

Antibiofilm Activities of some Synthesized Hydrazones on Solid Surfaces

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Abstract- Hydrazones are interesting group of compounds possessing diverse biological and pharmaceutical properties such as antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, antimalarial, antimycobacterial, antiviral, anticancer, antibiofilm activities, etc. The present study highlights the synthetic aspects of 4-aminobenzoylhydrazones of 3,5-dimethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one and 3-ethyl 2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one. The synthesized compounds are characterized by IR, NMR and Mass spectral studies. Formation of hydrazone compounds were ascertained by IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectral studies and also molecular ion peak in mass spectra confirm the formation of hydrazones. Antibacterial, antifungal and antibiofilm potential of the synthesized hydrazones are explored by agar well diffusion method and the measurement of zone of inhibition shows that they exhibit significant activity against tested bacteria and fungus.

Key words: Antibiofilm, Biological activities, Piperidone derivatives

I. INTRODUCTION

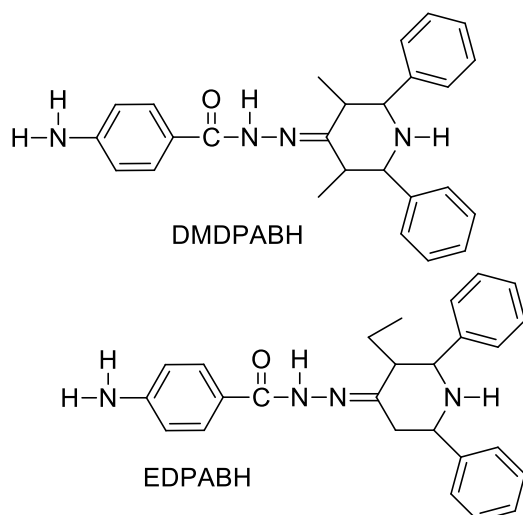
Interest in the study of microbial biofilms has increased greatly in recent years due in large part to the profound impact biofilms have in clinical, industrial, and natural settings. Traditionally, the study of biofilms has been approached from an ecological or engineering perspective; using a combination of classical microbiology and advanced microscopy.¹ What is a biofilm? This definition, by necessity, may be quite broad because it is clear that many organisms can attach to a variety of surfaces under diverse environmental conditions. Therefore, in the context of this article we will operationally define a biofilm as bacteria that are attached to a surface in sufficient numbers to be detected macroscopically.

Hydrazones constitute important group of biologically active organic compounds which have influenced the attention of chemist due to their vast applications in pharmacology. These compounds are synthesized as drug molecules to fight diseases with minimal toxicity and maximum efficiency. A number of hydrazones derivatives of aldehydes and ketones have been synthesized and their biological activities like antimicrobial, antibiofilm, antitubercular, antitumoral, antimalarial activities are well reported in literature⁽²⁻⁹⁾. Heterocyclic compounds containing piperidine skeleton are well established group of compounds possessing interesting pharmacological activities and their wide occurrence in nature. Piperidines with aryl substituent at carbons 2 and 6 of piperidine ring have been reported as potent antimicrobial agent⁽¹⁰⁻¹²⁾.

In the present study two new 4-aminobenzoylhydrazones derived from 3,5-dimethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one (DMDPABH) and 3-ethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one (EDPABH) were synthesized. The formation of hydrazones is confirmed by means of IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass spectral data. Antimicrobial potential testing is important for novel drug molecule discovery, epidemiology and antibiofilm outcome. To assess antibacterial, antifungal and antibiofilm susceptibility, the synthesized hydrazones are tested for activity against gram negative bacteria (*Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), gram positive bacteria (*Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus*), fungus *Candida albicans* and gram negative bacteria (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) respectively.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals were reagent grade from Merck and were used as such. IR spectra of the compound were recorded on Bruker Tensor FT IR spectrometer using KBr pellets. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded on Bruker Advance III 500 MHz spectrometer using CDCl₃ as solvent. Mass spectra were recorded on Jeol GC MATE II instrument. The heterocyclic ketones 3,5-dimethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one and 3-ethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one were prepared as per the procedure reported by Baliah⁽¹³⁾. The hydrazones were prepared by refluxing 4-Aminobenzoic acid hydrazide (10 mmol) and appropriate ketone (10 mmol) in ethanol for 4 hrs and the resulting solution was kept overnight. The resultant solid compound was filtered, washed, dried and recrystallised from ethanol. The hydrazones are insoluble in water and soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF, DMSO and Chloroform. The Yield was about 60%. The melting point was recorded in an open capillary and it was uncorrected.



