#### NOTES

# Potential Antitubercular Agents, Part I: 4-Thiazolidinone Derivatives

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4-Thiazolidinones have been prepared by condensing  $\alpha$ -bromoadipic acid with different thioureas. The 4-thioazolidinones have been tested for antitubercular activity using  $H_{37}R_V$  strain of bacteria

4-Thiazolidinones have been found to exhibit antitubercular activity<sup>1</sup>. The nucleus is also active as hypnotic<sup>2</sup>, anti convulsant<sup>3</sup> and antifungal<sup>4</sup>. Phenyl urea derivatives show central myorelexant effect<sup>5</sup>, motor-incoordinating activity, antieorazol<sup>6</sup> and anticonvulsive<sup>7-10</sup> activities.

For the preparation of 2-phenyl-amino-5-( $\omega$ -carboxy propyl)-4-thiazolidinones(VI), the thioureas have been prepared with different aromatic and aliphatic hydrochlorides and then condensed with  $\alpha$ -bromo-adipic acid in ethanol i.p.o. pyridine as catalyst. When tested, these compounds showed antitubercular activity.

COOH
$$COOC_{2}H_{5} COOC_{2}H_{5} | COOC_{2}H_{5} |$$

$$COOH$$

$$C_{2}H_{5}OH | C_{2}H_{5}OH | COC_{2}H_{5} | COC_{2}H_{5} |$$

$$COOH | COOC_{2}H_{5} | COC_{2}H_{5} | COOH |$$

$$COOC_{2}H_{5} | CH_{2}COOH | COOH |$$

$$III | COOH | IV$$

$$R_{1}-NH-C-NH-R_{2} | Pyridine | COCC_{2}NH |$$

$$V | COOC_{2}COOC_{2}COOC_{2}COOC_{2}COOC_{2}OOC_{$$

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra of the title compounds were taken on a Perkin Elmer 237 grating spectrophotometer. The strong bands are at 1750 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup> for thiazolidinone ring-system.

Preparation of Diester of Adipic Acid<sup>11</sup> (II), Monoester of Adipic Acid<sup>12</sup> (III),  $\alpha$ -Bromoadipic Acid<sup>13</sup> (IV) and Thiourea (V)

To the solution of aryl amine hydrochloride (0.1 M) in ethanol (25 ml) was

added potassium thiocyanate (0.1 M). The contents were heated to reflux for 4 hrs, filtered hot and worked out to get the corresponding thiourea.

## Preparation of 2-Phenyl-Imino-5-(ω-Carboxy Propyl) -4-Thiazolidinones(VI)

Thiourea (0.04 M), absolute alcohol (50 ml), α-bromo-adipic acid (0.04 M) and pyridine (0.025 M, AR grade) were heated to reflux for 4 hrs. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was treated with sodium bicarbonate solution (50 ml) and filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 2 to 2.5 by hydrochloric acid AR grade. The thiazolidinones were crystallised from ethanol.

## **Antitubercular Activity**

Total fifteen compounds were tested for antitubercular activity by using  $H_{17}R_{\nu}$  strain of bacteria.

Sr. No.	R	Activity in micrograms per ml
1.	-H	Inactive
2.	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	Inactive
3.	-o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl	200
4.	-m-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl	100
5.	-p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl	100
6.	-o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Inactive
7.	-m-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Inactive
8.	-p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Inactive
9.	-m-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	Inactive
10.	-p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	Inactive
11.	-p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	20
12.	-p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	10
13.	-p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	10
14.	-1-C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	40
15.	-2-C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	10

## Standard drugs

Sr. No.	Name	Minimum inhibitory conc. in micrograms per ml
1.	INH	0.04
2.	Streptomycin	1.00

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