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Study of Mesoionic Compounds: Synthesis and Pharmacological Evaluation of Several 2-[{(4-Substituted-1sulphonyl) Sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b)indoles as Antimicrobial, Insecticidal and Antihelmintic Agents

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ABSTRACT

In the present study several novel 2-[{(4-Substituted-1-sulphonyl)sydnon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles [4a-f] synthesised from 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazino (6,5-b) indole. Structures of the synthesized substituted indoles were characterized by IR, ¹H-NMR, Mass and elemental analysis (C, H, N). Synthesised indole derivatives were screened for antimicrobial, insecticidal and anthelmintic activities. Compound 4a displayed significant biological spectrum.

Key words: Antimicobial, insecticidal, antihelmintic, sydnones, indoles.

INTRODUCTION

An enormous amount of research on synthetic and pharmacological studies of sydnones has been reported during the last few decades¹. Mesoionic compounds are non-benzenoid heterocycles containing different combination of hetero atoms. Sydnones being mesoionic compounds, are 1, 2, 3-oxadiazolium-5-olates and their chemistry has been widely studied by the scientific workers^{2,3} due to their electronic and versatile biological profile. Literature is evident to reveal that sydnone derivatives are most important member of the mesoionic category of compounds. With few exceptions, sydnones are stable compounds and display significant polarity. Sydnones are reported to posses anticonvulsant⁴, antitumor⁵, diuretic⁶, antimicrobial^{7,9}, hypotensive¹⁰, anticancer¹¹, analgesic¹², insecticidal¹³ and antihelmintic¹⁴ activities. On the other hand, indole and its analogs showed versatile biological spectrum as anti-inflammatory¹⁵⁻²⁰, anticonvulsant²¹, antitumor²², antimicrobial²³, antibacterial²⁴⁻²⁵, antifungal²⁶ and antihelmintic²⁷. In continuation of research work²⁸⁻²⁹, we focused our efforts on the synthesis of 2-[{(4-Substituted-1-sulphonyl)sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles 4a-f starting from 2-amino-1, 3, 4-thiadiazino (6, 5-b) indole (Scheme-1). Hence all these observation prompted us to synthesis some novel derivatives of indoles bearing syndhone moiety. It was interesting to study the biological behaviours of various substituted sydhones.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthetic strategy has been outlined in Scheme-1. Compound 1 and 2 were synthesised by our earlier reported method²⁹. The condensation reaction of compound 2 and chloro sulphonic acid in presence of catalytic amount of phosphorous pentoxide yielded the compound 3. The formation of compound 3 was evidenced by the disappearance of singlet in 1H-NMR spectra and IR spectral band at δ 4.69 ppm and 3106 cm⁻¹ respectively. It was further evidenced by the appearance of IR spectral band at 1180 cm⁻¹ due to the SO₂ group. The desired derivatives, 4a-f were obtained by the reaction of compound 3 and secondary amines. In ¹H-NMR spectra compounds 4, the peaks were observed at δ 2.02-2.51 due to hydrogens of morpholine ring. Presence of absorption band at 1460, 1120 for C-O-C of morpholine ring cleared the synthesis of derivatives 4a-f. Scheme-2 explored the general mass fragmentation of 2-[{(4-morpholino-1-sulphonyl) sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles 4a. In the mass spectra of compound 4a, the molecular ion peak 420 [M+] (15%) also confirmed the formation of the sydnonyl substituted indoles. The molecular, base peak and other peak with their relative intensities were summarised in Table 1. The mass spectral study of sydnonyl substituted indoles publicized that parent compound 4a cleaved and released gradually fragment radicals and neutrals by following two routes viz route A and route B. Route A produced two daughter ions [a]⁺ and [b]⁺ while route B also produced two daughter ions [n]+ and [o]*. Ion [a]* releases N_o radical to give ion [c]* which further expel out S radical to yield guinolinium ion [d]+. Quinolinium ion²⁸ [d]+ splits to give ion [e]+. In ion [b]*, sydnonyl ring ruptures similarly to that of other pattern of sydnone derivatives²⁹ to yield two ions, ion [f]⁺ and [j]⁺. Ion [f]⁺ further cleaved into ions [g]⁺ and [s]+. Ion [g]+ transformed into ions [h]+ and [i]+. Ion [j]+ breaks down to give ions [k]+ and [l]+ and SO, release converted ion [I]+ into ion [m]+. lons [p]+ and [q]+ were obtained by the splitting of ion [n]*. Expulsion of NO

radical from ion $[q]^+$ furnish ion $[r]^+$ (*Table*-1).

