



Synthesis, characterization and biological screening of various pharmacophoric derivatives of 4-alkylpyrimidine-5-carbonitrile

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4-Isobutyl-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile has been used as a starting material. Reaction of 4-isobutyl-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile with hydrazine hydrate and amine gives 2-hydrazino and 2-(alkyl/ substituted aryl amino)-4-isobutyl-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile compounds respectively. The hydrazino compounds react with different aromatic aldehydes, substituted benzene sulphonyl chloride and s-triazine derivative to form Schiff base, sulphonamide and s-triazine derivatives respectively. Reaction of Schiff base with mercapto lactic acid and chloroacetyl chloride yield 4-thiazolidinones and 2-azetidinones respectively.

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The chemistry of heterocyclic compounds is important in the discovery of novel drugs. Various natural compounds such as amino acids, alkaloids, vitamins, hormones, hemoglobin, and many synthetic drugs and dyes contain heterocyclic ring systems. Large numbers of synthetic heterocyclic compounds like pyrimidines, pyrrole, pyrrolidine, furan, thiophene, piperidine, pyridine and thiazole show significant biological activity. Among these pyrimidines are of great interest¹.

Pyrimidine which is an integral part of DNA and RNA imparts diverse pharmacological properties. The pyrimidine has been isolated from the nucleic acid hydrolyses and is much weaker base than pyridine and soluble in water². Pyrimidine and its derivatives have been reported to possess wide range of biological potential i.e. anticancer³, antiviral⁴, antimicrobial⁵, anti-inflammatory⁶, analgesic⁷ and antioxidant⁸. Pyrimidines derivatives have been used in coordination chemistry, metal-cage complexes⁹ and also act as CDK 4 inhibitors¹⁰.

Pyrimidine nucleus is also a significant pharmacophore which exhibit excellent pharmacological activities¹¹.

The growing health problems demands for a search and synthesis of a new class of antimicrobial

molecules which are effective against pathogenic microorganisms. Despite advances in antibacterial and antifungal therapies, many problems remain to be solved for most antimicrobial drugs available. The extensive use of antibiotics has led to the appearance of multidrug resistant microbial pathogens which necessitated the search for new chemical entities for treatment of microbial infections¹². Combination of two biologically active constituent to explore for a better therapeutic agent is one of the important aspect in drug chemistry.

Multi-component reactions (MCRs) are one-pot processes in which three or more reactants come together in a single reaction vessel to give a final product. MCRs is currently an important part of numerous research work involved in the drug discoveries to achieve synthetic targets in effective way, because they are easy to carry out and provide rapid access to libraries of organic compounds with diverse substitution patterns¹³.

We have synthesized some new 2-(substituted)-4-isobuty-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile by associating 4-Isobuty-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile with different pharmacologically active species using different methods¹⁴. Various structurally important

derivatives have been synthesized by reported method¹⁵ and are screened for antibiotic activity.

Results and Discussion

All synthesized compounds have been screened for antimicrobial activity and anticancer activity. Five compounds 2-(ethylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 2-(2-(4,6-bis(phenylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)hydrazinyl)-4-

isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, N'-(5-cyano-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)benzenesulfonylhydrazide, 4-isobutyl-1-methyl-2-(2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile and 2-(5-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylthiazolidin-3-ylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile (Scheme I, Table I), have been found to be active and showed 50% bacterial inhibition at

32µg/mL and 2-(3-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxoazetidin-1-ylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile compound showed 100% bacterial inhibition at 32µg/mL in single point bacterial inhibition against five bacterial strains. Four were gram -ve and one gram +ve (Table II, Table III). While 2-(ethylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile and N⁵-(5-cyano-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)benzene sulfonohydrazide have been found active in MIC (Table IV), also compound 2-(ethylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile exhibited anticancer activity (Table V).

Materials and Methods

Melting points were recorded in open capillary and are not corrected. Progress of reaction was checked by TLC. Mass spectra were determined on Shimadzu-QP2010 spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on Shimadzu-FTIR-8400 using KBr pellet. ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded in Bruker-Avance-II (400MHz)

using DMSO-*d*₆ as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard and the chemical shifts are reported as parts per million (ppm).

Synthesis of novel derivatives

Synthesis of 1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 1¹⁴

A solution of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6-isobutyl-4-oxo-2-thioxo pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile (0.05 mol) in DMF (70 ml) was stirred for 3 h with potassium carbonate (0.1 mol) and methyl iodide (0.1 mol). After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice and washed with water. Solid product was filtered, dried and crystallized from DMF.

