

**Brønsted acid promoted addition-cyclization and C-C bond  
cleavage for  
the convenient and efficient synthesis of  
2-amino-5-arylmethylthiazole derivatives**

**Supporting Information**

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**1. General experimental:** All substrates and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. TLC analysis was performed using pre-coated glass plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200–300 mesh). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 infrared spectrometer as KBr pellets with absorption in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$  on 400/600 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration.  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or DMSO on 100/150 MHz NMR spectrometers and resonances ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm. HRMS were obtained on an Apex-Ultra MS equipped with ESI or APCI source. Melting points were determined without correction. The structures of **3ah** were confirmed by X-ray diffraction.

## 2. Additional optimization table entries - other solvents:

| Entry | Catalyst (mmol) | Solvent         | Temp ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) | Yield(%) |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1     | HCl(1.5)        | MeOH            | reflux                      | 78       |
| 2     | HCl(1.5)        | $^i\text{PrOH}$ | reflux                      | 52       |
| 3     | HCl(1.5)        | $^t\text{BuOH}$ | reflux                      | 43       |

## 3. General experimental procedures for preparation of 3aa-3av, 3ba, 4aa from 1,4-enediones 1 and thioureas 2 (3aa as an example):

**General procedure:** A mixture of 2-benzoyl-1,4-diphenylbut-2-ene-1,4-dione **1a** (340 mg, 1.0 mmol), thiourea **2a** (76 mg, 1.0 mmol) and 36% hydrochloric acid (130  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.5 mmol) in 5 mL of EtOH was stirred at reflux for 3 h. After the reaction completed, the mixture was neutralized with saturated aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 30$  mL), the combined organic extracts were then washed with brine. After drying over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure, the crude product

was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a yellow solid **3aa** (262.0 mg, 89%).

#### **4. General experimental procedures for preparation of **5** from **3ad****

**General procedure:** 2-(2-amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone **3ad** (260.1mg, 0.8 mmol) was dissolved in 4 mL of trifluoroacetic acid. Triethylsilane (4 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 72 h at ambient temperature. Then the solution was evaporated and the mixture was neutralized with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL), the combined organic extracts were then washed with brine. After drying over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1) to afford a yellow solid **5** (95.6 mg, 37%).

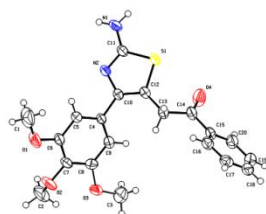
#### **5. General experimental procedures for preparation of **6a-6c** from **3****

**General procedure:** A mixture of 2-(2-amino-4-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone **3aa** (29.5 mg, 0.1mmol), o-phenylenediamine (10.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), iodine (27.9.mg, 0.11 mmol), and CuO (8.8 mg, 0.11 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was heated at reflux for 0.5 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduce pressure, and added 20 mL water to the residue, extracted with EtOAc three times(3× 50 mL). The extract was washed with 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc = 2:1) to afford a yellow solid **6a** (35.4 mg, 93%).

## 6. General experimental procedures for preparation of 7a-7b from 3(6a as an example):

**General procedure:** A mixture of 2-(2-amino-4-phenylthiazol-5-yl)- 1-phenylethan-one **3aa** (29.5 mg, 0.1mmol), thiourea (7.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), iodine (27.9.mg, 0.11 mmol), and CuO (8.8 mg, 0.11 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was heated at reflux for 0.5 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduce pressure, and added 20 mL water to the residue, extracted with EtOAc three times(3× 50 mL). The extract was washed with 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a yellow solid **7a** (32.9 mg, 94%).

