Synthesis and Characterization of Non-linear 6, 8 and 9, 12-Dichloroazaphenothiazine Derivatives

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Abstract: The synthesis of non-linear diaza and tetraaza dichlorophenothiazine derivatives is reported in this article. This was achieved through the thiocyanation of 2,6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidine using potassium thiocyanate, bromine and glacial acetic acid at –5°C to give 2,6-diamino-3-thiocyanatopyrimidine, which was hydrolyzed using 20% sodium hydroxide to furnish 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol. Base catalyzed condensation reaction of 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol and 2, 3-dichloro-1, 4-naphthoquinone gave the first derivative, 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9, 11-diazabenzo [a] phenthiazin-5-one, a reddish crystalline product. Similarly, another condensation reaction of 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol with the first derivative, 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9, 11-diazabenzo[a]phenthiazin-5-one using the same reaction conditions, furnished the second derivative known as 7, 14-diamino-9,12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo [a] [1,4] benzothiazino-[3,2-c] phenothoniazine, a deep reddish crystalline compound. The synthesized compounds were characterized on the basis of UV-Visible, IR, ¹HNMR and ¹³CNMR spectra data.

Keywords: Synthesis, Hydrolysis, Condensation, Crystalline, Derivatives

1. Introduction

The chemistry of phenothiazine 1 and its derivatives has remained unabated. These groups of heterocyclic compounds play important roles in medicinal chemistry [1]. For the past two centuries, attention has been focused on the synthesis of phenothiazine and its derivatives as well as their screening for biological activities [2]. Phenothiazine derivatives are very important because they exhibit a wide range of applications. Their usage as drugs, antioxidants in petroleum, thermal stabilizers, pesticides, light sensitive (photographic) materials, dyes and high temperature lubricants make their chemistry very interesting [3]-[9].

Any variation in the substitution pattern of the phenothiazine nucleus often causes a marked difference in activity, for this reason many phenothiazine derivatives with different substituents have being synthesized, characterized and screened for biological activities in order to produce better drugs [10], [11]. For instance the non-linear azaphenothiazine derivatives of the types 2 and 3 with monohalide atoms have been synthesized and reported by Ezema and co-workers [12] as well as by Ayuk and co-workers [13]. Although the synthesis of the type 4 derivative was described in our recent work [13], but that of the type 5 with dihalide atoms has not been reported.

Figure 1. Structures of non-aza-linear-phenothiazine 1, the non-linear azaphenothiazine derivatives with a monohalide atom 2 and the nonlinear-aza-[1, 4] benzothiazino [3, 2-c] derivative 3.

Figure 2. Structures of two dichloro derivatives of phenothiazine, 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9,11-diazabenzo [a] phenthiazin-5-one 4 and 7,14-diamino-9,12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo [a] [1,4] benzothiazino-[3,2-c] phenothoniazine 5.
Therefore, in furtherance of the above, we hereby report the synthesis of two dichloro derivatives of phenothiazine-10-amino-6,8-dichloro-11-diazabenz[a]phenothiazine-5-one 4 and 7,14-diamino-9,12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] benzothiazino [3, 2-c] phenothiazine 5.

2. Materials and Methods

The reagents used were sourced locally from commercial chemical shops and were obtained in sealed containers and used without further purification. The melting points of the synthesized compounds were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. The UV-Vis spectra were recorded in DMF on a UV-2500PC series V2.30 spectrophotometer at NARICT, Zaria, Nigeria, using matched 1 cm quartz cells. Absorption maxima are given in nanometer (nm) while the numbers in parenthesis are ε-values. Infrared Spectral data were obtained on FTIR-8400S (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer), NARICT in Zaria, Nigeria using KBr disc and absorptions are given per centimeter (cm⁻¹). Nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR) were determined using Varian mercury 200 BB spectrometer at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, Nigeria. (Chemical Shifts are reported on δ scale relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard). The analytical samples were obtained by recrystallization from acetone.

Compounds 7 and 8 were synthesized as described in the literature [14].

2.1. 10-Amino-6, 8-dichloro-9,11-diaza benz[a] Phenothiazin-5-one 4

A mixture of 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol 8 (4.0g, 0.023mole) and anhydrous sodium carbonate (5.0g, 0.050mole), benzene (40ml) mixed with DMF (3.0ml) were charged into a three neck reaction flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condenser. The mixture was stirred while heating on a water bath at 70-75°C for 45minutes. 2,3-dichloro-1,4-naphthoquinone 9 (4.5g, 0.020mole) was added and the stirring continued while maintaining the deep red as the reaction progressed. At the end of 9hr, the solvent was distilled off and the slurry was poured into crushed ice, stirred to dissolve inorganic matter. The solution was filtered, dried and recrystallized from acetone to give 7, 14-diamino-9, 12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] benzothiazino-[3, 2, c] phenothiazine as the product, melting at 300°C, yield: 89.8%.

