



DESIGN, SYNTHESIS, EVALUATION OF BENZOXAZOLE DERIVATIVES FOR ANTI-TUBERCULAR AND ANTI-BACTERIAL ACTIVITY

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ABSTRACT

The antibacterial and antimycobacterial properties of a novel class of benzoxazole compounds were tested in vitro. The produced benzoxazole compounds were screened for their in vitro antibacterial activity against Gram-positive bacteria *S. aureus* and Gram-negative bacteria *E. coli* using IR, ¹H-NMR, and mass. The antibacterial activity was then tested using a serial dilution experiment. All medications and antimycobacterial activities against *M. tuberculosis* are evaluated for MIC. For antibacterial activity, the serial dilution method (MIC test) was employed, and for antitubercular activity, the Alamar blue assay test was employed. Compounds 4a, 4c, 4f, and 4i had strong antibacterial activity against *E. coli* and *S. aureus* at 100 and 50 µg/ml, while Compounds 4c and 4i demonstrated strong antitubercular activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (H-37RV) at 100 and 50 µg/ml.

Keywords: Benzoxazole, *M. tuberculosis*, Antibacterial and Antimycobacterial

INTRODUCTION

Infectious infections are causing a significant number of deaths worldwide [1]. Multidrug-resistant diseases have been found to be rapidly increasing these days, leading to an increase



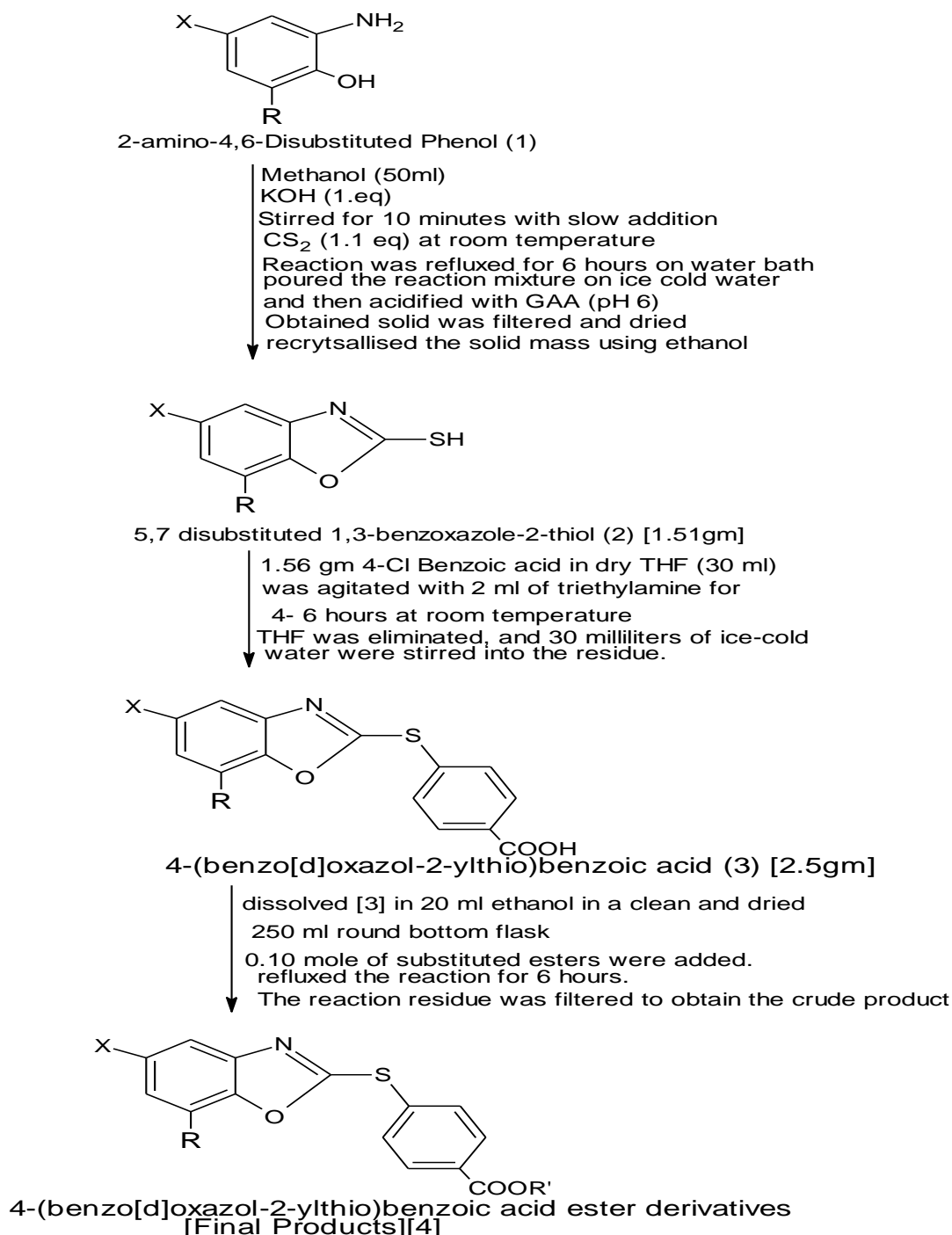
in a number of public health issues. Clinicians must rely on limited medications like vancomycin to address a number of disorders that are currently difficult to treat with conventional antibiotics [2]. The need to create more advanced antimicrobial drugs has grown as a result [3]. Cancer is one of the most deadly illnesses in the world, and despite significant medical progress, it continues to rank as the second most common cause of death in both industrialised and developing nations. Even though chemotherapy is the most common treatment for cancer, the ineffectiveness of current chemotherapeutics highlights the necessity of creating novel chemical entities [4]. The third most frequent cancer to be detected in humans is colorectal cancer (CRC), which has a dismal prognosis. Better efficacy, fewer side effects, and higher survival rates are desperately needed in therapy [5].

