

Synthesis of (E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3, 5-dinitrobenzylidene) – 2 –cyanoacetohydrazide derivatives as effective antimicrobial agents

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Abstract

The (E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3, 5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyanoacetohydrazide was obtained by reacting 2-hydroxy-3,5 -dinitrobenzaldehyde with 2-cyanoacetohydrazide. The new compounds were characterized by IR, NMR and Mass spectroscopy.

Introduction

Hydrazide and hydrazones are important precursors, used for the synthesis of N-heterocycles [1,2]. The antibiotic resistant organisms are considered as important pipeline for the discovery of new antimicrobial agents [3]. Hydrazide and hydrazones showed Pharmacological profiles such as antimicrobial [4,5] anti-tubercular [6,7] anticonvulsant [8,9] anti-inflammatory [10,11] antidepressant [12] antitumor [13] and analgesic activities [14]. Hydrazones also act as orally effective drugs for the treatment of iron overload disease or genetic thalassemia [15] and Anti-hepatitis C virus activity (HCV) activity [16]. We focused our work on synthesis of novel multi-functionalized heterocycles having potential bioactivity. We have concentrated our efforts towards the synthesis of (E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyanoacetohydrazide.

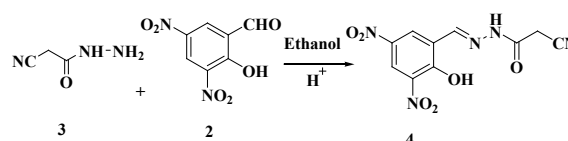
Experimental section

Synthesis of 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzaldehyde, 2: The mixture of Salicylaldehyde (0.2 mol, 20.96 ml) and 10 ml Conc. HCl was cooled in ice-salt mixture (0°C). Then the reaction mass was added drop wise to ice cooled nitrating mixture (Conc. H₂SO₄: Conc. HNO₃; 2:1) at 0 °C for 20 minutes. It was stirred for 2-3 hrs at room temperature. The product obtained as the mixture of 3- and 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde was filtered, washed with water and dried. This product is used for further nitration.

The mixture of 3- and 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde obtained by the nitration of salicylaldehyde was stirred with ice cold nitrating mixture of conc. H₂SO₄ and HNO₃ in 2:1 proportion. (33g, 0.156 mol) After 30 minutes the reaction mass was poured on ice. The yellow solid of 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzaldehyde **2** was obtained in 85% yield, M.P. 70-74 °C. Its structural assignment of this compound was performed by IR, ¹H NMR and elemental analysis.

M.P.: 70-74°C; IR V cm⁻¹: 1490 (NO₂), 2750 (CH), 1725 (CO), 3200 (OH); ¹H NMR 500 MHz (CDCl₃): 11.95 (s, 1H, OH), 10.44 (s, 1H, CH), 8.95 (s, 1H, CH), 9.23 (s, 1H, CH); Anal. calcd. for C₇H₄N₂O₆ (Mol. Wt.: 212.12): Calcd C, 39.64; H, 1.90; N, 13.21 Found: C, 39.60; H, 1.92; N, 13.24

Synthesis of (E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyanoacetohydrazide, 4



2-Hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzaldehyde **2** (0.212 g, 1mmol) in ethanol was added 1 drop of acetic acid and stirred for 30 min. To this reaction mixture 2-cyanoacetohydrazide (0.1 g, 1mmol), **3** was added and stirred at room temperature. The yellow product obtained was recrystallised using ethanol. Yellow powder, M.P. 230°C; Yield: 0.129 g, 88%; IR (Platinum ATR) cm⁻¹: 2260 (CN), 3271 (OH) and 3197 (NH) proton. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): δ, 10.2 (s, 1H, OH), 3.90 (s, 2H, CH₂), 9.5 (s, 1H, NH), 9.8 (s, 1H, CH), 10.8-11 (s, 2H, ArH).

