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Synthesis and characterization and antimicrobial activities of Pyrido [2, 3-d: 6, 5-d[']] dipyrimidines

6 ABSTRACT

7 Fused pyrimidines.2.4,6.8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-aryl-2.4,6.8-tetraoxo-5H.10H-pyrido[2.3-8 d:6.5-d'ldipyrimidines, were prepared in good yield through a simple, clean and three-component one-9 pot cyclo-condensation reaction of a barbituric acid, aromatic aldehydes and 4-ethylaniline under reflux in a nitrogen atmosphere. The synthesized products were characterized by IR, NMR 10 11 spectroscopy and elemental analyses are in good agreement with their expected molecular structure. 12 All the compounds have been screened for their antimicrobial activity with four human pathogenic 13 bacteria: Bacillus cereus, Salmonella typhi, Shigella dysenteria, Listeria monocytogenes and three 14 phytopathogenic fungi: Macrophomina phaseolina, Fusarium equiseti, Colletotrichum corchori and 15 Alternaria alternata. The precursor barbituric acid was compared with the activity exhibited for the 16 synthesized fused pyridopyrimidines, which show the increased inhibition against the bacterial growth 17 after cyclization. The enhanced ability to inhibition may be due to the stability and aromaticity of 18 heterocyclic synthesized in this study.

19 **Keywords**: Pyridopyrimidines, antimicrobial activity, barbituric acid, inhibition, disc diffusion method. 20

21 1. INTRODUCTION

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Fused pyrimidines show the importance to find the common source for the development of new potential therapeutic agents[1]. In due attention, among them, pyridopyrimidine moiety and their oxo and thioxo derivatives is a well-known pharmacophore in drug design and it is associated with a wide range of biological activities [2-4]. Pyrido[3,2-d]pyrimidines have been described as tyrosine kinase inhibitors and as dihydrofolate reductase inhibitors [5-6]. They also possess dihydrofolate reductase inhibiting and antitumor activity [7-8] and used as organocatalyzed annulation reaction[9].

29 series of novel 7-alkyl/arylsulfonyl-4-pyrrol-1-yl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydropyrido[4',3':4,5]-thieno[2,3-Α 30 d]pyrimidine were synthesized for evaluation of their antibacterial and antifungal activity [10]. Bcr-abl tyrosine kinase inhibitor of Pyrido [2,3-d]pyrimidine class (PD166326) was screened and described 31 32 with substantial activity against STI-resistant mutant Bcr-abl proteins [11]. Their findings show that TK 33 drug resistance is a structure-specific phenomenon and can be overcome by TK inhibitors of other 34 structural classes, suggesting new approaches for future anticancer drug development. PD166326 is 35 a prototype of a new generation of anti-Bcr-abl compounds with picomolar potency and substantial 36 activity against STI571-resistant mutants. A structure activity relationship study was conducted for 2-37 anilino-6-phenylpyrido [2,3-d]pyrimidin-7(8H)-ones and found 10-100 fold more potential as inhibitors 38 of the non-receptor kinase c-Src than the G2/M checkpoint kinase Wee1. Variation of substituents on 39 the 6-phenyl ring did not markedly alter this preference where as solubilizing substituent's off the 2-40 anilino ring in many cases increased Wee1 activity, thus lowering this preference to about 10-fold. A 41 two-step process can be followed to prepare pyridopyrimidines from the acyclic precursors. They use 42 sodium cyanamide as the base to catalyze malononitrile to the enone and then drive the cyclization to 43 yield the aromatic pyrido [2,3-d]pyrimidines, which completes a flexible and straightforward approach 44 to this interesting kind of compounds[12]. An efficient method for the syntheses of pyrido[2,3-45 dpyridmidines from the precursors using the catalytic amount of palladium acetate was reported[13]. 46 In this study, we have synthesized pyrido [2,3-d:6,5-d'] pyrimidines through the reaction of a barbituric acid, 4-ethylaniline and aromatic aldehydes, such as benzaldehyde, p-methoxy-benzaldehyde, p-47 48 hydroxybenzaldehyde, o-chlorobenzaldehyde, p-nitrobenzaldehyde, 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde and 49 p-tolualdehyde respectively. Several synthetic approaches to prepare such type of compounds have 50 been described in the literature, but the title compounds have not synthesized so far. The structure of

the prepared compounds was confirmed by IR and NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The antibacterial and antifungal screening was performed with commonly used bacterial pathogens and fungal strains.

