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Synthesis, Spectral Analysis and Antibacterial Screening of Tetracyclic Thiazepine Based Pyrazole Derivatives

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ABSTRACT

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A series of tetracyclic thiazepine based pyrazoles (**6a-j**) have been synthesized and evaluated for antibacterial and antifungal activities. The newly synthesized compounds have been characterized by IR, ¹H & ¹³C NMR, mass and elemental analyses. Compounds **6b** (2-OCH₃) and **6c** (4-OCH₃) have shown promising antibacterial, and **6g** (3-NO₂), **6f** (2-NO₂) and **6d** (3,4-diOCH₃) exhibited excellent an antifungal activity against standard drugs.

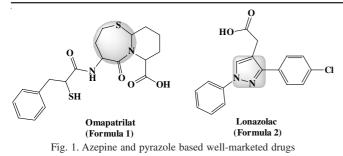
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INTRODUCTION

Assembly of pyrazole heterocycles based on thiazepine has received considerable attention. Thiazepine scaffolds are structural motifs that are useful for demonstrating the chemical functionality of biological active molecules. Several drugs having thiazepine functionality, such as antibacterial drug [1], anti-inflammatory and ulcerogenic agents [2], anticonvulsant agents [3], antimalarial agents [4], protease inhibitors [5] and cytotoxic agent [6] are used clinically. Moreover, these drugs present numerous anticancer agent applications [7]. Some thiazepines have also been verified as valuable herbicides [8]. Omapatrilat (Fig. 1a) is one of the example of the established drugs based on thiazepine and being investigated and inhibits both angiotensin-converting and neutral endopeptidase enzymes [9].

Furthermore, pyrazole derivatives have received substantial attention because this skeleton type exists in numerous compounds that contain different biological activates [10]. Developing an efficient method for pyrazole fabrication is crucial. A few derivatives having pyrazole ring systems exhibit useful pharmacological activities, including anti-inflammatory [11], antiviral [12], anticonvulsant [13], genotoxicity [14], anti-HIV [15] and antitubercular [16] activities. These derivatives also have antifungal, antitumor [17], antimicrobial, antibacterial, antitubercular [16], antimalarial, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative and ulcerogenicity activities [18]. Pyrazole based drugs are widely known as a chemotherapy agent *e.g.* lonazolac contains pyrazole core moiety (Fig. 1b) and is an excellent antiinflammatory non-steroidal drug [19].



In continuation of our current interest, a series of tetracyclic thiazepine based pyrazoles (**6a-j**) for developing potential antimicrobials. The structure of newly compounds were investigated using IR, ¹H & ¹³C NMR and mass spectral analyses.

EXPERIMENTAL

The chemicals and solvents were procured from Merck Ltd., HIMEDIA, and SD fine chemicals. An open-end capillary was used to determine the melting points and are uncorrected. To monitor reactions, thin layer chromatography (TLC) was employed; ethyl acetate:*n*-hexane was used as the mobile phase and the reactions were visualized under UV light (254 and 365 nm). By using the ATR method, the IR spectra of each compound were obtained on a Shimadzu, Japan IR-435 Spectrophotometer. On a Bruker AVANCE II Spectrometer, the spectra of ¹³C NMR (101 MHz) and ¹H NMR (400 MHz) were measured using DMSO-*d*₆ and TMS as the solvent and internal reference, respectively. On a Jeol-JMSD 300 mass spectrometer, mass spectra were measured at 70 eV. The elemental analysis was performed using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN analyzer.

Synthesis of intermediates (5a-j): Intermediates were synthesized as according to reported work and characterized [20].

Synthesis of 6-(5-(aryl)-1-aryl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)-9*H*-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[*b*,*ef*,*i*]heptalene (6a-j): Phenylhydrazine (1.1 mL) and the intermediates (5a-j) (0.01 mmol) were mixed in 5 mL of 1,4-dioxane. The reaction mixture was refluxed with stirring at 70 °C for approximately 7 h. Reaction completion was monitored through TLC by using the mobile phase of acetone:*n*-hexane (4:6). The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and poured in ice water, the obtained crude solid was filtered, dried and purified through flash silica gel column chromatography.

