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# Synthesis and *in vitro* urease inhibitory activity of *N*,*N*′-disubstituted thioureas

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#### 1. Introduction

Urease (urea amidohydrolase EC 3.5.1.5) is a nickel-containing enzyme that catalyzes the hydrolysis of urea to ammonia and  $CO_2$ or carbamate [1]. A variety of ureases are found in bacteria, fungi, higher plants and in soil as a soil enzyme [2] Activity of urease (E.C 3.5.1.5) has been shown to be an important virulence determinant in the pathogenesis of many clinical conditions which are detrimental for human and animal health as well as for agriculture. In agriculture, high urease activity causes significant environmental and economic problems by releasing abnormally large amounts of ammonia into the atmosphere during urea fertilization [3]. Moreover, it induces plant damage primarily by depriving plants of their essential nutrients and secondarily by ammonia toxicity, increasing the pH of the soil [4].

Urease has been implicated to play a role in the pathogenesis of many bacteria such as *Helicobacter pylori*, *Proteus mirabilis* and *Brucella abortus* [5]. Urease has been identified as an immunogenic modulator in several pathogen-induced inflammatory reactions

#### ABSTRACT

Thiourea derivatives (1–38) were synthesized and evaluated for their urease inhibition potential. The synthetic compounds showed a varying degree of *in vitro* urease inhibition with  $IC_{50}$  values 5.53  $\pm$  0.02  $-91.50 \pm 0.08 \mu$ M, most of which are superior to the standard thiourea ( $IC_{50} = 21.00 \pm 0.11 \mu$ M). In order to ensure the mode of inhibition of these compounds, the kinetic study of the most active compounds has been carried out. Most of these inhibitors were found to be mixed-type of inhibitors, except compounds **13** and **30** which were competitive, while compound **19** was identified as non-competitive inhibitor with *Ki* values between 8.6 and 19.29  $\mu$ M.

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[6]. It is also known to be a major cause of pathologies induced by *Helicobacter pylori* which allows the bacteria to survive at the low pH of the stomach during colonization and therefore plays an important role in the pathogenesis of gastric and peptic ulcers which may lead to cancer, Since urease is not only damaging for humans, but also for animals and in agriculture, various strategies based on urease inhibition were considered as treatment approaches for infections caused by urease-producing bacteria [7,8].

Moreover, *H. pylori* are recognized as a major risk factor for recurrent gastroduodenal inflammatory diseases and gastric adenocarcinoma [9]. Ureases play an important role in protecting the *H. pylori* from the effects of gastric acid [10]. Medically, ureases are important virulence factors implicated in the pathogenesis of many clinical conditions such as pyelonephritis, hepatic coma, peptic ulceration, and the formation of infection-induced urinary stones and reactive arthritis [11].

Thiourea is an organic compound with the molecular formula  $CSN_2H_4$ . It is a versatile reagent in synthetic chemistry. Thioureas are related to thioamides and can be prepared from ammonium thiocyanate, but more commonly by the reaction of phenyl iso-thiocyanate with alkyl or aryl amines. They are important building blocks in the synthesis of heterocycles [12]. Thioureas manifest important multiple biological effects and are the basis for target-







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oriented synthesis. Moreover, ureas and thioureas evaluate their plant growth-regulating activity mainly on the herbicidal, root growth inhibitory and stimulatory and cytokinin-like activities [13]. Thioureas and ureas (symmetrical or unsymmetrical) have attracted much attention as drug candidates against a variety of diseases due to their bioactivities and broad spectrum as pesticides and in pharmacological activities [14a]. A variety of thiourea derivatives and their metal complexes exhibit analgesic, anti-inflammatory [15], anticancer, antitumor [16], antiplatelet [17] antimalarial [18], and antimicrobial activities [19,20]. Thiourea derivatives also possess anti-HCV [21], anti-HIV, antituberculosis, and antileukemic activity [22]. Fluorinated thioureas constitute a novel class of potent influenza virus neuraminidase inhibitors [23].

In continuation of our research work on urea and thiourea derivatives as potential lead compounds in our drug discovery program and keeping in mind the urease inhibitory activity of thiourea [24], we have synthesized a variety of thioureas and screened them for their urease inhibitory properties.

#### 2. Results and discussion

#### 2.1. Chemistry

We have previously reported the synthesis of unsymmetricallysubstituted N.N'-diaryl thioureas and urea derivatives in excellent yields and their in vitro bioactivities determined as cytotoxic, phytotoxic, acetylcholinesterase, butyrylcholinesterase [14a], and anti-glycation activities [14b]. Along with that we have being working on sulfur containing compounds [25], as well as hydrazones in search lead molecules [26]. In the present study thirtyeight unsymmetrically N,N'-diaryl-substituted thioureas 1–38 were synthesized from commercially available phenyl and 3chlorophenyl isothiocyanate with a variety of substituted anilines and heterocyclic amines in dichloromethane at 0 °C for 45 min according to literature procedures [27], as shown in Scheme 1 (Table 1). In all experiments, solid materials were formed which were filtered, triturated with 10 mL of dichloromethane and excess of hexane, dried under vacuum and recrystallized with methanol. The structures were determined using different spectroscopic methods like <sup>1</sup>H NMR, EI MS, IR and gave satisfactory CHN analysis. The compounds 1, 8, 10, 15, 25-32, 34, 37 are reported by various research groups [28].

#### 2.2. In vitro urease inhibitory evaluation

All the synthetic thioureas were screened for their urease inhibitory assays according to literature protocol [29]. Most of the 38 thiourease **1–38**, demonstrated good *in vitro* urease inhibitory properties having IC<sub>50</sub> values in the range of  $5.53 \pm 0.02-$ 82.70  $\pm$  0.14  $\mu$ M, whereas standard inhibitor, thiourea, has an IC<sub>50</sub> value 21.00  $\pm$  0.08  $\mu$ M, respectively. Compounds **1**, **3**, **4**, **9**, **13–16**, **18–20**, **26**, and **30** exhibiting IC<sub>50</sub> values 20.00  $\pm$  0.02, 20.33, 20.06  $\pm$  0.02, 20.90  $\pm$  0.02, 11.03  $\pm$  0.02, 20.10  $\pm$  0.00, 19.10  $\pm$  0.00, 16.30  $\pm$  0.02, 15.03  $\pm$  0.02, 18.60  $\pm$  0.04, 15.90  $\pm$  0.00, 18.30  $\pm$  0.14,





Scheme 1. Synthetic Scheme of Arylthiourea 1-38.

#### Table 1

Synthesis of symmetrical and unsymmetrical N,N'-disubstituted thioureas 1-38.



Compound	<b>R</b> <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Compound	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
1	Cl	Cl	20	Cl	Me
2	Cl	CI	21	Cl	N
3	Cl	Cl	22	Cl	N
4	Cl	MeO	23	Cl	N
5	Cl	OMe	24	Cl	
6	Cl	OMe	25	Н	Br
7	Cl	Me	26	Н	Br
8	Cl	Me	27	Н	F
9	Cl	Me	28	Н	MeO
10	Cl	CI	29	Н	N
11	Cl	Cl	30	Н	N
12	Cl	Cl	31	Н	N
13	Cl	Cl	32	Н	Me
14	Cl	Mel	33	Н	
15	Cl	F	34	Н	
16	Cl	F	35	Н	N Me Br
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Table 1 (continued)



and  $8.43 \pm 0.02 \mu$ M, respectively, were found to be the most active members of this series and superior to the standard inhibitor, while **2**, **5–9**, **11**, **17**, **21–23**, **25**, **27–29**, **32–34**, **37** and **38** showed still good inhibiting activity against ureases. Compounds **10**, **12**, **24**, **35**, and **36** have shown minor or no inhibitory potential (Table 2).

 $N\mbox{-}(3\mbox{-}Chlorophenyl)\mbox{-}N'\mbox{-}(2\mbox{-}methoxyphenyl)$  thiourea (**4**) bearing a 2-methoxyphenyl residue at  $R_2$  of the thiourea bridge was found to be the better active than standard (IC\_{50} = 20.06  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M). If the activity of compound **4** as compared to that of its analogs **5** and **6** (IC\_{50} values 29.56  $\pm$  0.07 and 24.10  $\pm$  0.04  $\mu$ M, respectively), then it appears that the position of the methoxy group at  $R_2$  plays a crucial rule for urease inhibitory activity.