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55 2. METHODS AND EXPERIMENTAL

56 **2.1. General method for the preparation of 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4[/]-ethyl phenyl)-10-**57 **aryl-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d[′]]dipyrimidines**

All seven pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine [1-7] (Fig. 1) have been synthesized according to the 58 59 developed method reported in the literature [14]. Equimolar amount of Aryl aldehydes and 4-60 ethylaniline (Sigma-Aldrich, for synthesis) were added to annealing substrate barbituric acid (0.26g, 61 2.0 mM) (Sigma-Aldrich, Reagent Plus[®], 99%) in a round-bottom flask equipped with a reflux 62 condenser, a magnetic stirrer and an inlet and outlet for N₂ gas using solvent 20 mL of methanol (Sigma-Aldrich, AR grade 98%) to produce target compound, pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidines [1-7]. 63 64 After two hours, the color of the reaction mixture suddenly changes into a green from colorless. 65 Reaction progress was monitored by thin layer chromatography, using aluminum sheets coated with silica gel with the solvent mixture of n-hexane and ethylacetate (1:1, v/v) as the mobile phase. The 66 67 mixture was then kept overnight at room temperature. To allow better precipitation, the reaction mixture was cooled in the refrigerator for another 24 h. The separated solid was filtered off and 68 crystallized from CHCl₃-MeOH (1:3) to the product pyrido [2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine as crystalline 69 70 solids. All the aldehydes were purchased from the chemical companies, and used without purification: 71 Benzaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich, Reagent Plus, \geq 99%), *p*-methoxybenzaldehyde (Merck, for synthesis), 72 p-hydroxybenzaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich, \geq 97%), 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich, 99%), p-73 nitrobenzaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich, 98%), 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (Merck, for synthesis), ptolualdehyde /4-methylbenzaldehyde (Merck, for synthesis). The physical states and melting 74 75 temperature of the synthesized heterocycles were placed in Table 1. Melting points were recorded on 76 an Electrothermal 9100 melting point apparatus and left uncorrected. Evaporation of solvents was performed under reduced pressure on a Buchi rotary evaporator. Thin layer chromatography was 77 78 performed on keiselgel GF25 and visualization was accomplished by lonic Flask or UV lamp. Column 79 chromatography was carried out with silica gel G60 (100-200 mesh).

