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*The inhibitory effects of a recently introduced series of N-phosphorylated/thiophosphorylated compounds on Aspergillus niger and Fusarium oxysporium were examined. The derivatives were obtained in good yield by reacting 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole with phosphorous oxychloride and thiophosphoryl chloride in different molar ratios (1:1, 2:1, and 3:1). Structure elucidation of all synthesized compounds was based on the data of elemental analysis, IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra.*

**Keywords** Antifungal; N-phosphorylated; structure elucidation

### INTRODUCTION

The reported biological activity of benzoxazoles<sup>1–3</sup> and organophosphorus compounds,<sup>4,5</sup> in conjunction with our previous lab work<sup>6</sup> stimulated our interest to synthesize several N-phosphorylated/thiophosphorylated derivatives of 2-substituted benzoxazole. The products were purified, characterized by elemental, NMR ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{31}\text{P}$ ), and IR spectral analysis, as well as tested for antifungal activity.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

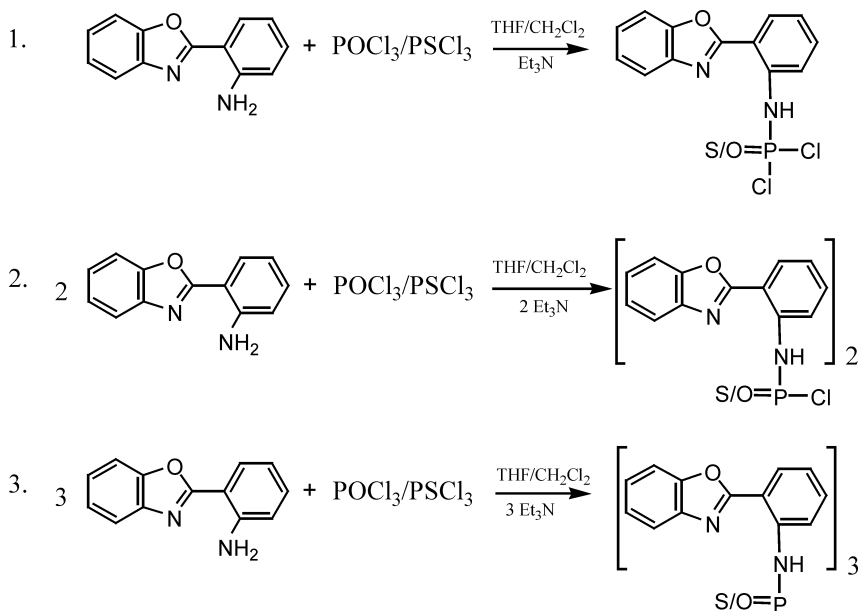
The NH-(phenylbenzoxazolyl-2) phosphorodichloridoamidate/phosphoro-dichloridoamidothioate, NH,NH-bis (phenylbenzoxazolyl-2) phosphorodiamido-chloridate/phosphorochloridodiamidothioate and NH, NH,NH-tri(phenylbenzoxazolyl-2) phosphorotriamidate/phosphorotriamidothioate were synthesized by the dropwise addition of

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$\text{POCl}_3/\text{PSCl}_3$  (0.001 mol) in a fast stirring ice-cold solution of 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole (0.001 mol, 0.002 mol, 0.003 mol respectively) in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of triethylamine in THF/methylene chloride (Scheme 1). Physical and elemental analysis data of all the compounds are listed in Table I.



**SCHEME 1**

## IR Spectra

N-phosphorylated/thiophosphorylated benzoxazole derivatives were analyzed by the appearance of  $\nu(\text{P}=\text{O})^8$  at  $1260\text{--}1270\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\nu(\text{P}\text{--}\text{N}\text{--}\text{C})^9$  at  $670\text{--}685\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $1080\text{--}1120\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\nu(\text{P}\text{--}\text{Cl})^{10}$  at  $515\text{--}610\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\nu(\text{P}\text{--}\text{NH})$  at  $2910\text{--}3135\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\nu(\text{P}=\text{S})$  at  $825\text{--}840\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $700\text{--}720\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and due to the disappearance of  $\text{Ar}\text{--}\text{NH}_2$  stretching vibration at  $3310\text{--}3400$  in 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole (Table II).

## $^1\text{H}$ NMR

Aromatic protons showed their signals at  $\delta$  7.1–8.2 ppm.  $\text{Ar}\text{--}\text{NH}_2$  proton signal disappeared which was found at  $\delta$  3.8 ppm and appeared at  $\delta$  5.8–6.0 ppm for  $\text{P}\text{--}\text{NH}^{11}$  of different derivatives (Table III).

