



## BIOLOGICAL BEHAVIOR OF QUINAZOLIN-4(3H)-ONE DERIVATIVE BASED PLATINUM(II) COMPOUNDS

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### Abstract

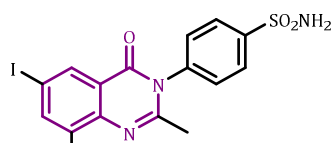
New series of square planar Pt(II) complexes of the type [Pt(L<sup>n</sup>)(Cl<sub>2</sub>)] [where, L<sup>n</sup> = 2-(thiophen-2-yl) quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>1</sup>), 2-(5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>2</sup>), 2-(3-methylthiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>3</sup>), 2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>4</sup>) and 2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>5</sup>)] have been synthesized and characterized by spectroscopic and physicochemical methods like <sup>13</sup>C NMR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, mass spectroscopy, TGA and FT-IR, micro-elemental analysis (C, H, N and S), molar conductivity, UV-visible spectra and magnetic susceptibility measurements. The synthesized compounds have been screened for their *in vitro* antibacterial assay against two Gram<sup>(+ve)</sup> and three Gram<sup>(-ve)</sup> bacterial species. Individual binding constant (K<sub>b</sub>), thermodynamics parameters and binding mode of compounds toward herring sperm DNA (HS-DNA) have been determined using absorption titration, viscosity measurement and fluorescence quenching analysis, and concluding the partial intercalative mode of binding. Cytotoxicity profile of the complexes on the brine shrimp shows that the compounds exhibit significant cytotoxic activity with LC<sub>50</sub> values in the range of 6.74 to 100 µg/mL, while cytotoxicity assay with LC<sub>50</sub> values of cisplatin and transplatin are found 3.133 and 14.45 µg/mL, respectively. The synthesized compounds have been tested for *in vitro* cellular level cytotoxicity against *S. pombe* cells. Furthermore, docking assay of the compounds have been carried out with the aim of finding theoretical binding free energy and are observed in the range of -193.14 to -252.51 kJmol<sup>-1</sup>. The DNA cleavage of all complexes has been examined using gel electrophoresis technique and result shows that the complexes cleave of the DNA more efficiently compared to their respective metal salt. The Pt(II) complexes have been also evaluated for their anti-tubercular activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain.

**Keywords:** Quinazolinone derivatives scaffold; Platinum(II) complexes; Thermal property; Van't Hoff plots; Cytotoxicity.

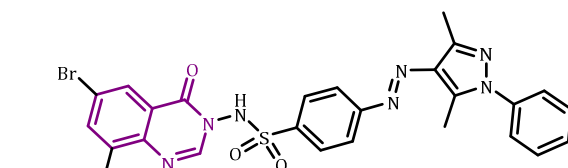
## 1. Introduction

In medicinal inorganic chemistry, one of the most important significance is the unexpected discovery of the cytotoxic properties of cisplatin as an anticancer drugs, which is one of the most commonly used chemotherapeutic agents for treatment of cancer.<sup>I</sup> Although platinum metallo-anticancer drugs such as cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin and nedaplatin are among the most effective agents for the treatment of cancer. Its clinical utility is restricted due to the frequent development of drug resistance.

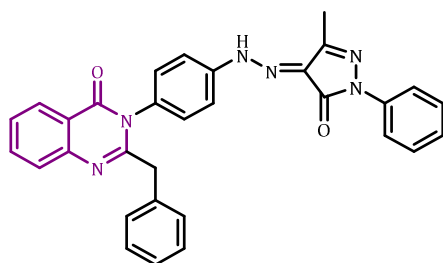
Quinazolin-4(3*H*)-ones derivatives are important class of molecules with physiological significance, pharmaceutical utility, synthetic drugs and exhibits wide range of biological activities, such as antidiabetic,<sup>II</sup> antituberculosis,<sup>III</sup> anti-inflammatory,<sup>IV</sup> antifungal,<sup>V</sup> anticancer,<sup>VI</sup> antimicrobial,<sup>III</sup> antimalarial activities,<sup>VII</sup> antiallergy<sup>VIII</sup> and also their inhibitory effects on thymidylate synthase, poly-(ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP), and tyrosine kinase analgesic properties.<sup>IX</sup> There are several approved drugs with quinazoline structure in the market such as, prazosin hydrochloride, doxazosine mesylate and terazosine hydrochloride.



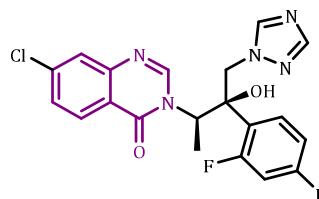
4-(6,8-diiodo-2-methyl-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4*H*)-yl)benzenesulfonamide



(*E*)-*N*-(6-bromo-8-nitro-4-oxoquinazolin-3(4*H*)-yl)-4-((3,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-yl)diazenyl)benzenesulfonamide



(*E*)-2-benzyl-3-(4-(2-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-1,5-dihydro-4*H*-pyrazol-4-ylidene)hydrazinyl)phenyl)quinazolin-4(3*H*)-one



Albaconazole

The substituted quinazolinone derivatives drugssuch as, 6,8-diiodo-2-methyl-3-substituted-quinazolin-4 (3*H*)-ones was developed by Raval and co-workers, 4-(3,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-4-ylazo)-*N*-(2-substituted-4-oxo-4*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)benzenesulphonamide derivatives were synthesized by Unnissa and co-workers and also 2-benzyl-3-(4-[*N*-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1,5-dihydropyrazole-4-ylidene)hydrazino]phenyl)-3*H*-quinazolin-4-one were developed by Dave and co-workers.<sup>X</sup> The anticancer mechanisms for quinazolinone derivatives include inhibition of the DNA repair enzyme system, inhibition of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), thymidylate enzyme inhibition and inhibitory effects for tubulin polymerize and also enhances the properties of pharmacodynamics, toxicology and efficacy of drugs.<sup>XI, XII</sup>

In the present work, a series of quinazolinone based Pt(II) complexes have been synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, electronic spectra, conductance measurements, TGA, FT-IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass spectroscopy. All synthesized Pt(II) complexes were evaluated for their biological evaluation like *in vitro* antibacterial, cellular level cytotoxicity against *S. pombe* cells, brine shrimp lethality assay, antituberculosis, gel electrophoresis and DNA binding study such as electronic absorption titration with thermodynamics parameters, viscosity measurement, fluorescence quenching analysis

and docking study. In the context of biological significance, we anticipated to develop new approaches for general structural activity relationship (SAR) diversity of heterocycles incorporating quinazolinone scaffold.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1 Materials and chemicals

All the chemicals and solvents were of analytical grade and as purchased; MilliQ™ (18.2 mΩ, Millipore) was used during the studies. Anthranilamide, benzo[b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde, 5-nitro thiophene-2-carbaldehyde, 3-methyl thiophene-2-carbaldehyde, thiophene-2-carbaldehyde, pyridine-2-carbaldehyde, NaHSO<sub>3</sub>, HS DNA and EDTA were purchased from Sigma Aldrich Chemical Co. (India). K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> salt was purchased from S. D Fine-Chem Ltd. (SDFCL). Agarose, Nutrient broth (NB), ethidium bromide (EtBr), Tris-acetyl-EDTA (TAE), bromophenol blue and xylene cyanol FF were purchased from Himedia (India). *S. pombe* Var. Paul Linder 3360 was obtained from IMTECH, Chandigarh. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck aluminium sheets coated with silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>. Purification by flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60. The compounds were visualized under UV light. *S. pombe* Var. Paul Linder 3360 was obtained from IMTECH, Chandigarh. Ethidium bromide. All the bacterial cultures used were purchased from MTCC, Institute of Microbial Technology and Chandigarh, India. An *Artemia cyst* was purchased from local aquarium store. GenElute mini Pre Kit for pUC19 DNA isolation was purchased from Sigma Aldrich (India). HPLC grade DMSO was used to dissolve the platinum compounds.

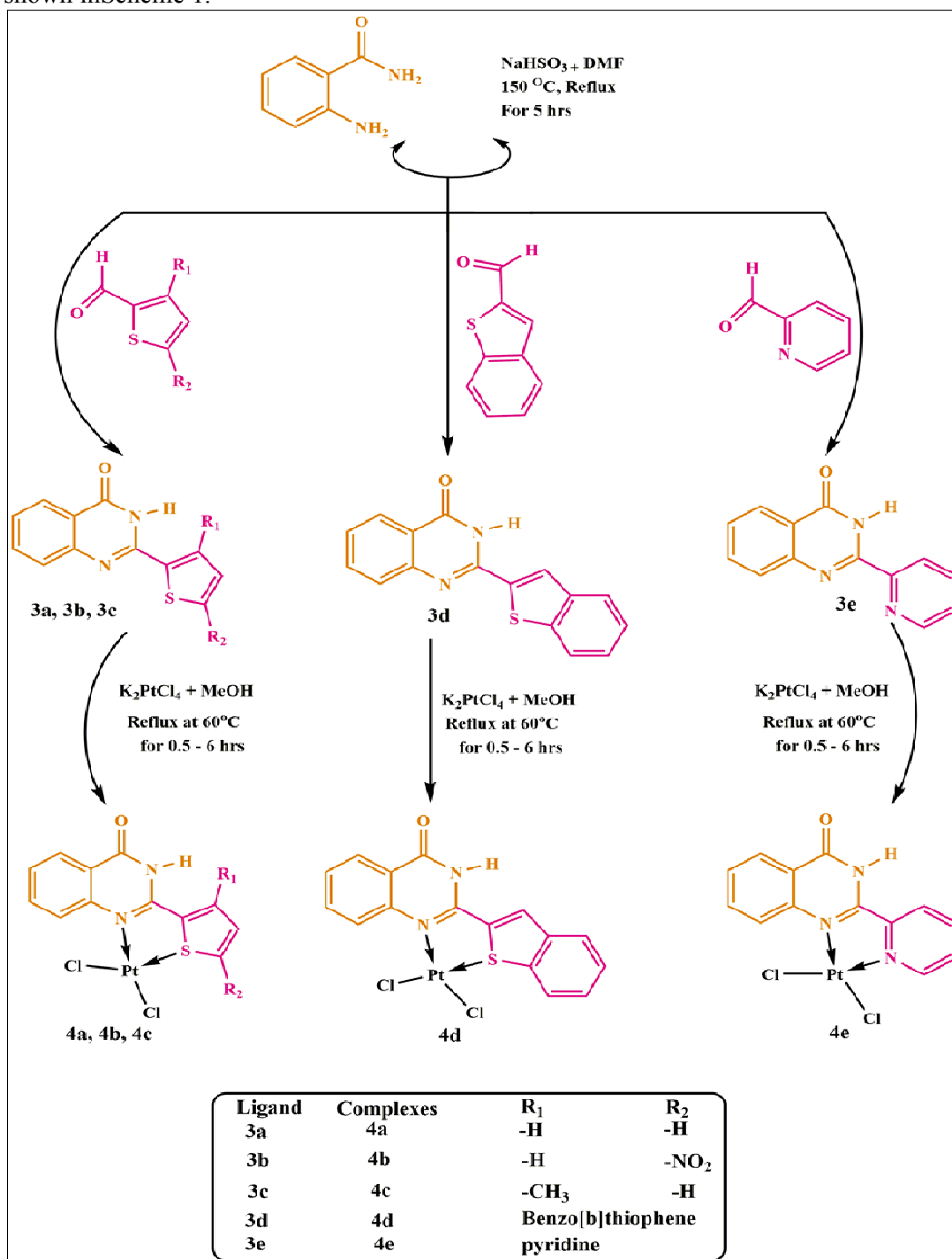
### 2.2 Physical measurement

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded with a Bruker Avance (400 MHz) and (100 MHz). The APT experiment yields methine (CH) and methyl (CH<sub>3</sub>) signals negative and quaternary (C) and methylene (CH<sub>2</sub>) signals positive. The chemical shift of each resonance was quoted as an estimated midpoint of its multiplicity. The electronic spectra were recorded on a UV-160A UV-vis spectrophotometer, Shimadzu, Kyoto (Japan). IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR Shimadzu spectrophotometer with sample prepared as KBr pellets in the range 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Elemental analyses (C, H, N and S) were performed with a model EuroEA elemental analyser. Fluorescence spectroscopy was carried out by FluoroMax-4, spectrofluorometer, HORIBA (Scientific). Melting points (°C, uncorrected) were determined in open capillaries on hermoCal10 melting point apparatus (Analab Scientific Pvt. Ltd, India). Precoated silica gel plates (silica gel 0.25 mm, 60 G F 254; Merck, Germany) were used for thin layer chromatography. The LC-MS spectra were recorded using Thermo scientific mass spectrophotometer (USA). The magnetic moments were measured by Gouy's method using mercury tetrathiocyanatocobaltate(II) as the calibrant ( $\chi_g = 16.44 \times 10^{-6}$  cgs units at 20 °C), citizen balance. Antibacterial study was carried out by means of laminar airflow cabinet Toshiba, Delhi (India). The thermogram of complexes was recorded with a Mettler Toledo TGA/DSC 1 thermogravimetric analyser. Conductance measurement was carried out using conductivity meter model number E-660A. *Photo quantization* of the gel after electrophoresis was done using AlphaDigiDoc™ RT. Version V.4.0.0 PC-Image software, California (USA).