Pharmacology

Compounds 3 and 4a-f were evaluated for antimicrobial, insecticidal and antihelmintic activity (*Table*-2, 3 & 4).

Antimicrobial screening

All the newly synthesized compounds 3 and 4a-f were screened for their antibacterial and antifungal activity. All the bacterial as well as fungal strains were clinical isolates, identified with conventional morphological and biochemical methods. The microorganisms employed antibacterial studies were Staphylococcus aureus, E. coli and Klabsiella pneumoniae. Disk diffusion method³⁰⁻ ³¹ was used for determination of the preliminary antibacterial activity. Disks measuring 6.25 mm in diameter were punched from Whatman no. 1 filter paper. Batches of 100 disks were dispensed to each screw-capped bottle and sterilized by dry heat at 140 °C for an hour. The test compounds were prepared with different concentrations using DMF. One milliliter containing 100 times the amount of chemical in each disk was added to each bottle, which contained 100 disks. Disks of each concentration were for placed in triplicate in nutrient agar medium seeded with fresh bacteria separately. The incubation was carried out at 37 °C for 24 h. Ampicillin trihydrate and fluconazole were used as standard drugs. Solvent and growth controls were kept and zones of inhibition were noted. The bacterial inhibition values (mm) of the tested compounds against the tested bacterial strains are recorded in Table 2. On the other hand, the newly prepared compounds were screened for their in vitro antifungal activity against Aspergillus fumigatus (plant isolate), Candida albicans and Candida glabrata, in DMF by the serial plate dilution method³²⁻³³. Sabouraud's agar media were prepared by dissolving peptone (1 g), D-glucose (4 g), and agar (2 g) in distilled water (100 ml) and adjusting the pH to 5.7. Normal saline was used to make a suspension of the spore of fungal strain for lawning. A loopful of particular fungal strain was transferred to 3 ml saline to get a suspension of the corresponding species. Agar media (20 ml) was poured into each petri dish. Excess suspension was decanted and the plates were dried by placing in an incubator at 37 °C for 1 h. Using an agar punch wells were made into each well labelled. A control was also prepared in triplicate and maintained at 37 °C for 3–4 days. Antifungal activity was determined by measuring the diameter of the inhibition zone. The fungicidal inhibitory (mm) values of the tested compounds against the tested fungal species are recorded in *Table*- 2.

Insecticidal activity

Periplaneta americana was taken for insecticidal study and 1 and 2% solutions of the derivatives 3 and 4a-f were injected in the abdominal of *P. americana* with the help of micro syringe. The time of death had been noted as KD (Knock promising to moderate activity) value. Cypermethrin was used as standard drug. At the time of death the antennae of *P. americana* became motionless, the appendages shrunk and folded towards the ventral side and cockroach lay dorsally³⁴ (*Table-* 3).

Anthelmintic activity

Indian adult earthworms (Pheretima posthuma) were collected from moist soil and washed with normal saline to remove all faecal matter and used for the anthelmintic activity. All the synthesized derivatives 3 and 4a-f were dissolved in minimum amount of DMF and the volume adjusted to 10 ml with saline water. All solutions of synthesized derivatives and drugs solutions were freshly prepared. Groups of six earthworms were released into desired formulations and the paralytic and lethal time noted. Albendazole was used as standard drug. Observations were made for the time taken for paralysis and death of individual worms. Paralysis was said to occur when the worms did not receive even in normal saline. Death was concluded when the worms lost their motility followed by fading away of their body colour³⁵⁻³⁸ (Table- 4).

EXPERIMENTAL

All the chemicals used for the preparation of desired derivatives, were obtained from Sisco Research Laboratories (SRL), Mumbai, India; Qualigen Fine Chemicals, Mumbai, India; E. Merck Ltd., New Delhi, India. The reference drugs ampicillin trihydrate, fluconazole, cypermethrin and albendazole were procured from Ind-Swift, Pharmaceutical, Panjab; Savorite Pharmaceuticals, Gujarat; <u>Royal</u> <u>Crop Science</u>, Panipat, India. The melting points of the compounds were determined in open glass capillaries with the help of thermonic melting points apparatus (Campbell Electronics, Mumbai, India) and are uncorrected. The homogeneity of all the newly synthesized compounds were routinely checked by TLC on silica gel G plates and spots were located by using iodine chamber. Elemental analysis was performed in Heraeus CHN rapid analyser. The results were found within the $\pm 0.4\%$ of theoretical values. Infrared spectra were recorded on KBr pellets on a Perkin Elmer system 2000 FTIR spectrometer and ¹H- NMR spectra on Bruker DPX 200 using TMS as internal standard.

