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1D AND 2D NMR STUDIES OF 2–(2–(BENZYLOXY)–3–METHOXYPHENYL)–1*H*–BENZIMIDAZOLE

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ABSTRACT

The reaction of Benzyl o–vanillin **1** and o–phenylene diamine **2** in dichloromethane produced new benzimidazole, **3**. The complete assignments of 3 were made using 1D and 2D NMR including COSY, HMQC and HMBC NMR in CDCl₃ and acetone–d₆. The coupling constants J are reported in Hertz, and the differences in the peak splittings using both solvents are discussed.

Keywords: ¹H NMR; ¹³C NMR; 2D NMR; Benzimidazole.

INTRODUCTION

Hobrecker prepared the first benzimidazole in 1872, when he reduced 2-nitro-4-methylacetanilide a to obtained the tautomers 2, 5 (or 2, 6)-dimethyl (Scheme benzimidazole b 1) [1-2]. Since benzimidazoles have a similar structure to purines, whose derivatives play important roles in biological systems, substituted benzimidazoles show interesting Many benzimidazoles biological activities. are pharmaceutical agents and are used widely in biological system applications [3-8]. Recently, some derivatives of benzimidazole were reported and used as antiviral [5-6], topoisomerase I inhibitors [9-11], antiproliferative [12], antiprotozoal activity of Acanthamoeba castellanii [13],



Scheme 1. First benzimidazole **b**, prepared by Hobrecker in 1872 [1].



Scheme 2. Synthesis of new benzimidazole **3**, I) DCM, MgSO₄, 2hr.

* Corresponding author, tel/fax : 604–653–3888/604–657–4854 Email: shafida@usm.my antibacterial [14-16], anthelmintics activity of *Trichinella spiralis* [17], anti–inflammatory against [18-19], anti– HIV [20-24] and also as anticancer [3-4, 25-30]. Meanwhile, phenolic and anisolic benzimidazole derivatives have been synthesized and evaluated for vasodilator and antihypertensive activity [30], while other alkyloxyaryl benzimidazole derivatives have been tested for the spasmolytic activity [31].

Recently, we synthesized and characterized 2–(2-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-1H-benzimidazole **3** by FTIR, GC-MS, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra from the reaction of benzyl *o*-vanillin **1** and *o*-phenylene diamine **2** in dichloromethane (DCM) (Scheme 2).

We also obtained the crystal of **3**, and its structure was determined and studied by X-ray crystallography [32-34]. In this work, the complete assignments of **3** were made using 1D and 2D NMR including APT, DEPT-135, COSY, HMQC and HMBC NMR in CDCl₃ and acetone- d_6 . The coupling constants *J* were reported in Hertz and the differences in the peak splittings using both solvents were discussed.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

All NMR experiments were performed on Bruker Avance 400 UltrashieldTM NMR for ¹H operating at 400.123 MHz, and Avance 300 NMR spectrometers for ¹³C operating at 71.478 MHz in CDCl₃ and acetone– d_6 at 298 K using Bruker XWINNMR software equipped with a 5 mm BBI inverse gradient probe [35-36]. Chemical shifts were reported downfield in parts per million (ppm) from a tetramethylsilane (TMS) reference, and coupling constants (*J*) were measured in Hz. The concentration of solute molecule was 100 mg in 1.0 mL CDCl₃ or acetone– d_6 .

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The new benzimidazole **3** was synthesized from the reaction of **1** and **2** in DCM as a solvent (Scheme 2). The benzimidazole **3** was obtained as single crystals with melting point of 135–136 °C, (Fig 1 and 2) [15–17]. 1D ¹H and ¹³C NMR along with 2D COSY, HMQC and HMBC experiments were performed to assign all proton and carbon chemical shifts. The splitting patterns for the aromatic protons of **3** were obtained from the spectra acquired using 400 MHz ¹H NMR. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shift and coupling constants data in CDCl₃ and acetone– d_6 are listed in Table 1, while Table 2 shows the HMQC and HMBC signals of **3**. Figure 2 shows the chemical structure and the NMR numbering scheme of the new benzimidazole **3**.

