

SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITIES OF SOME
NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC SCHIFF BASES

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ABSTRACT: A series of heterocyclic schiff bases have been synthesised by the condensation of 2-amino-4,6-dimethyl benzothiazole and selected heterocyclic α -hydroxy aldehyde and α -hydroxy ketones. The structures of the products were confirmed by spectral analysis (IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass). All the newly synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial and antifungal activity against different fungal and bacterial strains.

Keywords: Schiff bases, spectral study, antimicrobial study

INTRODUCTION

The synthesis of a newer class of anti-bacterial and anti-fungal agents is in need of time, especially against drug-resistant bacteria and fungi, such as gram-positive and gram-negative strains, which are responsible for a number of serious infections in the acute and chronic care units in hospitals. Over the past few decades various classes of Schiff bases ligands have been extensively studied which can be prepared by condensation of different types of amines and carbonyl compounds. Schiff bases are used as substrates in the preparation of a number of industrial and biologically active compounds via ring closure, cyclo addition and replacement reactions (Karia et al., 1999). Moreover, Schiff bases derived from various heterocycles have been reported to possess cytotoxic (Tarafder et al., 2002), anticonvulsant (Küçükgül et al., 2004), antiproliferative (Vicini et al., 2003), antimicrobial (Kahveci et al., 2005), and anticancer activities (Bekircan et al., 2006). In generally Schiff bases are reported to possess antimicrobial activities. Heterocycles bearing nitrogen, sulphur and thiazole moieties constitute the core structure of a number of biologically interesting compounds (Sharma and Sharma, 2009)⁷. Schiff base complexes derived from heterocyclic compounds have found increased interest in the context of bioinorganic chemistry (Chaviara, et al., 2004; Ciller, et al., 2009; Agarwal, et al., 1990). Benzothiazole and its derivatives have been recognized as a class of medicinal importance (Pandeya, et al., 1999, Munirajasekar, et al., 2011, Pramila, et al., 2008, Mathews, et al., 2007, Srivastava, et al., 1982).

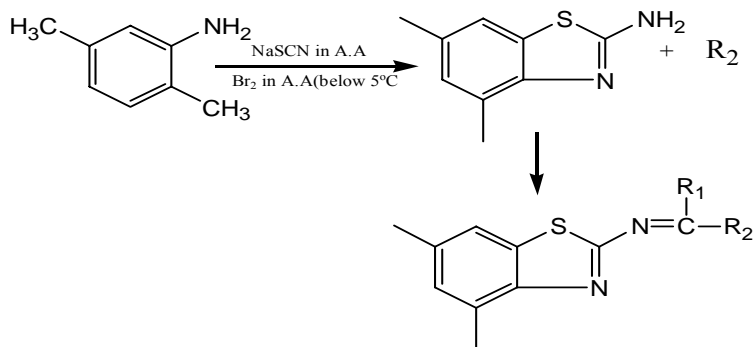
Keeping in view, in this paper we report the synthesis of Schiff base ligands by the conventional condensation reaction of biological and clinical importance 2-amino-4,6-dimethyl benzothiazole and selected heterocyclic α -hydroxy aldehyde and α -hydroxy ketones and their structural characterization by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this present paper, a series of various substituted schiff bases were synthesised by the condensation of 2-amino-4, 6-dimethyl benzothiazole and selected heterocyclic α -hydroxy aldehyde and α -hydroxy ketones.

The products were confirmed by their spectral analysis. Appearance of IR bands at 3340-3448 (-OH) and 1555-1612 cm⁻¹ (>C=N-) supported the structure. ¹H NMR spectra, the multiplet around the δ 7.2-8.4 ppm assigned to the aromatic protons. The aromatic -OH proton appeared as singlet at δ 13.9-14.4 ppm, while other aliphatic protons are appeared at expected regions. The mass spectra of the compounds were showed corresponding molecular ion peak which was correlated with their molecular weight of that respected compounds. The results of antimicrobial data are given in Table-2. The data revealed that all the compounds were found to be active against almost all the tested fungi and bacteria.

Scheme-I



S.No.	Compound	Substituents	
		R ₁	R ₂
1	L ₁	H	
2	L ₂	H	
3	L ₃	H	
4	L ₄	H	
5	L ₅	CH ₃	

All chemicals used in the present study were of AR grade and those were procured from Sigma, Aldrich, Lancaster and Spectrochem and were used as such. Solvents used in the present study were procured locally and used as such. Completion of the reaction was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on pre coated sheets of silica gel-G

The present work involves synthesis of Schiff bases as ligands such as L₁ to L₅

Names of respective Schiff base (1—5) are as follows –

1. (4,6-Dimethyl-benzothiazol-2-yl)-(1H-pyrrol-2-ylmethylene)-amine
2. (4,6-Dimethyl-benzothiazol-2-yl)-(3-methyl-thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-amine
3. 4,6-Dimethyl-benzothiazol-2-yl-pyridin-2-ylmethylene-amine
4. 1-[(4,6-Dimethyl-benzothiazol-2-ylimino)-methyl]-naphthalen-2-ol
5. 2-[1-(4,7-Dimethyl-benzothiazol-2-ylimino)-ethyl]-benzene-1,4-diol

a) Synthesis of 2-Amino-4,6 Dimethyl benzothiazole:

Synthesis of 2-amino-4,6-Dimethyl Benzothiazole was carried out by the standard method.(0.1M) 2,4-Xylidine (2,4-dimethylaniline) and sodium thiocyanate (0.2M) in 100ml glacial acetic acid were mixed together and reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C temperature.

