

Synthesis of (3-Cyano-4, 5, 6, 7-Tetrahydrobenzo [B] Thiophen-2-Yl) Formamidine Derivatives as Effective Antimicrobial Agents

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Abstract: Series of tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-N, N-dimethylformamidine derivatives were synthesized from 2-amino-4, 5, 6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carbonitrile. The new derivatives were checked good antimicrobial activities against *S. aureus*, *E. coli* and *C. albicans*, and *A. Niger* microbes.

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I. Introduction

Substituted benzothiophene derivatives are important heterocyclic compounds found in many natural compounds. These derivatives have showed number of biological activities hence used in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and for diagnostics, optoelectronics, dyes etc. [1]. They had been reported as anti-tubercular [2], anti-inflammatory [3], anti-microbial [4,12], anti-anxiety [5] agents. Literature survey revealed that substituted benzothiophene derivatives are potent and selective inhibitor of human leukocyte elastase [6], kinesin spindle protein (KSP) [7], tubulin [8] and tyrosine kinase of the fibroblast growth factor receptors (FGFR) [9] as well as adenosine A1 receptor allosteric enhancers [10]. K. Madhavi prepared 4, 5, 6, 7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate derivatives and evaluated their antioxidant, antibacterial activities [11, 13]. 2-Amino-3-N-(propylcarboxamido)- 4, 5, 6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate showed mycolytic activities [12] which resulted in marketing as antifungal agents sertaconazol. N-ethoxymethino derivatives, N-phenylaminomethino derivatives, hydrazine derivatives, pyrazole derivatives, and N-methinonitrilo derivatives of 4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene were synthesized and cytotoxic and anti-leishmanial activity [13] was evaluated. Spiro(benzothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4-ones, benzothinenopyrimidine derivatives, triazolo and imidazolo pyrimidine derivatives and 3-amino-(2-alkylamino)benzothie- nopyrimidine-4,5-dione derivatives of 3-aminobenzothieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine showed antiinflammetry, analgesic and ulcerogenic activities. Mohamed Said and co-workers synthesized thieno (3,2-d)- (1,2,3)-triazines and N-(3-cyano-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopenta (b) thiophenes and evaluated their anticancer activity [15]. The reaction involving bis-nucleophilic and bis-electrophilic attack, dipolar cyclization and condensation furnished targeted products. The wide application and diverse synthetic procedures promoted many chemists to design and synthesize these classes of bioactive heterocycles [16-22].

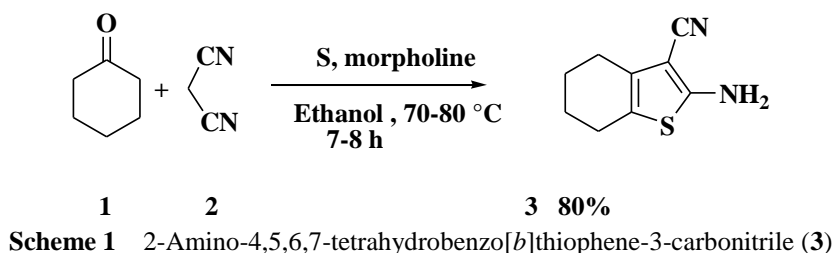
In this paper we have concentrated our efforts towards the synthesis of 3/4-substituted phenyl-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidines **7**. 3/4-substituted phenyl)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidines **7a-h** showed good antimicrobial activities as compared with Gentamicin and Fluconazole.

