

# THE THIA-MICHAEL ADDITION REACTION: A SIMPLE AND EASY GREEN ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF BIS 1,2,3-TRIAZOLYL $\beta$ -MERCAPTO CARBONYL SPIN-OFFS

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## ABSTRACT

The present investigation deals with an efficient synthesis of a library of bis  $\beta$ -mercapto carbonyl triazole derivatives via a one-pot three-component solvent-free green protocol. Significance of the protocol has been realized due to its mild reaction conditions, cost effectiveness, quantitative yield of the product within a short reaction time, easy workup, and eco-friendliness. Water as the green solvent facilitates easy separation of pure products from the reaction medium without the need for chromatographic separation.

**Keywords:** Bis-1,2,3-Triazole, Thioether, Grinding, Solvent-Free Approach.

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## INTRODUCTION

Among the most effective and cost-effective methods for reactions involving the production of carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bonds, Michael addition stands out. Oxo-Michael reactions,<sup>1,2</sup> aza-Michael reaction,<sup>3,4,5,6</sup> and the thia-Michael reaction<sup>7,8</sup> that have been used to synthesize various hybrid organic moieties. Thia-Michael's addition reaction is one of the valuable synthetic approaches towards diversified sulfur-containing organic scaffolds of medicinal importance. They exhibit numerous biological activities, such as anti-viral,<sup>9</sup> anti-inflammatory,<sup>10</sup> antioxidant,<sup>11</sup> antiproliferative,<sup>12</sup> antimicrobial,<sup>13</sup> antibacterial,<sup>14</sup> antifungal,<sup>15</sup> anticancer,<sup>16</sup> and antidiabetic.<sup>17</sup> In addition, the removal of the sulfur moiety allows for easy regeneration of the double bond, making the Thia-Michael addition to  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds a feasible technique for selectively protecting the C=C bond of conjugated enones. Hence, benzenethiol derivatives act as a fluorescent probe to differentiate toxic thiophenol derivatives from biologically important biothiols.<sup>18</sup> Over the decades, catalyst-free and solvent-free organic reactions have received much attention in synthetic organic chemistry.<sup>19,20</sup> Accordingly, many Organosulfur compounds have established their utility in pharmaceuticals and material science. Among them, aryl sulfides are privileged motifs found in many commercial drugs.<sup>21</sup> (Fig-1).

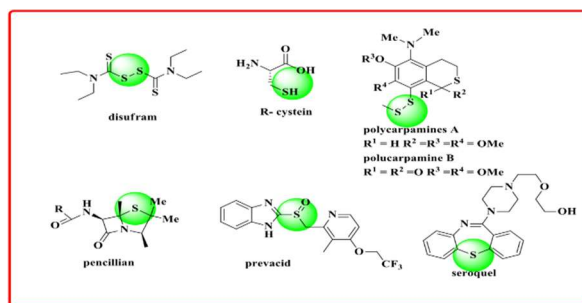


Fig-1: Commercialized Therapeutic Drugs

In literature, Thia-Michael addition to electron-deficient olefins has been described in a number of methods, each with its own set of drawbacks, including a lengthy reaction time, high temperature, the use of halogenated and high-boiling solvents, the employment of metal catalysts, and moderate yields.

Therefore, it is necessary to establish a clear, environmentally friendly, solvent-free, metal-free synthetic process for thia-Michael addition. Recently, hybrid molecules having more than one pharmacophore are gaining special attention in medicinal chemistry. The adaptable nature of the 1,2,3-triazole moiety proves its wide range of pharmacological activities, *viz.* antiproliferative,<sup>22</sup> antiviral,<sup>23</sup> antimicrobial,<sup>24</sup> antifungal,<sup>25</sup> anti-inflammatory.<sup>26</sup> However, triazole derivatives excellent solubility and stability increase their bioactivity in the biological system. By considering the medicinal importance of hybrid organic molecules, we planned to synthesize heterocycles consisting of green and efficient reagents, which, under very mild conditions, result in the formation of  $\beta$ -mercapto carbonyl derivatives at room temperature *via* the one-pot protocol. We have successfully eliminated the need for costly solvents and catalysts, as well as complicated purification processes and multi-step procedures, by creating an effective solvent-free method for adding thiophenol to bis 1,2,3-triazolyl linked  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds. Therefore, the current work reveals the synthesis of new bis 1,2,3-triazolyl-linked  $\beta$ -mercapto carbonyl derivatives using thia-Michael addition at room temperature without the use of a solvent.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Materials and Methods

