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1 **ABSTRACT:** Based on the structure of natural product harmine, lead compound **18** and
2 the structure of compounds in part I, a series of thiophosphoramidate derivatives **1–17**
3 were designed and synthesized from various amines in one step. Their antiviral and
4 antifungal activities were evaluated. Most of the compounds showed significantly higher
5 antiviral activity against tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) than commercial virucide
6 Ribavirin. Compound (*R,R*)-**17** showed the best anti-TMV activity in vitro (70%/500
7 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 33%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) and in vivo (inactivation effect: 68%/500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and
8 30%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$; curative effect: 64%/500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 31%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$; protection effect:
9 66%/500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 31%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) which is higher than that of Ningnanmycin and
10 lead compound **18**. The antiviral activity of (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl is about similar to that of
11 (*R,R*)-**17**. However, the antifungal activity of (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl against *Puccinia sorghi* is
12 slightly lower than that of (*R,R*)-**17**. The systematic study provides compelling evidence
13 that these simple thiophosphoramidate compounds could become efficient antiviral and
14 antifungal agents.

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16 **KEYWORDS:** tobacco mosaic virus, thiophosphoramidate derivatives, anti-TMV activity,
17 *Puccinia sorghi*, antifungal activity, SARs

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19 **INTRODUCTION**

20 Plant pathogens, including bacteria, fungi and viruses, result in substantial losses for
21 agriculture, and are considered a threat for food security. Bacteria can infect all plant
22 tissues during the whole plant growth cycle. More importantly, these bacteria have a
23 strong vitality. The infective capacity of phytopathogenic fungi can be maintained over
24 many seasons, so it is costly and difficult to for farmers control these fungal diseases.¹ In
25 certain years, pathogenic fungi have reduced the yield of food and cash crops by nearly
26 twenty percent. Tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) is a well-studied plant virus which can
27 cause plant disease and creates enormous economic loss worldwide. There are about 36
28 plant families and more than 400 individual species which can be infected by TMV,
29 including tobacco and some ornamental flowers. Since plants do not have the same
30 immune system as animals, the control of plant diseases is still a challenge.²

31 Phosphoramides and their ester derivatives possess a wide range of biological
32 activities, such as pesticidal activity, antiviral activity, herbicidal activity, and so on.²⁻⁴
33 Several phosphoramides have become commercial varieties, such as acephate,
34 cyclophosphamide, methamidophos, and so on.

35 Anti-plant virus agent research is not like pharmaceutical research. Only very few
36 molecular targets are investigated and can be used in agrochemical design and discovery,
37 ⁵ which increases the difficulty of discovery of antiviral molecules for plants. Hydrogen
38 bonding interaction is an important mode of action for small molecule and
39 biomacromolecule. In drug design and development, the applications of hydrogen

40 bonding take more and more attention.⁶⁻⁸ Thiophosphoramidate derivatives serve as
41 catalysts through hydrogen bonding from the NH group.⁹⁻¹³ Meanwhile, the TMV
42 composing primarily with coat protein and RNA, contains many amino acid residues.^{14, 15}
43 If the thiophosphoramidate derivatives can bind to the key residues of TMV CP or RNA,
44 they may interfere with virus assembly initiation.

45 In our previous work, we have been devoted to synthesizing β -Carboline and
46 tetrahydro- β -carboline alkaloids as well as their derivatives and researching their
47 biological activity. Natural product harmine (**Figure 1**), one of the β -Carboline alkaloids
48 isolated from *P. harmala* L., was found to have excellent anti-TMV activity (antiviral
49 activity against TMV in vitro and inactivation, curative and protection activity in vivo
50 were 45%, 41%, 39%, and 42%, respectively, at 500 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$). Meanwhile,
51 (1*S*,3*S*)-1-methyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrido[3,4-*b*]indole-3-carbohydrazide (**Figure 1**,
52 Lead compound **18**), maintained high anti-TMV activity (the corresponding activity were
53 50%, 46%, 48%, and 50%, respectively, at 500 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$). This compound also exhibited
54 excellent stability and solubility.¹⁶ These advantages made it an ideal lead compound for
55 further derivation. A series of simple thiourea derivatives (**Figure 1**, Part I) were
56 developed as a novel type antiviral agents based on the structure characteristics of
57 harmine and lead compound **18**.⁸

58 Taking into account the above findings, another series of simple thiophosphoramidate
59 derivatives (**Figure 1**) were designed based on harmine, lead compound **18** and the
60 structure of compounds in part I and synthesized as anti-TMV agents. The synthesized

61 compounds were characterized and systematically tested for their antiviral activity
62 against TMV and antifungal activity against *Puccinia sorghi*.