II. Materials and methods

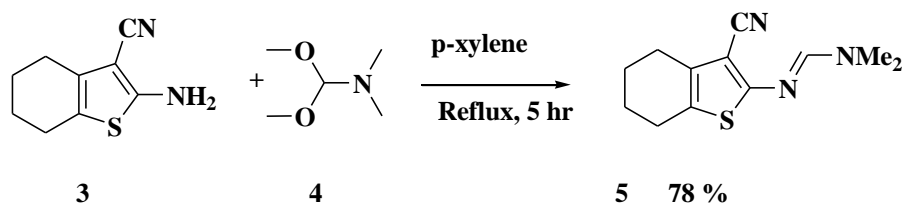
The physical constants (melting point) of all new compounds were recorded on Gallencamp melting point equipment (Model no MFB-595) using open capillary tubes and uncorrected. IR spectra of the compounds were recorded on Bruker FTIR-TENSOR-II. ¹HNMR spectra of the compounds were recorded on Bruker Avance II (500 MHz) NMR instrument. The CDCl₃ or DMSO was used to record the NMR using TMS (Tetramethylsilane) as internal standard. Chemical shifts are given in δ ppm and splitting of NMR samples are given as singlet (s), broad singlet (bs), doublet (d), triplet (t), multiplets (m). The reactions were monitored on thin layer chromatography (TLC 0.2 mm silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ Merck plates) plates using UV light 254 and 366 nm. The chemicals were purchased from Sd Fine chemicals, Sigma Aldrich, Merck, Loba chemie and used without purification while solvents were purified by standard literature protocols.

III. Result And Discussion

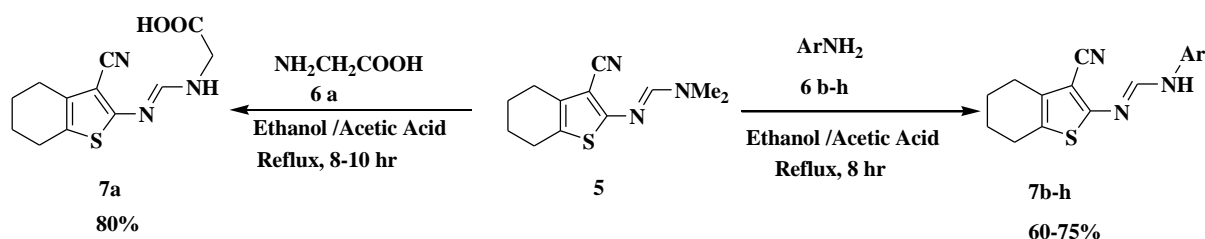
Compound **3** was synthesized by Gewald thiophene synthesis [23-25] using cyclohexanone, sulfur and malononitrile in presence of catalytic amount of morpholine in ethanol at reflux temperature. The structure was established on the basis of IR, ¹H NMR data and compared with the literature M.P.



The key intermediate 4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo [b]thiophen-2-yl)-*N,N*-dimethylformamidine **5** was obtained by reacting 2-amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo [b]thiophene-3-carbonitrile **3** with DMF/DMA (Scheme 2). This compound was characterized by IR, ¹H NMR data. For e.g. IR spectrum showed stretching frequencies at 1613, 2288 cm⁻¹ was assigned to C=N and CN. The ¹H NMR spectrum of **5** showed triplets at δ 1.82 and 2.52 for 2×CH₂-CH₂, singlet at 7.66, for =CH singlet at δ 3.07 assigned CH₃ group. The formidine **5** on reacting with glycine using catalytic amount of glacial acetic acid in ethanol afforded *N'*-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b] thiophen-2-yl)-2-((*E*) formamido) acetic acid **7a**. Similar reaction of compound **5** when reacted with aromatic amines yielded (3/4-substituted phenyl)-*N'*-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidines **7b-h** with 60-80% yields. (Scheme 3)



The compound **7a** was characterized as the IR spectrum of **7a** showed stretching frequencies at 2198, 2935, 1766, 1620 cm⁻¹ for CN, CH, C=N, C=C cm⁻¹ respectively. The PMR of this compound showed singlet at δ 10.9, triplet at δ 1.85-2.59, quartet at δ 2.50, doublet at δ 7.67 and doublet at δ 3.10 were assigned to OH, CH₂-CH₂NH, CH,CH₂ groups respectively.



