



Design and Synthesis of N-(2-[(2-Hydroxy-naphtalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl]-amino)-ethyl)-3,4-dinitro-benzamide

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ABSTRACT

In this study, a new naphthol derivative was synthesized. The first stage, involved preparation of 1-[(2-Amino-ethylamino)-phenylmethyl]-naphthalen-2-ol (4) using a three-component system (β -naphthol [1], benzaldehyde [2], and ethylenediamine [3]), followed by the reaction of 4 with 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (5) to form N-(2-[(2-Hydroxy-naphtalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl]-amino)-ethyl)-3,5-dinitro-benzamide (6) using a carbodiimide derivative or boric acid. The second stage, involves the synthesis of N-(2-aminoethyl)-3,5-dinitrobenzamide (7) by reaction of 5 with 3 using a carbodiimide derivative. Finally, the compound 6 was also synthesized using the three-component system (compound 7, benzaldehyde and α -naphthol). The structure of all compounds obtained was confirmed by elemental analysis, spectroscopy and spectrometry data. In conclusion, this method offers some advantages such as good yields, simple procedure, low cost, and ease of workup.

Key words: Naphthol derivative, Boric acid, Carbodiimide.

INTRODUCTION

There are several methods reported for synthesis of aromatic-condensed derivatives; for example, the synthesis of naphthyl ketone by the reaction of α -alkynylbenzaldehydes with alkynes using AuCl_3 as catalyst¹. Other reports indicate the tandem pummerer Diels-Alder sequence for the preparation of α -thiosubstituted naphthalene

derivatives². Additionally, other studies³ showed the synthesis of 1,8-diphenylnaphthalene and 1-Iodo-8-phenylnaphthalene by the reaction of lithium diphenylcuprate and aryl halides. Other studies reported by Ganapathy and Viswanathan⁴ shown the synthesis of polysubstituted naphthalene derivatives through gallium trichloride catalyzed by alkyne-aldehyde coupling. In addition, some carbamato-alkyl-naphthol derivatives^{5,6} have been

synthesized by condensation of β -naphthol, aromatic aldehyde and methyl carbamate in ionic liquid media. Other studies indicate that the compound N-(2,4-Dibromonaphthyl)benzamide was prepared by benzoylation of 2,4-Dibromonaphthylamine in pyridine⁷. Additionally, other naphthalenebenzamide derivative (N-(3-mercapto-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4H-1,2,4-triazol-4-yl)benzamide) was synthesized by the reaction of potassium 2-(2-naphthoyl)hydrazinecarbodithioate with N-amino-arylcarboxamides in ethanol to reflux⁸. Recently, was synthesized a naphthalene-benzamide derivative (N-(3-(1-Methoxy-naphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-benzamide) by the reaction of benzoic acid with 3-(1-Methoxy-naphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propylamine in methanol at room temperature⁹. All these experimental results show several procedures that are available for synthesis of naphthalene derivatives; nevertheless, expensive reagents and special conditions are required. Analyzing these data, in this study a naphthalene derivative (N-(2-((2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl)-amino)-ethyl)-3,4-dinitrobenzamide) was synthesized using several chemical strategies.

EXPERIMENTAL

General methods

The compound 1-((2-Amino-ethylamino)-phenyl-methyl)-naphthalen-2-ol (1) was synthesized by a method previously reported¹⁰. The other compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co., Ltd. The melting points for the different compounds were determined on an Electrothermal (900 model). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded using KBr pellets on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 40 spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300/5 FT NMR spectrometer at 300 and 75.4 MHz in CDCl₃ using TMS as internal standard. EIMS spectra were obtained with a Finnigan Trace GC Polaris Q. spectrometer. Elementary analysis data were acquired from a Perkin Elmer Ser. IICHNS/0 2400 elemental analyzer.

