Antimicrobial Activities of some Synthesized Pyridines, Oxazines and Thiazoles from 3-Aryl-1-(2-naphthyl)prop-2-en-1-ones

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Abstract

3-Aryl-1-(2-naphthyl)-prop-2-en-1-ones were reacted with ethyl cyanoacetate to produce 4-aryl-6-(2-naphthyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitriles, which were treated with ethyl chloroacetate to give the corresponding ester. Treatment of the latter ester with hydrazine hydrate or anthranilic acid afforded hydrazides and benzoxazines. The hydrazides were reacted with benzaldehyde or phenylisothiocyanate to afford the corresponding hydrazone and thiosemicarbazide derivatives, which were cyclized with chloroacetic acid or thioglycolic acid to the corresponding thiazole derivatives. 3-Aryl-1-(2-naphthyl)-prop-2-en-1-ones were either condensed with malononitrile under different conditions to produce carbonitrile derivatives or treated with active methylene reagents to afford the substituted cyclohexene derivatives. The structure assignment of the new compounds is based on chemical and spectroscopic evidence. Some of these compounds exhibited antimicrobial activities comparable to Ampicillin® as reference drug.

Keywords

α,β-Unsaturated ketones • Hydrazones • Thiazoles • Benzoxazine • Antimicrobials

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**Introduction**

In previous works we reported that certain substituted pyridines, pyrimidines and their chiral macrocyclic derivatives have antidepressant, antimicrobial, anticancer, analgesic, and anticonvulsant activities [1–7]. \(\alpha,\beta\)-Enones are widely used as versatile precursors for synthesis of several types of heterocyclic compounds, such as isoxazoles [8], thiazoles [9], thiadiazoles [10], oxazolopyridines, pyrans, pyridines and pyrimidines [11, 12], triazines [13], and flavonoids [14]. In view of these observations and as continuation of our previous work in heterocyclic chemistry, we synthesized some new heterocyclic derivatives and tested their antimicrobial activities.

**Results and Discussion**

**Chemistry**

![Chemical structures](image)

*Sch. 1.*
3-Aryl-1-(2-naphthyl)prop-2-en-1-ones (2a,b) were reacted with ethyl cyanoacetate in refluxing ethanol in the presence of ammonium acetate to produce dihydropyridinecarbonitriles 3a,b. One-step synthesis [15] was used to synthesize compounds 3a,b in good yields by refluxing of 2-acetylnaphthalene, aromatic aldehyde and ethyl cyanoacetate in ethanol containing ammonium acetate as a catalyst. The latter compounds 3a,b were reacted with ethyl chloroacetate in dry acetone, in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate to afford the ethyl glycolate derivatives 4a,b (Scheme 1).

The esters 4a,b were reacted with hydrazine hydrate in refluxing ethanol to give the corresponding hydrazides 5a,b, which were refluxed with benzaldehyde in ethanol to produce the corresponding hydrazone derivatives 6a,b, followed by cyclization with thioglycollic acid to thiazoles 7a,b. While, compounds 5a,b were reacted with phenylisothiocyanate in dry dioxane to obtain thiosemicarbazides 8a,b, which were cyclized with chloroacetic acid in ethanol to produce 2-N-phenylthiazoles 9a,b. But, compounds 4a,b were fused with anthranilic acid at 110°C to give oxazinone derivatives (10a,b) (Scheme 2).

Condensation of 2a,b with malononitrile in acetic acid under reflux afforded the oxapentanoic acid nitrile derivatives 11a,b, which cyclized by refluxing in acetic acid in the presence of anhydrous sodium acetate or ammonium acetate to afford the corresponding cyanoaminopyranes 12a,b or cyanoaminopyridines 13a,b, respectively. However, the later compounds 12a,b and 13a,b were also prepared directly from the chalcone derivatives 2a,b by reacting it with malononitrile in acetic acid in the presence of sodium acetate or ammonium acetate (Scheme 3).
Sch. 2.
Moreover, naphthyl chalcones 2a,b were reacted with ethyl acetoacetate in ethanolic sodium ethoxide solution to give cyclohexenone ethyl esters 14a,b. While, compounds 2a,b were reacted with acetoacetanilide (15) or acetonedicarboxylic acid dianilide (16) in ethanolic sodium hydroxide solution to yield the corresponding cyclohexenone carboxylic acid phenylamides 17a,b and cylohexenone-1,3-dicarboxilic acid diphenylamides 18a,b, respectively. Finally, cyclocondensation of 17a,b with hydrazine hydrate, phenyl hydrazine and hydroxylamine in glacial acetic acid in the presence of sodium acetate afforded the corresponding benzopyrazol-3-ones 19a,b, 2-phenylbenzopyrazol-3-ones 19c,d and benzisoxazol-3-ones 19e,f, respectively (Scheme 4).
Antimicrobial evaluation

