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Synthesis and Antibacterial Activity of Some New Phenothiazine Derivatives

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Abstract: A series of some new phenothiazine derivatives were synthesized with the objective for evaluation as antimicrobials. The title compounds were prepared by a five step synthesis scheme. 2-Amino-6-substituted benzothiazoles (**1**) on diazotization afford 6-substituted benzothiazolyl-2-diazonium chlorides (**2**). Reaction of **2** with cold solution of β -naphthol in dilute NaOH furnishes α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -sodionaphthoxides (**3**) which on acidification with concentrated HCl gives α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -naphthols (**4**). Reaction of **4** with *p*-substituted anilines gives α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -(*p*-substituted anilino) naphthalenes (**5**). This synthesis besides by using conventional methods was also attempted using microwave. Fusion of **5** with sulphur in presence of iodine results in α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)-6-substituted [2, 3-b] benzophenothiazines(**6**). The structures of all these compounds have been supported by elemental analysis and their spectral studies. All synthesized compounds were tested for their antibacterial activity using standard drugs.

Keywords: Phenothiazines, benzothiazole, antibacterials, microwave irradiation.

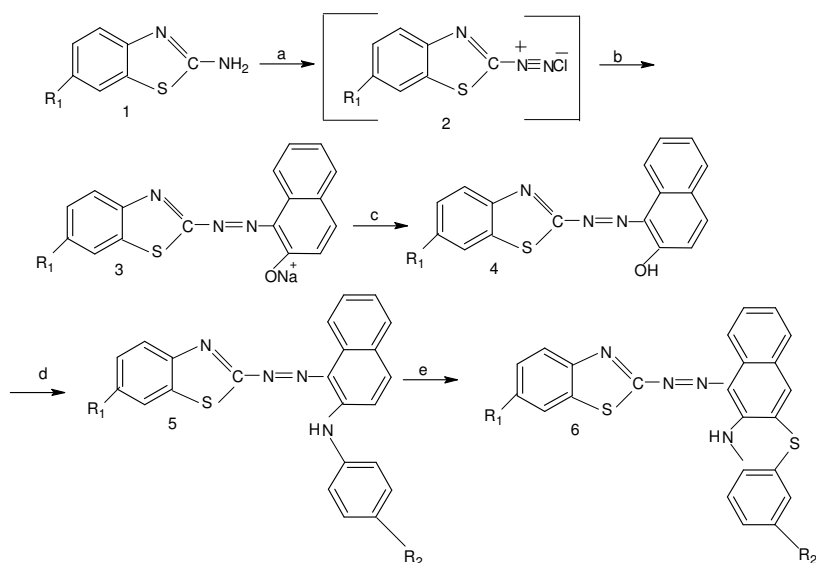
Introduction

Phenothiazine derivatives constitutes an important class of thiazines hetrocyclic ring system and possess potent biological activities as neuroleptics¹, tranquilizers², analgesic³, antimalarian⁴, anticancer⁵, CNS- activity⁶, antiviral⁷ and antibacterials⁸. Furthermore a wide spectrums of biological activities including antibacterial⁹, antitumor¹⁰, antituberculosic¹¹ and

insecticides¹² have been reported in different benzothiazole derivatives. Benzothiazoles have also shown significant effects against cancer¹³. Similarly diazo compounds also shows a biological activity such as antibacterial¹⁴, antiviral¹⁵, antifungal¹⁶. In view of the activities exhibit by benzothiazoles, diazo compounds and phenothiazines, we have taken up the environmentally benign and economic synthesis of some new phenothiazine derivatives. Microwave mediated reaction have emerged as a powerful technique to promote a variety of chemical reactions. The growing number of publications in micro-wave- assisted synthesis includes virtually all type of chemical reactions such as additions, cycloadditions, substitutions, eliminations and fragmentations etc^{17,18}. Applications of microwave methodology in Heterocyclic chemistry in terms of enhancements in the rate of reaction and in yields are striking^{19,20}.

Experimental

All the melting points are uncorrected. The purity of synthesized compounds has been checked by thin layer chromatography. IR spectra are recorded on FT-IR Perkin-Elmer (Spectrum RX1) spectrophotometer (ν_{\max} in cm^{-1}) using KBr disc. ¹H NMR spectra are recorded in CDCl_3 on a Bruker DRX-300 MHz using TMS as internal standard. The chemical shifts are reported as parts per million (ppm). Microwave synthesis was carried out in a domestic microwave oven model L.G. MS-194W, 230-50 Hz., 800W.