Comp	M.F.	Spectro	Elemental analysis			
	(MW)	¹ H-NMR	¹³ C-NMR	Found	Calculated	
1	$C_{23}H_{19}N_5O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	16.1 (CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6 (CH ₂), 79.7 (C-4a,	C 64.82	C 64.34	
	4 (429)	4.40 (s, 1H, 5-CH), 5.0 (s, 1H, -OH), 6.0	5a), 115.0-115.6 (C-2,4, N-Ph, C-3,5,Ph), 128.7	H 4.31	H 4.43	
	,	(s, 2H, 2×-NH), 6.41-6.87 (m, 4H, Ph),	(C-3,5, N-Ph), 130.3 (C-1`), 130.6 (C-2,6, ph),	N 15.97	N 16.32	
		6.61-6.89 (m, 4H, Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-	143.9 (C-1`), 151.2-5 (m, C-2,8,9a,10a), 164.4			
		NH).	(C-4,6).			
2	$C_{24}H_{21}N_5O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	16.1 (-CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6 (=CH ₂), 79.7 (C-4a,	C 62.08	C 62.74	
	₅ (459)	4.43 (s, 1H, 5-CH), 6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH),	5a), 115.0 (C-2,4, N-Ph), 126.5, 128.7, 128.8 (C-	H 3.67	H 3.92	
		6.41-6.87 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.00-7.15 (m,	3,5, N-Ph), 130.6, 134.5 (C-2,6, Ph), 138.1 (C-	N 14.79	N 15.25	
		3H, Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH)	1`), 143.9 (C-1`), 151.2-5 (m, C-2,8,9a,10a),			
			164.4 (C-4,6)			
3	$C_{23}H_{19}N_5O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	16.1 (CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6 (CH ₂), 79.7 (C-4a,	C 61.86	C 62.02	
	₅ (445)	4.40 (s, 1H, 5-CH), 6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH),	5a), 115.0 (C-2,4, N-Ph), 123.5 (C-3,5,Ph), 128.7	H 4.34	H 4.04	
		6.41-6.87 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.32-8.07 (m,	(C-3,5, N-Ph), 130.1 (C-2,6, Ph), 143.8 (C-1`),	N 18.12	N 18.88	
		4H, Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH)	145.4 (C-4`Ph), 143.9 (C-1`), 151.2-5 (m, C-			
			2,8,9a,10a), 164.4 (C-4,6)			
4	$C_{23}H_{18}N_5O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	16.1 (-CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6 (=CH ₂), 79.7 (C-4a,	C 59.09	C 59.48	
	₄ Cl (464)	4.43 (s, 1H, 5-CH), 6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH),	5a), 115.0 (C-2,4, N-Ph), 126.5, 128.7, 128.8 (C-	H 3.52	H 3.88	
F		6.41-6.87 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.00-7.15 (m,	3,5, N-Ph), 130.6, 134.5 (C-2,6, Ph), 138.1 (C-	N 14.85	N 15.09	
		3H, Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH)	1`), 143.9 (C-1`), 151.2-5 (m, C-2,8,9a,10a),			
			164.4 (C-4,6)	0 57 70	0 50 00	
5	$C_{23}H_{18}N_6O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	16.1 (CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6 (CH ₂), 79.7 (C-4a,	C 57.73	C 58.23	
	₆ (474)	4.40 (s, 1H, 5-CH), 6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH),	5a), 115.0 (C-2,4, N-Ph), 123.5 (C-3,5,Ph), 128.7	H 4.20	H 3.80	
		6.41-6.87 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.32-8.07 (m,	(C-3,5, N-Ph), 130.1 (C-2,6, Ph), 143.8 (C-1`),	N 17.93	N 17.72	
		4H, Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH)	145.4 (C-4`Ph), 143.9 (C-1`), 151.2-5 (m, C- 2,8,9a,10a), 164.4 (C-4,6)			
6	$C_{25}H_{23}N_5O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	2,6,9a,10a), 164.4 (C-4,6) 16.1 (CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6 (CH ₂), 56.0 (C-	C 60.85	C 61.35	
0	6(489)	3.73 (s, 6H, 2×-OCH ₃), 4.43 (s, 1H, 5-	OMe), 79.7 (C-4a, 5a), 114.0-115.0 (C-2,4, N-Ph,	H 5.01	H 4.70	
	6 (403)	CH), 6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-OCH ₃), 4.43 (s, 1H, 5- CH), 6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH), 6.16-6.87 (m,	C-3,5,Ph), 128.7 (C-3,5, N-Ph), 130.0 (C-1`),	N 14.781	N 14.31	
			130.2 (C-2,6, Ph), 143.9 (C-1 [°]), 151.2-5 (m, C-	N 14.701	11 14.01	
		7H, 2×Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH).	2,8,9a,10a), 164.4 (C-4,6)			
7	$C_{24}H_{21}N_5O$	1.24 (t, 3H, CH ₃), 2.59 (q, 2H, CH ₂),	16.1 (-CH ₃), 20.9 (s, 3H, CH ₃), 25.7 (C-5), 28.6	C 64.79	C 65.01	
	4 (443)	2.35 (s, 3H, CH_3), 4.51 (s, 1H, 5-CH),	(CH ₂), 79.7 (C-4a, 5a), 115.0 (C-2,4, N-Ph),	H 4.52	H 4.74	
	- () -)	6.0 (s, 2H, 2×-NH), 6.41-6.87 (m, 4H,	128.7 (C-3,5, N-Ph), 129.1 (m, 4H, Ph), 130.2	N 16.54	N 15.80	
		Ph), 6.94 (m, 4H, Ph), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2×-	(C-4`), 134.7 (C-1,4, Ph), 143.9 (C-1`), 151.2-5			

