

## Synthesis, structure analysis, and antibacterial activity of some novel 10-substituted 2-(4-piperidyl/phenyl)-5,5-dioxo[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*b*][1,2,4]benzothiadiazine derivatives

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**Abstract**—A new series of 10-substituted 5,5-dioxo-5,10-dihydro[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*b*]-[1,2,4]benzothiadiazine arylsulfonamide derivatives (**10a–j** and **13a–f**) was synthesized. The structures of these compounds were confirmed on the basis of spectral data, elemental analysis, X-ray analysis, and quantum chemical calculations. These compounds were evaluated for their efficacy as antibacterial agents against various Gram-positive and Gram-negative strains of bacteria. Amongst these compounds **10f** and **10i** were the most active compounds against *Escherichia coli* and **13e** against *E. coli* as well as *Bacillus subtilis*. Moreover, other compounds also showed potent inhibitory activity in comparison to the standard drugs.

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The demand for novel chemotherapeutic antibacterial agents remains attractive in the field of medicinal chemistry. After many years of extensive studies on the structural modification of known antibacterial scaffolds, it is increasingly becoming difficult to deliver new leads. The focus of such antibacterials' research has, therefore, moved to the identification of novel chemical classes of bacterial targets. In fact, in the past 40 years only two new chemical classes of antibiotics, oxazolidinone (linezolid)<sup>1</sup> and the lipopeptide (daptomycin),<sup>2</sup> have been introduced to the market and existing antibiotics are directed at a small number of targets, mainly cell wall, DNA, and protein biosynthesis.

The sulfonamide group is considered as a pharmacophore which is present in a number of biologically active molecules, particularly in antimicrobial agents.<sup>3–5</sup> In addition, numerous sulfonamide derivatives have been reported as carbonic anhydrase inhibitors,<sup>6</sup> anticancerous,<sup>7</sup> and anti-inflammatory agents.<sup>8</sup> The discovery of

sulfonamides as antibacterial agents in the early 1930s was the beginning of one of the most fascinating areas of chemotherapeutic agents and once used successfully in the treatment of a variety of bacterial infections. However, the rapid emergence of sulfonamide resistance organisms and the development of more potent drugs have limited their clinical use. Some organisms are resistant to all approved antibiotics and can only be treated with experimental and potentially toxic drugs. For these reasons, there is an overwhelming need to develop more effective antibacterial agents to treat infections caused by antibiotic resistant bacterial pathogens.

Sulfonamides exert their effect by targeting on dihydropteroate synthase (DHPS) enzyme, which catalyzes folic acid pathway in bacteria and some eukaryotic cells,<sup>9</sup> but it is not present in human cells.<sup>10</sup> This is the basis for the selective effect of sulfonamides on bacteria and for their broad spectrum of antibacterial activity. 4*H*-1,2,4-Benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides can be considered as cyclic sulfonamide class of molecules and have been extensively studied as potassium channel openers, for example, diazoxide.<sup>11</sup> Moreover, these compounds have exhibited marked inhibitory activity<sup>12</sup> against Gram-positive bacteria and recently we have investigated this structural core for its anti-*Mycobacterium* activity.<sup>13</sup>

**Keywords:** Triazolobenzothiadiazines; Aryl sulfonamides; Antibacterial activity; X-ray crystallography; Quantum chemical calculations.

