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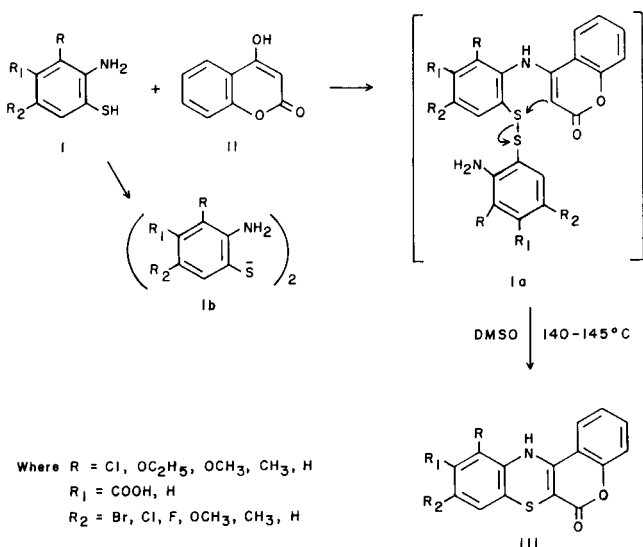
A single step and convenient synthesis of some heterocycles containing the 1,4-thiazine nucleus are reported by the condensation and cyclization of substituted 2-aminobenzenethiols with 4-hydroxycoumarin, maleic anhydride and *p*-chlorobenzoylacetone.

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Our research programs concern with the development of suitable synthetic routes for novel heterocyclic pharmaceuticals. In search of better medicinal agents we investigated the reaction of 2-aminobenzenethiols with *o*-halo-nitrobenzenes to synthesize variously substituted phenothiazines [1-5]. It is worthwhile to investigate the reactions of such substituted 2-aminobenzenethiols with 4-hydroxycoumarin, maleic anhydride and *p*-chlorobenzoylacetone to develop suitable methods for the synthesis of substituted 6,12-dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]benzothiazin-6-ones, substituted 3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2*H*-1,4-benzothiazin-2-acetic acids and substituted 2-(*p*-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines.

The condensation and oxidative cyclization of substituted 2-aminobenzenethiols with 4-hydroxycoumarin in DMSO provides substituted 6,12-dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]benzothiazin-6-ones III.

Scheme 1

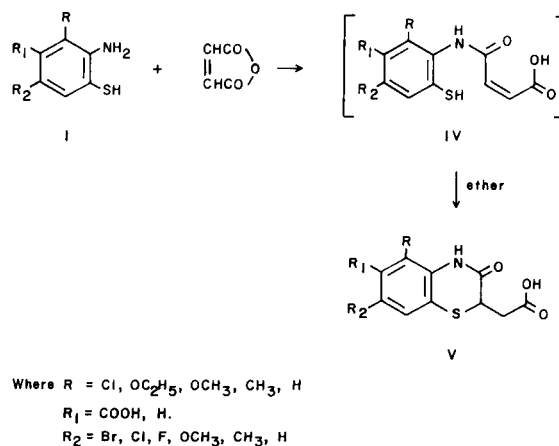


The title compounds III were obtained *via* oxidative cyclization [6] by merely heating a mixture of I and II in DMSO at 140-150° for thirty to fifty minutes. Since compound I is readily oxidized to bis-(substituted 2-amino-

phenyl) disulfide Ib under these reaction conditions, the reaction is considered to proceed through the formation of an intermediate Ia which is readily cyclized by the scission of the sulfur-sulfur bond [7,8] upon the attack by the nucleophilic enaminone system (Scheme 1).

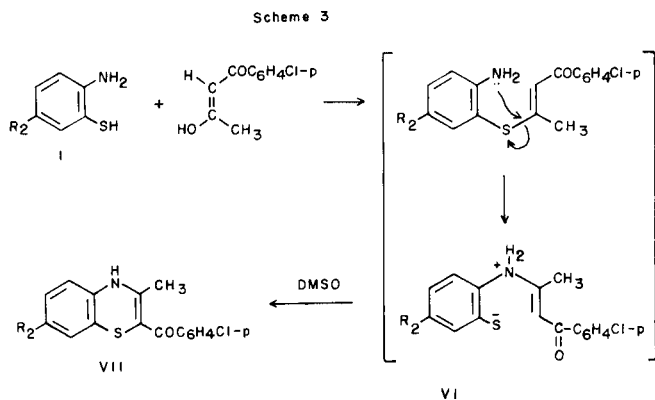
The reaction of substituted 2-aminobenzenethiols with maleic anhydride in ether at room temperature yielded ring substituted 3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2*H*-1,4-benzothiazin-2-acetic acids V. This is an exothermic reaction and directly yields the cyclized 1,4-benzothiazines at room temperature.