Scheme 1. Reagents and condition: **(a)** NaNO_2 / HCl , 0°C , **(b)** β - Naphthol / dil. NaOH , $0^\circ - 5^\circ\text{C}$, **(c)** Conc. HCl , **(d)** p- substituted aniline / EtOH , anhyd. ZnCl_2 heating on steam-bath, reflux, 5hr., MWI for 1.5-2.0 minutes **(e)** S_2 / heating on oil bath.

Synthesis of substituted 2- aminobenzothiazoles (1)

These compounds were synthesized by methods reported earlier^{21,22}.

Synthesis of 6-substituted benzothiazolyl-2-diazonium chlorides (2)

A solution of compound **1** (0.001mole) in 5N HCl (20ml) was cooled to 0°C . To this solution was added a cold solution of sodium nitrite (1.0gm) drop wise with constant

stirring. When the addition was complete, the resultant reaction mixture was left in ice- chest for 1hr. It was used as such for further reaction.

Synthesis of α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -sodionaphthoxides (3)

To the ice cold solution of compound **2**, a cold solution of β -naphthol(0.05mole) in dilute NaOH was added drop wise with constant shaking. A dark red dye resulted which darkened on adding more alkaline solution of β -naphthol. When the addition was complete, the resultant reaction mixture was vigorously stirred and filtered off. It was dried and used for further reaction as such.

Synthesis of α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -naphtholes (4)

A saturated solution of compound **3** (0.002mole) in water was neutralized with concentrate HCl. A solid separated out which was allowed to stand at room temperature for 30min. It was filtered off and washed with water. The compounds thus prepared, were recrystallised from redistilled ethanol.

Synthesis of α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -(p-substituted anilino) naphthalenes (5)

A mixture of compound **4** and p-substituted aniline (equimolar amount) containing anhydrous $ZnCl_2$ (1gm) in absolute ethanol (50ml) was heated under reflux for 5hr on a steam bath. The solvent was distilled off and the residual solid was washed with water. It was dried in vacuo and recrystallised from methanol.

Microwave synthesis of α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -(p- substituted anilino) naphthalenes (5)

A mixture of compound **4** and p-substituted aniline (equimolar amount) in minimum quantity of anhydrous ethanol were taken in RB flask, which was placed in microwave oven and a reflux condenser was attached. The contents were subjected to microwave irradiation. The reaction was completed in 1.5 – 2 minutes (monitored with T.L.C.). The solid obtained washed with distill water, dried in vacuo and recrystallised from ethanol.

Synthesis of α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)-6- substituted [2, 3-b] benzophenothiazines(6)

Heating of mixture of compound **5** (0.001mole), sulphur (0.002mole) and iodine (1% weight of reaction mixture) in an oil-bath for 2hr afforded a dark green solid which was cooled and washed repeatedly with water. It was dried and recrystallised from benzene as light green crystalline mass.

Characterization data of all the synthesized compounds are summarized in Table 1.

Antibacterial activity

All the synthesized compounds (**5a-6d**) were tested against gram positive bacteria *S. aureus* and gram negative bacteria *E.coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella* species using paper disc method. The zone of inhibition was measured in mm. The standard drugs used were streptomycine and ceftazidime. The compounds were tested at 200 μ g/ml concentration. The observations show that compound 6a, 6c₂, 6c₁ were found more effective against *E.coli*, *Klebsiella* species and *S. aureus* respectively as compared to streptomycine and the compound 6c₂, 6c₂, 5c₂ more effective against *E.coli*, *Klebsiella* species and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* respectively as compared to ceftazidime. The results of activity summarized in Table 2.

Table 1. Physico-chemical data of synthesized compounds (C.M. = Conventional method, M.W. = Microwave)

Compounds	R ₁	R ₂	Reaction Period		Yield (%)		M.P.	Elemental analysis		
			C.M	M.W	C.M.	M.W.	^o C	Cal./(Found) %		
			h	min	C.M.	M.W.	M.W./C.M.	C	N	S
4a	Br	-			62	-	116	53.13 (53.09)	10.93 (10.85)	8.34 (8.28)
4b	CH ₃	-			70	-	92	67.68 (67.60)	13.15 (13.18)	10.03 (10.12)
4c	OCH ₃	-			51	-	135	64.46 (64.42)	12.52 (12.48)	9.56 (9.62)
4d	NO ₂	-			49	-	105	58.27 (58.18)	15.99 (15.91)	9.15 (9.09)
5a	Br	Cl	6-7	1.5	58	85	198(d) 195(d)	55.94 (55.88)	11.34 (11.38)	6.49 (6.52)
5b	CH ₃	Cl	6-7	2.0	68	88	221 219	67.20 (67.28)	13.06 (13.12)	7.47 (7.52)
5c ₁	OCH ₃	Cl	6-7	1.5	48	95	156 155	64.78 (64.72)	12.59 (12.52)	7.20 (7.18)
5c ₂	OCH ₃	F	6-7	1.0	46	90	161 160	67.27 (67.18)	13.07 (13.12)	7.48 (7.42)
5d	NO ₂	OCH ₃	6-7	2.0	52	72	112 110	63.28 (63.32)	15.37 (15.31)	7.03 (6.98)
6a	Br	Cl			58	-	201	52.73 (52.68)	10.69 (10.62)	12.24 (12.18)
6b	CH ₃	Cl			56	-	>280	62.80 (62.76)	12.20 (12.24)	13.97 (13.92)
6c ₁	OCH ₃	Cl			46	-	172	60.68 (60.52)	11.79 (11.82)	13.50 (13.53)
6c ₂	OCH ₃	F			42	-	181	62.86 (62.78)	12.21 (12.16)	13.98 (14.01)
6d	NO ₂	OCH ₃			62	-	122	59.36 (59.28)	14.42 (14.48)	13.20 (13.22)

