

A One-Pot Synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyrimido[1,2-a] benzimidazoles and their Antimicrobial Activity

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ABSTRACT

A one-pot synthesis of 1,4-dihydropyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazole were carried out by Biginelli like cyclocondensation of aromatic aldehydes and acetoacetic acid derivatives with 2-amino benzimidazole containing a guanidine fragment. The newly synthesized compounds were characterized by IR, NMR and Mass spectroscopy.

Keywords: Pyrimidine, Benzimidazole, Cyclocondensation, Antimicrobial

I. INTRODUCTION

Synthetic studies of fused pyrimidine have been reported extensively because of their structural diversity and association with a wide spectrum of biological activity. It has been observed over the years that poly substituted pyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazoles possess a wide spectrum of biological activities like Antimicrobial^{1,2}, antimalarial³, antiproliferative⁴, antiInflammatory^{5,6}, antitumor⁷, antimycotic⁸, anti asthmat⁹ and diuretic^{10,11}. Several procedures for the synthesis of pyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazole have been studied. Over all the reported synthesis more efficient synthesis is Biginelli like three-component cyclocondensation reaction of an aromatic aldehydes, acetoacetic acid derivatives and 2-aminobenzimidazole affording the pyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazoles¹²⁻¹⁶. Another synthetic path for pyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazoles from aminobenzimidazole with α , β -unsaturated nitriles, especially arylidenemalononitriles and arylidenecyanoacetates have been reported^{17,18}.

II. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The biological importance of 1,4-dihydropyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazoles is well documented. Over the years, various substituted derivatives of these heterocycles have shown utility against a range of biological targets.

One of the synthetic pathways to 1,4-dihydropyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazoles by treatment of 2-amino benzimidazole with aldehydes and 1,3-diketones. The cyclocondensations were achieved by heating of the starting materials with reflux conditions using dimethylformamide (DMF) as solvent.

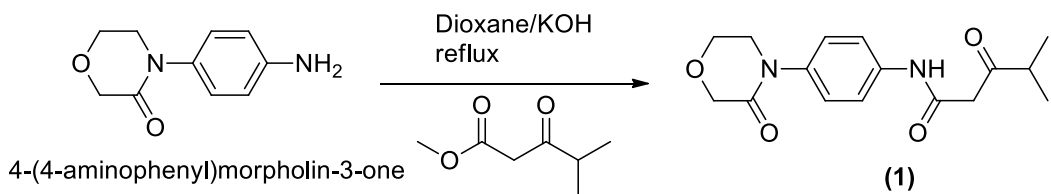
Recognizing these facts, we have synthesised new series of 1,4-dihydropyrimido[1,2-a]benzimidazoles containing an acetoacetamide fragment. The reaction of various aldehydes with 2-aminobenzimidazole and INT-I trace amount of DMF at reflux affords substituted benzimidazopyrimidines (**2a-o**) (table-1).

4-methyl-3-oxo-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)pentanamide (**1**) was synthesized by refluxing methyl 4-methyl-3-

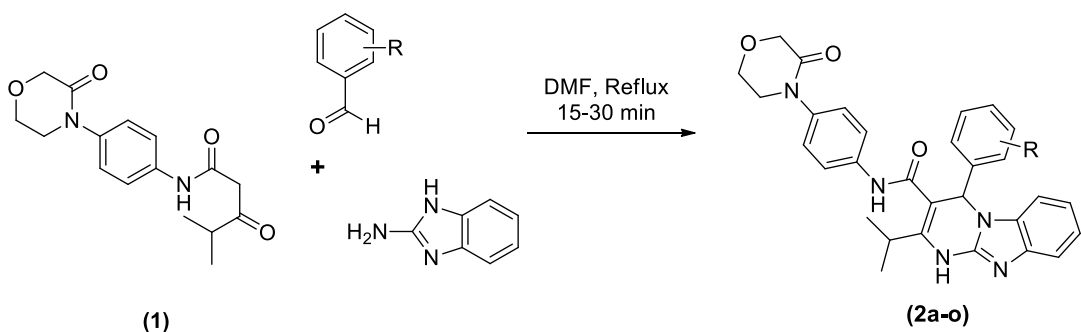
oxopentanoate and 4-(4-aminophenyl)morpholin-3-one with potassium hydroxide in dioxane.

¹H NMR and elemental analyses. The newly synthesized compounds were subjected to antimicrobial activity (table 2).

