

# SYNTHESIS OF NEW OXAZOLIDINONYL/OXAZOLIDINYL CARBAZOLE DERIVATIVES FOR $\beta$ -BLOCKING ACTIVITY

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**Abstract :** Preparation of some new carbazolyloxy propanolamine derivatives and their cyclization into corresponding oxazolidinonyl/oxazolidinyl carbazole derivatives were described.

## Introduction

$\beta$ - Adrenergic blocking agents ( $\beta$ -blockers)<sup>1-4</sup> mostly comprising of  $\beta$ -amino alcohols are of pharmaceutical significance and have received major attention due to their utility in the management of cardiovascular disorders<sup>5</sup> including hypertension,<sup>6</sup> angina pectoris, cardiac arrhythmias, and other disorders<sup>7</sup> related to the sympathetic nervous system.

Aryloxypropanolamine structure is the key pharmacophore in  $\beta$ -Blockers.<sup>8</sup> Propranolol<sup>3</sup> is the prototype agent for this class of compounds. While propranolol affects  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  receptors, other drugs such as atenolol<sup>9</sup> and metoprolol<sup>10</sup> have greater affinity for  $\beta_1$  receptors and are described as cardioselective. Betaxolol<sup>11</sup> is the most  $\beta_1$  selective of the currently available agents.

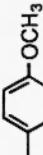
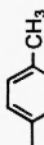
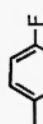
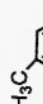

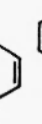

As a part of our studies towards the synthesis of new drug candidates, we have prepared some new carbazolyloxy propanolamine derivatives and their corresponding cyclised compounds to study their  $\beta$ -blocking activity.

## Results and Discussion

Oxirane ring opening in carbazole propyloxy epoxide **1** by using aliphatic and aromatic amines as nucleophiles served as an apt pathway in getting the desired amino alcohols. Required precursor **1** was prepared by a known procedure by condensing 4-hydroxy carbazole with epichlorohydrin.<sup>12</sup> Thus, epoxy compound **1** smoothly provided 1-(9*H*-carbazol-4 yloxy)-3-((4-methoxy phenyl) amino)-propan-2-ol (**2a**) on reacting with 4-methoxy aniline in refluxing toluene. Several aromatic and aliphatic amines were employed to provide corresponding amino alcohols **2b-I** (Table-1).

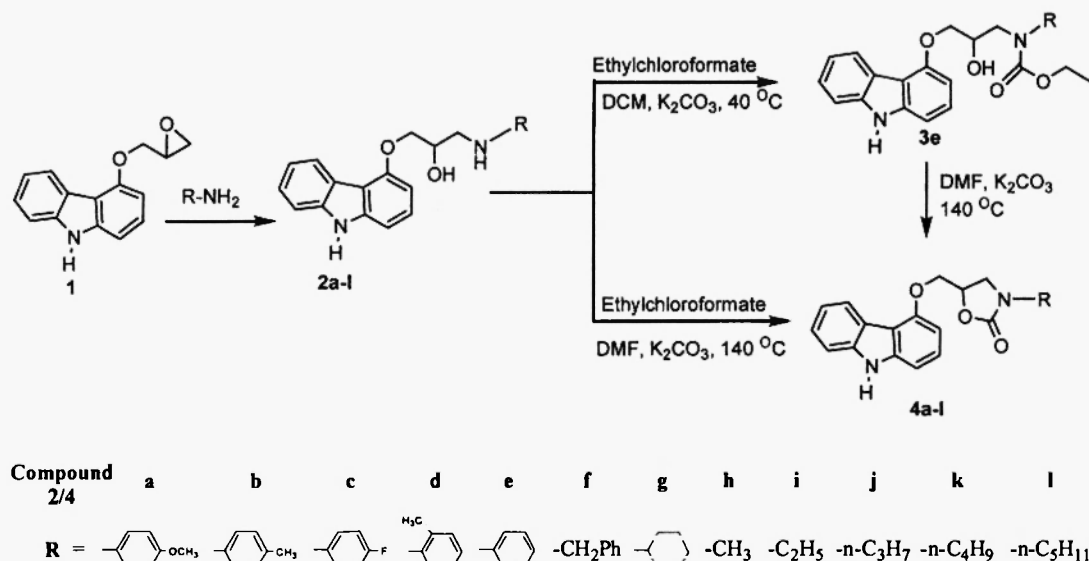
Several reagents such as phosgene,<sup>13</sup> diethylcarbonate,<sup>14</sup> carbonyldiimidazole,<sup>15</sup> trichloromethyl chloroformate<sup>16</sup> and bis trichloromethyl carbonate<sup>17</sup> were hitherto used as one carbon source in bridging the hydroxy and amino functions of amino alcohols to furnish oxazolidinone derivatives. In the present work, we have used ethyl chloroformate as a gainful reagent. Thus, reaction of **2e** with ethyl chloroformate in the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in dichloromethane at 40 °C provided a white solid, characterized as [3-(9*H*-carbazol-4-yloxy)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-phenyl-carbamic acid ethyl ester (**3e**) based on its IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and mass spectral data. In the mass spectrum,

