Fluorinated thiazolidinols cause cell death in A549 lung cancer cells *via* PI3K/AKT/mTOR and the MAPK /ERK signalling pathways

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1. Material and Methods:

Cell Cultures and maintenance

The four human tumour cell lines A549 (lung carcinoma), Hela (Cervical cancer), MCF7(breast adenocarcinoma, estrogen-dependent ER (+)) and MDA-MB-231(breast adenocarcinoma, estrogen-independent ER (-)), used in the present study were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (Manassas, VA, USA) and were grown in the specific growth medium (Dulbecco's Modified Eagles medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 100U/ml penicillin, 100 μ g/ml streptomycin sulphate antibiotics at 37 °C in a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO₂). The cells were trypsinized when subconfluent from T25 flasks/60 mm dishes and seeded either to T25 or T75 flasks or 96 well plates depending on the assay to be performed.

Growth Inhibition Assay:

MTT assay (Vybrant® MTT Cell Proliferation Assay Kit (V-13154)) was performed to assess the cytotoxicity (/growth inhibition) of the test compounds on the chosen cancer cell lines. Cells were plated onto 96 well microtitre plates at $10x10^3$ cells/well and allowed to adhere overnight. Following the incubation period, test compounds were added to each of the wells at concentrations of 0, 2, 4, 8 and16 µM and incubated for 24 h. After 24 h, the media was replaced with 100μ l of fresh media followed by addition of 10μ l of 12mM MTT reagent/well and incubated for 2 hrs in dark at 37°C according to the manufacturer's instructions. Finally, the reaction was terminated by addition of 100μ l of SDS-HCL. Readings were taken at 570 nm using Multimode Varioskan Flash (Thermo Fisher Scientifics) with media as blank. The IC₅₀ values were obtained from the results of triplicate determinations of atleast three independent experiments.

Cell Cycle Analysis:

Cells ($\sim 2 \times 10^5$ cells) were seeded in 60 mm dish and allowed to grow for 24h. Cells were treated with test compounds at their respective IC50 concentration for 24h. Attached cells were harvested with Trypsin-EDTA and washed twice with Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS). Cells were fixed by adding 1ml of ice cold 70% ethanol dropwise with vortexing followed by incubation at 4°C overnight. Fixed cells were pelleted by centrifugation at 2,000 rpm for 2 min, washed with PBS and repelleted. The cells were resuspended in PBS containing 40 µg/ml PI, 0.1 mg/ml RNase and 0.1% Triton X-100 in dark for 30 minutes at

37°C. The DNA content of 20,000 events was measured by flow cytometer (DAKO CYTOMATION, Beckman Coulter, Brea, CA). Histograms were analyzed using Summit 4.3 Software.

Protein Extraction and Western Blot Analysis:

For analysis of protein levels by western blotting, A549 cells were treated with the compounds at the respective concentrations and the total cell lysates were collected at 24h post treatment. Cells were scraped into media and collected by centrifugation, rinsed with PBS and recentrifuged. Cell pellets were resuspended in ice-cold RIPA buffer (1XPBS, 1% NP-40, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate and 0.1% SDS) containing 100 µg/ml PMSF, 5 µg/ml Aprotinin, 5 µg/ml leupeptin, 5 µg/ml pepstatin and 100 µg/ml NaF. The protein in the supernatant was quantified by Bradford method (Biorad) using multimode varioskan instrument (Thermo-Fischer Scientifics). 50 micrograms of protein per lane was electrophoresed in 10% SDS-polyacrylamide gel. After electrophoresis, the protein in the gel was transferred onto polyvinylidinedifluoride (PVDF) membrane (GE Healthcare). Blocking of the membranes was performed using 5% Blocking Buffer (Skimmed Milk in TBS + 0.1%Tween20 (TBST) at room temperature for 2h, followed by primary antibody treatment at 4°C overnight. The following primary antibodies were used: Phospho-Akt (Ser473)(Cell signaling Technology), Akt (pan) (C67E7) (Cell signaling Technology), Anti-PI3 Kinase (EMD Millipore), mTOR (Cell signalling Technology), Anti-beta Actin (abcam), LC3A/B(Cell signaling Technology), Anti-Atg7. Following primary antibody treatment, the membrane was washed with TBST for 10 min (3x). After washing, the membranes were incubated with corresponding horseradish peroxidase-labeled secondary antibody (1:2000) for 1h at room temp. Membranes were washed with TBST (3x for 10 min) and the blots were visualized using LuminataTM HRP Chemiluminescence Detection Reagents (MERCK MILLIPORE) and developed on BioradChemiDocTM XRS+ System.