*N*-Phenyl-*N'*-(3-pyridinyl) thiourea (**30**), bearing a 3-pyridyl substituent at R<sub>2</sub> of the thiourea bridge, was the second most active compound (IC<sub>50</sub> = 8.43 ± 0.02  $\mu$ M) of the series. Comparing its activity with those of the isomers *N*-phenyl-*N'*-(2-pyridinyl)thiourea (**29**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 23.36 ± 0.02  $\mu$ M), and *N*-phenyl-*N'*-(4-pyridinyl)thiourea (**31**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 43.93 ± 0.14  $\mu$ M), then the inhibiting power decreases from 3-pyridinyl >2-pyridinyl >4-pyridinyl analogs. Increasing the distance of the 3-pyridinyl residue of **6** from the thiourea moiety by a methyl spacer causes a dramatic decrease of the inhibiting activity as demonstrated by *N*-phenyl-*N'*-(3-pyridinyl) thiourea (**37**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 33.50 ± 0.04  $\mu$ M). Introduction of a 2-chloro atom into the pyridine ring of **30** as in *N*-(2-chloro-3-pyridinyl)-*N'*-phenylthiourea (**36**), causes most probably due to the space-filling and electronic property of the chlorine atom a complete loss of chelation with the enzyme's active site. This suggestion is also confirmed by the total

Table 2				
In vitro ureas	e inhibitory	activity of	compounds	1 - 38

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Compounds	$IC_{50}\pm S.E.M.^{a}\left(\mu M\right)$	Compounds	$IC_{50}\pm S.E.M.^{a}\left( \mu M\right)$
1	$20.00\pm0.02$	20	$15.90\pm0.00$
2	$22.20\pm0.04$	21	$22.70\pm0.07$
3	$\textbf{20.33} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	22	$\textbf{23.03} \pm \textbf{0.02}$
4	$20.06\pm0.02$	23	$24.46\pm0.02$
5	$24.46 \pm 0.02$	24	NA <sup>b</sup>
6	$29.56\pm0.07$	25	$34.26\pm0.05$
7	$24.10 \pm 0.04$	26	$18.30\pm0.14$
8	$\textbf{27.40} \pm \textbf{0.09}$	27	$24.30\pm0.00$
9	$20.90\pm0.02$	28	$29.93\pm0.07$
10	$40.96\pm0.02$	29	$23.36 \pm 0.02$
11	$\textbf{27.10} \pm \textbf{0.04}$	30	$8.43 \pm 0.02$
12	$\textbf{42.20} \pm \textbf{0.00}$	31	$43.93\pm0.14$
13	$11.03\pm0.02$	32	$25.30\pm0.08$
14	$20.10 \pm 0.00$	33	$\textbf{37.03} \pm \textbf{0.07}$
15	$19.10\pm0.00$	34	$\textbf{32.36} \pm \textbf{0.12}$
16	$16.30\pm0.02$	35	$\textbf{82.70} \pm \textbf{0.14}$
17	$34.40 \pm 0.04$	36	NA <sup>b</sup>
18	$15.03\pm0.02$	37	$\textbf{33.50} \pm \textbf{0.04}$
19	$18.60\pm0.04$	38	$\textbf{32.60} \pm \textbf{0.07}$
Thioureas <sup>c</sup>	$21.00 \pm 0.11$	_	_

<sup>a</sup> S.E.M. the standard error of the mean.

<sup>b</sup> Not active.

<sup>c</sup> Standard inhibitor of the enzyme urease.

inactivity found for *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*'-(2-chloro-3-pyridinyl) thiourea (**24**) with a close structure to *N*-(2-chloro-3-pyridinyl)-*N*'-phenylthiourea (**36**). A general trend in the decline of inhibiting activity is observed comparing the *N*-phenyl derivatives, *N*-phenyl-*N*'-(3-pyridinyl) thiourea (**30**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 8.43  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M), *N*-phenyl-*N*'-(3-pyridinyl) thiourea (**37**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 33.50  $\pm$  0.04  $\mu$ M), and *N*-phenyl-*N*'-(4-pyridinylmethyl)thiourea (**38**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 32.60  $\pm$  0.07  $\mu$ M) with their chloro analogs *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*'-(3-pyridinyl)thiourea (**23**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 24.46  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M), *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*'-(3-pyridinylmethyl) thiourea (**22**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 23.03  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M), and *N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*'-(4-pyridinylmethyl)thiourea (**21**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 22.70  $\pm$  0.07  $\mu$ M) demonstrating that the chlorine atom attached to the phenyl ring causes only a minor influence on the chelating efficiency of the inhibitors.

Compounds **20** (IC<sub>50</sub> = 15.90  $\pm$  0.00  $\mu$ M) and **32** (IC<sub>50</sub> = 25.30  $\pm$  0.08  $\mu$ M) with a 3-methyl residue attached to the pyridyl moiety were also found to be potent urease inhibitors. As mentioned above, the chlorine atom attached to the phenyl residue has only a minor effect on the inhibiting activity. *N*-(3,5-Dichloro-2-pyridinyl)-*N'*-phenylthiourea (**33**), another pyridine-containing compound, showed an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 37.03  $\pm$  0.07  $\mu$ M, while *N*-(5-bromo-6-methyl-2-pyridinyl)-*N'*-phenylthiourea (**35**) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 82.70  $\pm$  0.14  $\mu$ M) was found to be the least active compound among the present series.

*N*-(3-Chlorophenyl)-*N*'-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) thiourea (13) containing a dichlorophenyl residue at the thiourea bridge, showed a good urease inhibitory potential with an IC\_{50} value 11.03  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu M$ ), however, other dichlorophenyl-containing compounds, like 10, 11, and 12, had IC\_{50} values of 40.96  $\pm$  0.02, 27.10  $\pm$  0.04, and 42.20  $\pm$  0.00  $\mu$ M, respectively. This activity difference may be explained on the basis of the different positions of dichloro substituents on the phenyl ring. In compound 13, the dichloro residues are present at *meta* and *para* position to the thiourea bridge which may be attend an orientation to block the active site of the urease. However, in compound 11, the chloro substituents are at meta and ortho position of the phenyl ring, whereas, in compounds 10 and 12 the chloro atoms are attached at ortho, ortho and ortho, para positions, respectively. Comparing the dichloro substitutions and activity differences it appears that the meta chloro substituent is more influential on the urease inhibiting activity than the ortho and para substituents: Compound 13 (meta-, para-disubstituted) showed higher activity than compound 11 (ortho-, meta-disubstituted), and compounds **10** (IC\_{50} = 40.96  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M) and **12** (42.20  $\pm$  0.00  $\mu$ M), lacking a meta-chloro substituent, had the least urease inhibitory activity. A same pattern of activity was observed for the monochlorinated compounds 1, 2, and 3 exhibiting  $IC_{50}$  values of  $20.00\pm0.02, 22.20\pm0.04,$  and  $20.33\pm0.00\,\mu M$  in accordance to the foregoing discussions. Generally, it was observed that halogen substitution at meta position of the phenyl ring significantly enhances the urease inhibitory potential of unsymmetrically-substituted thioureas as demonstrated by the following comparison: N-(3-Bromophenyl)-*N*'-phenylthiourea (26) (IC<sub>50</sub> = 18.30  $\pm$  0.12  $\mu$ M) >*N*-(4bromophenyl)-N'-phenylthiourea (25). The methyl residue at *meta* position of the phenyl ring exerts an enhancing effect on the compound's inhibiting activity compared to the ortho- and para-phenyl analogs: Monomethyl substitution 18 (N-(3-chlorophenyl)-N'-(3methylphenyl)thiourea (IC<sub>50</sub> = 15.03  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M) > **19** (*N*-(3chlorophenyl)-N'-(4-methylphenyl)thiourea (IC<sub>50</sub> = 18.60  $\pm$  $0.04 \,\mu\text{M}$  > dimethyl substitution, like **9** (*N*-(3-chlorophenyl)-*N*'-(2,5dimethylphenyl)thiourea (IC<sub>50</sub> = 20.90  $\pm$  0.02  $\mu$ M) > 7 (N-(3chlorophenyl)-N'-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)thiourea (IC<sub>50</sub> = 24.10  $\pm$  $0.04 \ \mu M$ ) > 8 (N-(3-chlorophenyl)-N'-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)thiourea  $(IC_{50} = 27.40 \pm 0.09 \ \mu M).$ 

The present studies demonstrate that substitutions by functional groups attached to the phenyl or heterocyclic ring  $R_2$  to the thiourea bridge exert a decisive influence on the urease inhibitory

 Table 3

 The inhibition and kinetics parameters of urease by thiourea derivatives.