Synthesis

Synthesis of 2-(1,3,4-thiadiazino (6, 5-b)indole-2´-yl)aminoacetic acid (1)

A mixture of 2-amino-1, 3, 4-thiadiazino (6, 5-b) indole (0.01 mol), chloroacetic acid (0.01 mol) and anhydrous K₂CO₃ (5.0 gm) in methanol (dry, 80 ml) were refluxed for about 18 h on a water bath. On completion of the reaction, the excess of solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure. At 0-5 °C, 40% hydrochloric acid (0.01 mol) added to residue and a solution of sodium nitrite (0.01 mol) in water (25 ml) was added drop wise during 30 min. The reaction was allowed to stand overnight. Crude reaction mixture was filtered, washed thoroughly with ice cold water and dried in air. The solid thus obtained was recrystallised with ethanol- water to obtain compound 1: Yield 68%, m.p.160 °C. IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹: 1548 (C C of aromatic), 1568 (N=O), 1615 (C=N), 1710 (C=O of COOH), 2837 (CH₂), 3010 (OH of COOH), 3047 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₂) δ: 4.69 (d, 2H, CH₂), 6.50-6.80 (m, 4H, ArH), 9.60 (s, 1H, COOH, exchangeable with D₂O). MS: m/z 289 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₁H₇N₅SO₃), calcd: C 45.67, H 2.42, N 24.22%, found: C 45.70, H 2.40, N 24.45%.

Synthesis of 2-(Sydnon-3´-yl)-1, 3, 4-thiadiazino (6,5-b)indole (2)

Compound **1** was heated with acetic anhydride (1:5 by weight) on a water bath for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured over crushed ice and recrystallised with ethanol to get compound 2: Yield 62%, m.p.136 °C. IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹: 841(N-O of sydnones), 1092 (C-O of sydnone), 1252 (C-N), 1522 (N-N), 1573 (C C of aromatic), 1620 (C=N), 1752 (C=O of sydnone), 3033 (aromatic CH), 3106 (sydnone -CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 4.69 (s, 1H, sydnone), 6.62-6.90 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 271

Selected ions	[M]⁺	[a]⁺	[b]⁺	[c]⁺	[d]⁺	[e]⁺	[f]⁺	[g] ⁺	[h]⁺	[i]⁺
m/z Relative intensity (%) Selected ions m/z Relative intensity (%)	420 15 [j]⁺ 54 22	186 46 [k]⁺ 150 79	234 37 [I]⁺ 86 80	154 50 [m]⁺ 270 43	122 40 [n]⁺ 150 79	96 61 [o]⁺ 162 100	233 41 [p]⁺ 108 25	84 64 [q]⁺ 78 13	40 12 [r]⁺ 150 79	204 30

Table 1: Mass spectral data 2-[{(4-Morpholino-1-sulphonyl) sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b)indoles 4a

Table 2: Antimicrobial screening of 2-[(4-Sulphoyl chloride)sydon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles 3 and 2-[{(4-substituted-1-sulphonyl)sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles 4a-f

Compound	Ar	ntibacteria	al activity (mm)	Ar	Antifungal activity (mm)			
	S. aureus	E. coli	K. pneumoniae	e A. fumigatus	C. albicans	C. glabrata		
3.	-	-	5	-	-	-		
4a.	10	15	20	16	10	12		
4b.	-	6	10	8	6	-		
4c.	-	-	8	6	-	6		
4d.	-	6	6	10	6	8		
4e.	5	10	10	8	6	10		
4f.	-	6	8	14	-	8		
Ampicillin trihydrate	16	16	20	-	-	-		
Fluconazole	-	-	-	20	15	15		
DMF (control)	-	-	-	-	-	-		

- means no activity.

