



Green synthesis and 3D pharmacophore study of pyrimidine and glucoside derivatives with in vitro potential anticancer and antioxidant activities

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Abstract

A facile and an efficient one-pot green synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives using the environmentally friendly Cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN) as catalyst and water as a solvent has been described. Some of the synthesized pyrimidines react with 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide in ethanol containing potassium hydroxide to give *S*-glucoside derivatives. The structures of the newly synthesized compounds were elucidated on the basis of their spectral and elemental analyses. In addition, selected derivatives of the products were screened for their anticancer activities against four tumor cell lines using MTT assay and the results showed that some of these compounds have potent cytotoxic effect, as concluded from their IC₅₀ values. Molecular modeling studies including generation of a 3D pharmacophore model were carried out. The study showed high correlation with the experimental results. Antioxidant activity of the synthesized products was also investigated and most of them showed potent activity.

Keywords Pyrimidine · Cerium (IV) ammonium nitrate · *S*-glucoside · Pharmacophore · Anticancer · Antioxidant

Introduction

Pyrimidine derivatives gained great attention in the field of biological and pharmaceutical applications during the past decades owing to their remarkable anticancer (Geng et al. 2018; Chikhale et al. 2018; Tian et al. 2017), anti-inflammatory (Abdelgawad et al. 2018), antiviral (Okesli et al. 2017) antibacterial (Abdelghani et al. 2017; Salem et al. 2016; 2014; Maddila et al. 2016), antifungal (Zhang et al. 2016; Behalo 2009), antimalarial (Mane et al. 2014),

and analgesic (Dinakaran et al. 2012) activities. Heterocycles bearing glucoside moiety were reported to exhibit potential pharmacological applications like antimicrobial (Corona et al. 2018), anticancer (Adiyala et al. 2018; Seo et al. 2017), anti-inflammatory (Abdelkhalek et al. 2017; Duarte et al. 2018) and antioxidant (Bozunovic et al. 2018) activities. On the other hand, Cerium (IV) ammonium nitrate (CAN) was reported to be used as an inexpensive and easily available catalyst of various organic reactions (Jaiprakash et al. 2008; Nikishin et al. 2017; Alaouia et al. 2018; Rodriguez et al. 2017; Kamal et al. 2011; Boddeti et al. 2012). Recently, CAN has been used in the synthesis of substituted 1,4-naphthoquinone derivatives by a carbon–carbon bond formation (Huang et al. 2017), substituted furans and oxadiazoles by carbon–oxygen bond formation (Undeela et al. 2014; Behalo 2016) and substituted pyrroles by carbon–nitrogen bond formation (Kamal et al. 2016). In light of these considerations and in continuation of our interest for synthesis of heterocycles and evaluations of their biological activities (Salem et al. 2016; 2014; 2008; 2007; Behalo et al. 2014; 2017; Madkour et al. 2001), the present work aims to develop a green and efficient method to synthesize new pyrimidine derivatives through Biginelli reaction using CAN as a catalyst, in

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addition to prepare pyrimidine-glucoside hybrids and evaluate their anticancer and antioxidant activity.

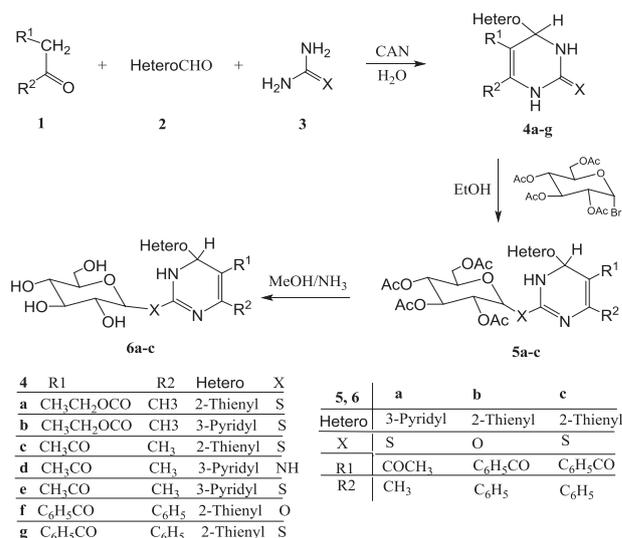
Results and discussion

Chemistry

Multicomponents reaction of ethyl acetoacetate with thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde and thiourea in the presence 10^{-4} mol of CAN as a catalyst and water as safe solvent afforded ethyl-6-methyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (**4a**) in good yield through Biginelli type reaction. The structure of product **4a** was confirmed on the basis of its elemental analyses and spectral data where IR spectrum showed absorption bands at $3420\text{--}3210\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and 1719 cm^{-1} corresponding to NH and CO, respectively. ^1H NMR showed signals at 10.46, 9.76, and 5.42 ppm attributed for 2NH and CH protons. Also, mass spectrum [Salem et al. 2013; 2012] showed molecular ion peak at $m/z = 282$ (M^+ , 100%). We generalize the reaction conditions to synthesize several examples of pyrimidine derivatives with the aim of obtaining more potent antitumor and antioxidant molecules. Thus, treatment of heterocyclic carboxaldehyde (thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde and/or pyridine-3-carboxaldehyde) with a variety of active methylene compounds namely, ethyl acetoacetate, acetylacetone or 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione and urea derivatives (urea, thiourea and guanidine) afforded pyrimidine derivatives **4a–g** (Scheme 1). The structural formulae of all products were confirmed on the basis of their elemental analyses and spectral data.

Based on the principles of green chemistry, we carried out the reactions in water owing to its use as inexpensive, nontoxic, nonflammable as well as green media. The reaction was performed also using CAN as a catalyst that provides shorter reaction times, better yields and simple work-up than conventional procedures.

Glucoside derivatives have occupied a unique position in the field of pharmaceutical applications [Ishioka et al. 2019, Chen et al. 2018]. Thus, glycosylation of pyrimidine derivatives **4e–g** with 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- α -D-glucopyranosyl bromide was performed by both microwave irradiation and conventional method to afford the glucoside derivatives **5a–c** with better yields in case of microwave irradiation. The structures of the products were confirmed by IR spectra that showed absorption bands of CO at $1743\text{--}1662\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Also, ^1H NMR spectra showed signals of acetyl groups and anomeric protons at 2.10–2.30 and 4.20–4.60 ppm. Synthesis of deacetylated glucoside derivatives **6a–c** was achieved upon treatment of glucoside derivatives **5a–c** with methanolic ammonia at room temperature, (Scheme 1). Treatment of pyrimidine **4a** with



Scheme (1): Synthesis of pyrimidines **4a–g** and their glucoside derivatives

chloroacetylchloride or oxaloylchloride in pyridine afforded thiazolopyrimidine derivatives **7a,b** (Scheme 2).

