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Synthesis, characterization and pharmacological evaluation of some 1,4-dihydropyridines derivatives

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ABSTRACT

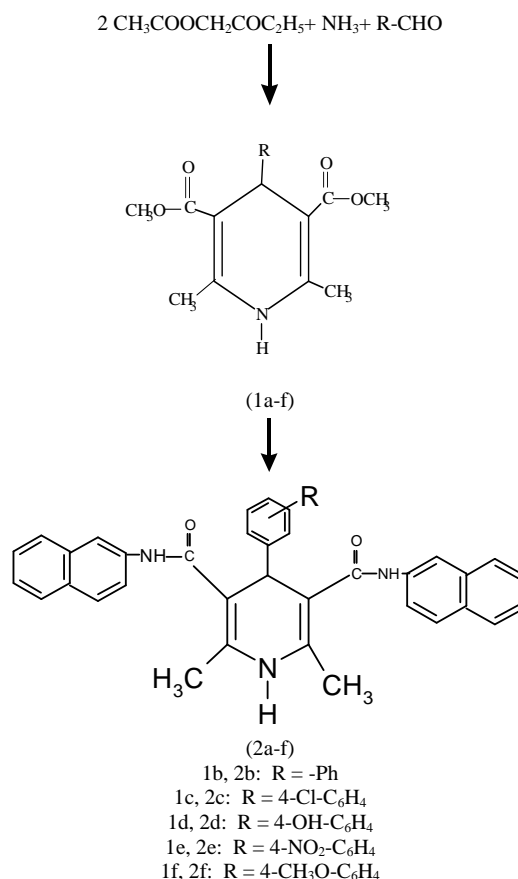
A series of 1, 4-dihydropyridine derivatives were prepared from three compounds condensation reaction of ethylacetoacetate, aromatic aldehyde and ammonium hydroxide. A new series of compounds (2a-f) were prepared from compounds (1a-f) via reaction with β -naphthyl amine using the condensation method. The synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C-NMR and Elemental analyses. The synthesized compounds (1e-f) and (2a-f) were also screened for antimicrobial properties.

Key words: Synthesis of 1, 4-Dihydropyridines and Antimicrobial activity studies

INTRODUCTION

Arthur Hantzsch first reported an efficient way to prepare the 1,4-dihydropyridine in 1882¹. The 1,4-dihydropyridine exhibits special biological activities in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases as a calcium channel blockers. More than twelve commercial, clinically important drugs such as Amlodipine, Nifedipin, Nimodipin, Felodipine, Isradipine and Nicardipine containing the 1,4-dihydropyridine parent nucleus have been manufactured and used worldwide². This 1,4-dihydropyridine nucleus is a common feature of various bioactive compounds such as a sodalator, branchiodialator, antiatherosclerotic, antitumor, geroprotective, hepatoprotective and antidiabetic agents³⁻⁴. On the molecular level 1,4-dihydropyridine compounds causes vaso relaxation by blocking voltage operated calcium channel in smooth muscle cell and also by increasing no release from intact endothelium⁵. The metabolism of 1,4-dihydropyridine is catalysed by the cytochrome P450(CYP)3A4 isoform^{6,7}. 1,4-dihydropyridine are class of N containing heterocycles having a six membered ring, generated by a complex molecular system via Hantzsch (Multicomponent reaction). Almost all of the new methodologies of organic synthesis, for instance microwave assisted synthesis⁸ the promotion of solar thermal energy⁹ and ultrasoundradiation¹⁰ the replacement of organic solvent by ionic liquids or water¹¹ the use of various metal halides or triflates as Lewis catalysts¹² have been employed for synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridines. However most of the research has been focused on the modification and optimization of the Hantzsch reaction to maximise reaction conversion, minimise reaction time and offer high purity of 1,4-dihydropyridine compounds. Most of the existing methods for the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine suffer from drawbacks such as low yield, long reaction time, occurrence of several side products, use of stoichiometric amount of reagents, strong oxidants and the expensive and toxic transition metallic reagents and catalysts.