6-(1,5-Diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H***-pyrazol-3-yl)-9***H***-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo**[*b,ef,i*]heptalene (6a): Yield: 71%; m.p.: 198 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3665 (N-H *str*. 2° amine), 3310 (C-H *str*. arom. ring), 1521 (C=C *str*. arom. ring), 1261 (C-N *str*. pyrazole ring), 1252 (C-S *str*. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.096 (2H, s, -CH₂), 5.285 (1H, s, -CH), 6.882-7.224 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.236-7.003 (1H, t, Ar-H), 7.396-7.371 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.521-7.628 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.768-7.018 (5H, m, Ar-H), 8.232-8.213 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.720 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.542 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ ppm): 161.12, 154.85, 154.85, 151.48, 148.65, 146.02, 141.85, 139.26, 138.41, 135.23, 133.50, 132.65, 132.50, 128.32, 128.32, 127.08, 127.08, 126.42, 124.53, 126.53, 125.77, 125.34, 124.89, 123.82, 122.90, 122.05, 121.58, 118.68, 115.20, 115.20, 67.50, 34.61; MS: *m/z* 552 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for $\begin{array}{l} C_{34}H_{24}N_4S_2; \, C, \, 73.88 \, (73.82); \, H, \, 4.38 \, (4.41); \, N, \, 10.14 \, (10.17); \\ S, \, 11.60 \, \, (11.62). \end{array}$

6-(5-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[b,ef,i]heptalene (6b): Yield: 80.55 %; m.p.: 191 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3721 (N-H str. 2° amine), 3359 (C-H str. arom. ring), 1534 (C=C str. arom. ring), 1370 (C-N str. pyrazole ring), 1268 (C-S str. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm: 2.090 (2H, s, -CH₂), 3.736 (3H, s, -OCH₃), 5.343 (1H, s, -CH), 7.043-6.986 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.175-7.157 (1H, d, Ar-H), 7.271-7.373 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.636-7.529 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.872-7.708 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.245-8.226 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.728 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.656 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm: 166.21, 157.51, 149.84, 149.84, 148.25, 147.23, 145.45, 138.89, 137.02, 135.14, 134.56, 133.58, 133.58, 131.09, 130.58, 130.58, 129.15, 127.89, 126.54, 125.48, 125.01, 123.22, 122.48, 121.78, 121.14, 119.23, 118.85, 115.65, 115.65, 113.77, 61.45, 54.58, 33.85; MS: m/z 582 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₅H₂₆N₄OS₂: C, 72.14 (72.11); H, 4.50 (4.46); N, 9.61 (9.64); S, 11.00 (11.05).

6-(5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[b,ef,i]heptalene (6c): Yield: 83.45 %; m.p.: 187 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3682 (N-H str. 2° amine), 3316 (C-H str. arom. ring), 1492 (C=C str. arom. ring), 1365 (C-N str. pyrazole ring), 1253 (C-S str. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.086 (2H, s, -CH₂), 3.784 (3H, s, -OCH₃), 5.350 (1H, s, -CH), 7.036-7.236 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.381-7.362 (2H, dd, Ar-H), 7.641-7.535 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.872-7.712 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.255-8.236 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.722 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.429 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 163.45, 160.48, 158.32, 155.89, 154.58, 153.84, 151.36, 150.89, 148.45, 144.92, 145.85, 143.62, 139.51, 135.30, 134.58, 134.58, 131.58, 130.58, 130.58, 129.53, 127.29, 127.21, 126.08, 124.37, 123.22, 121.81, 116.34, 116.34, 113.09, 113.09, 81.54, 53..05, 36.51; MS: m/z = 582 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₅H₂₆N₄OS₂: C, 72.14 (72.18); H, 4.50 (4.53); N, 9.61 (9.62); S, 11.00 (11.09).