80 Table 1: Analysis result of the synthesized pyridodipyrimidines [1-7]

81 2.2. IR, NMR and elemental analysis

The formation and purity of the synthesized compounds was confirmed using infrared (IR) 82 83 spectroscopy (Shimadzu 8400S), nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectroscopy (Bruker 84 Avance, 400 MHz) and CHNS analysis (Leco 932). For NMR, (5 to 10) mg of sample was dissolved 0.7 cm³ of deuterated dimethylsulfoxide solvent (d-DMSO). The observed peaks are abbreviated as s 85 (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet) and m (multiplet). Chemical shifts were reported in δ unit (ppm) with 86 87 reference to TMS as an internal standard. The carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and sulfur percentages in 88 ILs were analyzed according to the approved method ASTM D-5291 by employing Leco-CHNS-932 89 analyzer. The analyzer was calibrated using standard calibration sample with known chemical 90 composition provided by supplier before each measurement. All the samples were analyzed triplicate 91 and the average values were reported.

92 2.3. Anti-microbial study

93 All the synthesized compounds (1-7) were assayed for their antibacterial and antifungal activity 94 against four bacterial isolates and four fungal spores obtained from the Department of Microbiology, University of Chittagong, Chittagong, Bangladesh. These were: human pathogenic bacteria gram-95 96 positive Bacillus cereus BTCC 19, Listeria monocytogenes LO28, gram-negative Salmonella enterica 97 AE 14612, Shigella dysenteriae AE 14396 (Tables 2) and the antifungal strain Macrophomina 98 phaseolina (Tassi) Goid, Fusarium equiseti (Corda) Saccardo 1886, Colletotrichum corchori Ikata & 99 Yoshida and Alternaria alternata (Fr.) Kessler (Table 2). These tests were conducted at the 100 Department of Microbiology, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh, using the disc-diffusion method 101 [15] for bacteria and, the poisoned-food technique [16] for fungus using the solvent dimethylsulfoxide 102 (DMSO). The tested compounds were studied in two different concentrations 1% and 10% (w/v) in 103 DMSO. Commercial antibacterial and antifungal brands, respectively Ampicillin and Nystatin were 104 also tested under similar conditions for comparison. Nutrient agar (NA) and potato dextrose agar 105 (PDA) were used as basal media to test bacteria and fungi respectively.

106 2.3.1. Bacterial media (Nutrient Agar, NA) preparation and test protocol

107 A suspension of agar powder (15.0 g), beef extract (3.0 g), peptone (5.0 g) and sodium chloride (0.5 108 g) in distilled water (1000 mL) in a beaker was boiled gently with constant stirring until agar powder 109 and the other material were completely dissolved. The medium was then transferred to a conical flask 110 with stopper and autoclaved for half an hour at 120°C and 15 psi to destroy the unexpected 111 organisms. After autoclaving, the sterilized medium becomes ready for test. Stock culture of test 112 organisms were maintained on NA slants and preserved at 10°C. Occasional sub-culture (3/4 weeks 113 intervals) system was also maintained to keep the culture inactive condition with character 114 unimpaired. Just before the use of test organism, suspension in sterile distilled water was prepared 115 with 48 hour-old cultures. Bacterial concentration was determined through UV spectroscopy and maintained optical density (OD) for each experiment at 1-5×10⁵ CFU/mL. Sensitivity spectrum 116 analysis was done by Disc diffusion method (Bauer et al., 1966) with little modification. Sterile paper 117 118 disc of 4 mm in diameter and Petri-dishes of 90 mm in diameter were used throughout the 119 experiment. Before use, paper discs were dried at 100°C in an oven. The autoclaved NA media, cooled to 45°C, was poured into sterilized Petri dishes to a depth of 3 to 4 mm and allowed to cool for 120 121 solidification. The plates were inoculated with 1 ml of standard bacterial suspensions (as of McFarland 122 0.5 standard) by the help of sterilized glass hockey stick and allowed to dry for three to five minutes. 123 Dried and sterilized filter paper discs were socked separately with 20 µL (250 µg/disc) of tested 124 chemicals at concentrations 1% and 10% (w/v) in DMSO, dried in air under aseptic condition and 125 were placed at equidistance in a circle on the seeded plate. A negative control examination with 20 µL 126 of DMSO and positive control with 20 µL of standard antibiotic ampicillin (20 µg/disc) (BEXIMCO Pharma, Bangladesh) solution in water, were also performed for each organism studied. The plates 127 128 were then incubated at 37°C, for 24 h or until visible growth was established, and the diameter of the 129 inhibition-cleared zone around each disc was determined. The screening results were compared with 130 a standard antibacterial antibiotic ampicillin.

