Regular Article Novel 3-(substitutedbenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone Derivatives Against Gram-positive, Gram-negative and fungal pathogenic strains

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A series of novel3-(substitutedbenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl) methanone P1-12 derivatives were synthesized. The chemical structures of the compounds were proved by means of their IR, ¹H-NMR, mass spectroscopic data and elemental analyses. The results showed that most of the synthesized compounds exhibited significant antibacterial and anti-fungal activities. Among the synthesized compounds P2, P5, P8, and P9 exhibited most potent *in vitro* antimicrobial activity. On the basis of the microbial results, further insight into the structural requirements for targeting pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl) methanone to develop potential new agents to combat treatment of pathogenic strains.

Keywords: pyrazole, Gram-positive, Gram-negative, fungal pathogenic strains

The clinical potential of microbial creation as therapeutic agents was first investigated by Pasteur and Joubert, who recorded their observation and speculation in 1877. The golden age of antibiotics began with the production of penicillin in 1941. The treatment of communicable diseases still leftovers an important and demanding problem because of amalgamation of factors including rising infectious diseases and the increasing number of multi-drug resistant microbial pathogens with particular relevance for bacteria and fungi (Tenover and McDonald 2005), (Roberts 2004). In this connection, we have found that, the pyrazole structure has been known to possess a broad spectrum of biological activities. Several research articles reported that pyrazole compounds posses many chemical, biological, medicinal and agricultural applications because of their adaptableand well recognized biological activities such as antimicrobial (Tanitame et al. 2004), (Bekhit and Abdel-Aziem 2004), (Tanitame et al. 2004), (Bekhit et al. 2008), antitumor (Park et al. 2005), antihistaminic (Yamashita et al. 2005) and antidepressant (Bailey et al. 1985). As documented in the literature, many pyrazole act as antimicrobial agents (Tanitame et al. 2004), (Liu et al. 2008), (Liu et al. 2008). Based on the above fact, we executed a series of compounds 3-(substitutedbenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone P1-12 containing pyrazole which could be effective for antimicrobial activity.

Materials and Methods

Materials

Synthetic starting material, reagents, and solvents were of analytical grade or of the highest quality commercially available. The chemicals were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., and Merck Chemical Co., Biotium, Inc., and were dried whenever necessary. The melting points were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded with KBr pellets (ABB Bomem FT-IR spectrometer MB 104 ABB Limited, Bangaluru, India). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra (Bruker 400 NMR spectrometer, Mumbai, India) were recorded with tetramethylsilane as internal reference. Mass spectral data were recorded with a quadrupol mass spectrometer (Shimadzu GC MS QP 5000, Chennai, India), and microanalyses were performed using a *vario EL* V300 *elemental* analyzer (Analysensysteme GmbH, Chennai, India). The purity of the compounds was checked by TLC on pre-coated SiO₂ gel (HF₂₅₄, 200 mesh) aluminum plates (E. Merck). IR, ¹H-NMR, mass spectral data, and elemental analyses were consistent with the assigned structure.

Methods

Dissolve a 0.48g of the 5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-amine in a small quantity of absolute ethanol or methanol, and then excess quantity of benzaldehyde derivativeswas added to the mixture. The ratioused was of 3:1 means the mole quantity of benzaldehyde to each 1 mole of the pyrazole compound. The reaction mixture refluxed at 80°C for 12h and the reaction completion monitor by TLC. After the 1st step product separation and purification the solubility of the product is checked by using different solvents. Followed by the product is dissolved in etherand the exactly equal mole quantity of acetyl chloride is added carefully dropwise with shaking then refluxed at 80-100°C for 2-3h to afford the final product 3-(substituted benzylidene amino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl) (phenyl) methanone **P1-12**

3-(2-fluorobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P1)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 67%; m.p.174-176 °CIR cm⁻¹: 3112 (Aromatic-CH), 2942 (Alkane-CH), 1660 (Hetero-C=N), 1731 (C=O), 1012 (C-F). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.82 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.12-7.41 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.92 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.69 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 309 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₃O; 307.32). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₃O; C, 70.35; H, 4.59; N, 13.67; Found C, 70.37; H, 4.53; N, 13.62.