Results and Discussion

The structures of all the synthesized compounds have been supported by elemental analysis and their spectral studies. Compounds (**4**) shows IR absorption bands at 1605-1635(-N=N, stretching), 3340-3450 (-O-H stretching). Compound (**5**) they show sharp IR bands at 1580-1600 (NH bending) and broad IR bands at 3400-3440 cm⁻¹(NH Stretching). The presence of sharp bands at 1380-1395 cm⁻¹(-C-S), confirms the structure of compounds (**6**).

Table 2. The zone of inhibition in mm of the compound as well as standard drugs tested for antibacterial activity.

S.No	Compounds	R ₁	R ₂	Zone of Inhibition (mm)			
				<i>E.Coli</i>	<i>Klebsiella Spp.</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>S.aureus</i>
1	5a	Br	Cl	19	20	12	08
2	5b	CH ₃	Cl	11	09	16	13
3	5c ₁	OCH ₃	Cl	21	18	09	07
4	5c ₂	OCH ₃	F	22	24	23	16
5	5d	NO ₂	OCH ₃	19	15	15	12
6	6a	Br	Cl	23	21	10	21
7	6b	CH ₃	Cl	19	17	21	13
8	6c ₁	OCH ₃	Cl	22	24	18	26
9	6c ₂	OCH ₃	F	26	27	22	21
10	6d	NO ₂	OCH ₃	21	19	14	15
11	Streptomycine			22	23	25	20
12	Ceftazidime			24	26	21	26

Spectral analysis of compounds 4a-4d, 5a-5d, 6a-6d

Compound 4a: M.F.C₁₇H₁₀N₃OSBr, IR(KBr)v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 878(C-Br), 1370(C-S), 1662(C=N), 1605(-N=N), 1470, 1580(ArC=C), 3402.5(-O-H), ¹HNMR(300MHZ,CDCl₃):δ 5.65(s, 1H, -OH), 7.30-8.0.(m, 9H, ArH).

Compound 4b: M.F.C₁₈H₁₃N₃OS, IR(KBr)v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 1380(C-S), 1658(C=N), 1635(-N=N), 1490, 1608(ArC=C), 2995(-CH₃), 3340(-O-H), ¹HNMR(300MHZ,CDCl₃):δ 2.45(s, 3H, CH₃), 5.09(s, 1H, -OH), 7.2-7.8(m, 9H, ArH).

Compound 4c: M.F.C₁₈H₁₃N₃O₂S, IR(KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 1598(C=N), 1360(C-S), 1620(N=N), 1470, 1490, 1540(ArC=C), 3350(-O-H), 1364(-OCH₃), ¹HNMR(300MHZ,CDCl₃) δ 3.65(s, 3H, -OCH₃), 5.15(s, 1H, -OH), 7.4-7.80(m, 9H, ArH).

Compound 4d: M.F. C₁₇H₁₀N₄O₃S, IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 1590(C=N), 1370(C-S), 1610(N=N), 1440, 1535(ArC=C), 3440(-O-H), 1540, 1360(NO₂) 1457, 1545(ArC=C), ¹HNMR (300MHZ,CDCl₃):δ 5.4(s, 1H, -OH), 7.2-8.3(ArH)

Compound 5a: M.F. C₂₃H₁₄N₄SClBr, IR (KBr)v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 864(C-Cl), 846(C-Br), 1310(C-S), 1630(C=N), 1610(-N=N), 3402(-NH str.) 1465, 1540(ArC=C), ¹HNMR (300MHZ,CDCl₃): δ 8.2(s, 1H, -NH), 7.20-7.8(m, 13H, ArH).

