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Synthesis and Antimicrobial Activity of New Carbohydrazide Bearing Quinoline Scaffolds in Silico ADMET and Molecular Docking Studies

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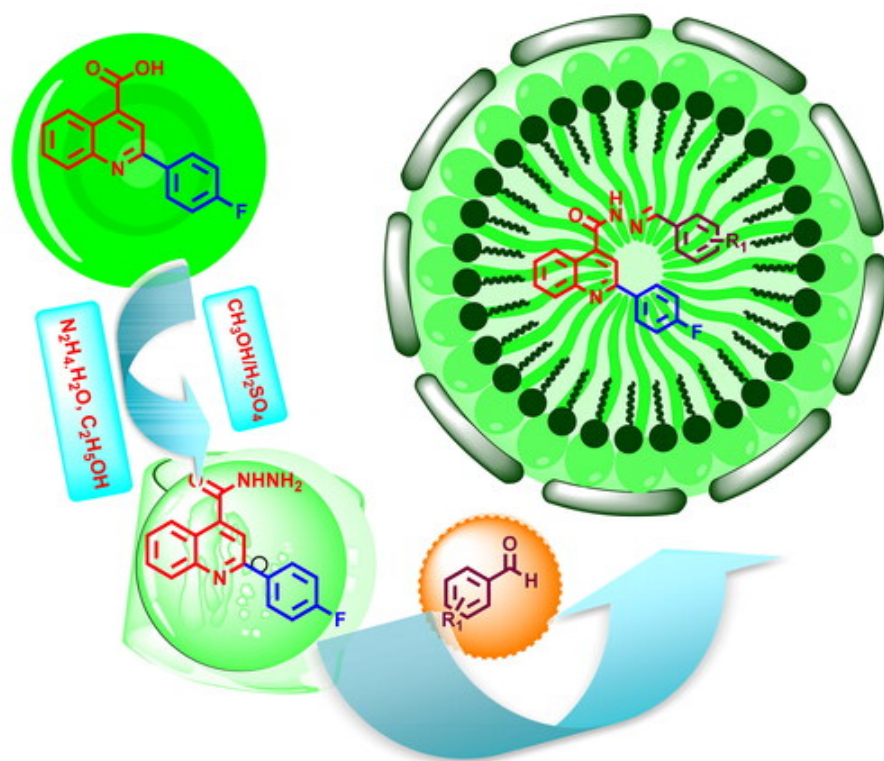
Abstract

In search of a more potent and new series of fluorine-containing quinoline, hybrid Schiff bases (**6a-o**) analogues were synthesized by a facile and efficient conventional method. They were developed via condensation of quinoline-4-carbohydrazide intermediate and aromatic aldehydes in presence of ethanol. All compounds viz., **6a-o** were efficiently synthesized in good yields in ranges of 76–84%, respectively. All synthesized compounds were well characterized by using various spectroscopic techniques such as FT-IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, Mass spectroscopy. Moreover, all newly synthesized hybrid Schiff bases (**6a-o**) have been screened for their antifungal and antibacterial activity. Among these compounds (**6a-d**) shows good antibacterial

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niger and compound **6a** was found to inhibit the visible growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538 at low concentration with MIC 340 µg/.



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1. Introduction

Heterocyclic compounds show great importance in biological and pharmaceuticals processes. In literature we have seen heterocycles as core structures, in many drugs molecule, this has given a spark of interest in designing and synthesizing new heterocyclic compounds.¹⁻⁸ The combination of two or more pharmacophores in a single molecule is a well-established hypothesis for the development of more effective drugs.⁹⁻¹² Many literature reports have highlighted the enhanced bioactive properties of the combination heterocycles.¹³⁻¹⁵ We have a plan to synthesis quinoline and Carbohydrazide (Schiff base) two pharmacophores in a single framework for the development most effective drugs. Quinoline is well known heterocyclic

