

Synthesis, Characterization, and Antimicrobial Evaluation of new Ibuprofen Derivatives

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ABSTRACT

A new series of ibuprofen derivatives were synthesized and tested against the microbial activity. P-amino ethyl benzoate (compound I) was prepared, then coupled with ibuprofen acyl chloride (compound II) to give ethyl 4-(2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propanamido) benzoate (compounds III). Hydrazine hydrate 99% was added to compound III to synthesized N-(4-(hydrazinecarbonyl) phenyl)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propanamide (compound IV). Finally compound IV coupled with different aldehydes (1. Benzaldehyde (Va) 2. Salicylaldehyde (Vb) 3. 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (Vc) 4. Vanillin (Vd) respectively to form target compounds. Identifications and characterization of these compounds were done by using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR), and ¹H NMR analyses. The antimicrobial results showed that compounds (Va has low activity, Vd has high active, Vb and Vd has the moderate activity) against gram positive bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Streptococcus pyogenes*) and gram-negative bacteria (*Escherichia coli* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) at concentration 500 µg/mL. Vd was the only compound that has antifungal activity against *Candida albicans* compared to fluconazole.

Keywords: Anti-microbial activity, Ibuprofen, Hydrazine hydrate, Schiff base, Aldehyde.

INTRODUCTION

Non-antibiotics can have a direct antimicrobial impact on bacteria and/or fungal cells by a variety of mechanisms, including membrane effects, metabolic modifications, DNA intercalation, adhesion inhibition, and so on. As helper chemicals or immune system modulators, others have an indirect antibacterial effect.^{1,2}

In today's pharmaceutical industry, antimicrobial activity of non-antibiotics is frequently discovered during suitability tests conducted prior to routine pharmacopoeial microbiological purity analysis, which is one of the quality requirements for a drug's release to the market and ensures the patient's microbiological safety.³

Hersh et al. in 1991 and Sanyal et al. in 1993, respectively, were the first to mention ibuprofen's antibacterial and antifungal activities. As a result, ibuprofen's antibacterial action, both direct and indirect, has been recognized for more than 20 years. Surprisingly, there are only approximately 20 studies on the issue, and several elements of ibuprofen's antimicrobial activity, such as the mechanisms of antibacterial action, have not been studied at all.^{4,5}

True, most ibuprofen's antimicrobial effects, as well as those of other non-antibiotics, occur at concentrations significantly higher than those ordinarily obtained in the patient's blood when therapeutic dosages are administered. However, because ibuprofen has been demonstrated to reach inhibitory concentrations in the patient's urine, it has promise as a topical medication and in the treatment of other localized illnesses, such as urinary tract infections.⁶

Ibuprofen might be employed as a coating for prosthetic devices or as a starting point for the development of new antibacterial medicines with unique modes of action.^{7,8}

Unfortunately, ibuprofen's antibacterial action is still regarded as a minor adverse effect that is not included in the patient information leaflets for ibuprofen-containing medications. As a result, it may represent an advantage for the patient, a hidden added value of the products of unknown magnitude. However, it may pose extra dangers during use, particularly when ibuprofen products are used with antibiotics^{9,10,11} or probiotics¹² or when administered rectally, where it may produce an imbalance in the gut flora.^{13,14}

Hugo Schiff, a German scientist and Nobel Prize winner, created Schiff bases, are condensation reactions of primary amines and carbonyl compounds¹⁵. they (also known as imine or azomethine) is a structural analogue of a ketone or aldehyde that's had the carbonyl group (C=O) exchanged by an imine or azomethine group^{16,17}.

Schiff bases and their complex are flexible molecules with a wide range of biological activity, including antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral properties, etc¹⁸.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Solvents and other chemicals used in the process were purchased from commercial sources. Ibuprofen was obtained from Pioneer (an Iraqi pharmaceutical business). To evaluate the purity of the products and monitor the reactions under UV light, thin-layer chromatography (GF254, Merk, Germany) was utilized (254nm). A total of two solvent systems were used. A and B are Chloroform: Methanol (17:3)¹⁹ and ethyl acetate: n-hexane (4:1)²⁰

The melting points were calculated using the Stuart SMP3 melting point instrument in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. The infrared spectra were created using a Shimadzu FT-IR spectrophotometer from Japan. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on the NMR-500 spectrometer model using tetramethyl silane as an internal standard; chemical shifts (δ) were expressed in ppm.