63 MATERIALS AND METHODS

64 **Instruments.** The melting points of the synthesized compounds were determined on an
65 X-4 binocular microscope (Gongyi Yuhua Instrument Co., China). NMR spectra were
66 acquired via a Bruker 400 MHz (100 MHz for ^{13}C) instrument at room temperature.
67 Chemical shifts were measured relative to residual solvent peaks of CDCl_3 (^1H : $\delta = 7.26$
68 ppm; ^{13}C : $\delta = 77.0$ ppm) or d_6 -DMSO (^1H : $\delta = 2.50$ ppm; ^{13}C : $\delta = 39.5$ ppm) with
69 tetramethylsilane as internal standards. HRMS data were obtained via an FT-ICR MS
70 spectrometer (Ionspec, 7.0 T). Specific rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer
71 341MC polarimeter. Symbol (\pm) represented trans-mixture.

72 General Experimental Procedures

73 General Procedures for the Preparation of Compounds 1–3, 14 and (*S,S*)-17.

74 To a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), Et_3N (5.0 mmol) and amine (5.0 mmol) was added
75 the corresponding diphenylphosphinothioic chloride (5.0 mmol or 0.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2
76 (10–30 mL), and stirred at room temperature. When the reaction was complete, the
77 reaction mixture was filtered or evaporated in vacuum. The pure products 1–3, 14 and
78 (*S,S*)-17 were obtained by recrystallization from diethyl ether or purified by
79 chromatography on a column of silica gel with PE-EtOAc (v/v = 3: 1).

80 ***N*-Butyl-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide (1):** white solid, 99% yield; mp 90–91 °C;
81 ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 0.89 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.31–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.59

82 (m, 2H), 2.23 (br. s, 1H), 2.92 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.51 (m, 6H), 7.97–8.03 (m, 4H);
83 ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.7 MHz): δ 59.24; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.6 MHz): 13.8, 20.1, 33.6
84 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 9.7$ Hz), 128.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.9$ Hz), 131.5, 131.7, 133.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 101.8$ Hz);
85 HRMS (ESI) m/z calc'd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{NPS}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 290.1127, found 290.1124.

86 ***N*-Benzyl-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide (2)**: white solid, 99% yield; mp
87 108–109 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 2.64 (br. s, 1H), 4.09 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H),
88 7.24–7.37 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.50 (m, 6H), 8.01–8.06 (m, 4H); ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.7
89 MHz): δ 59.82; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.6 MHz): 45.2, 127.6, 128.1, 128.5, 128.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}}$
90 = 5.4 Hz), 131.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 10.9$ Hz), 131.9, 133.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 101.8$ Hz), 139.3 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} =$
91 28.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc'd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NPS}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 324.0970, found 324.0967.

92 ***N*-Cyclohexyl-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide (3)**: yellow solid, 99% yield; mp
93 77–80 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 1.09–1.29 (m, 5H), 1.52–1.66 (m, 3H),
94 2.03–2.06 (m, 2H), 2.27 (br. s, 1 H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 7.43–7.47 (m, 6H), 7.97–8.02 (m, 4H);
95 ^{31}P NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.7 MHz): δ 56.88; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.6 MHz): 25.2, 25.5, 36.1
96 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.9$ Hz), 51.1, 128.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.9$ Hz), 131.5, 131.6, 135.1 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 101.9$ Hz);
97 HRMS (ESI) m/z calc'd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{NPS}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 316.1283, found 316.1285.