Oxazole is a heterocyclic molecule that contains nitrogen and oxygen atoms in five-membered rings. [6] When benzene rings are joined to oxazole rings, benz-oxazole is created. There are numerous techniques available for making the benz-oxazole derivative. Because it contains N and O in a structure that can undergo ring organisation processes, ortho-aminophenol is the optimum starting material for the synthesis of benzo-oxazole heterocyclic rings. [7, 8] Although it is a heterocyclic molecule with several reactive sites, the stability of the benz-oxazole moiety is due to its aromaticity. These days, Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the cause of tuberculosis, a serious health concern with a wide range of symptoms. The lungs are the primary organ affected by tuberculosis. [9] According to recent research, over 33% of the population is infected with mycobacterium tuberculosis germs. Treatment for this pathogenic bacterium now takes longer. As a result, new medications with different mechanisms of action from previously utilised medications, like isoniazid, streptomycin, pyrazinamide, and rifampicin, must be prepared. [10, 11, 12] Numerous activities, including anticancer, antihyperglycemic, antitumor, immunomodulatory, antifungal, antibacterial, analgesic, anti-tubercular, anti-inflammatory, antihypertensive, and anticonvulsant properties, have been demonstrated by the novel derivative that contains benz and oxazole rings. [13–18] The newly made derivative (4a–4i) was applied for its antibacterial and antitubercular properties.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Materials: Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan) and Central Drug House (P) Ltd. (Delhi, India) provided all of the analytical-grade solvents and chemicals utilised in the research.

Synthesis:



Schem 1: Synthesis of Benzoxazole derivatives [19-20]

Anti-bacterial Activity: Bacteria that are Gram-positive Gram-negative bacteria and *S. aureus*. The antibacterial activity was tested using a serial dilution experiment with *E. coli*. Every medication must be diluted nine times with thioglycollate broth for MIC. Fill a first tube with 20 µl of the medication and 380 µl of thioglycollate broth. Nine tubes were individually diluted with 200µl of thioglycollate. It was filled with 200 µl of the thioglycollate broth from the first Cuest.fisioter.2025.54(3):2666-2676



tube. It was determined that the dilution was 10⁻¹. The 10⁻² dilution was made by moving 200 µl from the 10⁻¹ diluted tube to the second tube. [21, 22] Serial dilutions were performed up to a 10⁻⁹ dilution for every medication. From the routinely maintained stock culture of the required organisms, 5µl were taken and added to 2 ml of thioglycollate broth. 200µl of the previously described culture solution was added to each serially diluted tube. Every tube was kept in anaerobic jars at 37°C for two to three days while the turbidity was tracked. [23-27]

