

SYNTHESIS AND ANTIBACTERIAL EVALUATION OF NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS

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Abstract

The work describes QSAR and SAR studies on the reserve transcriptase inhibitor by using the 2D-topological, physicochemical and hydrophobic parameters along with the indicator parameters. For the synthesis of new heterocyclic compounds containing a sulfonamido moiety suitable for use as antibacterial agents, the precursor ethyl {[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl] phenylazo}cyanoacetate was reacted with a variety of active methylene compounds producing pyran, pyridine and pyridazine derivatives. Also, the reactivity of the precursor hydrazone towards hydrazone derivatives to give pyrazole and oxazole derivatives was studied. On the other hand, treatment of the same precursor with urea, thiourea and/or guanidine hydrochloride furnished pyrimidine and thiazine derivatives, respectively. The newly synthesized compounds were tested for antibacterial activity, whereby eight compounds were found to have high activities.

Keywords:

cyanoacetylhydrazide;
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oxazole; pyrimidines.

Introduction

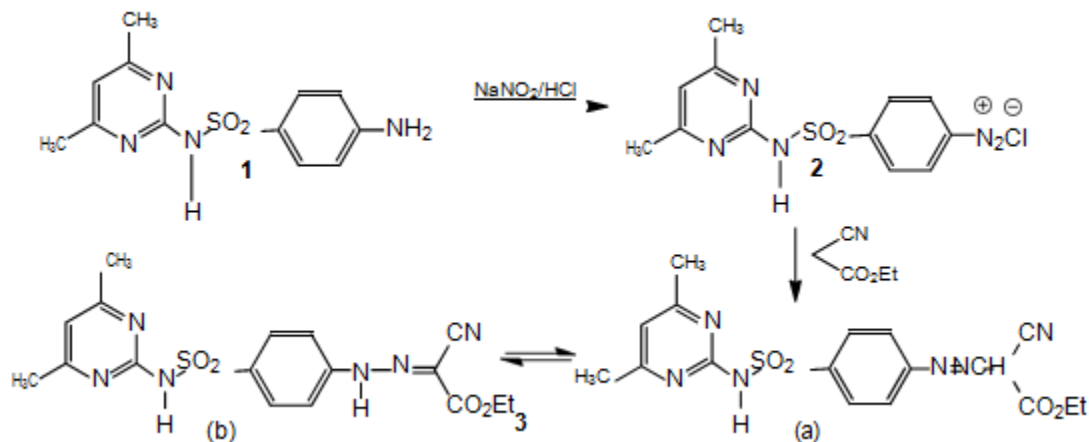
Simple Recent researches are mainly focused on using evolutionary theory to allow computers to invent new molecules. It may not look like the most likely place to use evolution, but the combination may help treat disease. Computer may not appear to be very "Biological", but they can be instructed to mutate and well combine virtual molecules or other data. In addition to producing new molecules from various combinations of accessible molecules, equations can create the evolutionary "Survival of the fittest" and eradicate less fit candidates. Nitrogen-containing heterocycles attached to sulfonamido moieties have received a large amount of attention in the literature, as a consequence of their exciting biological properties and their role as pharmacophores of considerable historical importance. Heterocyclic sulfonamides.

High throughput Screening is often so huge that Quantitative Structure Activity (QSAR) is the method of choice. The method, using multivariate statistics, was developed by Hansch and Fujita², and it has been successfully applied to many drug and agrochemical design problems. In its simplest form the biological response is assumed to be a function of a number of molecular parameters which correlate with molecular size, lipid solubility, or electronic properties, [e.g. $pI50 = f$ (One of the most talented applications of this biological based computer technique is in computer aided molecular design (CAMD). This field has been called many things in different disciplines, but in wide-ranging, it is a design of new molecules based on desired properties. In pharmaceutical development, this efforts is paying attention on modeling the drugs and the biological receptors that the drugs binds to, so that better binding, and therefore, more potent or accurate drugs, can be developed. Evolutionary technique can help achieve the design of totally new molecules, some of that were never even thought of before. Physicochemical [parameters])]

