

## Synthesis of Some Benzothiazole Derivatives with Potential Antibacterial Activity (Part III\*)

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**Abstract** □ The carbinols, hydrazide, Schiff's bases and acryloyl derivatives of 2-thio-benzothiazole were prepared. The acid and nitrile of 2-thiobenzothiazole were also obtained. The derivatives were tested for their antibacterial activities. Some derivatives showed the highest antifungal and antibacterial activity.

**Key words** □ Benzothiazole, antibacterial effect.

Benzothiazole was long known to be effective as bacteriostatic, tuberculostatic fungistatic and molluscicidal agents<sup>3-7</sup>. The present work describes the synthesis of new 2-thiobenzothiazole derivatives with potential bacteriostatic activity.

Interaction of benzothiazole-2-thioformate prepared by interaction of the sodio-derivative of benzothiazole-2-thiol with ethyl chloroformate with Grignard reagents and hydrazine hydrate gave the corresponding thiocarbinols (**Ia-c**) and hydrazide (**II**) respectively. The hydrazide was previously prepared by another procedure<sup>8</sup>.

The hydrazide derivative (**II**) with various aldehydes was converted to the corresponding hydrazones (**IIIa-e**).

Interaction of *p*-nitro and *p*-chlorophenylacryloyl chloride with the sodio-derivative of benzothiazole-2-thiol, gave the corresponding acryloyl derivatives (**IVa, b**).

Hydrolysis product of benzothiazole-2-thioformate, benzothiazole-2-thiocarboxylic acid (**V**) was converted to the amide and reaction of the amide with POCl<sub>3</sub>/DMF gave benzothiazole-2-thionitrile (**VI**).

The attempt to prepare 2-carboxy-6-nitrobenzothiazole (**VIII**) through the cyclization of the thione acid (**VII**) with potassium ferrocyanide in alkaline medium was unsuccessful. The thione acid (**VII**) has been prepared *via* reaction of *p*-nitroaniline with diethyl oxalate to give *p*-nitrophenyl amidoethyl formate which on reacting with P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub> yielded the monothione-ester and its hydrolysis gave the thione acid (**VII**).

The benzothiazole derivatives were tested for their antibacterial activities using 6 different bacteria.

In the thiocarbinol derivatives (**I**) of 2-benzothiazole the compounds of methyl group showed the highest antifungal activity against *Aspergillus niger*, *Candida albicans* and *Candida utilis*, but did not exert significant antibacterial activity. In the hydrazone derivatives (**III**) of some molecule, the presence of *p*-hydroxyl or *o*-dimethoxyl moiety in the condensed aryl aldehyde group showed the highest antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* and *Aerobacter aerogenes*. Also the *o*-dimethoxyl moiety showed the highest antibacterial activity against *Bacillus subtilis*.

In the acryloyl derivatives (**IV**) of 2-benzothiazole, introduction of a nitro group enhanced the antifungal effect against *Aspergillus niger* and *Aerobacter aerogenes*, while the presence of chloro group abolished the antibacterial activity and potentiated the antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* and did not exert the high antifungal activity against *Aerobacter aerogenes*.

### EXPERIMENTAL

IR (KBr) spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 580. <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol FX60 Q (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/TMS). Mass spectra were obtained on a varian MAT 311A.

#### Reaction of the benzothiazole-2-thioformate with Grignard Reagents

To 0.1 mole of an ethereal solution of the appropriate Grignard reagent, was added dropwise 0.1 mole of benzothiazole-2-thioformate in dry benzene. When the addition was complete, the solution was allowed to stand overnight. The Grignard complex was hydrolysed with a saturated solution of sodium sulphate. The benzene layer was separated, washed

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with water, dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and then evaporated under reduced pressure to give the corresponding thiocarbonyl derivatives (**Ia-c**). IR spectrum showed a stretching frequency characteristic to OH at  $3380\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Table II).  $^1\text{H NMR}$ : see Table V.

#### Reaction of the benzothiazole-2-thioformate with hydrazine hydrate

A mixture of benzothiazole-2-thioformate (0.01 mole) and hydrazine hydrate (0.05 mole) in ethanol (20 ml) was heated under reflux for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was left to cool, then diluted with water. The separated solid was collected, washed

with water, and crystallised from ethanol-water mixture to give the hydrazine (**II**) (Table II).  $^1\text{H NMR}$ : see Table V.

