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Synthesis, Characterization and Antimicrobial Activity of Some 4, 5- Dihydro. 3, 5- Diaryl- N- [(Arylamido/Imido)- Alkyl] Pyrazole- 1- Carbothioamides/Carboxamides

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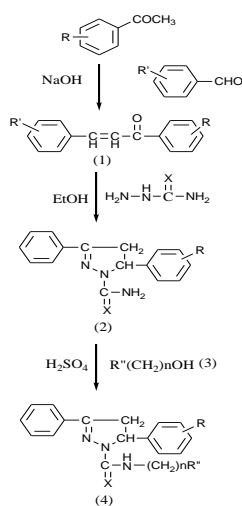
ABSTRACT

Synthesis of substituted pyrazoles derivatives was undertaken employing a convenient and easily accessible procedure. In this article some 4, 5-dihydro- 3, 5- diaryl- N- [(arylamido/imido) alkyl] pyrazole- 1- carbothioamides/carboxamides were synthesized from 1, 3- diaryl- prop- 2- enes as starting material for their characterization and antimicrobial activity involving five fungal and four bacterial strain in vitro. Synthesized substituted pyrazole compounds were obtained in the yields varying 53-68%.

Keywords: Pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide/carboxamide, Chalcones, N- (Hydroxyalkyl) arylamides/imides

INTRODUCTION

Literature survey reveals that the pyrazole compounds are mainly effective as antipyretic and analgesic agents [1]. Result has confirmed that a pyrazoledicarboxamide containing a sugar moiety in its molecular architecture is specifically active against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) invitro [2]. It is phosphorylated by adenine kinase. In addition, a pyrazole containing a sulphonamido moiety, not currently available in the United States, has been shown to displace first generation sulphonylureas from protein binding sites on human serum albumin. This increases the concentration of the free active drug and produces a more intense reaction that may cause hypoglycemia [3]. Two anti-inflammatory steroids are known which contain pyrazole ring which have 2000 times the potency of cortisol [4]. These pyrazole derivatives do not exhibit mineralocorticoid activity and were found to have high affinity for cytoplasmic glucocorticoid receptors [5]. A simplified class of pyrazoles was found in some cases to provide activity comparable to betamethasonevalerate in the human vaso constriction assay [6,7]. In pursuit of developing therapeutically more potent agents, the authors thought it worthwhile to extend the scope and validity of these observations to synthesis of some novel pyrazole derivatives for studying their anti- microbial potentials.



MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the reagents and solvents used in the synthetic work were of laboratory grade and procured from sigma Aldrich India and 4D fine chemicals. Eight new 4, 5- dihydro- 3, 5- diaryl- N-[(arylamido/imido) alkyl] pyrazole-1-carbothioamides/carboxamides were synthesized from 1, 3- diaryl-prop- 2- en- 1- ones on reacting with various chemicals involving three synthetic sequences. The synthesized compounds were properly characterized by FTIR, ¹HNMR, ¹³CNMR mass spectrometry and chemical analysis. Antibacterial activity was carried out against five fungal strains and four bacterial strains following two fold serial dilution technique as recommended by National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS). The melting points of the synthesized compounds were determined in open glass capillaries in Toshniwal electric melting point apparatus and therefore the recorded values are uncorrected IR spectra (ν_{\max} in cm^{-1}) were recorded in KBr on Perkin-Elmer 157 spectrophotometer in region ν_{\max} 4000-400 cm^{-1} ¹HNMR in CDCl₃ on DRX (300 MHz) NMR spectrometer using TMS as internal standard and ¹³CNMR spectra in CDCl₃ on a DRX (40MHz) NMR spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard (chemical shift in δ ppm). The mass spectra were recorded on Joel SX- 102 (FAB) mass spectrometer in which p-nitrobenzylalcohol was used as matrix.

