

Synthesis of novel piperazine and morpholine linked substituted pyrimidine derivatives as antimicrobial agents

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Abstract

Several 6-(substituted)-5-cyano-2-thiouracils **1a-d**, were prepared by the condensation of different aldehydes with ethylcyanoacetate and thiourea through a single step reaction by conventional and microwave irradiation technique. The compounds 6-(substituted)-5-cyano-2-thiouracils **1a-d** were further treated with methyl iodide in presence of potassium carbonate and N,N-dimethyl formamide, as solvent to get 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **2a-d**. Methylated compounds were further treated with heterocyclic secondary amines like N-methylpiperazine, piperazine and morpholine to get **3a-d**, **4a-d** and **5a-d**. All the synthesized compounds were screened for their antimicrobial activity and were characterized by elemental analyses, IR, ¹H NMR and mass spectral data.

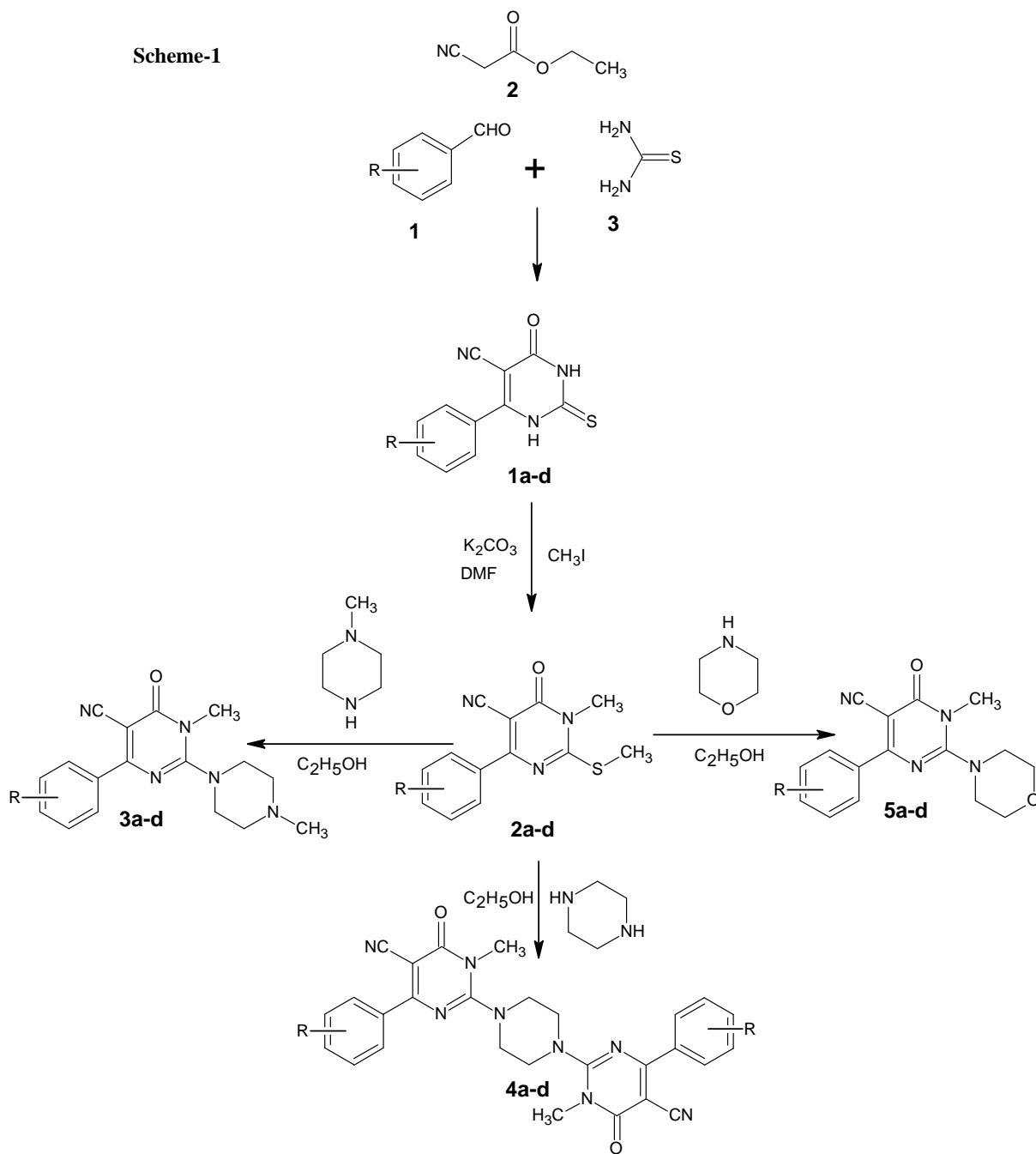
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Introduction

