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Synthesis of Thienopyrimidines and their Antipsychotic Activity

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Abstract: A series of thienopyrimidines and related heterocycles were synthesized by refluxing related imidoyl chloride with primary and secondary amines under microwave irradiation and classical heating. The imidoyl chlorides were synthesized from corresponding cyclic imides with phosphorus oxychlorides under microwave irradiation and classical heating. The structures of the compounds were confirmed by FT-IR, NMR. The synthesized compounds were screened for anti psychotic activity.

Keywords: Gewald product, Thienopyrimidine, Imidoyl chloride, Antipsychotic activity.

Introduction

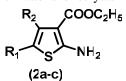
Activation of central dopaminergic systems is generally considered to be the most important factor in the etiology of schizophrenia^{1,2}. Several dopamine and serotonin antagonists (atypical antipsychotics) such as clozapine, olanzapine, risperidone, quietapine, sertindole, seroquel have been found to exhibit effective atypical antipsychotic activity. These compounds still are associated with some extrapyramidal side effects³. Literature reports that the compounds synthesized by removal of one of the benzene ring of clozapine were having same affinity on dopaminergic receptors to that of clozapine with minimization of its extrapyramidal side effects⁴. Clozapine, olanzapine, seroquel and other atypical antipsychotics have greater affinity for serotonin receptor than dopamine receptors^{5,6}. An attempt has been made in direction of synthesizing olanzapine analogues by removal of one of the benzene rings of it and replacement of its seven membered diazepine ring by six membered pyrimidine ring for the sake of improving its dopamine selectivity and minimization of extrapyramidal side effects.

Experimental

Melting points were determined in open capillary on Veego (model: VMP-D) electronic apparatus and were uncorrected. Purity of the compounds were verified by running TLC, using precoated plates. The IR spectra of the compounds were recorded on Shimadzu 8400-S FT-IR Spectrophotometer using KBr (cm⁻¹). ¹H NMR Spectra was recorded in CDCl₃ using NMR Varian-Mercury 300 MHZ spectrometer using TMS as internal standard (chemical shifts in δ ppm).

Synthetic of 2-amino-5-substituted-thiophene-3-carboxylate (2a-c)

The compounds (**2a-c**) were synthesized by Gewald reaction^{7,8}. The eqimolar quantities of ethylcyanoacetate, aldehyde / ketone (propionaldehyde for **2a**, butyraldehyde for **2b**, cyclohexanone for **2c**, sulphur and TEA for **2a/b**) or DEA (for **2c**), in DMF (for **2a,b**) ethanol (for **2c**) were taken. The reaction mixture was kept for 24 h (24 h for **2a**, 20 h. for **2b**, 1 h. for **2c**) with constant stirring. Then it was refluxed in a microwave for 20 min. at power level 4. The resulting solution of **2a**, **2b** was added in equal volume of ice-cold water, and extracted with methylene chloride. Organic layer was washed 2-3 times with 0.1 M HCl and then with brine solution. Organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. For **2c** the solid obtained was filtered and washed with water and recrystalized by using CH₃OH.



Ethyl 2-amino-5-methylthiophene-3-carboxylate (2a)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3402.54, 3309.96 (N-H), 3174.93, 3072.71 (=C-H), 2993.62, 2914.93(-C-H), 1680.05 (-C=O), 1498.73 (-C=C-), 1257.63 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 6.5 (*s*, 1H, -C=H of thiophene), 5.5 (*s*, 2H, -NH₂), 4.2 (*q*, 2H, -CH₂-CH₃), 2.2 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃), 1.3 (*t*, 3H, -CH₂-CH₃)

Ethyl 2-amino-5-ethylthiophene-3-carboxylate (2b)

