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# Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Some Novel Thienopyridines

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**Abstract:** Alkylation of 4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridine-2(1*H*)-thione (1) with active halo compounds namely; ethyl chloroacetae, chloroacetic acid, 2-chloro-N-phenylacetamide, chloroacetonitrile, or chloroacetamide gave S-alkyl derivatives 2-6, respectively. Thienopyridine derivatives 7-10 were furnished by heating of S-alkyl derivatives 2-6 in hot KOH solution or by reaction of compound 1 with appropriate halo compound directly in hot KOH solution. The reaction of compound 1 with 3-bromopentane-2,4-dione or ethyl 2-bromo-3-oxobutanoate afforded 2-acetylthienopyridine 11. Cyanoethylthiopyridine 12 yielded *via* the addition of acrylonitrile with compound 1. The potency of the results as antibacterial and antifungal agents has been evaluated. The compounds have been characterized based on their IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and elemental analysis.

Keywords: Thienopyridines, S-alkylpyridines, Antibacterial agents, Antifungal agents.

# **1** Introduction

Pyridine derivatives one of the most important organic compounds used greatly in the pharmaceutical industry, forms the nucleus of over 7000 existing drugs<sup>[1]</sup> and are reported as antiviral,<sup>[2]</sup> antifungal,<sup>[3]</sup> antibacterial,<sup>[4,5]</sup> antiinflammatory,<sup>[6,7]</sup> antimicrobial,<sup>[8]</sup> anticancer,<sup>[8,9]</sup> antichagasic,<sup>[10]</sup> antioxidant,<sup>[11]</sup>antidote<sup>[12]</sup> and antidiabetic activity.<sup>[13]</sup> Also, thienopyridines one of the important fused heterocyclic compounds which are reported as drugs namely: Prasugrel,<sup>[14]</sup>Ticlopidine and Clopidogrel,<sup>[15]</sup>to irreversible ADP receptor/P2Y12 inhibitors which are used for their antiplatelet activity.<sup>[16]</sup>Thienopyridines are reported as anticancer,<sup>[17]</sup> antibacterial,<sup>[18]</sup> antifungal,<sup>[19]</sup> anti-inflammatory,<sup>[20]</sup>and antimicrobial.<sup>[21]</sup>In view of these findings and in continuation of our previous work,<sup>[22-25]</sup> we report herein synthesis of some new thienopyridines and study their antibacterial and antifungal activities.

#### 2 Results and Discussion

#### 2.1 Chemistry

4,6-Diamino-3-cyanopyridine-2(1H)-thione( $1^{[26,27]}$  reacted with active halo compounds namely; ethyl chloroacetate, chloroacetic acid, 2-chloro-N-phenylacetamide in aqueous KOH; chloroacetonitrile or chloroacetamide in EtOH and TEA as catalyst to give the corresponding Salkylderivatives **2-6**, respectively (cf. Scheme1). Compound **2** was synthesized, *via* esterfication of

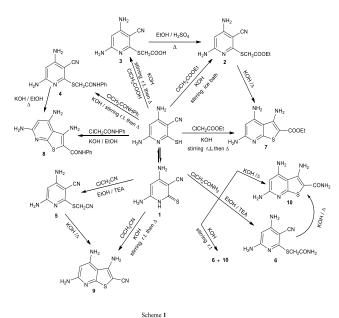
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compound 3. The structure of these compounds was characterized on the basis of their spectroscopic and elemental analyses (cf. Experimental section). IR spectrum (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) of compound 2 showed the absence of absorption band corresponding to (NH) group in pyridine ring, while exhibiting characteristic new absorption bands corresponding to CH<sub>aliphatic</sub> at 2985, 2926 and C=O<sub>ester</sub> at 1723. Its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ ) showed the absence of absorption signal corresponding to NH group in pyridine ring, while exhibiting characteristic absorption signals corresponding to quartet CH<sub>2 ester</sub> at 4.13-4.08, singlet SCH<sub>2</sub> at 4.01 and triplet CH<sub>3</sub> at 1.21-1.17 respectively. Its <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ ) showed a new signals corresponding to C=O<sub>ester</sub> 169.45, CH<sub>2</sub> groups at 61.42, 31.59 and CH<sub>3</sub> group at 14.46. Thienopyridine derivatives 7-10 were synthesized via the reaction of compound 1 with respective halo compound in hot KOH or via treatment of S-alkylderivatives 2-6 with hot KOH solution (cf. Scheme 1). IR spectrum (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>) of compound 7 showed disappearance of absorption band corresponding to C≡N group. Its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ ) showed disappearance of S-CH<sub>2</sub> signal and appeared new signal corresponding to the NH2 group at 6.79 ppm. The structure of compound 8 was corroborated by X-ray crystallography.<sup>28</sup> Mixture of compounds 6 (75%), 10 (25%) was formed when compound 1 reacted with chloroacetamide in aqueous KOH solution.

