

# Antimicrobial Screening of 2-Methyl-3-Acyl-4-Aryl-2,6,6 and / or 2,7,7-Trimethyl-1,4,5,6,7,8-Hexahydroquinoline Derivatives

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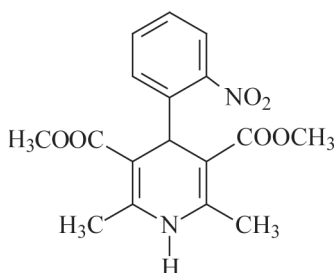
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## *Introduction*

1,4-Dihydropyridine (DHP) derivatives attract more interest in recent years because of their wide variety of biological and pharmacological activities, such as vasodilator, antihypertensive, anti-ischemic, bronchodilator, anticonvulsant, antioxidant and antiradical<sup>1-3</sup>. They represent the most important group of calcium-channel modulating agents and nifedipine is the prototype of this group<sup>4</sup> (Figure 1).



**Figure 1**  
Nifedipine

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At the beginning DHPs were developed as cardiovascular agents, but later some of them were used for different therapeutic indications<sup>5-7</sup>. Recent studies have shown that substitution of carboxylate ester with carboxamide group reduces calcium channel blocking activity, but at the same time provides them significant antimicrobial properties<sup>8,9</sup>.

Sirisha et al showed that the compounds having pyrrolyl and 4-methylphenyl groups in four position of the 1,4-DHP ring possess promising antimicrobial activity. These compounds exhibit a significant antitubercular activity in comparison with the first line drug pyrazinamide<sup>9</sup>.

The antimicrobial evaluation of 1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarboxamide derivatives with lipophilic groups was also reported<sup>10</sup>. New 1,4-DHP derivatives containing diethyl carbamoyl and ester substituents on C-3 and C-5, and phenyl or substituted phenyl on C-4 position have also been reported as potential antimicrobial agents<sup>11-13</sup>.

According to these studies, the antimicrobial activities of some 1,4-DHP derivatives having the structure of methyl(ethyl) 2,6,6- or 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate and N,N-diethyl-2,6,6- or 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide, were screened. These compounds were synthesized and their effects on calcium channels were investigated in our previous study<sup>14</sup>.

## *Experimental*

### Chemistry

The compounds in this study were synthesized before according to the following procedures<sup>14</sup>.

#### ***Synthesis of methyl(ethyl) 2,6,6- or 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylates (3a-u)***

A mixture of methyl(ethyl) aminocrotonate (1 mmol), 4,4(5,5)-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (1 mmol) and the appropriate aromatic aldehyde (1 mmol) were refluxed in 20 mL methanol. The solvent was evaporated

and the residue was crystallized from ethanol.

**Synthesis of N,N-diethyl-2,6,6- or 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxamides (4a-j)**

N,N-diethylaminoacetamide (1 mmol), 4,4(5,5)-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (1 mmol), appropriate aromatic aldehyde (1 mmol) and 1 mL ammonia were refluxed in 20 mL methanol. The reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and the precipitate was crystallized from appropriate solvents.

### Microbiology

#### Antibacterial screening

The antimicrobial activity of the compounds **3a-u** and **4a-j** were screened against the bacteria; *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922), *Enterococcus faecalis* (ATCC 29212), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853), *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 29213) and the fungi; *Candida albicans* (ATCC 90028), *C. krusei* (ATCC 6258), *C. parapsilosis* (ATCC 90018) by using ciprofloxacin and fluconazole as reference compounds. Antimicrobial activities were determined as minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values. MICs were determined by broth microdilution method reported by the CLSI<sup>15,16</sup>. Antibacterial activity test was performed in Mueller-Hinton Broth (Difco, USA). RPMI-1640 medium with L-glutamine (ICN-Flow, USA) buffered with 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulphonic acid (MOPS) (ICN-Flow, USA) was used as the culture medium for antifungal activity test in 37°C. The inoculum densities were approximately 5x10<sup>6</sup> cfu/mL and 0.5-2.5x10<sup>6</sup> cfu/mL for bacteria and fungi, respectively. The MIC values were recorded as the lowest concentrations of the substances that had no visible turbidity. In microbiological studies, all compounds were dissolved in dimethyl sulphoxide.