#### Condensation of hydrazide with aldehydes

A solution of the hydrazide (**II**) (0.02 mole) and aldehyde (0.01 mole) in ethanol in the presence of few drops of glacial acetic acid, was heated under reflux for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was left to cool, then diluted with water. The separated solid was collected, washed with water, and crystallised from ethanol-water mixture to give the Schiff's bases (**IIIa-e**). Their IR spectra showed bands in the  $1730\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region corresponding to  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  and  $\text{C}=\text{N}$ , respectively (Table III).  $^1\text{H NMR}$ : see Table V.

#### Reaction of acrylic acid derivatives with sodo-derivatives of 2-thiobenzothiazole

A mixture of *p*-substituted phenyl acryloyl chloride (0.01 mole) the sodo-derivatives of 2-thiobenzothiazole (0.01 mole) in dry benzene was stirred for two hours. Addition of pet.-ether ( $40-60^\circ$ ), gave a crude product which when crystallised from benzene yielded the styryl compound of type **IV**. IR spectra showed bands in the region of  $1710\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to carbonyl and  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  (Table IV).  $^1\text{H NMR}$ : see Table V.

#### Hydrolysis of benzothiazole-2-thioformate

A mixture of 11.9g of benzothiazole-2-thioformate and a solution of 4g of sodium hydroxide in 80 ml of water, was boiled in 5-10 minutes or until the ester disappeared, and the water. The diluted reaction mixture was added with vigorous stirring into 125 ml of conc. HCl. After cooling, the crude acid was filtered, washed with a little water, crystallised from water, or light petroleum ( $40-60^\circ$ ): gave the product, **V**. IR spectra:  $1700\text{ (C=O)}$ ,  $3400\text{ (OH)}$ .  $^1\text{H}$

Table I. The antibacterial activity of benzothiazole derivatives

Compound	Inhibition zone					
	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>A. niger</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>	<i>A. aerogenes</i>	<i>C. utilis</i>
<b>Ia</b>	+	-	+++	+++	+	+++
<b>b</b>	++	+	++	++	-	+
<b>c</b>	+	+	++	++	+++	+
<b>II</b>	+	++	+++	+	++	-
<b>IIIa</b>	++	+	+	++	++	++
<b>b</b>	++	+	+	+++	+++	++
<b>c</b>	++	++	++	+	+	+++
<b>d</b>	+	+	++	+	-	-
<b>e</b>	+++	++	++	+++	+++	+
<b>IVa</b>	++	++	+++	++	+++	-
<b>VIIIb</b>	-	+	++	+++	+++	-

+ Slight activity  
++ Medium activity  
+++ High activity

Table II. M.P., Yield, M.S. and elemental analysis of Ia-c and II

Comp.	M.P. $^\circ\text{C}$	Yield %	Formula (M.W.)	[M.S m/z] %	Analyses Calc./Found		
					C	H	N
<b>Ia</b>	115	35	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOS}_2$ (225.32)	235 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 42)	53.33	4.89	6.22
				224 (100), 209 (62)	53.67	4.30	6.58
<b>Ib</b>	130	48	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOS}_2$ (253.38)	253 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 54)	56.92	5.93	5.33
				252 (100), 236 (42)	57.27	5.37	5.93
<b>Ic</b>	170	20	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{NOS}_2$ (361.56)	361 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 39)	66.48	7.48	3.87
				360 (100), 344 (36)	66.04	7.89	3.72
<b>II</b>	175	60	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{OS}_2$ (225.32)	225 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 49)	42.67	3.11	18.65
				224 (100), 209 (72)	43.06	3.58	18.42