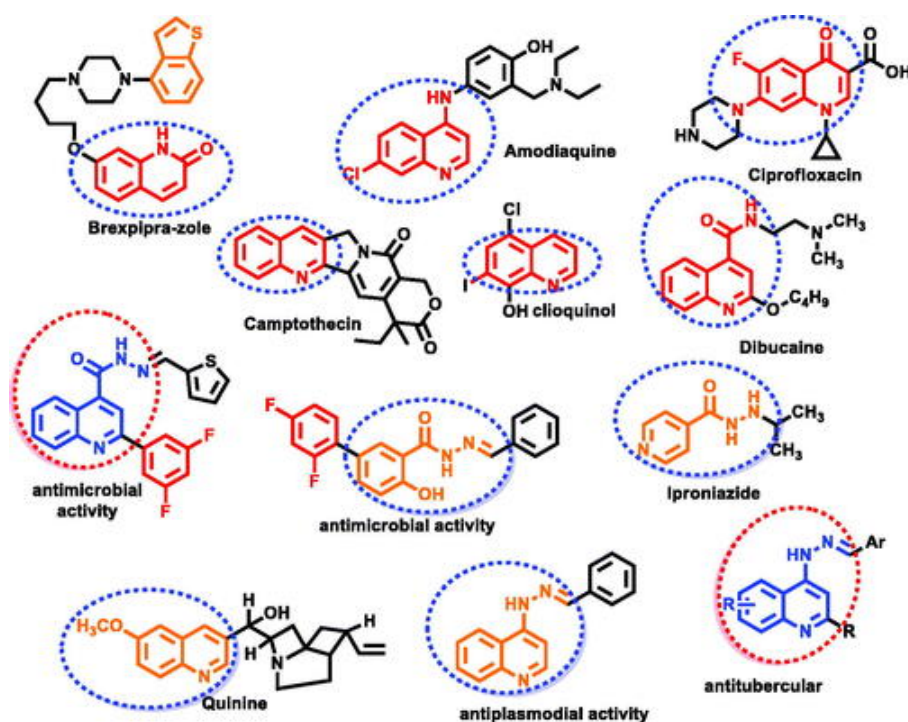
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inhibitory activity.^{16,17} Quinoline scaffold consists of pyridine as a pharmacophore for antimicrobial and anticancer activity including EGFR inhibitory activity.¹⁸ The prominent ones are the antimalarials (Quinine, Mefloquine, Amodiaquine, Primaquine etc),^{19,20} antiviral (Saqinavir), antibacterial (Ciprofloxacin, Spafloxacin, Gatifloxacin, etc),^{21,22} antifungal-antiprozoal (Clioquinol), anthelmintic (Oxamniquine),^{23,24} a local anesthetic (Dibucaine),²⁵ antiasthmatic (Montelukast),²⁶ anticancer (Camptothecin, Irinotecan, Topotecan etc),^{27,28} antipsychotic (Aripiprazole, Brexpipra-zole etc),²⁹ antiglaucoma (Cartirolol),³⁰ and cardiotoxic (Vesnarinone).³¹

Quinoline and its synthetic derivatives have been reported to exhibit various biological activities such as antiviral,³² anticancer,³³ antibacterial,³⁴ antifungal,³⁵ anti-obesity,³⁶ anti-inflammatory,³⁷ antimalarial,³⁸ antituberculosis,³⁹ hypnotic,⁴⁰ antischizophrenic,⁴¹ anti-protozoal,⁴² anti-cholesterol,⁴³ anthelmintic,⁴⁴ and analgesic activities,⁴⁵ and these activities were demonstrated in drug molecules, which are shown in Figure 1. The scope of the reaction was investigated using different aldehyde contains different functional groups. Structure activity relationship is shown in Figure 2.

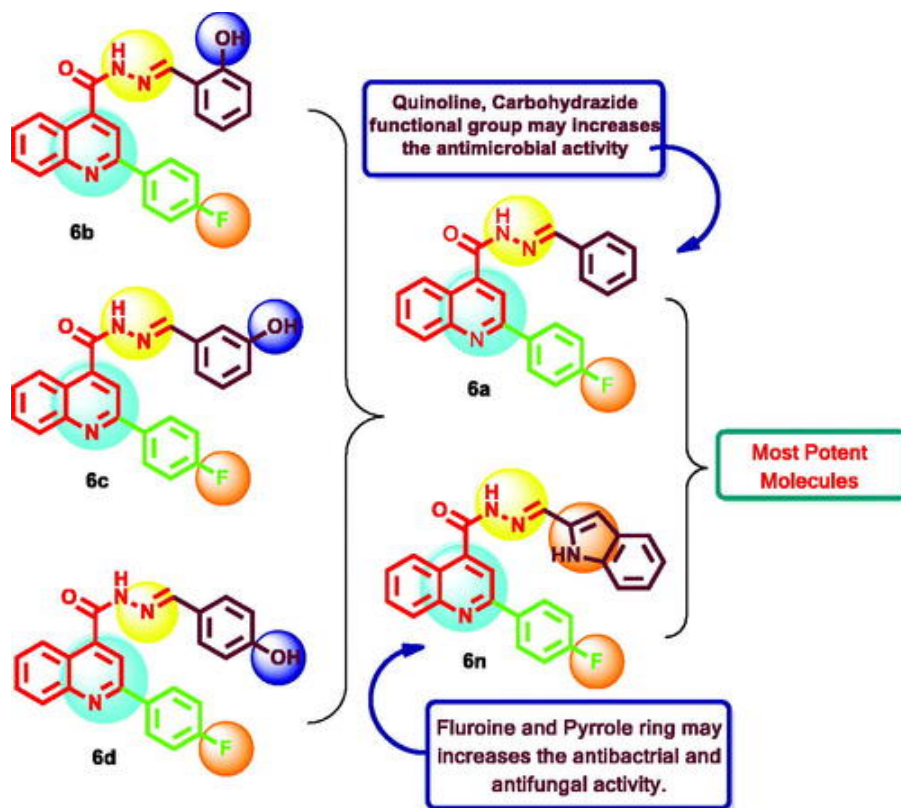
Figure 1. Bioactive heterocycles and drugs containing quinolone as heterocycles.