Results and Discussion

2.1 Chemistry

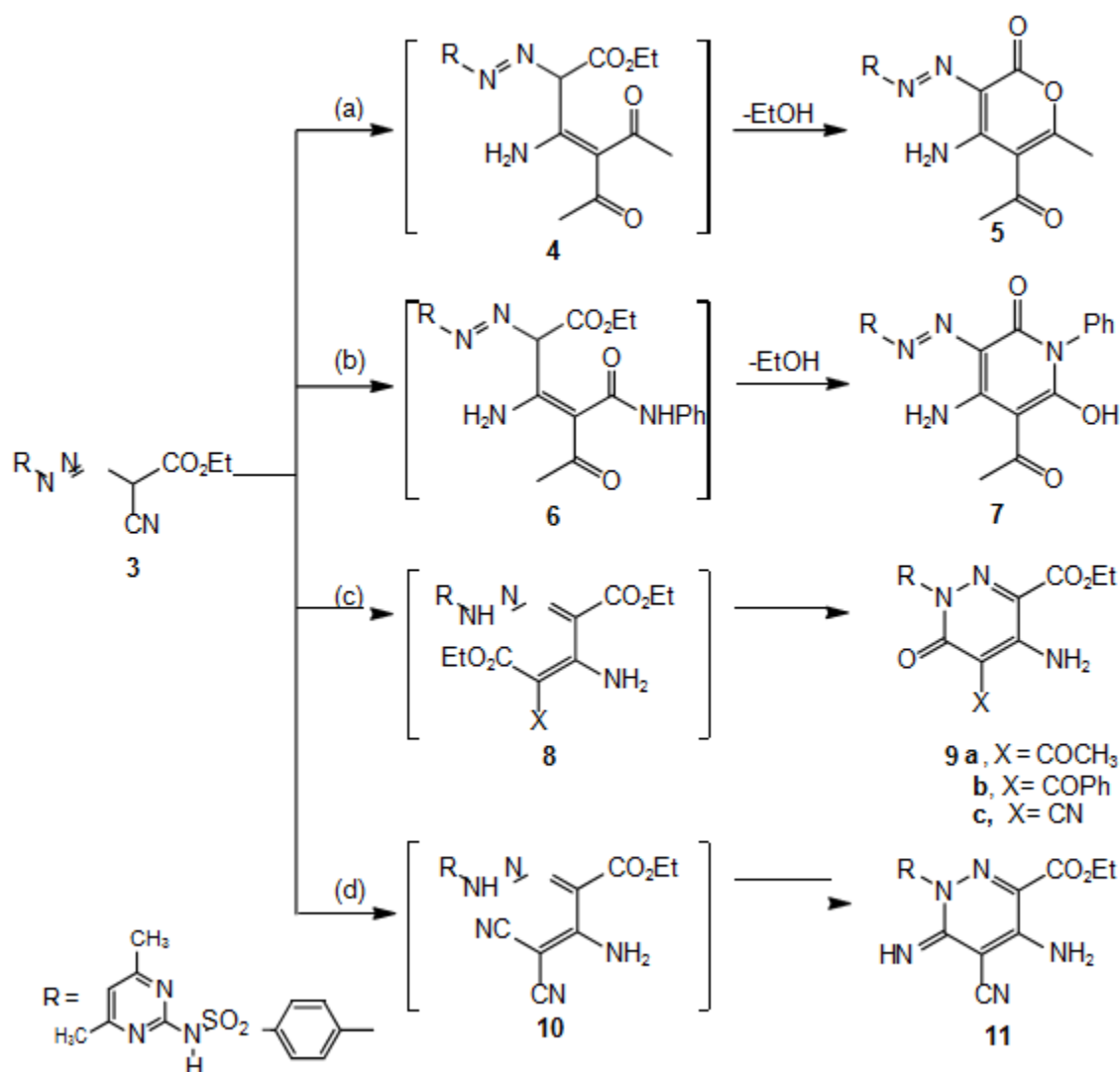
Synthesis of the hydrazone³ was achieved by diazotization of sulfamethazine, [*N*¹-(4,6-dimethyl-2-pyrimidinyl)sulfanilamide, **1**] followed by coupling with ethyl cyanoacetate in the presence of sodium acetate at room temperature [19] (Scheme 1). The spectral data revealed that this compound exists in the hydrazone form (b), as the ¹H-NMR spectrum showed two (exchangeable) signals at 6.91 and 9.12 corresponding to two NH groups and the MS indicated the molecular ion peak at 402, which is in accordance with the molecular formula.

Scheme 1. Diazotization and coupling of sulfamethazine; formation of **3**.

The reactivity of compound **3** towards active methylene reagents was investigated. Firstly, reaction of hydrazone **3** with dicarbonyl compounds was studied. Thus, when compound **3** reacted with acetylacetone in refluxing dioxane in the presence of catalytic amounts of triethylamine, the pyranone derivative **5** was obtained. Formation of **5** is believed to be formed via the intermediate **4** followed by the intramolecular cyclization with loss of an ethanol molecule. The structure of **5** was confirmed by the analytical and spectral data. Similarly, reaction of **3** with acetoacetanilide under the same reaction conditions afforded the pyridinone derivative **7** which is formed through the intermediate **6** followed by loss of an ethanol molecule (Scheme 2).

Secondly, the behavior of **3** with other active methylene compounds, such as ethyl acetoacetate, ethyl benzoylacetate, ethyl cyanoacetate and malononitrile, was investigated. This investigation resulted in the synthesis of polyfunctional substituted pyridazine derivatives **9a-c**, through the intermediate **8** and **11** through the intermediate **10**, respectively (Scheme 2). The structures of the synthesized compounds were elucidated based on their spectral data.