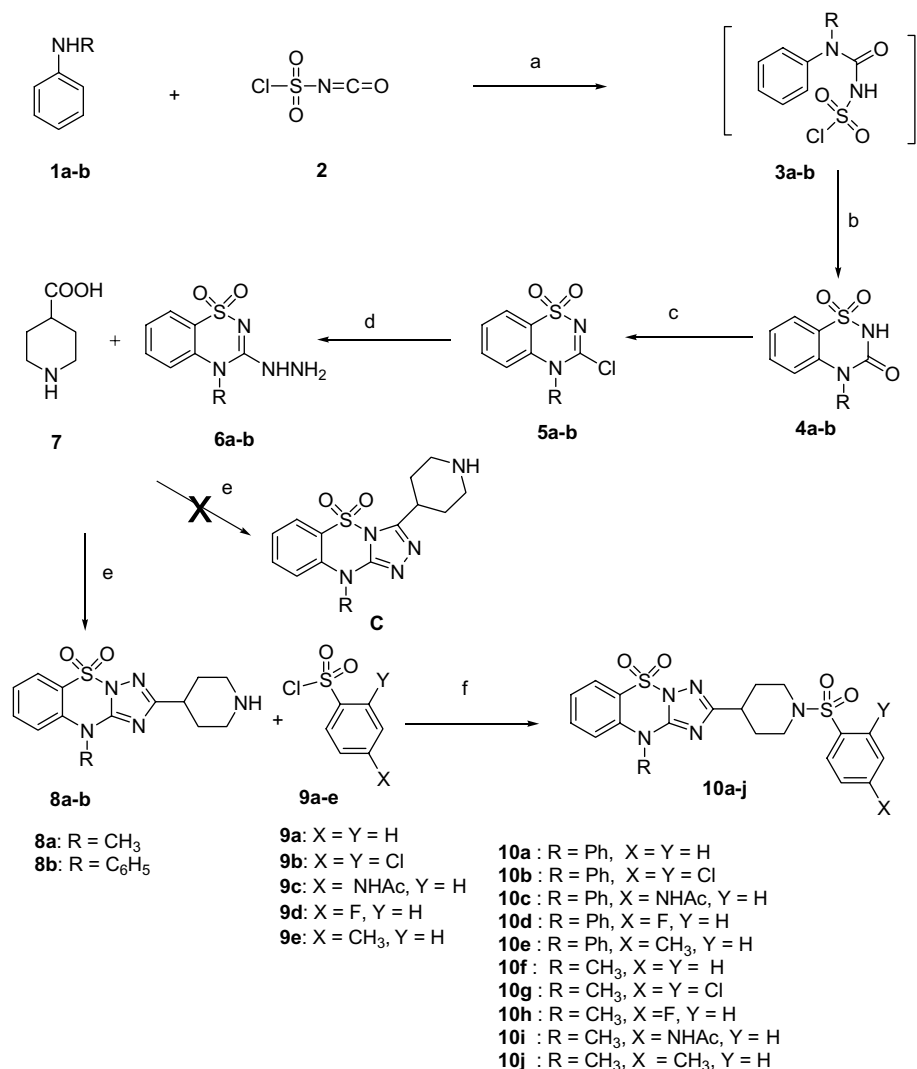
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On the basis of these findings and in continuation of our search on 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine derivatives with potential biological activity, we have synthesized<sup>14</sup> new molecules based on 1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide ring system by incorporating arylsulfonamide functionality. The arylsulfonamide structural motif is well known for exhibiting antibacterial activity.<sup>15–20</sup> This article describes the synthesis and antibacterial activity of some novel triazolobenzothiadiazine linked arylsulfonamides (**10a–j** and **13a–f**). The structure of these molecules has been confirmed by X-crystallography and the rearrangement of the ring is explained on the basis of relative energies and proton affinities. Almost all compounds showed promising antibacterial activity against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacterial strains.