UV-Vis λmax (Acetone), 488nm (ε 2.54), 237nm (ε 1.23), IR (KBr): 3474cm⁻¹ (C=O stretching), 1566cm⁻¹ (C-H stretching), 1128cm⁻¹ (C=S stretching), 1005cm⁻¹, 805cm⁻¹ (C-Cl bending). ¹H-NMR (Acetone): δ 7.96-7.72 (4H, m) corresponding to aromatics protons, δ 3.40-3.22 (4H, d) assigned to NH₂, ¹³C-NMR (Acetone): δ 125.6-134.6 (4C, d) benzene, δ 29.1-29.5 (2C, d) C-Cl, δ 43.6 (3C, d) C-N, δ 134.6 (3C, d) C=N, δ 151.2 (1C, d) C-NH₂, MS (m/z) 347.96(M⁺ 100.0%), 349.19(68.7%), 348.97(15.2%); exact mass calculated for C₁₄H₁₂C₇N₄O₅S = 347.96; Found = 349.19.

2.2. 7, 14-Diamino-9, 12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] Benzothiazin [3, 2, c] Phenothiazine 5

2,6-Diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol 8 (2.50g, 0.02mole), anhydrous sodium carbonate (4.00g, 0.040mole) and benzene (30.00ml) mixed with DMF (2.00ml) were charged into a 250ml three neck round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stirring bar and a reflux condenser, thermometer. The mixture was stirred while heating on a water bath at 70-75°C for 45min. 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9, 11-diazabenz[a] [1, 4] phenothiazine-5-one 4 (4.00g, 0.011mole) was added and the stirring continued while maintaining the same temperature for 9hr.

The color of the reaction mixture changed from light red to deep red as the reaction progressed. At the end of 9hr, the solvent was distilled off and the slurry was poured into crushed ice, stirred to dissolve inorganic matter. The solution was filtered, dried and recrystallized from acetone to give 7, 14-diamino-9, 12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] benzothiazin-[3, 2, c] phenothiazine as the product, melting at 300°C, yield: 89.8%.

UV-Vis λmax (Acetone), 488nm (ε 2.54), 237nm (ε 1.23), IR (KBr): 3474cm⁻¹ N-H stretching, 2932cm⁻¹ (C-H stretching), 1588cm⁻¹ (C=N stretching), 1362cm⁻¹ (C=C stretching), 1128cm⁻¹ (C=S stretching), 1005cm⁻¹, 805cm⁻¹ (C-Cl bending). ¹H-NMR (Acetone): δ 7.96-7.72 (4H, m) corresponding to aromatics protons, δ 3.40-3.22 (4H, d) assigned to NH₂, ¹³C-NMR (Acetone): δ 125.6-134.6 (4C, d) benzene, δ 29.1-29.5 (2C, d) C-Cl, δ 43.6 (4C, multiplet), δ 131.6-134.6 (4C,), C=N, δ 205.3 (2C, d) C-NH₂, δ 28.7 (2C, d) C-S. MS (m/z) 469.97(M⁺ 100.0%), 471.97(64.9%), 470.97(24.0%). Exact mass calculated for C₁₄H₁₂C₇N₄S₂ = 467.97. Found = 471.35.

3. Results and Discussions

2,6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidine 6 was subjected to thiocyanation to give 2,6-diamino-4-chlorothiocyanatopyrimidine 7 which was hydrolyzed by refluxing with 20% sodium hydroxide, followed by neutralization with acetic acid to give the key intermediate 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidine-3-thiol 8 in good yield as shown in figure 3 below [12, 13]; 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9, 11-diazabenz[a] phenothiazine-5-one 4 was synthesized by the condensation reaction of the key intermediate 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol 8 with 2, 3-dichloro-1, 4-naphthoquinone 9 using a mixture benzene/DMF as the reaction solvent in the presence of anhydrous sodium carbonate at 70-75°C for 9hrs, while 7, 14-diamino-9, 12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] benzothiazin - [3, 2, c] phenothiazine 5 was prepared by reacting compound 4 with a second molecule of 2,6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol 8, using the same reaction conditions given above. Figure 4a and figure 4b below shows the equation of the reaction.
Figure 3. Synthesis of the key intermediate, 2, 6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidine-3-thiol 8.

Figure 4a. The synthesis of 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9,11-diazabenzo[a]phenothiazine-5-one 4.

Figure 4b. The synthesis of 7,14-diamino-9,12-dichloro-8,13,15-tetraazabenzo[a]1,4benzothiazin-[3,2,c]phenothiazine 5.

The IR and $^{13}$C NMR spectra of compound 4 showed absorption bands at 1670 cm$^{-1}$ and δ 181.7, which indicate the presence of the carbonyl group, but these were not observed in the spectra of compound 5. These revelations are consistent with the assigned structures of the above compounds. The mechanism for the formation of compound 4 is described thus; the first step is the abstraction of a proton from the mercapto group of the thiol 8 by the base to form a mercapto ion 10. The mercapto ion formed, mounts a nucleophilic attack on the chlorine atom of the naphthoquinone 9 to form the sulphide 11, which cyclizes by the nucleophilic attack of the amino group of the thiol on the carbon of the carbonyl group of compound 9 followed by the loss of water to give compound of interest [12], [13] as shown in figure 5 below.