Scheme 2. Cyclization of the arylazocyanacetate derivative **3** with active methylene compounds and β -dinitriles; formation of substituted pyrans, pyridines and pyridazines.



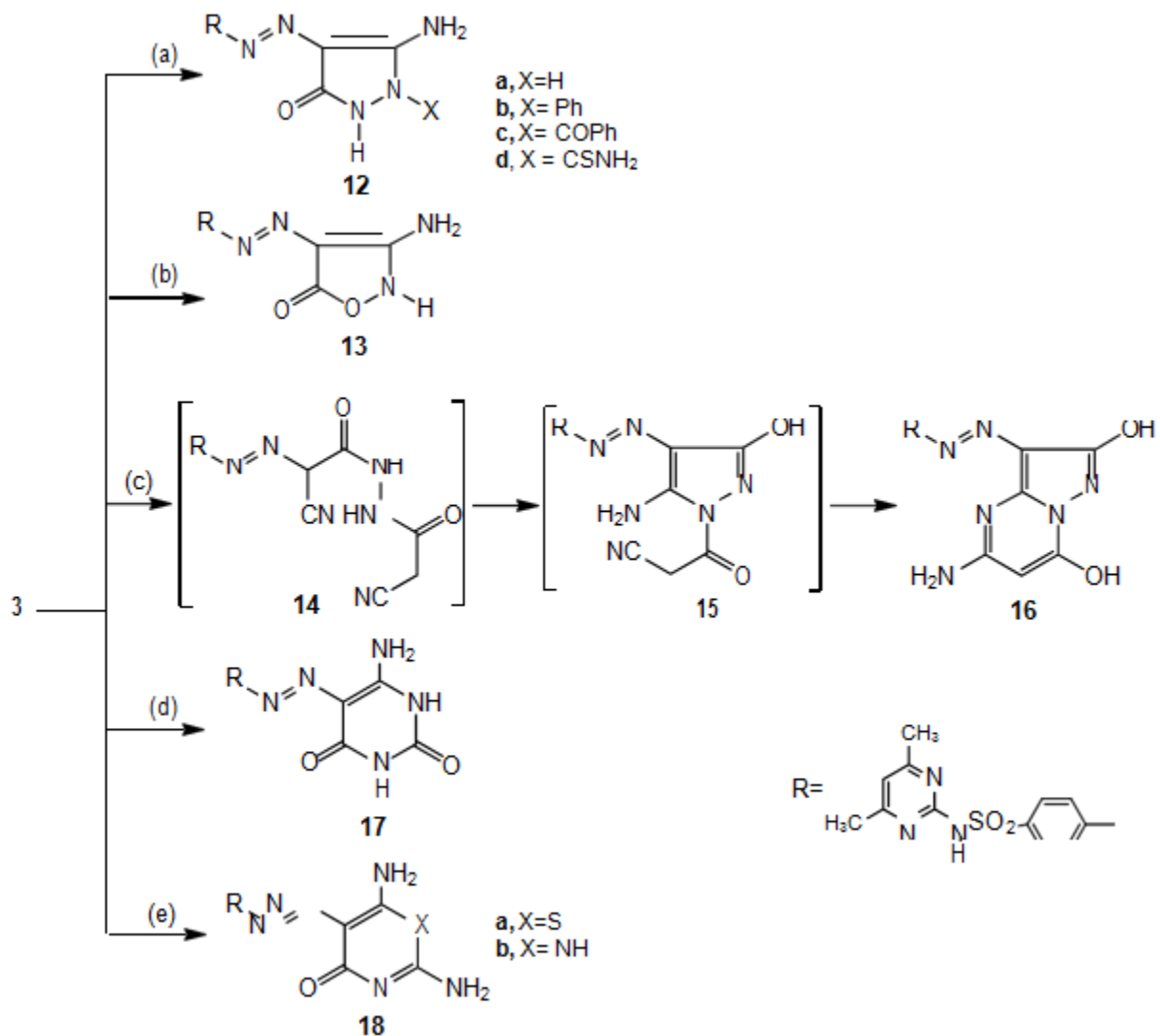
Reaction conditions: (a) acetylacetone/dioxane/Et₃N/ Δ ; (b) acetoacetanilide/dioxane/Et₃N/ Δ ; (c) ethyl acetoacetate, ethyl benzoylacetate, and/or ethyl cyanoacetate/dioxane/Et₃N/ Δ ; (d) malononitrile/dioxane/Et₃N/ Δ .

