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## Synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial activity of benzene-(1', 4'-diimine)-substituted-4,4-10H-diphenothiazine derivatives

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### ABSTRACT

A novel series of the benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-4, 4-di-hydroxy-di-phenyl (**2a-i**), benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4, 4- diphenylamine (**3a-i**) and benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-10H-di- phenothiazine (**4a-i**) were prepared by the reaction of 1, 4-di-imine with different aromatic aldehydes in excellent yield. Elemental analysis, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass spectral data established identification of the compounds (**4a-i**) was evaluated for their antimicrobial & antifungal activity.

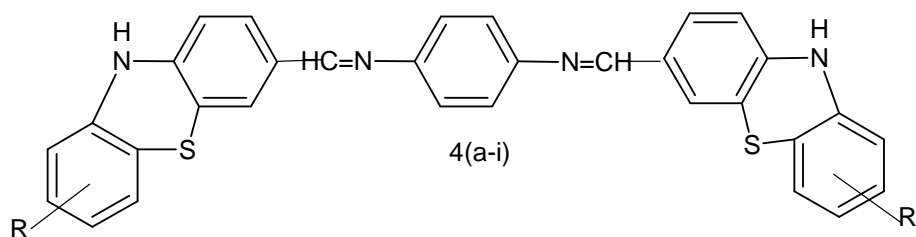
### INTRODUCTION

Schiff bases are typically formed by the condensation of a primary amine & an aldehyde the resultant functional group RHC=N-R is called imine & is particularly for binding metal ions via N- atom lone pair. Phenothiazines are pharmaceutical active compounds & have diverse biological application their anti inflammatory and Tranquillizer properties are widely reported. Various phenothiazines have been reported as important antifungal[1], anti-tumor[2], bactericidal and anti-histamine properties[3-5]. Slight modification in phenothiazine nucleus causes marked difference in activity<sup>6</sup> and therefore phenothiazine with varied substituents are being synthesized and as a better medical agents Phenothiazine derivatives possess diverse biological activities like antiparkinsonian[7-8], anticonvulsant [9], antihistaminic[10], antihelminthic[11], antiviral[12], antiparasitic[13] and CNS depressant[14].

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Melting points were taken in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. IR spectra were run in KBr pellets on a Perkin-Elmer 157 spectrometer. H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker-Variah 300MHz FT NMR spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. Purity of the compounds was checked by TLC on silica gel G plates and the spots were located by exposure to iodine vapours. The characterization data of the compounds is given in Table –II.

Table – II Characterization data of compounds 4a –i



Comp.	R*	Mol. Formula	M. Pt (°C)	RF Value	Eluent*	Yield	Analysis Found (Calcd)%		
							C	H	N
4a	H	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	152°	0.90		70	79.1 (79.3)	5.5 (5.4)	7.1 (7.0)
4b	2-OH	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	182°	0.71		65	67.5 (67.4)	4.7 (4.6)	6.0 (6.1)
4c	3-OH	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	137°	0.75		67	67.5 (67.4)	4.7 (4.6)	6.0 (6.1)
4d	4-OH	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	153°	0.82		62	67.5 (67.4)	4.7 (4.6)	6.0 (6.1)
4e	2-NO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	142°	0.77		57	64.4 (64.1)	4.1 (4.0)	11.5 (11.4)
4f	3-NO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	136°	0.54		62	64.4 (64.1)	4.1 (4.0)	11.5 (11.4)
4g	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	129°	0.86		52	64.4 (64.1)	4.1 (4.0)	11.5 (11.4)
4h	2-Cl	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Cl	143°	0.75		64	67.4 (67.3)	4.3 (4.2)	6.9 (6.2)
4i	4-Cl	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Cl	157°	0.78		59	67.4 (67.3)	4.3 (4.2)	6.9 (6.2)

\* Eluents for TLC: Benzene – acetone (6 : 4) for 4a-i  
 ★ Solvent for crystallization; aq. ethanol for 4a-i.