### Results and Discussion

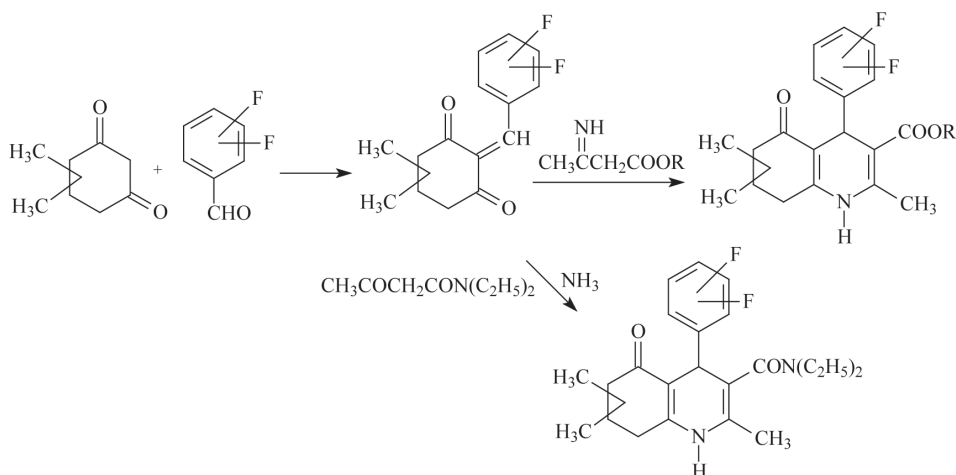
In this study twenty alkyl 5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylates and ten N,N-diethyl-5-

oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide derivatives were synthesized according to the Hantzsch reaction (Figure 2). The synthesized compounds were published before with their calcium channel modulating effects. The synthesized compounds and their antibacterial activities are given in Table 1 and 2.

The screening data indicate that compound **3a** show the best antibacterial activity in ester analogs against *S. aureus* among the synthesized compounds. All the studied compounds were found to be more effective against *C. parapsilosis* than the other tested fungi strains. Compounds **4i** and **4j** have more potent activity in amide derivatives against *C. parapsilosis* than the other compounds.

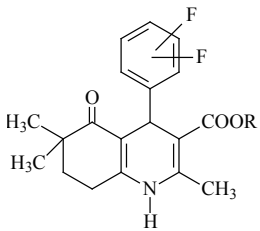
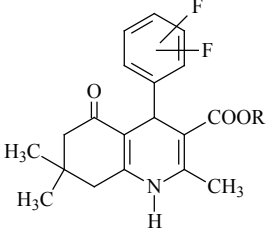
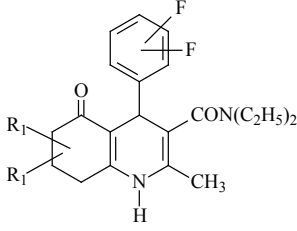
### Conclusion

Thirty 1,4-DHP derivatives were screened for antimicrobial activity against bacteria and fungi. The results were determined as minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values comparing to ciprofloxacin and fluconazole. The results indicated that substitution of carboxylate ester with carboxamide group provides antimicrobial properties especially against *C. parapsilosis*.



