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*The 4-Thiazolidinone derivatives of phenophosphazines were synthesized by a reaction of Schiff base derivative of phenophosphazine with Thyoglycollic acid in molar ratio of 1:3 using DMF as solvent. Possible structures have been proposed based on elemental analysis, IR and ^1H NMR spectral studies. The antibacterial and antifungal activities of these derivatives have been evaluated against pathogens *E. coli*, *S. typhi*, *S. aureus*, *B. subtilis*, *A. niger*, and *C. Albicans*.*

Keywords Antibacterial activity; Antifungal activity; Phenophosphazine; Thiazolidinone

INTRODUCTION

Phosphorus has important and multifaceted functions in the biochemistry of the body. It is ubiquitous in an anatomical term and is of great importance in a host of reactions throughout virtually all organs and tissues. The unexpected relationship between the antibacterial activity and the aggregation behavior in aqueous solution (i.e., lyotropic liquid-crystalline properties) was revealed through systematic studies on the antibacterial activity of the phosphonium salts as a novel class of cationic biocides.¹ Organophosphorus compounds are associated with antiviral,² anticancer,³ antifungal,^{4–7} and antibacterial^{4–7} activities. These observations encouraged us to synthesize the above derivatives, as Schiff bases and thiazolidinone derivatives themselves have good antibacterial and antifungal activities.

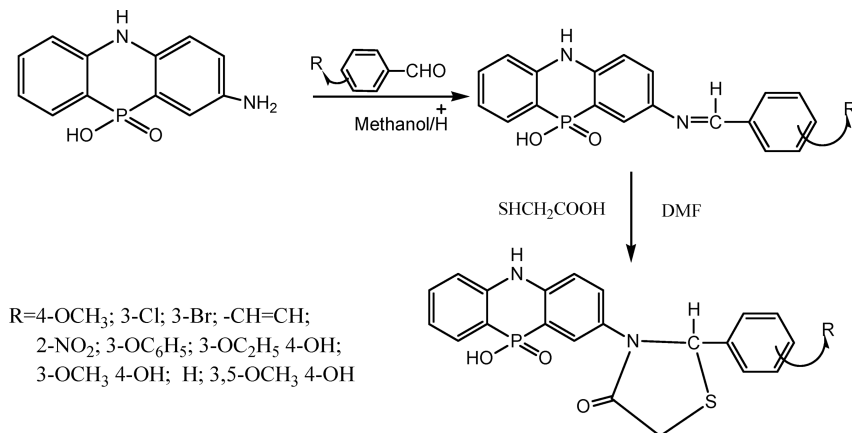
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

2-amino-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10 λ^5 -phenophosphazin-10-ol and substituted aromatic aldehydes were taken in 1:1 molar ratio in presence

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of methanol as solvent to yield 2-[(substituted benzylidene)-amino]-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10- λ^5 -phenophosphazin-10-ol which was subsequently reacted with Thioglycolic acid in molar ratio of 1:3 using DMF as solvent to give corresponding 3-(10-hydroxy-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10- λ^5 -phenophosphazin-2-yl)-2-(substituted phenyl)-thiazolidin-4-one (Scheme 1). Physical and analytical details of the compounds are given in Table I.



SCHEME 1

IR SPECTRA

The formation of Schiff base derivatives was identified by the disappearance of ν (N—H) absorption band at 1250–1340 cm^{-1} and thiazolidinone derivatives were identified by the disappearance of ν (C = N) stretching vibration at 1595–1610 cm^{-1} present in monoamino and Schiff base derivatives respectively. Moreover the ν (C = O) stretching vibration was observed at 1710–1750 cm^{-1} . The ν (C—S—C) stretching vibration and was observed at 700–750 cm^{-1} , which proves thiazolidinone nucleus. In phenophosphazine derivatives characteristic stretching vibration ν (P = O)⁸ appeared at 1240–1250 cm^{-1} and ν (P—OH)⁹ appeared at 910–1040 cm^{-1} (Table II).