6-(5-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1Hpyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[b,ef,i]heptalene (6d): Yield: 79.88%; m.p.: 205 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3671 (N-H str. 2° amine), 3348 (C-H str. arom. ring), 1418 (C=C str. arom. ring), 1381 (C-N str. pyrazole ring), 1189 (C-S str. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.081 (2H, s, -CH₂), 3.825-3.841 (6H, s, -OCH₃), 5.343 (1H, s, -CH), 7.043-6.986 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.175-7.157 (1H, d, Ar-H), 7.273-7.236 (1H, t, Ar-H), 7.397-7.373 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.636-7.529 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.872-7.700 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.245-8.226 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.728 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.656 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 162.15, 159.48, 158.36, 156.09, 154.78, 151.02, 149.52, 146.47, 145.65, 142.59, 139.48, 138.32, 136.59, 136.59, 134.98, 123.89, 123.89, 122.58, 121.61, 121.05, 120.95, 118.88, 117.65, 116.45, 115.54, 114.73, 113.95, 111.99, 111.35, 109.35, 83.58, 59.21, 55.30, 34.30; MS: m/z = 612 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₆H₂₈N₄O₂S₂: C, 70.56 (70.54); H, 4.61 (4.59); N, 9.14 (9.17); S, 10.47 (10.42).

6-(1-Phenyl-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[*b,ef,i*]**heptalene (6e):** Yield: 77.60%; m.p.: 218 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3739 (N-H *str.* 2° amine), 3361 (C-H *str.* arom. ring), 1457 (C=C *str.* arom. ring), 1360 (C-N *str.* pyrazole ring), 1225 (C-S *str.* azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.073 (2H, s, -CH₂), 3.782 (9H, s, -OCH₃), 5.298 (1H, s, -CH), 7.116-7.058 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.265-7.373 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.640-7.438 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.770-8.40 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.736 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.644 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 165.74, 160.41, 159.12, 157.36, 146.15, 144.85, 143.22, 142.74, 141.62, 137.62, 135.02, 133.95, 132.32, 131.43, 130.35, 130.35, 128.51, 128.51, 127.26, 125.19, 124.06, 123.98, 122.26, 121.25, 120.12, 118.46, 116.61, 116.61, 107.32, 107.32, 85.36, 65.02, 59.31, 54.31, 35.78; MS: *m/z* = 642 (M⁺); Elemental analysis of C₃₇H₃₀N₄O₃S₂: C, 69.14 (69.17); H, 4.70 (4.68); N, 8.72 (8.75); S, 9.98 (9.95).

6-(5-(2-Nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatri benzo[b,ef,i]heptalene (6f): Yield: 81.45 %; m.p.: 235 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3741 (N-H stretching Sec. amine), 3269 (C-H stretching aromatic ring), 1470 (C=C stretching aromatic ring), 1362 (C-N stretching pyrazole ring), 1481, 1320 (-NO₂ group), 1289 (C-S stretching azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.235 (2H, s, -CH₂), 5.258 (1H, s, -CH), 7.354-6.584 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.685-7.425 (1H, d, Ar-H), 7.358-7.258 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.568-7.213 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.845-7.736 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.285-8.225 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.841 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.771 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 164.45, 163.15, 161.23, 157.56, 155.89, 154.20, 151.98, 146.20, 142.38, 139.51, 138.98, 137.02, 136.68, 134.55, 134.55, 131.58, 131.58, 130.25, 129.18, 128.36, 127.97, 127.25, 125.08, 124.77, 123.45, 122.20, 121.54, 119.65, 116.32, 114.33, 67.87, 36.81; MS: m/z = 572 (M⁺); Elemental analysis of C₃₄H₂₃N₅O₂S₂: C, 68.32 (68.27); H, 3.88 (3.91); N, 11.72 (11.69); S, 10.73 (10.75).

