

## SYNTHESIS OF 10H-PHENOTHIAZINE AND 4H-1,4-BENZOTHIAZINE SULFONES

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**Abstract :** Synthesis of phenothiazine and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones is reported by the oxidation of phenothiazines and 4H-1,4-benzothiazines respectively by 30% hydrogen peroxide in glacial acetic acid. The purity of the compounds has been checked by thin layer chromatography using various non-aqueous solvent systems. IR and NMR spectral studies have also been included.

### Introduction

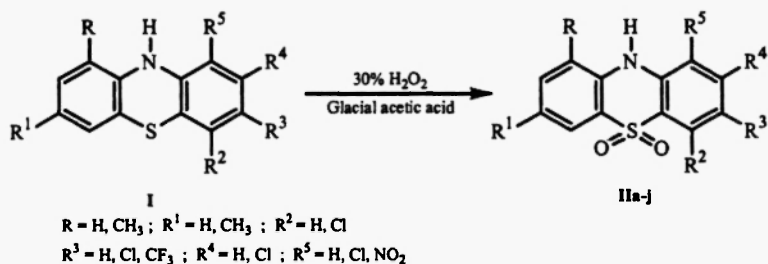
10H-Phenothiazine and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones constitute an important class of heterocyclic compounds which have been reported to find a number of applications in medicine (1-13) and industry (14-15). Phenothiazine and 1,4-benzothiazine sulfones were obtained in quantitative yield by the oxidation of phenothiazines and benzothiazines respectively with hydrogen peroxide (16).

### Results and Discussion

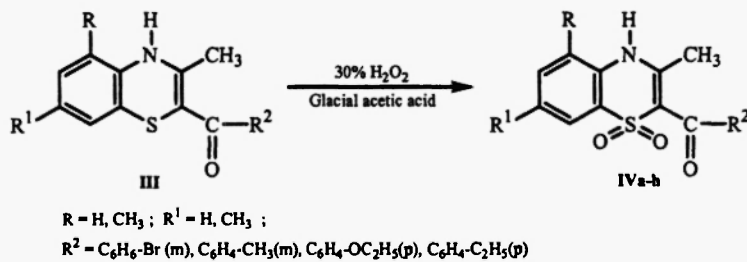
The title sulfones have been synthesized by the oxidation of phenothiazines and 1,4-benzothiazines. Phenothiazines were prepared by the Smiles rearrangement of 2-amino-3-methyl / 5-methylbenzenethiols with o-halonitrobenzenes and 1,4-benzothiazines were prepared by the condensation and oxidative cyclization of 2-amino-3-methyl / 5-methyl benzenethiols with  $\beta$ -diketones /  $\beta$ -ketoesters in dimethylsulfoxide reported elsewhere (17-19).

Phenothiazine-5,5-dioxides (Scheme 1, II a-j) and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine-1, 1-dioxides (Scheme 2, IV a-h) have been prepared by treating phenothiazines and 1,4-benzothiazines respectively with 30% hydrogen peroxide in glacial acetic acid.

The IR spectra of phenothiazine and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones have been recorded both in potassium bromide pellets and in chloroform solution. All the synthesized phenothiazine and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones exhibit a sharp intense peak in the region  $1390-1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1390-1310\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively in chloroform which can be ascribed to the



Scheme 1



Scheme 2

asymmetric stretching ( $\nu_3$ ) mode of sulphonyl group which in the solid state splits into three bands in the region  $1420\text{-}1330\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1355\text{-}1250\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1270\text{-}1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in phenothiazine sulfones and in benzothiazine sulfones it appears in the region  $1420\text{-}1390\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1330\text{-}1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1270\text{-}1200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The symmetrical stretching vibrations  $\nu_1$  of phenothiazine and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones give rise to a doublet in potassium bromide pellets in the region  $1180\text{-}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1180\text{-}1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$  whereas in solution it appears in the region  $1180\text{-}1080\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1180\text{-}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively. The band appearing in the region  $600\text{-}500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $590\text{-}510\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in phenothiazine and benzothiazine sulfones respectively can be attributed to bending vibrations ( $\nu_2$ ).

The N-H stretching frequency appears in the region  $3430\text{-}3305\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3420\text{-}3315\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in phenothiazine and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones respectively. A sharp band in the region  $1700\text{-}1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  appears due to C=O stretching vibrations in 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones. The asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of methyl group in phenothiazine sulfones occur in the region  $2960\text{-}2920\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2890\text{-}2850\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which in 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones occur in the region  $2980\text{-}2930\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2950\text{-}2860\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . All the phenothiazine and benzothiazine sulfones exhibit a medium

intensity band in the region  $1080-1040\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1070-1030\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively due to C-S stretching vibrations.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of phenothiazine sulfones **II a-j** and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones **IV a-d** exhibit a sharp peak in the region  $\delta$  9.926-9.352 ppm and  $\delta$  10.30-9.70 ppm respectively due to N-H proton. The multiplets observed in the region  $\delta$  8.89-6.48 ppm and  $\delta$  8.781-6.61 ppm respectively are attributed to the aromatic protons. Compounds **II a,g,h** exhibits a singlet in the region  $\delta$  3.663-2.663 ppm due to  $\text{CH}_3$  protons at  $\text{C}_9$ . Compounds **II b** and **II c** exhibit a singlet at  $\delta$  2.61 ppm and  $\delta$  2.168 ppm respectively due to  $\text{CH}_3$  protons at  $\text{C}_1$ . A singlet in the region  $\delta$  3.402-1.934 ppm is observed in compounds **IV d-f, i, j** due to three protons of  $\text{CH}_3$  group at  $\text{C}_7$ . Compounds **IV a-d** show resonance signal in the region  $\delta$  2.49-1.81 ppm due to allylic protons at  $\text{C}_3$  and another singlet in the region  $\delta$  2.38-1.744 ppm due to  $\text{CH}_3$  protons at  $\text{C}_7$ . Compound **IV b** exhibits a singlet at  $\delta$  2.40 ppm due to  $\text{CH}_3$  protons at meta position of benzoyl side chain at  $\text{C}_2$ . Compound **IV c** exhibits a quartet and a triplet in the region  $\delta$  4.35-3.39 ppm and  $\delta$  1.75-1.22 ppm due to  $\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3$  protons of  $\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  group at para position of benzoyl side chain at  $\text{C}_2$ . The quartet and triplet observed in the region  $\delta$  3.202-2.63 ppm and  $\delta$  1.24-1.01 ppm in the compound **IV d** can be assigned to  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$  group at para position of benzoyl side chain at  $\text{C}_2$ .