The medicinal value of pyrimidine derivatives is significant among various heterocycles, as they are found to possess antineoplastic,¹⁻³ antiviral,⁴⁻⁶ antibiotic⁷ and anti-inflammatory⁸ including other biological activities. Further drugs containing piperazine and morpholine moiety have exhibited remarkable biological properties, viz Diethylcarbamazine as potent filaricide, Phendimetrazine as CNS stimulant, Cyclizine as antihistamine and Prazocin as antihypertensive. Some analogs of these class like 2,6-diketopiperazine derivative Razoxane is more effective in the soft tissue sarcoma and leukemia.⁹ It has been observed that piperazine linked with pyrimidine lead, Ritanserin as 5HT₂ antagonist with anxiolytic activity,¹⁰ Buspirone is a well known drug with pyrimidine moiety linked with piperazine analog indicated in the management of anxiety disorder encompassed with or without depression.¹¹⁻¹² The several phenothiazines, tricyclic antipsychotic drugs are substituted with piperazine heterocycle by replacing long chain of aliphatic amine, these substitutions produced the most potent phenothiazine antipsychotic compounds. Terry et al, have evaluated pyrimidine derivatives linked to morpholine group for its VEGF-R2 inhibitor activity and showed to be

effective in a mouse model of corneal neovascularization.¹³ The novel 4-benzylamino-2-[(4-morpholin-4-ylphenyl)amino] pyrimidine-5-carboxamide derivatives (YM-341619, AS1617612) potently inhibited STAT6 activation.¹⁴ All these observations point out that pyrimidines, piperazine and morpholine occupies distant and remarkable place in medicinal chemistry. Keeping in view of these above facts, it was thought of synthesizing some pyrimidine derivatives incorporated with piperazine and morpholine groups to explore their biological profile.

The starting material 6-(Substituted)-5-cyano-2-thiouracils **1a-d**, obtained by reported procedure,¹⁵ were stirred with methyl iodide in presence of N,N-Dimethylformide and K₂CO₃ to get 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **2a-d**. The formation of the **2b** was confirmed by recording its ¹H NMR which exhibited three singlets at δ 2.2, 3.2 and 3.9 for N-CH₃, S-CH₃ and O-CH₃ respectively and two doublets at δ 7.1 to 7.4 for aromatic protons, it was further confirmed by appearance of molecular ion peak at m/z 287 in its mass spectra. These 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **2a-d** were then treated with N-methyl piperazine, piperazine and morpholine to obtain 1-



3a;4a;5a R = C₆H₅ 3c;4c;5c R = 4-CH₃O-C₆H₄
 3b;4b;5b R = 4-Cl-C₆H₄ 3d;4d;5d R = 3-NO₂-C₆H₄

SCHEME-1: General synthetic procedure for synthesis of 6-(substituted)-5-cyano-2-thiouracils **1a-d**, 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-substituted-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **2a-d**, 1-methyl-2-(*p*-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **3a-d**, 2,2'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **4a-d** and 1-methyl-2-morpholino-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **5a-d**.

methyl-2-(*p*-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **3a-d**, 2,2'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **4a-d** and 1-methyl-2-morpholino-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **5a-d** respectively. Structures of all the synthesized compounds were characterized by elemental analysis, spectroscopic data, and have been screened for antimicrobial activity.