C₁₀H₇N₅O₆ Mol. Wt.: 293.192. Calcd C, 40.97; H, 2.41; N, 23.89; Found C, 40.98; H, 2.39; N, 23.90;

Synthesis of N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)- 2-cyano-3-substituted phenyl acrylohydrazide derivatives, 6: Equimolar mixture of 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyanoacetohydrazide **4** (0.1g, 3 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane containing (0.06ml, 3mmol) morpholine was stirred for 30 min. To this reaction mixture the (0.06 ml, 3mmol) benzaldehyde was added and refluxed at 140°C for 1 hrs (TLC Checked, Hexane: Ethyl acetate, 8:2 v/v). The reaction mass was poured in to crush ice light brown color product was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol afforded compound **6a**.

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Similar procedure was used for the synthesis of compounds (6b-f).

(2E,14E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyano-3-phenylacrylohydrazide, 6a

Light brown solid, Yield: 60%, 0.62 mg, M.P. 60-65°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : stretching frequencies at 2333, 2920, 1658 cm^{-1} for CN, NH, C=O cm^{-1} respectively. ^1H NMR (500 MHz DMSO- d_6): δ , 10.2 (s, 1H, OH), 8.56-8.51 (s, $J=7$ Hz, 2H, CH), 8.01 (s, 1H, NH), 8.09 (s, 1H, CH), 8.61 (s, 1H, CH), 7.28-7.80 (m, 5H, ArH) ppm. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6$ Mol. Wt.: 381.299, Calcd: C, 53.55; H, 2.91; N, 18.37, Found: C, 53.45; H, 2.96; N, 18.42

(2E,14E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyano-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylohydrazide, 6b

Brown solid, Yield: 66%, 0.72 mg, M.P. 90-95°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : 2337, 2920, 2854 cm^{-1} for CN, NH, OH respectively. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.89 (s, 1H, OH), 8.02 (s, 1H, CH), 7.99 (bs, 1H, NH), 3.90 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.89 (s, 1H, CH), 6.93 (d, 2H $J=4.4$ Hz, CH), 7.00 (d, 2H $J=4.4$ Hz, CH), 8.62-9.20 (s, 2H, $J=4.4$ Hz CH) ppm. $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5\text{O}_7$ Mol. Wt.: 411.33, Calcd: C, 52.56; H, 3.19; N, 17.03, Found: C, 52.50; H, 3.25; N, 17.33

(2E,14E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylohydrazide, 6c

Brown solid, Yield: 70%, 0.80 mg, M.P. 128-130°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : 2337, 3093, 2967 cm^{-1} for CN, OH, NH. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.99 (s, 1H, OH), 8.61 (s, 1H, NH), 8.02-8.03 (s, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.26 (dd, $J=4.5$, 4H, CH), 7.96 (s, 1H, CH), 7.98 (s, 1H, CH). $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_6$ Mol. Wt.: 415.744, Calcd: C, 49.11; H, 2.42; Cl, 8.53; N, 16.85. Found: C, 49.08; H, 2.45; Cl, 8.50; N, 16.88.

(2E,14E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylohydrazide, 6d

Brown solid, Yield: 61%, 0.64 mg, M.P. 112-115°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : 2337, 3093, 2967, 650 cm^{-1} for CN, OH, NH, Br. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.99 (s, 1H, OH), 8.61 (s, 1H, NH), 8.71-8.90 (s, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.75-7.80 (dd, $J=4.5$, 4H, CH), 8.26 (s, 1H, CH), 8.36 (s, 1H, CH)..

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrN}_5\text{O}_6$ Mol. Wt.: 460.195, Calcd: C, 44.37; H, 2.19; Br, 17.36; N, 15.22. Found: C, 44.27; H, 2.29; Br, 17.16; N, 15.42.

(2E,14E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-3-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-cyanoacrylohydrazide, 6e

Brown solid, Yield: 60%, 0.60 mg, M.P. 102-105°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} :

2337.72 for CN, 3086 for OH and 2920 cm^{-1} for NH 800 cm^{-1} for chlorine. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.98 (s, 1H, OH), 7.80-8.20 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.25 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.95-9.61 (s, $J=7.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H, NH), 7.91 (s, 1H, CH), $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_6$ Mol. Wt.: 415.74 Calcd: C, 49.11; H, 2.42; Cl, 8.53; N, 16.85. Found: C, 49.10; H, 2.32; Cl, 8.63; N, 16.84.

