

Synthesis and Antimicrobial Evaluation of New 6 and 7 Substituted Derivatives of Coumarin

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Abstract

A series of benzohydrazide derivatives attached to coumarin moiety at position 6 and 7 have been synthesized. The reaction of coumarin derivatives (coumarin I and II) with p-nitrophenyl hydrazine yield Schiff bases (compound 1a and IIa). These Schiff bases were refluxed with benzoyl chloride to give benzohydrazide derivatives of coumarin substituted at its 6 or 7 nucleus position (Ia₁ and IIa₁). The reaction and the purity of the products were checked by thin layer chromatography (TLC). The structures of the final compounds and their intermediates were confirmed by their melting points, infra red spectroscopy, and elemental microanalysis (CHN).

Compounds (Ia₁ and IIa₁) were evaluated for their preliminary antibacterial and antifungal activities. Compound (IIa₁) has good antibacterial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* other than bacterial species, and was equivalent to ofloxacin as (standard drug).

Key word: Coumarin, Schiff base, benzohydrazide derivatives, antimicrobial activity.

تحضير والتقييم البايولوجي لمشتقات الكومارين المعوضة في الموقعين 6 و 7 كمضادات للميكروبات

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الخلاصة

تم تخليق سلسلة من مركبات البنزوهيدرازيد المتصلة بنواة الكومارين في الموقعين 6 و 7. ان تفاعل مشتقات الكومارين (مركب (I) و (II) مع (p-Nitrophenyl hydrazine) اعطت قواعد شف مركب (1a) و (IIa). لقد استعملت هذه القواعد مع كلوريد البنزويل ليعطي مشتقات البنزوهيدرازيد للكومارين المعوض على نواته في الموقعين 6 و 7 (Ia₁, IIa₁). لقد جرت مراقبة جميع التفاعلات والتأكد من نقاوة المركبات بواسطة كروموتغرافيا الطبقة الرقيقة، كما تم متابعة سير المركبات الوسيطة والمركبات النهائية وثبات هويتها من خلال قياس درجات الانصهار والتحليل الطيفي للأشعة تحت الحمراء، والتحليل الدقيق للعناصر. لقد تم تقييم الفعالية المبدئية للمركبين (IIa₁, Ia₁) ضد الجراثيم والفطريات، حيث وجد ان المركب (IIa₁) يمتلك فعالية جيدة ضد *Staphylococcus aureus* دون غيرها من اصناف البكتريا وكان مكافئا لفعالية الاوفلوكساسين كدواء قياسي. الكلمات المفتاحية: الكومارين، قواعد شف، مشتقات البنزوهيدرازيد، الفعالية المضادة للجراثيم.

Introduction

Coumarins (2H-1benzopyran-2-ones) are important oxygen containing fused heterocycles used in drugs and dyes. Coumarins bound their class name to "coumarou" the vernacular name of *Tonaka bean*, from which coumarin itself was isolated in 1820. Coumarin and its derivatives represent one of the most active classes of compounds possessing a wide spectrum of biological activity⁽¹⁻³⁾. Novobiocin and chlorobiocin are established antimicrobials containing a coumarin skeleton⁽⁴⁾. Many of these compounds have been proven to be active as, antibacterial⁽⁵⁻⁷⁾, antifungal⁽⁸⁾, anti-inflammatory⁽⁹⁾, anticoagulant⁽¹⁰⁾ and anti tumor agents⁽¹¹⁾.

Azomethine group (C=N) containing compounds typically known as Schiff bases

have been synthesized by condensation of primary amines with active carbonyl form. Schiff bases from a significant class of compounds in medicinal and pharmaceutical chemistry with several biological applications that induce antibacterial and antifungal activities⁽¹²⁻¹⁶⁾. It's known that Schiff bases react smoothly with acid chloride to give the corresponding addition products⁽¹⁷⁻²¹⁾.

Experimental section:

1. Chemicals:

The specific chemicals used in this work are supplied from HIMEDIA, Fluka and SIGMA companies. All the solvents were of annular grade and used without further purification.

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2. Detection Equipments:

Melting points were determined by capillary tube method on Banested (UK). The FTIR spectra were recorded on FTIR spectrophotometer, Shimadzu (Japan) at the college of Science (Al-Mustansaryia University). The CHN microanalysis were carried out using Euro A (Elemental Analyzer), (Italy) performed in the college of Science-Al-Mustansaryia University. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was run on silica gel GF₂₅₄ (60), Merck (Germany) to check both purity of compounds and their reactions progress. The antimicrobial study of the synthesized final products was done in Al-Kindy college of Medicine-University of Baghdad.

