

Synthesis and characterization of hydrazone-hydrazone derivatives of 3-pyridine carboxylic acid as antimycobacterial tuberculosis agents

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Background and Aims: The purpose of this study was to prepare various nicotinoyl hydrazones derivatives by introducing the nicotinic acid hydrazone pharmacophore into several molecules and screening for antimycobacterial activity.

Methods: Benzaldehyde derivatives react with nicotinic acid hydrazone to form nicotinoyl hydrazones. The synthesized compounds were screened against *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv, clinical isolates of *M. tuberculosis* and MDR clinical isolates of *M. tuberculosis* using the proportion test.

Results: The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of N^o-(4-Methyl phenyl) nicotinic acid hydrazone and N^o-(4-(N,N-dimethyl) phenyl) nicotinic acid hydrazone exhibited activity between 40 and 100 µg/ml and could be a good start point to find new lead compounds against *M. tuberculosis*.

Conclusions: The antimicrobial activity of the two new series described here suggests that they may be selectively targeted to *M. tuberculosis* growths. They were effective in inhibiting *M. tuberculosis* infection at 40.0 µg/ml concentrations, and could be a good start point to further studies.

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