Compounds	$IC_{50}\left(\mu M\right)$	$K_{\rm m}({ m mM})$	K <sub>m</sub> app (mM)	$V_{\rm max}~(\mu { m mol}/{ m min})^{-1}$	V <sub>max</sub> app (µmol/min) <sup>-1</sup>	$\textit{Ki}~(\mu M) \pm S.E.M$	Type of inhibition
3	20.3	2.25	2.61	28.16	11.98	$18.1\pm0.02$	Mixed
1	20.0	2.25	3.24	30.2	20.04	$18.07\pm0.013$	Mixed
9	20.9	2.25	3	30.21	22.83	$19.29\pm0.026$	Mixed
13	11.0	2.25	6	27.32	27.32	$11.7\pm0.031$	Competitive
14	20.1	2.25	2.83	30.67	17.87	$18.48\pm0.014$	Mixed
15	19.1	2.25	2.9	30.3	18.14	$16.82\pm0.024$	Mixed
18	15.0	2.25	2.86	27.62	19.58	$15.7\pm0.020$	Mixed
19	18.6	2.25	2.25	22.47	7.56	$12.1\pm0.013$	Noncompetitive
26	18.3	2.25	2.64	30.39	16.44	$15.58 \pm 0.0233$	Mixed
30	8.4	2.25	7.62	29.15	29.15	$\textbf{8.6} \pm \textbf{0.024}$	Competitive
Standard (Thiourea)	21	2.25	7.38	19.12	19.2	$20.01\pm0.020$	Competitive

Result represents as mean of triplicate  $\pm$  standard error of mean (S.E.M.).

activity of this class of compounds. From the series, compound (**30**)  $(IC_{50} = 8.43 \pm 0.02 \ \mu\text{M})$  exhibit the strongest inhibiting power against the enzyme urease and it is striking that for structure, the lone pair electrons of the nitrogen of **30** in R<sub>2</sub> have a distance of three bond length from the thiourea center and seem to support the chelating efficiency of the inhibitor attacking the active site of the enzyme.

#### Kinetics studies

To check the inhibition mechanism of these compounds, the kinetics studies of the most active compounds (Compounds 1, 3, 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 26 and 30) were performed. In the kinetics studies along with different concentration of test compound the substrates were also varied. These compounds inhibited the jack bean urease in a concentration-dependent manner with Ki values between 8.6 and 19.29  $\mu$ M. Form the kinetics studies it was clear that most of these inhibitors were found to be mixed-type of inhibitors, except compounds 13 and 30 which were competitive, while compound 19 was identified as a non-competitive inhibitors Table 3. The type of inhibition was determined by Lineweaver-Burk plots, the reciprocal of the rate of the reaction were plotted against the reciprocal of substrate concentration to monitor the effect of inhibitor on both  $K_{\rm m}$  and  $V_{\rm max}$ . The *Ki* values were calculated by plotting the slope of each line in the Lineweaver-Burk plots against the different concentration of compounds. The Ki values were confirmed from Dixon plot by plotting the reciprocal of the rate of reaction against the different concentrations of compounds.

In mixed-type of inhibition, both  $K_m$  and  $V_{max}$  are affected. The high  $K_m$  and low  $V_{max}$  of these compounds indicated the mixed-type of inhibition (Fig. 1). In the presence of compound **13**, the  $V_{max}$  of jack bean urease was not affected, while the  $K_m$  increased which indicated a pure competitive type of inhibition (Fig. 2). In the presence of compound **19**, the  $K_m$  of enzyme was not affected, while the  $V_{max}$  of enzyme decreased thus indicated a non-competitive inhibition (Fig. 3).

#### 3. Conclusion

Summarizingly, a series of substituted thiourea derivatives have been synthesized successfully in appreciable yields and evaluated for their *in vitro* urease inhibition potential. SAR studies carried out to investigate the role of substitutions by functional groups attached to the thiourea bridge which exert imperative influence on the urease inhibitory potential. It is also concluded that substituents having the lone pair of electrons and are appropriately oriented from the thiourea center and seem to support the chelating efficiency of the inhibitor attacking the active site of the enzyme exhibit the strongest inhibiting power against the enzyme urease. The easy, at low cost accessible thiourea series resulted in the discovery of several most efficient urease inhibitions which are



**Fig. 1.** The inhibition of urease by compound **30** (A) Lineweaver–Burk plot of reciprocal of rate of reaction (velocities) vs reciprocal of substrate (urea) in the absence ( $\blacksquare$ ), and in presence of 5  $\mu$ M ( $\Box$ ), 10  $\mu$ M ( $\bullet$ ), and 15  $\mu$ M ( $\bigcirc$ ) of compound **30**. (B) Secondary replot of Lineweaver–Burk plot between the slopes of each line on Lineweaver–Burk plot vs different concentrations of compound **30**. (C) Dixon plot of reciprocal of rate of reaction (velocities) vs different concentrations of compound **30**.



**Fig. 2.** The inhibition of urease by compound **18** (A) Lineweaver–Burk plot of reciprocal of rate of reaction (velocities) vs reciprocal of substrate (urea) in the absence ( $\blacksquare$ ), and in presence of 5  $\mu$ M ( $\Box$ ), 10  $\mu$ M ( $\bullet$ ), and 15  $\mu$ M ( $\bigcirc$ ) of compound **18**. (B) Secondary replot of Lineweaver–Burk plot between the slopes of each line on Lineweaver–Burk plot vs different concentrations of compound **18**. (C) Dixon plot of reciprocal of rate of reaction (velocities) vs different concentrations of compound **18**.

attractive compounds to be further developed for research and industrial applications.

#### 4. General experimental

Melting points were determined on a Büchi 434 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR was performed on Bruker AV 300, 400, and 500 MHz instruments, respectively. CHN analyses were determined on a Carlo Erba Strumentazion-Mod-1106, Italy, instrument. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO IR-A-302 spectrometer. Electron impact mass spectra (EI MS) were recorded on a Finnigan MAT-311A, Germany, spectrometer. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel glass plates (Kieselgel 60, 254, E. Merck, Germany).

#### 4.1. Urease assay and inhibition

The reaction mixtures, comprising 25  $\mu$ L of enzyme (jack bean urease) solution and 55  $\mu$ L of buffers containing 100 mM urea, were incubated with 5  $\mu$ L of the test compounds (0.5 mM concentration)

at 30 °C for 15 min in 96-well plates. For the kinetics assessment the urea concentrations were changed from 2 to 24 mM. Urease activity was determined by measuring ammonia production using the indophenol method as described by Weatherburn [26]. Briefly, 45  $\mu$ L of phenol reagent (1% w/v phenol and 0.005% w/v sodium nitroprusside) and, 70  $\mu$ L of alkali reagent (0.5% w/v NaOH and 0.1% active chloride NaOCI) were added to each well. The increasing absorbance at 630 nm was measured after 50min, using a microplate reader (Molecular Device, USA). All reactions were performed in triplicate in a final volume of 200  $\mu$ L. The results (change in absorbance per min) were processed by using SoftMaxPro software (molecular Device, USA). The entire assays were performed at pH 6.8. Percentage inhibition was calculated from the formula 100 – (OD<sub>test well</sub>/OD<sub>control</sub>) × 100. Thiourea was used as the standard inhibitor for urease.