Synthesis of 1-((2-Amino-ethylamino)-phenyl-methyl)-naphthalen-2-ol.(4)

A solution of β -naphthol (100 mg, 0.69 mmol), benzaldehyde (105 μ l, 1.03 mmol),

ethylenediamine (92 μ l, 1.38 mmol) in 10 ml of ethanol was stirring for 72 h to room temperature. The reaction mixture was evaporated to a smaller volume. After the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with chloroform. The organic phase was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by crystallization from methanol:water (4:1) yielding 75 % of product, m.p. 52-54 °C; IR } = 3530, 3330, 3310 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 2.88 (t, 2H, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 3.08 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.72 (broad, 3H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 6.88 (m, 2H), 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.68-7.75 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75.4 Hz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 42.20 (C-15), 52.98 (C-14), 55.53 (C-12), 114.39 (C-9), 121.17 (C-8), 123.57 (C-6), 125.65 (C-2), 126.21 (C-7), 127.39 (C-20), 128.01 (C-4), 128.22 (C-10), 130.02 (C-18, C-22), 130.06 (C-5), 130.88 (C-19, C-21), 137.07 (C-17), 138.35 (C-3), 152.11 (C-1) ppm. EI-MS *m/z*: 292.07 (M⁺, 11). Anal. Calcd for: C₁₉H₂₀N₂O : C, 78.05; H, 6.89; N, 9.58; O, 5.47. Found: C, 78.02; H, 6.85.

Synthesis of N-(2-((2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl)-amino)-ethyl)-3,5-dinitrobenzamide. (6)

Method A

Compound 4 (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) was added to a solution of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (110 mg, 0.52 mmol) and 42 mg boric acid (0.68 mmol) in 15 ml of acetonitrile:water (3:1) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The solvent was then removed under vacuum and the crude product was purified by crystallization from methanol:hexane: water (3:2:1) yielding 45% of product (6). m.p.: 252-254 °C; IR: } = 3512, 3312, 1,638, 1,380 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ_{H} : 2.78 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.08 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.48 (broad, 3H), 6.86 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.72 (m, 2H), 8.92-9.02 (d, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75.4 Hz, CDCl₃) δ_{C} : 42.30 (C-15), 53.54 (C-14), 55.52 (C-12), 114.40 (C-9), 120.02 (C-28), 121.18 (C-8), 123.55 (C-6), 126.61 (C-7), 126.76 (C-2), 127.39 (C-22), 127.50 (C-26, C-30), 128.11 (C-4), 128.14 (C-10), 129.25 (C-24, C-20), 129.28 (C-5), 131.02 (C-21, C-23), 137.57 (C-25), 138.18 (C-19), 138.35 (C-3), 146.97 (C-27, C-29), 152.10 (C-1), 160.87 (C-17) ppm. EI-MS *m/z*: 486.53 (M⁺, 17). Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₂N₄O₆: C, 64.19; H, 4.56; N, 11.52; O, 19.73. Found: C, 64.02; H, 4.51.

Method B

Compound 4 (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) was added to a solution of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (110 mg, 0.52 mmol) and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide hydrochloride (130 mg, 0.68 mmol) in 10 ml of methanol. After, the mixture was stirring at room temperature for 72 h. The solvent was then removed under vacuum and the crude product was purified by crystallization from methanol-hexane-water to give naphthol derivative (6) (68% yield) similar ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR data were obtained compared with method A product.

Synthesis of N-(2-aminoethyl)-3,5-dinitrobenzamide. (7)

A solution of 5 (100 mg, 0.47 mmol), ethylenediamine (63 μL , 0.94 mmol) and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide hydrochloride (180 mg, 0.94 mmol) in 20 ml of acetonitrile/methanol/water (3:2:1) was stirring for 72 h to room temperature. The reaction mixture was evaporated to a smaller volume. After, the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with chloroform. The organic phase was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by crystallization from methanol:water (4:1) yielding 75 % of product, m.p. 198 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR: $\nu = 3332, 1630, 1384 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ_{H} : 3.02 (t, 2H, $J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$), 3.46 (t, 2H, $J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$), 4.46 (broad, 3H), 8.92-9.04 (d, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (75.4 Hz, CDCl_3) δ_{C} : 42.60 (C-15), 43.58 (C-16), 120.68 (C-6), 125.70 (C-2, C-4), 136.50 (C-3), 147.04 (C-1, C-5), 158.76 (C-9) ppm. EI-MS m/z : 254.12 (M^+ , 17). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$: C, 42.52; H, 3.97; N, 22.04; O, 31.47. Found: C, 42.50; H, 3.90.