On the other hand, treatment of thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde or pyridine-3-carboxaldehyde with ethyl cyanoacetate and thiourea in the presence of CAN gives pyrimidine nitriles **8a,b**. Alkaline hydrolysis of the pyrimidines **8a,b** by potassium hydroxide afforded the corresponding acid **9a,b**, disappearance of absorption band of nitrile at 2259 cm^{-1} and 2215 cm^{-1} confirm the conversion process of nitrile group to the corresponding acid, (Scheme 3).

Similarly, treatment of thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde with 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (dimedone) and thiourea (or guanidine) afforded pyrimidines **10a,b**. Stirring of pyrimidines **10a,b** with thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde in a mixture of water and ethanol (60:40%) at room temperature gave compounds **11a,b** in excellent yield. Finally, treatment of pyrimidine derivatives **11a,b** with chloroacetylchloride or oxaloylchloride in pyridine afforded thiazolopyrimidine derivatives **12a,b** and **13a,b**, respectively (Scheme 4).

Cytotoxicity assay

Four human tumor cell lines namely; hepatocellular carcinoma (HePG-2), mammary gland (MCF-7), Colorectal carcinoma (HCT-116) and Human prostate cancer cell line (PC3) were used to determine the inhibitory effects of compounds on cell growth using the 3-[4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-yl]-2,5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay (Table 1). This colorimetric assay is based on the conversion of the yellow tetrazolium bromide to a purple formazan derivative by mitochondrial succinate dehydrogenase in viable cells [Mosmann 1983; Denizot, Lang 1986].

Table 1 Cytotoxic activity of some compounds against human tumor cells

| Compounds | In vitro cytotoxicity IC ₅₀ (μg/mL) ^a | | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | HePG2 | MCF-7 | HCT-116 | PC3 |
| 5-FU | 8.1 ± 0.24 | 6.3 ± 0.11 | 9.9 ± 0.20 | 11.0 ± 0.27 |
| 4a | 83.5 ± 4.68 | 93.9 ± 5.64 | 97.1 ± 5.34 | 84.8 ± 5.41 |
| 4b | 12.33 ± 1.3 | 18.05 ± 1.6 | 11.01 ± 1.1 | 8.94 ± 0.8 |
| 4e | >100 | >100 | >100 | >100 |
| 4f | 26.9 ± 1.87 | 42.4 ± 2.88 | 32.3 ± 3.10 | 35.9 ± 2.85 |
| 4g | 55.38 ± 4.1 | 81.93 ± 5.1 | 74.73 ± 4.8 | 62.88 ± 4.6 |
| 5a | 28.35 ± 2.3 | 32.12 ± 2.4 | 45.02 ± 3.2 | 35.16 ± 1.7 |
| 6a | 33.12 ± 2.1 | 35.17 ± 2.2 | 40.09 ± 2.6 | 36.23 ± 3.5 |
| 6b | 46.53 ± 2.1 | 38.23 ± 2.5 | 50.21 ± 2.7 | 42.15 ± 1.5 |
| 7a | 16.34 ± 1.7 | 19.91 ± 1.8 | 15.79 ± 1.4 | 15.47 ± 1.5 |
| 7b | 34.65 ± 3.1 | 35.77 ± 3.5 | 42.04 ± 3.7 | 45.93 ± 3.9 |
| 8a | 74.6 ± 4.38 | 86.7 ± 5.15 | 61.0 ± 4.32 | 71.0 ± 4.56 |
| 8b | 24.36 ± 2.4 | 29.80 ± 2.7 | 22.99 ± 1.9 | 32.52 ± 2.9 |
| 9a | 26.7 ± 2.04 | 23.6 ± 1.31 | 20.6 ± 1.16 | 40.0 ± 3.68 |
| 10a | 26.90 ± 2.2 | 38.39 ± 2.9 | 20.00 ± 1.7 | 32.39 ± 2.5 |
| 10b | 9.39 ± 0.9 | 24.02 ± 2.0 | 10.51 ± 1.1 | 14.92 ± 1.4 |
| 11a | 7.88 ± 0.8 | 39.90 ± 3.2 | 5.56 ± 0.6 | 51.81 ± 3.6 |
| 11b | 49.69 ± 3.7 | 55.72 ± 3.9 | 28.27 ± 2.3 | 73.71 ± 4.5 |
| 12b | 70.63 ± 4.1 | 11.34 ± 1.3 | 45.64 ± 3.3 | 13.80 ± 1.4 |

^aIC₅₀ (μg/ml): 1–10 (very strong). 11–20 (strong). 21–50 (moderate). 51–100 (weak) and above 100 (non-cytotoxic), 5-FU = 5-fluorouracil

16.34, and 19.91 μg for PC3, HCT-116, HePG-2, and MCF-7 cell lines, respectively. Moreover, compounds **10b** and **12b** showed a similar trend with IC₅₀: 10.51, 11.34, 13.38, and 14.92 μg against MCF-7 and PC3 cancer cell lines for **10b** and **12b**, respectively. While the other compounds showed moderate to weak activities against all cell lines and no activity at all was observed for pyrimidine analog **4e**. In conclusion, pyrimidine core structure has been confirmed as a useful lead compound for the development of new anticancer agents. Our initial goal to prepare synthetic derivatives with higher anticancer activity could be achieved, resulting in several compounds with in vitro potent anticancer. Further variations in substituents and substitution pattern may be necessary to obtain more potent and selective compounds.

Antioxidant activity

Most of the synthesized products were evaluated for their antioxidant activity and their ability to inhibit oxidation in rat brain and kidney homogenates using 2,2'-azino-bis-(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic acid) (ABTS) assay. It was observed from data given in Table 2, compounds **10a**, **10b**, and **12b** exhibited the highest antioxidant activity while compounds **8a** and **9a** showed moderate activities in comparison with standard ascorbic acid.