The synthesized compounds were tested for antibacterial, antifungal and antibiofilm activities by Well diffusion method as reported by Perez *et al*⁽¹⁴⁾ using Muller Hinton Agar medium for bacteria and Sabourad Dextrose Agar for fungus. The medium was prepared and autoclaved at 15 lbs. The medium was cooled to 50-55°C and poured into sterile Petridish to a uniform depth of 4 mm which is equivalent to approximately 25-30 mL on 90 mm plate. Once the medium was solidified, standardized bacterial or fungal suspension was swabbed on the medium within 15 min of adjusting the density of the inoculums. The plated were undisturbed for 3 to 5 min to absorb the excess moisture. Sterilized 9 mm cork borer was used to make agar well and DMSO as a control. Tetracycline (30 µg/ml) for bacterial and Amphotericin-B (30 µg/ml) for fungi suspended in sterile glass distilled water used as positive control. It was incubated for 24 hrs at 37°C. After incubation period, zone of inhibition were measured by 1 mm accuracy. The diameter of zone of inhibition denotes qualitatively about the antimicrobial potential of the compounds.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Hydrazones DMDPABH and EDPABH were prepared by refluxing the appropriate heterocyclic ketones and 4-aminobenzoic acid hydrazide. The physical data of the hydrazones are summarized in Table-I. The main absorption frequencies in the IR spectra and NMR chemical shifts data are listed in Table-II and Table-III respectively. In the IR spectra, bands appearing at 1703 and 1608 cm⁻¹ in DMDPABH and 1705 cm⁻¹ and 1606 cm⁻¹ in EDPABH are attributed to amide I vibrations. Bands occurring at 1538 cm⁻¹ and 1497 cm⁻¹ are due to ν C=N. Bands at 1499 and 1457 cm⁻¹ are due to Amide II and δNH. Amide III vibrations are located at 1276 cm⁻¹ and 1289 cm⁻¹⁽¹⁵⁾.

¹H NMR spectra of hydrazones of DMDPABH and EDPABH show signal at 7.45 and 7.67 ppm attributed to amide proton (-CONH-). The protons in -NH₂ resonate at

6.7 ppm. The peaks observed as multiplets at 7.2-7.6 ppm can be assigned to aromatic protons. In ¹³C NMR spectra, the aromatic carbons are identified by their characteristic absorption around 128 ppm. The *ipso* carbons should absorb at downfield (around 140 ppm) compared to other carbons. The absence of signal around 200 ppm in EDPABH reveals it exists as equilibrium mixture of amido and imidol forms in solution.



The signals at 150 ppm are due to C4 in the heterocyclic ring and correspond to (>C=N). The alkyl carbons appear at 10.5 ppm and 11.7 ppm in DMDPABH and EPABH⁽¹³⁾ respectively. Mass spectral analysis of hydrazones shows m/z at 412 and is of M⁺ and they correspond to molecular weight of the synthesized compounds.

The antibacterial and antifungal activities of the synthesized hydrazones were assayed against two gram negative stain (*Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), two gram positive bacteria (*Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus*) and fungi (*Candida albicans*) by agar well diffusion method at different concentrations (1000, 1500 and 2000 µg/ml in DMSO). The standard used was Tetracycline (30 µg/ml) for antibacterial and Amphotericin-B (30 µg/ml) for antifungal studies. The antibiofilm activity of the synthesized hydrazones was assayed against one gram negative stain (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) by agar well diffusion method at different concentrations (500, 250 and 125 µg/ml) in DMSO. Solvent control was also performed to know the activity of the solvent.