The newly synthesized heterocyclic compounds, shown in Table 1 were tested for their antimicrobial activity against the following microorganisms: *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas putide*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Streptococcus lactis*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Penicillium sp.* and *Candida albicans*. The preliminary screening of the investigated compounds was performed using the filter paper disc-diffusion method. The most active compounds were: 5b, 8b and 17b and the results are summarized in Table 1.
Tab. 1. Antimicrobial activities of some newly synthesized compounds.

| Comp. No. | Inhibition zone (mm) | Gram-negative | Gram-positive | Fungi | Yeast |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|
|           |                      | E. coli | B. Subtilis | S. lactis | A. niger | P. Sp. | C. Albicans |
| 3a        |                      | 0      | 0            | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0           |
| 4a        |                      | 0      | 0            | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0           |
| 5b        |                      | 12     | 18           | 17       | 17     | 18     | 10          |
| 7b        |                      | 0      | 0            | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0           |
| 8b        |                      | 12     | 10           | 14       | 13     | 8      | 6           |
| 11a       |                      | 0      | 0            | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0           |
| 13b       |                      | 0      | 0            | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0           |
| 15b       |                      | 0      | 0            | 0        | 0      | 0      | 0           |
| 17c       |                      | 20     | 20           | 18       | 18     | 18     | 10          |
| Chloramphenicol® | 22 | 21 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 12 | 0 |
| Ampicillin® | 24 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 24 | 14 | 14 |

E. coli = Escherichia coli; P. Putide = Pseudomonas Putide; B. Subtilis = Bacillus Subtilis; S. lactis = Streptococcus lactis; A. niger = Aspergillus niger; P. Sp. = Penicillium Sp; C. Albicans = Candida Albicans

The sensitivity of microorganisms to the tested compounds is identified in the following manner *:
Highly sensitive = Inhibition zone 15–20 mm
Moderately sensitive = Inhibition zone: 10–15 mm
Slightly sensitive = Inhibition zone: 5–10 mm
Not sensitive = Inhibition zone: 0 mm

* Each result represents the average of triplicate readings.

Experimental

Chemistry

All melting points are uncorrected and were taken on Electrothermal IA 9000 series digital melting point apparatus. Elemental analytical data (in accordance with the calculated values) were obtained from the microanalytical unit, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt. The IR spectra (KBr) were recorded on a Pye Unicam SP-1000
spectro-photometer. The $^1$H-NMR spectra were recorded at a Varian $^1$H-Gemini 200 Spectro-meter using TMS as an internal standard. The mass spectra were performed using GC-MSQP 1000 EX spectrometer (70eV). All reactions were followed by TLC (silica gel, aluminum sheets 60 F$_{254}$, Merck). Compound 2a,b was prepared from 2-acetyl-naphthalene 1 according to the literature method [16]. Physical and spectral data are shown in Tables 2 and 3.

6-(2-Naphthyl)-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (3a) and 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (3b)

**Method A:** A mixture of 1 (0.17 g, 1 mmol), aromatic aldehyde, namely, benzaldehyde or 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (1 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (0.113 g, 1 mmol) and ammonium acetate (0.062 g, 8 mmol) in 40 ml ethanol was heated under reflux for 3 h. The obtained precipitate was filtered off, dried and crystallized from the proper solvent to give compounds 3a,b (Tables 2 and 3).

**Method B.** A mixture of 2a,b (1 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (0.113 g, 1 mmole) and ammonium acetate (0.062 g, 8 mmol) in 40 ml ethanol was heated under reflux for 10 h. The obtained precipitate was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give 3a,b in 56% yield.

Ethyl {[3-cyano-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylpyridin-2-yl]oxy}acetate (4a) and Ethyl {[3-cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxy}acetate (4b)

A mixture of 3a,b (1 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate (0.123 g, 1 mmol) and anhydrous potassium carbonate (0.55 g, 4 mmol) in 30 ml dry acetone was refluxed for 20 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in water, the produced was extracted with ether, dried over sodium sulphate anhydrous and filtered off, then evaporated and crystallized the proper solvent to give 4a,b (Tables 2 and 3).
2-[[3-Cyano-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylpyridin-2-yl]oxy]acetohydrazide (5a) and 2-[[3-Cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxy]acetohydrazide (5b)

A solution of 4a,b (1 mmol) in 50 ml ethanol and 4 ml of hydrazine hydrate (8 mmol) was refluxed for 6 h. After cooling, the separated solid was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give 5a,b (Tables 2 and 3).

