

SYNTHESIS AND POTENTIAL ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY AND EVALUATION OF NAPHTHA [2, 3-D] IMIDAZOLES DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT

A new series of some naphtho[2,3-d]imidazoles derivatives have been synthesized. The structures of the synthesized compounds were confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR and Mass spectral analysis and they were evaluated for their antibacterial activities by disc diffusion method. All of the synthesized compounds showed good antibacterial activity. However the antibacterial activity was observed for all the compounds using four strains of Gram (+ve) and Gram (-ve) bacteria. The strains used were *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus pumilis*, *Proteus mirabilis* (+ve) and *Escherchia coli* (-ve) activity of the synthesized compounds against the tested organisms was found to be less than that of respective standard drug attested dose level.

Keywords: *Naphthalenediamine*, Antibacterial activity, NMR

INTRODUCTION

The structural and therapeutic diversity coupled with commercial capability of smallmoleculeshas enthralledorganicandmedicinalchemists. Therehasbeensignificantinterestinthe chemistryof heterocyclic systems whichisa corestructureinvarioussyntheticpharmaceuticals displaying broadspectrumof biological activity. In thepastfewyears, researchfor new antibacterial, antifungal inflammatoryagentshas beenreportedthatmany compoundshavinga imidazole ring with substituents like 1,3,4-oxadiazole and azetidinederivativesareknownfortheirantifungal and antibacterial activity. Therefore it was enabled that compounds containing naphtho[2,3-d]imidazoles would result in interesting of biological activities. In the present study substituted naphtho[2,3-d]imidazoles were synthesized by treating 2,3 Naphthalene diamine with 4 amino carboxylic acids to get 5-amino 2-substituted naphtho[2,3-d]imidazoles derivatives then this derivatives treated with different types of substituted aromatic benzaldehydes gives (E)-N-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)3-4 substituted phenyl)enamine thenfinally their thiazolidiones and azetidionesderivatives were synthesized.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All used chemicals were purchased from Spectrochem and Alfa acerCompany. Melting points were determined on open capillary tube and are uncorrected. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker (300 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts (ppm) were referred to the internal standard tetramethylsilane (TMS).Themass Spectrawererecordedona JEOLJMS-D300spectrometeroperatingat70eV. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using silica gel F254 aluminum sheets (ethyl acetate/ n-nexane, 3:1).

Experimental

SynthesisofComp 2 (4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)aniline)

The synthetic strategy leading to the target compounds 1 are illustrated inscheme1 .synthesized byequimolar quantities (0.01mol) of 2,3naphthalenediamine,p-aminobenzoicacid(0.01mol) in polyphospheric acid (PPA) (20ml)wasrefluxed at 170° C for2 hrs. Themixtureiscooled anddiluted with water and quenched by 10% NaOH, aqueous layer

was extracted by EtOAc, organic layer was separated dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to afford desired compound as brown colored free flow solid. Obtained compound was purified by column chromatography as 4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)aniline Yield 59%; mp 209-212⁰ c DM-259+1

General method of Synthesis of Compound (3a-3e)

(E)-N-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)enamine

A compound 24-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)aniline (0.01 mol) and of an aromatic benzaldehyde (a –e) was refluxed for 16 hrs in 20 ml of ethanol. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated obtained solid was recrystallized from ether: pentane. The crystals found were filtered and obtained as desired comp (3a-3e).

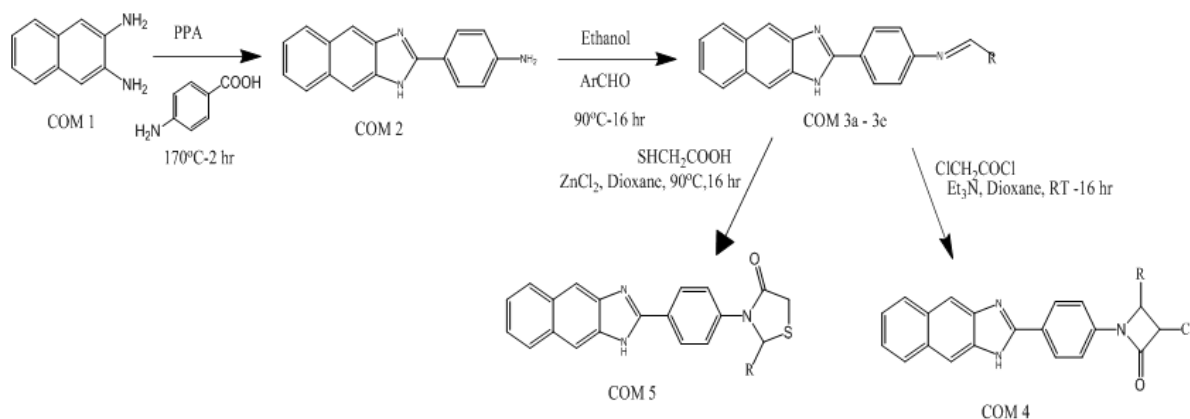
General method of synthesis of azetidinones (4a-4e)