Compound	Amine	% Yield
7a	Glycine	80
7b	Aniline	68
7c	4-Chloroaniline	62
7d	4-Bromoaniline	61
7e	4-Nitroaniline	70
7f	3-Chloroaniline	60
7g	3-Nitroaniline	75
7h	2-Aminopyridine	68

Antimicrobial activity:

The antimicrobial activity of newly synthesized compounds (**7a-h**) was determined against *E. coli* (Gram+ve), *S. aureus* (Gram-ve) bacteria and fungi such as *A. niger*, *C. albicans*. The antimicrobial activity evaluation was performed using fungi reseeded in Czapek Dox agar for 48 hr at 25 °C and bacteria reseeded in Muller-Hinton broth for 24 hr at 37 °C. The standard strains required for antimicrobial assay was obtained from Microbial Culture Collection Centre, Pune, Maharashtra, India. The antimicrobial activities of tested samples were carried out in triplicate against *E. coli* (Gram+ve), *S. aureus* (Gram-ve) bacteria and fungi such as *A. niger*, *C. albicans*.

Table 1: Antimicrobial screening of compounds (**7a-h**): Inhibition Zone Diameter (mm)

Compound	Amine	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25922	<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC29737	<i>A. niger</i> MCIM 545	<i>C. albicans</i> MTCC 277
7a	Glycine	13 ± 0.8	14 ± 1.2	13 ± 0.6	14 ± 0.8
7b	Aniline	15 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.7	17 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.8
7c	Glycine	16 ± 0.8	16 ± 0.8	18 ± 0.5	18 ± 0.9
7d	Aniline	17 ± 0.8	18 ± 0.3	17 ± 0.7	18 ± 0.4
7e	4-Chloroaniline	15 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.6	17 ± 0.3	16 ± 0.7
7f	4-Bromoaniline	14 ± 0.9	15 ± 1.1	16 ± 1.2	15 ± 0.8
7g	4- Nitroaniline	18 ± 0.8	17 ± 0.4	19 ± 0.3	18 ± 0.5
7h	3- Chloroaniline	12 ± 0.6	13 ± 0.5	14 ± 1.1	15 ± 1.3
	DMSO	11 ± 0.7	12 ± 0.9	12 ± 0.6	13 ± 0.3
	Gentamicin	22 ± 0.4	23 ± 0.7	-	-
	Fluconazole	-	-	23 ± 0.8	24 ± 0.5

Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL) and Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL) Inhibition Zone = 9-15 mm: slight activity, 16-20 mm: moderate activity, 21 -25 mm : high activity, >26 mm: excellent activity

DMSO was loaded negative control. The solutions of the test samples were prepared in DMSO in desired concentrations of 40, 20, 10 µg/ mL. The Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL) and Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL) were used as standards for antimicrobial activity evaluation. The zone of inhibition (mm) was measured as per National Committee for Chemical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS, M7-A5, January 2000). The antimicrobial activity of 3- nitroaniline was more than 4-chloroaniline and 4- bromoaniline.

The compound **7g** exhibited excellent antibacterial activities against Gram+ve and Gram-ve bacteria viz. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* with MIC 10 µg/ mL due to presence of p-nitro group. Also compound **7g** showed excellent antifungal activities against *Aspergillus niger* and *Candida albicans* with MIC 10 µg/ mL may be due to presence of nitro group. The compound **7c** and **7d** showed moderate antibacterial activity against *Escherichia coli* with MIC 20 µg/ mL when compared with Gentamicin. The compounds **7c**, **7d**, **7e** and **7f** showed excellent antifungal activities against *Aspergillus niger* (MCIM 545). Similarly, compounds **7b**, **7c**, **7d** showed equivalent antifungal activities against *Candida albicans* with MIC 20 µg/ mL as compared with Fluconazole.

Table 2: Antimicrobial screening of compounds (**7a-h**): MIC in µg / mL values

Compd	Amine	<i>E. coli</i> ATCC25922	<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC29737	<i>A. niger</i> MCIM 545	<i>C. albicans</i> MTCC 277
7a	Glycine	80	40	80	40
7b	Aniline	40	40	20	20
7c	Glycine	20	20	20	20
7d	Aniline	20	20	20	20
7e	4-Chloroaniline	40	20	20	40
7f	4-Bromoaniline	40	40	20	40
7g	4- Nitroaniline	10	10	10	10
7h	3- Chloroaniline	80	80	40	40
	Gentamicin	10	10	-	-
	Fluconazole	-	-	20	20

Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL) and Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL) Inhibition Zone = 9-15 mm: slight activity, 16-20 mm: moderate activity, 21 -25 mm : high activity, >26 mm: excellent activity

IV. Experimental

2-Amino-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carbonitrile (**3**)

The mixture of cyclohexanone (0.01 mol) and malononitrile (0.01 mol, 0.66 g) was stirred in ethanol at 50 °C for 30 min, after 30 min elemental sulfur (0.02 mol) was added portion wise. Then morpholine (0.01 mL) was added to reaction mixture drop wise. The resulting reaction mass was stirred further 7-8 h in an oil bath at 70-80 °C (TLC check, toluene: acetone, 9:1, v/v). After completion of reaction, reaction mixture was cooled and then added in ice-cold water (15 mL), stirred for further 30 minutes at room temperature. The water layer was extracted with chloroform (3 x 75 mL) and organic layer were dried over sodium sulfate. It was concentrated under vacuum afforded solid was further recrystallized from chloroform: n-hexane (80:20) afforded compound **3**

in 70-75% yields. This compound was characterized by IR, NMR data and compared with the literature M.P. [15, 16].

(E)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo [b]thiophen-2-yl)-N,N-dimethyl-formamidine (5)

Compound **3** (2.56 g, 0.01mol) and DMF-DMA (1.32 mL, 0.01mol) in dry p-xylene (15 mL) was refluxed for 5 hr (TLC checked, chloroform: methanol 9:1v/v). The excess of solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The solid obtained was stirred in 20 mL hexane for 4 hr and was filtered washed with cold methanol. It was recrystallized from toluene as pale yellowish brown solid.

Light brown solid, Yield 80%, 4g, m.p. 130 °C; IR (Platinum ATR) 2288 (CN), 2935 (CH), 1613 (C=N), 1620 (C=C) 2825(CH₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.82 (t, J = 4 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.56 (t, J = 4 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 7.66 (s, 1H, NHCH), 3.07 (s, 3H, CH₃), C₁₂H₁₅N₃S (233.10): Calcd C, 61.77; H, 6.48; N, 18.01; S, 13.74 Found C, 61.81; H, 6.45; N, 18.04; S, 13.70

N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-2-((E)formamido)acetic acid, (7a)

Compound **5** (0.1 gm 0.43 mmol) and glycine (0.30mg, 0.43 mmol) in ethanol and 2-3 drops glacial acetic acid was refluxed for 8 hr (TLC Checked, Hexane: ethyl acetate, 8:2 v/v). The solid obtained was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol to afford compound **7a**.

Light brown solid, Yield 80%, 0.91mg, m.p. 124°C; IR (Platinum ATR) 2198 (CN), 2935 (CH), 1766 (C=N), 1620 (C=C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.85 (t, J = 4 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.59 (t, J = 4 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 7.67 (d, 1H, NHCH), 2.50 (q, 1H, NHCH₂), 3.59 (d, 2H CH₂NH), 10.9 (s, 1H, OH). C₁₂H₁₃N₃O₂S (263.32): Calcd. C, 54.74; H, 4.98; N, 15.96; O, 12.15; Found C, 54.78; H, 4.95; N, 15.92; O, 12.20

(E)-N-(aryl) (3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-formamidine derivatives (7b-h)

Compound **5** (0.1 gm 0.43 mmol) and aromatic amines **6b-h** (0.43 mmol) in ethanol and 2-3 drops glacial acetic acid refluxed for 8 hr (TLC Checked, Hexane: Ethyl acetate, 8:2 v/v). The solid obtained was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol afforded compound **7b**.

Similar procedure was employed for the synthesis of compounds (**7c-h**).