Synthesis:

A. Synthesis of 4-methyl -2 - oxo -2H-chromene-6-carbaldehyde (compound I):

Methyl acetoacetate (0.28 mole, 30ml) was mixed with re-distilled trimethyl orthoformate (0.27 mole, 30 ml) in dry methanol (25ml) and then conc. HCl (0.3ml) was added. The mixture was distilled immediately to obtain methyl-β-methoxy crotonate. Later polyphosphoric acid 100gm was added to a mixture of *p*-hydroxy benzaldehyde (0.05mole, 6.2 gm) and methyl-β-methoxy - crotonate (0.055 mole, 8 gm). The mixture was stirred for 90 minutes on steam bath at 80-85 °C and then poured into ice and water. The solid product was collected, washed and dried. Re-crystallization was from ethanol⁽²²⁾.

Percent yield, physical appearance, m.p., R_f values are listed in table (1), While the IR characteristic absorption bands are listed in table (2).

B. Synthesis of 4- methyl -6 - (2 - (4-nitrophenyl) hydrazano) methyl) -2H-chromene-2-one (compound Ia)

Equimoles of compound (I) (0.01mole, 1.88gm) and *p*-nitrophenyl hydrazine (0.01mole, 1.53gm) were dissolved in 25 ml of methanol, to the resulting mixture 4-5 drops of piperidine was added and the mixture was refluxed for 10 hours. After completing the reaction, the mixture was poured into crushed ice. The product obtained was filtered and purified from methanol⁽²³⁾.

Percent yield, physical appearance, m.p., and R_f values are listed in table (1) and the IR characteristic absorption bands are listed in table (2) and the elemental micro analysis data are listed in table (3).

C. Synthesis of N- (chloro (4- methyl -2 - oxo-2H- chromene - 6 -yl) methyl)-N'-(4-nitrophenyl) benzohydrazide (compound Ia₁).

Benzoyl chloride (0.01 mole, 1,2ml) was added drop wise to a solution of equimolar quantity of compound (Ia), (0,01 mole, 3.23gm), dissolved in 1,4 dioxane (15 ml) and the mixture was refluxed for 6-8 hrs. Later the mixture was poured into ice with stirring. The product was filtered and purified from ethanol⁽²⁴⁾, Percent yield, physical appearance, m.p., and R_f values are listed in table (1), IR characteristic absorption bands are listed in table (2) and the elemental microanalysis data are listed in table (3).

D. Synthesis of 4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-7-carbaldehyd (compound II).

A flask containing (45) ml conc. sulfuric acid was immersed in an ice bath and the temperature was kept below 10°C. A solution of (0,1 mole, 12.2 gm) of 3-hydroxy benzaldehyde in (0.1 mole, 1.2 ml) of methyl acetoacetate was then added, and the temperature should be kept below 10°C during the time of addition. Later the reaction mixture was kept at R.T for 48 hrs. after which, it was poured into a flask containing a mixture of ice and water, and the formed solid product was filtered off, washed with water, and re-crystallized from ethanol⁽²⁵⁾.

Percent yield, physical appearance, m.p., and R_f values are listed in table(1), while the IR characteristic absorption bands are listed in table (2).

E. Synthesis of 4-methyl-7-((2-(4-nitrophenyl) hydrazono) methyl)-2H-chromen-2-one (compound IIa).

To a solution of compound (II), (0.01 mole, 1.88gm) in absolute ethanol (25 ml), an equimolecular amount of *p*-nitrophenyl hydrazine was added (0.01 mole, 1.53 gm), to the above solution and a catalytic amount of piperidine (4-5) drops. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 10 hrs. It was then cooled at R.T, poured into crushed ice, filtered and purified from methanol⁽²⁶⁾.

Percent yield, physical appearance, m.p., and R_f values are listed in table (1), While the IR characteristic absorption bands are listed in table (2).

F. Synthesis of N-(Chloro(4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-7-yl)methyl)-N'-(4-nitrophenyl) benzohydrazide (compound II a₁):

Compound (IIa), (0.01 mole, 3.23 gm) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (15 ml) and to which (0.01 mole, 1.2 ml) of benzoyl chloride was added dropwise, and the mixture was refluxed for 6-8 hrs. After which, the mixture was poured into ice with stirring. The product

obtained was filtered and purified from ethanol⁽²⁴⁾.