(0.2M) bromine in acetic acid (25ml) was added to the above solution drop wise and the mixture was stirred till the complete addition of bromine maintaining temperature below 5°C throughout addition. Stirring was kept continued maintaining temperature below 5°C for half an hour after addition of Bromine is made. The solid thus obtained after complete addition of bromine was filtered on vacuum and then dissolved in hot water. The solution was then treated with very dilute alkali like NaOH for the separation of free amine. The free amine thus obtained was filtered, washed and dried and was recrystallized from ethanol, M.P observed 140°C, yield 80%. It was tested for free NH₂ group.

b) Synthesis of Schiff bases:

Schiff bases were synthesized by using equimolar ethanolic solutions of heterocyclic amine and hydroxyl aldehyde / ketone and refluxing mixture for 4-5 hours. Then the reaction was monitored by TLC method. Upon observing single spot the heating was stopped and reaction mixture was poured in ice cold water / on crushed ice the separated solid was collected by filtration, after washing and drying, it was recrystallized from ethanol. The melting points were recorded.

i) Synthesis of L₁, L₂, L₃ and L₄

Equimolar ethanolic solution of the L₁ (pyrrole-2-aldehyde), L₂ (3-Methyl Thiophene 2-aldehyde), L₃(pyridine-2-aldehyde), L₄ (2-hydroxy naphthylaldehyde) and 2-amino-4,6-dimethyl benzothiazole were refluxed for 4-5 hours on water-bath and the reaction mixture was poured on ice cold water and the separated solid was collected by filtration, washing and drying, recrystallized from ethanol. M.P recorded.

ii) Synthesis of L₅:

Equimolar ethanolic solution of L₅ (2,5-dihydroxy acetophenone) and 2-amino-4,6-dimethyl benzothiazole were refluxed for 4-5 hours on water bath and the reaction mixture was poured on ice cold water and the separated solid was collected by filtration, washing and drying, recrystallized from ethanol. M.P recorded.

The synthesized Schiff bases are found to be stable in air and moisture, soluble in ethanol, chloroform, DMF and DMSO and insoluble in water. Conductance studies were performed on EQ-606 Equiptronics conductometer using cell internally calibrated and constant value 1.0. The structural features of the Schiff bases are elucidated with the help of elemental and spectral analysis.

Table 1: Physical and Analytical Data of Synthesized Schiff Base Ligands

S.No	Comp.	Mol. Formula	Mol .Wt	% Yield	Colour	M.P. °C	Elemental Analysis (%)		
							C% (Cal/found)	H% (Cal/found)	N% (Cal/found)
1.	L ₁	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ N ₃ S	255	86	Faint Yellow	115	65.88/64.14	5.09/4.89	16.47/16.04
2.	L ₂	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₂ S ₂	286	82	Orange	128	62.93/61.53	4.89/3.98	9.79/8.76
3.	L ₃	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₃ S	267	78	Brown	110	67.41/67.05	4.86/3.96	15.73/14.84
4.	L ₄	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ SO	332	90	Yellow	218	72.28/71.86	4.81/3.46	8.43/7.73
5.	L ₅	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₂ SO ₂	312	88	Faint Brown	212	65.40/63.81	5.02/4.86	8.98/7.74

Spectroscopic data of selected compounds:**i) Compound L₁**

IR (KBr) ν in cm⁻¹: 3186 (N-H), 2916 (C-H), 1612(C=N), 1550, 1496 (C=C),

¹H-NMR δ ppm: δ 2.3 (S, 3H Ar-CH₃), δ 2.5 (S, 3H Ar-CH₃), δ 6.3 (S, 1H N-H), δ 7.0- 7.7 (M, 5H Ar-H), δ 8.8 (S, 1H CH=N)

¹³C NMR: δ 18, 22, 112, 119, 122, 127, 128, 130, 132, 134, 135, 149, 154, 170 ppm