Synthesis of 2-(ethylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 2

A mixture of (1) (0.01 mol) an ethyl amine (5 ml) in absolute alcohol (30 ml) was refluxed for 10 h. The progress of reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. After completion of reaction, the

Table I — Characterization data of the compounds 2-8

S. No.	Compd	R'	Mol. Formula	Mol. Wt.	m.p.(°C)	Yield(%)	N%Calcd(Found)
1	2	-C ₂ H ₅	C ₁₂ H ₁₈ N ₄ O	234	201	51	23.91(23.89)
2	4	-C ₆ H ₅	C ₂₅ H ₂₆ N ₁₀ O	482	240	68	29.03(29.04)
3	5	-C ₆ H ₅	C ₁₆ H ₁₉ N ₅ O ₃ S	361	190	53	19.38(19.40)
4	6	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₇ H ₁₈ N ₆ O ₃	354	222	61	23.72(23.69)
5	7	-C ₆ H ₅	C ₂₀ H ₂₃ N ₅ O ₂ S	397	170	66	17.62(17.69)
6	8	4-F-C ₆ H ₄ -	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ FCIN ₅ O ₂	404	202	58	17.34(17.33)

Table II — Tested bacteria strains

ID	Organism	Strain	Description	Type
GN_001:02	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC 25922	control strain	G -ve
GN_003:02	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	ATCC 700603	MDR	G -ve
GN_034:02	<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	ATCC 19606	type strain	G -ve
GN_042:02	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	ATCC 27853	type strain	G -ve
GP_020:02	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC 43300	MRSA	G +ve

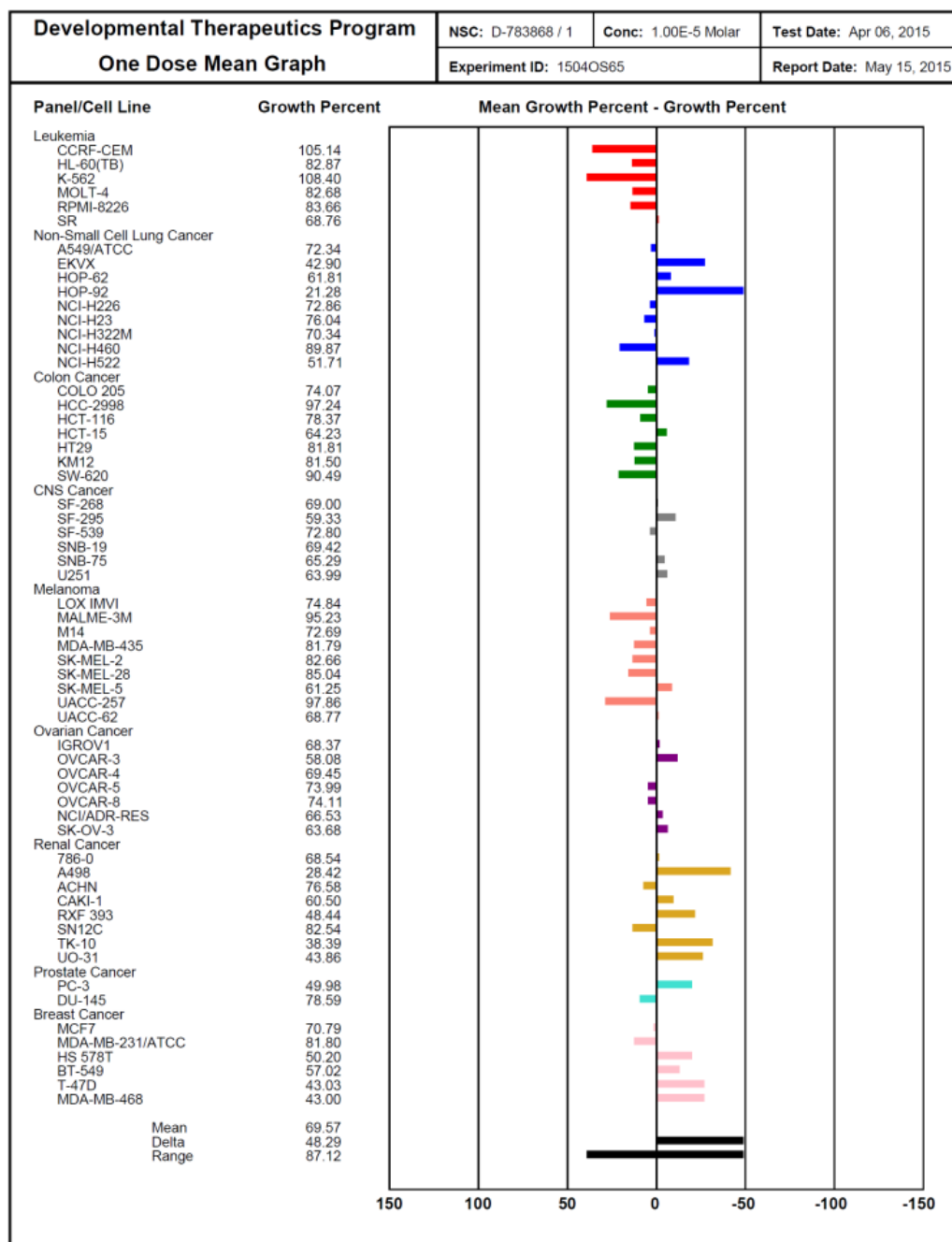
Table III — Single point bacterial inhibition

