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CONVENTIONAL AND MICROWAVE ASSISTED SYNTHESIS OF SOME NEW DERIVATIVES OF COUMARIN CONTAINING PYRAZOLINE AND INVESTIGATION OF THEIR ANTIBACTERIAL AND ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITIES

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ABSTRACT: Pyrazoline derivatives, being used as potential medicinal agents, 3-Acetyl-2H-chromen-2-one (I) was prepared by Knoevenagel condensation of salicylaldehyde with ethylacetoacetate in presence of piperidine. A series of 3-[(2E)-3-substituted-prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one derivatives (II a-h) were prepared by Claisen-Schmidt condensation of 3-acetyl coumarin with aromatic aldehydes. Treatment of 3-substituted cinnamoylcoumarin with hydrazine hydrate in the presence of ethanol gave [5-substitutedphenyl]-4, 5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one (III a-h). Title compound were synthesized by conventional as well as by microwave assisted method. The structures of the newly synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR and ¹H-NMR spectroscopy. All the synthesized compounds were tested for their antibacterial and antifungal activities using cup-plate-agar-diffusion method. The antibacterial activity screening reveals that the compound III b has comparable activity and compound III c shows moderate activity as that of standard ampicillin against gram positive and gram negative bacteria. All synthesized compounds were found to be inactive as antifungal against *Candida albicans*.

INTRODUCTION: Heterocyclic compounds containing nitrogen and oxygen have received considerable attention due to their wide range of pharmacological activity ¹. Natural, semi synthetic and synthetic coumarins possess a prominent place in drug research. Their utility stimulated the development of new synthetic routes for the preparation of coumarin derivatives.

Moreover, coumarins have acquired a special place in heterocyclic field because of their diversified activities such as antimalarial ², anticonvulsant ³, anti-inflammatory ⁴, antioxidant ⁵, cytotoxic ⁵, anti-HIV ⁶ and anti-microbial ⁷.

Pyrazolines have played a crucial role in the development of theory in heterocyclic chemistry and also are extensively useful in organic chemistry. Due to interesting activity of various substituted pyrazolines as biological agents considerable attention has been focused on this class. The pyrazolines can be effectively utilized as anti-malarial ², anticonvulsant ⁸, antidepressant ⁸, antiepileptic ⁹, antidiabetic ¹⁰, antioxidant ¹¹, anticancer ¹², antimicrobial ¹³ and antitubercular ¹³

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agents. Organisms become resistance to clinically used anti-bacterial drugs. Hence search for newer and safer antibacterial agents is still very active and essential. Thus, we found it interesting to synthesize new heterocyclic compound bearing both a coumarinyl moiety and a pyrazoline as possible antibacterial agents.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Chemicals used in the synthesis of the title compounds described were purchased from S.D. Fine Chem. Ltd, Spectrochem Pvt. Ltd, Himedia and Loba Chemicals. They were different aromatic aldehydes, ethylacetoacetate, piperidine, Mueller Hinton agar and Sabouraud Dextrose Agar. These chemical were used as it is without further purification. All other LR grade reagents were used after purification using the literature methods.

Melting points were determined with open capillary and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded in KBr pellets by using JASCO FT-IR 300E spectrophotometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded

on a Bruker - 400 MHz spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard.

Progress of the reaction and purity of the products were ascertained by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel G as stationary phase and various solvent combinations as mobile phase; the spots were visualized by iodine vapours.

Preparation of 3-Acetyl Coumarin (I): ¹⁴ To a mixture of salicylaldehyde (1.8 g, 0.02 mol) and ethyl acetoacetate (2.5 g, 0.02 mol), 2 ml of piperidine was added by rapid stirring. After 20 min. the yellowish solid separated was filtered off and washed with ethanol. It was recrystallized from ethanol, it melts at 120 °C (lit mp 120 - 122 °C) and yield was 83.55 %.

IR (KBr cm^{-1}): Characteristics peak at 1740.12 (lactone of coumarin); 1677.07 (Ketone C=O);

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.73 (s, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$); δ 7.32-7.68(m, 4H, $-\text{ArH}$) and δ 8.51 (s, 1H, C_4 of coumarin).