131 2.3.2. Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) media preparation and Antifungal Mycelial Growth Inhibition test
 132 protocol:

¹³³ The *in the vitro* antifungal activity of the synthesized pyridopyrimidines was determined by the ¹³⁴ poisoned food technique. PDA medium was prepared from boiled potato infusion and dextrose in ¹³⁵ deionised water and used for the culture of fungi. A required amount of PDA was taken in conical ¹³⁶ flasks separately and was sterilized by autoclave (121°C, 15 psi) for 15 minutes. The autoclaved PDA ¹³⁷ was cooled to 45°C and poured at the rate of 15-20 mL in each Petri dish. After solidification of the ¹³⁸ medium, the small portions of mycelium of each fungus were placed carefully at the center of each ¹³⁹ plate with the help of sterilized needles. 100 μ L of the test chemicals of concentrations 1% and 10% 140 (w/v) in DMSO were thoroughly mixed with 15-20 mL sterilized melted PDA and poured into separate 141 glass Petri dishes. After solidification, 5 days old fungal mycelial block (4 mm in diameter) was placed 142 at the center of each Petri dish in an inverted position and incubated at 27°C. A control set was also 143 maintained in each experiment. Linear mycelial growth of fungus was measured after 3-5 days of 144 incubation in triplicate. The average of two measurements was taken as mycelial colony diameter of 145 the fungus in mm. All the antifungal results were compared with the standard antifungal antibiotic 146 Nystatin (100 µg/mL PDA). DMSO was used as negative control. The percentage inhibition of radial 147 mycelial growth of the test fungus was calculated as follows:

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$$I = \frac{C - T}{C} \times 100$$

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150 Where, I = percentage inhibition, C = diameter of the fungal colony in DMSO (control), 151 T = diameter of the fungal colony in treatment.

153 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

154 **3.1. Chemical structures of synthesized pyrido dipyrimidines [1-7]**

The reactions employed in this study are encapsulated in the scheme shown in **Fig. 2.** Seven pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidines were prepared: 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-phenyl-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d: 6,5-d']-dipyrimidine [1], 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,6,8-tetra-oxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimid-ine [2], 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-(4'-hydroxyphenyl)-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-

d']dipyrimidine [**3**], 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-(2'-chlorophen-yl)-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine [**4**], 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-(4'-nitrophenyl)-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine [**5**], 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-(2',4'-dimethoxyphenyl)-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-d']dipyrimidine [**6**], 2,4,6,8-Tetrahydro-5-(4'-ethylphenyl)-10-(4'-methylphenyl)-2,4,6,8-tetraoxo-5H,10H-pyrido[2,3-d:6,5-

d']dipyrimidine [7] were synthesized and characterized. The product yields ranged from 56 to 85 % as
 shown in Table 1. The structures of the compounds were characterized according to their IR, ¹H &
 ¹³C-NMR and elemental analysis data.