Materials and methods

Experimental Section

General Procedures. Melting points were determined in open capillaries and are uncorrected. IR spectra (KBr pellet technique) were recorded using a Perkin-Elmer 237 spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM 400 instrument (at 400 MHz) using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard and DMSO-*d*₆ as a solvent. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm). Splitting patterns are designated as follows: s- singlet, d- doublet, t- triplet, q- quartet and m- multiplet. Mass spectra (MS) were recorded on Shimadzu MS operating at 70eV. Elemental analysis (C, H, N, and S) were performed on Perkin Elmer 240 analyzer. All the synthesized compounds were purified by recrystallization and Column chromatography on Merck silicagel (60-120 mesh) using suitable solvents. The reactions were followed up and the purity of compounds was monitored on pre-coated TLC plates and visualizing the spots in ultraviolet light.

Synthesis of 6-phenyl-5-cyano-2-thiouracil. (1a).

Conventional method. A mixture of ethylcyanoacetate (5.7g, 50 mmol) thiourea (3.8g, 50 mmol), benzaldehyde (2.12g, 50 mmol) and potassium carbonate (6.9g, 50 mmol) in absolute ethanol (50mL) was refluxed for 12hrs. Then, it was neutralized with glacial acetic acid.

The product was filtered and recrystallized from aqueous ethanol.

Microwave method, All above said reactants were taken in conical flask and subjected for microwave irradiation for three intermittent cycles of duration 2 minutes at 160 watts. Then, it was neutralized with glacial acetic acid. The obtained product was filtered and crystallized by aqueous ethanol. The compounds **1b-d** were also prepared by same procedure as described above and their characterization data were recorded.

6-Phenyl -5-cyano-2-thiouracil. (1a).

Yield 65%, light yellow; mp 210 °C, IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2225 (CN), 1685 (C=O), 1230 (C=S), 1545 (C=N), 1500 (C=C); ¹H NMR DMSO δ : 13.0 (s, 1H, NH), 7.5 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 1.2 (s, 1H, NH); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₁₁H₇N₃OS C, 57.63%; H, 3.08%; N, 18.33%. found C, 57.59%; H, 3.04%; N, 18.32%;

6-(*p*-Anisyl)-5-cyano-2-thiouracil. (1b).

Yield 65%, yellow; mp 256 °C, IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2220 (CN), 1680 (C=O), 1240 (C=S), 1500 (C=C), 1520–1545 (C=N), 1215 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR DMSO δ : 13.1 (s, 1H, NH), 7.5 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.1 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.8 (s, 3H, O-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₁₂H₉N₃O₂S C, 55.59%; H, 3.50%; N, 16.21%. found C, 55.53%; H, 3.45%; N, 16.17%;

6-(*p*-Chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-2-

thiouracil. (1c). Yield 65%, dark yellow; mp 221 °C, IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2222 (CN), 1700 (C=O), 1220 (C=S), 1545 (C=N), 1500 (C=C), 735 (C-Cl); ¹H NMR (DMSO) δ : 13.2 (s, 1H, NH), 7.4 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.1 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 1.3 (s, 1H, NH); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₁₁H₆ClN₃OS C, 50.10%; H, 2.29%; N, 15.93%. found C, 50.08%; H, 2.26%; N, 15.90%;

6-(*m*-Nitro-phenyl)-5-cyano-2-

thiouracil. (4d). Yield 65%, deep yellow; mp 230 °C, IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2225 (CN), 1695 (C=O), 1222 (C=S), 1540 (C=N), 1505 (C=C), 1250 (C-NO₂); ¹H NMR (DMSO) δ : 13.0 (s, 1H, NH), 8.4 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 8.2 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 7.8 (t, 1H, Ar-H), 7.2 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 1.4 (s, 1H, NH);

Analysis. Calcd. For $C_{11}H_6N_4O_3S$ C, 48.17%; H, 2.21%; N, 20.43%. found C, 48.15%; H, 2.20%; N, 20.41%;

Synthesis of 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one. (2a).