3-(3-fluorobenzylideneaminho)-5-metyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P2)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 67%; m.p.182-183 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3117 (Aromatic-CH), 2949 (Alkane-CH), 1653 (Hetero-C=N), 1729 (C=O), 1019 (C-F).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.72 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.22-7.47 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.96 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.28 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 309 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₃O; 307.32). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₃O; C, 70.35; H, 4.59; N, 13.67; Found C, 70.34; H, 4.54; N, 13.66.

3-(4-fluorobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P3)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 67%; m.p.162-164 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3118 (Aromatic-CH), 2918 (Alkane-CH), 1641 (Hetero-C=N), 1726 (C=O), 1072 (C-F).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.75 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.31-7.42 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.71 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.52 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 309 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₃O; 307.32). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄FN₃O; C, 70.35; H, 4.59; N, 13.67; Found C, 70.32; H, 4.52; N, 13.61.

3-(2-chlorobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P4)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 71%; m.p.165-167 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3117 (Aromatic-CH), 2949 (Alkane-CH), 1664 (Hetero-C=N), 1736 (C=O), 644 (C-Cl). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.81 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.12-7.27 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.71 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.32 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 325 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; 323.78). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 66.77; H, 4.36; N, 12.98; Found C, 66.72; H, 4.35; N, 12.96.

3-(3-chlorobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P5)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 75%; m.p.175-176 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3122 (Aromatic-CH), 2942 (Alkane-CH), 1667 (Hetero-C=N), 1732 (C=O), 651 (C-Cl). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.74 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 6.92-7.17 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.82 (s, 1H;

Pyrazole-CH), 2.11 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 325 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; 323.78).

Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 66.77; H, 4.36; N, 12.98; Found C, 66.73; H, 4.33; N, 12.92.

3-(4-chlorobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P6)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 72%; m.p.185-187 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3128 (Aromatic-CH), 2927 (Alkane-CH), 1641 (Hetero-C=N), 1720 (C=O), 744 (C-Cl).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.76(s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 6.96-7.19 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.85 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 4.44 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 2.17 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 325 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; 323.78). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 66.77; H, 4.36; N, 12.98; Found C, 66.72; H, 4.32; N, 12.94.

3-(2-bromobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P7)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 68%; m.p.163-165 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3129 (Aromatic-CH), 2931 (Alkane-CH), 1665 (Hetero-C=N), 1737 (C=O), 561 (C-Br). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.81 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.12-7.67 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.91 (s, 1H;

Pyrazole-CH), 2.37 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 370 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄BrN₃O; 368.23).

Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 58.71; H, 3.83; N, 11.41; Found C, 58.73; H, 3.82; N, 11.44.

3-(3-bromobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P8)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 75%; m.p.167-169 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3132 (Aromatic-CH), 2937 (Alkane-CH), 1662 (Hetero-C=N), 1732 (C=O), 582 (C-Br).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.15-7.69 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.93 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.31 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 370 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄BrN₃O; 368.23). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 58.71; H, 3.83; N, 11.41; Found C, 58.75; H, 3.83; N, 11.41.

3-(4-bromobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P9)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 72%; m.p.166-168 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3118 (Aromatic-CH), 2926 (Alkane-CH), 1641 (Hetero-C=N), 1697 (C=O), 592 (C-Br).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.85 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.11-7.64 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.46 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.35 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+2): 370 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄BrN₃O; 368.23). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 58.71; H, 3.83; N, 11.41; Found C, 58.73; H, 3.85; N, 11.47.

