



**SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION, AND ANTIBACTERIAL EVALUATION OF NEW  
BENZIMIDAZOLE BEARING THIOESTER MOIETY**

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**ABSTRACT**

The present work comprises synthesis of new derivatives for benzimidazole. The Compounds 1(a-d) were prepared by reaction of (4) un-substituted-o-phenylenediamine with carbon disulfite. Then compounds 1(a-d) used to prepare The thioester compounds 2(a-d) by reaction of compounds 1(a-d) with chloro acetyl chloride. The chemical structure of all synthesized compounds were confirmed by FT-IR and some by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. Some selected compounds were evaluated in vitro for their antibacterial activity against two types of Gram-positive bacteria namely (Staphylococcus aureus, Bacillus subtilis) and Gram-negative bacteria namely (Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Escherichia coli). Most of the results of the antibacterial activity of these compounds were good when comparison with the standard antibiotic ampicillin and ciprofloxacin

**KEYWORDS:** 2-Mercaptobenzimidazole, thioester, o-phenylenediamine.

**INTRODUCTION**

Benzimidazole derivatives are of wide significance because of their various biological Activities and clinical application.<sup>[1]</sup> This parent nucleus is found in different antiparasitic, fungicidal, antihelmintic and anti-inflammatory drugs.<sup>[2-5]</sup> Optimization of the substituent around the benzimidazole nucleus has resulted in many drugs as antihelminthics like albendazole, mebendazole, thiabendazole; proton pump inhibitors, like omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, and many other compounds in the field of medicinal and therapeutic area.<sup>[6]</sup> The structural modification, of the benzimidazole moiety, can be carried out to all seven positions of the ring, with different chemical functional groups, but most of the biologically active benzimidazole-based compounds bear different entities at 1,2 and /or 5 (or 6) positions.<sup>[7]</sup> 2 Mercaptobenzimidazole derived from benzimidazole with thiol group in the 2-position. It possesses other chemical names such as, o-phenylen thiourea, benzimidazol-2-thion,<sup>[8,9]</sup> Some characteristic of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole are containing of thioamide group (-N-C=S), therefore it is considered one of thioamide compounds for its ability to react under special conditions to give derivatives having substituent at either nitrogen or sulfur atoms<sup>[10,11]</sup> 2-mercaptobenzimidazole possess the form dimer, because it has (C=S) group, this preferable product is the dimer,<sup>[12]</sup> it is known to exist in two tautomerism forms the thiol and thione from.<sup>[13-14]</sup> Various derivatives of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole have been synthesized by

several investigators and have been reported to exhibit a wide range of biological activities such as antimicrobial<sup>[15]</sup> antihistamine<sup>[16]</sup> neutropic<sup>[17]</sup> and analgesic<sup>[18]</sup> activities. Although a great deal of the scientific literature concerning 2-mercaptobenzimidazole is in the area of medicinal chemistry, 2-mercaptobenzimidazole is also used in non-biological application, it serve as plant growth regulators<sup>[19]</sup> and used as corrosion inhibitor for mild steel in sulfuric acid solution,<sup>[20]</sup> stainless steel in aqueous solutions of NaCl,<sup>[14]</sup> mild steel and zinc in phosphoric acid,<sup>[21,22]</sup> Also, it is widely used as an accelerator in rubber processing,<sup>[23]</sup> and anti-oxidant for rubber and plastics.<sup>[24]</sup> Mercaptobenzimidazole and its derivatives display insecticidal properties,<sup>[25]</sup> it is also a well-known analytical reagent for mercury, and have been used for the determination Fe(II), Cu(II), and Cd(II) metal ions in sewage water and industrial waste waters samples.<sup>[26-27]</sup>

**Experimental Part**

**General**

Melting points were taken in an electrically heated using stuart SMP3 instrument and are uncorrected. FT-IR spectra were recorded on Shimadzu (FTIR- 8400 S) Infrared spectrophotometer by KBr disc. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker (400MHZ) instrument using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as solvent. The purity of the compounds was checked by TLC on silicagel plates using ultraviolet lamp.

