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Synthesis and antimicrobial activity evaluation of new dialkyl heteroarylphosphonates

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ABSTRACT

Synthesis of new dialkyl heteroaryl phosphonates (**4a-f** and **5a-f**) is accomplished with high yields via Michaelis-Arbuzov rearrangement by the reaction of various heteroaryl halides with triethyl/triisopropyl phosphite at 50-55 °C in dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) in the presence of BF₃.Et₂O as a catalyst. The structures of the title compounds were established by elemental analysis and spectral data (IR, ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR and LC- mass) and their antimicrobial activity was evaluated. The title compounds exhibited moderate antimicrobial activity.

Key words: dialkyl heteroaryl phosphonates, triethyl/triisopropyl phosphite, BF₃.Et₂O, Antimicrobial activity, MIC.

INTRODUCTION

Michaelis-Arbuzov reaction is one of the most versatile routes to synthesize phosphonates, phosphinates and phosphine oxides, containing a phosphorus-carbon bond by the reaction of trialkyl phosphite and alkyl halides which are particularly scarce in nature [1-2]. Their diverse biological activity has attracted considerable synthetic and pharmacological interest [3]. Microwave assisted solid surface Michaelis-Arbuzov synthesis accomplishes the phosphorylation of aromatic compounds under catalytical conditions of organophosphorus compounds [4-5]. The catalytic Arbuzov rearrangement involves iodine [6], alkali metal iodide [7] and Ni [II] chloride [8] as catalysts. So far reported synthetic procedures for phosphonates require very high temperature long time and pressure [9]. Renard et al. used BF₃.Et₂O and TMSOTf as Lewis acid catalysts these in the Arbuzov rearrangement of phosphinates to phosphine oxides [10] and found that these catalysts are very effective at 60 °C and the yields were 87 and 91 respectively. We herein report the synthesis of new dialkylheteroaryl

The antibacterial activity of the title compounds **4a** and **5a** showed pronounced activity against both G^{+ve} and G^{-ve} microorganisms, and **4b** and **5b** exhibited good activity against G^{-ve} organisms only. This mode of action might be due to change of side chain at P of the title compounds. In addition to this remaining title compounds showed moderate to high antimicrobial activity.

Pharmacology

Antimicrobial activity

The antimicrobial activity of the title compounds was evaluated by the standard methods and the results were presented in the results and discussion section.

Antibacterial activity

The antibacterial activity of the title compounds was evaluated by Mueller-Hinton agar disc diffusion method [11, 12] against Gram positive bacteria *Bacillus subtilis* and *Enterococcus faecalis* and Gram negative bacteria *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. The bacterial suspension was prepared with 1.3×10^9 cells/mL concentrations approximately for the bioassay. The activity was measured at two different concentrations for all the title compounds at 25 µg/mL and 50 µg/mL. Then the title compounds were introduced on to the disc. Thus the disc was completely saturated with the test compound. Then the disc was introduced on to the upper layer of the medium with the bacteria. The bio-activity of compounds was determined by measuring diameter of the inhibition zone (DIZ) in millimeters and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) in mg/ mL by taking Ampicillin as standard reference in order to control the sensitivity of the bacteria. Each test was done in triplicate and the average values were taken as a final result.

Table 1: Antibacterial activity (DIZ) of the title compounds (4a-f/ 5a-f)

Compound	Diameter of Inhibition Zone in (mm)							
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>		<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>		<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>		<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	
	25	50	25	50	25	50	25	50
4a	4.1	11.4	3.8	10.7	4.4	12.3	3.6	13.7
4b	5.3	14.1	4.8	14.6	3.3	8.9	3.7	11.3
4c	3.7	8.1	1.5	5.0	2.2	5.2	3.4	7.9
4d	1.8	4.3	1.5	3.9	2.4	7.6	2.6	7.1
4e	1.5	3.7	1.5	2.8	1.7	5.4	1.8	5.2
4f	1.3	2.9	1.4	2.5	1.6	4.0	1.8	4.6
5a	3.9	13.6	2.5	7.8	5.7	14.2	3.7	11.3
5b	3.2	9.4	3.5	9.0	4.1	10.9	1.7	3.8
5c	2.4	7.5	2.8	7.2	1.9	4.5	1.8	4.2
5d	3.0	5.7	2.7	6.2	3.4	5.9	1.7	3.8
5e	2.4	5.0	2.1	4.4	1.9	4.6	2.7	5.0
5f	2.4	6.7	2.1	6.1	1.3	2.6	1.2	1.5
Ampicillin (20 µg/disc)	21	21	20	20	19	19	18	18

The concentration expressed in µg/disc and the diameter of the disc is in mm, solvent DMSO.

