

## SYNTHESIS OF 2, 4-DIARYL-2, 3-DIHYDRO-1, 5-BENZOTHIAZEPINES

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**Abstract :** A new series of functionalized 2,4-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines have been synthesized by a convenient single step synthesis involving heterocyclization reaction of 2-aminobenzenethiols with  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones in toluene in the presence of catalytic amount of glacial acetic acid. The synthesized compounds have been characterized by their elemental analyses and spectral characteristics.

### Introduction

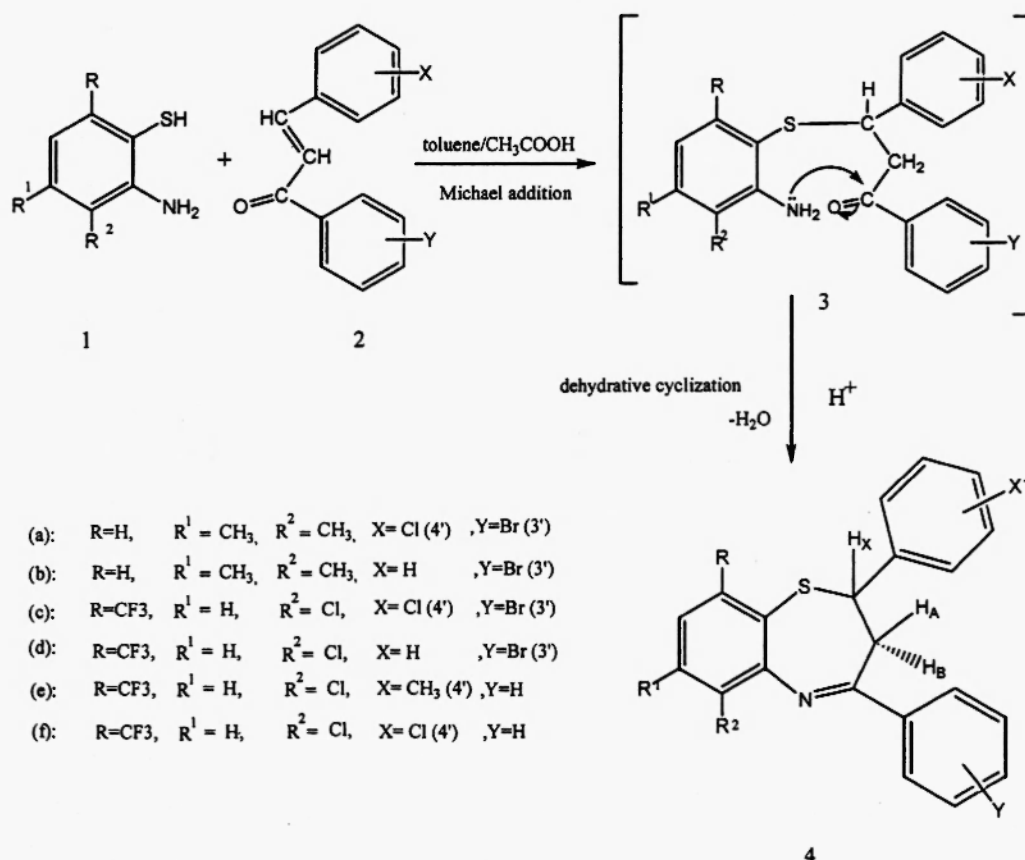
1,5-Benzothiazepines are very important N- and S- heterocycles in drug research and have been shown to exhibit, in addition to unique structural specificity, well recognized pharmacological properties such as anti-anginal[1] and antihypertensive[2]. Diltiazem, an important cardiovascular drug, also incorporates 2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine heterocyclic system. The chalcones;  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones, especially 1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-ones, required for the synthesis of 2,4-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines have been considered as analogues of potent anticancer agent, combretastatin A4(CA-4)[3,4]. In accordance with CA-4, the chalcones (1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-ones) bind to colchicine site of tubulin and inhibit the formation of mitotic spindle in cancer cells[5]. The tetrazole analogue of CA-4 has been reported to exhibit significant anticancer activity[6]. The structural-activity relationship studies of chalcones have suggested that 1,3-diphenyl substituted propenone structural system is crucial for the significant cytotoxicity against tumor cells[7,8]. In order to synthesize nitrogen-sulphur containing pharmacologically interesting heterocycles, especially with anticancer activity, the enone functionality has been converted into heterocyclic system (1,5-thiazepine) by heterocyclization of enone system by its reaction with 2-aminobenzenethiols. The nature and arrangement of the substituents on benzene ring fused to 1,5-thiazepine heterosystem as well as the substituents on phenyl rings present on 2- and 4-positions of 1,5-thiazepine heterocyclic system, derived from 1,3-diphenylpropenone functionality will of course, influence the activity of the synthesized 2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines.