N'-Benzylidene-2-[[3-cyano-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylpyridin-2-yl]oxy]acetohydrazide (6a) and N'-Benzylidene-2-[[3-cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxy]acetohydrazide (6b)

A mixture of 5a,b (1 mmol) in 30 ml ethanol, three drops of piperidine and benzaldehyde (0.106 g, 1 mmol) was refluxed with stirring for 5 h. After cooling, the formed solid was filtered off and crystallized the proper solvent to give 6a,b (Tables 2 and 3).

2-[[3-Cyano-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylpyridin-2-yl]oxy]-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl)acetamide (7a) and 2-[[3-Cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxy]-N-(4-oxo-2-phenyl-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl)acetamide (7b)

To a stirred solution of 6a,b (1 mmol) in 30 ml dry benzene, thioglycollic acid (~0.1 g, 1 mmol) in 5 ml dry benzene was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 10 h, evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was solidified with petroleum ether, the obtained solid was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give 7a,b (Tables 2 and 3).

2-((3-Cyano-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylpyridin-2-yl)oxy)acetyl)-N-phenylhydrazinecarbothioamide (8a) and 2-((3-Cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)pyridin-2-yl)oxy)acetyl)-N-phenylhydrazinecarbothioamide (8b)

A mixture of 5a,b (1 mmol) and phenylisothiocyanate (0.135 g, 1 mmol) in 50 ml dry dioxane was refluxed for 5 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under
reduced pressure and the obtained solid was filtered off and crystallized the proper solvent to give $8a,b$ (Tables 2 and 3).

2-{{[3-Cyano-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylpyridin-2-yl]oxy}-N-[4-oxo-2-(phenylimino)-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl]acetamide (9a) and 2-{{[3-Cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)pyridin-2-yl]oxy}-N-[4-oxo-2-(phenylimino)-1,3-thiazolidin-3-yl]acetamide (9b)

A mixture of $8a,b$ (1 mmol) and chloroacetic acid (~0.1 g, 1 mmol) in 20 ml absolute ethanol was refluxed for 4 h. After cooling, the formed solid was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give $9a,b$ (Tables 2 and 3).

6-(2-Naphthyl)-2-[(4-oxo-4H-3,1-benzoxazin-2-yl)methoxy]-4-phenylnicotinonitrile (10a) and 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)-2-[(4-oxo-4H-3,1-benzoxazin-2-yl)methoxy]nicotinonitrile (10b)

Equimolar amounts of anthranilic acid (0.13 g, 1 mmol) and $4a,b$ (1 mmol) were fused at 110°C on an oil bath for 5 h. The reaction mixture was triturated with ethanol, the formed precipitate was filtered off and crystallized the proper solvent to give $10a,b$ (Tables 2 and 3).

[3-(2-Naphthyl)-3-oxo-1-phenylpropyl]malononitrile (11a) and [1-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-naphthyl)-3-oxopropyl]malononitrile (11b)

A mixture of $2a,b$ (1 mole) and malononitrile (~0.1 g, 1 mmol) in 50 ml glacial acetic acid was refluxed for 30 min. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured onto water with stirring. The formed solid was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give $11a,b$ (Tables 2 and 3).

2-Amino-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenyl-4H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (12a) and 2-Amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)-4H-pyran-3-carbonitrile (12b)

2-Amino-6-(2-naphthyl)-4-phenylnicotinonitrile (13a) and 2-Amino-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)nicotinonitrile (13b)

**Method A.** A solution of $11a,b$ (1 mmol) in 50 ml acetic acid in the presence of 1 g sodium acetate or ~0.1 g ammonium acetate was refluxed for 6 h. The reaction
mixture was poured onto ice-water, the formed solid was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give $12a,b$ and $13a,b$, respectively (Tables 2 and 3).

**Method B.** A mixture of $2a,b$ (1 mmol) and malononitrile (~0.1 g, 1 mmol) in 50 ml acetic acid in the presence of 1 g sodium acetate or ~0.1 g ammonium acetate was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured onto ice-water, the formed solid was filtered off, dried and crystallized the proper solvent to give $12a,b$ and $13a,b$, respectively (Tables 2 and 3).

**Ethyl 4-(2-naphthyl)-2-oxo-6-phenylcyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxylate (14a) and Ethyl 6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(2-naphthyl)-2-oxocyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxylate (14b)**

To sodium ethoxide solution [prepared by dissolving sodium metal (0.03 g) in 15 ml absolute ethanol], ethyl acetoacetate (0.13 g, 1 mmol) was added and stirred for 1 hr. $2a,b$ was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting solution was refluxed for 3 h, after cooling, it was poured onto ice-water and acidified with hydrochloric acid. The product was extracted with ether, washed with water, dried over anhydrous MgSO$_4$, and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The obtained solid was crystallized the proper solvent to give $14a,b$ (Tables 2 and 3).