**Figure 2**  
Synthesis of the compounds

**TABLE I**  
 Synthesized compounds

								
	<b>Ar</b>	<b>R</b>		<b>Ar</b>	<b>R</b>		<b>Ar</b>	<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>
<b>3a</b>	2,3-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>3k</b>	2,3-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	4a	2,3-F <sub>2</sub>	6,6-dimethyl
<b>3b</b>	2,4-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>3l</b>	2,4-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	4b	2,4-F <sub>2</sub>	6,6-dimethyl
<b>3c</b>	2,5-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>3m</b>	2,5-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	4c	2,5-F <sub>2</sub>	6,6-dimethyl
<b>3d</b>	2,6-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>3n</b>	2,6-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	4d	2,6-F <sub>2</sub>	6,6-dimethyl
<b>3e</b>	3,4-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>3o</b>	3,4-F <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	4e	3,4-F <sub>2</sub>	6,6-dimethyl
<b>3f</b>	2,3-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>3p</b>	2,3-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4f	2,3-F <sub>2</sub>	7,7-dimethyl
<b>3g</b>	2,4-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>3r</b>	2,4-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4g	2,4-F <sub>2</sub>	7,7-dimethyl
<b>3h</b>	2,5-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>3s</b>	2,5-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4h	2,5-F <sub>2</sub>	7,7-dimethyl
<b>3i</b>	2,6-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>3t</b>	2,6-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4i	2,6-F <sub>2</sub>	7,7-dimethyl
<b>3j</b>	3,4-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>3u</b>	3,4-F <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4j	3,4-F <sub>2</sub>	7,7-dimethyl

**TABLE II**

Antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds (MIC in µg/mL).

<b>Compounds</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>
<b>3a</b>	>512	512	512	16	>512	>512	128
<b>3b</b>	>512	512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3c</b>	>512	512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3d</b>	>512	512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3e</b>	>512	512	>512	512	>512	>512	256

<b>3f</b>	>512	512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3g</b>	>512	512	512	512	>512	>512	256
<b>3h</b>	>512	512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3i</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	128
<b>3j</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	512	>512	>512
<b>3k</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	256
<b>3l</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	512
<b>3m</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3n</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	256
<b>3o</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3p</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3r</b>	>512	>512	>512	256	512	>512	256
<b>3s</b>	>512	>512	>512	>512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3t</b>	>512	>512	>512	>512	>512	>512	>512
<b>3u</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>4a</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>4b</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	>512
<b>4c</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	512
<b>4d</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	512
<b>4e</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	512	>512	128
<b>4f</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	512	>512	64
<b>4g</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	256	>512	64
<b>4h</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	128
<b>4i</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	>512	32
<b>4j</b>	>512	>512	>512	512	>512	512	32
<b>C*</b>	0,015	0,25	0,25	0,125	-	-	-
<b>F**</b>	-	-	-	-	0,5	32	1

\* **A:** *E.coli* ATCC 25923, **B:** *E.faecalis* ATCC 29212, **C:** *Paeruginosa* ATCC 27853, **D.** *S.aureus* ATCC 25923, **E:** *C.albicans* ATCC 90028, **F:** *C.crusei* ATCC 6258, **G:** *C.parapsilosis* ATCC90018, **C\*:** *Ciprofloxazin*, **F\*\*:** *Fluconazole*

### *Summary*

In this study, thirty compounds having methyl(ethyl) 2,6,6- or 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxylate and N,N-diethyl-2,6,6- or 2,7,7-trimethyl-5-oxo-4-(difluorosubstituted phenyl)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydroquinoline-3-carboxamide structure, have been screened for their antimicrobial activities. Antimicrobial activities were determined as minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values by broth microdilution method against bacteria and fungi.

*Key words:* 1,4-dihydropyridine, hexahydroquinoline, antimicrobial activity

### *Özet*

#### **2-Metil-3-Acil-4-Aril-2,6,6 ve/veya 2,7,7-Trimetil-1,4,5,6,7,8-Hekzahidrokinolin Türevlerinin Antimikrobiyal Etkilerinin Araştırılması**

Bu çalışmada metil(etil) 2,6,6- veya 2,7,7-trimetil-5-okso-4-(difluorosübstitüe fenil)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hekzahidrokinolin-3-karboksilat ve N,N-dietil-2,6,6- veya 2,7,7-trimetil-5-okso-4-(difluorosübstitüe fenil)-1,4,5,6,7,8-hekzahidrokinolin-3-karboksamit yapısına sahip otuz bileşiğin antimikrobiyal aktivitesi taranmıştır. Bakteri ve funguslara karşı antimikrobiyal aktiviteleri broth mikrodilüsyon yöntemi kullanılarak minimum inhibitör konsantrasyonu (MIC) olarak saptanmıştır.

*Anahtar kelimeler:* 1,4-dihidropiridin, hekzahidrokinolin, antimikrobiyal aktivite

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