Synthesis of N-(2-((2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl)-amino)-ethyl)-3,5-dinitrobenzamide. (6)

A solution of β -naphthol (100 mg, 0.69 mmol), benzaldehyde (105 μL , 1.03 mmol), compound 7 (180 mg, 0.70 mmol) and 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide hydrochloride in 15 mL of acetonitrile:water (3:1) was stirring for 72 h to room temperature. The reaction mixture was evaporated to a smaller volume. After the mixture was diluted with water and extracted with chloroform. The organic phase was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, the

residue was purified by crystallization from methanol:water (4:1) yielding 75 % of product. The signals IR, ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of naphthol derivative (6) were confirmed by spectroscopic analyses as in the first method mentioned above.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It is important to mention that many procedures for formation of naphthol derivatives are available in the literature. Nevertheless, despite their wide scope, these procedures suffer from several drawbacks; some reagents are of limited stability, and preparation can be dangerous^{11,12}. Therefore, in this study we report a straightforward route for synthesis of new naphthol derivative (6). The first step involves preparation of 4 using the three-component system (β -naphthol, benzaldehyde and ethylenediamine) in methanol (Scheme 1). The infrared spectra of 4 show bands at 3530 for hydroxyl group; at 3330 for primary amino group and 3310 for secondary amino group. The ^1H NMR spectrum of 4 shows signals at 2.88 and 3.08 ppm for protons involved in the arm present in the compound 4; at 5.75 ppm for hydrogen of methylene which is bound to both phenyl and naphthol groups. Other signal at 3.72 ppm for both amino and hydroxyl groups were found. Finally, the spectrum contains several signals at 6.88, 7.11 and 7.20 ppm for phenyl group; at 7.05, 7.41-7.75 ppm for naphthol group. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum contains peaks at chemical shifts of 42.20 and 52.98 ppm for the carbons of the methylenes involved in the arm of 4. A signal at 55.53 ppm for methylene bound to phenyl group and naphthol group was found. In addition, several signals at 114.39-126.21, 128.01-128.22, 130.06 and 138.35-152.11 ppm for carbons involved in the naphthol group; at 127.39, 130.02, 130.88-137.07 ppm for carbons of phenyl group were found. In addition, the presence of 4 was further confirmed from mass spectrum which showed a molecular ion at m/z 292.07.

The second step involves the synthesis of 6 by reaction of 4 with 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (5) resulting in amide bond formation. It is important to mention that many procedures for the formation of amide groups are known in the literature. The most widely practiced method employs carboxylic acid chlorides as the electrophiles which react with the

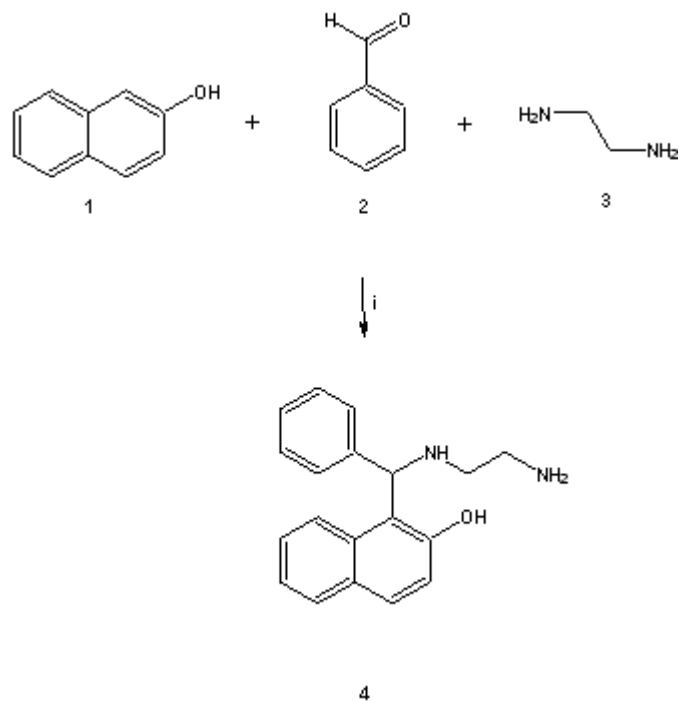


Fig. 1: Synthesis of 1-[(2-Amino-ethylamino)-phenyl-methyl]-naphthalen-2-ol (**4**). Reaction between β-naphthol (**1**), benzaldehyde and ethylenediamine (**3**). *i* = ethanol, rt