S. No.	Compd	<i>E. coli</i> (ATCC25922)	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> (ATCC700603)	<i>A. buamanii</i> (ATCC19606)	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (ATCC27853)	<i>S. aureus</i> (ATCC 43300)
1	2	>32	32	>32	>32	>32
2	4	>32	>32	>32	>32	32
3	5	>32	>32	32	>32	>32
4	6	>32	>32	>32	>32	>32
5	7	>32	>32	>32	32	>32
6	8	>32	>32	>32	>32	32
100% inhibition at 32µg/ML		50% inhibition at 32µg/ML			> 32 µg/ML	

Table IV — MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) Confirmation Assay

WADI Compd ID	Compd ID	<i>E. coli</i> (ATCC25922)	<i>K.pneumoniae</i> (ATCC700603)	<i>A. buamanii</i> (ATCC19606)	<i>P.aeruginosa</i> (ATCC27853)	<i>S. aureus</i> (ATCC 43300)
MCC_000094	Colistin	0.06	0.015-0.03	0.03	0.025	—
MCC_000636	Polymyxin B	0.03	0.015	0.015	0.025	—
MCC_000095	Vancomycin	—	—	—	—	1
MCC_000561	Daptomycin	—	—	—	—	1
WADI_0133261	2	—	—	8	—	—
WADI_0133335	5	—	—	4	—	—
	≤ 0.015 - 0.06 µg/ml	0.125 - 0.5 µg/mL		1 - 4 µg/mL	8-32 µg/mL	>32 µg/mL

Table V — Graphical study of anticancer active compound



reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice. The product obtained was isolated and recrystallized from absolute alcohol.

Synthesis of 2-hydrazinyl-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 3

A mixture of (1) (0.01mol) and hydrazine hydrate (4 ml) in absolute alcohol (30 ml) was refluxed for 8 hour. The progress of reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. The content was then dilute with ice water, neutralized with gl. Acetic acid and kept overnight. The product obtained was isolated and recrystallized from absolute alcohol.

Synthesis of 2-(2-(4,6-bis(phenylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) hydrazinyl)-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 4

A mixture of (3) (0.01mol) and 2,4-bis (phenyl amino)-6-chloro-s-triazine(2.0g, 0.01mol) in dioxane (25 ml) was refluxed for 3 h during which solution of sodium bicarbonate (0.84g, 0.01mol) was added in fractions. The content was then poured in ice, product isolated and crystallized from ethanol.

Synthesis of N'-(5-cyano-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)benzene sulfonohydrazide, 5

A mixture of (3) (0.01mol) and benzenesulphonyl chloride (1.90g, 0.01 M) in dry pyridine (8 ml) was refluxed for 4 h. The excess of pyridine was distilled off and the content was poured into crushed ice. After neutralization the solid separated was filtered, washed and crystallized from ethanol.

Synthesis of 4-Isobuty-1-methyl-2-(2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 6

Compound (3) (0.01mol), and 3-nitro benzaldehyde (1.18ml, 0.01mol) in absolute alcohol (20ml) were taken and 2-3 drop of gl.acetic acid was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The progress of reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography. The content was then diluted with ice water and neutralized. The product obtained was isolated and crystallized from absolute alcohol.

