



Synthesis and biological activities of fluorine-containing N,N'-diphenylcarbamimidothioates

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Abstract

A series of fluorine-containing N,N-diphenylcarbamimidothioates **6a-i** have been synthesized by treatment of the corresponding arylamine with the aryl isothiocyanate in ethanol at room temperature followed by treatment with methyl iodide. The antifungal activities against the fungi *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Pyricoraria orizae* of the title compounds have been screened. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Trehalase (EC 3.2.1.28), which specifically hydrolyses trehalose to two glucose moieties, is widely distributed in animals, plants, microorganisms and insects. The substrate trehalose is a main source of glucose in insects, yeast and fungi. In insects, trehalose is a principal blood sugar and is used to support various energy-requiring functions [1,2]. In

Some trehalase inhibitors have been isolated from natural sources, such as deoxynojirimycin [5], salbostain [6], validamycins [7], validoxylamines [8] and the most potent one, trehazolin (1) [9]. It exhibits strong antifungal activity toward the plant pathogenic fungus, *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Pyricoraria orizae*. In the course of screening for novel trehalase inhibitors, we have designed a new group of compounds 6 based on the structural model of trehazolin.

HOOH
$$R^3$$
 R^4 R^5 R^5 R^4 R^5 R^5 R^4 R^5 R^6 R^7 R^7 R^7 R^8 R^8

yeast and fungi, trehalose is a major storage sugar and is responsible for the germination of ascospores [3,4]. Therefore, trehalase is a promising target for insecticides and fungicides. 2. Results and discussion

The designed compounds were prepared by Scheme 1. The aryl isothiocyanates (3) are commonly prepared from arylamines by treatment with carbon disulfide, aqueous ammonia and lead nitrate [10]. Other synthetic methods from monoarylthioureas [11] and phosphoramidates [12] have also been reported. However, most of these methods are

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Scheme 1.

laborious and suffer from low yields. We designed a more straightforward and convenient route on the basis of the Kaluza reaction [13], by treatment of arylamines with carbon disulfide, sodium hydroxide and chloroformate [14].

The aryl isothiocyanates (3) were treated with fluorinecontaining anilines in C_2H_5OH at room temperature to give the thioureas (5), which were treated with methyl iodide in CH_3OH followed by treatment with ammonia to give (6).

Compounds **6a-i** were screened for their antifungal activity against the fungi *R. solani* and *P. orizae* by the spore germination method [15] at 100 ppm concentration. The fungicidal data (Table 1) indicate that all of the compounds

Table 1 Antifungal activity data of compounds **6a-i**

Compound	Antifungal activity at 100 ppm (%)	
	R. solani	P. orizae
6a	81.6	100
6b	78.9	100
6c	89.5	100
6d	84.2	100
6e	100	100
6f	77.6	100
6g	92.1	100
6h	38.3	92.3
6 I	65.8	100

are highly toxic to the test fungi at 100 ppm concentration. The toxicity of the compound depends upon the number and position of the fluorines on the aryl rings. Introduction of chlorine on the aryl rings decreases the fungitoxicity of the compounds.

Because compounds **6a-i** were not soluble in water, their inhibitory activity toward trehalase in vitro cannot be determined by standard methods [9].

3. Experimental

Melting points were taken on a digital melting point apparatus made in Shanghai. Infrared spectra were measured on KBr disk using a Nicolet FT-IR-20SX instrument. Mass spectra were measured on a Hitachi M80 instrument. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained using a Brucker WP100SY (100 MHz) spectrometer with (CD₃)₂CO as the solvent and TMS as internal standard. Combustion analyses for elemental composition were made with an Italian MOD.1106 analyzer. All reactions were monitored by TLC.

3.1. Preparation of aryl isothiocyanates (3)

The aryl isothiocyanates (3) were prepared according to our reported procedures [14] shown in Scheme 1. Yields and

boiling points are listed as follows.

- 2-Fluorophenyl isothiocyanate (**3a**): yield 68%, bp 103–104°C/8 Torr [14];
- 4-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate (**3b**): yield 72%, bp 95–97°C/8 Torr [14];
- 2,4-difluorophenyl isothiocyanate (3c): yield 89%, bp 85–86°C/8 Torr [14];
- 2,3,4-trifluorophenyl isothiocyanate (**3e**): yield 86%, bp 80–82°C/8 Torr [16];
- 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate (**3h**): yield 82%, bp 110–112°C/8 Torr [17];
- 2-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate (**3i**): yield 85%, bp 108–109°C/8 Torr [14].