Table 3: Insecticidal activity of 2-[(4-Sulphoyl chloride)sydon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles 3 and 2-[{(4-substituted-1-sulphonyl) sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b)indoles 4a-f at two different concentrations (KD value in min.) Table 4: Anthelmintic activity of 2-[(4-Sulphoyl chloride)sydon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles 3 and 2-[{(4-substituted-1-sulphonyl) sydnon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b)indoles 4a-f against *Pheretima posthuma* (paralytic and lethal time in min.)

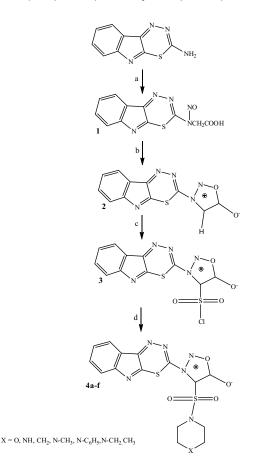
Comp.	Time [min.]			
	1%	2%		
3.	28	22		
4a.	8	6		
4b.	15	8		
4c.	18	12		
4d.	14	8		
4e.	12	10		
4f.	19	12		
Cypermethrin	7	5		

Comp.	Paralytic time (min.)	Lethal time (min.)		
3.	12	20		
4a.	6	10		
4b.	18	24		
4c.	13	20		
4d.	10	15		
4e.	14	18		
4f.	12	16		
Albendazole 5		8		

[M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₁H₅N₅SO₂), calcd: C 48.70, H 1.84, N 25.83%, found: C 48.76, H 1.86, N 25.80%.

Synthesis of 2-[(4-Sulphoyl chloride)sydon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles (3)

Compound 2 (0.01 mol) taken in small portion to the mixture of chloro sulphonic acid (0.01 mol) and catalytic amount of phosphorous pentoxide. Shake well to ensure thorough mixing. The resulting mixture heated at 60-65 °C for about 1 hr. On completion the reaction, reaction mixture allowed to cool and pour the mixture over ice. Stirred, filtered, washed and dried to get compound 3. Yield 69%, m.p.194 °C. IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹: 845(N-O of sydnones), 1090 (C-O of sydnone), 1180 (SO₂), 1247 (C-N), 1526 (N-N), 1570 (C C of aromatic), 1625 (C=N), 1749 (C=O of sydnone), 3030 (aromatic)



a = i.ClCH₂COOH, ii. NaNO₂/HCl; b = i. (CH₃COO)₂O; c = ClSO₃H; d = secondary amines

Scheme 1:

CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 6.57-6.95 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 369.5 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₁H₄N₅S₂O₄Cl), calcd: C 35.72, H 1.08, N 18.94%, found: C 35.61, H 1.09, N 18.80%.

General preparation of 2-[{(4-Substituted-1sulphonyl)sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino (6,5-b) indoles (4a-f)

A mixture of dimethyl formamide and various 2⁹-amine (0.02 mol) was added to compound 3 (0.02 mol) with stirring for 2 hr. Catalytic amount of pyridine was added to reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was poured to the ice cold water. Crude products were recrystallized in appropriate solvents to furnish compounds 4a-f.

4a: Yield 69%, m.p.194 °C. IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 845 (N-O of sydnones), 1090 (C-O of sydnone), 1180 (SO₂), 1247 (C-N), 1526 (N-N), 1570 (C C of aromatic), 1625 (C=N), 1749 (C=O of sydnone), 3030 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 2.02-2.51 (t, 8H, -N-CH₂), 6.52-7.00 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 420.10 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₅H₁₂N₆S₂O₅), calcd: C 42.86, H 2.86, N 20.00%, found: C 42.97, H 2.82, N 19.97%.

4b: Yield 51%, m.p.132 °C. IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 851 (N-O of sydnone), 1097 (C-O of sydnone), 1182 (SO₂), 1253 (C-N), 1530 (N-N), 1576 (C C of aromatic), 1631 (C=N), 1742 (C=O of sydnone), 3031 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCI₃) δ : 1.83 (s, 1H, NH), 2.10-2.62 (t, 8H, -N-CH₂), 6.60-7.12 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 419.10 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₅H₁₃N₇S₂O₄), calcd: C 42.95, H 3.10, N 23.38%, found: C 42.91, H 3.12, N 23.46%.

4c: Yield 48%, m.p.159 °C. IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 849 (N-O of sydnones), 1094 (C-O of sydnone), 1184 (SO₂), 1250 (C-N), 1533 (N-N), 1573 (C C of aromatic), 1628 (C=N), 1747 (C=O of sydnone), 3028 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.06-2.69 (t, 10H, -N-CH₂), 6.60-7.12 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 418.23 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₆H₁₄N₆S₂O₄), calcd: C 45.91, H 3.35, N 20.10%, found: C 45.88, H 3.36, N 20.15%.

