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Ultrasound Synthesis of Benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine Derivatives and their Anti-histamine and Anti-diabetic Activities

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ABSTRACT

The present work aims to evaluate the anti-diabetic and anti-histamine activity of the synthesized benzimidazolo-1,3,5- triazine derivatives. These newly products have been synthesized under ultrasound irradiation with good yields and their structures were established by spectral data. The amylase inhibition assay and diclorofenac were used to evaluate the antidiabetic and antihistamine of all synthesized derivatives, respectively. It was shown that compounds **3c** and **3e** give the best of inhibition results of the amylase enzyme with respect to 2-aminobenzimidazole and other derivatives at a concentration of 1000 µg/L, $IC_{s0} = 59.4$ and 52.1, respectively. Furthermore, compounds **3e**, **3f**, **3d**, and **3a** give highly significant inhibition activity against histamine at various concentrations, $IC_{s0} = 25.6$, 29.4, 101.9, 121.6, respectively, than compound 3c, 3b, and 2-aminobenzimidazole.

Keywords: 2-aminobenzimidazole, Anti-histamine activity, Benzimidazolo-1,3,5- triazine.

INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic compounds are to be the important family of organic compounds used in the drug discovery process. They have been tremendously used in many fields of science, such as medicinal, pharmaceutical chemistry and biochemistry. The presence of heteroatoms in their structure is responsible for biological activity. The heterocyclic compounds are present in many natural products such as antibiotics vitamins, hormones etc. Also, they are known for their wide range of applications on pharmacology as an analgesic¹, antibacterial², anticonvulsant^{3,4}, antifungal⁵, antihistaminic⁶, anti-inflammatory⁷, anticancer⁸, antihypertensive, antineuropathic⁹ etc.

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A benzimidazole moiety represents an important pharmacophore of selection for establishing anti-inflammatory, analgesic molecules and has a privileged structure in medicinal chemistry¹⁰. Substituted benzimidazole at the positions 1 and 2 shows a powerful antioxidant activity¹¹⁻¹³. Heterocyclic compounds containing fluorine afford interesting biological activities compared to their non-fluorinated counterparts¹⁴⁻¹⁹.The synthesis from iminoester has attracted considerable attention, essentially in the preparation of heterocyclic compounds²⁰⁻²². Allergy with its various manifestations that affect the humankind is one of the most widespread diseases, various types of mast cell activation reactions and type I hypersensitivity reactions²³, which is the main effector cell in the release of histamine by activated mast cells and allergic inflammation, may also be mentioned²⁴. The substituted triazines have fascinating biological activities such as anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer and trypanocidal activities²⁵. In addition, 1, 2, 4-1, 3, 5-1, 2, 3-triazines derivatives are considered as bioactive molecules with a diversity of biological activities like analgesic, anti-inflammatory, antihistaminic and prostaglandin inhibition properties²⁶.

Diabetes mellitus is currently one of the most prevalent and ever-increasing diseases leading to the risk of premature death and the development of various diseases, particularly cardiovascular diseases, kidney failure, cognitive decline, depression²⁷. New 1, 3, 5-triazine derivatives synthesized from Metformin, magnolol and berberine showed excellent activity as anti-insulin resistance and anti-inflammation²⁸. In the past the no-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) has been used successfully worldwide by millions of patients for inflammation and pain alleviation and continues to be used daily till now. Nevertheless, the relationship between the toxicity of gastrointestinal (GI) and NSAIDs is an important socioeconomic and medical problem²⁹. Considerable attention has been focused on the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds using ultrasound assisted reaction producing short times and excellent yields of product. Moreover, many researchers study the effect of triazine ring as antimicrobial antioxidant and anti-cancer. Therefore, in this present work, we shall optimize the synthesis of various new p-halogeno phenyl benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives by using a novel method of synthesis under ultrasound assisted reaction and then, we investigate their anti-inflammatory and anti-diabetic activity.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The infra-red spectra were recorded a Shimadzu IR AFFINITY-FT-IR spectrometer. NMR spectra (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F) were registered on a Bruker AC (300 MHz)(75.47 MHz for ¹³C, 282.39 MHz for ¹⁹F). TMS (δ ppm) (for ¹³C and ¹H NMR) and external standard (for ¹⁹F NMR) C₆F₆. Melting points were determined with SPM 30. The elemental analysis was carried in the analysis center of the Paris VI University. The mass spectra were recorded Shimadzu LC-MS 8040 spectrometer.

General procedure for the preparation of benzimidazolo-1, 3, 5-triazine derivatives 3a-f

The preparation of compound 2 reached according to the procedure mention in the literature³⁰. The benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives 3a-f were synthesized as follows.