Table-1: Physical and spectral data of 2

Compound	R	Yield (%)	MR (°C)	Mass (M+1)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> , (OH))	<sup>1</sup> H NMR <sup>#</sup> (δ ppm)
2a		61	123-127	363	3391	3.15-3.4 (m, 2H), 3.6 (s, 3H), 4.2 (m, 3H), 5.2 (s, 1H), 5.3 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.4 (m, 11H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2b		62	92-96	347	3328	2.1 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.4 (m, 2H), 4.2 (m, 3H), 5.2 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 11H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
2c		55	128-132	351	3343	3.0-3.6 (m, 2H), 4.2-4.4 (m, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.6 (s, 1H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 11H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
2d		65	106-110	347	3384	2.1 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.5 (m, 2H), 4.25 (m, 3H), 4.8 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 11H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
2e		72	140-145	333	3350	3.2-3.5 (m, 2H), 4.25 (m, 3H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 12H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2f		72	127-130	347	3418	2.7-2.9 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 4.0-4.2 (m, 3H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.2 (m, 12H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2g		55	106-109	339	3317	1.0-1.9 (m, 10H), 2.4 (m, 1H), 2.7-3.0 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.3 (m, 3H), 5.0 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.25 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2h	-CH <sub>3</sub>	72	127-130	271	3336	2.3 (s, 3H), 2.7-2.85 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.2 (m, 3H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.65-8.25 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2i	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	80	118-121	285	3381	1.1 (t, 3H), 2.6 (q, 2H), 2.7-2.9 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.2 (m, 3H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.2 (m, 7H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
2j	-n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	76	105-109	299	3382	0.9 (t, 3H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 2.5 (m, 2H), 2.7-2.9 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.2 (m, 3H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.25 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2l	-n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	69	88-91	313	3287	0.85 (t, 3H), 1.2-1.5 (m, 4H), 2.6 (m, 2H), 2.7-2.9 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.2 (m, 3H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.25 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
2l	-n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	66	103-106	327	3303	0.85 (t, 3H), 1.2-1.5 (m, 6H), 2.6 (m, 2H), 2.7-2.9 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.2 (m, 3H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.6-8.25 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 2a, 2b, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j, 2k and 2l were recorded at 400 MHz where as 2c was recorded at 200 MHz in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

molecular ion peak appeared at 405 ( $M^+$ ). IR spectrum showed N-H (3391) and carbonyl (1668) absorptions.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  with signals at  $\delta$  1.15 (t, 3H), 3.8 (m, 1H), 4.0-4.25 (m, 6H), 5.35 (d, 1H), 6.6-8.15 (m, 12H), 11.2 (s, 1H) was in conformity with the open chain structure **3e**. The carboxamido ester **3e** underwent dehydroethoxy cyclization in DMF/ $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  at  $140^\circ\text{C}$  to yield 5-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxymethyl)-3-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one (**4e**) whose structure was assigned based on its IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  and mass spectral data. Mass spectrum showed highest peak at  $m/z$  359. IR spectrum in KBr ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) showed characteristic peaks at 3402 (NH) and 1729 ( $\text{C=O}$ ). Chemical shift values at 4.1-4.6 (m, 4H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 6.5-7.8 (m, 12H), 11.2 (s, 1H) in the  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) spectrum fully support the assigned structure. When compound **2a** was reacted with ethyl chloroformate in DMF in the presence of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  at  $140^\circ\text{C}$ , reaction directly provided **4a** (Scheme-1). Compounds **2b-l** were directly converted in to corresponding oxazolidinone derivatives **4b-l** in good yields (Table-2) by heating with ethyl chloroformate in DMF at  $140^\circ\text{C}$  in the presence of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ .

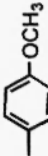
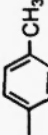
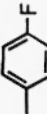


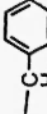



Scheme-1

The oxazolidine derivatives **5a-u** were synthesized from the condensation of *N*-substituted amino alcohols **2** with various aromatic/aliphatic aldehydes (Scheme-2). For example, reaction of **2a** with formaldehyde in methanol at  $25\text{--}35^\circ\text{C}$  yielded a crystalline solid, characterized as 4-[3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-oxazolidin-5-ylmethoxy]-9H-carbazole [**5a**, MS: 375 ( $M^+$ ); IR:  $3399\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (indole N-H);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.6-3.7 (m, 2H), 4.4 (m, 2H), 4.9-5.2 (m, 3H), 6.6-8.3 (m, 11H)]. This reaction was extended to twenty other aliphatic and aromatic aldehydes and in all the cases corresponding oxazolidine derivatives **5b-u** were obtained in good yields (Table-3 & 4).

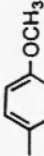
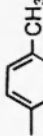
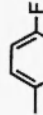




Compounds **2**, **3**, **4** and **5** will be screened for their activity and results will be reported in due course.

Table-2: Physical and spectral data of 4

Compound	R	Yield (%)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Mass (M+1)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR <sup>a</sup> (δ, ppm)
4a		62	165-170 3377 1736	389	3.8 (s, 3H), 4.4-4.6 (m, 4H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 6.65-7.85 (m, 11H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
4b		74	202-205 3294 1722	373	2.3 (s, 3H), 4.1-4.6 (m, 4H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 6.5-7.85 (m, 11H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
4c		64	204-207 3304 1714	377	4.1-4.6 (m, 4H), 5.3 (m, 1H), 6.6-7.8 (m, 11H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
4d		93	185-190 3267 1731	373	2.25 (s, 3H), 4.0-4.6 (m, 4H), 5.3 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.2 (m, 11H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
4e		74	220-225 3402 1729	359	4.1-4.6 (m, 4H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 6.5-7.9 (m, 12H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
4f		81	205-208 3247 1727	373	3.4-3.9 (m, 4H), 4.25-4.5 (m, 2H), 5.15 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.1 (m, 12H), 11.3 (s, 1H)
4g		80	182-185 3254 1719	365	1.0-1.9 (m, 10H), 3.5-3.8 (m, 3H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 5.05 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.1 (m, 7H), 11.25 (s, 1H)
4h	-CH <sub>3</sub>	78	252-256 3235 1738	297	2.9 (s, 3H), 3.5-3.9 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 5.05 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.05 (m, 7H), 11.3 (s, 1H)
4i	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	92	190-195 3255 1739	311	1.18 (t, 3H), 3.3 (m, 2H), 3.6-3.8 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.45 (m, 2H), 5.1 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.1 (m, 7H), 11.3 (s, 1H)
4j	-n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	83	165-170 3246 1736	325	0.9 (t, 3H), 1.6 (m, 2H), 3.2-3.4 (m, 2H), 3.6-3.9 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 5.1 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.1 (m, 7H), 11.3 (s, 1H)
4k	-n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	79	115-120 3246 1731	339	0.9 (t, 3H), 1.3 (m, 2H), 1.5 (m, 2H), 3.2-3.3 (m, 2H), 3.6-3.9 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 5.1 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.1 (m, 7H), 11.3 (s, 1H)
4l	-n-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	81	120-125 3248 1733	353	0.85 (t, 3H), 1.3 (m, 4H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.5-3.9 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 5.1 (m, 1H), 6.7-8.1 (m, 7H), 11.3 (s, 1H)

<sup>a</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 4d, 4g, 4i, 4j, 4k and 4l were recorded at 400 MHz where as 4a, 4b, 4c, 4e and 4f were recorded at 200 MHz in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.<sup>b</sup> <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 4a (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 38.25, 38.66, 39.03, 39.53, 39.14, 40.3, 41.75, 46.41, 55.25, 68.18, 70.51, 100.37, 104.38, 110.32, 111.36, 114.15, 118.5, 119.53, 121.39, 122.09, 124.55, 126.4, 131.68, 138.81, 141.09, 151.25, 154.46, 155.50.<sup>c</sup> <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 4d (DMF O-d<sub>2</sub>): 17.48, 38.23, 38.65, 39.07, 39.53, 39.40, 32.40, 71.48, 77.68, 71.83, 100.71, 104.45, 110.45, 111.53, 118.54, 121.49, 122.34, 124.71, 126.42, 126.68, 127.77, 130.97, 135.62, 136.29, 138.96, 141.15, 154.34, 155.31.