All the chemicals and reagents used for the synthesis were purchased from Avra Synthesis Pvt. Ltd. and Merck Pvt. Ltd., India. Melting points were analyzed using an open capillary tube. The structural analysis was done by NMR, FTIR, and mass spectrometry. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and 2D NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker Advance spectrometer at 400 MHz for proton and 101 MHz for carbon-13 NMR. CDCl<sub>3</sub> solvent was used throughout the NMR experiment with TMS as internal reference. Chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) and coupling constants (*J*) were measured in terms of ppm and Hz, respectively. The terms s, d, t, dd, and m are abbreviated as singlet, doublet, triplet, doublet of doublet, and multiplet, respectively. <sup>13</sup>C NMR data and <sup>1</sup>H NMR data are reported with the solvent peak (CDCl<sub>3</sub>=77.0 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>=  $\delta$  7.26) as the internal standard. Fourier transform infrared spectra were obtained from a Shimadzu IR Affinity-1 instrument. Mass spectra were recorded with a Q-Tof mass spectrometer. Elemental analyses of all the compounds were performed, which are in agreement with the calculated values within  $\pm 0.4\%$ .

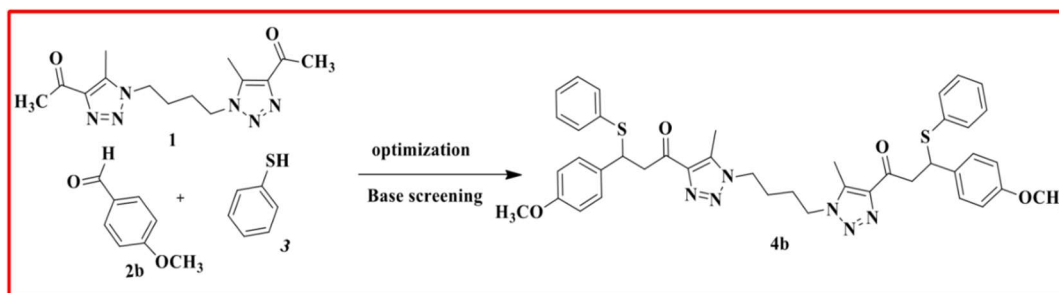
### General Procedure

#### Synthesis of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1*H*,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)) diethanone (1)

A mixture of 1,4-dibromoazide (1 equiv), Acetyl acetone (2 equiv) was refluxed in the presence of potassium carbonate by using a suitable solvent. The completion of the reaction was monitored with the help of TLC, and then the crude product was separated with dichloromethane. The products were recrystallized from aqueous ethanol for further spectral analysis.

#### Synthesis of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1*H*,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) hybrids (4a-m).

At the outset, a synthesis of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1*H*,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4b) was attempted varying the bases (table 1) i.e. a mixture of bis 1,2,3-triazolyl ketone (1, 1.0 equiv), substituted aryl aldehyde (2, 2equiv), thiophenol (3, 2equiv) and base (1.5 equiv) was stirring well. TLC was used to track the reaction's completion. An excess of diluted sodium hydroxide aqueous solution was added to the reaction mixture.



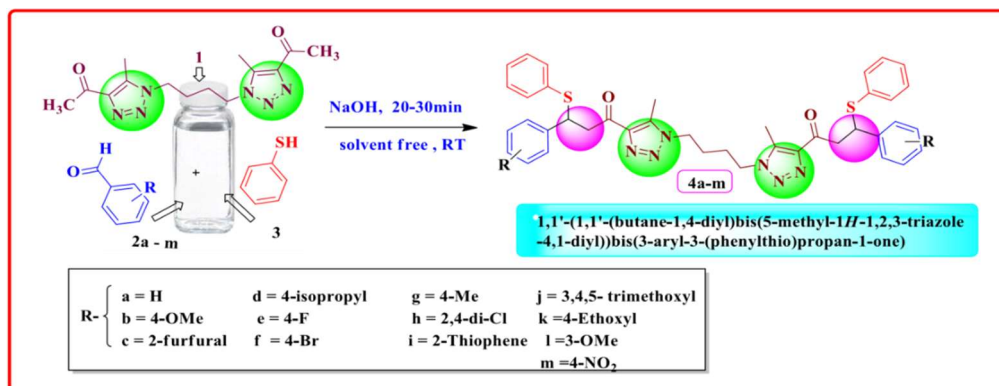
Scheme-1: Optimization for the Synthesis of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1*H*,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4b)

The raw material was filtered and repeatedly cleaned with water. The water-soluble inorganic base, *viz.*, sodium hydroxide, was noted to be the best, affording the product in good yield in a short reaction time.