Synthesis of Ethyl P-aminobenzoate (compound I): 6 gm of benzoic acid in 60 ml of absolute ethanol with 6 ml of H₂SO₄ were refluxed for 75 minutes after cooling, cold water was added then sodium bicarbonate (10%) was added, until the bubbles disappear. finally filter and wash with distilled water at least 2 time

synthesis of ibuprofen acyl chloride (compound II): (1 gm 4.8mmol) of ibuprofen was suspended in 1 ml of dry chloroform with addition of excess amount of thionyl chloride (1.2 ml) drop by drop, then the resulting mixture was refluxed for 3 hours.

After that, remove the solvent and rinse the residue twice at least with 3ml of dry chloroform.

Synthesis of ethyl 4-(2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propanamido) benzoate (compound III): (0.825 gm 4.8 mmol) of compound I was dissolved in 30 ml of Dichloromethane (DCM) with addition of (1.35 gm 9.6mmol) triethylamine over 3 minutes then stirring for three hours at room temperature.

In other line dissolve ibuprofen acyl chloride in 1ml dry chloroform then added slowly to the above mixture and left stirring at room temperature overnight.

The mixture dried and the residue dissolved in 30 ml of ethyl acetate and washed with 10 ml (1 N HCl), 10 ml D.W., 10 ml NaHCO₃ 5 percent, respectively twice for each one and finally the organic layer was separated and dried with magnesium anhydrous to get oily residue.

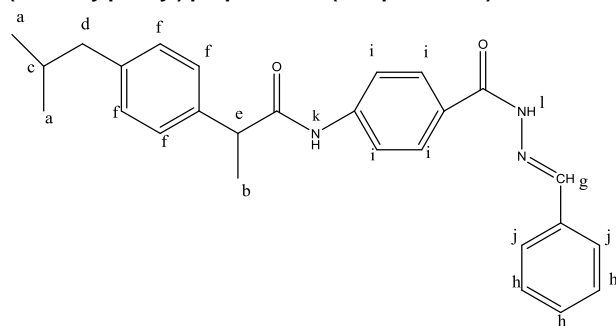
Synthesis of N-(2-hydrazinyl-2-oxoethyl)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propanamide (compound IV): (0.8 gm 3 mmol) of compound III dissolved in 10 ml of absolute ethanol, then hydrazine hydrate 99%

is added and refluxed for 9 hours at 65 °C then the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature.

The mixture was evaporated by hot air steam then cold water was added a white precipitate was obtained, filtered and finally rinsed with ether.

Synthesis of target compound (Va_Vd): 5 drops of glacial acetic acid were added to an absolute ethanolic solutions (5 ml) containing (4.8mmol) of each of the following aldehydes: benzaldehyde; 1 (1.2 gm), salicylaldehyde; 2 (1.3gm), 4-hydroxybenzaldehyde; 3 (1.22gm), 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde; 4(1.2gm) respectively. Then, drop by drop, added (4.8mol, 1.2g) of compound IV dissolved in (10ml) of absolute ethanol to the reaction mixtures given above, and reflux for 6 to 8 hours at 80°C. At the end of the reflux time, the mixture was allowed to cool at room temperature or on crushed ice, and the generated ppt. were collected, filtered, and recrystallized with hot ethanol to deliver the necessary target compound.

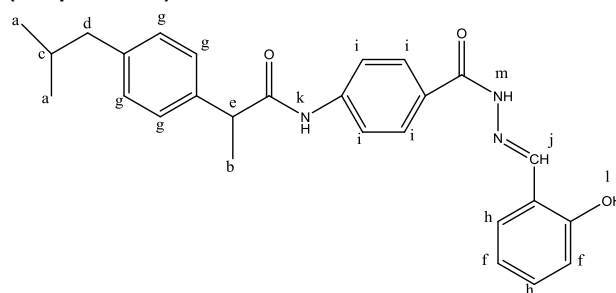
➤ **(E)-N-(4-(2-benzylidenehydrazine-1-carbonyl) phenyl)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propenamide (compound Va)**



Light yellow, **Yield:** 85%, **M.P.:** (200_202 °C), **Rf:** 0.88 (B), **IR** (u cm^{-1}): 3317_3251 (NH) str. of 2°amide, 3059 (CH) str. of aromatic, 2954 (CH_3) str, 1670 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1647 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1608 $\text{C}=\text{N}$.

