

## EXPLORING THE DYNAMIC CHEMISTRY AND THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL OF PYRIMIDINE DERIVATIVES

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### ABSTRACT

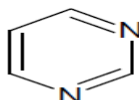
Similar to pyridine, pyrimidine is an aromatic heterocyclic chemical molecule. The "Principal Synthesis" method, which involves cyclizing beta-carbonyl molecules with N-C-N compounds, is commonly used to synthesis pyrimidines. Both the Biginelli and Pinner reactions can be used to produce pyrimidine. A class of heterocyclic scaffolds known as pyrimidine and its fused pyrimidine derivatives has a wide range of biological and pharmacological actions, including antibacterial, antiviral, antifungal, anxiolytic, anticancer, and antioxidant properties.

**KEYWORDS:** Pyrimidine, Heterocyclic, Synthesis, Pharmacological, Anticancer.

### INTRODUCTION

A molecule with a ring composed of more than one type of atom is called heterocyclic.<sup>[1]</sup> Homocyclic compounds are those in which the rings consist solely of carbon atoms, as in the case of benzene, naphthalene, cyclohexanol, and cyclopentadiene.<sup>[2]</sup> Similar to pyridine,

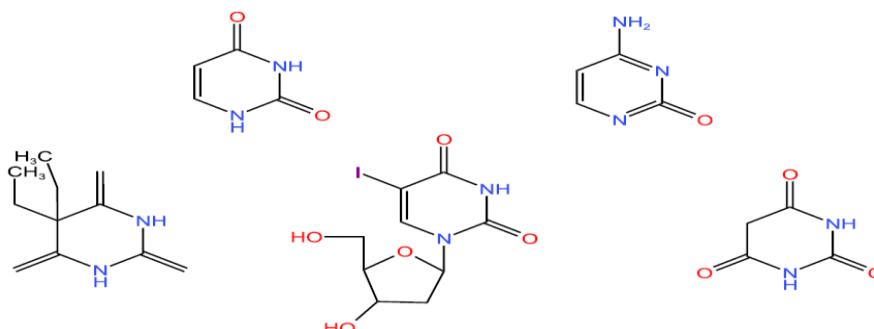
pyrimidine is an aromatic heterocyclic chemical molecule. Having two nitrogen atoms in the ring, this compound is one of the three diazines, which are six-membered heterocyclics with the nitrogens located at positions 1 and 3.<sup>[3,4]</sup>



**pyrimidine**

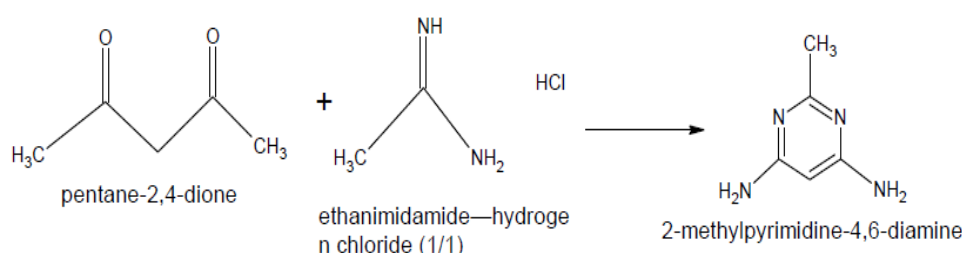
Physical properties of Pyrimidine

Molecular formula	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
Molar mass	80.088 g mol <sup>-1</sup>
Density	1.016 g cm <sup>-3</sup>
Melting point	20 °C (68 °F; 293 K)
Boiling point	123 °C (253 °F; 396 K)
Acidity (pKa)	1.10 (protonated pyrimidine)



Pyrimidine is a substance without colour. Pinner was the one who originally used the term pyrimidine, which is a mixture of the words pyridine and amidine. It is thought that pyrimidine and its derivatives are crucial for pharmaceuticals and agricultural chemicals. Pyrimidines are highly significant heterocycles in biology and are by far the most common members of the diazine family. They are found in and exhibit a variety of biological activities, with uracil, thymine, and cytosine serving as components of ribonucleic acid (RNA) and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA).<sup>[6]</sup> Furthermore, the pyrimidine skeleton can be found in a variety of synthetic and natural goods, including hypnotics like barbituric acid and veranal. Natural items that contain pyrimidines include vitamin B1 (thiamine).<sup>[7]</sup>

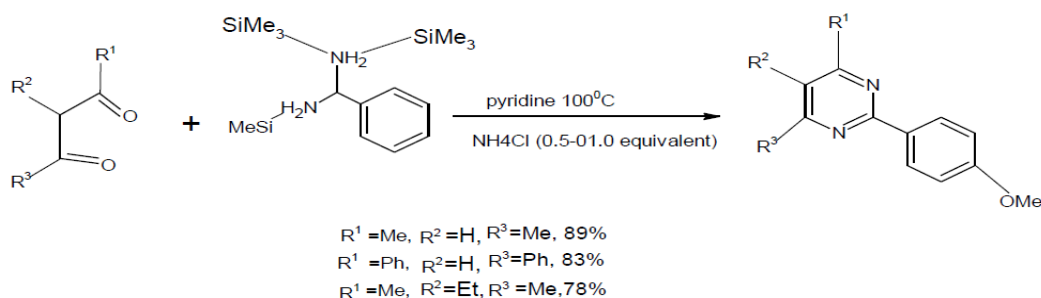
### Synthesis of pyrimidine



**Scheme No. 1: Synthesis of pyrimidine.**

By using 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds 10 in place of unsubstituted amidines, Ghosh and Katzenellenbogen were able to condense N, N'-tris-(trimethylsilyl)

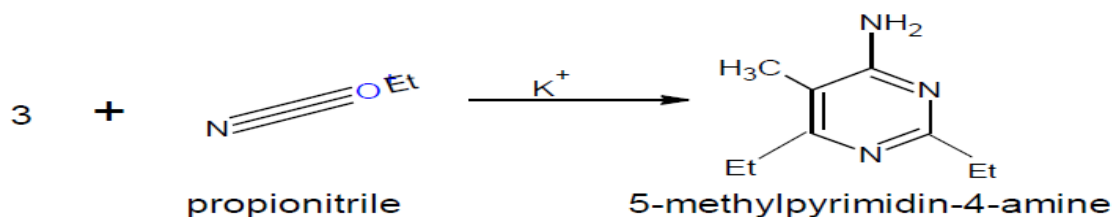
amidine<sup>[11]</sup> and prepare a range of 2,4,6-trisubstituted and 2,4,5,6-tetrasubstituted pyrimidine derivatives.