## 7. Crystallographic data and molecular structure of compound 3ah



Crystal Data for Compound **3ah**: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, MW = 384.45, triclinic, a = 12.7896(14) Å, b = 13.3917(15) Å, c = 13.4480(15) Å, α = 68.542(2)°, β = 63.471(1)°, γ = 76.053(2)°, V = 1909.6(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, T = 296(2) K, space group P-1, Z=4, m(Mo-Kα) = 0.198 mm<sup>-1</sup>, 17504 reflections measured, 9161 unique, which were used in all calculations. The final wR2 (F2) was 0.1323. CCDC 1013833 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

## 8. Spectroscopic Data:

**8.3.1** 2-(2-amino-4-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3aa**). Yield 89%; yellow solid; m.p. 178-179 °C; IR (KBr): 3400, 3284, 3092, 1674, 1634, 1597, 1530, 1445, 1335, 1280, 1175 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.42 (t, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.2, 166.8, 146.8, 135.6, 133.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 113.5, 36.8; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: 295.0900; found: 295.0897.

**8.3.2** 2-(2-amino-4-(*p*-tolyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ab**). Yield 92%; yellow solid; m.p. 169-171 °C; IR (KBr): 3417, 3275, 3110, 2916, 1667, 1626, 1537, 1280 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.5, 166.2, 148.8, 137.5, 135.8, 133.4, 132.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 113.3, 37.0, 21.2; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: 309.1056; found: 309.1053.

**8.3.3** 2-(4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-aminothiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ac**). Yield 84%; yellow solid; m.p. 182-183 °C; IR (KBr): 3434, 3267, 3066, 1694, 1626, 1530, 1329, 1211, 1181, 1121, 849, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.95 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.36 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.4, 166.1, 148.4, 140.53, 140.47, 135.8, 133.8, 133.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 114.1, 37.0; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: 371.1213; found: 371.1207.

**8.3.4** 2-(2-amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ad**). Yield 95%; yellow solid; m.p. 160-161 °C; IR (KBr): 3399, 3269, 3099, 1664, 1621, 1534, 1502, 1448, 1284, 1248, 1171 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 4H), 6.93 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.5, 166.1, 159.1, 148.4, 135.7, 133.5, 129.7, 128.7, 128.3, 127.3, 113.8, 112.7, 55.2, 37.0; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 325.1005; found: 325.0999.

**8.3.5** 2-(2-amino-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ae**). Yield 81%; yellow solid; m.p. 200-201 °C; IR (KBr): 3370, 3298, 3069, 2962, 1687, 1645, 1599, 1534, 1326, 787, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.01 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.28-6.27 (m, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 197.1, 166.3, 159.1, 147.3, 136.6, 135.9, 133.7, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 120.3, 113.3, 113.1, 112.3, 54.9, 36.9; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 325.1005; found: 325.0999.

**8.3.6** 2-(2-amino-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3af**). Yield 88%; yellow solid; m.p. 168-169°C; IR(KBr): 3401, 3271, 3098, 2976, 1663, 1627, 1530, 1503, 1339, 1309, 1288, 1246, 1173, 1121, 1051 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.91 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J*=9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.07-4.04 (m, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.5, 165.9, 158.6, 148.6, 135.8, 133.5, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.2, 114.4, 112.9, 63.4, 37.0, 14.8; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 339.1162; found: 339.1158.

**8.3.7** 2-(2-amino-4-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ag**). Yield 91%; yellow solid; m.p. 166-168°C; IR (KBr): 3381, 3288, 3117, 3002, 2933, 2833, 1688, 1635, 1514, 1352, 1329, 1257, 1227 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.92 (d, *J*=6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.6, 165.9, 148.71, 148.66, 148.5, 135.8, 133.6, 128.7, 128.3, 127.5, 120.8, 111.6, 110.8, 55.8, 55.7, 37.0; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 355.1111; found: 355.1105.

**8.3.8** 2-(2-amino-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ah**). Yield 93% (357.5 mg); red solid; m.p. 179-181°C; IR (KBr): 3411, 3370, 3281, 2937, 1683, 1620, 1590, 1530, 1503, 1412, 1356, 1232, 1131, 1033, 994 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.94 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.6, 166.1, 153.0, 148.7, 137.5, 135.7, 133.6, 130.3, 128.7, 128.2, 113.4, 105.4, 60.8, 55.9, 36.9; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S: 385.1217; found: 385.1213.