Table 2 Antioxidant assay (ABTS)

| Method | ABTS Abs(control)-Abs(test)/Abs(control) × 100 | |
|-----------------|--|--------------|
| Compound | Absorbance of samples | % inhibition |
| Control of ABTS | 0.495 | 0 |
| Ascorbic acid | 0.051 | 89.70 |
| 4a | 0.341 | 31.10 |
| 4b | 0.367 | 25.40 |
| 4e | 0.473 | 4.40 |
| 4f | 0.364 | 26.50 |
| 4g | 0.382 | 22.30 |
| 5a | 0.29 | 42.10 |
| 6a | 0.251 | 48.50 |
| 6b | 0.288 | 42.40 |
| 7a | 0.368 | 25.20 |
| 7b | 0.377 | 23.40 |
| 8a | 0.291 | 41.20 |
| 8b | 0.371 | 24.60 |
| 9a | 0.264 | 46.70 |
| 10a | 0.246 | 50.00 |
| 10b | 0.24 | 51.20 |
| 11a | 0.345 | 29.90 |
| 11b | 0.376 | 23.60 |
| 12b | 0.154 | 68.70 |

Pharmacophore modeling

A pharmacophore is the ensemble of steric and electronic features necessary to ensure the optimal supramolecular interactions with a specific biological target, and to trigger or to block its biological response [Li et al. 2000].

Typical pharmacophore features indicate regions in a molecule that are hydrophobic, aromatic, can participate in hydrogen bonding (whether hydrogen bond donor or hydrogen bond acceptor), positive or negative ionizable, which permits pharmacophore generation, structural alignment, activity prediction and 3D database creation. It uses the catalyst HypoGen algorithm [Li et al. 2000] to derive SAR hypothesis models (pharmacophores) from a set of ligands with known activity values on a given biological target.

In this study, the 3D QSAR Pharmacophore Generation protocol (HypoGen protocol of CATALYST) was used with the Discovery Studio 2.5 software to generate ten predictive pharmacophore models via aligning different conformations, in which the molecules are likely to bind with the receptor pharmacophore models. The given hypothesis was combined with a known activity data on hepatocellular carcinoma (HePG-2) cell line to create a 3D-QSAR model that identifies overall aspects of a molecular structure, which governs activity. Pharmacophores explain

the variability of bioactivity with respect to the geometric localization of the chemical features present in the molecules.

Pharmacophore validation

In general, pharmacophore models are used as 3D queries to search chemical databases to identify new and highly potent drug leads. These pharmacophore models should be statistically significant, able to predict the activities of new chemical compounds and retrieve active compounds from the data base. The selected pharmacophore model was validated using these methods: cost analysis, activity prediction, and correlation coefficient.

HypoGen selects the best hypotheses by applying a cost analysis. The overall cost of each hypothesis is calculated by summing three cost factors: a weight cost, an error cost, and a configuration cost. HypoGen also calculates two theoretical costs, the null and fixed costs, which can be used to determine the significance of the selected hypotheses. The cost values of the optimized hypotheses should lie somewhere between these two costs. A larger difference between the fixed and null costs than that between the fixed and total costs signifies the quality of a pharmacophore model. The closer the cost value to the fixed cost and the further away it is from the null cost, the more statistically significant the hypothesis is believed to be.

Pharmacophore study results

In this study, pharmacophore models were generated using hydrogen bond acceptor (HBA), hydrogen bond donor (HBD), hydrophobic (HYP), positive ionizable (PosIon), and ring aromatic (RA) features from compounds **4a**, **4b**, **4e–g**, **7a–b**, **8a–b**, **9a**, **10a–b**, **11a–b**, and **12b**. Ten pharmacophore models were exported for further studies. All of the generated pharmacophore models contained at three chemical features. The best generated pharmacophore contained 2 HBA features and 1 HYP. The constraint distances and angles between the different features of the generated top pharmacophore are presented in Table 3 and Fig. (1).

The top pharmacophore hypothesis generated was developed with a total cost value of 54.97, null cost 63.05, and fixed cost 48.2. Further evaluation of the generated pharmacophore models was based on the correlation coefficient, which was found to be 0.80 that indicates the capability of the pharmacophore model to predict the activity of the training set compounds.

In addition to the cost analysis, the pharmacophore model was validated through the activity prediction of the synthesized structures as a training set. The predicted activities through the pharmacophore model are represented in Table 4 as well as their fit values. Interestingly; compound **11a** which showed the best biological activity has the

Table 3 Constraint distances and angles between features of the generated top pharmacophore model

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Constraint distances | (HBA1–HBA2): 7.018; (HBA1–HYP): 6.392; (HBA2–HYP): 4.62; |
| Constraint angles | (HBA1–HBA2–HYP): 62.7; |

highest fit value while compound **4e** which showed the worst biological activity has the lowest fit value.

The best generated pharmacophore fitted with the synthesized compound **4b** and **11a**, is shown in Fig. 2. The pharmacophore features (hydrogen bond acceptors HBA1 & HBA2, and hydrophobic feature HYP) mapped with the synthesized compounds, as well as their fit values are represented in Table 5.

Conclusion

In summary, we have synthesized novel derivatives of pyrimidine derivatives on the basis of green chemistry principles (catalysis and multicomponent synthesis) using water as a solvent. Six glucoside derivatives were also synthesized. Most of the synthesized products were evaluated for their cytotoxic activity against four tumor cell lines, and it was observed that **4b**, **7a**, **10b**, **11a**, and **12b** showed the most potent cytotoxic effect against different cell lines, as concluded from their IC₅₀ values. In addition, antioxidant activities of these compounds were screened and exhibited potent activities. Generation of a 3D pharmacophore model was also carried out. The predicted cytotoxic activities by the pharmacophore model were very close to those experimentally observed, indicating that pyrimidine derivatives are promising scaffolds for developing more active derivatives in view of their various biological properties.

Experimental

Materials and physical measurements

The chemical reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and the solvents were commercially available from El-Nasr chemicals Co. in analytical grade and were used without further purification. The reactions progress was checked by TLC (Kieselgel 60 F254, 0.20 mm, Merck).

Melting points were determined by the capillary tube method, and the thermometer was uncorrected. The reactions progress was checked by TLC, Mass spectra were obtained on an Agilent 1100 HPLC-MS instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were run in DMSO-d₆, with TMS as the internal standard, on a Bruker ARX-300 instrument

Fig. 1 Constraint distances and angles between features of the generated pharmacophore model with the considered features hydrogen bond acceptors (HBA1 & HBA2) colored in green, and hydrophobic (HYP) colored in cyan