Scheme 2



The reaction is believed to proceed through the formation of the *o*-mercapto meleanilic acid intermediate IV formed from the initial nucleophilic anhydride ring opening with the amino nitrogen, cyclizes *in situ* and provides substituted 3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2*H*-1,4-benzothiazin-2-acetic acids (Scheme 2).

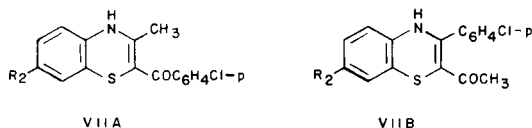
However, the condensation of substituted 2-aminobenzenethiols with *p*-chlorobenzoylacetone in DMSO provided substituted 2-(*p*-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines.



In the formatin of 4*H*-1,4-benzothiazine the reaction is believed to proceed through the formation of an intermediate enaminoketone.

Because of the high nucleophilic reactivity of the α -position of the enaminoketone system [9,10], the formation of 2-(*p*-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines may be considered to be an intramolecular nucleophilic attack on the intermediate enaminoketone followed by oxidative cyclization (Scheme 3).

The two isomeric products of substituted 2-(*p*-chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines may be formed theoretically, but compound VIIA predominates over the compound VIIB (identified by mass spectral studies).



The combined effect of conjugation and positive inductive effect of the CH_3 group facilitate the enolisation of ketonic group attached to the methyl group. Enolisation of the ketonic group attached to the benzene ring is retarded because of the electronegative nature of the ring instead of enhancement and explains the formation of product VIIA instead of VIIB.

Infrared Spectra.

The infrared spectra of all these compounds showed an NH absorption in the region $3100\text{-}3440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and carbonyl absorption in the region $1570\text{-}1715\text{ cm}^{-1}$ respectively. The bands in the region $1240\text{-}1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $1045\text{-}1080\text{ cm}^{-1}$ can probably be assignable to the C-O-C bonding in compounds having an ethoxy linkage. A sharp band at $1610\text{-}1690\text{ cm}^{-1}$ observed in compounds having a COOH group may be assigned to the carbonyl stretching vibrations of COOH group. The benzothiazines V exhibit -OH stretching vibrations in the region $3200\text{-}3440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ while

corresponding stretching vibrations in cyclic carbonyl compounds appear in the region $3500\text{-}3560\text{ cm}^{-1}$ [11]. This large shift to a lower frequency region may be due to the proximity of a cyclic carbonyl group at position-3 to the carboxylic moiety, which suggests the formation of a seven membered chelate of high stability through a strong $\text{C}=\text{O}\cdots\text{H}-\text{O}$, intramolecular hydrogen bonding (Figure 1).

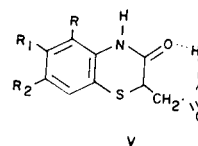


Figure 1

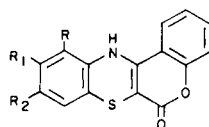
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectra.

The ^1H nmr spectrum of all the synthesized compounds exhibit a broad signal in the region δ 8.3-10.70 due to N-H proton. A singlet in the region δ 1.9-2.8 is observed in compounds have a methyl group. A singlet in the region δ 3.45-4.22 arising in methoxy derivatives was also observed due to the methoxyl protons. The quartet in the region δ 1.47-1.85 and the triplet in the region δ 3.95-4.95 in compounds III-2, V-2 having ethoxy linkage at position-1 and -5 are observed due to methyl and methylene protons of the ethyl groups respectively. In benzothiazines III-5 and V,1-10, a singlet observed at extremely low field δ 9.0-10.90 can be assigned to proton of carboxyl group. The multiplets in the region δ 6.20-8.71 are due to aromatic ring protons.

Mass Spectra.