98 ***N*-(2-Aminoethyl)-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide (14)**: yellow solid, 95% yield;
99 mp 94–96 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 1.62 (s, 2H), 1.69 (br. s, 2H), 2.84–2.88 (m,
100 2H), 2.93–2.98 (m, 2H), 3.16 (br. s, 1 H), 7.42–4.07 (m, 6H), 7.96–8.00 (m, 4H); ^{31}P
101 NMR (CDCl_3 , 161.7 MHz): δ 59.78; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100.6 MHz): 42.4 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 8.4$
102 Hz), 43.6, 128.5 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.7$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.1$ Hz), 131.7, 134.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} =$

103 102.0 Hz); HRMS (ESI) m/z calc'd for $C_{14}H_{17}N_2PS$ $[M + H]^+$: 277.0923, found 277.0922.

104 ***N*-((*1S,2S*)-2-Amino-1,2-diphenylethyl)-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide**

105 ((*S,S*)-**17**), 80% yield, $[\alpha]_D^{24} +21.7$ (c 1.0, $CHCl_3$), m.p. 103–105 °C; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400

106 MHz): δ 1.60 (s, 2 H), 4.21 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.49–4.54 (m,

107 1 H), 7.11–7.18 (m, 5 H), 7.21–7.41 (m, 11 H), 7.62–7.70 (m, 4 H); ^{31}P NMR ($CDCl_3$,

108 161.7 MHz): δ 58.98; ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100.6 MHz): 61.2 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 61.7, 126.9,

109 127.1, 127.3, 127.4, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 131.0, 131.1, 131.2, 131.3,

110 131.7, 131.8, 133.5, 134.5, 134.7, 140.9, 142.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc'd for $C_{26}H_{25}N_2PS$

111 $[M + H]^+$: 429.1549, found 429.1547.

112 **Procedures for the Preparation of Compound (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl**

113 To a solution of 1.0 mL of HCl in ethyl acetate (2 M) and 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was

114 added 1.0 mmol of (*R,R*)-**17**¹¹ at rt. The mixture was vigorously stirred for 6 h, and then

115 filtered to obtain the compound (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl.

116 ***N*-((*1R,2R*)-2-Amino-1,2-diphenylethyl)-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide**

117 **hydrochloride ((*R,R*)-**17**·HCl)**: white solid, 99% yield; mp 155–158 °C; 1H NMR

118 ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 4.77 (br. s, 1 H), 4.97–5.04 (m, 1 H), 6.88 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H),

119 6.97–7.11 (m, 5 H), 7.23–7.34 (m, 8 H), 7.43–7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.50–7.60 (m, 3 H),

120 7.74–7.79 (m, 2 H), 8.76 (s, 3 H); ^{31}P NMR ($CDCl_3$, 161.7 MHz): δ 57.61; ^{13}C NMR

121 ($CDCl_3$, 100.6 MHz): 59.3, 59.4 (d, $J = 19.7$ Hz), 127.0, 127.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.0,

122 128.03, 128.11, 128.17, 128.26, 128.31, 130.8, 130.9, 131.0, 134.8, 135.0, 135.3, 135.8,

123 136.0, 139.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z calc'd for $C_{26}H_{26}ClN_2PS$ $[M + H - HCl]^+$: 429.1549, found

124 429.1548.

125 **Biological Assay.**

126 The antiviral and antifungal bioassays were performed via representative test organisms
127 reared in the laboratory. Percentage mortalities were evaluated according to a percentage
128 scale of 0–100, in which 0 indicates no activity and 100 indicates total kill.

129 *Antiviral Biological Assay.* The bioassays of in vitro and in vivo anti-TMV activity were
130 carried out on *Nicotiana tabacum* L. The detailed procedure of purifying TMV and the
131 method to test the anti-TMV activity of the synthesized compounds were the same with
132 the literature.¹⁷

133 *Antifungal Biological Assay.* The detailed assay method to test the antifungal activity of
134 the synthesized compounds was described in the literature.¹⁸

135 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

136 **Chemistry.**

137 Compounds **1–3**, **14** and (*S,S*)-**17** were synthesized according to procedures in **Figure**
138 **2**. Amines were reacted with corresponding phosphinothioic chloride¹⁹ to give
139 thiophosphoramides **1–3**, **14** and (*S,S*)-**17** in almost quantitative to moderate yields.
140 Compounds **4–13**, **15**, **16** and (*R,R*)-**17** (**Figure 3**) were obtained according to our
141 previously reported methods.^{9–12} Compound **17·HCl** was obtained in the presence of
142 HCl in good yields.