The structures of all the newly synthesized compounds were elucidated by FT-IR, mass spectra,



Scheme-1 **Synthesis of INT-I**



Scheme-2 **Synthesis of 1,4-dihydroprimido[1,2-a]benzimidazole**

Table 1. Synthesis of substituted benzimidazolopyrimidine

Entry	R	Time, min	M.W.	Yield %	mp°C
2a	H	25	507	71	271
2b	4-OCH ₃	18	537	69	264
2c	4-CH ₃	24	521	73	248
2d	4-N(CH ₃) ₂	20	550	76	234
2e	2,5-di-OCH ₃	22	567	72	240
2f	4-OH	24	523	66	227
2g	4-Cl	18	542	74	252
2h	4-Br	15	586	81	284
2i	4-F	20	525	77	245
2j	3-Br	25	586	83	274
2k	2-Cl	21	542	67	198
2l	2-Br	24	586	69	228
2m	4-CN	18	532	86	260
2n	4-NO ₂	17	552	89	279

Table 2. Antimicrobial Sensitivity Assay

Compound	MIC(µg/mL)					
	Antibacterial activity			Antifungal activity		
	E.coli (MTCC443)	S. typhi (MTCC98)	B. subtilis (MTCC441)	S.aureus (MTCC96)	A. niger (MTCC282)	A.clavatus (MTCC1323)
2a	200	500	100	500	500	1000
2b	100	200	500	250	100	100
2c	250	500	250	500	500	500
2d	200	200	100	500	>1000	1000
2e	250	500	500	500	1000	500
2f	500	100	250	100	100	250
2g	100	100	100	250	500	>1000
2h	500	250	500	500	1000	1000
2i	500	250	500	500	500	>1000
2j	250	250	500	100	>1000	500
2k	100	500	100	50	100	100
2l	500	250	500	250	1000	500
2m	250	100	100	500	>1000	1000
2n	100	100	250	100	200	100
2o	250	100	250	500	500	500
Gentamicin	0.05	1	0.25	0.5	-	-
Ampicillin	100	100	250	100	-	-
Chloramphenicol	50	50	50	50	-	-
Ciprofloxacin	25	25	50	50	-	-
Norfloxacin	10	10	10	10	-	-
Nystatin	-	-	-	-	100	100
Griseofulvin	-	-	-	-	100	100

III. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

All research chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemicals and used as received. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on pre-coated silica gel GF254 plates (E-Merck Co) by using appropriate solvent systems. Melting points were determined in open capillaries and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra (KBr pellets) were recorded on a Shimadzu-FTIR-8400 spectrophotometer over frequencies ranging from 4000-400 cm⁻¹. The NMR Spectra (1H NMR & 13C

NMR) were recorded on a Bruker Avance-III Spectrospin 400 MHz spectrometer using CDCl₃ as solvents and TMS as an internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu GC-MS-QP-2010 spectrometer by using Electron Impact (EI) (0.7 kV) ionization source. The ion source temperature was 220 °C and interface temperature was 240 °C.

Synthesis of 4-methyl-N-(4-morpholinophenyl)-3-oxopentanamide (1)

A mixture 4-(4-aminophenyl)morpholin-3-one (10 mmol), methyl 4-methyl-

3-oxopentanoate (10 mmol) and catalytic amount of sodium or potassium hydroxide lie (10 %) in 1,4-dioxane (50ml) was refluxed at 110 oC for 12-15 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the crude material was poured in to cold dilute hydrochloric acid and filtered the separated solid was with n-hexane.

General Synthesis of Imidazolopyrimidine (2a-o)

A mixture of the 2-aminobenzimidazole (0.01 mol), 4-methyl-3-oxo-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)pentanamide (0.01 mol) and an appropriate aromatic aldehyde (0.01 mol) was refluxed in 0.4 mL of DMF for 15-25 min. After cooling, methanol (~10 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand overnight and then filtered to give the solid imidazolopyrimidine products 2a to 2o, which were crystallized from ethanol and subsequently dried in air.

IV. SPECTRAL DATA

2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-4-phenyl-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2a):

Off white solid; mp 271 °C; R_f 0.47 (4:6-EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3319, 3234, 3057, 2974, 1660, 1595, 1566, 1512, 1452, 1400, 1311, 1282, 1247, 1122, 1076, 1004, 922, 839, 738, 694 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): ¹H NMR: δ 10.10 (s, 1H, -NH amide), 10.00 (s, 1H, -NH, pyrimidine ring), 7.56 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.90 (t, 1H, Ar-H), 6.61 (s, 1H, -CH pyrimidine ring), 4.18 (s, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring near ketone), 3.95 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.67 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.34-3.27 (m, 1H, ipr-CH), 1.30 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂), 1.21 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂) ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 165.95, 165.20, 147.13, 143.49, 142.53, 140.64, 137.45, 136.82, 131.57, 128.80, 128.08, 126.64, 125.90, 121.63, 119.82, 119.59, 116.31, 109.39, 103.30, 67.75, 63.51, 57.50, 49.12, 28.90,

19.78, 19.52; MS (m/z): 507 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₉N₅O₃: C, 70.99; H, 5.76; N, 13.80; Found: C, 71.24; H, 5.58; N, 13.68.