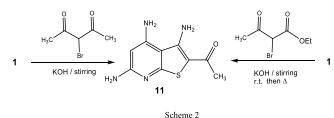
Treatment of compound **1** with 3-bromopentane-2,4-dione or 2-bromo-3-oxobutanoate afforded the same product 2acetylthienopyridine **11**. The reaction took place *via* 



deacetylation or dealkoxycarbonylation reaction<sup>[29-32]</sup> (cf. Scheme 2). Its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ ) showed absorption signal corresponding to the NH<sub>2</sub> group at 7.82 and a singlet signal at 2.16 for (CH<sub>3</sub> group).

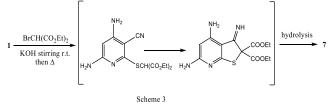


**Scheme 1.** Reaction of 4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridine-2(1H)-thione with ethyl chloroacetate, chloroacetic acid, 2-chloro-N-phenylacetamide, chloroacetonitrile, and chloroacetamide.



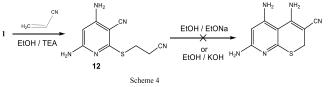
**Scheme 2.** Reaction of 4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridine-2(1H)-thione with 3-bromopentane-2,4-dione or 2-bromo-3-oxobutanoate.

Compound 7 was obtained also by reaction of compound 1 with diethyl bromomalonate (cf. Scheme3).



**Scheme 3.** Reaction of 4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridine-2(1H)-thione with diethyl bromomalonate.

Treatment of compound 1 with acrylonitrile afforded Salkyl derivative 12. Attempts to cyclize compound 12 in hot sod. ethoxide or pot. hydroxide solution were failed (cf. Scheme 4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ ) of compound **12** showed new absorption signals corresponding to S-<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub> and <u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>-CN as doublet at 3.34-3.32 and 2.95-2.92, respectively.



**Scheme 4.** Reaction of 4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridine-2(1H)-thione with acrylonitrile.

## 2.2 Antimicribial Studies

All synthesized new substituted pyridines and fused thienopyridines were screened for antibacterial and antifungal activity. The study is carried out by cup plate method to determine the zone of inhibition against four strains of bacteria and four strains of fungi.

# 2.3 Anti-bacterial Activity

The compounds were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide, in order to ensure that the solvent had no effect on bacterial growth or enzymatic activity, negative control tests were performed using DMSO at the same concentrations. The inhibitory effect of compounds 2, 3, 5-11 and 12in vitro growth of broad spectrum of bacteria representing two species of Gram positive bacteria, namely Bacillus cereus and Micrococcus litus and two species of Gram negative namely Pseudomonas bacteria. aeruginosa and Escherichia coli was evaluated using the agar diffusion method (cup and plate method)<sup>[33]</sup> by measuring the zone of inhibition on agar plates at three different concentrations 10,000 ppm, 30,000 ppm and 50,000 ppm. DMSO was used as solvent control. All plates were incubated at 37±0.5 °C for 24h. The zone of inhibition of compounds was measured using mm scale. The results are summarized in Table 1.

The zone of inhibition of all compounds was fixed increased by increasing the concentrations. or Thienopyridines 7-11 display good activities against all types of bacteria but possess poor activities against Pseudomonas aeruginosa, except compound 8 showed the highest inhibitory effect against it. Compound 7 showed the highest inhibitory effect against Escherichia coli.S-Alkyl derivatives 2, 3, 5, 6 and 12 showed more activities against Gram negative bacteria, but possess moderate to poor activities against Gram negative bacteria. Compounds 3 and 12 showed the highest inhibitory effect against *Micrococcus litus* and *Bacillus cereus*, respectively. Compounds 5, 8 and 12 showed the highest inhibitory effect against Bacillus cereus and Micrococcus litus at high concentration (cf. Table 1).



Table 1.	Antibacterial	activity	of	the	tested	pyridine
derivatives	5 2, 3, 5-11 and	d <b>12</b> by n	neas	uring	g inhibi	tion zone
(mm).						