**General procedure for synthesis of compounds 1(a-d).**<sup>[28]</sup>

A mixture (10.8gm, 0.1mole) of 4-un-substituted-O-phenylenediamine, (5.65g, 0.1mol) of potassium hydroxide and (7.67g, 0.1mol) of carbon disulfide CS<sub>2</sub> were dissolved in (100 ml of Ethanol and 15ml of water) The resulting mixture was heated under reflux for 3 hours, after the reflux, add (1-1.5mg) of activated charcoal with caution and then climp the mixture for 10 min. Activated charcoal was removed by filtration and the solution was heated to (60-70 °C) after that add 100ml of water. Acid using diluted acetic acid with stirring. The product is separated as white crystals and

the mixture is placed in a snow bath for three hours to complete the crystallization and the deposit is collected on buchner funnel and drying in 24 hours at 40 °C.

**1H-benzo[d]imidazole-2-thiol (1a):** Off White, m.p: 299 – 301 °C, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H benzimidazole (3157), aromatic C-H (3057), S-H (2571), C=N (1625), aromatic C=C (1467, 1514). <sup>1</sup>H –NMR (400 MHZ, DMSO – d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 3.13 (1H, s, N-H), 1.80 (1H, s, S-H), 7.51-7.75 (4H, m, Ar – H) as shown in figure 1. <sup>13</sup>C – NMR (400 MHZ, DMSO)  $\delta$ : 168.04 (C=N of benzimidazole), 109.39-132.22 (aromatic carbon), yield 60%.

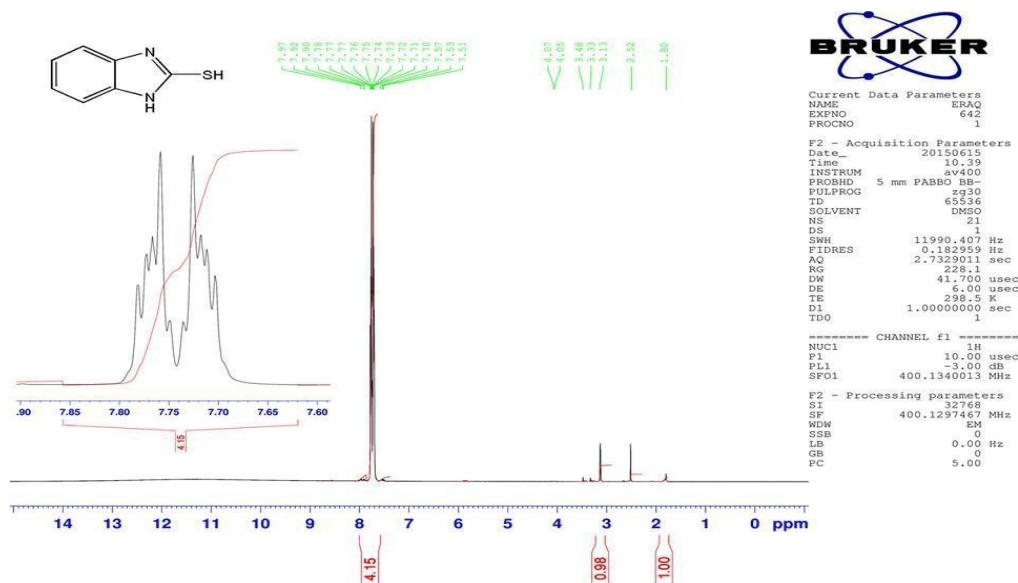


Figure 1: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1a.

**5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-2-thiol (1b):** Brown, m. p: 286 – 288 °C, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H benzimidazole (3124), S-H (2567), aromatic C-H (3041, 3093), aliphatic C-H (2962, 2868), C=N (1620), aromatic C=C (1467-1521). <sup>1</sup>H –NMR (400 MHZ,

DMSO – d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  : 3.03 (3H, d, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.93 (1H, S-H), 3.19 (1H, s, N-H benzimidazole), 7.61-7.87 (3H, m, Ar – H) as shown in figure 2. <sup>13</sup>C–NMR (400 MHZ, DMSO)  $\delta$ : 20.86 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 167.76 (C=N of benzimidazole), 109.06-132.66 (aromatic carbon), yield 62%.