Figure 5. The reaction mechanism of 10-amino-6, 8-dichloro-9,11-diazabenzo[a]phenothiazine-5-one 4.

The infrared spectrum, of compound 4 showed a lowering of the carbonyl [C=O] absorption from the expected 1700 cm$^{-1}$ to 1670 cm$^{-1}$. This is due to the ionic resonance contribution which increases the [C=O] bond length with its attendant decrease in the vibration frequency of absorption [12], [13], [14], as shown in figure 6 below;
In proton magnetic resonance spectrum δ 3.22 - 3.39 is due to the amine proton NH$_2$, while δ 7.72 - 7.96 is due to 4-H attached to benzene (C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4), these are consistent with the assigned structure. In $^{13}$C-NMR the peak at δ 181.7 is due to the carbonyl carbon.

7, 14-Diamino-9, 12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] benzothiazin-[3, 2, c]phenothiazine 5 was prepared by reacting compound 4 with a second molecule of 2,6-diamino-4-chloropyrimidin-3-thiol 8, using the same reaction conditions. This was possible because of the presence of an active chloride atom and the carbonyl functionality at the 5th and the 6th positions of compound 4 respectively [12], [13], [14]. The absence of signal at δ 181.7 of $^{13}$C-NMR spectrum of compound 5 further supports the structure assigned to it.

The mechanism of this reaction is similar to that of compound 4, thus: Compound 5 is probably formed by initial nucleophilic attack by the thio-pyrimidine ion on compound 4 by displacing the reactive halogen group to form a diaryl sulphide intermediate 16 [15], [16]. Condensation of the amino and the carbonyl groups of 16 followed by the loss of a water molecule gave 7, 14-diamino-9, 12-dichloro-6, 8, 13, 15-tetraazabenzo[a] [1, 4] benzothiazin-[3, 2, c] phenothiazine 5 as shown in figure 7 below.

### Table 1. Spectra data of compound 4 and 5.

| Compound | UV-Vis(EtOH) $\lambda_{max}$ (nm) | IR(KBr)$\nu_{max}$ (cm$^{-1}$) | $^{1}$HNMR(DMSO) $\delta$ | $^{13}$CNMR(DMSO) $\delta$ |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4        | 502.00 (2.61); 280.50 (3.1.46); 240.00 (2.54) | 3964.81cm$^{-1}$(N-H); 2932cm$^{-1}$ (C-H); 1670.41cm$^{-1}$(C-O); 1566.25cm$^{-1}$(C=N); 1426.00cm$^{-1}$(C=C); 1128.00cm$^{-1}$(C-S); 710.79cm$^{-1}$(C-Cl) | 7.96 (m,2H); 7.72 (m,2H); 7.72 (m,2H); 7.72 (m,2H); 3.39 (s,1H); 3.22 (s,1H) | 181.7 (C=O), 151.2 (C=N), 134.6-125.6 (C=C) 43.6-29.1 (C-C) |
| 5        | 488.00 (2.5411); 276.50 (1.4398); 237.50 (1.2367) | 3474cm$^{-1}$(N-H); 2932cm$^{-1}$ (C-H); 1588cm$^{-1}$(C-N); 1362cm$^{-1}$(C=C); 1128cm$^{-1}$(C-S); 716cm$^{-1}$(C-Cl) | 7.96 (m,2H); 7.72 (m,2H); 7.72 (m,2H); 7.72 (m,2H) | 150.1 (C=N); 134.6-131.6 (C=C) 43.6-29.1 (C-C) |

### Table 2. Physical and analytical data of compound 4 and 5.

| Compound | Melting point(°C) | Color | % Yield | Calculated Mass(g) | Found (g) | Molecular Formula |
|----------|-------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 4        | 180               | Reddish | 86.1 | 347.96 | 349.19 | C$_{14}$H$_{10}$Cl$_{2}$N$_{4}$OS |
| 5        | 300               | Reddish | 89.9 | 469.97 | 471.35 | C$_{18}$H$_{14}$Cl$_{2}$N$_{8}$S$_{2}$ |

### 4. Conclusions

The synthesis of the phenothiazine derivatives discussed above was carried out using simple commercially available starting materials. The methods employed are straightforward and stereo-selective products were obtained. These newly synthesized compounds will be useful in pharmaceutical, textile, petroleum, agricultural industries etc. The high melting points exhibited by these compounds suggest that they can be used as thermal stabilizers. Also, due to their highly coloured nature, they are suitable to be used as vat dyes. However, studies in their dying and antimicrobial activity are ongoing in our laboratory.

From the spectroscopic data assigned to the structures of the above synthesized compounds, their molecular formulae are C$_{14}$H$_{10}$Cl$_{2}$N$_{4}$OS and C$_{18}$H$_{14}$Cl$_{2}$N$_{8}$S$_{2}$ respectively.
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