Percent yield, physical appearance ,m.p., and the R_f values are listed in table (2).The

elemental microanalysis data are listed in table (3).

Table (1) The physical appearance, percent yield, melting points and R_f values of the synthesized compounds and their intermediates.

Compd.	Physical appearance	Yield %	Observed melting point °C	Rf value	Solvent system
I	Dark brown crystal	63%	185-188	0.8	Ethanol 8: Benzene 2
Ia	Light brown crystal	77%	207-210	0.88	Petroleum ether(40-60°C) 5: Ethyl acetate 5
Ia ₁	Light walnut powder	89%	110-112	0.84	Ethanol 8: Benzene 2
II	Dark brown crystal	58%	194-196	0.89	Petroleum ether(40-60°C) 5: Ethyl acetate 5
IIa	Light brown powde	77%	203-205	0.86	Ethanol 8: Benzene 2
IIa ₁	Light walnut powder	93	115-118	0.83	Ethanol 8: Benzene 2

Table (2) The IR characteristic absorption bands of the synthesized compounds

Compd.	IR characteristic absorption bands ν (cm ⁻¹)
I	(1724) cm ⁻¹ for C=O of pyran ring and (1710)cm ⁻¹ for C=O stretching of aldehyde group
Ia	(1600) cm ⁻¹ for C=N stretching, (3400)cm ⁻¹ for N-H stretching and (1446) cm ⁻¹ and (1370) cm ⁻¹ for NO ₂ stretching
Ia ₁	(1687) cm ⁻¹ C=O of amide group and (781) cm ⁻¹ for C-Cl
II	(1707)cm ⁻¹ for C=O of pyran ring and (1695)cm ⁻¹ for C=O stretching of aldehyde group
IIa	(1579) cm ⁻¹ for C=N stretching,(3392)cm ⁻¹ for NH-stretching and (1516) cm ⁻¹ and (1385) cm ⁻¹ for NO ₂ stretching
IIa ₁	(1687) cm ⁻¹ for C=O of amide group and (808) cm ⁻¹ for C-Cl

Table (3) The elemental microanalysis of the products Ia₁ and IIa₁

Compd.	Value type	C%	H%	N%	M.wt.
Ia ₁	Calculated	62.1	3.89	9.07	463.5
	Observed	59.3	3.84	9.11	
IIa ₁	Calculated	62.1	3.89	9.07	463.5
	Observed	59.72	3.87	9.34	

Antimicrobial Activity

A preliminary antibacterial and antifungal activity have been carried out according to Well Diffusion method.

The prepared compounds have been studied for their antimicrobial activity *in vitro* against three tested bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus spp.*, as Gram positive bacteria and *Proteus spp.*, As Gram negative bacteria,

and fungi (*Candida spp.*), were clinically activated and maintained on nutrient agar medium for testing antibacterial activity and sabouraud dextrose agar medium for antifungal activity. Ofloxacin was used a standard drug for antifungal activity. The plates were incubated at 30°C for 72 hrs., for

the (fungal *spp.*), or 37°C for 24 hrs., for the bacterial *spp.*)⁽²⁷⁾.

The antimicrobial activity was evaluated by measuring the diameter of inhibition zone

around the disk in (mm), as shown in table (4) and (5) respectively.

Table (4) The antibacterial activity of the tested compounds.

Compd.	Concentration $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Zone of inhibition in mm	Zone of inhibition in mm	Zone of Inhibition in mm.
		<i>Staphylococcus aureus spp.</i>	<i>Streptococcus spp.</i>	<i>Proteus spp.</i>
Ia1	3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	1	2	No activity
	25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	5	4	No activity
	60 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	9	8	No activity
IIa1	3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	4	2	No activity
	25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	8	6	No activity
	60 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	14	12	No activity
Ofloxacin	3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	8	7	6
	26 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	10	13	11
	60 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	16	18	17