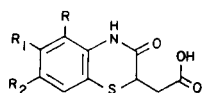
The mass spectrum of all the substituted 1,4-thiazines showed a molecular ion peak in accordance with their molecular weights. The molecular ion peak is the base peak in compounds III and V while in compound VII the base peak was obtained by the fission of the C-C bond at position 2. All the compounds display a comparatively intense doubly charged molecular ion peak which indicates the overall stability of the benzothiazine ring system to electron impact. All *p*-chlorobenzoyl-4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines showed peaks at $m/e = M^+ - 139$ (with high intensity), 139 ($\text{C}^+\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl-p}$, base peak), but did not show any peak corresponding to the $M^+ \text{-COCH}_3$ or COCH_3^+ moiety, proving the structure of these benzothiazines to be VIIA. All the 6,12-dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]benzothiazin-6-ones gave a peak at $m/z = M^+ - \text{CO}$ which is parallel to the mass fragmentation pattern reported for the alkyl-aryl-ether [12,13]. The peak $m/z = M^+ - 43$ is present in methoxy derivatives of 6,12-dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]ben-

Table 1

Physical Data of Substituted 6,12-Dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]benzothiazin-6-ones III 1-10

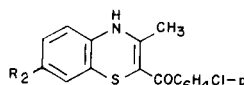
Compound No.	R	Compound		MP °C	Colour	Yield %	Molecular Formula	% C, H, N					
		R ₁	R ₂					Found			Calcd.		
1	Cl	H	H	224-225	Dirty Yellow	55	C ₁₅ H ₉ ClNSO ₂	59.56	2.66	4.61	59.70	2.65	4.64
2	OC ₂ H ₅	H	H	221-222	Orange	47.5	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ NSO ₃	65.48	4.20	4.53	65.59	4.18	4.50
3	OCH ₃	H	H	226-228	Dark brown	50	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ NSO ₃	64.48	3.68	4.67	64.64	3.70	4.71
4	CH ₃	H	H	266	Red	52	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ NSO ₂	68.18	3.93	4.95	68.32	3.91	4.98
5	H	COOH	H	342 dec	Orange	43.5	C ₁₆ H ₉ NSO ₄	61.60	2.90	4.47	61.73	2.89	4.50
6	H	H	Br	310	Orange	60	C ₁₅ H ₈ BrNSO ₂	51.90	2.29	4.08	52.02	2.31	4.04
7	H	H	Cl	328	Red	70	C ₁₅ H ₈ ClNSO ₂	59.62	2.64	4.66	59.70	2.65	4.64
8	H	H	F	322	Red	65	C ₁₅ H ₈ FNSO ₂	63.06	2.82	4.88	63.15	2.80	4.91
9	H	H	OCH ₃	297-298	Dark red	63	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ NSO ₃	64.52	3.72	4.75	64.64	3.70	4.71
10	H	H	CH ₃	334 dec	Red	67.5	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ NSO ₂	68.24	3.89	5.02	68.32	3.91	4.98

Table 2

Physical Data of Substituted 3,4-Dihydro-3-oxo-2*H*-1,4-Benzothiazin-2-Acetic Acids V 1-10

Compound No.	R	Compound		MP °C	Colour	Yield %	Molecular Formula	% C, H, N					
		R ₁	R ₂					Found			Calcd.		
1	Cl	H	H	158	Yellow	78	C ₁₀ H ₈ ClNSO ₃	46.49	3.08	5.48	46.60	3.10	5.43
2	OC ₂ H ₅	H	H	118	Light Yellow	80	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ NSO ₄	53.78	4.82	5.29	53.93	4.86	5.24
3	OCH ₃	H	H	112	Dirty Yellow	90	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ NSO ₄	52.32	4.31	5.49	52.17	4.34	5.53
4	CH ₃	H	H	121	Light Yellow	82	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ NSO ₃	55.48	4.67	5.92	55.69	4.64	5.90
5	H	COOH	H	218	Light Yellow	75	C ₁₁ H ₉ NSO ₅	49.28	3.39	5.20	49.43	3.37	5.24
6	H	H	Br	192	Yellow	88.5	C ₁₀ H ₈ BrNSO ₃	39.58	2.65	4.67	39.73	2.64	4.63
7	H	H	Cl	203	Yellow	94	C ₁₀ H ₈ ClNSO ₃	46.44	3.13	5.38	46.60	3.10	5.43
8	H	H	F	198	Dirty Yellow	87	C ₁₀ H ₈ FNSO ₃	49.72	3.28	5.76	49.79	3.31	5.80
9	H	H	OCH ₃	181	Dirty Yellow	84	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ NSO ₄	52.02	4.38	5.58	52.17	4.34	5.53
10	H	H	CH ₃	200	Yellow	92	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ NSO ₃	52.52	4.62	5.95	55.69	4.64	5.90