**Scheme No. 2: Synthesis of tetrasubstituted pyrimidine.**

### 2. Frankland and Kolbe synthesis

In 1848, described the first synthesis of a pyrimidine cyanalkine (9) by heating propionitrile with potassium metal.<sup>[12]</sup>

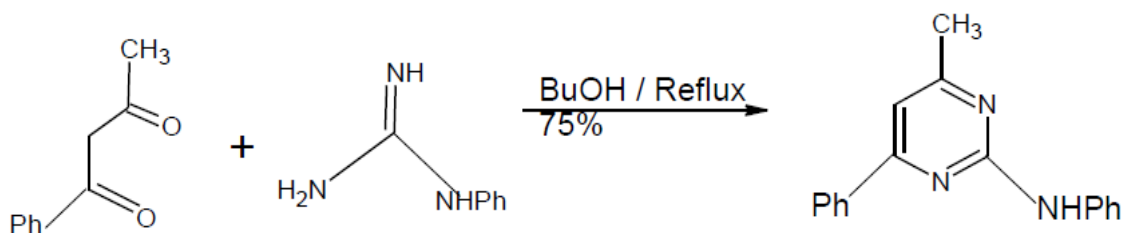


**Scheme No. 3: Synthesis of pyrimidine.**

The condensation of N-C-N fragments, most frequently amidines or guanidines, is the basis for several of these

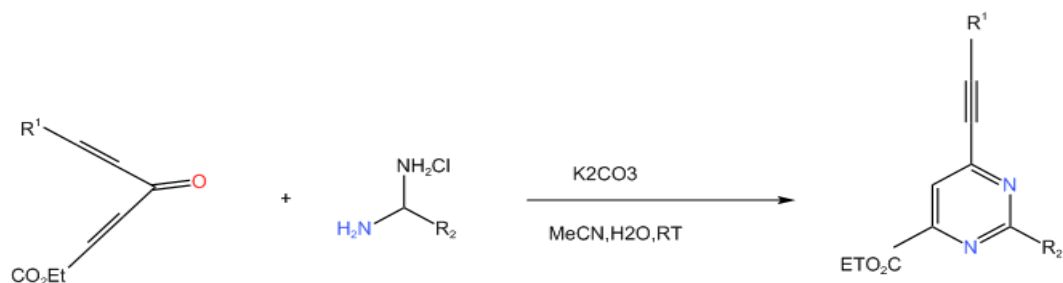
widely used tactics (Scheme 4). Following that, N-C-N Fragment, employed amidine or guanidine, is

condensed with the 1,3-dicarbonyl derivatives to generate synthetic pyrimidine derivatives.<sup>[13]</sup>



**Scheme No. 4:** A typical pyrimidine synthesis process involves condensation of a diketone and an N-C-N fragment.<sup>[14]</sup>

Adamo et al. have created an intriguing pathway utilizing amidinium chlorides 14 and diacetylenic ketoesters to obtain 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrimidines.<sup>[15]</sup>

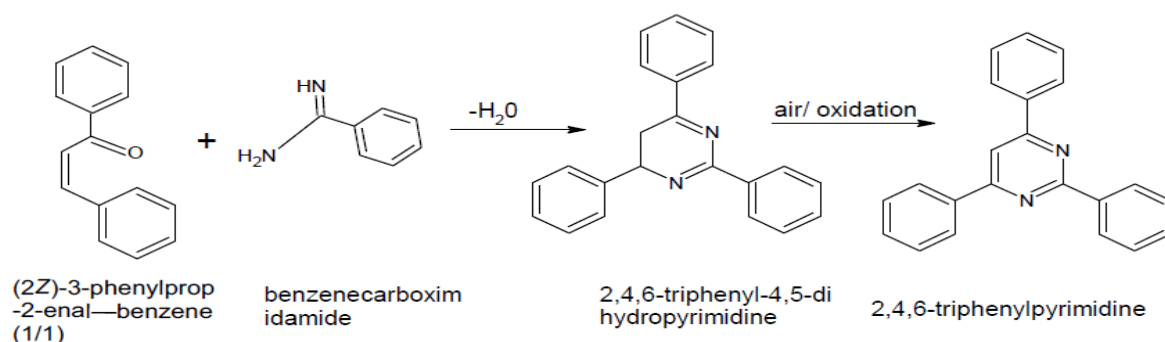


**Scheme No. 5:** Synthesis of 2,4,6 trisubstituted Pyrimidine.

### 3. From $\alpha$ - $\beta$ , unsaturated ketone

The  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  unsaturated ketone reaction forms 2,4,6-triphenyl-4,5-dihydropyrimidine by reacting 3-phenylprop-2-enal-benzene with

benzenecarboximidamide through the loss of a water molecule. additionally, to the product's oxidation to 2,4,6-triphenylpyrimidine.<sup>[16]</sup>

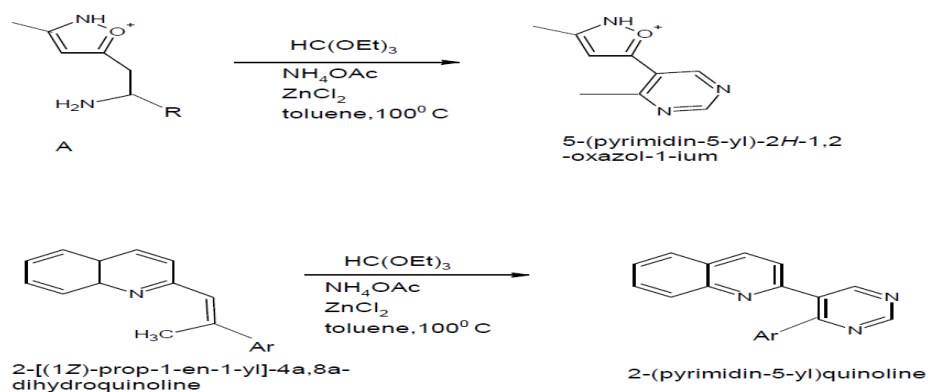


**Scheme no. 6:** Synthesis of pyrimidine derivative.

### 4. From Unsaturated Enamines and Enamides

When employed as precursors in the synthesis of pyrimidines, enamines and enamides supply the (N1-C2-) N3-C4-C5 moiety of the resulting skeleton. Because the primary substrates are 5-methylisoxazolyl-, quinolin-2-yl-, and ethoxycarbonyl-substituted enamines