3.2. Preparation of N,N'-fluorosubstituted diphenylthioureas (5)

General procedure: to a solution of the fluorine-containing aniline 4 (0.01 mol) in 50 ml of ethanol was added dropwise, the aryl isothiocyanate 3 (0.01 mol) over a period of 10 min. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and left overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the crude product, which was recrystallized from ethanol to give a white solid. The following new compounds were prepared.

N,N'-Di(2-fluorophenyl)thiourea (**5a**): yield 92%, mp 154–155°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3140 (NH); 1350 (C=S). ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 7.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, H-6 and H-6'), 7.30 (m, 2H, H-4 and H-4'), 7.20 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H, H-3, H-5, H-3' and H-5'). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀F₂N₂S (264.29): C, 59.08; H, 3.81; N, 10.60%. Found: C, 59.21; H, 3.80; N, 10.62%.

N,N'-Di(4-fluorophenyl)thiourea (**5b**): yield 94%, mp 200–201°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3220 (NH); 1330 (C=S). ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ: 7.54 (dd, J = 5.0, 8.9 Hz, 4H, H-2, H-6, H-2′ and H-6′), 7.12 (t, 4H, J = 8.9 Hz, 4H, H-3, H-5, H-3′ and H-5′). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₁₀F₂N₂S (264.29): C, 59.08; H, 3.81; N, 10.60%. Found: C, 59.25; H, 3.83; N, 10.58%.

N,N'-Di(2,4-difluorophenyl)thiourea (**5c**): yield 88%, mp 160–161°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3200 (NH); 1340 (C=S). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 7.68 (td, J=6.2, 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-6 and H-6'), 7.30 (t, J=9.1 Hz, 2H, H-3 and H-3'), 7.05 (m, 2H, H-5 and H-5'). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₈F₄N₂S (300.27): C, 52.00; H, 2.69; N, 9.33%. Found: C, 52.23; H, 2.67; N, 9.35%.

N-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-N'-(3,4-difluorophenyl)thiourea (**5d**): yield 90%, mp 137–138°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3200 (NH); 1350 (C=S). 1 H NMR (CD $_{3}$ COCD $_{3}$) δ : 7.78 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.69 (td, J=6.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.30 (m, 2H, H-2', H-3), 7.11 (m, 1H, H-5'), 7.05 (m, 1H, H-5). Anal. Calc. for C $_{13}$ H $_{8}$ F $_{4}$ N $_{2}$ S (300.27): C, 52.00; H, 2.69; N, 9.33%. Found: C, 52.18; H, 2.68; N, 9.28%.

N-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-N'-(2,4-difluorophenyl)thiourea (**5e**): yield 87%, mp 144–145°C. IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 3240

(NH); 1350 (C=S). ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 7.70 (td, J = 6.1, 8.9 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.48 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.22 (td, J = 2.3, 8.9 Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.12 (m, 1H, H-5'), 7.05 (td, J = 2.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-3'). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₇F₅N₂S (318.19): C, 49.07; H, 2.22; N, 8.80%. Found: C, 49.21; H, 2.21; N, 8.78%.

N-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-N'-(3,4-difluorophenyl)thiourea (**5f**): yield 86%, mp 155–156°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3200 (NH); 1350 (C=S). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 7.77 (ddd, J=1.5, 2.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H, H-6'), 7.48 (m, 1H, H-6), 7.33 (m, 2H, H-2' and H-5), 7.21 (qd, J=1.2, 9.4 Hz, 1H, H-5'). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₇F₅N₂S (318.19): C, 49.07; H, 2.22; N, 8.80%. Found: C, 49.15; H, 2.20; N, 8.85%.

N,N'-Di(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)thiourea (**5g**): yield 91%, mp 170–171°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3160 (NH); 1350 (C=S). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 7.46 (m, 2H, H-6 and H-6'), 7.23 (td, J=2.3, 9.4 Hz, 2H, H-5 and H-5'). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₆F₆N₂S (336.25): C, 46.44; H, 1.80; N, 8.33%. Found: C, 46.30; H, 1.81; N, 8.35%.

N,N'-Di(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)thiourea (**5h**): yield 93%, mp 145–146°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3190 (NH); 1330 (C=S). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 7.82 (dd, J = 2.5, 6.5 Hz, 2H, H-2 and H-2′), 7.49 (ddd, J = 2, 2.7, 4.2, 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-6 and H-6′), 7.30 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-5 and H-5′). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₈Cl₂F₂N₂S (333.18): C, 46.86; H, 2.42; N, 8.41%. Found: C, 46.68; H, 2.41; N, 8.39%.

