

# SYNTHESIS OF 7-ETHOXY-3-METHYL-4H-1,4-BENZOTHAZINES

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## Abstract

Synthesis of 4H-1,4-benzothiazines is reported by the condensation of 5-ethoxy-2-aminobenzenethiol with  $\beta$ -diketones in DMSO. 2-Aminobenzenethiol readily oxidized to bis-(2-aminophenyl)disulfide which on reaction with  $\beta$ -diketones cyclizes to 4H-1,4-benzothiazines via intermediate formation of enaminoketones.

## Introduction

4H-1,4-benzothiazines derivatives possess a wide spectrum of biological activities similar to phenothiazines<sup>1,2</sup> due to the presence of a fold along nitrogen-sulfur axis which is structural specificity to impart pharmacological activities<sup>3-10</sup>. It is considered worthwhile to synthesize hitherto unknown benzothiazines to make them for pharmacological activities<sup>11-17</sup>.

## Result and Discussions

In the present work hitherto unknown 4H-1,4-benzothiazines have been synthesized by the condensation and oxidative cyclization of 2-amino-5-ethoxybenzenethiol **I** and active methylene compounds **III** in DMSO. Under the experimental conditions 2-aminobenzenethiol **I** is readily oxidized to bis-(2-aminophenyl)disulphide **II**. The reaction proceeds through the formation of an intermediate enaminoketones **V**. Due to high reactivity of  $\alpha$ -position of enaminoketones system **V** towards nucleophilic attack, they are cyclized to 4H-1,4-benzothiazines **VII** by the scission of sulphur-sulphur bond. 2-Amino-5-ethoxybenzenethiol required in the synthesis of benzothiazines has been synthesized by the hydrolytic cleavage of 2-amino-6-ethoxybenzenethiazole which was in turn prepared by the action of ammonium thiocyanate and bromine on p-phenitidine.

$\beta$ -Diketones exhibit keto- and enol tautomerism and two enolic forms **III** and **IV** are possible. Hence there is a possibility for the formation of two types of benzothiazines **VII** and **VIII** but only benzothiazine **VII** is obtained. Mass spectral investigation shows that the benzothiazines obtained contain  $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{O} \\ || \\ \text{R}-\text{C}- \end{smallmatrix}$  linkage (Fig. 1) which suggests the existence of tautomer **III** under the experimental

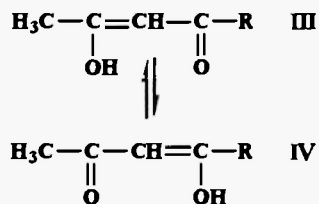
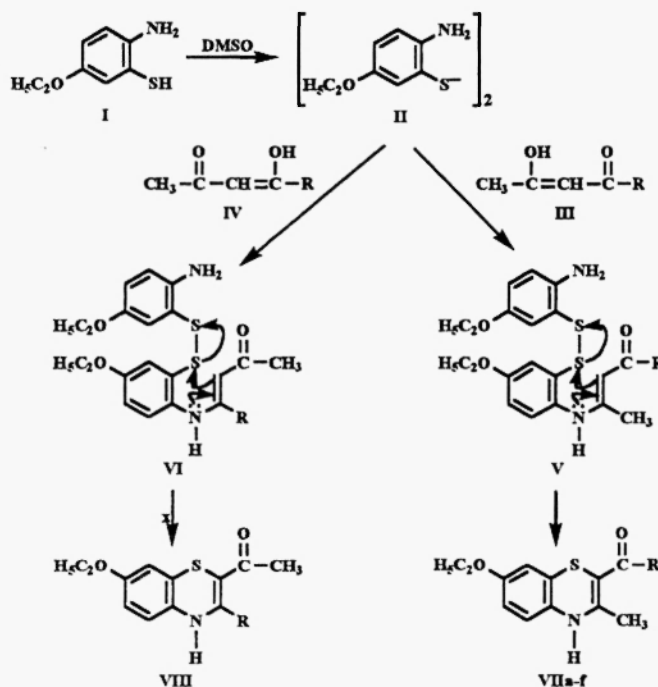


Fig. 1

conditions (employing DMSO a polar solvent) resulting in the formation of benzothiazines **VIIa-f** instead of **VIII** via the formation of an intermediate **V** (Scheme-1). All the synthesized benzothiazines show that molecular ion peaks are in accordance with their molecular weights.

