

SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF SOME NEW 2-  
AZETIDINONES

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## ABSTRACT

A series of 1 - [4'-(6"-methoxy - naphthalen-2"-yl) - 6'-(2"- hydroxy - 4" - methoxy phenyl) pyrimidin - 2' - yl - ureido] - 4 -(phenyl / substituted phenyl / 2'-furyl) - 3 - chloro - 2 -azetidinone (4a-j) were prepared. The structures of compounds were confirmed on the bases of elemental analysis, IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The compounds were screen for antibacterial activity.

**KEYWORDS:** 2-azetidinones, schiff base, antibacterial activity, heterocyclic synthesis.

## INTRODUCTION

The β-lactam antibiotics are used to treat a wide range of bacterial infection in both the community and hospital environment. There is also considerable market in veterinary field. The cephalosporins are among the most frequently employed β-lactam<sup>[1]</sup>. Cephalosporins have withstood the onslaught of microorganisms and have come to physician's arsenal in combating a wide range of microbial infections.

2-Azetidinone derivatives have been reported to possess anti-inflammatory<sup>[2-3]</sup>, anticonvulsant<sup>[4]</sup>, fungicidal<sup>5</sup> and antibiotic activity<sup>[6]</sup>. 2-Azetidinones is also associated with pharmacological activity namely, hypnotic, antiviral, anesthetic, analgesic etc.<sup>[7-8]</sup>

In this study 6-methoxy-2-acetyl naphthalene on condensation with 2- hydroxy 4-methoxy benzaldehyde according to claisen-schemidt condensation<sup>[9-11]</sup> gave chalcone, which was converted to 2-amino-4-(6'-methoxy-naphthalen -2'-yl) - 6 - (4'-methoxy-2'-hydroxy pheynyl) - pyrimidine (1), by the treatment of guanidine nitrate and 25% KOH solution. This compound (1) on reaction with methyl chloroformate followed by treatment with hydrazine hydrate (80%) to give 2-(n-amido-ureido)-4-(6'-methoxy- naphthalen-2'-yl) - 3 - (4'-methoxy-2'-hydroxy phenyl) - pyrimidine (2). The resulting compound (2) on condensation with different aromatic aldehydes yielded corresponding 1-phenyl / substituted phenyl / 2'-furyl-4-[4'-(6"-methoxy -naphthalen-2"-yl) - 6'-(2"- hydroxy - 4" - methoxyphenyl) pyrimidin - 2' - yl] semicarbazide (3a-j) (Schiff Bases). This different Schiff bases on cyclo condensation with chloroacetylchloride gave substituted 2-azetidinones(4a-j).

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The structures of all compounds were confirmed on the basis of their elemental analysis, IR spectra and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. The IR spectrum of 4a-j exhibited a band due to =CH str. (3100-3000cm<sup>-1</sup>), C=C str. (1635-1495 cm<sup>-1</sup>), C-H bending [1,2,4,5-substituted (900-860 cm<sup>-1</sup>)], C-H bending [1,4-substituted (840-800 cm<sup>-1</sup>)], C-Cl str. (750-700 cm<sup>-1</sup>), C-F str. (1100-1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>), C=N (ring) (1650-1580 cm<sup>-1</sup>) stretching vibration which indicates the presence of pyrimidine ring and β-lactam ring C=O (1742 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Appearance of a signal at <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ: 2.7 {6H, s, -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>}, 4.12(1H, s, -CHCl), 6.9(1H, s, -CH, pyrimidine ring), δ: 4.0 (s, 1H, >CHCl), 8.43(s, 1H, -CO-NH-), confirms the presence of 2-azetidinone ring.