#### 4.2. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 1-38

3-Chlorophenyl isothiocyanate and phenyl isothiocyanate (1.9 mmol and 3.7 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL dichloromethane



**Fig. 3.** The inhibition of urease by compound **19** (A) Lineweaver–Burk plot of reciprocal of rate of reaction (velocities) vs reciprocal of substrate (urea) in the absence ( $\blacksquare$ ), and in presence of 5  $\mu$ M ( $\Box$ ), 10  $\mu$ M ( $\bullet$ ), and 15  $\mu$ M ( $\bigcirc$ ) of compound **19**. (B) Secondary replot of Lineweaver–Burk plot between the slopes of each line on Lineweaver–Burk plot vs different concentrations of compound **19**. (C) Dixon plot of reciprocal of rate of reaction (velocities) vs different concentrations of compound **19**.

at 0 °C. Then aniline (2.7 mmol and 5.5 mmol), was added dropwise with constant stirring, and completion of reaction is checked by TLC analysis. After 45 min a white solid appeared, the resultant solid product was filtered, washed with hexane, triturated with 10 mL of dichloromethane and excess of hexane and dried under vacuum. Recrystallization with methanol afforded the desired solid thiourea **1–38**.

#### 4.2.1. 1,3-Bis(3-chlorophenyl)thiourea (1)

Yield: 74%; M.p.: 161 °C  $R_f$ : 0.49 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3223, 3034, 1587, 1538, 1476, 1307, 1206, 1078 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  7.59 (t, 2H, H-2, 2' J = 3.5 Hz), 7.35 (dt, 2H, H-4, 4' J = 7.0, 3.0 Hz), 7.32 (t, 2H, H-5, 5' J = 8.0 Hz), 7.17 (ddd, 2H, H-6, 6', J = 7.5, 2.0, 2.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  177.14 (C=S), 137.50 (C–NHAr), 137.50 (C–NHAr), 133.80 (C–Cl), 133.80 (C–Cl) 130.20, 128.10, 128.10, 126.50, 126.50, 124.20, 124.20; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 296 (5.0), 266 (36.0), 264 (100.0), 262 (100.0), 227 (6.0), 169 (36), 127 (37), 111 (42), 90 (21); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 52.54; H, 3.39; N, 9.43; Found: C, 52.57; H, 3.42; N, 9.47.

#### 4.2.2. 1-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)thiourea (2)

Yield: 73%; M.p.: 162 °C  $R_f$ : 0.50 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3295, 3204, 1587, 1535, 1476, 1351, 1203, 1066 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.36 (s, 1H, NH), 8.87 (s, 1H, NH), 7.82 (br.t, 1H, H-2, J = 4.8 Hz), 7.78 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz), 7.51 (dd, 2H, H-4, 3', J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.39 (br.t, 2H, H-5, 5', J = 8.4 Hz), 7.30 (dt, 1H, H-4', J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.21 (ddd, 1H, H-6, J = 8.1, 1.8, 1.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  178.10 (C=S), 138.20 (C–NHAr), 137.60 (C–NHAr), 134.10 (C–Cl), 133.20, 131.30, 131.20 (C–Cl), 130.60, 130.20, 128.10, 126.50, 124.60, 124.10; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 266 (14.0), 264 (71), 262 (100), 192 (10), 125 (12), 111 (13), 75 (14); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 52.54; H, 3.39; N, 9.43; Found: C, 52.56; H, 3.41; N, 9.45.

#### 4.2.3. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)thiourea (3)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 163 °C °C  $R_f$ : 0.50 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3208, 3025, 1590, 1539, 1482, 1316, 1221, 1095 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.22 (s, 2NH), 7.72 (br.s, 1H, H-2), 7.56 (br.d, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 8.7 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.38 (d, 2H, H-3', 5', J = 8.7 Hz), 7.37 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.19 (ddd, 1H, H-6, J = 6.0, 2.1, 1.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.50 (C=S), 138.30 (C–NHAr), 137.10 (C–NHAr), 134.60 (C–Cl), 133.20 (C–Cl), 131.30, 131.30, 130.20, 129.20, 129.20, 128.10, 126.70, 124.10; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 298 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 15), 297 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 296 (21), 127 (31), 85 (63), 83 (100); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 52.54; H, 3.39; N, 9.43; Found: C, 52.58; H, 3.43; N, 9.47.

#### 4.2.4. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (4)

Yield: 78%; M.p.: 177 °C  $R_f$ : 0.45 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub> 3266, 3192, 3008, 1590, 1507, 1464, 1363, 1282, 1202, 1117, 1024 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  7.58 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 4.0 Hz), 7.34 (dt, 1H, H-4', J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.30 (t, 1H, H-5', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.26 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5, 2.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.09 (t, 1H, H-3', J = 4.5 Hz), 6.95 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz), 6.77 (ddd, 1H, H-6, J = 6.0, 2.5, 2.5 Hz), 4.83 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  178.530 (C=S), 154.20 (C=O), 138.10 (C=NHAr), 134.20 (C=Cl), 130.20, 129.10, 128.10, 126.60, 125.10; (C= NHAr), 124.80, 124.40, 121.80, 113.00, 55.80; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 292 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4.0), 169 (100.0), 165 (42.0), 123 (85.2), 111 (56.4), 94 (52.3); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 57.43; H, 4.48; N, 9.57; Found: C, 57.45; H, 4.50; N, 9.59.

#### 4.2.5. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (5)

Yield: 79%; M.p.: 168 °C *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.45 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr): *v*<sub>max</sub> 3253, 3139, 2949, 1593, 1542, 1469, 1350, 1161, 1041 cm<sup>−1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H

NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  7.73 (t, 1H, H-2', J = 3.5 Hz), 7.59 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 4.0 Hz), 7.40 (ddd, 1H, H-4', J = 8.0, 2.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.35 (dt, 1H, H-4, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz), 7.32 (t, 2H, H-5', 6', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.26 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.17 (ddd, 1H, H-6,  $J_{6,5}$  = 7.5, 2.0, 1.5 Hz), 4.85 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.10 (C=S), 160.30 (C–O), 138.70 (C–NHAr), 138.10 (C–NHAr), 134.50 (C–Cl), 130.60, 130.10, 126.70, 124.50, 118.90, 117.00, 110.30, 55.60; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 292 (M<sup>+</sup>, 4.0), 169 (100.0), 165 (42.0), 123 (85.2), 111 (56.4), 94 (52.3); EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 215 (32), 171 (79), 169 (51), 111 (36), 91 (48), 75 (47); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 57.43; H, 4.48; N, 9.57; Found: C, 57.46; H, 4.51; N, 9.60.

#### 4.2.6. N-(3-Chlorophenyl)-N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiourea (6)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 169 °C  $R_f$ : 0.49 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3334, 3160, 3031, 1593, 1545, 1480, 1301, 1248, 1165, 1097, 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  7.56 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 4.0 Hz), 7.32 (dt, 1H, H-4, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz), 7.29 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.27 (d, 2H, H-3', 5', J = 9.0 Hz), 7.16 (ddd, 1H, H-6, J = 7.5, 1.5, 2.0 Hz), 6.93 (d, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 7.0 Hz), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  178.10 (C=S), 158.90 (C–O), 138.60 (C– NHAr), 134.40 (C–Cl), 131.10 (C–NHAr), 130.50, 128.40, 127.60, 127.60, 126.90, 124.60, 114.40, 114.40, 55.70; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 292 (M<sup>+</sup>, 36), 259 (8.0), 171 (16), 169 (42), 165 (35), 140 (67), 127 (28), 111 (28), 108 (100.0), 83 (58); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 57.43; H, 4.48; N, 9.57; Found: C, 57.46; H, 4.51; N, 9.60.

#### 4.2.7. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)thiourea (7)

Yield: 75%; M.p.: 193 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3207, 3038, 1593, 1520, 1474, 1341, 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  9.65 (s, 1H, NH), 9.42 (s, 1H, NH), 7.71 (br.s, 1H, H-2), 7.40 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.33 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, H-6', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.10 (d, 1H, H-5', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.05 (s, 1H, H-3'), 7.00 (d, 1H, H-6, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.50 (C=S), 143.90 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 139.90 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 138.60 (C–NHAr), 134.50 (C–Cl), 132.80 (C–NHAr), 131.30, 130.50, 128.50, 126.80, 126.40, 124.50, 119.50, 21.50, 18.50; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 290 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3), 153 (4), 121 (22), 111 (40), 83 (100), 55 (33); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 61.95; H, 5.20; N, 9.63; Found: C, 60.57; H, 5.46; N, 9.57.