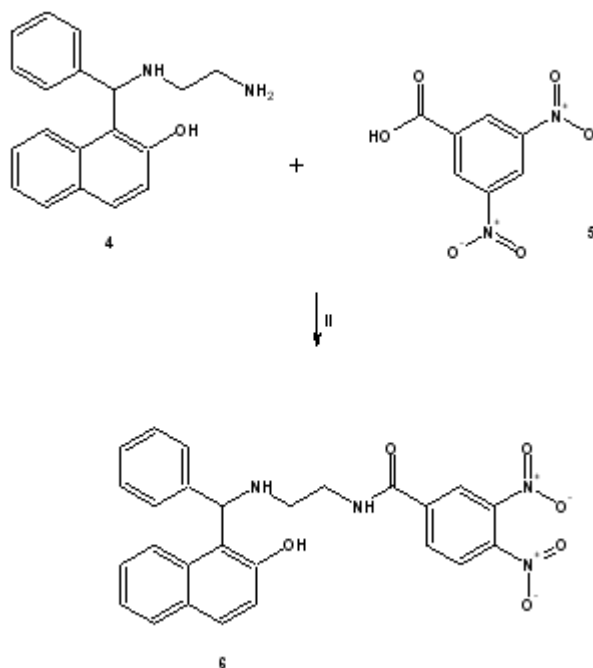


Fig. 2: Synthesis of N-(2-[[[(2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl]-amino]-ethyl]-3,5-dinitro-benzamide (**6**). Reaction between 1-[(2-Amino-ethylamino)-phenyl-methyl]-naphthalen-2-ol (**4**) with 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (**5**). *ii* = 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide derivative or boric acid, rt

aminogroup in the presence of an acid scavenger¹³. Despite its wide scope, the former protocol suffers from several drawbacks; most notable are the limited stability of many acid chlorides and the need for hazardous reagents for their preparation (thionyl chloride)¹⁴. Therefore, in this study two different methods for amide formation were employed: in the first one the technique reported by Pingwah¹⁵ for boric acid catalyzed amidation of carboxylic acids and amines (method B) was used; in the second one we used a carbodiimide derivative (method A) as catalyst¹⁶ for the amide bond formation to obtain 6. In this study, the use of carbodiimide derivative was found to result in higher yields compared to the amide bond forming with method B. The results of infrared spectroscopic analyses showed characteristic bands at 3512 for hydroxyl group; at 3312 for secondary amino group; at 1638 for amide group and 1380 for nitro group. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 6 shows signals at 2.78 and 3.08 ppm for protons involved in the spacer arm between naphthol group and dinitrophenyl group; at 5.10 ppm

for hydrogen of methylene which is bound to both phenyl and naphthol groups. In addition, several signals at 6.86, 7.13 and 7.20 ppm for phenyl group; at 7.06 and 7.40-7.72 ppm for naphthol group; at 8.92-9.02 ppm for dinitrophenyl group were found. Finally, the spectrum contains a signal characteristic at 5.48 ppm for amide, amino and hydroxyl groups. It is important to mention that the ¹H NMR spectra of the secondary amides are usually more complex than the primary amides due to the presence of a substituent bonded to the amide nitrogen atom. These substituents produce a much wider range of chemical shifts for the amide proton which may, in addition, display coupling to aliphatic groups bonded to it. The chemical shifts of aliphatic groups bonded to the carbonyl group are similar to those observed for the primary amides, while those groups bonded to the nitrogen resonate at slightly lower field than the corresponding amines¹⁷.

On the other hand, the ¹³C NMR spectrum of 6 contains peaks at chemical shifts of 42.30 and