The behaviour of **3** towards hydrazine derivatives was examined in order to prepare pyrazoles. Thus, treatment of **3** with hydrazine hydrate [20] (98%), phenylhydrazine, benzoylhydrazine or thiosemicarbazide [21] furnished the aminopyrazole derivatives **12a-d**, respectively. On the other hand, reaction of **3** with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in the presence of sodium acetate produced the isoxazole derivative **13** (Scheme 3). The structure of the prepared compounds were in accordance with their spectral data.

Pyrazolopyrimidine [22] derivative **16** was obtained when the hydrazone **3** was treated with cyanoacetohydrazide in refluxing dioxane in the presence of triethylamine. As a speculative mechanism for the formation of compound **16**, the intermediate **14** is firstly formed followed by an internal nucleophilic attack by the NH group on the cyano group. Then a migration of the two NH protons to the negatively charged nitrogen atom takes place to form the

second intermediate **15**. Finally, **15** cyclized via nucleophilic attack by the NH₂ group on the cyano group to produce the pyrazolopyrimidine derivative **16** (Scheme3)

Scheme 3. Cyclization of the arylazocyanocacetate derivative **3** with amino compounds; formation of substituted pyrazoles, isoxazoles, pyrazolopyrimidines, pyrimidines and 1,3-thiazines.



Reaction conditions: (a) hydrazine hydrate, Phenyl hydrazine, benzoyl hydrazine or thiosimicarbazine/dioxane/ Δ ; (b) hydroxylamine hydrochloride/dioxane/AcONa/ Δ ; (c) cyanoacetohydrazide/ dioxane/Et₃N/ Δ ; (d) urea/EtOH/EtONa/ Δ ; (e) thiourea or guanidine. HCl/EtOH/EtONa/ Δ .

Treatment of compound **3** with urea, thiourea and guanidine in the presence of ethanolic sodium ethoxide [23] produces the pyrimidine and thiazine derivatives **17**, **18a,b** (Scheme 3). The formation of these compounds is assumed to occur via the addition of the NH₂ or SH groups to the cyano group followed by cyclization with elimination of an ethanol molecule.

2.2 Antibacterial Activity Evaluation

2.2.1 Agar Diffusion Method

The obtained new compounds were screened *in vitro* for their antibacterial activities against Gram positive bacteria [*Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 25923) and *Bacillus cereus* (ATCC 10987)], Gram

negative bacteria [*Serratiamarcesens*(ATCC 274) and *Proteus mirabilis* (SM514)], using the agar diffusion technique. The results of the antibacterial activity tests are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds: Agar diffusion method.

Compound No.	Grampositive		Gramnegative	
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	<i>Serratia marcesens</i>	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>
3	++	++	++	++
5	-	-	+	+
7	++	++	+	+
9a	+	+	+	+
9b	+	-	+	+
9c	+	+	-	-
11	+	+	+	+
12a	+++	+++	+++	+++
12b	++	+++	++	++
12c	++	++	++	++
12d	+++	++	+	++
13	+	+	+	+
16	++	++	+++	+++
17	++	+++	+++	++
18a	+	+	+++	+
18b	++	++	+++	+++

The width of the zone of inhibition indicates the potency of antibacterial activity; (-) no antibacterial activity; (+) mild activity with the diameter of the zones equal to 0.5–0.8 cm, (++) moderate activity with the diameter of the zones equal to 1.1–1.2 cm; (+++) marked high activity with the diameter of the zones equal to 1.8–2.0 cm.

Most of the synthesized compounds were found to possess some antibacterial activity towards all the microorganisms used. Compounds **3, 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d, 16, 17, 18b** possess the highest antibacterial activities.

2.2.2 Filter Paper Disc-Diffusion Method

The newly synthesized heterocyclic compounds listed in Table 2 were tested for their antibacterial activity against Gram positive bacteria [*Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 25923) and *Bacillus cereus* (ATCC 10987)], Gram negative bacteria [*Serratiamarcesens*(ATCC 274) and *Proteus mirabilis* (SM514)]. The preliminary screening of the investigated compounds was performed using the filter paper disc-diffusion method. The most active compounds were **12a, 12b, 12d, 16, 17, 18a** and **18b**, which were strongly inhibitory to all or some of the tested bacteria. Compounds **3, 7** and **12c** showed moderate activities against the tested bacteria. The rest of compounds showed low or no sensitivity at all to the bacteria under investigation, and the results are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds

Comp. No.	Inhibition zone(mm)			
	Gram-positive		Gram-negative	
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	<i>Serratiamarcesens</i>	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>
3	11	11	10	9
5	0	0	5	7
7	12	11	6	6
9a	3	5	3	4
9b	6	7	2	6
9c	6	6	8	5
11	5	7	7	8
12a	16	16	16	18
12b	16	12	13	11
12c	12	11	10	10
12d	15	12	7	11
13	7	7	5	8
16	13	11	16	17
17	16	13	17	13
18a	9	8	15	7
18b	12	13	17	15
Chloram-phenicol®	18	19	22	21
Ampicilin®	19	22	24	20

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: 0–5 mm; Each result represents the average of triplicate readings.