Thus, development of an efficient and convenient synthetic methodology in aqueous medium is an important area of research. In this field, the synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives in aqueous media has been reported by using phase-transfer catalysts or hydro tropes under microwave irradiation or normal thermal conditions¹³⁻¹⁷.

Reaction sequence:**EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers. The melting points were determined on Veego-programmable melting point apparatus (microprocessor-based) and are uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained using Bruker AC-400 F, 400 MHz spectrometer and the spectra were measured in DMSO-*d*₆ relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard and reported in parts per million (ppm). Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained with Perkin Elmer 882 Spectrum and RXI, FT-IR model using a potassium bromide pellets (in cm⁻¹). Elemental analyses for C, H, and N were performed on Thermo-flash EA-1112 CHNS-O Analyzer. Synthesis related to microwave irradiation and ultrasonication are carried out in domestic LG little chef microwave oven and fast clean ultrasonic cleaner respectively. Reactions were monitored and the homogeneity of the products was checked by TLC which were prepared with silica gel G and activated at 110 °C for 30 min. The plates were developed by exposure to iodine vapours. All chemicals were dried and freshly prior to use according to standard procedure. All compounds were identified by comparison of their spectral data and physical properties with those of the authentic samples.

1,4 dihydro -2,6-dimethyl - 4- (aryl substituted) pyridine-3,5- dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (1a-f)

To a solution of aromatic aldehyde in ethanol (0.03 mol) methyl acetoacetate (0.06mol) and liquid ammonia (5ml) were added. The mixture was refluxed for 4 hour's and the solid obtained was collected and filtered. It was washed with cold ethanol and recrystallised from ethanol.

1,4 -di hydro-2,6- di methyl -4- aryl substituted pyridine -3,5- die - α - naphthal amide (2a-f)

A mixture of 1,4 hydro-2,6- dimethyl -4- aryl substituted pyridine -3,5 dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (I) (0.01mol) and - α-naphthal amine (0.02 mol) in 1,4 dioxane (25 ml) were refluxed for 7 hour's poured crushed ice. The solid formed is re-crystallised from methanol.

ANALYTIC AND SPECTRAL DATA**Diethyl 4-(furan-2-yl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1a)**

Yield: 75 %; m.p.158 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₁NO₅: C, 63.94; H, 6.63; N, 4.39 %. Found: C, 63.98; H, 6.67; N, 4.35 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3353 (N-H str), 3032 (Ar-H), 2940 (C-H str of CH₃), 1745 (C=O, ester), 811 (Ar-H). ¹H-

NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 8.34 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 7.30 (1H, s, furyl ring), 6.10–6.47 (2H, d, furyl ring), 4.32 (1H, s, C4–H), 4.20 (4H, q, C3–CH₂CH₃ and C5–OCH₂CH₃), 2.31 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 1.34 (6H, t, C2–OCH₂CH₃ and C6–OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 142.1, 109.6, 107.7, 152.5 (furyl ring), 151.8 (C2,6), 33.2 (C4), 102.3 (3,5--COOCH₂CH₃), 62.1(3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 15.9 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 18.3 (2,6--CH₃).

Diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1b)

Yield: 66 %; m.p. 253 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₃NO₄: C, 69.28; H, 7.04; N, 4.25 %. Found: C, 69.24; H, 7.07; N, 4.28 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3350 (N–H str), 3034 (Ar–H), 2953 (C–H str of CH₃), 1755 (C=O, ester), 802 (Ar–H). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 8.25 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 7.33–7.27 (5H, m, Ph-ring), 4.70 (2H, s, C4–H), 4.22 (4H, q, C3–OCH₂CH₃ and C5–OCH₂CH₃), 2.28 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 1.32 (6H, t, C2–OCH₂CH₃ and C6–OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 125.1, 128.4, 127.1, 144.8 (phenyl ring), 150.7 (C2,6), 101.9 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 62.1 (3,5--COOCH₂CH₃), 44.1 (C4), 19.1 (2,6-CH₃), 15.4 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃).