(2E, 14E)-N'-(2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyano-3-(3-nitrophenyl)acrylohydrazide, 6f

Brown solid, Yield: 62%, 0.69 mg, M.P. 118-120°C; IR (Platinum ATR) cm^{-1} : 2337.72 for CN, 3086 for OH and 2920 cm^{-1} for NH. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.13 (s, 1H,

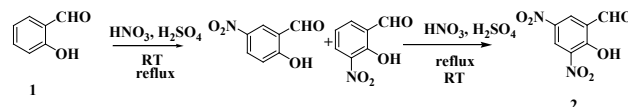
OH), 7.98-8.23 (m, 4H, CH), 7.77 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.93-9.51 (s, $J=7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H, NH), 8.74 (s, 1H, CH) $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$ Mol. Wt.: 426.3, Calcd: C, 47.90; H, 2.36; N, 19.71. Found: C, 47.98; H, 2.32; N, 19.67

Materials and methods

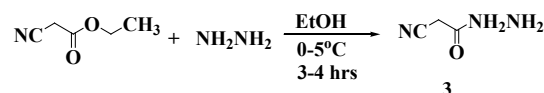
The physical constant ie melting point of all new compounds was reported with the help of Gallencamp melting point equipment (Model no MFB-595) using open capillary tubes. All the recorded melting points are uncorrected. Bruker FTIR-TENSOR-II was used to record IR spectra of the compounds. ^1H NMR spectra of the compounds were recorded on Bruker advance II NMR instrument at 500 MHz frequency. The CDCl_3 or DMSO was used to record the NMR using TMS as internal standard. Chemical shifts are given in δ ppm and splitting of NMR samples are given as singlet(s), broad singlet (bs), doublet (d), triplet (t), multiplets (m). The reactions were monitored on thin layer chromatography (TLC 0.2 mm silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ Merck plates) plates using UV light 254 and 366 nm. All commercial grade chemicals were purchased from S.D. Fine chemicals, Sigma Aldrich, Merck, Lobachemie and used without further purification while solvents were purified by standard literature procedures.

Results and discussion

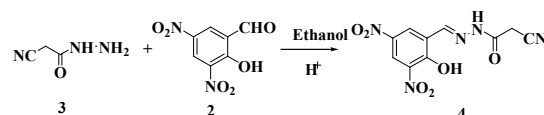
Compound 2 was synthesized by nitration of salicylaldehyde to get ortho and para products. Further nitration of ortho and para products gave 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzaldehyde 4. The structure of 2 was established on the basis of IR, ^1H NMR data and comparison with the literature M.P.



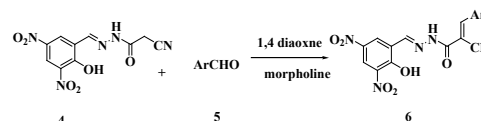
Compound 3 was synthesized by reaction of ethyl cyanoacetate and hydrazine hydrate in ethanol at 0-5°C temperature. The spectral and analytical data of these compounds was found identical with that of reported data.



The reaction of 2-cyanoacetylhydrazide 3 and 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzaldehyde 2 in presence of ethanol and catalytic amount of acetic acid gave 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyanoacetylhydrazide 4. The compound 4 was characterized by IR, ^1H NMR data. For e.g. IR spectrum showed stretching frequencies at 2260 cm^{-1} for CN, 3271 cm^{-1} for OH and 3197 cm^{-1} for NH proton ^1H NMR, 10.2 δ (s, 1H, OH), 3.90 δ (s, 2H, CH_2), 9.5 δ (s, 1H, NH), 9.8 δ (s, 1H, CH), 10.8-11 δ (s, 1H, CH)



Benzalidine derivative 6 was synthesized by reaction of 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitrobenzylidene)-2-cyanoacetylhydrazide 4 with different aromatic aldehydes 5 a-f in presence of 1,4 dioxane and catalytic amount of morpholine in 60-70 % yield.