143 **Phytotoxic Activity.** Firstly, compounds **1–17** were measured for their phytotoxic
144 activity against tobacco.¹⁷ The data of phytotoxic activity at 500 µg/mL indicated that all

145 of the compounds **1–17** showed no toxicity to the tested plant.

146 **Antiviral Activity.** Compounds **1–17** were evaluated for their antiviral activity against
147 TMV. The commercial plant virucides Ningnanmycin, Ribavirin and lead compound **18**
148 were used as the controls.

149 *In Vitro Anti-TMV Activity.* The results of antiviral assay in vitro were shown in Table 1.
150 As the control, Ribavirin exhibited a 41% inhibitory effect at 500 µg/mL, whereas almost
151 all of the compounds **1–17** exhibited higher antiviral activity than Ribavirin even at the
152 concentration of 100 µg/mL. The optimal compound (*R,R*)-**17** exhibited significantly
153 higher inhibitory effect than Ningnanmycin, which had a good chance of becoming a
154 new lead compound for anti-TMV study. The ethylenediamine skeleton displayed
155 important role for keeping high antiviral activity. Thiophosphoramides **1–3** without
156 ethylenediamine skeleton exhibited relatively lower inhibitory effect than compounds
157 **4–17** except for compound **14** (inhibitory effect: **3** ≈ **14**). Among the compounds **7–10**,
158 thiophosphoramide **9** displayed the lowest inhibitory effect, which indicated that alkyl
159 phosphate is bad for antiviral activity. The mainly difference between **11** and **12** lies in
160 the substituent on the N atom. Thiophosphoramide **11** with stronger hydrogen donor
161 (three N-H bond) showed higher inhibitory effect (inhibitory effect: **11** > **12**).
162 Thiophosphoramide **11** displayed higher antiviral activity than **13**, which indicated that
163 the S atom is favorable.

164 Diphenylthiophosphoramide derivatives **4**, **11**, **14–17** with a primary amine group
165 displayed in vitro activity ranging from 33%–70% against TMV at 500 µg/mL. Amongst

166 them, (*R,R*)-**17** bearing 1,2- diphenylethylenediamine skeleton showed higher activity
167 than **11** containing 1,2-cyclohexanediamine (70% and 62%, respectively). Except for
168 compound **14**, all of primary amine-thiophosphoramidate **7–17** exhibited much higher
169 activity than Ribavirin. The above results provided compelling evidence that a primary
170 amine on a rigid scaffold is necessary in thiophosphoramidate molecule.

171 Compounds **17** exhibited best result with inhibitory rate of >60%. The optical pure
172 compounds **17** were prepared to evaluate the effect of configuration on antiviral activity.
173 (*R,R*)-Configuration was proven to be the optimal antiviral configuration in vitro
174 (inhibitory effect: (*R,R*)-**17** > (*S,S*)-**17**). However, the activity of (*S,S*)-**17** is about similar
175 to that of the mixture of (*R,R*)-**17** and (*S,S*)-**17** ((*R,R*)-**17**:(*S,S*)-**17** = 1:1). In order to
176 improve stability and water solubility, (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl was synthesized in the presence of
177 HCl. However, the result indicated that (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl exhibited about similar in vitro
178 activity with (*R,R*)-**17**.

179 Bioassay results of the compounds **1–17** were shown in Table 1. Almost all of primary
180 amine-thiophosphoramidate displayed excellent anti-TMV activity in vitro. Encouraged by
181 these results, the compounds **1–17** were tested to evaluate their antiviral activity in vivo.