¹H NMR: 0.85 a(6H, d, CH_3), 1.43 b(3H, d, CH_3), 1.81 c(1H, m, CH), 2.42 d(2H, d, CH_2), 3.85 e(1H, m, CH), 7_7.9 f,i,j,h (13 H protons of aromatic ring), 8.46 g(1H, s, $\text{HC}=\text{N}$), 10.33 k(1H, s, NH proton), 11.76 l(1H,s, $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$).

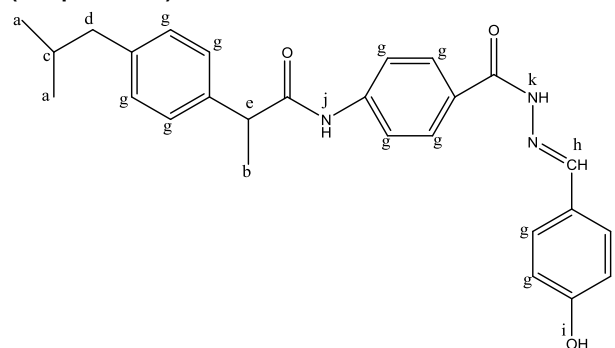
➤ **(E)-N-(4-(2-(2-hydroxybenzylidene) carbonyl) phenyl)-2-(4 isobutylphenyl) propenamide (compound Vb)**



Crestal yellow, **Yield:** 50%, **M.P.:** (230_233 °C), **Rf:** 0.88 (B), **IR** (u cm^{-1}): 3317 Phenolic OH stretching, 3228_3197 (NH) str. of 2°amide, 3055 (CH) str. of aromatic, 2951 (CH_3) str, 1658 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1639 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1608 $\text{HC}=\text{N}$

¹H NMR: 0.85 a(6H, d, CH_3), 1.43 b(3H, d, CH_3), 1.81 c(1H, m, CH), 2.42 d(2H, d, CH_2), 3.85 e(1H, m, CH), 6.91_7.85 f,g,h,i(12 H protons of aromatic ring), 8.63 j(1H, s, $\text{HC}=\text{N}$), 10.33 k(1H, s, NH proton), 11.76 l(1H,s, OH of aldehyde), 12 m(1H, s, $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$).

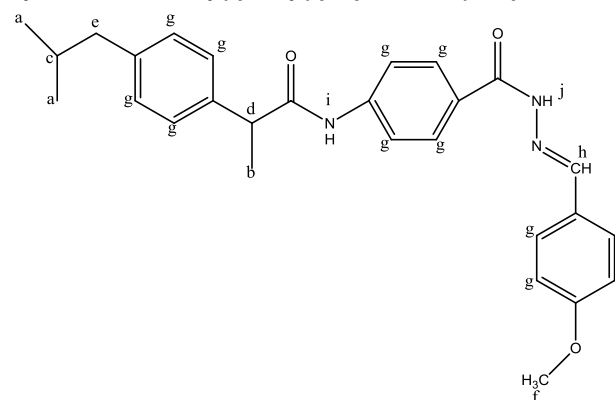
➤ **(E)-N-(4-(2-(4-hydroxybenzylidene) carbonyl) phenyl)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl) propenamide (compound Vc)**



White fluffy powder, **Yield:** 63%, **M.P.:** (226_228 °C), **Rf:** 0.88 (B), **IR** (u cm^{-1}): 3317 Phenolic OH stretching, 3305_3228 (NH) str. of 2°amide, 3084 (CH) str. of aromatic, 2954 (CH_3) str, 1658 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1643 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1608 $\text{C}=\text{N}$.

