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## Synthesis and antibacterial screening of some novel 1,5-benzodiazepine derivatives

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**ABSTRACT: Background:** Heterocyclic chemistry is a branch which is inseparable from mankind because humans are totally dependent on the drugs derived from heterocyclic rings. Much attention has been paid to the synthesis of nitrogen containing heterocyclic compounds like benzodiazepines, mainly due to their broad spectrum biological and pharmacological activities. **Aim:** The aim of the present study is to synthesize new derivatives of Benzodiazepine and to evaluate the synthesized derivatives for antibacterial activities. **Method:** A mild, efficient and rapid method was developed for the synthesis of 1,5-benzodiazepine derivatives by the condensation of o-phenylenediamine with substituted ketones by using FeCl<sub>3</sub> as a catalyst. The 1,5- benzodiazepine derivatives were determined by Elemental analysis H<sup>1</sup> NMR. The antibacterial activity of 1,5- benzodiazepine derivatives was carried out by spread plate technique by using the microorganisms *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus subtilis* at a concentration of 100, 200, 400 and 800 µg/ml. The ampicillin was used as the standard drug. **Results:** The antibacterial screening showed that 1,5-benzodiazepine derivatives significantly demonstrated antibacterial activity. **Conclusion:** Present study revealed that among all the synthesized compounds, 2-Methyl 1,5-benzodiazepam and 4-diethyl 1,5-benzodiazepam were found to be more potent as antibacterial against the microorganisms *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis* agents.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Heterocyclic chemistry is a branch which is inseparable from mankind because humans are totally dependent on the drugs derived from heterocyclic rings. Much attention has been paid to the synthesis of nitrogen containing heterocyclic compounds like benzodiazepines, mainly due to their broad spectrum biological and pharmacological activities. The 1,5-benzodiazepines have recently attracted attention as an important class of heterocyclic compounds in the field of drugs and pharmaceuticals. These compounds are widely used as anticonvulsant, antianxiety, analgesic, sedative, antidepressive, hypnotic agents as well as anti-

inflammatory agents <sup>[1]</sup>. Other than their biological importance, benzodiazepine derivatives are also commercially used as dyes for acrylic fibres. Moreover, 1,5-benzodiazepine derivatives are valuable synthons that can be used in the preparation of other fused ring compounds such as triazolo, oxadiazolo, oxazino or furanobenzodiazepines. As a result, research in this area is still very active and is directed towards the synthesis of compounds with enhanced pharmacological activity. Generally, benzodiazepines were synthesized by the condensation of *o*-phenylenediamines with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds,  $\beta$ -haloketones, or ketones. A variety of reagents, such as  $\text{BF}_3$  etherate,  $\text{NaBH}_4$  polyphosphoric acid,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{MgO}/\text{POCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$ ,  $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , or  $\text{AcOH}$  under microwave irradiation and even in the presence of ionic liquids, are utilized for condensation reactions. Most recently, this condensation has also been reported to proceed in the presence of CAN, (bromodimethyl) sulfonium bromide, organic acids and  $\text{AgNO}_3$ . Recently considerable attention has been devoted to heterogeneous organic transformations utilizing inorganic solid acids. Generally, heterogeneous catalysts offer several advantages such as mild reaction conditions, high selectivity, high throughput and ease of work-up procedures <sup>[2]</sup>. The condensation of *o*-phenylenediamine with ketones under solvent free conditions catalyzed by  $\text{FeCl}_3$ , the reactions were carried out by taking 1:2 ratio mixture of *o*-phenylenediamine and ketone along with a catalytic amount of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  at room temperature giving good to excellent yields of 1,5-benzodiazepines. Cyclic ketones such as cyclohexanone also reacted effectively to produce <sup>[3-5]</sup>.

The objective of the present study is to synthesize some benzodiazepine derivatives and to evaluate the synthesized derivatives for antibacterial activity.