#### 4.2.8. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)thiourea (8)

Yield: 74%; M.p.: 195 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3331, 3152, 2976, 1591, 1533, 1491, 1349, 1088 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  9.77 (s, 1H, NH), 9.60 (s, 1H, NH), 7.68 (br.s, 1H, H-2), 7.39 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.31 (br.d, 2H, H-4, 6, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.15 (br.d, 1H, H-4', J = 7.8 Hz), 6.91 (d, 2H, H-3', 5', J = 8.7 Hz), 2.49 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.50 (C=S), 138.50 (C–NHAr), 135.70 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 135.50 (C–NHAr), 135.40 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 134.70 (C–Cl), 130.50, 128.20, 127.80, 127.80, 127.10, 126.80, 124.70, 18.60, 18.60; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 290 (M<sup>+</sup>, 90), 275 (100), 257 (24), 121 (15), 83 (77); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 61.95; H, 5.20; N, 9.63; Found: C, 61.97; H, 5.22; N, 9.65.

#### 4.2.9. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)thiourea (9)

Yield: 77%; M.p.: 194 °C  $R_f$ : 0.58 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3206, 3007, 2916, 1593, 1524, 1475, 1344, 1131, 1083 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H, NH), 9.45 (s, 1H, NH), 7.69 (s, 1H, H-2), 7.39 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.33 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.15 (s, 1H, H-6'), 7.12 (d, 1H, H-3', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.03 (s, 1H, H-4'), 6.99 (d, 1H, H-6, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.25 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.17 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.70 (C=S), 138.60 (C–NHAr), 135.8 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 135.70 (C–NHAr), 133.40 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 134.50 (C–Cl), 130.30, 129.20, 128.30, 127.00, 124.90, 124.60, 117.60, 23.20, 18.00; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 290 (M<sup>+</sup>, 90), 275 (100), 257 (24), 121 (15), 83 (77); EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 290 (M<sup>+</sup>, 23), 275 (12), 163 (17), 138

(41), 130 (27), 121 (100), 120 (48), 111 (14), 106 (46), 77 (43); Anal. calcd for  $C_{13}H_{10}Cl_2N_2S$ : C, 61.95; H, 5.20; N, 9.63; Found: C, 61.97; H, 5.22; N, 9.65.

#### 4.2.10. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)thiourea (10)

Yield: 70%; M.p.: 193 °C  $R_f$ : 0.43 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3218, 3005, 1591, 1524, 1433, 1331, 1286, 1244, 1085 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  10.12 (s, 1H, NH), 9.58 (s, 1H, NH), 7.70 (s, 1H, H-2), 7.53 (d, 2H, H-3', 5', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.38 (m, 2H, H-4',5), 7.20 (d, 1H, H-6, J = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.60 (C=S), 138.50 (C–NHAr), 138.20 (C–Cl), 138.20 (C–Cl), 134.60 (C–Cl), 130.80 (C–NHAr), 130.50, 128.40, 128.30, 128.30, 126.80, 126.40, 124.50; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 300 (32), 298 (98), 296 (100), 125 (11), 111 (9), 75 (10); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 47.08; H, 2.74; N, 8.45; Found: C, 47.10; H, 2.76; N, 8.47.

#### 4.2.11. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)thiourea (11)

Yield: 74%; M.p.: 171 °C  $R_f$ : 0.44 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3219, 1588, 1533, 1501, 1360, 1200, 1154 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.48 (s, 1H, NH), 8.98 (s, 1H, NH), 7.80 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 3.9 Hz), 7.74 (dd, 1H, H-6' J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz), 7.50 (dd, 2H, H-4, 4', J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz), 7.39 (t, 2H, H-5, 5', J = 8.1 Hz), 7.22 (ddd, 1H, H-6, J = 7.8, 1.8, 1.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.70 (C=S), 138.60 (C–NHAr), 137.40 (C–NHAr), 136.30 (C–Cl), 134.70 (C–Cl), 132.60 (C–Cl), 132.10, 130.50, 130.30, 128.6, 128.4, 126.80, 124.50; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 300 (4), 298 (17), 297 (72), 295 (100), 203 (12), 169 (11), 161 (16), 127 (17); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 47.08; H, 2.74; N, 8.45; Found: C, 47.10; H, 2.76; N, 8.47.

#### 4.2.12. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)thiourea (12)

Yield: 73%; M.p.: 182 °C  $R_f$ : 0.45 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3296, 3197, 1587, 1532, 1499, 1354, 1202, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.80 (d, 1H, H-6', J = 8.7 Hz), 7.79 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 3.9 Hz), 7.56 (d, 1H, H-3', J = 2.4 Hz), 7.49 (ddd, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1, 1.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.41 (dd, 1H, H-5', J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz), 7.39 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.22 (ddd, 1H, H-6, J = 8.1, 1.8, 1.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.90 (C=S), 138.60 (C–NHAr), 134.60 (C–Cl), 134.10 (C–NHAr), 133.90 (C–Cl), 132.70, 131.60 (C–Cl), 130.70, 130.40, 128.40, 126.80, 124.50, 121.20; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 299 (16), 297 (75), 295 (100), 203 (16), 169 (21), 160 (48), 133 (16), 127 (46), 111 (35), 75 (43); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 47.08; H, 2.74; N, 8.45; Found: C, 47.10; H, 2.76; N, 8.47.

#### 4.2.13. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)thiourea (13)

Yield: 75%; M.p.: 171 °C  $R_f$ : 0.47 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3175, 3009, 1586, 1537, 1472, 1328, 1245, 1128, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  7.77 (d, 1H, H-2', J = 2.5 Hz), 7.59 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 4.0 Hz), 7.46 (d, 1H, H-5', J = 8.5 Hz), 7.38 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz), 7.35 (dt, 1H, H-4, J = 8.0, 3.5 Hz), 7.32 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.18 (ddd, 1H, H-6,  $J_{6,5}$  = 8.0, 2.0, 1.5, Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.80 (C=S), 138.60 (C–NHAr), 136.60 (C–NHAr), 135.30, 134.60 (C–Cl), 131.30 (C–Cl), 130.40, 129.40 (C–Cl), 129.10, 128.40, 126.80, 124.70, 121.20; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 331 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3), 203 (35), 169 (32), 163 (27), 161 (43), 145 (19), 129 (34), 127 (100), 111 (39), 92 (21), 75 (36); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 47.08; H, 2.74; N, 8.45; Found: C, 47.11; H, 2.77; N, 8.48.

## 4.2.14. 1-(5-Chloro-2-methylphenyl)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)thiourea (14)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 185 °C  $R_f$ : 0.49 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3253, 3034, 2838, 1593, 1518, 1475, 1333, 1241, 1081 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.18 (s, 1H, NH), 8.87 (s, 1H, NH), 7.74 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.47 (s, 1H, H-4'), 7.44 (dd, 1H, H-4, J = 6.3, 3.3 Hz), 7.36 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.29 (d, 1H, H-4', J = 8.1 Hz), 7.22 (d, 1H, H-6', *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.18 (dd, 1H, H-6, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz), 2.29 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.90 (C=S), 138.60 (C−NHAr), 137.40 (C−NHAr), 134.70 (C−CH<sub>3</sub>), 134.60 (C−Cl), 131.80 (C−Cl), 130.80, 130.40, 128.40, 127.00, 124.80, 124.50, 113.80, 17.90; EI MS: *m/z* (rel. abund. %) 331 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3), 203 (35), 169 (32), 163 (27), 161 (43), 145 (19), 129 (34), 127 (100), 111 (39), 92 (21), 75 (36); EI MS: *m/z* (rel. abund. %) 312 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 8), 311 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11), 183 (12), 169 (12), 148 (23), 141 (58), 129 (31), 127 (100), 111 (27), 106 (45), 89 (28), 75 (28); Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 54.03; H, 3.89; N, 9.00; Found: C, 54.05; H, 3.91; N, 9.02.