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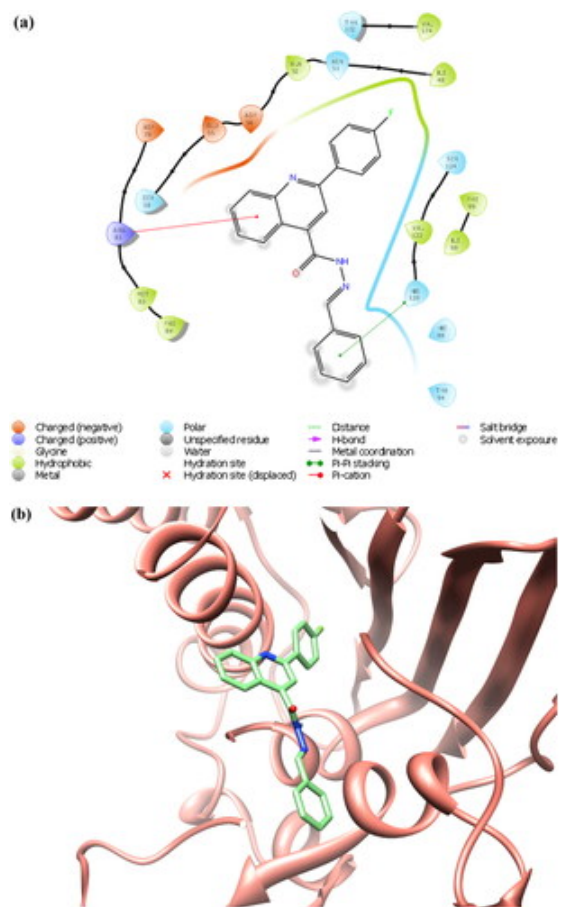
Figure 2. Structure-activity relationship of hybrid compounds.

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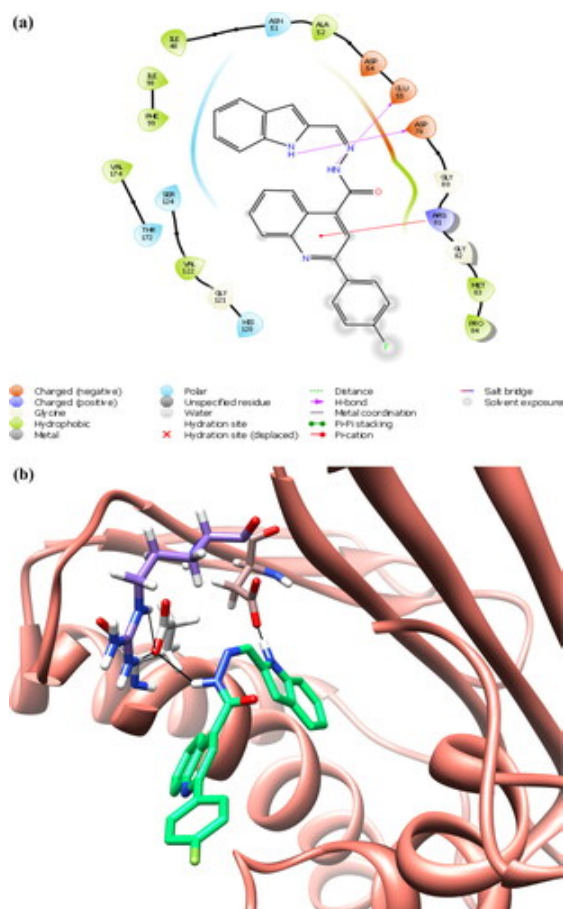
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Figure 3. Two-dimensional binding pose of compound **6a** within the *E. coli*. (4MEV) active site.



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Figure 4. Two-dimensional binding pose of compound **6n** within the *E. coli* (4MEV) active site.



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We also report the results of biological screening for possible antibacterial and antifungal activity of the resulting derivatives and we discuss the relationship of molecular structure and the bioactivity Schiff bases, are formed when any primary amine reacts with an aldehyde or a ketone under specific conditions and it's named after the 19th-century first-time preparation of imines was reported by Schiff (1864). We also synthesis the most bioactive compounds belonging to this class, which exhibit antimalarial, antibacterial, antifungal, and/or antiviral activities to have been reported in the literature. Schiff bases and derivatives of this scaffold have been shown to exhibit a large number of biological activities such as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, anti-tubercular, antibacterial, antioxidant, antiviral, and inhibitors. Therefore, the discovery of new molecules with fluorine groups is very much important in the medicinal chemistry for the potent activity against the diseases, continuing our efforts of the synthesis of biologically active target molecules here, we have reported the synthesis and antifungal and antibacterial activities of some novel substituted (*E*)-*N'*-benzylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide derivatives starting from Isatin and 4-