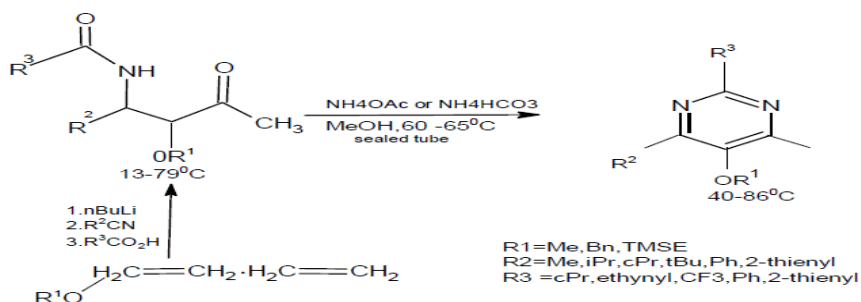
A,B respectively, the substitution pattern is highly uncommon. Surprisingly, their counterparts in pyridin-2-yl, thiazolin-2-yl, and (dimethylamino)carbonyl produced mixtures from which the anticipated pyrimidines were only marginally extracted.<sup>[17]</sup>



### 5. Creation from $\beta$ -Enaminones

The process of synthesizing enaminones involves first adding lithiated alkoxy allenes to nitriles, then adding a carboxylic acid and undergoing an internal rearrangement to get the required molecules. Although

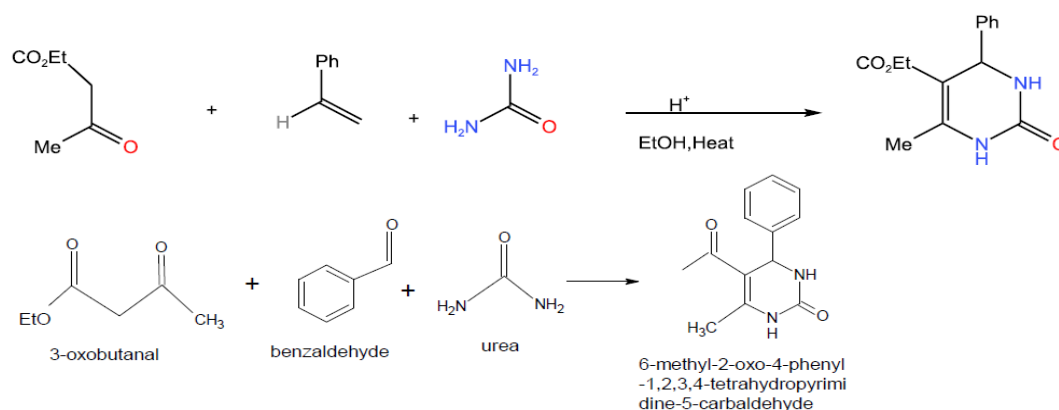
the reaction is naturally restricted to specific structural characteristics, such as the existence of a 6-methyl and a 5-alkoxy group in the resultant pyrimidine, it can tolerate a wide range of functional groups.<sup>[18,19]</sup>



### 6. Biginelli reaction

The three-component reaction that an aldehyde,  $\beta$ -ketoester, and urea catalyzes is a quick and easy way to create dihydropyrimidones, which are intriguing molecules that may find use in medicine.

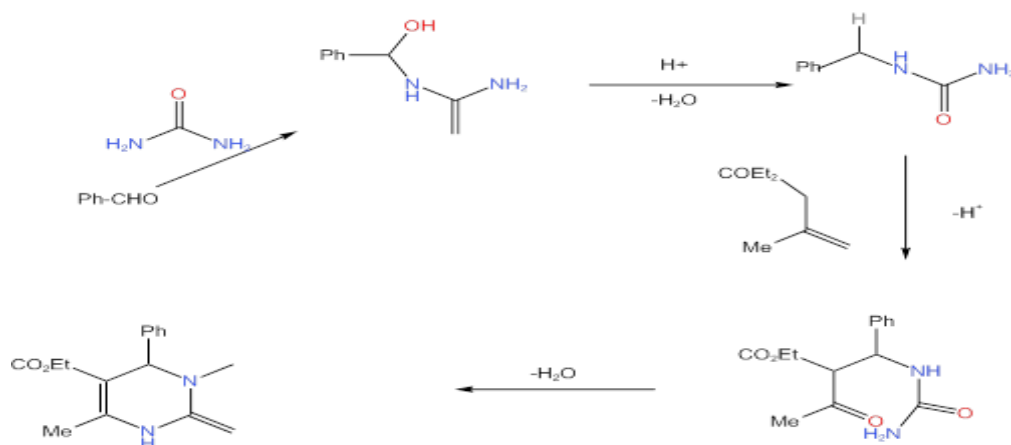
Example of the Reaction amidines react with to give 2-substituted pyrimidines, with urea to give 2-pyrimidiones, and guanidines to give 2-amino pyrimidines.



### The Biginelli Reaction's Mechanism

The condensation between the aldehyde and urea, which bears some resemblance to the Mannich Condensation, is thought to represent the initial stage in the mechanism.

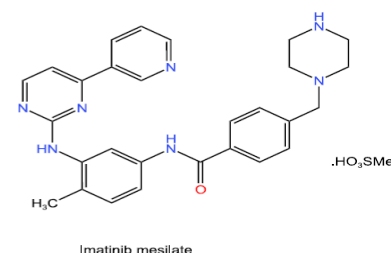
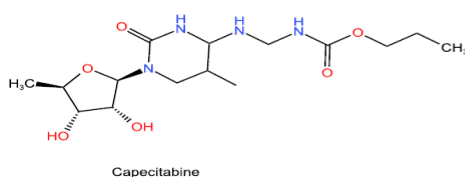
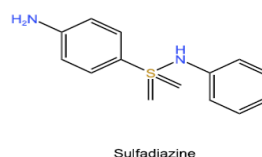
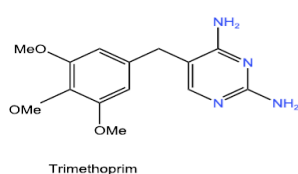
The resulting adduct's ketone carbonyl condenses with urea  $\text{NH}_2$  to yield the cyclized product, and the iminium intermediate that is formed serves as an electrophile for the nucleophilic addition of the ketoester enol.



