

ONE POT SYNTHESIS OF SUBSTITUTED BENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR CHARACTERIZATION

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ABSTRACT

Benzimidazole derivatives plays important role in medical field with so many pharmacological activities such as antimicrobial ,antiviral ,antidiabetic ,anticancer ,activity. Various 2-substituted benzimidazole derivatives in moderate to good yield have been prepared in one-spot reaction by condensation of o-phenylenediamine and different aromatic acid in the presence of ammonium chloride as catalyst at 80-90°C. The reaction is green and economically viable.

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INTRODUCTION

The development of simple, efficient, environmentally-benign and economically viable chemical process or methodologies for widely used organic compounds is in great demand¹. Benzimidazole are present in various bioactive compounds possessing antiviral, antihypertension and anticancer properties^{2,3}. Compound possessing the benzimidazole moiety express significant activity against several viruses such as HIV⁴, Herpes (HSV-1)⁵ and influenza⁶.

Based on their broad biological functions⁷, they are used in clinical medicine⁸ as anti-ulcer, anti-tumor and anti-viral agent⁹. They have Potential use for treatment of diseases such as ischemia-reperfusion, injury^{10a} hypertension^{10b} and obesity^{10c}. Benzimidazole derivatives have been demonstrated to inhibit Picornaviruses¹¹, Polioviruses¹², Enteroviruses¹³ etc. Broad antiviral applications of benzimidazole derivatives prompted us to synthesize various N-substituted and 2-substituted benzimidazole and evaluate their antiviral activities against Tobacco mosaic Virus and Sunn hemp rosette virus.

Several synthetic methodologies are available for the synthesis of benzimidazole. Generally, condensation of o-phenylene diamine with carboxylic acid and their nitrile, imides and orthoesters¹⁴. Synthesis of 2-substituted benzimidazole from an appropriate o-phenylenediamine and orthoester such as orthoformate, orthoacetate and orthovalerate using $ZrOCl_2 \cdot 8H_2O$ at room temperature and under microwave irradiation¹⁵. Simple and efficient method for the convenient synthesis of 2-arylbenzimidazole on reaction with o-phenylenediamine and various aromatic aldehydes using cobalt (II) chloride hexahydrate as a catalyst¹⁶.

The condensation of o-phenylenediamine with carbonyl compounds in the presence of strong acids such as polyphosphoric acid or mineral acids¹⁷ and other reagents such as $I_2/KI/K_2CO_3$ ¹⁸, N-halosuccinimide ($X = Cl, Br, I$)¹⁹, $Yb(OTf)_3$ ²⁰, PEG-100²¹, $(NH_4)_2H_2PWO_{40}$ ²² and palladium as well as microwave irradiation²³ and solid phase reactions²⁴ are reported in literature.

An alternative synthetic approach using $[Fe(III)/Fe(II)]$ redox mediated²⁵ oxidation of Schiff base intermediates derivative from o-phenylenediamines and various aromatic heterocyclic aldehyde gave the desired products.

Synthesized differently substituted benzimidazole in very good yield in Solvent free conditions from o-phenylenediamine and aldehydes in presence of BF_3OEt_2 as a catalyst the method is applicable to aromatic, unsaturated and aliphatic aldehydes and to substituted o-phenylenediamines without significant difference²⁶.

Synthesis of various benzimidazole derivatives under microwave irradiation from simple and substituted ortho phenelendiamine and isonicotinic acid using $\text{Si}_2/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ as catalyst.²⁷

Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) is introduced as effective catalyst for the selective synthesis of 2-aryl-1-arylmethyle-1H-1, 3-benzimidazole via condensation reaction of o-phenylenediamine derivative and aromatic aldehydes in ethanol/water at room temperature²⁸.

The use of Bismuth Chloride and rare earth metal triflates such as $[\text{Yb}(\text{OTf}_3)]$ and $[\text{Sc}(\text{OTf}_3)]$ have also been reported²⁹. But, synthesis of 2-substituted benzimidazole using Ti(IV) isopropoxide and cumene isopropoxide were recently reported³⁰.

Several of these reported procedures for the preparation of 2-substituted benzimidazole derivatives were neither versatile nor compatible with differently substituted starting materials.

They are associated with many practical difficulties for example, use of high temperature for the polyphosphoric acid mediated condensation reaction led to the formation of by-products and benzimidazoles in low yield.

EXPERIMENTAL

The melting points of all synthesized compound were recorded using hot paraffin bath and are uncorrected. ^1H NMR spectra (CDCl_3) were recorded on Bruker Advance II 400 NMR spectrophotometer using TMS as internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer-1800 FTIR spectrophotometer in the frequency range $4000\text{--}450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in Nujol mull and as KBr pellets. Mass spectra were recorded on a LC-MS Q-ToF Micro, Mass analyzer (Shimadzu). Chemicals used were of AR grade. The purity of the compound was checked on silica gel-G plates by TLC.

General procedure for the synthesis of 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzo imidazole (3a)

o-Phenylene diamine (1) (0.01 mole) and p- chlorobenzoic acid (2a) (0.01 mole) both in stoichiometric proportion were taken in ethanol as solvent in presence of NH_4Cl as a catalyst. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 80°C on hot plate. After the completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled and poured in the ice cold water. The granular solid was obtained. It was crystallized from the alcohol, yield 78.88%, m.p. 260°C .