Compound 3 (3a-3e) (0.001 mol) and triethylamine (0.003 mol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (25 ml), stirred and cooled to 0°C this solution of chloroacetyl chloride (0.0012 mol) in dioxane was added drop wise and reaction was stirred at rate for 16 hrs. Reaction was monitored by TLC after consumption of starting material reaction was concentrated to half of solvent separated and yield comp 1-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-chloro-4-(4-substituted phenyl) azetidin-2-one, recrystallized from chloroform.

General method of synthesis of thiazolidinones (5a-5e)

A Compound 3 (3a-3e) (0.001 mol) and thioglycolic acid (0.001 mol) dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (20 ml), anhydrous zinc chloride (0.5 mg) was added and refluxed at 90°C for 16 h. The reaction was then cooled and the resulting solid was washed with sodium bicarbonate solution and final compound as 3-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-substituted phenyl)thiazolidin-4-one (5a-5e) recrystallized from absolute ethanol.

Scheme 1

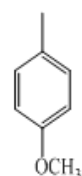


Compound COD

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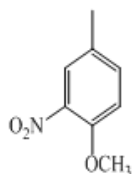
3a, 4a, 5a

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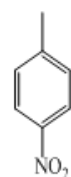
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3c, 4c, 5c

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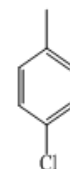


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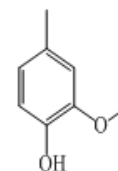
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3e, 4e, 5e

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Analytical Data

4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)aniline(2)

Brown Solid :- Yield 59%; m.p.: 209-212; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.90-7.92 (dd, 2H), 6.70-6.71 (dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), NH₂ 5.24 (s, 2H); MS: m/z 259 (M⁺)

3a-3e

(E)-N-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)methanimine (3a)

Reddish colour Solid Yield 49%; m.p.: 221-223; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 7.90-7.92 (dd, 2H), 6.70-6.71 (dd, 2H), 7.85-7.92 (dd, 2H), 7.05-7.06 (dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH 8.65 (s, 1H), OCH₃ 3.81 (s, 3H); MS: m/z 377 (M⁺)

(E)-N-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-1-(4-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl)methanimine (3b)

White Solid Yield 39%; m.p.: 222-223; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 7.90-7.92 (dd, 2H), 6.70-6.71 (dd, 2H), 8.55-8.52 (d, 1H), 8.20-8.25 (dd, 1H), 7.58-7.60 (dd, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH - 8.54 (s, 1H), OCH₃ 4.02 (s, 3H); MS: m/z 422 (M⁺)

(E)-N-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-1-(3-nitrophenyl)methanimine (3c)

Off white Solid Yield 62%; m.p.: 221-223; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 7.76-7.81 (dd, 2H), 7.65-7.71 (dd, 2H), 8.15-8.19 (dd, 2H), 8.34-8.39 (dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH 8.58 (s, 1H); MS: m/z 393 (M⁺)

(E)-N-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)methanimine (3d)

Off white Yield 52%; m.p.: 221-223; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 7.76-7.81 (dd, 2H), 7.65-7.71 (dd, 2H), 7.59-7.61 (dd, 2H), 7.94-7.99 (dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH 8.68 (s, 1H); MS: m/z 382 (M⁺)

(E)-4-(((4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)imino)methyl)-2-methoxyphenol (3e)

Brown colour Yield 50%; m.p.: 200-203; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 7.76-7.81 (dd, 2H), 7.65-7.71 (dd, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, 1H), 6.88 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH 8.63 (s, 1H), OH 9.95 (s, 1H) OCH₃ 3.83 (s, 3H); MS: m/z 394 (M⁺¹)

4a-4e

1-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-chloro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)azetidin-2-one (4a)