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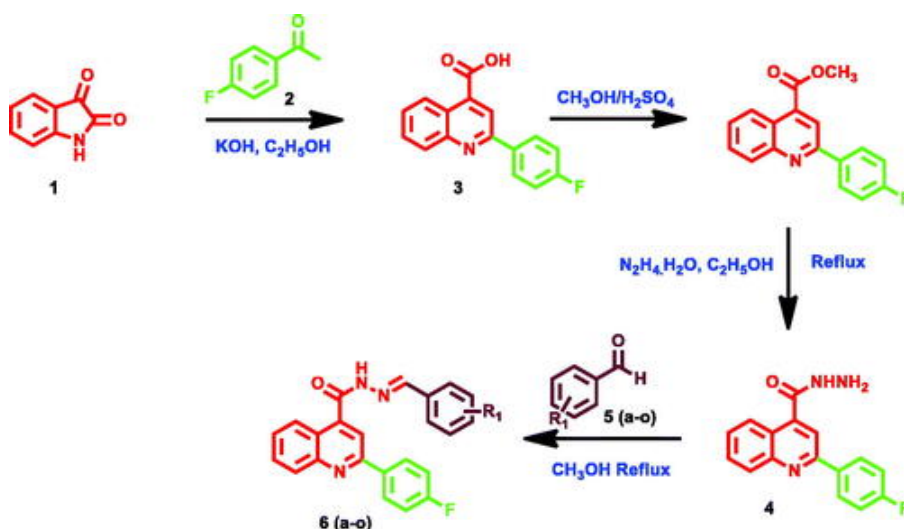
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2. Results and discussion

2.1. Chemistry

The synthetic pathway to achieve the title compounds (*E*)-*N*'-benzylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (**6a-o**) are illustrated in the (Scheme 1). The key intermediate, quinoline-carboxylic acid (**3**) was obtained by commercially available Isatin (**1**). Isatin (**1**) was allowed to react with 4-fluoroacetophenone (**2**) in ethanol in presence of potassium hydroxide the resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 4h. The obtained key intermediate quinoline-carboxylic acid (**3**) was treated with hydrazine hydrate followed by esterification in ethanol under refluxed using an oil bath for 10 h to obtain quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (**4**). In the next step the obtained quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (**4**) was reacted with a different aromatic aldehyde (**5**) in ethanol to give the title compounds (*E*)-*N*'-benzylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (**6a-o**) ie Schiff base, respectively, with better to excellent yield.

Scheme 1. Synthetic protocol for the preparation of (*E*)-*N*'-benzylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl)quinoline-4-carbohydrazide.



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All structures of newly synthesized compounds were analyzed by various spectral technique such as IR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, and mass spectral (MS) analysis. The synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antimicrobial, antibacterial, and antifungal activities. The structural elucidation of the synthesized compounds (**6a-o**) was carried out by FT-IR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR,

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formation of the product as it shows the characteristic absorption peaks at 1671, 1586, and 1314 cm^{-1} which correspond to the C=O, C=N, and C=F stretching, respectively. In ^1H NMR spectra of compounds (**6a-o**), a sharp singlet peak of Sec amide proton (NH-) was appeared around δ 12.23 ppm and quinolinyl hydrogen for 8.24 (d, 1H), and the disappearance of CHO proton at δ 10.15 ppm indicate the formation of quinoline-4-carbohydrazide. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound (**6a**). The signal of carbons at 168.4 and 161.7 ppm due to the amide carbonyl and -CF carbon group whereas carbon signal at 130.26 ppm quinoline-2-pyridine carbon, and disappearance of aldehyde carbonyl confirming the formation of a quinoline ring in (**6a**). The HRMS spectrum further strengthen the structure assigned to (**6a**) as (*E*)-*N'*-benzylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide showing [M⁺] ion peak 370.1277 and found 370.1368 for its molecular formula $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$. The experimental procedures and spectra of (*E*)-*N'*-benzylidene-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (**6a-o**) and intermediates are given in [supplementary information](#). The synthetic sequence is represented in

3. Biological screening

3.1. Antimicrobial screening

The in vitro antimicrobial activity of all synthesized compounds was assessed by using the agar well diffusion method by Pramod S. Phatak et al., (2019) with some modifications. For evaluating antibacterial activity Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial pathogens were used and for antifungal activity potent fungal pathogens were used. *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538, *Bacillus cereus* ATCC 14579, *Bacillus megaterium* ATCC 2326, *Micrococcus glutamicum*, *Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633 were Gram-positive pathogens used in this study. *Escherichia coli* ATCC8739, *Salmonella typhi* ATCC9207, *Shigella boydii* ATCC 12034, *Enterobacter aerogenes* ATCC13048, *Pseudomonas aerogenosa* ATCC9027, *Salmonella abony* NCTC6017 were the Gram-negative pathogens used in this study. Antifungal activity of synthesized compounds were determined against *Aspergillus niger* ATCC 16404, *Saccharomyces cereviseae* ATCC 9763, *Candida albicans* ATCC10231 fungal pathogens. Fluconazole and tetracycline were used as antifungal and antibacterial standard reference compounds, respectively. Synthesized compounds were dissolved in DMSO at a concentration of 1 mg/ml. Each bacterium and fungi were inoculated into a sterile Nutrient broth medium and kept at 37 °C for 24 hours for developing inoculums.