¹H NMR

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** was obtained and shown in Figure 3. Proton H₆ displayed doublet of a doublet at $\delta = 8.16-8.14$, (J = 8.03 and 1.49 Hz) in CDCl₃ and 8.03-8.01 ppm, (J = 7.03 and 2.50 Hz) in acetone- d_6 due to its coupling with H₅ and N-H.



Fig 1. The crystal structure of benzimidazole **3**, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme, the dashed line indicates an intramolecular hydrogen bond.



Fig 2. The chemical structure and the NMR numbering scheme of the benzimidazole 3.

Table 1.	¹ H and	¹³ C NMR	chemical	shifts	and	coupling
constants	s of 3 in	CDCl ₃ an	d acetone	$-d_6$		

	¹ H NMR (ppm)			¹³ C NMR (ppm)		
Atom No.	CDCl_3	$J({ m Hz})$	acetone $-d_6$	$J\left(\mathrm{Hz}\right)$	CDCl_3	acetone- d_6
CH_3	4.01, s	-	3.99, s	-	56.49	56.85
CH_2	5.18, s	-	5.23, s	-	76.85	76.57
N–H	7.25, d	1.06	7.24, s	-	-	-
1	_	-	_	-	123.37	124.90
2	_	-	_	-	146.53	147.07
3	-	-	-	-	153.26	154.46
4	7.28, s	-	7.21, s	-	114.44	115.44
5	$7.09-7.07, \\ dd$	8.16, 1.43	$7.21-7.19, \\ dd$	8.09, 2.39	125.29	125.74
6	8.16-8.14, dd	8.03, 1.49	8.03-8.01, dd	7.03, 2.50	121.98	122.73
1`	-	-	-	-	136.99	138.31
2`	7.49–7.47	х	$7.47-7.45, \\ dd$	9.41, 3.52	129.40	130.22
3`	7.45-7.43, t	3.25	7.30, d	2.54	129.32	129.57
4`	7.46	х	7.31, t	0.99	129.35	129.54
2``	_	-	_	-	149.62	150.25
4``	7.44, d	3.09	7.61-7.60, dd	6.02, 3.19	123.10*	123.58^{*}
5`` & 6``	7.27-7.26, t	3.01	7.23-7.22, t	3.03		
7``	7.51–7.49, dd	7.14, 3.71	7.61–7.60, dd	6.02, 3.19	114.44	116.42
3a`` & 7a``	-	-	-	-	_**	139.72

x not clearly observed

* overlap. ** not observed.

Table 2. 2D	¹ H– ¹³ C HMQC	and HMBC	correlations for	зr
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${ m H}_{7}$	116.42	123.58, C6`` 139.72, C7a``	123.58, C5`` 139.72, C3a``	123.58, C4 ^{\\}	
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x: not observed.

While the doublet of a doublet observed in CDCl₃ at $\delta = 7.09-7.07$ ppm (J = 8.16 and 1.43 Hz) is assigned to H₅ coupling to H₄ in the trisubstituted ring. This proton was shown doublet of a doublet and shifted a bit downfield in acetone– d_6 . It was also observed that in CDCl₃ and acetone– d_6 H₄ appeared as a singlet at $\delta = 7.28$ and 7.21 ppm, respectively. Additionally, the proton of N–H observed as singlet and resonated at $\delta = 7.24$ ppm in acetone– d_6 , and it appeared as doublet in CDCl₃ to $\delta = 7.25$ ppm, (J = 1.06 Hz). In acetone– d_6 , the coupling between N–H and H₆ was observed most probably due to the interaction of the solvent with the compound.

We suggested the triplet of signal in acetone– d_6 at δ = 7.23–7.22 ppm, (J = 3.03 Hz) and at δ = 7.27–7.26 ppm, (J = 3.01 Hz) in CDCl₃ to be assigned to H₅. and H₆. in the benzimidazole ring due to coupling with H₄. and H₇. The difference in chemical shift of H₄. and H₇. is also apparent in both solvents. In CDCl₃, H₇. and H₄. signal were found to be separated; H₇. appeared as doublet of a doublet at δ = 7.51–7.49 ppm, (J = 7.14 and 3.71 Hz), while H₄. appeared as doublet at δ = 7.44 ppm, J cannot be determined exactly due to peaks overlapping. However, in acetone– d_6 both protons shown signal as doublet of a doublet at δ = 7.61–7.60 ppm (J = 6.02 and 3.19 Hz).



