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## 디메틸(2-시아노페닐아미노)(치환된 아릴)포스포산의 합성과 항균 활성

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# Synthesis and Antimicrobial Activity of Dimethyl (2-cyanophenylamino) (Substituted Aryl) Methyl Phosphonates

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요 약. 새로운 계열의 α이미노포스포산 에스테르는 같은 당량의 2이미노 벤조니트릴, 디메털아인산염 그리고 여 러가지 알데히드, 이 세가지 성분을 함께 반응하여 무수 돌루엔에서 환류를 통한 Kabachnic-Field반응을 거쳐 높은 수 율(74-85%)로 합성되었다. 대표 화합물의 구조는 원소, IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P 그리고Mass 스펙트럼 분석으로 확인되었다. 이 분자들은 상당한 항균활성을 보였다.

주제어: 2-아미노 벤조니트릴, 디메틸아인산염, Kabachnic-Fields 반응, α-아미노포스포산 에스테르, 항균활성도

**ABSTRACT.** A new class of  $\alpha$ -aminophosphonic acid esters (4a-l) have been synthesized by three component one-pot reaction with equimolar quantities of 2-amino benzonitrile (1), dimethylphosphite (3) and various aldehydes (2a-l) in dry toluene at reflux conditions via Kabachnic-Fields reaction in high yields (74-85%). The structure of title compounds has been established by elemental, IR, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P and Mass spectral analysis. They were found to possess significant antimicrobial activity.

**Keywords:** 2-amino Benzonitrile, Dimethylphosphite, Kabachnic-Fields Reaction,  $\alpha$ -aminophosphonic Acid Esters, Antimicrobial Activity

### INTRODUCTION

Due to numerous important applications of organophosphorus compounds a detailed survey of literature has been made to get an over view on the present status of organophosphorus compounds and their chemistry. Considerable interest has been focused on the synthesis of  $\alpha$ -substituted phosphonic acids since they are structural analogous of naturally occurring  $\alpha$ -amino acid in biological systems. Among the  $\alpha$ -functionalised phosphonic acids,  $\alpha$ amino phosphonic acid derivatives are gaining interest in medicinal chemistry.<sup>1</sup> The use of  $\alpha$ amino alkyl phosphonates as enzyme inhibitors,<sup>2</sup> antibiotics and pharmacological agents,<sup>3</sup> herbicides,<sup>4</sup> heptants of catalytic antibiotics<sup>5</sup> and inhibitors of EPSP synthase,<sup>6</sup> HIV protease,<sup>7</sup> renin,<sup>8</sup> PTPases<sup>9</sup> are well documented.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A new class of a-aminophosphonic acid esters (4a-l) was conveniently synthesized by three component one-pot reaction of equimolar quantities of

2-amino benzonitrile (1), dimethylphosphite (3) and various aldehydes (2a-I) in dry toluene at reflux conditions via Kabaehnie-Fields reaction for 3-4 hours. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC analysis at different intervals and the product were purified by column chromatography using ethyleacetate:hexane (1:3) as step grade mixtures as eluents. Due to presence of the nitrile group at ortho position in conjugation to the aromatic amino group in 2-amino benzonitrile, the  $\pi$ -electron density increases due to resonance on the substrate and thus renders the -NH<sub>3</sub> group of the aromatic amine more nucleophilic. This factor facilitates its nucleophilic addition to the carbonyl carbon of the aldehyde and subsequently yields of the products increases. Another purpose of taking -CN group is that the products may get reduced/oxidized/hydrolysed to CH2-NH2/ CH2OH by enzymatic reduction/hydrolysis and increases its solubility in the bio-medium and subsequently increases its biological activity. This assumption is proved by high yields of dimethyl (2-



Table 1. Mass Spectral data of compounds 4a-f

eyanophenylamino)(substituted aryl) methyl phosphonates (4a-l) and their increased antimicrobial activity. These results explain the purpose of introducing a -CN function in the aromatic group of the products.