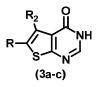
IR(KBr, cm⁻¹):3406.4, 3308 (-N-H), 3169.15 (Ar =C-H), 2966.62, 2901.04 (-C-H), 1658.84 (-C=O), 1593.25 (-C=C-), 1255.70 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 6.6 (*s*, 1H, -C=H of thiophene), 5.7 (*s*, 2H, -NH₂), 4.2 (*q*, 2H, -COO-CH₂-CH₃), 2.6 (*q*, 2H, -CH₂-CH₃), 1.3 (*t*, 3H, -COO-CH₂-CH₃), 1.4 (*t*, 3H, -CH₂-CH₃)

Ethyl 2-amino-4, 5, 6, 7 tetrahydrobenzo[b]thiophene-3-carboxylate (2c)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3408.33, 3302.24 (-N-H), 3076.56 (=C-H), 2939.62 (-C-H), 1647.26 (-C=O), 1597.11 (-C=C-), 1278.84 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 5.9 (*s*, 2H, -NH₂), 4.2 (*q*, 2H, -CH₂-CH₃), 2.7 (*s*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 2.6 (*s*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 1.7 (*s*, 4H, cyclohexane ring), 1.3 (*t*, 3H, -CH₂-CH₃)

Synthesis of thienopyrimidines (3a-3c)

Compound **3a-c** were synthesized⁹⁻¹¹ by refluxing the compounds (**2a-c**) with excess of formamide at < 200 ⁰C for 7 h or in microwave for 1 h at power level 5. Reaction mixtures were kept overnight and the solid obtained was filtered and recrystalized with methanol.



6-Methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3a)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3234.73 (-N-H), 3153.72 (=C-H), 2998.78 (-C-H), 1693.58 (-C=O), 1641.40 (-C=N), 1481.38 (-C=C-), 1141.90 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 11.65 (*s*, 1H, -OH), 8.0 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine), 7.1 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 2.5 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃).

6-Ethylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3b)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3294.52 (-N-H), 2974.33, 2883.68 (-C-H), 1666.56 (-C=O), 1583.61 (-C=N-), 1541.18 (-C=C-)

5,6,7,8-Tetrahydrobenzthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4(3H)-one (3c)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3306.1 (-N-H), 3095.85 (=C-H), 2943.47 (-C-H), 1654.98 (-C=O), 1593.25 (-C=C-), 1138.04 (-C-N)



Synthesis of 4-chloro-5,6-disubstitutedthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine (4a-4c)¹²⁻¹⁴

Compound **4a-c** were synthesized by refluxing 0.01 mol of **2a** for **3a**, **2b** for **3b**, **2c** for **3c**, with 5 mL of POCl₃ for 3 hrs. POCl₃ was quenched by adding equal quantity of ice in respected solution and then extracted it with diethylether.

4-Chloro-6-methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine (4a)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3090.07 (=C-H), 1631.83 (-C=N), 1473.83 (-C=C), 842.92 (-C-Cl)

4-chloro-6-ethylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine (4b)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3088.13, 3039.91 (=C-H), 2972.40, 2933.82 (-C-H), 1543.10 (-C=N), 831.34 (-C-Cl)

4-Chloro-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzthieno[2,3-d]-pyrimidine (4c)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3157.57 (=C-H), 2937.68, 2848.96 (-C-H), 1662.69 (-C=N), 1595.18 (-C=C-), 835.20 (-C-Cl).

Synthesis of thienopyrimidines

The compound **4a** and *n*-phenylpiperazine (for **5a**₁) or morpholine (for **5a**₂) in proportion of 1: 1.5 were dissolved in dioxane and reaction mixture¹⁰ was refluxed for 3.5 h. After cooling, equal quantity of water was added to this reaction mixture and extracted with CHCl₃, purification was done by using column chromatography (CHCl₃: CH₃OH; 98.2: 0.2) for **5a**₁ and CHCl₃ for **5a**₂. *6-Methyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3 d]pyrimidine (5a₁)*

