

ABSTRACT

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Pyrazinamide (PZA) as a traditional antitubercular drug and quite simple molecule offers many possibilities to change its structure. That's the way how to gain more entities with greater antitubercular potency. The series of 14 not yet described compounds have been synthesised. All of them were derived from 3-chloropyrazine-2,5-dicarbonitrile by nucleophilic substitution with non-aromatic amines (i.e. aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, eventually heterocyclic) in position 3. The prepared substances were put to *in vitro* antimycobacterial, antibacterial and antifungal testing. The highest aliphatic analogues manifested supreme activity against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv, whereas 3-heptylaminepyrazine-2,5-dicarbonitrile achieved the best outcome comparable with PZA recalculated to MIC 12,5 µg/ml. Moreover, few substances (especially 3-hexylaminepyrazine-2,5-dicarbonitrile) manifested activity against *M. kansasii* and *M. avium*, which are meant to be unsusceptible to PZA. No antibacterial and just irrelevant antimycotic activity was detected. The molecules have been characterized by essential chemico-physical properties including the melting point and NMR with IR spectra. Finally the influence of lipophilicity of synthesized compounds on antitubercular activity hand to hand with the relation of structure and antimycobacterial inhibition is discussed in the conclusion.