#### 4.2.15. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)thiourea (15)

Yield: 79%; M.p.: 189 °C  $R_f$ : 0.43 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3224, 3015, 1556, 1509, 1475, 1336, 1235, 1072 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.15 (s, 1H, NH), 7.76 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.54 (m, 2H, H-3', 5'), 7.45 (dd, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1, 4.8 Hz), 7.36 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.19 (dd, 1H, H-6, J = 6.9, 2.7 Hz), 7.15 (dt, 2H, H-2', 6',  $J_{2',F} = J_{6',F} = , 8.7, 2.1$  Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.90 (C=S), 163.20 (d, J = 205 Hz, C–F), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 134.60 (C–Cl), 134.10 (C–NHAr), 131.10, 131.10, 130.30, 128.20, 126.80, 124.50, 115.70, 115.70; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 283 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 3), 282 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 18), 280 (M<sup>+</sup>, 51), 247 (6), 153 (17), 127 (49), 111 (100), 95 (15); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>CIFN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 55.62; H, 3.59; N, 9.98; Found: C, 55.65; H, 3.62; N, 10.01.

#### 4.2.16. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(3,4-difluorophenyl)thiourea (16)

Yield: 75%; M.p.: 184 °C  $R_f$ : 0.40 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3204, 3031, 1594, 1537, 1474, 1345, 1246, 1207, 1151, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.25 (s, 1H, NH), 7.72 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.67 (d, 1H, H-2',  $J_{2',F} = 8.1$ , 1.5 Hz), 7.44 (dd, 1H, H-4,  $J_{4,5} = 8.1$ , 4.8 Hz), 7.38 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.31 (t, 1H, H-5',  $J_{5'(F,6)} =$ , 7.50 Hz), 7.28 (t, 1H, H-6', J = 5.1 Hz), 7.21 (dt, 1H, H-6, J = 8.1, 3.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.90 (C=S), 148.70 (d, J = 175 Hz, C–F), 143.80 (d, J = 165 Hz, C–F), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 134.60 (C–Cl), 134.20 (C–NHAr), 130.40, 128.20, 126.80, 126.50, 124.60, 116.40, 114.80; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 300 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 12), 299 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 7), 298 (M<sup>+</sup>, 33), 171 (16), 129 (100), 127 (52), 113 (20), 111 (16), 75 (15); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: C, 52.27; H, 3.04; N, 9.38; Found: C, 52.29; H, 3.06; N, 9.40.

#### 4.2.17. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(o-tolyl)thiourea (17)

Yield: 77%; M.p.: 168 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1588, 2926, 1789, 1645, 1526, 1448, 1207 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO): δ 9.84 (s, 1H, NH), 9.60 (s, 1H, NH), 7.79 (s, 1H, H-2), 7.44 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.33 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.26 (t, 2H, H-4', 5', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.20 (dd, 1H, H-3', J = 7.5 Hz), 7.15 (d, 1H, H-6', J = 7.5 Hz Hz), 7.10 (s, 1H, H-6), 2.22 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD): δ 179.80 (C=S), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 135.60 (C– NHAr), 136.40 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 134.50 (C–Cl), 130.70, 130.30, 129.60, 128.20, 127.00, 126.80, 126.10, 124.50, 17.80; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 278 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 33), 277 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 21), 276 (M<sup>+</sup>, 89), 261 (29), 243 (48), 242 (100), 169 (37), 149 (39), 127 (68), 111 (22), 107 (78), 91 (29); Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 60.75; H, 4.73; N, 10.12; Found: C, 60.77; H, 4.75; N, 10.14.

#### 4.2.18. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(m-tolyl)thiourea (18)

Yield: 79%; M.p.: 155 °C  $R_f$ :  $R_f$ : 0.57 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3338, 3155, 2991, 1585, 1535, 1500, 1475, 1346, 1203, 1083 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.14 (s, 1H, NH), 9.06 (s, 1H, NH), 7.75 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 3.9 Hz), 7.46 (ddd, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1, 2.7, 1.8 Hz), 7.34 (m, 3H, H-5, 2', 4'), 7.26 (dt, 1H, H-5', J = 7.5, 2.0 Hz), 7.17 (ddd, 1H, H-6', J = 7.8, 4.8, 2.1 Hz Hz), 7.02 (d, 1H, H-6, J = 7.2 Hz), 2.86 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.80 (C=S), 138.60 (C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 138.40 (C-NHAr), 137.10 (C-NHAr), 134.50 (C-CI-CI), 130.30, 128.80, 128.2, 126.80, 125.20, 125.10, 124.50, 123.40, 21.2; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 278 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 25), 277 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 15), 276 (M<sup>+</sup>, 65), 244 (67), 242 (100), 171 (41), 169 (100), 149 (38), 127 (63), 111 (37), 107 (100), 91 (44); Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 60.75; H, 4.73; N, 10.12; Found: C, 60.77; H, 4.75; N, 10.14.

#### 4.2.19. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)thiourea (19)

Yield: 80%; m.p.: 178 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3210, 3072, 3000, 1591, 1545, 1478, 1324, 1223, 1093 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.12 (s, 1H, NH), 9.01 (s, 1H, NH), 7.77 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.47 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.38 (m, 3H, H-5, 3', 5'), 7.19 (d, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.15 (dd, 1H, H-6, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.80 (C=S), 138.50 (C–NHAr), 137.10 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 135.40 (C–NHAr), 134.50 (C–Cl), 130.30, 129.20, 129.20, 128.20, 126.80, 126.30, 126.30, 124.50, 21.20; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 278 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 27), 277 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 16), 276 (M<sup>+</sup>, 70), 244 (36), 242 (100), 169 (32), 127 (42), 111 (18), 107 (84), 91 (52); Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 60.75; H, 4.73; N, 10.12; Found: C, 60.77; H, 4.75; N, 10.14.

#### 4.2.20. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(3-methylpyridin-2-yl)thiourea (20)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 178 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3210, 3072, 3000, 1591, 1545, 1478, 1324, 1223, 1093 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.12 (s, 1H, NH), 9.01 (s, 1H, NH), 7.77 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.47 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.38 (m, 3H, H-5, 3', 5'), 7.19 (d, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.15 (dd, 1H, H-6, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.80 (C=S), 154.40 (C–NHAr), 145.60, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 137.30, 134.50 (C–Cl), 130.30, 128.20, 126.80, 124.50, 116.80 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 113.70, 16.90; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 278 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 27), 277 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 16), 276 (M<sup>+</sup>, 70), 244 (36), 242 (100), 169 (32), 127 (42), 111 (18), 107 (84), 91 (52); Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 60.75; H, 4.73; N, 10.12; Found: C, 60.77; H, 4.75; N, 10.14.

#### 4.2.21. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)thiourea (21)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 178 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3210, 3072, 3000, 1591, 1545, 1478, 1324, 1223, 1093 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.12 (s, 1H, NH), 9.01 (s, 1H, NH), 7.77 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.47 (d, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.38 (m, 3H, H-5, 3', 5'), 7.19 (d, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.15 (dd, 1H, H-6, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz), 2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.40 (C=S), 149.70, 149.70, 147.50 (C-CH<sub>2</sub>-NHAr), 138.40 (C-NHAr), 134.50 (C-CI), 130.30, 128.20, 126.80, 124.50, 122.30, 122.30, 50.70; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 278 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 27), 277 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 16), 276 (M<sup>+</sup>, 70), 244 (36), 242 (100), 169 (32), 127 (42), 111 (18), 107 (84), 91 (52); Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 60.75; H, 4.73; N, 10.12; Found: C, 60.77; H, 4.75; N, 10.14.

#### 4.2.22. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)thiourea (22)

Yield: 74%; M.p.: 167 °C  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.32 (acetone/hexane, 4.5:5.5); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3159, 2993, 1589, 1532, 1428, 1382, 1245, 1118, 1025 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.14 (s, 1H, NH), 8.59 (br.s, 1H, H-2'), 8.45 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 4.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.93 (s, 1H, NH), 7.81 (d, 1H, H-4', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.68 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.39 (dt, 1H, H-4, J = 6.6, 3.6 Hz), 7.35 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.32 (t, 1H, H-5', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.17 (dt, 1H, H-6, J = 7.2, 3.6 Hz), 4.92 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.40 (C=S), 148.60, 147.20, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 135.50 (C–CH<sub>2</sub>–NHAr), 135.40, 134.50 (C–CI), 123.10, 126.80, 128.20, 130.30, 124.50, 50.70; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 279 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 12), 278 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 6), 277 (M<sup>+</sup>, 30), 171 (31), 169 (87), 127 (56), 111 (32), 92 (100), 80 (37); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S: C, 56.21; H, 4.35; N, 15.13; Found: C, 56.23; H, 4.37; N, 15.15.