Immunodetection of PTEN protein:

A549 Human lung carcinoma cells were seeded on coverslips and treated with compounds at desired concentration for 24 h. After treatment, cells were fixed with freshly prepared paraformaldehyde solution (4% in 1X PBS) for 20 min at room temperature. Cells were permeabilized by administration of Triton X-100 solution (0.2% in 1X PBS) for 5 min followed by incubation in 100% methanol at 4°C over night. Subsequently, blocking was

achieved with a 1% BSA solution for 60 min. Cells were then incubated with primary antibody PTEN (Cell signaling Technology) at room temperature for 2 h. The slides were washed three times in PBST, for 5min each. Then cells were incubated with a Cy3-conjugated anti-rabbit secondary antibody (Jackson Immuno Research Laboratories Inc., Pennsylvania, USA) for one hour followed by three times wash with PBST solution and mounted with DAPI solution. Then cells were observed under confocal microscope (Olympus FV1000). Images taken were processed with the support of the flow view version 1.7c software program.

2. Chemistry

General

All solvents were distilled prior to use. Dry reactions were conducted under a nitrogen atmosphere. Crude products were purified by column chromatography on silica gel of 60–120 or 100–200 mesh. Thin layer chromatography plates were visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light, exposure to iodine vapors, and/or exposure to methanolic acidic solution of *p*-anisaldehyde (anis) followed by heating (<1 min) on a hot plate (~250 °C). IR spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR (proton decoupled) spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solvent on 300 and 500 MHz NMR spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) were reported in parts per million (ppm) with respect to TMS as an internal standard. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass specta (HRMS) were obtained by ionizing sample using electron spray ionization (ESI) and an orbitrap mass analyzer.

Procedure for synthesis of 2-imino-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol derivatives (8a-v)

To a stirred solution (for 5 minutes) of primary amine **5** (1 mmol) and aryl isothiocyanate **6** (1 mmol) in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (5 mL), was added 3-bromo-1,1,1-trifluoromethyl propanone **7** (1 mmol) dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20-30 minutes. After completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (1 mL), diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc (3x10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine solution, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The resulting crude product was purified by column chromatography using EtOAc/*n*-hexane gradients to afford pure product **8**.

(Z)-2-(Phenylimino)-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8a).

Yield, 347 mg, 96%; Solid, m.p. 126–128 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.09 (broad s, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.93–6.98 (m, 1H), 7.01–7.07 (m, 2H), 7.08–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 35.1, 41.7, 91.3 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 121.5, 124.0, 126.2, 127.0, 127.3, 129.0, 140.0, 150.1, 156.4; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3063, 2363, 1607, 1584, 1437, 1338, 1303, 1176 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 359 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄ON₂F₃S₂, 359.0484 [M+H] ⁺, found 359.0494. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-2-(phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8b).

Yield, 335 mg, 98%; Solid, m.p. 105–107 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.20 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (broad s, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34–6.39 (m, 1H), 6.40–6.46 (m, 1H), 6.85–6.94 (m, 2H), 7.02-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.44 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.8, 39.6, 90.7 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 109.8, 110.9, 121.4, 123.8, 125.1, 129.0, 142.0, 150.0, 150.2, 156.0; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3061, 2690, 1605, 1581, 1427, 1331, 1302, 1192, 1153 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 343 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄O₂N₂F₃S, 343.0713[M+H]⁺, found 343.0722. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-(2-(1H-Indol-3-yl)ethyl)-2-(phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8c).

