



Synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial activity of some dibenzo- α -pyrone derivatives

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ABSTRACT

An efficient method has been developed for the synthesis of Dibenzo- α -pyrones derivatives. Firstly, dibenzo- α -pyrones, an active ingredient of Shilajit was prepared using Hurtley synthesis and then the procedure for dibenzo- α -pyrone derivative was carried out through One Pot Mannich reaction using different amines and formaldehyde. The derivatives were characterized by spectroscopic methods(UV, IR, ¹H NMR) and analytical methods(mp, TLC, and pKa). Antimicrobial activities of Dibenzo- α -pyrone and its derivatives were tested against some selected bacteria.

Keywords: Dibenzo- α -pyrone, Shilajit, Hurtley synthesis, Mannich reaction, Mannich bases.

INTRODUCTION

Shilajit is a rejuvenator of Ayurvedic origin and is a blackish brown exudation from layers of rocks in many mountain ranges especially Himalayas and Hindukush ranges [1]. Shilajit mainly used for general physical strengthening, urinary tract rejuvenation, enhanced brain functioning potency, kidney rejuvenation and immune system strengthening. It is used for the treatment of arthritis, hypertension, and diabetes as well as for treating many other conditions [2-7].

Dibenzo- α -pyrones (DB α P) have been found to be active constituent of herbal drug Shilajit. DB α P is a 6H-Dibenzo (b,d)-pyran-6-one moiety [8]. Clinical research shows that it increases longevity, improves memory, reduces allergies and respiratory problems, reduces stress and relieves digestive troubles. It has also been reported for analgesic, anti-inflammatory, anti-alzheimer, antiulcerogenic, anxiolytic, nootropic, nutritive tonic, immunomodulator, antioxidant, antiaging, anti-allergic, aphrodisiac, rejuvenator, adaptogenic and decreasing blood sugar [10].

In view of the above observation, the isolation of DB α P from crude Shilajit has been a tedious task and the yield produced is less. Therefore, by the application of this rapid and efficient One Pot Synthesis of Mannich derivatives, the products formed in a single step and diversity can be achieved simply by varying the reacting components [8-9]. The structure can be established on the basis of various physical properties and spectral data. The dibenzo- α -pyrone and its derivatives have been subjected to microbes such as *E.coli* for antimicrobial study [11-13].

MATERIALS AND METHODS**Experimental**

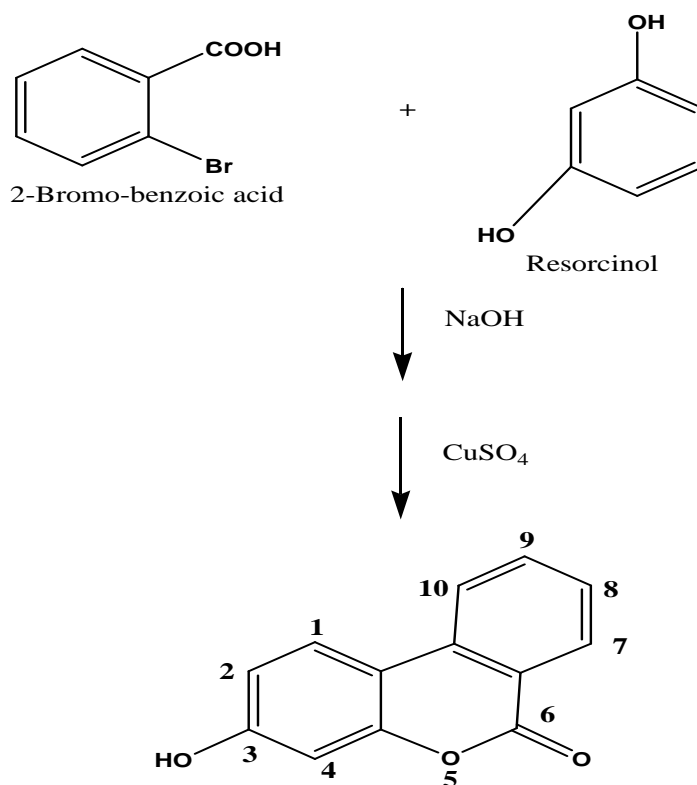
All the materials were of analytical reagent grade. The 2-bromobenzoic acid, resorcinol, formaldehyde and other amines were purified by standard procedures. The purity of them was determined by Thin layer chromatography (TLC). Melting points were recorded using a open capillary method with a physical melting point apparatus (Perfit) and uncorrected. UV spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu model 1800 type. IR spectra were recorded as a KBR pellets on a FT/IR-4100 type A model. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker 300 MHz NMR spectrometer using DMSO as a solvent. The purity determination of the substrates and the reactions monitoring by the solvent system were accomplished by TLC on 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Visualization of chromatograms was done under iodine chamber. Mac Konkey agar (Sheep blood agar) was used for the study of antimicrobial activity of the dibenzo- α -pyrone and its derivatives using Disc diffusion method. Ciprofloxacin was used as standard for antimicrobial activities.