To a solution of 6-(p-anisyl)-5-cyano-2-thiouracil (2.29 g, 10 mmol) in DMF (20ml), potassium carbonate (2.76 g, 20 mmol) and methyl iodide (2.84 g, 20 mmol) were added and stirred for 3 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with cold water and neutralized by glacial acetic acid. The product was filtered off and crystallized from suitable solvents. The compounds **2b-d** were prepared by same procedure as given above and their characterization data are recorded as below.

1-Methyl-2-methylthio-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(2a). Yield 75%; mp 185 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm^{-1}): 2230 (CN), 1665 (C=O), 1544 (C=C), 1525 (C=N); 1H NMR DMSO δ : 7.2 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 3.0 (s, 3H, S-CH₃), 2.2 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For $C_{13}H_{11}N_3OS$ C, 60.68%; H, 4.31%; N, 16.33%; Found; C, 60.65%; H, 4.26%; N, 16.29%.

1-Methyl-2-methylthio-4-(anisyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(2b). Yield 70%; mp 163 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm^{-1}): 2250 (CN), 1617 (C=O), 1542 (C=C), 1520 (C=N), 1215 (C-O-C); 1H NMR DMSO δ : 8.1(d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.1 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.8 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 3.5 (s, 3H, S-CH₃), 2.7 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For $C_{14}H_{13}N_3O_2S$ C, 58.52%; H, 4.56%; N, 14.62%; Found; C, 58.45%; H, 4.50%; N, 14.58%.

1-Methyl-2-methylthio-4-(p-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one. (2c).

Yield 65%; mp 265 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm^{-1}): 2245 (CN), 1690 (C=O), 1610 (C=C), 1545 (C=N), 750 (C-Cl); 1H NMR δ 13.3 (s, 1H, NH), 7.4 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.0 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.4 (s, 3H, S-CH₃), 2.8 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For $C_{13}H_{10}ClN_3OS$ C,

53.52%; H, 3.45%; N, 14.40%; Found; C, 53.51%; H, 3.42%; N, 14.35%.

1-Methyl-2-methylthio-4-(m-nitrophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one. (2d).

Yield 60%; mp 210 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm^{-1}): 2210 (CN), 1710 (C=O), 1600 (C=C), 1560-1515 (C=N), 1H NMR δ : 7.8 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 3.0 (s, 3H, S-CH₃), 2.3 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For $C_{13}H_{10}N_4O_3S$ C, 51.65%; H, 3.33%; N, 18.53%; Found; C, 51.61%; H, 3.28%; N, 18.45%.

Synthesis of 1-methyl-2-(p-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(3a). To the solution of 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one (0.257 g, 1 mmol) in dry ethanol with N-methylpiperazine (0.1 g, 1 mmol) was refluxed for 12 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was subjected for filtration, and filtrate was added to crushed ice. Further it was neutralized with glacial acetic acid. The product was isolated and crystallized from suitable solvents. The compounds **3b-d** were prepared by same procedure as given above and their characterization data are recorded as below.

1-Methyl-2-(p-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-one. (3a).

Yield 45%; mp 175 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm^{-1}): 2215 (CN), 1670 (C=O), 1600 (C=C), 1530 (C=N), 1015 (N-CH₃), 1H NMR δ : 7.8 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 3.1 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.8 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.3 (s, 3H, N-CH₃) 2.2 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For $C_{17}H_{19}N_5O$ C, 66.00%; H, 6.19%; N, 22.64%; Found; C, 65.89%; H, 6.15%; N, 22.60%;

1-Methyl-2-(p-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-anisyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-one. (3b).

Yield 55%; mp 215 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm^{-1}): 2209 (CN), 1673 (C=O), 1608 (C=C), 1534 (C=N), 1005 (N-CH₃), 1H NMR δ : 7.9 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 6.9 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.8 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.2 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.7 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.4 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.3 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd.