#### 4.2.23. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(pyridin-3-yl)thiourea (23)

Yield: 74%; M.p.: 167 °C *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.31 (acetone/hexane, 4.5:5.5); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3433, 2995, 1588, 1550, 1477, 1426, 1074 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  9.41 (s, 1H, NH), 9.32 (s, 1H, NH), 8.65 (d, 1H, H-2', *J* = 2.4 Hz), 8.37 (dd, 1H, H-6', *J* = 4.8, 1.5 Hz), 8.04 (ddd, 1H, H-4', *J* = 5.7 2.7, 2.4 Hz), 7.76 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.47 (d, 1H, H-4, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.39 (t, 1H, H-5, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 7.35 (t, 1H, H-5', *J* = 4.8 Hz), 7.21 (ddd, 1H, H-6, *J* = 6.3, 1.8, 1.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.40 (C=S), 140.0, 138.70, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 136.20, 134.20 (C–NHAr), 134.50 (C–Cl) 130.30, 128.20, 127.50, 126.70, 124.50; El MS: *m/z* (rel. abund. %) 263 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3), 229 (4), 169 (66), 136 (93), 127 (100), 111 (41), 94 (71), 78 (84); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S: C, 56.21; H, 4.35; N, 15.13; Found: C, 56.23; H, 4.37; N, 15.15.

#### 4.2.24. 1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3-(2-chloropyridin-3-yl)thiourea (24)

Yield: 73%; M.p.: 232 °C  $R_f$ : 0.40 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3243, 3181, 2957, 1631, 1564, 1428, 1302, 1245, 1170, 1095 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  11.19 (s, 1H, NH), 9.52 (s, 1H, NH), 8.30 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 4.8, 1.2 Hz), 8.07 (t, 1H, H-2, J = 3.9 Hz), 8.00 (dd, 1H, H-4', J = 8.1, 1.2 Hz), 7.66 (dd, 1H, H-4, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz), 7.42 (t, 1H, H-5', J = 4.8 Hz), 7.40 (t, 1H, H-5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.13 (dt, 1H, H-6, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.80 (C=S), 145.70 (C–NHAr), 139.40 (C–Cl), 138.70, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 134.50 (C–Cl), 130.30, 128.20, 126.80, 124.50, 123.60, 123.50; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 263 (40), 262 (50), 261 (100), 260 (93), 234 (7); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 48.33; H, 3.04; N, 14.09; found: C, 48.35; H, 3.06; N, 14.11.

#### 4.2.25. 1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (25)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 195 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3218, 2993, 1592, 1551, 1449, 1241, 1067, 1010 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.14 (s, 1H, NH), 9.06 (s, 1H, NH), 7.53 (m, 6H, H-2, 6, 2', 3', 5', 6'), 7.38 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.19 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.60 (C=S), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 137.40 (C–NHAr), 131.80, 131.80, 131.60, 131.60, 129.10, 129.00, 128.30, 126.50, 126.40, 122.60 (C–Br); EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 309 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 7), 308 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 46), 307 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12), 306 (39), 274 (100), 272 (94), 173 (66), 171 (72), 93 (60); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 50.82; H, 3.61; N, 9.12; found: C, 50.84; H, 3.63; N, 9.14.

#### 4.2.26. 1-(3-Bromophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (26)

Yield: 77%; M.p.: 157 °C  $R_f$ : 0.49 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3341, 3215, 1591, 1534, 1426, 1359, 1194, 1067 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.19 (s, 1H, NH), 9.09 (s, 1H, NH), 7.90 (m, 1H, H-6'), 7.51 (dd, 3H, H-2, 6, 4', J = 8.1, 5.7 Hz), 7.38 (br.t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.31 (t, 1H, H-6', J = 3.9 Hz), 7.29 (t, 1H, H-5', J = 7.8 Hz), 7.20 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.80 (C=S), 139.10 (C–NHAr), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 130.20, 129.00, 129.00, 128.40, 126.50, 127.50, 126.50, 125.50, 125.60, 123.30 (C– Br); EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 309 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 3), 308 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 16), 307 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7), 274 (70), 272 (76), 215 (97), 213 (100), 173 (56), 135 (60), 93 (80); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>S: C, 50.82; H, 3.61; N, 9.12; found: C, 50.84; H, 3.63; N, 9.14.

#### 4.2.27. 1-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (27)

Yield: 71.8%; M.p.: 158 °C  $R_f$ : 0.49 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3309, 1594, 1449, 1430, 1366, 1260, 1137 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.25 (s, 1H, NH), 8.65 (s, 1H, NH), 7.73 (m, due to fluorine coupling 1H, H-3'), 7.55 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.38 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.21 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.11 (m, due to fluorine coupling 2H, H-5', 6'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.90 (C=S), 169.30 (d, J = 190 Hz, C–F), 160.80 (d, J = 200 Hz, C–F), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 129.6, 129.00, 129.00, 128.30, 126.4, 126.4, 111.3, 115.80 (C–NHAr), 105.1; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 266

 $(M^+$  + 2, 5.7), 265  $(M^+$  + 1, 17.6), 264  $(M^+,$  81.8), 245 (11.3), 230 (75.2), 171 (11.8), 129 (100.0), 101 (13.3), 93 (46.7); Anal. calcd for  $C_{13}H_{10}F_2N_2S$ : C, 59.08; H, 3.81; N, 10.60; found: C, 59.10; H, 3.83; N, 10.62.

#### 4.2.28. 1-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)-3-phenylthiourea (28)

Yield: 78%; M.p.: 166 °C  $R_f$ : 0.50 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3345, 3161, 2973, 1593, 1549, 1446, 1371, 1281, 1207 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  10.16 (s, 1H, NH), 9.20 (s, 1H, NH), 7.80 (br.s, 1H, H-6'), 7.52 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.34 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.14 (br.t, 1H, H-4, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.96 (d, 1H, H-3', J = 8.7 Hz), 6.67 (br.d, 1H, H-4', J = 6.3 Hz), 3.77 (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.67 (3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 153.10 (C–OCH<sub>3</sub>), 146.70 (C–OCH<sub>3</sub>), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 129.10, 129.00, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 126.30 (C–NHAr), 111.20, 110.50, 110.50, 55.90, 55.90; El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 289 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 8), 288 (M<sup>+</sup>, 46), 257 (100), 254 (82), 239 (62), 224 (39), 138 (82); Anal. calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 62.48; H, 5.59; N, 9.71; Found: C, 62.50; H, 5.61; N, 9.73.

#### 4.2.29. 1-Phenyl-3-(pyridin-2-yl)thiourea (29)

Yield: 70%; M.p.: 202 °C  $R_f$ : 0.46 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3219, 3038, 1598, 1554, 1471, 1427, 1313 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  13.93 (s, 1H, NH), 9.68 (s, 1H, NH), 8.36 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz), 7.88 (dd, 1H, H-5', J = 7.8, 2.1 Hz), 7.82 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.39 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.30 (d, 1H, H-3', J = 8.4 Hz), 7.21 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz Hz), 7.13 (dt, 1H, H-4', J = 5.4, 1.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 153.80 (C–NHAr), 148.2, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 138.20, 129.1, 129.10, 128.30, 126.50, 126.50, 117.80, 113.10; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 231 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 6), 230 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 16), 229 (M<sup>+</sup>, 95), 195 (100), 169 (18), 137 (21), 94 (91), 78 (77); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 62.86; H, 4.84; N, 18.33; Found: C, 62.89; H, 4.87; N, 18.36.

#### 4.2.30. 1-Phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-yl)thiourea (**30**)

Yield: 73%; M.p.: 198 °C  $R_f$ : 0.47 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3149, 3034, 1586, 1533, 1448, 1378, 1230 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  9.28 (s, 1H, NH), 9.10 (s, 1H, NH), 8.64 (br.s, 1H, H-2'), 8.34 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 4.8, 2.1 Hz), 8.04 (ddd, 1H, H-4', J = 6.9, 2.7, 2.4 Hz), 7.54 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.39 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.32 (br.dd, 1H, H-5', J = 8.4, 3.6 Hz), 7.21 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 140.1, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 138.70, 136.20, 134.20 (C–NHAr), 129.10, 129.10, 128.30, 127.50, 126.40, 126.40; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 230 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 3), 229 (M<sup>+</sup>, 18), 195 (100), 136 (95), 93 (85), 78 (53); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 62.86; H, 4.84; N, 18.33; found: C, 62.89; H, 4.87; N, 18.36.