**8.3.9** 2-(2-amino-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ai**). Yield 82% (277.5 mg); yellow solid; m.p. 156-158°C; IR (KBr): 3420, 3094, 2895, 1689, 1643, 1535, 1484, 1328, 1236, 1039 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.93 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.4, 165.9, 165.8, 148.4, 147.6, 147.2, 135.7, 133.6, 128.7, 128.3, 122.2, 113.3, 109.1, 108.3, 101.1, 37.0; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 339.0798; found: 339.0793.

**8.3.10** 2-(2-amino-4-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3aj**). Yield 90%; yellow solid; m.p. 204-206°C; IR (KBr): 3431, 3282, 3008, 1689, 1632, 1533, 1329, 1213, 841 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.02 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.33-6.31 (m, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.9, 166.5, 146.3, 135.84, 135.82, 134.1, 133.6, 131.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.4, 112.8, 36.7; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS: 329.0510; found: 329.0505.

**8.3.11** 2-(2-amino-4-(3-chlorophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ak**). Yield 86%; yellow solid; m.p. 119-120°C; IR (KBr): 3417, 3283, 3130, 1675, 1633, 1524, 1331, 1216, 798, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.92 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 3H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.2, 166.5, 147.1, 136.5, 135.6, 134.3, 133.7, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 126.5, 114.7, 36.7; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS: 329.0510; found: 329.0507.

**8.3.12** 2-(2-amino-4-(2-chlorophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3al**). Yield 78%; yellow solid; m.p. 209-210°C; IR (KBr): 3430, 3281, 3087, 1688, 1632, 1533, 1330, 1212, 1071, 841, 804, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.02 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.40 (m, 2H), 6.34-6.32 (m, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.9, 166.5, 146.3, 135.8, 134.1, 133.7, 131.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 112.8, 112.7, 36.7; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>OS: 329.0510; found: 329.0505.

**8.3.13** 2-(2-amino-4-(4-bromophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3am**). Yield 85%; yellow solid; m.p. 214-215°C; IR (KBr): 3429, 3277, 3082, 1690, 1631, 1532, 1328, 1212, 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.02 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 6H), 6.33-6.32 (m, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.8, 166.5, 146.3, 135.8, 134.5, 133.7, 131.3, 130.0, 128.9, 128.3, 120.5, 112.8, 36.7; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OS: 373.0005; found: 373.0006.

**8.3.14** 2-(2-amino-4-(3-bromophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3an**). Yield 83%; yellow solid; m.p. 141-142°C; IR (KBr): 3440, 3257, 3067, 2914, 2687, 1684, 1620, 1526, 1327, 1213, 687 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.92 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.60 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.2, 166.4, 147.0, 136.7, 135.6, 133.7, 131.5, 130.8, 130.0, 128.8, 128.3, 126.9, 122.5, 114.7, 36.7; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>OS: 373.0005; found: 373.0000.

**8.3.15** 2-(2-amino-4-(4-fluorophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ao**). Yield 83%; yellow solid; m.p. 175-176°C; IR (KBr): 3433, 3280, 3083, 1688, 1632, 1534, 1502, 1332, 1215, 1071, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.92 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.08 (t, *J*=9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.38 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.3, 166.1, 163.6, 161.1, 147.8, 135.7, 133.7, 130.9, 130.3, 130.2, 128.8, 128.3, 115.5, 115.3, 113.9, 36.8; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>OS: 313.0805; found: 313.0802.

**8.3.16** 2-(2-amino-4-(2-fluorophenyl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ap**). Yield 87%; yellow solid; m.p. 132-134°C; IR (KBr): 3412, 3392, 3289, 3101, 1671, 1637, 1580,

1534, 1486, 1448, 1334, 1286, 1219, 1175, 762, 715; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.89 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.20 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J*=9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.5, 167.1, 160.3, 157.9, 141.8, 135.9, 133.5, 131.6, 129.93, 129.86, 128.8, 128.1, 124.4, 123.1, 122.9, 116.1, 114.5, 36.7; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: 313.0805; found: 313.0802.