1,3- Diaryl- Prop- 2-en- 1- ones (Chalcones)

An aromatic aldehyde (0.1 mole) and an arylmethyl- ketone (0.1 mole) were dissolved in ethanol (50 ml) and a solution of sodium hydroxide (5%, 50 ml) was added to the ethanolic solution of aldehyde and ketone. The resultant solution was stirred vigorously, crystals of chalcones separated out, filtered, washed repeatedly with cold water, air dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

1, 3- Diphenyl- prop- 2- ene- 1- one:

Yellow crystalline mass, M. P. 45^oC [450C] [8], yield 69%

1-(2- Hydroxyphenyl), 3-phenyl-prop- 2-ene-1-one:

brown crystals M. P. 85^oC [86^oC][9], yield 64%

1-Phenyl, 3(4- methylphenyl-prop- 2-ene-1-one:

white needles M. P. 45^oC [450C][10], yield 70%

1-(2- Hydroxyphenyl), 3-(4-methylphenyl)-prop- 2-en-1-one:

Grey crystalline mass M. P. 50^oC [51^oC][11], yield 61%

4,5- Dihydro- 3,5- diaryl pyrazole-1- carbothioamide/carboxamides(2)

A mixture of 1,3- diaryl- prop- 2- en- 1- one (1) (0.05 mole) and thiosemicarbazide/semicarbazide (0.1 mole) in absolute ethanol (100 ml) was heated under reflux five hours. Solvent ethanol was distilled off and the residue was washed initially with cold water and then with sodium-bicarbonate solution. The solid thus obtained was dried in vacuum and recrystallized from ethanol.

2a: 4,5- Dihydro- 3,5- diphenylpyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

m.p. 112^oC white crystalline solid, IR (KBr pellet, cm^{-1}) 1396 (carbothioamide, C=S), 1631 (C=N) ¹HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) δ 7.06-8.01 (m, 10H, ArH), 9.31 (s, 2H, CONH₂), 3.88(t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.25 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) δ 36.40, 62.82, 78.80, 119.50, 125.75, 131.36, 133.56, 134.20, 136.56, 137.31, 140.22, 164.22, 168.80; MS: m/z 281 (M⁺). Anal.calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₃S: C, 68.32; N, 5.37; S, 14.85 Found C, 68.29; H, 5.38; N, 5.37; S, 14.89

2b: 4,5-Dihydro- 3,5-diphenylpyrazole- 1- carboxamide

m.p. 175^oC, brown crystals, IR (KBr Pellet, cm^{-1}); 1660 (amide C=O), 1640 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) δ 6.90-7.25 (m, 10H, ArH) 9.15 (brs; 2H, CONH₂) 3.30 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 3.75 (t, 1H, CH=CH₂; J=8), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) δ 115.50, 121.45, 125.20, 131.40, 136.25, 169.20; MS: m/z 265 (M⁺) Anal.calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₃O: C, 75.45; H, 5.66; N, 15.85 Found C, 75.20; H, 5.60; N, 15.90

2c: 4,5- Dihydro- 3- phenyl- 5- (2-hydroxyphenyl)- pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

m.p. 95^oC, white needles, IR(KBr pellet, cm^{-1}), 1405 (carbothioamide, C=S), 1635 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) δ 6.85-7.15 (m, 9H, ArH), 4.50 (s, 1H, ArOH), 9.25 (s, 2H, CONH₂), 3.35 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 3.70 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm), 120.50, 125.62, 128.40, 135.65, 136.10, 137.50, 139.00, 142.50, 165.00, 171.20; Mass: m/z 297(M⁺), Anal.Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂S: C, 64.64; H, 5.05; N, 14.14 Found C, 64.40; H, 5.05; N, 14.10.