N,N'-Di(2-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl)thiourea (**5i**): yield 87%, mp 190–192°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3150 (NH); 1320 (C=S). ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ: 7.84 (t, J=8.5 Hz, 2H, H-6 and H-6'), 7.34 (dd, J=2.3, 10.1 Hz, 2H, H-3 and H-3'), 7.27 (d, J=10.1 Hz, 2H, H-5 and H-5'). Anal. Calc. for C₁₃H₈Cl₂F₂N₂S (333.18): C, 46.86; H, 2.42; N, 8.41%. Found: C, 46.72; H, 2.40; N, 8.44%.

3.3. Preparation of fluorine-containing N,N'-diphenylcarbamimidothioates (6)

General procedure: to a solution of the thiourea 5 (0.005 mol) in 50 ml of methanol was added methyl iodide (0.85 g, 0.006 mol) and the mixture was heated to reflux for 6 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was added 50 ml of H_2O and 10 ml of concentrated aqueous ammonia. The precipitated product was filtered, washed with H_2O , and recrystallized from $C_2H_5OH-H_2O$ (4:1) to give a white solid. The following new compounds were prepared.

Methyl *N,N'*-di(2-fluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6a**): yield 72%, mp 70–71°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3210 (NH); 1590 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 2.50 (s, 3H, –SCH₃), 6.85–7.95 (m, 8H, ArH). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 278 (14) [M], 231 (38) [M–SCH₃], 230 (29) [M–CH₃SH], 168 (100) [M–C₆H₅FN], 153 (53) [M–C₆H₄FN–CH₄], 110 (38) [M–C₈H₇FNS], 95 (26) [M–C₈H₈FN₂S]. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₂F₂N₂S (278.32): C, 60.42; H, 4.35; N, 10.07%. Found: C, 60.47; H, 4.37; N, 10.08%.

Methyl N,N'-di(4-fluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6b**): yield 78%, mp 79–80°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3150 (NH); 1580 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 2.42 (s, 3H, –SCH₃), 7.71 (m, 2H, H-2′ and H-6′), 7.05 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H, H-3, H-5, H-3′ and H-5′), 6.90 (m, 2H, H-2 and H-6). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 279 (47) [M + 1], 278 (63) [M], 231 (58) [M–SCH₃], 230 (82) [M–CH₃SH], 168 (100) [M–C₆H₅FN], 153 (48) [M–C₆H₄FN–CH₄], 110 (79) [M–C₈H₇FNS], 95 (62) [M–C₈H₈FN₂S]. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₂F₂N₂S (278.32): C, 60.42; H, 4.35; N, 10.07%. Found: C, 60.54; H, 4.36; N, 10.05%.

Methyl N,N'-di(2,4-difluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6c**): yield 83%, mp 79–80°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3210 (NH); 1560 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD $_{3}$ COCD $_{3}$) δ: 2.51 (s, 3H, –SCH $_{3}$), 6.88–7.92 (m, 6H, ArH). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 314 (7) [M], 267 (17) [M–SCH $_{3}$], 266 (32) [M–CH $_{3}$ SH], 186 (100) [M–C $_{6}$ H $_{4}$ F $_{2}$ N], 171 (100) [M–C $_{6}$ H $_{3}$ F $_{2}$ N–CH $_{4}$], 128 (62) [M–C $_{8}$ H $_{6}$ F $_{2}$ NS]. Anal. Calc. for C $_{14}$ H $_{10}$ F $_{4}$ N $_{2}$ S (314.30): C, 53.50; H, 3.21; N, 8.91%. Found: C, 53.46; H, 3.24; N, 8.87%.

Methyl N-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-N'-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-carbamimidothioates (**6d**): yield 87%, mp 78–79°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3160 (NH); 1580 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD $_{3}$ COCD $_{3}$) δ : 2.49 (s, 3H, $_{-1}$ SCH $_{3}$), 7.91 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.40 (m, 1H, H-2'), 7.30 (m, 1H, H-5'), 6.93–7.01 (m, 3H, H-3, H-5 and H-6). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 314 (10) [M], 267 (78) [M $_{-1}$ SCH $_{3}$], 266 (100) [M $_{-1}$ CH $_{3}$ SH], 186 (23) [M $_{-1}$ CGH $_{4}$ F $_{2}$ N], 171 (15) [M $_{-1}$ CGH $_{3}$ F $_{2}$ N $_{-1}$ CH $_{4}$], 127 (35) [M $_{-1}$ CGH $_{4}$ F $_{2}$ NS], 95 (26) [M $_{-1}$ CGH $_{3}$ F $_{2}$ N $_{2}$ CS]. Anal. Calc. for C $_{14}$ H $_{10}$ F $_{4}$ N $_{2}$ S (314.30): C, 53.50; H, 3.21; N, 8.91%. Found: C, 53.68; H, 3.22; N, 8.90%.