**4-(2-Naphthyl)-2-oxo-N,N',6-diphenylcyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxamide (17a) and 6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(2-naphthyl)-2-oxo-N-phenylcyclohex-3-ene-1-carboxamide (17b)**

**4-(2-Naphthyl)-6-oxo-N,N',2-triphenylcyclohex-4-ene-1,3-dicarboxamide (18a) and 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-(2-naphthyl)-6-oxo-N,N'-diphenylcyclohex-4-ene-1,3-dicarboxamide (18b)**

A mixture of $2a,b$ (1 mmol) and acetoacetanilide (15) (0.18 g, 1 mmol) or acetonedicarboxylic acid dianilide (16) (0.3 g, 1 mmol) in 50 ml ethanol containing sodium hydroxide (~0.1 g, 2 mmol) was refluxed for 6 h. The reaction mixture was poured onto acidified ice-water, the formed precipitate was filtered off and
crystallized the proper solvent to give 17a,b and 18a,b, respectively (Tables 2 and 3).

6-(2-Naphthyl)-4-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-indazol-3-one (19a) and 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-indazol-3-one (19b)

6-(2-Naphthyl)-2,4-diphenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-indazol-3-one (19c) and 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)-2-phenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrahydro-3H-indazol-3-one (19d)

6-(2-Naphthyl)-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-2,1-benzisoxazol-3(1H)-one (19e) and 4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-naphthyl)-4,5-dihydro-2,1-benzisoxazol-3(1H)-one (19f)

A mixture of 17a,b (1 mmol) and aminoreagents, namely, hydrazine hydrate, phenyl hydrazine or hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1 mmol) in 30 ml acetic acid containing 2 g of sodium acetate was refluxed for 4 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool, poured onto water and the formed solid was filtered off and crystallized the proper solvent to give 19a,b, 19c,d and 19e,f, respectively (Tables 2 and 3).
**Tab. 2.** Physical properties of the new synthesized compounds

| Comp. No. | M.P. (°C) Solvent of cryst. | Yield (%) | Mol. formula (M. wt) | Analysis Calcd (Found) |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 3a        | 300–301 (AcOH)              | 80        | C_{22}H_{14}N_{2}O   (322.37) | 81.97/81.95, 4.38/4.33, 8.69/8.64 |
| 3b        | 360–361 (AcOH);             | 72        | C_{23}H_{16}N_{2}O_{2} (352.39) | 78.39/78.34, 4.58/4.54, 7.95/7.90 |
| 4a        | 165–167 (MeOH)              | 70        | C_{26}H_{20}N_{2}O_{3} (408.46) | 76.46/76.40, 4.94/4.90, 6.86/6.80 |
| 4b        | 175–177 (MeOH)              | 75        | C_{27}H_{22}N_{2}O_{4} (438.48) | 73.96/73.91, 5.06/5.00, 6.39/6.34 |
| 5a        | 200–201 (MeOH)              | 70        | C_{24}H_{18}N_{4}O_{2} (394.43) | 73.08/73.02, 4.60/4.56, 14.20/14.15 |
| 5b        | 205–206 (MeOH)              | 65        | C_{25}H_{20}N_{4}O_{3} (424.46) | 70.74/70.68, 4.75/4.70, 13.20/13.15 |
| 6a        | 242–244 (AcOH)              | 65        | C_{31}H_{23}N_{5}O_{3}S (545.62) | 68.24/68.18, 4.25/4.20, 12.84/12.78 |
| 6b        | 251–252 (AcOH)              | 62        | C_{32}H_{24}N_{4}O_{3}S (512.57) | 71.21/71.18, 4.35/4.30, 10.07/10.00 |
| 7a        | 225–227 (DMF)               | 52        | C_{33}H_{24}N_{4}O_{3}S (556.64) | 69.61/69.55, 4.47/4.42, 9.55/9.50 |
| 7b        | 220–222 (DMF)               | 55        | C_{34}H_{26}N_{5}O_{3}S (586.66) | 68.24/68.18, 4.25/4.20, 12.84/12.78 |
| 8a        | 145–146 (CHCl_{3}/pet. ether) | 60       | C_{31}H_{23}N_{5}O_{3}S (545.62) | 68.24/68.18, 4.25/4.20, 12.84/12.78 |
Tab. 2. (Cont.)