**8.3.17** 2-(2-amino-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3aq**). Yield 90% (310.0 mg); yellow solid; m.p. 144-145 °C; IR (KBr): 3439, 3282, 3129, 1677, 1628, 1526, 1278 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.88-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.71 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.28 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.4, 166.6, 147.5, 135.6, 133.7, 133.3, 132.2, 132.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 125.1, 115.8, 36.9; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: 345.1056; found: 345.1052.

**8.3.18** 2-(2-amino-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3ar**). Yield 89%; yellow solid; m.p. 170-171 °C; IR (KBr): 3439, 3264, 3094, 1678, 1623, 1531, 1311, 1274, 1174, 708 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.92-7.84 (m, 5H), 7.78 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J*=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J*=7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.5, 166.4, 148.6, 135.8, 133.5, 133.2, 132.7, 132.3, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.5, 126.2, 126.1, 114.2, 37.0; HRMS (ESI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: 345.1056; found: 345.1052.

**8.3.19** 2-(2-amino-4-(thiophen-2-yl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3as**). Yield 77%; yellow solid; m.p. 185-186 °C; IR (KBr): 3393, 3289, 3124, 1675, 1635, 1531, 1282, 691 ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.00 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J*=4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J*=4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 195.7, 165.9, 141.8, 137.53, 137.48, 135.8, 133.7, 128.8, 128.3, 127.4, 125.4, 113.3, 37.1; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>: 301.0464; found: 301.0461.

**8.3.20** 2-(2-amino-4-(benzofuran-2-yl)thiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3at**). Yield 87%; yellow solid; m.p. 201-203 °C; IR (KBr): 3406, 3278, 3135, 1687, 1627, 1532, 1449, 1337, 1254, 1214, 1187, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.17 (d, *J*=7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.47-6.45 (m, 2H), 4.93 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 196.9, 166.7, 153.8, 152.8, 137.3, 136.4, 133.5, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 124.3, 123.2, 121.2, 115.9, 110.7, 103.3, 36.1; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 335.0849; found: 335.0845.

**8.3.21** 2-(2-amino-4-methylthiazol-5-yl)-1-phenylethanone (**3au**). Yield 93%; yellow solid; m.p. 171-172 °C; IR (KBr): 3445, 3260, 3064, 2728, 1690, 1623, 1592, 1526, 1330, 1215, 1109, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 8.00 (d, *J*=7.8 Hz,

2H), 7.60 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 196.8, 166.2, 144.5, 136.0, 133.3, 128.7, 128.3, 109.4, 35.9, 14.8; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : 233.0743; found: 233.0743.

**8.3.22** *2-(2-amino-4-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethanone (3av)*. Yield 82%; yellow solid; m.p. 188-189°C; IR (KBr): 3438, 3273, 3069, 1680, 1631, 1596, 1528, 1329, 1262, 1229, 1166  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.89 (d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d,  $J=9.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.37 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 194.9, 166.0, 163.8, 148.5, 134.8, 130.7, 128.7, 128.53, 128.47, 127.8, 114.5, 113.8, 55.5, 36.6; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : 325.1005; found: 325.1005.

**8.3.23** *1-phenyl-2-(4-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)thiazol-5-yl)ethanone (3ba)*. Yield 93%; yellow solid; m.p. 142-143°C; IR (KBr): 3442, 3154, 3057, 2928, 2848, 1687, 1560, 1216, 756, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.92 (d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.04 (t,  $J=6.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.48 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 196.4, 164.4, 148.4, 140.2, 135.7, 134.6, 133.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 122.8, 118.6, 112.3, 36.8; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ : 371.1213; found: 371.1210.