**Table III. M.P., yield, M.S. and elemental analysis of IIIa-e**

Comp.	M.P. °C	Yield %	Formula (M.W.)	[M.S m/z] %	Analyses Calc./Found		
					C	H	N
<b>IIIa</b>	140	30	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (303.35)	303 (M <sup>+</sup> , 28)	51.49	2.97	13.85
				302 (100), 235 (42)	51.58	3.27	13.57
<b>b</b>	133	55	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (329.43)	329 (M <sup>+</sup> , 39)	54.71	3.34	12.76
				328 (100), 235 (57)	55.13	3.57	12.40
<b>c</b>	179	40	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OS <sub>2</sub> (327.42)	327 (M <sup>+</sup> , 34)	58.72	3.98	12.83
				326 (100), 232 (52)	58.27	4.34	13.21
<b>d</b>	161	60	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (359.39)	359 (M <sup>+</sup> , 73)	50.28	2.79	15.63
				358 (100), 233 (70)	50.30	2.65	15.57
<b>e</b>	108	40	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (373.44)	373 (M <sup>+</sup> , 50)	54.69	4.02	11.72
				372 (100), 232 (56)	54.20	4.37	11.72

**Table IV. M.P., yield, M.S. and elemental analysis of IVa,b and V-VII**

Comp.	M.P. °C	Yield %	Formula (M.W.)	[M.S m/z] %	Analyses Calc./Found		
					C	H	N
<b>IVa</b>	216	60	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (342.39)	342 (M <sup>+</sup> , 37)	56.13	2.94	8.18
				341 (100), 219 (55)	56.40	2.56	8.16
<b>IVb</b>	164	45	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NOS <sub>2</sub> Cl (331.83)	331 (M <sup>+</sup> , 54)	58.00	3.03	4.22
				330 (100)	58.30	2.66	4.57
<b>V</b>	115	40	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (211.25)	211 (M <sup>+</sup> , 22)	45.54	2.37	6.63
				210 (100), 166 (75)	45.03	2.95	7.20
<b>VI</b>	154	70	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (192.25)	192 (M <sup>+</sup> , 57)	50.00	2.08	14.58
				166 (100)	50.18	2.58	15.07
<b>VII</b>	170	45	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S (226.21)	226 (M <sup>+</sup> , 26)	42.47	2.65	12.38
				177 (63)	41.78	2.43	12.57

NMR : see Table V.

#### ***Benzothiazole-2-thioamide***

Freshly distilled thionyl chloride (3 ml) was added to a solution of benzothiazole-2-thioacid (**V**) (0.01 mole) in dry benzene (50 ml). The reaction mixture was boiled for two hr cooled, the excess thionyl chloride together with the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure and the remaining solid dissolved in dry benzene (20 ml) and treated with ammonia until the reaction become alkaline. Ammonium chloride was removed by filtration, and the filtrate evaporated under reduced pressure. The remaining solid collected, washed with a solution of sodium carbonate (5%), and recrystallized from ethanol to give benzothiazole-2-thioamine.

#### ***Benzothiazole-2-thionitrile***

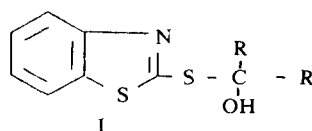
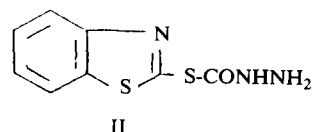
To a cooled solution of benzothiazole-2-thioamide (0.005 mole) in DMF (5 ml), 0.01 mole POCl<sub>3</sub> was added. After one hours, water was added, and the precipitated solid collected and crystallized from petroleum ether (60-80°), to give benzothiazole-2-thionitrile (**VI**) (70% yield), as colourless crystals of m.p. 154°C. Its IR spectra showed band in the 2280 cm<sup>-1</sup> region due to the nitrile group. <sup>1</sup>H NMR : see Table V.

#### ***Hydrolysis of Benzothiazole-2-thionitrile***

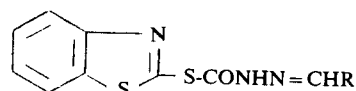
Benzothiazole-2-thionitrile (**VI**) (15 g) was heated under reflux for 45-60 minutes in a mixture containing 10 ml water, 10 ml acetic acid and 10 ml conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The reaction mixture was then diluted with 2-3 volumes of water and the crude acid collected by filtration, washed several times with small volumes of hot water, then the acid solidified on

