# Synthesis and Herbicidal Properties of 2-(5-lsoxazolinemethoxyphenyl)-4.5.6.7-tetrahydro-2H-indazole and Their Related Derivatives

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Abstract: A series of bicyclic 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazole derivatives 6 have been synthesized, and their herbicidal activities were studied in flooded paddy condition. The compounds 6 showed herbicidal effects to barnyardgrass and Monochoria and good tolerance against rice at a rate of 0.063 kg/ha~0.25 kg/ha.(Received June 4, 2001; accepted September 19, 2001)

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Cyclic imide classes of herbicides have been classified as Protox inhibitors, since they have been found to inhibit protoporphyrinogen IX oxidase (Protox) (Hirai, 1999). Most recent cyclic imides consisting of a highly functionalized phenyl group and nitrogen-containing heterocycle moiety exhibit superior efficacy against weeds at low rate of application. 5-Membered cyclic imides were developed practicaly and the compound of this class are under development. Especilly, pyrazole derivatives have been intensively studied and focused on bicyclic 4,5,6,7tetrahydroindazole derivatives exemplified by S-275 (Nagano et al., 1983).

We have extensively studied on the synthesis of diverse types of new compounds containing pyrazole moiety. The compound 1 exhibit a potent herbicidal effect especially to barnyardgrass, and safe to rice in flooded paddy conditions (Ryu et al., 2001; Jeon et al., 1998; Jeon et al., 1999; Lee et al., 2000). Because the starting material in the synthesis of 1, the fluorine containing aniline derivative was expensive, we were interested in preparing 6 in which chlorine is substituted instead of fluorine. We now report a

paddy conditions. Scheme 1 outlines the synthesis

synthesis of 6 and the herbicidal effect in flooded

of bicyclic 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazole derivatives 6. The starting material 2 was prepared through nitration of 2,4-dichlorophenol followed by reduction. Compound 2 was dissolved in conc. hydrochloric acid, and treated with a aqueous solution of sodium nitrite at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 1hr at 5 to -5 °C. The resulting mixture was cooled to -30 °C, and a solution of stannous chloride dissolved in conc. hydrochloric acid was added followed by stirring at -30 °C to 0 °C for 3 hour to give hydrazine derivative 3. The tetrahydroindazolone 4 was obtained by refluxing with a solution of 3 and ethyl 2-cyclohexanonecarboxylate in acetic acid for 4 hour. The product 4 was added to a 1.5 M solution of phosgene in toluene at room temperature, and the mixture was refluxed for 4 hour to give the tetrahydroindazole 5a. To a solution of 5a in acetone was added methallyl chloride, potassium carbonate as a base and catalytic amount of potassium iodide, and the mixture was refluxed for 12 hour to afford 5b. The cycloaddition reaction between alkene group and nitrile oxides of 5b was carried out for the following method. To a solution of compound 5b and various hydroximoyl chlorides dissolved in methylene chloride was added dropwise a solution of triethylamine in methylene chloride. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 hour to give the isoxazolines 6a-h.

The herbicidal activity of 6a-h were evaluated under paddy submerged conditions according to the following methods. The sterilized paddy soil was filled in a test pot having a surface area of 140 cm<sup>2</sup> and

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a. 1) NaNO<sub>2</sub>, C-HCl, 0  $^{\circ}$ C 2) SnCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O, -30 $^{\circ}$ C **b**. ethyl 2-cyclohexaonecarboxylate, AcOH, reflux **c**. phosgene, toluene, reflux **d**. Methallyl chloride, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Kl, acetone, reflux **e**. R-CHCl=NOH, triethylamine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt

#### Scheme 1

test species were planted. The test compounds dissolved in acetone were added on the surface as an acetone solutions by proper rate. The pots were placed in a greenhouse and watered for 3 weeks. The herbicidal activity data were taken visually by percent control, wherein 0 signifies no herbicidal effect and 100 signifies complete kill. The results are summarized in Table 1.

While compounds in which electron-withdrawing group was substituted in phenyl group at para position such as 6f and 6h exhibited no herbicidal effects, the majority of compounds 6 showed herbicidal effects to barnyardgrass and monochoria and good tolerance against rice at a rate of  $0.063~{\rm kg/ha} \sim 0.25~{\rm kg/ha}$ . However, they exhibited little advantageous in herbicidal effects or selectivity in comparison with the compound 1 in all their aspects.

### Spectral Data:

3-Chloro-2-{4-chloro-5-(3-phenyl-5-methylisoxazolin-5-yl) methoxy-2-chlorophenyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-indazol e (6a): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.69~7.38 (5H, m), 7.26 (1H, s), 6.96 (1H, s), 4.08 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.98(2H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.59 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.17 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.64 (3H, s), 2.72~1.26 (8H, m). MS (70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 491 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6.9), 489 (6.4), 333 (10.9), 331 (35.0), 329 (31.3), 174 (10.6), 160 (19.9), 118 (94.9), 43 (100).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-{3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylisox azolin-5-yl}methoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-

