# Synthesis and Antimicrobial Activity of Some New Schiff Bases, 4-Thiazolidinones and 2-Azetidinones

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Some new heterocyclic Schiff bases 1 were synthesized from 2-amino- $\alpha$ -naphthothiazole. Further these heterocyclic Schiff bases were converted into 4-thiazolidinones 2 and 2-azetidinones 3 by the action of mercaptoacetic acid and chloroacetyl chloride respectively. Structure elucidation of compounds 1, 2 and 3 has been made on the basis of elemental analysis, IR and  $^1$ H NMR data. The biological screening data of 1, 2 and 3 are also presented.

Key words: Synthesis, Schiff Bases, 4-thiazolidinones, 2-azetidinones

## INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic compounds of Schiff bases like 4-thiazolidinones and 2azetidinones are reported as anticancer compounds<sup>1-3</sup>. Benzothiazole derivatives are well known biologically active compounds<sup>4-7</sup>. Schiff bases from benzaldehyde and 1-aminophenyl thiazole are reported to have significant anticancer activity.8 Among the Schiff bases without alkylating nitrogen mustard moiety has been found to be highly active against Ehrlichascites carcinoma, Sarcoma-180 and Yoshida sarcoma. It has been suggested that the azomethine linkage might be the structural requirement for the activity. Further, the biological activity of certain organic compounds has been related to their ability for complex formation with metal ions. 4-Thiazolidinones were known for their versatile pharmacological and industrial importance, though the 4-thiazolidinones containing heterocyclic moieties have been reported recently 9-12. All 2-azetidinones contain the  $\beta$ -lactam moiety<sup>13-15</sup>. Its reactivity is greatly influenced by substituents or fused rings<sup>16</sup>. 2-Azetidinones and their derivatives possess a variety of therapeutic activities<sup>17</sup>. All these observations and the essential role of heterocyclic Schiff bases, 4-thiazolidinones and 2-azetidinones, in certain biological reactions prompted us to synthesize 1, 2 and 3.

Substituted iodoacetophenones on condensation with various substituted 2-amino  $\alpha$ -naphthothiazole furnished the Schiff bases 1 (a-d). These Schiff bases on cyclo condensation with mercapto-acetic acid in dioxane and in presence of

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anhydrous zinc chloride afforded 4-thiazolidinones 2 (a-d). Schiff base 1 on reaction with chloroacetyl chloride in dioxane and in presence of triethylamine yields 2-azetidinones 3 (a-d) (Scheme-1). Further, the structures of compounds were deduced on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data (IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR).

#### SCHEME-1

The compounds synthesized were screened for their antibacterial activity using *Escherichia coli (EC)*, *Salmonella typhi (ST)* and *Salmonella dysentrae (SD)* bacteria. The activities of these compounds were tested using disc diffusion method<sup>18</sup> at 150 ppm concentration using 5 mm filter paper disc. Tetracycline, an antibiotic, was used as a standard for comparison. The area of inhibition was measured. Compounds 1d, 2a, 2d, 3a, and 3d showed good antibacterial activity. The remaining compounds showed moderate to less activity.

### **EXPERIMENTAL**

All m.p.s were determined in open capillaries in a liquid paraffin bath and are uncorrected. Purity of compounds was checked by TLC. IR spectra were recorded in nujol on Perkin-Elmer-237 spectrophotometer.  $^1H$  NMR were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Perkin-Elmer R-32 spectrometer using TMS as internal standard (Chemical shifts are given in  $\delta$  ppm).

## Preparation of 2-N-(2-hydroxy-3,5-diiodo-α-methyl benzylidene)- $\alpha$ -naphthothiazole (1a-d)

A mixture of 2-hydroxy, 3,5-diiodoacetophenone (0.001 mol) and 2-aminoα-naphthothiazole (0.001 mol) were dissolved in ethyl alcohol (25 mL). One drop of acetic acid was added to it and was refluxed for 2 h. The resultant solution was cooled and poured in cold water. The separated solid was filtered, crystallized from ethyl alcohol to give 1a.  $v_{max}$  1630 (C=N) and 1600, 1590 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  2.5 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.8–8.4 (m, 8H, Ar—H) and 8.8 (s, 1H, Ar—OH). Similarly other compounds were also prepared (Table-1).

TABLE-1 PHYSICAL AND ANTIBACTERIAL DATA OF COMPOUNDS 1 (a-d), 2 (a-d) AND 3 (a-d)

S.No.	R	R′	R"	m.f.	m.p.	Yield (%)	Zone of inhibition in mm		
					· (°C)		EC	SD	ST
la	ОН	Н	I	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OSI <sub>2</sub>	86	75	08	04	05
1b	Н	ОН	I	$C_{19}H_{12}N_2OSI_2$	125	70	04	06	02
lc	ОН	Н	Cl	$C_{19}H_{12}N_2OSCII$	58	65	06	04	08
ld	ОН	Н	Br	$C_{19}H_{12}N_2OSBrI$	135	68	17	18	16
2a	ОН	Н	I	$C_{21}H_{14}N_2O_2S_2I_2\\$	165	72	18	16	17
2b	Н	ОН	I	$C_{21}H_{14}N_2O_2S_2I_2\\$	280	65	04	05	08
2c	ОН	Н	Cl	$C_{21}H_{14}N_2O_2S_2CII$	82	69	07	05	03
2d	ОН	Н	Br	$C_{21}H_{14}N_2O_2S_2BrI$	210	73	17	13	14
3a	ОН	Н	I	$C_{21}H_{13}N_2O_2SCII_2$	140	63	18	16	14
3b	Н	ОН	I	$C_{21}H_{13}N_2O_2SCII_2$	66	68	07	05	06
3c	ОН	Н	Cl	$C_{21}H_{13}N_2O_2SCl_2I$	108	70	03	06	04
3d	ОН	Н	Br	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SBrClI	72	74	18	16	14

## Preparation of 2-methyl-2-(2-hydroxy, 3,5-diiodophenyl)-3-(α-naphthothiazolyl)-4-thiazolidinone (2a-d)

A mixture of compound 1a (0.001 mol) and mercaptoacetic acid (0.001 mol) were dissolved in dioxane (20 mL). A pinch of anhydrous zinc chloride was added and then refluxed for 8 h. The separated solid was filtered, washed with sodium bicarbonate solution and then recrystallised from ethyl alcohol to give 2a.  $v_{max}$ 1670 (C=O) and 1630-1560 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 1.9 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>S), 6.9-8.2 (m, 8H, Ar—H) and 8.5 (s, 1H, Ar—OH). Similarly other compounds were also prepared (Table-1).

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## Preparation of 1-( $\alpha$ -naphthothiazolyl)-3-chloro-4-(2-hydroxy-3,5-diiodophenyl)-2-azetidinone (3a-d)

A mixture of compound 1a (0.001 mol) and triethylamine (0.003 mol) were dissolved in dioxane (25 mL). Chloroacetyl chloride (0.0012 mol) was added dropwise at 10°C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h. Half of the solvent was removed by distillation and then cooled. The solid separated out was crystallized from chloroform to give 3a.  $\nu_{max}$  1760  $\nu$ (C=O) and 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.8 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.6 (s, 1H; CH-Cl), 7.2–8.2 (m, 8H, Ar—H) and 8.7 (s, 1H, Ar—OH). Similarly other compounds were also prepared (Table-1).

All compounds gave satisfactory C, H, and N analysis.

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