| Comp. No. | M.P. (°C) | Solvent of cryst. | Yield (%) | Mol. formula | Analysis Calcd (Found) |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|
| 8b        | 160–162   | (CHCl₃/pet. ether) | 60        | C₃₂H₂₅N₅O₃S (559.64) | 68.68 | 4.50 | 12.51 |
| 9a        | 170–172   | (CHCl₃/pet. ether) | 60        | C₃₃H₂₃N₅O₃S (569.64) | 69.58 | 4.07 | 12.29 |
| 9b        | 210–212   | (CHCl₃/pet. ether) | 60        | C₃₄H₂₅N₅O₄S (599.66) | 68.10 | 4.20 | 11.68 |
| 10a       | 182–184   | (EtOH)             | 60        | C₃₁H₁₉N₃O₃ (481.51) | 77.33 | 3.98 | 8.73  |
| 10b       | 195–196   | (EtOH)             | 65        | C₃₂H₂₁N₃O₄ (511.54) | 75.14 | 4.14 | 8.21  |
| 11a       | 245–247   | (AcOH)             | 65        | C₂₂H₁₆N₂O (324.38) | 81.46 | 4.97 | 8.64  |
| 11b       | 260–262   | (AcOH)             | 55        | C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₂ (354.41) | 77.95 | 5.12 | 7.90  |
| 12a       | 245–247   | (AcOH)             | 65        | C₂₂H₁₆N₂O (324.38) | 81.46 | 4.97 | 8.64  |
| 12b       | 262–263   | (AcOH)             | 60        | C₂₃H₁₈N₂O₂ (354.41) | 77.95 | 5.12 | 7.90  |
| 13a       | 230–232   | (dioxane)          | 70        | C₂₂H₁₇N₃ (323.40) | 81.71 | 5.30 | 12.99 |
| 13b       | 290–292   | (dioxane)          | 68        | C₂₃H₁₉N₃O (353.42) | 78.16 | 5.42 | 11.89 |
| 14a       | 90–92     | (MeOH)             | 25        | C₂₅H₂₂O₃ (370.45) | 81.06 | 5.99 | 11.84 |
## Tab. 2. (Cont.)

| Comp. No. | M.P. (°C) | Yield (%) | Solvent of cryst. | Mol. formula (M. wt) | Analysis Calcd (Found) |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 14b       | 135–137   | 25        | (MeOH)            | C_{26}H_{24}O_{4} (400.47) | 77.98 6.04 77.90 5.98 |
| 17a       | 220–222   | 70        | (AcOH)            | C_{29}H_{23}NO_{2} (417.51) | 83.43 5.55 83.36 5.50 3.35 |
| 17b       | 230–232   | 70        | (EtOH)            | C_{30}H_{25}NO_{3} (447.53) | 80.51 5.63 80.46 5.58 3.13 |
| 18a       | 240–242   | 70        | (EtOH)            | C_{36}H_{28}N_{2}O_{3} (536.63) | 80.58 5.26 80.52 5.20 5.22 |
| 18b       | 260–262   | 70        | (EtOH)            | C_{37}H_{30}N_{2}O_{4} (566.66) | 78.43 5.34 78.38 5.28 4.94 |
| 19a       | 160–162   | 65        | (dioxane)         | C_{23}H_{18}N_{2}O (338.41) | 81.63 5.36 81.56 5.30 8.28 |
| 19b       | 190–192   | 60        | (dioxane)         | C_{24}H_{20}N_{2}O_{2} (368.44) | 78.24 5.47 78.20 5.42 7.60 |
| 19c       | 220–222   | 70        | (dioxane)         | C_{29}H_{22}N_{2}O (414.51) | 84.03 5.35 83.98 5.30 6.76 |
| 19d       | 255–257   | 65        | (dioxane)         | C_{30}H_{24}N_{2}O_{2} (444.53) | 81.06 5.44 80.96 5.40 6.30 |
| 19e       | 180–182   | 65        | (EtOH)            | C_{23}H_{17}NO_{2} (339.39) | 81.40 5.05 81.32 4.98 4.13 |
| 19f       | 200–202   | 60        | (EtOH)            | C_{24}H_{19}NO_{3} (369.42) | 78.03 5.18 77.97 5.10 3.79 |
Tab. 3. Spectral data of newly synthesized compounds

