



## Ecofriendly Synthesis, Characterization and Antibacterial Assay of Some Chlorosubstituted Isoxazoles

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### Abstract

*The concept of green chemistry is now widely adopted to meet the scientific challenges in order to protect the human health and environment. Nowadays researchers are working extensively to synthesize new compounds using ecofriendly solvents and other conditions. Literature survey reveals that isoxazoles are very useful units in the fields of medicinal, pharmaceutical and agriculture. Isoxazoles have been reported to exhibit a broad spectrum of biological activities. In this regard, in the present study, we have undertaken synthesis and characterization of new chlorosubstituted isoxazole derivatives by the action of chlorosubstituted flavones, which were prepared from chalcones in a ecofriendly single step, with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in good yields. The newly synthesized compounds are screened against some bacteria with special reference to study antipathogenic activities.*

**Keywords:** Chlorosubstituted isoxazoles, flavones, chalcones, antibacterial assay, antipathogenic activities.

### Introduction

Literature survey shows that the chlorosubstituted heterocycles<sup>1</sup> have antifungal<sup>2</sup>, antimicrobial<sup>3</sup>, antitubercular<sup>4</sup>, antiviral<sup>5</sup>, and antibacterial<sup>6</sup> activity. Taking into account the widespread applications of chlorosubstituted heterocycles such as pyrazoles, thiazoles, isoxazoles<sup>7</sup> in the fields of pharmaceutical, medicine and agriculture, it was thought interesting to synthesize some new chlorosubstituted isoxazoles and study their impact on plant pathogens especially bacteria. The isoxazoles are the compounds having five membered ring containing both oxygen & nitrogen atoms in the 1,2 positions. It has been observed that flavones are the best starting compounds for the preparation of isoxazole derivatives. These flavones are prepared from chalcones in a ecofriendly single step.

### Experimental

#### Scheme-I

**Preparation of 2,4-dichloro phenyl acetate(Ia):** 2,4-dichlorophenol (10gm) was mixed with acetic anhydride (12ml) and anhydrous sodium acetate (1gm). The mixture was refluxed for about an hour. The

mixture was cooled and poured into cold water. Acetate layer was separated and then washed with water several times. It was finally collected by distillation.

**Preparation of 1-(3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)ethanone(2a):** 2,4-dichlorophenol (10ml) was mixed with anhydrous  $\text{AlCl}_3$ (24gm) and heated at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 45 minutes. The reaction mixture was decomposed with ice cold water containing a little HCl. A greenish solid thus separated was recrystallised by ethanol to get compound 2a.

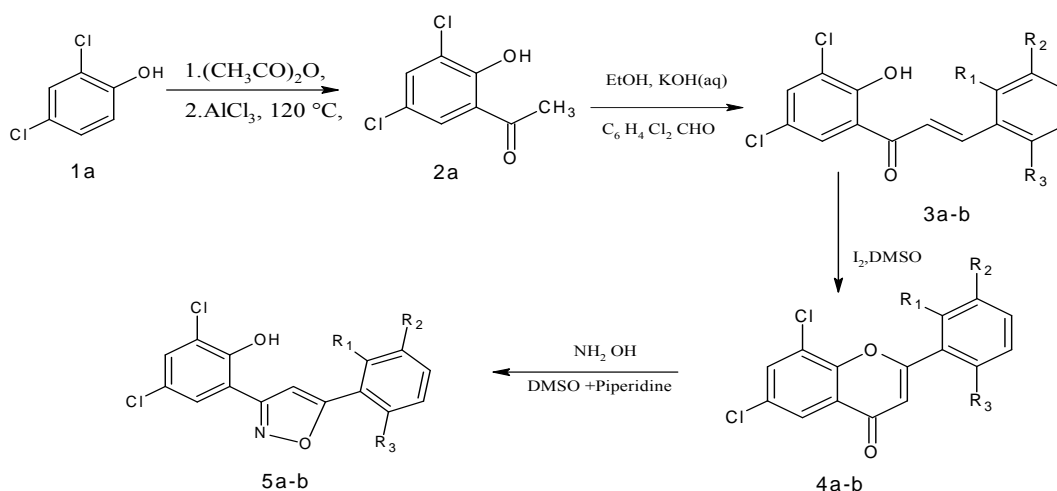
**IR( KBr  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ )( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )** 3050( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )(-OH phenolic str), 1665( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ str), 1300( $\text{C}-\text{O}$ str), 730( $\text{C}-\text{Cl}$ str)

**NMR:**  $\delta$ 12.73(s,1H,Ar-H) ,  $\delta$ 7.25-7.63(m,2H,Ar-H) ,  $\delta$ 2.60,(s,3H,- $\text{CH}_3$ ).

**Preparation of 1-(3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one(3a):** 1-(3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxyphenyl) ethanone (0.01M) and 2,3-dichlorobenzaldehyde(0.01M) were added to ethanol(20ml). To this mixture KOH solution(40%,10ml) was added drop wise . The reaction mixture was kept for overnight, then poured on ice containing little HCl. The product was filtered and recrystallised from ethanol to obtain the compound 3a.