For C₁₈H₂₁N₅O₂ C, 63.70%; H, 6.24%; N, 20.64%; Found; C, 62.68%; H, 6.22%; N, 20.61%;

1-Methyl-2-(p-methylpiperazin-1'-yl)-4-(p-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-one. (3c). Yield 50%; mp 185 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2202 (CN), 1653 (C=O), 1581 (C=C), 1523 (C=N), 1010 (N-CH₃), ¹H NMR δ : 8.0 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.8 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.0 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.8 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.4 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.3 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₈ClN₅O C, 59.39%; H, 5.28%; N, 20.37%; Found; C, 59.35%; H, 5.26%; N, 20.31%;

1-Methyl-2-(p-methylpiperazin-1'-yl)-4-(m-nitrophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-one. (3d). Yield 65%; mp 215 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2208 (CN), 1705 (C=O), 1610 (C=C), 1522 (C=N), 1009 (N-CH₃), ¹H NMR δ : 8.4 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 8.1 (d, 1H, Ar-H), 7.9 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.6 (t, 1H, Ar-H), 3.2 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.0 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.6 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.5 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₈ClN₅O C, 57.62%; H, 5.12%; N, 23.72%; Found; C, 57.56%; H, 5.10%; N, 23.71%;

Synthesis of 2,2'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one). (4a). To the solution of 1-methyl-2-(methylthio)-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one (0.257 g, 1 mmol) in dry ethanol with piperazine (0.086 g., 1 mmol) was refluxed for 12 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was subjected for filtration, the filtrate was added into crushed ice, the resulting mixture was neutralized with glacial acetic acid thus obtained precipitate was filtered, dried and recrystallized from suitable solvents. The compounds **4b-d** were prepared by same procedure as given above and their characterization data are recorded as below.

2,2'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one). (4a). Yield 70%; mp 163 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2210 (CN), 1710 (C=O), 1615 (C=C), 1510 (C=N), 1430 (C=C); ¹H

NMR DMSO δ : 7.6(m,5H,Ar-H), 7.1(m,5H,Ar-H), 2.9 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.7 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.3 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.1 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₂₈H₂₄N₈O₂ C, 66.65%; H, 4.79%; N, 22.21%; Found; C, 66.65%; H, 4.79%; N, 22.21%.

2,2'-(Piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-anisyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one). (4b). Yield 70%; mp 163 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2200 (CN), 1728 (C=O), 1600 (C=C), 1519 (C=N), 1250 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR DMSO δ : 8.6 (d,2H,Ar-H), 8.4 (d,2H,Ar-H), 8.2 (d,2H,Ar-H), 7.9 (d,2H,Ar-H), 2.8 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.6 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.2 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.1 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₃₀H₂₈N₈O₄ C, 63.82%; H, 5.00%; N, 19.85%; Found; C, 63.82%; H, 5.00%; N, 19.85%;

2,2'-(Piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-(p-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one). (4c). Yield 70%; mp 163 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2202 (CN), 1653 (C=O), 1581 (C=C), 1523 (C=N), 795 (C-Cl); ¹H NMR DMSO δ : 7.99 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.90 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.5 (d,2H,Ar-H), 7.4 (d,2H,Ar-H), 3.2 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.4 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.5 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.1 (s,3H,N-CH₃); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₂₈H₂₂Cl₂N₈O₂ C, 58.65%; H, 3.87%; N, 19.54%; Found; C, 58.62%; H, 3.85%; N, 19.52%.

2,2'-(Piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(1-methyl-4-(m-nitrophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one). (4d). Yield 70%; mp 169°C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2204 (CN), 1645 (C=O), 1529 (C=C), 1529 (C=N), 1349 (C-NO₂); *Analysis.* Calcd. For C₂₈H₂₂N₁₀O₆ C, 56.56%; H, 3.73%; N, 23.56%; Found; C, 56.51%; H, 3.70%; N, 23.51%; m/z 594, 410,386,374, 327 and 299;

Synthesis of 1-methyl-2-morpholino-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one. (5a).