diluted to adjust the turbidity to the 0.5 McFarland standards. 200 μ L diluted suspension of each pathogen was inoculated on sterile Mueller Hinton agar plates. Wells were punched in the agar medium. Using Micropipette, 100 μ l of each compound solution was put in a separate well. 100 μ l of DMSO solution without any compound was also placed in a well to check its activity against the pathogenic culture. All Petri dishes were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C . A clear zone around the well was considered a positive result. After complete incubation, the antimicrobial activity of the synthesized compounds was measured. Zones were measured and recorded by using the scale in millimeters (mm). Compound (**6a-d**) showed good antibacterial activity. Compound **6b** was effective against a fungal pathogen *A. niger*. Compound **6 a, c, d, and n** showed significant antibacterial activity but didn't show activity against fungal pathogens. Compound **6a** was active against potent Gram-positive and Gram-negative pathogens. Other compounds **6 l** and **6 m** showed effective inhibitory activity against some pathogens.

Minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC)

Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) is the lowest concentration of an antimicrobial (compounds) drug that will inhibit the visible growth of a microorganism after overnight incubation. The MIC was determined for **6a** and **6n**. The MIC was determined against *S. aureus* and *E. aerogenes*. The MIC was determined by following the method and guidelines of the Clinical and Laboratory Standard Institute (CLSI). The results are shown in [Table 3](#). The compound **6a** was found to inhibit the visible growth of *S. aureus* ATCC 6538 at low concentration with MIC 340 μ g/.

Table 3. MIC values of most potent compounds.



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4. Molecular docking study

Molecular docking studies were performed using Maestro 11.8.⁴⁶ For our studies, X-ray crystal structure of transport protein having expression system *E. coli* was taken from PDB entry 4MEV

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were removed. The bond orders and formal charges were added for hetero groups, and hydrogen was added to all atoms in the structure. Side chains that were not close to the binding cavity and do not participate in salt bridges were neutralized. After preparation, the structures were refined to optimize the hydrogen bond network using OPLS_2005 force field. This helps in reorientation of the side chain hydroxyl group. The minimization was terminated when the energy converged or the RMSD reached a maximum cut off of 0.30 Å. Grids were then defined around refined structure by entering on ligand using default box size. The extra precision (XP) docking mode for compounds, optimized by Ligprep, was performed on the generated grid of protein structure. The 2-D visualization of the interaction of ligands within the binding site was done in Maestro11.8 only whereas the 3-D visualization of interaction of ligands within the binding site was done using Chimera 1.5.3 which is a freely available tool for visualizing binding poses. Molecular docking analysis was utilized to predict the mechanism of action of the synthesized derivatives for antimicrobial potential.⁴⁷⁻⁴⁹ All the molecules exhibited binding energies in the range of -33.8 to -57.4 kcal/mol. Tetracycline is showing a large number of interactions within the binding site. The nitrogen of quaternary ammonium part is forming hydrogen bond with GLU 55, carbonyl oxygen of amide which is connected to the ring containing quaternary ammonium part is forming hydrogen bond with ARG 81 whereas oxygen of hydroxyl group present at the fusion of rings is forming hydrogen bond with HIS 120. The hydroxyl group present at the chiral carbon of third ring is forming hydrogen bond with ASN 51 and the oxygen of hydroxyl group present in the terminal benzene ring is forming hydrogen bond with SER 124. In compound **6a** benzene part of quinolone ring show pi-cation interaction with ARG 81 and terminal benzene ring shows pi-pi interaction with HIS 120 (Figure 3). In compound **6n**, the nitrogen of indole ring is forming hydrogen bond with ASP 78 and nitrogen of amide chain is forming hydrogen bond with GLU 55 (Figure 4). The pyridine part of quinolone ring is forming pi-cation interaction with ARG 81. Docking score of the compounds (6a-6o) which are shown in Table 4.

4.1. General

All reagents and solvents were obtained from laboratory-grade and used without further purification. Melting points of all the synthesized compounds were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected (Table 1). Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel plates (GF 254) using UV light to visualize the course of the reactions. ¹H NMR

operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz spectrometers using DMSO- d_6 TMS as solvent at room temperature. Elemental analyses were obtained on a Thermofischer EA 1112 SERIES CHNS elemental analyzer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. Abbreviations for signal couplings are s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. Mass spectra were recorded on a Sciex, Model; API 107 3000 LCMS/MS Instrument. The purity of each compound was checked by TLC using silica-gel, 60F254 aluminum sheets as 109 adsorbent, and visualization was accomplished by iodine/110 ultraviolet light.