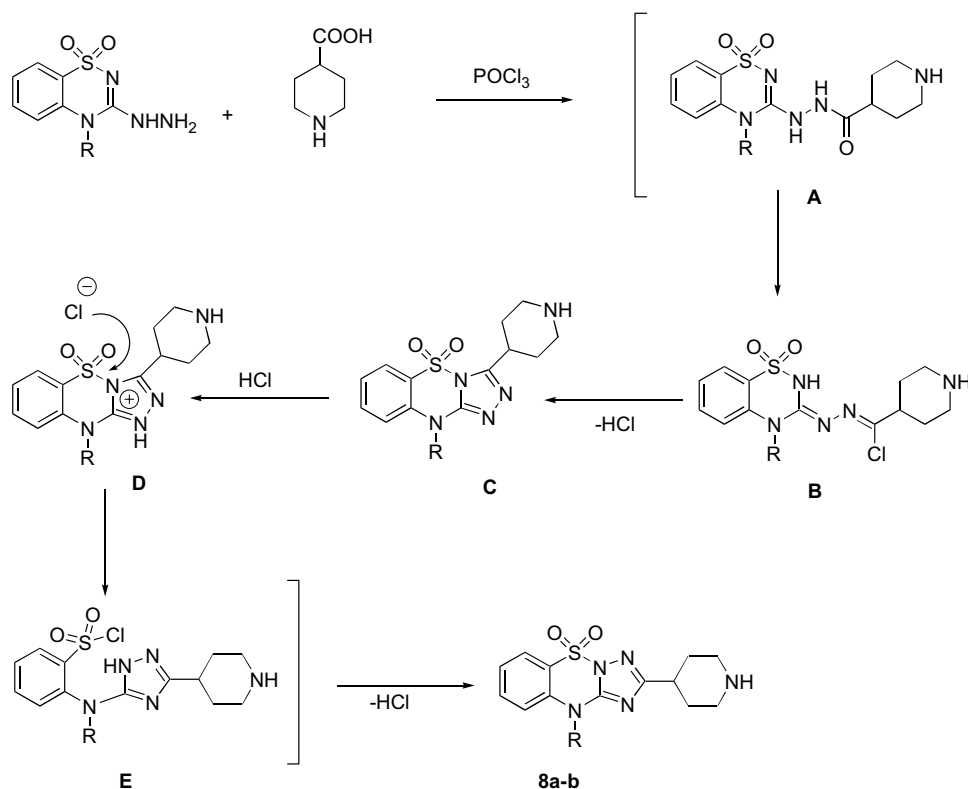
The preparation of the starting materials, 3-hydrazino-4-methyl/phenyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides (**6a** and **b**), was accomplished by the synthetic sequences as previously reported<sup>21</sup> (Scheme 1). The synthesis of triazolo fused benzothiadiazines (**8a** and **b**) was carried out by refluxing 3-hydrazino-4-methyl/phenyl-4*H*-

1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxides (**6a** and **b**) and isonipecotic acid (**7**) in phosphorus oxychloride.<sup>22</sup> The target sulfonamide linked triazolobenzothiadiazines **10a–j** were obtained by the condensation of **8a** and **b** with substituted arylsulfonyl chlorides (**9a–e**) in pyridine<sup>23</sup> (Scheme 1).

A probable mechanism<sup>22</sup> of the reaction course is shown in Scheme 2. Treatment of 3-hydrazino-4-methyl-4*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine 1,1-dioxide and isonipecotic acid with POCl<sub>3</sub> gives 3-(*N'*-piperidinoyl)benzothiadiazine hydrazide of type **A**, which undergoes chlorination to give chloro derivative of type **B**. This undergoes intramolecular ring closure with evolution of HCl to give triazolo[4,3-*b*][1,2,4]benzothiadiazine (**C**). Protonation of triazole ring **D** in acidic condition to form a sulfonyl chloride **E** by SO<sub>2</sub>–N bond cleavage takes place which in turn cyclizes to more stable triazolo[1,5-*b*][1,2,4]benzothiadiazines (**8a** and **b**) with minimization of potential energies. Structures of the compounds **8a** and **b**, and final products **10a–j** (Scheme 1) were confirmed by the elemental analysis, IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and mass



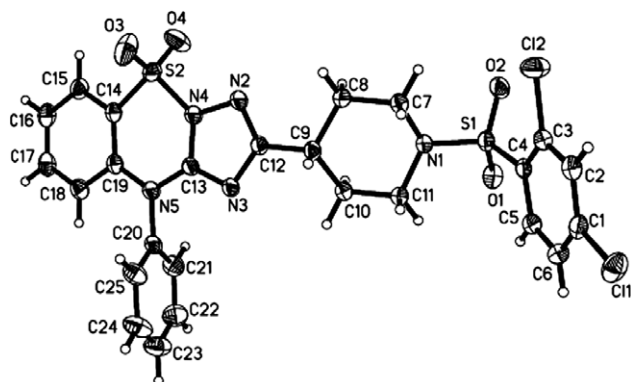
**Scheme 1.** Reagents and conditions: (a) CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, rt, 30 min; (b) AlCl<sub>3</sub>, 120 °C, 30 min; (c) PCl<sub>5</sub>, 190 °C, 30 min; (d) N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 10 °C; (e) POCl<sub>3</sub>, 110 °C, 3–4 h; (f) pyridine, rt, 4 h.