| Comp No. | IR (ν, cm⁻¹) | MS (m/z, %) | ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ) |
|----------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 3a       | 3150 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1650 (CO) | 322 [M⁺, 100]. | 6.95 (s, 1H, pyridine-H5), 7.55-8.50 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 12.85 (bs, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 3b       | 3150 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1658 (CO) | 352 [M⁺, 29], 304 [100]. | 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.95 (s, 1H, pyridine-H5), 7.55-8.50 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 12.90 (bs, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 4a       | 2220 (CN), 1745 (CO) | 408 [M⁺, 4], 332 [100]. | 1.21 (t, 3H, CH₃), 4.32 (q, 2H, CH₂), 5.20 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.50-8.65 (m, 13H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5) |
| 4b       | 2220 (CN), 1745 (CO) | 438 [M⁺, 3], 411 [100]. | 1.20 (t, 3H, CH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.29 (q, 2H, CH₂), 5.20 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.15, 7.75 (2d, 4H, Ar-H), 7.90 (s, 1H, pyridine-H5), 8.00-8.90 (m, 7H, Ar-H). |
| 5a       | 3250, 3160 (NH₂⁺NH), 2220 (CN), 1675 (CO) | 394 [M⁺, 37], 362 [100]. | 4.35 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 5.13 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.40-8.79 (m, 13H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 9.60 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O) |
| 5b       | 3240, 3155 (NH₂, NH), 2220 (CN), 1675 (CO) | 424 [M⁺, 100]. | 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.33 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 5.11 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.10-8.75 (m, 12H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 9.59 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 6a       | 3220 (NH), 2215 (CN), 1670 (CO) | 482 [M⁺, 100]. | 5.22 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.40-8.55 (m, 19H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5 + benzylidene-H), 12.93 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
Tab. 3. (Cont.)

| Comp. No. | IR $\nu$ (cm$^{-1}$) | MS m/z (%) | $^1$H NMR (DMSO-d$_6$, $\delta$) |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| 6b | 3220 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1675 (CO) | 512 [M$^+$, 4], 372 [100]. | 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH$_3$), 5.20 (s, 2H, CH$_2$), 7.25-8.59 (m, 18H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5 + benzylidene-H), 12.95 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D$_2$O). |
| 7a | 3225 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1730,1685 (2CO) | 556 [M$^+$, 18], 451 [100]. | 3.75 (d, 1H, thiazolidine-H5), 3.95 (d, 1H, thiazolidine-H5), 5.13, 5.21 (2d, 2H, 2 methylene-H), 5.73 (s, 1H, thiazolidine-H2), 7.25-8.75 (m, 18H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 10.66 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D$_2$O). |
| 7b | 3225 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1730,1685 (2CO) | 586 [M$^+$, 2], 402 [100]. | 3.75, 3.95 (2d, 2H, 2 thiazolidine-H5), 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH$_3$), 5.15, 5.20 (2d, 2H, 2 methylene-H), 5.75 (s, 1H, thiazolidine-H2), 7.25-8.75 (m, 17H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 10.69 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D$_2$O). |
| 8a | 3330,3200 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1680 (CO) | 529 [M$^+$, 5], 386 [100]. | 5.10 (s, 2H, CH$_2$), 7.10-8.30 (m, 13H, 12 Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 9.20, 9.42, 9.81 (3s, 3H, 3NH, exchangeable with D$_2$O). |
| 8b | 3330,3200 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1685 (CO) | 559 [M$^+$, 5], 520 [100]. | 3.91 (s, 3H, OCH$_3$), 5.10 (s, 2H, CH$_2$), 7.00-8.10 (m, 12H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 9.20, 9.40, 9.80 (3s, 3H, 3NH, exchangeable with D$_2$O). |
| Comp. No. | IR \( (\nu, \text{ cm}^{-1}) \) | MS \( (m/z, \%) \) | \(^1\text{H NMR} \) (DMSO-\(d_6\), \(\delta\)) |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 9a        | 3300, 3200 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1720, 1685 (2CO) | 569 [M\(^+\), 3], 386 [100]. | 3.52 (s, 2H, CH\(_2\) thiazolidine), 5.41, 5.71 (2d, 2H, 2 methylene-H), 7.20-8.80 (m, 18H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 9.50 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
| 9b        | 3300, 3200 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1725, 1685 (2CO) | 599 [M\(^+\), 3], 465 [100]. | 3.50 (s, 2H, CH\(_2\) thiazolidine), 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH\(_3\)), 5.40, 5.70 (2d, 2H, 2 methylene-H), 7.00-8.50 (m, 17H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 9.50 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
| 10a       | 2220 (CN), 1725 (CO) | 481 [M\(^+\), 22], 288 [100]. | 5.30 (s, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 7.10-8.35 (m, 17H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5). |
| 10b       | 2220 (CN), 1725 (CO) | 511 [M\(^+\), 20], 480 [100]. | 3.61 (s, 3H, OCH\(_3\)), 5.22 (s, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 6.90-8.10 (m, 16H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5) |
| 11a       | 2210 (CN), 1680 (CO) | 324 [M\(^+\), 20], 318 [100]. | 3.10 (m, 1H, H3), 4.20 (dd, 1H, H4), 4.40 (dd, 1H, H4), 5.10 (d, 1H, H2), 7.00-8.10 (m, 12H, Ar-H). |
| 11b       | 2210 (CN), 1680 (CO) | 354 [M\(^+\), 20], 349 [100]. | 3.10 (m, 1H, H3), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH\(_3\)), 4.21 (dd, 1H, H4), 4.32 (dd, 1H, H4), 5.15 (d, 1H, H2), 6.88-8.00 (m, 11H, Ar-H). |
Tab. 3. (Cont.)