3-(2-nitrobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P10)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 67%; m.p.157-159 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3131 (Aromatic-CH), 2937 (Alkane-CH), 2255 (Aliphatic-C=N), 1551 (N-O), 1652 (Hetero-C=N), 1712 (C=O).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.82 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.19-7.76 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.94 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.17 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+): 334 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₄O₃; 334.33). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 64.66; H, 4.22; N, 16.76; Found C, 64.61; H, 4.24; N, 16.72.

3-(3-nitrobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P11)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 70%; m.p.141-143 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3136 (Aromatic-CH), 1554 (N-O), 1656 (Hetero-C=N), 1719 (C=O).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.97 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.29-7.71 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.67 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.43 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+): 334 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₄O₃; 334.33). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 64.66; H, 4.22; N, 16.76; Found C, 64.65; H, 4.24; N, 16.74.

3-(4-nitrobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone (P12)

The compound was obtained as a solid; Yield: 76%; m.p.179-181 °C IR cm⁻¹: 3118 (Aromatic-CH), 1519 (N-O), 1641 (Hetero-C=N), 1714 (C=O).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.92 (s, 1H; Alkene-CH), 7.15-7.74 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 6.69 (s, 1H; Pyrazole-CH), 2.47 (s, 3H; -CH₃). EI-MS m/z (M+): 334 (calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₄O₃; 334.33). Anal.calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClN₃O; C, 64.66; H, 4.22; N, 16.76; Found C, 64.63; H, 4.22; N, 16.71.

Antimicrobial Screening

All the synthesized compounds were screened for antibacterial and antifungal activities by paper disc diffusion technique. The antibacterial activity of the compounds were evaluated against four gram positive bacteria (Staphylococcus *aureus* ATCC 9144, Staphylococcus *epidermidis* ATCC 155, Micrococcus*luteus*ATCC 4698 and Bacillus *cereus* ATCC 11778) and three gram negative bacteria (Escherichia *coli* ATCC 25922, Pseudomonas *aeruginosa* ATCC 2853 *and* Klebsiell*apneumoniae* ATCC 11298). The antifungal activities of the synthesized compounds were evaluated against two fungi (Aspergillus*niger* ATCC 9029 and Aspergillus *fumigates* ATCC 2091).

Paper Disc Diffusion Technique

The sterilized (autoclaved at 120°C for 30 minutes) medium (40-50°C) was inoculated (1 mL/100 mL of medium) with the suspension (10⁵cfu mL⁻¹) of the microorganism (matched to McFarland barium sulphate standard) and poured into a petri dish to give a depth of 3-4 mm. The paper impregnated with the test compounds (µg mL⁻¹ in dimethyl formamide) was placed on the solidified medium. The plates were pre-incubated for 1 h at room temperature and incubated at 37°C for 24 and 48 h for antibacterial and antifungal activities, respectively. Ciprofloxacin (Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Batch No: IC666E04, India) and Ketoconazole (Wuhan Shengmao Corporation, Batch No: SBML/403, China) were used as standard for antibacterial and antifungal activities, respectively.

Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC)

MIC of the compound was determined by agar streak dilution method. A stock solution of the synthesized compound (100 μ g mL⁻¹) in dimethylformamide was prepared and graded quantities of the test compounds were incorporated in specified quantity of molten sterile agar (nutrient agar for antibacterial activity and sabouraud dextrose agar medium for antifungal activity). A specified quantity of the medium (40-50°C) containing the compound was poured into a petri dish to give a depth of 3-4 mm and allowed to solidify. Suspension of the microorganism were prepared to contain approximately10⁵cfu mL⁻¹ and applied to plates with

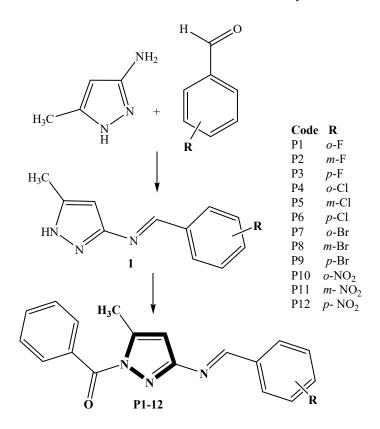
serially diluted compounds in dimethylformamide to be tested and incubated at 37°C for 24 h and 48 h for bacteria and fungi, respectively. The MIC was considered to be the lowest concentration of the test substance exhibiting no visible growth of bacteria or fungi on the plate.