Anti-tubercular Activity: Using the Alamar blue assay method, the anti-tubercular activity of the vaccine strain of Mycobacterium TB, H37 RV strain (ATCC No. 27543) was evaluated. This process uses a non-toxic, thermally stable reagent. 200µl of sterile deionised water was added to each outer perimeter well of a sterile 96-well plate to stop the medium in the test well from evaporating too quickly during incubation. After adding 100 µl of the middle-brook 7H-9 broth to the 96-well plates, serial dilutions of the derivatives were made directly on the plate. [28-29] The final drug levels that were analysed were between 100 and 0.2 µg/ml. After being parafilm-enclosed, the plates were incubated for 120 hours at 37°C. The plate was then incubated for one day after receiving 25µl of a freshly prepared solution [1:1] of alamar blue reagent and 10% tween 80. Bacterial growth in the wells was shown by pink colour, whilst no bacterial growth was indicated by blue. [30-32]

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All of the benzoxazole derivatives used in this study were successfully made using the synthetic root scheme. 1. All produced derivatives' physiochemical data (4a–4i) are displayed in Table 1. Serial dilution was employed to test for antibacterial activity, and the interpretation of LCMS, NMR, and IR data validated all freshly produced compounds. On the other hand, anti-tubercular activity was tested using the Alamar Blue Assay.

Table 1: List of compounds synthesized

Derivatives	X	R	R'	Colour	Rf value	% yield
4a	F	OCH ₃	CH ₃	white solid powder	0.56	68.30%
4b	F	OCH ₃	C ₂ H ₅	Off white solid	0.68	59.30%
4c	F	OCH ₃	C ₃ H ₇	Pale yellow solid	0.61	69.40%
4d	Br	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Yellowish brown crystals	0.49	59.70%
4e	Br	OCH ₃	C ₂ H ₅	Pale brown solid	0.68	62.20%
4f	Br	OCH ₃	C ₃ H ₇	Yellowish brown solid	0.57	57.98%
4g	I	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Off white solid	0.68	59.30%



4h	I	OCH ₃	C ₂ H ₅	Off white solid	0.71	61.30%
4i	I	OCH ₃	C ₃ H ₇	Off white solid	0.75	51.25%

Table 2: Chemical Properties of synthesized compounds(4a-4i)

Derivatives	Chemical Formula	M.W	Composition C								M.P. (°C)
			C	H	N	O	S	F	Br	I	
4a	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ NO ₄ SF	333.33	57.65%	3.63%	4.20%	19.20%	8.30%	5.70%	-	-	106°C
4b	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ NO ₄ SF	347.36	58.78%	4.06%	4.03%	18.42%	9.23%	5.47%	-	-	109°C
4c	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ NO ₄ SF	361.38	59.82%	4.46%	3.88%	17.71%	8.87%	5.47%	-	-	102°C
4d	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ NO ₄ SBr	394.23	48.74%	3.07%	3.55%	16.23%	8.13%	-	20.27%	-	138°C
4e	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ NO ₄ SBr	408.326	50.01%	3.46%	3.43%	15.68%	7.85%	-	19.57%	-	143°C
4f	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ NO ₄ SBr	422.29	51.19%	3.82%	3.32%	15.15%	7.59%	-	18.92%	-	157°C
4g	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ NO ₄ SI	441.24	43.55%	2.74%	3.17%	14.50%	7.27%	-	-	28.76%	167°C
4h	C ₁₇ H ₁₄ NO ₄ SI	455.26	44.85%	3.10%	3.08%	14.06%	7.04%	-	-	27.87	157°C
4i	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ NO ₄ SI	469.29	46.07%	3.44%	2.98%	13.64%	6.83%	-	-	27.04%	141°C

Spectral data of final compounds (4a-4i)

Methyl 4-[(5-fluoro-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4a): ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ- 2.11 (3-H, s, -CH₃), indicate the Prescence of methyl group, δ-6.45-6.34 (2-H, m, Ar-H, δ-5.76 (1-H, dd, 1.7Hz, Ar-H), show the presence of aromatic ring, 7.45 (0.5Hz), 7.37 (0.5Hz)), IR (KBr): 1656 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 2798 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-H), 1511 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-CH₃) and 788.87 cm⁻¹ (stretching, C-S), Mass, (ESI-MS): m/z 169 (M+H).