Yield: 93%, M.P.: 250–252 °C ; white solid.

4.1.1. Preparation of 2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (3)

A compound Isatin (5 g, 0.03398 mol) and solution of potassium hydroxide (10.48 g, 0.1869 mol) in 50 ml water was allowed to stirring for 5 min at room temperature. After the dissolution of all solid a solution of 4-fluoroacetophenone (4.6.0 g, 0.03398 mol) in 15 ml of absolute ethanol was added to it stirring, and the reaction mass was heated under reflux for 4 h. After cooling the mixture, the alcohol was removed in a vacuum. The remaining suspension was diluted with 50 ml of water and acidified with glacial acetic acid. The reaction mass was poured on ice-cold water. The white solid obtained was filtered, washed with water, and crystallized from ethanol.

Yield: 98%; M.P. 220–222 °C , brown solid.

FT IR (ATR, n max, cm¹): 3270 (broad, OH), 1715 (C=O), 1633(C=N), 1034 (C–F).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ H ppm): 11.06 (s, 1H, CO₂H), 7.33 (d, 1H, fluorophenyl-C₂H), 7.68–7.71 (m, 1H, quinolinyl-H), 7.40–7.43 (m, 1H, quinolinyl-H), 7.33 (d, 1H, Ar–H, J = 8 Hz), 8.03 (d, 1H, quinolinyl-H, J = 8 Hz), 8.66 (s, 1H, quinolinyl-H), 8.66 (d, 1H, Ar–H).

¹³C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz, d ppm): 116.0, 123.2, 125.1, 127.6, 128.3, 129.0, 130.7, 134.6, 135.6, 147.7, 153.8, 161.5, 167.7.

4.1.2. Preparation of methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carboxylate (4)

To a solution of 2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carboxylic acid (5 g) in 200 ml of CH₃OH was added 10 ml of conc. H₂SO₄. The resulting reaction mass was refluxed for 15 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried

purified by recrystallization from ethanol.

Yield: 95% M.P. 82–84 °C white crystalline solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ ppm): 3.89 (s, 3H, -OCH₃, J = 8 Hz), 6.93 (overlapped dd, 1H, difluorophenyl-C₄H), 7.87 (m, 1H, quinolinyl-H), 7.32–7.33 (m, 2H, fluorophenyl-H), 8.10 (d, 1H, quinolinyl-H, J = 8 Hz), 8.66 (dd, 2H, Ar-H), 7.80–7.88 (d, 2H, Ar-H, J = 8 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz, δ H ppm): 51.5 (OCH₃), 116.3, 122.7, 124.1, 126.4, 126.6, 128.9, 129.6, 136.3, 138.7, 146.3, 155.0, 161.8, (-CF) 165.9 (-CO).

4.1.3. Preparation of 2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (5)

Methyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carboxylate (0.0120 mol) and hydrazine hydrate (0.060 mol) in 10 ml of ethanol was refluxed using an oil bath for 10 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The excess solvent was then distilled off under reduced pressure and the reaction mass was poured on crushed ice. The product obtained was filtered, washed with water, and crystallized from ethanol.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δH ppm): 9.07 (s, 1H, NH) 4.23 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.30 (overlapped dd, 2H, fluorophenyl 2H), 7.59–7.68 (m, 1H, quinolinyl-H), 7.33 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.94 (d, 1H, Ar-H, J = 8 Hz), 8.03 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.24 (d, 1H, quinolinyl-H, J = 8 Hz),

¹³C NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 100 MHz, δH ppm): 106.6, 116.7, 113.9, 120.7, 123.4, 125.7, 129.0, 130.6, 134.2, 135.5, 147.2, 148.8, 153.9, 161.7, 164.4

4.1.4. Preparation of 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-NI-[arylmethylidene]-quinoline-4-carbohydrazides (6a)

To a solution of 2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (0.0010 mol) in absolute ethanol (10 ml) was added Benzaldehyde (0.0010 mol) and 0.01 ml of glacial acetic acid. The resulting mixture was stirred and refluxed for about 3h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After stirring and refluxing for 3h, the mixture was concentrated and the residue was poured on crushed ice. The product obtained was filtered, washed with water, and dried. The crude product was crystallized from ethanol to afford Schiff bases in 80–85% yield.

Yield: 93%, M.P.: 250–252 °C ; white solid.

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^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ δ ppm) δ 12.23 (s, NH- Sec amide), 8.37–8.45 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.90–7.75 (Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 7.0, 1.2$ Hz, Ar-H 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 16.5, 14.8$ Hz, Ar-H 4H), 7.26–7.09 (m, Ar-H 1H).