Antifungal activity

The antifungal activity of the title compounds was evaluated by agar-well diffusion method using Sabouraud Dextrose Agar. The Petri plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h for bacteria and 48-72 h at 24°C for fungi. The bio-activity of compounds was determined by measuring

diameter of the inhibition zone (DIZ) in milli meters. Concentrations of the title compounds were taken as 25 µg/mL and 50 µg/mL were evaluated for antifungal activity by using Nystatine as standard reference in order to control the sensitivity of the fungi. Each test was done in triplicate and the average values were taken as a final result.

Evaluation of minimum inhibitory concentration [MIC]

Minimum inhibitory concentration [MIC] was determined for the title compounds. The lowest concentration of antimicrobial compounds that inhibit the visible growth of an organism after overnight incubation period is considered as MIC. The title compounds in concentrations of 1 to 6.3 mg/mL in steps of 100 µg/mL were evaluated; 0.1 mL of bacterial inoculums (1.4×10^6 CFU/mL) was added to each tube. The tubes were incubated aerobically and anerobically at 37 °C for 24 hrs. Two control tubes were maintained for each test, for positive control ampicillin (Hi-media) and negative control nutrient broth having an organism.

Table 2: Antibacterial activity (MIC) of the title compounds (4a-f/ 5a-f)

Compound ^a	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (mg/ mL)			
	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>
4a	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.8
4b	3.1	2.9	2.4	3.5
4c	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.0
4d	3.9	4.2	4.7	5.1
4e	3.8	5.4	4.8	4.2
4f	4.2	4.6	4.8	4.0
5a	3.4	3.8	4.5	4.7
5b	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.9
5c	3.3	3.7	3.9	4.5
5d	4.1	4.4	5.2	5.5
5e	3.6	3.9	4.7	5.1
5f	3.4	4.0	4.4	4.9
Ampicillin (20 µg/disc)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3

^a Solvent DMSO.

Preparation of diethyl/ diisoproyl hetero aryl phosphonates (4a-f & 5a-f)

A mixture of heteroaryl halide (1a-f) (0.002 mole), triethyl phosphite / triisopropyl phosphite (2a-f/ 3a-f) (0.002 mole), BF₃.Et₂O (catalytic amount) were placed in a 50 mL round-bottomed flask in THF (20 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 50-55°C for 4-6 h (Scheme 1) to obtain the products (4a-f/ 5a-f). The reaction progress was monitored by TLC (ethyl acetate and n-Hexane, 7:3). The solvent was removed in a rotaevaporator. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether –ethyl acetate (4:1) as eluent.

Synthesis of diethyl 1H-indol-5-yl-phosphonate (4a):

Yield: 76%; Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1224 (P=O), 1065 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1424 (P-C_{Aromatic}), cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.33 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂-CH₃), 3.94-4.03 (m, 4H -OCH₂-CH₃), 6.84-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H-2), 7.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-3), 8.24 (s, 1H, H-4), 7.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, H-6), 10.14 (s, 1H, -NH); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 140.6, 126.6, 124.7, 123.4, 121.2, 120.4, 113.2, 104.6, 61.0, 16.8; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 2.3; LCMS

(m/z): 253 (M^+ , 100), 224 (72), 208 (46), 163 (35); Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_{12}H_{16}NO_3P$: C, 56.92; H, 6.37; N, 5.53; Found: C, 56.85; H, 6.33; N, 5.58.

Table 3: Antifungal activity of the title compounds (4a-f/ 5a-f)

Compound	Inhibition zone in (mm)			
	<i>Candida albicans</i>		<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	
	25	50	25	50
4a	4.8	15.6	4.6	15.2
4b	4.3	16.8	4.6	15.5
4c	3.7	10.1	3.5	8.8
4d	2.8	6.1	2.0	4.9
4e	2.3	6.5	2.0	5.3
4f	2.3	4.7	2.5	4.2
5a	3.9	14.4	5.2	14.5
5b	1.6	3.9	1.4	5.9
5c	3.5	8.7	2.9	7.3
5d	2.4	5.1	2.7	5.6
5e	3.1	8.3	1.9	3.7
5f	1.5	4.8	1.5	4.2
Nystatine (30 µg/disc)	19	19	20	20

^a The concentration expressed in µg/disc solvent-DMSO.