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3068.84 (=C-H), 2926.11, 2852.81 (-C-H), 1558.53 (-C=N), 1437.01 (-C=C-), 1143.82 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of Pyrimidine ring), 6.9 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 3.8 (*s*, 4H, piperazine ring), 2.5 (*s*, 6H, 2-CH₃ groups attached to thiophene and piperazine ring), 2.3 (*s*,4H, piperazine ring)

4-(6-Methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)morpholine (5a₂)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹) 3018.69 (=C-H), 2918.39 (-C-H), 1554.67 (-C=N), 1498.73 (-C=C-), 1257.63 (-C-N), 1118.75 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 6.9 (*s*,1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 3.8 (*s*, 8H, morpholine ring), 2.5 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃)

Synthesis of 5a₃, 5a₄, 5a₅, 5a₆

The compound **4a** and *n*-phenylpiperazine (for **5a**₃) or *o*-toluidine (for **5a**₄) or *p*-anisidine (for **5a**₅,) or piperidine-3-carboxamide (for **5a**₆) in proportion of 1: 1.5 equivalent were dissolved in DMF and reaction mixture was refluxed in microwave for 30 min at power level 3 (for **5a**₃, 20 min. at power level 2 for **5a**₄, 30 min. at power level 5 for **5a**₅, 20 min. at power level 5 for **5a**₆). After cooling the reaction mixture, water was added and solid was filtered and purification was done by using column chromatography (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate 8:2) for **5a**₃ and **5a**₄, (CHCl₃ for **5a**₅). Compound **5a**₆ was purified by washing the crystals 2-3 times subsequently by using CH₃OH and diethyl ether.

6-Methyl-4-(4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine (5a₃)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3063.06, 3032.20 (=C-H), 2912.60 (-C-H), 1556.61 (-C=N), 1446.66 (-C=C-), 1138.04 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 7.3 (*m*, 2H, phenyl ring), 6.9 (*m*, 4H, phenyl rig), 4.0 (*t*, 4H, piperazine), 3.3 (*t*, 4H, piperazine), 2.5 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃)

6-Methyl-N-o-tolylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-amine (5a₄)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3248.23 (-N-H), 3070.77 (=C-H), 2918.39 (-C-H), 1575.89 (-C=N), 1489.09 (-C=C-), 1116.82 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 7.6 (*d*, 1H, phenyl ring), 7.2 (*m*, 3H, phenyl ring), 6.8 (*s*, 1H, -NH-), 6.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 2.5 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃ attached to thiophene ring), 2.3 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃ of *o*-toluidine)

N-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methylthieno[2,3 d]pyrimidin-4-amine (5a₅)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3257.87 (-N-H), 3090.065, 3057.274 (=C-H), 2997.47, 2968.54 (-C-H), 1573.96 (-C=N), 1450.51 (-C=C-), 1296.20 (-C-N), 1136.11 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 7.4 (*d*, 2H, phenyl ring), 7.1 (*s*, 1H, -NH-), 6.9 (*d*, 2H, phenyl ring), 6.6 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 3.8 (*s*, 3H, -OCH₃), 2.5 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃).

1-(6-Methylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)piperidine-3-carboxamide (5a₆)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3346.61, 3201.94 (-N-H), 2941.54, 2860.53 (-C-H), 1662.69 (-C=O), 1556.61 (-C=N), 1498.74 (-C=C-), 1267.27 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 6.9 (*d*, 2H, -CONH₂), 5.7 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 4.2 (*m*, 2H, piperidine-3-carboxamide), 3.8 (*m*, 1H, piperidine-3-carboxamide), 3.5 (*m*, 1H, piperidine-3-carboxamide), 2.6 (*m*, 4H, -CH₃ of thiophene ring, 1H of -CH-CONH₂), 2.1 (*m*, 2H, piperidine-3-carboxamide), 1.9 (*m*, 2H, piperidine-3-carboxamide).