IR(KBr) $\nu = 3190$ (-NH), $\nu = 1591$ (C=N), $\nu = 1424$ (C=C), $\nu = 1321$ (C-N), $\nu = 852$ 1,4-disub Aromatic ring and $\nu = 762$ 1,2-disub Aromatic ring cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) 8.19 ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 7.64$ ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 7.54$ ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 7.12$ ppm (2H, d, Ar-H). Mass (m/z) 229 (M^+).

Preparation of 2-(1H-benzo imidazol-2yl)- Phenol (3b)

o- phenylene diamine (1) (0.01 mole) and salicylic acid (2b) (0.01 mole) both in stoichiometric proportion were taken in ethanol as solvent in presence of NH_4Cl as catalyst. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 80°C on hot plate. After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled and poured in the ice cold water. The granular solid was obtained. It was crystallized from the alcohol, yield 79.18%, m.p. 120°C .

IR(KBr) $\nu = 3429$ (-NH), $\nu = 3360$ (-OH), $\nu = 1576$ (C=N), $\nu = 1453$ (C=C), $\nu = 1249$ (C-N), $\nu = 749$ 1,2-disub Aromatic ring cm^{-1} .

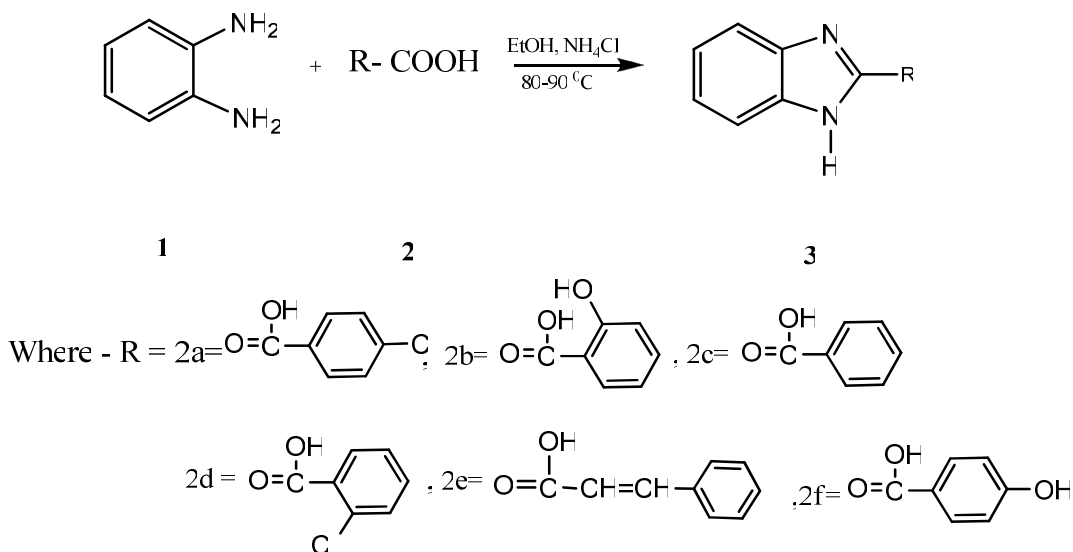
^1H NMR (CDCl_3) 8.00 ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 8.05$ ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 7.25$ ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 6.84$ ppm (2H, d, Ar-H), $\delta 4.22$ ppm (1H, s, O-H); Mass (m/z) 210 (M^+).

All other compounds (3c-e) were synthesized in similar manner by treatment of (1) with substituted aromatic acids (2c- e) respectively Table-1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In order to synthesize substituted Benzimidazole derivatives (3), a relatively more versatile yet simplified procedure was perceived. Our argument has been that an instantaneous condensation of o- phenylene diamine and aromatic acid at $80\text{--}90^\circ\text{C}$ to affords substituted Benzimidazole with the use of NH_4Cl as catalyst. The strategy worked well affording the desired product in respectable yields. (Table No.1), the

present reaction have been relatively faster, as anticipated, compared to those in conventional solution phase synthesis. It is necessary to mention that in all cases the conversion was never 100 %. Some amount of starting material recovered after each reaction.



Scheme-1

Table-1: Reaction of o-phenylene diamine (1) (0.01 mole) with different aromatic acids (2) (0.01 mole)

S. No.	Product (3)	-R (2a-e)	Yield (%)	Melting Point ⁰ C	Molecular Formula	Elemental analysis of N Found (Calcd.) (%)		
						C	H	N
1	3a	p-chlorobenzoic acid	78.88	260	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClN ₂	68.15 (68.28)	3.79 (3.97)	12.22 (12.25)
2	3b	Salicylic acid	79.18	120	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₂ O	73.80 (74.27)	4.21 (4.79)	13.00 (13.33)
3	3c	Benzoic acid	75.08	90	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₂	80.11 (80.39)	5.01 (5.19)	14.30 (14.42)
4	3d	o-Chloro benzoic acid	90.08	200	C ₁₃ H ₉ ClN ₂	68.15 (68.28)	3.79 (3.97)	12.22 (12.25)
5	3e	Cinnamic acid	72.15	170	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ N ₂	81.60 (81.79)	5.40 (5.49)	12.68 (12.72)
6	3f	p- Hydroxy benzoic acid	78.88	190	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ N ₂ O	73.95 (74.27)	4.21 (4.79)	13.00 (13.33)

CONCLUSION

In conclusion we have developed a simple methodology for the preparation of substituted Benzimidazole derivatives (3). The advantage of this method are extremely mild reaction conditions, short reaction time, high yield, simple experimental technique and compliance with green chemistry protocols.

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