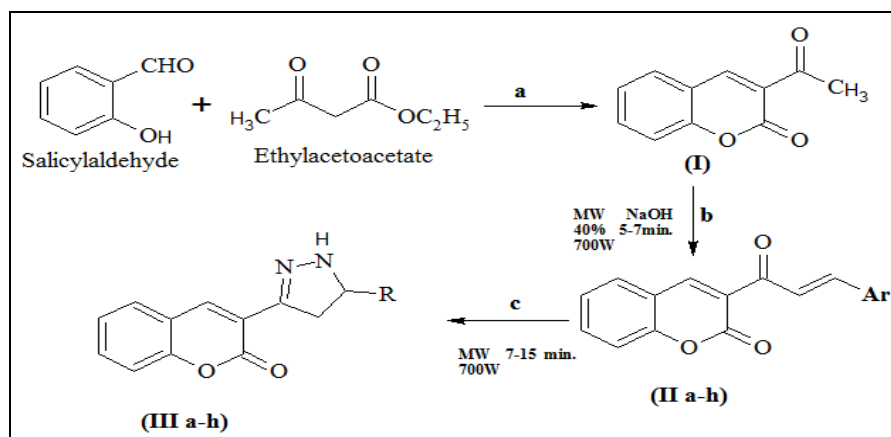


FIG. 1: PREPARATION OF 3-[5-SUBSTITUTEDPHENYL]-4,5-DIHYDRO-1H-PYRAZOL-3-YL]-2H-CHROMEN-2-ONE (III a-h)
*Reagents and conditions: (a) Piperidine, stirr, rt, 20 min; (b) Ar-CHO, Piperidine / n- Butanol, reflux, 4hr; (c) Hydrazine hydrate, ethanol.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3-[(2E)-3-substituted-prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one (II a-h): ¹⁵ A mixture of 3-Acetyl-2H-chromen-2-one (I) (0.01mol) and (0.012 mol) of the corresponding aromatic aldehydes was dissolved in 10 ml of n-Butanol under heating; then 0.3 ml of glacial acetic acid and the same quantity of piperidine were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 hr and then the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was triturated with 20 ml of ethanol until a precipitate formed, separated by filtration and recrystallized by suitable solvent.

The physical data of the synthesized compounds (IIa-h) are depicted in **Table 1**.

Microwave Assisted General procedure¹⁶ (Solution phase MWI) for the synthesis of 3-[(2E)-3-substituted-prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one (II a-h): Mixture of 3-Acetyl-2H-chromen-2-one (I) (0.01mol) and substituted aromatic aldehydes (0.012 mol) in ethanol (10 ml) and NaOH (4 ml, 40 %) were taken in Erlenmeyer's flask. The reaction mixture was irradiated in a microwave oven for 5-7 min. at 700W. On completion of reaction (TLC),

the reaction mixture was cooled at room temp, acidified with dilute HCl. The product was separated, filtered, washed with cold water, dried

and recrystallized from ethanol. Similarly, all other compounds of the series (**IIa-h**) were synthesized. Their physical constants are given in **Table 1**.

TABLE 1: PHYSICOCHEMICAL DATA OF 3-[(2E)-3-substituted-prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one derivatives (II a-h)

Compound	R	Yield (%)		M. P. (^o C)	Rf ^b
		Conventional	Microwave		
II a	-H	90	80	170-172	0.88
II b	4-OMe	43	83	154-156	0.57
II c	4-Cl	46	85	202-204	0.77
II d	4-NMe ₂	72	86	217-218	0.57
II e	3-NO ₂	85	92	225-228	0.65
II f	4-Me	75	86	170-172	0.66
II g	2-NO ₂	41	87	138-140	0.63
II h	4-OH	69	88	238-240	0.70

^b Chloroform: Water 7:3 as a mobile phase and iodine vapours as visualizing agent

3-[(2E)-3-Phenylprop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIa:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1731 (Lactone of coumarin), 1657 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.61 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 7.83 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 7.43-7.78 (m, 9H, Ar-H), δ 7.41 (d, 1H, =CH-CO).

3-[(2E)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl) prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIb:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1732 (Lactone of coumarin), 1654 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.58 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 7.85 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 6.95-7.84 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 6.92 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 3.86 (s, 3H, -OCH₃).

3-[(2E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIc:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1716 (Lactone of coumarin), 1662 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.60 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 7.92 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 7.83 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 7.34-7.69 (m, 8H, Ar-H).