### 2.3 General synthesis of quinazolinone derivativeligands (L<sup>1</sup>–L<sup>5</sup>)

To the solution of the anthranilamide (7 mmol), substituted carbaldehydederivatives(7 mmol) were added in the reaction mixture and sodium hydrogen sulphite was used as a catalyst in the presence of solvent dimethylformamide(10 mL), and the resulting reaction mixture was reflux at 150 °C for 6 h, and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC in every 45 min interval on precoated silica TLC plates by using mixture of solvent like ethyl acetate and hexane use as mobile phase. Upon Completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was allowed

to cooled at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethylacetate using brine solution (NaCl) as demulsifier. Extracted organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to obtain the precipitate. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica using hexane:ethyl acetate(4:1) system. The obtained fine crystalline product was filtered and dried in a vacuum. The proposed reaction for the synthesis of ligands (**L**<sup>1</sup>- **L**<sup>5</sup>) is shown in Scheme 1.



**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of quinazolinone derivatives ligands (**L**<sup>1</sup> - **L**<sup>5</sup>) and their complexation with Pt<sup>II</sup> metal ions.

### 2.3.1 Preparation of 2-(thiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one ( $L^1$ )

It was synthesized using 2-aminobenzamide (**1a**) (0.953 g, 7mmol) and thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (0.784 g, 7mmol) after reflux for 5-6 h in DMF solution as described general process. **Colour:** yellow crystalline solid, **Yield:** 85 %, **mol.wt. :** 228.27g/mol, **m.p.** 240 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For  $C_{12}H_8N_2OS$ :**C, 63.14; H, 3.93; N, 12.87; S, 14.04. **Found (%):** C, 63.38; H, 4.05; N, 13.35; S, 13.2. **UV-vis:  $\lambda$ (nm) ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ):** 318 (13,526), 255 (26,666). **Mass m/z (%):** 229  $[M]^+$ .  **$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ /ppm:** 9.679(s, 1H, N-H), 7.212-8.334 (7H, m, Ar- $H_{5,6,7,8,3',4',5'}$ ).  **$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ /ppm:** 161.00 ( $>C=O$ ,  $C_4$ ), 156.23 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_2$ ), 144.51 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{8a}$ ), 133.42 (CH,  $C_7$ ), 127.43 (CH,  $C_{3'}$ ), 127.34 (CH,  $C_6$ ), 127.20 (CH,  $C_{4'}$ ), 126.78 (CH,  $C_8$ ), 126.65 (CH,  $C_5$ ), 125.80 (CH,  $C_{5'}$ ), 124.40 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{2'}$ ), 120.80 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{4a}$ ). [**Total signal observed = 12:** signal of C = 5 (quinazolinone-C = 4, thiophene-C = 1), signal of CH = 7 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, thiophene-CH = 3)]. **FT-IR: (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{max}$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ):** 3248  $\nu_{(N-H)}$ (s), 1659  $\nu_{(C=O)}$ (s), 3086  $\nu_{(C-H)ar}$ (w), 1419  $\nu_{(C=N)}$ (s), 848  $\nu_{(C-H)}$ banding (s), 1589  $\nu_{(C=C)}$ conjugated alkenes (s), 910  $\nu_{(C-S-C)}$ stre. (thiophene ring) (s), 709 – 833  $\nu_{(Ar-H)_2}$  adjacent hydrogen (s), 586  $\nu_{(C-H)}$ oop band (s).

### 2.3.2 Preparation of 2-(5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one ( $L^2$ )

It was synthesized using 2-aminobenzamide (0.953 g, 7mmol) and 5-nitrothiophene-2-carbaldehyde (1.106 g, 7mmol) after reflux for 5-6 h in DMF solution as described general process. **Colour:** yellow crystalline solid, **Yield:** 82 %, **mol.wt. :** 273.27 g/mol, **m.p.** 235 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For  $C_{12}H_7N_3O_3S$ :**C, 52.74; H, 2.78; N, 14.18; S, 11.93. **Found (%):** C, 52.98; H, 2.95; N, 13.95; S, 12.02. **UV-vis:  $\lambda$ (nm) ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ):** 310 (8,693), 234 (25,926). **Mass m/z(%):** 274  $[M]^+$ .  **$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ /ppm:** 10.130 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.197-7.789 (6H, m, Ar- $H_{5,6,7,8,3',4'}$ ).  **$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ /ppm:** 161.00 ( $>C=O$ ,  $C_4$ ), 156.23 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_2$ ), 151.21 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{5'}$ ), 144.51 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{8a}$ ), 133.52 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{2'}$ ), 133.42 (CH,  $C_7$ ), 128.88 (CH,  $C_{4'}$ ), 128.74 (CH,  $C_{3'}$ ), 127.20 (CH,  $C_6$ ), 126.78 (CH,  $C_8$ ), 126.65 (CH,  $C_5$ ), 120.80 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{4a}$ ). [**Total signal observed = 12:** signal of C = 6 (quinazolinone-C = 4, thiophene-C = 2), signal of CH = 6 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, thiophene-CH = 2)]. **FT-IR: (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{max}$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ):** 3279  $\nu_{(N-H)}$ (s), 1666  $\nu_{(C=O)}$ (s), 3101  $\nu_{(C-H)ar}$ (w), 1411  $\nu_{(C=N)}$ (s), 864  $\nu_{(C-H)}$ banding (s), 1589  $\nu_{(C=C)}$ conjugated alkenes (s), 980  $\nu_{(C-S-C)}$ stre. (thiophene ring) (s), 709 - 832  $\nu_{(Ar-H)_2}$  adjacent hydrogen (s), 570  $\nu_{(C-H)}$ oop band (s).

### 2.3.3 Preparation of 2-(3-methylthiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one ( $L^3$ )

It was synthesized using 2-aminobenzamide (0.953 g, 7mmol) and 3-methylthiophene-2-carbaldehyde (0.889 g, 7mmol) after reflux for 5-6 h in DMF solution as described general process. **Colour:** lightyellow crystalline solid, **Yield:** 86 %, **mol.wt. :** 242.05 g/mol, **m.p.** 237 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For  $C_{13}H_{10}N_2OS$ :**C, 64.14; H, 4.16; N, 11.88; S, 13.93. **Found (%):** C, 63.90; H, 3.91; N, 12.05; S, 14.10. **UV-vis:  $\lambda$ (nm) ( $\epsilon$ ,  $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$ ):** 270 (5,020), 250 (21,920). **Mass m/z(%):** 243  $[M]^+$ .  **$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ /ppm:** 10.144 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.226-7.794 (6H, m, Ar- $H_{5,6,7,8,4',5'}$ ), 0.912 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>).  **$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ /ppm:** 161.00 ( $>C=O$ ,  $C_4$ ), 156.23 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_2$ ), 144.51 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{8a}$ ), 139.52 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{3'}$ ), 133.42 (CH,  $C_7$ ), 130.88 (CH,  $C_{4'}$ ), 130.34 (CH,  $C_{5'}$ ), 127.30 (CH,  $C_6$ ), 126.78 (CH,  $C_8$ ), 126.65 (CH,  $C_5$ ), 120.80 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{4a}$ ), 120.10 ( $C_{quat.}$ ,  $C_{2'}$ ), 14.50 (-CH<sub>3</sub>). [**Total signal observed = 13:** signal of C = 6 (quinazolinone-C = 4, thiophene-C = 2), signal of CH and CH<sub>3</sub> = 7 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, thiophene-CH = 2, -CH<sub>3</sub> = 1)]. **FT-IR: (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{max}$  ( $cm^{-1}$ ):** 3271  $\nu_{(N-H)}$ (s), 1670  $\nu_{(C=O)}$ (s), 3055  $\nu_{(C-H)ar}$ (w), 1412  $\nu_{(C=N)}$ (s), 833  $\nu_{(C-H)}$ banding (s), 1582  $\nu_{(C=C)}$ conjugated alkenes (s), 918  $\nu_{(C-S-C)}$ stre. (thiophene ring) (s), 710 - 832  $\nu_{(Ar-H)_2}$  adjacent hydrogen (s), 571  $\nu_{(C-H)}$ oop band (s).

### 2.3.4 Preparation of 2-(benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>4</sup>)

It was synthesized using 2-aminobenzamide (0.953 g, 7 mmol) and benzo[b]thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (1.135 g, 7 mmol) after reflux for 5-6 h in DMF solution as described general process. **Colour:** light yellow crystalline solid, **Yield:** 79 %, **mol.wt. :** 278.33 g/mol, **m.p.:** 251 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S:** C, 69.05; H, 3.62; N, 10.97; S, 12.79. **Found (%):** C, 68.90; H, 3.85; N, 11.35; S, 13.00. **UV-vis: λ(nm) (ε, M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 292 (14,746), 243 (26,666). **Mass m/z (%):** 279 [M]<sup>+</sup>. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 10.148 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.220-7.792 (9H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8, 3',4',5',6',7'</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 156.23 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 144.51 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8</sub>), 137.82 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>3'a</sub>), 135.66 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>7'a</sub>), 133.42 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 127.70 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>), 127.30 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 126.78 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>), 126.65 (CH, C<sub>5</sub>), 124.40 (CH, C<sub>6'</sub>), 124.30 (CH, C<sub>5'</sub>), 123.80 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 122.20 (CH, C<sub>7'</sub>), 120.80 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4a</sub>), 110.50 (CH, C<sub>3'</sub>). **[Total signal observed = 16:** signal of C = 7 (quinazolinone-C = 4, benzo[b]thiophene-C = 3), signal of CH = 9 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, benzo[b] thiophene-CH = 5). **FT-IR: (KBr pellet) ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3279 ν<sub>(N-H)</sub> (s), 1651 ν<sub>(C=O)</sub> (s), 3055 ν<sub>(C-H)<sub>ar</sub></sub> (w), 1434 ν<sub>(C=N)</sub> (s), 849 ν<sub>(C-H)banding</sub> (s), 1589 ν<sub>(C=C)conjugated alkenes</sub> (s), 910 ν<sub>(C-S)stre.</sub> (thiophene ring) (s), 711 - 835 ν<sub>(Ar - H)<sub>2</sub> adjacent hydrogen</sub> (s), 570 ν<sub>(C-H)oop band</sub> (s).

### 2.3.5 Preparation of 2-(pyridin-2-yl)quinazolin-4(3H)-one (L<sup>5</sup>)

It was synthesized using 2-aminobenzamide (0.953 g, 7mmol) and picolinaldehyde (0.749 g, 7mmol) after reflux for 5-6 h in DMF solution as described general process. **Colour:** brown crystalline solid, **Yield:** 97 %, **mol.wt. :** 223.24 g/mol, **m.p.** 245 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O:** C, 69.05; H, 4.76; N, 18.32; **Found (%):** C, 68.89; H, 5.09; N, 17.55. **UV-vis: λ(nm) (ε, M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 307(10,453), 241 (26,266). **Mass m/z (%):** 224 [M]<sup>+</sup>. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 10.123 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.207-7.781 (8H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8,3',4',5',6'</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 156.23 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 154.21 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>), 149.61 (CH, C<sub>6'</sub>), 144.51 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8a</sub>), 136.12 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 133.42 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 127.88 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>), 127.20 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 126.78 (C<sub>5</sub>, -CH), 125.35 (CH, C<sub>5'</sub>), 120.80 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4a</sub>), 120.60 (CH, C<sub>3'</sub>). **[Total signal observed = 13:** signal of C = 5 (quinazolinone-C = 4, pyridine-C = 1), signal of CH = 8(quinazolinone-CH = 4, pyridine-CH = 4). **FT-IR: (KBr pellet) ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3248 ν<sub>(N-H)</sub>(s), 1673 ν<sub>(C=O)</sub> (s), 2923 ν<sub>(C-H)<sub>ar</sub></sub> (w), 1479 ν<sub>(C=N)</sub> (s), 803 ν<sub>(C-H)banding</sub> (s), 1604 ν<sub>(C=C)conjugated alkenes</sub> (s), 949 ν<sub>(C-S-C)stre.</sub> (thiophene ring) (s), 713 - 836ν<sub>(Ar - H)<sub>2</sub> adjacent hydrogen</sub> (s), 572 ν<sub>(C-H)oop band</sub> (s).