### General procedure for preparation of compounds

#### I. Synthesis of benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-4, 4-di-hydroxy-di-phenyl.

A mixture of 1, 4 di-imine (1 mole) and 4-hydroxy benzaldehyde (2 mole) in ethanol (25 ml) was refluxed for 6 hrs. A resulting solid material reported which was crystallized from DMF similarly other compounds were also prepared.

#### II. Synthesis of benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4, 4- diphenylamine.

A mixture of Benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-4, 4-di-hydroxy-di-phenyl 1 (1 mole) & different anilines (2 mole) methanol was refluxed for 3 hrs and resulting solid was washed and crystallized from DMF similarly other compound were also prepared.

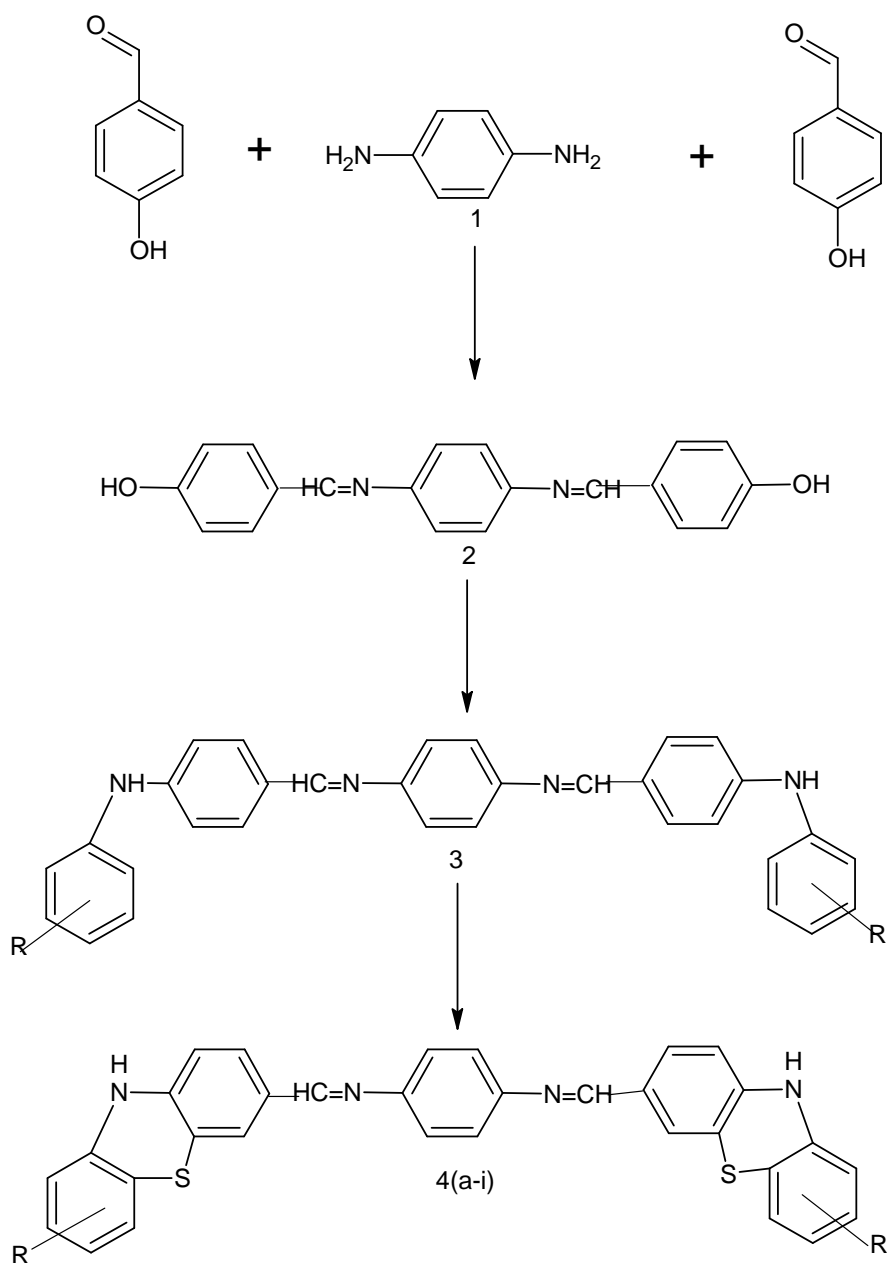
#### III. Synthesis of benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-10H-4, 4-10H-di-phenothiazine.