Table (5) The antifungal activity of tested compounds

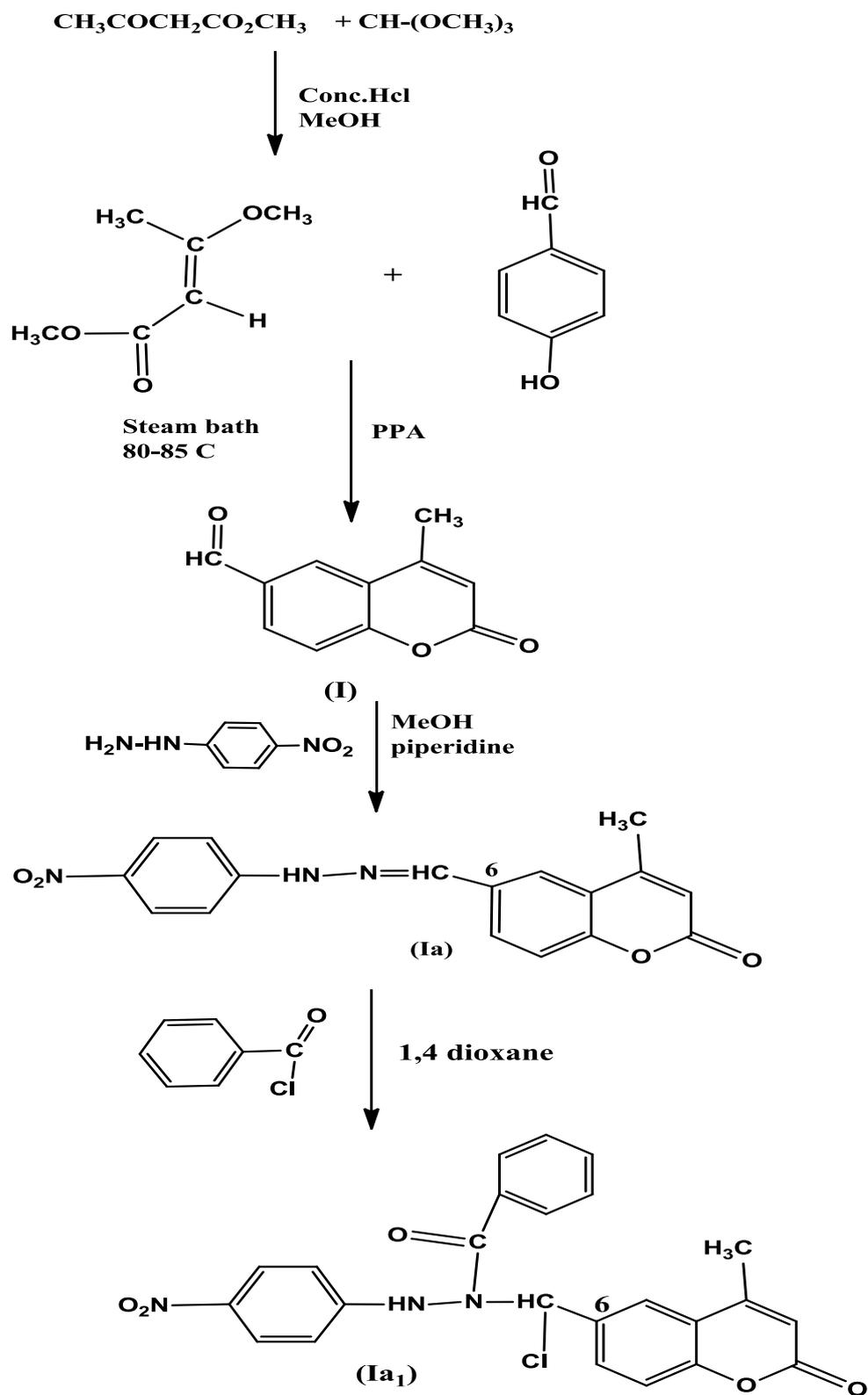
Compd.	Concentration $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Zone of inhibition in mm <i>Candida spp.</i>
Ia1	3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	7
	25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	9
	60 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	16
IIa1	3 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	6
	25 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	4
	60 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	12
Ketoconazole	3	11
	25	27
	60	30