Туре	Bacillus cereus			Micrococcus litus			Pseudomonas aeruginosa			Escherichia coli			
	Con	Concentrations		Concentrations			Concentrations			Concentrations			
Comp.	А	В	С	А	В	С	А	В	С	А	В	С	
2	3	5	14	3	4	6	-	-	-	2	7	14	
3	3	5	10	1 0	11	24	-	-	12	2	5	10	
5	2	4	9	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6	5	6	9	2	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	7	12	13	1 4	18	20	-	-	-	9	16	19	
8	2	4	9	-	-	3	-	4	25	5	10	13	
9	15	17	19	3	6	12	-	-	-	4	5	8	
10	8	10	13	5	7	9	-	-	-	3	5	8	
11	9	15	18	5	7	13	-	2	4	4	6	8	
12	11	14	22	-	4	10	-	-	-	5	9	17	

A =concentration of comp. = 10000 ppm.

 $\mathbf{B}$ = concentration of comp. = 30000 ppm.

C= concentration of comp. = 50000 ppm.

# 2.4 Anti-fungal Activity

The compounds were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide, in order to ensure that the solvent had no effect on fungicidal growth or enzymatic activity, negative control tests were performed using DMSO at the same concentrations. The inhibitory effect of compounds 2, 3, 5-11 and 12in vitro growth of broad spectrum of fungi representing four species of fungi, namely Aspergillus plavus, Pichia anomola, Penicillium griseoflvum and Aspergills ochraceous and was evaluated using the agar diffusion method (cup and plate method)<sup>[33]</sup> by measuring the zone of inhibition on Czapek's agar plates at three different concentrations 10,000 ppm, 30,000 ppm and 50,000 ppm. DMSO was used as solvent control. All plates were incubated at 28±0.5 °C for 72h. The zone of inhibition of compounds was measured using mm scale. The results are summarized in Table 2.

Most of compounds possess moderate to poor activities against different type of fungi except thienopyridine 7 display good activities against all types of fungi. S-alkylderivative 2 and thienopyridine 8 showed the highest inhibitory effect against Aspergills ochraceous and Pichia anomola respectively. Compounds 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12 showed the highest inhibitory effect at high concentration (cf. Table 2).

Table	2.	Anti	fungal	activity	of	the	tested	pyridine
derivati	ives	2, 3,	<b>5-11</b> a	nd 12 by	mea	surin	g inhibi	tion zone
(mm).								

Туре	Aspergillus plavus			Pichia anomola				enicilliu iseoflvu		Aspergills ochraceous			
	Concentrations			Concentrations			Concentrations			Concentrations			
Comp.	А	В	С	А	В	С	А	В	С	А	В	С	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	9	10	20	
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	
7	4	7	10	4	12	14	7	12	19	7	16	18	
8	-	-	-	6	12	17	8	11	14	-	5	12	
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	-	-	4	-	-	25	-	-	10	-	4	7	

A = concentration of comp. = 10000 ppm. **B**= concentration of comp. = 30000 ppm. C= concentration of comp. = 50000 ppm.

# **4** Experimental

All melting points were recorded by Kofeler melting point apparatus and uncorrected. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) spectra were recorded (KBr disc) on a Shimadzu FT-IR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectra were recorded at 400 MHz on Bruker Bio Spin AG at Sohag University, the chemical shift is expressed in  $\delta$  value (ppm) using TMS as an internal reference. Elemental analyses were carried out on an elemental analyzer 240°C.

General procedure for synthesis of compounds 2-4: Compound 1 (0.5 g, 3 mmol) in aqueous solution of KOH (0.17 g, in 30 mL H<sub>2</sub>O); 3 mmol of appropriate halo compounds; ethyl chloroacetate (0.36 g), chloroacetic acid (0.28 g), or 2-chloro-N-phenylacetamide (0.5 g) in 5 mL ethanol was added with stirring in ice bath for 1 h, then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The formed precipitate was collected, washed with water and crystallized from the appropriate solvent.