A mixture of Benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4, 4- diphenylamine (0.01 mole), sulphur (0.1 mole) and Iodine (0.5 g) was heated at 1200C in an oil bath for 2 hr. reaction mixture of Benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-10H-4, 4-di-phenothiazine was obtain, then crushed into fine powder & washed with ethanol and recrystallized from DMF.

**4a:** (M. P. 152° yield 70 %.). IR(KBr): 3322 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2945 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1792.9, 1714, 1650, 1524, 783 (C-S); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz DMSO) δ 2.34, 4.22, 3.52; <sup>13</sup>C NMR(300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 14.1, 13.2, 13.6, 22.0, 37.9, 38.2, 34.5, 39.4, 40.0, , 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 159.1, 126.2, 137.3, 160.2, 162.1.

**4b:** (M. P. 182° yield 65%). IR(KBr): 3333 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2944 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1742.9, 1714, 1640, 1552, 1332, 745 (C-S); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz DMSO) δ 2.46, 4.28, 3.54; <sup>13</sup>C NMR(300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 11.3, 13.4, 13.4, 27.0, 38.9, 39.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 40.3, 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 119.1, 126.2, 134.3, 162.2, 165.5.

**4c :** (M. P.137° yield 67 %.). IR(KBr): 3444 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2957 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1752.9, 1754, 1650, 1555, 1336, 785 (C-S); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz DMSO) δ 2.56, 4.58, 3.55; <sup>13</sup>C NMR(300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) 11.5, 13.5, 13.9, 27.0, 38.9, 34.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 40.3, 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 119.1, 126.2, 137.3, 162.2, 164.6.



R=H, 2-OH, 4-OH, 2-NO<sub>2</sub>, 4-NO<sub>2</sub>, 3-NO<sub>2</sub>, 2-Cl, 4-Cl, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

Scheme-I

**4d:** (M. P. 153° yield 62 %.). IR(KBr): 3327 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2967 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1762.9, 1714, 1650, 1362, 765 (C-S), 706; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz DMSO) δ 2.66, 4.28, 3.54; <sup>13</sup>C NMR(300MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>), 11.3, 13.4, 13.9, 27.0, 38.9, 34.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 46.3, 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 119.1, 126.2, 137.3, 166.2, 165.3.

**4e:** (M. P. 142° yield 57 %.). IR(KBr): 3360 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2966 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1792.9, 1714, 1650, 1362, 785 (C-S) 766;  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  2.56, 4.28, 3.54;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), 11.3, 13.6, 13.9, 26.0, 38.9, 39.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 40.3, 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 119.1, 126.2, 137.6, 162.2, 166.1.

**4f:** (M. P. 136° yield 62 %.). IR(KBr): 3326 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2967 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1792.9, 1714, 1650, 1332, 785, 726;  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  2.56, 4.28, 3.54;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), 11.3, 13.4, 12.9, 25.0, 38.9, 39.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 40.3, 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 119.1, 123.2, 137.3, 164.2, 165.3.

**4g:** (M. P. 129° yield 52 %.). IR(KBr): 3552 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2959 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1792.9, 1714, 1650, 1332, 755 (C-S);  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  2.56, 4.25, 3.54;  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR(300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), 11.3, 13.4, 13.9, 27.0, 38.9, 35.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.5, 40.3, 58.5, 75.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 115.1, 126.2, 137.3, 162.2, 165.0.