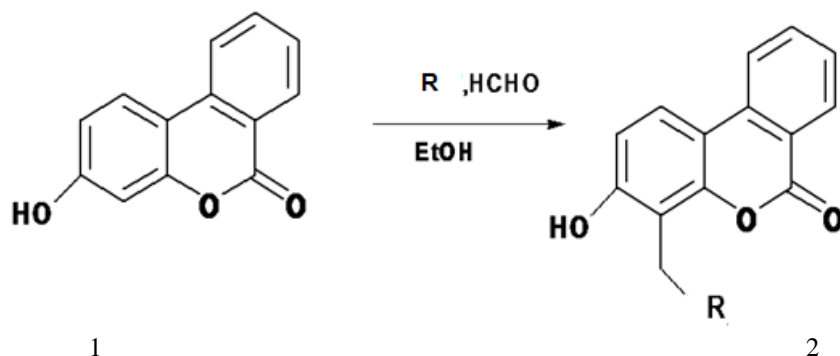
1. Synthesis of Dibenzo- α -pyrone

Dibenzo- α -pyrone was prepared by standard Hurtley reaction using 2-Bromobenzoic acid, resorcinol and NaOH in presence of CuSO₄ solution. The resulting dibenzo- α -pyrone was a clay coloured solid which was filtered and recrystallized using ethanol. The purity of the compound was checked through melting point and TLC.

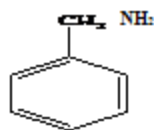
2. Synthesis of Mannich derivatives of Dibenzo- α -pyrone

The resulting clay coloured solid of DB α P was mixed with amines (2a-k) respectively, formaldehyde and ethanol (20 mL). 1 mole each of the reacting substances was taken in a 250 mL round bottomed flask and refluxed for 1.5 hrs as per mannich synthesis. The progress of the reactions were monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the solid precipitates were obtained and filtered which were recrystallized from ethanol to afford pure products. The Mannich derivatives obtained were identified by physical and spectroscopic data.

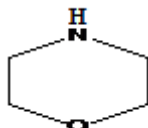




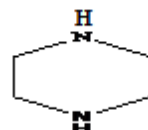
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(a) CH₃ NH₂(b) CH₃ CH₂ NH₂(f) CH₃CH₂NH CH₂CH₃(g) CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂ NH CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃(c) CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂ NH₂

(h)

(d) NHCH₂CHCH₃CH₃

(i)

(e) CH₃NH CH₃

(j)

(k)



3. Antimicrobial activity

The biological activity of DBaP and synthesised Mannich derivatives have been studied for their antimicrobial activity using disc diffusion test. The antimicrobial activity was carried out using bacteria (*E.coli*). The zone of inhibition values were taken at the end of 24 hrs at 37°C for the bacterial stains at three different doses (2, 5, 10 mg). Ciprofloxacin was used as a standard. The values are presented in Table 2.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The DBaP and its Mannich derivatives were characterized by spectral analysis. The analytical data (mp, Mol.wt., R_f, pKa) of DBaP and its derivatives are presented in Table 1.

