



# Preparation, Characterization and Biological Screening of Novel Imidazoles

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## ABSTRACT

The 4-benzylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-5(4H)-one (B) has been prepared from cyclocondensation reaction between hippuric acid (A) with p-anisaldehyde. A series of 4-benzylidene-1-(substitued-2-benzothiazolyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one (D1-6) have been synthesized from 2-amino substituted benzothiazole (C1-6) by condensation reaction with 4-benzylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-5(4H)-one (B). The synthesized compounds were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and Mass spectral data. All the compounds were screened for their antibacterial and antifungal activities.

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## Introduction

In medicinal chemistry the study of heterocyclic compounds has been an interesting field because of their various biological properties. A number of heterocyclic derivatives containing nitrogen and sulphur atom provide as a exclusive and multipurpose gallows for experimental drug design [1]. Benzothiazole is one of the most important heterocycle that has received overwhelming response owing to its diversified molecular design and remarkable optical, liquid and electronic properties [2]. Benzothiazole shows various biological activities such as antimicrobial[3-5], anticancer[6,7], anthelmintic[8], anti-diabetic[9] activities. The consequential compounds, Imidazole also reveal a number of significant biological activities such as antiparasitic, fungicidal, anthelemintic, anti-inflammatory, antiprotozoal and herbicidal activity[10-14]. Hence, it was thought of interest to merge both of thiazole and imidazole moieties which may enhance the drug activity of compounds to some extent or they might possess some of the above mentioned biological activities. From this point of view, the objective of the present work is to prepare new derivatives of Imidazole- benzothiazole containing moiety. Hence the present communication comprises the synthesis 4-benzylidene-1-(substitued-2-benzothiazolyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one (D1-6). The synthetic approach is shown in scheme-1.

## Experimental

Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes and were uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded in KBr pellets on a Nicolet 400D spectrometer and <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO with TMS as internal standard on a Bruker spectrometer at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively. LC-MS of selected samples taken on LC-MSD-Trap-SL\_01046.

### Preparation of 4-benzylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-5(4H)-one(B):

The mixture of hippuric acid (A) (0.25mole), p-anisaldehyde (0.25mole), anhydrous sodium acetate (0.25mole) and acetic anhydride (0.50mole) warm on water bath with occasional stirring until solution is complete. Boil the resulting solution for 2 hrs, cool to 0-5°C. Stir the yellowish brown solid product with water. The solid separated was collected by

filtration, washed with ether, dried and recrystallized from ethyl acetate. The yield of the product was 76 % and the product melts at 176-77°C. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (279) Found: % C, 73.1; %H, 4.6; %N, 5.0, Calcd.: %C, 73.11; %H, 4.69; %N, 5.02. IR (KBr); (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3080(Aromatic C-H stretch), 2850(OCH<sub>3</sub>), 760(Aromatic C-H bending), 1620-1580(Aromatic C-C stretch), 1790 (C=O lacton), 1650(C=N), 1260(C-N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 8.08-7.12(9H,m) (Ar-H), 7.98 (1H,s) (C=CH), 3.86(3H,s) (OCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 166.4 (CO lacton), 163.3-114.6 (Ar-12C), 161.3 (C=N), 131.9, 112.7 (C=C), 56.4(OCH<sub>3</sub>).

### Preparation of 2-amino-4-substitued benzothiazoles(C1-6):

The solution of substituted aniline (0.2 mole) and potassium thiocyanate (0.8 mole) in glacial acetic acid was added drop wise to 20% bromine glacial acetic acid (0.2 mole) with stirring, while the temperature was kept below 35°C. After all the bromine solution had been added. The mixture was stirred for 9-11 hrs, then filtered and the residue washed with water. The combined filtrate and washings were neutralized with ammonium hydroxide. The precipitate was collected on a filter and dried. The yields, melting points and other characterization data of these compounds are given in Table -1.

### Preparation of 4-benzylidene-1-(substitued-2-benzothiazolyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-one (D1-6):

A mixture 2-amino-4-substitued benzothiazoles (C1-6) (0.01mole) and 4-benzylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-5(4H)-one (B) (0.01mole) was refluxed in presence of pyridine for 7-8 hours. Excess of pyridine was distilled off and resulting mass was poured on to crushed ice and neutralized with dil HCl, filtered and crude product was purified by recrystallization from ethanol. The yields, melting points and other characterization data of these compounds are given in Table-2.