2d: 4,5- Dihydro- 3-phenyl- 5- (2- hydroxyphenyl)- pyrazole- 1- Carboxamide,

M. P. 120^oC, orange coloured crystalline mass, IR (KBr pellet, cm^{-1}) 1665 (amide C=O), 1645(C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm) δ 6.64-7.10 (m, 9H, ArH), 4.64 (s, 1H, ArOH), 8.5 (brs, 1H, CONH₂), 3.40 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 3.80 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8) ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δ ppm), δ 116.50, 119.25, 121.45, 127.40, 131.64, 135.00, 139.50, 140.75, 142.00, 166.00, 179.24; Mass: m/z 281 (M⁺), Anal.Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂: C, 65.54; H, 5.33; N, 14.95 Found, C, 65.44, H, 5.30; N, 14.90.

2e: 4,5Dihydro- 3- (4- methylphenyl)- 5- phenyl- pyrazole- 1-thiocarboxamide,

M.P. 90⁰C, white crystalline solid, IR (KBr Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1335 carbothioamide (C=S), 1642 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz), CDCl₃, δppm), 7.00-7.50 (m, 9H, ArH), 2.20 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 8.90 (s, 2H, CSNH₂), 3.85 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.25 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), ¹³CNMR (40MHz, CDCl₃, δppm), δ 119.50, 121.24, 125.60, 129.20, 135.40, 139.64, 140.90, 142.00, 143.10, 167.24, 169.00 MS; m/z 295(M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₇N₃S: C, 69.15; H, 5.76, N, 14.24, Found, C, 70.10; H, 5.82; N, 14.20.

2f: 4,5Dihydro- 3- (4- methylphenyl)- 5- phenyl- pyrazole- 1-thiocarboxamide:

m.p. 120⁰C, Grey coloured crystalline solid, IR (KBr Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1664 (amide C=O), 1635 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz), CDCl₃, δppm), 6.54-7.20 (m, 9H, ArH), 2.30 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 9.10 (trs, 2H, CONH₂), 3.30 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 3.80 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=6), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm), δ 115.50, 119.24, 121.20, 125.64, 129.10, 133.64, 137.20, 139.10, 141.54, 164.20, 168.54 MS; m/z 279(M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₇N₃O: C, 73.11; H, 6.09; N, 15.05; Found, C, 72.95; H, 6.10; N, 14.92.

2g: 4,5Dihydro- 3- (4- methylphenyl)- 5-(2-hydroxyphenyl)- pyrazole- 1-thiocarboxamide:

m.p. 125⁰C, White crystalline mass, IR (KBr Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1330 (carbothioamide C=S), 1640 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz), CDCl₃, δppm), 7.20-7.45 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 2.30 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 4.65 (brs, 1H, Ar-OH), 3.34 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 8.80 (s, 2H, CSNH₂), 3.90 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm), δ 116.50, 119.45, 121.24, 127.36, 131.24, 131.24, 135.75, 139.00, 142.25, 166.44, 168.75 MS; m/z 311(M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₇N₃OS: C, 65.20; H, 5.46; N, 13.50; Found C, 65.20; H, 5.41; N, 13.39.

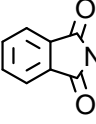
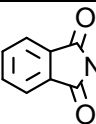
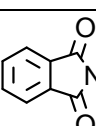
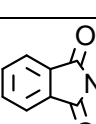
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

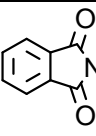

m.p. 140⁰C, Brown coloured crystalline solid, IR (KBr Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1670 (amide C=O), 1632 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz), CDCl₃, δppm), 6.80-7.10 (m, 8H, ArH), 2.42 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 8.50 (brs, 2H, CONH₂), 3.34 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 3.84 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 4.85 (brs, 1H, Ar-OH), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm), δ 117.52, 121.20, 124.64, 129.64, 129.55, 133.40, 137.64, 141.20, 143.10, 167.66, 171.25 MS; m/z 295(M⁺), Anal. CalcdFor C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₂: C, 69.11; H, 5.76; N, 14.24; Found, C, 69.20; H, 5.68; N, 14.20.

