

Green Approach in the Synthesis of Substituted Imidazole

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ABSTRACT

A convenient and rapid method is described for the synthesis of nitrogen heterocyclic derivatives by one-pot three component reaction of substituted aromatic aldehydes, Benzil and Ammonium Acetate using commercially available chitosan in 2% acetic acid in aqueous media at 60–65°C. Chitosan, as a biocompatible and biodegradable pseudo-natural polysaccharide is one of the excellent choices for the preparation of suitable catalytic systems due to its unique properties. Chitosan was used as an efficient biodegradable and reusable green catalyst for this multicomponent reaction. The chitosan catalyst can be reused 10 times in fresh reaction. Imidazole is a five-membered heterocyclic moiety that possesses three carbon, two nitrogen, four hydrogen atoms, and two double bonds. It is also known as 1, 3-diazole. Among the different heterocyclic compounds, imidazole is better known due to its broad range of chemical and biological properties. Imidazole has become an important synthon in the development of new drugs.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Chitosan (CS) is an example of a polysaccharide that is widely distributed in living organisms [1]. Being hydrophilic and possessing basic moieties, 1,2 chitosan is a particularly attractive polysaccharide for application in catalysis [2]. Chitosan (CS), as a *pseudo*-natural polysaccharide, is an excellent material for developing new types of green catalytic systems due to its fascinating and innate properties such as biodegradability, biocompatibility, renewability, non-toxicity, affordability, recyclability, stability to air and

moisture, remarkable thermal and chemical stability, physiologically inertness, high surface area, the existence of numerous and accessible basic sites, insolubility in most of the organic solvents as well as aqueous reaction mediums (except in acidic aqueous solutions), and so on [3-5].

Catalytic applications of unmodified and modified chitosan have thoroughly and meticulously been investigated in the one-pot multi-component synthesis of diverse heterocyclic compounds, which were published approximately by the first quarter of 2020.

Notably, in this survey, only those researches in which the heterocyclization process has taken place in the reaction pot are covered. In other words, the mere presence of a heterocyclic framework in the final product structure has not been considered in this paper. Therefore, the one-pot synthesis of 4,4' - (arylmethylene)bis(3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-5-ol) derivatives [6] bis(indolyl)methanes (*viz.* 3,3' - (phenylmethylene)bis(1*H*-indole) skeletons) [7], 3-hydroxy-3-indolyl-2-oxindoles[8] and many others, which were catalyzed by chitosan-based or chitosan-containing systems is prepared. A simple strategy for the green one-pot two-component synthesis of diverse oxygen- and nitrogen-containing heterocyclic frameworks using a catalytic amount of chitosan in water or ethanol at reflux conditions has described by Al-Matar and co-workers[9]. In 2013, Siddiqui and Khan developed an efficient one-pot two-component Friedl"ander synthesis of some benzopyranopyridine derivatives through the solvent-free condensation of 4-amino-3-formylcoumarin and various active methylene compounds under conventional thermal heating at 80 °C in the presence of chitosan as a basic green heterogeneous catalyst in good-to-excellent yields[10].

Khan and Siddiqui have developed an eco-compatible and highly efficient procedure for the microwave-assisted one-pot multi-component synthesis of tri- and tetra-substituted imidazole derivatives from benzils using Chitosan-SO₃H as a biodegradable solid acid catalyst in EtOH[11]. In 2015, Maleki and Paydar introduced Graphene oxide-Chitosan (GO-CS) nanocomposite as a biocompatible and biodegradable heterogeneous nanocatalyst for the green and efficient synthesis of 2,4,5- trisubstituted-1*H*-imidazoles using a simple solvent-free one-pot three-component reaction of benzoin or benzil, aromatic aldehydes, and ammonium acetate at 120 °C[12] the catalytic activity of the prepared Fe₃O₄@Chitosan NPs investigated in the convenient three-component synthesis of 2,4,5-trisubstituted

imidazoles by a one-pot condensation of benzil derivatives, aryl aldehydes, and an excess amount of ammonium acetate (5 mmol) in EtOH at reflux in excellent yields[13].In recent years, diverse and efficient catalytic applications of chitosan in organic synthesis have been reported[14-17].pyridine and imidazole derivatives are bioactive compounds and have a large spectrum in biological, agricultural, and other activities synthesizing these molecules in an advanced yield, at mild conditions, and environmental benign approach is an utmost interest [18].

The present work reports the synthesis of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole using chitosan as a biodegradable green catalyst in water as a green solvent.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

All the chemical of analytical grade. Benzil, 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, Ammonium Acetate(Sigma-Aldrich) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. IR Spectra recorded on Perkin Elmer Spectrometer in range 4000-400 cm⁻¹ KBr pellets. Room Temperature magnetic moments by Guoy's method in B.M.Electronic Spectra using DMSO on Varian Carry 5000 Spectrometer. Molar Conductance measurements in dry DMSO having 1×10⁻³ concentration on Systronics conductivity bridge at room temperature. Elemental analysis (C, H, N) were carried out by using perkin Elmer 2400 elemental analyzer