6-(5-(3-Nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[b,ef,i]heptalene (6g): Yield: 83.57 %; m.p.: 240 °C; IR (cm⁻¹) 3640 (N-H str. 2° amine), 3281 (C-H str. arom. ring), 1437 (C=C str. arom. ring), 1468, 1380 (-NO₂ group), 1298 (C-N str. pyrazole ring), 1254 (C-S *str*. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.514 (2H, s,-CH₂), 5.652 (1H, s,-CH), 7.956-6.145 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.852-7.485 (1H, d, Ar-H), 7.583-7.521 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.756-7.265 (5H, m, Ar-H), 7.465-7.242 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.325-8.254 (2H, d, Ar-H), 8.652 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.512 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 162.45, 160.48, 157.81, 157.81, 156.15, 155.36, 151.85, 147.29, 141.86, 138.20, 137.03, 135.59, 134.98, 133.69, 133.69, 131.85, 130.53, 130.53, 129.56, 128.65, 127.65, 125.41, 124.82, 124.01, 122.36, 121.52, 120.69, 118.21, 115.95, 114.62, 79.22, 33.21; MS: $m/z = 572 (M^+)$; Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₄H₂₃N₅O₂S₂: C, 68.32 (68.35); H, 3.88 (3.84); N, 11.72 (11.77); S, 10.73 (10.68).

6-(5-(4-Nitrophenyl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[*b,ef,i*]**heptalene** (**6h**): Yield: 84.61 %; m.p.: 256 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3766 (N-H *str*. 2° amine), 3319 (C-H *str*. arom. ring), 1548 (C=C *str*. arom. ring), 1451, 1386 (-NO₂ group), 1366 (C-N *str*. pyrazole ring), 1285 (C-S *str*. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 3.124 (2H, s, -CH₂), 5.840 (1H, s, -CH), 7.812-7.562 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.628-7.485 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.652-7.412 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.548-7.215 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.586-8.452 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.658 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.125 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ ppm: 164.25, 163.58, 159.41, 159.41, 156.02, 153.19, 149.65, 148.26, 146.12, 144.65, 138.32, 137.02, 136.65, 136.65, 133.47, 133.47, 130.23, 128.29, 128.29, 126.88, 125.36, 124.10, 124.95, 123.25, 122.86, 121.65, 121.08, 119.65, 118.36, 116.06, 80.56, 34.59; MS: m/z = 572 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₄H₂₃N₅O₂S₂: C, 68.32 (68.26); H, 3.88 (3.81); N, 11.72 (11.78); S, 10.73 (10.74).

4-(3-(9H-4,15-Dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[b,ef,i]heptalen-6-yl)-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-5-yl)aniline (6i): Yield: 80.55 %; m.p.: 188 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3691 (N-H str. 2° amine), 3297 (C-H str. arom. ring), 1518 (C=C str. arom. ring), 1327 (C-N str. pyrazole ring), 1290 (C-S str. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.852 (2H, s, -CH₂), 4.582-4.362 (2H, s, -NH2), 5.681 (1H, s, -CH), 7.652-7.215 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.568-7.358 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.458-7.365 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.356-7.265 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.285-8.235 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.589 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.895 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ppm: 162.21, 158.56, 155.32, 155.32, 154.12, 152.02, 151.58, 147.36, 146.85, 138.36, 135.98, 134.54, 134.54, 131.84, 131.84, 130.58, 129.96, 129.96, 127.02, 126.43, 125.35, 124.82, 122.98, 121.08, 119.51, 118.62, 115.98, 114.30, 112.91, 110.85, 84.03, 35.51; MS: m/z = 567 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₄H₂₅N₅S₂: C, 71.93 (71.91); H, 4.44 (4.48); N, 12.34 (12.37); S, 11.30 (11.35).