Table 3

Physical Data of 2-(*p*-Chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-7-substituted-4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines VII 1-4

Compound	Compound R ₂	MP °C	Yield %	Colour	Molecular Formula	% C, H, N					
						Found			Calcd.		
1	CH ₃	190°	65	Red	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ ClNSO	64.75	4.50	4.48	64.65	4.43	4.43
2	Cl	196°	55	Deep Red	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ Cl ₂ NSO	57.02	3.20	4.10	57.14	3.27	4.16
3	Br	229°	65	Red	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ BrClNSO	50.32	2.85	3.65	50.45	2.89	3.67
4	OCH ₃	201°	66	Red	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ ClNSO ₂	61.43	4.18	4.20	61.53	4.22	4.22

zothiazin-6-one due to the loss of the COCH₃ group. The 1-ethoxy-6,12-dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]benzothiazin-6-one gave peaks at $m/z = M^+ - C_2H_4$, $M^+ - OC_2H_5$, and $M^+ - C_2H_5$. The elimination of ethylene in the mass spectra of this compound can be explained by a McLafferty rearrangement [14] which suggests the formation of a 4 membered intermediate in the following way (Figure 2):

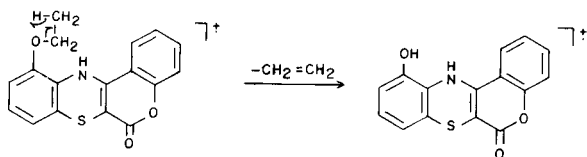


Figure 2

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points are uncorrected. The purity of all the synthesized compounds was tested chromatographically and characterized by their elemental analyses and spectral data. The ir spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer M 577 spectrophotometer in potassium bromide. The ¹H nmr spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer R₁₂B spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard and solvents DMSO-*d*₆ and deuteriochloroform. The mass spectra were measured on JMS-D 300 at 70 eV.

Preparation of Ring-substituted 2-Aminobenzenethiols I.

The substituted 2-aminobenzenethiols have been prepared by a modified method reported by us elsewhere [1-4] by the hydrolytic fission of substituted 2-aminobenzothiazoles.

Preparation of Substituted 6,12-Dihydro-1-benzopyrano[3,4-*b*][1,4]benzothiazin-6-ones III.

4-Hydroxycoumarin (II, 0.01 mole), substituted 2-aminobenzenethiol (I, 0.01 mole) and DMSO (8 ml) were stirred and heated at 140-145° for 35-50 minutes. The product crystallized out on cooling and was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol. The physical data are given in Table 1.

Preparation of 3,4-Dihydro-3-oxo-2*H*-1,4-benzothiazin-2-acetic Acids V.

To a solution of maleic anhydride (0.05 mole) in ether (20 ml), a solution of substituted 2-aminobenzenethiol (I, 0.05 mole) in ether (20 ml) was added at room temperature with stirring. The warm reaction mixture on cooling gave a light yellow coloured solid. The product was filtered, dried and crystallized from ethanol.

A semi-solid obtained in the case of 5-substituted 3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2*H*-1,4-benzothiazin-2-acetic acids was dissolved in alcohol and poured into a beaker containing ice cold water. The product was filtered, washed well with water and crystallized from ethanol. The physical data of these compounds are summarized in Table 2.

Preparation of 2-(*p*-Chlorobenzoyl)-3-methyl-7-substituted 4*H*-1,4-benzothiazines VII.

Substituted 2-aminobenzenethiol (I, 0.01 mole) was added to a stirred suspension of *p*-chlorobenzoylacetone (0.01 mole) in DMSO (5 ml) and the solution was refluxed for one hour, concentrated and cooled to room temperature. The contents were filtered and washed with small amount of methanol. It was recrystallized from methanol. The physical data of the synthesized compounds are given in Table 3.

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