Synthesis of diisopropyl-1*H*-indol-5-yl-phosphonate (5a):

IR (KBr): 1210 (P=O), 1077 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1466 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm^{-1} ; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.28 (d, 12H, $J = 5.2$, CH-CH₃), 4.11-4.16 (m, 2H, -OCH-CH₃), 7.32 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H-2), 6.41 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, H-3), 7.48 (d, 1H, $J = 8.6$ Hz, H-4), 7.12 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H-6), 8.24 (s, 1H, H-7), 10.22 (s, 1H, -NH); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 144.6, 128.6, 127.6, 124.2, 122.8, 121.5, 119.2, 104.6, 71.6, 19.8; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ : -2.65; LCMS (m/z): 281(M^+ , 100), 238 (24), 224 (72), 161 (52), 116 (36); Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_{14}H_{20}NO_3P$: C, 59.78; H, 7.17; N, 4.98; Found: C, 59.88; H, 7.15; N, 4.91.

Synthesis of diethyl 5-chlorothiophen-2-yl-phosphonate (4b):

Yield: 68%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1214 (P=O), 1052 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1434 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm^{-1} ; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.32 (t, 6H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CH₂-CH₃), 4.16-4.22 (m, 4H -OCH₂-CH₃), 7.18 (d, 1H, $J = 7.4$ Hz, H-3), 7.32 (d, 1H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H-4); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 132.8, 128.2, 126.4, 122.6, 62.1, 16.4; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 3.5; LCMS (m/z): 254 (M^+ , 100), 225 (65), 209 (42), 164 (31); Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_8H_{12}ClO_3PS$: C, 37.73; H, 4.75; Found: C, 37.65; H, 4.75.

Synthesis of diisopropyl-5-chlorothiophen-2-yl-phosphonate (5b):

Yield: 69 %, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1238 (P=O), 1062 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1448 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm^{-1} ; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.58 (d, 12H, $J = 5.4$ Hz, CH-CH₃), 4.82-4.68 (m, 2H, -OCH-CH₃), 7.32 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$, H-3), 7.51 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, H-4); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 125.2, 72.4, 19.4; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ : -10.2; LCMS (m/z): 282 (M^+ , 100), 225 (45), 209 (34), 164 (72), 117 (56); Anal. Calcd (%) for $C_{10}H_{16}ClO_3PS$: C, 42.48; H, 5.70; Found: C, 42.35; H, 5.73 .

Synthesis of diethyl 3-nitropyridin-2-yl-phosphonate (4c):

Yield: 78%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1236 (P=O), 1068 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1424 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.32 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.42 Hz, CH₂-CH₃), 4.62–4.54 (m, 4H, -OCH₂-CH₃), 7.52–7.71 (m, 3H, H-4, H-5&H-6); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆): 156.2, 148.4, 147.6, 132.8, 124.62, 62.24, 18.2; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 6.11; LCMS (m/z): 260 (M⁺, 100), 231 (37), 215 (52), 170 (64), 124 (21); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₉H₁₃N₂O₅P: C, 41.55; H, 5.04; N, 10.77; Found: C, 41.52; H, 5.02; N, 10.72.

Synthesis of diisopropyl-5-chlorothiophen-2-yl-phosphonate (5c):

Yield: 69 %, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1238 (P=O), 1032 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1454 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.42 (d, 12H, *J* = 4.2 Hz, CH-CH₃), 4.82–4.68 (m, 2H, -OCH-CH₃), 7.32 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8, H-3), 7.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, H-4). ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 125.2, 72.4, 19.4; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 6.11; LCMS (m/z): 282 (M⁺, 100), 239 (35), 161 (67), 117 (48); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₀H₁₆ClO₃PS: C, 42.48; H, 5.70; Found: C, 42.44; H, 5.68.

Synthesis of diethyl 4,6-dichloropyrimidin-2-yl-phosphonate (4d):

Yield: 78%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1243 (P=O), 1066 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1458 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.36 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CH₂-CH₃), 4.48 – 4.52 (m, 4H -OCH₂-CH₃), 8.34 (s, 1H, H-5); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 166.4, 165.8, 161.6, 128.2, 61.2, 19.2; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: -1.76; LCMS (m/z): 285 (M⁺, 100), 256 (36), 240 (47), 185 (67), 148 (23); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₈H₁₁Cl₂N₂O₃P: C, 33.71; H, 3.89; N, 9.83; Found: C, 33.68; H, 3.84; N, 9.80.