TABLE I Physical Properties and Analytical Data of N-Phosphorylated and Thiophosphorylated Benzoxazole Derivatives

Reactants		Molar ratio of A:B	Compound	Melting point (°C)	R <sub>f</sub> value	Yield (%)	Analytical % Cal. (Found)					Molecular weight	
A	B						C	H	N	P	S		Cl
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	POCl <sub>3</sub>	1:1	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OP(O)Cl <sub>2</sub> (yellowish green)	204	0.68	54	47.73 (47.53)	2.77 (2.60)	8.56 (8.47)	9.47 (9.38)	—	21.68 (21.60)	327.08 (325.00)
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	PSCl <sub>3</sub>	1:1	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OP(S)Cl <sub>2</sub> (light yellow)	208	0.74	58	45.50 (45.27)	2.64 (2.70)	8.164 (8.22)	9.07 (9.15)	9.34 (9.20)	20.66 (20.61)	343.14 (341.12)
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	POCl <sub>3</sub>	2:1	(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> P(O)Cl (Brownish green)	213	0.67	52	62.35 (62.31)	3.62 (3.71)	11.18 (11.08)	6.18 (6.15)	—	7.08 (7.00)	500.88 (501.82)
C <sub>0,13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	PSCl <sub>3</sub>	2:1	(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> P(S)Cl (Brown)	219	0.73	57	60.41 (60.38)	3.51 (3.48)	10.84 (10.79)	6.00 (5.95)	6.20 (6.28)	6.86 (6.99)	516.95 (518.90)
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	POCl <sub>3</sub>	3:1	(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> P(O) (Brown)	222	0.70	53	69.43 (69.38)	4.03 (4.00)	12.46 (12.32)	4.59 (4.42)	—	—	674.66 (671.56)
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	PSCl <sub>3</sub>	3:1	(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> P(S) (Brown)	230	0.76	56	67.82 (67.72)	3.94 (3.89)	12.17 (12.20)	4.48 (4.54)	4.64 (4.70)	—	690.72 (692.64)

**TABLE II Assignment of Main IR Bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of Phosphorylated and Thiophosphorylated Derivatives of 2-(2'-Aminophenyl)benzoxazole**

Compound	$\nu(\text{P}=\text{S})$	$\nu(\text{P}-\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{P}-\text{N}-\text{C})$	$\nu(\text{P}-\text{Cl})$	$\nu(\text{P}-\text{NH})$
$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OP}(\text{O})\text{Cl}_2$	—	1265	1080	600 (asym)	3100
			670	618 (sym)	2910
$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OP}(\text{S})\text{Cl}_2$	825 (I)	—	1085	608 (asym)	3125
	700 (II)		675	520 (sym)	2927
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$	—	1268	1100	605 (asym)	3108
			675	515 (sym)	2916
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{Cl}$	830 (I)	—	1080	610 (asym)	3127
	715 (II)		680	518 (sym)	2922
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_3\text{P}(\text{O})$	—	1268	1120	—	3114
			678		2920
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_3\text{P}(\text{S})$	840 (I)	—	1100	—	3135
	712 (II)		685		2927

**<sup>31</sup>P NMR**

In <sup>31</sup>P NMR<sup>11</sup> spectra, only one <sup>31</sup>P resonance signal has been observed at  $\delta$  68.6–76.1 ppm (Table III).

**Fungicidal Activity**

All the compounds were screened for antifungal activity. Antifungal activities were screened against *Aspergillus niger* and *Fusarium oxysporium*. While screening Dithane M-45 was used as a standard. Radial Growth Method was used to a series of solution with different concentrations (50, 100, and 200 ppm) and it was found that synthesized N-phosphorylated/thiophosphorylated compounds are more toxic than the preliminary ligand 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole. Results are summarized in Table IV.