3-[(2E)-3-[4-(Dimethylamino) phenyl] prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one II d:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1734 (Lactone of coumarin), 1657 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.55 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 7.85 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 7.75 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 6.67-7.75 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 3.05 [s, 6H, -N(CH₃)₂].

3-[(2E)-3-(3-Nitrophenyl) prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIe:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1712 (Lactone of coumarin), 1661 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 8.49 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 8.27 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 7.38-8.00 (m, 8H, Ar-H).

3-[(2E)-3-(4-Methylphenyl) prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one II f:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1731 (Lactone of coumarin), 1657 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.57 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 7.93 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 7.59 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 7.21-7.87 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 2.39 (s, 3H, -CH₃).

3-[(2E)-3-(2-Nitrophenyl) prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one II g:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1712 (Lactone of coumarin), 1661 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.64 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 8.49 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 8.27 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 7.38-8.00 (m, 8H, Ar-H).

3-[(2E)-3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl) prop-2-enoyl]-2H-chromen-2-one II h:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 1729 (Lactone of coumarin), 1657 (α , β -unsaturated ketone);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 9.63 (s, 1H, -OH), δ 8.55 (s, 1H, 4th proton of coumarin), δ 7.81 (d, 1H, =CH-Ar), δ 7.73 (d, 1H, =CH-CO), δ 6.89-7.72 (m, 8H, Ar-H).

General Procedure for the 3-[5-substituted phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H - chromen-2-one (III a-h): Hydrazine hydrate (0.02 mol) and ethanolic solution 10 ml of (0.01 mol) chalcone refluxed for 3 hr. The reaction mixture was poured on to crushed ice and stirred. The solid thus obtained filtered and wash with water and crystallized from appropriate solvents affording the corresponding (III a-h). The physicochemical and spectral data of synthesized compounds (IIIa-h) is summarized in **Table 2**.

Microwave assisted General Procedure¹⁶ (Solution phase MWI) for the synthesis of the 3-[5-substituted phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-

yl]-2H-chromen-2-one(III a-h): A mixture of substituted chalcone (0.01mol), hydrazine hydrate (0.02mol) and acetic acid (4 ml) in methanol (10 ml) were taken in Erlenmeyer's flask. The reaction mixture was irradiated in a microwave oven for 7-15 min. at (700 W) on completion of reaction (TLC) the reaction mixture was cooled at room temp and poured over ice water. The product separated was filtered, washed with cold water, dried and recrystallized from Suitable solvent. Similarly, all other compounds of the series were synthesized by using different aromatic aldehydes (III a-h). Their physical constants, yield are recorded in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2: PHYSICOCHEMICAL DATA OF 3-[5-SUBSTITUTEDPHENYL]-4, 5 - DIHYDRO -1H-PYRAZOL-3-YL]-2H-CHROMEN-2-ONE (III a-h)

C Compound	R	Yield (%)		M. P. (^o C)	Rf ^b
		Conventional	Microwave		
III a	-H	69	87	175 - 180	0.38
III b	4-OMe	55	92	205 - 210	0.27
III c	4-Cl	65	87	140 - 145	0.48
III d	4-NMe ₂	62	86	135 - 140	0.46
III e	3-NO ₂	65	82	105 - 110	0.25
III f	4-Me	74	88	110 - 115	0.36
III g	2-NO ₂	70	87	120 - 125	0.33
III h	4-OH	67	90	215 - 220	0.42

3-(5-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-2H-chromen-2-one IIIa:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3440 (NH), 2915 (CH₂), 1596 (lactone of Coumarin), 1523 (C=C);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.77 (dd, 1H, 4-H_t), δ 3.33 (dd, 1H, 4-H_c), δ 6.88 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), δ 7.21 -7.84 (m, 9H, Ar-H), δ 7.65 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), δ 9.02 (s, H, NH).

3-[5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro - 1 H- pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIIb:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3436 (NH), 2919 (CH₂), 1592 (lactone of Coumarin), 1492 (C=C);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.77 (dd, 1H, 4-H_t), δ 3.35 (dd, 1H, 4-H_c), δ 3.75 (s, 3-H, OCH₃), δ 6.88 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), δ 7.24 -7.84 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 7.65 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), δ 9.02 (s, H, NH).

