

## Synthesis, characterization and antibacterial activity of some tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyran and Pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives

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**ABSTRACT:** In this study, a simple and efficient one-pot synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans from the three-component reaction between dimedone, different aromatic aldehydes and malonitril compounds using  $\text{NH}_4\text{Al}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Alum) as a catalyst at 80 °C is described. As a part of our research works in the synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives containing biological activities, a series of novel pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives 2 were synthesized via reaction of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrano derivatives 1 with different reagents in suitable yields. The structures of the entire synthesized compound were well analyzed and their structures established by using various spectral techniques ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and IR). Furthermore, all compounds were evaluated for their in vitro antimicrobial activity against different bacterial strains. Antibacterial behavior of product was studied based on reference Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.

**Keywords:** Antimicrobial activity, Alum, One-pot synthesis, Pyrimidine, Tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans.

## INTRODUCTION

Tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans bearing oxygen atom has received an increasing interest because of attractive pharmacological and biological properties [1, 2]. They are class of drugs which work as antianaphylactin, anticoagulant, anticancer, diuretic, and spasmolytic agents [3, 4] and can be used as cognitive enhancers for the treatment of neurodegenerative disease, including Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, Down's syndrome and schizophrenia [5, 6]. Further-

more, these compounds occur in a series of natural. On the other hand, heterocyclic compounds containing a pyrimidine or quinoline nucleus are of special interests due to their applications in medicinal chemistry as they are the basic skeleton of a number of several bioactive compounds such as antifungal [7], antibacterial [8, 9], antitumor [10], antitubercular [11, 12], anticonvulsant [13] and ureas inhibitor [14, 15]. A combination of these two ring systems may have a variety of structural and biological activities. Therefore, preparation of heterocyclic compounds containing a pyran and pyrimi-

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dine moieties is still a significant synthetic challenge. In this article, we report the preparation and characterization of a tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrano derivatives and novel pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives. In addition, we have evaluated for their in-vitro antibacterial activity against some gram-positive and gram-negative microorganisms.

## EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points were uncorrected and measured using capillary tubes on an Electrothermal digital apparatus. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzo FT-IR 300 spectrophotometer in KBr. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 and 300 MHz spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as an internal standard. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin-layer chromatography TLC (Thin-Layer Chromatography) using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc (3:1) as an eluent. The starting material tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrano derivatives 1(a-h) are easily obtained via one pot reaction of malonitrile, dimedone and aromatic aldehyde in presence of Alum [16].

### General procedure for synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyran derivatives 1(a-h)

Aluminum potassium disulfide (10 mol%) was added to mixture of dimedone (1 mmol), benzaldehyde derivatives (1 mmol) and malonitrile (1 mmol) in 8 mL water and was heated under reflux. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC in 5 min interval. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled and the crystalline product so obtained was filtered, washed with water, and dried in vacuum. The desired compounds, tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans 1(a-h) were isolated in high yields in essentially pure form.

### 2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(phenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1a)

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3200-2850 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2200 (CN), 1680 (C=O) and 1650 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 7.21-7.33 (5H, m, aromatic), 4.55 (2H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.39 (1H, s, H pyran), 2.52 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>, J=16 Hz), 2.26 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>, J=16 Hz), 1.14 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 1.07 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(4-methylphenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1b)

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3223-2924 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 3043 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2193 (CN), 1676 (C=O), 1602 (C=C) and 1033-1367 (O-C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 7.00-7.10 (6H, m, 4CH<sub>aromatic</sub> and 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.13 (1H, s, H pyran), 2.46 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.06-2.24 (4H, d, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.03 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 0.95 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1c)

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3050-2880 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2180 (CN), 1680 (C=O), 1650 (C=C), 1370 and 1530 (NO<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 8.12 (1H, d, aromatic, CH), 8.06 (1H, s, aromatic, CH), 7.70 (1H, d, aromatic, 1 CH, J = 4.6 Hz), 7.51 (1H, t, aromatic, 1 CH, J = 4.7 Hz), 4.79 (2H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.56 (1H, s, H pyran), 2.55 (2H, d, d CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 10.7, 14.7 Hz), 2.26 (2H, d, d CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 9.8, 18.5 Hz), 1.15 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 1.07 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1d)

