



Synthesis of Some New Bischromones from Bischalcones

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ABSTRACT

Some novel Di (6/8-chloro-8/6-Chromonyl) Methyl ethers i.e. Bischromones –I & II were synthesized by oxidative cyclisation of Di (5'-chloro-4'/2'-hydroxy-3'-chalconyl) methyl ethers i.e. Bischalcones- I & II and screened for antifungal activity.

Key words: Synthesis, Bischromones and Bischalcones

INTRODUCTION

The Bischromones are used primarily in treating allergic asthma, exercise-induced asthma, sometimes in intrinsic asthma and also in the studies of various allergic lung diseases¹. Chromolyn sodium (Intal) is used principally in the treatment of bronchial asthma². It is the only bischromone drug now licensed by the Food & Drug Administration³. It is available as a powder and in capsule form. The Disodiumchromoglycate (DSCG/ INTAL) and related compounds there of, including generally bischromones as anti allergenic, anti-PACVIS (Pathological cardiovascular ischemic state) agents⁴, and in the treatment of Bronchial asthma in children⁵. It also have an effect on the release of histamine & degranulation of rat mast cells⁶⁻⁷. The Disodiumchromoglycate (DSCG) related compounds shows inhibition of homologous passive cutaneous anaphylaxis (PCA)⁷. Lomudal inhibits the bronchospasm induced by the antigen &

inhibits least partially the post exercise fall in FEV₁ in children and adults⁹. A khelin like 7,7'-Glycerol bridged bischromone found anti anaphylactic activity¹⁰.

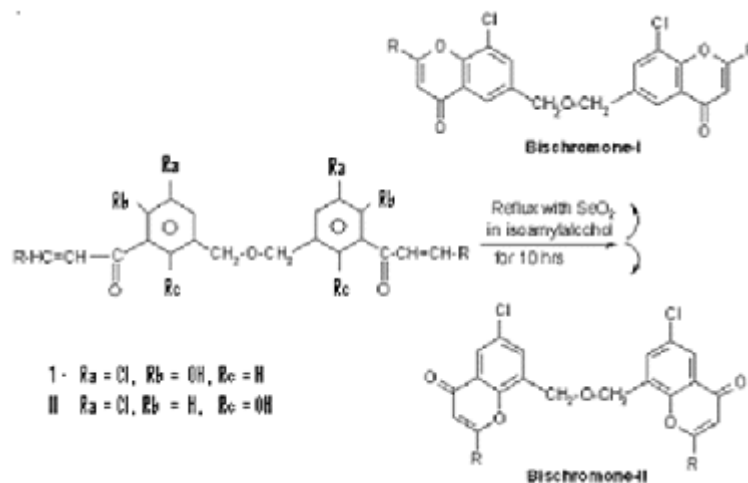
Use of bischromones in studies of various allergic lung diseases has provided researchers with valuable information about the body's immune mechanisms. Therefore it was thought worthwhile to synthesize some new bischromones from bischalcones.

General Method

A mixture of Bischalcones-I/II (0.01 mole) and selenium oxide (0.08 mole) in isoamyl alcohol (50 ml) was refluxed for 10-12 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled and filtered to remove black precipitate of selenium formed during the reaction. Isoamyl alcohol from the filtrate was removed by steam distillation and non-volatile residue thus obtained was extracted with hot benzene. Benzene

layer was washed with aqueous NaHCO_3 (10%) and then by distilled water to remove any acidic and water soluble impurities. The benzene was

removed by evaporation and residue was crystallized from proper solvent (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1:

EXPERIMENTAL

The purity of the compounds was checked by TLC. Melting points of the compounds were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer IR Infra cord in KBr disc. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra were recorded on a 300 MHz Bruker spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard. The titled compounds Bischromons-I & II i.e. Di (6/8-chloro-2-phenyl-8/6-Chromonyl) methyl ethers were synthesized by oxidative cyclisation of Bischalcones I & II i.e. Di (5'-chloro-4'/2'-hydroxy-3'-chalconyl) methyl ethers. These Bischalcones I & II on refluxing with SeO_2 in isoamyl alcohol for 10 hrs., afforded Bis-Chromones- I & II (Table-I & II)

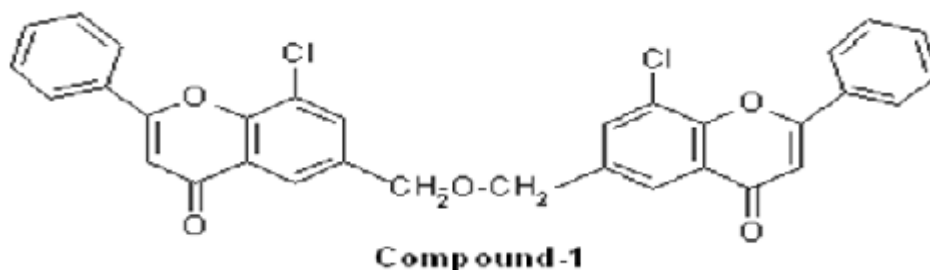
Discussion of IR & $^1\text{H-NMR}$

The representative member [comp.-1 (Bischromons-I, from Table-I)] have shown following spectral data.

IR (KBr): nmax cm^{-1} : 1635 (C=O), 1364-1361 (Pyrone-oxide vibration), 1563-1538 (ethylenic bond), 1100-1080 (asymmetrical (C-O-C stretch))

$^1\text{H-NMR}$: (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz), δ ppm : 8.22 [d,2H, $J_m=2.6$ Hz,(H-5)], 8.07 [m,4H (H-2',6')], 7.60 [d,2H, $J_m=2.6$ Hz,(H-7)], 7.50 [m,6H, (H-3',4',5')], 6.78 [s,2H,(H-3)], 4.03 [s,4H, ($_{\text{2}}\text{HC-O-CH}_2$)]

Therefore the structure of comp.-1 is



Scheme 2:

Table 1: Di (8-chloro-6-Chromonyl) Methyl ethers i.e. Bischromones-I

S.No.	R.	m.p.(°C)	Yield (%)	Analysis found (Calcd) Chlorine
1.	Phenyl	251	50	12.67 (12.79)
2.	o-Chlorophenyl	162	65	22.42 (12.79)
3.	p-Chlorophenyl	242	65	22.58 (22.75)
4.	o-Methyl phenyl	233	70	12.48 (12.17)
5.	p-Methoxy phenyl	225	72	11.33 (12.09)
6.	o-Hydroxy phenyl	213	50	12.48 (12.09)
7.	m-Hydroxy phenyl	217	68	12.47 (12.09)
8.	p-Hydroxy phenyl	238	75	12.47 (12.09)
9.	α -Naphthyl	266	70	10.62 (10.83)

Table 1: Di (6-chloro-8-Chromonyl) Methyl ethers i.e. Bischromones-II

S.No.	R.	m.p.(°C)	Yield (%)	Analysis found (Calcd) Chlorine
1.	Phenyl	226	50	12.67 (12.79)
2.	o-Chlorophenyl	161	62	22.52 (22.75)
3.	p-Chlorophenyl	216	60	22.38 (22.75)
4.	o-Methyl phenyl	210	60	12.67 (12.17)
5.	p-Methoxy phenyl	246	70	11.32 (12.09)
6.	α -Naphthyl	261	75	10.62 (10.83)

Hence, the name of the compound is Di (8-chloro-2-phenyl-6-Chromonyl) Methyl ether.

were found to be stimulatory against *Penicillium Notatum* at 100 ppm and 250 ppm concentrations.

Antifungal Activity

The antifungal screening of some of the representative compounds of the type I and II was carried out by dry weight method. In general they

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