## Biological Screening

### Antibacterial activities

The antibacterial activities of all the compounds were studied against gram-positive bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus subtilis*) and gram-negative bacteria (*E.coli*, and *klebsiella promioe*) at a concentration of 50µg/ML by agar cup plate method. A methanol system was used as control in this method. Similar conditions using tetracycline as a control was used standard for comparison. The area of inhibition of zone

measured in mm. Compounds C5, C3, D5 and D3 were found more toxic for microbes. Other compounds found to be less or moderate active than tetracycline Table -3 and represented in figure 1.

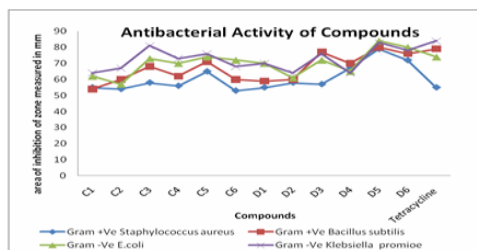


Figure 1: Antibacterial Activity of Compounds

### Antifungal Activities

The fungicidal activity of all the compounds was studied at 1000 ppm concentration in vitro. Plant pathogenic organisms used were *Nigrospora Sp*, *Aspergillus niger*, *Botrydepladia thiobromine*, and *Rhizopus nigricum*, *Fusarium oxysporium*. The antifungal activity of all the compounds (C1-6) and (D1-6) were measured on each of these plant pathogenic strains on a potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium. Such a PDA medium contained potato 200g, dextrose 20g, agar 20g and water 1cc. Five days old cultures were employed. The compounds to be tested were suspended (1000ppm) in a PDA medium and autoclaved at 120° C for 15 min. at 15atm. pressure. These media were poured into sterile petri plates and the organisms were inoculated after cooling the Petri plates. The percentage inhibition for fungi was calculated after five days using the formula given below:

Percentage of inhibition =  $100(X-Y) / X$

Where, X = Area of colony in control plate

Y = Area of colony in test plate

The fungicidal activity displayed by various compounds (C1-6) and (D1-6) are shown in Tables-4 and represented in figure 2.

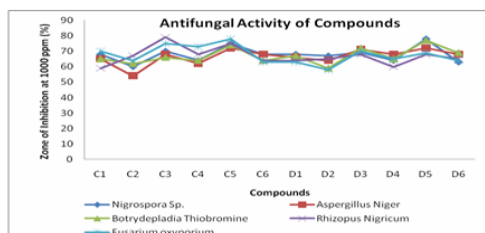
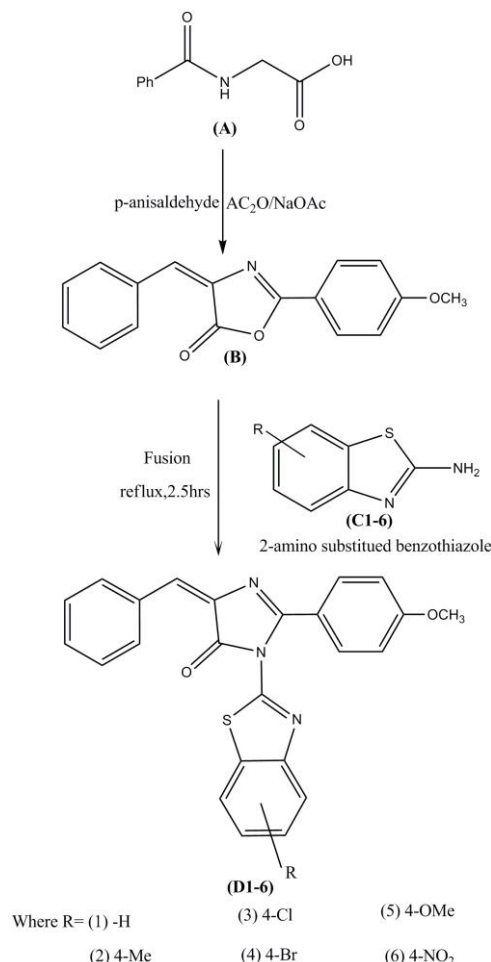