(E)-N-Phenyl (3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl) formamidine (7b)

Light yellow solid, Yield: 68%, 0.82 mg, m.p. 52°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm⁻¹: 3471 (NH), 1523(C=N), 2262(CN), 1648 (C=C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.62 (t, 1H, CH), 6.46-7.01 (d, J=3 Hz 1H, CH), 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, J = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH). C₁₆H₁₅N₃S (281.38): Calcd C, 68.30; H, 5.37; N, 14.93; Found C, 68.25; H, 5.42; N, 14.90

(E)-N-(4-chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidine (7c)

Faint yellow solid, Yield :62%, 0.84 mg, m.p. 110°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm⁻¹: 2927 (NH), 1620 (C=N), 2198 (CN), 1599 (C=C), 721 (Cl); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.62 (t, 1H, CH), 6.40-7.02 (t, J=4 Hz 1H, CH), 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, J = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH). C₁₆H₁₄ClN₃S (315.82): Calcd C, 60.85; H, 4.47; Cl, 11.23; N, 13.31; Found C, 60.90; H, 4.42; Cl, 11.20; N, 13.34

(E)-N-(4-bromophenyl)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidine (7d)

Light orange solid, Yield 61%, 0.95 mg, m.p. 110 °C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm⁻¹: 2927 (NH), 1620 (C=N), 2198 (CN), 1599(C=C), 702 (Br) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.62 (t, 1H, CH), 6.40-7.02 (t, J=4 Hz 1H, CH), 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, J = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH). C₁₆H₁₄BrN₃S (360.27): Calcd C, 53.34; H, 3.92; Br, 22.18; N, 11.66; Found C, 53.30 H, 3.87; Br, 22.23; N, 11.66

N-(4-nitrophenyl)(E)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-formamidine (7e)

Yellow solid, Yield 70%, 0.98 mg, m.p. 95 °C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm⁻¹: 3425 (NH), 1620 (C=N), 2175 (CN), 1557 (NO₂), 1470 (CH) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.72 (d, 1H, CH), 6.72-7.94 (t, J=7 Hz 1H, CH), 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, J = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH). C₁₆H₁₄N₄O₂S (326.37): Calcd C, 58.88; H, 4.32; N, 17.17; O, 9.80; Found C, 58.80; H, 4.40; N, 17.17; O, 9.88

(E)-N-(3-chlorophenyl)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidine (7f)

Light yellow solid, Yield 60 %, 0.82 mg, m.p. 110 °C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm⁻¹: 2927 (NH), 1620 (C=N), 2198 (CN), 1599 (C=C), 721 (Cl) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.47 (s, 1H, CH), 6.63(d,1H,CH), 6.34(d,1H,CH), 6.95(d, 1H,CH) 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, J = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH). C₁₆H₁₄ClN₃S (315.82): Calcd C, 60.85; H, 4.47; Cl, 11.23; N, 13.31; Found C, 60.82; H, 4.35; Cl, 11.28; N, 13.37

(E)-N-(3-nitrophenyl)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidine (7g)

Light yellow solid, Yield 60%, 106 mg, m.p. 110°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : 3425 (NH), 1620 (C=N), 2175 (CN), 1557 (NO₂), 1470 (CH) cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.75 (d, 1H, CH), 7.22 (t, 1H, CH), 7.45 (t, 1H, CH), 7.30 (s, 1H, CH), 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH). C₁₆H₁₄N₄O₂S (326.37): Calcd. C, 58.88; H, 4.32; N, 17.17; O, 9.80; Found C, 58.70; H, 4.45; N, 17.17; O, 9.83

N-pyridin (E)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)formamidine (7h)

Yellowish brown solid, Yield: 68%, 0.83 mg, m.p. 120 °C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : 1620 (NH), 1573 (C=N), 2198 (CN), cm^{-1} ; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 6.70 (d, 1H, CH), 7.44 (t, 1H, CH), 6.60 (t, 1H, CH), 8.11 (d, 1H, CH), 4.0 (d, 1H, CH), 2.56-1.82 (t, *J* = 4 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 7.50 (d, 1H, CH); C₁₅H₁₄N₄S (282.36): Calcd C, 63.80; H, 5.00; N, 19.84; Found C, 63.69; H, 5.11; N, 19.90

V. Conclusion

We have successfully prepared (E)-N'-(3-cyano-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzo [b]thiophen-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylformamidine derivatives and structures were confirmed spectral data and analytical data. The compound **7c** and **7d** showed moderate while **7g** showed excellent antibacterial activity. Also compound **7c**, **7d** and **7e** showed excellent antifungal activity.

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