**TABLE III <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR Spectral Data of Phosphorylated and Thiophosphorylated Benzoxazole Derivatives**

Compound	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>31</sup> P NMR
$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OP}(\text{O})\text{Cl}_2$	7.5–8.2 (m, 8H, Ar- <b>H</b> ) 5.7 (d, 1H, P- <b>NH</b> )	75.3
$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{OP}(\text{S})\text{Cl}_2$	7.75–8.2 (m, 8H, Ar- <b>H</b> ) 5.6 (d, 1H, P- <b>NH</b> )	76.1
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Cl}$	7.2–8.2 (m, 16H, Ar- <b>H</b> ) 5.8 (d, 1H, P- <b>NH</b> )	71.1
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_2\text{P}(\text{S})\text{Cl}$	7.3–8.1 (m, 16H, Ar- <b>H</b> ) 5.6 (d, 1H, P- <b>NH</b> )	72.4
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_3\text{P}(\text{O})$	7.5–8.2 (m, 24H, Ar- <b>H</b> ) 6.0 (d, 1H, P- <b>NH</b> )	68.6
$(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}_2\text{O})_3\text{P}(\text{S})$	7.1–8.0 (m, 24H, Ar- <b>H</b> ) 5.7 (d, 1H, P- <b>NH</b> )	71.3

**TABLE IV Fungitoxic Screening Data of Organophosphorus Derivatives Containing 2-(2'-Aminophenyl)benzoxazole**

Compounds	Average % inhibition after 72 hs (Conc. in ppm)					
	Aspergillus niger			Fusarium oxysporium		
	50	100	200	50	100	200
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OP(O)Cl <sub>2</sub>	37.8	47.1	70.3	38.0	49.2	72.5
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OP(S)Cl <sub>2</sub>	39.2	55.1	73.9	37.2	57.1	78.2
(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> P(O)Cl	43.4	59.1	78.8	45.2	59.5	81.6
(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> P(S)Cl	50.4	64.5	82.1	50.8	65.7	85.3
(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> P(O)	62.4	70.1	85.6	66.7	74.5	88.2
(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> P(S)	70.6	82.3	92.5	72.5	86.1	93.6

## EXPERIMENTAL

All the chemicals and solvents were dried and distilled by common method before use. POCl<sub>3</sub>/PSCl<sub>3</sub> was purchased from Fluka. All operations involving phosphorus compounds were carried out in dry equipment under a nitrogen atmosphere. Melting points of all the compounds were determined by capillary method.

IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu 8400 S FTIR spectrophotometer in KBr discs in the region of 4000–4200 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL FX 90Q spectrophotometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent. Nitrogen was estimated by Kjeldahl's method. Phosphorus was estimated as ammonium phosphomolybdate. Chlorine was estimated volumetrically by Volhard's method.

## The Synthesis of the Ligand

The ligand 2-(2'-aminophenyl) benzoxazole was formed by the reported method.<sup>12</sup>

## Synthesis of NH-(phenylbenzoxazolyl-2)phosphorodichloridoamidate/Phosphoro-Dichloridoamidothioate

To the ice-cold solution of 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole (0.001 mol) in dry THF (30 ml) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.001 mol) in dry THF (20 ml) a solution of POCl<sub>3</sub>/PSCl<sub>3</sub> (0.001 mol) in dry THF (30 ml) was added dropwise by dropping funnel. After mixing the reactants, stirring was continued for 4 h at 0°C. Further, the reaction mixture was removed from the

ice-bath, and then it was refluxed further under nitrogen atmosphere for 14–16 h with continuous stirring. Then it was cooled and filtered through a closed sintered funnel to separate triethylamine hydrochloride ( $\text{Et}_3\text{N} \cdot \text{HCl}$ ) formed during the reaction. The filtrate was then concentrated to one fourth of its volume under reduced pressure and kept for crystallization in a vacuum desiccator for 2 days. The product was recrystallized in ethanol and dried in vacuo.

### Synthesis of NH,NH-bis(phenylbenzoxazolyl-2)phosphorodiamidochlorodate/Phosphorochloridodiamidothioate

In a fast stirring solution of 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole (0.002 mol) in dry THF (30 ml) and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (0.002 mol) in dry THF (30 ml), a solution of  $\text{POCl}_3/\text{PSCl}_3$  (0.001 mol) in dry THF (30 ml) was added dropwise by dropping funnel. Then the reaction was carried out in a manner similar to described above. The product was recrystallized in ethanol and dried in vacuo.

### Synthesis of NH,NH,NH-tris(phenylbenzoxazolyl-2)phosphorotriamidate/Phosphorotriamidothioate

The solution of  $\text{POCl}_3/\text{PSCl}_3$  (0.001 mol) in dry THF (30 ml) was added dropwise in a fast stirring ice-cold solution of 2-(2'-aminophenyl)benzoxazole (0.003 mol) in dry THF (20 ml). Then the reaction was carried out in a manner similar to described above. The product was recrystallized in ethanol and dried in vacuo.

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