Table-1: Optimization for the Synthesis of Compound (4b)

| Entry | Base                            | Time (minutes) | Yield (%) |
|-------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1     | Et <sub>3</sub> N               | 60             | 63        |
| 2     | K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>  | 52             | 76        |
| 3     | Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 45             | 75        |
| 4     | KOH                             | 40             | 88        |
| 5     | NaOH                            | 25             | 95        |
| 6     | Pyridine                        | 60             | 55        |

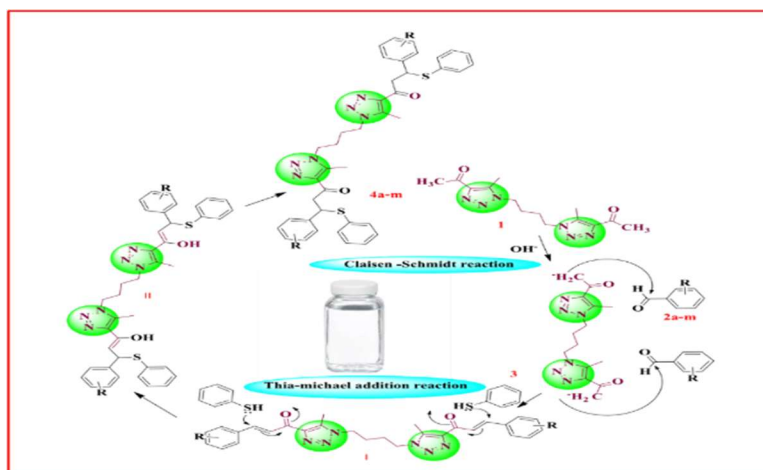
From Table-1, it is noted that the water-soluble inorganic base, *viz.*, sodium hydroxide, was noted to be the best, affording the product in good yield (95%) in a short reaction time (25 min).



Scheme-2: Synthesis of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one)

### Reaction Mechanism

Plausible mechanism for the formation of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) hybrids (4a-m) hybrids. It includes. 1) Base-catalyzed Claisen-Schmidt reaction – The base OH<sup>-</sup> hits the proton in (1,4) bis 1,2,3- triazolyl ketone and followed by dehydration to form an intermediate (I) as (1,4) bis 1,2,3- triazolyl chalcone. 2) Thia-Michael addition reaction – lone pair of electrons on a sulfur atom in thiol hick the C=C double bond in (1,4) bis 1,2,3-triazolyl chalcone subsequently enol form of (1,4) bis 1,2,3-triazolyl thiol hybrid (II) is formed, then the hybrid (II) undergoes keto-enol tautomerism to produce 1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) hybrids (4a-m).

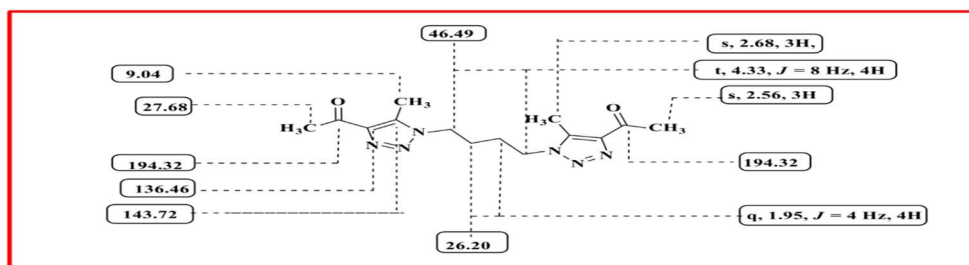
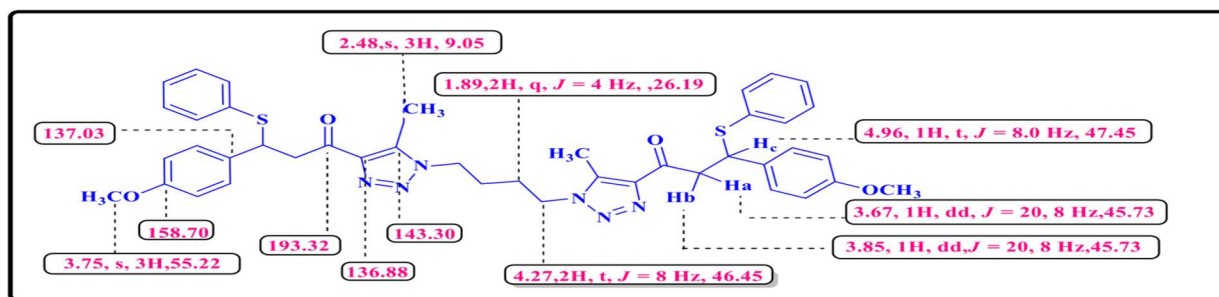
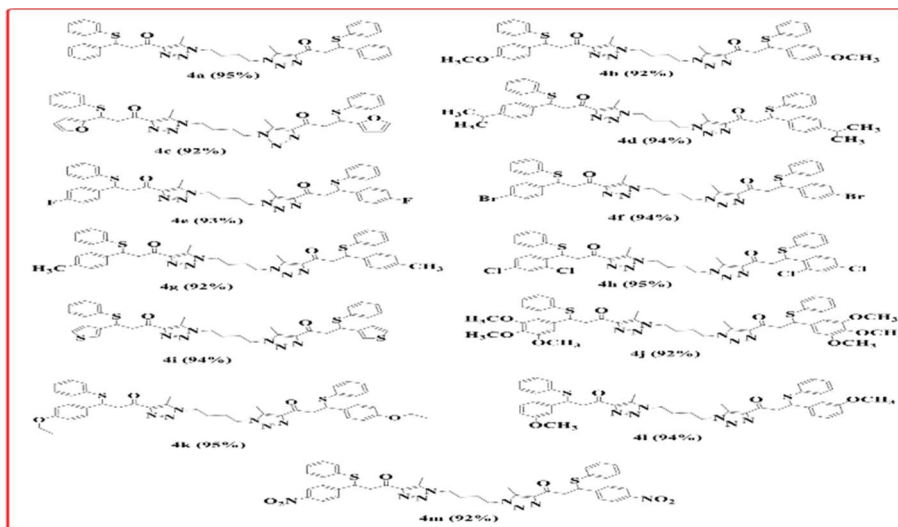


