

Synthesis of 4,5-Dihydro 1,3,4-Oxadiazoles And 1,3,4-Thiadiazoles Carrying Isatin Moiety

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Abstract: A practical two-step synthetic approach for 4,5-dihydro 1,3,4-oxadiazoles and 1,3,4-thiadiazole carrying isatin moiety is described in good yield. The advantages of this procedure include short reaction steps, simple operation and good yield.

Keywords: Isatin, 4,5-dihydro 1,3,4-oxadiazoles, 4,5-dihydro 1,3,4-thiadiazoles, acetic anhydride, semi carbazone and thiosemicarbazone.

Introduction and Experimental

Five membered heterocyclic compounds known to exhibit various types of biological activities, among them 2,5-disubstituted 1,3,4-thiadiazoles are associated with diverse biological activities¹. During the past years considerable evidences have accumulated to demonstrate the effectiveness of 1,3,4-oxadiazoles including antibacterial², anti-inflammatory³, antimalarial⁴, antitubercular⁵, antihypoglycemic⁶, anticancer⁷, antileishmanial⁸, antiviral⁹, anticonvulsant¹⁰ and insecticidal properties¹¹. On the other hand, 1,3,4-thiadiazoles are very interesting compounds due to their important applications in many pharmaceutical, biological and analytical fields^{12,13}. Recently, the synthesis of novel 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives as potential antimicrobial agents from the corresponding hydrazones using acetic anhydride has been reported¹⁴. In continuation of our work on the synthesis of heterocyclic systems containing nitrogen and sulfur¹⁵, we describe here the synthesis of new 4,5-dihydro 1,3,4-oxadiazoles and 1,3,4-thiadiazoles carrying isatin moiety by the cyclization of the corresponding semicarbazones and thiosemicarbazones derivatives.

General

All chemicals were Aldrich analytical grade and were used as received. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX300 spectrometer using TMS as the standard. CHNS analyses were obtained with a Thermo Finnigan Flash Elemental Analyzer; model 1112EA. FT-IR spectra were recorded on 8400 Model SHIMADZU FT-IR spectrometer (400-4000 cm⁻¹). Melting points were determined in open capillaries with a "Cintex" melting point apparatus and were uncorrected.

General procedure for the synthesis of imines 2a-2d

Isatin (0.01 mol) and primary amine (0.01 mol) in ethanol (30 mL) was stirred and heated at 70-75 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The products were precipitated in high yields.

2a (0.69 g, 76%) m.p. 238-240 °C, ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): 6.68-7.67(m, 4H, Ar), 9.0 (s, 2H, NH₂), 11.0 (s, 1H, NH), 12.4 (s, 1H, NH amide); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, DMSO) : =110.9, 119.8, 120.8, 122.2, 131.0, 131.9, 142.2, 162.5 (C=N), 178.5, FT-IR (KBr disc) (cm⁻¹): 3238 and 3145

(NH₂), 3525 (NH), 3055 (C-H), 1687 (C=O), 1610 (C=N), 1134 (C=S); Anal. Calcd for C₉H₈N₄O₅: C 56.04, H 3.32, N 23.06, Found C 55.83, H 3.76, N 22.47.

2b (0.55 g, 74%) m.p. 260-262 °C, ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): 7.0-7.6 (m, 6H, Ar and NH₂), 11.1 (s, 1H, NH), 11.7 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): = 110.7, 120.2, 122.1, 130.2, 130.9, 141.3, 154.9, 162.6 (C=N), 177.1; FT-IR (KBr disc) (cm⁻¹): 3303, 3134 (NH₂), 3469 (NH), 3004, 1708 (C=O), 1624 (C=N), 1575; Anal. Calcd. for C₉H₈N₄O₂: C 52.94, H 3.95, N 27.44; Found C 53.05, H 4.06, N 26.77.

2c (0.61 g, 67%) m.p. 166-168 °C, ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): = 6.92-8.41 (m, 10H, Ar and NH), 10.7 (s, 2H, NH); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): = 111.3, 115.8, 122.3, 125.5, 132.3, 143.3, 133.0, 155.8, 165.1 (C=N); FT-IR (KBr disc) (cm⁻¹): 3475, 3211, 3130, 1720 (C=O), 1691 (C=O), 1602 (C=N); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₀H₈N₂O₃: C 58.83, H 3.95, N 13.72; Found C 59.11, H 4.62, N 13.27.