Experimental

3.1 General

All melting points reported are uncorrected and were determined on a Stuart electric melting point apparatus. The microanalysis were within $\pm 0.4\%$ of theoretical values and were determined at the Microanalytical Unit of the Faculty of Science, Cairo University. The IR spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 1600 FT-IR using the KBr wafer technique. The mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP-1000EX mass spectrometer at 70 e.v. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra were recorded in CDCl_3 or $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ solutions on a Bruker 200 MHz instrument using TMS as internal standard with chemical shifts expressed in ppm. $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 MHz spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard and $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ as solvent. TLC was performed on ready-to-use Merck 60 silica gel plates to monitor the reactions and test the purity of the new synthesized compounds.

3.1.1 Ethyl {[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo}cyanoacetate(3)

This compound was prepared according to a previously reported method [19]. Yellow solid (from ethanol), yield 81%, m.p. 228–230 °C. IR (cm^{-1}): 3232, 3192 (NH), 3053 (CH_{ar}), 2989 (CH_{al}), 2221.

($\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$), 1723 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 1610 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 1563 ($\text{N}=\text{N}$), 1327, 1150 cm^{-1} (SO_2). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$): 1.22(t, 3H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 4.4$ Hz), 2.21 (s, 6H, 2 CH_3), 4.27 (q, 2H, OCH_2CH_3 , $J = 4.4$ Hz), 6.91 (s, 1H, NH,

D₂O exchangeable), 7.57–8.15 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 9.12 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable). MS(%):molecularionpeakat402(3.5)andM+1at403(4.5).C₁₇H₁₈N₆O₄S(402);Calcd:C,50.74; H, 4.51; N, 20.88; S, 7.97; Found: C, 51.00; H, 4.70; N, 21.10; S, 7.80.

3.1.2 Reaction of 3 with Acetylacetone or Acetoacetanilide; Formation of 5 and 7

A mixture of **3** (5 mmol, 2.06 g) and acetylacetone or acetoacetanilide (5 mmol) was dissolved in dioxane (40 mL) containing triethylamine (5 drops). The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 6–8 h and concentrated. The solid product that precipitated after cooling was filtered off and crystallized from the proper solvent to compound **5** and **7**, respectively.

5-Acetyl-4-amino-3-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-one (5): Pale yellow solid (from dioxane), yield 68% (1.55 g), m.p. 263–265 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3433, 3364, 3224, 3171 (NH₂, NH), 2996, 2943 (CH), 1689, 1661 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.21 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 2.47 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.68 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 5.66 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.95 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.51–8.22 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 20.3 (CH₃), 25.1 (2CH₃), 35.6 (CH₃CO), 113.4, 118.5, 119.3, 121.7, 122.3, 124.8, 125.5, 128.4, 131.6, 133.9, 138.4 (Ar-C), 166.4, 181.5 (CO). MS(%):molecularionpeakat456(3.5)andM+1at457(4.5).C₂₀H₂₀N₆O₅S (456); Calcd: C, 52.62; H, 4.42; N, 18.41; S, 7.02; Found: C, 52.40; H, 4.70; N, 18.20; S, 7.30.

5-Acetyl-4-amino-3-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]-phenylazo]-6-hydroxy-1-phenylpyridin-2(1H)-one (7): Yellow solid (from dioxane), yield 60% (1.60 g), m.p. 271–274 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3502, 3435, 3364, 3228, 3176 (OH, NH₂, NH), 2996, 2943 (CH), 1691, 1660 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.23 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 2.64 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 5.78 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.94 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.23–8.12 (m, 10H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 10.34 (s, 1H, OH, D₂O exchangeable). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 25.1 (2CH₃), 35.5 (CH₃CO), 114.1, 116.8, 119.2, 120.0, 120.7, 122.3, 124.5, 125.6, 128.3, 129.7, 132.1, 134.3, 140.6, 141.4, 143.1 (Ar-C), 161.7, 184.1 (CO). MS (%):molecularionpeakat533(2.7).C₂₅H₂₃N₇O₅S(533);Calcd:C,56.28;H,4.34;N,18.38;S,6.01; Found: C, 56.00; H, 4.60; N, 15.20; S, 6.10.

3.1.3 Reaction of 3 with β-ketoesters, β-cyanoesters and β-dicarbonyl compounds; Formation of 9a–c and 11

Equimolar amounts of **3** (5 mmol, 2.06 g) and an active methylene compound, namely ethyl acetoacetate, ethyl benzoylacetate, ethyl cyanoacetate or malononitrile (5 mmol) in dioxane (40 mL) containing triethylamine (5 drops), were heated under reflux for 8–10 h. The solid product so obtained on cooling was collected by filtration and crystallized from the appropriate solvent to give compounds **9a–c** and **11**, respectively.