VIIa R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>(m),VIIc R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>(p),VIIe R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br(m)VIIb R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>(p),VIId R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Cl(p),VIIf R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br(p)

Scheme 1.

### Infrared spectra

All the 4H-[1,4]-benzothiazines exhibit a single sharp peak in the region 3400-3280 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to N-H stretching vibrations. The sharp bands observed in the region 1620-1585 cm<sup>-1</sup> are attributed to C=O stretching vibrations of carbonyl group. 4H-1,4-benzothiazines (VIIa-c) exhibit two bands in the region 1480-1440 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1400-1370 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to C-H deformation vibrations of CH<sub>3</sub> group. The bands in the region 1270-1240 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1050-1010 cm<sup>-1</sup> appear in all benzothiazines having OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> group due to C-O-C asymmetric and symmetric vibrations. In compound VIIa-f having bromine atom shows a single peaks in region 690-660 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to C-Br stretching vibrations.

### Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of all synthesized substituted 7-ethoxy-3-methyl-4H-(1,4)-benzothiazines exhibit a single sharp peak in the region δ 9.725-8.12 ppm due to N-H proton. The multiplets observed in the region δ 8.530-5.37 ppm are attributed to the aromatic protons. All the benzothiazines exhibit resonance signal in the region δ 2.52-1.94 ppm due to allylic proton (C=C-CH<sub>3</sub>) at C<sub>3</sub>. Benzothiazines exhibit quartets and triplets in the region δ 4.52-3.76 ppm and 1.58-1.06 ppm due to CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub> protons of OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> group at C<sub>7</sub>. Compound VIIa exhibits a singlet at 2.09 due to CH<sub>3</sub> protons at 3-position of benzoyl side chain at C<sub>2</sub>. The quartets and triplets observed in the region δ 3.22-2.527 ppm and 1.78-1.230 ppm in the compounds VIIc can be assigned to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> group at para position of benzoyl side chain at C<sub>2</sub>. Compound VIId exhibits quartets and triplets in the region δ 4.58-3.62 ppm and δ 1.69-1.08 ppm due to CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub> protons of OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> group at para position of benzoyl side chain at C<sub>2</sub>.

## Experimental

All the melting points are uncorrected. The purity of synthesized compounds was tested by thin layer chromatography and characterised by spectral data.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on FT NMR Bruker DRX-300 MHz spectrometer in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  containing TMS as internal standard. The IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Magna FT IR spectrophotometer model 550 in KBr over the range of 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Mass spectra were scanned on Jeol D-300 mass spectrometer (Electron Ionisation Technique). Physical data of synthesized compounds are summarised in Table-I.

**Table 1 : Physical data of 4H-1,4-benzothiazines VIIa-f**

Compound						% Found (Calcd.)		
	R	M.P. °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	Molecular Weight	C	H	N
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
VIIa	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3(\text{m})$	170°C	79	$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$	325.38	70.69 (70.72)	5.82 (6.25)	4.28 (4.30)
VIIb	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}_2\text{H}_5(\text{p})$	81-83°C	89	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$	339	70.72 (70.76)	6.25 (6.23)	4.08 (4.12)
VIIc	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5(\text{p})$	89°C	66	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$	354.39	67.54 (67.58)	5.92 (5.95)	3.92 (3.94)
VIIId	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}(\text{p})$	81°C	80	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NSO}_2\text{Cl}$	345.85	62.54 (62.50)	4.61 (4.65)	4.08 (4.05)
VIIe	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Br}(\text{m})$	78°C	72	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2\text{SBr}$	389.35	55.48 (55.52)	4.16 (4.14)	3.57 (3.59)
VIIIf	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Br}(\text{p})$	65°C	75	$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NSO}_2\text{Br}$	389.35	55.44 (55.52)	4.08 (4.13)	3.56 (3.59)

## Synthesis of 4H-1,4-benzothiazines

2-Amino-5-ethoxybenzenethiol (0.01 mole) was added to a stirred suspension of  $\beta$ -diketones (0.01 mole) in DMSO (5 ml). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 40-50 min. The reaction mixture was concentrated, cooled down to room temperature and filtered. The product obtained was washed with petroleum ether and crystallized from methanol / solvent ether.

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