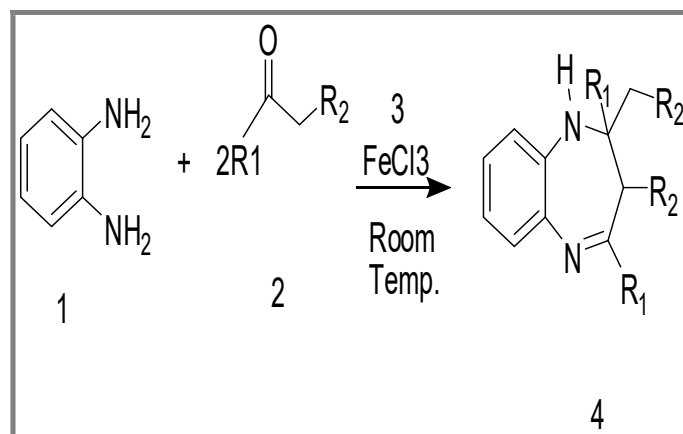
#### MATERIALS AND METHODS:

The *o*-phenylenediamine was procured from HiMedia Lab, Mumbai. All other chemicals and reagents used in this study were of analytical grade and procured from an authorized dealer.

#### Synthesis of 1,5-Benzodiazepine derivatives:

A mixture of *o*-phenylenediamine (5 mmol) and substituted ketone (10 mmol) was prepared with continuous stirring, to which  $\text{FeCl}_3$  was added and mixed for 30 to 50 min. After the completion of reaction, the mass was washed with saturated solution of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{NaCl}$ . The reaction was monitored by TLC

using ethyl acetate: acetone (2:1) as solvent and iodine vapors as visualising agent. After completion of reaction, warm water (50 ml) was added and the solution was allowed to cool. The precipitated product was filtered off, washed with aqueous methanol (10 ml) and recrystallized from methanol. The scheme for the synthesis of Benzodiazepine derivatives is presented in Fig 1.



**Fig 1. The scheme for the synthesis of Benzodiazepine derivatives.**

#### Identification of synthesized derivatives:

The synthesized derivatives of 1,5-Benzodiazepine were characterized by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (Thermo Scientific “Heracell” Vios 160i CR CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator, 165 L) <sup>[6]</sup>.

#### Antibacterial activity:

The plates were inoculated by specific microorganisms by spread plate technique. The bores were made in the solidified agar plate by using a sterile borer. The test solution of specified concentration was added in the bore by using sterile pipette and the plates were kept in freeze for 1 h for diffusion and then incubated at 37 °C for 24 h. After 24 h the plates were examined and zones of inhibition were recorded. All the synthesized compounds were screened for antibacterial activity against both gram positive *S. aureus* and *B. subtilis* and gram negative *E. coli* and *Proteus vulgaris* bacteria at a concentration of 100, 200, 400 and 800  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ . Ampicillin was used as a standard for comparison of antibacterial activity. In presence of bases such as  $\text{NaOH}$  and ethanol is used as a solvent <sup>[7,8]</sup>.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

We have developed a mild, rapid and efficient method for the synthesis of pure 1,5-benzodiazepines through the condensation of various ketones with *o*-phenylenediamines using  $\text{FeCl}_3$  as the catalyst. The use of commercially available  $\text{FeCl}_3$  makes this method

Table 1. Physical data of synthesized compounds.

Sl. No.	Compound	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	Mol. Formula	Mol. wt. (g)	% yield	M.P. (°C)	R <sub>f</sub> (cm)
1	a	-CH <sub>3</sub>	- CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	216	84	122	0.7
2	b	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	340	77	152	0.6
3	c	- CH <sub>3</sub>	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	245	80	138	0.6
4	d	-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	382	88	144	0.7
5	e	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	-CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	244	79	123	0.8
6	f	-H	-CH <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	188	91	147	0.8
7	g	-H	-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	216	94	158	0.7
8	h	-H	-H	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	192	76	158	0.7
9	i	- CH <sub>3</sub>	-H	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	188	88	160	0.8

M.P. – Melting point.

Table 2. Zone of inhibition of synthesized 1,5-benzodiazepines derivatives for gram positive bacteria.