**Scheme 2.** Proposed mechanism of the formation of 10-substituted 2-piperidyl[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]benzothiadiazines **8a** and **b**.

spectrometry. However, the spectroscopic data did not allow straightforward discrimination between expected benzo[e][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-b][1,2,4]thiadiazines' **C** structure and the alternative benzo[e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]thiadiazines **8a** and **b** (Scheme 1). Therefore, X-ray crystallography<sup>24</sup> was undertaken on representative compound **10b** to investigate further discrete structural aspects of this compound. The compound **10b** was subjected to single-crystal X-ray analysis to prove the alternative benzo[e][1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-b][1,2,4]thiadiazines **8a** and **b** (Fig. 1 and Scheme 1). Crystal of compound **10b** was grown by slow evaporation from a mixture of solvents, that is, methanol, chloroform, and diisopropylether (2:3:1).

Similarly, 3-(*N'*-arylsulfonyl)triazolobenzothiadiazine derivatives (**13a–f**) were obtained by the reaction of

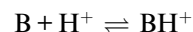


**Figure 1.** ORTEP view showing the atom-labeling scheme with thermal ellipsoids drawn at 30% probability for compound **10b**.

the compounds **6a** and **b** and *p*-amino benzoic acid (**11**) by refluxing in phosphorus oxychloride followed by the condensation of **12a** and **b** with arylsulfonyl chlorides (**9a–e**) in pyridine (Scheme 3).

Quantum chemical calculations were employed to corroborate the observed experimental results. A two-model system was studied to explain the preferential formation of the structure **8a** over **C** (Fig. 2). All the calculations were carried out by using the Gaussian 03 program package.<sup>25</sup> Geometry optimization and frequency calculations were performed on all the structures considered at B3LYP/6-31G\* level. Further, the proton affinities were also calculated at the same level of theory.

Both these structures (**8a** and **C**) were found to be minima on the potential energy surface. The calculated relative energies are given in parentheses. Based on the calculated relative energies it was observed that **8a** is more stable than **C** and these energy values are shown in Figure 2. Highest occupied molecular orbital and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital gap for **8a** is 4.44 eV and **C** is 4.35 eV. This is evident as the HOMO–LUMO difference is higher, stability of the molecule is considered as higher. Furthermore, in order to explain the reactivity of these molecules a gas-phase proton affinity (PA) has been calculated for the following reaction:



where **B** is the base form and **BH<sup>+</sup>** is the protonated form. The PAs were calculated by using the equation given below.



**Table 1.** Antibacterial activity of compounds of [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*b*]-benzothiadiazine arylsulfonamide derivatives (**10a–j** and **13a–f**)

Compound	MIC (μg/disk)					
	<i>E. coli</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>K. pneumoniae</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>S. epidermidis</i> <sup>b</sup>	<i>B. subtilis</i> <sup>b</sup>	<i>Vibrio sps</i> <sup>a</sup>
<b>10a</b>	16	16	32	32	16	32
<b>10b</b>	16	32	32	32	16	16
<b>10c</b>	16	32	32	32	16	32
<b>10d</b>	16	32	32	32	16	16
<b>10e</b>	16	32	16	32	16	32
<b>10f</b>	8	64	32	32	16	32
<b>10g</b>	16	64	16	16	16	32
<b>10h</b>	16	32	16	32	32	32
<b>10i</b>	8	32	32	32	32	16
<b>10j</b>	16	64	64	32	16	32
<b>13a</b>	16	32	32	32	8	32
<b>13b</b>	16	32	64	16	16	32
<b>13c</b>	16	16	32	32	16	32
<b>13d</b>	16	32	32	32	8	32
<b>13e</b>	8	32	16	32	8	32
<b>13f</b>	16	32	32	32	16	32
SA	>128	>512	>64	>512	>128	>512
SZ	16	32	>64	32	16	16

<sup>a</sup> Gram-negative.<sup>b</sup> Gram-positive; SA, sulfanilamide; SZ, sulfadiazine.

arylsulfonamide derivatives was investigated. Moreover, rearrangement of the fused triazolobenzothiadiazine was studied by using X-ray crystallography and quantum chemical calculations. Compounds **10f**, **10i**, and **13e** were found to be the most active against *E. coli* and **13a**, **13d**, and **13e** against *B. subtilis*. Almost all the compounds have shown significant antibacterial activity in comparison to the controls. Therefore, such compounds would represent a fruitful matrix for the development of a new class of antibacterial agents using triazolobenzothiadiazine arylsulfonamides as a promising scaffold for further investigations.

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