To the solution of 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-5-one (0.257g, 1 mmol) in dry ethanol with morpholine (0.087g, 1 mmol) was

refluxed for 14 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was filtered, then filtrate was added into crushed ice. Further it was neutralized with glacial acetic acid thus obtained precipitate was filtered, dried and crystallized from suitable solvents. **5b-d** were prepared by same procedure as given above and their characterization data are recorded as below.

1-Methyl-2-morpholino-4-phenyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(5a).

Yield 60%; mp 205 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2216 (CN), 1661 (C=O), 1585 (C=C), 1519 (C=N), 2176 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR δ : 7.4 to 7.5 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 3.8 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.7 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.4 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); Analysis. Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₆N₄O₂ C, 64.85%; H, 5.44%; N, 18.91%; Found; C, 64.82%; H, 5.41%; N, 18.85%.

1-Methyl-2-morpholino-4-anisyl-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(5b).

Yield 65%; mp 215 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2210 (CN), 1675 (C=O), 1560 (C=C), 1510 (C=N), 2170 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR δ 7.4 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.2 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.8 (s, 3H, O-CH₃), 3.6 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.4 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.1 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); Analysis. Calcd. For C₁₇H₁₈N₄O₃ C, 62.57%; H, 5.56%; N, 17.17%; Found; C, 62.54%; H, 5.52%; N, 17.15%.

1-Methyl-2-morpholino-4-(p-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(5c). Yield 60%; mp 225 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2212 (CN), 1695 (C=O), 1585 (C=C), 1519 (C=N), 2175 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR δ 7.3 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.1 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 3.2 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.0 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.2 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); Analysis. Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅ClN₄O₂ C, 58.10%; H, 4.57%; N, 16.94%; Found; C, 58.05%; H, 4.54%; N, 16.90%.

1-Methyl-2-morpholino-4-(m-nitrophenyl)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-one.

(5d). Yield 60%; mp 228 °C; IR (KBr) ν (cm⁻¹): 2202 (CN), 1680 (C=O), 1570 (C=C), 1505 (C=N), 2170 (C-O-C); ¹H NMR δ 8.4 to 8.0 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 3.4 (t,

4H, (CH₂)₂), 3.1 (t, 4H, (CH₂)₂), 2.5 (s, 3H, N-CH₃); Analysis. Calcd. For C₁₆H₁₅N₅O₄ C, 56.30%; H, 4.43%; N, 20.52%; Found; C, 56.27%; H, 4.41%; N, 20.49%.

Biological Evaluation

In vitro Antibacterial activity

Cup plate method using Hi-Media agar medium has been employed to study the antibacterial activity of compounds **3a-d**, **4a-d** and **5a-d** against *S. aureus*, and *B. subtilis*. Preparation of nutrient broth, subculture, base layer medium, agar medium and peptone water was done as per the standard procedure. Each test compound was dissolved in Dimethylformamide, making a concentration of 100 µg/ml and 50 µg/ml. These were used as sample solution. Sample size for all the compounds was fixed as 0.1 ml. The cups are made by scooping out agar medium with sterilized cork borer in a petridish, which was previously inoculated with the microorganisms. The solution of each test compound (0.1 ml) was added in the cups and petridishes were subsequently incubated at 37 °C for 48 hrs. Trimethoprim and Streptomycin were used as standard drugs and Dimethylformamide as a control. Zones of inhibition produced by each compound, was measured in mm, as shown in **Table 1**.

In Vitro Antifungal activity

The antifungal activity of compounds **3a-d**, **4a-d** and **5a-d** was tested using potato dextrose agar medium, against two different fungi such as *C. albicans*, and *A. niger* by filter paper disc technique. The concentration of test compounds was 100 µg/ml and 50 µg/ml. After 48 hrs of treatment, zones of inhibition produced by all compound, were measured in mm, and is shown in **Table 2**. Griseofulvin was used as the standard antifungal agent and dimethylformamide as a control. All the tested compounds showed significant antifungal activity.

Table 1. Antibacterial activity of the compounds 3a-d, 4a-d and 5a-d.