## 2.4 General synthesis of platinum(II) complexes (I-V)

Herein, we report new five mononuclear Pt(II) complexes(I-V) with the bidentate quinazolinone derivative ligands having -N, S/ -N, N-donor atoms. The complexes were synthesized using method proposed by Hodges and Rund.<sup>XIII</sup> An aqueous solution of K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> salt 2 mL (1 mmol) was mixed with a equimolar amount of the ligands (1 mmol) (L<sup>1</sup> – L<sup>5</sup>) in MeOH (20 mL) at 60 °C with 1-2 drops of hydrochloric acid (free acid is to avoid displacement of Cl<sup>-</sup> by -OH) until the solution became colourless (0.5-6 h). Within this period, brown colour precipitates of the platinum(II) complexes were obtained. Reaction mixture was allowed to cool at room temperature and filtered off. The products were collected after washing with methanol-water (MeOH: H<sub>2</sub>O, 1:4) system twice. Which were filtered and dried in a vacuum.<sup>XIV</sup> The reaction scheme for the synthesis of complexes (I-V) is shown in Scheme 1.

### 2.4.1 Preparation of complex [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (I)

It was synthesized using potassium tetrachloroplatinate salt (K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub>) (0.103 g, 0.25mmol) and ligands (L<sup>1</sup>) (0.057 g, 0.25 mmol) 1: 1 ratio, after reflux for 6 h in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O system as described general process. **Colour:** brown powder, **Yield:** 95 %, **mol.wt. :** 494.26 g/mol, **m.p.** >300 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OPtS:** C, 30.86; H, 1.77; N, 5.67; Pt, 39.97; S, 6.49. **Found (%):** C, 30.76; H, 1.98; N, 5.47; Pt, 40.08; S, 5.79. **Conductance:** 24 Ω

$^1\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ . UV-vis:  $\lambda(\text{nm})$  ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 376 (6,053), 323 (13,593), 253 (26,666).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 12.08 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.145-8.116 (7H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8,3',4',5'</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 159.93 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 142.51 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8a</sub>), 139.92 (CH, C<sub>3'</sub>), 139.42 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 134.44 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 132.92 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4a</sub>), 128.20 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 127.78 (CH, C<sub>5</sub>), 125.40 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>), 116.90 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>), 116.00 (CH, C<sub>5'</sub>). [Total signal observed = 12: signal of C = 5 (quinazolinone-C = 4, thiophene-C = 1), signal of CH = 7 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, thiophene-CH = 3)]. FT-IR: (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3309  $\nu_{(\text{N-H})}$ (s), 1643  $\nu_{(\text{C=O})}$  (s), 3070  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{ar}}$  (w), 1473  $\nu_{(\text{C=N})}$  (s), 756  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{banding}}$  (s), 1566  $\nu_{(\text{C=C})\text{conjugated alkenes}}$  (s), 1188  $\nu_{(\text{C-S-C})\text{stre. (thiophene ring)}}$  (s), 715 - 836  $\nu_{(\text{Ar-H})2\text{ adjacent hydrogen}}$  (s), 570  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{oop band}}$ , 686  $\nu_{(\text{Pt-S})}$  (s).

#### 2.4.2 Preparation of complex [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (II)

It was synthesized using potassium tetrachloroplatinate salt (K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub>) (0.103 g, 0.25mmol) and ligands (L<sup>2</sup>) (0.068 g, 0.25mmol) 1:1 ratio, after reflux for 6 h in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O system as described general process. Colour: brown powder, Yield: 90 %, mol.wt. : 539.26 g/mol, m.p.>300 °C; Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>7</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PtS: C, 26.83; H, 1.91; N, 7.79; Pt, 36.88; S, 5.02. Found (%): C, 27.26; H, 2.08; N, 8.17; Pt, 37.30; S, 4.95. Conductance: 22  $\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ . UV-vis:  $\lambda(\text{nm})$  ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 383 (2,493), 314 (7,460), 252 (24,486).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 12.55 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.246-7.837 (6H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8,3',4'</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 159.93 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 142.55 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8a</sub>), 139.92 (CH, C<sub>3'</sub>), 138.42 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 136.44 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>5'</sub>), 134.54 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 132.92 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4a</sub>), 128.20 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 127.78 (CH, C<sub>5</sub>), 125.40 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>), 116.90 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>). [Total signal observed = 12: signal of C = 6 (quinazolinone-C = 4, thiophene-C = 2), signal of CH = 6 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, thiophene-CH = 2)]. FT-IR: (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3340  $\nu_{(\text{N-H})}$ (s), 1644  $\nu_{(\text{C=O})}$  (s), 3109  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{ar}}$  (w), 1458  $\nu_{(\text{C=N})}$  (s), 756  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{banding}}$  (s), 1573  $\nu_{(\text{C=C})\text{conjugated alkenes}}$  (s), 1141  $\nu_{(\text{C-S-C})\text{stre. (thiophene ring)}}$  (s), 715 - 836  $\nu_{(\text{Ar-H})2\text{ adjacent hydrogen}}$  (s), 570  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{oop band}}$ , 625  $\nu_{(\text{Pt-S})}$  (s).

#### 2.4.3 Preparation of complex [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (III)

It was synthesized using potassium tetrachloroplatinate salt (K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub>) (0.103 g, 0.25mmol) and ligands (L<sup>3</sup>) (0.060 g, 0.25 mmol) 1: 1 ratio, after reflux for 6 h in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O system as described general process. Colour: brown powder, Yield: 92 %, mol.wt. : 506.95 g/mol, m.p.>300 °C; Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PtS: C, 30.82; H, 1.98; N, 5.71; Pt, 38.79; S, 6.78. Found (%): C, 30.88; H, 2.28; N, 5.32; Pt, 39.18; S, 7.11. Conductance: 23  $\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ . UV-vis:  $\lambda(\text{nm})$  ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 350.05 (6,446), 318 (10,613), 253 (26,666).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 12.97 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.386-7.830 (6H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8,4',5'</sub>), 1.243 (s, 3H, -CH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta/\text{ppm}$ : 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 159.93 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 144.45 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>3'</sub>), 142.55 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8a</sub>), 139.92 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 134.54 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 132.92 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4a</sub>), 128.20 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 127.78 (CH, C<sub>5</sub>), 125.40 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>), 116.00 (CH, C<sub>5'</sub>), 109.00 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>), 18.00 (CH<sub>3</sub>). [Total signal observed = 13: signal of C = 6 (quinazolinone-C = 4, thiophene-C = 2), signal of CH and CH<sub>3</sub> = 7 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, thiophene-CH = 2, -CH<sub>3</sub>- 1)]. FT-IR: (KBr pellet)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3440  $\nu_{(\text{N-H})}$ (s), 1674  $\nu_{(\text{C=O})}$  (s), 3078  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{ar}}$  (w), 1466  $\nu_{(\text{C=N})}$  (s), 764  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{banding}}$  (s), 1566  $\nu_{(\text{C=C})\text{conjugated alkenes}}$  (s), 1142  $\nu_{(\text{C-S-C})\text{stre. (thiophene ring)}}$  (s), 710 - 835  $\nu_{(\text{Ar-H})2\text{ adjacent hydrogen}}$  (s), 571  $\nu_{(\text{C-H})\text{oop band}}$ , 625  $\nu_{(\text{Pt-S})}$  (s).

#### 2.4.4 Preparation of complex [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (IV)

It was synthesized using potassium tetrachloroplatinate salt (K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub>) (0.103 g, 0.25mmol) and ligands (3d) (0.069 g, 0.25mmol) 1: 1 ratio, after reflux for 6 h in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O system as described general process. Colour: brown powder, Yield: 92 %, mol.wt. : 544.32 g/mol, m.p.>300 °C; Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>PtS: C, 35.91; H, 1.85; N, 5.95; Pt, 35.04; S, 5.99. Found (%): C, 36.11; H, 2.05; N, 6.15; Pt, 34.84; S, 6.19. Conductance: 20  $\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ . UV-Vis:  $\lambda(\text{nm})$  ( $\epsilon$ ,  $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 330.05 (15,806), 317 (15,886), 258 (23,473).  $^1\text{H}$

**NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 12.87 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.361-8.177 (9H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8,3',4',5',6',7'</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 159.93 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 143.95 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>7'a</sub>), 142.45 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8a</sub>), 141.55 (CH, C<sub>3'</sub>), 136.92 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>3'a</sub>), 134.54 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 132.54 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4a</sub>), 132.22 (CH, C<sub>5'</sub>), 128.78 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.08 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 127.90 (CH, C<sub>6'</sub>), 127.78 (CH, C<sub>5</sub>), 125.50 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>), 125.10 (CH, C<sub>7'</sub>), 112.00 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>). **[Total signal observed = 16:** signal of C = 7 (quinazolinone-C = 4, benzo[b]thiophene-C = 3), signal of CH = 9 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, benzo[b]thiophene-CH = 5)]. **FT-IR: (KBr pellet) v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3471 v<sub>(N-H)</sub>(s), 1674 v<sub>(C=O)</sub>(s), 3078 v<sub>(=C-H)<sub>ar</sub></sub>(w), 1466 v<sub>(C=N)</sub>(s), 771 v<sub>(C-H)banding</sub>(s), 1566 v<sub>(C=C)conjugated alkenes</sub>(s), 1134 v<sub>(C-S-C)stre. (thiophene ring)</sub>(s), 711 - 835 v<sub>(Ar - H)<sub>2</sub> adjacent hydrogen</sub>(s), 570 v<sub>(=C-H)oop band</sub>, 632 v<sub>(Pt-S)</sub>(s).

#### 2.4.5 Preparation of complex [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (V)

It was synthesized using potassium tetrachloroplatinate salt (K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub>) (0.103 g, 0.25mmol) and ligands (L<sup>5</sup>) (0.055 g, 0.25mmol) 1: 1 ratio, after reflux for 6 h in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O system as described general process. **Colour:** brown powder, **Yield:** 90 %, **mol.wt. :** 487.98g/mol, **m.p.** >300 °C; **Anal. Calc. (%) For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Pt:** C, 31.94; H, 1.85; N, 8.09; Pt, 39.18. **Found (%):** C, 31.71; H, 1.83; N, 7.75; Pt, 38.84. **Conductance:** 20 Ω<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>. **UV-vis: λ(nm) (ε, M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 377.05 (2,553), 306 (10,040), 246 (26,666). **LC-MS m/z (%):** 487.98 [M], 489.97 [M + 2], 491.98 [M + 4]. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 13.63 (s, 1H, N-H), 7.456-8.172 (8H, m, Ar-H<sub>5,6,7,8,3',4',5',6'</sub>). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ/ppm:** 161.00 (>C=O, C<sub>4</sub>), 155.93 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>), 154.73 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>2'</sub>), 146.45 (CH, C<sub>4'</sub>), 144.45 (CH, C<sub>6'</sub>), 142.55 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>8a</sub>), 134.54 (CH, C<sub>7</sub>), 132.92 (C<sub>quat.</sub>, C<sub>4'a</sub>), 129.20 (CH, C<sub>3'</sub>), 128.90 (CH, C<sub>6</sub>), 128.20 (CH, C<sub>5'</sub>), 127.78 (CH, C<sub>5</sub>), 125.40 (CH, C<sub>8</sub>). **[Total signal observed = 13:** signal of C = 5 (quinazolinone-C = 4, pyridine-C = 1), signal of CH = 8 (quinazolinone-CH = 4, pyridine-CH = 4)]. **FT-IR: (KBr pellet) v<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 3363 v<sub>(N-H)</sub>(s), 1682 v<sub>(C=O)</sub>(s), 3063 v<sub>(=C-H)<sub>ar</sub></sub>(w), 1474 v<sub>(C=N)</sub>(s), 772 v<sub>(C-H)banding</sub>(s), 1543 v<sub>(C=C)conjugated alkenes</sub>(s), 1103 v<sub>(C-S-C)stre. (thiophene ring)</sub>(s), 711 - 835 v<sub>(Ar - H)<sub>2</sub> adjacent hydrogen</sub>(s), 570 v<sub>(=C-H)oop band</sub>, 578 v<sub>(Pt-N)</sub>(s).