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3379 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3050-2880 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2188 (CN), 1674 (C=O) and 1631 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 8.12 (1H, d, aromatic, CH), 8.06 (1H, d, aromatic, CH), 7.70 (1H, d, aromatic, 1 CH), 7.51 and 7.53 (1H, t, aromatic, 1 CH), 4.79 (2H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.19 (1H, s, H pyran), 2.22 (2H, d, d CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 10.7, 14.7 Hz), 2.12 (2H, d, d CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 9.8, 18.5 Hz), 1.05 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 0.96 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1e)

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3408 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3075-2943 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2183 (CN), 1670 (C=O), 1631 (C=C) and 1595 (NO<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 8.16 (2H, d, aromatic, CH), 7.45 (2H, d, aromatic, CH), 7.11 (2H, s), 4.36 (1H, s), 2.52 (2H, s, d CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 10.7, 14.7 Hz), 2.26 (2H, d, d CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 9.8, 18.5 Hz), 1.05 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 1.07 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

### 2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(4-bromophenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1f)

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3398 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3211-2893 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2191 (CN), 1683 (C=O) and 1656 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 7.49-7.53 (2H, m, aromatic, 2CH, C3,5), 7.13-7.15 (4 H, m, aromatic, 2CH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.41 (1H, s, H pyrani), 3.45-3.51 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.10-2.31 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>, J=15,18 Hz), 1.08 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 0.97 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1g)**

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3390 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3200-2810 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2180 (CN), 1690 (C=O), 1650 (C=C) and 1100-1300 (C-O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 6.81-7.05 (4H, m, aromatic, 4CH), 6.96 (2H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.10 (1H, s, H pyran), 3.69 (3H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.10-2.49 (4H, d, 2CH<sub>2</sub>) and 0.93-1.01 (6H, t, 2CH<sub>3</sub>).

**2-Amino-3-cyano-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-7,7-dimethyl-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-5-oxo-4H-benzopyran(1h)**

IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3464 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3336-3363 (OH), 3022-2929 (CH<sub>aliphatic & aromatic</sub>), 2196 (CN), 1690 (C=O) and 1660 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  ppm: (δ): 6.99 (2H, aromatic, 2CH), 6.63 (2H, aromatic, 2CH), 5.7 (2H, s, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (1H, s, H pyran), 2.37 (1H, s, OH), 2.05-2.15 (4H, d, 2CH<sub>2</sub>, J=16 Hz), 1.15 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>) and 1.01 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**General procedure for synthesis of pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives 2(a-h)**

A solution of compound 1 (1 mmol) in Ac<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL) with catalytic amount of concentrated sulfuric acid (3-4 drops) was heated under reflux for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and kept for one day. The mixture was poured into water and the formed solid was filtrated, washed with water, and recrystallized from 2-propanol.

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-phenyl-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2a)**

White solid; m.p. 256-258 °C; Yield 60%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400 (NH), 2962 (CH), 1674, 1610 (C=O) and 1452 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.05, 1.12 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.35 (s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.26 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 4.92 (s, 1H, H(5)); 7.12-7.32 (m, 5H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) and 13.10 (s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 21.30, 27.74, 29.29,

32.51, 33.28, 41.12, 50.89, 103.02, 114.50, 127.02, 128.29, 128.66, 128.29, 143.32, 148.31, 158.56, 161.15, 165.44 and 196.62.

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(4-methylphenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2b)**

White solid; m.p. 238-239 °C; Yield 50%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3430 (NH), 2961 (CH), 1670, 1610 (C=O) and 1512 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.05, 1.11 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.24, 2.37 (both s, 3H each, C(5)-p-CH<sub>3</sub>-Phenyl, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.28 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.57 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 4.88 (s, 1H, H(5)); 7.00-7.11 (m, 4H, Ar-H) and 13.10 (br, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 21.40, 27.77, 29.30, 32.51, 32.83, 41.12, 50.92, 103.17, 114.98, 128.49, 129.021, 136.57, 140.45, 158.45, 161.05, 163.40, 165.29 and 196.66.