### Results and Discussion

The chalcones (1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-ones) were prepared by Claisen-Schmidt condensation of benzaldehydes and acetophenones[9]. Substituted 2-

aminobenzenethiols were prepared by hydrolytic cleavage of 2-aminobenzothiazoles which were prepared by brominative cyclization of the corresponding thioureas obtained by thiocyanogenation of substituted anilines[10].

2,4-Diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines were synthesized in quantitative yields in a single step involving the reaction of 2-aminobenzenethiols **1** with 1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-ones (chalcones) **2** in toluene in the presence of catalytic amount of glacial acetic acid (Scheme-1)



Scheme-1

Under the reaction conditions the reaction is considered to proceed with the nucleophilic attack of thiol group on  $\beta$ -carbon atom of 1,3-diaryl-2-propen-1-one (chalcone) which is followed by dehydrative cyclization involving intramolecular nucleophilic addition of amino group on the carbonyl carbon to provide 2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine. Acetic acid catalyzes the ring closure and hence proved to be a convenient catalyst for one-step synthesis of 2,4-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines. 2,3-Dihydro-1,5-benzo-thiazepines have also been synthesized by

different methods including microwave assisted[11,12], but the present method is simplest and convenient to provide 2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines in quantitative yields in a single step.

The structures of synthesized compounds have been confirmed by elemental analyses and their spectral characteristics. The absence of absorption bands characteristic of  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{SH}$  and  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  groups in IR spectra of the synthesized compounds indicates that the heterocyclization of 2-aminobenzenethiols with 1,3-diarylpropenones (chalcones) have occurred involving Michael type addition of  $-\text{SH}$  group to the  $\beta$ -carbon of 1,3-diarylpropenone ( $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones) with the formation 2,4-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines. The presence of characteristic absorption bands in the regions;  $1605\text{-}1635\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\text{C}=\text{N}$ ),  $3010\text{-}3060\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\text{C-H}$  of aromatic rings),  $645\text{-}690\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\text{C-Br}$ ) and  $740\text{-}775\text{ cm}^{-1}$  ( $\text{C-Cl}$ ) indicates the formation of 2, 4-diaryl-2, 3-dihydro-1, 5-benzothiazepines.