5 mmol of imidate 2 and 5 mmol of differently substituted p-halogeno phenyl isothiocyanate were mixed in 2 ml of dry THF. The mixture was then carried under ultrasound irradiation for 2 h 40 (60 kHz, 45°C). The solid so obtained is rinsed with ether and then filtered under vacuum. The obtained product was recrystallized from methanol.

3-(phenyl)-2-ethyl [1, 2-a] benzimidazolo-1, 3, 5-triazin-4-thione (3b):Yield = 65 %; (m.p.) 178° C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.30 (t, 3H, J = 7.3 Hz); 2.46 (q, 2H, J = 7.3 Hz); 7.26-9.07 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 10.4 (CH₃); 30.3 (CH₂); 116.9-160.4 (m, C arom.); 160.4 (C=N); 172.6 (C=S). IR v: 1615 cm⁻¹ (C=N). LCMS m/z: 307 (M+H)⁺.

3-(phenyl)-2-methyl [1,2-a] benzimidazolo-1, 3, 5-triazin-4-thione (3a): Yield = 70 %; (m.p.) 197°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 2.31 (s, 3H); 7.26-9 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 25.3 (CH₃); 116.8-145.7 (m, C arom.); 156.3 (C=N); 172.4 (C=S). IR v: 1615 cm⁻¹ (C=N). LCMS m/z: 293 (M+H)⁺.

3-(4-fluorophenyl) -2-ethyl [1, 2-a] benzimidazolo -1, 3, 5-triazin-4-thione (3c): Yield = 80%; (m.p.) 195°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.30 (t, 3H, J = 7 Hz); 2.46 (q, 2H, J = 7 Hz); 7.26-9.06 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 10.4 (CH₃); 30.4 (CH₂); 116. 8-162.1 (m, C_6H_4F + Carom); 164.06(C=N); 172.5 (C=S). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 52.27 (m, 1F, 3JF-H = 5.64 Hz). IR v: 1599 cm⁻¹ (C=N). LCMS m/z: 323 (M-H)⁺.

3-(4-chlorophenyl) -2-ethyl [1, 2-a] benzimidazolo -1, 3, 5-triazin-4-thione (3e): Yield = 92%; (m.p.)199°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ : 1.17 (t, 3H, J = 7 Hz); 2.49 (q, 2H, J = 7 Hz); 7.44-9.05 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ : 10.3 (CH₃); 30.3 (CH₂); 116.8-164 (m, C₆H₄F + Carom); 156 (C=N); 172.5 (C=S). LCMS m/z: 341 (M+H)⁺.

3-(4-clorophenyl)-2-methyl [1, 2-a] benzimidazolo-1, 3, 5-triazin-4-thione (3f): Yield = 85%; (m.p.) 163°C. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ : 2.32 (s, 3H); 7.26-9 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ : 25.4 (CH₃); 116.8-164.1 (m, C₆H₄Cl + C arom.); 156.74 (C=N); 172.52 (C=S). LCMS m/z: 325 (M-H)⁺.

Assay of the inhibition of α -amylase

Colorimetric microplate assay was used to determine the inhibitory of α -amylase activity according to a well-established method³¹. A 96-well plate was used to mix the enzyme reaction consisted of porcine pancreatic α -amylase (1.25 mM) (p-nitrophenyl- α -D-maltopentaoside (PNPG-5), (VI-B, \geq 10 units/mg (solid) (4mg), and samples (1 mg). Then, the enzyme reaction was monitored by using the reader of the microplate at wavelength of 405 nm. The inhibition of α -amylase percentage was calculated by the following equation:

% inhibition = (Abs (C) - Abs (S))x 100

Where Abs (C) and Abs (S) are absorbance of control and sample, respectively.

The α -amylase inhibitor concentration was defined as the value of IC₅₀ which inhibit 50% of the activity of the enzyme within the testing conditions.

Assays of anti-inflammatory (*In vitro*) Assay of histamine release

The samples effect on the histamine release

was studied by monocytes of U937 human. A 96-well cell culture plate (Corning Life Sciences, Lowell, MA, USA) was used to plate about 50,000 U937 cells, then treated with samples (7.81 to1000ng m sec⁻¹) at various concentrations, for one hour in absence or presence of PMA (Phorbol Myristate Acetate) (20 nM) (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Luis, MO, USA). The supernatants of the cell culture were collected from both treated cultures and untreated control and clarified for 5 min at 4°C and 10,000 g and used a commercially available EIA kit (SPI-Bio, France) to assess the histamine released³².

