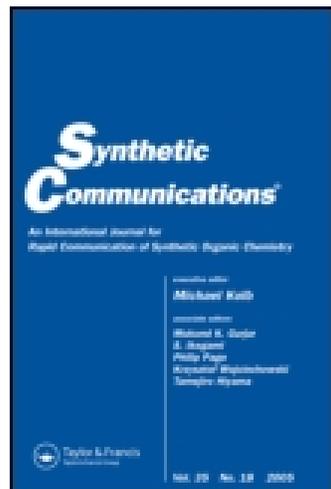


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**ABSTRACT**

Syntheses of new morpholinomethylbenzamides **6** bearing both electron-withdrawing and electron-releasing groups at the aromatic ring are described. The strategy involved synthesis of hippuric acid ethyl esters **3**, their hydrolysis to hippuric acids **4**, subsequent oxidative decarboxylation to acetate **5** and morpholine addition to provide **6**.

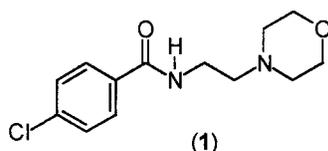
Moclobemide, *p*-chloro-*N*-2-(morpholinoethyl) benzamide (**1**) is a short acting, selective and reversible inhibitor of MAO-A,<sup>1,2</sup> well tolerated, widely available for clinical use, and an effective antidepressant. Monoamine oxidase (MAO) is a flavoprotein of the mitochondrial outer membranes of neuronal cells, involved in the biodegradation of aromatic

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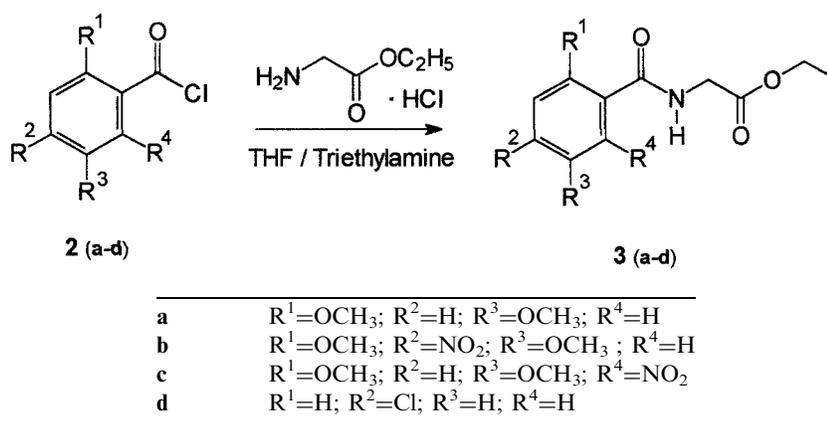
monoamines, including classical neurotransmitters such as serotonin, adrenaline, and dopamine, playing a central role in several psychiatric and neurological disorders.

A variety of moclobemide derivatives has been prepared, and studies on structure-activity relationships reveal that both the morpholine and phenyl rings are necessary for antidepressant activity.<sup>3,4</sup> However effects of changes in the aliphatic chain length on biological activity have not been reported. We report herein new and facile syntheses of *N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamides as moclobemide analogs.

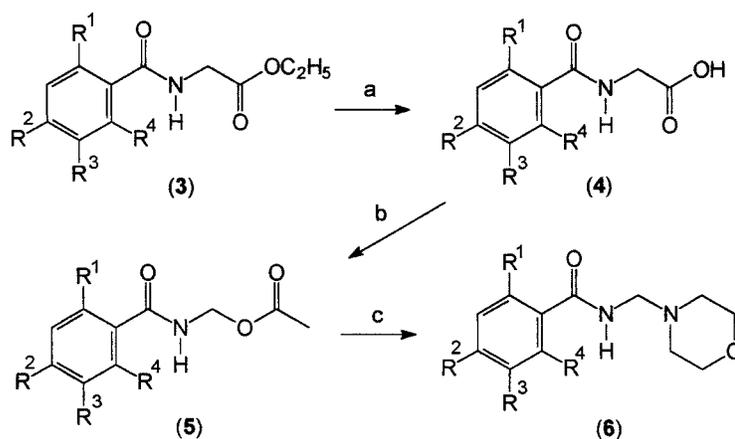


Several studies regarding the synthesis and reactivity of *N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamides have been reported.<sup>5,6</sup> Katritzky<sup>7</sup> et al. examined syntheses of monoacylaminals as constituent units of retro-peptide intermediates for obtaining heterocycles.