Figure 2. Antifungal Activity of Compounds

### Results and discussion:

In present communication the condensation reaction between hippuric acid (A) with p-anisaldehyde gives 4-benzylidene-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)oxazol-5(4H)-one(B). The structures of (B) were confirmed by elemental analysis and IR spectra showing an absorption band at 3080(Aromatic C-H stretch), 2850(OCH<sub>3</sub>), 760(Aromatic C-H bending), 1620-1580(Aromatic C-C stretch), 1790(C=O lacton), 1650 (C=N), 1260(C-N); <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 8.08–7.12(9H,m) (Ar-H), 7.98 (1H,s) (C=CH), 3.86(3H,s) (OCH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 166.4 (CO lacton), 163.3-114.6 (Ar-12C), 161.3 (C=N), 131.9, 112.7 (C=C), 56.4(OCH<sub>3</sub>). For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (279) Found: % C, 73.1; %H, 4.6; %N, 5.0, Calcd.: %C, 73.11; %H, 4.69; %N, 5.02.



Scheme-1: Synthetic Approach

The structures assigned to 2-amino substituted benzothiazole (C1-6) were supported by the elemental analysis and IR spectra showing absorption bands at 3475cm<sup>-1</sup>(NH<sub>2</sub>), 3030-3080cm<sup>-1</sup>(Aromatic C-H stretch), 1542cm<sup>-1</sup>(Aromatic C=C), 1560 cm<sup>-1</sup>(C=N), 615cm<sup>-1</sup>(C-S), 1120cm<sup>-1</sup> (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 1452cm<sup>-1</sup>(NO<sub>2</sub>), 686cm<sup>-1</sup>(Aromatic C-Cl), 1076cm<sup>-1</sup>(Aromatic C-Br); <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 7.06 (2H,s) (-NH<sub>2</sub>), 3a: 8.20-7.65(4H,m)(Ar-H), 3b: 8.02-7.40(3H,m)(Ar-H), 2.46(3H,s) (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3c: 7.60 -7.10 (3H, m) (Ar-H), 3d: 8.70-8.20(3H,m)(Ar-H), 3e: 8.22-7.60(3H, m) (Ar-H), 3f: 8.80-7.70(3H,m) (Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 166.8(C=N), 3a: 153.6, 131.4, 125.6, 124.8, 122.1, 118.8(Ar-C), 3b: 150.4, 134.3, 131.2, 126.8, 121.5 (Ar-C), 21.2(CH<sub>3</sub>), 3c: 157.2, 145.8, 132.4, 118.6, 114.8, 105.6(Ar-C), 3d: 159.6, 144.8, 131.5, 121.6, 119.5, 117.8 (Ar-C), 3e: 151.6, 132.8, 130.2, 126.1, 121.4, 118.5 (Ar-C), 3f: 152.4, 133.2, 129.1, 124.3, 119.2, 117.4(Ar-C). The C, H, N, S analysis data of all compounds are presented in Table-1.

IR spectra of (C1-6) are almost resemble those of the corresponding (D1-6) only discernable variation observed that the bend at 3475cm<sup>-1</sup>(NH<sub>2</sub>) is absent and the new bands at 3080(Aromatic C-H stretch), 2850(OCH<sub>3</sub>), 760(Aromatic C-H bending), 1620-1580(Aromatic C-C stretch), 1790(C=O lacton), 1650(C=N), 1260(C-N) are observed in all the spectra of (D1-6), which might be responsible for formation of imidazole ring systems. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: 7.63-7.09 (9H,s)(Ar-H), 7.45(1H,s)(CH=C), D1: 8.25-7.59(4H, m) (Ar-H), D2: 7.932-7.35(3H, m) (Ar-H), 2.42 (3H,s) (-CH<sub>3</sub>), D3: 8.18-7.57(3H,m)(Ar-H), D4: 8.76-7.69(3H,m)(Ar-H) D5: 7.57-7.03 (3H, m) (Ar-H), 3.93(O-CH<sub>3</sub>), D6: 8.67-8.06(3H,m)(Ar-H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: 139.7, 135.4, 130.2, 129.3, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3(Ar-C), 130.6, 114.7 (C=C), 170.4 (C=O

Table 1: Analytical Data and Elemental Analysis of Compounds (C1-6)

