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Condensation of isonicotinaldehyde with 4-aminodiphenyl sulfides **I** and/or sulfones **II** gave 4-[*N*-(*p*-(diaryl/thio))formimidoyl]-pyridine **III** and/or 4-[*N*-(*p*-(diarylsulfonyl))-formimidoyl]pyridine **IV**. Cyclocondensation of mercaptoacetic acid on **III** and **IV** gave 3-[*p*-(diarylthio)]-2-(4-pyridyl)-4-thiazolidinones **V** and 3-[*p*-(diarylsulfonyl)]-2-(4-pyridyl)-4-thiazolidinones **VI** respectively. (Hetero/arylthio)-*N*-(6-methyl-2-pyridyl)-acetamides **VIII** have been synthesised via interaction of 6-methyl-2-chloroacetamido-pyridine **VII** with heterocyclic and/or aromatic mercaptans. Reaction of **VII** with piperidine and/or morpholine affords (**IX**). Biological activities of these compounds were tested.

Key words: Synthesis; antibacterial activity diarylsulfide and diarylsulfone; 4-thiazolidinones; pyridines.

The diverse pharmacological activities of pyridines^{1–3} stimulated our interest for the synthesis of new derivatives of this ring system. It was of interest to incorporate pyridine nucleus into the well-known antibacterial fragments diaryl-sulfide, diarylsulfone and/or 4-thiazolidinone which have a wide application in the therapy of functional diseases.^{4–9} Moreover molecular modification of the new combined molecule might lead to products of therapeutic significance.

In the present investigation different types of the hitherto unreported diarylsulfides and/or sulfones with heterocyclic moieties were prepared. 4-Aminodiaryl sulfides **I** and 4-aminodiaryl sulfones **II** were condensed with isonicotinaldehyde to give the corresponding 4-[*N*-(*p*-(diarylthio))-formimidoyl]pyridine **III** and 4-[*N*-(*p*-(diarylsulfonyl))-formimidoyl]pyridine **IV**. Table I presents the data. IR spectra of **III** and **IV** showed a band at $\sim 1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for C=N group. Products of the cyclocondensation reaction of **III** and/or **IV** with thioglycolic acid were identified as 3-[*p*-(diarylthio)]-2-(4-pyridyl)-4-thiazolidinones **V** and 3-[*p*-(diarylsulphonyl)]-2-(4-pyridyl)-4-thiazolidinones **VI** on the basis of their microanalytical data (Table II) and infrared spectra which showed bands at $\sim 1740\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for

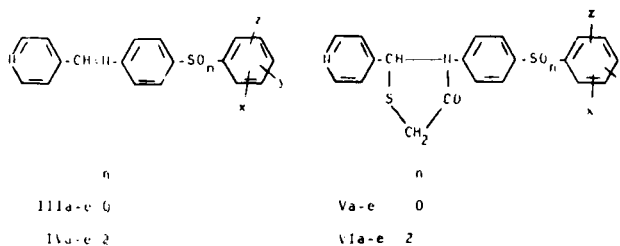
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TABLE I
 Physical data for compounds III and IV

Compd. no.	Crystn. solvent	X	Y	Z	m.p. °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	Anal.* calcd./found		
								C	H	N
IIIa	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	6-H	225	64	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₄ S	56.84	3.15	14.73
IIIb	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-Br	6-H	156	42	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ O ₂ S	56.79	3.16	14.51
IIIc	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-Cl	6-H	176	61	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O ₂ S	52.17	2.89	10.14
IIId	Me ₂ CO	2-NO ₂	4-CF ₃	6-NO ₂	176	61	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O ₂ S	52.13	2.82	10.01
IIIe	EtOH/H ₂ O	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	5-F	176	61	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O ₂ S	58.46	3.24	11.36
IVa	CH ₃ CO ₂ H	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	6-H	202	45	C ₁₉ H ₁₁ F ₃ N ₄ O ₄ S	58.40	3.12	11.21
IVb	Me ₂ CO	2-NO ₂	4-Br	6-H	202	45	C ₁₉ H ₁₁ F ₃ N ₄ O ₄ S	50.89	2.45	12.49
IVc	Me ₂ CO	2-NO ₂	4-Br	6-H	119	69	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ FN ₄ O ₄ S	50.70	2.41	12.40
IVd	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	5-F	119	69	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ FN ₄ O ₄ S	54.27	2.76	14.07
IVe	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	5-F	119	69	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ FN ₄ O ₄ S	54.21	2.69	14.05
IVa	CH ₃ CO ₂ H	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	6-H	179	36	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₆ S	52.43	2.91	13.59
IVb	Me ₂ CO	2-NO ₂	4-Br	6-H	279	50	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ BrN ₃ O ₄ S	52.38	2.90	13.50
IVc	Me ₂ CO	2-NO ₂	4-Cl	6-H	302	41	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O ₄ S	48.43	2.69	9.42
IVd	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-CF ₃	6-NO ₂	280	69	C ₁₉ H ₁₁ F ₃ N ₄ O ₆ S	48.39	2.68	9.59
IVe	EtOH	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	5-F	240	47	C ₁₈ H ₁₁ FN ₄ O ₆ S	53.79	2.98	10.46
								53.63	2.98	10.41
								47.50	2.29	11.66
								47.41	2.28	11.60
								50.23	2.55	13.06
								50.18	2.56	13.01

* Satisfactory analyses for S, Br and Cl were also obtained.