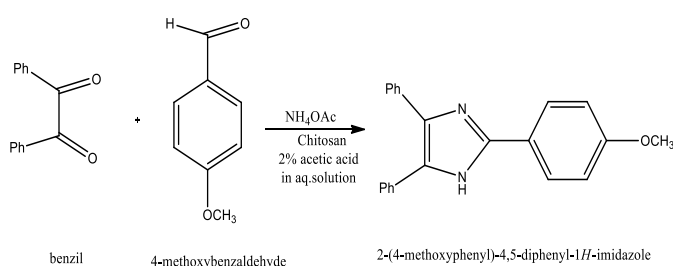
Antimicrobial Activity

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole was evaluated in vitro their antibacterial activity against two Gram-Positive bacteria,*viz.* *B. Subtilis*; *S. aureus*, Two fungal strains *A. niger* and *F. oxysporum* by Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method[19].The experimental value compare with standard drug value Miconazole for the Antifungal activity and Ciprofloxacin for the antibacterial activity.

Synthesis of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole

4-methoxybenzaldehyde (0.27 g, 2 mmol, benzil (0.42 g, 2 mmol) and ammonium acetate (0.32 g, 4.2 mmol) were added in a round-bottom flask with 0.08g of chitosan in 2% aq.acetic acid solution[20]. The reaction mixture was stirred at a room temperature for 5 min. Then reaction mixture was heated at 60-65°C for 3 h. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature. The resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with cold ethanol to afford the product. The crude product was purified by recrystallization from ethanol (Scheme.1).

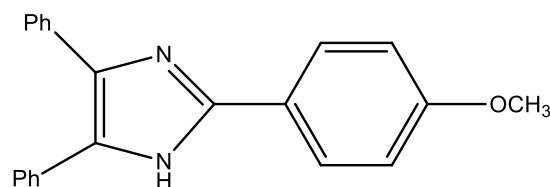
Scheme 1. Synthesis of Substitute imidazole



III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole is prepared (Table.1). Imidazole is stable at room temperature in solid state. The Imidazole is soluble in organic solvent DMSO, DMF, The solid imidazole products, which separated out, were filtered, washed with water and dried. The crude products, thus isolated, were pure (single spot on TLC). After completion of the reactions, solid mass was filtered and the filtrate having chitosan catalyst was reused in the next run as such without any further treatment. Recycled chitosan catalyst was reused for 10 times. Acetic acid was used in this reaction only for homogenizing the chitosan catalyst and itself did not work as catalyst which has already been studied in experiment.

Table 1: Table 1: Proposed Structures of Substituted Imidazole



2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole

1 Characterization of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole

White Solid; $C_{22}H_{18}N_2O$, M.P.: 96°C; Yield: 96%; IR (KBr Cm^{-1}): 1218, 1640, 2475, 2882, 3432; 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO d_6) δ ppm: δ 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.90–6.98 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.62 (m, 10H), 8.04–8.08 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H), 12.54 (brs, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃/DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) δ 54.8, 112.3, 121.9, 125.4, 127.6, 127.5, 127.9, 133.7, 146.6, 158.2; $C_{22}H_{18}N_2O$: calcd C, 80.96, H, 5.56, N, 8.58; found C, 80.88, H, 5.42, N, 8.42.

IR Spectra of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole show a peak at 3432 Cm^{-1} for the imidazole ring nitrogen atom, which confirms the formation of imidazole. Aromatic ring peaks observed in the range of δ 6.90–6.98 (d, $J=8.8$ Hz, 2H). δ 7.28–7.62 is m, for 10H of two phenyl ring protons. δ 12.54 is for 1H attached to the nitrogen atom, which confirms the formation of imidazole. ^{13}C -NMR spectra of imidazole show a peak at δ 54.8 for the methoxy carbon attached to the benzene ring, aromatic carbon attached to the methoxy oxygen, and imidazole ring carbon, which show peaks in the range δ 112–147 [22]. Mass Spectra of imidazole shows a peak at m/z 326.18 [M+H, 100%], which is the M+H peak at 100% intensity. This peak supports the structure of the ligand. [23]

Antimicrobial Activity

The antimicrobial activity in vitro on selected two gram positive bacteria *S. aureus* and *B. Subtilis* and two fungi *A. niger* and *F. Oxysporum* was carried out, as shown in

table.2.The substituted imidazole is having good antimicrobial activity [24].

Table 2. Antimicrobial activity of ligand and its Metal Complexes

Compounds	Antibacterial Activity		Antifungal Activity	
	<i>S.aureus</i>	<i>B.subtilis</i>	<i>A.niger</i>	<i>F.oxysporum</i>
	Diameter of inhibition Zone in mm	Diameter of inhibition Zone in mm	Diameter of inhibition Zone in mm	Diameter of inhibition Zone in mm
	500 ppm	500 ppm	500 ppm	500 ppm
S.Imidazole	24	26	28	22
Ciprofloxacin (Standard)	34	33	----	----
Miconazole (Standard)	----	----	31	27

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have developed a mild, convenient and efficient protocol for the synthesis of biologically active Substituted imidazoles via the condensation of Benzil with aromatic aldehydes and ammonium acetate using a Chitosan as a recyclable medium as well as promoter. The process gives rise to excellent isolated yields of Substituted imidazoles in short reaction times this an environmentally benign methodology amenable for scale up.

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