182 *In Vivo Anti-TMV Activity.* The results of anti-TMV activity in vivo were shown in
183 Table 2. Most of the compounds exhibited higher in vivo activity than that of the
184 Ribavirin. At the concentration of 500 µg/mL, (*R,R*)-**17** displayed the best inhibitory
185 effect of inactivation activity, curative activity and protection activity with values of 68%,
186 64% and 66%, respectively. Ribavirin as a control was studied at the same conditions

187 with values of 37%, 36% and 39%, respectively. By contrasting the experimental data,
188 the results indicated that compound (*R,R*)-**17** was more efficient than Ribavirin in vivo
189 activity against TMV. Under the same test conditions, Ningnanmycin as a control was
190 also studied with values of 63%, 54% and 64%, respectively. At the concentration of 100
191 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, (*R,R*)-**17** displayed moderate activity (inactivation activity: 30%; curative
192 activity: 31%; and protection activity: 31%), which is obviously higher than that of
193 Ribavirin (inactivation activity: 9%; curative activity: 13%; and protection activity: 17%)
194 and Ningnanmycin (inactivation activity: 28%; curative activity: 22%; and protection
195 activity: 26%). (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl showed about similar in vivo anti-TMV activity with
196 (*R,R*)-**17**.

197 The in vivo antiviral activity trend is similar with in vitro. Thiophosphoramidate **11**
198 bearing cyclohexanediamine skeleton gave relatively higher activity (64%, 60%, and
199 65% at 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) than **1–10** and **12–13**. Primary amine-thiophosphoramidate **14–17**
200 showed moderate antiviral activity ranging from 38%–71% against TMV at 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$
201 (the antiviral activity in vitro: **17** > **16** > **15** > **14**).
202 *N*-(2-aminoethyl)-*P,P*-diphenylphosphinothioic amide (**14**) showed relatively lower
203 activity (inactivation activity: 44%/500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 11%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$; curative activity:
204 40%/500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 14%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$; and protection activity: 38%/500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and
205 0%/100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) than corresponding primary amine-thiophosphoramidates and higher than
206 **1–3**, which indicated that a primary amine on a rigid scaffold is necessary in
207 thiophosphoramidate molecule for maintaining high antiviral activity.

208 (*R,R*)-Configuration with higher activity than that of (*S,S*)-configuration is confirmed
209 to be the optimal configuration (inhibitory effect: (*R,R*)-**17** > (*S,S*)-**17**). (*S,S*)-**17** showed
210 relatively lower activity (inactivation activity: 63%/500 µg/mL and 30%/100 µg/mL;
211 curative activity: 61%/500 µg/mL and 20%/100 µg/mL; and protection activity: 65%/500
212 µg/mL and 26%/100 µg/mL) than (*R,R*)-**17**.

213 *In Vivo Fungicidal Activity*. All the target compounds **1–17** were tested for their
214 fungicidal activity. *Puccinia sorghi* which causes great damage to corn was chosen as the
215 test object. Table 3 showed the results of inhibitory effect at different concentration
216 against *Puccinia sorghi* on corn in vivo. Compounds **1** and **17** (inhibitory effect at 200
217 mg/kg: ≥ 85%) exhibited higher fungicidal activity against *Puccinia sorghi* on corn than
218 compounds **2–16**, thus emerged as new antifungal lead compounds. Compound (*R,R*)-**17**
219 exhibited the best fungicidal activity with 85% inhibitory effect at 100 mg/kg.

220 In summary, based on harmine, lead compound **18** and compounds in part I, a series of
221 simple thiophosphoramidate compounds **1–17** were designed and synthesized from amines
222 in one step. Most of the compounds showed higher anti-TMV activity than commercial
223 virucide Ribavirin. Compound (*R,R*)-**17** displayed the best anti-TMV activity in vitro and
224 in vivo (in vitro activity: 70%/500 µg/mL and 33%/100 µg/mL; inactivation activity:
225 68%/500 µg/mL and 30%/100 µg/mL; curative activity: 64%/500 µg/mL and 31%/100
226 µg/mL; protection activity: 66%/500 µg/mL and 31%/100 µg/mL) which is higher than
227 that of Ningnanmycin and lead compound **18**. The antiviral activity of (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl is
228 about similar to that of (*R,R*)-**17**. However, the antifungal activity of (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl

229 against *Puccinia sorghi* was slightly lower than that of (*R,R*)-**17**. Present studies on
230 antiviral and antifungal activity provide abundant support for further optimization of
231 these simple thiophosphoramidate derivatives as new potential inhibitors of plant virus.
232 Further studies of these thiophosphoramidate derivatives on structure- activity relationship
233 and mode of action are in process in our laboratories.