### Pyrimidine derivatives

Numerous medications, useful materials, and natural compounds are examples of pyrimidine derivatives. Xeloda (Capecitabine), Gleevec (Imatinib mesilate),

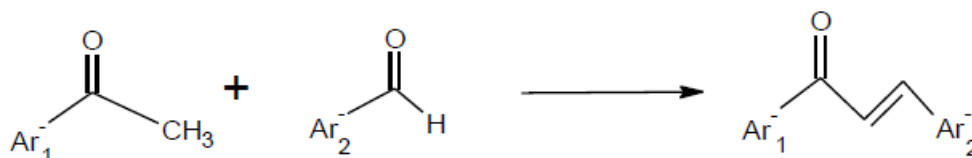
trimethoprim, and sulfadiazine are a few examples of pharmaceutically significant chemicals. Pyrimidine derivatives are also present in both artificial and natural polymers.



### Unsaturated ketone (1a–1h) $\alpha$ - $\beta$ synthesis utilizing EtOH aqueous KOH 40% w/v 00C

With pure ethanol as the starting material, the synthesis of unsaturated ketones (1a1h) was successfully completed by ClaisenSchmidt condensation between a suitably substituted ketone and an appropriately substituted aldehyde. Chemistry: Using absolute ethanol and aqueous KOH 40% w/v as starting materials, the synthesis

of  $\alpha,\beta$ unsaturated ketones (1a1f) was successfully completed through ClaisenSchmidt condensation between an appropriately substituted ketone and an appropriately substituted aldehyde. Pyrimidine derivatives (2a2h) were produced by condensing 4-amino-6-hydroxy-2-mercaptopyrimidine monohydrate in glacial acetic acid 23 with appropriate  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones.



- 1a.  $Ar_1 = C_6H_5$   $Ar_2 = C_6H_5$
- 1b.  $Ar_1 = 4ClC_6H_4$   $Ar_2 = C_6H_5$
- 1c.  $Ar_1 = C_6H_5$   $Ar_2 = 2$ -thienyl
- 1d.  $Ar_1 = 4ClC_6H_4$   $Ar_2 = 2$ -thienyl
- 1e.  $Ar_1 = C_6H_5$   $Ar_2 = 4ClC_6H_4$
- 1f.  $Ar_1 = 4ClC_6H_4$   $Ar_2 = 4ClC_6H_4$

# 1. Synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives (2a -2h) using glacial acetic acid ,118<sup>0</sup> C ,96 h<sup>[24,25,26]</sup>

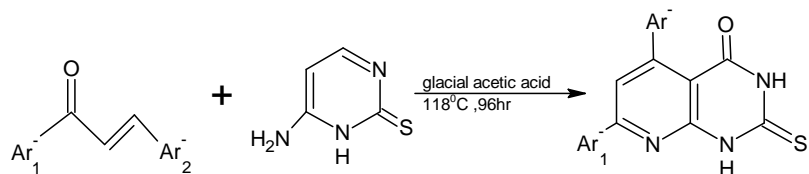


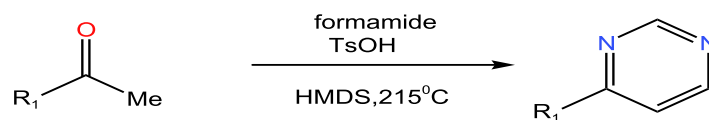
Table 1: Substitutes of pyrimidine derivatives.

Compound	Pyrimidine Scaffold	Ar <sub>1</sub>	Ar <sub>2</sub>
2a			
2b			
2c			
2d			
2e			
2f			
2g			
2h			

## 2. Mono substituted pyrimidine derivatives

Synthesis of several 4-monosubstituted pyrimidines by Tyagarajan and Chakravarty.<sup>[27]</sup> It was advised to use microwave assistance to condense two equivalents of

formamide with ketone substrates while adding 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane and p-toluenesulfonic acid.



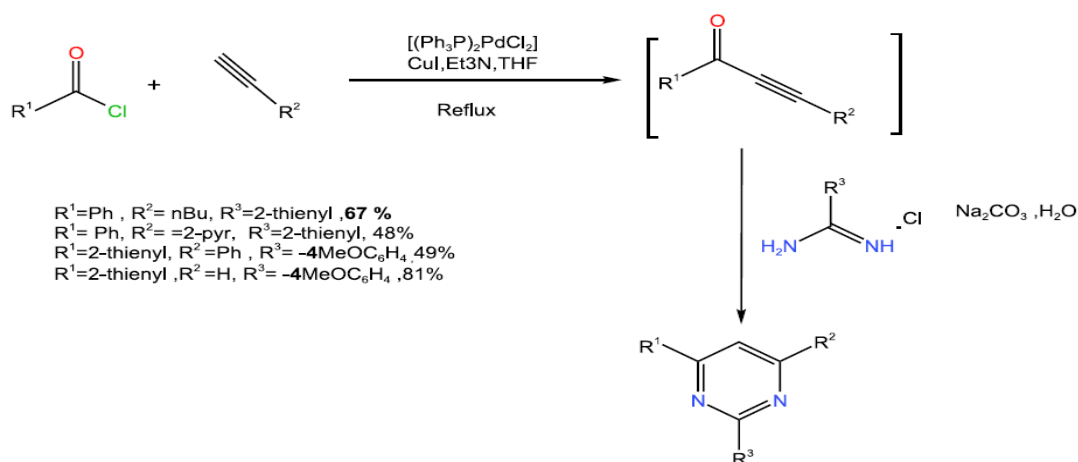
R1 = Ph 89%      R1 = cHx, 35%  
 R1 = 4-BrC6H4, 57%      R1 = nBu, 19%  
 R1 = 4-ClC6H4      R1 = 2-pyr, 27%

**Scheme no. 8: Microwave assisted synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives.**<sup>[25]</sup>

### 3. Disubstituted pyrimidine derivatives

A cross-coupling/addition/cyclocondensation sequence for the synthesis of 2,4-disubstituted and 2,4,6-trisubstituted pyrimidines<sup>[28]</sup> was also devised by the Miller group. In order to produce none intermediate, the procedure entails a Sonogashira cross-coupling of acid