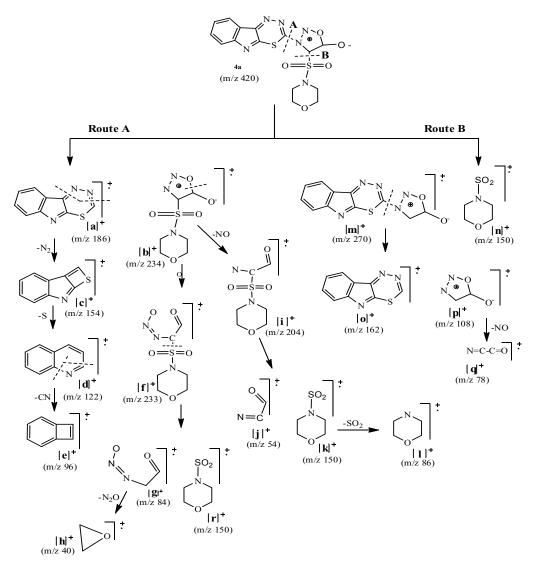
4d: Yield 57%, m.p.168 °C. IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 854 (N-O of sydnones), 1092 (C-O of sydnone), 1180 (SO₂), 1251 (C-N), 1536 (N-N), 1572 (C C of aromatic), 1637 (C=N), 1740 (C=O of sydnone),

3033 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ : 1.22 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 2.15-2.66 (t, 8H, -N-CH₂), 6.60-7.12 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 433.41 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₆H₁₅N₇S₂O₄), calcd: C 44.30, H 3.46, N 22.61%, found: C 44.27, H 3.40, N 22.69%.

4e: Yield 52%, m.p.147 °C. IR (KBr) ν_{max} in cm⁻¹: 848 (N-O of sydnones), 1095 (C-O of sydnone), 1178 (SO₂), 1250 (C-N), 1530 (N-N), 1574 (C C of aromatic), 1630 (C=N), 1744 (C=O of sydnone), 3035 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ: 2.10-2.60 (t, 8H, -N-CH₂), 6.79-7.52 (m, 9H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 495.12 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₂₁H₁₇N₇S₂O₄),

calcd: C 50.89, H 3.43, N 19.79%, found: C 50.87, H 3.44, N 20.02%.

4f: Yield 60%, m.p.182 °C. IR (KBr) v_{max} in cm⁻¹: 853 (N-O of sydnones), 1090 (C-O of sydnone), 1185 (SO₂), 1255 (C-N), 1533 (N-N), 1570 (C C of aromatic), 1636 (C=N), 1743 (C=O of sydnone), 3030 (aromatic CH). ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) v: 1.34 (t, *J* = 6 Hz, 3H, -CH₃), 2.78 (q, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H, -CH₂-), 2.10-2.60 (t, 8H, -N-CH₂), 6.60-7.12 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS: m/z 447.18 [M]⁺. Elemental analysis (C₁₇H₁₇N₇S₂O₄), calcd: C 45.61, H 3.80, N 21.91%, found: C 45.67, H 3.75, N 22.00%.



Scheme 2: Mass spectral fragmentation pattern of 2-[{4-morpholino-1-sulphonyl) sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4- thiadiazino (6,5-b) indoles 4a

CONCLUSION

Pharmacological evaluation data revealed that incorporation of secondary amines into compound 3 i.e. 2-[(4-Sulphoyl chloride)sydon-3-yl]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b) indoles brought significant efficacy in to biological activity. Compound 4a & 4e were the only compounds which displayed significant antimicrobial activity against all the selected panel of pathogens but order of efficacy was 4a > 4e. During insecticidal activity against *P. americana*, compound 4a showed remarkable potential in comparison to used standard cypermethrin. Again compound 4a was the only compound who showed better antihelmitic activity in compare to applied albendazole standard. On the basis of SAR, morphloine substitution seems to be very vital for biological activity profile. Morpholino sydnonyl substituted indole i.e. 2-[{(4-morpholino-1-sulphonyl) sydnon-3-yl}]-1,3,4-thiadiazino(6,5-b)indole 4a, showed promising drug canditure among the all screened derivatives.

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