SEM) | % Decrease in rearing |
|------------------|---------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| Control | 10ml/kg | 25.76 ± 1.320 | 23.62 ± 1.091^{ns} | - |
| Diazepam | 2 | 36.26 ± 0.920 | $14.12 \pm 1.152 **$ | 40.22 |
| 8a | 20 | 26.45 ± 0.728 | 21.26 ± 0.327^{ns} | 09.99 |
| 8b | 20 | 27.32 ± 0.125 | 22.81 ± 0.325^{ns} | 03.42 |
| 8c | 20 | 24.12 ± 0.326 | 20.97 ± 0.472^{ns} | 11.21 |
| 8d | 20 | 27.12 ± 0.727 | $18.08 \pm 0.321 *$ | 23.43 |
| 9a | 20 | 23.32 ± 0.126 | 20.78 ± 0.126^{ns} | 12.02 |
| 9b | 20 | 20.45 ± 0.267 | 20.18 ± 0.276^{ns} | 14.56 |
| 9c | 20 | 24.26 ± 0.712 | 21.71 ± 0.912^{ns} | 08.08 |
| 10a1 | 20 | 21.82 ± 0.615 | 20.99 ± 0.213^{ns} | 11.13 |
| 10b ₁ | 20 | 20.14 ± 0.222 | 19.91 ± 0.137^{ns} | 15.70 |
| 10c ₂ | 20 | 22.46 ± 0.121 | 20.12 ± 0.243^{ns} | 17.39 |
| 11a ₁ | 20 | 28.54 ± 0.279 | $17.01 \pm 0.721*$ | 27.98 |
| 11b ₂ | 20 | 27.47 ± 0.172 | $18.52 \pm 0.173 *$ | 21.63 |
| 11c ₃ | 20 | 29.13 ± 0.542 | $17.85 \pm 0.712*$ | 24.42 |
| 12a ₁ | 20 | 26.14 ± 0.312 | 21.01 ± 0.781^{ns} | 11.05 |
| 12b ₂ | 20 | 27.14 ± 0.124 | 20.75 ± 0.561^{ns} | 12.15 |
| 12c ₃ | 20 | 24.15 ± 0.745 | 21.56 ± 0.124^{ns} | 08.72 |

Results are expressed in Mean \pm SEM (n=6); Significance levels **P<0.01, *P<0.05, ns= Non significant compared with the respective control The SAR of the synthesized compounds revealed that 8d, $11a_1$, $11b_2$, $11c_3$ possess little CNS depressant activity and others are non-significant. The compounds were shown CNS depressant activity due to the presence of 4-CH₃ group on

phenyl ring in **8d**, and imino moiety attached to the 5-Substituted phenyl 1, 2, 4-triazole-3- thiol (**11a₁**, **11b₂**, **11c₃**) (Schiffs bases).

In conclusion, it can be said that compounds possess good to significant anticonvulsant activity even at the less dose when compared to standard. Hence a detailed study on these derivatives may be quite desirable. All the synthesized compounds were also screened for CNS Depressant activity. The result indicated that almost all the tested compounds possess less CNS depressant activity in comparison with standard. Hence further

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