#### 4.2.31. 1-Phenyl-3-(pyridin-4-yl)thiourea (31)

Yield: 75%; M.p.: 202 °C  $R_{\rm f}$ : 0.48 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3272, 3121, 1632, 1566, 1532, 1494, 1292 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  7.52 (t, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (br.s, 1H, H-3'), 7.36 (m, 5H, H-2, 3, 5, 5', 6), 7.14 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 155.20 (C–NHAr), 150.20, 150.20, 138.50 (C–NHAr), 129.20, 129.20, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 109.10, 109.10; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 203 (17), 135 (27), 93 (23), 77 (27); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 62.86; H, 4.84; N, 18.33; Found: C, 62.89; H, 4.87; N, 18.36.

#### 4.2.32. 1-(3-Methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-phenylthiourea (32)

Yield: 72%; M.p.: 188 °C  $R_f$ : 0.59 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3398, 3020, 2769, 1631, 1594, 1514, 1449, 1362 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  14.08 (s, 1H, NH), 8.24 (d, 1H, H-6', J = 5.1 Hz), 7.82 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.55 (d, 1H, H-4', J = 8.1 Hz), 7.40 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.22 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz),

7.09 (dd, 1H, H-5', J = 7.2, 2.0 Hz), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 154.40 (C–NHAr), 145.70, 137.40 (C–NHAr), 137.30, 129.10, 129.10, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 116.80, 113.70, 16.70; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 245 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 5), 244 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 15), 243 (M<sup>+</sup>, 88), 209 (63), 150 (29), 108 (100), 93 (43); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 64.17; H, 5.38; N, 17.27; Found: C, 64.19; H, 5.42; N, 17.29.

#### 4.2.33. 1-(3,5-Dichloropyridin-2-yl)-3-phenylthiourea (33)

Yield: 70%; M.p.: 190 °C  $R_f$ : 0.47 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3469, 3294, 1632, 1576, 1475, 1392, 1238, 1125, 1041 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  13.05 (s, 1H, NH), 8.60 (s, 1H, NH), 8.41 (d, 1H, H-6', J = 2.4 Hz), 8.18 (d, 1H, H-4', J = 2.4 Hz), 7.78 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.42 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.26 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 159.30 (C–NHAr), 149.10, 140.20, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 129.10, 129.10, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 117.70 (C–Cl), 112.50 (C–Cl); El MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 300 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 5), 299 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 24), 298 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7), 297 (33), 262 (100), 162 (77), 135 (25), 110 (14), 93 (22); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 48.33; H,3.04; N, 14.09; Found: C, 48.35; H, 3.06; N, 14.11.

#### 4.2.34. 1-(Furan-2-ylmethyl)-3-phenylthiourea (34)

Yield: 70%; M.p.: 174 °C  $R_f$ : 0.47 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3287, 3167, 3005, 1591, 1549, 1496, 1319, 1249, 1164 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  9.56 (s, 1H, NH), 8.05 (s, 1H, NH), 7.60 (br.s, 1H, H-5'), 7.44 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.33 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.41 (br.t, 1H, H-4', J = 3.0 Hz), 6.32 (br.d, 1H. H-3', J = 3.3 Hz Hz), 4.71 (br.d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 5.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.40 (C=S), 145.70 (C–NHAr), 142.20, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 129.10, 129.10, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 110.50, 110.30; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 233 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 8), 232 (M<sup>+</sup>, 51), 203 (13), 119 (7), 93 (36), 81 (100); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS: C, 62.04; H,5.21; N, 12.06; Found: C, 62.07; H,5.24; N, 12.09.

#### 4.2.35. 1-(5-Bromo-6-methylpyridin-2-yl)-3-phenylthiourea (35)

Yield: 72%; M.p.: 239 °C  $R_f$ : 0.45 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3218, 3026, 1600, 1551, 1447, 1370, 1299, 1141, 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  13.59 (s, 1H, NH), 10.92 (s, 1H, NH), 8.00 (d, 1H, H-4',  $J_{4',3'} = 9.0$  Hz), 7.75 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.41 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.22 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.06 (d, 1H. H-3', J = 8.7 Hz), 2.49 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 159.90 (C–CH<sub>3</sub>), 157.10 (C–NHAr), 147.40, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 129.00, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 109.70 (C–Br), 108.00; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 325 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 17), 323 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 23), 268 (15), 188 (22), 172 (27), 151 (66), 136 (52), 123 (88), 118 (71), 109 (51), 93 (100); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>OS: C, 48.46; H, 3.75; N, 13.04; found: C, 48.48; H, 3.77; N, 13.06.

#### 4.2.36. 1-(2-Chloropyridin-3-yl)-3-phenylthiourea (36)

Yield: 71.8%; M.p.: 230 °C  $R_f$ : 0.40 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  3156, 2992, 1593, 1546, 1408, 1235, 1202, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  10.25 (s, 1H, NH), 9.54 (s, 1H, NH), 8.26 (dd, 1H, H-4', J = 4.5, 1.5 Hz), 8.10 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.53 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.45 (dd, 1H, H-5', J = 4.5, 7.8 Hz), 7.38 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.18 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  180.00 (C=S), 145.70 (C–NHAr), 139.40 (C–Cl), 138.70, 138.40 (C–NHAr), 129.10, 129.10, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 123.70, 123.50; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 263 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6), 262 (24), 228 (47), 226 (100), 128 (18), 92 (10); Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OS: C, 54.65; H, 3.82; N, 15.93; Found: C, 54.67; H, 3.84; N, 15.95.

#### 4.2.37. 1-Phenyl-3-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)thiourea (37)

Yield: 80%; M.p.: 175 °C *R*<sub>f</sub>: 0.43 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr): *v*<sub>max</sub> 3159, 2993, 1589, 1533, 1428, 1295 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,

DMSO):  $\delta$  9.67 (s, 1H, NH), 8.54 (br.s, 1H, H-2'), 8.45 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 1.5, 4.8 Hz), 8.22 (br.s, 1H, NH), 7.75 (t, 1H, H-5', J = 6.3 Hz), 7.40 (m, 5H, H-2, 3, 4, 5, 6), 7.14 (br.t, 1H, H-4', J = 7.2 Hz), 4.76 (br.d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 5.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.40 (C=S), 148.60, 147.20 (C–NHAr), 138.40 (C–NHAr) 135.50, 135.40, 129.10, 129.10, 128.30, 126.40, 126.40, 123.10, EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 245 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 6), 244 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 18), 243 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 209 (15), 168 (9), 107 (18), 93 (78); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 64.17; H, 5.38; N, 17.27; Found: C, 64.20; H, 5.41; N, 17.30.

#### 4.2.38. 1-Phenyl-3-(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)thiourea (38)

Yield: 78%; M.p.: 175 °C  $R_f$ : 0.43 (acetone/hexane, 3:7); IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  3266, 2996, 1598, 1529, 1420, 1344, 1242 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  9.74 (s, 1H, NH), 8.50 (br.d, 2H, H-2', 6', J = 4.4 Hz), 8.22 (br.s, 1H, NH), 7.41 (d, 2H, H-2, 6, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.35 (t, 2H, H-3, 5, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.28 (d, 2H, H-3', 5', J = 6.0 Hz), 7.15 (t, 1H, H-4, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.76 (br.d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>, J = 5.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  179.40 (C=S), 149.80, 149.80, 147.50 (C–NHAr), 138.40 (C–NHAr), 128.30, 129.00, 129.00, 126.50, 126.50, 122.30, 122.30, 50.70; EI MS: m/z (rel. abund. %) 245 (M<sup>+</sup> + 2, 3.), 244 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 10), 243 (M<sup>+</sup>, 58), 210 (8), 107 (13), 93 (100), 77 (20); Anal. calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S: C, 64.17; H, 5.38; N, 17.27; Found: C, 64.20; H, 5.41; N, 17.30.

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