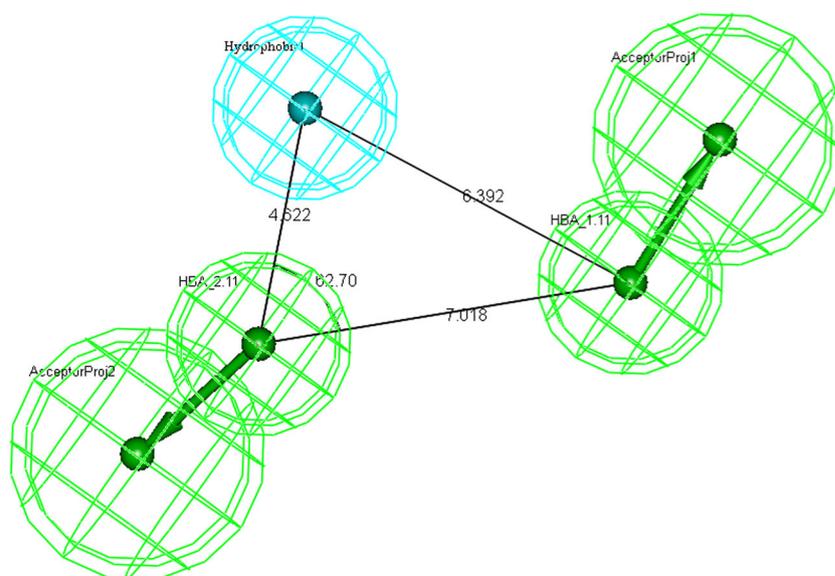


Table 4 Fit values and predicted activities for the synthesized compounds mapped with the generated 3D-pharmacophore model

| Cpd | Predicted activity IC ₅₀ (μg/ml) | Experimental activity IC ₅₀ (μg/ml) | Fit value |
|------------|---|--|-----------|
| 4a | 56.39 | 83.5 ± 4.68 | 4.96 |
| 4b | 17.33 | 12.33 ± 1.3 | 5.47 |
| 4e | 117.91 | >100 | 4.68 |
| 4f | 45.17 | 26.9 ± 1.87 | 5.10 |
| 4g | 51.60 | 55.38 ± 4.1 | 5.05 |
| 7a | 15.44 | 16.34 ± 1.7 | 5.53 |
| 7b | 35.27 | 34.65 ± 3.1 | 5.16 |
| 8a | 56.16 | 74.6 ± 4.38 | 4.96 |
| 8b | 41.63 | 24.36 ± 2.4 | 5.14 |
| 9a | 21.25 | 26.7 ± 2.04 | 5.44 |
| 10a | 17.01 | 26.90 ± 2.2 | 5.53 |
| 10b | 14.23 | 9.39 ± 0.9 | 5.55 |
| 11a | 11.14 | 7.88 ± 0.8 | 5.56 |
| 11b | 23.02 | 49.69 ± 3.7 | 5.35 |
| 12b | 77.61 | 70.63 ± 4.1 | 4.82 |

operating at 300 MHz. IR spectra (KBr disks) were recorded on a Bruker IFS 55 instrument. Elemental analysis was performed with a Carlo-Erba 1106 elemental analysis instrument.

General procedure for synthesis of pyrimidines 4a-g

A mixture of aromatic aldehyde (pyridin-3-carboxaldehyde or thiophen-2-carboxaldehyde) (1 mmol), active methylene compounds (1 mmol) namely ethyl acetoacetate, acetylacetone and 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione, urea derivatives

(urea, thiourea or guanidine hydrochloride) (1 mmol), CAN (0.1 mmol) in distilled water (10 mL) was heated and stirred under reflux at 70 °C for 30 min. The formed solid product was filtered, washed with water, dried and recrystallized from the proper solvent to give pyrimidines **4a-g**.

Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (**4a**)

Yield: 82%, M.p.: 132–134 °C, C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₂S₂ (282.38): Anal. Found: C, 50.87; H, 5.12; N, 9.83% Calc.: C, 51.04; H, 5.00; N, 9.92% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3420–3210, ν NH 1719, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.46, 9.76 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.41–6.89 (m, 3H, thiophene H), 5.42 (s, 1H, CH), 4.07 (q, 2H, CH₂CH₂), 2.27 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.16 (t, 3H, CH₃CH₂) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 181.5 (C = S), 171.5 (CO), 158.5, 110.2 (pyrimidine C), 136.6, 128.5, 125.0, 123.5 (thiophene C), 62.2 (OCH₂), 47.9 (methine), 18.5 (CH₃), 14.8 (CH₃); MS: *m/z* = 282 (M⁺, 100%).

Ethyl 6-methyl-4-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (**4b**)

Yield: 85%, M.p.: 150–152 °C, C₁₃H₁₅N₃O₂S (277.34): Anal. Found: C, 56.23; H, 5.34; N, 15.01% Calc.: C, 56.30; H, 5.45; N, 15.15% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3427–3230, ν NH 1724, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.23, 10.31 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.52–6.99 (m, 4H, thiophene H), 5.33 (s, 1H, CH), 4.11 (q, 2H, CH₂CH₂), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.09 (t, 3H, CH₃CH₂) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 179.5 (C = S), 168.5 (CO), 160.5, 107.5 (pyrimidine C), 153.3, 145.5, 130.5, 128.5, 123.7 (pyridine C), 63.5 (OCH₂), 49.5 (methine), 18.3, 15.5 (2 CH₃); MS: *m/z* = 277 (M⁺, 20%);

Fig. 2 The best generated pharmacophore hypothesis with the considered features, hydrogen bond acceptors (HBA1 and HBA2) colored in green, and hydrophobic (HYP) colored in cyan, with synthesized compound **11a** (a) and **4b** (b) fitted in the pharmacophore with a fit value 5.56 and 5.47, respectively

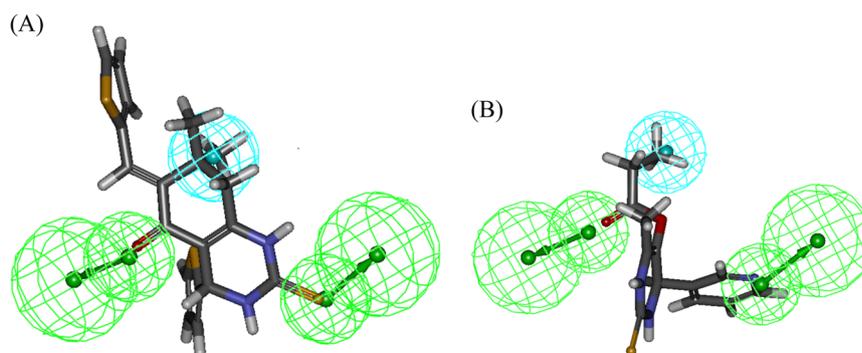


Table 5 The pharmacophore features hydrogen bond acceptors HBA1 and HBA2 and hydrophobic feature HYP mapped with the synthesized compounds as well as their fit values