The activity was measured by measuring the diameter of the inhibited zone in mm and it is furnished in Table-IV and Table-V. The activity increases with increase in concentration of the test solution. Both the hydrazones show more activity towards *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* at higher concentration and exhibit significant and similar activity towards all tested bacteria. DMDPABH and EDPABH show good activity towards *Candida albicans*. Zone of inhibition increases with the concentration and DMDPABH is more active when compared with EDPABH. Both the synthesized compounds show very good biofilm activity with increase in concentration of the compounds.

IV. SUMMARY:

The two new amino benzoyl hydrazones of 3,5-dimethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one and 3-ethyl-2,6-diphenyl piperidin-4-one synthesized show significant antibacterial, very good antifungal and excellent antibiofilm activities.

TABLE - I
Physical and m/z(Mass spectral) data of Hydrazones

Compound	Molecular formula	Colour	Yield %	Melting point °C	m/z value
DMDPABH	C ₂₆ H ₂₈ N ₄ O	Pale brown	60	120-121	412 (M+)
EDPABH	C ₂₆ H ₂₈ N ₄ O	Pale yellow	60	209-211	412(M+)

TABLE - II
Infrared spectral data of Hydrazones (cm⁻¹)

Compounds		Assignment
DMDPABH	EDPABH	
3427,3356,3230	3306,3030	ν_{N-H} of ring and amide NH and NH ₂
1703,1608	1705,1606	Amide I band
1538	1497	=C=N-(azomethine)
1499	1457	Amide II and δ N-H
1450	1457	Aromatic C-C skeletal vibration
1276	1289	Amide III band.

TABLE-III
NMR Spectral data of Hydrazones

Compound	¹ H NMR chemical shifts in ppm				¹³ C NMR chemical shifts in ppm						
	Aromatic ring protons	NH ₂	Piperidin ring protons	Methyl Protons	Amide Carbon	C2	C3	C4 (C=N)	C5	C6	Methyl
DMDPABH	7.4-7.2	-	3.6-2.7	1.2	211.2	68.9	-	142.0	29.7	-	10.5
EDPABH	7.6-7.2	6.6	4.1-2.5	1.2	-	63.3	40.4	150.0	29.6	61.1	11.7

TABLE IV
Antimicrobial activity of synthesized compounds

Microbes		Conc. µg/ml	Zone of Inhibition (mm)		
			DMDPABH	EDPABH	Standard [#] (30 µg/ml)
Gram negative bacteria	<i>Escherichiacoli</i>	1000	-	10±0.70	Resistant against the drug
		1500	10±0.70	12±0.84	
		2000	13±0.91	14±0.98	
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	1000	11±0.77	14±0.98	27.00±1.00
		1500	13±0.91	15±1.05	
		2000	18±1.26	19±1.33	
Gram positive bacteria	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1000	-	-	26.33±0.57
		1500	-	-	
		2000	15±1.05	13±0.91	
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1000	10±0.70	-	26.00±1.00
		1500	14±0.98	10±0.70	
		2000	17±1.19	14±0.98	
Fungus	<i>Candida albicans</i>	1000	15±1.05	14±0.98	18±1.26
		1500	20±1.4	15±1.05	
		2000	22±1.54	20±1.4	

Tetracycline for bacterial and Amphotericin-B for fungi.

TABLE-V
Antibiofilm activity of synthesized compounds

Microbe		Conc. µg/ml	Inhibition of Bio-film formation(mm)	
			DMDPABH	EDPABH
<i>Gram negative bacteria</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	125 µg/mL	63.21±4.42	56.43±3.95
		250 µg/mL	75.28±5.27	75.01±5.25
		500 µg/mL	99.32±6.95	90.94±6.37

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