Statistical Analysis

Student's *t*-test was used to determine a significant difference between the control.

Results and Discussion

Antimicrobial screening results of novel 3-(substituted benzylidene amino)-5-methyl-1Hpyrazol-1-yl) (phenyl) methanone**P1-12** derivatives exhibited moderate to significant activity. Among these, compound **P2**, **P5**, **P8**, and **P9** were found to possess significant antibacterial and antifungal activity when compared to standard drug Ciprofloxacin and Ketoconazole. Compounds **P3**, **P4**, **P6**, **P11** and **P12** displayed least antimicrobial activity whereas the remaining compounds **P1**, **P7** and **P10** showed moderate activity.



Scheme 1. The formation of 3-(substituted benzylideneaminho)-5-metyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl) methanone

The compounds 3-(3-fluorobenzylideneaminho)-5-metyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **P2**, 3-(3-chlorobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **P8** and 3-(4-bromobenzylideneamino)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone **P9**, were found to exhibit the highest antimicrobial activity against *S. aureus* (24, 24, 24 and 24 μ g mL⁻¹), *S. epidermidis* (28, 24, 28 and 28 μ g mL⁻¹), *M.luteus* (26, 23, 26 and 26 μ g mL⁻¹), *B. cereus* (22, 21, 22

and 22 µg mL-1), E. coli (27, 24, 27 and 27), P. aeruginosa (24, 22, 24 and 23 µg mL-1), K. pneumoniae (26, 24, 26 and 26 µg mL-1), A.niger(MIC: 22, 20, 22 and 21µg mL-1) and A. fumigatus (MIC: 23, 21, 23 and 22µg mL⁻¹) respectively. The MIC range of the synthesized compounds was 9.1-14.5 µg mL⁻¹ and compounds were active against all the tested microorganisms with a range of MIC values for S. aureus (9.1-11.7 µg mL-1), S. epidermidis (9.1-13.1 µg mL-1), M. luteus (9.2-11.6 μg mL⁻¹), B. cereus (9.1-12.1 μg mL⁻¹), E. coli (9.8-12.7 μg mL⁻¹), P. aeruginosa (9.3-14.5 μg mL⁻¹), K. pneumoniae (9.2-12.6 µg mL-1), A. niger(MIC: 9.3-11.7 µg mL-1) and A. funigatus (MIC: 10.2-12.4 µg mL-1). On the basis of biological data, improvement in biological activity was observed with electronic effects and positions (ortho, meta, para) of the substituents. Considering the influence of electronic effects on the biological activities, electron withdrawing groups were introduced at 3rd position on the 5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone ring. Different analogues with electron withdrawing groups were synthesized e.g. electron withdrawing fluorine, chlorine, bromine and nitro, ortho, meta and para positions on the benzylidene ring. The potent antimicrobial activity exhibited by the compounds may be due to the incorporation of electron withdrawing groups. It was observed that the electrons withdrawing ortho, meta and para substituted compounds showed increase in antimicrobial activity. The observed inhibition figures on the antimicrobial activity of the synthesized compounds were shown in **Figure. 1** The values for the antimicrobial studies of the compounds (P1-12) and the standard are represented in Table 1, 2 and 3.