Ethyl 5-acetyl-4-amino-1-[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenyl-1,6-dihydro-6-oxopyridin-3-carboxylate (9a): Yellow solid (from dioxane), yield 51% (1.24 g), m.p. 260–263 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3443, 3356, 3229, 3169 (NH₂, NH), 1728, 1686, 1666 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 1.29 (t, 3H, OCH₂CH₃, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 2.24 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 2.68 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.25 (q, 2H, OCH₂CH₃, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 5.76 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.89 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.49–8.14 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 15.2 (CH₃), 25.1 (2CH₃), 35.5 (CH₃CO), 63.2 (CH₂), 110.1, 117.3, 119.4, 120.3, 126.5, 129.7, 132.4, 134.1, 139.1, 142.7 (Ar-C), 161.5, 168.4, 183.9 (CO). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 486 (22.4). C₂₁H₂₂N₆O₆S (486); Calcd: C, 51.84; H, 4.56; N, 17.27; S, 6.59; Found: C, 52.00; H, 4.70; N, 16.90; S, 6.80.

Ethyl 4-amino-5-benzoyl-1-[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenyl-1,6-dihydro-6-oxopyridazine-3-carboxylate (9b): Orange solid (from dioxane-water), yield 52% (1.43 g), m.p. 272–275 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3435, 3345, 3230, 3173 (NH₂, NH), 2989, 2941 (CH₃), 1730, 1688, 1662 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 1.30 (t, 3H, OCH₂CH₃, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.22 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 4.23 (q, 2H, OCH₂CH₃, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 5.81 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.92 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.33–8.17 (m, 10H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 548 (13.1). C₂₆H₂₄N₆O₆S (548); Calcd: C, 56.93; H, 4.41; N, 15.32; S, 5.85; Found: C, 57.10; H, 4.70; N, 15.10; S, 5.60.

Ethyl 4-amino-5-cyano-1-[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenyl-1,6-dihydro-6-oxopyridazine-3-carboxylate (9c): Yellow solid (from dioxane), yield 59% (1.38 g), m.p. 281–284 °C. IR (\square/cm^{-1}): 3445, 3349, 3240, 3179 (NH₂, NH), 2218 (C≡N), 1728, 1690 (C=O) cm^{-1} . ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 1.28 (t, 3H, OCH₂CH₃, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.26 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 4.28 (q, 2H, OCH₂CH₃, *J* = 4.4 Hz),

5.78 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.94 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.52–8.11 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 469 (18.1). C₂₀H₁₉N₇O₅S (469): Calcd; C, 51.17; H, 4.08; N, 20.88; S, 6.83; Found: C, 51.30; H, 3.80; N, 21.10; S, 7.00.

Ethyl 4-amino-5-cyano-1-[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenyl-1,6-dihydro-6-iminopyridazine-3-carboxylate (11): Light brown solid (from acetic acid), yield 71% (1.38 g), m.p. 293–296 °C. IR (\square/cm^{-1}): 3430, 3339, 3235, 3176 (NH₂, NH), 2220 (C≡N), 1726 (C=O) cm^{-1} . ¹H-NMR(DMSO-*d*₆):

1.30(t,3H,OCH₂CH₃,*J*=4.4Hz),2.27(s,6H,2CH₃),4.22(q,2H,OCH₂CH₃,*J*=4.4Hz),5.67(s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.88 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.42–8.16 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 10.88 (br s, 1 H, =NH, D₂O exchangeable). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 468 (24.8). ¹³C-NMR(DMSO-*d*₆):15.3(CH₃),25.1(2CH₃),63.4(CH₂),115.3(CN),118.1,119.3,120.8,121.4,125.3,

127.1,129.7,132.4,135.1,139.7,153.3(Ar-C),164.3(CO).MS(%):molecularionpeakat468(19.5).

C₂₀H₂₀N₈O₄S (468); Calcd: C, 51.27; H, 4.30; N, 23.92; S, 6.84; Found: C, 51.50; H, 4.10; N, 24.10; S, 7.10.

3.1.4 Reaction of 3 with Diamino Compounds; Formation of 12a–d

To a solution of **3** (5 mmol, 2.06 g) in dioxane (40 mL), hydrazine hydrate (98%), phenylhydrazine, benzoylhydrazine or thiosemicarbazide (5 mmol, 0.25 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2–6 h. The solid product which formed on heating was collected and crystallized from the proper solvent to afford compounds **12a–d**, respectively.