General method for the preparation of 4,5-Dihydro- 3, 5- diaryl- N- [(arylamide/imide) alkyl]- pyrazole-1-carthioamides/ carboxamides (4)

A mixture of 4,5-dihydro- 3,5- diphenylprazole- 1- carbothioamide/carboxamides(2) (0.02 mole) and amido/imidoalkanol(3) (0.01 mole) was dissolved in minimum quantity of conc. H₂SO₄ in ice-cold condition with constant stirring. The solution thus obtained, was mechanically stirred for about one hour, cooled at room temperature and poured into crushed ice slowly with stirring. A precipitate was obtained which was allowed to settle down. It was filtered off washed with cold water, dried under vacuum and recrystallized from diluted ethanol (Table 1).

Table 1: value for R, R', R'', X, n, physical data for synthesized compounds

Compound code	R	R'	R''	X	m	Molecular weight	Yield (%)
4a	H	H		S	2	454	59
4b	H	H		O	1	424	62
4c	H	2-OH		S	1	456	60
4d	H	2-OH		O	2	454	53

4e	4-CH ₃	H		S	1	428	58
4f	4-CH ₃	H		O	1	412	68
4g	4-CH ₃	2-OH		S	1	470	65
4h	4-CH ₃	2-OH		O	1	428	59

4(a): 4,5-Dihydro- 3,5- diphenyl- N-[(phthalimido/ethyl)]- pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

M. P. 70°C, orange crystals, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹ 1340 carbothioamide (C=S), 1635 (C=N), 1710 (imide, C=O), ¹HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 7.06- 8.01 (m, 14H, ArH), 9.31 (s, 1H, CSNH), 3.80 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.34 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 6.90 (s, 4H, NCH₂CH₂N, because of symmetrical nature, a singlet was observed at lower field), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 36.40, 62.82, 78.80, 125.75, 131.36, 133.56, 134.20, 136.56, 137.31, 140.22, 150.10, 164.22, 168.80, MS: 454 (M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₂₆H₂₂N₄O₂S: C, 68.72; H, 4.84; N, 12.33 Found C, 68.52; H, 4.75; N, 12.30.

4(b): 4,5- Dihydro- 3-phenyl-5- 2-hydroxyphenyl- N-[(phthalimido/methyl)]- pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

m.p. 120°C, yellow crystalline solid, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹ 1665 (amide C=O), 1722(imide, C=O), 1636 (imide C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 6.80- 7.15 (m, 14H, ArH), 4.20 (s, 2H, N-CH₂-N), 5.55 (s, 1H, CONH), 3.85 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.36 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 40.20, 61.64, 74.20, 121.45, 125.62, 128.36, 132.40, 135.20, 135.75, 141.20, 143.41, 145.00, 152.24, 166.40, 168.75, MS: 424(M⁺) Anal. Calcd. For C₂₅H₂₀N₄O₃: C, 77.54; H, 4.45; N, 13.21 Found C, 77.25; H, 4.26; N, 13.16.

4(c): 4,5- Dihydro- 3- phenyl- 5-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-N-[(phthalimido/methyl)]- pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

m.p. 110°C, white crystals, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1342 (carbothioamide C=S), 1711(imide, C=O), 1640 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 6.85- 7.50(m, 13H, ArH), 5.52(s, 1H, Ar-OH), 14.20(s, 2H, N-CH₂, J=6) 3.85(t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.35 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), ¹³CNMR (40 H₂, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 42.20, 60.54, 65.25, 117.42, 119.22, 121.46, 123.35, 127.46, 131.33, 135.60, 138.42, 140.30, 142.69, 151.64, 164.26, 169.10, ms: 456(M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₂₅H₂₀N₄O₃: C, 65.78; H, 4.35; N, 12.28 Found C, 65.25; H, 4.26; N, 12.25

4(d): 4,5- Dihydro- 3-phenyl-5- 2-hydroxyphenyl- N-[(phthalimido/ethyl)]- pyrazole- 1- carboxamide