Compound	Zone of inhibition (mm)							
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> Dose (µg/ml)				<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> Dose (µg/ml)			
	100	200	400	800	100	200	400	800
a	10	12	13	17	12	14	15	17
b	7	8	11	15	8	10	12	15
c	10	12	12	15	12	15	15	17
d	10	12	13	15	09	11	13	16
e	11	13	14	15	11	12	14	15
f	12	14	16	18	12	14	18	20
g	12	13	16	17	10	12	14	17
h	11	12	15	17	10	12	14	16
i	12	13	14	18	10	12	14	16
Ampicillin	13	14	17	19	15	17	18	21

Table 3. Zone of inhibition of synthesized 1,5-benzodiazepines derivatives for gram negative bacteria.

Compound	Zone of inhibition (mm)							
	<i>Escherichia coli</i> Dose (µg/ml)				<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> Dose (µg/ml)			
	100	200	400	800	100	200	400	800
a	9	11	12	14	9	11	12	14
b	10	12	14	16	10	12	14	16
c	10	11	14	15	10	11	14	15
d	09	11	12	15	08	10	12	12
e	09	11	13	15	11	12	13	14
f	11	12	14	15	09	11	14	15
g	08	10	11	13	08	08	11	12
h	10	11	12	15	09	09	14	15
i	10	12	14	15	09	09	15	15
Ampicillin	14	15	16	18	12	14	16	17

quite simple, more convenient and practical. It is entirely a novel protocol for the preparation of benzodiazepines in a single-step operation. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR shows the data that are a: IR (KBr): 3303(N-H), 3060 (unsaturated aromatic C=C), 1687 (C=N);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$ 1.7s, 3H, ; 3.0 (d, 1H J=13.2Hz); 3.1 (d, 1H J=13.2Hz):6.8-7.6(m,14H); b:,IR (KBr): 3402(N-H), 3355 (unsaturated aromatic C=C), 1249; c:IR (KBr): 3388(N-H), 3067 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (unsaturated aromatic C=C), 1611 (N=C stretching), 1592(C=N); d: IR (KBr): 3054 (unsubstituted aromatic C=C ), 1197(C=N); e:IR (KBr): 3381(H-N), 3060 (unsaturated aromatic C=C ), 1681 (C=N); f: IR (KBr): 3343 (N-H stretching), 3205(unsaturated aromatic C=C); g: IR (KBr): 3343 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (N-H), 2989 (unsaturated aromatic C=C); h: IR (KBr): 3350 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (N-H), 3033 (unsaturated aromatic C=C) and i: IR (KBr): 3380 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (N-H), 2999 (unsaturated aromatic C=C). The data is given in Table 1.

The antibacterial activity data of the synthesized 1,5-benzodiazepines against gram positive and gram negative bacteria is given in Table 2 and 3. The antibacterial activity shown by synthesized 1,5-Benzodiazepine is well comparable with the standard drug Ampicillin. The antibacterial activity effectiveness of 1,5-Benzodiazepine was found to be more against gram positive bacteria than the gram negative bacteria. Among all the Benzodiazepine derivatives, the compounds f (2-Methyl 1,5-benzodiazepam) and i (2-Methyl 1,5-benzodiazepam) showed most potent antibacterial activity. It has been observed that as the dose of the drug was increased, the antibacterial activity was also increased.

### CONCLUSION:

Synthesis of 1,5-benzodiazepine derivatives by the condensation of o-phenylenediamine with substituted ketones by using  $\text{FeCl}_3$  as a catalyst. Amongst all synthesized compounds 2-Methyl 1,5-benzodiazepam and 4-diethyl 1,5-benzodiazepam were found to be more potent as antibacterial activity against the *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus subtilis*. Whereas compound 2-Methyl 1,5-benzodiazepam and C was more active against antibacterial *Escherichia coli* and *Proteus vulgaris*. The zone of inhibition of synthesized compounds was compared with the standard drug ampicillin at four different concentrations.

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