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The desired fused heterocyclic compounds (3a-f) were synthesized as shown in Scheme 1. The 2-aminobenzimidazole were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and the N-(2-benzimidazolyl) imidates 2a-b were prepared, by the treatment of 2-aminobenzimidazole 1 with an excess of orthoester, in the presence of acetic acid as catalyst under reflux for 48 hours. Treatment of compound 2 with substituted isothiocyanate in the presence of THF under ultrasound irradiation(60 kHz) forming an intermediate A Scheme 2, non-isolated, followed by an intramolecular cyclization reaction to afford phenylbenzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-thione 3a-b, p-fluorophenyl benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4-thione 3c-d, and p-chlorophenyl benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazin-4thione 3e-f in good yields. Compared with conventional methods using THF at room temperature for 7 days. ultrasound procedure has several advantages such as short time of the reaction and higher yields.

All the products are newly synthesized except phenylbenzimidazolo-triazin-4-thione (3a and 3b)³⁰. In our study, phenyl benzimidazolo-triazin-4thione 3a-b have been prepared to compare their biological activity, with the electron withdrawing group at phenyl nucleus, such as fluorine and chlorine atoms, introduced by isothiocyanate in the newly synthesized benzimidazolo-triazine derivatives. To our knowledge all synthesized products are biologically evaluated for the first time.

All newly synthesized products were characterized by various spectroscopy techniques. The structure of the isolated product was recognized by the use of MS, elemental analysis for 3d and spectral datum. As an example, for the sample 3c, the ¹H NMR spectrum revealed the disappear-rance of signal specific to the ethoxy group and the emergence of a singlet in 2.3 ppm due to the methyl proton.

Aromatic multiples in the region 7.5-9 introduced by isothiocyanate confirms heterocyclization. Compounds **3a-f** IR spectra showed characteristic absorption bands at 1615-1621 cm⁻¹ relative to C=N cyclic. The ¹³C NMR exhibits all special signals of all carbon. Fluorine ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy confirms this cyclization by the appearance of the signals attributable to the R, motifs.



Scheme 1. Reagent and condition: (i) Excess of orthoester, acetic acid (ii) R²-N=C=S, THF anhydrous 25°C, 7 days (iii) R²-N=C=S, THF anhydrous ultrasound, 2 h 40, 45°C



Scheme 2. Proposed Mechanism

$\alpha\text{-Amylase}$ inhibitory by benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives

The antidiabetic of substituted benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives was carried out by using the assay of the colorimetric microplate (Table 1 and Fig.1). The inhibition was dramatically diminished by compound 3a (0%) compared to acarbose (59.31%), 3c (51.32%), 3d (46.38%), 3e (54.31%) and 3f (42.84 %) inhibition at 62.5 ug/l concentration. On the other hand, compound 3c and 3e give the best results of 73.15 and 71.34% on inhibition, at 1000 μ g/l concentration, IC₅₀ = 59.4 and 52.1, respectively than other derivatives. The result indicated that compound haveethyl group give a highly effect as antidiabetic in presence of electron withdrawing group at phenyl nucleus such as fluorine and chlorine atoms introduced by isothiocyanate. So, the inhibition of α -amylase activity may be due to fluorine and chlorine atoms in the presence of ethyl group. Our results agree with those of Cao, et al.,28 they noted a significant stimulatory effect of the synthesized triazines (compound 1-3) from berberine, magnolol and metformin, respectively, on the INS-1 cells insulin secretion. The insulin release was increased by 143% in the presence of compound 3 than to the model (A positive control is Metformin), while compound 2 and compound 1 was increased by 156% and 137%, respectively. All compounds hadstimulatory effects on the INS-1 cells insulin secretion and anti-diabetic effect.

Inhibition of histamine release by benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives

The results of the antihistamine activity of benzimidazole-1,3,5-triazine derivatives are shown in Table 2 and Fig. 2. Compound 3e and 3f gave the best results of inhibition of histamine release ((60.34, 57.19%) and (82.35, 73.21%)) at 62.5 and 1000 ug/L concentration, IC₅₀ = 25.6, 29.4, respectively, than standard (ST), (00.00 and 32.11 %) inhibition at 62.5 and 1000 μ g/l concentration, respectively, IC₅₀ = 1000< and other derivatives. Additionally, the results show that compounds 3a, 3d, 3e and 3f gave highly inhibition at various concentration, $IC_{50} = 121.6$, 101.9, 25.6, 29.4, respectively, than 3c and ST, IC₅₀ = 234.1, 1000<, respectively. Our results indicated that adding triazine ring to 2- aminobenzimidazole improving its inhibition as antihistamine. The 3e and 3f compounds give a highly effect as antihistamine in presence of chlorine atom as electron withdrawing group at phenyl nucleus, this inhibition effect may be due to chlorine atom. On the other hand, compound 3d, gives a good effect than 3b, this inhibition may be due to presence of fluorine atom. Therefore, the best inhibition was observed for 3-(4-chlorophenyl) -2-ethyl [1, 2-a] benzimidazolo