5-Amino-4-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-pyrazol-5(1H,2H)-one (12a):

Brown solid, (from acetic acid), yield 79% (1.53 g), m.p. 261–263 °C. IR (\square/cm^{-1}): 3444, 3351, 3239, 3171 (NH₂, NH), 1677 (C=O), 1626 (C=N) cm^{-1} . ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.25 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 5.85 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.87 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.42–8.19 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 8.99, 10.63 (brs, 2H, 2NH, D₂O exchangeable). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 24.1 (2CH₃), 101.1, 110.3, 117.2, 119.8, 121.4, 123.6, 128.1, 133.5, 140.3 (Ar-C), 164.9 (CO). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 388 (36.8). C₁₅H₁₆N₈O₃S (388); Calcd: C, 46.38; H, 4.15; N, 28.85; S, 8.26; Found: C, 46.60; H, 3.90; N, 29.10; S, 8.10.

5-Amino-4-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-1-phenylpyrazol-5(2H)-one (12b): Light brown solid, (from acetic acid), yield 63% (1.46 g), m.p. 254–256 °C. IR (\square/cm^{-1}): 3435, 3346, 3231, 3167 (NH₂, NH), 1679 (C=O), 1619 (C=N) cm^{-1} . ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.24 (s, 6H, 2

CH₃), 5.90 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.86 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.32–8.13 (m, 10H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 10.61 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable). C₂₁H₂₀N₈O₃S (464); Calcd: C, 54.30; H, 4.34; N, 24.12; S, 6.90; Found: C, 54.50; H, 4.10; N, 24.30; S, 7.10.

5-Amino-1-benzoyl-4-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]-phenylazo]pyrazol-5(2H)-one (12c): Brown solid, (from acetic acid), yield 56% (1.38 g), m.p. 248–250 °C. IR (\square/cm^{-1}): 3439, 3342, 3221, 3174 (NH₂, NH), 1680, 1652 (C=O), 1617 (C=N) cm^{-1} . ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.25 (s, 6H,

2 CH₃), 5.93 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.89 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.39–8.13 (m, 10H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 10.66 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable). C₂₂H₂₀N₈O₄S (492); Calcd: C, 53.65; H, 4.09; N, 22.75; S, 6.51; Found: C, 53.80; H, 3.90; N, 22.50; S, 6.30.

5-Amino-1-carbothioamido-4-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-pyrazol-5(2H)-one (12d): Brown solid, (from acetic acid), yield 66% (1.47 g), m.p. 277–280 °C. IR (\square/cm^{-1}): 3438, 3337, 3212, 3162 (NH₂, NH), 1678 (C=O), 1615 (C=N) cm^{-1} . ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.21 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 5.82 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.26 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.96 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O

exchangeable), 7.48–8.19 (m, 5 H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 10.65 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable). C₁₆H₁₇N₉O₃S₂ (447); Calcd: C, 42.94; H, 3.83; N, 28.17; S, 14.33; Found: C, 43.20; H, 4.00; N, 27.90; S, 14.10.

3.1.5 3-Amino-4-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-isoxazol-5(2H)one (13)

To dioxane (40 mL) containing sodium acetate (0.5 g), the hydrazone **3** (5 mmol, 2.06 g) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (5 mmol, 0.35 g) were added. The mixture was refluxed for 8 h., left to cool then poured onto ice/water. The solid product so formed was filtered off, dried and crystallized from dioxane-water as pale brown solid, yield 61% (1.21 g), m.p. 267–269 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3434, 3339, 3218, 3164 (NH₂, NH), 1679 (C=O), 1616 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.22 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 5.88 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.94 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.52–8.21 (m, 5 H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 10.77 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 24.1 (2CH₃), 98.3, 110.1, 117.2, 119.3, 121.4, 123.6, 128.1, 138.5, 145.6 (Ar-C), 173.0 (CO). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 389 (21.3). C₁₅H₁₅N₇O₄S (389); Calcd: C, 46.27; H, 3.88; N, 25.18; S, 8.23; Found: C, 46.10; H, 4.10; N, 24.90; S, 8.10.

3.1.6 5-Amino-3-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-2,7-dihydroxypyrazolo-[1,5-a]pyrimidine (16)

Compound **3** (5 mmol, 2.06 g) and cyanoacetohydrazide (5 mmol, 0.45 g) were dissolved in dioxane (40 mL) containing a few drops of triethylamine. The mixture was refluxed for 19 h., left to cool then poured onto dil. HCl/ice. The solid product precipitated was filtered off, dried and crystallized from dioxane as orange solid, yield 55% (1.25 g), m.p. 291–293 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3503, 3423, 3331, 3221, 3169 (OH, NH₂, NH), 1619 (C=N) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.21 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 5.86 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.92 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.42–8.27 (m, 6H, Ar-H + 2 pyrimidine-H), 10.88 (s, 1H, OH, D₂O exchangeable), 11.43 (s, 1H, OH, D₂O exchangeable). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 24.1 (2CH₃), 103.4, 111.7, 117.3, 120.1, 122.3, 123.7, 128.0, 130.4, 137.2, 139.3, 141.4, 145.1 (Ar-C). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 455 (13.9). C₁₈H₁₇N₉O₄S (455); Calcd: C, 47.47; H, 3.76; N, 27.68; S, 7.04; Found: C, 47.20; H, 4.00; N, 27.90; S, 6.90.