Antimicrobial assay

The antimicrobial (Table 1) assay of compound 6 was carried out using agar well plate method. The antibacterial and antifungal assays were performed in Muller-Hinton agar and czaek doxagar. The standard strains used for the antimicrobial assay was procured from Microbial Culture Collection Centre, Pune, India. Antimicrobial evaluation was performed using the bacteria reseeded in Muller-Hinton broth for 24 hr at 37°C and fungi reseeded in czaek doxagar for 48 hr at 25°C. The antibacterial activity of tested samples were studied in triplicate against Gram positive bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 29737) and Gram negative bacteria *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922). The same samples were tested for antifungal activity in triplicate against *Candida albicans* (MTCC 277) and *Aspergillus Niger* (MCIM 545) (Table 2).

The solution of these compounds were prepared in DMSO at desired concentrations of 40, 20, 10 µg/ mL loaded as negative control. The Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL) and Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL) were used as standards for evaluating the antibacterial and antifungal activity. The zone of inhibition (mm) was determined as per National Committee for Chemical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS, M7-A5, and January 2000). The antimicrobial activity of 3- nitro benzaldehyde was more than 4-chlorobenzaldehyde and 4- bromobenzaldehyde.

The compound 6f exhibited excellent antibacterial activities against Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria viz. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli* with MIC 10 µg/ mL as compared with Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL). Similarly, compound 6f showed excellent antifungal activities against *Aspergillus Niger* and *Candida albicans* with MIC 10 µg/ mL as compared with Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL). The compound 6b, 6c, 6d and 6e showed moderate antibacterial activity against *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922) with MIC 20 µg/ mL when compared with standard antibacterial drug Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL). The compounds 6b, 6c, 6d and 6e showed excellent antifungal activities against *Aspergillus Niger* (MCIM 545). Similarly, compounds 6b, 6c, 6d show equivalent antifungal activities against *Candida albicans* (MTCC 277) with MIC 20 µg/ mL as compared with standard antifungal drug Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL) (Table 3).

Table 1. The compound 6 was well characterized by FTIR and ¹H NMR

Compd.	Ar	% Yield
5a	Benzaldehyde	60
5b	Anisaldehyde	66
5c	3- Nitrobenzaldehyde	62
5d	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	70
5e	4-Bromobenzaldehyde	61
5f	3- Chlorobenzaldehyde	60

Table 2. Antimicrobial screening of compounds (7a-h): Inhibition Zone Diameter (mm)

Compound	Ar	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>A.niger</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
6a	Benzaldehyde	13 ± 0.8	14 ± 1.2	13 ± 0.6	14 ± 0.8
6b	Anisaldehyde	15 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.7	17 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.8
6c	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	16 ± 0.8	16 ± 0.8	18 ± 0.5	18 ± 0.9
6d	4-Bromobenzaldehyde	17 ± 0.8	18 ± 0.3	17 ± 0.7	18 ± 0.4
6e	3- Chlorobenzaldehyde	15 ± 1.1	16 ± 0.6	17 ± 0.3	16 ± 0.7
6f	3-Nitrobenzaldehyde	18 ± 0.8	17 ± 0.4	19 ± 0.3	18 ± 0.5
	DMSO	11 ± 0.7	12 ± 0.9	12 ± 0.6	13 ± 0.3
	Gentamicin	22 ± 0.4	23 ± 0.7	-	-
	Fluconazole	-	-	23 ± 0.8	24 ± 0.5

Gentamicin (10 µg/ mL) and Fluconazole (20 µg/ mL) Inhibition Zone = 9-14 mm: slight activity, 15-19 mm: moderate activity, 20 -24 mm : high activity, >25 mm: excellent activity

Table 3. Antimicrobial screening of compounds (7a-h): MIC in µg / mL values

Compound	Ar	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>A.niger</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
6a	Benzaldehyde	80	40	80	40
6b	Anisaldehyde	40	40	20	20
6c	4-chlorobenzaldehyde	20	20	20	20
6d	4-bromobenzaldehyde	20	20	20	20
6e	3- chlorobenzaldehyde	40	40	20	40
6f	3- nitrobenzaldehyde	10	10	10	10
	Gentamicin	10	10	-	-
	Fluconazole	-	-	20	20

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