Yield, 360 mg, 89%; Solid, m.p. 128–130 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 2.78–2.94 (m, 2H), 2.95–3.07 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.62–3.76 (m, 1H), 4.01–4.15 (m, 1H), 6.98–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.30–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.68–7.78 (m, 1H), 8.15 (broad s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 23.0, 34.8, 45.4, 111.4, 113.5, 118.9, 119.9, 121.8, 122.5, 123.8, 125.3, 127.0,

129.0, 136.0, 150.3; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3409, 3062, 2683, 1606, 1585, 1420, 1311, 1182, 1147 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 406 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉ON₃F₃S, 406.1182 [M+H]⁺, found 406.1195. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal and coupling of carbon (containing CF₃ group) are not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-cyclohexyl-2-(phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8d).

Yield, 282 mg, 82%; Solid, m.p. 130–132 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 1.05–1.38 (m, 6H), 1.58–1.76 (m, 4H), 3.18 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.40–3.51 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.91 (m, 2H), 7.04–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 32.4, 35.3, 38.6, 52.6, 92.3 (q, J = 32.1 Hz), 117.1, 121.3, 123.6, 126.5, 130.2, 131.1, 150.1, 155.9; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3098, 2126, 1613, 1596, 1476, 1298, 1157 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 345 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₂₀ON₂F₃S, 345.0864 [M+H]⁺, found 303.0870. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-Cyclopropyl-2-(phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8e).

Yield, 286 mg, 95%; Solid, m.p. 159–161 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 0.79–1.01 (m, 3H), 1.14–1.25 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.61 (m, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 1H), 6.86–6.95 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.34 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 5.0, 5.6, 24.8, 32.4, 89.7 (q, *J* = 31.3 Hz), 116.7, 120.1, 121.8, 124.3, 127.2, 127.4, 149.7, 156.0; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3103, 2115, 1609, 1586, 1486, 1342, 1163 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 303 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₄ON₂F₃S, 303.0765 [M+H] ⁺, found 303.0773. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-(2-Morpholinoethyl)-2-(phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8f).

Yield, 348 mg, 93%; Solid, m.p. 124–126 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 2.29– 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.95 (m, 4H), 2.98–3.11 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.42–3.55 (m, 2H),

3.62–3.94 (m, 4H), 4.19–4.29 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.96 (m, 2H), 7.03–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.35 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.9, 41.1, 53.7, 55.0, 66.0, 89.9 (q, *J* = 31.2 Hz), 121.5, 123.7, 123.9 (q, *J* = 288.7 Hz), 129.0, 150.6, 157.3; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3065, 2669, 1619, 1594, 1456, 1356, 1303, 1163 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 376 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁O₂N₃F₃S, 376.1292 [M+H]⁺, found 376.1301.

(Z)-2-(Phenylimino)-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8g).

Yield, 330 mg, 90%; Solid, m.p. 103–105 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.18 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.21–3.32 (m, 1H), 3.42–3.48 (m, 1H), 3.52 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.90 (m, 1H), 4.38–4.51 (m, 1H), 6.52–6.61 (m, 2H), 6.95–7.04 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.36 (m, 4H), 7.68–7.76 (m, 1H), 8.41–8.49 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 33.6, 36.0, 41.3, 91.1 (q, J = 31.3 Hz), 121.5, 121.9, 123.4, 125.1, 125.8, 128.7, 138.0, 146.4, 150.3, 156.7, 158.6; IR (KBr): v_{max} 2989, 2649, 1619, 1588, 1443, 1295, 1248, 1186 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 368 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇ON₃F₃S, 368.1029 [M+H]⁺, found 368.1038. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-2-(4-fluorophenylimino)-3-phenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8h).