Ethyl [(4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridin-2-yl)thio]acetate (2). Colourless crystals (benzene), yield 0.63 g (83%), mp. 125-127 °C; IR: 3483, 3429, 3369, 3258 (2NH<sub>2</sub>), 2985, 2926 (CH aliphatic), 2199 (C≡N), 1723 (C=O), 1605 (C=N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.30 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by  $D_2O$ ), 6.26 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by  $D_2O$ ), 5.45 (s,1H, CH  $_{\text{pvridyl}}$ , 4.13-4.08 (q, 2H, J = 8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (s, 2H, S-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.21-1.17 (t,3H, J = 8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR



[(4,6-Diamino-3-cyanopyridin-2-yl)thio]acetic acid (3). Pale green powder (ethanol), yield 0.5 g (75%), mp. 235-237 °C; IR: 3412, 3315, 3209 (2NH<sub>2</sub>+OH), 2910 (CH  $_{aliphatic}$ ), 2210 (C=N), 1637 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSOd<sub>6</sub>): δ 12.69 (br,1H, OH exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.31 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.30 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.46 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>), 3.96 (s, 2H, S-<u>CH<sub>2</sub></u>) ppm. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (224): C, 42.85; H, 3.60; N, 24.99. Found: C, 42.67; H, 3.73; N, 24.79.

#### 2-[(4,6-Diamino-3-cyanopyridin-2-yl)thio]-N-phenyl-

**acetamide** (4). This compound was synthesized previously by stirring of compound **1** with 2-chloro-Nphenylacetamide in DMf and 10% aqueous potassium hydroxide yield (78%), mp. 165-168 °C.<sup>[34]</sup>

### General procedure for synthesis of compounds 5 and 6.

A mixture of compound **1** (0.5 g, 3 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL), triethylamine (0.3 g, 3 mmol) and chloroacetonitrile (0.22 g, 3 mmol), or chloroacetamide (0.28 g, 3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the resulting solid product was filtered off, washed with ether and crystallized from ethanol.

**4,6-Diamino-2-[(cyanomethyl)thio]nicotinonitrile** (5). Pale brown crystals, yield 0.54 g (88%), mp. 148-150 °C; IR: 3415, 3354, 3225 (2NH<sub>2</sub>), 2934 (CH <sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2199 (C≡N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 6.51(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.43 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.51 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>), 4.21 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>S (205): C, 46.82; H, 3.44; N, 34.12. Found: C, 46.95; H, 3.48; N, 34.25.

**2-***[*(**4,6-Diamino-3-cyanopyridin-2-yl**)*thio Jacetamide* (6). White crystals, yield 0.61 g (92%), mp. 223-225 °C; IR: 3458, 3356, 3235 (3NH<sub>2</sub>), 2901 (CH <sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2206 (C $\equiv$ N), 1650 (br, C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30, 6.98 (s, s, 2H, CONH<sub>2</sub>) exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.27 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.17 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.51 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>), 3.76 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (223): C, 43.04; H, 4.06; N, 31.37. Found: C, 43.11; H, 4.22; N, 31.24.

#### Synthesis of compound 7:

<u>Method A</u>: A solution of compound 1 (0.5 g, 3 mmol) in (30 mL) of aqueous solution of KOH (0.17 g, 3 mmol), ethyl chloroacetate (0.36 g, 3 mmol) or diethyl bromomalonate (0.71 g, 3 mmol) was added drop by drop for 10 min. with stirring at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was warmed for 20 min. and was allowed to cool. The formed precipitate was collected, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol.

<u>Method B:</u> Compound 2 (0.75 g, 3 mmol) in aqueous solution of KOH (0.17 g, 3 mmol in 30 mL  $H_2O$ ) was warmed for 20 min. and the reaction mixture was allowed to cool. The formed precipitate was collected, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol.

*Ethyl* 3,4,6-triaminothieno[2,3-b]pyridine-2-carboxylate (7). Colourless crystals, yield 0.64 g (85%), mp. 244-246 °C; IR: 3445, 3355, 3159 (3NH<sub>2</sub>), 2977 (CH <sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2210 (C=N), 1710 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.79 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.10 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.01 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.59 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>), 4.20-4.15 (q, 2H, J = 8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.26-1.23 (t,3H, J = 8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  165.32, 163.81, 161.57, 152.97, 151.77, 106.34, 88.30, 86.90, 59.46, 15.03 ppm. *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (252): C, 47.61; H, 4.79; N, 22.21. Found: C, 47.55; H, 4.91; N, 22.48.

#### Synthesis of compound 8:

<u>Method A</u>: To a solution of compound **1** (0.44 g, 2.7 mmol) in ethanol (30 ml), pot. hydroxide (0.15 g, 2.7 mmol) and 2-chloro-N-phenylacetamide (0.45 g, 2.7 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the resulting solid product was filtered off, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol.

<u>Method B:</u> To a solution of compound 4 (0.5 g, 1.6 mmol) in ethanol (30 ml), pot. hydroxide (0.09 g, 1.6 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h., the excess solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the resulting solid product was filtered off, washed with ethanol and crystallized from ethanol.