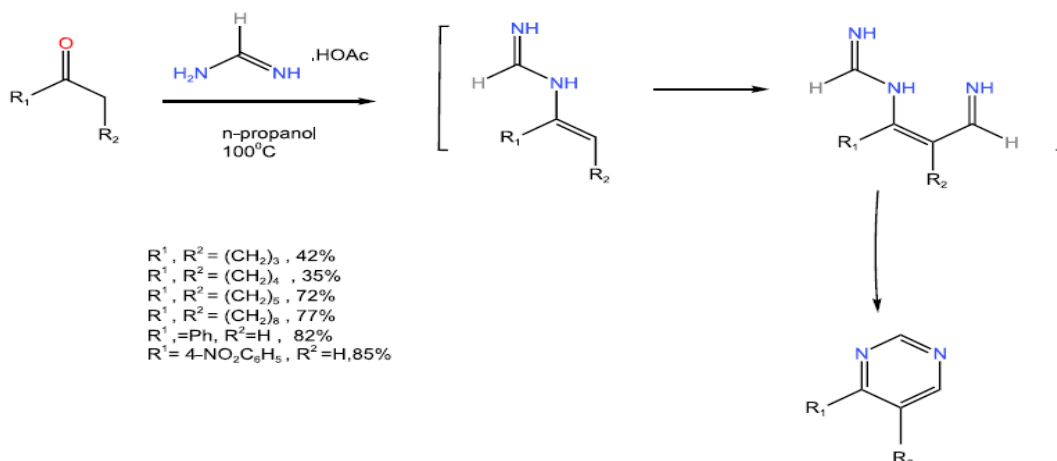
chloride and alkyne. Amidinium chloride, a base-promoted nucleophilic addition process, can be used to add enone, a highly reactive Michael acceptor, and then cyclocondensate the resulting di- and trisubstituted pyrimidines with heteroatom, alkyl, and aromatic substitution.



**Scheme No. 10: One –pot, two step synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives.**

An intriguing one-step synthesis of 4,5-disubstituted and 4-monosubstituted pyrimidines has been reported by the Baran group. The required pyrimidines were obtained by heating two equivalents of formamide acetate in

propanol and condensing them with cycloalkanone and acetophenone derivatives.

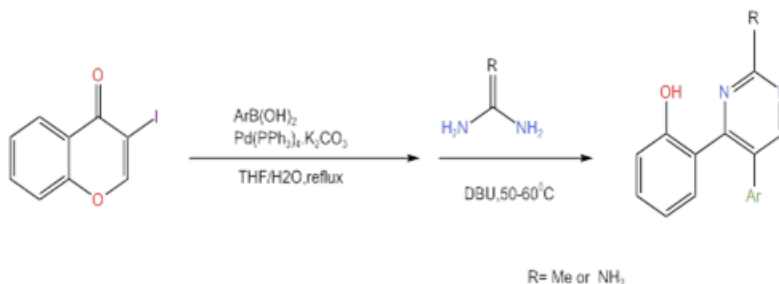


**Scheme no. 11: Synthesis of pyrimidine derivatives from ketones and formamide acetate.**

#### 4. Suzuki Coupling/Condensation reaction

3-Iodochromone is, this time, first engaged in Suzuki coupling with various arylboronic acids and then condensed with acetamidine or guanidine to yield the

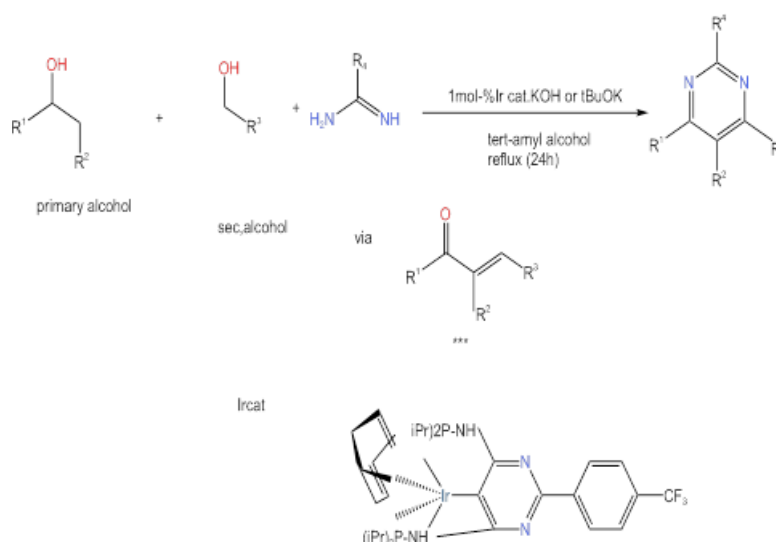
corresponding 2-amino- or 2-methyl 4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-5-arylpyrimidines 34–85% yields. Hu 30 has reported a related strategy based on sequential condensation/cross coupling functionalization.



#### 5. Kempe's three-component synthesis of pyrimidines

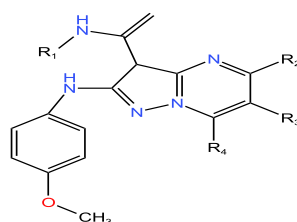
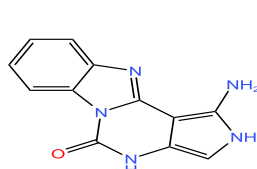
Kempe in 2015 form the three-component condensation procedure with primary alcohols, secondary alcohols, and amidine under iridium catalysis conditions.<sup>[31]</sup> The reaction proceeds through two successive dehydrogenations of the two alcohols, followed by a

base-mediated aldol reaction and by dehydrative amidine condensation onto the resulting enone 14. This methodology presents an impressive scope of reactivity, with 2,4,6-trisubstituted and 2,4,5,6-tetrasubstituted pyrimidines being prepared in good yields and with a remarkable tolerance being shown to many aliphatic and aromatic substituents.

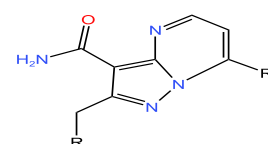


#### 6. Novel pyrimidine derivatives

The derivatives have been designed for the anticancer Activity. The structural activity suggested (SAR) suggests that the presence of two aromatic and an aliphatic chlorine atom linked to the pyrimidine ring gave the compound with maximum potential.