M. P. 80°C, yellow crystalline mass, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹ 1682 (amide C=O), 1705 (imide, C=O), 1635 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 6.72- 7.45 (m, 13H, ArH), 5.40 (s, 1H, ArOH), 4.15 (s, 2H, N-CH₂-N), 3.85 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.40 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 5.90 (s, 4H, N-CH₂-H₂-N), symmetrical ¹³CNMR (40 Hz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 41.10, 59.45, 66.00, 118.20, 120.24, 122.43, 125.11, 129.46, 132.00, 136.44, 139.20, 141.64, 151.12, 165.46, 169.18, MS: 454 (M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₂₆H₂₂N₄O₄: C, 68.74; H, 4.84; N, 12.33, Found C, 68.50; H, 4.74; N, 12.30.

4(e): 4,5- Dihydro- 3-(4methylphenyl)-5- phenyl- N-[(benzamido/methyl)]- pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

m.p. 78°C, yellow crystals, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹), 1336 (carbothioamide, C=S), 1685 (amide C=O), 1708 (imide C=O), 1639 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 7.10- 7.68 (m, 14H, ArH), 2.43 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 8.70 (brs, 1H, CONH), 4.25 (s, 2H, CH-CH₂), 3.90 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.45(d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 9.10 (s, 1H, CSNH), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 37.44, 58.62, 77.54, 124.20, 131.44, 133.65, 135.44, 137.60, 139.21, 141.36 152.00, 166.42, 168.75, MS 412 (M⁺), Anal. Calcd. For C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₂S: C, 70.05; H, 5.60, N, 13.08, Found C, 69.75; H, 5.70; N, 12.90.

4(f): 4,5- Dihydro- 3-(4-methylphenyl)-5- phenyl-N-[(benzamido/methyl)]- pyrazole- 1- carboxamide

m.p. 85°C, Red coloured crystalline solid, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹), 1665 (amide C=O), 1705 (imide, C=O), 1636 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 6.90- 7.25 (m, 14H, ArH), 2.45 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 8.75 (brs, 1H, CONH), 4.20 (s, 2H, N-CH₂) 3.85 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.40 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ. 38.66, 59.90, 78.20, 119.54, 121.26 123.30, 125.44, 128.36, 131.40, 134.66, 137.25, 140.25, 142.25, 151.20, 164.54, 169.66, MS: C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₂ Anal. Calcd. For C, 72.64; H, 5.82, N, 13.59 Found C, 72.52; H, 5.90; N, 13.57.

4(g): 4,5- Dihydro- 3-(4-methylphenyl)-5- (2- hydroxyphenyl)- N-[(phthalimido)methyl]- pyrazole- 1- carbothioamide

m.p. 95°C, Brown crystals, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1341 (thioamide C=S), 1705 (imido, C=O), 1636 (imide C=N), 1636 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 6.85-7.26 (m, 12H, ArH), 5.40 (s, 1H, ArOH), 4.25 (s, 2H, N-CH₂-N), 2.42 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 3.90 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂, J=8), 3.54 (d,

2H, CH-CH₂, J=6), 8.87 (s, 1H, S=C-NH), ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 41.64, 69.26, 77.00, 114.36, 117.54, 119.21, 122.84, 125.60, 129.64, 132.54, 135.64, 138.70, 139.21, 141.40, 152.62, 167.32, 170.50; MS; 470 (M⁺). Anal calcd. For C₂₆H₂₂N₄O₃S; C, 66.64; H, 4.6; N, 19.19 Found C, 66.56; H, 4.70; N, 11.85.