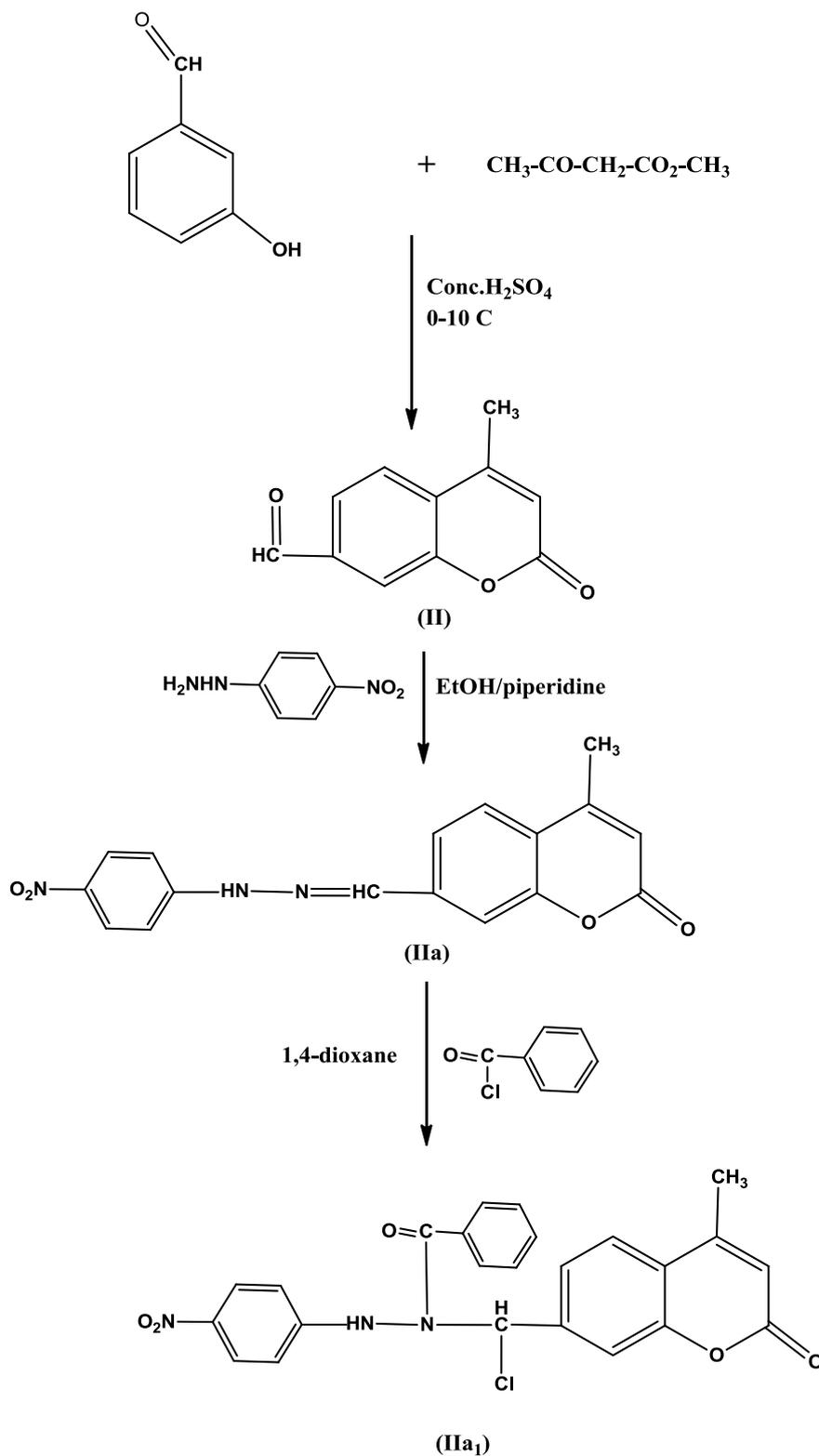
Results and Discussion

The present investigation involves the synthesis of new series of compounds involving the coumarin moiety as shown in scheme 1 and scheme 2; the pathway of synthesis of coumarin derivatives that have a characteristic aldehyde group substituted at the 6 or 7 positions of the coumarin nucleus as shown in compound (I) and (II).

Schiff bases (Ia,IIa) were prepared by condensation of compound (I) and (II) with *p*-nitrophenyl hydrazine respectively using piperidine as catalyst; piperidine will increase the nucleophilicity of the amine group, and the reaction when followed by IR, showed the appearance of a characteristic absorption bands

for (C=N) and (N-H), and disappearance of the band for (C=O) of aldehyde group as shown in table 2. The reactions between benzoyl chloride and Schiff bases are type from addition to the (C=N) moiety, and the reactions when followed by IR; illustrated the disappearance of (C=N) band, and the appearance of (C=O) of amide band and the appearance of (C-Cl) band as shown in table 2. The antimicrobial activities (antibacterial and antifungal activities) have been carried out according to Well Diffusion methodology using ofloxacin and ketonazole as a standards respectively. All the results are fixed in table 4 and table 5.

Scheme 1: pathway of synthesis of compound (Ia₁)



Scheme 2: Pathway of synthesis of compound (IIa₁)

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