| Cpd | Fit value | HBA1 | HBA2 | HYP |
|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 4a | 4.96 | S of thiophene ring | Carbonyl of acetyl group | Methyl group |
| 4b | 5.47 | N of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of acetyl group | Methyl of acetyl group |
| 4e | 4.68 | S of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of keto group | Pyridine ring |
| 4f | 5.10 | carbonyl of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of keto group | Thiophene ring |
| 4g | 5.05 | S of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of keto group | Benzyl ring |
| 7a | 5.53 | S of thiophene ring | S of thiazolpyrimidine ring | Methyl group |
| 7b | 5.16 | Carbonyl of thiazolpyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of acetyl group | Methyl of acetyl group |
| 8a | 4.96 | S of pyrimidine ring | Nitrile group | Thiophene ring |
| 8b | 5.14 | S of pyrimidine ring | Nitrile group | Pyridine ring |
| 9a | 5.44 | S of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of carboxylic group | Thiophene ring |
| 10a | 5.53 | S of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of cyclohexyl group | Dimethyl group |
| 10b | 5.55 | N of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of cyclohexyl group | Dimethyl group |
| 11a | 5.56 | S of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of cyclohexyl group | Dimethyl group |
| 11b | 5.35 | N of pyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of cyclohexyl group | Dimethyl group |
| 12b | 4.82 | Carbonyl of thiazolpyrimidine ring | Carbonyl of cyclohexyl group | Dimethyl group |

1-(6-Methyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl) ethanone (**4c**)

Yield: 80%, M.p.: 147–149 °C, C₁₁H₁₂N₂OS₂ (252.36): Anal. Found: C, 52.23; H, 4.65; N, 11.03% Calc. C, 52.35; H, 4.79; N, 11.10% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3424–3272, ν NH 1665, ν CO; ¹H NMR (DMSO, ppm): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.85, 9.64 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.99–7.33 (m, 3H, thiophene H), 5.12 (s, 1H, CH), 2.45 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.13 (s, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 188.0 (C=O), 180.5 (CS), 157.5, 108.8 (pyrimidine C), 136.5, 127.5, 126.2, 123.3 (thiophene C), 63.5 (OCH₂), 48.6 (methine), 23.5 (CH₃), 18.0 (CH₃); MS: m/z = 252 (M⁺, 100%), 253 (M⁺, 18%).

1-(2-Imino-6-methyl-4-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl) ethanone (**4d**)

Yield: 79%, M.p.: 136–138 °C, C₁₂H₁₄N₄O (230.27): Anal. Found: C, 62.68; H, 6.02; N, 24.39% Calc.: C, 62.59; H,

6.13; N, 24.33% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3416, 3303, 3182, ν NH, NH₂ 1666 (CO); ¹H NMR (DMSO, ppm): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.30 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.08 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.85–7.12 (m, 4H, pyridine H), 4.76 (s, 1H, CH), 2.73 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 184 (CO), 158.3, 152.5, 112.5 (pyrimidine C), 148.5, 146.2, 131.5, 129.5, 126.4 (pyridine C), 49.5 (methine), 22.0, 18.5 (2 CH₃); MS: m/z = 230 (M⁺, 60%).

1-(6-Methyl-4-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl) ethanone (**4e**)

Yield: 86%, M.p.: 118–120 °C, C₁₂H₁₃N₃OS (247.32): Anal. Found: C, 58.39; H, 5.17; N, 16.83% Calc.: C, 58.28; H, 5.30; N, 16.99% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3424–3299, ν NH 1670, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.39, 9.82 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.87–6.93 (m, 4H, pyridine H), 5.53 (s, 1H, CH), 2.32 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.21 (s, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 188.5 (CO), 178.0 (CS), 158.5, 110.0 (pyrimidine C),

150.5, 148.2, 132.3, 128.5, 123.5 (pyridine C), 48.7 (methine), 23.0, 18.0 (2 CH₃).

5-Benzoyl-6-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (4f)

Yield: 88%, M.p., 143–145 °C, C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₂S (360.43): Anal. Found: C, 69.84; H, 4.35; N, 7.62% Calc.: C, 69.98; H, 4.47; N, 7.77% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3430–3245, ν NH 1670, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 17.15, 10.21 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 8.19–7.34 (m, 13H, phenyl and thiophene H), 4.88 (s, 1H, CH) ppm; ¹³CNMR: 195.6 (C=O), 185.3 (NHCO), 93.2, 127.4, 128.8, 132.9, 133.6, 134.6, 136.2, 138.2 (unsaturated carbons), 49.4 (methine C); MS: *m/z* = 360 (M⁺, 47%).

Phenyl(6-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl) methanone (4g)

Yield: 83%, M.p., 153–155 °C, C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₂S₂ (376.49): Anal. Found: C, 67.12; H, 4.32; N, 7.48% Calc. for C: 66.99; H: 4.28; N: 7.44% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3424–3157 ν NH 1665, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 17.14, 10.13 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 8.19–7.35 (m, 13H, phenyl and thiophene H), 4.88 (s, 1H, CH) ppm; ¹³CNMR: 195.6 (CO), 185.3 (CS), 93.2, 127.4, 128.5, 128.7, 132.9, 133.6 (unsaturated carbons), 49.3 (methine C); MS: *m/z* = 376 (M⁺, 63%).

Synthesis of glucosides 5a–c

Method A [Limousin et al. 1997]: 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-α-D-glucopyranosyl bromide (1 mmol) and potassium hydroxide (1 mmol) were mixed and pyrimidine **4e–g** was added. After 5 min under microwave irradiation, ethylacetate was added to the reaction mixture, filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residues were recrystallized to give glucoside derivatives **5a–c**.

Method B 2,3,4,6-Tetra-*O*-acetyl-α-D-glucopyranosyl bromide (1 mmol) was added to stirred solution of pyrimidine **4e–g** (1 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL) containing potassium hydroxide (1 mmol) and still stirring for 10 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered off, washed and recrystallized from ethanol to give glucosides **5a–c**.

2-(Acetoxymethyl)-6-((5-acetyl-6-methyl-4-(pyridin-3-yl)-1,4-dihydro pyrimidin-2-yl)thio)-3,4,5-triacetyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (5a)

Yield: 68%, M.p., 136–138 °C, C₂₆H₃₁N₃O₁₀S (577.17): Anal. Found: C, 54.16; H, 5.51; N, 7.35% Calc.: C, 54.07; H, 5.41; N, 7.28% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3433–3260, ν NH 1743–1662, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.53 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.56–7.05 (m, 4H, pyridine H), 4.80 (s, 1H, CH), 4.72

(s, 2H, CH₂), 4.13–4.68 (m, 5H, 5 CH glucose), 2.65 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH₃); 1.95–2.20 (4 s, 12H, 4 CH₃CO), ppm; ¹³C NMR: 192.3 (COCH₃), 171.2 (OCO), 159.5, 158.4, 112.5 (pyrimidine C), 150.4, 147.5, 134.5, 131.5, 123.8 (pyridine C), 78.5, 77.3, 73.3, 68.4, 65.5 (glucose C), 63.5 (OCH₂), 47.8 (methine), 26.5 (CH₃CO), 22.5 (CH₃COO), 18.5 (CH₃); MS: *m/z* = 577 (M⁺, 30%), 578 (M⁺, 23%).