3-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIIc:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3436 (NH), 2919 (CH₂), 1677 (lactone of Coumarin), 1565 (C=C);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.78 (dd, 1H, 4-H_t), δ 3.34 (dd, 1H, 4-H_c), δ 6.88 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), δ 7.32 - 7.84 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 7.65 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), δ 9.02 (s, H, NH).

3-{5-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one III d:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3350 (NH), 2965 (CH₂), 1700 (lactone of Coumarin), 1550 (C=C);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.76 (dd, 1H, 4-H_t), δ 3.02 (s, 6H, -NMe₂), δ 3.35 (dd, 1H, 4-H_c), δ 6.54 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), δ 6.77-7.84 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 7.65 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), δ 9.02 (s, H, NH).

3-[5-(3-nitrophenyl)-4, 5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one IIIe:

IR (KBr cm⁻¹): 3440 (NH), 2923 (CH₂), 1697 (lactone of Coumarin), 1627 (C=C);

¹HNMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.80 (dd, 1H, 4-H_t), 3.36 (dd, 1H, 4-H_c), 6.94 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), 7.31 - 8.394 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 8.40 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), 9.02 (s, H, NH).

3-[5-(4-methylphenyl)-4,5-dihydro - 1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one III f :

IR (KBr cm^{-1}): 3436 (NH), 2919 (CH_2), 1677 (lactone of Coumarin), 1573 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$);

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.21 (s, 3H, $-\text{CH}_3$), δ 2.77 (dd, 1H, 4- H_i), δ 3.33 (dd, 1H, 4- H_c), δ 6.88 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), δ 7.05 -7.84 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 7.65 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), δ 9.02 (s, H, NH).

3-[5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one III h:

^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 2.77 (dd, 1H, 4- H_i), δ 3.34 (dd, 1H, 4- H_c), δ 6.73 (dd, 1H, 5-H of pyrazoline), δ 7.16-7.84 (m, 8H, Ar-H), δ 7.65 (s, 1H, 4-H of coumarin), δ 9.02 (s, 2H, NH_2), δ 9.18 (s, 1H, -OH).

Antibacterial Activity: The measured quantity of inoculums of test organism (0.5 ml) was added to each heated (nearly $\sim 55^\circ\text{C}$) Mueller Hinton agar media tubes. The tubes were shaken well, and the inoculated media were poured on to the sterilized petridishes and then allowed to set in a refrigerator maintained at $4 - 8^\circ\text{C}$. The test solutions of synthesized compounds of $40\ \mu\text{g/ml}$ and $80\ \mu\text{g/ml}$ were prepared in a DMSO. Cups of 7 mm diameter

were cut in culture media using sterilized cork borer. The solutions of each test compounds ($40\ \mu\text{g/ml}$ and $80\ \mu\text{g/ml}$) were added separately in cups. Ampicillin was used as standard reference drug and DMSO as a control. The petridishes were allowed to remain in the refrigerator maintained at $\sim 10^\circ\text{C}$ for $\sim 1\ \text{h}$ to allow diffusion of the solution. The petridishes were then transferred to an incubator maintained at 37°C and kept for 24 h. The zones of inhibition formed were measured by using calipers. The control of DMSO showed no activity. The activity of the test compounds are represented by size of the diameter in mm **Table 3**.

Antifungal Activity: The measured quantity of inoculums of test organism (0.5 ml) was added to each heated (nearly $\sim 55^\circ\text{C}$) Mueller Hinton agar media tubes. The tubes were shaken well, and the inoculated media were poured on to the sterilized petridishes and then allowed to set in a refrigerator maintained at $4 - 8^\circ\text{C}$. The test solutions of synthesized compounds of $80\ \mu\text{g/ml}$ were prepared in a DMSO. Cups of 7 mm diameter were cut in culture media using sterilized cork borer. The solutions of each test compounds ($80\ \mu\text{g/ml}$) were added separately in cups. Griseofulvin was used as standard reference drug and DMSO as a control.