234 **ASSOCIATED CONTENT**

235 Supporting Information

236 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **1–3**, **14** and **17**. This material is available free of
237 charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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326 **Figure Captions**

327 Figure 1. Design of Thiophosphoramidate Derivatives **1–17**

328 Figure 2. Synthesis of Thiophosphoramidate Derivatives **1–3**, **14** and (*S,S*)-**17**

329 Figure 3. Chemical Structures of **4–13**, **15**, **16**, (*R,R*)-**17** and (*R,R*)-**17**·HCl

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336 Table 1. In Vitro Antiviral Activity of Compounds Ribavirin, Ningnanmycin and **1–17**

337 against TMV

Compd	Concn ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Inhibition rate (%) ^a	compd	Concn ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Inhibition rate (%) ^a
1	500	27 \pm 1	13	500	50 \pm 2
	100	0		100	16 \pm 1
2	500	31 \pm 2	14	500	33 \pm 1
	100	0		100	0
3	500	34 \pm 1	15	500	55 \pm 1
	100	0		100	27 \pm 1
4	500	55 \pm 2	16	500	49 \pm 2
	100	24 \pm 1		100	0
5	500	50 \pm 1	<i>(R,R)</i> - 17	500	70\pm1
	100	24 \pm 1		100	33\pm2
6	500	55 \pm 2	<i>(S,S)</i> - 17	500	62 \pm 2
	100	20 \pm 1		100	24 \pm 1
7	500	63 \pm 1	<i>(R,R)</i> - 17 : <i>(S,S)</i> - 17 = 1: 1	500	60 \pm 2
	100	28 \pm 2		100	25 \pm 1
8	500	60 \pm 2	<i>(R,R)</i> - 17 ·HCl	500	72\pm2
	100	32 \pm 2		100	36\pm1
9	500	47 \pm 1	Lead compound 18	500	50\pm2
	100	15 \pm 1		100	21\pm1
10	500	58 \pm 2	Harmine	500	45\pm2
	100	28 \pm 1		100	20\pm1
11	500	62 \pm 2	Ribavirin	500	41\pm2
	100	32 \pm 2		100	10\pm1
12	500	50 \pm 1	Ningnanmycin	500	61\pm1
	100	22 \pm 2		100	26\pm1

338 ^a Average of three replicates; All results are expressed as mean \pm SD.