Yield, 286 mg, 80%; Solid, m.p. 143–145 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.34 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (broad s, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.98 (m, 2H), 7.02–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.09–7.18 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.52 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.7, 91.1 (q, J = 31.8 Hz), 116.4 (d, J = 22.50 Hz), 120.8, 121.5, 122.8 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 124.0, 128.9, 129.5, 130.3, 132.1, 136.6, 150.4, 162.2 (d, J = 249.1 Hz); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3020, 1632, 1596, 1476, 1333, 1173 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 357 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃ON₂F₄S, 357.0753 [M+H] ⁺, found 357.0763. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenylimino)-3-phenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8i).

Yield, 342 mg, 87%; Solid, m.p. 152–154 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.32 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (broad s, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82–6.96 (m, 2H), 7.01–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.87 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.5, 90.6 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 120.6, 120.9, 123.0, 124.3, 129.1, 129.8, 130.6, 132.9, 137.1, 150.6, 161.8 (d, J = 247.3 Hz); IR (KBr): v_{max} 3010, 1611, 1589, 1446, 1313, 1183 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 391 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂OClN₂F₄S, 391.0653 [M+H] ⁺, found 391.0663. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-2-(Phenylimino)-3-propyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8j).

Yield, 279 mg, 92%; Solid, m.p. 130–132 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.60–1.93 (m, 2H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.23–3.61 (m, 4H), 6.89– 6.95 (m, 2H), 7.04–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.34 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 11.3, 21.4, 35.1, 45.8, 90.9 (q, *J* = 31.9 Hz), 121.6, 123.7, 129.0, 150.6, 156.1; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3062, 2658, 1606, 1584, 1494, 1361, 1319, 1183 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 305 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₆ON₂F₃S, 305.0916 [M+H]⁺, found 305.0929. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-Phenyl-2-(phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8k).

Yield, 310 mg, 92%; Solid, m.p. 152–154 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.31 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (broad s, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.91 (m, 2H), 7.01–7.09 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.51 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.5, 91.0 (q, J = 31.9 Hz), 120.8, 121.6, 124.0, 124.6, 128.9, 129.3, 130.4, 136.7, 150.6, 159.0; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3025, 1619, 1585, 1490, 1324, 1183 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 339 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI):

calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}ON_2F_3S$, 339.0763 [M+H]⁺, found 339.0773. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-4-(Trifluoromethyl)-3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(3-

(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)thiazolidin-4-ol (8l).

Yield, 369 mg, 78%; Solid, m.p. 106–108 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.40 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (broad s, 1H), 3.81 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 7.0 –7.20 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.79 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 35.2, 91.1 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 118.6, 120.7, 121.7, 124.4, 124.8, 125.3, 125.9, 127.3, 129.5, 129.9, 131.3 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 131.4 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 133.9, 137.2, 150.4, 159.0; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3160, 2660, 1583, 1451, 1334, 1158 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 475 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₂ON₂F₉S, 475.0498 [M+H]⁺, found 475.0497. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH), CF₃ (of phenyl) groups signal are not visualise in the spectra)

(*Z*)-3-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino) thiazolidin-4-ol (8m).

Yield, 356 mg, 87%; Solid, m.p. 98–100 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.26 (d, J = 11.76 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 11.76 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (broad s, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.35–6.45 (m, 2H), 6.95–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.57 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.9, 39.7, 90.8 (q, J = 32.7 Hz), 110.0, 111.0, 121.7, 123.2 (q, J = 287.9 Hz), 125.8, 126.2, 126.3, 142.2, 149.7, 153.2, 156.4; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3431, 2926, 1590, 1427, 1329, 1304, 1166, 1124 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 411 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃O₂N₂F₆S, 411.0582 [M+H]⁺, found 411.0596. (CF₃ (on phenyl ring) group and coupling of fluorine with carbon bearing (CF₃) signal are not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)thiazolidin-4-ol (8n).

Yield, 389 mg, 89%; Solid, m.p. 138–140 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.21 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.24–3.32 (m, 1H), 3.41–3.48 (m, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79–3.88 (m, 1H), 4.38–4.48 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.72 Hz, 2H), 7.70–7.77 (m, 1H), 8.41–8.46 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 33.6, 36.1, 41.4, 91.3 (q, *J* = 31.7 Hz), 121.8, 122.0, 125.1, 125.9, 138.0, 146.5, 153.5, 157.2, 158.5; IR (KBr): v_{max} 2991, 1628, 1590, 1464, 1391, 1278, 1192 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 436 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆ON₃F₆S, 436.1023 [M+H]⁺, found 436.1034. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) and CF₃ (of phenyl) group signal are not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(4-fluorophenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (80).