Table V. Spectral properties of I-VI

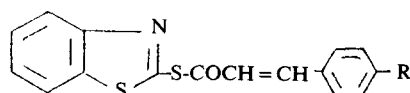
No.	<sup>1</sup> H NMR [ δ in DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ]
Ia	1.32 (S,6H,2CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.28 (S,4H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 9.79 (S,1H,OH).
Ib	0.97 (E,J = 7 HZ,6H,CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.17 (q,J = 7 HZ,4H, CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.27 (S,4H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 9.80 (S,1H,OH).
Ic	7.32 (S,4H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 8.95 (S,22H,2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ), 9.83 (S,1H,OH).
II	7.25 (S,4H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 7.53 (S,2H,NH <sub>2</sub> ), 8.75 (S,1H,NH).
IIIa	0.9 (S,1H,CH), 1.53 (S,3H,C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O), 7.32 (S,4H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 8.80 (S,1H,NH).
IIIb	0.87 (S,1H,CH), 7.25 (S,8H,2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 8.98 (S,1H,NH), 9.73 (S,1H,OH).
IIIc	0.95 (S,1H,CH), 2.34 (S,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.18 (S,8H,2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 8.83 (S,1H,NH).
IIId	0.93 (S,1H,CH), 7.28 (S,8H,2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 8.78 (S,1H,NH).
IIIe	0.95 (S,1H,CH), 3.72 (S,6H,2OCH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.31 (S,7H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> ), 8.82 (S,1H,NH).
IVa	0.91 (S,2H,CH = CH), 7.29 (S,8H,2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ).
IVb	0.93 (S,2H,CH = CH), 7.35 (S,8H,2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ).
V	7.23 (S,4H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 10.2 (S,1H,COOH).
VI	7.26 (S,4H,C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )

Ia R = CH<sub>3</sub>; Ib R = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; Ic R = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-C

II



III R  
 a C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O-  
 b HO-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-p  
 c CH<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-p  
 d NO<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-p  
 e 3,4 (CH<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-

IVa R = NO<sub>2</sub>; IVb R = Cl

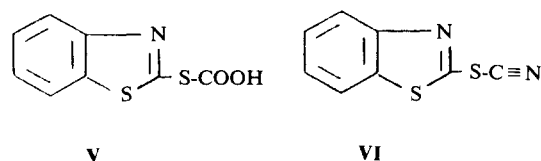
cooling. The solid was dissolved in a saturated solution of sodium carbonate, filtered, and precipitated from the clear filtrate by the addition of dil. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, recrystallized from hot water, or light petroleum (40-60°).

#### Action of P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub> on *p*-nitrophenylamidoethyl formate

A mixture of *p*-nitrophenylamidoethyl formate (0.1 mole) prepared from the reaction of *p*-nitroaniline with diethyl oxalate and P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub> (0.02 mole) in xylene, were heated under reflux for two hours. The cooled reaction mixture was filtered and the obtained solid washed several times with pet. ether (40-60°C) then recrystallized from benzene to give the thione ester (40%) as brownish crystals, m.p. 144°C. Analysis for : C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S (254.29)  
 Calc. : C, 47.24% H, 3.93% N, 11.52%  
 Found : C, 48.03% H, 4.25% N, 11.36%  
 [M.S. *m/z*] % : 254 (M<sup>+</sup>, 25), 253 (100), 209 (72)

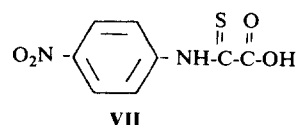
#### Hydrolysis of the thione ester

A mixture of the thione ester (0.01 mole) and sodium hydroxide solution (5%, 80 ml) was heated to boiling for 5-10 minutes or until the complete

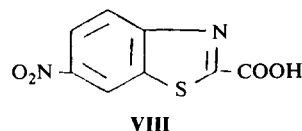


V

VI



VII



VIII

dissolution of the ester. Dilution with an equal volume of water was followed by acidification of the cold reaction mixture with dil. HCl. The obtained product was washed with water, dried, then recrystallized from light petroleum (40-60°), to give the acid (VII). Its IR spectrum showed bands in the region 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to

C = S and OH groups, respectively.

### ***Antibacterial activity***

The bacteria were suspended in an agar culture media containing : 10 g/l glucose, 6 g/l peptone, 3 g/l yeast extract and 20 g/l agar (pH = 7). The organism-agar suspension were distributed in petri dishes (15 mm diameter) and allowed to solidify before the addition of the solution of the compounds in the glass ring. The concentration of each compound was 0.01 g/100 ml. The dishes were incubated at 37° for 24 hr and the inhibition zones were estimated (Table I).

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