## 2.5 Biological application of Pt(II) complexes

### 2.5.1 In vitro antimicrobial assay

To study the antibacterial activity of compounds under investigation, we used five microorganism: two Gram<sup>(+ve)</sup> (*Bacillus subtilis* (MTCC 7193) and *Staphylococcus aureus* (MTCC 3160)) and three Gram<sup>(-ve)</sup> (*Escherichia coli* (MTCC 433), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (MTCC P-09) and *Serratia marcescens* (MTCC 7103)). DMSO was used as medium to acquire preferred concentration of compounds to check upon microbial strains. MIC was performed by broth dilution technique. A pre-culture of bacteria was used to prepare bacterial cultures in Luria Broth. The test compounds of specific concentration were added to the corning tube containing Luria Broth solution and sterilized before the addition of previously cultured bacterial species. After adding different bacterial species to the tubes containing a specific concentration of test compounds, it was allowed to incubate for 24 h. at optimum temperature. The experiment is repeated till only a faint turbidity appears in the tube. The lowest concentration, which showed no visible growth after 24 h subculture was considered as MIC for each compound.<sup>XIV</sup>

### 2.5.2 Cellular level bioassay using *Schizosaccharomyces Pombe* cells

Cellular level bioassay was carried out using *S. pombe* cells, which were grown in liquid yeast extract media in 150 mL Erlenmeyer flask containing 30 mL of yeast extract media. The flask was incubated at 30 °C on a shaker at 160 rpm till the exponential growth of *S. pombe* obtained (24 to 30 h). Then the cell culture was treated with the different concentrations (20, 40, 60, 80, 100 μM) of synthesized complexes, free ligands and also with DMSO as a control and further allowed to grow for 20-24 h. Next day, by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm 10



min; treated cells were collected and dissolved in 500mL of PBS (Phosphate Buffered Saline). The 80mL of yeast culture dissolved in PBS and 20mL of 0.4% trypan blue prepared in PBS were mixed and cells were observed in a compound microscope (40 X). The trypan blue dye could enter the dead cell only so they appeared blue, whereas live cells resisted the entry of dye. The number of dead cells and number of live cells was counted in one field. Cell counting was repeated in two more of the microscopic fields and average percentage of cells died due to synthesized compounds were calculated.<sup>XV</sup>

#### 2.5.3 *In vitro Mycobacterium tuberculosis study using a strain of H<sub>37</sub>Rv*

A primary *in vitro* antituberculosis activity of the synthesized Pt(II) complexes (I-V) were conducted at a concentration of 250 µg/mL against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain by using Lowenstein - Jensen medium as described by Rattan.<sup>XVI</sup>

#### 2.5.4 *In vitro* cytotoxicity bioassay

The treatment of cancer is limited to surgery, radiotherapy and the use of cytotoxic agents, regardless of their well-known side effects. However, as no curative therapy is available and the discovery and development of novel, active chemotherapeutic agents is desperately needed. For the development of new drugs, primary study involves the brine shrimp lethality bioassay. Cytotoxicity assays are widely used by the pharmaceutical industry to screen for cytotoxicity in compound libraries. Researchers can look for cytotoxic compounds, if they are interested in developing a therapeutic agent that targets cancer cells. The brine shrimp lethality assay is a method by which one can check the toxicity of the compounds on brine shrimp. The experiment was carried out following the protocol of Mayer *et al.*<sup>XVII</sup> Brine shrimp (*Artemia cysts*) eggs were hatched in a shallow rectangular plastic dish (22×32 cm), filled with artificial seawater, which was prepared with commercial salt mixture and double distilled water. An unequal partition was made in the plastic dish with the help of a perforated device. A set of 2,4,8,16,20 µg/mL in the test tube was prepared from a stock solution of 1000 µg/mL of the test compounds. The final volume in each test tube was adjusted to 2500 µL (1000 µL sea salt solution, 450µL double distilled water, 50 µL DMSO + complex and remaining 1000 µL were added as 10 nauplii in a sea salt solution). After 24 h number of dead nauplii were counted and from the survival % mortality was calculated.<sup>XVIII, XIX</sup>

#### 2.5.5 *Compounds interaction with biomolecule(DNA)*

##### 2.5.5.1 (a) *Absorption titration spectroscopy*

Electronic absorption titration was employed to study the relative binding mode of HS-DNA with molecules. The stock solutions of HS-DNA were prepared in phosphate buffer and stored at 4 °C for less than 4 days. The UV absorbance of HS-DNA at 260 and 280 nm in phosphate buffer (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>/NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH = 7.2) solution at room temperature gave a ratio of 1.8-1.9:1, signifying that the DNA was suitably free from proteins.<sup>XX</sup> The molar absorption coefficient of HS-DNA was taken as 12858 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>. Absorption titration experiments were performed by maintaining constant complex concentration and varying the concentration of HS-DNA. Complex-DNA solutions were allowed to be incubated for 10 min at room temperature before measurements were taken. While measuring the absorption spectra, an equal quantity of HS-DNA was added to both the complex solution and the reference solution to eliminate the absorbance of HS-DNA itself. A compound due to have anticancer activity binds the DNA in following distinct binding modes. (i) Electrostatic binding in which compound attacks the phosphate groups attached to DNA backbone on its external helical side. (ii) Groove binding in which compound attacks two grooves of DNA double helix and (iii) intercalation mode of binding in which compound is inserted between the stacked base pairs of DNA.<sup>XXI</sup> Upon interaction of compound with DNA, alteration arises in the helical structure of DNA. This causes hyperchromic effect and hypochromic effect

which are the spectral features of DNA concerning its double helix structure. The intrinsic binding constant  $K_b$  can be obtained using the following equation in literature.<sup>XXII</sup>

#### 2.5.5.2 b) Viscosity measurements

Viscosity experiment was made using an Ubbelohde viscometer, engrossed in a water bath at  $25.0 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ . The viscosity of a 200  $\mu\text{M}$  solution of HS-DNA was determined in the presence of the complexes using different [complex]/[DNA] ratios in the range of 0.00 to 2.00. The flow time was measured in triplicate with a digital stopwatch and then averaged. The relative viscosity ratio ( $\eta/\eta_0$ ) was plotted against the r-bound (where  $\eta$  and  $\eta_0$  were the relative viscosity for DNA in the presence or absence of complexes, respectively). The hydrodynamic length of DNA generally increases upon partial intercalation while it does not lengthen upon groove binding.<sup>XXIII</sup> Viscosity measurements can sensitively detect the lengthening of a DNA helix induced by the binding of intercalators and thus provide evidence of intercalation for small DNA-binding molecules.<sup>XXIV</sup> The data are represented as the plot of the relative viscosity, i.e.  $(\eta/\eta_0)^{1/3}$  vs. [complex]/[DNA].

#### 2.5.5.3 (c) Molecular modeling assay

Docking study was made for Pt(II) complexes with biomolecule (DNA), to identify the binding mode of action and the vital functional groups interacting with the DNA, using Hex 8.0 software. Pt<sup>II</sup> complexes were taken from their enhanced structure as a molecule and converted to .pdb (Protein Data Bank) format using CHIMERA 1.5.1 software. The change of transcription or replication of DNA may leading to gene mutation, thus causing a series of diseases, in this way it plays an irreplaceable role in life. DNA is also the target of many antibacterial drugs, antiviral, cancer and playing an important role in the treatment of diseases. HS-DNA used in the experimental work was too large for current computational resources to dock, therefore, the structure of the DNA of sequence d(ACCGACGTCGGT)<sub>2</sub> (1BNA) is used for interaction study (PDB id: 1BNA, a familiar sequence used in oligodeoxynucleotide study) obtained from the Protein Data Bank (<http://www.rcsb.org/pdb>).<sup>XXV</sup> All calculations were done using on an Intel CORE i5, 2.5 GHz based machine running MS Windows 8, 64 bit as the operating system. The by default parameters were used for the docking calculation with correlation type shape only, FFT mode at 3D level, grid dimension of 6 with receptor range 180 and ligand range 180 with twist range 360 and distance range 40. The best conformation was selected with the lowest binding energy (kJ/mol).<sup>XXVI</sup>

#### 2.5.5.4 (c) Fluorescence quenching analysis

Emission intensity measurements of ethidium bromide (EB = 3,8-diamino-5-ethyl-6-phenylphenanthridinium bromide) with free HS-DNA in the absence and presence of Pt(II) complexes were performed in phosphate buffer. The HS-DNA solution was up to the value of  $r = 3.33$  ([DNA]/[Complex]) of pre-treated EB-DNA mixture ([EB] = 33.3  $\mu\text{M}$ , [DNA] = 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at ambient temperature and incubate for 10 min before measurement. The emission intensity was recorded in the range of 500-800 nm. The emission intensities at 610 nm ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ ) were obtained through excitation at 510 nm and slit wavelength 1.45 nm in the FluoroMax-4, HORIBA (Scientific) spectrofluorometer. The changes in fluorescence intensities of ethidium bromide and ethidium bromide bound to DNA were measured with respect to different concentration of the complex. The ethidium bromide has less-emission intensity in phosphate buffer solution 7.2 pH due to fluorescence quenching of free ethidium bromide by the solvent molecules. In the presence of DNA, EB exhibits higher intensity due to its partial intercalative binding mode to DNA. Fluorescence quenching of an EB-DNA can arise owing to inner-filter effect. The mechanism of quenching is found from the emission intensity of EB. In our study, inner filter effect was corrected with the following equation in this literature.<sup>XXVII, XXVIII</sup>

To examine the fluorescence quenching mechanism, the Stern–Volmer quenching constant ( $K_{sv}$ ) was determined by equation (1):<sup>XXIX,XXX</sup>

$$I^0/I = K_{sv}[Q] + 1 \quad (1)$$

where,  $I_0$  and  $I$  are the emission intensity of EB-DNA in the absence and presence of quencher (complex),  $K_{sv}$  is the linear Stern-Volmer quenching constant obtained from the plot of  $I_0/I$  vs.  $[Q]$  and  $[Q]$  is concentration of quencher. To determine the strength of the interaction of complexes with DNA, the value of the associative binding constant ( $K_a$ ) was calculated using the Scatchard equation (2).<sup>XVIII,XXXI</sup>

$$\log I_0 - I/I = \log K_a + n \log [Q] \quad (2)$$

where,  $I_0$  and  $I$  are the fluorescence intensities of the EB-DNA in the absence and presence of different concentrations of complexes, respectively and  $n$  is the number of binding. The acting forces between drugs and biomacromolecules include hydrogen bonds, van der Waals forces, electrostatic attraction and hydrophobic interaction, etc. In order to estimate the interaction force of all compounds, the standard free energy changes ( $\Delta G$ ) for the binding process have been calculated using the Van't Hoff equation (3).<sup>XXXII</sup>

$$\Delta G^0 = -RT \ln K_a \quad (3)$$

where,  $T$  is the temperature (25 °C, 298 K here),  $K_a$  is associative binding constant and  $R$  is gas constant  $8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . The negative sign for  $\Delta G^0$  means that the binding process is spontaneous.

#### 2.5.6 DNA nuclease assay

Gel electrophoresis study was performed using pUC19 DNA with synthesized compounds. The samples were incubated for 0.5 h at 37 °C. The samples were analysed by 1% agarose gel electrophoresis [Tris–acetate–ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, (TAE) buffer, pH 8.0] for 3 h at 100 mV. The gel was stained with (0.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>) ethidium bromide. The gels were viewed in an Alpha Innotech Corporation Gel doc system and photographed using a CCD camera. The cleavage efficiency of the compounds, the degree of DNA cleavage activity was measured by determining the ability of the complex to SC-DNA to OC-DNA equation describe in literature.<sup>XXXIII</sup>

### 3. Results and discussion

#### 3.1 Magnetic moments, electronic spectral analysis and conductance measurements

The ambient temperature magnetic moments show that the Pt(II) complexes are diamagnetic in nature, which corresponds to the +2 oxidation state of platinum metal ion, and are consistent with low-spin  $t_2g^6 e_g^2$  configuration for Pt(II) in square planar geometry. The UV-visible spectra of Pt(II) complexes (I–V) show strong vibronic-structured bands within range of 241–355 nm, these series of intense transitions with  $\epsilon$  in the order of  $10^4 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Absorption spectrum obeys the Lambert-Beer's law and concentration of compounds are taken in the range of 100–150  $\mu\text{M}$ . The electronic absorption spectral data are summarized in the experimental section. The high-energy absorption band at about 241–260 nm is due to as intraligand (IL) transitions of the quinazolinone based ligands designated as  $n-\pi^*$  band and metal to ligand charge transfer (MLCT) band of Pt(II) complexes is observed in between wavelength 320–355 nm designated as  $\pi-\pi^*$  transitions. The low energy absorption band at about 349–351 nm region is assigned to the d–d transition.<sup>XXXIV,XXXV</sup> All Pt(II) complexes are soluble in solvent DMSO and non-electrolytic in nature ( $\Lambda_m \leq 19-25 \text{ } \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ).