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2c)**

Pale Yellow solid; m.p.>285 °C; Yield 81%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3439(NH), 2961 (CH), 1674, 1632 (C=O) and 1526 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.10, 1.16 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.26 (s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.40 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.65 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 5.04 (s, 1H, H(5)); 7.40-8.21 (m, 4H, Ar-H) and 13.35 (br, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 21.46, 27.76, 29.23, 32.56, 33.52, 41.10, 50.77, 101.74, 113.72, 122.16, 123.81, 129.07, 134.80, 145.33, 148.29, 159.36, 161.27, 165.27 and 195.53.

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2d)**

White solid; m.p. 224-225 °C; Yield 50%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3430 (NH), 2961 (CH), 1663, 1620 (C=O) and 1512 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.07, 1.15 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.21(m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.50(s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.57 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 5.05 (s, 1H, H(5)); 7.01-7.50 (m, 4H, Ar-H) and 13.10 (br, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 27.40, 29.52, 32.05, 32.25, 41.70, 40.09, 50.87, 113.87, 115.43, 126.56, 126.90, 127.91, 130.00, 130.37, 131.83, 133.12, 133.63, 140.06, 161.27, 163.27 and 196.84.

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2e)**

White solid; m.p. 250-251 °C; Yield 70%; IR (KBr)

$\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3438 (NH), 2926 (CH), 1655, 1610 (C=O) and 1510 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.05, 1.14 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.31(m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.40 (s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.61 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 5.02 (s, 1H, H(5)); 8.11-7.51 (m, 4H, Ar-H) and 13.10 (br, 1H, NH).

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(4-bromophenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2f)**  
Pale yellow solid; m.p. >310 °C; Yield 51%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431 (NH), 2959 (CH), 1667, 1611 (C=O) and 1485 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.05, 1.13 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.23 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.36 (s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.58 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 4.88 (s, 1H, H(5)); 7.18-7.33 (m, 4H, Ar-H) and 13.10 (br, 1H, NH).

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2g)**  
Cream solid; m.p. 220-221 °C; Yield 60%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3457 (NH), 2930 (CH), 1659, 1640 (C=O) and 1504 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.11, 1.18 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.25 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>);

2.33 (s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.59 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.68 (s, 3H, O-CH<sub>3</sub>); 4.68 (s, 1H, H(5)); 7.07-7.11 (m, 4H, Ar-H) and 13.03 (br, 1H, NH).

**2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-5,7,8,9-tetrahydro-4H-chromno-[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H)-dione (2h)**  
White solid; m.p. 201-203 °C; Yield 67%; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3450 (NH), 2961 (CH), 1678, 1636 (C=O) and 1488 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm: 1.06, 1.12 (both s, 3H each, C(8) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); 2.24 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.36 (s, 3H, C(2)-CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.59 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 4.94 (s, 1H, H(5)); 6.68-7.27 (m, 4H, Ar-H); 7.02 (s, 1H, OH) and 13.30 (br, 1H, NH).

#### Antibacterial activity

Antibacterial activity of synthesized compounds was assessed by the disc diffusion method [17] using Mueller-Hinton Agar against Escherichia Coli (ATTC-25922) as a gram negative bacteria as well as Bacillus anthracis (ATTC-25924) and Staphylococcus aureus (ATTC-25923) as gram positive bacteria. Cefazolin was used as a standard. Normal saline was used for preparation of inoculants having turbidity equal to 0.5

Table 1. Antibacterial activity of newly synthesized compounds (inhibition zones, mm).

Comp. No	E. Coli	Ba. anthracis	St. aureus
1a	8	7	7
1b	28	6	7
1c	10	10	3
1d	16	6	14
1e	25	5	4
1f	12	10	2
1g	10	9	4
1h	14	8	20
2a	-	15	10
2b	11	15	17
2c	-	14	20
2d	13	10	3
2e	18	14	5
2f	15	18	4
2g	16	15	10
2h	12	10	10
Cefazolin	13	8	6

Table 2. MIC values of compounds 1(a-h) and 2(a-h).

Comp. No	MIC ( $\mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$ )		
	E. Coli	Ba. anthracis	St. aureus
1a	1800	1800	900
1b	1800	-	900
1c	900	900	225
1d	-	-	1800
1e	450	900	450
1f	-	1800	1800
1g	1800	900	450
1h	-	1800	900
2a	225	450	112
2b	NP	1800	1800
2c	900	900	112
2d	225	450	112
2e	450	1800	900
2f	450	1800	900
2g	225	900	112
2h	1800	NP	1800
Cefazolin	450	900	NP

NP: not performed

McFarland standards. The compounds were dissolved in dimethyl formamide (DMF) for bioassay. The solvent control was included, although no inhibition zone was found. The plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. All samples were tested in triplicate and the average results of inhibitory effects are illustrated in Table 1.