**4h:** (M. P. 143° yield 64 %.). IR(KBr): 3390 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2967 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1792.9, 1714, 1670, 1379, 775 (C-S).  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (300MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  2.56, 4.28, 3.54,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR(300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), 11.3, 13.4, 13.9, 27.0, 38.9, 39.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 40.3, 57.5, 6.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.8, 119.1, 126.2, 137.3, 167.2.

**4i:** (M. P. 157° yields 59 %.). IR(KBr): 3335 (N-H-phenothiazine), 2961 (C-H-Aromatic stretch), 1742.9, 1744, 1650, 1332, 785 (C-S), 518;  $^1\text{H}$ NMR(300MHz DMSO)  $\delta$  2.54, 4.28, 3.54;  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR(300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), 11.4, 13.4, 13.9, 7.0, 38.9, 9.2, 39.5, 39.7, 40.0, 40.3, 58.5, 76.8, 77.2, 77.6, 111.4, 119.1, 124.2, 147.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In view of these observations, it was thought worthwhile to synthesize several compounds in which benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-4, 4-di-hydroxy-di-phenyl, benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4, 4- diphenylamine, benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-10*H*-4, 4-10*H*-di-phenothiazine have been linked with new moiety

Table I-Antibacterial and antifungal activities of compounds 4a-i

Compd	Antibacterial activity			Antifungal activity	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>	<i>A. niger</i>
4 a	++	++	+	++	++
4b	+	+++	+++	+++	+++
4c	-	++	+++	+++	++
4d	+++	++	++	++	++
4e	+	++	+	+++	+++
4f	++	+++	++	+++	++
4 g	+++	++	-	++	++
4 h	++	-	+	-	+++
4i	+++	++	+++	+++	-
SM	+++	+++	++++		
GF				++++	+++
SM (Streptomycin) and GF (Griesofulvin). The inhibition diameter in Mm: (-) <6, (+) 7-9, (++) 10-15, (+++) 16-22, (+++++) 23-28.					

The reaction sequence leading to the formation of desired heterocyclic compounds are outlined in **Scheme-I**. The starting material benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-4, 4-di-hydroxy-di-phenyl (**2a-i**) was prepared by the reaction of substituted aldehydes with 1, 4-di-imine in presence of ethanol. Synthesis of benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4, 4- diphenylamine (**3a-i**) by reaction of benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-4, 4-di-hydroxy-di-phenyl (**2a-i**) with different aromatic aniline in presence of ethanol. The substituted benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-10*H*-4, 4-10*H*-di-phenothiazine (4a-i) was prepared by reaction of benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4, 4- diphenylamine (**3a-i**)

with sulphur and Iodine in the presence of DMF. The IR,  $^1\text{H}$ NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, Mass spectra of the benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-10H-4, 4'-10H-di-phenothiazine (**4a-i**) were recorded.

#### Biological studies

Comparative study of 1, 4 di-imine with different aromatic aldehydes & Benzene-(1', 4'-di-imine)-substituted-4,4-10H-di-phenothiazine (**4a-i**) have been observed by using Norfloxacin and Griseofulvin as standards. The enhancement in biological activity of compound (1) as compared with the newly synthesized (**4a-i**) has been observed. The synthesized compounds were tested at 100g/ml concentration against *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Ps. aeruginosa*, *P. vulgaris*, *A. niger* and *C. albicans* for its antibacterial and antifungal screening as shown in **Table-I**.

#### CONCLUSION

It is concluded for scheme that an efficient method for the synthesis of Benzene-(1, 4-di-imine)-substituted-10H-4', 4'-di-phenothiazine **4a-i** with excellent yield have been developed. The result of this study indicates that the present synthetic method is a simple efficient, inexpensive and easy synthesis of biologically active compounds Benzene-(1, 4-di-imine)-substituted-10H-4', 4'-di-phenothiazine **4a-i**. These compounds showing good results tested at 100 mg/ml concentration against *E. coli*, *S. aureus*, *Ps. aeruginosa*, *P. vulgaris*, *A. niger* and *C. albicans* as compared to simple di-amine.

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