#### 3.2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and FT-IR spectral analysis

The structural evidence of the synthesized Pt(II) complexes can be concluded from the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra and their relevant chemical shifts. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the complexes and ligands are represented in supplementary material 1. The appearance of multiple peaks at 7.2-8.4 ppm suggests the presence of aromatic proton in the synthesized compounds. The aliphatic methyl protons observed at about 0.9-1.25 ppm. In ligand, carboxamide (N-H) proton peak is observed in the range of 9.6-10.14 ppm region, and this proton peak is shifted to downfield region due to complexation (12.0-13.65 ppm), except that the peak due to the NH group resonance is absent. No other significant changes can be found in the other signals of the complexes.

In  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of ligands, the aromatic carbons are observed in between 112-136 ppm region. The imine ( $>\text{C}=\text{N}$ ) group carbon peak observed at 156 ppm and to be shifted downfield at about 159 ppm in the Pt(II) complexes.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of the synthesized quinazolinone derivatives ligands and their complexes are shown in supplementary material 2.

The main aim behind subjecting the metal complexes to IR spectroscopy has been interpreted as the functionalities present in the complexes formed along by the conformation of the complexation involved between the platinum metal and ligands. Infrared spectral data are represented in experimental section and supplementary material 3. The imine ( $\text{C}=\text{N}$ ) group band of ligands are observed in the range of  $1611\text{-}1520\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to be shifted to higher frequency by *ca.*  $50\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicating that the coordination of nitrogen with metal ion. The  $\nu(>\text{C}=\text{O})_{\text{carboxamide}}$  band of ligands is observed in between region  $1630\text{ to }1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and is shifted to higher frequency by *ca.*  $30\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , on complexation. The metal nitrogen bond  $\nu(\text{Pt-N})$  is observed at  $550\text{-}578\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the metal-sulphur bond  $\nu(\text{Pt-S})$  is observed in the region  $625\text{-}633\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 3.3 LC-MS analysis

The LC-MS spectrum and possible mass fragmentation pattern of mononuclear Pt(II) complex (V) is represented in Figure 1. The mass spectra and mass fragmentation of the ligands ( $\text{L}^1\text{-L}^5$ ) are represented in supplementary material 4 and mass spectral data of the ligands ( $\text{L}^1\text{-L}^5$ ) are represented in experimental section. The mass spectrum of the complex (V) shows molecular ion peaks [M], [M+2], [M+4], at  $487.98\text{ m/z}$ ,  $489.97\text{ m/z}$  and  $491.98\text{ m/z}$ , respectively, due to the presence of two chlorine atoms. The peak at  $418.01\text{ m/z}$  is due to the loss of two chlorine atoms. The peak at  $223.07\text{ m/z}$  is due to the loss of the platinum metal ions and remaining ligand. The peak at  $146.05\text{ m/z}$  is due to the loss of the pyridine ring corresponds to the quinazolinone nucleus.

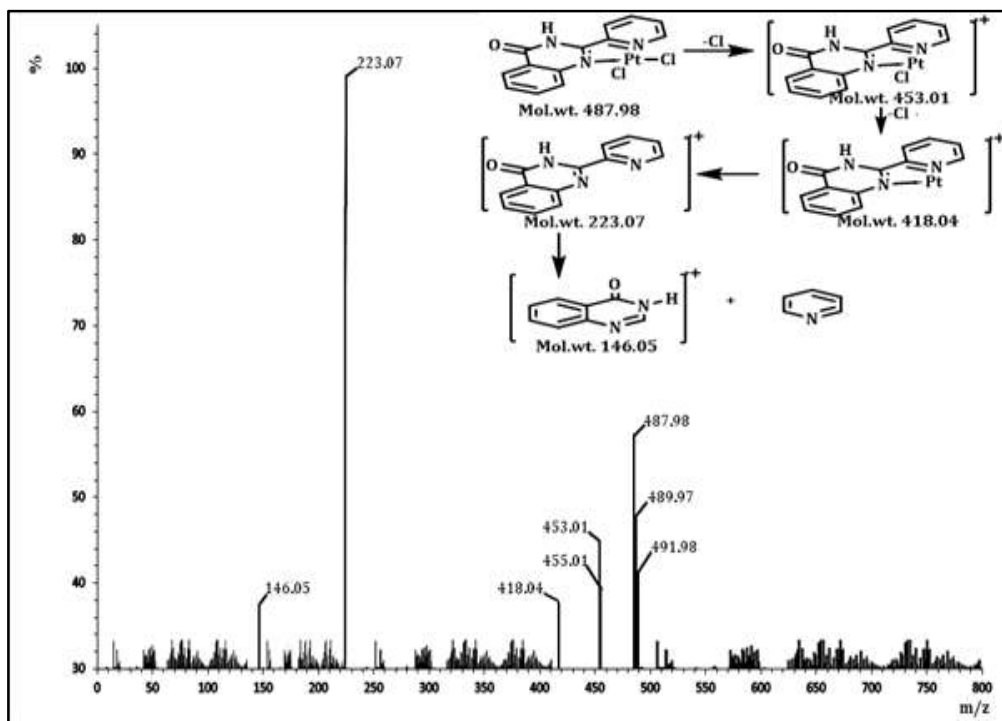


Fig. 1 LC-MS spectrum of complex  $[Pt(L^5)Cl_2]$  (V)

### 3.4 Thermal property (TGA)

The thermal property of mononuclear Pt(II) complex (V) was characterized by thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) under nitrogen ( $N_2$ ) atmosphere and is represented in supplementary material 4. The Pt(II) complexes decomposed in two steps.<sup>XXXVI</sup> In the first step, weight loss occurs between 180 - 220 °C (14%), which is attributed to the loss of two chlorine molecules and in second step, decomposition occurs in the range of 240 - 430 °C, which is attributed to the loss of ligand (weight loss of 46%), and leaving behind residue as platinum metal ion.<sup>XXXVI</sup>

### 3.5 Biological application

#### 3.5.1 In vitro antimicrobial assay

The antimicrobial activities of the synthesized compounds were tested against randomly selected three Gram<sup>(-ve)</sup> and two Gram<sup>(+ve)</sup> bacterial strains. Some of the platinum(II) complexes containing electron withdrawing functional group show high  $IC_{50}$  values against electron releasing group. All the Pt(II) complexes 29-90  $\mu M$  exhibit significant antibacterial activities compared to free ligands 100-280  $\mu M$  and metal salt (Figure 2). Such increased activity of the complexes can be explained on the basis of overtone's concept and the Tweedy's chelation theory.<sup>XXXVII</sup> The mechanism of antimicrobials may contain different targets in a microorganism that can cause disease, e.g. destruction to the cytoplasmic membrane, interfering with cell wall and, the inhibition of energy production (APT). The increase in antimicrobial activity of complexes can be the result of: (I) nature of the ion neutralising the complex, (II) chelate effects, (III) nuclearity of the metal centre in the compounds and (IV) nature of the ligands. The inhibition activity seems to be governed in certain degree by the facility of coordination at the metal centre as well as electronic nature of the ligands.<sup>XXXVIII</sup> The result of MIC in terms of  $\mu M$  are represented in the supplementary material 5. From the result, it is concluded that all the Pt(II) complexes exhibit moderate to good activity against all the five microorganism as compared to ligands.

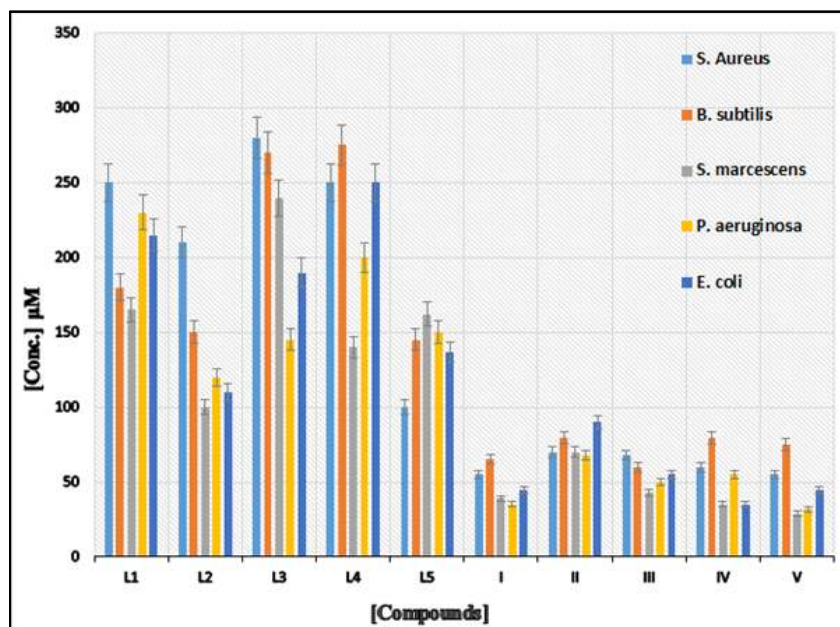


Fig. 2. Effect of different concentrations of free ligands and synthesized complexes on five different microorganisms. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three replicates.

### 3.5.2 Cellular level bioassay using *S. pombe* cells

Due to eukaryotic and fairly big size of *S. pombe*, it has become an important tool to study cell biology. Cellular level cytotoxicity of synthesized compounds was tested against *S. pombe* cells.<sup>XXXIX</sup> Complexes (I-V) are more toxic than quinazolinone derivatives ligands (L<sup>1</sup>-L<sup>5</sup>), while the cisplatin and transplatin are found to be more cytotoxic compared to complexes (Figure 3). Cytotoxicity data of all compounds are shown in supplementary material 6. After 17-20 h of the treatment, many of the *S. pombe* cells are destroyed due to lethal nature of the compound.

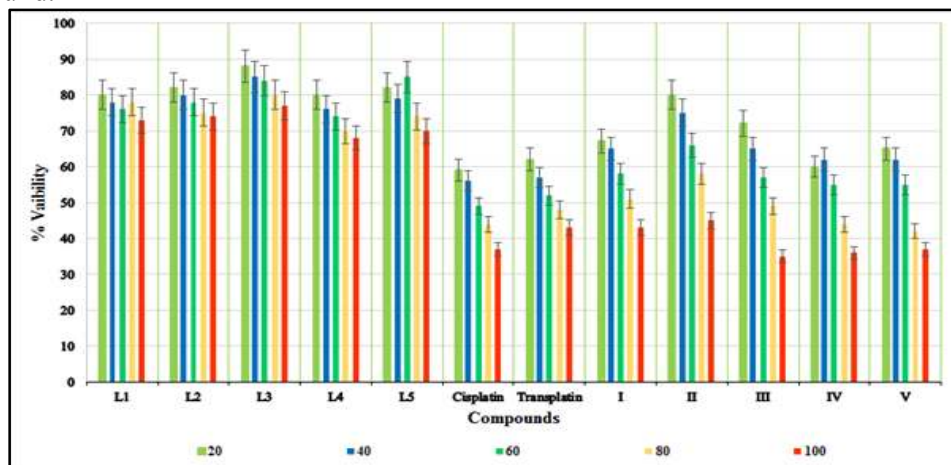
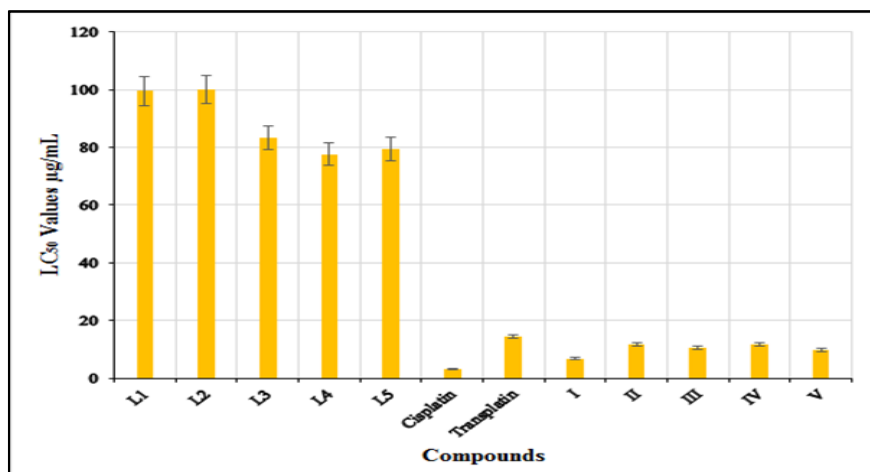


Fig. 3. Effect of compounds on percentage viability of *S. pombe* at different concentration.

