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Studies on Pyrimidines, Part I: Synthesis and Antibacterial Activity of 4-(2'-Hydroxy-5'-methylphen-1'-yl)-6-substituted-phenyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-2-thione

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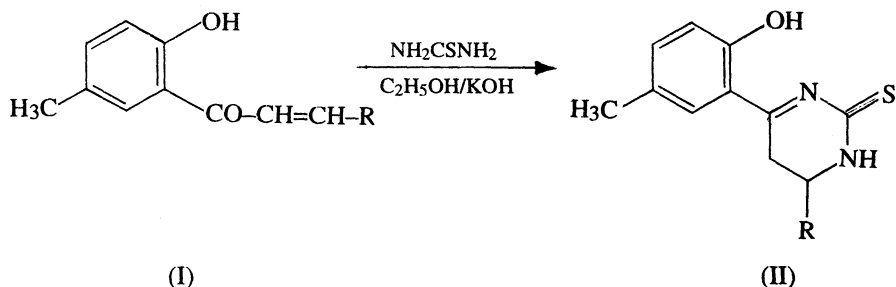
Pyrimidine-2-thiones have been prepared by heating chalcones with thiourea in ethanolic potassium hydroxide. The antibacterial activities of the compounds have been determined.

In continuation of work on pyrimidines¹, we report here the synthesis of some new 4-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphen-1'-yl)-6-substituted phenyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-2-thione(II) by reacting 2'-hydroxy-5'-methylchalcones(I) with thiourea in ethanol in presence of potassium hydroxide (Scheme 1).

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were taken on a Perkin Elmer-377 spectrophotometer and PMR spectra were recorded on a Varian model EM-360L spectrophotometer. Satisfactory elemental analyses were obtained.

Preparation of 4-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphen-1'-yl)-6-substituted phenyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidine-2-thiones(II)

2'-Hydroxy-5'-methylchalcone (0.01 mole), thiourea (0.01 mole) and 1.0 g. potassium hydroxide in ethanol (95%, 30 ml) were refluxed on water-bath at 70-80°C for 3 h. After keeping overnight, the solid obtained was collected and crystallised from benzene. $\gamma_{\max}(\text{KBr})$: 3450-3400 (OH), 1600-1585 (C=N), 3350-3300 (NH) and 1215-1205 cm^{-1} (C=S); $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3)$: 2.26-2.24 (CH₃), 2.48-2.52 (-CH₂-), 6.73-6.78 (OH), 7.12-7.16 (NH) and 7.23-7.70 (Ar-H)



(Scheme-1)

Compounds (II):

	M. pt. (°C)		M. pt. (°C)
1. R=C ₆ H ₅ ;	107	9. R=2-OCH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ ;	114
2. R=4-CH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ ;	86	10. R=4-OCH ₃ C ₆ H ₄ ;	108
3. R=4-C ₂ H ₅ C ₆ H ₄ ;	86	11. R=3,4-(OCH ₃) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ ;	128
4. R=4-C ₃ H ₇ C ₆ H ₄ ;	78	12. R=3,4,5-(OCH ₃) ₃ C ₆ H ₂ ;	134
5. R=2-ClC ₆ H ₄ ;	112	13. R=4-OH-3-OCH ₃ C ₆ H ₃ ;	85
6. R=4-ClC ₆ H ₄ ;	130	14. R=3-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄ ;	156
7. R=2,4-Cl ₂ C ₆ H ₃ ;	89	15. R=4-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄ ;	139
8. R=2,6-Cl ₂ C ₆ H ₃ ;	96	16. 4-FC ₆ H ₄ ;	92

Antibacterial activity

Antibacterial screening of synthesised compounds has been carried out by cup-plate method² using a species of gram positive bacteria i.e. *S. aureus* and gram negative bacteria i.e. *E. coli*. The testing was carried out using 0.1 mg of the sample in chloroform (10 mg/ml).

From the experimental data, it was observed that the 4-chlorophenyl, 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,6-dichlorophenyl derivatives were highly active against both the bacteria.

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