Scheme-3: Mechanism of 1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) hybrids (4a-m)

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Structural Assignment

A band at  $688\text{ cm}^{-1}$  that corresponds to the C-S stretching vibration was visible in the FTIR spectra of a typical molecule, 4c. Furthermore, the carbonyl group's stretching frequency is the cause of another band seen at  $1673\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . ESI-MS spectra of compound 4c reveals  $[M+NH_4]^+$  at  $m/z=700.4373$ , which is in agreement with the calculated value. A multiplet between  $\delta$  7.22 and 7.50, which corresponds to eighteen aromatic protons, may be seen in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of a typical chemical 4b. At  $\delta$  4.27, aliphatic protons ( $-\text{NCH}_2-$ ) showed up as a triplet. The diastereotopic protons ( $\text{H}_a$  and  $\text{H}_b$ ) are responsible for the two doublets of doublets seen at  $\delta$  3.67 and 3.85. The methyl groups belonging to triazole and the methoxy groups attached to phenyl rings, respectively, are responsible for the other two singlets at  $\delta$  2.48 and 3.75. The typical chemical 4b's  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR signals were assigned using the H-HCOSY, C-H-COSY, and HMBC methods. The carbonyl and aliphatic two methylene carbons are represented by the signals at  $\delta$  193.2, 46.45, and 26.18, respectively. Furthermore, at  $\delta$  4.97, the chiral carbon displayed a triplet signal. At  $\delta$  45.73, the diastereotopic carbon showed a signal. Signals at  $\delta$  9.05 and 55.22 are produced by methyl groups linked to triazole and phenyl rings, respectively.

Fig.-2: Selected  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Chemical Shifts of Compound 1Fig.-3: Selected  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Chemical Shift of Compound 4bFig.-4: Derivatives of 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1*H*-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-aryl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) hybrids (4a-m)