2-isopropyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-

dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-3-

carboxamide (2b): Off white solid; mp 264 °C; R_f 0.52 (4:6-EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3306, 3053, 2970, 1666, 1560, 1523, 1456, 1251, 1180, 1126, 1072, 1024, 842, 736, 678, 569 cm⁻¹; MS (m/z): 537 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₁H₃₁N₅O₄: C, 69.26; H, 5.81; N, 13.03; Found: C, 69.35; H, 5.69; N, 13.31.

2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-4-(p-tolyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-

a]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2c): Off white solid; mp 248 °C; R_f 0.56 (4:6-EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3300, 3167, 3053, 2968, 1656, 1565, 1564, 1512, 1456, 1342, 1311, 1282, 1255, 1224, 1128, 1074, 898, 835, 738, 678, 513 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.07 (s, 1H, -NH amide), 9.96 (s, 1H, -NH, pyrimidine ring), 7.57 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.89 (t, 1H, Ar-H), 6.57 (s, 1H, -CH- pyrimidine ring), 4.18 (s, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring near ketone), 3.95 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.68 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.34-3.27 (m, 1H, ipr-CH), 2.19 (s, 3H, -CH₃), 1.29 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂), 1.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 165.93, 165.19, 147.09, 143.35, 142.52, 137.73, 137.31, 136.78, 131.58, 129.33, 126.53, 125.87, 121.55, 119.75, 119.52, 116.24, 109.40, 103.38, 67.73, 63.50, 57.23, 49.11, 28.85, 20.65, 19.75, 19.52; MS (m/z): 521 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₁H₃₁N₅O₃: C, 71.38; H, 5.99; N, 13.43; Found: C, 70.51; H, 6.12; N, 13.62.

4-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-

dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidine-3-

carboxamide (2d): Off white solid; mp234 °C; R_f 0.52 (4:6–EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3360, 3205, 2958, 2868, 1710, 1660, 1629, 1546, 1512, 1460, 1348, 1315, 1232, 1203, 1126, 997, 922, 817, 736, 533 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 550 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₂H₃₄N₆O₃: C, 69.80; H, 6.22; N, 15.26; Found: C, 69.72; H, 6.39; N, 15.08.

4-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2e): Off white solid; mp240 °C; R_f 0.49 (4:6–EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3341, 3267, 3042, 2972, 1664, 1586, 1552, 1471, 1411, 1313, 1248, 1161, 1081, 1012, 923, 848, 750, 679, 523 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 567 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₂H₃₃N₅O₅: C, 67.71; H, 5.86; N, 12.34; Found: C, 67.86; H, 5.66; N, 12.52.

4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2f): Off white solid; mp227 °C; R_f 0.47 (4:6–EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3406, 3217, 2966, 2872, 1666, 1633, 1599, 1564, 1512, 1458, 1408, 1342, 1278, 1234, 1128, 1001, 922, 829, 744, 686, 653, 547, 503 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 523 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₉N₅O₄: C, 68.82; H, 5.58; N, 13.38; Found: C, 68.59; H, 5.74; N, 13.10.

4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2g): White solid; mp252 °C; R_f 0.54 (4:6–EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3296, 3174, 3051, 2970, 1654, 1620, 1595, 1564, 1512, 1462, 1344, 1313, 1286, 1251, 1128, 1074, 997, 833, 740, 675 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 542 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈ClN₅O₃: C, 66.48; H, 5.21; N, 12.92; Found: C, 66.72; H, 5.48; N, 13.06.

4-(4-bromophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-

dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2h): Off white solid; mp284 °C; R_f 0.56 (4:6–EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3294, 3053, 2970, 2870, 1708, 1654, 1597, 1564, 1512, 1460, 1313, 1284, 1126, 1074, 1004, 922, 831, 740, 675 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.09 (s, 1H, -NH amide), 10.02 (s, 1H, -NH, pyrimidine ring), 7.56 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.49 (s, 3H, Ar-H), 7.29 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.8, 1H, Ar-H), 6.59 (s, 1H, -CH- pyrimidine ring), 4.18 (s, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring near ketone), 3.95 (s, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.86 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.27–3.244 (m, 1H, ipr-CH), 1.94 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂) ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 165.93, 165.08, 148.92, 142.46, 140.02, 137.35, 136.93, 131.74, 128.77, 126.06, 125.90, 121.63, 119.82, 118.45, 116.34, 109.30, 102.92, 67.74, 63.51, 56.83, 49.10, 29.05, 19.69, 19.50; MS (*m/z*): 586 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈BrN₅O₃: C, 61.44; H, 4.81; N, 11.94; Found: C, 61.24; H, 4.98; N, 12.21.

