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## Synthesis of a New Doxazosin-Related Compound

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**Abstract:** A simple procedure for the synthesis of 1-[4-(2,3-dihydro-1, 4-benzodioxin-2-yl) amide-6, 7-dimethoxy-2-quazolinyl]-4-(1,4-bensodioxan-2-yl-carbonyl) piperazine is described.

Keywords: doxazosin, related compounds, synthesis, HPLC

4-Amino-2-[4-(1,4-benzodioxan-2-ylcarbonyl) piperazin-1-yl]-6,7-dimethoxyquin azoline **5** (doxazosin mesylate) is an important new member of the quinazoline family of drugs used for the treatment of hypertension.<sup>[1-3]</sup> Moreover, the compound has recently attracted more attention because of its efficient treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia.<sup>[4-8]</sup> It is believed that doxazosin is a selective blocker of the  $\alpha$ -adrenergic receptor.

Several procedures have been developed for the synthesis of doxazosin. The most recent one is based on the conversion of acid 1 to the corresponding acid chloride, followed by the reaction with piperazine to give the benzodioxane 2, which is coupled with the quinazoline 3 to provide doxazosin hydrochloride 4, which is then converted into doxazosin mesylate 5 (Figure 1).<sup>[9]</sup>

Two major impurities have been reported in the synthesis of doxazosin mesylate 5. The first one is the symmetrical bis-amide 6 arising from the bicoupling reaction of the acide chloride with piperazine. The second one was piperazine 8. Herein, we report the synthesis of compound 8. Moreover, it can be employed as a reference in the process of controlling the impurities of doxazosin mesylate 5.

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Figure 1. Synthesis of doxazosin mesylate.

Doxazosin mesylate **5** was coupled with 1,4-benzodioxane-2-carbonyl chloride **7** to obtain compound **8** (Fig. 2). The product was obtained in 88% yield after purification by flash chromatography and was characterized by NMR, mass spectrometry (MS) spectroscopy, and analytical high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

NMR spectra were recorded on a 400-MHz Bruker instrument. Mass spectra were performed on a Micromass Autospec-TOF spectrometer. Microanalysis was performed on an EA 1108 CHNS model analyzer. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC) of analytical samples, silica-gel  $60F_{254}$  precoated aluminum sheets were used (Merck Art. No. 5554).



Figure 2. Synthesis of related compound (8).

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#### **High-Performance Liquid Chromatography**

Liquid chromatography was performed using a HPLC system composed of an Agilent model G1311A pump, equipped with a ternary gradient controller and an Agilent model G1315A diode array detector, wavelength 275 nm. The computer is equipped with Agilent LC3D Chemstation for Analytical program, Revision A:09.03. A 250-mm  $\times$  4.6-mm, 5- $\mu$ m Waters spherisorbs CN column was used for determination of degradation products. A mobile phase consisting of a buffer solution (25 mM NH<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) and acetonitrile was delivered at a rate of 1 mL/min, holding the composition at 95:5 for 20 min, then as a linear gradient to 40:60 in 20 min. A post time of 7.5 min is added.

#### 1,4-Benzodioxan-2-carbonyl Chloride 7

Thionyl chloride (0.49 mL, 6.6 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 1,4-benzodioxanecarboxylic acid (1.00 g, 5.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 14 h at room temperature, at which point TLC analysis showed that the reaction was completed. After evaporation of solvent and the excess of thionyl chloride, the crude was employed for the next step without further purification.

#### 1-[4-(2,3-Dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-2-yl) Amide-6,7-dimethoxy-2-quazolinyl]-4-(1,4-benzodioxan-2-yl-carbonyl) Piperazine 8

Triethylamine (1.4 mL, 10.06 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of doxazosin mesylate (2.75 g, 5.03 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL). Stirring continued at room temperature until a clear solution was obtained. This solution was treated dropwise with a solution of 1,4-benzodioxane-2-carbonyl chloride 7 (1.00 g, 5.03 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL).

After 12 h of stirring at room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with water, dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and evaporated. The solid residue was purified by silica-gel chromatography using chloroform as eluent to give the product as a yellow solid. The yield evaluated by HPLC is 88%, and the purity is 98.6%. Mp: 99–100°C. <sup>1</sup>NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.75 (s, 1H); 7.25 (s, 1H); 7.1 (t, 1H); 6.98–6.84 (m, 8H); 6.76 (s, 1H); 5.05 (t, 1H); 4.9 (dd, 1H); 4.6–4.44 (m, 3H); 4.4–4.37 (m, 1H); 4.19–4.04 (m, 2 H); 3 (s, 3H); 4.01–3.81 (m, 3H); 3.9 (s, 3H); 3.81–3.77 (m, 1H); 3.64–3.57 (m, 2H); 1.61 (s, 2H). (M<sup>+</sup>) M/z = 614. C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> · HCl · 2.5 H<sub>2</sub>O calc. C, 55.9%; H, 4.84%; N, 10.2%; found C, 55.93%; H, 4.71%; N, 9.76%.

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