2d (0.79 g, 64.5%) m.p. 264-266 °C, ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): = 6.90-7.62 (m, 10H, Ar and NH), 11.34 (s, 2H, NH); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): = 112.0, 117.7, 121.1, 124.5, 130.8, 138.2, 132.0, 162.5 (C=N), 175.1; FT-IR (KBr disc) (cm⁻¹): 3232 (NH), 3078, 1737 (C=O), 1699 (C=S), 1618 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₂N₆O₂: C 56.04, H 3.32, N 23.06; Found C 55.83, H 3.76, N 22.47.

2e (0.63 g, 71%) m.p. 316-318 °C, ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): = 6.8-8.3 (m, 11H, Ar and NH), 10.7 (s, 2H, NH); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, DMSO): = 110.2, 116.4, 121.2, 126.0, 130.3, 143.3, 131.0, 159.9 (C=N), 165.0 (C=O); FT-IR (KBr disc) (cm⁻¹): 3172 (NH), 3064 (C-H), 1703 (C=O), 1618 (C=N), 1577, 1461, 1514, 1097; Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃N₇O₂: C 53.2, H 3.68, N 25.55; Found C 52.63, H 4.40, N 24.83.

General procedure for the synthesis of imines **3a-3d**

To the imines (**2a-2d**) (0.3 g) in a round-bottom flask was added acetic anhydride (10 mL) and heated under reflux for 4 hrs. The solution is then allowed to cool and was poured on ice, dropwise. After adding chloroform (10 mL) the organic face was separated, dried on sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated the solvent to yield the crude product which was purified by crystallization from methanol.

3a; (0.26 g, 60.69%), m.p. 165-170 °C, ¹H NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃): 12.2 (s, 2H, ArNH), 7.8 (s, 2H, CNHCO), 6.6-7.8 (m, 4H, Ar), 2.2 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.4 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) 19.5, 26.6, 116.8, 119.8, 125.4, 125.6, 130.6, 131.3, 140.1, 144.4, 161.2, 169.9, 173.7 FT-IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 1666 and 1712 (C=O), 1616 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₄O₃S: C 51.31, H 3.97, N 18.41; Found C 51.25, H 3.24, N 18.31.

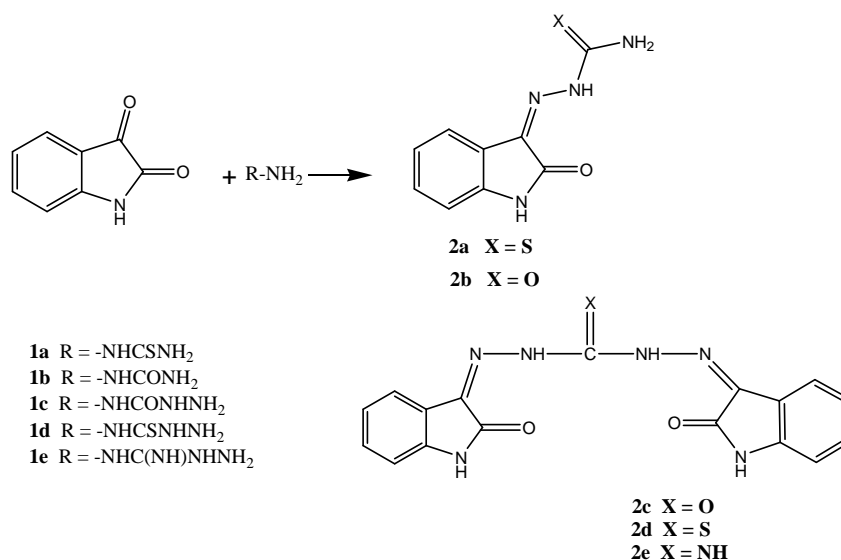
3b (0.27 g, 61.6%), m.p. 172-175 °C, ¹H NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃): 7.21-7.81 (m, 4H, Ar), 12.2 (s, 2H amide) 2.6 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) 19.5, 26.6, 116.9, 119.9, 120.5, 125.6, 130.6, 131.3, 140.0, 144.5, 161.1, 169.9, 173.7; FT-IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 1157, 1610, 1680 and 1740 (C=O), Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₂N₄O₄: C 54.17, H 4.20, N 19.44; Found C 54.25, H 4.24, N 19.31.