White solid Yield 79%; m.p.: 230-233; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.10 (dd, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 2H), 7.22 (dd, 2H), 6.88 (dd, 2H), aliphatic CH -5.16 (d, 1H), 5.23 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), OCH₃ 3.81 (s, 3H) MS: m/z 454 (M⁺¹)

1-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-chloro-4-(3-methoxy-4-nitrophenyl)azetidin-2-one (4b)

Off white yellowish – Yield 39%; m.p.: 222-223; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.10 (dd, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 2H), 8.22 (d, 1H), 7.28 (d, 1H), 7.24 (d, 1H), aliphatic CH -5.16 (d, 1H), 5.23 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), OCH₃ 3.87 (s, 3H); MS: m/z 499 (M⁺¹).

1-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-chloro-4-(4-nitrophenyl)azetidin-2-one (4c)

Yellow Yield 65%; m.p.: 240-243; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.10 (dd, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 2H), 7.65 (dd, 2H), 8.18 (dd, 2H), aliphatic CH -5.26 (d, 1H), 5.43 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), MS: m/z 469 (M⁺¹)

1-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-chloro-4-(4chlorophenyl)azetid-2-one (4d)

White solid Yield 65%; m.p.: 240-243; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.10 (dd, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 2H), 7.48 (dd, 2H), 7.50 (dd, 2H), aliphatic CH -5.26 (d, 1H), 5.43 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H),

MS: m/z 458 (M⁺)

1-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-3-chloro-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)azetid-2-one (4e)

Pinkish white - Yield 39%; m.p.: 232-223; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.10 (dd, 2H), 7.45 (dd, 2H), 6.81 (d, 1H), 6.73 (d, 1H), 6.95 (d, 1H), aliphatic CH -5.16 (d, 1H), 5.43 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), OCH₃ 3.77 (s, 3H), OH 9.96 (s, 1H); MS: m/z 499 (M⁺).

5a-5e

3-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)thiazolidin-4-one (5a)

Off white - Yield 35%; m.p.: 210-212; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.0 (dd, 2H), 7.43 (dd, 2H), 7.83 (dd, 2H), 6.83 (dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH 6.44 (s, 1H), CH₂ 4.02 (s, 2H), OCH₃ 3.81 (s, 3H); MS: m/z 452 (M⁺)

3-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl)thiazolidin-4-one (5b)

Yellowish solid Yield 35%; m.p.: 210-212; ¹H NMR data (DMSO) δ (ppm) aromatic protons -7.69-7.70 (d, 2H), 7.70-7.75 (s, 2H), 8.11-8.15 (d, 2H), 8.00-8.12 (dd, 2H), 7.43 (dd, 2H), 8.23 (d, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, 1H), NH 12.56 (bs, 1H), CH 6.44 (s, 1H), CH₂ 4.02 (s, 2H), OCH₃ 3.87 (s, 3H);

MS:m/z 497(M⁺)

3-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)thiazolidin-4-one (5c)

Yellow Solid –Yield40%;m.p.:205-207;¹HNMRdata(DMSO)δ(ppm)aromaticprotons -7.69-7.70(d,2H), 7.70-7.75(s,2H),8.11-8.15(d,2H), 8.0(dd,2H),7.43(dd, 2H), 7.54(dd,2H),8.21(dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs , 1H), CH 6.44(s,1H), CH₂ 4.02(s,2H);

MS:m/z 467(M⁺)

3-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)thiazolidin-4-one (5d)

White Solid :-Yield40%;m.p.:205-207;¹HNMRdata(DMSO)δ(ppm)aromaticprotons -7.69-7.70(d,2H), 7.70-7.75(s,2H),8.11-8.15(d,2H), 8.0(dd,2H),7.43(dd, 2H), 7.20(dd,2H),7.38(dd, 2H), NH 12.56 (bs , 1H), CH 6.44(s,1H), CH₂ 4.02(s,2H);

MS:m/z 456(M⁺)

3-(4-(1H-naphtho[2,3-d]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)thiazolidin-4-one (5e)

Brown sticky solid :Yield35%;m.p.:210-212;¹HNMRdata(DMSO)δ(ppm)aromaticprotons -7.69-7.70(d,2H), 7.70-7.75(s,2H),8.11-8.15(d,2H), 8.00-8.12(dd,2H),7.43(dd, 2H), 7.34(d,1H),7.45(s, 1H), 6.94(d,1H), NH 12.56 (bs , 1H), CH 6.44(s,1H), CH₂ 4.02(s,2H), OCH₃ 3.87(s,3H) OH9.96 (s,1H) ; MS:m/z 468(M⁺)