4(h): 4,5- Dihydro- 3-(4-methylphenyl-5- (2- hydroxyphenyl- N-[benzamido)methyl]- pyrazole- 1- carboxamide

m.p. 90°C, Red crystalline mass, IR (KBr, Pellet, cm⁻¹) 1680 (amide C=O), 1712(imide, C=O), 1638 (C=N), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 7.00- 7.45 (m, 12H, ArH), 5.15 (s, 1H, CONH), 4.25 (s, 2H, N-CH₂-N), 3.80 (t, 1H, CH-CH₂ J=8), 3.35 (d, 2H, CH-CH₂); ¹³CNMR (40 MHz, CDCl₃, δppm) δ 41.50, 60.25, 73.46, 119.50, 121.34,, 125.25, 129.36, 132.64, 135.68, 137.10, 139.44, 141.62, 151.46, 164.86, 169.25, MS; 428(M⁺) Anal.calcd. For C₂₅H₂₄N₄O₃; C, 70.09; H, 5.60; N, 13.08 Found C, 69.55; H, 5.65; N, 12.97.

N- (Hydroxyalkyl)-arylamides/ imides(3) N-(Hydroxymethyl)- phthalimide (3a)

A mixture consisting of phthalimide (0.01 mole), formaldehyde (40%, 0.25 mole) and water (100 ml) was boiled under reflux until a clear solution resulted. After cooling overnight in the refrigerator the solid thus obtained, was filtered off washed with cold water, dried in air and recrystallized from ethanol, yield 90%, m.p. 139°C [137-141°C]. In order to further purify, 2.15g of N (hydroxymethyl)-phthalimide obtained by the earlier method was dissolved in pyridine (5ml) by stirring, cooled and filtered. It was left to crystallize at room temperature. Pyridine complex crystallized in long lustrous needles and collected after cooling. On drying over concentrated sulphuric acid, the crystals lost their lustre and came to constant weight after 24 hours. Dried product melted at 148.5°C. Recrystallization from acetone resulted in a white crystalline mass and melted at 149°C [149°C][12,13].

N- (Hydroxyethyl)-phthalimide (3b)

Finely powdered phthalic anhydride (0.1 mole) and β-aminoethanol (0.12 mole) were heated under reflux at a constant temperature of 210°C (±1°C) for one hour. During this period, water which formed, eliminated from the reaction mixture and the resultant hot solution on cooling solidified in white crystalline form. The solid thus obtained was washed with diluted HCl in order to remove any unreacted β-aminoethanol. It was further washed with cold water, dried in air and recrystallized from ethanol in form white crystalline needles, yield 77%, m.p. 148°C [148-149°C][14].

N- (Hydroxymethyl)-benzamide (3c)

A mixture of benzamide (0.1 mole), formaldehyde (40%, 0.25 ml), potassium carbonate (0.1g) in water (100 ml) was heated under reflux at 100°C for 2 hours, with constant stirring. The resultant hot solution was cooled to room temperature and refrigerated overnight. The white solid thus obtained was filtered off, washed with cold water dried and recrystallized from ethanol, yield 77%, m.p. 148°C [148-149°C][15].

ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

All the eight target compounds viz, 4,5- dihydro- 3,5- diaryl- N; [(arylamido/imido) alkyl] pyrazole-1- carbothioamides/ carboxamides (4) were evaluated for their antimicrobial activity against four bacterial strains viz, *Escherichia coli* (ATCC- 9637) (Ec), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCCBAA- 427) (Pa), *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC- 25923) (Sa) and *Klebsiella pneumonia* (ATCC-27736) (Kp). Gentamycin was taken as the standard drug having minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values of 0.18, 25, 6.25 and 0.18 µg/ml against Ec, Pa, Sa and Kp respectively and five fungal strains viz; *Candida albicans*(Ca), *Cryptococcus neoformans* (Cn), *Trichophyteamentagrophyte*(Tm), *Aspergillus fumigatus*(Af) and *Candida parapsilosis* (Cp). Fluconazole was taken as the standard drug having MIC values of 0.5, 1.0, 1.0, 2.0 and 1.0 µg/ml against Ca, Sn, Tm, Af and Cpre respectively.