Fig 3. ¹H NMR spectra of **3** in a) CDCl₃ and b) in acetone– d_6 .

From Figure 3, the signal of the benzyl ring protons H₂: appeared as doublet of a doublet at $\delta = 7.47-7.44$ ppm, (J = 9.41 and 3.52 Hz) in acetone– d_6 although the peaks were not clearly shown in CDCl₃. The H₄: splitting patterns in CDCl₃ was not clear due to that overlapping of the peaks but it appeared as a triplet at $\delta = 7.31$ ppm, (J = 0.99 Hz) in acetone– d_6 . On the other hand, the protons of H₃: displayed the signal as a triplet at $\delta = 7.45-7.43$ ppm, (J = 3.25 Hz) in CDCl₃, and as doublet at $\delta = 7.30$ ppm, (J = 2.54 Hz) in acetone– d_6 . The methoxy OMe and methylene CH₂ protons were observed in CDCl₃ at $\delta = 4.01$ and 5.18 ppm, and at $\delta = 3.99$ and 5.23 ppm in acetone– d_6 , respectively. Table 1 shows the chemical shift values of **3** in both solvents.

We found both spectra of the benzimidazole **3** were differed in splitting patterns for some of the aromatic protons, which may be due to the solubility of **3** in both solvents, including some effect from that six-membered illusory ring, which was formed from the intramolecular hydrogen bonding between N-H in the benzimidazole ring and the oxygen atom in the benzyl ring (Figure 1). ¹H-¹H COSY and HMBC experiments were performed to further confirm that assigned peaks.

¹³C NMR

The ¹³C NMR spectra of **3** were obtained and shown in Figure 4. The quaternary carbons in **3** were identified and recognized by APT and or DEPT-135 NMR experiments in both solvents. The quaternary carbon signals for C₃, C₂, C₁, C₂, C₁, and C₁ in CDCl₃ were observed at δ = 153.26, 149.62, 146.53, 136.99 and 123.37 ppm, respectively. In acetone-*d*₆ these values were found to be shifted slightly downfield. The signals of the quaternary carbons C_{3a}, and C_{7a}, were absent in CDCl₃, but, APT NMR experiment showed the existing of this peak at δ = 138.87 ppm in acetone-*d*₆. A NMR solid state study by Claramunt *et al.* showed that these signals appeared at δ = 136.9 ppm [37].The CH₂ and OMe signals in both solvents were found at about δ = 76.60 and 56.50 ppm, respectively.

The spectra showed that some of the carbons in the benzimidazole ring overlapped with the other carbons in trisubstituted ring. For example, in CDCl₃ C₇, signal overlapped with C₄ at $\delta = 114.44$ ppm, while the peaks were separated clearly in acetone–d₆, (Figure 4). Similarly, carbons C₄, C₅, and C₆, appeared at the same chemical shift in both solvents. The carbons in trisubstituted ring C₆ and C₅ were resonated in CDCl₃ at $\delta = 121.98$ and 125.29 ppm, respectively, while the benzyl ring carbons were observed at $\delta = 129.40$, 129.35 and 129.32 ppm for C₂, C₄ and C₃ in CDCl₃, respectively. Table 1 summarizes the chemical shift values discussed.

To confirmed of the assignment signals and the overlapping between the aromatic carbons, the proton



Fig 4. ¹³C NMR spectra of **3** in a) CDCl₃ and b) in acetone– d_6 .

coupled ¹³C NMR spectra of the benzimidazole **3** were also conducted. Additionally, the HMQC and HMBC experiments done, further aid in assigning the peaks.

¹H–¹H COSY

The signals of **3** are also assigned with an aid by the COSY experiment. Figure 5 shows the ¹H–¹H COSY NMR spectra of **3** in CDCl₃ and acetone– d_6 . The signal in both solvents at $\delta = 4.01$ -3.99 ppm, was assigned to the methoxy protons, OMe and it showed correlations with CH₂ at $\delta = 5.18$ -5.23 ppm. As expected, proton H₅ was correlated with H₄ and H₆ in CDCl₃ at $\delta = 7.25$ and 8.16–8.14 ppm, respectively. Besides H₅ and H₄, proton H₆ show correlations clearly with H₄ and N–H although this correlation is not observed in acetone– d_6 . H₅⁻⁻, H₆⁻⁻ were observed to be correlated with both protons H₇⁻⁻ and H₄⁻⁻ at $\delta = 7.51$ – 7.49 and 7.43 ppm in CDCl₃ and at $\delta = 7.61$ –7.60 ppm in acetone– d_6 .