**8.3.24** *3-(2-amino-4-phenylthiazol-5-yl)-4-hydroxypent-3-en-2-one (4aa)*. Yield 52%; yellow solid; m.p. 177-178°C; IR (KBr): 3411, 3294, 3115, 1640, 1595, 1529, 1485, 1412, 1340, 927, 773, 741, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 16.87 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 5.46 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 193.4, 166.6, 148.2, 134.6, 128.5, 127.8, 127.3, 115.9, 104.2, 24.0; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : 275.0849; found: 275.0844.

**8.3.25** *4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenethylthiazol-2-amine (5)*. Yield 37%; yellow solid; m.p. 126-128°C; IR (KBr): 3409, 3083, 2929, 2839, 1610, 1532, 1503, 1331, 1246, 1175, 1023, 837, 700, 591  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.34 (d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J=9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.04 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.90 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 164.5, 158.9, 145.9, 140.6, 129.6, 128.42, 138.37, 127.6, 126.2, 121.5, 113.6, 55.2, 38.0, 28.9; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ : 311.1213; found: 311.1212.

**8.3.26** *4-phenyl-5-(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)thiazol-2-amine (6a)*. Yield 93%; yellow solid; m.p. 127-128°C; IR (KBr): 3442, 3058, 2924, 1624, 1519, 1484, 1394, 1351, 766, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.12-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 5H), 6.98 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J=6.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.85 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.8, 154.4, 150.1,

146.9, 141.1, 140.8, 138.24, 138.16, 134.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.93, 127.85, 127.8, 119.0; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{23}H_{17}N_4S$ : 381.1168; found: 381.1165.

**8.3.27** 5-(6,7-dimethyl-3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)-4-phenylthiazol-2-amine (**6b**). Yield 96%; yellow solid; m.p. 242-243 °C; IR (KBr): 3458, 2922, 2852, 1620, 1535, 1483, 1352, 1020, 696  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.81 (d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (s, 2H), 7.19 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J=8.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 168.0, 152.9, 149.0, 146.1, 140.8, 139.3, 139.2, 138.3, 134.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.48, 127.45, 127.4, 127.19, 127.17, 116.7, 19.8; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{21}N_4S$ : 409.1487; found: 409.1497.

**8.3.28** 4-methyl-5-(3-phenylquinoxalin-2-yl)thiazol-2-amine (**6c**) Yield 87%; yellow oil; IR (KBr): 3443, 3310, 3181, 2923, 1622, 1509, 1343, 1077, 766, 698  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.14-8.12 (m, 1H), 8.09-8.07 (m, 1H), 7.76-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.69-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 3H), 5.53 (s, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.8, 153.7, 148.2, 146.2, 141.0, 140.9, 138.8, 130.1, 130.0, 129.2, 129.11, 129.08, 128.7, 128.6, 118.6, 16.2; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_4S$ : 319.1017; found: 319.1008.

**8.3.29** 4,4'-diphenyl-[5,5'-bithiazole]-2,2'-diamine (**7a**) Yield 94%; brown solid; m.p. 124-125 °C; IR (KBr): 3444, 3372, 3180, 2922, 1618, 1521, 1473, 1334, 1069, 920, 771, 696  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.62 (d,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.28 (t,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 6H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.2, 147.9, 134.6, 128.1, 127.5, 109.2; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}N_4S_2$ : 351.0738; found: 351.0732.

**8.3.30** 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-4'-phenyl-[5,5'-bithiazole]-2,2'-diamine (**7b**) Yield 93%; yellow solid; m.p. 268-269 °C; IR (KBr): 3458, 3267, 3116, 1621, 1524, 1469, 1333, 918, 843, 697  $cm^{-1}$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.60-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d,  $J=9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J=7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 5H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 167.4, 148.2, 146.7, 134.7, 133.5, 132.0, 129.2, 128.22, 128.15, 127.5, 110.0, 108.8; HRMS (ESI):  $m/z$   $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{18}H_{15}ClN_4S_2$ : 385.0348; found: 385.0338.

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