2-(Acetoxymethyl)-6-((5-benzoyl-6-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl)oxy)-3,4,5-triacetyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (5b)

Yield: 71%, M.p., 152–154 °C, C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₁₁S (690.19): Anal. Found: C, 60.78; H, 4.85; N, 4.01% Calc.: for C, 60.86; H, 4.96; N, 4.06% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3385–3220 ν (NH), 1735–1672 ν (CO); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.86 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.02–7.11 (m, 13H, Ar H), 4.94 (s, 1H, CH), 4.77 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.10–4.60 (m, 5H, 5 CH glucose), 2.07–2.28 (4s, 12H, 4 CH₃CO), ppm; ¹³C NMR: 190.2 (COC₆H₅), 171.2 (OCO), 155.5, 153.4, 108.3 (pyrimidine C), 139.2, 138.2, 133.5, 132.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 126.5, 125.2, 124.8, 122.5 (phenyl and thiazole C), 80.5, 73.2, 72.5, 68.5, 66.8 (glucose C), 61.5 (OCH₂), 50.2 (methine), 21.3 (CH₃COO).

2-(Acetoxymethyl)-6-((5-benzoyl-6-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-2-yl) thio)- 3,4,5-triacetyl-β-D-glucopyranoside (5c)

Yield: 67%, M.p., 144–145 °C, C₃₅H₃₄N₂O₁₀S₂ (706.17): Anal. Found: C, 59.35; H, 4.78; N, 3.88% Calc.: C, 59.48; H, 4.85; N, 3.96% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3410–3245, ν NH 1740–1683, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.12 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.10–7.25 (m, 13H, Ar H), 5.05 (s, 1H, CH), 4.90 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.16–4.73 (m, 5H, 5 CH glucose), 1.97–2.25 (4s, 12H, 4 CH₃CO), ppm; ¹³C NMR: 189.5 (COC₆H₅), 171.5 (OCO), 155.2, 152.5, 110.2 (pyrimidine C), 139.5, 138.4, 134.3, 131.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 126.5, 126.2, 125.5, 123.5, 122.2 (phenyl and thiazole C), 81.3, 74.5, 71.5, 69.2, 65.8 (glucose C), 64.2 (OCH₂), 49.3 (methine), 23.5 (CH₃COO).

General procedures for synthesis of deacetylated glucoside derivatives 6a–c

A solution of acetylated glucosides **5a–c** (1 mol) in methanol and ammonia (1:1) was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. After evaporation of solvent, the residue was dissolved in ethanol (15 mL) and left over night. The precipitated solid was filtered off and dried to give products 6a–c.

1-(6-Methyl-4-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-((3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyl thio)-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-5-yl)ethan-1-one (6a)

Yield: 66%, M.p., 164–166 °C, C₁₈H₂₃N₃O₆S (409.13): Anal. Found: C, 59.89; H, 4.93; N, 5.28% Calcd.: C, 60.06; H, 5.02; N, 5.36% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3430-3196, ν OH, NH 1690-1675, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.30 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.48-7.07 (m, 4H, pyridine H), 5.10 (s, 1H, CH), 4.80 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.91–5.22 (m, 4H, 4 OH), 3.60-4.32 (m, 5H, 5 CH glucose), 2.70 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.18 (s, 3H, CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 191.5 (COCH₃), 157.3, 158.5, 110.3 (pyrimidine C), 152.5, 148.2, 133.5, 132.3, 122.5 (pyridine C), 79.3, 77.5, 72.5, 67.3, 64.2 (glucose C), 65.5 (OCH₂), 47.3 (methine), 23.2 (CH₃CO), and 20.2 (CH₃).

Phenyl(6-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-((3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)- β -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-5-yl)methanone (6b)

Yield: 65%, M.p., 164–166 °C, C₂₇H₂₆N₂O₇S (522.15): Anal. Found: C, 59.89; H, 4.93; N, 5.28% Calcd.: C, 60.06; H, 5.02; N, 5.36% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3430-3196, ν OH, NH 1690-1675, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 11.12 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.98-6.99 (m, 13H, ArH), 5.03 (s, 1H, CH), 4.75 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.82–5.18 (m, 4H, 4 OH), 3.70–4.45 (m, 5H, 5 CH glucose) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 188.5 (COC₆H₅), 154.3, 153.5, 110.5 (pyrimidine C), 138.7, 136.5, 133.2, 132.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.5, 126.3, 125.5, 123.5, 122.8, 121.5 (phenyl and thiazole C), 79.5, 74.3, 73.5, 68.8, 65.5 (glucose C), 62.8 (OCH₂), and 48.5 (methine).

Phenyl(6-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-(((2S,3R,4S,5S,6R)-3,4,5-trihydroxy-6-(hydroxymethyl)- β -D-glucopyranosylthio)-1,4-dihydropyrimidin-5-yl)methanone (6c)

Yield: 68%, M.p., 152–153 °C, C₂₇H₂₆N₂O₆S₂ (538.12): Anal. Found: C, 6.11; H, 4.79; N, 5.15% Calcd.: C, 60.21; H, 4.87; N, 5.20% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3413-3218, ν OH, NH 1687-1676, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 10.75 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.02-6.97 (m, 13H, ArH), 4.94 (s, 1H, CH), 4.65 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.73–5.32 (m, 4H, 4 OH), 4.03–4.48 (m, 5H, 5 CH glucose) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 191.0 (COC₆H₅), 154.5, 148.3, 112.5 (pyrimidine C), 139.2, 136.5, 133.5, 129.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 126.3, 125.8, 123.3, 122.5, 121.4 (phenyl and thiazole C), 80.5, 75.2, 72.5, 68.5, 65.5 (glucose C), 62.5 (OCH₂), 49.5 (methine); MS: m/z = 538 (M⁺, 12%).