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344 against TMV

Compd	Concn (µg/mL)	Inactivation effect (%) ^a	Curative effect (%) ^a	Protection effect (%) ^a	Compd	Concn (µg/mL)	Inactivation effect (%) ^a	Curative effect (%) ^a	Protection effect (%) ^a
1	500	22±1	31±2	36±1	13	500	56±2	53±1	49±2
	100	0	0	0		100	25±1	20±1	12±1
2	500	35±1	28±3	37±1	14	500	44±2	40±2	38±1
	100	0	0	0		100	11±2	14±2	0
3	500	26±2	32±1	22±2	15	500	52±1	53±1	46±1
	100	0	0	0		100	17±2	17±2	20±2
4	500	56±1	54±2	54±1	16	500	49±1	43±1	44±2
	100	25±1	27±1	27±2		100	13±2	19±2	15±2
5	500	56±1	54±3	58±1	<i>(R,R)</i> - 17	500	68±2	64±2	66±1
	100	15±1	26±1	27±1		100	30±2	31±2	31±2
6	500	58±2	52±1	54±2	<i>(S,S)</i> - 17	500	63±2	61±1	65±2
	100	28±1	19±1	22±1		100	30±1	20±2	26±1
7	500	61±2	59±2	62±1	<i>(R,R)</i> - 17 : <i>(S,S)</i> - 17 = 1: 1	500	64±2	60±1	65±2
	100	21±1	30±1	25±1		100	32±1	29±2	34±1
8	500	64±1	62±1	58±1	<i>(R,R)</i> - 17 ·HCl	500	71±2	68±1	67±1
	100	22±2	26±2	21±1		100	39±1	35±2	30±2
9	500	52±1	51±1	53±2	Lead	500	46±2	48±2	50±1
	100	23±1	20±1	23±1	compound 18	100	17±1	20±2	23±1
10	500	62±2	59±1	57±2	Harmine	500	41±1	39±1	42±2
	100	21±2	24±1	21±1	100	11±1	16±2	16±1	
11	500	64±1	60±2	65±1	Ribavirin	500	37±2	36±2	39±1
	100	31±1	20±1	26±1	100	9±1	13±2	17±1	
12	500	55±1	53±3	47±1	Ningnanmycin	500	63±2	54±1	64±2
	100	23±1	16±1	18±1	100	28±1	22±1	26±1	

345 ^a Average of three replicates; All results are expressed as mean ± SD.

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351 Table 3. In Vivo Fungicidal Activity of the Selected Compounds against *Puccinia sorghi*

352 on corn

compd	Inhibition rate ^a (%)			
	Concn (mg/kg)	200	100	50
1		85±1	75±2	20±2
2		70±2	NT	NT
3		40±3	NT	NT
4		50±1	NT	NT
5		45±2	NT	NT
6		40±3	NT	NT
7		30±1	NT	NT
8		35±2	NT	NT
9		30±3	NT	NT
10		20±1	NT	NT
11		50±2	NT	NT
12		60±2	NT	NT
13		40±3	NT	NT
14		20±1	NT	NT
15		30±3	NT	NT
16		10±1	NT	NT
<i>(R,R)</i> - 17		98±2	85±1	30±2
<i>(S,S)</i> - 17		95±1	70±2	20±1
<i>(R,R)</i> - 17 ·HCl		98±2	60±2	10±1
Azoxystrobin		100±1	100±1	99±1

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^a Average of three replicates; All results are expressed as mean ± SD.