## Spectra of 1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)) diethanone (1)

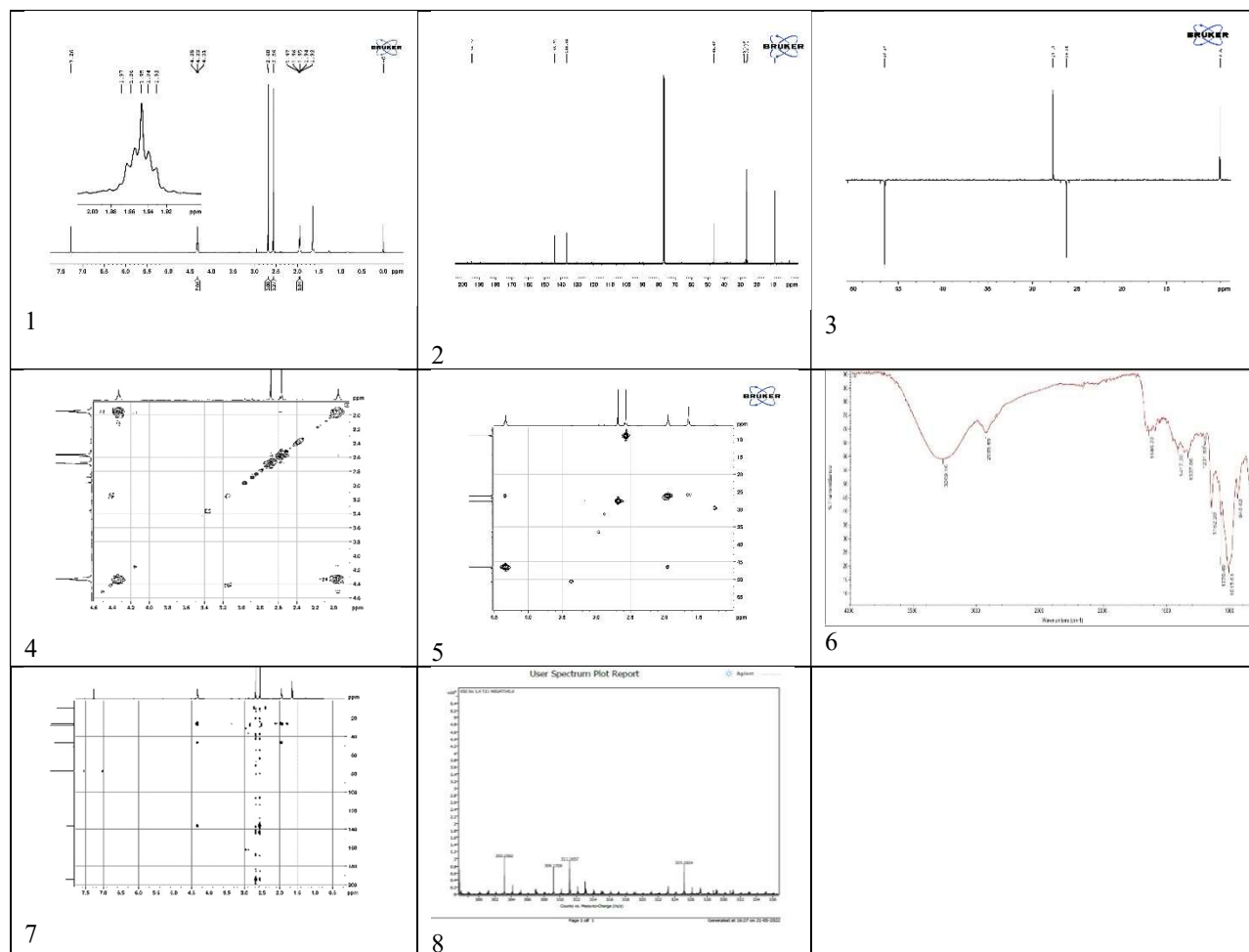
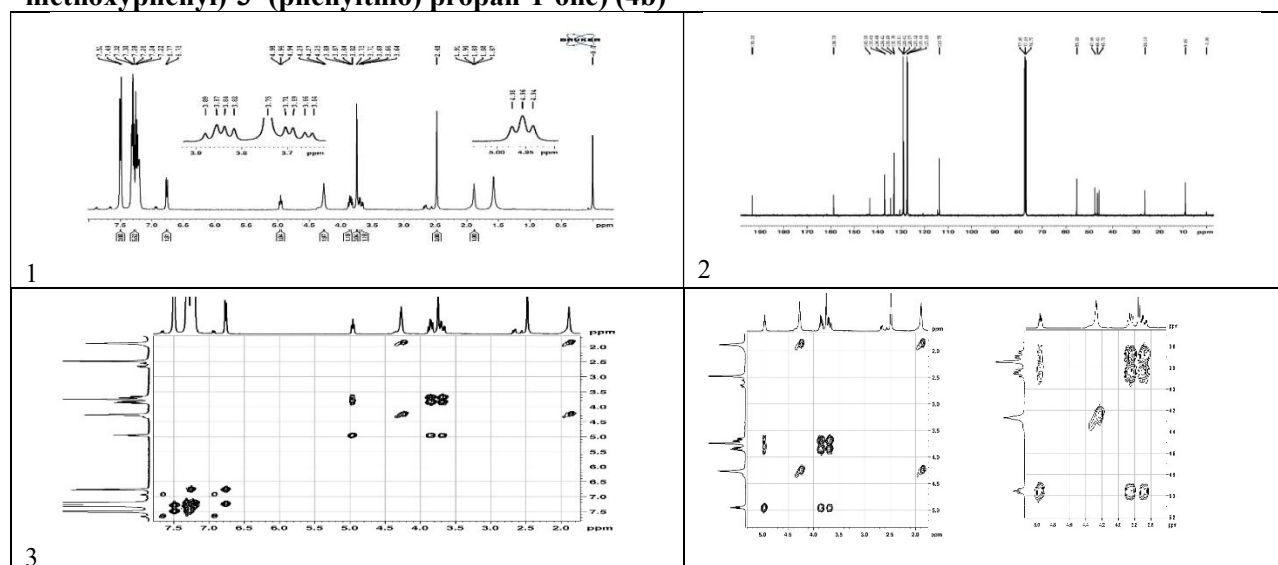