Two fold serial broth dilution technique as recommended by the National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS) was employed for antibacterial and antifungal screening of the test compounds. MIC was determined in µg/ml against each test sample upto a maximum concentration of 50µg/ml.

Antibacterial activity

Materials and Method

Bacteria were maintained on nutrient against slants. Testing was done on peptone broth. After inoculation with a loopful of culture from the slant, the seeded broths were incubated at 37 ± 1°C for 24 hours. The compound under investigation was in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) to get a 1.0 mg/ml solution. This solution (0.2 ml) was added to 1.8 ml. of seeded broth and from the first dilution, one ml of this was diluted with a further 1.0 ml of the second broth to produce the second dilution and the process was repeated till six such dilutions were obtained. A set of tubes containing only inoculated broth was kept as control. After incubation for 24 hours, the last tube with no growth of micro-organism was taken to represent the minimum inhibitory concentration(MIC) expressed in µg/ml [16,17].

Antifungal activity

Material and Method

The investigational compounds were dissolved in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) to obtain a 1.0 mg/ml stock solution. Appropriate seeded broths were prepared. Solution of the test material (0.1 ml) was added to 1.8 ml of the seeded broth and this formed the first dilution. Subsequently, 1.0 ml of this was diluted with a further 1.0 ml of the seed broth to give second dilution and so on till 10 to 12 such dilutions were obtained. A set of tubes containing only seeded broths and suitable solvent controls were also maintained under identical condition. The tubes were incubated at 28°C and the minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of the products (based upon visual appearance of growth) was noted after 72/ 96 hours. The last tube with no apparent growth of the microorganism was taken to represent the MIC of the test compound and is expressed in µg/ml [18,19].

Table 2: Antimicrobial activity

Compound no.	Antibacterial MIC in µg/ml				Antifungal activity, MIC in µg/ml				
	Ec	Pa	Sa	Kp	Ca	Cn	Tm	Af	Cp
3a	50	>50	25	12.5	>50	>50	50	>50	50
3b	25	25	6.25	12.5	>50	>50	50	50	>50
3c	25	50	6.25	12.5	>50	>50	50	>50	>50
3d	>50	50	50	25	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50
3e	50	25	12.5	6.25	>50	>50	50	>50	>50
3f	>50	50	50	>50	25	25	6.25	50	50
3g	50	50	25	12.5	>50	>50	50	>50	>50
3h	>50	50	25	25	25	25	3.12	25	50

Antimicrobial activity data are recorded in Table 2

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

It is seen from the antibacterial activity data incorporated in Table-II that all the compounds except only one compound (4f) exhibited measurable degree of antibacterial activity against *Klebsiella Pneumoniae* (Kp). Two compounds viz, (4b) and (4c) showed equivalent magnitude of antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* (Sa) MIC value 6.25 for each compound if compared with the standard drug gentamycin (MIC of 6.25). Compound (4e) also displayed the same order of antibacterial activity against Kp as MIC value determined was found to be 6.25 compounds 4a, 4b, 4c and 4g were found to be moderately antibacterially active against Kp and Sa; however these compounds could not provoke better activity against *Escheria Coli* (Ec) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Pa). In contrast, these compounds showed less significant antifungal activity. Thus, compounds (4f) and (4h) showed promising antifungal activity against only one fungus i.e. against *Trichophyton mentagrophyte* (Tm). Thus, the compound 4f having R=4-methyl, R=H and a benzamido substituents had a MIC value of 6.25 while the compound (4h) containing R=4-methyl, R=2-OH and a benzamido substituent showed comparatively a better antifungal activity (MIC 3.12) against (Tm), other six compounds of this series could not display any measureable level of antifungal activity against all the five fungal strains.

CONCLUSION

It is apparent from the biological activity data incorporated in Table 2 that only three compounds have shown excellent antibacterial and antifungal activity in vitro, therefore more studies are needed in order to obtain better antimicrobial activity by incorporating other pharmacophoric groups in the molecular architecture of these compounds.

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