R<sub>1</sub> = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>  
 R<sub>2</sub> = NH<sub>2</sub>  
 R<sub>3</sub> = CN  
 R<sub>4</sub> = Cl

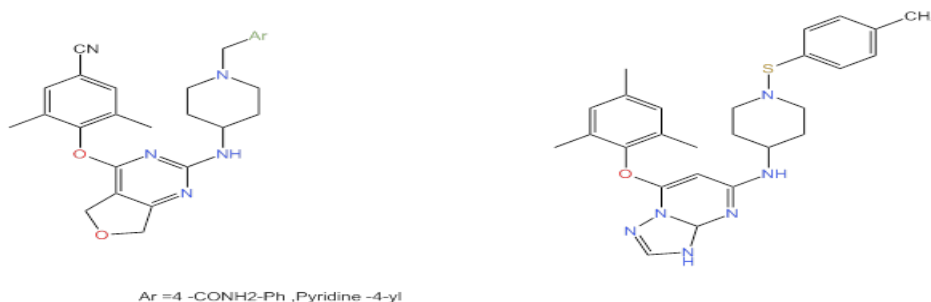


R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> = 4-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

#### 1. Pyrazol pyrimidine derivatives

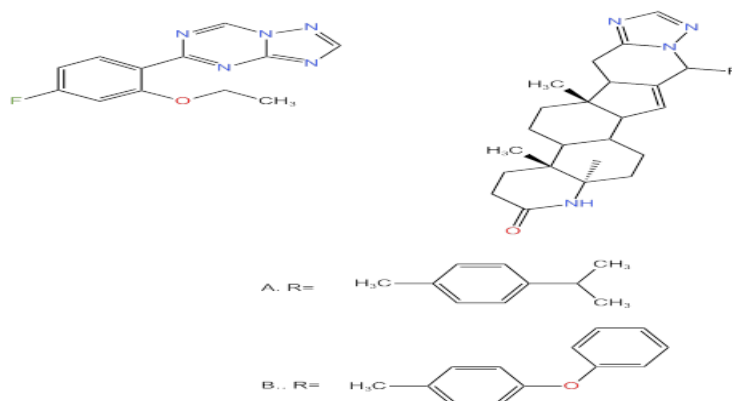
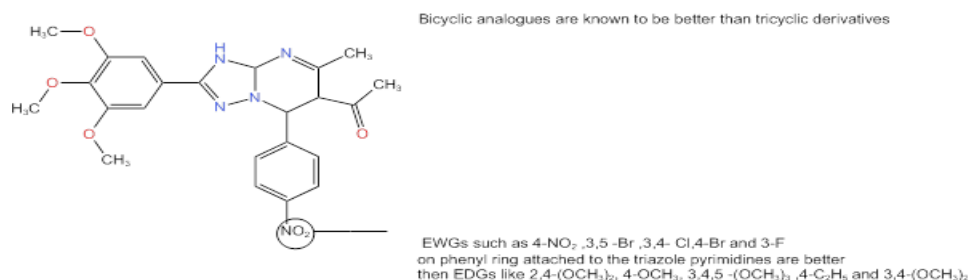
Some novel fused pyrazolo pyrimidine derivatives were studied for anticancer activity as well as COX-2 inhibition against a 60 cancer cell line panel.





## 2. Triazole pyrimidine derivatives

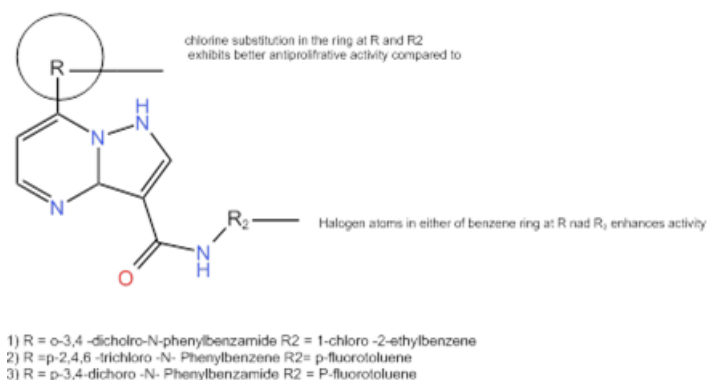
[1,2,4] triazolo [1,5-a] pyrimidine derivatives were screened for in vitro antiproliferative activities against HeLa, HCT116, and A549, via MTT assay.<sup>[32]</sup>



## 3. Imidazolo pyrimidine derivatives

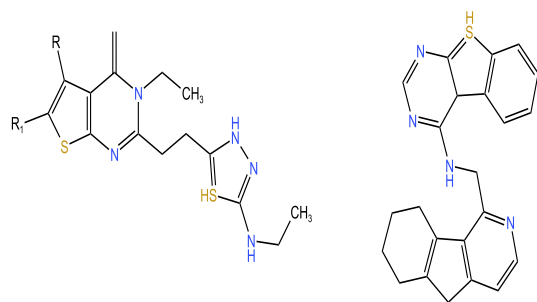
Antiproliferative activity of N-9- and N-7-1,2,3 triazole analogs of 2,6-di-substituted purines was reported. They were tested against HCT-1, THP-1, IMR-32, and A 549 cancer cell lines. 75 was the most potent against the THP-1 and A-549 cell lines with the IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.08 and 0.4

μM<sup>[33]</sup> respectively. The activity was mainly due to C6 position substitution with amines like aminoethanol and benzyl amine, and C2 position was substituted with cyclic second aryamines like piperidine and pyrrolidine. Earlier, the anticancer activity of newly synthesized imidazo[1,2-a] pyrimidine mannich studied.