Compd.	Molecular formula (Mol.wt.)	LC-MS Data	Yield	M.P.* °C	Elemental Analysis						%S	
					%C		%H		%N			
					Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.
C1	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S (150)	169	72	159-161	55.9	55.97	4.0	4.03	18.6	18.65	21.3	21.35
C2	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S (164)	178	67	162-164	58.4	58.51	4.8	4.91	17.0	17.06	19.5	19.52
C3	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OSCl (183)	199	70	153-155	45.5	45.53	2.7	2.73	15.1	15.17	17.3	17.37
C4	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OSBr (229)	238	67	161-163	36.6	36.70	2.1	2.20	12.2	12.23	13.9	14.00
C5	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OS (180)	196	64	153-156	53.2	53.31	4.4	4.47	15.5	15.54	17.7	17.79
C6	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S (195)	212	68	156-158	43.0	43.07	2.5	2.58	21.5	21.53	16.4	16.43

Table 2: Analytical Data and Elemental Analysis of Compounds (D1-6)

Compd.	Molecular formula (Mol.wt.)	LC- MS Data	Yield	M.P. °C	Elemental Analysis							
					%C		% H		%N		%S	
					Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.
D1	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S (411)	426	70	192-194	70.0	70.05	4.1	4.16	10.1	10.21	7.7	7.79
D2	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S (425)	438	64	194-196	70.5	70.57	4.4	4.50	9.8	9.88	7.5	7.54
D3	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SCl (445)	462	56	194-195	64.6	64.64	3.6	3.62	9.4	9.42	7.1	7.19
D4	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SBr (489)	497	59	207-209	58.7	58.78	3.2	3.29	8.5	8.57	6.5	6.54
D5	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S (441)	460	65	203-205	68.0	68.01	4.3	4.34	9.5	9.52	7.2	7.26
D6	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S (456)	477	58	198-199	63.1	63.15	3.53	3.53	12.2	12.27	7.0	7.02

Table 3: Antibacterial Activities of Compounds

Compounds	Gram +Ve		Gram -Ve	
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	<i>E.coli</i>	<i>Klebsiella promi</i> <i>promi</i>
C1	55	54	62	64
C2	54	60	57	67
C3	58	68	73	81
C4	56	62	70	73
C5	65	71	74	76
C6	53	60	72	68
D1	55	59	70	70
D2	58	60	61	64
D3	57	77	72	76
D4	67	70	65	64
D5	79	80	84	83
D6	72	76	80	78
Tetracycline	55	79	74	84

Table 4: Antifungal Activity of Compounds

Zone of Inhibition at 1000 ppm (%)					
Compounds	<i>Nigrospora Sp.</i>	<i>Aspergillus Niger</i>	<i>Botrydepladia Thiobromine</i>	<i>Rhizopus Nigricum</i>	<i>Fusarium oxysporium</i>
C1	68	65	65	59	70
C2	60	54	62	67	64
C3	70	68	66	79	75
C4	64	62	64	68	73
C5	75	72	74	75	78
C6	68	68	64	64	63
D1	68	66	67	64	63
D2	67	64	59	65	58
D3	69	71	72	68	70
D4	64	68	65	60	65
D5	78	72	77	68	69
D6	63	68	69	65	64

imidazole ring), 158.1(C=N), 160.3(C=N benzothiazole ring), 56.3(OCH<sub>3</sub>), D1:139.7, 135.5, 125.4, 124.8, 122.2, 118.6(Ar-C), D2:147.3, 131.4, 126.8, 126.2, 124.7, 119.2 (Ar-C), 16.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), D3:149.4, 132.6, 126.1, 122.2, 121.8, 120.3(Ar-C), D4:151.7, 128.8, 128.5, 126.8, 121.2, 116.7(Ar-C), D5:150.3, 142.6, 132.3, 122.1, 114.4, 105.5 (Ar-C), 56.1(OCH<sub>3</sub>), D6:145.2, 142.2, 128.3, 125.9, 125.5, 122.7(Ar-C). The C, H, N, S analysis data of all compounds are presented in Table-2.

The examination of elemental analytical data reveals that the elemental contents are consistent with the predicted structure shown in Scheme-1. The IR data also direct for assignment of the predicted structure. The final structure of all compounds are confirmed by LC-MS. LC-MS data of all compounds are presented in Tables-1 and 2.

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion, an extremely efficient process for the synthesis of novel 4-benzylidene-1-(substituted-2-benzothiazolyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-imidazol-5(4H)-ones has been developed. All the novel synthesized compounds show moderate to excellent antibacterial and antifungal activities.

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