Mass (M/z) % rel. intensity: 255(M⁺)

ii) Compound L₂**IR (KBr) ν in cm^{-1} :** 3086(C=CH), 1581(C=N), 1489, 1411((C=C), 825(C-S)**¹H-NMR δ ppm:** δ 2.4(S, 3H Ar-CH₃), δ 2.5(S, 3H Ar-CH₃), δ 7.2-8.0(M,4H Ar-H), δ 9.2(S,1H CH=N)**¹³C NMR:** δ 14, 18, 22, 120, 128, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 146, 148, 152, 158, 170 ppm**Mass (M/z) % rel. intensity:** 286(M⁺)**iii) Compound L₃****IR (KBr) ν in cm^{-1} :** 3340, 2913, 1585, 1457, 1263, 834, 741**¹H-NMR δ ppm:** 2.0-2.5(S,6H), 6.8(S,1H,), 7.0-9.0(m,6H)**Mass (M/z) % rel. intensity:** 267(M⁺)**iv) Compound L₄****IR (KBr) ν in cm^{-1} :** 3448 (-OH), 3009 (C=CH), 2901 (-CH₃), 1597 (C=N), 1550, 1465, 1442 (C=C)**¹H-NMR δ ppm:** δ 2.4 (S, 3H Ar-H), δ 2.8 (S,3H,Ar-H), δ 7.1-8.4 (M,8H,Ar-H) δ 10.1 (S, 1H, CH=N), δ 14.4 (S,1H Ar-OH)**¹³C NMR:** δ 18, 22, 110, 118, 120, 121, 124, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 161, 166 ppm**Mass (M/z) % rel. intensity:** 332 (M⁺)**v) Compound L₅****IR (KBr) ν in cm^{-1} :** 3444, 3217, 1621, 1555, 1460, 1251, 743**Mass (M/z) % rel. intensity:** 314 (M⁺)**Antimicrobial Activity**

The antibacterial activity was measured by agar cup method¹⁶ (Cruickshank, et.al., 1998). Nutrient agar (Himedia) was prepared and sterilized at 15 Psi for 15 minutes in the autoclave. It was allowed to cool below 45°C and seeded with turbid suspension of test bacteria separately, prepared from 24 hours old slant cultures. 3% inocula were used every time. The bacterial cultures selected were, two gram negative cultures viz. *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhi* and two Gram positive cultures viz. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*. This seeded preparation was then poured in sterile Petri plate under aseptic condition and allowed it to solidify.

Cups of 10 mm diameter were bored in the agar plate with sterile cork borer. 100 μ l of compound solution prepared in Dimethylsulphoxide (1%) was added in the cup under aseptic condition with the help of micropipette. 100 μ l of DMSO was also placed in one of the cup as blank (negative control). A standard antibiotic disk impregnated with 10 units of Penicillin was also placed on the seeded nutrient agar surface as standard reference antibiotic (positive control). The plates were kept in refrigerator for 15 minutes to allow diffusion of the compound from agar cup into the medium. Then the plates were shifted to incubator at 37°C and incubated for 24 hours. After incubation plates were observed for the zone of inhibition of bacterial growth around the agar cup. Results were recorded by measuring the zone of inhibition in millimeter (mm) using zone reader in Tables 1 and 2.

Similarly the same compounds were screened for the antifungal activity against different organisms like *P.chrysogenum*, *A. niger*, *F. moniliformae*, and *A.Flavus* by using poison plate method. The medium used was Potato Dextrose Agar (Himedia). The medium was prepared and sterilized at 10 Psi in autoclave for 15 minutes. Then the compound to be tested is added to the sterile medium in aseptic condition so as to get final concentration as 1%. A plate with DMSO was prepared as blank (negative control) similarly a plate with 1% Grysofulvin was prepared as standard reference plate (positive control). *Aspergillus niger*, *Penicillium chrysogenum*, *Fusarium moneliforme*, *Aspergillus flavus* were selected as test fungal cultures. They were selected as test fungal cultures. They were allowed to grow on slant for 48 hours so as to get profuse sporulation. 5 ml of 1:100 aqueous solution of Tween 80 was added to the slant and spores were scraped with the help of nicrome wire loop to form suspension. The fungal suspension was spot inoculated on the plate's prepared using compound with the help of nicrome wire loop. The plates were incubated at room temperature for 48 hours. After incubation plates were observed for the growth of inoculated fungi. Results were recorded as growth of fungi (no antifungal activity), reduced growth of fungi (moderate antifungal activity), and no growth of inoculated fungi (antifungal activity) in Table 2.

Table 2-Antimicrobial data

Sr.No	Comp.	Bacterial Strain				Fungal Strain			
		Ec	St	Sa	Bs	An	Pc	Fm	Af
1	L1	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
2	L2	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
3	L3	-ve	19mm	22mm	22mm	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
4	L4	11mm	-ve	-ve	13mm	+ve	+ve	-ve	+ve
5	L5	-ve	11mm	-ve	16mm	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
6	DMSO	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	Penicillin	13 mm	18mm	36mm	18mm	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	+ve control (blank)	NA	NA	NA	NA	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
9	(Grysofulvin)	NA	NA	NA	NA	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve

Ec-E.coli, St-S.typhi, Sa- S.aureus, Bs-B.subtilis; An-A.niger, Pc-P.chrysogenum, Fm-F.moneliformae, Af-Aspergillus flavus; -ve: No growth of fungi,+ve; Growth of fungi, RG-Reduced growth, NA-Not Applicable, Zone of inhibition was measured in mm.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have synthesized some novel Schiff bases. All the synthesized compounds gave satisfactory spectral and analytical data. The screening of antimicrobial data revealed that all the compounds show good antimicrobial activity.

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