Fig.-5: (1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), (2)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), (3) DEPT135, (4) H, H-COSY, (5) C, H-COSY, (6) IR, (7) HMBC, (8) ESI-MS

## Spectra of 1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis (3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3- (phenylthio) propan-1-one) (4b)



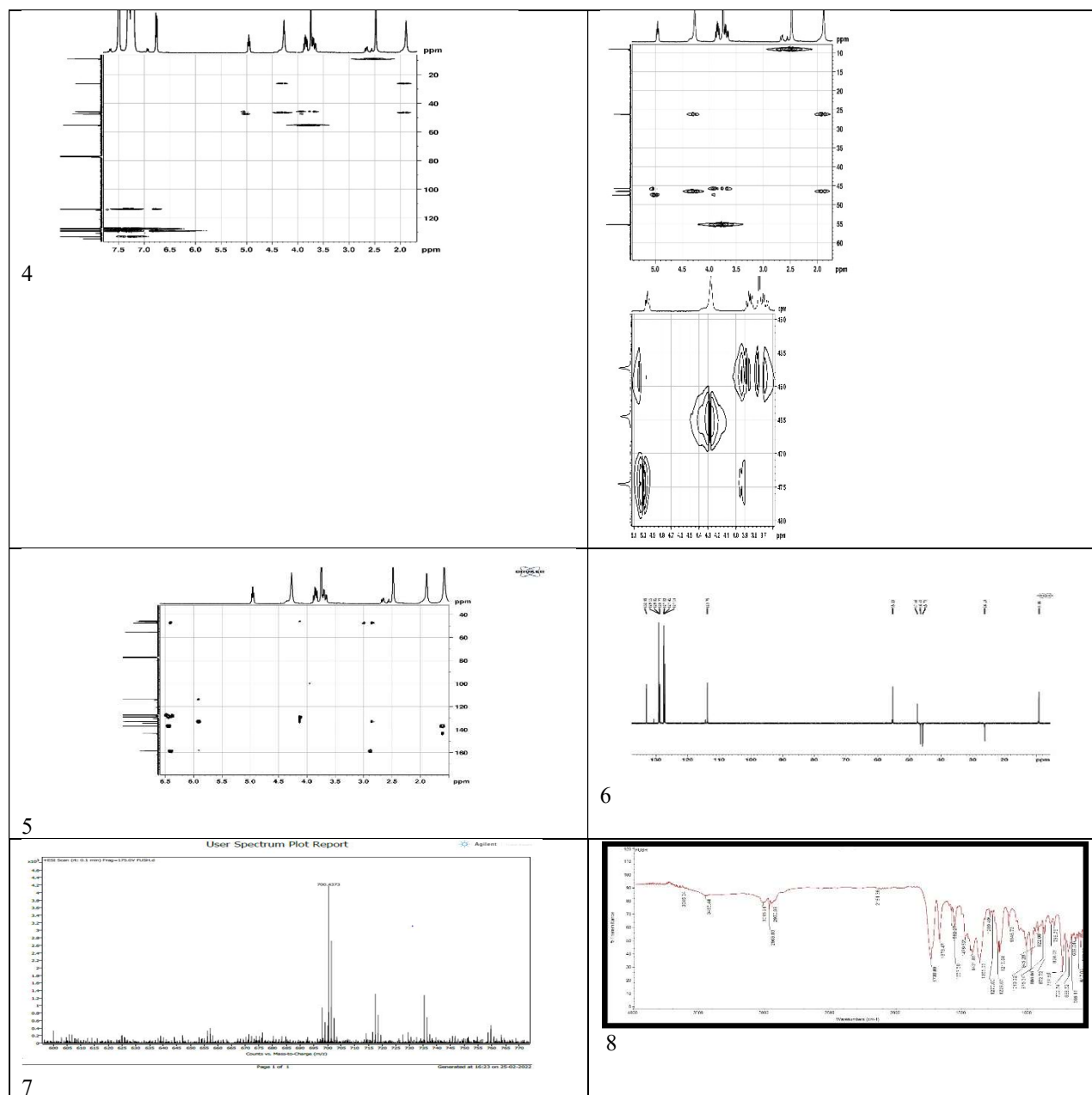


Fig.-6: (1)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), (2)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ), (3) H, H-COSY, (4) C, H-COSY, (5) HMBC, (6) DEPT135, (7) ESI-MS, (8) IR

## CONCLUSION

Bis 1,2,3-triazolyl beta-mercapto carbonyl derivatives have been synthesized in a high yield using a greener procedure using a one-pot multicomponent reaction at room temperature and an environmentally safe solvent.