2H-indazole (6b):  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz):  $\delta$  7.69 ~ 7.38 (5H, m), 7.26 (1H, s), 6.96 (1H, s), 4.08 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.98 (2H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.54 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.17 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.64 (3H, s), 2.72 ~ 1.26 (8H, m). MS (70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 520 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3.2), 519 (8.5), 333 (23.0), 331 (66.2), 329 (69.5), 303 (12.6), 302(10.2), 301 (14.2), 190 (34.9), 148 (100).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-{3-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-methylisoxaz olin-5-yl}methoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2 H-indazole (6c): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.6 7~7.38 (4H, m), 7.26 (1H, s), 6.95 (1H, s), 4.07 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.98 (2H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.58 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.16 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.69 (3H, s), 2.72~1.26 (8H, m). MS (70 eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 525 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2.2), 491 (28.6), 489 (29.5), 454 (6.2), 409 (11.8), 407 (17.4), 333 (32.8), 332 (30.9), 330 (33.6), 329 (100), 227 (2.3).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-{3-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methylisoxaz olin-5-yl}methoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2 H-indazole (6d): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.80~7.23 (5H, m), 6.96 (1H, s), 4.08 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.98 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.57 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.13 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.62 (3H, s), 2.69~1.22 (8H, m). MS (70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 569 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.7), 333 (1.2), 331 (3.6), 294 (2.2), 238 (2.0), 43 (100).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-{3-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-methylisoxaz olin-5-yl}methoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2 H-indazole (**6e**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.82~6.91 (4H, m), 7.43 (1H, s), 6.89 (1H, s), 4.02 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.96 (2H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.58 (1H,

Table 1. Herbicidal activity of 6a~g in flooded paddy condition	Table	1.	Herbicidal	activity	of	$6a \sim g$	in	flooded	paddy	condition
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Comp.	rate kg/ha)	ORYSA <sup>a)</sup> (3leaf)	ORYSA (seed)	ECHOR <sup>b)</sup>	SCPJU <sup>c)</sup>	MOOVA <sup>d)</sup>	CYPSE <sup>ej</sup>	SAGPY
6a	4.000	0	100	100	50	100	100	100
	1.000	0	50	100	30	100	50	40
	0.250	0	50	100	0	100	0	30
	0.063	0	40	80	0	100	0	0
6b	4.000	0	60	100	50	100	0	0
	1.000	0	0	100	40	100	0	0
	0.250	0	30	80	40	100	0	0
	0.063	0	0	60	0	70	0	0
6c	4.000	0	100	100	60	100	90	40
	1.000	0	70	100	50	100	20	0
	0.250	0	40	95	30	100	0	0
	0.063	0	0	50	0	100	0	.0
6d	4.000	0	<b>4</b> 0	100	90	100	. 70	50
	1.000	0	40	80	20	100	20	0
	0.250	0	40	80	20	100	0	0
	0.063	0	0	0	0	20	0	0
6e	4.000	20	60	100	50	100	0	90
	1.000	10	50	100	40	100	0	30
	0.250	0	30	100	30	100	0	0
	0.063	0	20	60	0	50	0	0
6f	4.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6g	4.000	20	60	100	70	100	0	100
	1.000	10	40	100	30	100	0	70
	0.250	0	10	100	20	100	0	50
	0.063	0	10	80	20	100	0	50
6h	4.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a)</sup>Rice, <sup>b)</sup>Barnyardgrass, <sup>c)</sup>Bulrush, <sup>d)</sup>Monochoria, <sup>e)</sup>Flat-sedge, <sup>1)</sup>Arrow head.

d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.19 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.55 (3H, s), 2.83~1.4 (8H, m). MS (70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 509 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8.4), 507 (8.2), 474 (1.2), 333 (10.3), 331 (31.1), 329 (32.7), 301 (7.2), 295 (4.0), 136 (100).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-{3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-methylisoxazol in-5-yl}methoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-indazole (6f): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 8.28 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 7.85 (2H, d, J=9.0 Hz), 7.52 (1H, s), 6.99 (1H, s), 4.15 (1H, d, J=9.5 Hz), 4.03 (1H, d, J=9.5 Hz), 3.67 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.21 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.68 (3H, s), 2.72~1.39 (8H, m). MS (70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 535 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2.1), 534 (4.8), 374 (2.2), 371 (2.4), 369 (2.3), 330 (12.7), 328 (12.6), 315 (4.6), 290 (3.2), 163 (13,6), 43 (100).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-(3-cyano-5-methylisoxazolin-5-yl)m ethoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7, tetrahydro-2H-indazole (6g): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.51 (1H, s), 6.86 (1H, s), 4.05 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.91 (1H, d, J=9.2 Hz), 3.45 (1H, d, J=17.3 Hz), 2.95 (1H, d, J=17.3 Hz), 1.53 (3H, s), 2.66~1.16 (8H, m). MS

(70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 440 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 438 (81.2), 422 (10.4), 405 (33.7), 403 (38.1), 331 (21.8), 329 (20.4), 318 (24.9), 316 (24.8), 290 (11.2), 288 (11.1), 283 (21.8), 281 (39.8).

3-Chloro-2-[4-chloro-5-{3-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-5-methylisoxazolin-5-yl}methoxy-2-chlorophenyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-indazole (6h): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz): δ 7.79 (2H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.66 (2H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.51 (1H, s), 6.97 (1H, s), 4.12 (1H, d, J=9.4 Hz), 4.00 (1H, d, J=9.4 Hz), 3.63 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 3.18 (1H, d, J=16.9 Hz), 1.56 (3H, s), 2.70~1.54 (8H, m). MS (70eV) m/z (rel. intensity) 559 (M<sup>+</sup>, 14.6), 557 (14.7), 333 (12.2), 331 (33.1), 329 (34.6), 242 (8.4), 186 (25.7), 43 (100).

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## 새로운 2-(5-Isoxazolinemethoxyphenyl)-4,5,6,7- tetrahydro-2-indazole의 합성과 제초활성 전동주, 김영미, 박관용, 김형래, 송종환, 김진석, 유응걸(한국화학연구원)

요약: 새로운 bicyclic 4,5,6,7-tetrahydroindazole 유도체들을 합성하여 논 조건에서 제초활성을 시험하였다. 이 화합물들은 0.063~0.25 kg/ha 범위의 처리에서 벼에는 안전하면서도 피와 물달개비 등을 효과적으로 방제하였다.

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