3c; (0.28 g, 77.7%) m.p. 245-247 °C, ¹H NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃): 12.2 (s, 1H, NH) 13.8 (s, 1H, NH) 6.8-7.8 (m, 8H, Ar), 2.7 (s, 6H, CH₃) 2.8 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃) 24.6, 26.6, 116.9, 117.1, 119.9, 120.4, 123.9, 125.6, 126.2, 126.5, 130.4, 131.0, 131.3, 139.2, 149.2, 162.1, 162.8, 168.6, 169.9, 170.7, 172.6; FT-IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 1604, 1712 (C=O), 1157 (C-O) Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₆O₅: C 58.34, H 3.72, N 19.44; Found C 58.98, H 3.84, N 18.95.

3d; (0.29 g, 79.3%) m.p. 211-215 °C; ¹H NMR (250 MHz; CDCl₃): 12.7 (s, 2H, NH) 6.84-7.5 (m, 8H, Ar) 2.6 (s, 3H, CH₃) 2.2 (s, 3H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): 22.1, 26.5, 116.8, 117.0, 119.6, 120.0, 123.9, 125.7, 126.1, 126.4, 130.3, 131.0, 131.2, 139.1, 149.2, 162.1, 162.7, 168.5, 169.8, 170.5, 172.6; FT-IR (KBr) (cm⁻¹): 1666, 1712 (C=O), 1616 (C=N); Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₁₆N₆O₄S: C 56.34, H 3.60, N 18.74; Found C 56.32, H 3.82, N 17.82.

Results and discussion

The semicarbazones and thiosemicarbazones were prepared from isatin (Scheme 1). The mixture of indoline-2,3-dione (0.01 mol) and primary amine (0.01 mol) in ethanol was stirred at 70-75 °C and the progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The products were precipitated in high yield. The structure of the imines **2a-2e** was assigned based on NMR, MS, and IR data as well as elemental analysis. The absorption band around 1600 cm⁻¹ (C=N) and signals around 160 ppm in the ¹³C NMR spectrum are characteristic for the preparation of the products.



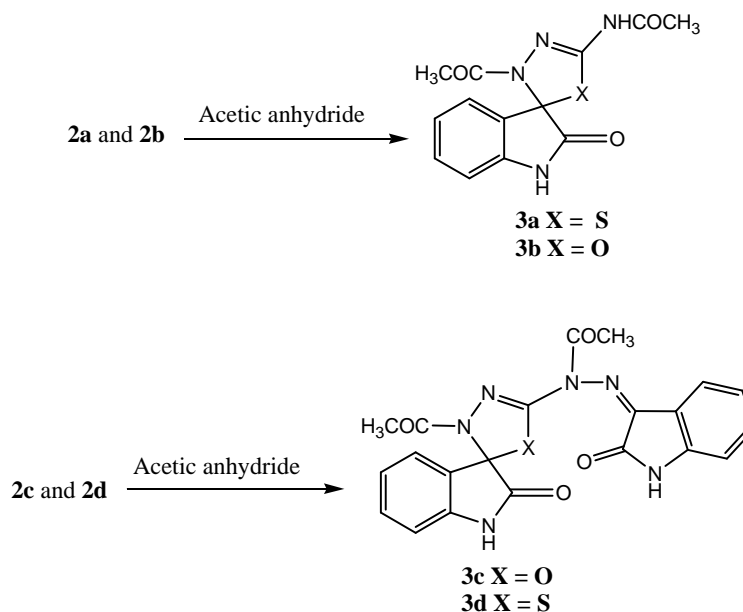
Scheme 1: The synthesis of imines 2a-2e

The imines 2a-2d were refluxed with acetic anhydride to give crude 4,5-dihydro 1,3,4-oxadiazoles and 1,3,4-thiadiazoles derivatives of 3a-3d which were purified by crystallisation in moderate to high yields. However, the reaction of 2e under a same reaction conditions as for 2a-2d, gave a complex mixture. All attempts to purify the mixture by column chromatography or crystallization using different solvent combinations proved fruitless. The structures of 3a-3d were deduced from its elemental analyses and its IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. IR spectrum

showed absorption bands in the regions of 1712-1740 cm⁻¹(C=O), 1604-1616cm⁻¹(C=N). The ¹³C NMR of the compounds exhibited four lines for the carbonyl and imine functional groups at 160-175 ppm along with two signals formethyl at about 19-26 ppm.

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Scheme 2: Synthesis of 4,5-dihydro 1,3,4-oxadiazoles and 1,3,4-thiadiazoles

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