In  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 2,4-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines chemical shifts, coupling constants and multiplicity of protons attached to C-2 and C-3 unequivocally (signals arising due to typical ABX pattern) confirm the structures of all the synthesized compounds. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the synthesized 2,4-diaryl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines showed three distinctive double doublets for methylene protons;  $\text{H}_\text{A}$  and  $\text{H}_\text{B}$ , and for methine proton  $\text{H}_\text{X}$ . The first double doublet appeared at  $\delta$  3.12-3.15 ppm integrating for one proton with coupling constant values;  $J_{\text{AB}} = 15.3\text{-}16.2\text{ Hz}$  and  $J_{\text{AX}} = 11.4\text{ Hz}$ , was assigned to  $\text{C}_3\text{-H}_\text{A}$  (axial) proton. The second double doublet which appeared at  $\delta$  3.45 -3.50 ppm with coupling constant values;  $J_{\text{AB}} = 15.3\text{-}16.2\text{ Hz}$  and  $J_{\text{BX}} = 5.8\text{ Hz}$  was attributed to  $\text{C}_3\text{-H}_\text{B}$  (equatorial) proton. The methine proton ( $\text{C}_2\text{-H}_\text{X}$ ) signal at  $\delta$  4.98-5.02 ppm also appeared as a double doublet due to splitting by two vicinal protons  $\text{H}_\text{A}$  and  $\text{H}_\text{B}$  with two coupling constants;  $J_{\text{AX}} = 11.4\text{ Hz}$  and  $J_{\text{BX}} = 5.8\text{ Hz}$ . The aromatic protons appeared as multiplet in the range of  $\delta$  7.23-7.78 ppm. The difference in the positions of signals of  $\text{H}_\text{A}$  and  $\text{H}_\text{B}$  with the coupling constant values of  $J_{\text{AX}}$  and  $J_{\text{BX}}$  may be due to the difference in the conformations of  $\text{H}_\text{A}$  and  $\text{H}_\text{B}$  (one is axial and other is equatorial). In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of synthesized compounds, the signals observed in the regions  $\delta$  38.9-39.6 ppm (C-3),  $\delta$  58.6-59.2 ppm (C-2),  $\delta$  122.6-139.6 ppm (aromatic carbon atoms), and 166.8-168.2 ( $\text{C}=\text{N}$ ) also confirm the formation of 2,4-diphenyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepines. In the mass spectrum of the compound (4e), the molecular ion peak is in accordance with the molecular mass of the compound.

**Experimental**

Melting points of the synthesized compounds were determined on an electric melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded in KBr on SHIMADZU 8400S FTIR spectrophotometer. The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a model Bruker-DRX-300 NMR spectrometer at 300 MHz and 75 MHz respectively using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard. The Mass spectrum of the representative compound was recorded on JEOL-SX-102/DA-6000 mass spectrometer.

**Synthesis of 2, 4-diaryl-2, 3-dihydro-1, 5-benzothiazepines 4(a-f)**

Substituted 2-aminobenzenethiol [0.01mole] and chalcone [0.01mole] were taken in dry toluene containing glacial acetic acid (1ml) in a 50ml R.B.flask and refluxed for 3-4 hrs. The colour of the reaction mixture changed from yellow to dark yellow. The reaction mixture was cooled and neutralized with 10%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution. The solid product obtained was washed with petroleum ether and crystallized from methanol.

**4-[3'-Bromophenyl]-2-[4'-chlorophenyl]-6,7-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine (4a).**

Obtained as yellow crystalline solid in 75% yield, m.p. 215 °C. IR (KBr): 1670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C=N).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm):  $\delta$  7.26-7.58 (m, 10H aromatic protons),  $\delta$  5.05 (dd., 1H  $\text{C}_2\text{-H}$ );  $\delta$  3.12 (dd., 1H,  $\text{C}_3\text{-H}_\text{A}$ );  $\delta$  3.83 (dd., 1H,  $\text{C}_3\text{-H}_\text{B}$ );  $\delta$  2.42 (s, 3H,  $\text{C}_6\text{-CH}_3$ );  $\delta$  1.68 (s, 3H,  $\text{C}_7\text{-CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (75MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.08 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 39.4 (C-3), 58.9 (C-2), 122.6, 124.7, 125.2, 127.6, 128.8, 129.6, 130.4, 131.3, 132.7, 134.2, 136.6, 140.1, 152.4 (aromatic carbons), 167.8 (C=N). Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NSClBr}$ : C, 60.53; H, 4.12; N, 3.00 found C, 60.59; H, 4.17; N, 3.07.

**4-[3'-Bromophenyl]-6-7-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine (4b)**

Obtained as yellow crystalline solid in 69% yield, m.p. 194 °C. IR (KBr): 1620  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C=N).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm):  $\delta$  7.25-7.62 (m, 14H aromatic protons),  $\delta$  5.12 (dd., 1H  $\text{C}_2\text{-H}$ );  $\delta$  3.13 (dd., 1H,  $\text{C}_3\text{-H}_\text{A}$ );  $\delta$  3.80 (dd., 1H,  $\text{C}_3\text{-H}_\text{B}$ );  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3H,  $\text{C}_6\text{-CH}_3$ );  $\delta$  2.23 (s, 3H,  $\text{C}_7\text{-CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (75MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  ppm): 19.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 21.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 39.2 (C-3), 59.2 (C-2), 122.7, 124.7, 125.8, 126.1, 127.3, 128.6, 129.4, 131.2, 132.4, 132.8, 140.3, 151.7 (aromatic carbons), 166.9 (C=N). Anal. calcd. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{NSBr}$ : C, 65.44; H, 4.62; N, 3.21 found C, 65.66; H, 4.75; N, 3.33.