The IR spectra of title compounds (**4a-I**) showed absorption bands at 3310-3410 cm<sup>-1</sup> (N-II),<sup>10</sup> 1230-1251 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P–O),<sup>11-15</sup> 1014-1031 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P-O-C),<sup>16</sup> 735-766 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P–C<sub>aliphanc</sub>)<sup>17</sup> and 2216-2221 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C≡N)<sup>18</sup> stretching frequencies.

Aromatic protons of the two benzene rings of the title compounds (4a-l) showed a complex multiplet at d 6.44-8.15.<sup>19</sup> P-C-II protons of 4a-l appeared as doublet of doublet in the region  $\delta$ 4.75-5.38 ( ${}^{2}J_{\rm P,II}$  = 16.0-17.8,  ${}^{5}J_{\rm I,II}$ =9.9-10.4 Hz) due to its coupling with the phosphorus and neighboring N-II proton. The N-II proton exhibited a triplet in the range of  $\delta$  5.42-5.52 due to coupling with neighbouring proton and phosphorus. The methoxy protons of the dimethylphosphite moiety resonated as a two distinct doublets in the range d 3.65-3.81 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm C-H}$ = 10.7-12.0 Hz)<sup>20, 21</sup> showing their non-equivalence.

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral data of **4a-I** showed characteristic absorption peaks for aromatic carbons. The earbon chemical shift of methoxyl carbon of P-O-CH<sub>3</sub> resonated as a doublet at 54.2-54.3 ppm (d, J = 6.5-7.4 Hz).<sup>22</sup> Methyne carbon, attached to nitrogen and phosphorus, appears as a doublet at 53.0-56.8 ppm (d, <sup>2</sup>J = 7.4 -8.1 Hz).

The <sup>31</sup>P NMR signal appeared as a singlet in the range 21.11-22.96 ppm in all the compounds.<sup>23</sup>

The FAB-Mass spectra of **4a-d** (*Table* 1) agreed with the proposed structures. The fragmentation pathway of **4b** is rationalysed as typical example of this series (*Scheme* 2).<sup>2425</sup>

compa.	HDX (20)
4a	350.5 (M <sub>1</sub> , 38), 349.2 (36), 348.3 (26), 343.3 (42), 241.3 (100), 240.3 (34), 239 (35), 324.2 (24)
4b	376.3 (M1, 18). 375.2 (68), 361.2 (25), 267.3 (45), 266.2 (18), 260.2 (20). 259.3 (100), 213.2 (65), 181.2 (17), 137 (10)
4c	359.2 (M <sup>+</sup> <sub>+</sub> , 17). 358.3 (9), 328.3 (12), 312.2 (4), 296.3 (5), 257.2 (4), 250.3(100).248.3 (15), 237.3 (5), 229.3 (10)
4d	332.3 (M; . 15), 331.2 (88), 301.2 (14), 285.2 (3), 223.2 (100), 221.3 (13), 215.3 (84), 183.3 (5), 102.2 (9), 93.2 (6), 90.2 (4)
4e	332.3 (M <sup>+</sup> <sub>2</sub> , 18). 331.0 (70), 330.2 (30). 299 (15), 215.3 (100).
4f`	316.2 (M+, 20), 315.1 (70), 301.1 (30), 207.2 (60), 199.1 (100), 168.2 (50)

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Scheme 2.

#### CONCLUSION

A new class of a-aminophosphonic acid esters with moderate antimicrobial activity were conveniently synthesized in good yields in uncatalysed one-pot three component Kabachnic-Fields reaction.

### **EXPERIMENTAL**

The melting points were determined in open capillary tubes on a Mel-Temp apparatus and were uncorrected. IR spectra ( $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded in KBr pellets on Perkin Elmer 1000 unit. The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C & <sup>34</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Gemini 300 and Varian AMX 400 MHz NMR spectrometer operating at 300 & 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 75.46 & 100.57 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C and 121.7 MHz for <sup>31</sup>P. All compounds were dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and chemical shifts were referenced to TMS (<sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C) and 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (<sup>31</sup>P). Micro analytical data were obtained from Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, India.

## ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

Schrader-Clark<sup>26</sup> proposed that organophosphorus compounds containing the general structure (A) may have significant biological activity.



All organophosphorus compounds are inherently good phosphorylating agents of enzymes by virtue

	Zone of inhibition (mm)							
	Bacteria				Fungi			
Compd.	Staphylococcus aureus		Escherichia coli		Curvularia lunata		Fusarium oxysporium	
	250	500	250	500	250	500	250	500
	µg/dise	µg/dise	μg/disc	µg/disc	µg/disc	µg/disc	μg/disc	µg/disc
4a	10.4	14.8	11.2	15.1	4.2	5.8	5.3	6.4
4b	10.6	14.0	10.5	16.6	3.4	4.2	2.6	4.4
4c	9.7	14.2	10,4	13.7	4.6	5.7	3.8	5.8
4d	13.2	19.1	14.1	16.4	3.8	5.2	5.1	6.4
4e	12.7	17.2	11.2	14.5	3.2	4.9	3.7	5.6
4f	13.9	16.8	10.4	14.0	2.7	4.2	3.6	5.3
4g	12.8	18.2	9.2	14.3	4.2	5.7	4.1	6.1
4h	13.4	15.5	10.2	14.1	4.5	6.0	4.6	6.0
4i	16.2	18.2	14.1	19.6	3.8	5.4	4.5	5.8
4j	10.6	16.5	9.9	12.9	2.5	5.1	3.1	5.3
4k	12.3	17.3	10.6	16.1	4.5	6.2	4.7	6.0
4]	11.1	14.1	11.3	15.2	2.6	4.0	2.4	4.4
Penicillin*	22.0	-	21.0	-				
Griseofulvin	u .				18.0	-	18.0	-

Table 2. Antimicrobial activity of compounds (4a-I)

<sup>a</sup>Reference compounds

of the group P-XYZ in the general structure (A). Slight variation in structure can have very dramatic effects on the efficiency of organophosphorus compounds in bio-activity. These chemically and biologically variable parameters which are hard to estimate are involved in deciding "structure-activity" relationship of these compounds.

Compounds 4a-1 were screened for their antibacterial activity (Table 2) against Staphylococcus aureus (gram positive) and Escherichia coli (gram negative) by the disc-diffusion method in Mueller-Hinton agar medium, at various concentrations (250, 500 mg/disc) in dimethyl formamide (DMF). These solutions were added to each filter disc and DMF was used as control. The plates were incubated at 35 °C and examined for zone of inhibition around each disc after 12 h. The results were compared with the activity of the standard antibiotic Penicillin (250 mg/disc). Their antifungal activity<sup>27</sup> were evaluated against Curvularia lunata and Fusarium oxysporium at different concentrations (250 & 500 mg/disc). Griseofulvin was used as the reference compound. Fungal cultures were grown on potato dextrose broth at 25 °C and finally spore suspension was adjusted to10<sup>5</sup> spore/mL. Most of the compounds showed moderate activity against both bacteria and fungi.

General Procedures for the Synthesis of [(2cyano-phenylamino)-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester (4a)

To a stirred solution of 2-amino benzonitrile (1) (2.36 g, 0.02 mole), 3-chloro benzaldehyde (2a) (1.23 mL, 0.02 mole) in dry toluene were added dimethyl phosphite (3) (1.35 mL, 0.02 mole), in dry toluene (30 mL) at room temperature. After the addition has been completed the temperature of the reaction was raised to 40-50 °C and maintained for four hours. Progress of the reaction was evaluated by running TLC (silica gel) at different intervals using ethyl acetate and hexane (1:3 by volume) as a mobile phase. After the completion of reaction solvent was removed under reduced pressure in a rotary evaporator and obtained crude product was washed repeatedly with petroleum ether, water and purified by column chroniatography on 60-120 mesh silica gel using ethyl acetate:hexane (1:3) as eluent to afford the pure [(3-Chloro-phenyl)-(2-cyano-phenylamino)-methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester (4a), yield 5.96 g (~85%), mp. 161-163 °C.