	Zone of Inhibition in mm (MIC 100µg/ml)					
Gram Positive Bacteria						
Compound	S.a	S.e	M. <i>l</i>	B.c		
P1	20(11.7)	21(13.1)	22(11.3)	20(10.2)		
P2	24(9.6)	28(9.2)	26(9.8)	22(9.6)		
P3	22(13.2)	22(11.6)	21(11.2)	21(12.1)		
P4	21(11.1)	22(10.4)	21(11.6)	20(11.7)		
P5	24(9.9)	24(10.1)	23(10.7)	20(10.5)		
P6	21(10.4)	21(14.4)	21(11.5)	21(11.4)		
P7	20(10.1)	20(10.1)	20(10.7)	21(10.6)		
P8	20(9.9)	21(11.2)	21(10.9)	20(11.1)		
P9	24(9.1)	28(9.7)	26(9.2)	22(9.4)		
P10	21(10.2)	20(10.3)	20(10.4)	21(10.2)		
P11	21(10.1)	21(14.3)	21(11.2)	21(11.1)		
P12	20(10.3)	20(10.2)	20(10.3)	21(10.7)		
Ciprofloxacin	25	29	27	23		
DMF	-	-	-	-		

Table 1.In vitro antimicrobial activities of the synthesized compounds P1-12

S.*a*- Staphylococcus *aureus*, **S.***e*- Staphylococcus *epidermidis*, **M.***l*- Micrococcus *luteus* **B.***c*- Bacillus *cereus*

Zone of Inhibition in mm (MIC 100µg/ml)					
Gram Negative Bacteria					
Compound	E.c	P.a	K.p		
P1	21(11.7)	21(10.6)	21(12.6)		
P2	27(10.2)	24(9.3)	26(9.7)		
P3	21(10.4)	21(14.5)	22(11.7)		
P4	22(11.2)	21(10.4)	20(12.2)		
P5	24(12.1)	22(10.7)	24(10.7)		
P6	23(12.1)	21(11.5)	21(10.2)		
P7	20(12.7)	21(12.5)	21(11.8)		
P8	23(10.1)	21(10.4)	21(11.1)		
P9	27(10.1)	24(9.5)	26(9.3)		
P10	20(12.2)	21(12.3)	21(11.2)		
P11	21(10.1)	21(13.2)	22(11.2)		
P12	21(11.4)	21(10.1)	20(12.5)		
Ciprofloxacin	28	25	27		
DMF	-	-	-		

Table 2. In vitro antimicrobial activities of the synthesized compounds P1-12

E.c- Escherichia coli; P.a- Pseudomonas aeruginosa; K.p- Klebsiellapneumoniae

Zone of Inhil	Zone of Inhibition in mm (MIC 100µg/ml)					
Fungi						
Code	A.n	A.f				
P1	20(11.7)	19(11.3)				
P2	22(10.1)	23(10.2)				
P3	18(11.7)	20(11.1)				
P4	18(11.1)	19(10.6)				
P5	20(11.2)	21(12.1)				
P6	19(11.4)	20(12.4)				
P7	18(11.5)	19(12.3)				
P8	20(11.6)	20(10.4)				
P9	22(9.3)	23(10.7)				
P10	18(11.2)	19(12.4)				
P11	18(11.4)	19(11.5)				
P12	18(11.2)	19(10.2)				
Ketoconazole	27	25				
DMF	-	-				