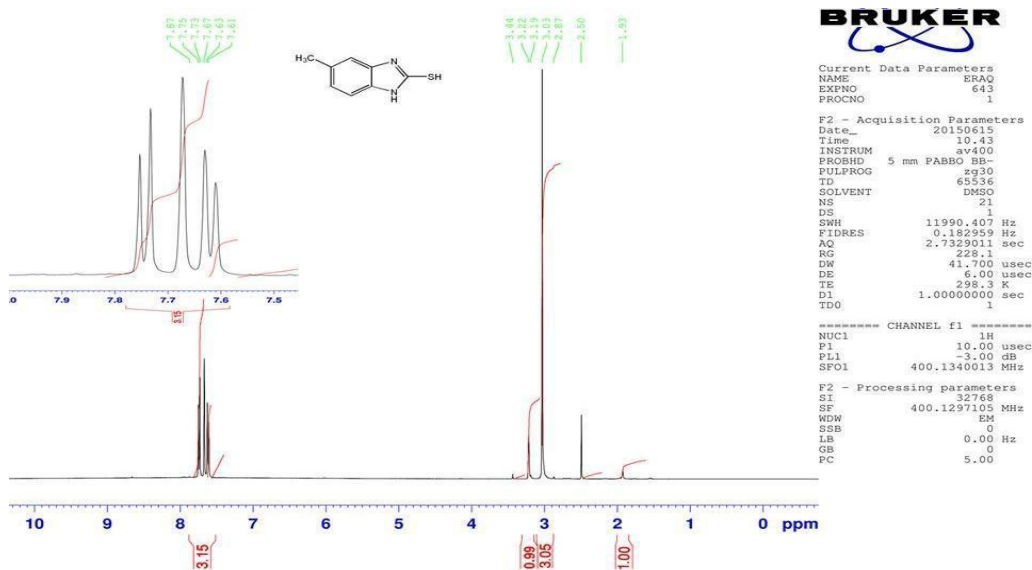


Figure 2: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 1b.



**S-(1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl) 2-chloroethanethioate (2a):** Brown, m.p: 329-331°C, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H benzimidazole (3385), aromatic C-H (3047,3105), aliphatic C-H (2854, 2974) C=O(1728), C=N (1622), aromatic C=C (1458-1521), C-Cl (775). Yield 52%.

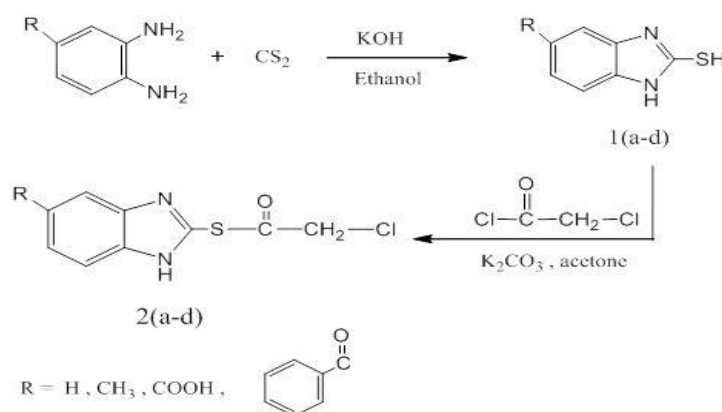
**S-(5-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)2-chloroethanethioate (2b):** Yellow, m. p: 321–323°C, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H benzimidazole (3157), aromatic C-H (3041,3093), aliphatic C-H (2879, 2966) C=O(1724), C=N (1620), aromatic C=C (1467-1521), C-Cl (721). yield 61%.

**2-((2-chloroacetyl)thio)-1H-benzo[d]imidazole-5-carboxylic acid (2c):** Black, m.p >350°C, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H benzimidazole (3125), O-H (2500-3500), aromatic C-H (3064), aliphatic C-H (2860, 2987), thioesteric C=O (1708), carboxylic C=O(1653), C=N (1616), aromatic C=C (1473-1570), C-Cl (767). Yield 71%.