Table-3: Physical and spectral data of 5

Compound	R	Yield (%)	MR ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Mass (M+1)	IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , NH)	$^1\text{H NMR}$ ( $\delta$ , ppm)
5a		77	156-159	375	3399	3.6-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.8 (s, 3H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 4.9-5.1 (m, 3H), 6.6-8.3 (m, 11H)
5b		76	135-138	359	3391	2.3 (s, 3H), 3.6-3.8 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.4 (m, 2H), 4.9-5.2 (m, 3H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 11H)
5c		76	170-172	363	3410	3.6-3.8 (m, 2H), 4.4-4.5 (m, 2H), 4.9-5.2 (m, 3H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 11H)
5d		77	125-127	359	3407	2.4 (s, 3H), 3.5-3.7 (m, 2H), 4.2-4.5 (m, 2H), 4.6-5.0 (m, 2H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 11H)
5e		77	101-103	345	3393	3.6-3.8 (m, 2H), 4.3-4.5 (m, 2H), 4.9-5.2 (m, 3H), 6.6-8.3 (m, 12H)
5f		58	134-136	359	3409	2.6 (s, 2H), 2.8-3.2 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.6 (m, 5H), 6.6-8.2 (m, 7H)
5g		40	110-113	351	3222	1.0-1.8 (m, 10H), 2.3 (m, 1H), 2.9-3.3 (m, 2H), 4.2-4.7 (m, 5H), 6.7-8.3 (m, 7H)
5h	-CH <sub>3</sub>	76	139-144	283	3220	2.4 (s, 3H), 2.8-3.2 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.6 (m, 5H), 6.6-8.2 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
5i	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	77	120-122	297	3400	0.9 (t, 3H), 2.6 (m, 2H), 2.8-3.2 (m, 2H), 4.0-4.6 (m, 5H), 6.6-8.2 (m, 7H)
5j	-n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	77	129-131	311	3401	0.9 (t, 3H), 1.5 (m, 2H), 2.5 (m, 2H), 2.8-3.2 (m, 2H), 4.1-4.5 (m, 5H), 6.7-8.2 (m, 7H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
5k	-n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	77	101-103	325	3408	0.9 (t, 3H), 1.3-1.6 (m, 4H), 2.5-2.7 (m, 2H), 3.2-3.4 (m, 2H), 4.2-4.7 (m, 5H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 7H)
5l	-n-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	58	130-133	339	3219	0.9 (t, 3H), 1.2-1.6 (m, 6H), 2.6-2.7 (m, 2H), 3.0-3.4 (m, 2H), 4.2-4.6 (m, 5H), 6.6-8.3 (m, 7H)

1.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectra of 5a, 5b, 5d, 5g, 5i and 5j were recorded at 400 MHz where as 5c, 5e, 5f, 5h, 5k, and 5l were recorded at 200 MHz

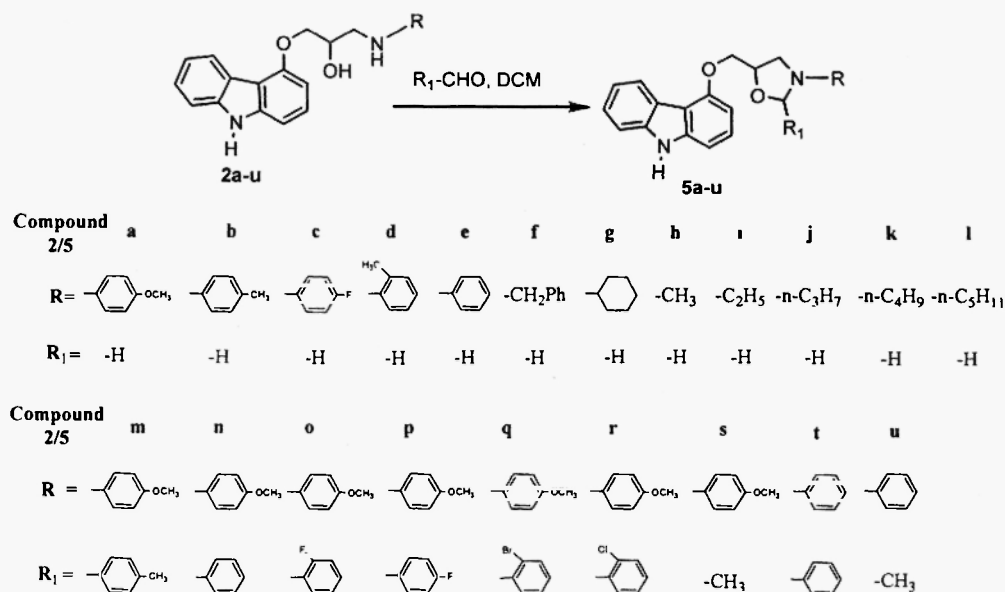
2.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectra of 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5i, 5k and 5l were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; 5h and 5j were recorded in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

