

Synthesis of reactive methylene compounds of malonamic acid series: Precursors of bioactive molecules

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ABSTRACT

Organic compounds containing reactive methylene group provide excellent intermediates in synthetic organic chemistry. Such substances have been found to be useful as synthon for various antitubercular, antiviral, antidiabetic, antifertilitic, antibacterial and antifungal agents. It was with these objects in view that the work described in this paper was undertaken i.e. Synthesis of different malonamic acid series from primary aromatic amines and DEM.

Key words: Reactive methylene compounds, primary aromatic amines, DEM, refluxing.

INTRODUCTION

Reactive methylene compounds have proved to be useful precursors for the synthesis of new organic compounds which may not only have chemotherapeutic activity but can also be used as analytical reagents, dyes etc. Using such type of compounds as starting material quite a large number of antitubercular, antiviral, antibacterial, antidiabetic, anticancer, antitumor, antifungal compounds like coumarins, hydrazides, hydrazones, thiosemicarbazides, pyrazolones¹⁻³ etc have been prepared by condensing them with other substances. A large number of reactive methylene compounds of malonamic acid series have been prepared by earlier workers by condensation of primary aromatic amines and DEM (Diethyl malonate)⁴⁻⁶. Extensive research has been done in our lab on these compounds. Several malonamides and acids like malon anilic acid, malon toluidic acid, malon xylic acid, malon α and β naphthilic acids, malon anisidic acid, 2,6-dibromo-4-methyl phenyl malonamic acid, malon-4-chloro-2,5-dimethoxy anilic acid⁷⁻¹⁰ etc and their derivatives have been prepared in our lab. So, in continuation, it was

thought worthwhile to synthesize a set of some reactive methylene compounds of the malonamic acid series.

EXPERIMENTAL

Material

All chemicals used in the synthesis were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich Company Melting points were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. The purities of the compounds were checked on silica-gel-coated Al plates (Merck). IR spectra were recorded in KBr on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum RX-1 FT-IR spectrophotometer at St. John's College Agra.

Synthesis of N-(R) phenyl malonamides(1-8) & N-(R) phenyl malonamic acids(9-16)

To the primary amine (0.05 moles), diethyl malonate (0.05mol) was added and refluxed for 45-60 mins. The solid separated was filtered and crystallized from ethanol. On analysis it was found to be N:N'-di-(R) phenyl malonamide¹⁻⁸. To the filtrate 20ml ethanol and a solution of Na₂CO₃ in water (5ml) was added. The reaction mixture was

hydrolysed for and then filtered. To the filtrate, HCl was added. The solid thus separated was filtered, washed with water, recrystallized from ethanol and was identified as N-(R) phenyl malonic acid⁹⁻¹⁶.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analytical data, colour, melting points, yield %, molecular formula are recorded in Table 1. The infra-red spectra of the synthesized compounds

Table 1: Physical and analytical data of compounds

S. no	R	Mol formula	Color	m.p. (°C)	% yield	%C found (Calc.)	%H found (Calc.)	%N found (Calc.)
1.	C ₄ H ₉	C ₂₃ H ₃₀ O ₂ N ₂	White	210	29.31	75.65 (75.40)	8.20 (8.19)	7.84 (7.65)
2.	C ₃ H ₇	C ₂₁ H ₂₆ O ₂ N ₂	White	260	26.62	74.62 (74.55)	7.46 (7.69)	8.31 (8.28)
3.	3,4-di Cl	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₂ N ₂ Cl ₄	White	219	34.80	45.99 (45.92)	2.45 (2.55)	7.31 (7.14)
4.	2-Cl-5-trifluoromethyl	C ₁₇ H ₁₀ O ₂ N ₂ Cl ₂ F ₆	White	140	60.00	44.66 (44.15)	2.01 (2.16)	6.21 (6.06)
5.	2,5-di OCH ₃	C ₁₉ H ₂₂ O ₆ N ₂	White	240	26.43	61.20 (60.96)	5.86 (5.88)	7.52 (7.49)
6.	4-NO ₂	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ O ₆ N ₂	Yellow	144	43.03	52.38 (52.33)	3.53 (3.49)	15.35 (15.28)
7.	3-Cl-4-F	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₂ N ₂ Cl ₂ F ₂	White	200	30.35	50.20 (50.14)	2.81 (2.78)	7.86 (7.79)
8.	2-F-4-Br	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ O ₂ N ₂ Br ₂ F ₂	White	180	28.36	40.16 (40.06)	2.32 (2.24)	6.32 (6.28)
9.	C ₄ H ₉	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ O ₃ N	White	132	65.79	66.52 (66.38)	7.42 (7.23)	6.15 (5.95)
10.	C ₃ H ₇	C ₁₂ H ₁₅ O ₃ N	Greyish White	129	61.83	65.32 (65.15)	6.81 (6.78)	6.50 (6.33)
11.	3,4-di Cl	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃ NCl ₂	White	135	72.67	43.86 (43.54)	2.53 (2.82)	6.15 (5.65)
12.	2-Cl-5-trifluoromethyl	C ₁₀ H ₇ O ₃ NCIF ₃	Light Yellow	150	45.70	43.32 (42.70)	2.33 (2.48)	5.09 (4.95)
13.	2,5-di OCH ₃	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ O ₅ N	Greyish White	135	60.33	55.45 (55.23)	6.34 (6.37)	5.88 (5.86)
14.	4-NO ₂	C ₉ H ₈ O ₅ N ₂	Pale Yellow	137	61.03	48.67 (48.21)	3.98 (3.57)	1.41 (1.25)
15.	3-Cl-4-F	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃ NCIF	White	135	71.83	46.49 (46.65)	3.67 (3.02)	6.25 (6.04)
16.	2-F-4-Br	C ₉ H ₇ O ₃ NBrF	White	151	74.28	39.82 (39.27)	2.81 (2.55)	5.49 (5.09)

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