The synthesis of our analogs started with the classical reaction of substituted benzoyl chlorides **2(a-d)** with glycine hydrochloride<sup>8,9</sup> to afford the ethyl esters of hippuric acids **3(a-d)** (Scheme 1).



*Scheme 1.*



**Reagents :** a) KOH - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH ; H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> ; b) Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> - Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> / CH<sub>3</sub>CN;  
d) Morpholine-Triethylamine / CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

*Scheme 2.*

The hippuric esters **3(a-d)** were subsequently hydrolyzed with methanolic-potassium hydroxide at room temperature, to afford the corresponding hippuric acids **4(a-d)** (Scheme 2). Special care must be taken with the ester **3(d)**, to avoid competitive hydrolysis of the amide which was detected as a side reaction (See Experimental).

The hippuric acids **4(a-d)** were reacted with a mixture of anhydrous lead tetraacetate and cupric acetate, in acetonitrile giving the acetates **5(a-d)**<sup>10</sup> in good yield, (Table 1). This oxidative decarboxylation gave better yields using acetonitrile rather than benzene; when compounds **4(a-d)** were decarboxylated in benzene,<sup>11</sup> their solubilities were low with decreased yields.

In summary we have developed efficient syntheses which afford *N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamides. Further studies on applications of these compounds will be reported.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded, on a FT-IR Bruker IFS 55 spectrophotometer for KBr disc and wave numbers are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were performed on Bruker DRX-300 and AM-200 spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. Chemical shifts were

Table 1.

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%)
2-a	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	3-a	85
2-b	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	3-b	84
2-c	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	3-c	79
2-d	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	3-d	82
3-a	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	4-a	85
3-b	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	4-b	98
3-c	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	4-c	95
3-d	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	4-d	87
4-a	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	5-a	91
4-b	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	5-b	76
4-c	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	5-c	78
4-d	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	5-d	58
5-a	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	6-a	71
5-b	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	6-b	63
5-c	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	6-c	46
5-d	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	6-d	52

recorded in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to TMS as internal standard. *J* values are given in Hz. EIMS were recorded on VB-12-250 spectrometer.

Microanalyses were carried out on a Fisons EA 1108 analyzer. Silica gel Merck 60 (70–230 mesh) and DC-alufolien 60 F<sub>254</sub> were normally used for column and TLC chromatography respectively.

### General Procedure for the Synthesis of Hippuric Ester Derivatives (3)

To a solution of glycine ethyl ester hydrochloride (170 mg, 1.22 mmol), triethylamine (333 mg, 0.45 ml 3.33 mmol) in dry THF (50 ml) at 0°C, benzoyl chloride derivative **2** (1.11 mmol) in THF (10 ml), was slowly added under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was stirred for 1 h at 0°C and then at room temperature. After 3 h water (100 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with chloroform (3 × 50 ml). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel column (chloroform:ethyl acetate = 1:1) or crystallized to give **3**.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-a):** M.p. 82–83°C; purified by silica gel chromatography, (chloroform:ethyl acetate = 1:1) Anal. calcd

for  $C_{13}H_{17}NO_5$ : C, 58.42; H, 6.37; N, 5.24. Found: C, 57.58; H, 6.55; N, 5.24. IR: 3349, 1755, 1643.  $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.33 (t, 3H,  $J=7.1$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 3.83 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.98 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.23–4.31 (m, 4H,  $OCH_2CH_3$  and  $NH-CH_2-CO$ ), 6.95 (d, 1H,  $J_o=8.70$ , Ar-3-H), 7.04 (dd, 1H,  $J_o=8.70$ ,  $J_m=3.40$ , Ar 4-H), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $J_m=3.40$ , Ar 6-H).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.6, 42.5, 56.2, 57.0, 61.8, 113.5, 115.9, 120.1, 121.7, 152.5, 154.3, 165.5, 170.6.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-b)**: M.p. 151–152 °C (Ethanol); Anal calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_7$ : C, 50.0; H, 5.16; N, 8.97. Found: C, 49.79; H, 5.25; N, 9.02. IR: 3339, 1753, 1649.  $^1H$ NMR (200 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.32 (t, 3H,  $J=7.72$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 3.97 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.03 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.21–4.28 (m, 4H,  $OCH_2CH_3$  and  $NH-CH_2$ ), 7.50 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H), 8.56 (br.s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.2, 42.2, 57.1, 57.1, 61.7, 109.2, 117.8, 125.7, 141.0, 147.1, 150.6, 163.1, 169.7; EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 312 ( $M^+$ , 8), 267 (2), 210 (100), 163 (24).