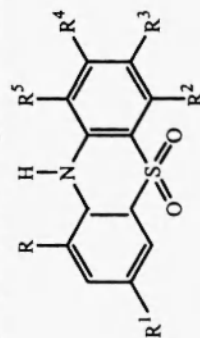
### Experimental

All the melting points are uncorrected. The purity of the compounds has been checked by thin layer chromatography using various non-aqueous solvents and characterized by spectral studies. The infrared spectra were recorded on FT IR spectrometer, MAGNA IR 550, NICOLET using potassium bromide discs and in chloroform solution. NMR spectra were recorded on FT NMR Bruker DRX-300 MHz in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$  containing TMS as an internal standard. Analytical data of newly synthesized compounds are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

### Preparation of phenothiazine sulfones (**II a-j**) and 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones (**IV a-h**)

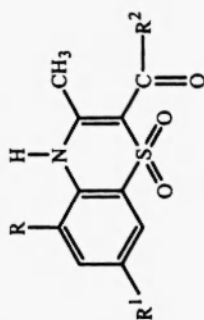
To a solution of 0.01 mole of phenothiazines or 4H-1,4-benzothiazines in 15 ml of glacial acetic acid, 5ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide was added and refluxed at  $50-60^\circ\text{C}$  for fifteen minutes. Heating was stopped and another lot of 5 ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide was added. The solution was refluxed for four hours. A major portion of the solvent was then removed by distillation under reduced pressure and then the solution was poured into a beaker

Table 1 : Analytical data of phenothiazine sulfones (IIa-j)



I	Compound						M.P. °C	Yield %	Molecular formula	% Found (Calcd.)			
	R	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>				C	H	N	S
a	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	H	H	160	90	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SCl	55.70 (55.82)	3.62 (3.60)	4.97 (5.01)	11.49 (11.46)
b	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	189	94	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SCl <sub>2</sub>	49.78 (49.70)	2.84 (2.89)	4.43 (4.46)	10.26 (10.21)
c	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	Cl	H	H	159	47	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SCl	55.93 (55.82)	3.59 (3.60)	5.05 (5.01)	11.43 (11.46)
d	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H	Cl	280	81	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SCl	55.75 (55.82)	3.61 (3.60)	4.96 (5.01)	11.42 (11.46)
e	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	Cl	H	H	260	99	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SCl <sub>2</sub>	49.75 (49.70)	2.93 (2.89)	4.49 (4.46)	10.24 (10.21)
f	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	Cl	H	H	168	53	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> SCl	55.76 (55.82)	3.57 (3.60)	5.06 (5.01)	11.41 (11.46)
g	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	CF <sub>3</sub>	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	209	77	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>1</sub> SF <sub>3</sub>	46.97 (46.93)	2.57 (2.53)	7.79 (7.82)	8.99 (8.95)
h	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	Cl	Cl	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	275	91	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>1</sub> SCl <sub>2</sub>	43.42 (43.47)	2.25 (2.24)	7.83 (7.80)	8.95 (8.93)
i	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	CF <sub>3</sub>	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	260	87	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>1</sub> SF <sub>3</sub>	47.01 (46.93)	2.51 (2.53)	7.84 (7.82)	8.97 (8.95)
j	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	Cl	Cl	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	178	85	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SCl <sub>2</sub>	43.59 (43.47)	2.21 (2.24)	7.85 (7.80)	8.94 (8.93)

Table 2 : Analytical data of 4H-1,4-benzothiazine sulfones (IV a-h)



I	Compound		M.P. °C	Yield %	Molecular Formula	% Found (Calcd.)			
	R	R <sup>1</sup>				R <sup>2</sup>	C	H	N
	II	III	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
a	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	157	79	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> SBr	52.10 (52.05)	3.62 (3.60)	3.60 (3.57)	8.15 (8.17)
b	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	192	82	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S	66.01 (66.03)	5.26 (5.23)	4.33 (4.28)	9.83 (9.79)
c	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	135	89	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	63.96 (63.85)	5.33 (5.36)	3.89 (3.92)	9.02 (8.97)
d	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	163	46	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S	66.69 (66.84)	5.66 (5.61)	4.11 (4.10)	9.32 (9.39)
e	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	239	88	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> SBr	52.03 (52.05)	3.62 (3.60)	3.55 (3.57)	8.21 (8.17)
f	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	256	85	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S	65.97 (66.03)	5.21 (5.23)	4.32 (4.28)	9.84 (9.79)
g	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	112	82	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> S	63.72 (63.85)	5.40 (5.36)	3.90 (3.92)	8.91 (8.97)
h	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	207	44	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>19</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> S	66.76 (66.84)	5.59 (5.61)	4.12 (4.10)	9.36 (9.39)

containing crushed ice. The residue separated out was collected and crystallization from ethanol afforded the desired product.

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