C=O, and compounds VI exhibited bands at ~ 1350 and ~ 1330 cm⁻¹ for SO₂ group.



(For X, Y and Z, Tables I and II).

Furthermore, chloroacetylation of 6-methyl-2-amino-pyridine in dry benzene gave 6-methyl-2-chloroacetamidopyridine VII which was reacted with various heterocyclic or aromatic thiols to form (hetero/arylthio)-N-(6-methyl-2-pyridinyl)acetamides VIII. The structures of these compounds were established on the basis of their correct elemental analyses (Table III) and IR spectral data which showed a band at ~ 3400 cm⁻¹ for N-H, at ~ 1700 cm⁻¹ assigned to secondary amide C=O. The NMR spectrum of 2-(2-benzthiazolylthio)-N-(6-methyl-2-pyridinyl) acetamide VIIIc showed resonances at δ : 2.3 (S, 3H, CH₃),

TABLE II
Physical data for compounds V and VI

Comp. no.	Crystn. solvent	X	Y	Z	M.P. °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	Anal.* calcd./found		
								C	H	N
Va	EtOH/ether	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	6-H	133	71	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₅ S ₂	52.86	3.08	12.33
Vb	EtOH/ether	2-NO ₂	4-Br	6-H	173	60	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	52.80	3.06	12.63
Vc	C ₆ H ₆	2-NO ₂	4-Cl	6-H	144	75	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	49.18	2.86	8.60
Vd	CHCl ₃	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	6-NO ₂	190	45	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	49.10	2.83	8.51
Ve	C ₆ H ₆	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	5-F	161	55	C ₂₀ H ₁₃ F ₃ N ₄ O ₅ S ₂	54.11	3.15	9.47
Vla	EtOH/ether	2-NO ₂	4-Br	6-H	215	50	C ₂₀ H ₁₃ FN ₄ O ₅ S ₂	54.01	3.16	9.46
Vlb	C ₆ H ₆	2-NO ₂	4-Cl	6-H	200 (decomp.)	66	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	48.28	2.49	10.72
Vlc	EtOH/ether	2-NO ₂	4-NO ₂	6-NO ₂	210 (decomp.)	53	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	48.23	2.48	10.71
							C ₂₀ H ₁₃ FN ₄ O ₅ S ₂	50.83	2.75	11.86
							C ₂₀ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	50.61	2.73	11.81
							C ₂₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	46.15	2.69	8.07
							C ₂₀ H ₁₃ FN ₄ O ₅ S ₂	46.41	2.69	8.08
							C ₂₀ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	50.47	2.94	8.83
							C ₂₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₅ S ₂	50.42	2.90	8.88
							C ₂₀ H ₁₃ F ₃ N ₄ O ₇ S ₂	45.56	2.35	10.12
								45.44	2.33	10.16

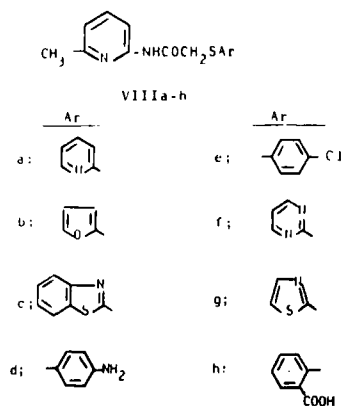
* Satisfactory analyses for S, Br and Cl were obtained.

TABLE III
Physical data for compound VIII

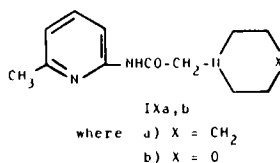
Comp. no.	Crystn. solvent	M.P. °C	Yield %	Molecular Formula	Anal.* Calcd./found		
					C	H	N
VIIIa	EtOH	54	66	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ N ₃ OS	60.23 60.19	5.02 5.01	16.20 16.34
VIIIb	Me ₂ CO	99	60	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₂ S	58.06 58.28	4.83 4.89	11.29 11.11
VIIIc	EtOH	111	65	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₃ OS ₂	57.14 57.09	4.12 4.01	13.33 13.20
VIIId	MeOH	66	38	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ N ₃ OS	61.54 61.49	5.49 5.41	15.39 15.30
VIIIe	EtOH	55	50	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ OS	57.44 57.12	4.44 4.36	9.57 9.50
VIIIf	Me ₂ CO	159	39	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₄ OS	55.38 55.52	4.62 4.68	21.52 21.31
VIIIg	EtOH	134	48	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₃ OS	49.81 49.77	4.15 4.14	15.85 15.71
VIIIh	EtOH	260	50	C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃ S	59.60 59.69	4.64 4.60	9.27 9.20

* Satisfactory analyses for S were also obtained.