Methyl N-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-N'-(2,4-difluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6e**): yield 69%, mp 50–51°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3120 (NH); 1610 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 2.50 (s, 3H, –SCH₃), 6.73–7.80 (m, 5H, ArH). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 332 (33) [M], 285 (51) [M–SCH₃], 284 (100) [M–CH₃SH], 204 (100) [M–C₆H₄F₂N], 146 (23) [M–C₈H₆F₂NS], 145 (36) [M–C₈H₇F₂NS], 128 (28) [M–C₈H₅F₃NS], 127 (62) [M–C₈H₆F₃NS]. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₉F₅N₂S (332.29): C, 50.60; H, 2.73; N, 8.43%. Found: C, 50.42; H, 2.71; N, 8.46%.

Methyl N-(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)-N'-(3,4-difluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6f**): yield 77%, mp 86–87°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3170 (NH); 1590 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ: 2.50 (s, 3H, –SCH₃), 7.82 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.41 (m, 1H, H-2'), 7.22 (q, 1H, J = 9.3 Hz, H-5'), 7.10 (m, 1H, H-5), 6.80 (m, 1H, H-6). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 332 (8) [M], 285 (21) [M–SCH₃], 284 (100) [M–CH₃SH], 204 (16) [M–C₆H₄F₂N], 145 (13) [M–C₈H₇F₂NS], 127 (19) [M–C₈H₆F₃NS]. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₉F₅N₂S (332.29): C, 50.60; H, 2.73; N, 8.43%. Found: C, 50.71; H, 2.72; N, 8.45%.

Methyl N,N'-di(2,3,4-trifluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6g**): yield 81%, mp 65–66°C. IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹):

3160 (NH); 1570 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ : 2.55 (s, 3H, –SCH₃), 7.51 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.05–7.24 (m, 2H, H-5 and H-5'), 6.75 (m, 1H, H-6). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 350 (10) [M], 303 (20) [M–SCH₃], 302 (39) [M–CH₃SH], 204 (100) [M–C₆H₃F₃N], 189 (44) [M–C₆H₂F₃N–CH₄], 146 (56) [M–C₈H₅F₃NS]. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₈F₆N₂S (350.28): C, 48.01; H, 2.30; N, 8.00%. Found: C, 47.94; H, 2.32; N, 8.03%.

Methyl *N,N'*-di(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6h**): yield 85%, mp 118–119°C. IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 3180 (NH); 1570 (C=N). ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃) δ: 2.43 (s, 3H, –SCH₃), 7.94 (m, 1H, H-2'), 7.58 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.19 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H, H-5 and H-5'), 7.01 (s, 1H, H-2), 6.85 (s, 1H, H-6). MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (%): 346 (2) [M], 302 (12) [M–CH₃SH + 4], 300 (66) [M–CH₃SH + 2], 298 (100) [M–CH₃SH], 143 (15) [M–C₈H₆CIFNS], 129 (13) [M–C₈H₇CIFN₂S]. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₀Cl₂F₂N₂S (347.21): C, 48.43; H, 2.90; N, 8.07%. Found: C, 48.62; H, 2.88; N, 8.09%.

Methyl *N,N'*-di(2-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl)carbamimidothioates (**6i**): yield 83%, mp 95–96°C. IR (KBr) (cm $^{-1}$): 3200 (NH); 1540 (C=N). 1 H NMR (CD $_{3}$ COCD $_{3}$) δ : 2.50 (s, 3H, –SCH $_{3}$), 6.91–7.92 (m, 6H, ArH). MS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 346 (6) [M], 302 (13) [M–CH $_{3}$ SH + 4], 300 (67) [M–CH $_{3}$ SH + 2], 298 (100) [M–CH $_{3}$ SH], 204 (12) [M–C $_{6}$ H $_{4}$ ClFN + 2], 202 (35) [M–C $_{6}$ H $_{4}$ ClFN]. Anal. Calc. for C $_{14}$ H $_{10}$ Cl $_{2}$ F $_{2}$ N $_{2}$ S (347.21): C, 48.43; H, 2.90; N, 8.07%. Found: C, 48.58; H, 2.91; N, 8.10%.

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