$^{13}\text{C NMR}$  of 5a: 38.0, 38.48, 38.8, 39.32, 39.74, 48.26, 54.52, 67.85, 75.35, 77.65, 77.77, 77.81, 77.83, 77.85, 77.87, 77.89, 77.91, 77.93, 77.95, 77.97, 77.99, 78.01, 78.03, 78.05, 78.07, 78.09, 78.11, 78.13, 78.15, 78.17, 78.19, 78.21, 78.23, 78.25, 78.27, 78.29, 78.31, 78.33, 78.35, 78.37, 78.39, 78.41, 78.43, 78.45, 78.47, 78.49, 78.51, 78.53, 78.55, 78.57, 78.59, 78.61, 78.63, 78.65, 78.67, 78.69, 78.71, 78.73, 78.75, 78.77, 78.79, 78.81, 78.83, 78.85, 78.87, 78.89, 78.91, 78.93, 78.95, 78.97, 78.99, 79.01, 79.03, 79.05, 79.07, 79.09, 79.11, 79.13, 79.15, 79.17, 79.19, 79.21, 79.23, 79.25, 79.27, 79.29, 79.31, 79.33, 79.35, 79.37, 79.39, 79.41, 79.43, 79.45, 79.47, 79.49, 79.51, 79.53, 79.55, 79.57, 79.59, 79.61, 79.63, 79.65, 79.67, 79.69, 79.71, 79.73, 79.75, 79.77, 79.79, 79.81, 79.83, 79.85, 79.87, 79.89, 79.91, 79.93, 79.95, 79.97, 79.99, 80.01, 80.03, 80.05, 80.07, 80.09, 80.11, 80.13, 80.15, 80.17, 80.19, 80.21, 80.23, 80.25, 80.27, 80.29, 80.31, 80.33, 80.35, 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105.33, 105.35, 105.37, 105

Table-4: Physical and spectral data of 5

Compound	R	R <sub>1</sub>	Yield (%)	MR (°C)	Mass (M+1)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> , N-H)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR <sup>a</sup> (δ ppm)
5m			60	130-134	465	3326	2.3 (s, 3H), 3.5-3.7 (m, 5H), 4.0-4.5 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.4-8.3 (m, 15H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
5n			64	153-155	451	3361	3.5-3.7 (m, 5H), 4.1-4.5 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.5-8.1 (m, 16H), 11.2 (s, 1H)
5o			46	140-145	469	3399	3.7-3.8 (m, 5H), 4.1-4.6 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.4-8.3 (m, 15H)
5p			46	131-135	469	3352	3.6-3.8 (m, 5H), 4.1-4.5 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.5-8.4 (m, 15H)
5q			54	120-123	530	3407	3.7-3.8 (m, 5H), 4.1-4.6 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.4-8.3 (m, 15H)
5r			60	144-147	485	3399	3.7-3.8 (m, 5H), 4.1-4.6 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.4-8.3 (m, 15H)
5s			81.4	205-208	389	3467	1.5 (m, 3H), 3.4-3.7 (m, 6H), 4.1-4.5 (m, 2H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.6-7.5 (m, 11H)
5t			79	150-155	421	3400	3.7-3.9 (m, 2H), 4.1-4.5 (m, 3H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.5-8.3 (m, 17H), 10.5 (s, 1H)
5u			74.5	202-205	389	3410	1.4 (m, 3H), 3.4-3.7 (m, 3H), 4.1-4.5 (m, 2H), 4.9 (m, 1H), 6.6-7.5 (m, 11H)