| Comp. No. | IR (ν, cm⁻¹) | MS (m/z, %) | ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, δ) |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 12a       | 3450, 3240 (NH₂), 2180 (CN) | 324 [M⁺, 77], 300 [100]. | 2.50 (d, 1H, pyran-H4), 5.00 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.20-8.35 (m, 13H, Ar-H + pyran-H5). |
| 12b       | 3455, 3245 (NH₂), 2190 (CN) | 354 [M⁺, 75], 425 [100]. | 2.50 (d, 1H, pyran-H4), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.00 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.00-8.08 (m, 12H, Ar-H + pyran-H5). |
| 13a       | 3420, 3250 (NH, NH₂), 2190 (CN) | 323 [M⁺, 100]. | 2.60 (d, 1H, pyridine-H4), 4.12 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.35-8.50 (m, 13H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 12.85 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 13b       | 3420, 3245 (NH, NH₂), 2200 (CN) | 353 [M⁺, 100]. | 2.60 (d, 1H, pyridine-H4), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.10 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.20-8.30 (m, 12H, Ar-H + pyridine-H5), 12.80 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 14a       | 1720, 1670 (2CO) | 370 [M⁺, 100]. | 1.10 (t, 3H, CH₃), 3.33 (d, 2H, cyclohexene-H5), 3.70 (m, 1H, cyclohexene-H6), 3.90 (q, 2H, CH₂), 4.20 (d, 1H, cyclohexene-H1), 6.80 (s, 1H, cyclohexene-H3), 7.20-8.50 (m, 12H, Ar-H). |
| 14b       | 1720, 1670 (2CO) | 400 [M⁺, 100]. | 1.01 (t, 3H, CH₃), 3.35 (d, 2H, cyclohexene-H5), 3.70 (m, 1H, cyclohexene-H6), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.90 (q, 2H, CH₂), 4.20 (d, 1H, cyclohexene-H1), 6.80 (s, 1H, cyclohexene-H3), 7.00-8.10 (m, 11H, Ar-H); |


| Comp. No. | Spectral data |
|-----------|---------------|
|           | **IR** (ν, cm⁻¹) | **MS** (m/z, %) | **¹H NMR** *(DMSO-d₆, δ)* |
| 17a       | 3260 (NH), 1740, 1640 (2CO) | 417 [M⁺, 100]. | 3.20 (d, 2H, CH₂), 3.90 (m, 1H, cyclohexene-H6), 4.00 (d, 1H, cyclohexene-H1), 6.50 (s, 1H, cyclohexene-H3), 7.10-8.35 (m, 17H, Ar-H), 10.15 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 17b       | 3260 (NH), 1740, 1645 (2CO) | 447 [M⁺, 100]. | 3.20 (d, 2H, CH₂), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.90 (m, 1H, cyclohexene-H6), 4.00 (d, 1H, cyclohexene-H1), 6.50 (s, 1H, cyclohexene-H3), 6.90-8.00 (m, 17H, Ar-H), 10.10 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 18a       | 3300-3200 (NH), 1710, 1680, 1645 (3CO) | 536 [M⁺, 100]. | 3.05 (d, 2H, CH₂), 4.10 (m, 1H, cyclohexene-H4), 4.50 (d, 1H, cyclohexene-H3), 6.75-8.25 (m, 22H, Ar-H), 10.10, 10.30 (2s, 2H, 2NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 18b       | 3310-3200 (NH), 1720, 1685, 1650 (3CO) | 566 [M⁺, 100] | 3.05 (d, 2H, CH₂), 3.75 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.10 (m, 1H, cyclohexene-H4), 4.50 (d, 1H, cyclohexene-H3), 6.67-8.15 (m, 22H, Ar-H), 10.10, 10.30 (2s, 2H, 2NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| 19a       | 3420 (NH), 1700 (CO) | 338 [M⁺, 100] | 3.00 (d, 2H, CH₂), 4.25 (t, 1H, cyclohexadiene-H4), 7.00-8.10 (m, 13H, Ar-H+ cyclohexadiene-H7), 11.00, 11.30 (2s, 2H, 2NH, exchangeable with D₂O). |
| Comp. No. | IR \( (\nu, \text{cm}^{-1}) \) | MS \( (m/z, \%) \) | \(^{1}H\) NMR \( (\text{DMSO-d}_6, \delta) \) |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 19b     | 3420 (NH), 1700 (CO) | 368 [M\(^{+}\), 100] | 3.00 (d, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 3.60 (s, 3H, OCH\(_3\)), 4.25 (t, 1H, cyclo-hexadiene-H4), 6.90-8.00 (m, 12H, Ar-H + cyclo-hexadiene-H7), 11.00,11.30 (2s, 2H, 2NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
| 19c     | 3400 (NH), 1705 (CO) | 414 [M\(^{+}\), 100] | 3.10 (d, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 4.40 (t, 1H, cyclohexadiene-H4), 7.00-8.10 (m, 18H, Ar-H + cyclohexadiene-H7), 11.40 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
| 19d     | 3440 (NH), 1710 (CO) | 444 [M\(^{+}\), 100] | 3.10 (d, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 3.60 (s, 3H, OCH\(_3\)), 4.40 (t, 1H, cyclohexadiene-H4), 6.70-8.00 (m, 17H, Ar-H + cyclohexadiene-H7), 11.40 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
| 19e     | 3400 (NH), 1710 (CO) | 339 [M\(^{+}\), 100] | 3.00 (d, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 4.25 (t, 1H, cyclohexadiene-H4), 7.00-8.10 (m, 13H, Ar-H + cyclohexadiene-H7), 11.40 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
| 19f     | 3400 (NH), 1710 (CO) | 369 [M\(^{+}\), 100] | 3.00 (d, 2H, CH\(_2\)), 3.60 (s, 3H, OCH\(_3\)), 4.30 (t, 1H, cyclohexadiene-H4), 6.90-8.00 (m, 12H, Ar-H + cyclohexadiene-H7), 11.40 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D\(_2\)O). |
**Antimicrobial screening**