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 168.00 (s amide C=O), 162.05 (s), 161.81 (s), 159.34 (s), 158.84 (s), 154.32 (s Quinoline-2-pyridine), 148.67 (s Quinoline-2-pyridine), 147.44 (s), 144.74 (s), 141.23 (s), 134.20 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 130.00 (Quinoline-2-pyridine s), 129.74 (s), 129.55–128.44 (m), 128.41 (s), 127.91 (s), 127.02 (s), 126.67 (s), 124.65 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz), 124.27 (s), 123.02 (s), 116.62 (s), 115.72 (d, $J = 34.9$ Hz).

HRMS (ESI)+ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M}^+]$ +: 370.1277 and found 370.1368

Elemental Analysis (%) for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 74.78, H, 4.37, N, 11.38. found C, 74.70, H, 4.30, N, 11.30.

4.1.5. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N'*-(2-hydroxybenzylidene) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6b)

Yield: 90%, M.P.: 228–230 °C ; white solid.

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ppm) δ 168.76 (s amide C=O), 162.79 (d, $J = 26.3$ Hz), 157.87 Quinoline-2-pyridine (s), 156.84 (s), 155.15 (s Quinoline-2-pyridine), 149.03 (s), 148.29 (s), 144.66 (s), 143.72 (s), 141.31 (s), 134.98 (s), 132.22 (s), 130.85 (Quinoline-2-pyridine s), 129.48 (s), 129.25 (s), 127.98 (s), 125.45 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz), 123.73 (s), 119.91 (s), 117.68 (s), 116.87 (s), 115.15 (s).

Elemental Analysis (%) for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 71.68, H, 4.18, N, 10.90. found C, 71.72, H, 4.20, N, 10.98.

4.1.5. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N'*-(3-hydroxybenzylidene) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6c)

Yield: 82%, M.P.: 222–224 °C ; white solid.

Elemental Analysis (%) for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 71.68, H, 4.18, N, 10.90. found C, 71.71, H, 4.16, N, 10.94.

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Yield: 92%, M.P.: 260–262 °C; white solid.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ ppm) δ 168.00 (s amide C=O), 162.05 (s), 161.81 (s), 159.34 (s), 158.84 (Quinoline-2-pyridine s), 154.32 (s), 148.67 (s), 147.44 (s), 144.74 (s), 141.23 (s), 130.00 (Quinoline-2-pyridine s), 129.74 (s), 128.41 (s), 127.91 (s), 126.67 (s), 124.65 (d, J = 23.2 Hz), 124.27 (s), 123.02 (s), 116.62 (s), 115.72 (d, J = 34.9 Hz).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₃H₁₆FN₃O₂: C, 71.68, H, 4.18, N, 10.90. found C, 71.73, H, 4.21, N, 10.96.

4.1.7. (*E*)-N'-(2-chlorobenzylidene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6e)

Yield: 87%, M.P.: 248–250 °C ; white solid.

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₃H₁₅ClFN₃O: C, 68.41, H, 3.74, N, 10.41. found C, 68.45, H, 3.78, N, 10.46.

4.1.8. (*E*)-N'-(3-chlorobenzylidene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6f)

Yield: 82%, M.P.: 220–222 °C ; white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ δH ppm) δ 8.46–8.39 (m, 2H), 8.37 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (dd, J = 17.8, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 7.55–7.41 (m, Ar-H 3H), 7.19 (s, Ar-H 2H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₃H₁₅ClFN₃O: C, 68.41, H, 3.74, N, 10.41. found C, 68.40, H, 3.76, N, 10.43.

4.1.9. (*E*)-N'-(4-chlorobenzylidene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6g)

Yield: 94%, M.P.: 256–258 °C ; white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ δH ppm) δ 12.30 (s NH- Sec amide 1H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 7.90–7.80 (s, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, Ar-H 2H), 7.42 (s Ar-H 2H), 7.19–7.30 (s Ar-H 3H)

(s), 134.35 (s), 132.73 (s), 130.26 (s Quinoline-2-pyridine), 129.42 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 128.73 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 124.87 (s), 123.10 (s), 116.92 (s), 115.76 (s).

Elemental Analysis (%) for $C_{23}H_{15}ClFN_3O$: C, 68.41, H, 3.74, N, 10.41. found C, 68.47, H, 3.79, N, 10.48.

4.1.10. (*E*)-*N'*-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6h)

Yield: 91%, M.P.: 252–254 °C; white solid.

1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 δ H ppm) δ 8.47–8.30 (m, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.90–7.77 (m, 3H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, Ar-H 1H), 7.57 (s, Ar-H 3H), 7.42 (s, Ar-H 2H), 7.29 (s, Ar-H 2H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for $C_{23}H_{15}F_2N_3O$: C, 71.31, H, 3.90, N, 10.85. found C, 71.37, H, 3.84, N, 10.88.

4.1.11. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N'*-(4-methylbenzylidene) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6i)

Yield: 86%, M.P.: 238–240 °C; white solid.