### 3.5.3 In vitro cytotoxicity bioassay

The mortality rate of nauplii is found to increase with increasing concentration of sample. LC<sub>50</sub> value of complexes are in the range of 6.74-11.70 μg/mL and the LC<sub>50</sub> value of the ligands

are in the range of the 77.62-100.0  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  (Figure 4). The percentage mortality of brine shrimp nauplii are calculate from the number of dead nauplii. From the result it is inferred that the 50 percentage lethal concentrations ( $\text{LC}_{50}$ ) of cisplatin, transplatin and platinum(II) complexes exhibit significant toxicity as compared to synthesized ligands against brine shrimp and can be further studied *in vivo* for their anticancer property.



**Fig. 4.** Plot of  $\text{LC}_{50}$  values of different compounds in  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  using Brine shrimp. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three replicates.

### 3.5.4 *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain

Antituberculosis screening of the complexes (I-V) were conducted at 250  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  concentrations against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain. Complex II (5-NO<sub>2</sub>) has been found to possess excellent activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain. Compound V (-Py) and IV (Benzo[b]thiophene) are moderately active and remaining all other compounds exhibit poor inhibition against *M. tuberculosis* H<sub>37</sub>Rv growth. Isoniazid and rifampicin are used as the referenced drugs. The compounds which exhibit higher inhibition against *M. tuberculosis* H<sub>37</sub>Rv, are further screened for the MIC. The  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values of synthesized complexes are in the order of Rifampicin > Isoniazid > II > V > IV > I > III and are represented in Figure 5.

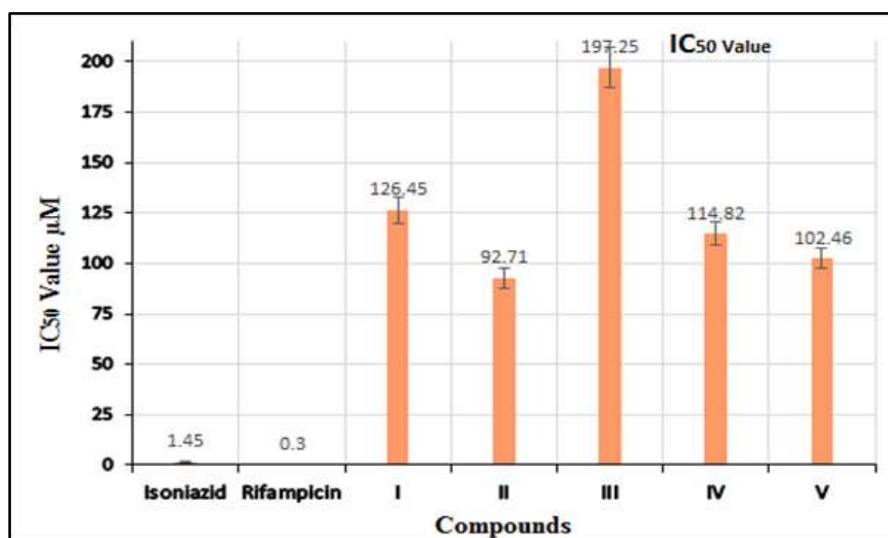
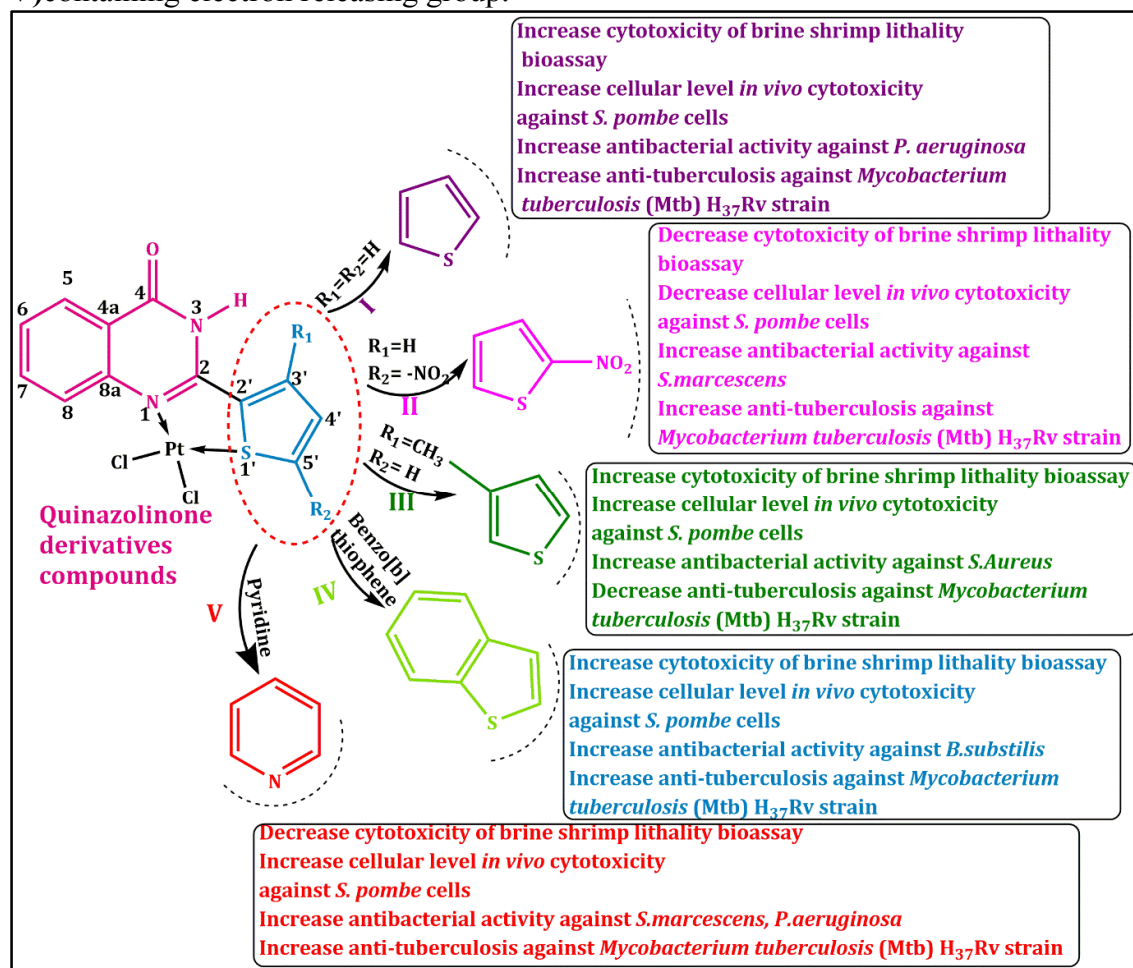


Fig. 5. Tuberculosis assay of synthesized complexes (I-V).

### 3.5.5 General structure–activity relationship (SAR)

The significances of the biological evaluation revealed that the activity is significantly affected by introducing  $R_1$  (-H, -CH<sub>3</sub>) at C-3' (position-3) in thiophene ring,  $R_2$  (-NO<sub>2</sub>) at C-5' (position-5) in thiophene ring, benzo[b] thiophene ring at C-2 position and pyridine ring at C-2 position in quinazolinone moiety (Figure 6). It is observed that the complexes (II, IV, V) containing electron withdrawing group (-NO<sub>2</sub>, benzo[b] thiophene, pyridine) on quinazolinone nucleus exhibit excellent anti-tuberculosis activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain. The presence of electron donating group -CH<sub>3</sub> (III) as at C-3' (position-3) in thiophene ring (I) show moderate anti-tuberculosis activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain. The presence of electron withdrawing and donating group involving complexes such as (I), (II), (III), (IV) and (V) are established superior antibacterial activity against Gram<sup>(+ve)</sup> and Gram<sup>(-ve)</sup> micro-organism (*Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Serratia marcescens*). The complexes (I, III, IV) containing electron withdrawing group are more potent against *S. Pombe* cells in *in vitro* cellular level cytotoxicity and against *Artemia cyst* in brine shrimp lethality bioassay as compared to other complexes (II, V) containing electron releasing group.





**Fig. 6.** Structure–activity relationships (SAR) for antimicrobial, antituberculosis and cytotoxicity activity, cellular level cytotoxicity of the synthesized complexes (I - V).

### 3.5.6 DNA interactions studies.

#### 3.5.6.1(a) By electronic absorption titration

The interaction of platinum(II) complexes with DNA was studied using UV-Vis absorption titration spectroscopy in order to get some information about their binding mode. In Figure 7, the absorption spectrum of platinum(II) complexes (I-V) in the presence of increasing amount of HS DNA with a decrease absorption intensity (hypochromism) and 1-3 nm wavelength slightly red shifted, from this graph it concluded that the complexes binds with DNA via partial intercalation mode. The compound binds to DNA through external interaction, the absorption bands are observed in at 310 nm revealed significant and red shift was owing to the participation of aromatic chromophores in hyperchromic effect. The charge transfer bands are slightly red shift indicative of the partial intercalative mode of binding. Since, DNA takes several hydrogen-bonding sites which are available both in major and minor grooves.

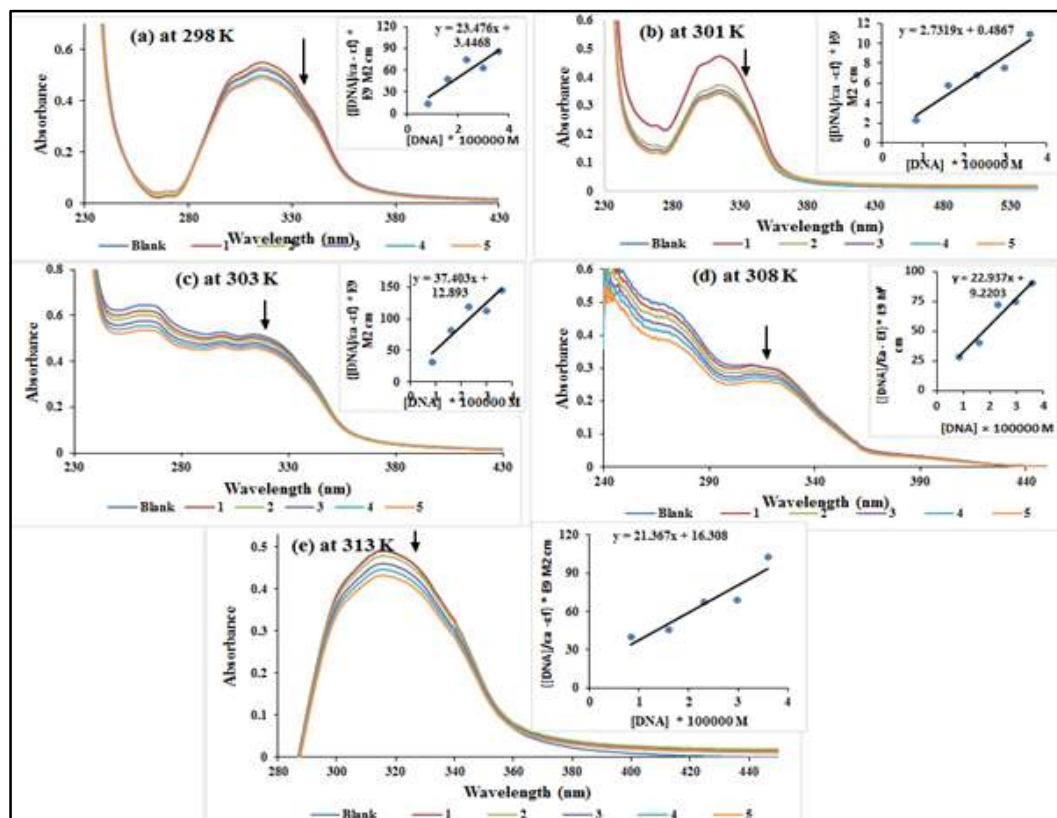
The  $K_b$  values for the platinum(II) complexes (I-V) are observed in the range of  $1.11 \times 10^5$ – $6.81 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ . The percentage hypochromicity ( $H\%$ ) are observed in range of 17.46–28.27% with an increasing volume of HS-DNA, indicating the partial intercalative mode of binding. The complex (V) show high  $K_b$  value due to presence of N, N-donor ligand containing pyridine (Py) ring, while lower than classical intercalator EB ( $K_b = 4.94 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ).<sup>XL</sup> Binding constant ( $K_b$ ) of synthesized complexes are found higher than that of carboplatin ( $0.33 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ) and oxaliplatin ( $5.3 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ).<sup>XL</sup> The DNA binding interaction are further examined by a viscometric technique and fluorescence quenching analysis. The binding affinity gradually decreasing with the electron withdrawing group of the complexes, and the order of complexes are V>II>IV>I>III.