Diethyl 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1c)

Yield: 57 %; m.p. 240 °C. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂ClNO₄: C, 62.72; H, 6.09; N, 3.85 %. Found: C, 62.75; H, 6.07; N, 3.81 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3334 (N–H str), 3084 (Ar–H), 2944 (C–H str of CH₃), 1746 (C=O, ester), 832 (Ar–H), 616 (C–Cl), 787 (Ar–H). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 8.41 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 7.36–7.20 (5H, m, Ph-ring), 4.77 (1H, s, C4–H), 4.20 (4H, q, C3–OCH₂CH₃ and C5–OCH₂CH₃), 2.19 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 1.33 (6H, t, C2–OCH₂CH₃ and C6–OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 131.4, 128.1, 130.8, 142.5 (Ph–Cl), 152.5 (C2,6), 34.7 (C4), 103.9 (3,5--COOCH₂CH₃), 60.4 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 15.5 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 18.8 (2,6--CH₃)

Diethyl 4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1d)

Yield: 56 %; m.p. 240 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₃NO₅: C, 69.07; H, 6.71; N, 4.06 %. Found: C, 69.03; H, 6.75; N, 4.01 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3342 (N–H str), 3027 (Ar–H), 2942 (C–H str of CH₃), 1712 (C=O, ester), 1445 (C–OH), 819 (Ar–H). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 9.44 (1H, s, C–OH), 8.43 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 6.34–7.67 (4H, m, Ph-ring), 4.67 (1H, s, C4–H), 4.22 (4H, q, C3–OCH₂CH₃ and C5–OCH₂CH₃), 2.12 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 1.29 (6H, t, C2–OCH₂CH₃ and C6–OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 155.6, 116.2, 131.2, 139.2 (Ph–OH), 151.4 (C2,6), 45.9 (C4), 101.4 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 63.3 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 14.1(3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 18.4 (2,6-CH₃).

Diethyl 2,6-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1e)

Yield: 69 %; m.p. 197 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₆: C, 60.95; H, 7.48; N, 7.48 %. Found: C, 60.91; H, 7.42; N, 7.41 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3364 (N–H str), 3047 (Ar–H), 2953 (C–H str of CH₃), 1762 (C=O, ester), 1636 (C–NO₂), 814 (Ar–H). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 8.13–7.44 (4H, m, Ph-ring), 8.14 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 4.78 (1H, s, C4–H), 4.28 (4H, q, C3–OCH₂CH₃ and C5–OCH₂CH₃), 2.33 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 1.31 (6H, t, C2–OCH₂CH₃ and C6–OCH₂CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 144.8, 123.6, 126.9, 152.0 (Ph–NO₂), 153.2 (C2,6), 44.9 (C4), 103.2 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 61.8 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 14.5 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 18.9 (2,6-CH₃).

Diethyl 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,6-dimethyl-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxylate (1f)

Yield: 72 %; m.p. 197 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₅NO₅: C, 66.83; H, 7.01; N, 3.90 %. Found: C, 66.87; H, 7.07; N, 3.97 %. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3355 (N–H str), 3033 (Ar–H), 2861 (C–H str of CH₃), 1733 (C=O, ester), 819 (Ar–H). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 8.25 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 5.76–6.17 (5H, m, Ph-ring), 4.70 (1H, s, C4–H), 4.22 (4H, q, C3–OCH₂CH₃ and C5–OCH₂CH₃), 3.78 (3H, s, –OCH₃), 2.21 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 1.23 (6H, t, C2–OCH₂CH₃ and C6–OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , δ / ppm): 153.1, 112.6, 128.3, 134.9 (Ph), 158.3 (C2,6), 101.2 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 61.3 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 54.7 (Ph–OCH₃), 44.6 (C4), 13.8 (3,5-COOCH₂CH₃), 18.4 (2,6-CH₃).