6-(1-Phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-9H-4,15-dithia-9,10-diazatribenzo[b,ef,i]heptalene (6j): Yield: 77.34 %; m.p.: 201 °C; IR (cm⁻¹): 3687 (N-H str. 2° amine), 3289 (C-H str. arom. ring), 1521 (C=C str. arom. ring), 1381 (C-N str. pyrazole ring), 1286 (C-S str. azepine ring); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 2.568 (3H, s, -C<u>H</u>₃), 2.485 (2H, s,-CH₂), 5.856 (1H, s,-CH), 7.856-7.745 (3H, m, Ar-H), 7.759-7.652 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.695-7.584 (8H, m, Ar-H), 7.584-7.365 (4H, m, Ar-H), 8.456-8.365 (1H, d, Ar-H), 8.725 (1H, s, Ar-H), 9.526 (1H, s, -NH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ ppm: 161.58, 159.45, 158.42, 154.98, 151.80, 149.12, 147.65, 145.85, 143.51, 142.65, 139.41, 135.30, 133.95, 133.95, 131.25, 131.25, 128.52, 127.65, 126.12, 125.41, 124.65, 123.41, 122.30, 120.49, 118.65, 117.62, 116.82, 116.21, 114.59, 113.23, 83.52, 36.41, 17.21; MS: m/z 566 (M⁺); Elemental analysis calcd. (found) % for C₃₅H₂₆N₄S₂: C, 74.17 (74.20); H, 4.62 (4.58); N, 9.89 (9.77); S, 11.32 (11.36).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

New thiazepine derivatives (**6a-j**) were synthesized in five steps procedure in an atom economy way. Synthetic pathway and progress of reaction for the compounds were sketched in **Scheme-I**. The obtained IR spectral data confirmed that the targeted compounds were successfully synthesized. The broad stretching band appearing at 3766-3640 cm⁻¹ corresponded to secondary amines present in compounds **6a-j**. Moreover, the stretching vibration bands appearing at 3361-3281 cm⁻¹ indicated that in the C–H bond was present in aromatic nucleus. A band appearing at 1548–1418 cm⁻¹ confirmed the existence of C=C in the aromatic ring of compounds. A stretching band observed at 1381-1261 cm⁻¹ proved the presence of C–N linked in the pyrazole ring of molecules **6a-j**. The existence of C–S linked was confirmed by the absorption band that appeared at 1290-1226 cm⁻¹ for the azepine ring. The interpretation of the absorption peaks acquired in the proton spectral data confirmed the generation of the targeted compounds. For the molecules having pyrazole ring, the existence of two protons of the methylene group was confirmed through a sharp peak observed at δ ppm = 3.124-2.073. The absorption peak observed at δ ppm = 9.895-9.125 indicated that a proton belonging to secondary amine existed in the structure. The absorption peak appearing at δ ppm = 8.254-6.986 corresponded to the protons of the aromatic nucleus. The ¹³C NMR further confirmed the generation of target motifs. The signal observed at δ ppm = 36.81-33.85 corresponded to the methylene carbon present in pyrazole. For methoxy group, the chemical shift for carbon was observed at δ ppm = 60.65-53.05. Mass spectra revealed that a molecular ion peak was observed for the compounds **6a-j** at m/z = 552-624. The elemental analysis results and proposed molecular weight were is in well agreement with the molecular ion peak.

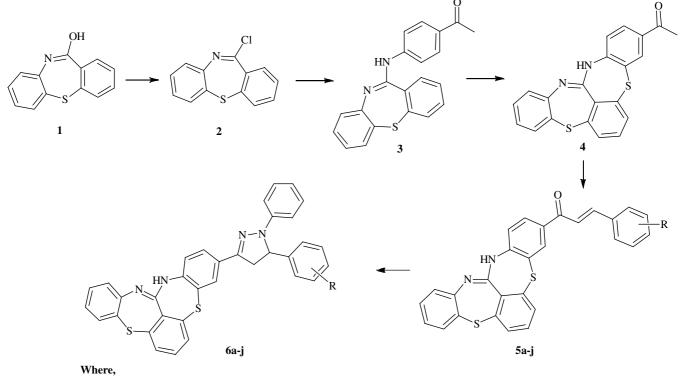
Antimicrobial activity: Initially, *in vitro* antibacterial activity of each newly synthesized compound (**6a-j**) was evaluated against Gram-negative bacteria [*Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922), *Enterobacter aerogenes* (ATCC 13048)] and Gram-positive bacteria [*Bacillus megaterium* (ATCC 14581), *Bacillus subtilis* (ATCC 23857)] by using the cup plate method [21]. Table-1 presents the values of individual minimal inhibition concentration (MIC) of the test compounds and reference compounds, including chloramphenicol, ampicillin and norfloxacin. The screening results indicated that the final compound **6g** (3-NO₂) has an excellent activity against all the strains. Compound **6f**