**(2-((chloromethyl) thio)-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-5-yl) (phenyl) methanone (2d):** Off White, m.p : 336–338°C, IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (KBr/cm<sup>-1</sup>): N-H benzimidazole (3159), aromatic C-H (3057), aliphatic C-H (2875, 2956), thioesteric C=O (1716), ketonic C=O(1645), C=N (1618), aromatic C=C (1473-1597), C-Cl (717). yield 78%.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In the present work, 2-mercaptobenzimidazole derivatives 1(a-d) were synthesized by reaction of (4) unsubstituted-o-phenylenediamine with carbon disulfite using the escalation method and the presence of activated charcoal and used a mixture of water and ethanol as a solvent. The compounds 2(a-d) were synthesized by reaction of compounds 1(a-d) with chloro acetyl chloride in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate and using acetone as a solvent. The reaction proceeds according to the scheme.



### Scheme: The preparation route of compounds 1(a-d) and 2(a-d)

The structure of the prepared compounds was established on the basis of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and IR spectroscopy. In all cases TLC of the product showed the presence of one single spot referring to only one product. The IR spectra of compounds 1(a-d) exhibited broad absorption bands, one of which appearing at (3450-3124) was attributed to the NH imidazole group. And other, observed at (2598-2567) to S-H stretching frequency and absorbed at (1627-1620) to C=N stretching frequency. In <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compounds 1(a-d) exhibited two different signals at ( $\delta$  3.13-5.58 ppm) for (1H, s, N-H

benzimidazole) which assigned to NH imidazole protons and signals at (1.24-2.03) for (S-H) group. The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compounds 1(a-d) exhibited signals at ( $\delta$  167.76– 195.07 ppm) which attributed to the group (C=N). the structure of compounds 2(a-d) was confirmed by FT-IR, The IR spectra of these compounds exhibited broad absorption band at (3385-3125)cm<sup>-1</sup> was attributed to the NH imidazole group and absorption band at (1708-1728) cm<sup>-1</sup> which assigned to thioesteric carbonyl group(C=O). The IR spectra of compound 2d exhibited absorption band at (1645)cm<sup>-1</sup> was attributed to the Ketonic C=O group.

**Table 1: Physical properties of the compounds.**

Comp no.	M.p (°C)	Color	M. wt (g/mole)	M. Formula	Yield %
1a	299-301	Off white	150.20	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	60%
1b	286-288	Brown	164.23	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S	62%
1c	>350	Pink	194.21	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	85%
1d	257-259	Yellow	254.3	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O S	94%
2a	329-331	Brown	226.10	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> OS	52%
2b	321-323	Yellow	240.71	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> OS	61%
2c	>350	Black	270.69	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S	71%
2d	336-338	Off white	330.79	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	78%

**Antibacterial activity**

The disk diffusion method was used to screened antibacterial activities of the some compounds synthesized herein against different strains of Gram-positive bacteria namely (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*) and Gram-negative bacteria (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*) The compounds were tested at concentration of (10 mg/ml and 100 mg/ml). The zone of inhibition was measured in millimeters and was compared with

reference standard antibiotic namely ampicillin and ciprofloxacin. The test compound was dissolved in DMSO to obtain solution of different concentration. The results show in (Table2) which demonstrates that compounds 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b showed significant activities. Whereas the other compounds displayed middle activities when comparison with the standard antibiotic ampicillin and ciprofloxacin.

**Table 2: Antibacterial activity of synthesized compounds.**

Comp no.	Concentration (mg / ml)	Zone of inhibition (in mm)		Gram-negative	
		Gram-positive			
		S. aureus	B. subtilis	P. aeruginosa	E. coli
1a	10	19	15	12	19
	100	11	12	13	12
1d	10	14	15	17	17
	100	17	14	16	-
1c	10	-	-	8	10
	100	-	15	-	12
1d	10	-	-	-	-
	100	-	-	-	-
2a	10	12	18	19	20
	100	15	19	17	13
2b	10	15	23	20	27
	100	12	11	13	12
2d	10	12	11	9	17
	100	13	14	10	-
Ampicillin		22	23	-	10
Ciprofloxacin		19	23	29	-
DMSO solvent		0	0	0	0

**CONCLUSION**

New compounds derived from 2-mercapto benzimidazole have been synthesized successfully by reaction (4) unsubstituted-o-phenylenediamine with carbon disulfite. the resulting compounds were reaction with chloro acetyl chloride to prepare new derivatives. Some of these compounds shown good antibacterial activity.

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