Ethyl 4-[(5-fluoro-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4b): ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ2.95 (3H, s, -CH₃), show the presence of methyl group, 7.11-7.39 (H, m, Ar-H,) indicate the presence of aromatic ring, 12.5 (1H, -NH-), 4.45 (2H,s, -CH₂-), indicate methylene group, 7.56 (1H,1.2 Hz, Ar-H) , IR (KBr): 3123 cm⁻¹ (stretching, Ar-H), 1701 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 1534 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-CH₃), 2278 cm⁻¹ (stretching N-H, Secondary Amine), and 756.4 cm⁻¹ (stretching, C-S), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 269 (M+H).

Propyl 4-[(5-fluoro-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4c): ¹HNMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ-2.27 (3H, s, -CH₃) indicates the presence of a methyl group, 4.34 (2H,s, -CH₂-), indicate the presence of methylene group 4.67 (2H,s,-CH₂-), δ-6.67-7.54 (11-H, m, Ar- H), indicate the presence of aromatic ring. IR interpretation, IR (KBr): 3023 cm⁻¹ (stretching, Ar-



H), 1721 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 1516 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-CH₃), 1213 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-F) & 737.6 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-S), LCMS interpretation, Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 378 (M+H).

Methyl 4-[(5-bromo-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4d): ¹HNR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ- 2.36 (3H, s, -CH₃), indicate methyl group, 3.45 (3H, s, -OCH₃) show presence of Methoxy group δ-4.32 (2-H,s, -CH₂-), show methylene group δ-4.56 (2-H, s, -CH₂-) δ-7.21-7.57 (11H, m, Ar-H) indicate presence of aromatic ring, IR (KBr): 2987 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-H), 2796 cm⁻¹ (stretching, Ar-OCH₃), 1702 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 1489 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-CH₃), and 723.54 cm⁻¹ (stretching, C-S), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 411(M+H).

Ethyl 4-[(5-bromo-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4e): ¹HNMR (400-MHz, DMSO) δ-2.56 (3H, s, -CH₃), show presence of methyl group 3.45 (2H, s, -CH₂-), δ-3.79 (2H, s,-CH₂-), indicate methylene group δ-6.56-7.33 (11H, m, Ar-H), indicate aromatic ring, IR (KBr): 3011 cm⁻¹ (stretching, Ar-H), 1783 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 1559 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-CH₃), 756.5 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-S) & 737.64 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-Br), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 423 (M+H).

Propyl 4-[(5-bromo-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4f): ¹HNMR (400-MHz, DMSO) δ-2.08 (3-H, s, -CH₃), 3.90 (2-H, s, -CH₂-), 4.57 (2-H, s, -CH₂-), δ-6.65-7.16 (11H, m, Ar-H), IR (KBr): 3065 cm⁻¹ (stretching, Ar-H), 1729 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 1576 cm⁻¹ (stretching Ar-CH₃), 763.6 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-Cl) & 756.5 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-S), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 398(M+H).

Methyl 4-[(5-iodo-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4g): ¹HNMR (400-MHz, DMSO) δ-4.24 (s, 2H, -CH₂S), 2.51 (s, 2H, -NH₂), 7.90 (s, 1H, -NH), 4.57 (2-H, s, -CH₂-), δ-7.41-7.78 (8H, m, Ar-H), IR (KBr): 3031 (C-H str., aromatic), 1472 (C=C str., aromatic), 1674 (C=N, N=CH str.), 1240 (C-N str.), 694 (CH₂S, C-S str.), 1194 (C-O-C str. of oxazole), 1624 (CONH str., amide), 1778 (C=O str.), 3392 (C-NH₂ str.), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 387(M+H).