BiologicalEvaluation:

Antimicrobial Activity

The synthesized compounds were tested for antimicrobial activity by disc diffusion method. They were dissolved in and sterilized by filtering through 0.45µm Millipore filter. Final into culums of 100µl suspension containing 10⁸CFU/ ml of each bacterium used. Nutrient agar(antibacterial activity) and sabouraud's dextrose agar medium (antifungal activity) was prepared and sterilized by an autoclave (121⁰c and 15 Ibs for 20 min) and transferred to previously sterilized petri dishes (9 cm in diameter). After solidification, petri plates were

inoculated with bacterial organisms in sterile nutrient agar medium at 45⁰C, organisms in sterile sabouraud's dextrose agar medium at 45⁰C in aseptic condition. Sterile whatmann filter paper discs (previously sterilized in U.V. lamp) were impregnated with synthesized compounds at a concentration of 300µg/ml and 300µg/ml were placed in the organism-impregnated petri plate under sterile condition. The plates were left for 30 min to allow the diffusion of compounds at room temperature. Antibiotic discs of streptomycin (300µg /ml) and 600µg /ml) as standard were used as positive control, while DMSO used as negative control. Then the plates were incubated for 24 hrs at 37 ± 1°C for antibacterial activity and 48 h at 37±1°C for antifungal activity. The zone of inhibition was calculated by measuring the minimum dimension of the zone of no microbial growth around the each disc. The synthesized compounds were screened for antimicrobial activity by zone of inhibition method. Antibacterial activity was observed for all the compounds using four strains of Gram (+ ve) and Gram (-ve) bacteria. The strains used were *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus pumilis*, *Proteus mirabilis* (+ve) and *Escherchia coli* (-ve). The concentrations taken were 300 µg/mL, 600 µg/ml. By the analysis of antimicrobial data found that, compounds 4b and 4c were found to be more active against *Escherchia coli* (-ve) organism and 5b is more active against *Bacillus pumilis* used. 4d and 5d also showing good activity against microorganism at both strengths. The remaining compounds showed moderate and low activity against organisms

Table 1 Antimicrobial activity of synthesized compound Standard as streptomycin

<i>Compound</i>	<i>Conc. (µg/mL)</i>	<i>Zone Of inhibition(in mm)</i>			
		<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Bacillus pumilis</i>	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	<i>Staphylococcus Aureus</i>
4a	300	2.3	5.6	2.9	NA
	600	4.6	10.5	5.9	NA
4b	300	2.9	6.5	9.20	6.32
	600	6.3	13.0	18.3	12.0
4c	300	3.26	6.1	2.12	5.06
	600	6.5	11.2	4.28	10.2
4d	300	2.8	2.26	5.52	5.59
	600	5.3	5.25	10.25	11.2
4e	300	2.26	3.35	4.95	3.02
	600	4.09	6.6	9.01	6.03
5a	300	2.01	4.52	2.21	4.98
	600	3.45	8.6	4.41	5.02
5b	300	2.7	6.92	7.0	6.9
	600	5.4	13.84	14.20	13.12
5c	300	2.6	5.9	5.03	2.9
	600	5.2	10.8	10.06	5.8
5d	300	3.06	7.25	9.24	6.03
	600	6.03	14.02	18.02	12.03
5e	300	1.3	3.5	5.59	4.56
	600	6.85	10.28	11.25	9.06
Std	300	3.27	7.20	12.84	10.34
	600	6.40	14.20	24.50	20.26

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All the synthesized compounds exhibited significant antibacterial activity. Azetidinone and thiazolidinone derivatives were found to exhibit most potent antimicrobial activity against all the microbial stains tested. All the compounds were active against all tested microorganism with a range of MIC values for *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus pumilis*, *Proteus mirabilis* (+ve) and *Escherchia coli* (-ve) Compounds, exhibited potent antimicrobial activity against *E. coli* and compounds were found to be reactive. The data revealed that electron withdrawing groups like -NO₂, -Cl, and electron donating group like -OCH₃, -OH were found to increase the antimicrobial properties, whereas electron donating group like -CH₃ group found to have moderate activity. The most of the synthesized compounds exhibited significant antibacterial activity.

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