Synthesis of 5b₁, 5b₂

The compound **4b** and *n*-methylpiperazine (for **5b**₁) or morpholine (for **5b**₂) in proportion of 1: 1.5 were dissolved in dioxane and reaction mixture was refluxed for 3.5 h. After cooling, equal quantity of water was added to this reaction mixture and extracted with CHCl₃. Purification was done by using column chromatography (CHCl₃: CH₃OH; 98.2: 0.2) for **5b**₁ and **5b**₂.

6-Ethyl-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)thieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine (5b₁)

IR (**KBr**, **cm**⁻**1**) : 3064.99 (=C-H), 2968.55, 2933.83 (-C-H), 1554.68 (C=N), 1452.45 (-C=C-), 1263.41 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 6.9 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 3.9 (*t*, 4H, piperazine ring), 2.9 (*q*, 2H, -CH₂-CH₃), 2.6 (*t*, 4H, piperazine ring), 2.4 (*s*, 3H, -CH₃), 1.3 (*t*, 3H, -CH₂-CH₃).

4-(6-Ethylthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl)morpholine (5b₂)

IR (**KBr**, **cm**⁻¹): 2970.48, 2856.67 (-C-H), 1554.68 (-C=N), 1444.73 (-C=C-), 1255.70 (-C-N), 1118.75 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.4 (s, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 6.9 (s, 1H, =C-H of thiophene ring), 3.9 (s, 8H, morpholine ring), 2.9 (q, 2H, -CH₂-CH₃), 1.3 (t, 3H, -CH₂-CH₃)

Synthesis of 5c₂, 5c₃, 5c₆

The compound **4c** and morpholine (for **5c**₂) or *n*-phenylpiperazine (for **5c**₃) or *o*-anisidine (for **5c**₆) in proportion of 1: 1.5 were dissolved in DMF and reaction mixture was refluxed in microwave for 45 min. (at power level 4 for **5c**₂, 25 min. at power level 5 for **5c**₃, 45 min. at power level 2 for **5c**₆). After cooling, equal quantity of water was added to this reaction mixture and extracted with CHCl₃. Purification was done by using column chromatography (CHCl₃) for **5c**₂, (Petroleum ether: ethyl acetate; 7.5: 2.5) for **5c**₃. Compound **5c**₆ was purified by washings the compound for 2-3 times with CH₃OH and diethyl ether.

4-(5,6,7,8-Tetrahydrobenzthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-yl) morpholine (5c₂)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3030.27 (=C-H), 2937.68, 2858.61 (-C-H), 1558.54 (-C=N), 1437.02 (-C=C-), 1255.70 (-C-N), 1116.52 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.5 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 3.8 (*t*, 4H, morpholine ring), 3.4 (*t*, 4H, morpholine ring), 2.8 (*m*, 4H, cyclohexane ring), 1.9 (*m*, 4H, cyclohexane ring).

4-[4.Phenylpiperazin-1-yl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzthieno[2,3-d]-pyrimidine (5c₃)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3036.57 (=C-H), 2941.54, 2839.31 (-C-H), 1597.11 (-C=N), 1437.01 (-C=C-), 1234.48 (-C-N), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.5 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 7.3 (*t*, 2H, phenyl ring), 7.2 (*d*, 2H, phenyl ring), 6.9 (*t*, 1H, phenyl ring), 3.5 (*m*, 4H, piperazine ring), 2.9 (*t*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 2.8 (*t*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 1.9 (*t*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 1.8 (*t*, 2H, cyclohexane ring).

N-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrobenzthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-4-amine (5c₆)

IR(KBr, cm⁻¹): 3417.98 (-N-H), 3057.27 (=C-H), 2945.40, 2839.31 (-C-H), 1560.46 (-C=N), 1458.23 (-C=C-), 1247.99 (-C-N), 1112.96 (-C-O), ¹H NMR (δ): 8.7 (*s*, 1H, -NH-), 8.5 (*s*, 1H, =C-H of pyrimidine ring), 8.0 (*s*, 1H, phenyl ring), 7.0 (*s*, 1H, phenyl ring), 6.9 (*s*, 1H,phenyl ring), 3.9 (*s*, 3H, -OCH₃), 3.0 (*s*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 2.8 (*s*, 2H, cyclohexane ring), 1.9 (*s*, 4H, cyclohexane ring).