Other compounds (4b-l) were prepared by using

the same procedure and were characterized with IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR, <sup>31</sup>P-NMR and Mass spectral studies.

## The representative analytical data for [(3-Chlorophenyl)-(2-cyano-phenylamino)-methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester (4a)

Pale-yellow solid; Yield: 85%; mp 161-163 °C; Molecular formula:  $C_{16}H_{16}CIN_2O_3P$ ; Elemental analysis: Carbon 54.78<sub>found</sub> (54.79<sub>cal</sub>); Hydrogen 4.58<sub>found</sub> (4.57<sub>cal</sub>); Nitrogen 8.00<sub>found</sub> (7.99<sub>cal</sub>); IR (KBr) ( $v_{max}$ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3382 (N-H), 2215 (C=N), 1242 (P=O), 1020 (P-O-C), 754 (P-C<sub>aliph</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 6.45-7.47 (m, 8H<sub>aron</sub>), 4.77-4.87 (dd, *J* = 6.0Hz, 1H, CH at Arom.ring), 5.48 (t, 1H on Nitrogen), 3.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus), 3.77 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 98.1-148.3 -C<sub>arom</sub>, 117.1 -C<sub>nibile</sub>, 56.2 at Nitrogen, 54.2 -OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus; <sup>31</sup>P NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 21.32; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 350 (38, M<sup>-1</sup>), 241(100).

[(2-cyano-phenylamino)-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester (4b) Pale-yellow solid; Yield: 83%; mp 111-113 °C; Molecular formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>P; Elemental analysis: Carbon 57.44<sub>found</sub> (57.45<sub>cal</sub>); Hydrogen 5.59<sub>found</sub>  $(5.58_{cal})$ ; Nitrogen 7.44<sub>found</sub> (7.45<sub>cal</sub>); IR (KBr) ( $v_{max}$ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3404 (N-H), 2216 (C=N), 1251 (P=O), 1018 (P-O-C), 755 (P-C<sub>aliph</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (δ ppm): 6.55-8.13 (m,  $7H_{aron}$ ), 4.77-4.87 (dd, J = 6.0Hz, 1H, CH at Arom.ring), 5.48 (t, 1H on Nitrogen), 3.65 (d, J = 12. Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus), 3.75 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus), 3.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 6H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Arom.ring); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ ppm): 97.5-149.3 -Carrow, 119.9 -Catrile, 54.0 at Nitrogen, 54.3 -OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus, 55.6 at Arom.ring; <sup>31</sup>P NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 22.29; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 376 (18, M<sup>--</sup>), 259 (100).

[(2-cyano-phenylamino)-(4-dimethylamino-phenyl)-methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester (4c) Dark-yellow solid; Yield: 78%; mp 151-153 °C; Molecular formula:  $C_{18}H_{22}N_3O_3P$ ; Elemental analysis: Carbon 60.16<sub>found</sub> (60.17<sub>cal</sub>); Hydrogen 6.15<sub>found</sub> (6.13<sub>cal</sub>); Nitrogen 11.69<sub>found</sub> (11.70<sub>cal</sub>); IR (KBr) ( $\nu_{max}$ cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3356 (N-H), 2218 (C=N), 1236 (P=O), 1031 (P-O-C), 766 (P-C<sub>aliph</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d ppm): 6.548.12 (m, 8H<sub>aron</sub>), 4.81-4.95 (dd, J = 6.0Hz, 1H, CH at Arom.ring), 5.48 (t, 1H on Nitrogen), 3.65 (d, J =12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus), 3.75 (d, J =12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$ ppm): 97.5-148.6 -C<sub>aron</sub>, 120.1 -C<sub>ninitle</sub>, 53.0 at Nitrogen, 54.3 -OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus, 44.5 at Arom.ring; <sup>31</sup>P NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 21.25; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 359 (17, M<sup>++</sup>), 250 (100).