1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(2'-furyl) pyridine 3,5-di-β-naphthamide (2a)

Yield: 63 %; m.p. 170 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C₃₃H₂₆O₃N₃: C, 78.34; H, 5.07; N, 8.20 %. Found: C, 77.30; H, 4.25; N, 7.99. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3374 (N–H), 3222 (NH–C=O), 3021 (Ar–H), 1091 (N–C–N), 828 (Ar–H). ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ / ppm): 8.43 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 8.09 (1H, d, C3–CONH and C5–CONH), 7.51 (1H, d, 5'-H-furyl), 6.24 (1H, d, 4'-H-furyl), 6.24 (1H, d, 3'-H-furyl); 5.17 (2H, s, C4–H), 2.28 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 2.02 (1H, d, NHCS). ¹³C-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ / ppm): 111.8, 108.3, 143.2, 152.8 (C4 in furyl ring), 105.3 (C3,5 in pyridine ring), 166.2 (C=O), 148.9 (C2,6 in pyridine ring), 35.3 (C4 in pyridine ring), 18.2 (C2,6–CH₃ in pyridine ring).

1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-phenyl pyridine3,5-di-β-naphthamide (2b)

Yield: 53 %; m.p. 192 °C; Anal. Calcd. for $C_{35}H_{28}O_2N_3$: C, 80.45; H, 5.36; N, 8.04%. Found: C, 48.64; H, 5.36; N, 8.02%. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3322 (N–H), 3185 (NH–C=O), 3030 (Ar–H), 1729 (C=O), 1071 (N–C–N), 801 (Ar–H). 1H -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 8.42 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 8.14 (1H, d, C3–CONH and C5–CONH), 7.40–7.23 (5H, m, Ph–ring), 5.24 (2H, s, C4–H), 2.39 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 2.10 (1H, d, –NHCS). ^{13}C -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 131.8, 128.3, 131.8, 142.8 (C4 in furyl ring), 108.8 (C3,5 in pyridine ring), 165.6 (C=O), 148.9 (C2,6 in pyridine ring), 35.6 (C4 in pyridine ring), 19.9 (2,6-CH₃ in pyridine ring).

1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(4'-chloro phenyl) pyridine3,5-di-β-naphthamide (2c)

Yield: 75 %; m.p. 189 °C; Anal. Calcd. for $C_{35}H_{27}O_2N_3Cl$: C, 75.46; H, 4.86; N, 7.54%. Found: C, 74.00; H, 4.44; N, 7.33 %. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3323 (N–H), 3233 (NH₂), 3188 (NH–C=O), 3014 (Ar–H), 1767(C=O), 1057 (N–C–N), 803 (Ar–H), 625 (C–Cl). 1H -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 8.44 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 8.10 (1H, d, C3–CONH and C5–CONH), 7.38–7.14 (5H, m, Ph–ring), 5.11 (2H, s, C4–H), 2.35 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 2.18 (1H, d, –NHCS). ^{13}C -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 129.7, 109.3, 144.4, 152.8 (C4 in furyl ring), 106.3 (C3,5 in pyridine ring), 166.2 (C=O), 147.9 (C2,6 in pyridine ring), 38.3 (C4 in pyridine ring), 19.2 (2,6-CH₃ in pyridine ring).

1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(4'-hydroxy phenyl) pyridine3,5-di-β-naphthamide (2d)

Yield: 74 %; m.p. 201 °C; Anal. Calcd. for $C_{35}H_{28}N_3O_3$: C, 83.39; H, 5.79; N, 8.10%. Found: C, 83.30; H, 5.49; N, 8.03 %. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3332 (N–H), 3182 (NH–C=O), 3018 (Ar–H), 1739 (C=O), 1061 (N–C–N). 1H -NMR ($CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 9.31 (1H, s, OH), 8.16 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 8.09 (1H, d, C3–CONH and C5–CONH), 7.39–7.22 (5H, m, Ph–ring), 5.11 (2H, s, C4–H), 2.25 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 2.02 (1H, d, –NHCS). ^{13}C -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 155.8, 137.1, 130.3, 114.2 (C4 in 4-OH-phenyl ring), 103.9 (3,5-C in pyridine ring), 165.9 (C=O), 143.1 (C2,6 in pyridine ring), 44.8 (C4 in pyridine ring), 19.2 (2,6-CH₃ in pyridine ring).