Antipsychotic activity

The Antipsychotic activity of the synthesized compounds was evaluated by using models like spontaneous motor activity using Actophotometer, behavioral effect in mice, catalepsy test in mice.

Spontaneous motor activity using actophotometer¹⁵

The albino mice of either sex (25-30 mg) were divided into five groups as Control, Std 2.5 (olanzapine 2.5 mg/kg), Std 5.0 (olanzapine 5 mg/kg), test compounds *i.e.* Test 10 (10 mg/kg) and Test 20 (20 mg/kg) of $5a_1$ - $5c_6$. Each group containing 6 mice.

Control group was treated with 0.1% acacia solution p.o. and remaining groups were treated with test compounds (10 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg p.o. by suspending test compounds in 0.1% acacia solution) and reference compound (Olanzapine 2.5 mg/kg and 5 mg/kg p.o. by suspending reference compounds in 0.1% acacia solution) respectively. Immediately after drug administration the animals were closely observed for their spontaneous locomotor activity. It was recorded by using Actophotometer. Where in interruption of beam of light

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generated a pulse which was recorded on digital counter. The locomotor count for each animal was recorded for 5 min at 60 min interval for 1 h.

Catalepsy test¹⁶

Control group was treated with 0.1% acacia solution p.o. and remaining groups were treated with test compounds (5 mg/kg and 10 mg/kg p.o. by suspending test compounds in 0.1% acacia solution) and reference compound (Olanzapine 2.5 mg/kg and 5 mg/kg p.o. by suspending reference compound in 0.1% acacia solution) respectively. The animals were placed individually in clear acrylic cages and allowed a minimum 30 min to acclimatize to the new environment. Catalepsy was assessed by positioning mice with their hind paws on the floor and their forelimbs rested on an elevated bar (set at 2.5 cm.). The time that the paws remained on the bar was determined at 60 min. interval for 2 h.

Behavioral effects

The behavioral effect of test drug (20 mg/kg p.o.) was assessed by the method described by Irwin *et al.*¹⁷. Briefly, the effects of test compound on different behavioral paradigms in animals were scored with the use of nine degrees, that is, with a scale of 0-8. The base score for normal signs or effects is 4, scores below 4 are subnormal responses, those above 4, for supernormal. The base score for abnormal signs is 0 and the maximal score is 8. In the items mentioned below, the base score is given in parentheses. The animals were observed for 2 h after treatment for alertness (4), stereotypy (0), and reactivity to touch response (4), body position (4), righting reflex (0) and lacrimation (0).

Results and Discussion

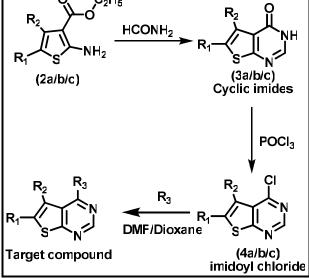
Gewald products 2 were synthesized by stirring reaction mixture or by refluxing ethyl cyano acetate, aldehyde/ ketone, sulphur, solvent (DMF/Ethanol), base (TEA/DEA) in microwave. The compound 2 were refluxed with excess of formamide to synthesize thienopyrimidines 3 which on refluxing with phosphorus oxychloride give 4-chloro-5,6-disubstitutedthieno[2,3-d]pyrimidine (4). Target compounds were prepared by refluxing 4 with different primary and secondary amines in the presence of DMF/dioxane in microwave (Scheme 1).

Compound **2** showed a characteristic primary amine group peak in the range 3300-3400 cm⁻¹ and sharp carbonyl stretching vibration for ester in the range of 1640 - 1680.0 cm⁻¹. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed singlet of allylic proton of thiophene ring at 6.5 ppm and amine protons showed singlet at 5.5 ppm. Methylene and methyl protons of ester gave quartet and triplet at 4.2 and 1.3 ppm respectively. Methyl protons attached to thiophene ring gave singlet at 2.2 ppm.