Compound 5b: M.F. C₂₄H₁₇N₄SCl, IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 852(C-Cl), 1305(C-S), 1642(C=N), 1622(-N=N), 2950(CH₃), 1470, 1541(ArC=C), 3415(N-Hstr.), ¹HNMR (300MHZ,CDCl₃): δ 2.39(s, 3H, -CH₃), 8.35(s, 1H, NH), 7.32-7.90(m, 13H, ArH).

Compound 5c₁: M.F.C₂₄H₁₇N₄OSCl, IR(KBr)v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 1605(C=N) 1340(C-S), 1630(N=N), 848(C-Cl), 1365(-OCH₃) 1460-1535(ArC=C), 3410(N-Hstr.), ¹HNMR (300MHZ,CDCl₃): δ 3.62(s, 3H, -OCH₃), 8.3(s, 1H, NH), 7.40-8.20(m, 13H, ArH),

Compound 5c₂: M.F. C₂₄H₁₇N₄OSF, IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹ 1660(-C=N), 1325(-C-S), 1640(-N=N), 1435, 1560(ArC=C), 3435(N-Hstr.), 1105(C-F), 1370(-OCH₃), ¹HNMR (300MHZ,CDCl₃): δ 3.70((s, 3H, -OCH₃), 7.26-8.10(m, 8H, ArH), 8.35(s, 1H, NH).

Compound 5d: M.F. $C_{24}H_{17}N_5O_3S$, IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm^{-1} 1580(-C=N), 1385, 1505(-NO₂), 1330(-C-S), 1660(-N=N), 1465, 1540(ArC=C), 3415(N-Hstr.), 1360(-OCH₃), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.8((s, 3H, -OCH₃), 7.28-8.00(m, 13H, ArH), 8.54(s, 1H, NH).

Compound 6a: M.F. $C_{23}H_{12}N_4S_2ClBr$, IR(KBr) ν_{max} in cm^{-1} 1383(C-S), 1495-1605(ArC=C), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.4(s, 1H, NH), 7.45-7.90(m, 11H, ArH).

Compound 6b: M.F. $C_{24}H_{15}N_4S_2Cl$, IR(KBr) ν_{max} in cm^{-1} 1395.5(C-S), 1485-1610(ArC=C), 3490(-NHstr.), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.45(s, 3H, -CH₃), 7.20-7.90(m, 11H, ArH), 8.34(s, 1H, -NH).

Compound 6c₁: M.F. $C_{24}H_{15}N_4OS_2Cl$, IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm^{-1} 1390(-C-S), 3460(-NH str.), 1510-1630(ArC=C), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.85(s, 3H, -OCH₃), 8.50(s, 1H, -NH), 7.30-7.90(m, 11H, ArH).

Compound 6c₂: M.F. $C_{24}H_{15}N_4OS_2F$, IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm^{-1} 1380(-C-S), 3450(-NH str.), 1430-1540(ArC=C), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.50(s, 3H, -OCH₃), 8.24(s, 1H, -NH), 7.30-8.10(m, 11H, ArH).

Compound 6d: M.F. $C_{24}H_{15}N_5O_3S_2$, IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm^{-1} 1385(-C-S), 3440(-NH str.), 1435-1550(ArC=C), ¹HNMR (300MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.10(s, 3H, -OCH₃), 8.42(s, 1H, -NH), 7.10-8.20(m, 11H, ArH).

Conclusions

During our synthesis, we have used microwave methodology for the synthesis of α -(2-diazo-6-substituted benzothiazolyl)- β -(p-substituted anilino) naphthalenes. Microwave-assisted organic synthesis has fascinated the chemist due to its usefulness with reduction of reaction time, environmental friendly methodology etc. Compound (**6c₂**) was effective against *E. Coli*, *Klebsiella*, compound (**5c₂**) was effective against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and compound (**6c₁**) was effective against *S. aureus*.

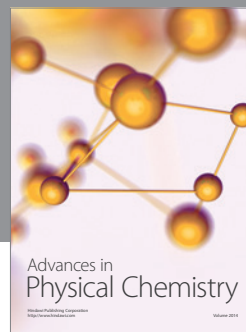
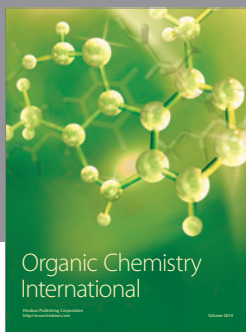
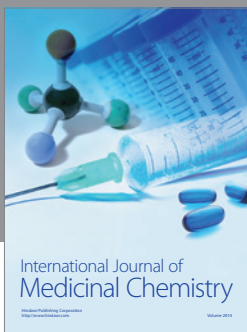
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