168 The IR spectra of these compounds confirm the formation of the products. The appearance of aromatic stretching at ~1660 cm⁻¹ and the shifting of the peaks regarding carbonyl and secondary 169 amine groups at ~1705 and ~3265 cm⁻¹ respectively showed good agreement of the structure. The 170 171 alkyl groups (methyl, methylene), aromatic NH and CH proton and hydroxyl structures (from vacuum-172 lactim tautomerism) detected via ¹H-NMR are consistent with the IR data. The NMR spectra showed a 173 good characteristic δ value (in ppm) for the confirmation of the compounds. One carbon 5-CH proton 174 in pyridine ring appears always in an up-field position at about δ 4.40 compare to other alkyl group's 175 position. Two multiplet's position at around δ 6.41-6.87 and δ 7.06-7.14 for two phenyl group and 176 broad peaks with the agreement of the NH protons achieved the formation of the target compounds. ¹³C-NMR spectrum also showed clear understanding about the number and position of carbons 177 178 corresponding to their molecular formula, which was in confirm with the structure assigned to them [1-179 7]. The calculated carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen percentages are in good agreement with the 180 corresponding observed values (Table 1).



181 182 The possible pathway for the formation of pyrido [2,3-d:6,5-d[']]dipyrimidines [1-7] is shown here in Fig. 184 1. The reaction is believed to proceed via the formation of a bisproduct through the Michael addition 185 of barbituric acid to the 5-arylidene barbituric acid A, which on further reaction with appropriate amine 186 gave the final product. This was confirmed by the isolation of one of the dimers B by the reaction of 187 the barbituric acid with aryl aldehyde in methanol. Its further reaction with aromatic amine afforded the 188 required pyrido [2,3-d:6,5-d/]dipyrimidine [1-7].

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Figure 2: The proposed reaction pathway for pyridopyrimidines synthesis

192 3.2 Antimicrobial assay

193 The anti-microbial activities of the synthesized pyridopyrimidines were established by evaluating the 194 inhibition zones on the agar plates. This zone is defined as the area on the agar plate where the 195 growth of a microbe is prevented by the test compound. The results obtained are summarized in 196 Table 2. The chemicals concentration of 1% (w/v) doesn't appear to show any anti-bacterial activity, 197 which can give information to play with a higher concentration for the test. Disc diffusion method for 198 the antibacterial screening and Poisoned-food technique for antifungal screening were assigned for 199 the tested chemicals at the concentration of 1% (w/v) using negative control DMSO [15]. DMSO alone 200 had no inhibition of all the strain studied. The test conducted with Barbituric acid (BA) to compare the 201 effects of the cyclisation, which is, in most cases, more effective than the free ligand (BA).

Table 2 Inhibition zone (in mm) exerted by the tested compounds against bacterial and fungal strains: (Ampicillin and Nystatin used as reference), '-' denotes no inhibition

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	BA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Ampicillin	Nystatin
Bacterial strain										
Bacillus cereus		10	-	-	11	-	14	10	21	
Listeria monocytogenes	11	15	20	17	15	12	21	12	28	
Salmonella enterica	-	13	21	-	11	13	-	12	24	
Shigella dysenteriae	10	15	11	13	17	-	24	21	30	
Fungal Strain										
Macrophomina phaseolina	20	51	25	32	26	23	53	43		72

Fusarium equiseti	15	-	25	23	-	34	36	33	45
Colletotrichum corchori	17	25	31	25	21	22	36	33	41
Alternaria alternata	19	35	25	35	45	24	43	45	52

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206 It was found that Compound 5 and 6 were more effective than that of other chemicals for all bacterial 207 strain. Bacterial stain Bacillus cereus had lower inhibition of all chemicals studied. Other compounds 208 were either inactive or moderately to fairly active against the tested bacterial strain. As far as the 209 fungal activity concerned, all the compounds showed good to excellent activity against all the fungi. 210 Compound 5 and 6 show stronger activity against colletotrichum corcori and Macrophomina phaseolina. From the observation of inhibitions of the tested compounds, it was ascertained that 211 212 generally pyridopyrimidine derivatives 5 and 6 exhibited higher activities against human pathogenic 213 bacteria and phytopathogenic fungi. 214

215 **4.0 CONCLUSION**

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Pyridopyrimidines with aromatic side chain were synthesized in good yields and characterized. The
characteristic spectroscopy and elemental analysis confirmed the structure of those compounds.
Antimicrobial screening showed a dependable knowledge base to use them as broad antibiotic agents
and pesticides against common human pathogenic bacteria and phytopathogenic fungi respectively.
Further studies with other biological application should be needed to develop a database for those
pyridopyrimidines.

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