NMR SPECTRA

¹H NMR spectra of 2-[(substituted benzylidene)-amino]-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10- λ^5 -phenophosphazin-10-ol showed a benzylideneimine proton signal at δ 8.35 as singlet, which disappeared in thiazolidinone

TABLE I Analytical Data of 3-(10-Hydroxy-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10 λ^5 -phenophosphazin-2-yl)-2-(Substituted Phenyl)-Thiazolidin-4-One Compounds

| Comp. no. | Molecular formula | Yield % | M.P. °C | Analysis % Found (Calc.) | | | | | Molecular weight |
|-----------|--|---------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| | | | | C | H | N | S | P | |
| SN-01 | C ₂₂ H ₁₉ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 80.0 | >300 | 60.28 (60.27) | 4.39 (4.37) | 6.40 (6.39) | 7.31 (7.29) | 7.06 (7.05) | 438.437 |
| SN-02 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂ PClS | 79.2 | >300 | 56.96 (56.95) | 3.66 (3.64) | 6.32 (6.33) | 7.24 (7.23) | 6.99 (6.98) | 442.856 |
| SN-03 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂ PBrS | 76.4 | >300 | 51.75 (51.76) | 3.32 (3.31) | 5.74 (5.75) | 6.58 (6.56) | 6.36 (6.34) | 487.307 |
| SN-04 | C ₂₃ H ₁₉ O ₃ N ₂ PS | 73.9 | >300 | 63.60 (63.59) | 4.42 (4.41) | 6.46 (6.45) | 7.38 (7.39) | 7.13 (7.15) | 434.448 |
| SN-05 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₅ N ₃ PS | 75.2 | >300 | 55.62 (55.63) | 3.57 (3.56) | 9.25 (9.27) | 7.07 (7.05) | 6.83 (6.82) | 453.409 |
| SN-06 | C ₂₇ H ₂₁ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 86.4 | 292 | 64.80 (64.79) | 4.22 (4.23) | 5.61 (5.60) | 6.41 (6.40) | 6.19 (6.18) | 500.506 |
| SN-07 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ O ₅ N ₂ PS | 84.5 | 250 | 58.96 (58.97) | 4.53 (4.52) | 5.96 (5.98) | 6.84 (6.83) | 6.61 (6.59) | 468.463 |
| SN-08 | C ₂₂ H ₁₉ O ₅ N ₂ PS | 83.9 | 295 | 58.14 (58.15) | 4.20 (4.21) | 6.14 (6.16) | 7.06 (7.05) | 6.82 (6.81) | 454.437 |
| SN-09 | C ₂₁ H ₁₇ O ₃ N ₂ PS | 86.4 | 198 | 61.77 (61.76) | 4.22 (4.20) | 6.85 (6.86) | 7.85 (7.87) | 7.58 (7.56) | 408.411 |
| SN-10 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ O ₆ N ₂ PS | 87.5 | >300 | 57.04 (57.02) | 4.35 (4.37) | 5.79 (5.78) | 6.62 (6.61) | 6.39 (6.40) | 484.462 |

TABLE II Assignment of Main IR Bands (cm^{-1}) of Thiazolidinone Derivatives of Phenolphosphazine Compounds

| Comp. no. | Molecular formula | R | (C \equiv O) str. | (C-S-C) str. | (C-N) str. | (CH=CH) str. | (N-H) str. | (N-C-N) str. | (P=O) str. | (N=O) str. | (P-OH) str. | (C-Cl) str. | (C-Br) str. |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| SN-01 | C ₂₂ H ₁₉ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 4-OCH ₃ | 1717 | 705 | 1015 | 1392 | 3225 | 1312 | 1245 | — | 911 | — | — |
| SN-02 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂ PClS | 3-Cl | 1742 | 716 | 1021 | 1412 | 3450 | 1320 | 1426 | — | 1040 | 752 | — |
| SN-03 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂ PBrS | 3-Br | 1751 | 753 | 1025 | 1410 | 3365 | 1315 | 1248 | — | 1035 | — | 596 |
| SN-04 | C ₂₃ H ₁₉ O ₃ N ₂ PS | CH=CH | 1718 | 729 | 1014 | 1395 | 3325 | 1318 | 1246 | — | 926 | — | — |
| SN-05 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₃ PS | 2-NO ₂ | 1723 | 744 | 1023 | 1401 | 3450 | 1320 | 1255 | 1530 | 990 | — | — |
| SN-06 | C ₂₇ H ₂₁ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 3-OC ₃ H ₅ | 1714 | 729 | 1028 | 1412 | 3500 | 1318 | 1254 | — | 1021 | — | — |
| SN-07 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 3-OC ₂ H ₅ 4-OH | 1730 | 738 | 1027 | 1420 | 3221 | 1319 | 1249 | — | 1035 | — | — |
| SN-08 | C ₂₂ H ₁₉ O ₃ N ₂ PS | 3-OCH ₃ 4-OH | 1748 | 700 | 1024 | 1398 | 3265 | 1314 | 1249 | — | 976 | — | — |
| SN-09 | C ₂₁ H ₁₇ O ₃ N ₂ PS | H | 1739.6 | 711.6 | 1028 | 1406 | 3295 | 1313 | 1254 | — | 922 | — | — |
| SN-10 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 3,5-OCH ₃ 4-OH | 1715.2 | 745.6 | 1030 | 1412 | 3482 | 1312 | 1253 | — | 1011 | — | — |