### Spectral Data of all Synthesized Organic Compounds

#### 1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)) diethanone (1)

White solid; yield: 80%; m.p. 98-100°C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.33 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 2.68 (s, 6H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 1.95 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz, 4H),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.32, 143.72, 136.46, 46.49, 27.68, 26.20, 9.04.  $m/z$  of  $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ : calculated 303.3574; found 303.1562. Anal. Calc. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2$ : C, 55.25; H, 6.62; N, 27.61. Found: C, 55.18; H, 6.61; N, 27.63.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)) bis(3-phenyl-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4a)**

Yellow solid; yield: 95%; m.p.225-227°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 20H), 4.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.86 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.667 (s, 6H), 1.90 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.70, 143.79, 141.26, 136.83, 134.51, 132.82, 130.72, 129.45, 127.97, 127.13, 122.91, 48.07, 46.80, 45.54, 25.93, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 68.54; H, 5.75; N, 11.99; S, 9.15. Found: C, 68.46; H, 5.74; N, 11.97; S, 9.14.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis (3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4b)**

Yellow solid; yield: 92%; m.p.220-222°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.96 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.67 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 1.89 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.32, 158.70, 143.30, 137.03, 136.88, 134.41, 133.10, 132.95, 129.11, 129.01, 128.77, 127.52, 127.40, 127.19, 113.75, 55.22, 47.46, 46.45, 45.73, 26.19, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.29; H, 5.83; N, 11.04; S, 8.43. Found: C, 66.20; H, 5.84; N, 11.06; S, 8.42.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(furan-2-yl)-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4c)**

Yellow solid; yield: 92%; m.p.232-234°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 10H), 6.20 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 4H), 5.01 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 1.94 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.60, 153.49, 143.15, 141.89, 137.03, 134.03, 133.03, 128.75, 127.99, 110.22, 107.27, 46.51, 43.30, 41.22, 26.22, 9.05. m/z of [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calculated 700.2197; found 700.4373. FTIR (ν, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1673.47(C=O), 688.52(C-S). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 63.51; H, 5.33; N, 12.34; S, 9.42. Found: C, 63.44; H, 5.34; N, 12.36; S, 9.43.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)-3-(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4d)**

Yellow solid; yield: 94%; m.p.229-231°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20- 7.08 (m, 18H), 4.97 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.84 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.88-2.84 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 6H), 1.94 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H), 1.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.33, 147.86, 143.30, 138.31, 136.83, 134.52, 132.83, 128.71, 127.72, 127.30, 127.04, 126.45, 47.90, 46.67, 45.68, 34.07, 26.17, 23.46, 9.14. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 70.37; H, 6.68; N, 10.70; S, 8.17. Found: C, 70.69; H, 6.67; N, 10.68; S, 8.16.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4e)**

Yellow solid; yield: 93%; m.p.125-127°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 4H), 7.26 – 7.10 (m, 10H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.94 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.81 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 6H), 1.98 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.83, 143.96, 143.83, 142.40, 140.18, 136.24, 133.99, 133.96, 133.84, 132.62, 131.25, 130.16, 129.44, 129.10, 128.63, 127.96, 127.88, 127.78, 123.52, 121.17, 47.57, 46.48, 45.27, 26.16, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>38</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 65.20; H, 5.20; N, 11.40; S, 8.70. Found: C, 65.12; H, 5.19; N, 11.38; S, 8.69.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl) bis (5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)) bis(3-(4-bromophenyl)3(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4f)**

Yellow solid; yield: 94%; m.p.223-225°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28 (d, J = 12 Hz, 4H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 10H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.90 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.83 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 s(s, 6H), 1.94 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz) δ 192.83, 143.96, 143.18, 142.24, 140.31, 136.99, 133.84, 133.62, 133.25, 132.16, 131.44, 130.10,

129.63, 129.07, 128.88, 127.78, 127.52, 127.17, 123.40, 121.04, 47.57, 46.48, 45.27, 26.16, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for  $C_{40}H_{38}Br_2N_6O_2S_2$ : C, 55.95; H, 4.46; N, 9.79; S, 7.47. Found: C, 55.88; H, 4.45; N, 9.81; S, 7.46.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(phenylthio)-3-(p-tolyl)propan-1-one) (4g)**