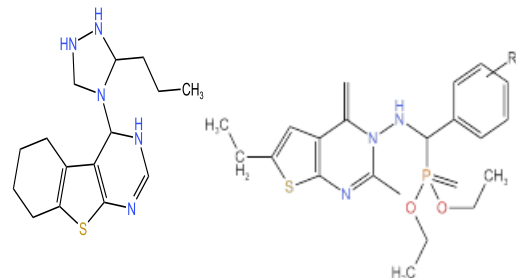
#### 4. Thieno pyrimidine derivatives

Thieno [2,3-d] pyrimidines Novel 2,3-disubstituted-4-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzo [4,5] thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidines were studied against breast and liver



a. R = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> = CH<sub>3</sub>  
b. R = CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> = COOCH<sub>3</sub>  
c. R = R<sub>1</sub> = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>

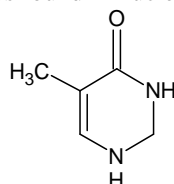
cancer cell lines with DOX a positive control. 91 showed the best activity in the series with the IC<sub>50</sub> = 0.19 μM (breast cancer cell line)



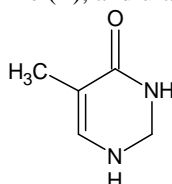
R<sub>1</sub> = 4-Cl

#### 5. Genetic pyrimidine derivatives

Three nucleobases found in nucleic acid, cytosine (C), thymine (T), and uracil (U), are



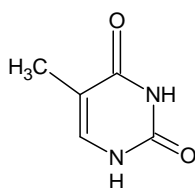
5-methyl-2,3-dihydropyrimidin-4(1H)-one



5-methyl-2,3-dihydropyrimidin-4(1H)-one

In DNA and RNA, these bases form hydrogen bond with their complementary purines. Thus, in DNA, the purines adenine (A) and guanine (G) pair up with the pyrimidines thymine (T) and cytosine (C), respectively. In RNA, the complement of adenine (A) is uracil (U) instead of thymine (T), so the pairs that form are adenine: uracil and guanine: cytosine very rarely,

thymine can appear in RNA, or uracil in DNA. Other than the three major pyrimidine bases presented, some minor pyrimidine bases can also occur in nucleic acid. These minor pyrimidines are usually methylated versions of major ones and are postulated to have regulatory functions.



5-methylpyrimidine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione

#### Clinical significance of pyrimidine analogs

##### 1. Analgesic activity

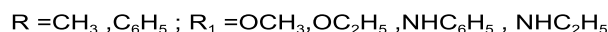
New forms of thiamine are lipidsoluble like acetiamine, Benti-amine etc., having therapeutic use in beriberi,

polyneuritis, encephalopathy, pain, malnutrition and alcoholism and especially in the treatment of long-standing insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.<sup>[29]</sup>



Pyrimidine has a remarkable pharmacological efficiency and therefore an intensive research has been focused on anti-inflammatory activity of pyrimidine nucleus.

Recently two PCT international applications have been filed for 2 thiopyrimidine derivatives possessing potent activity against inflammation and immune disorders. Pyrimidine was reported by Padama shale et al. Carrageen induced rat paw edema method was employed for evaluating the anti- inflammatory activity. The compounds were given at a dose of 80 mg/kg body weight in albino rats weighing between 150 and 200 g. The edema was produced by injecting carrageenan solution at the left hind paw.<sup>[30]</sup>



Synthesized some novel pyrimidines derivative having thiazolidine dione. These compounds were evaluated for their glucose and lipid lowering activity using

pioglitazone and rosiglitazone as reference compound. Synthesized azolopyrimidine derivatives and compounds were evaluated for hypoglycemic activity.<sup>[31]</sup>

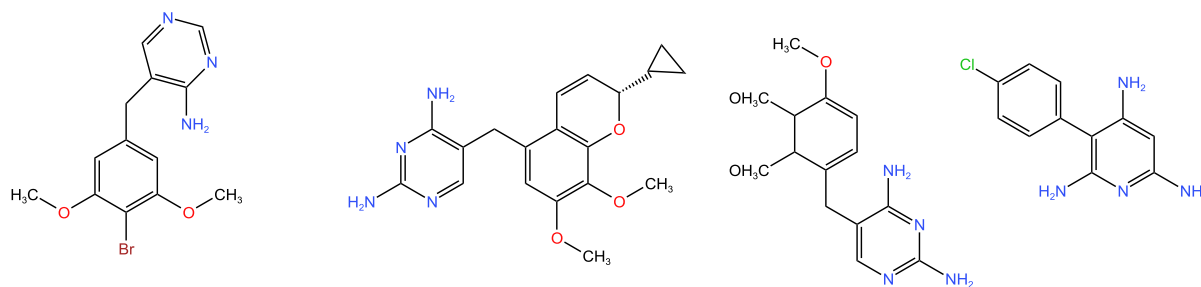


created a number of new pyrimidine derivatives with thiazolidine dione. The chemicals pioglitazone and

rosiglitazone were used as reference substances to assess these compounds' ability to decrease blood sugar and

cholesterol.

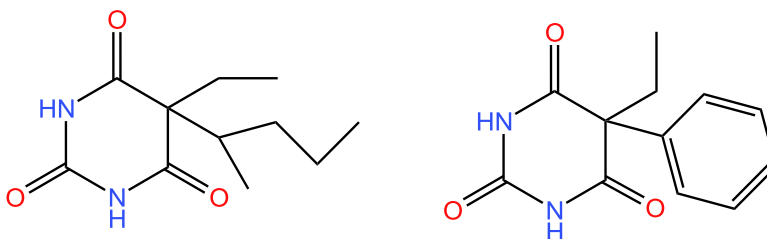
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## 5. Sedatives and Hypnotics

Barbituric acid, the parent nucleus of a broad range of barbiturates, is related to pyrimidine analogues. These analogues, which function as central nervous system depressants and are clinically approved medications, have a wide range of effects, from moderate drowsiness to anesthesia. The central nervous system is unaffected by benituristic acid by itself. Barbiturates, however, have been primarily employed for their sedative, hypnotic, and anticonvulsant effects. Additionally, as hypnotics,

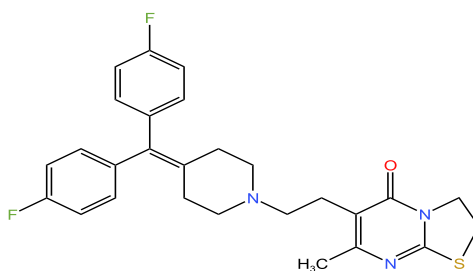
allobarbitol and aprobarbitol are employed. Pentobarbital is another barbiturate that is used in emergency situations to reduce convulsions and provide sedation. Moreover, combinations of cyclobarbitol or cyclobarbitol and diazepam are utilized to treat insomnia. Propallylonal, sometimes referred to as nostal, ibomal, has hypnotic, anticonvulsant, and sedative effects. Furthermore, a class of medications called phenlobarbial is used to both treat and prevent the symptoms of sedatives and hypnotics.