Synthesis of diisopropyl-4,6-dichloropyrimidin-2-yl-phosphonate (5d):

Yield: 70 %, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1252 (P=O), 1052 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1472 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.48 (d, 12H, *J* = 4.6 Hz, CH-CH₃), 4.65– 4.72 (m, 2H, -OCH-CH₃) 9.32 (s, 1H, H-5); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 166.3, 162.4, 160.2, 126.4, 65.6, 19.6; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: -2.0; LCMS (m/z): 313 (M⁺, 100), 260 (56), 193(68), 148 (36); Anal. Calcd(%) for C₁₀H₁₅Cl₂N₂O₃P: C, 38.36; H, 4.83; N, 8.95; Found: C, 38.32; H, 4.78; N, 8.90.

Synthesis of diethyl 6-chloropyridazin-3-yl-phosphonate (4e):

Yield: 73%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1223 (P=O), 1062 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1438 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.34 (t, 6H, *J* = 5.3 Hz, CH₂-CH₃), 4.32–4.46 (m, 4H, -OCH₂-CH₃), 8.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.2Hz, H-4), 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.4Hz, H-5); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 160.8, 152.8, 134.6, 126.4, 62.8, 19.7; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 9.3; LCMS (m/z): 250 (M⁺, 100), 225 (45), 209 (26), 164 (63), 115 (21); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₈H₁₂ClN₂O₃P: C, 38.34; H, 4.83; N, 11.18; Found: C, 38.31; H, 4.78; N, 11.12.

Synthesis of diisopropyl-6-chloropyridazin-3-yl-phosphonate (5e):

Yield: 71%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1232 (P=O), 1066 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1474 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.52 (d, 12H, *J* = 4.8 Hz, CH-CH₃), 4.54 - 4.62 (m, 2H -OCH-CH₃), 7.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.6 Hz, H-4), 7.89 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.2Hz, H-5); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 162.6, 158.4, 152.1, 132.4, 68.4, 19.6; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 9.1; LCMS (m/z): 278 (M⁺, 100), 241(65), 158 (67), 113 (27); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₈H₁₂ClN₂O₃P: C, 43.10; H, 5.79; N, 10.05; Found: C, 43.06; H, 5.76; N, 10.02.

Synthesis of diethyl-6-chloropyridin-2-yl-phosphonate (4f):

Yield: 78%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1228 (P=O), 1046 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1462 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.32 (t, 6H, *J* = 6.82 Hz, CH₂-CH₃), 4.34 - 4.42 (m, 4H - OCH₂-CH₃), 8.12 - 8.24 (m, 3H, H-3, H-4 & H-5); ¹³C-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 154.6, 152.8, 148.2, 140.4, 126.8, 61.2, 16.8; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 5.11; LCMS (m/z): 249 (M⁺, 100), 220 (38), 204 (56), 159 (67), 112 (25); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₉H₁₃ClNO₃P: C, 43.26; H, 5.22; N, 5.61; Found: C, 43.21; H, 5.18; N, 5.56.

Synthesis of diisopropyl-6-chloropyridin-2-yl-phosphonate (5f):

Yield: 72%, Semi solid; IR (KBr): 1244 (P=O), 1048 (P-O-C_{aliphatic}), 1472 (P-C_{Aromatic}) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 1.38 (d, 12H, *J* = 4.2 Hz, CH-CH₃), 4.62-4.72 (m, 2H, -OCH-CH₃), 8.28 - 8.36 (m, 3H, H-3, H-4 & H-5); (¹³C-NMR) (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 154.4, 148.4, 141.4, 134.6, 128.2, 72.8, 19.8; ³¹P-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) δ: -11.21. LCMS (m/z): 277 (M⁺, 100), 234 (46), 157 (58), 136 (38), 112 (26); Anal. Calcd (%) for C₁₁H₁₇ClNO₃P: C, 47.58; H, 6.17; N, 5.04; Found: C, 47.54; H, 6.12; N, 4.98.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the synthesis of the novel dialkyl heteroaryl phosphonates with high yields is accomplished in high yields by one-pot two-component reaction between heteroaryl halides and trialkyl phosphites in the presence of BF₃.Et₂O as a catalyst in THF at 50-55°C. Their structures were established by elemental analysis, IR, NMR (¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P) and LC mass spectra. All the title compounds exhibited moderate antimicrobial activity. Their minimum inhibition concentrations were also evaluated.

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