Yellow solid; yield: 92%; m.p.235-237°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.29 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 10H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.97 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 6H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 1.94 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H),  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  192.70, 143.79, 141.26, 136.83, 134.51, 132.82, 130.72, 129.45, 127.97, 127.13, 122.91, 48.07, 46.80, 45.54, 25.52, 21.52, 9.49. Anal. Calc. for  $C_{42}H_{44}N_6O_2S_2$ : C, 69.20; H, 6.08; N, 11.53; S, 8.80. Found: C, 69.12; H, 6.07; N, 11.50; S, 8.79.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)3(phenylthiol)propan-1-one) (4h)**

Yellow solid; yield: 95%; m.p.224-226°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52 (s, 2H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 14H), 4.97 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.80 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 6H), 1.97 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H),  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.12, 157.07, 148.21, 143.58, 138.31, 136.83, 132.83, 130.70, 128.71, 127.72, 127.30, 126.45, 122.70, 115.96, 47.65, 46.59, 45.54, 26.35, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for  $C_{40}H_{36}Cl_4N_6O_2S_2$ : C, 57.28; H, 4.33; N, 10.02; S, 7.65. Found: C, 57.20; H, 4.34; N, 10.04; S, 7.64.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(phenylthio)-3-(thiophen-3-yl)propan-1-one) (4i)**

Yellow solid; yield: 94%; m.p.242-244°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 6.77 (s, 4H), 4.87 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.77 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (s, 6H), 1.98 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  192.60, 143.15, 141.89, 137.03, 134.03, 133.03, 129.07, 128.75, 127.99, 127.52, 127.17, 46.51, 43.30, 41.22, 26.22, 9.08. Anal. Calc. for  $C_{36}H_{36}N_6O_2S_4$ : C, 60.65; H, 5.09; N, 11.79; S, 17.99. Found: C, 60.57; H, 5.08; N, 11.77; S, 17.98.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(phenylthio)-3(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)propan-1-one) (4j)**

Yellow solid; yield: 92%; m.p.229-231°C  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 6.77 (s, 4H), 4.96 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 18H), 3.68 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 1.89 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H),  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.16, 143.71, 141.13, 136.89, 134.92, 134.18, 133.04, 130.54, 129.07, 128.90, 128.77, 128.74, 128.36, 127.90, 127.52, 127.47, 127.26, 122.84, 103.23, 59.89, 53.43, 48.01, 46.45, 45.55, 26.19, 9.04. Anal. Calc. for  $C_{46}H_{52}N_6O_8S_2$ : C, 62.71; H, 5.95; N, 9.54; S, 7.28. Found: C, 62.63; H, 5.94; N, 9.53; S, 7.27.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(Butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(3-ethoxyphenyl)3(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4k)**

Yellow solid; yield: 95%; m.p.235-237°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.55 (m, 12H), 7.40 (s, 2H), 6.92 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 4.79 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.10 (m, 4H), 3.64 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 6H), 1.97 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H), 1.43 (s, 6H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  192.60, 143.15, 141.89, 137.03, 134.03, 133.03, 129.07, 128.75, 127.99, 127.52, 127.17, 122.75, 122.99, 64.51, 46.51, 43.30, 41.22, 26.22, 14.51, 9.08. Anal. Calc. for  $C_{44}H_{48}N_6O_4S_2$ : C, 66.98; H, 6.13; N, 10.65; S, 8.13. Found: C, 66.90; H, 6.12; N, 10.67; S, 8.12.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl)bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl))bis(3-(3-methoxyphenyl)3(phenylthio)propan-1-one) (4l)**

Yellow solid; yield: 94%; m.p.225-227°C;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 7.00 (s, 4H), 6.66 – 6.60 (m, 4H), 4.85 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.85 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (dd,  $J$  = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 6H), 2.67 (s, 6H), 1.94 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz, 4H),  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 193.32, 158.30, 143.70, 137.03, 129.19, 128.10, 127.77, 127.52, 113.75, 55.45, 47.46, 46.45, 45.73, 26.19, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.19; H, 5.83; N, 11.04; S, 8.43. Found: C, 66.28; H, 5.82; N, 11.03; S, 8.42.

**1,1'-(1,1'-(butane-1,4-diyl) bis(5-methyl-1H-1,2,3-triazole-4,1-diyl)) bis (3-(4-nitrophenyl)3(phenylthio) propan-1-one(4m)**

Yellow solid; yield: 92%; m.p.126-128°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.85 – 7.83 (m, 10H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 4.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 3.94 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (dd, J = 20.0, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 1.98 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 4H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.83, 143.18, 140.31, 136.99, 133.62, 133.25, 132.16, 131.44, 130.10, 129.63, 129.07, 128.88, 127.78, 127.52, 127.17, 123.40, 121.04, 47.57, 46.48, 45.27, 26.16, 9.05. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C, 60.74; H, 4.84; N, 14.17; S, 8.11. Found: C, 60.65; H, 4.83; N, 14.19; S, 8.10.

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