The thermodynamics parameters of complexes and ligands were calculated using the Van't Hoff equation (5).<sup>XLII</sup>

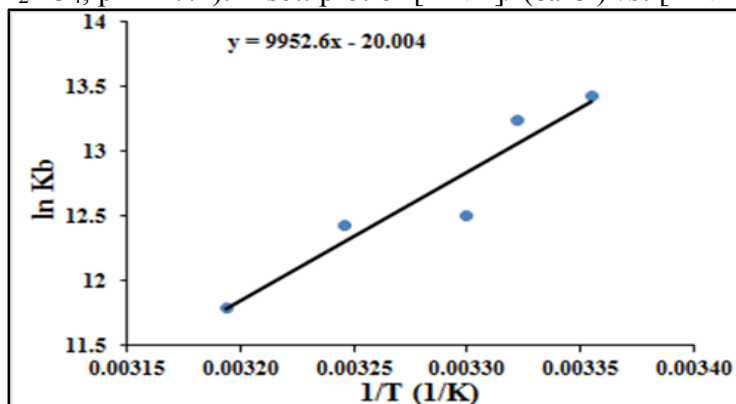
$$\ln Kb = \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT} + \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R} \quad (5)$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ \quad (6)$$

where, binding constant is at the analogous temperature (T) and R is the gas constant. The Van't Hoff plots for complex-DNA interaction are shown in Figure 8. The enthalpy change ( $\Delta H^\circ$ ) is calculated from the slope of the Van't Hoff relationship and entropy change ( $\Delta S^\circ$ ) from the intercept. The Gibbs free energy change ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ) is calculated from equation (6) at T = 298, 301, 303, 308 and 313 K.<sup>XLIII</sup> Binding constants ( $K_b$ ) values at different temperature and thermodynamics parameters are the measure of the complex–DNA stability. While the free energy indicates the spontaneity of complex–DNA binding. Moreover, the  $K_b$  is decrease with the increase temperature. The thermodynamic parameters of the platinum(II) complexes (I-V) are negative, it indicate that the spontaneity of complex–DNA interaction (Table 1).



**Fig. 7.** Concentration spectral changes upon addition of HS DNA to the solution of complex (V) after incubating it for 10 minutes at different temperature (a) at 298 K (b) at 301 K (c) at 303 K (d) at 308 K (e) at 313 K in phosphate buffer (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>/NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH = 7.2). Inset: plot of [DNA]/(εa-εf) vs. [DNA].



**Fig. 8.** The Van't Hoff plot of Pt<sup>II</sup> complex (V) at five different temperatures.

**Table 1.** The binding constant ( $K_b$ ) and thermodynamic parameters for the interaction of Pt<sup>II</sup> complexes with DNA at five different temperatures.

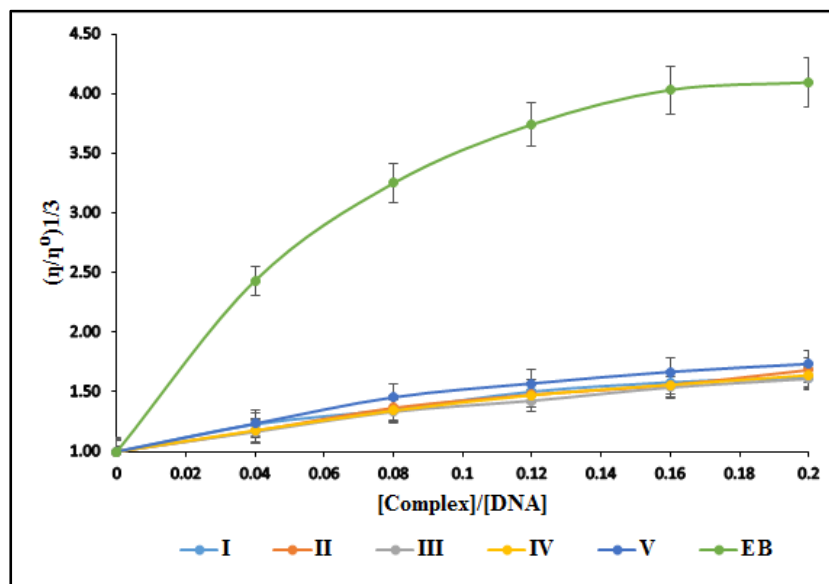
Compounds	$\lambda_{max}$ (nm)		$\Delta\lambda$ (nm)	T (K)	$K_b \times 10^5$ (M <sup>-1</sup> )	Hyper. (%)	$\Delta H$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta S$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta G$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> )
	Bound	Free							
I	289	284	5	298	2.17	18.97	-1823	-40.909	-6,047.53
	313	312	1	301	2.07	19.34			-5,924.80

	313	312	1	303	2.00	17.46			-5,842.98
	313	312	1	308	1.61	17.92			-5,638.44
	313	312	1	313	1.59	18.36			-5,433.89
<b>II</b>	317	315	2	298	3.82	18.96	-3784	-20.366	-31,775.1
	311	310	1	301	3.17	18.09			-31,714.0
	312	311	1	303	2.61	18.33			-31,673.3
	313	314	1	308	2.54	18.05			-31,571.5
	311	312	1	313	1.70	18.45			-31,469.6
<b>III</b>	306	305	1	298	2.58	18.28	-4708	-54.882	-30,730.5
	306	305	1	301	1.86	18.18			-30,565.9
	262	259	3	303	1.62	24.01			-30,456.1
	288	285	3	308	1.59	17.46			-30,181.7
	313	312	1	313	0.89	18.69			-29,907.3
<b>IV</b>	307	306	1	298	3.07	18.69	-4669	-51.935	-31,218.1
	262	260	2	301	2.20	18.75			-31,062.3
	308	305	3	303	2.17	20.05			-30,958.4
	307	305	2	308	1.85	19.61			-30,698.7
	265	263	2	313	1.11	19.54			-30,439.0
<b>V</b>	316	315	1	298	6.81	17.90	-8274	-166.31	-33,184.5
	315	314	1	301	5.61	28.27			-32,685.6
	315	314	1	303	2.87	17.47			-32,353.0
	303	301	2	308	2.48	18.75			-31,521.4
	317	316	1	313	1.31	17.84			-30,689.8

Hyper.(%) =  $[(A_{\text{free}} - A_{\text{bound}})/A_{\text{free}}] \times 100\%$ ,  $K_b$  = Intrinsic DNA binding constant determined from the UV-Vis absorption spectral titration, T = Temperature in kelvin (K),  $\Delta H$  = Change in enthalpy,  $\Delta S$  = Change in Entropy,  $\Delta G$  = Gibb's free energy,  $\Delta\lambda$  = Difference between bound wavelength and free wavelength.

### 3.5.6.2(b) By viscosity measurements

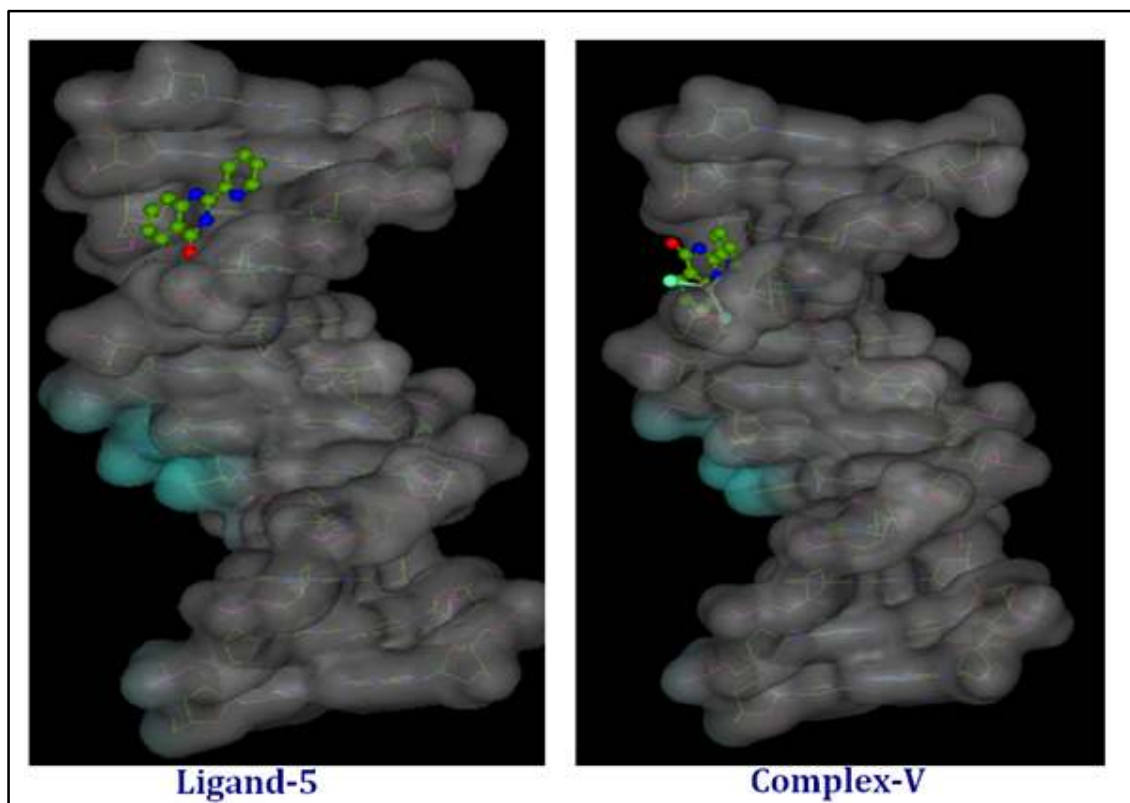
The viscosity measurements is most critical and least uncertain tests of a binding in solution in the absence of crystallographic data. No increase in the axial length of the DNA is generally observed for a groove binding and therefore did not alter the relative viscosity.<sup>XLIV,XLV</sup> In contrast, cisplatin can bend DNA through covalent binding resulting into shortening of the axial length of the double helix, caused a decrease in the relative viscosity of the solution.<sup>XLVI</sup> Partial intercalators also reduce the axial length observed as a reduction in relative viscosity, whereas the classical organic intercalators such as ethidium bromide increased the axial length of the DNA and it becomes more rigid,<sup>XLIV,XLV</sup> resulting in an increase in the relative viscosity. Here in our study, the relative viscosity measurement graphisshown in Figure 9. The order of increasing viscosity isV>II>IV>I>III, which ispresented to binding constant value ( $K_b$ ).The hypochromic, bathochromic shifts and increasing viscosity suggest the partial intercalation mode of binding of complexes.



**Fig. 9.** The effect of increasing amounts of complexes (I - V) on the relative viscosity of HS DNA at 27 ( $\pm 0.1$ )  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in phosphate buffer at pH = 7.2. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three replicates.

### 3.5.6.3 (c) By Molecular docking with DNA

The possible binding site, interaction mode and binding affinity of molecule can be determined by molecular docking study. In which complexes are docked to sequenced d(CGCGAATTCGCG)<sub>2</sub> dodecamer B-DNA (PDB ID: 1BNA). The resulting model showed that compound recognizes DNA in the minor groove via intercalation interaction, which is situated within the G-C rich region from chain, through the planarity of quinazolinone core is comfortable for strong  $\pi$ -stacking interactions and fits inside the DNA strands by Van der Waals interaction and hydrophobic contacts.<sup>XIV</sup> Docking structure of compounds are shown in supplementary material 7. Most stable binding conformation of complex (V) and DNA revealed that it is stacked in the minor groove.<sup>XLVII, XLVIII</sup> The molecular structures of ligand (**L**<sup>1</sup>-**L**<sup>5</sup>) and complexes (**I**-**V**) with B-DNA showed relative binding affinity (-198.45 (**L**<sup>1</sup>), -221.66 (**L**<sup>2</sup>), -193.14 (**L**<sup>3</sup>), -201.98 (**L**<sup>4</sup>), -237.26 (**L**<sup>5</sup>), -226.58 (**I**), -249.54 (**II**), -226.54 (**III**), -235.65 (**IV**), -252.51 (**V**)  $\text{kJM}^{-1}$ ) indicating that complex (V) have better binding capability relative to other complexes under study, that is represented in Figure 10. The results of complexes (I-V) are compared with the UV-vis absorption titration, viscosity measurements and fluorescence quenching analysis study.