¹H NMR: 0.85 a(6H, d, CH_3), 1.43 b(3H, d, CH_3), 1.81 c(1H, m, CH), 2.10 d(2H, d, CH_2), 3.85 e(1H, m, CH), 6.86_7.89 g(12 H protons of aromatic ring), 8.31 h(1H, s, $\text{HC}=\text{N}$), 9.80 i(1H,s, OH of aldehyde), 10.31 j(1H, s, NH proton), 11.45 k(1H, s, $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$).

➤ **(E)-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)-N-(4-(2-(4-methoxybenzylidene) hydrazine-1-carbonyl) phenyl) propenamide (compound Vd)**



Off white powder, **Yield:** 65%, **M.P.:** (220_222 °C), **Rf:** 0.88 (B), **IR** (u cm^{-1}): 3321_3248 (NH) str. of 2°amide, 3084 (CH) str. of aromatic, 2951 (CH_3) str, 1666 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1647 $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}$ Asymmetric stretching, 1608 $\text{C}=\text{N}$, 1253 $\text{C}-\text{OCH}_3$ Asymmetric stretching

¹H NMR: 0.85 a(6H, d, CH_3), 1.43 b(3H, d, CH_3), 1.81 c(1H, m, CH), 2.10 d(2H, m, CH_2), 3.41 e(2H,d, CH_2), 3.82 f(3H, s, aromatic of aldehyde), 7.10_7.85 g(12 H protons of aromatic ring), 8.39 h(1H, s, $\text{C}=\text{N}$), 10.32 i(1H, s, NH proton), 11.62 j(1H, s, $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{NH}-\text{N}$).

Antimicrobial Assay: The antibacterial effect was measured by measuring the diameter of the inhibition zone (IZ) all over the disc in millimetres after 24 hours of incubation at 37 °C. The antibacterial and antifungal effect was determined by measuring the width of the inhibitory zone generated all around the well.²¹

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry: The steps of the synthesis of target compound (Va-Vd), starting from ibuprofen are demonstrated in scheme1. In the

first, synthesis the ibuprofen acyl chloride by interacting ibuprofen with thionyl chloride. the other line prepare of ethyl ester of p_ amino benzoic acid with thionyl chloride. the other line prepare of ethyl ester of p_ amino benzoic acid was addition to compound II to form compound III. Then added hydrazine hydrate 99% to compound III to form compound IV. Finally, target compound (Va-Vd), were prepared by refluxing different aromatic aldehydes (1. benzaldehyde (Va) 2. Salicylaldehyde (Vb) 3. 4_hydroxy benzaldehyde (Vc) 4. Vanillin (Vd)) with compound IV in absolute ethanol in presence of acetic acid as catalyst.

The structures of these derivatives have been confirmed by infrared absorption spectra by the disappearance of asymmetric and symmetric absorption bands for O=C-O group of compound (III) and the appearance of new absorption peak in the final prepared compounds of N=C (1608) cm⁻¹. The ¹H-NMR spectra showed signals in the regions 6.84–7.95 ppm attributed to aromatic

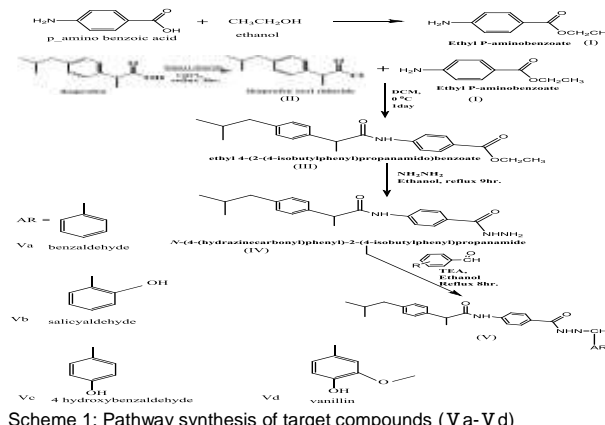


Table 1: Antimicrobial activity of target compounds (Va-Vd) with concentration 500 µg/mL

Compound No.	Inhibition zone (IZ) in mm				
	Escherichia coli (G-ve)	Pseudomonas aeruginosa (G-ve)	Staphylococcus aureus (G+ve)	Streptococcus pyogenes (G+ve)	Candida albicans
Ciprofloxacin*	22		18	15	
Fluconazole**					25
DMSO					
Va	9	6	9	10	10
Vb	21	12	19	20	18
Vc	20	14	20	20	17
Vd	22	15	25	23	27

* Standard for bacterial strains, ** Standard for fungi.