*[(2-cyano-phenylamino)-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester* (4d) Offwhite solid; Yield: 79%; mp 136-138 °C; Molecular formula:  $C_{16}H_{17}N_2O_4P$ ; Elemental analysis: Carbon 57.82<sub>found</sub> (57.83<sub>cal</sub>); Hydrogen 5.14<sub>found</sub> (5.12<sub>cal</sub>); Nitrogen 8.42<sub>found</sub> (8.41<sub>cal</sub>); IR (KBr) ( $v_{max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3400 (N-H), 2215 (CN), 1250 (P=O), 1015 (P-O-C), 760 (P-C<sub>aliph</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d ppm): 6.56-7.44 (m, 8H<sub>arom</sub>), 5.25-5.35 (dd, *J* = 6.0Hz, 1H, CH at Aron. ring), 5.45 (t, 1H on Nitrogen), 3.73 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 97.4-156.3 -C<sub>arom</sub>, 119.0 -C<sub>alifile</sub>, 53.8 at Nitrogen, 54.2 -OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus; <sup>31</sup>P NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): 22.90; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 332 (15, M<sup>-+</sup>), 223 (100).

[(2-cyano-phenylamino)-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)methyl]-phosphonic acid dimethyl ester (4e) Paleyellow solid; Yield: 81%; mp 137-139 °C; Molecular formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P; Elemental analysis: Carbon 57.82<sub>found</sub> (57.83<sub>cal</sub>); Hydrogen 5.14<sub>found</sub> (5.12<sub>cal</sub>); Nitrogen 8.42<sub>found</sub> (8.41<sub>cal</sub>); IR (KBr) ( $\nu_{max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3395 (N-H), 2216 (C=N), 1250 (P=O), 1021 (P-O-C), 759 (P-C<sub>aliph</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d ppm): 6.55-8.12 (m, 8H<sub>atom</sub>), 5.25-5.35 (dd, *J* = 6.0Hz, 1H, CH at Arom. ring), 5.45 (t, 1H on Nitrogen), 3.69 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus), 3.77 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ ppm): 97.4-148.5 -C<sub>arom</sub>, 113.2 -C<sub>norile</sub>, 56.8 at Nitrogen, 54.3 -OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (δ ppm): 22.85; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 332 (15, M<sup>-+</sup>), 223 (100).

*[(2-cyano-phenylamino)-phenyl-methyl]-phos-phonic acid dimethyl ester* (4f) Pale-yellow solid; Yield: 80%; mp 127-130 °C; Molecular formula:  $C_{1c}H_{16}CIN_2O_3P$ ; Elemental analysis: Carbon 54.77<sub>found</sub> (54.79<sub>cal</sub>); Hydrogen 4.56<sub>found</sub> (4.57<sub>cal</sub>); Nitrogen 8.01<sub>found</sub> (7.99<sub>cal</sub>); IR (KBr) ( $v_{max}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3310 (N-H), 2220 (C=N), 1230 (P=O), 1017 (P-O-C), 735 (P-C<sub>alid</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (d ppm): 6.44-7.46 (m, 9H<sub>arem</sub>), 4.78-4.89 (dd, J = 6.0Hz, 1H, CH at Arom.ring), 5.47 (t, 1H at Nitrogen), 3.70 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus), 3.78 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ ppm): 96.3-145.6 -C<sub>arom</sub>, 118.1 -C<sub>ninile</sub>, 56.5 at Nitrogen, 54.7 -OCH<sub>3</sub> at Phosphorus; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (δ ppm): 20.85; MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) = 316 (20, M<sup>++</sup>), 199 (100).

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