TABLE III Antimicrobial Screening Data of Phenolphosphazine Derivatives Containing Substituted Thiazolidinones

| Comp. no. | Molecular formula | Compound dose : 50 ppm | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| | | Zone of inhibition in mm | | | | | | |
| | | S. Aureus | B. Subtilis | E. coli | S. typhi | C. Albicans | A. niger | |
| SN-01 | C ₂₃ H ₁₉ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 6.0 | 14.5 | 5.5 | 12.0 | 9.5 | 5.0 | |
| SN-02 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂ PCIS | 5.5 | 11.5 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 6.5 | 4.5 | |
| SN-03 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂ PBrS | 10.0 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 9.1 | |
| SN-04 | C ₂₃ H ₁₉ O ₃ N ₂ PS | 7.0 | 14.5 | 6.5 | 12.0 | 9.5 | 6.0 | |
| SN-05 | C ₂₁ H ₁₆ O ₅ N ₃ PS | 11.0 | 18.5 | 10.5 | 16.0 | 13.5 | 10.0 | |
| SN-06 | C ₂₇ H ₂₁ O ₄ N ₂ PS | 13.0 | 20.5 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 15.5 | 11.5 | |
| SN-07 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ O ₅ N ₂ PS | 11.5 | 17.0 | 11.0 | 14.5 | 12.0 | 10.5 | |
| SN-08 | C ₂₂ H ₁₉ O ₅ N ₂ PS | 10.0 | 14.0 | 9.5 | 11.5 | 9.0 | 9.0 | |
| SN-09 | C ₂₁ H ₁₇ O ₃ N ₂ PS | 15.0 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 9.5 | 7.0 | 5.5 | |
| SN-10 | C ₂₃ H ₂₁ O ₆ N ₂ PS | 9.0 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 8.0 | |
| Streptomycin (Standard drug) | — | 30 | 30 | 30 | +30 | — | — | |
| Cotrimazole (Standard drug) | — | — | — | — | — | 31 | 31 | |

derivative. Instead of that, a characteristic proton signal at δ 5.90 appeared showing the presence of N—CH group. A proton signal at δ 2.0 was observed as singlet in each compound confirming the presence of P—OH. The other signals were observed in accordance with the substituent groups and confirming their presence which are summarized in Table IV.

TABLE IV Assignment of Main ^1H NMR Bands (δ) of Thiazolidinone Derivatives of Phenophosphazine Compounds