(2-NO₂) exhibits good activity against *B. subtilis*, *B. megaterium* and *E. coli*. Compound **6e** (3,4,5-triOCH₃) has a good activity against *E. coli*, *B. megaterium* and *E. aerogenes*. Compounds **6c** (4-OCH₃) and **6b** (2-OCH₃) possess good activity against *E. coli* and *B. subtilis*, respectively. The rest of the compounds have a moderate antibacterial activity.

Furthermore, *in vitro* antifungal activity of compounds (**6a-j**) against the strain [*Aspergillus awamori* (ATCC 22342)] was studied in the potato-dextrose-agar (PDA) medium by employing the same cup plate method [22]. The antifungal activities of these compounds are comparable to those of the standard drug named griseofulvin. Compounds **6f** (2-NO₂), **6g** (3-NO₂) and **6d** (3,4-diOCH₃) exhibited excellent antifungal activity against *A. awamori*, however, rest of the compounds have a weak antifungal activity.

Conclusion

A series of tetracyclic thiazepine based pyrazole derivatives were successfully synthesized, characterized and tested for their antimicrobial activity. The presence of the pyrazole moiety is also in contributing the net biological activity. Herein, two different thiazepine and pyrazole nuclei were incorporated in one structure and also studied the biological behaviour of the resultant systems. Hence, it is concluded that thiazepine linked pyrazoles are more active and thus, there is enough scope for further study in developing such compounds as a good lead molecule. The synthesized compounds were shown promising activity as compared to the standard drug for all representative panel of bacterial and fungal strains.



Reaction conditions: (a) POCl₃, 70 °C, 3.0 h, (b) 4-amino acetophenone, pyridine, 116 °C, 4.0 h, (c) S, I₂, 161 °C, 30 min, (d) various aromatic aldehyde, methanol, 20% NaOH, RT, 24-26 h, (e) phenyl hydrazine, 1,4-dioxane, 70 °C, 7.0 h

Scheme-I: Synthetic route for the synthesis of title compounds (6a-j)

TABLE-1 in vitro RESULTS OF ANTIBACTERIAL SCREENING OF COMPOUNDS 6a-j						
		Gram-positive bacteria		Gram-negative bacteria		Fungi
No.	R	Bacillus megaterium ATCC 14581	Bacillus subtilis ATCC 23857	Escherichia coli ATCC 25922	Enterobacter aerogenes ATCC 13048	Aspergillus awamori ATCC 22342
6a	Н	13	17	16	13	19
6b	2-OCH ₃	14	18	14	12	18
6c	$4-OCH_3$	13	14	18	20	17
6d	3,4-(OCH ₃) ₂	12	13	15	14	21
6e	3,4,5-(OCH ₃) ₃	21	15	20	21	20
6f	$2-NO_2$	22	19	18	15	22
6g	3-NO ₂	20	18	19	19	22
6h	$4-NO_2$	16	15	14	12	18
6i	$4-NH_2$	19	13	16	14	16
6j	4-CH ₃	12	16	11	13	15
	Ampicillin	23	18	18	20	-
	Chloramphenicol	22	20	21	19	-
	Norfloxacin	20	19	22	21	-
	Gliseafulvin	_	_	_	_	21

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