1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 ppm) δ 8.46–8.39 (m, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 8.37 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.19 (dd, $J = 17.8, 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.78–7.60 (m, Ar-H 2H), 7.55–7.41 (m, Ar-H 3H), 7.19 (s, 1H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for $C_{24}H_{18}FN_3O$: C, 75.18, H, 4.73, N, 10.96. found C, 75.24, H, 4.80, N, 10.92.

4.1.12. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-*N'*-(2,4,6-trimethoxybenzylidene)quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6j)

Yield: 88%, M.P.: 276–278 °C ; white solid.

1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 δ H ppm) δ 12.22 (s, s NH- Sec amide 1H), 8.44 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz, Hz, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 8.22–8.12 (m, 2H), 7.87 (s, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz, Ar-H 2H),

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.92 (sec. amide C=O), 154.94 (s), 153.45 (s), 153.05 (s), 148.96 (s), 141.75 (s), 139.70 (s), 130.68 (s Quinoline-2-pyridine), 127.72 (s), 125.30 (s), 123.57 (s), 117.28 (s), 116.19 (s), 104.72 (s), 60.35 (s OCH₃), 56.21 (s OCH₃).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₈H₂₈FN₃O: C, 76.61, H, 8.72, N, 7.48. found C, 76.64, H, 8.70, N, 7.44.

4.1.13. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-N'-(4-methoxybenzylidene) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6k)

Yield: 80%, M.P.: 236–238 °C .

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ δH ppm) δ 8.48–8.37 (m, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 8.34 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 6H), 8.21 (s, 2H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.90–7.79 (m, Ar-H 3H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H 4H), 3.83 (s, OCH₃ 3H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₄H₁₈FN₃O₂: C, 74.28, H, 8.80, N, 7.64. found C, 74.24, H, 8.84, N, 10.60

4.1.14. (*E*)-N'-(4-bromobenzylidene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6l)

Yield: 85%, M.P.: 270–272 °C ; white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ δH ppm) δ 9.67 (s, NH- Sec amide 1H), 8.43 (dd, J = 8.9, 5.5 Hz, Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, Ar-H 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, Ar-H 2H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₃H₁₅BrFN₃O: C, 61.62, H, 3.37, N, 9.37. found C, 61.64, H, 3.34, N, 9.34

4.1.15. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-N'-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)quinoline-4carbohydrazid e (6 m)

Yield: 94%, M.P.: 244–246 °C ; white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ δH ppm) δ 9.67 (s, NH- Sec amide1H), 8.45 (d, J = 5.6 Hz,

8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, Ar-H 3H), 7.13 (s, Ar-H 1H), 6.89 (s, Ar-H 1H), 3.87 (s, OCH₃ 3H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₄H₁₈FN₃O₃: C, 69.39, H, 4.37, N, 10.12. found C, 69.45, H, 4.42, N, 10.16

4.1.16. (*E*)-N'-((1*H*-indol-2-yl) methylene)-2-(4-fluorophenyl) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6n)

Yield: 91%, M.P.: 194–196 °C ; white solid.

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₅H₁₇FN₄O: C, 73.52, H, 4.20, N, 13.72. found C, 73.45, H, 4.24, N, 13.76

4.1.17. (*E*)-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-N'-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene) quinoline-4-carbohydrazide (6o)

Yield: 85%, M.P.: 242–244 °C ; white solid

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆ δH ppm) δ 12.18 (s, NH- Sec amide1H), 8.41 (Quinoline-2-pyridine 2H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, Ar-H 2H), 7.90–7.84 (m, Ar-H 1H), 7.76–7.62 (m, thiophene2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, Ar-H 1H), 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.19–7.12 (m, thiophene1H).

Elemental Analysis (%) for C₂₁H₁₄FN₃OS: C, 67.18, H, 3.76, N, 11.19. found C, 67.15, H, 3.71, N, 11.14

5. Conclusion

In the summary, a novel series of fluorine-containing quinoline carbohydrazide hybrid Schiff bases (**6a–o**) analogues were developed and screened for their in vitro study in antimicrobial strains by modern medicinal chemistry led to the discovery of a large number of effective drugs. Among all these compounds, **6a–d** showed good antibacterial activity, Compound **6b** was effective against a fungal pathogen *A. niger*. Compound **6a** was active against potent Gram-positive and Gram-negative pathogens. Compound **6 a, c, d,** and **n** showed significant antibacterial activity but didn't show activity against fungal pathogens. Other compounds **6 l** and **6 m** shows effective inhibitorv activity against some pathogens. The compound **6a** was

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The MIC was determined for **6a** and **6n**. The MIC was determined against *S. aureus* and *E. aerogenes*. The compound **6a** was found to inhibit the visible growth of *S. aureus* ATCC 6538 at low concentration with MIC 340 µg/. Biological activity and molecular docking study were correlated for the potent molecules.

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Table 1. Physical data of synthesized new carbohydrazide derivatives.



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Table 4. Docking score of the compounds **6a–6o**.



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