



## SYNTHESIS & BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF SOME NOVEL SCHIFF BASES OF ISATIN DERIVATIVES

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### ABSTRACT

Novel substituted Nitrosoisatin derivatives were prepared by nitrosation with sodium nitrite in concentrated hydrochloric acid at 0-5 °c followed by schiff reaction with various aromatic amines. The structures were characterized by M.P, TLC, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR and mass spectra. The synthesized compounds were evaluated *in vitro* anticonvulsant activity. Results of the activities reveal that, compounds exhibited significant reduction in seizures.

**Key words:** Isatin, Schiff bases, Maximal electrical shock method, Anticonvulsant activity.

### INTRODUCTION

Isatin derivatives display diverse biological activities such as antimicrobial, (Ankur Patel *et al.*, 2006; Krishna C *et al.*, 1990; Mashelkar U C *et al.*, 2005; Krishna C *et al.*, 1992; Anil K *et al.*, 1982), anti cancer (Ashraf H *et al.*, 2006; Lidia Matesic *et al.*, 2008; Mohammad Mamun Hossain *et al.*, 2007; Rolf Braun *et al.*, 1977), anti plasmoidal, (Idan Chiyanzu *et al.*, 2005), antiviral (Ny Sin *et al.*, 2009) (eg. Melosatin A) activities. Schiff bases of Isatin derivatives have shown variety of biological activities like anticonvulsant, (Sridhar S K *et al.*, 2002; Olcay Bekircan *et al.*, 2008; Popp F D *et al.*, 1982; Prince P Sharma *et al.*, 2009), antimicrobial (Surendra N Pandya *et al.*, 2000), antiHIV (Pandeya S N *et al.*, 2005; Tao Jiang *et al.*, 2005; Tanushree Ratan Bal *et al.*, 2005), anti-inflammatory (Seshaiah Krishnan Sridhar *et al.*, 2001) activities, In view of this observation we have synthesized some compounds that may exhibit potent

anticonvulsant activity. As outlined in scheme I, Isatin on nitrosation with NaNO<sub>2</sub> in presence of conc HCl at 0°C to 5°C yielded N-nitroso isatin 1. Schiff reaction of 1 with various aromatic amines 2 in presence of ethanol under reflux for 4 hrs yielded the desired compounds (2a-2h) at ambient temperature in good yield (TLC). All the compounds synthesized were characterized on the basis of their analytical data and spectral data.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the melting points reported were determined in open capillary tube method and are uncorrected. The IR spectra of the compounds were recorded on ABB BOMEM FTIR spectrophotometer MB 104 and are expressed in cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the compounds were recorded on Bruker spectrometer in DMSO and DMF with TMS as internal standard. The Mass spectra of the compounds were recorded on JOEL GC mate. The progress of the reaction was monitored on precoated silica gel F254 plates (Merck) using different chloroform: methanol (9.5: 0.5). Synthesis and analytical studies of the title compounds were carried out using laboratory grade and analytical grade reagents.

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**GENERAL PROCEDURE****Synthesis of N-Nitrosoisatin (1)**

To a solution of isatin (14.7g, 0.1mol) in chloroform (200 ml), concentrated hydrochloric acid (30 ml) and water (30 ml) were added, and while stirring, solid NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.65 g, 0.024mol) was added in portions during 30 min. The stirring was continued for 4 h at 0 -5<sup>o</sup>C. The organic layer was washed with water and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the chloroform, the residue was recrystallized from ethanol.

**Synthesis of Schiff bases of N-Nitrosoisatin compounds (2a -2h).**

Equimolar quantity (0.01mol) of N-Nitrosoisatin and the aromatic primary amine were dissolved in 10 ml of warm ethanol and refluxed for 3 h and then checked for completion of reaction by TLC. After standing for approximately 24 h at room temperature, the products were separated by filtration, dried and recrystallized from warm ethanol.

**BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY****Anticonvulsant activity (MES method in mice)**

The anticonvulsant activity was carried out for all the synthesized compounds by maximal electric shock method using phenytoin sodium as reference drug. Animals were weighed, numbered and divided into three groups each consisting of 6 rats. One group was used as normal control received dimethyl sulphoxide i.v., second group was standard control received phenytoin sodium at dose of 25mg/kg body wt i.v. and the third group received sample treatment at dose of 100 and 200mg/kg body wt. i.v. The corneal electrodes were placed on the cornea of the animal. The whole procedures were repeated with the animals of all the three groups. After 30 min of drug treatment, the animals were subjected to a electric shock of 150 M.A. by convulsimeter for 0.2 sec. The reduction in time or abolition of tonic extensor phase and flexion phase of MES- convulsions was noted.

$$\% \text{ protection} = [(\text{Control-Test})/\text{Control}] \times 100$$

**Table 1. The physico-chemical data of synthesized compound**

Comp.	m.f.	Mol. Wt.	Rf	m.p. <sup>(o</sup> C)	Yield %
2a	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	285.69	0.8378	254 - 256	96.4
2b	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> BrN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	330.14	0.8024	220 - 222	92.6
2c	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> FN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	269.23	0.6040	156 - 158	89.2
2d	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClFN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	303.00	0.8918	210 - 212	66.6
2e	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	265.27	0.7837	216 - 218	37.7
2f	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	281.27	0.8648	225 - 227	61.3
2g	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	296.24	0.6046	88 - 90	95.4
2h	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	341.24	0.8024	120 - 122	76.4