Ethyl 4-[(5-iodo-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4h): ¹HNMR (400-MHz, DMSO) δ-4.59 (s, 2H, -CH₂S), 4.63 (s, 2H, -NCH₂), 7.95 (s, 1H, -NH), 8.15 (s, 1H, N=CH-Ar), δ-7.34-7.69 (m, 13H, ArH), IR (KBr): 3212 cm⁻¹ (stretching, Ar-H), 1455 cm⁻¹ (stretching C=N), 1666 (C=N, N=CH str.), 1252 (C-N str.), 705 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-Cl) & 711 cm⁻¹ (stretching C-S), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 411(M+H).



Propyl 4-[(5-iodo-7-methoxy-1,3-benzoxazol-2-yl)sulfanyl]benzoate (4i): ¹HNMR (400-MHz, DMSO) δ -4.58 (s, 2H, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}$), 4.62 (s, 2H, $-\text{NCH}_2$), 7.89 (s, 1H, $-\text{NH}$), 8.24 (s, 1H, $\text{N}=\text{CH}-\text{Ar}$), δ -6.85–7.69 (m, 12H, ArH), IR (KBr): 3053 (C–H str., aromatic), 1456 (C=C str., aromatic), 1671 (C=N, N=CH str.), 1248 (C–N str.), 675 (CH_2S , C–S str.), 1167 (C–O–C str. of oxazole), 1625 (CONH str., amide), 2941 (C–H str., $-\text{OCH}_3$), Mass (ESI-MS): m/z 411 (M+H).

Anti-tubercular and Anti-bacterial Activity: Against the bacteria *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (H-37RV), the newly synthesised derivative of benzoxazole (4a–4i) showed anti-tubercular activity sensitive at 100 and 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, whereas compounds 4c and 4i showed sensitivity at 100 and 50 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (Fig. 1). Furthermore, 4a, 4c, and 4i showed antibacterial activity that was sensitive at 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ against gram-negative bacteria like *E. coli*. Using the serial dilution method (MIC), Table 4 showed antibacterial activity sensitive to 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ dosages against gramme-positive bacteria *S. aureus*.

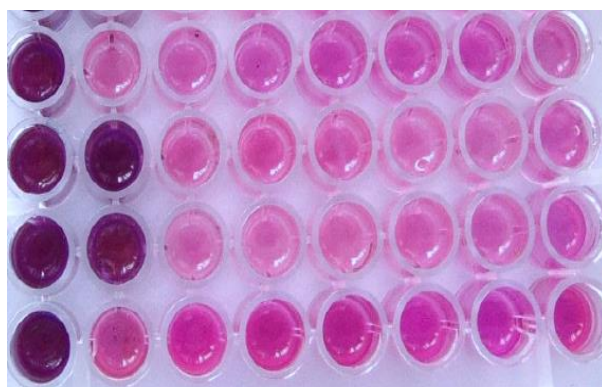


Figure 1: Result of Anti-Tubercular Activity (Bacteria-M. Tuberculosis), Dark Bluish Color Shows Sensitivity, And Pink Colour Shows Resistivity

Table 3: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration Data of Anti-Bacterial Activity Against Gram-Negative Bacteria *E. coli*

Code	$\mu\text{g/ml}$									
	100	50	25	12.5	6.25	3.12	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2
4a	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4b	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4c	S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4d	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4e	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4f	S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4g	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R



4h	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4i	S	S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Table 4: Minimum Inhibitory Concentration Data of Anti-bacterial Activity Against Gram-Positive *S. aureus*

Code	µg/ml									
	100	50	25	12.5	6.25	3.12	1.6	0.8	0.4	0.2
4a	S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4b	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4c	S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4d	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4e	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4f	R	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4g	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4h	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
4i	S	S	S	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Where, R- Resistant and S- sensitive

CONCLUSION

Because of their diverse range of pharmacological actions, benzoxazoles are important in medicinal chemistry. By using spectral analysis, such as liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry, infrared spectroscopy, and proton nuclear magnetic resonance, all of the newly synthesised benzoxazole derivatives (4a–4i) were verified. Compounds 4c and 4i shown strong anti-tubercular activity against Mycobacterium tuberculosis (H-37RV) at 100 and 50 µg/ml, while Compounds 4a, 4c, 4f, and 4i demonstrated strong anti-bacterial activity against *S. aureus* and *E. coli* at 100 and 50 µg/ml.

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