4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2i): White solid; mp245 °C; R_f 0.52 (4:6–EtOAc-hexane); IR (KBr): 3304, 3163, 3055, 2972, 1654, 1618, 1597, 1564, 1512, 1460, 1313, 1286, 1257, 1226, 1014, 922, 898, 792, 738, 680, 615, 555 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 10.10 (s, 1H, -NH amide), 10.02 (s, 1H, -NH, pyrimidine ring), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.13 (t, 2H, Ar-H), 7.05 (t, 2H, Ar-H), 6.91 (t, 1H, Ar-H), 6.63 (s, 1H, -CH- pyrimidine ring), 4.19 (s, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring near ketone), 3.95 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.68 (t, 2H, -CH₂- in morpholinone ring), 3.32–3.25 (m, 1H, ipr-CH), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂), 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H, -(CH₃)₂) ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 165.18, 160.45, 147.02, 143.39, 142.52, 137.39, 136.88, 131.48, 128.82, 128.74, 125.91, 121.71, 119.86, 116.35, 115.76, 115.54, 109.40, 103.25, 67.75, 63.51, 56.76, 49.13, 29.01, 19.74,

19.53; MS (*m/z*): 525 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈FN₅O₃: C, 68.56; H, 5.37; N, 13.33; Found: C, 68.73; H, 5.20; N, 13.54.

4-(3-bromophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2j): Off white solid; mp 274 °C; R_f 0.55 (4:6–EtOAc–hexane); IR (KBr): 3288, 3174, 3063, 2970, 1664, 1611, 1579, 1559, 1523, 1472, 1325, 1275, 1246, 1036, 952, 835, 767, 663, 564 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 586 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈BrN₅O₃: C, 61.44; H, 4.81; N, 11.94; Found: C, 61.19; H, 4.68; N, 11.76.

4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2k): White solid; mp 198 °C; R_f 0.51 (4:6–EtOAc–hexane); IR (KBr): 3284, 3048, 2974, 2868, 1668, 1589, 1557, 1468, 1317, 1291, 1138, 1057, 1012, 931, 849, 751, 659, 537 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 542 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈ClN₅O₃: C, 66.48; H, 5.21; N, 12.92; Found: C, 66.62; H, 5.47; N, 12.69.

4-(2-bromophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2l): White solid; mp 228 °C; R_f 0.47 (4:6–EtOAc–hexane); IR (KBr): 3287, 3178, 3034, 2976, 1668, 1579, 1551, 1507, 1462, 1368, 1316, 1275, 1219, 1163, 1087, 869, 842, 751, 668, 542 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 586 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈BrN₅O₃: C, 65.34; H, 5.08; N, 14.48; Found: C, 65.52; H, 4.83; N, 14.21.

4-(4-cyanophenyl)-2-isopropyl-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2m): Off White solid; mp 260 °C; R_f 0.53 (4:6–EtOAc–hexane); IR (KBr): 3325, 3254, 3061, 2966, 1672, 1596, 1525, 1485, 1408, 1315, 1259, 1152, 1074,

1030, 916, 862, 739, 659, 537 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 532 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₁H₂₈N₆O₃: C, 69.91; H, 5.30; N, 15.78; Found: C, 69.75; H, 5.62; N, 15.57.

2-isopropyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2n): White solid; mp 279 °C; R_f 0.56 (4:6–EtOAc–hexane); IR (KBr): 3249, 3075, 2974, 1668, 1584, 1534, 1472, 1313, 1262, 1174, 1114, 1064, 928, 831, 768, 641, 536 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 552 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈N₆O₅: C, 65.21; H, 5.11; N, 15.21; Found: C, 65.48; H, 5.29; N, 15.04.

2-isopropyl-4-(2-nitrophenyl)-N-(4-(3-oxomorpholino)phenyl)-1,4-dihydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrimidine-3-carboxamide (2o): White solid; mp 279 °C; R_f 0.56 (4:6–EtOAc–hexane); IR (KBr): 3338, 3151, 3034, 2976, 1648, 1569, 1528, 1479, 1328, 1286, 1240, 1031, 941, 878, 764, 751, 663, 635, 548 cm⁻¹; MS (*m/z*): 552 (M⁺); Elemental analysis: Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₈N₆O₅: C, 65.21; H, 5.11; N, 15.21; Found: C, 64.91; H, 4.84; N, 15.48.

V. CONCLUSION

In summary, we have prepared a library of imidazopyrimidine analogues by one pot Biginelli type multicomponent reaction. The process has several advantages like neat reaction and easy workup and purification steps. All the synthesized compounds were evaluated for their antimicrobial activity. The investigation of antimicrobial and antifungal screening data revealed that all the tested compounds showed moderate to significant activity.

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