= No activity, slightly active (inhibition zone between 5-10 mm), moderately active= (inhibition zone between 10-20 mm), ADDIN CSL_CITATION {"citationItems":[{"id":"ITEM-1","itemData":{"DOI":"10.31351/vol29iss1pp247-252","abstract":"A new series of bases of Schiff (H2-H4) derived from phthalic anhydride were synthesized. These Schiff bases were prepared by the reaction of different amines (tyrosine methyl ester, phenylalanine methyl ester, and isoniazid) with the phthalimide derived aldehyde with the aid of glacial acetic acid or triethylamine ascatalysts. All the synthesized compounds were characterized by (FT-IR and ¹H NMR) analyses and were in vitro evaluated for their antimicrobial activity against six various kinds of microorganisms. All the synthesized compounds had been screened for their antimicrobial activity against two Gram-positive bacteria "Staph. Aureus, and Bacillus subtilis", two Gram-negative bacteria "Escherichia coli, and Klebsiella pneumoniae", and two fungi species "Candida tropicalis and Candida albicans" using concentrations of 62.5, 125 and 250 µg/mL of derivative in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). All the synthesized compounds showed no activity at all against Gram-positive bacteria, for Gram-negative bacteria and fungi they showed moderate or no activity except compound H1 revealed high antifungal activity against Candida tropicalis at concentrations 125 and 250 µg/mL. جديدة من قواعد الخالصة. هذه ال. تم تحضير المستمدة من أنهيدريد الفثاليك (H-2 H) 4 شيف تم تصنيع سلسلة من الفثاليميد بمساعدة حمض السيتيك الجليدي أ ت قواعد بواسطة تفاعل الأيمينات المختلفة إيثيل أمين (تيروزين ميثيل إستر ، فينيل ألانين ميثيل إستر ، وإيزونيازيد) مع الأدهيد المشتت النووي المقطاطيسي جميع المركبات المركبة بواسطة تحاليل (تشخصت كعامل مساعد. راي جميع المركبات المركب للبروتون واستعمال مطياف الشععة تحت الحمراء ومطيافالترين لنشاطها المضاد للميكروبات ضد ستة أنواع مختلفة من الكائنات الحية الدقيقة. تم فحص لصيغة لنشاطها المضاد للميكروبات ضد اثنين من البكتيريا (إيجابية) وتم تقييمها في المختبر سالبة الجرام (الجرام) (المكورات العنقودية الذهبية ، والعصية الرقيقة) ، واثنان من البكتيريا (المكورة والمبيضات) ، ونوعان من الفطريات (الشريكية القولونية ، والكلبيسة الرنوية المذيب ميكروغرام / مل من مشتق في 250 و 125 و 62.5 باستخدام تركيزات المبيضات لم تظهر جميع المركبات المركبة أي نشاط على الإطلاق ضد. ثنائي ميثيل السلفوكسايد

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Antimicrobial evaluation: Using a well diffusion approach, the antibacterial activity of target compound (Va-Vd) were investigated in relation to ciprofloxacin and fluconazole using G(+ve Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes) and G(-ve Escherichia coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa) bacteria and fungal strain Candida albicans. As indicated in Table 1, DMSO served as both a solvent and a negative control.

compounds synthesized derivatives show activity against 4 types of bacteria, especially compound (Vd) has the greatest activity against 4 type of bacteria tested. While Vb and Vc have moderate activity against bacteria tested.

When the antifungal activity of the novel compounds was tested against Candida albicans species, the majority of them were shown to be extremely active when compared to Fluconazole; in fact, compound (Vd) outperformed Fluconazole.

CONCLUSION

The novel target compounds were produced effectively. FT-IR spectroscopy and ¹HNMR were used to validate their chemical structures. The well-diffusion method was used to investigate the antibacterial activity of target compounds (V_a-V_d). The synthesized compounds had antibacterial activity, (V_d) compounds has more antibacterial activity, while (V_a) has slightly antibacterial activity when compared to standard pharmaceuticals (ciprofloxacin). (V_d) has greater antifungal activity compared to fluconazole.

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