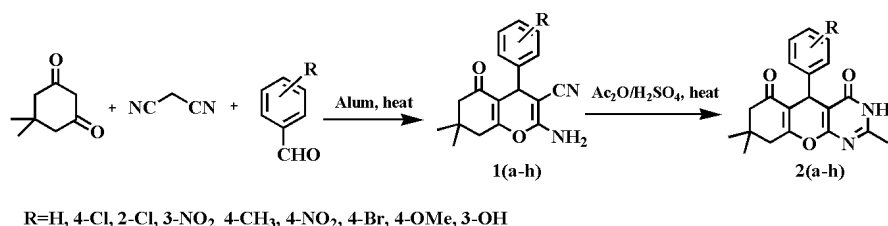
Determination of the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values for synthesized compounds against three microorganisms was carried out using disc diffusion method [18]. In this method, concentrations of 1800, 900, 450, 225, 112.5, 56.2, 28.1, 14, 7, 3.5, 1.7 and 0.87  $\mu\text{g.mL}^{-1}$  were used per disc and incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. Values of minimum inhibitor concentration (MIC) were recorded as the lowest concentration of substance, which gives no growth of inoculated bacteria. The Results are presented in Table 2.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Initially, The benzaldehyde derivatives with substi-

tution in aromatic ring with 2-chloro, 4-methoxy, 4-methyl, 3-nitro, 4-nitro,3-hydroxy and 4-bromo groups were reacted with malonitrile, and dimedone in the presence of aluminum potassium disulfide as a catalyst under reflux condition to prepare a series of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyran derivatives 1(a-h). Compounds 1(a-h) were used as precursors for the syntheses of pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives 2(a-h) (Scheme 1). The reaction of compounds 1(a-h) with a mixture of acetic anhydride in the presence of sulfuric acid under reflux, produced pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives 2(a-h).

In the IR spectra of compound 1 the nitrile and amine groups were observed in the region of 2190 and 3400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , whereas these bands are absent in the IR spectra of compounds 2. The broad absorption band for stretching vibration of NH group was detected in the region of 3200-3450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which corresponds to the pyrimidine fragment with strong hydrogen bonds. The appearance of absorption bands at 1663-1710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1610-1645  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are the characteristics of the



Scheme 1. The synthetic pathway for preparation of tetrahydro benzo[b]pyran 1(a-h) and pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives 2(a-h).

ketone and amide carbonyl groups, respectively. In <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of these compounds the resonance of NH proton with integration for pyrimidine ring (compounds 2) was observed in the region of 13.0 and 8.3 ppm, which is in support of these transformations. The resonance of all other protons appeared in the expected region of spectra. Next, all synthesized compounds were tested for their antimicrobial activity by minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) in-vitro by agar micro dilution method. The results were summarized in Tables 1 and 2. As depicted in Table 1, the most of the synthesized compounds proved to be effective antibacterial against three tested microorganisms, except for 1a, 1b and 2b, which were inactive against E. Coli. Compound 2a and 2d, showed the highest antimicrobial activity against all bacteria in general, while compounds 2b, 2e, 2f, 1f, 1a and 1b showed the lowest activity against St. aureus. The other compounds exerted moderate to good activity against all stains in comparison with Cefazolin.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have demonstrated one-pot method for synthesis of tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans from the three-component reaction between dimedone, different aromatic aldehydes and malonitril compounds using Alum as a catalyst at 80 °C. Then the tetrahydrobenzo[b]pyrans was used as a precursor for synthesis of novel pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives. Screenings of the all synthesized compounds for their antibacterial activity compared with cefazolin were performed at different concentrations: 1800, 900, 450, 225, 112.5, 56.2, 28.1, 14, 7, 3.5, 1.7 and 0.87 µg.ml<sup>-1</sup> by using the Broth Microdilution MIC method. All compounds showed antibacterial activity

against both gram-positive and gram-negative standard strains, showing that the antibacterial activity compounds 2a and 2d are greater than Cefazolin.

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