| Comp. no. | Molecular formula | R | Assignments (δ) |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| SN-01 | $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | 4- OCH_3 | 3.8(s, 1H, N-H); 1.9(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.90(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.37(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 3.71(t, 3H, C- OCH_3); 6.5–7.0(m, 11H, Aromatic) |
| SN-02 | $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{PClS}$ | 3-Cl | 3.6(s, 1H, N-H); 2.0(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.91(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.36(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 6.5–7.08(m, 11H, Aromatic) |
| SN-03 | $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{PBrS}$ | 3-Br | 3.7(s, 1H, N-H); 1.8(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.88(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.40(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 6.5–7.24(m, 11H, Aromatic) |
| SN-04 | $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | CH=CH | 3.8(s, 1H, N-H); 1.8(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.95(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.39(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 7.59(s, 1H, C-CH); 6.5–7.65(m, 12H, Aromatic) |
| SN-05 | $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{N}_3\text{PS}$ | 2- NO_2 | 3.65(s, 1H, N-H); 1.7(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.92(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.36(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 6.5–8.07(m, 11H, Aromatic) |
| SN-06 | $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | 3- OC_6H_5 | 3.8(s, 1H, N-H); 1.9(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.90(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.37(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 6.5–7.21(m, 16H, Aromatic) |
| SN-07 | $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | 3- OC_2H_5 4-OH | 3.7(s, 1H, N-H); 2.0(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.91(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.37(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 3.96(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 4.9(s, 1H, C-OH); 1.32(t, 3H, C- CH_3); 6.5–7.0(m, 9H, Aromatic) |
| SN-08 | $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | 3- OCH_3 4-OH | 3.6(s, 1H, N-H); 1.9(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.90(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.37(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 3.72(t, 3H, C- OCH_3); 5.1(s, 1H, C-OH); 6.5–7.2(m, 9H, Aromatic) |
| SN-09 | $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | H | 3.8(s, 1H, N-H); 1.7(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.93(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.37(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 6.5–7.14(m, 12H, Aromatic) |
| SN-10 | $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2\text{PS}$ | 3,5- OCH_3 4-OH | 3.7(s, 1H, N-H); 1.9(s, 1H, P-OH); 5.90(s, 1H, N-CH); 3.37(d, 2H, C- CH_2); 3.74(t, 3H, C- OCH_3); 4.7(s, 1H, C-OH); 6.5–7.1(m, 8H, Aromatic) |

ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

Antimicrobial activity was carried out for the synthesized test compounds using Agar Cup method^{10,11} which used Mueller-Hinton agar and Sabouraud Dextrose agar (pH-7.3 \pm 0.2 at 25°C) for bacterial and fungal activity respectively and a dose of 50 ppm. Results of the antibacterial and antifungal activities measured as zone of inhibition (mm) for thiazolidinone derivatives of phenophosphazines against *S aureus* and *B Subtilis* (gram positive bacteria), *E coli* and *S Typhi* (gram negative bacteria), *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus niger* (fungus) are summarized in Table III. The antimicrobial activities of these compounds were found to be exceeding than the corresponding Schiff base¹² derivatives of phenophosphazine. These compounds were compared to commercial antibacterial and antifungal drugs like Streptomycin and Cotrimazole. Among all the compounds, the antibacterial activity against *B Subtilis* was more prevalent. Compound SN-09 showed promising activity against *S Aureus* (50%) and Compound SN-06 showed promising activity against *B Subtilis* (68.3%), *E coli* (40%), *S Typhi* (60%), *C albicans* (50%) and *A niger* (37.1%) respectively as compared to the standard drugs.

EXPERIMENTAL

All commercial reagents and solvents were dried and distilled by common methods before use. Melting points were determined by capillary method and are uncorrected. The operations involving phosphorus compounds were carried out in dry equipment in nitrogen atmosphere. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer 577 grating spectrometer in KBr discs in the region of 4000-200 cm⁻¹. NMR were recorded on JEOL FX-90Q spectrophotometer using CDCl₃ as solvent.

Synthesis of 3-(10-hydroxy-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10 λ^5 -phenophosphazin-2-yl)-2-(substituted phenyl)-thiazolidin-4-one

In a 250 ml round bottom flask, 2-[(4'-methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]-10-oxo-5,10-dihydro-10- λ^5 -phenophosphazin-10-ol (3.6433 g, 10 mmol) and thioglycolic acid (2.76 g, 30 m mol) were dissolved in DMF (60 ml) as a solvent. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 10–12 h. Excess of solvent was then removed by distillation and cooled. The solid thus separated was filtered, washed, dried, and recrystallized with glacial acetic acid. The process was repeated using different substituted Schiff bases (10 mmol) to obtain different compounds.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded from the above synthetic work that phosphorus if incorporated with the standard antimicrobial agents may enhance their activities. The results at primitive stage are satisfactory and it may be thought that phosphorus- containing antimicrobials may cover the broad spectrum in antimicrobial world.

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