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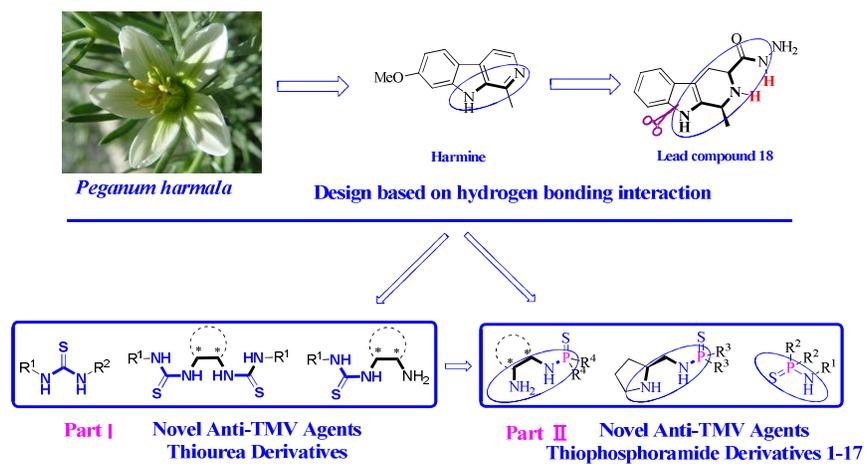
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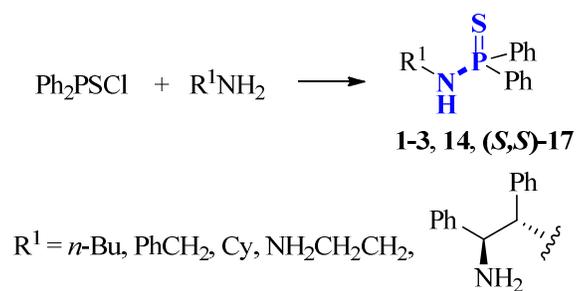
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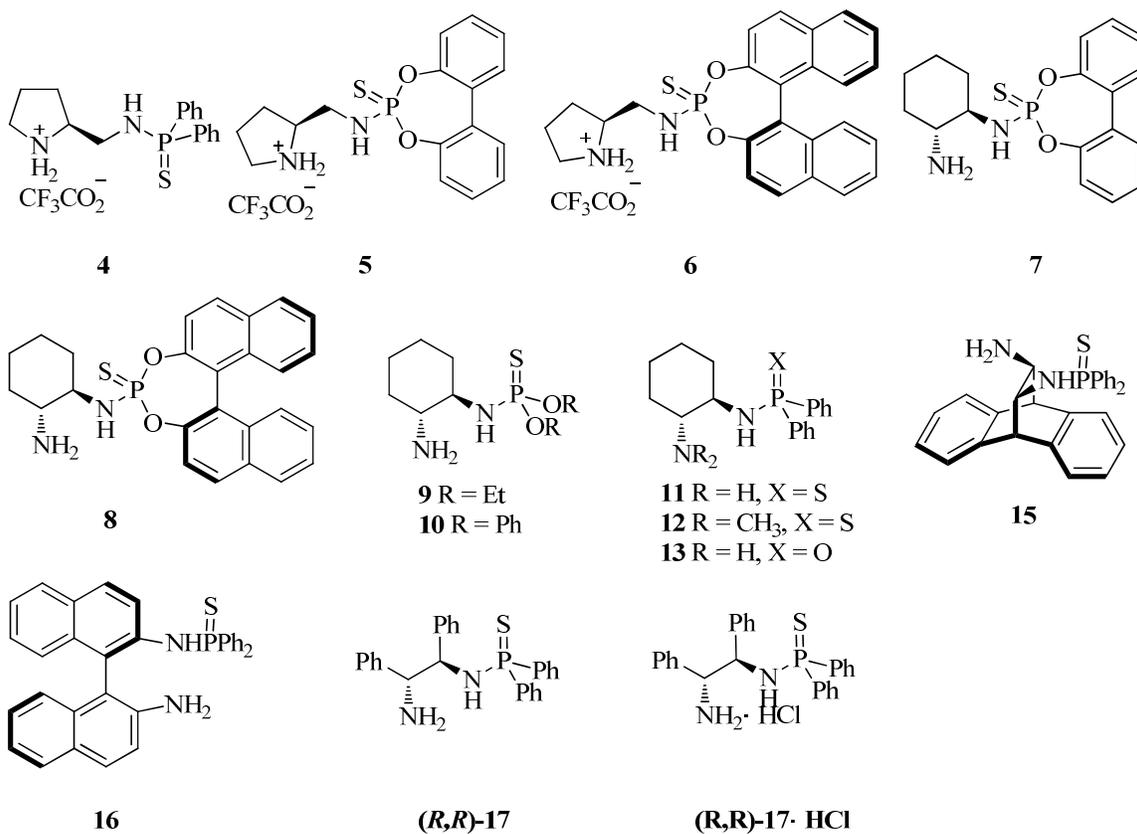
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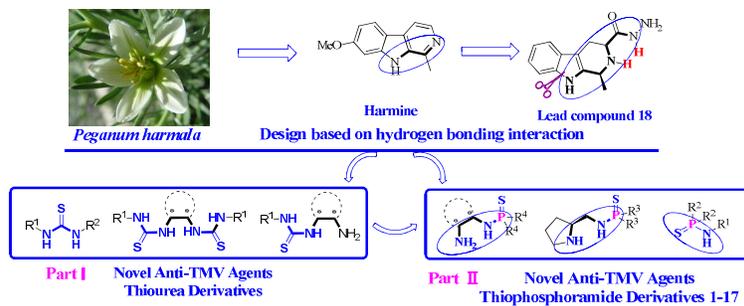
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