Synthesis of 7a,b

A mixture of pyrimidine **4a** (1 mmol) and chloroacetylchloride or oxaloyl chloride (1 mmol) in pyridine (2 mL) was heated under reflux for 4 h. After cooling, the

reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice/HCl. The formed solid product was collected by filtration, washed, dried, and crystallized from proper solvent.

Ethyl-7-methyl-2-oxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (7a)

Yield: 81%, M.p., 165–167 °C, Anal. Found: C, 52.02; H, 4.31; N, 8.56% Calc. C₁₄H₁₄N₂O₃S₂ (322.40): C, 52.16; H, 4.38; N, 8.69% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1724-1703, ν CO 1649, ν C = N; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 7.35-6.88 (m, 3H, thiophene H), 5.42 (s, 1H, CH), 4.02–4.10 (q, 2H, CH₂CH₂), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.72 (s, 2H, COCH₂), 1.16 (t, 3H, CH₂CH₂) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 191.0, 172.5 (2CO), 156.5, 153.2, 118.5 (pyrimidine C), 135.5, 127.2, 126.5, 122.5 (thiophene C), 63.5, 61.2 (2 OCH₂), 48.7 (methine), 18.0 (CH₃), 14.5 (CH₃); MS: m/z = 322 (M⁺, 35%).

Ethyl 7-methyl-2,3-dioxo-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-a] pyrimidine-6-carboxylate (7b)

Yield: 79%, M.p., 182–184 °C, C₁₄H₁₂N₂O₄S₂ (336.38): Anal. Found: C, 49.86; H, 3.44; N, 8.15% Calc. C: 49.99; H: 3.60; N: 8.33% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1722-1703 ν (CO), ν 1646 (C = N); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 7.36-6.88 (m, 3H, thiophene H), 5.41 (s, 1H, CH), 4.03–4.09 (q, 2H, CH₂CH₂), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.85 (s, 2H, COCH₂), 1.17 (t, 3H, CH₂CH₂) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 189.5, 175.3, 167.5 (3CO), 157.6, 148.5, 116.0 (pyrimidine C), 134.4, 128.5, 125.5, 121.5 (thiophene C), 62.3 (OCH₂), 51.3 (methine), 18.5 (CH₃), 14.2 (CH₃); MS: m/z = 336 (M⁺, 82%).

General procedures for synthesis of pyrimidines 8a,b

The same procedures described before for synthesis of **4a–g**.

4-Oxo-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile (8a)

Yield: 84%, M.p., 121–122 °C, C₉H₅N₃OS₂ (235.29): Anal. Found: C, 45.85; H, 2.19; N, 18.01% Calc. C, 45.94; H, 2.14; N, 17.86% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3440-3230, ν NH 2259, ν C \equiv N 1683, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 12.82, 8.35 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.90-7.13 (m, 3H, thiophene-H) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 178.5 (CS), 172.2 (CO), 160.0, 111.5 (pyrimidine C), 133.5, 128.8, 123.5, 122.2 (thiophene C), 116.5 (CN).

4-Oxo-6-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carbonitrile (8b)

Yield: 82%, M.p., 96–97 °C, C₁₀H₆N₄OS (230.25): Anal. Found: C, 52.01; H, 2.56; N, 24.18% Calc. C, 52.16; H, 2.63; N, 24.33% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3394-3102, ν NH 2215, ν

$C\equiv N$ 1668, ν_{CO} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 12.82, 8.36 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.92–7.12 (m, 4H, pyridine H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR: 173.8 (CS), 168.5 (CO), 158.5, 115.3 (pyrimidine C), 156.5, 148.2, 130.5, 126.8, 125.5 (pyrimidine C), 114.5 (CN); MS: $m/z = 230$ (M^+ , 67%).

General procedures for synthesis of acids 9a,b

Nitrile **8a,b** (1 mmol) was added to potassium hydroxide solution 10% (20 mL), the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h. Acidification with HCl afforded solid products **9a,b** that collected by filtration, dried, and crystallized.

Yield: 78%, M.p., 129–131 °C, $C_9H_6N_2O_3S_2$ (254.28): Anal. Found: C, 42.35; H, 2.29; N, 10.88% Calc. C, 42.51; H, 2.38; N, 11.02% IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3432–3159, ν_{NH} , OH 1682–1664, ν_{CO} 1339, ν_{CS} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 12.27 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable), 11.38, 9.75 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.62–7.15 (m, 3H, thiophene- H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR: 175.5 (CS), 171.5, 169.5 (2 CO), 158.2, 110.3 (pyrimidine C), 132.3, 126.5, 125.8, 123.0 (thiophene C); MS: $m/z = 254$ (M^+ , 100%), 255 (M^+ , 28%).

4-Oxo-6-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-thioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid (9b)

Yield: 80%, M.P., 115–116 °C, $C_{10}H_7N_3O_3S$ (249.24): Anal. Found: C, 48.11; H, 2.72; N, 16.80% Calc. C, 48.19; H, 2.83; N, 16.86% IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3385–3221, ν_{NH} , OH 1687–1660, ν_{CO} 1342, ν_{CS} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 11.89 (s, 1H, OH, exchangeable), 11.07, 9.33 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.56–7.11 (m, 4H, pyridine —H) ppm; MS: $m/z = 249$ (M^+ , 55%).

General procedures for synthesis of quinazolines 10a,b

The same procedures described before for synthesis of **4a–g**.

7,7-Dimethyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-thioxo-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(1H)-one (10a)

Yield: 86%, M.p., 133–134 °C, $C_{14}H_{16}N_2OS_2$ (292.42): Anal. Found: C, 57.42; H, 5.41; N, 9.45% Calc. C, 57.50; H, 5.52; N, 9.58% IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3417–3220, ν_{NH} 1672, ν_{CO} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 8.27, 8.13 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 7.35–6.81 (m, 3H, thiophene H), 5.20 (s, 1H, CH), 2.62–2.12 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.01, 1.09 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR: 185.8 (CO), 172.5 (CS), 158.3, 136.5, 128.2, 123.5, 118.2, 110.2 (thiophene and pyrimidine carbons), 56.5 (CH₂CO), 51.3 (methine C), 38.2 (CH₂), 32.5 ($\underline{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 18.5 (2CH₃); MS: $m/z = 292$ (M^+ , 48%), 293 (M^+ , 56%).