Synthesis of 2-(5-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylthiazolidin-3-ylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 7

A mixture of (6) (0.01mol) and mercaptolactic acid (1.59g, 0.015M) was fused at 120°C for 10-12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and titrated with 10%

sodium bicarbonate solution. The solid product was isolated and crystallized from absolute alcohol.

Synthesis of 2-(3-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxoazetidino-1-ylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile, 8

To a well stirred mixture of chloroacetyl chloride (0.95 ml, 0.012 mol) and triethylamine (1.65 ml, 0.012 mol) in dry dioxane (15ml), was added a solution of (6) (0.01mol) in dry dioxane at 0°C. The reaction mixture was then stirred a room temperature for 20-22 hrs and kept at RT for 2 days. The product was isolated and crystallized from ethanol.

Experimental Section

Spectral analysis of novel derivatives

Synthesis of 2-(ethylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile

MassM⁺= 234; IR(KBr): 3325 (-NH, secondary)str., 2964 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2872 (-CH₃, sym.)str., 2216 (-CN)str., 1651 (-CO)str., 1346 (N-C)str., 777 (N-H) wag; ¹HNMR(δ ppm)(400MHz, DMSO): δ3.25 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), δ0.92 (d, 6H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ2.12 (m, 1H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 3.41 (q, 2H, CH₃-CH₂-NH), δ 1.51 (t, 3H, CH₃-CH₂-NH), δ2.41 (d, 1H, -CH-CH₂-(CH₃)₂), δ7.99 (s, 1H, N-H).

Synthesis of 2-(2-(4,6-bis(phenylamino)-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) hydrazinyl)-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile

MassM⁺= 482; IR(KBr): 3196 (-NH, secondary) str., 2954 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2822 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2225 (-CN)str., 1658 (-CO)str., 1602, 1529 (C=C + C=N); ¹HNMR(δ ppm)(400MHz, DMSO) δ3.43 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), δ0.74 (d, 6H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ1.92 (m, 1H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ2.38 (d, 1H, -CH-CH₂-(CH₃)₂), δ7.01-7.77 (m, 10H, Ar-H).

Synthesis of N'-(5-cyano-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)benzene sulfonohydrazide

M⁺= 361; IR(KBr): 3196 (-NH, secondary)str., 2954 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2822 (-CH₃, sym.)str., 2225 (-CN)str., 1658 (-CO)str., 1602, 1529 (C=C + C=N); ¹HNMR(δ ppm)(400MHz, DMSO) δ3.37 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), δ0.77-0.96 (d, 6H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ1.80 (m, 1H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ2.06 (d, 1H, -CH-CH₂-(CH₃)₂), δ7.42-7.85 (m, 5H, Ar-H).

Synthesis of 4-Isobuty-1-methyl-2-(2-(3-nitrobenzylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-oxo-1,6-dihydro pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile

MassM⁺= 454; IR(KBr): 3238 (-NH, secondary) str., 2966 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2872 (-CH₃, sym.) str.,

2222 (-CN)str., 1662 (-CO)str., 1313 (N-C)str., 734 (N-H)wag, 1458 & 1496 (C-H) def, 1622 (C=N-C) str.; ¹HNMR(δ ppm) (400MHz, DMSO) δ 3.24 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), δ 0.98 (d, 6H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 2.08 (m, 1H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 2.71 (d, 1H, -CH-CH₂-(CH₃)₂), δ 8.45 (s, 1H, N-H), δ 7.45-7.94 (m, 5H, Ar-H), δ 10.97 (s, 1H, =CH).

Synthesis of 2-(5-methyl-4-oxo-2-phenylthiazolidin-3-ylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile

Mass M⁺ = 397; IR(KBr): 3278 (-NH, secondary) str., 2970 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2868 (-CH₃, sym.)str., 2225 (-CN)str., 1658 (-CO)str., 1251 (N-C)str., 709 (N-H)wag, 1562 (N-H) def, 669 (C-S-C)str. 1722 (-CO)str.; ¹HNMR(δ ppm) (400MHz, DMSO) δ 3.44 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), δ 0.93 (d, 6H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 2.01 (m, 1H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 2.44 (d, 1H, -CH-CH₂-(CH₃)₂), δ 13.01 (s, 1H, N-H), δ 5.75 (s, 1H, Ar-CH-N), δ 1.51 (m, 1H, CH-CH₃) δ 7.34-7.47 (m, 5H, Ar-H).