Compound	<i>S. aureus</i>		<i>B. subtilis</i>	
	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL
3a	09	12	08	10
3b	07	10	08	13
3c	11	14	12	15
3d	09	13	14	14
4a	10	12	11	12
4b	17	17	11	15
4c	16	18	14	16
4d	14	18	14	19
5a	07	10	09	11
5b	12	14	14	16
5c	12	13	10	14
5d	10	14	12	14
Trimethoprim	19	22	21	23
streptomycin	21	23	21	24

Table 2. Antifungal activity of the compounds 3a-d, 4a-d and 5a-d.

Compound	<i>C. albicans</i>		<i>A.niger</i>	
	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL	50 µg/mL	100 µg/mL
3a	17	19	15	16
3b	14	17	14	17
3c	15	18	14	18
3d	14	18	15	20
4a	15	17	11	16
4b	16	19	14	18
4c	14	18	15	19
4d	16	20	14	17
5a	17	19	15	18
5b	17	20	18	21
5c	16	19	17	20
5d	16	21	18	22
Griseofulvin	19	23	20	24

Results and discussion

The most general and widely employed route to prepare pyrimidines, involves the combination of a reagent containing the N-C-N skeleton with C-C-C unit. This approach is a typical example for the bis-nucleophilic plus bis-electrophilic method of constructing heterocycles. Both the nitrogen atoms of the N-C-N reagent act as nucleophiles and both the terminal carbon atoms of C-C-C reagent act as electrophiles. Urea, thiourea and guanidine are commonly used as N-C-N reagents and

1,3-diketones, diesters and dinitriles are the typical C-C-C reagents.

As depicted in the **scheme 1**, ethylcyanoacetate (C-C unit) on condensation with thiourea (N-C-N unit) in presence of diverse aryl aldehydes (-C-unit) in presence of potassium-carbonate in absolute alcohol yielded 6-(Substituted)-5-cyano-2-thiouracils **1a-d**. The structural analysis of the products retains cyano group of ethylcyanoacetate. This suggests that the requisite (C-C-C) functionality for the construction of pyrimidine ring uses only two carbon centers of these esters and

the third carbon being provided by the aldehydic function of the aldehyde employed. The infrared spectra of these compounds showed characteristic absorption bands, one of which appearing at 2225cm^{-1} was attributed to CN group, and 1270cm^{-1} was assigned for C=S. The enolisible C-SH group has shown absorption band at 3620cm^{-1} . The compounds **1a-d** were further treated with methyl iodide in presence of potassium carbonate and N,N-dimethyl formamide as solvent to get **2a-d**. The ^1H NMR spectra of these synthesized compounds **2a-d** showed two characteristic broad signals in the range of δ 2.3 to 2.8 and 3.2 to 3.5 due to N-CH₃ and S-CH₃ protons respectively. These 1-methyl-2-methylthio-4-(substituted)-5-cyano-1,6-dihydropyrimidine-6-ones **2a-d** were treated with heterocyclic secondary amines like N-methyl-piperazine, piperazine and morpholine which affords a different pyrimidine analogs **3a-d**, **4a-d** and **5a-d**, with elimination of S-CH₃ group. ^1H NMR spectra of the synthesized compounds showed two triplet signals in the range of δ 2.0 to 3.5 due to piperazine and morpholine ring protons respectively. All the newly synthesized compounds showed good antibacterial activity against *S. aureus*, *B. subtilis*, and significant antifungal activity against *C. albicans* and *A. niger*. The data of these studies is summarized in **Table 1** and **Table 2**.

Conclusion

In conclusion, a new class of piperazine and morpholine encompassing pyrimidine derivatives were synthesized and evaluated as antibacterial agents. The newly synthesized hetrocyclics exhibited mordarate antibacterial activity aganist *S. aureus*, and *B. subtilis*, and significant antifungal activity against *C. albicans* and *A. niger*. It can be concluded that these class of compounds certainly holds great promise towards good active leads in medicinal chemistry. A further study to

acquire more information concerning pharmacological activity is in progress.

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