#### 3,4,6-Triamino-N-phenylthieno[2,3-b]pyridine-2-

*carboxamide* (8). Colourless crystals, yield 0.42 g (85%), mp. 258-260 °C; IR: 3462, 3402, 3352, 3213 (3NH<sub>2</sub>+NH), 1645 (C=O), 1614 (C=N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$ 8.88 (s, 1H, NH exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.65-7.63 (d, 2H, J =8 Hz, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.29-7.25 (t,2H, J = 8 Hz, H<sub>arom</sub>), 7.02-6.99 (m,3H, H<sub>arom</sub>+ NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.11 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.02 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.59 (s, 1H, CH pyridyl) ppm. *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (299): C, 56.17; H, 4.38; N, 23.40. Found: C, 56.25; H, 4.51; N, 23.36.

#### General procedure for synthesis of compounds 9-11:

<u>Method A</u>: Dissolve compound 1 (0.5 g, 3 mmol) in (30 mL) of aqueous solution of KOH (0.17 g, 3 mmol); 3 mmol of chloroacetonitrile (0.61 g), chloroacetamide (0.67 g), or [3-bromopentane-2,4-dione (0.53 g) or 2-bromo-3-oxobutanoate (0.62 g)] was added respectively drop by drop for 10 min. with stirring at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was warmed for 20 min. and the reaction mixture was allowed to cool. The formed precipitate was collected, washed with water and crystallized from the appropriate solvent.

<u>Method B for synthesis of compounds 9 and 10</u>: To a solution of pot. hydroxide (0.17 g, 3 mmol in 30 mL  $H_2O$ ), compound 5 (0.61 g, 3 mmol), or 6 (0.67 g, 3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed for 20 min. and was allowed to cool. The formed precipitate was collected, washed with water and crystallized from the appropriate solvent.

*3,4,6-Triaminothieno*[*2,3-b*]*pyridine-2-carbonitrile* (*9*). Pale brown crystals (ethanol), yield 0.58 g (95%), mp. 248-250 °C; IR: 3414, 3341, 3155 (3NH<sub>2</sub>), 2181 (C≡N), cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 6.20 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O) 6.17 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.03 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.61 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>) ppm. *Anal*. Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>S (205): C, 46.82; H, 3.44; N, 34.12. Found: C, 46.79; H, 3.66; N, 34.21.

**3,4,6-Triaminothieno[2,3-b]pyridine-2-carboxamide** (10). Pale gray crystals(benzene), yield 0.6 g (90%), mp. 255-257 °C; IR: 3402, 3358, 3221 (4NH<sub>2</sub>), 1648 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.85 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.67 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.04 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.59 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>) ppm. *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (223): C, 43.04; H, 4.06; N, 31.37. Found: C, 42.95; H, 4.21; N, 31.19.

**1-(3,4,6-Triaminothieno[2,3-b]pyridin-2-yl)ethanone (11).** Brown crystals (ethanol), yield 0.64 g (85%), mp. 235-237 °C; IR: 3424, 3346, 3171 (3NH<sub>2</sub>), 2926 (CH <sub>aliphatic</sub>), 1700 (C=O) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.82 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.24 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.18 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.58 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>), 2.16 (s,3H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  188.90, 164.17, 162.00, 153.40, 152.43, 105.69, 98.66, 88.11, 28.95 ppm. *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OS (222): C, 48.63; H, 4.53; N, 25.21. Found: C, 48.43; H, 4.68; N, 25.18.

## Synthesis of compound 12:

A mixture of compound **1** (0.5 g, 3 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL), triethylamine (0.3 g, 3 mmol) and acrylonitrile (0.16 g, 3 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The excess solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the resulting solid product was collected, washed with ether and crystallized from ethanol.

**3-**[(4,6-diamino-3-cyanopyridin-2-yl)thio]propanenitrile (12). White crystals, yield 0.60 g (91%), mp. 185-187 °C; IR: 3395, 3305, 3209 (2NH<sub>2</sub>), 2930 (CH <sub>aliphatic</sub>), 2203 (C=N), cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.41 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 6.30 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub> exchanged by D<sub>2</sub>O), 5.47 (s,1H, CH <sub>pyridyl</sub>), 3.34-3.32 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.95-2.92 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. *Anal.* Calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>S (219): C, 49.30; H, 4.14; N, 31.94. Found: C, 49.44; H, 4.03; N, 31.76.

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