1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 5m, 5n, 5o, 5p, 5q, 5r, 5s, 5t and 5u were recorded at 400 MHz2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 5o, 5p, 5q, 5r, and 5u were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 5m, 5n and 5s were recorded in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>; 5t was recorded inCDCl<sub>3</sub>+DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



Scheme-2

### Experimental

The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra were measured in DMSO and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  using 400 and 200 MHz respectively, on a Varian Gemini & Varian Mercury plus 2000 FT NMR spectrometer; the chemical shift were reported in  $\delta$  ppm. IR spectrum recorded in the solid state as KBr dispersion using Perkin Elmer 1650 FT IR spectrometer. The mass spectrum (70 eV) was recorded on HP 5989 A LC MS spectrometer. The melting points were determined by using the capillary method on Polmon (Model MP-96) melting point apparatus. The solvents and reagents were used with out further purification.

### General procedure for the preparation of compounds 2a-l

A mixture of 4-(2,3-epoxypropoxy) carbazole (**1**, 1.0 g, 0.004 mol) appropriate amine (0.008 mol) in toluene (10 mL) was refluxed for 10-24 hrs and reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. The reaction mixture was cooled to 25-35°C, maintained at same temperature for 30-45 min and filtered. Resulted compound **2** was dried under vacuum and used in the subsequent stage with out further purification.

### Preparation of [3-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-phenyl-carbamic acid ethyl ester (**3e**)

A mixture of 1-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-phenyl amino)-propan-2-ol (**2e**, 1.0 g, 0.0027 mol) and potassium carbonate (0.95 g, 0.0068 mol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was cooled to 0-5°C, ethyl chloroformate (0.52 mL, 0.004 mol) was added to the reaction mass at the same temperature and reaction mixture was refluxed on water bath for 3 hrs at 40°C. After the completion of the reaction (vide TLC), the reaction mixture was cooled to 25-35°C, diluted with water (10 mL). Compound **3e** was filtered and dried under vacuum.

### Conversion of compound **3e** to **4e**

A mixture of [3-(9H-carbazol-4-yloxy)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-phenyl-carbamic acid ethyl ester (**3e**, 1.0 g, 0.0024 mol) and potassium carbonate (0.7 g, 0.005 mol) in dimethyl formamide (10 mL) was refluxed on oil bath for 3 hrs at 130-140°C. Reaction mixture was cooled to 25-35°C, diluted with water (10 mL) and compound **4e**, which was obtained as a white solid, was filtered, dried.

**General procedure for the preparation of compounds 4a-l**

A mixture of 1-(9*H*-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-(4-methoxy-phenylamino)-propan-2-ol (**2a**, 1.0 g, 0.0027 mol) and potassium carbonate (2.5 mol) in dimethyl formamide (10 mL) was cooled to 0-5°C and ethyl chloroformate (1.5 mol) was added to it at the same temperature. Reaction mixture was refluxed on oil bath for 2-3 hrs at 130-140°C till the completion of reaction (vide TLC), cooled to 25-35°C and diluted with water (10 mL) the obtained residue was triturated with isopropyl alcohol (10 mL) and the resulted solid was filtered, dried.

**General procedure for the preparation of compounds 5a-l**

A mixture of 1-(9*H*-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-(4-methoxy-phenylamino)-propan-2-ol (**2a**, 1.0 g, 0.0027 mol), methanol (5 mL), and formalin (40 % formaldehyde solution in water, 10 mL) was maintained at 25 – 35°C for 8 hrs till the completion of reaction (vide TLC). Reaction mixture was filtered and the obtained solid **5**, triturated with methanol and dried.

**General procedure for the preparation of compounds 5m-u**

To a solution of 1-(9*H*-carbazol-4-yloxy)-3-(4-methoxy-phenylamino)-propan-2-ol (**2a**, 1.0 g, 0.0027 mol) in DCM (5 mL), was added appropriate aldehyde (1.0 mol) and reaction mixture was maintained at 25-35°C for 12-16 hrs (vide TLC). Reaction mixture was treated with 10% sodium bicarbonate solution (10 mL), organic layer was separated and concentrated under vacuum, obtained solid **5**, triturated with methanol and dried.

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