2-Imino-7,7-dimethyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(1H)-one (10b)

Yield: 83%, M.p., 142–143 °C, $C_{14}H_{17}N_3OS$ (275.37): Anal. Found: C, 61.00; H, 6.14; N, 15.21% Calc. C, 61.06; H, 6.22; N, 15.26% IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3384–3174, ν_{NH} , NH₂ 1685, ν_{CO} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 8.35 (brs, 1H, NH), 8.12 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.42–6.88 (m, 3H, thiophene H), 4.93 (s, 1H, CH), 2.58–2.26 (m, 4H, 2CH₂), 1.04, 0.99 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR: 161.29 (CO), 153.16, 152.22, 136.42, 127.56, 124.13, 115.22, 104.93, (thiophene and pyrimidine carbons), 48.15 (methine C), 41.20 ($\underline{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 62.54 (CH₂), and 13.93 (2CH₃).

General procedures for synthesis of 11a,b

A mixture of thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (1 mmol) and pyrimidine derivative **10a,b** in H₂O: EtOH (60:40%) (20 mL) was stirred and heated under reflux for 4 h. After cooling the solid product was filtered off and crystallized to give pure products **11a,b**.

7,7-Dimethyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-2-thioxo-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(1H)-one (11a)

Yield: 85%, M.p., 147–148 °C, $C_{19}H_{18}N_2OS_3$ (386.55): Anal. Found: C, 58.88; H, 4.55; N, 7.16% Calc. C, 59.04; H, 4.69; N, 7.25% IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3304–3156 ν_{NH} 1670, ν_{CO} 1337, ν_{CS} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 9.44, 8.81 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 8.31 (s, 1H, CH = C), 7.63–6.97 (m, 6H, H), 5.12 (s, 1H, CH), 2.73 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.05, 1.10 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR: 183.5 (CO), 175.2 (CS), 163.3, 158.5, 152.2, 136.3, 131.5, 130.6, 129.4, 128.8, 126.2, 122.5, 121.3, 108.5 (pyrimidine carbons, thiophene and CH = C), 53.6 (methine C), 46.5 (CH₂), 30.8 ($\underline{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 21.3 (2CH₃); MS: $m/z = 386$ (M^+ , 100%).

2-Imino-7,7-dimethyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-6-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-2,3,4,6,7,8-hexahydroquinazolin-5(1H)-one (11b)

Yield: 80%, M.p., 160–162 °C, $C_{19}H_{19}N_3OS_2$ (369.50) Anal. Found: C, 61.68; H, 5.05; N, 11.28% Calc.: C, 61.76; H, 5.18; N, 11.37% IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3432–3155, ν_{NH} , NH₂ 1670, ν_{CO} 1336, ν_{CS} ; 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 10.27, 9.36 (2brs, 2H, 2NH), 8.28 (s, 1H, CH = C), 7.58–7.02 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 4.98 (s, 1H, CH), 2.70 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.02, 1.08 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; ^{13}C NMR: 181.5 (CO), 161.5, 158.2, 153.6, 148.4, 136.5, 133.2, 131.5, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 123.7, 121.1, 106.5 (pyrimidine carbons, thiophene, C = NH, and CH = C), 48.2 (methine C), 42.5 (CH₂), 35.3 ($\underline{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 18.5 (2CH₃); MS: $m/z = 369$ (M^+ , 72%).

Synthesis of 12a,b and 13a,b

A mixture of pyrimidine **11a,b** (1 mmol) and chloroacetylchloride or oxaloyl chloride (1 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL) was heated under reflux for 4 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice/HCl. The formed solid products **12a,b** and **13a,b** were collected by filtration, washed, dried, and crystallized from proper solvent.

8,8-Dimethyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-5,7,8,9-tetra hydro-6H-thiazolo[2,3-b]quinazoline-2,6(3H)-dione (12a)

Yield: 75%, M.p., 205–207 °C, C₂₁H₁₈N₂O₂S₃ (426.57): Anal. Found: C, 59.04; H, 4.12; N, 6.49% Calc.: C, 59.13; H, 4.25; N, 6.57% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1720–1663, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 7.29–7.16 (m, 6H, thiophene H+ CH = C), 4.49 (s, 1H, CH), 2.29 (s, H, CH₂CO), 2.11 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.03, 0.90 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 190.2, 182.3 (2 CO), 160.1, 158.3, 153.5, 134.2, 132.2, 130.1, 128.4, 127.5, 126.5, 121.7, 120.2, 106.5 (pyrimidine carbons, thiophene and CH = C), 47.4 (methine C), 62.2, 44.3 (2 CH₂), 32.5 (C(CH₃)₂), 23.8 (2CH₃); MS: *m/z* = 426 (M⁺, 33%), 427 (M⁺, 27%).

8,8-Dimethyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydroimidazo[2,1-b]quinazoline -2,6(1H,3H)-dione (12b)

Yield: 80%, M.p., 186–187 °C, C₂₁H₁₉N₃O₂S₂ (409.52): Anal. Found: C, 61.52; H, 4.57; N, 10.18% Calc.: C, 61.59; H, 4.68; N, 10.26% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3432–3235, ν NH 1690–1660, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 8.70 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.98–7.16 (m, 6H, thiophene H+ CH = C), 2.29 (s, H, CH₂CO), 2.05 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.03, 0.92 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; MS: *m/z* = 409 (M⁺, 100%).

8,8-Dimethyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-8,9-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[2,3-b] quinazoline-2,3,6(7H)-trione (13a)

Yield: 76%, M.p., 214–216 °C, C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₃S₃ (440.55): Anal. Found: C, 57.31; H, 3.69; N, 6.40% Calc. C, 57.25; H, 3.66; N, 6.36% IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1720–1675, νCO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 7.72–7.08 (m, 6H, thiophene H+ CH = C), 4.65 (s, 1H, CH), 2.20 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.08, 0.97 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; MS: *m/z* = 440 (M⁺, 70%).

8,8-Dimethyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-7-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydroimidazo[2,1-b] quinazoline-2,3,6(1H)-trione (13b)

Yield: 78%, M.p., 205–207 °C C₂₁H₁₇N₃O₃S₂ (423.51): Anal. Found: C, 59.43; H, 4.01; N, 9.85% Calc. C, 59.56; H, 4.05;

N, 9.92. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3382–3243, ν NH 1703–1681, ν CO; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): 9.23 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.88–7.25 (m, 6H, thiophene H+ CH = C), 2.13 (s, 2H, CH₂), 1.11, 1.05 (2s, 6H, 2CH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR: 183.5, 178.2, 171.8 (3 CO), 162.3, 158.5, 153.8, 136.2, 133.6, 131.5, 128.6, 127.2, 126.3, 123.5, 122.3, 108.3 (pyrimidine carbons, thiophene and CH = C), 55.2 (methine C), 48.3 (CH₂), 33.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 21.2 (2CH₃); MS: *m/z* = 423 (M⁺, 62%), 424 (M⁺, 45%).

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