1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl) pyridine3,5-di-β-naphthamide (2e)

Yield: 76 %; m.p. 190 °C; Anal. Calcd. for $C_{35}H_{27}N_4O_4$: C, 83.39; H, 5.79; N, 8.10%. Found: C, 83.33; H, 5.33; N, 8.00%. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3310 (N–H), 3218 (NH–C=O), 3041 (Ar–H), 1710 (C=O), 1530 (C–NO₂), 1094 (N–C–N). 1H -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 8.60 (1H, s, NH of pyridine ring), 8.15 (1H, d, C3–CONH and C5–CONH), 7.42–7.18 (5H, m, Ph–ring), 5.17 (2H, s, C4–H), 2.31 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 2.08 (1H, d, –NHCS). ^{13}C -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 143.2, 123.7, 126.7 (C4 in 4-NO₂-phenyl ring), 102.9 (3,5-C in pyridine ring), 164.9 (C=O), 149.9 (2,6-C in pyridine ring), 44.5 (4-C in pyridine ring), 19.7 (2,6-C-CH₃ in pyridine ring).

1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(4'-methoxy phenyl) pyridine3,5-di-β-naphthamide (2f)

Yield: 67 %; m.p. 185 °C; Anal. Calcd. for $C_{36}H_{30}O_3N_3$: C, 78.26; H, 5.74; N, 8.04 %. Found: C, 78.23; H, 5.09; N, 8.01%. IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3323 (N–H), 3251 (NH–C=O), 3034 (Ar–H), 1717 (C=O), 1091 (N–C–N), 808 (Ar–H). 1H -NMR (300 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, δ / ppm): 8.57 (1H, s, N–H of pyridine ring), 8.05 (1H, d, C3–CONH and C5–CONH), 7.33–7.27 (5H, m, Ph–ring), 5.21 (2H, s, C4–H), 3.81 (3H, s, –OCH₃), 2.25 (6H, s, C2–CH₃ and C6–CH₃), 2.10 (1H, d, –NHCS). ^{13}C -NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ / ppm): 111.8, 108.3, 143.2, 152.8 (C4 in 4-CH₃O-phenyl ring), 105.3 (3,5-C in pyridine ring), 166.2 (3,5-C=O), 147.7 (2,6-C in pyridine ring), 44.7 (C4 in pyridine ring), 18.8 (2,6-CH₃ in pyridine ring), 55.9 (–OCH₃).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The IR spectra of compounds **1a–f** showed an absorption band at 3332 to 3354 cm^{-1} due to N–H stretching, another absorption band at 1741–1764 cm^{-1} due to the keto group in the ester groups. Compound **1c** showed an absorption band at 610 cm^{-1} corresponding to the Cl–C bonds, compound **1d** showed an absorption band at 1447 cm^{-1} corresponding to the HO–C bonds and compound **1e** showed an absorption band at 1536 cm^{-1} corresponding to the O₂N–C groups. The 1H -NMR spectra of compounds **1a–f** showed a singlet at δ 8.11–8.41 ppm, attributable to the NH protons present in the 1,4-dihydropyridine ring, and another important singlet at δ 4.67–4.79 ppm, which was attributable to the C4–H proton present in the 1,4-dihydropyridine ring. The ^{13}C -NMR spectra of compounds **1a–f** showed peaks at δ 33.2–44.9 ppm, corresponding to C4 in the pyridine ring, δ 101.4–103.9 ppm, corresponding to the 3,5-position of C–COOEt, and δ 150.7–152.8 ppm, corresponding to the 2,6-position of C–CH₃ in the pyridine ring. The IR spectra of compounds **2a–f** showed an absorption band obtained at 3320–3372 cm^{-1} corresponding to the NH group present in the 1,4-dihydropyridine ring and another absorption band at 3118–3200 cm^{-1} which was due to NH–C=O stretching. An absorption band for the C=S group was observed at 1242–1272 cm^{-1} . The 1H -NMR spectra of **2a–f** showed as a singlet a band at δ 8.41–8.64 ppm, attributable to the NH protons present in the 1,4-dihydropyridine ring. The C4–H, CONH, and NHCS protons resonated as singlets at δ 5.10–5.21, 8.01–8.15, and 2.02–2.12 respectively. The ^{13}C -NMR spectra of compounds **2a–f** showed peaks at δ 163.1–166.2, 181.1–184.6, 34.6–46.5 and 18.2–19.7 ppm, corresponding to the 3,5-position of CO–NH group in the pyridine ring, the 3,5-position of CS in the pyridine ring, the 4-position of carbon in the pyridine ring and the 2,6-position of CH₃ in the