Compound **3** showed characteristic stretching of secondary amine with broadning of peak in the range of 3200-3300 cm⁻¹ and sharp carbonyl stretching vibration for the cyclic imide at 1640-1690 cm⁻¹. In ¹H NMR spectrum characteristics pyrimidine proton showed signal at 8.0 ppm as a singlet. Proton of thiophene ring showed singlet at 7.1 ppm. Due to keto-enol tautomerization in the structure, singlet of hydroxyl group was found at 11.65 ppm. Methyl protons attached to the thiophene ring showed singlet at 2.5 ppm.

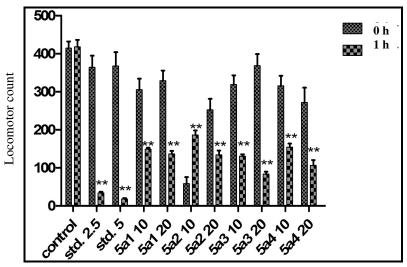
Compound **5** showed characteristics pyrimidine proton singlet at 8.0 ppm. and singlet of proton of thiophene ring at around 7 ppm. All aromatic protons came in the region of 6.9-7.6. The protons of piperazine and morpholine ring showed signals between 3-4.0 ppm. Secondary amine proton comes in the region of 6 - 7 ppm.

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Scheme 1.

Synthesized compounds showed significant decrease in locomotor activity was at dose 20 mg/kg (Figure 1, 2, 3) and less cataleptic behavior than standard compound at 10 mg/kg (Figure 4, 5, 6). The compounds were found to be safe after oral administration the dose of 20 mg/kg. No mortality was observed at this dose up to 24 h. There was decrease in alertness, and reactivity to touch stimuli. The animals did not show loss of righting reflex, and body position was normal and no stereotypy and lacrimation was observed.



Drug treatment, mg/kg **Figure 1.** Spontaneous motor activity in mice $(5a_1-5a_4)$.

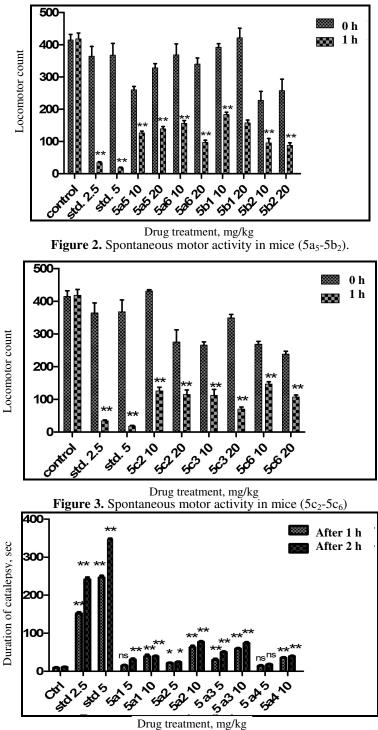
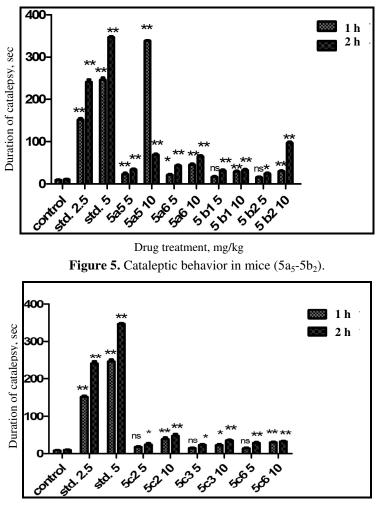


Figure 4. Cataleptic behavior in mice $(5a_1-5a_4)$.



Drug treatment, mg/kg **Figure 6.** Cataleptic behavior in mice $(5c_2-5c_6)$.

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