



## Synthesis and anti-tuberculosis activity of 2-[(2-Hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-methylene]-cyclohexane-1,3-dione

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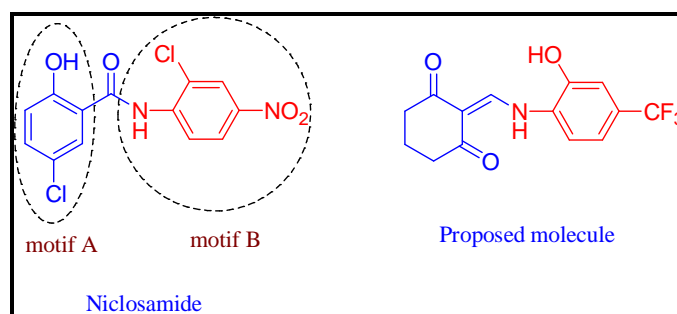
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### ABSTRACT

In the present study 2-[(2-Hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-methylene]-cyclohexane-1,3-dione was synthesized and screened for anti-tuberculosis activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (H37Rv). The condensation reaction of cyclohexan-1,3-dione with 2-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl aniline and triethylorthoformate led to the formation of 2-[(2-Hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-methylene]-cyclohexane-1,3-dione in descent yield. The compound significantly inhibited the growth of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Ra in dose-dependent manner. The minimum inhibitory concentration of 2-[(2-Hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-methylene]-cyclohexane-1,3-dione against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Ra was found to be 1.25 µg/ml. In summary, the present study demonstrates a simple method for the synthesis of 2-[(2-Hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-methylene]-cyclohexane-1,3-dione. The compound effectively inhibits the growth of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H37Ra and therefore can be developed for the treatment of tuberculosis.

### Graphical Abstract:



Structure of niclosamide and schematic theme of our proposed library.

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