pyridine ring, respectively. Mass spectral analysis of compounds **2a–f** showed molecular ion peaks, which confirmed the molecular masses of these compounds. The structure determination was done using physical and spectral data, and by comparison with data reported in the literature¹⁸⁻²³

Antibacterial screening:

The bacterial zones of inhibition values (mm) are given in Table I. The antimicrobial activities of compounds **1a–f** and **2a–f** were screened. The structure activity relationship analysis of the base compounds **1a–f** was compared with that of the thiosemicarbazone-containing compounds **2a–f**. Ciprofloxacin was used as a standard at 100 µg ml⁻¹. Compounds **1a–f** showed low activity compared with compounds **2a–f** towards all the tested organisms.

Table 1: Antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds **1a–f** and **2a–f** (disk diameter: 7 cm)

Compound	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>b.Subtillus</i>	<i>e. coli</i>	<i>Vibreochoerae</i>
1a	-	-	11	13
1b	6	6	16	17
1c	9	-	18	13
1d	6	-	-	-
1e	7	6	6	18
1f	8	-	5	13
2a	5	6	15	25
2b	19	18	12	15
2c	24	16	14	12
2d	15	12	25	-
2e	13	11	16	22
2f	11	19	17	20
Ciprofloxacin	24	21	23	13

Antifungal screening:

The fungicidal zones of inhibition, mm, values are given in Table II. Compounds **2a–f** were screened for *Aspergillus niger*; the compounds **2b–f** were less active compared with the standard clotrimazole, while compound **2a** had no activity. Compounds **2a–f** were screened for *Candida albicans*. Compound **2d** was highly active compared with the standard clotrimazole because it contained an amide group in the 3,5-position and 4-hydroxyphenyl in the fourth position, while the other compounds **2a–c** and **2e–f** had lower activities than the standard clotrimazole. Compounds **2a–f** were screened for *Microsporium audouinii*. The compounds **2a** and **2e–f** had lower activity than the standard clotrimazole, while compound **2b** was inactive. Compounds **2a–f** were screened for *Cryptococcus neoformans*, the compound **2f** had equipotent activity with the standard clotrimazole, while the other compounds **2a–d** and **2e** had lower activities compared with the standard clotrimazole and compound **2f** exhibited no activity.

Table- II: Antifungal activity of the synthesized compounds **1a–f** and **2a–f** (disk diameter: 7 cm)

Compound	<i>Trichoderma Sp</i>	<i>A. niger</i>	<i>A.Parasitica</i>	<i>Chrysosporium Sp</i>
1a	10	12	16	-
1b	11	9	7	8
1c	12	15	12	7
1d	14	-	13	8
1e	7	-	-	-
1f	12	14	13	12
2a	-	15	7	18
2b	12	-	5	7
2c	12	25	16	11
2d	25	26	20	19
2e	9	16	19	15
2f	15	17	11	24
Clotrimazole	12	23	22	12

CONCLUSION

A new series of 1,4-dihydropyridine derivatives (**2a–f**) was synthesized. The synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity, whereby compound **2d** was more active than ciprofloxacin against *b.Subtillus* organism. When the synthesized compounds were screened for their antifungal activity, a compound **2d** showed higher activity than clotrimazole against *A.Parasitica*. These findings could be of importance for further studies in this field.

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