**Fig. 10.** Docking of ligand ( $L^5$ ) and complex (V) (Ball and stick) with the DNA duplex (VDW spheres) of sequence d(ACCGACGTCGGT)<sub>2</sub>. The compounds are docked into the DNA, showing partial intercalation between the DNA base pairs.

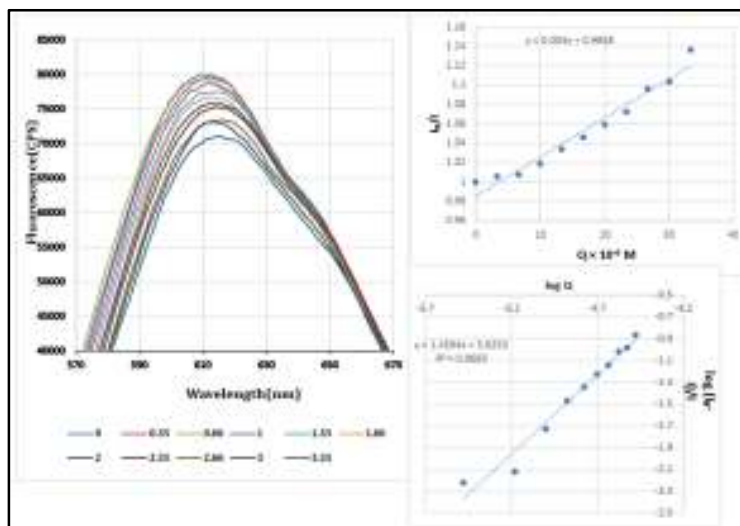
#### 3.5.6.4(d) Fluorescence quenching analysis

In fluorescence quenching study, ethidium bromide (EtBr) as a cationic dye that is normally used for DNA interaction via intercalation. Upon EB-DNA interaction, characteristic of EtBr shows the changes in absorbance, reflected by an enhancement in fluorescence intensity by about one order of magnitude, as compared to free dye in solution. Hence, when a platinum(II) complexes are added to the EB-DNA system, any quenching of the fluorescence will indicate the replacement of EB by the coordination molecule (DNA), via intercalative mode, it is expected of its strong stacking interaction between the adjacent DNA base pairs.

Fluorescence quenching analysis has been carried out for platinum(II) complexes and the corresponding emission spectra of the EB-DNA solutions in the presence of the increasing amounts of complex concentrations ( $r = 0.33$  to  $3.33$ ), fluorescence quenching data of all complexes and graph are represented in supplementary material<sup>8</sup>. Which clearly indicate a dramatic increase in the fluorescence intensity of the EB-DNA by adding the Pt(II) complex. In DNA-EB system, the increase of the fluorescence intensity is due to releasing free EB molecules. Therefore, the formation of complex-DNA stops the binding of EB and the complete metal complex-DNA formation occurs when the study fluorescence intensity is sufficient.<sup>XVIII</sup>

Moreover, the Stern-Volmer quenching constants ( $K_{sq}$ ), number of binding sites ( $n$ ), change in standard Gibb's free energy ( $\Delta G^0$ ) and associative binding constant ( $K_a$ ) data are

listed in Table 2, while the corresponding plots obtained from the experimental quenching data for the complexes are shown in Figure 11.



**Fig. 11** Fluorescence emission spectra of EB bound to HS-DNA in the presence of complex (V). [EB] = 33.3  $\mu$ M, [DNA] = 10  $\mu$ M; [complex] = (i) 3.33, (ii) 6.66, (iii) 10, (iv) 13.33, (v) 16.66, (vi) 20, (vii) 23.33, (viii) 26.66, (ix) 30, (X) 33.3  $\mu$ M;  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 510 nm. The arrows show the intensity changes upon increasing the concentrations of complex. Inset graph: plots of  $I_0/I$  versus  $[Q]$ , with  $\bullet$  for the experimental data points and the full line for the linear fitting of the data. Comparative plot of  $\log[I_0-I/I]$  versus  $\log[\text{complex}]$  for the titration of HS-DNA EB system with complexes (V) in phosphate buffer medium.

**Table 2** Linear Stern-Volmer quenching constants ( $K_{sq}$ ), Number of binding sites ( $n$ ), change in standard free energy ( $\Delta G^0$ ) and associative binding constant ( $K_a$ ) of Pt<sup>II</sup> complexes (I-V)

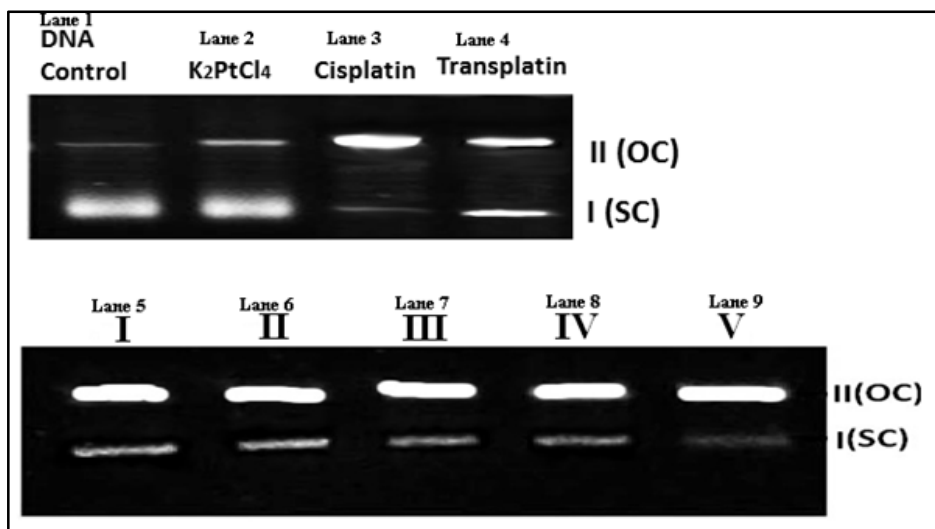
Complexes	$K_{sq}$ ( $M^{-1}$ )	$K_a$ ( $M^{-1}$ )	$n$	$\Delta G$ ( $J mol^{-1}$ )
I	$2.9 \times 10^3$	$0.47 \times 10^4$	1.049	-20,986.30
II	$4.0 \times 10^3$	$4.2 \times 10^5$	1.459	-32,091.30
III	$1.1 \times 10^3$	$0.80 \times 10^3$	1.009	-16,716.26
IV	$5.2 \times 10^3$	$1.03 \times 10^5$	1.305	-28,612.50
V	$4.6 \times 10^3$	$7.94 \times 10^5$	1.501	-33,658.40

with HS-DNA.

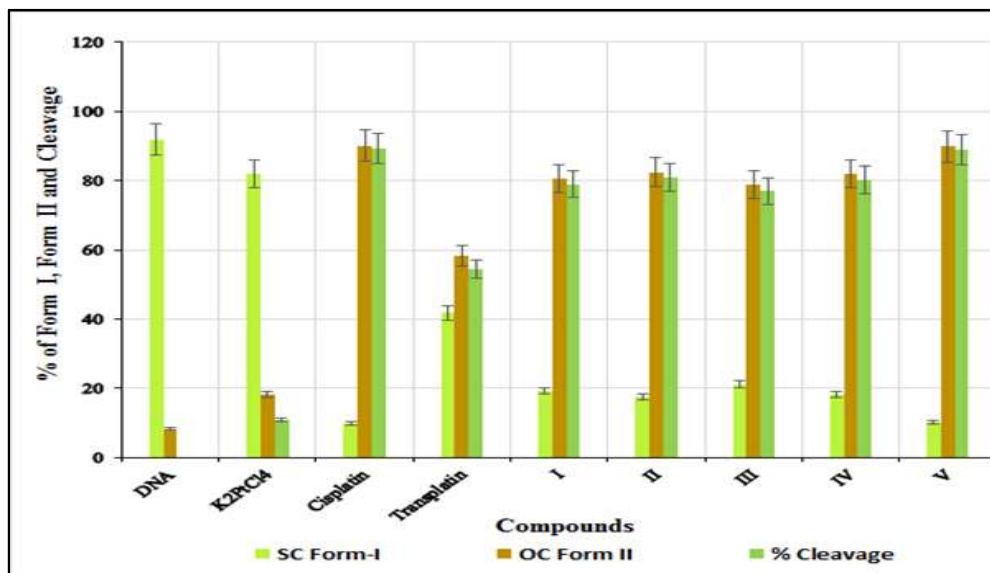
### 3.5.7 Gel electrophoresis

Figure 12 shows the cleavage of pUC19 DNA in presence of test compounds. The bands of the DNA control,  $K_2PtCl_4$  salts, cisplatin, transplatin and complexes (I-V), indicate that the lanes 1-9, respectively. DNA control lane shows two bands corresponding to supercoiled form (Form I) and open circular form (Form II). Lane 2 ( $K_2PtCl_4$  + DNA) also shows two bands, but the intensity of supercoiled form is different from that of control. Lane 3-9 (cisplatin, transplatin and complexes (I-V) + DNA) shows, 2 bands indicating a significant cleavage of DNA by the test complexes in reference to parent compound  $K_2PtCl_4$  salts, cisplatin, and transplatin. A quantitative measure of the DNA cleavage in terms of % cleavage for the test compounds is represented in the Figure 13 and tables given in supplementary

material 9. As the complexes show DNA cleaving ability similar to cisplatin, it can be concluded that the complexes inhibit the growth of the microorganisms by cleaving the DNA.



**Fig. 12.** Photogenic view of the cleavage of pUC19 DNA (300 µg/mL) with a series of compounds using 1% agarose gel containing 0.5 µgml<sup>-1</sup> EtBr. All reactions were incubated in TE buffer (pH 8) at a final volume of 15 mm<sup>3</sup> for 3 h at 37°C.



**Fig. 13.** Plot of DNA cleavage data by agarose gel electrophoresis of different compounds using pUC19 DNA. Error bars represent the standard deviation of three repeats.

### Conclusion

In this current work, synthesis of different heterocyclic based platinum(II) complexes from the quinazolinone derivatives based ligands were studied. The synthesized compounds were spectroscopic characterized using <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, FT-IR, TGA, mass, micro-elemental analysis and UV-vis techniques, and physicochemically characterization using magnetic moments and conductance measurement. The micro-elemental analyses agree to the platinum metal: quinazolinone derivatives ligand stoichiometry of 1:1 mole ratio. The conductance

value of the platinum(II) complexes in DMSO solvent, exhibited that all complexes are non-electrolytic in nature. The FT-IR data of the synthesized compounds were carried out. The magnetic moments of the complexes reveal that they are all diamagnetic nature. It proposes that platinum (Pt) is in the +2 oxidation state due to formation complexation. The electronic spectral data suggest that all the complexes were found to have square planar geometry. In  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra, the integral intensity of the (N-H) signal of free ligands and complexes are found to be in between 9 to 10 ppm and 12 to 14 ppm, respectively. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of ligands and complexes, the signal of (C=N) group are detected 156.00 ppm and 159.00 ppm, respectively. The biological elucidation is also carried out for all newly synthesized compounds, interaction of the complex analogue with DNA was examined using electronic absorption titration, viscosity measurements, molecular modeling and fluorescence quenching analysis. All DNA binding studies prove that the interaction between complexes analogue and DNA through partial intercalative mechanism. Complex (V) is a higher binding ability than other complexes, because of the bidentate N<sub>2</sub>/N-donor ligand present. The maximum binding ability of N<sub>2</sub>/N-donor ligands as compared to N<sub>2</sub>/S-donor ligands. The DNA nuclease investigate have been carried out on the interaction of the complexes with DNA by gel electrophoresis technique. The results propose that high efficient cleavage of supercoil pUC19 DNA is obtained for all the complexes compared to the  $\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_4$  salt. Gel electrophoresis were carried out to the cisplatin and transplatin, the interaction of the drugs with DNA and, percentage cleavage ability of the cis-platin is higher than all complex and transplatin. All the synthesized compounds were established for their *in vitro* antimicrobial activity, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) H<sub>37</sub>Rv strain and *in vitro* cytotoxicity and cellular level cytotoxicity and can be further explored for *in vivo* cytotoxicity studies against cell lines. The MIC values against the growth of microorganisms are much larger for platinum complexes than the free ligand and metal salt. Therefore, the DNA-binding and the cytotoxicity may be considered likely for any potential biological application as metallo drugs.

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The authors report no conflicts of interest. The authors alone are responsible for the content and writing of the paper.

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