**2,5-Dimethoxy-6-nitro-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-c)**: M.p. 86–88 °C; (Ethanol). Anal calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_7$ : C, 50.0; H, 5.16; N, 8.97. Found: C, 49.51; H, 5.39; N, 8.88. IR: 3321, 1740, 1667.  $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.23 (t, 3H,  $J=7.40$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 3.77 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.87 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.11 (d, 2H,  $J=3.2$ ,  $NH-CH_2$ ), 4.17 (q, 2H,  $J=7.40$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 7.00 (d, 1H,  $J=6.10$ , Ar 3-H), 7.10 (d, 1H,  $J=6.10$ , Ar 4-H), 7.70 (s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.5, 42.3, 55.7, 57.6, 62.0, 114.7, 116.7, 117.1, 142.6, 145.9, 150.1, 162.0, 170.0.

**4-Chloro-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-d)**: M.p. 114.5–116 °C<sup>8</sup>; (purified by column chromatography, chloroform : ethyl acetate = 2 : 1) Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_{12}O_3NCl$ : C, 54.65; H, 4.96; N, 5.80. Found: C, 54.17; H, 5.06; N, 5.97. IR: 3268, 1747, 1647.  $^1H$ NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.30 (t, 3H,  $J=7.15$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 4.20 (d, 2H,  $J=5.14$ ,  $NH-CH_2$ ), 4.24 (q, 2H,  $J=7.15$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 6.86 (s, 1H, NH), 7.39 (d, 2H,  $J=13.3$ , Ar 3-H and Ar 5-H), 7.74 (d, 2H,  $J=13.3$ , Ar 2-H and Ar 6-H).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.2, 41.9, 61.8, ( $2 \times 128.6$ ) ( $2 \times 128.8$ ), 132.1, 138.1, 170.1, 173.8.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of Hippuric Acid Derivatives (4)

A solution of the ethyl ester **3** (1.90 mmol.) in KOH 0.5 N : EtOH (1 : 1 v/v), (40 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h (except for the chloro derivative **3-d** we use 30 min). The mixture was then diluted with water (50 ml), acidified with HCl 0.1 M and extracted with ethyl acetate, ( $3 \times 50$  ml). Organic layers were dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and the solvent was evaporated under

vacuo. Purification was carried out by chromatographic techniques or crystallization.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-hippuric acid (4-a):** M.p. 107–108°C (White crystals, column chromatographed, AcOEt). Anal calcd for:  $C_{11}H_{13}NO_5$ : C, 55.23; H, 5.44; N, 5.86. Found: C, 54.57; H, 5.61; N, 5.96. IR: 3300–2980, 1732, 1615.  $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.81 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.95 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.30 (d, 2H,  $J=4.8$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ), 6.92 (d, 1H,  $J_o=9.0$  Ar 3-H), 7.02 (d, d, 1H,  $J_o=9.0$ ,  $J_m=3.0$ , Ar 4-H), 7.73 (d, 1H,  $J_m=3.0$ , Ar 6-H), 8.75 (br s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$ : 42.4, 55.9, 56.7, 113.2, 115.6, 120.3, 120.7, 152.3, 154.0, 166.1, 173.3.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-hippuric acid (4-b):** Yellow crystals (Ethanol) M.p. 197–197.5°C; Anal calcd for  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_7$ : C, 46.48; H, 4.26; N, 9.86. Found: C, 46.67; H, 4.44; N, 9.93. IR: 3379–2850, 3380, 1740, 1613.  $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$ : 3.90 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.92 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.00 (d, 2H,  $J=5.7$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ), 7.68 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H or Ar 3-H), 7.70 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H or Ar 6-H), 8.69 (t, 1H,  $J=5.7$ , NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, COOH);  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$ : 42.1, 57.4, 57.5, 109.6, 116.6, 127.1, 141.2, 145.7, 150.9, 163.6, 171.4.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-6-nitro-hippuric acid (4-c):** M.p. 233–235°C; Anal calcd for:  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_7$ : C, 46.47; H, 4.26; N, 9.86. Found: C, 46.49; H, 4.57; N, 9.74. IR: 3450, 3350, 1766, 1638, 1532, 1375.  $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  3.80 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.90 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.05 (d, 2H,  $J=5.3$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ), 7.19 (d, 1H,  $J=9.3$  Ar 3-H, or 4-H), 7.25 (d, 1H,  $J=9.3$ , Ar 4-H or 3-H), 8.30 (brt, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$ : 41.4, ( $2 \times 57.1$ ), 115.3, 116.0, 118.4, 140.2, 144.5, 150.2, 161.8, 170.6.