Infrared spectra

In order to study the binding mode, the IR spectrum of the derivatives was compared with those of the dibenzo- α -pyrones. In IR spectra, the characteristic -OH stretching frequency is found at $\nu = 3584 - 3700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The stretching frequency of aliphatic secondary amines is found at $3350-3310 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and the C-N characteristic stretching vibration is found at $1250-1020 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The characteristic saturated aliphatic C=O stretching vibration is found at 1715 cm^{-1} and C-O stretch shown at 1224 cm^{-1} . The bands in the region $1200-800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ assigned to C-C stretch. The C-H stretching vibration are shown in the band region $3000-2840 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The bands at 1497 and 1459 cm^{-1} are assigned to C=C ring stretch.

Table 1: Physico-chemical properties

Compound	Melting Point	Molecular Weight	R _f	Partition Coefficient	Solubility in DMSO
DBP	230°-240°C	211 g	0.33	Lipophilic	Soluble
Methylamine derivative	210°-215°C	253 g	0.54	Hydrophilic	Soluble
Ethylamine derivative	190°-210°C	267 g	0.69	Hydrophilic	Soluble
Butylamine derivative	180°-185°C	295 g	0.56	Lipophilic	Soluble
Isobutylamine derivative	200°-220°C	295 g	0.66	Lipophilic	Soluble
Dimethylamine derivative	200°-210°C	267 g	0.66	Lipophilic	Soluble
Diethylamine derivative	210°-220°C	295 g	0.53	Lipophilic	Soluble
Dibutylamine derivative	210°-215°C	351 g	0.64	Lipophilic	Soluble
Benzylamine derivative	230°-240°C	331 g	0.50	Lipophilic	Soluble
Morpholine derivative	220°-230°C	311 g	0.56	Lipophilic	Soluble
Pyrrolidine derivative	218°-220°C	295 g	0.69	Lipophilic	Soluble
Piperazine derivative	140°-150°C	310 g	0.52	Lipophilic	Soluble

¹H NMR

In the ¹H NMR spectra, the broad signal around the $\delta = 10.3$ ppm are assigned to the protons of the hydroxy group. The signal around the $\delta = 8.2-8.1$ ppm is assigned to the protons of -NH and the signals around the $\delta = 6.7-7.8$ ppm is assigned to the protons of aromatic ring (CH=CH).

Table 2: Antimicrobial activity of Synthesised compounds

Compounds	Zone of inhibition of <i>E.coli</i>		
	2 mg	5 mg	10 mg
Ciprofloxacin	19 mm	20 mm	22 mm
DBP	4 mm	5 mm	6 mm
Methylamine derivative	9 mm	3 mm	5 mm
Ethylamine derivative	12 mm	10 mm	8 mm
Butylamine derivative	8 mm	5 mm	9 mm
Isobutylamine derivative	5 mm	10 mm	7 mm
Dimethylamine derivative	8 mm	7 mm	11 mm
Diethylamine derivative	13 mm	17 mm	19 mm
Dibutylamine derivative	8 mm	16 mm	12 mm
Benzylamine derivative	5 mm	12 mm	13 mm
Morpholine derivative	11 mm	5 mm	12 mm
Pyrrolidine derivative	15 mm	8 mm	13 mm
Piperazine derivative	11 mm	11 mm	11 mm

UV spectra

The compounds which were mostly white or off white displays the following UV (MeOH, λ_{max} , nm, log E) 332.5(0.158), 276(1.231), 235(0.707), 208(0.724). But the clay coloured Piperazine derivative showed different UV (MeOH, λ_{max} , nm, log E) 339.5(0.012), 302(0.026), 291.5(0.027), 261.5(0.155), 210(2.463) respectively.

CONCLUSION

The present study concluded that this efficient, simple and new method for the preparation of Mannich derivatives of Dibenzo- α -pyrones showed excellent yields of the reaction product in short reaction time. All the tested compounds with possible structural modification displayed promising antibacterial activity. From the above findings, the target product might be used as a lead compounds in drug discovery for further research.

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