TABLE 3: ANTIBACTERIAL ACTIVITY OF 3-[5-SUBSTITUTEDPHENYL]-4, 5-DIHYDRO-1H-PYRAZOL-3-YL]-2H-CHROMEN-2-ONE (III a-h)

Compound	Zone of Inhibition in mm							
	<i>S. aureus</i>		<i>B. subtilis</i>		<i>E. coli</i>		<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	
	40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	40 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
III a	10	12	12	13	12	13	11	11
III b	14	15	15	16	14	14	15	16
III c	13	14	12	15	11	12	11	12
III d	11	15	10	12	12	13	12	13
III e	12	12	11	11	11	11	08	12
III f	08	09	11	12	10	11	11	13
III g	11	13	09	10	10	10	10	12
III h	14	14	10	10	10	12	12	11
Ampicillin	19	22	20	23	18	20	17	20

TABLE 4: ANTIFUNGAL ACTIVITY OF 3-[5-SUBSTITUTEDPHENYL]-4, 5-DIHYDRO-1H-PYRAZOL-3-YL]-2H-CHROMEN-2-ONE (III a-h)

Compound	R	Zone of Inhibition in mm
		<i>C. albicans</i> (80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)
III a	-H	-
III b	4-OMe	-
III c	4-Cl	-
III d	4-NMe ₂	-
III e	3-NO ₂	-
III f	4-Me	-
III g	2-NO ₂	-
III h	4-OH	-
Griseofulvin		22

'-' indicate resistance

The petridishes were allowed to remain in the refrigerator maintained at $\sim 10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for ~ 1 hrs to allow diffusion of the solution. The petridishes were then transferred to an incubator maintained at $37\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and kept for 24 hrs. The zones of inhibition formed were measured by using calipers. The control of DMSO showed no activity. The activity of the test compounds are represented by size of the diameter in mm **Table 4**.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION: 3-Acetyl coumarin was synthesized by Knoevenagel condensation of salicylaldehyde with ethyl acetoacetate. Claisen-Schmidt condensation of 3-Acetyl coumarin with aromatic aldehydes gave 3-substituted cinnamoylcoumarin. Treatment of 3-substituted cinnamoylcoumarin with hydrazine hydrate in ethanol gave 3-(5-substitutedphenyl)-4, 5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one **Fig. 1**. The purity of the synthesized compounds was analyzed by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on a silica gel G. The structure of synthesized compounds was characterized by spectral studies which include IR and $^1\text{H-NMR}$.

In IR spectra of compounds (II a-h) the characteristic peak of C=O of α -pyrone and C=O of ketone were observed at 1735.01 and 1656.10 respectively; and in title compounds (III a-h) the characteristic peak of C=O of α -pyrone, C=N and C=C of pyrazoline were observed at 1720 - 1730, 1585 - 1600 and 1533-1545 cm^{-1} respectively confirmed the structure of the title compounds. Further, the structure was ascertained by detailed $^1\text{H-NMR}$ study of the compounds. In $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of compounds (III a-h), the presence of three doublet-doublet between δ 3.27 to 5.63 of -CH₂ and -CH of pyrazoline and multiplet between δ 6.85 to 8.42 is characteristic peaks of aromatic protons in spectrum of 3-[5-substitutedphenyl]-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]-2H-chromen-2-one reveals confirmation of structures.

All these newly synthesized compounds (III a-h) were screened for antibacterial and antifungal activities by cup-plate-agar diffusion method. Result of antibacterial activity reveals that the compound (III h) showed comparable activity against gram positive and gram negative bacteria. Compound (III d) showed moderate antibacterial activity as compared to standard.

Antibacterial activity was assayed using the cup-plate-agar-diffusion method using Mueller Hinton agar against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* using ampicillin as standard. The results of antibacterial studies are given in **Table 3**.

The antibacterial screening data revealed that all the synthesized compounds showed moderate to good bacterial inhibition. It was observed that compounds III b and III c showed good activity against test organisms at 40 and 80 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ as compared to standard drug ampicillin. Coumarinyl pyrazole carrying *p*-anisyl, and 4-chlorophenyl substituents at C₃ of pyrazole emerged as active in antibacterial screening. Here strong electron withdrawing (halogen) substitution at *ortho* and *para* position and methoxy group at *para* position in phenyl ring were found to influence the antibacterial activity.

Antifungal activity was assayed using the cup-plate-agar-diffusion method using Sabouraud Dextrose agar against *Candida albicans* using Griseofulvin as standard. The data of antifungal activity of synthesized compounds (III a-h) are depicted in **Table 4**. The antifungal screening data revealed that the synthesized compounds were found to be inactive against *Candida albicans*.

CONCLUSION: As the some synthesized compounds showed antibacterial activity, further studies can be performed to evaluate the efficacy and safety of these derivatives.

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