## 6. As anxiolytic

Piperazine bearing pyrimidine analogs such as buspirone and ritanserin act as anxiolytic agents. In addition to this,

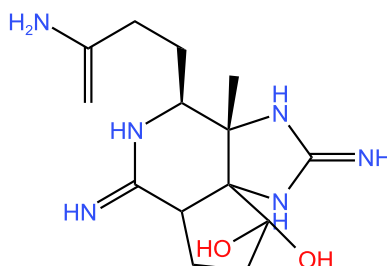
fused pyrimidine risperidone is also used as an anxiolytic agent.<sup>[32]</sup>



## 7. As anaesthetics

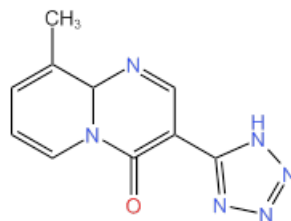
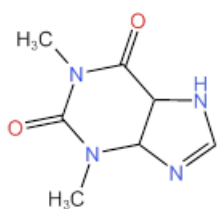
Biomolecule saxitoxin acts as an anaesthetic drug. Due to its high toxicity, it has been banned. One of the

substituted barbiturates, thiamylal, generally prescribed as a short-acting anesthetic drug.<sup>[33]</sup>



## 8. As bronchodilator

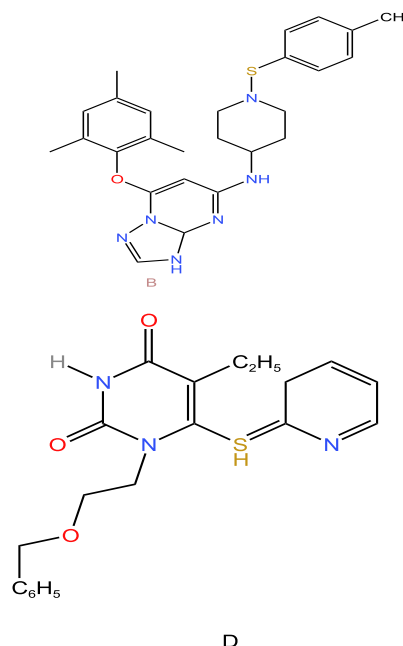
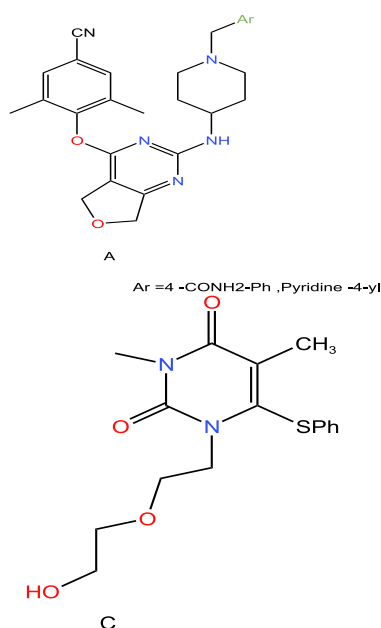
Theophylline, purine analog, and pemirolast (tetrazole bearing pyrimidine) are two oral nonbronchodilator drugs used for chronic asthma.<sup>[34]</sup>



## 9. As an anti- HIV agent

Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy, or HAART, has demonstrated promising results in the treatment of HIV-1 infection in AIDS patients. We can comprehend the immune system's reaction to HIV infection by using several screening tests for severe human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and by analyzing the outcomes of experimental testing. Medication that slows down or stops the virus's reproduction can be used to treat HIV. Additionally, the

body's immunity begins to mend it and prevents additional serious harm. Since HIV can rapidly become resistant to treatment, a different combination of HIV medications is utilized.<sup>[35,36,37]</sup> 2019 saw the synthesis of new pyrimidine (dihydrofuro) analogs and their anti-HIV screening by Kang D et al. Compound (D) showed promising anti-HIV activity against MT-2 cell lines, with an IC<sub>50</sub> of 24 ± 0.1 μM. The action that was seen could taken.

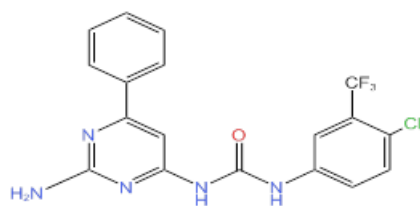


Molecular structure of pyrimidine with anti-HIV potential.

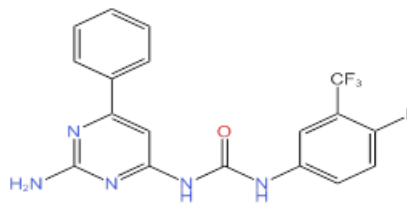
## 10. As anti-cancer agent

A considerable contribution to the prevention and treatment of cancer has been made by pyrimidine and its derivatives. Radiation and chemotherapy for cancer have a long history of side effects that negatively impact a person's ability to live a healthy life. In some cases, these side effects have even been linked to major issues. Nine million individuals died from cancer in 2018, mostly as a result of fewer effective treatments, according to a WHO research that states that eighteen million people are currently afflicted with the disease.<sup>[38,39]</sup>

Kurt Zuhail Kilic and colleagues (2020) synthesized novel pyrimidines that contain aryl urea analogs and assessed their antitumor potential. Every drug demonstrated adequate anticancer efficacy against cell lines of prostate and colon cancer (IC<sub>50</sub>: 11.08 μM, SW480). The presence of amino-pyrimidine scaffold, Cl, and CF<sub>3</sub> is what causes the increased activity. In 2019, Huang T et al. synthesized.



IC50: 11,08 microM



## CONCLUSION

Pyrimidines are bases of DNA that are essential to medicine. The research makes it clear that the majority of medications have fused and pyrimidine structures. Analogs of pyrimidine have demonstrated antimicrobial, antiviral, anti-psychotic, anticancer, and anti-inflammatory properties.<sup>[40]</sup> However, many of these medications' cytotoxicity and drug resistance have made additional medications necessary. A wealth of knowledge on pyrimidine as a flexible scaffold with prospective uses is offered by this review. Researchers who are willing to produce a range of pyrimidine analogs may become more interested in this review. Moreover, it will be extremely difficult for creative researchers to turn lead compounds into powerful medications free of cytotoxicity and drug resistance.

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