The newly synthesized heterocyclic compounds were tested for their antimicrobial activity against the following microorganisms: (a) Gram-negative: *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas putide*; (b) Gram-positive: *Bacillus subtilis* and *Streptococcus lactis*; (c) Fungi: *Aspergillus niger* and *Penicillium sp.*; (d) Yeast: *Candida albicans*

*Mediums:* Three types of specific media were used in this study:

*Medium (1):* For bacteria (Nutrient Medium), consisting of (g/l distilled water): peptone, 5 and meat extract, 3. pH was adjusted to 7.0.

*Medium 2:* For fungi (Potato Dextrose Medium), consisting of (g/l distilled water): Infusion from potatoes, 4 and D(+)glucose, 20. pH was adjusted to 5.5.

*Medium 3:* For yeast (Universal Medium), consisting of (g/l distilled water): yeast extract, 3; malt extract, 3; peptone, 5 and glucose, 10. pH was adjusted to 5.5.

For solid media, 2% agar was added. All media were sterilized at 121°C for 20 minutes.

*Procedure (Filter paper diffusion method) [17]*

Proper concentrations of microbial suspensions were prepared from 1 (for bacteria to 3 (for yeast and fungi)-day-old liquid stock cultures incubated on a rotary shaker (100 rbm). In the case of fungi, 5 sterile glass beads were added to each culture flask. The mycelia were then subdivided by mechanical stirring at speed N° 1 for 30 minutes. Turbidity of microorganisms was adjusted with a spectrophotometer at 350 nm to give an optical density of 1.0. Appropriate agar plates were aseptically surface inoculated uniformly by a standard volume (ca. 1 ml) of the microbial broth culture of the tested microorganism, namely *E. coli, P. putide, B. subtilis, S. Lactis. A. Niger, Penicillium sp. And C. albicans.*
Whatman N°. 3 filter paper discs of 10 mm diameter were sterilized by autoclaving for 15 minutes at 121°C. Test compounds were dissolved in 80% ethyl alcohol to give final concentration of 5 μg/ml. The sterile discs were impregnated with the test compounds (5 μg/disc). After the impregnated discs have been air dried, they were placed on the agar surface previously seeded with the organism to be tested. Discs were gently pressed with forceps to insure thorough contact with the media. Three discs were arranged per dish, suitably spaced apart, i.e. the discs should be separated by a distance that is equal to or slightly greater than the sum of the diameters of inhibition produced by each disc alone. Each test compound was conducted in triplicate. Plates were kept in the refrigerator at 5°C for 1 hour to permit good diffusion before transferring them to an incubator at 37°C for 24 hours for bacteria and at 30°C for 72 hours for yeast and fungi.

Conclusion

In order to reveal a potential activity of nine newly obtained compounds, they were tested on seven bacterial species: Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas putide, Bacillus subtilis, Streptococcus lactis, Aspergillus niger, Penicillium sp., Candida albicans. The obtained results are shown in Table 1. Many of the investigated derivatives presented interesting antibacterial activity.

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