**4-Chloro-hippuric acid (4-d):** White pale crystals (Ethanol). M.p. 141.5–142.5°C Anal. calcd for  $C_9H_8NClO_3$ : C, 50.58; H, 3.74; N, 6.55. Found: C, 50.88; H, 3.67; N, 6.42. IR: 3600–2850, 3338, 1746, 1685.  $^1H$ NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 4.1 (s, 2H,  $-CH_2-$ ), 7.38 (d, 2H,  $J=8.35$ , Ar 3-H, and 5-H), 7.83 (d, 2H,  $J=8.35$ , Ar 2-H, and Ar 6-H), 7.94 (br.d., 1H,  $J=4.5$ , NH), 9.8–11.2 (br.s., 1H, COOH).  $^{13}C$ NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 39.7, ( $2 \times 128.4$ ), ( $2 \times 128.8$ ) 132.3, 137.4, 166.4, 171.7.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of *N*-(Acetoxymethyl) Benzamides (5)

To a solution of carboxylic acid **4** (0.574 mmol), in acetonitrile (40 ml) was added a mixture of anhydrous lead tetraacetate (250 mg, 0.573 mmol) and cupric acetate (104 mg, 0.573 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with water (100 ml), and the resulting solution extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 50$  ml), dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ), and

concentrated in vacuo. The products were further purified by silica gel column chromatography.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-2,5-dimethoxybenzamide (5-a):** Pale yellow oil (column chromatographed, AcOEt). Anal calcd for:  $C_{12}H_{15}NO_5$ : C, 56.90; H, 5.97; N, 5.33. Found: C, 57.03; H, 6.29; N, 5.41. IR: 3380, 1733, 1669.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.08 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.81 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.93 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.84 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 5.46 (d, 2H,  $J=7.18$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ), 6.92 (d, 1H,  $J_o=9.0$ , Ar 3-H), 7.03 (dd, 1H,  $J_o=9.0$ ,  $J_m=2.90$ , Ar 4-H), 7.76 (d, 1H,  $J_m=2.90$ , Ar 6-H), 8.95–9.05 (br s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 21.0, 55.8, 56.6, 64.7, 113.1, 115.9, 120.3, 120.9, 152.2, 153.9, 165.7, 171.8.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-4-nitro-2,5-dimethoxybenzamide (5-b):** Yellow crystals (column chromatographed,  $CHCl_3/AcOEt=1:1$ ). M.p. 123–124.5°C. Anal. calcd for  $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_7$ : C, 48.43; H, 4.73; N, 9.39. Found: C, 48.36; H, 4.85; N, 9.36. IR: 3386, 1747, 1668.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 2.10 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.98 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.0 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 5.46 (d, 2H,  $J=7.0$ ,  $NH-CH_2-O$ ), 7.49 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H), 8.93 (br.t, 1H,  $J=7.0$ , NH).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 20.9, 57.1, 57.2, 64.5, 109.4, 118.1, 125.2, 141.2, 147.0, 150.7, 163.8, 171.7.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-6-nitro-2,5-dimethoxybenzamide (5-c):** Yellow crystals (column chromatographed:  $AcOEt/CHCl_3=2:1$ ). M.p. 124–125°C. Anal. calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_7$ : C, 48.32; H, 4.73; N, 9.39. Found: C, 49.09; H, 4.99; N, 9.38. IR: 3357, 1726, 1680, 1539, 1370.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.01 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 3.79 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.84 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 5.17 (d, 2H,  $J=6.9$ ,  $-CH_2-$ ), 7.30 (d, 1H,  $J=8.1$ , Ar 3-H, or 4-H), 7.37 (d, 1H,  $J=8.1$ , Ar 4-H, or 3-H), 9.47 (br.t, 1H,  $J=6.9$ , NH).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $DMSO-d_6$ )  $\delta$ : 21.1, 57.3, 57.7, 64.2, 116.6, 117.3, 119.9, 139.5, 144.8, 150.1, 163.6, 170.5.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-4-chloro-benzamide (5-d):** M.p. 218–219°C White crystals (column chromatographed  $AcOEt/CHCl_3=1:2$ ) Anal. calcd for  $C_{10}H_{10}NClO_3$ : C, 52.74; H, 4.39; N, 6.15; Cl, 15.6. Found: C, 53.46; H, 4.50; N, 5.93. IR: 3328, 1737, 1652.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta=2.1$  (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 5.43 (d, 2H,  $J=7.2$ ,  $CH_2$ ), 7.40 (br t, 1H, NH), 7.41 (d, 2H,  $J=8.1$ , Ar 2-H, and Ar 6-H), 7.76 (d, 2H,  $J=8.1$ , Ar 3-H and Ar 5-H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):  $\delta=20.9$ , 64.7, ( $2 \times 128.7$ ), ( $2 \times 128.9$ ), 131.5, 138.7, 166.4, 172.2.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of N-(Morpholinomethyl) Benzamides (6)