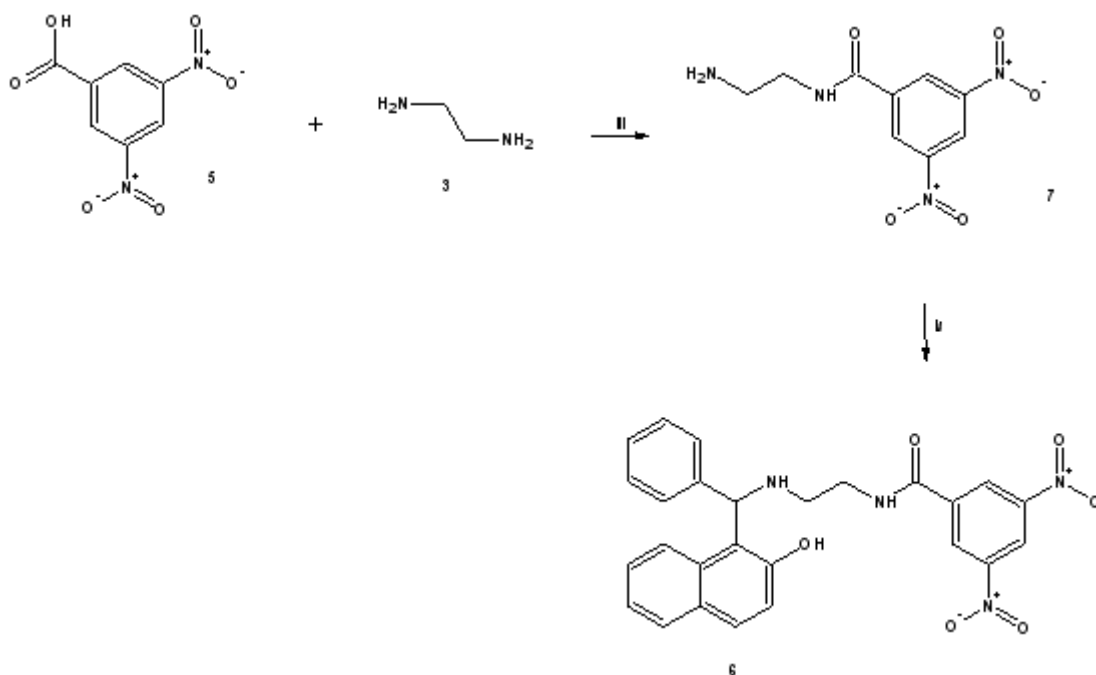


Fig. 3: Synthesis of N-(2-((2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl)-amino)-ethyl-3,5-dinitrobenzamide (6). In the first step was achieved by reacting 5-dinitrobenzoic acid (5) with ethylenediamine (3) to form N-(2-aminoethyl)-3,5-dinitrobenzamide (7) using a carbodiimide derivative (i). Finally, the second step was achieved by reacting 7 with β-naphthol and benzaldehyde in ethanol, rt (iv) to form 6

53.54 ppm for the carbons of the methylenes of spacer arm between naphthol group and dinitrophenyl group; at 55.52 ppm for carbon bound to both phenyl group and naphthol group. In addition, other signals at 114.40, 121.18-126.76, 128.11-128.14, 129.28, 138.35 and 152.10 ppm for carbons involved in naphthol group; at 120.02, 127.39, 129.25, 131.02 and 138.18 ppm for phenyl group; at 125.50, 137.57, and 146.97 for dinitrophenyl group ppm; at 160.87 ppm for amide group were found. Finally, the presence of 6 was further confirmed from mass spectrum which showed a molecular ion at m/z 486.53.

On the other hand, in the search of another alternative for synthesis of 6; the compound 7 was synthesized which later was used as reagent to form 6. Therefore, the preparation of 7 was made by the reaction of 5 with ethylenediamine (3) using a carbodiimide derivative as catalyst. The infrared spectra of 7 show bands at 3332 for primary amino group; at 1680 for amide group and at 1384 for nitro group. The ^1H NMR spectrum of 7 shows signals at 3.02 and 3.46 ppm for protons involved in the arm bound to phenyl group. Other signals at 4.46 ppm

for both amide and aminogroups; at 8.92-9.04 ppm for phenyl groups were found. The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 7 contains peaks at chemical shifts of 42.60 and 43.58 ppm for the carbons of the methylenes of arm bound to phenyl group; at 12.68-147.04 ppm for phenyl group; at 158.76 ppm for amide group. Finally, the presence of 7 was further confirmed from mass spectrum which showed a molecular ion at m/z 254.12.

On the other hand, the second stage for synthesis of 6 was developed using the three-component system (α -naphthol, benzaldehyde and compound 7) in ethanol (Scheme 4, see). It is important to mention that with this method the yielding was higher in comparison with the first stage. The signals IR, ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR of naphthol derivative (6) were confirmed by spectroscopic analyses as in the first method mentioned above. In conclusion, in this study are reported several strategies for the synthesis of the naphthol derivative (6). It is important to mention that the methods used are highly versatile and the yield is good.

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