Solvent System: Chloroform: Methanol (9.5:0.5)

**Table 2. Spectral data of the synthesized compounds**

Comp.	
2a	IR: 3178 (Ar-CH), 1592 (C=C), 1331 (C-N), 1461 (N-NO), 1738 (C=O), 1611(C=N), 751(C-Cl) ; <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.58 - 7.74 (8H, m, Ar-H) ; (M <sup>+</sup> ) m/z : 285
2b	IR: 3268 (Ar-CH), 1592 (C=C), 1334 (C-N), 1460 (N-NO), 1739(C=O), 1610(C=N), 582 (C-Br) ; <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.42 - 7.71 (8H, m, Ar-H); (M+2) m/z : 332
2c	IR: 2987 (Ar-CH), 1497 (C=C), 1385 (C-N), 1463 (N-NO), 1728 (C=O), 1615 (C=N), 1288 (C-F); <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.41 - 7.61 (8H, m, Ar-H) ; (M <sup>+</sup> ) m/z : 270
2d	IR: 3196 (Ar-CH), 1590 (C=C), 1334 (C-N), 1463 (N-NO), 1726 (C=O), 1611 (C=N), 758 (C-Cl), 1204 (C-F); <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.76 - 8.21 (7H, m, Ar-H) ; (M <sup>+</sup> ) m/z : 303
2e	IR: 3257(Ar-CH), 1592 (C=C), 1333(C-N), 1463 (N-NO), 1742 (C=O), 1611 (C=N), 2910 (C-CH <sub>3</sub> ); <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.58 - 8.04 (8H, m, Ar-H), 2.2 (3H,s,CH <sub>3</sub> );(M <sup>+</sup> )m/z : 265
2f	IR: 3118 (Ar-CH), 1499 (C=C), 1332 (C-N), 1460 (N-NO), 1738 (C=O), 1611 (C=N), 2833 (CO-CH <sub>3</sub> ); <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.78 - 8.21 (8H, m, Ar-H), 3.3 (3H,s, OCH <sub>3</sub> );(M <sup>+</sup> )m/z :281
2g	IR: 3370 (Ar-CH), 1584 (C=C), 1301 (C-N), 1471 (N-NO), 1734 (C=O), 1621 (C=N), 1367 (C-NO <sub>2</sub> ); <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 6.92 - 8.21 (8H, m, Ar-H) ; <sup>13</sup> C -NMR δ(ppm):112.60 – 146.24 ( 11 C, Ar -C), 161.89 ( 1C, C-N ), 163.23 (1C C=N ), 166.66 ( 1C, C=O ); (M <sup>+</sup> ) m/z : 296
2h	IR: 3335 (Ar-CH), 1584 (C=C), 1301 (C-N), 1464 (N-NO), 1732 (C=O), 1624 (C=N), 1388 (C-NO <sub>2</sub> ); <sup>1</sup> HNMR: 7.03 - 8.28 (7H, m, Ar-H); (M <sup>+</sup> ) m/z : 341

**Table 3. Anticonvulsant activity**

Compounds	Dose (mg/kg)	Flexion phase		Extensor phase	
		Mean±SEM	%protection	Mean±SEM	%protection
2a	100	5.00+0.40**	28.57	6.25+0.85***	48.97
	200	4.75+0.47**	32.14	5.50+0.64***	55.10
2b	100	5.50+0.28 <sup>NS</sup>	21.42	9.25+0.25*	24.48
	200	5.25+0.47*	25.00	8.50+0.86**	30.61
2c	100	5.5+0.28 <sup>NS</sup>	21.42	9.50+0.28*	22.44
	200	5.25+0.47*	25.00	8.25+0.47**	32.65
2d	100	5.25+0.25*	25.00	9.50+0.28*	22.44
	200	5.00+0.40*	28.57	8.50+0.64**	30.61
2e	100	4.50+0.64***	35.17	8.00+0.81***	34.69
	200	4.25+0.47***	39.28	7.5+0.25***	38.77
2f	100	6.00+0.40 <sup>NS</sup>	14.28	9.25+1.17*	24.48
	200	5.75+0.25 <sup>NS</sup>	17.85	9.00+0.47*	26.53
2g	100	4.75+0.25**	32.14	9.00+0.40**	26.53
	200	4.50+0.28***	35.17	8.5+0.64**	30.61
2h	100	5.00+0.40**	28.57	9.25+0.47*	24.48
	200	4.75+0.47**	32.14	8.25+0.85**	32.65
<b>PHENYTOIN</b>	25	4.5+0.28	35.71	0.00+0.00***	100
<b>CONTROL</b>	-	7.00+0.40	-	12.25+0.85	-

Significant differences with respect to control was evaluated by (ANOVA), Dunnet's t test \*P< 0.05, \*\*P<0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001, NS (Non significant).

**SCHEME 1**

R<sup>1</sup> = p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, p-fluorophenyl  
3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, p-methylphenyl, p-methoxyphenyl,  
p-nitrophenyl, 2,4-dinitrophenyl.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

All the synthesized title compounds were subjected for *in-vivo* anticonvulsant activity. The results showed that substitution with electron donating moiety favors significant reduction in the seizures than substitution with electron withdrawing moiety. Compound

2a exhibit better activity among the series of compounds synthesized.

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