Table 3. In vitro antimicrobial activities of the synthesized compounds P1-12

A.n- Aspergillusniger; A.f- Aspergillusfumigatus

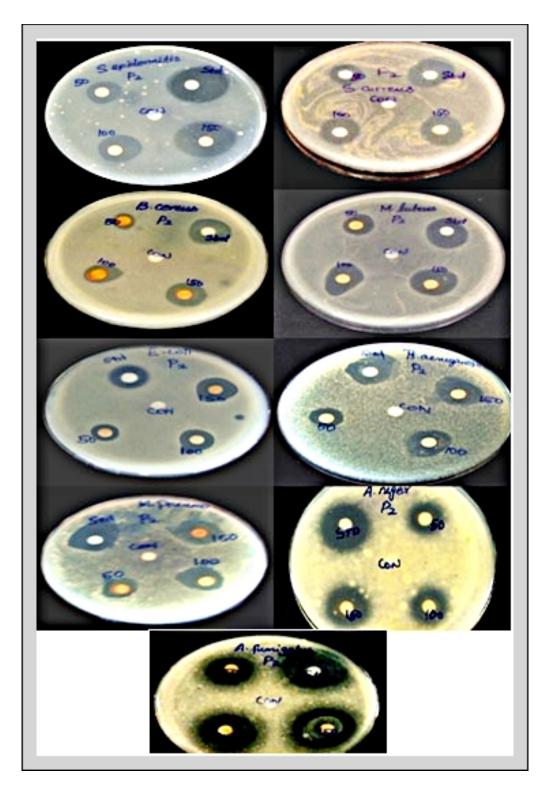
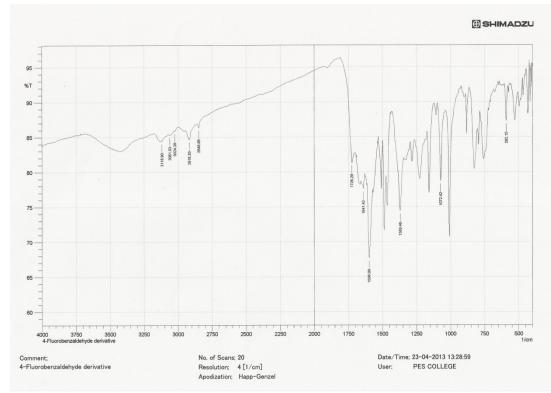
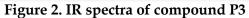


Figure 1. Antimicrobial activity slides of synthesized compounds P1-12





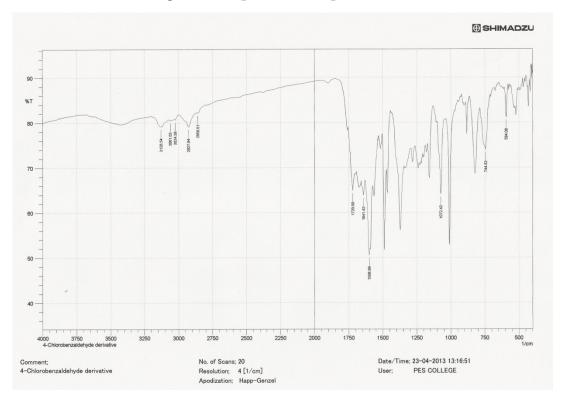


Figure 3. IR spectra of compound P6

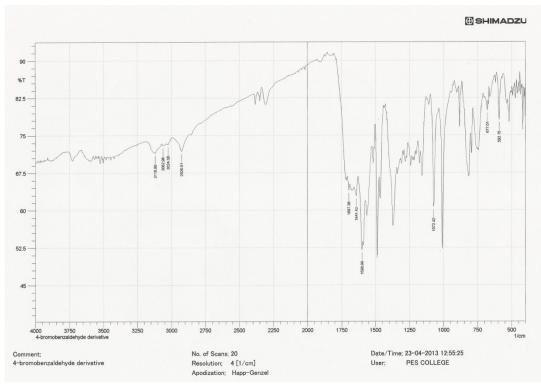


Figure 4. IR spectra of compound P9

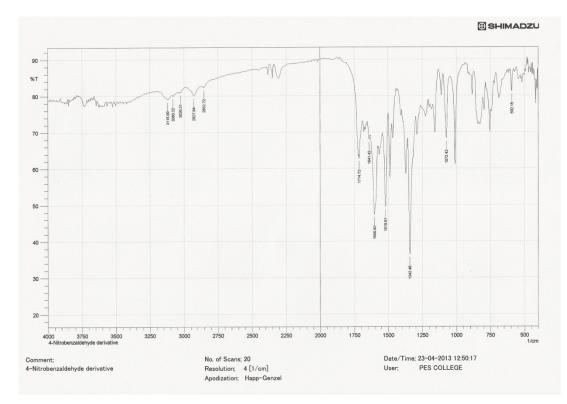


Figure 5. IR spectra of compound P12

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