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## SYNTHESIS OF NEW FLUORINATED 4H-1,4-BENZOTHAZINES AS POSSIBLE ANTICANCER AGENTS

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### SUMMARY

A single-step synthesis for ring-fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines is reported by the condensation and oxidative cyclization of  $\beta$ -diketones with 2-amino-5-fluorobenzenethiol. The reaction is believed to proceed via an enaminoketone system.

### INTRODUCTION

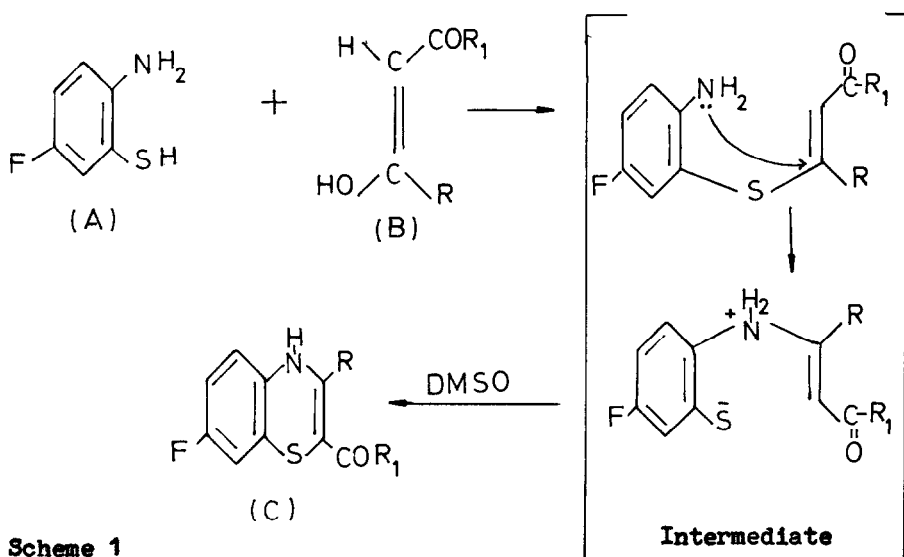
Benzothiazines find a number of applications in chemotherapy [1-7], dyes [8] and industry [9-12]. Such a wide spectrum of applications of benzothiazines has stimulated our interest to synthesize fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines via a simple and convenient method.

Fluorinated phenothiazines [13-16] (analogues of 4H-1,4-benzothiazines) are most effective drugs and we are designing fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines as possible anticancer agents.

The tremendous growth in the chemistry of organic fluorine compounds during the last few decades has been due to the unique properties conferred by the fluorine atom on molecules to which it is bonded. 5-Fluoro-uracil and 5-fluorotryptamine are highly effective drugs used in the treatment of cancer.

Keeping the above observations in view, the present investigation has been undertaken to develop a convenient method for the synthesis of new ring-fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines, so that they can be made available for screening their anticancer activities.

Condensation of 2-amino-5-fluorobenzenethiol with  $\beta$ -diketones in DMSO under reflux afforded ring-fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines. The reaction is believed to proceed through the formation of an intermediate enamino-ketone (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1

where  $R = \text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $R_1 = \text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl-p}$ ,

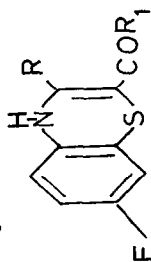
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CH}_3\text{-p}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OCH}_3\text{-p}$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All the melting points are uncorrected. The purity of the synthesized compounds was tested by thin layer chromatography. The infrared spectra of all the newly synthesized benzothiazines invariably showed an NH absorption in the region  $3260\text{--}3340\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and carbonyl absorption in the region  $1580\text{--}1620\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

TABLE 1

Physical data for fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines



Comp. No.	R	R <sub>1</sub>	M.p. °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	Colour	% Found			% Calcd		
							C	H	N	C	H	N
I	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	193	70	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NSFO	orange	59.08	4.46	6.31	59.19	4.48	6.27
II	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	194	65	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NSFO	orange	67.24	4.19	4.89	67.36	4.21	4.91
III	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl	217	72	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NSFOClO	red	60.17	4.35	3.42	60.09	4.38	3.44
IV	CH <sub>3</sub>	OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	160	60	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NSFO <sub>2</sub>	yellow	56.78	4.71	5.49	56.91	4.74	5.53
V	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	192	68	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NSFO <sub>2</sub>	dark red	64.63	4.42	4.47	64.76	4.44	4.44
VI	CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	187-8	63	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NSFO	red	68.09	4.65	4.72	68.22	4.68	4.68
VII	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	215	50	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NSFO	orange	72.48	4.01	4.06	72.62	4.03	4.03

The weak absorption bands in the region  $1360-1490\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are attributed to  $\text{C-CH}_3$  ring vibrations in all fluorinated benzothiazines. The nmr spectra of these benzothiazines exhibit a signal at  $\tau 0.80-1.5$  due to the NH proton and the multiplets in the region  $\tau 2.4-3.8$  are due to aromatic ring protons. The mass spectrum showed molecular ion peaks corresponding to their molecular weights. 2-Benzoyl-, p-chlorobenzoyl-, p-methylbenzoyl-, and p-methoxybenzoyl-4H-1,4-benzothiazines show peaks at  $m/z = M^+ - 105, 139, 119, 135$  (with high intensity, base peak).

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Preparation of 2-amino-5-fluorobenzenethiol

2-Amino-5-fluorobenzenethiol (m.p.  $82^\circ$ ) was prepared by hydrolytic cleavage of 2-amino-6-fluorobenzothiazole in the presence of sodium hydroxide [17] .

### Preparation of fluorinated 4H-1,4-benzothiazines

2-Amino-5-fluorobenzenethiol (A ; 0.01 mole) was added to the stirred suspension of  $\beta$ -diketone (B ; 0.01 mole) (acetylacetone, ethylacetoacetate, dibenzoylmethane, benzoylacetone, p-chlorobenzoylacetone, p-methylbenzoylacetone, p-methoxybenzoylacetone) in DMSO (5 ml) and the resulting mixture was heated for 30 minutes. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature and a solid substance separated, which was filtered and crystallized from methanol. The physical and analytical data of synthesized compounds are given in Table 1.

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