Yield, 300 mg, 80%; Solid, m.p. 164–166 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.25 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (broad s, 1H), 6.77–6.89 (m, 2H), 6.91–7.04 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.3, 91.0 (q, J = 32.9 Hz), 115.5, 115.9 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 116.4, 122.5 (d, J = 287.6 Hz), 123.0, 123.1, 131.9 (d, J = 8.7 Hz), 132.2, 146.3, 158.1, 160.4, 160.8, 161.3, 164.1; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3068, 1618, 1522, 1482, 1409, 1334, 1165 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 375 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ON₂F₅S, 375.0572 [M+H]⁺, found 375.0562. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(*Z*)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino) thiazolidin-4-ol (8p).

Yield, 370 mg, 85%; Solid, m.p. 154–156 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.39 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (broad s, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.91–7.02 (m, 4H),

7.24–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.55 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.4, 55.3, 91.0 (q, J = 31.8 Hz), 114.8, 120.8, 121.9, 124.6, 126.1, 128.6, 131.4, 153.7, 159.8; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3158, 2847, 1589, 1510, 1462, 1410, 1322, 1160 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 437 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅O₂N₂F₆S, 437.0728 [M+H]⁺, found 437.0752. (CF₃ (on same carbon of - OH) and CF₃ (on Phenyl) groups signal are not visualise in the spectra)

(*Z*)-2-(4-fluorophenylimino)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8q).

Yield, 330 mg, 85%; Solid, m.p. 144–146 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.22 (d, J = 11.99 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 11.99 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 6.79–6.87 (m, 2H), 6.89–6.98 (m, 3H), 7.04–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.29 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 34.4, 55.3, 91.2 (q, J = 31.2 Hz), 114.2, 114.7, 115.6 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 116.2, 116.5, 122.9, 123.1 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 128.6, 131.4, 132.2, 146.1, 154.4, 156.6, 159.7 (d, J = 242.0 Hz), 159.7, 164.2; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3028, 2797, 1590, 1507, 1484, 1411, 1317, 1172 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 387 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅O₂N₂F₄S, 387.0826 [M+H]⁺, found 387.0838. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) group signal is not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-2-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)-3-(2-morpholinoethyl)-4-

(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8r).

Yield, 417 mg, 87%; Solid, m.p. 114–116 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 2.16– 3.11 (m, 6H), 3.23–3.37 (m, 1H), 3.46–3.53 (m, 1H), 3.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.68–3.96 (m, 4H), 4.22 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.44 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 31.5, 36.8, 42.0, 46.0, 57.8, 108.4, 110.5, 122.1 (q, J = 273.9 Hz), 123.4, 128.5, 129.6, 132.6, 135.7, 142.5, 149.6, 162.8; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3055, 2210, 1622, 1579, 1444, 1348, 1304, 1171 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): m/z 478 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for

 $C_{17}H_{19}O_2CIN_3F_6S$, 478.0296 [M+H] ⁺, found 478.0306. (Fluorine coupling with carbon (carbon having CF₃ and –OH group) and CF₃ group (on Phenyl), signal are not visualise in the spectra)

(Z)-2-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)-3-(furan-2-ylmethyl)-4-

(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8s).

Yield, 400 mg, 90%; Solid, m.p. 132–134 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.11 (broad s, 1H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92–7.00 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.55 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 35.1, 40.0, 90.8 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 110.2, 111.2, 121.1, 126.0, 132.2, 142.5, 149.1, 149.7, 157.6; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3066, 1601, 1485, 1434, 1323, 1177 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m*/*z* 445 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂O₂N₂ClF₆S, 445.0769 [M+H] ⁺, found 445.0879. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) and CF₃ (on Phenyl) groups signal are not visualise in the spectra).