-1, 3, 5-triazin-4-thione (3e). Viswanatha, $(2012)^{33}$ evaluated benzothieno-1,2,3-triazine CP-8, CP-3 and CP-5 and study the antihistaminic activities and found that the chlorpheniramine maleate (CPM), CP-8, CP-3 and CP-5 have exposed a rightward shift in a change of EC₅₀ values in histamine with histamine concentration-response curve (CRC) in all preparations of the four tissue. Also, CPM, CP-8, and CP-5 showed competitive in nature for H1-receptors as indicated in the slope of the Schild plot. While, it showed non competitive antagonism of CP-3. The CPM, CP-8, CP-3, and CP-5 have shown a mean increase in exposition time against

histamine challenge. Also, the anti-inflammatory activities of compounds 1-3, on chose RAW 264.1 cells (inflammatory cells of mice) and INS-1 cells (insulinoma cells of the mouse) were evaluated. The COX-2 level was decreased by 25.41%, 14.24%, and 13.06%, respectively, by compounds **3–1**, and the PEG-2 level was decreased by 36.41%, 27.05%, and 32.26% of compounds **3–1**, respectively. The positive control in this study was Ibuprofen and the decrease of COX-2/PEG-2 level is 32.82% and 42.31%. Generally, all compounds **1–3** in the present study have significant anti-inflammatory activity²⁸.

Conc. (µg) Samples	0	7.81	15.63	31.25	62.5	125	250	500	1000	IC ₅₀
Control (acarbose)	0	37.81	40.75	48.84	59.31	60.17	69.37	80.14	86.32	34.71
Standard (ST)	±0.00	±1.20	±1.50	±1.20	±1.50	±0.63	±1.20	±0.58	±0.63	
N N H	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	5.41 ±1.50	11.32 ±0.63	22.98 ±0.72	41.32 ±1.60	>1000
	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	6.84 ±2.20	11.32 ±0.72	26.34 ±1.50	49.32 ±1.20	>1000
3a	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	0 ±0.00	6.34 ±0.93	16.82 ±1.50	31.25 ±0.58	42.31 ±1.30	>1000
	0 ±0.00	16.34 ±0.63	21.34 ±1.20	38.16 ±1.50	51.32 ±0.58	57.31 ±1.30	60.35 ±0.72	66.12 ±1.60	73.15 ±1.50	59.4
3c	0 ±0.00	8.37 ±1.50	17.34 ±1.30	31.26 ±1.20	46.38 ±0.72	50.68 ±0.58	52.14 ±0.63	57.34 ±2.10	66.31 ±1.50	115.1
3d S S S S S S S S S S S S S	0 ±0.00	12.15 ±0.58	26.32 ±1.30	41.32 ±1.20	54.31 ±0.72	59.37 ±0.95	62.33 ±1.20	66.92 ±2.10	71.34 ±1.50	52.1
3e N N N N N CH ₃ S CH ₃ S	0 ±0.00	7.32 ±0.58	18.79 ±0.63	32.28 ±1.30	42.84 ±1.20	50.09 ±1.50	52.35 ±0.72	58.34 ±0.58	66.32 ±1.50	124.2

Table 1: α-amylase inhibitory of benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives

All samples were determined three times and the mean ± SD used to express the value. The value of IC50 was defined as inhibit 50% of the concentration activity of enzyme under the assay conditions.



Fig. 1. Effect of α -amylase inhibitory on control (acrabose) and newly benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives (3a-3f)

Conc. (µg) Samples	0	7.81	15.63	31.25	62.5	125	250	500	1000	IC ₅₀
Diclofenac	0 ±0.00	36.32 1.30±	49.25 ±2.10	54.32 ±1.20	57.32 0.63±	61.32 0.98±	68.32 1.20±	79.25 2.50±	86.34 0.63±	17.9
Standard (ST)										
	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.32	19.37	32.11	1000>
	±0.00	±0.00	±0.00	±0.00	±0.00	±0.00	±1.50	±0.63	±1.50	



All samples were determined three times and the mean ± SD used to express the value. The value of IC50 was defined as inhibit 50% of the concentration activity of enzyme under the assay conditions





CONCLUSION

In our study, we have synthesized a novel halogen phenyl benzimidazolo-1,3,5-triazine derivatives from N-(2-benzimidazolyl) imidates, under ultrasound method. The structures were proved by different spectral data ¹H/¹³C NMR, IR and elemental analysis and Ms. The advantages of ultrasound method in our synthesis, are the short reaction time with enhanced purity and products yields. All derivatives were evaluated for anti-diabetic and anti-histamine activity. Our results had shown interesting biological activity as anti-diabetic and anti-histamine of all derivatives except **3a** and **3b**

are inactive as anti-diabetic. The compounds **3c** and **3e** showed a prominent α -amylase inhibition with IC₅₀= 59.9, 52.1, respectively. On the other hand, compounds **3e** and **3f** gave a high activity as antihistamine than other compounds.

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Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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