To a stirred solution of acetatebenzamide **5** (0.6 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 ml), triethylamine (55.7 mg, 0.080 ml, 0.55 mmol) and Morpholine (48.0 mg, 0.048 ml, 0.55 mmol) were added at 25°C for 4 h. The mixture

was poured into ice-water and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 ml). The organic layers were washed with water and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Removal of the solvent afforded crude morpholine derivatives **6** which were purified by silica gel column chromatography or crystallization.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-*N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-a):** Pale yellow oil (column chromatographed), AcOEt). Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 59.99; H, 7.19; N, 9.99. Found: C, 58.12; H, 7.25; N, 9.86. IR: 3391, 1658. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.53 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.7, Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, (*N*-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.61 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.7, Morpholine 3-H and 5-H, (O-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.70 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.22 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.30, NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 6.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0, Ar 3-H), 6.90 (dd, 1H, *J*<sub>o</sub> = 9.0, *J*<sub>m</sub> = 3.20, Ar 4-H) 7.63 (d, 1H, *J*<sub>m</sub> = 3.20, Ar 6-H), 8.22 (br t, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: (2 × 50.1), 55.5, 56.3, 61.24, (2 × 66.5), 112.7, 115.5, 119.2, 121.4, 151.5, 153.6, 165.5.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-*N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-b):** Yellow crystals (Ethanol). M.p. 116–118°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 51.69; H, 5.89; N, 12.92. Found: C, 51.08; H, 5.98; N, 12.42. IR: 3383, 1669, 1511, 1342. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.63 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.8, Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, (*N*-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.73 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.8, Morpholine 3-H and 5-H, (O-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.98 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.50, NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-N), 7.51 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H), 8.0 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H), 8.17 (s, broad, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: (2 × 50.4), (2 × 57.0), (2 × 63.1), 66.8, 109.1, 118.0, 126.1, 140.7, 147.2, 150.3, 163.8.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-6-nitro-*N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-c):** Pale yellow crystals (Ethanol). M.p. 169–172°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 51.69; H, 5.89; N, 12.92. Found: C, 51.43; H, 5.80; N, 13.02. IR: 3400, 1669, 1535, 1367. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.63 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.7, (Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, (*N*-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.72 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.7, (Morpholine 3-H and 5-H), (O-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.35, -NCH<sub>2</sub>-N), 7.02 (brt, 1H, NH), 7.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.24 Ar 6-H), 7.11 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.24, Ar 3-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: (2 × 50.3), 57.2, 57.3, 61.7, (2 × 66.9), 114.3, 115.9, 118.8, 142.0, 146.0, 151.0, 162.5.

**4-Chloro-*N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-d).** Brown pale solid (column chromatographed, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-AcOEt = 1:2). M.p. 70.2–71.3°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl: C, 56.58; H, 5.89; N, 11.00. Found: C, 56.37; H, 5.79; N, 10.78. IR: 3304, 1658, 1116. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 2.67 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.4, Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, (*N*-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 3.73 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.4, Morpholine 3-H and 5-H), (O-CH<sub>2</sub>)), 4.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.1, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 7.41 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4, Ar 3-H and 5-H), 7.79 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4, Ar 2-H and 6-H), 8.29 (br.s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = (2 × 50.3), 61.5, (2 × 66.0), (2 × 128.6), (2 × 128.8), 132.1, 138.0, 166.9.

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