(*Z*)-2-(4-Chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8t).

Yield, 418 mg, 91%; Solid, m.p. 123–125 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.09 (broad s, 1H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94–7.02 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.51 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 35.3, 41.8, 121.1, 125.9, 126.4, 127.2, 127.5, 132.0, 139.5, 148.8, 157.8; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3074, 2704, 1585, 1475, 1415, 1313, 1161 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 461 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ON₂ClF₆S₂, 460.9967 [M+H]⁺, found 460.9978. (Coupling of fluorine with carbon (having CF3 and –OH groups),

 CF_3 (on same carbon of -OH) and CF_3 (on Phenyl) groups signal are not visualise in the spectra).

(Z)-3-tert-Butyl-2-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)-4-(trifluoromethyl) thiazolidin-4-ol (8u).

Yield, 361 mg, 86%; Solid, m.p. 80–82 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.18–1.44 (m, 3H), 1.57–1.84 (m, 2H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45–3.68 (m, 3H), 7.00–7.06 (m, 1H), 7.22–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.36–7.43 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 13.7, 20.2, 30.1, 35.1, 44.2, 91.0 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 120.9, 121.2, 121.3, 123.0 (q, *J* = 287.6 Hz), 124.5, 126.0, 126.4, 131.9, 149.3, 157.6; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3078, 2667, 1607, 1582, 1496, 1350, 1182 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m*/*z* 421 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₅H₁₆ON₂ClF₆S, 421.0556 [M+H] ⁺, found 421.0570. (CF₃ (on Phenyl) group signal are not visualise in the spectra).

(Z)-2-(4-Chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenylimino)-3-(2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiazolidin-4-ol (8v).

Yield, 408 mg, 87%; Solid, m.p. 118–120 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 3.22 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25–3.33 (m, 1H), 3.34–3.41 (m, 1H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76–3.88 (m, 1H), 4.38–4.50 (m, 1H), 6.66–6.78 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.69–7.78 (m, 1H), 8.40–8.48 (m, 1H), 11.29 (broad s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 33.8, 36.2, 41.6, 91.4 (q, *J* = 31.3 Hz), 121.3, 122.0, 125.2, 125.7, 131.7, 138.0, 146.6, 149.2, 158.2, 158.5; IR (KBr): v_{max} 3031, 2720, 1611, 1587, 1477, 1420, 1343, 1197, 1142 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): *m/z* 470 [M+H]⁺; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅ON₃ClF₆S, 470.0505 [M+H] ⁺, found 470.0523. (CF₃ (on same carbon of -OH) and CF₃ (on Phenyl) groups signal are not visualise in the spectra).

3. Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of products 8a-v

¹H NMR spectra of 8a





¹³C NMR spectra of 8a



¹H NMR spectra of 8b





¹³C NMR spectra of 8b



¹H NMR spectra of 8c





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¹³C NMR spectra of 8c





¹H MMR, CDCI₈, 500 MHz

¹H NMR spectra of 8d





¹H NMR spectra of 8e





¹³C NMR spectra of 8e





¹³C NMR spectra of 8f



¹H NMR spectra of 8g





¹³C NMR spectra of 8g



¹H NMR spectra of 8h









¹H NMR, CDCb, SOOMHZ





¹H NMR spectra of 8j



¹³C NMR spectra of 8j



¹H NMR spectra of 8k





¹H NMR spectra of 8l







¹H NMR spectra of 8m









H NMR, CDCI, SOO MHZ

¹³C NMR spectra of 8n





¹H NMR spectra of 80



¹³C NMR spectra of 80

¹H NMR spectra of 8p



¹³C NMR spectra of 8p











¹H NMR, CDCl₂ S00MHz

¹H NMR spectra of 8r



¹H NMR spectra of 8s

¹H NMR, CDCI₈, 500 MHz

Ω



¹³C NMR spectra of 8s









¹H NMR spectra of 8u



¹³C NMR spectra of 8u



¹H NMR spectra of 8v





¹³C NMR spectra of 8v