3.1.7 Reaction of 3 with Urea, Thiourea & Guanidine; Formation of 17, 18a, b

6-Amino-5-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-pyrimidine-2,4-(1H,3H)-dione (17):

Yellow solid (from dioxane), yield 77% (1.47 g), m.p. 270–272 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3448, 3347, 3212, 3162 (NH₂, NH), 1670 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.27 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 5.62 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.87 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.56–8.18 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 9.41–9.89 (br, 2H, 2NH, D₂O exchangeable). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 24.1 (2CH₃), 95.3, 110.1, 118.7, 120.4, 123.1, 126.3, 131.6, 135.2, 142.9 (Ar-C), 159.3, 162.7 (CO). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 416 (11.2). C₁₆H₁₆N₈O₄S (416); Calcd: C, 46.15; H, 3.87; N, 26.91; S, 7.70; Found: C, 46.40; H, 3.70; N, 27.10; S, 7.90.

2,6-Diamino-5-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenyl-azo]-4H-1,3-thiazin-4-one (18a): Orange solid (from dioxane), yield 69% (1.47 g), m.p. 296–299 °C. IR (□/cm⁻¹): 3441, 3355, 3225, 3176 (NH₂, NH), 1667 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.25 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 5.33 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 5.65 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.84 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.51–8.23 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 24.1 (2CH₃), 107.9, 110.1, 119.3, 120.8, 123.2, 125.0, 130.1, 136.0, 143.9, 151.2 (Ar-C), 167.4 (CO). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 432 (7.7). C₁₆H₁₆N₈O₃S₂ (432); Calcd: C, 44.43; H, 3.73; N, 25.91; S, 14.83; Found: C, 44.20; H, 3.80; N, 26.10; S, 15.00.

2,6-Diamino-5-[[4-N-(4,6-dimethylpyrimidin-2-yl)sulfamoyl]phenylazo]-pyrimidin-4(1H)-one (18b): Orange solid (from dioxane), yield 61% (1.27 g), m.p. 261–263 °C. IR: 3433, 3364, 3189 (NH₂, NH), 1669 (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 2.29 (s, 6H, 2 CH₃), 5.38 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 5.67 (s, 2H, NH₂, D₂O exchangeable), 6.89 (s, 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable), 7.43–8.24 (m, 5H, Ar-H + pyrimidine-H), 9.83 (br., 1H, NH, D₂O exchangeable). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 24.1 (2CH₃), 92.9, 110.1, 118.5, 120.1, 121.7, 125.4, 130.1, 135.5, 141.3, 153.0 (Ar-C), 162.1 (CO). MS (%): molecular ion peak at 415 (14.5). C₁₆H₁₇N₉O₃S

(415); Calcd: C, 46.26; H, 4.12; N, 30.34; S, 7.72; Found: C, 46.10; H, 3.50; N, 30.10; S, 7.60.

3.2 Antibacterial Screening

The newly synthesized heterocyclic compounds were tested for their antimicrobial activity against Gram positive bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus cereus*) and Gram negative bacteria (*Serratiamarcesens* and *Proteus mirabilis*).

Medium: For all bacteria (Nutrient Medium), consisting of (g/L distilled water): peptone, 5 and meat extract, 3. pH was adjusted to 7.0. For solid media, 2% agar was added. All media were sterilized at 121 °C for 20min.

3.2.1 Agar Diffusion Method[24]

One mg of each of the newly synthesized compounds was dissolved in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO, 1 mL) then made up to 10 mL with sterile water to give a concentration of 100 µg/mL. A solution of the tested compounds was placed separately in the agar medium. The inhibition zones were measured after 24 h incubation.

3.2.2 Filter Paper Disc-Diffusion Method[25]

Proper concentrations of microbial suspensions were prepared from one-day-old liquid stock cultures incubated on a rotary shaker (100 rpm). The mycelia were then subdivided by mechanical stirring at speed No.1 for 30min. Turbidity of bacteria was adjusted with a spectro photo meter at 350nm 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 bacteria. What man No. 3 filter paper discs of 10 mm diameter were sterilized by autoclaving for 15 min 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. Each test compound was conducted in triplicate. Plates were kept in the refrigerator at 5 °C for 1 h to permit good diffusion before transferring them to an incubator at 37°C for 24h.

Conclusion

Several new pyridines, pyrans, pyridazines, pyrazoles, isoxazoles and thiazines that contain a sulfonamido moiety were prepared using simple methods, their structures were proven by spectral methods and they were tested for their antibacterial activities. Most of these compounds showed promising activities against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. These results are encouraging for synthesis of similar compounds in the near future.

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