**IR( KBr  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ )( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )** 3417( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )(O-Hstr),1645( $\text{C}=\text{O}$ str),308( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )(ArC-Hstr),1648( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )( $\text{C}=\text{C}$ str),738( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )(C-Clstr).

**NMR:**  $\delta$ 8.17(d,1H,CH=CH) ,  $\delta$ 7.39(d,1H,CH=CH),  $\delta$ 6.7-7.5(m,5H,Ar-H),  $\delta$ 5.0(s,1H,Ar-OH).



where a;  $\text{R}_1=\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R}_2=\text{H}$ ,  $\text{R}_3=\text{Cl}$  and b;  $\text{R}_1=\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R}_2=\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R}_3=\text{H}$

**Preparation of 6,8-dichloro-2-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (4a) -**

1-(3,5-dichloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (0.01M) was dissolved in 20ml DMSO, To this few crystals of Iodine were added. The mixture was refluxed for 10 min. Then the



mixture was poured on the crushed ice. The product was filtered and recrystallised from chloroform to get compound 4a.

**IR (KBr  $\nu_{\max}$ )( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):** 3400 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (O-Hstr), 1650 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C=Ostr), 1310 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C-OSrt), 730 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C-Clstr).

**NMR:**  $\delta$ 9.1(m, 2H, Ar-H),  $\delta$ 7.9(m, 2H, Ar-H),  $\delta$ 7.3(s, 1H, Ar-H),  $\delta$ 7.1(m, 4H, Ar-H),  $\delta$ 5.1(s, 1H, Ar-OH),  $\delta$ 4.8(m, 1H, CH),  $\delta$ 2.0(d, 1H, -CH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$ 1.8(d, 1H, -CH<sub>2</sub>).

**Preparation of 2,4-dichloro-6-[5-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,2-oxazol-3-yl]phenol (5a) :** 6,8-dichloro-2-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-4H-chromen-4-one (0.01M) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride(0.01) dissolved in 20ml DMSO with a few drops of pipyridine. The mixture was refluxed for 1.5 hrs. The product was filtered and recrystallised from chloroform to get compound 5a.

**IR (KBr  $\nu_{\max}$ )( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) :** 3400 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (O-Hstr), 1584 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C=Nstr), 1310 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C-OSrt), 730 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ (C-Clstr).

**NMR:**  $\delta$ 8.3(s, 1H, C-H),  $\delta$ 7.1-7.3(m, 5H, Ar-H),  $\delta$ 5.2(s, 1H, Ar-H).

### Antibacterial Study

The newly synthesized compounds(5a and 5b) were screened for their antibacterial activity against some *Gram positive* pathogens viz. *Staphylococcus aureas* and *Streptococcus sp.* and some *Gram negative* pathogens viz. *Pseudomonas sp.* and *Solmonella Typhi*. at conc.of 1000  $\mu\text{m}$  gentamycine as a standard. DMF was used as solvent control using agar plate techniques. The chlorosubstituted isoxazoles synthesized when screened for antibacterial activity, it was noticed that all these compounds had shown remarkable inhibitory activity.

### Results And Discution

Physical characterization data of all the compounds are given in Table-1.

**TABLE-1**

#### CHARACTERIZATION DATA OF NEWLY SYNTHESIZED COMPOUNDS

Compound	Mol. Formula	M.P.( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Yield(%)	R <sub>f</sub>
1a	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	214(B.P.)	85	0.75
2a	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	91-92	70	0.80
3a	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	84-86	80	0.77
3b	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	95-97	82	0.73
4a	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	160-162	59	0.74
4b	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	183-185	57	0.82
5a	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	195-197	63	0.72
5b	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	186-188	61	0.81



The synthetic routes which furnished the target compounds are shown below along with their IR and NMR data. The newly synthesized compounds (5a and 5b) were found to be active against test pathogens. A further detailed study in the light of Medical sciences is advised.

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