Synthesis of 2-(3-chloro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxoazetidin-1-ylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile

Mass M⁺ = 404; IR(KBr): 3269 (-NH, secondary) str., 2968 (-CH₃, Asym.)str., 2870 (-CH₃, sym.)str., 2223 (-CN)str., 1636 (-CO)str., 1365 (N-C)str., 761 (N-H)wag, 1606 (N-H) def, 1230 (C-F)str., 783 (C-Cl)str., 1697 (-CO)str.; ¹HNMR(δ ppm) (400MHz, DMSO) δ 3.23 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), δ 0.91 (d, 6H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 1.73 (m, 1H, CH₂-CH-(CH₃)₂), δ 2.39 (d, 1H, -CH-CH₂-(CH₃)₂), δ 6.09 (s, 1H, N-CH), δ 7.01 (s, 1H, -CH-Cl), δ 7.25-7.75 (m, 5H, Ar-H).

Biological screening

The compounds were tested for bacterial growth inhibition activity against a primary panel including *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* (details given in Table II).

Antimicrobial activity of compounds

Compound preparation

Stock solutions were prepared at 10 mg/mL in DMSO, according to the weight for each compound. Gentle heating and sonication was required to solubilize the compounds.

Single point bacterial inhibition assay

The primary bacteria panel, including *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 (GN_001), *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

ATCC 700603 (GN_003), *Acinetobacter baumannii* ATCC 19606 (GN_034), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853 (GN_042) and *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 43300 (MRSA) (GP_020) were cultured in Muller Hinton broth (MHB) at 37°C overnight. A sample of each culture was then diluted 40-fold in fresh MHB broth and incubated at 37°C for 1.5-3 h. The compounds were plated at a single test concentration of 64 μ g/mL. Colistin, Polymyxin B, Vancomycin and Daptomycin were serially diluted two-fold across the wells, with compound concentrations ranging from 0.5 to 64 μ g/mL, as controls of bacterial inhibitors. The resultant mid-log phase cultures were diluted to the final concentration of 5 \times 10⁵ CFU/mL, then 50 μ L was added to each well of the compound containing 96-well plates (Corning; Cat. No 3641, NBS), giving a final compound concentration range of 0.25 μ g/mL to 32 μ g/mL for control inhibitors and 32 μ g/mL for test compounds. All the plates were covered and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h.

Inhibition of bacterial growth was determined visually and were recorded at 32 μ g/mL where 100% inhibition was identified (details in Table III).

MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) assay

The primary bacteria panel, including *Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922 (GN_001) and *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 43300 (MRSA) (GP_020) were cultured in Muller Hinton broth (MHB) at 37°C overnight. A sample of each culture was then diluted 40-fold in fresh MHB broth and incubated at 37°C for 1.5-3 h. The compounds were serially diluted two-fold across the wells of non-binding surface 96-well plates (Corning; Cat. No 3641, NBS), with compound concentrations ranging from 0.03 μ g/mL to 64 μ g/mL, plated in duplicate. The resultant mid-log phase cultures were diluted to the final concentration of 5 \times 10⁵ CFU/mL, then 50 μ L was added to each well of the compound-containing 96-well plates, giving a final compound concentration range of 0.015 μ g/mL to 32 μ g/mL. All the plates were covered and incubated at 37°C for 24 h.

Inhibition of bacterial growth was determined visually after 24 h, where the MIC is recorded as the lowest compound concentration with no visible growth (details given in Table IV).

Anticancer activity of compound

All synthesized compounds have been screened for anticancer activity studies by DTP (Development

Therapeutic Program NCI/NIH, USA) compounds were studied for one dose testing. Graphical study of compound 2-(ethylamino)-1,6-dihydro-4-isobutyl-1-methyl-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile given below.

Conclusions

Alkyl substituted pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile targeted were prepared by condensing 4-Isobuty-1,6-dihydro-1-methyl-2-(methylthio)-6-oxopyrimidine-5-carbonitrile with different active pharmacophores (Scheme I) in good yield (Table I). Synthesized compounds were characterized by different spectroscopic methods. Result of constitutional characterization of the obtained products by IR, ¹H-NMR and Mass Spectroscopy showed good agreement with the constitution of the targeted molecules. Compound 2-8 showed single point bacterial inhibition and compound 2 and 5 showed confirmation assay MIC (Minimum Inhibitory Concentration) while compound 2 showed anticancer activity. These compounds appeared moderately promising as antimicrobial and anticancer agents (details in Table III, Table IV and Table V).

Supplementary Information

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