Fig 5. ${}^{1}\text{H}{-}^{1}\text{H}$ connectivities in the COSY a) in CDCl₃, b) in acetone– d_6 and c) the most important correlations observed in COSY and NOESY spectrum of **3**.



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Fig 6. ${}^{1}\text{H}-{}^{13}\text{C}$ connectivities of **3** in acetone– d_6 a) in the HMQC, b) in the HMBC and c) the most important correlations observed.

¹H–¹³C HMQC NMR

The 2D HMQC NMR spectrum was conducted to determine which hydrogens are connected to which carbons. The HMQC NMR spectrum for **3** was shown in Figure 6a, and it confirms the attachments between all hydrogens and their corresponding carbons. In acetone– d_6 , the signals owing to C₄, C₇, C₆, C₅, C₄, C₃ and C₂ atoms are observed at the respective $\delta = 115.44$, 116.42, 122.73, 125.74 and 129–130 ppm, while the signals of the one bond ¹³C–¹H connectivities are also well observed for OMe and CH₂ atoms whereby the cross peaks appear at $\delta = 56.85$ and 76.57 ppm, respectively. Table 2 shows the summarized value for HMQC of **3**.

¹H–¹³C HMBC spectra

The 2D HMBC NMR spectrum was conducted to examine the long-range ${}^{1}H^{-13}C$ connectivities. The HMBC NMR spectrum for **3** was shown in Figure 6b. The aromatic quaternary carbons are established through the connectivities between the carbon and its neighboring proton by using a long-range correlated HMBC experiment. The signal in acetone– d_6 of methoxy protons showed ${}^{3}J$ -correlation with C₃ at δ = 154.46 ppm and ${}^{4}J$ -correlation with C₄ at δ = 115.44 ppm. While the protons of CH₂ were observed ${}^{2}J$ -correlation with C₁⁺ and ${}^{3}J$ -correlation with C₂⁻ and C₂ at δ = 138.31, 130.22 and 147.07 ppm, respectively.

Additionally, the long–range HMBC cross peaks of the quaternary carbon C₃ with H₅ appeared at δ = 7.21–7.19 ppm and was correlated with H₆ at δ = 8.03–8.01 ppm. Proton H₆ was demonstrated to correlate with C₂. and C₂. H₄ and H₅ were also observed to be correlated with C₂. The spectrum also shows that C_{3a} and C_{7a} were correlated with N–H, H₆ and H₅ at δ = 7.24–7.22 ppm and with H₇ and H₄ at δ = 7.61–7.60 ppm. The chemical shifts of the HMBC of **3** are summarized in Table 2.

CONCLUSION

We have reported the complete assignments of the benzimidazole **3** using ¹H, ¹³C, COSY, HMQC and HMBC NMR in both CDCl₃ and acetone- d_6 . Although the APT and DEPT-135 spectra were not shown, that experiments were performed and the results were discussed. Combination of the information gathered from experiments done in both solvents helps in assigning peak splittings of compound **3**. The differences in the peak splittings can be seen in a few cases. For example, in CDCl₃, H₇^{\circ} displayed doublet of a doublet at $\delta = 7.51$ -

7.49 ppm and H₄ signal was overlapped at δ = 7.44 ppm. While in acetone- d_6 both protons shown the signal as doublet of doublet at δ = 7.61-7.60 ppm. The quaternary carbon peaks of $C_{3a^{\sim}}$ and $C_{7a^{\sim}}$ were absent in CDCl₃, but they were observed clearly in acetone- d_6 at δ = 139.72 ppm, and confirmed by APT NMR experiment. The cause of these differences may be due to the solubility of 3 in both solvents, including some effect from that six-membered illusory ring, which it was formed from the intramolecular hydrogen bonding between N-H in the benzimidazole ring and the oxygen atom in the benzyl ring. Overall, experiments done in acetone- d_6 demonstrated clearer peak splittings than in CDCl₃. Further reactions using the compound to synthesis biologically important compounds are in progress.

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