**4-[3'-Bromophenyl]-2-[4'-chlorophenyl]-6-chloro-9-trifluoromethyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine (4c)**

Obtained as yellow crystalline solid in 60% yield, m.p., 210 °C. IR (KBr): 1605 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): δ 7.28-7.72 (m, 13H aromatic protons), δ 5.06 (dd., 1H C<sub>2</sub>-H); δ 3.11 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>A</sub>); δ 3.82 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>CNMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 39.4 (C-3), 58.6 (C-2), 121.2 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.2, 125.4, 126.2, 128.1, 129.3, 130.1, 132.2, 132.8, 136.2, 139.4, 151.8 (aromatic carbons), 168.2 (C=N). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NSClBrF<sub>3</sub>: C, 49.76; H, 2.42; N, 2.60 found C, 49.80; H, 2.45; N, 2.64.

**4-[3'-Bromophenyl]-6-chloro-2-phenyl-9-trifluoromethyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine (4d)**

Obtained as yellow crystalline solid in 65% yield, m.p., 185 °C. IR (KBr): 1615 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): δ 7.15-7.78 (m, 14H aromatic protons), δ 5.25 (dd., 1H C<sub>2</sub>-H); δ 3.14 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>A</sub>); δ 3.72 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>CNMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 38.9 (C-3), 59.6 (C-2), 120.8 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 122.6, 125.2, 126.6, 127.4, 128.5, 129.6, 130.2, 131.2, 132.1, 133.7, 135.9, 140.2, 152.1 (aromatic carbons), 166.8 (C=N). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NSClBrF<sub>3</sub>: C, 53.21; H, 2.78; N, 2.54 found C, 53.38; H, 2.38; N, 2.83.

**6-chloro-2-(p-tolyl)-4-phenyl-9-trifluoromethyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine (4e)**

Obtained as yellow crystalline solid in 75% yield, m.p., 178 °C. IR (KBr): 1625 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): δ 7.20-7.76 (m, 17H aromatic protons), δ 5.23 (dd., 1H C<sub>2</sub>-H); δ 3.12 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>A</sub>); δ 3.82 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>B</sub>); δ 1.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub> at ring B); <sup>13</sup>CNMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 22.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.6 (C-3), 59.2 (C-2), 121.2 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 124.6, 125.2, 126.3, 127.7, 128.3, 129.0, 130.1, 131.3, 134.2, 136.2, 137.6, 152.4 (aromatic carbons), 167.6 (C=N). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NSF<sub>3</sub>Cl: C, 64; H, 3.89; N, 3.20 found C, 64.10; H, 3.95; N, 3.25.

**6-chloro-2-(4'-chlorophenyl)-4-phenyl-9-trifluoromethyl-2,3-dihydro-1,5-benzothiazepine (4f)**

Obtained as yellow crystalline solid in 80% yield, m.p., 170 °C. IR (KBr): 1635 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=N). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): δ 7.18-7.62 (m, 14H aromatic protons), δ 5.12 (dd., 1H C<sub>2</sub>-H); δ 3.15 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>A</sub>); δ 3.80 (dd., 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>B</sub>); <sup>13</sup>CNMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ ppm): 39.2 (C-3), 58.6 (C-2), 120.6 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.4, 126.1, 127.3,

128.2, 128.6, 129.3, 129.8, 130.3, 131.2, 132.8, 134.2, 139.6, 152.3 (aromatic carbons) 168.2 (C=N). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{14}NSCl_2F_3$ : C, 58.49; H, 3.02; N, 3.06 found C, 58.53; H, 3.10; N, 3.10.

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