4.3 (S, 2H, —CH₂—), 6.8–8.1 (m, 7H, aromatic 4 benzthiazole H and 3 pyridine H) and 10.1 ppm (S, 1H, NH—). The latter disappeared by D₂O treatment.



Many derivatives containing the aminoacylamide grouping are active as local anesthetics.^{10,11} We therefore reacted VII with excess piperidine and morpholine to give IXa,b in moderate yield. The structures were established on the basis of their elemental analyses and Ir spectra.



Antimicrobial Activities

The antimicrobial activities of the prepared compounds against a variety of microbes were tested at concentration 0.1 Mg/ml in ethylene glycol by the paper disc technique.¹² These microorganisms include Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria. The bacteria used were: *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Serratia marcescens*. Results showed that all tested compounds exhibited stronger activity on both the two first organisms than the latter ones. Table IV illustrates the data.

TABLE IV
Antibacterial activities of some selected compounds

Comp. no.	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	<i>Staphyloc. aureus</i>	<i>Escherich. coli</i>	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>
IIIa	+++	++	+++	++
IIIb	+++	++	+++	++
IIIc	++++	++	+	++
IVa	++++	+++	++	+++
IVb	+++	++	+	++
IVc	+++	+++	++	++
Vb	+	+	++	++
Vc	+	++	+	++
Vd	++++	++++	+	++
Ve	++	++	+	+
VIa	++	++	+	+
VIb	+++	++	++	++
VIc	+++	++	+	+
VIIIa	+++	+++	++	++
VIIIb	++++	+++	++	+
VIIIc	++++	++++	+++	+

Strong effect (++++); medium effect (+++); fair effect (++); low effect (+).

EXPERIMENTAL

The time required for the completion of a reaction, and the purity of the products were determined by T.L.C. using solvent system: **I** = benzene-ethanol (4:1); **II** = benzene-ethanol (8:1); **III** = benzene-dioxan (7:3 v/v). Melting points are uncorrected. Ir spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 137B spectrophotometer using KBr Wafer technique. NMR-spectra were obtained in deuterated chloroform solutions with a Varian A-60 spectrometer.

4-[N-(p-(diarylthio))formimidoyl]pyridine III and 4-[N-(p-(diarylsulfonyl))formimidoyl]pyridine IV. These were obtained by heating **I** and/or **II** (0.01 mole) with a slight excess of isonicotinylaldehyde for $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 hr., or by heating the reaction mixture in dimethyl sulphoxide for 1 hr. The reaction mixture was left overnight and treated with ethanol, filtered and purified by crystallization from the appropriate solvent, (Table I).

4-Thiazolidinones V and VI. A solution of **IV** and/or **V** (0.001 mole) and mercaptoacetic acid (0.001 mole) in dry benzene or dioxan (30 ml) was refluxed for 5-30 hr. water was removed by a Dean-Stark trap. Solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure and the product separated and purified (Table II).

6-Methyl-2-chlorooctamidopyridine VII. To a well stirred, cooled, mixture of 2-amino-6-methylpyridine (10.8 g, 0.1 mole) in dry benzene (50 ml), a solution of chloroacetyl chloride (11.3 g, 0.1 mole) in dry benzene (20 ml) was added dropwise during $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. The reaction mixture was stirred for

1 hr, and dissolved in Na_2CO_3 solution. The mixture was cooled and the product collected, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol, yield (9.2 g, 50%), m.p. 87–89°C.

Anal. Calc. for: $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$; C, 52.03; H, 4.87; Cl, 19.24. Found; C, 52.10; H, 4.85; Cl, 19.39%.

(Hetero/arylthio)-N-(6-methyl-2-pyridyl)acetamides (VIII). Reaction of hetero and/or aryl mercaptan (0.002 mole) with alcoholic KOH (0.002 mole) gave the corresponding salt. This was added to VII (0.002 mole) in absolute ethanol (20 ml) and the mixture was refluxed for 5–37 hours, cooled and poured on ice-water. The precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized. In certain cases, the solvent was removed from the reaction mixture by vacuum distillation, the residue was washed with water and purified. Table III presents the data.

Reaction of 6-methyl-2-chloroacetamidopyridine with piperidine or morpholine. Compound VII (0.002 mole) was dissolved in dioxan (20 ml) and refluxed with excess of the amine (0.006 mole) for 4 hours. The amine hydrochloride was filtered off and the filtrate; cooled the precipitate was collected and crystallized from ethanol to give IXa,b; yields 68 and 55% m.p. 55–56°C and 65–67°C respectively.

Anal. Calcd. for IXa, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: C, 66.95; H, 8.14; N, 18.03. Found: C, 66.90; H, 8.19; N, 18.17%.

Anal. Calcd. for IXb, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$: C, 61.80; H, 7.23; N, 17.86. Found: C, 61.35; H, 7.26; N, 17.68%.

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