

Synthesis of 1-amino-4-(2'-thienyl)phthalazine derivatives

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Abstract- A synthesis of 1-amino substituted 4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazines is described from halo- derivatives of 4-(2'-thienyl)-1-(2*H*)-phthalazinone **3**.

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Introduction

The practical interest upon phthalazine derivatives is based on their widespread applications [1-4]. Phthalazines, like others members of the isomeric diazine series, have found wide applications as therapeutic agents [2], [5-21]. Phthalazines are also commonly used as ligands in transition metal catalysis [22-26], as chemiluminescent materials [27-31] and for optical applications [32].

Despite their significance, there are only a limited number of routes for the synthesis of phthalazines. The most commonly employed approach is through *o*-disubstituted benzenes. Thus, condensation of 1,2-diacylbenzenes or their aldehyde counterparts with hydrazine derivatives gives 1,4-disubstituted- or the parent unsubstituted phthalazines, respectively [1-3], [5-7], [9-10], [12]. Recently, palladium catalyzed coupling reactions were also applied in the phthalazine series [33-34]. Guery *et al* [33] obtained several new phthalazine derivatives through Suzuki coupling.

Due to the nature of the phthalazine nucleus, synthesis of new derivatives becomes an importante issue. There has been little reported in the literature concerning 4-thienyl substituted phthalazines [17-18], [35-36]. It was for that reason that we decide to synthesize new thienylphthalazine derivatives.

In this paper we report the synthesis of new 1-amino-4-(2'-thienyl)phthalazine derivatives **5a-e** from halo derivatives **4a-b** of the phthalazinone **3**. Compound **3** was

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obtained by cyclization of acylbenzoate **2** using hydrazine hydrate. The latter was made through a Friedel-Crafts reaction between thiophene and phthalic acid monochloride ester **1**.

Results and Discussion

The 2-thienyl substituted benzoate **2** was obtained, in good yield (81%), by the standard method of Friedel-Crafts reaction of thiophene with *o*-phthalic acid monomethylester chloride **1**. This compound was subsequently cyclized by condensation with hydrazine hydrate to give phthalazinone **3** in 91% yield from benzoate **2** (Scheme 1, Table 1). Phthalazinone **3** was already synthesized by Buu-Hoï *et al* [36], by condensation of 2-(2'-thienyl)-2-oxo-benzoic acid with hydrazine hydrate.

Bromine and chlorine substituted phthalazines play an important role in diazine chemistry since they offer the potential for further functionalization. By nucleophilic displacement of the halogen group, numerous otherwise inaccessible diazines become available. To this end we have synthesized and characterized chloro- and bromo-phthalazine derivatives.

From **3**, bromo and chloro derivatives were prepared by reaction with phosphoryl halides. The chloride **4a** and the bromide **4b**, were obtained with respectively 99 and 87% yield. 1-Chloro-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazine **4a** has been already reported in a patent [35], by condensation of 1,4-dichlorophthalazine with thienyllithium. No data about the derivative are given.

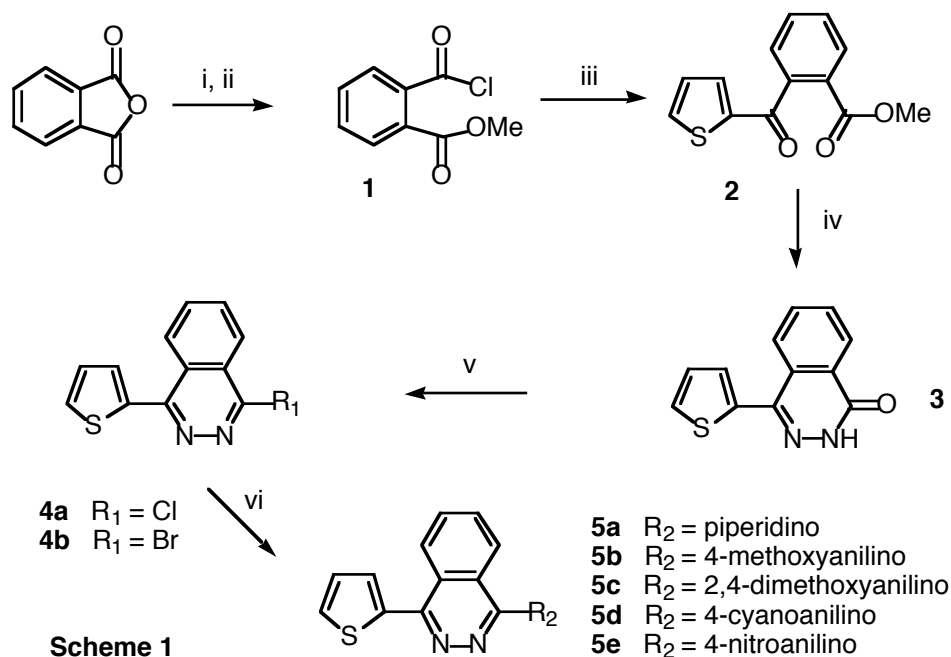
Arylamino- and piperidinylphthalazine derivatives show anti malarial activity and are useful for treatment of septic shock, multi-organ failure, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, SLE, AIDS, hepatitis, type-II diabetes etc. [20-21].

In order to synthesize several new 1-(alkyl)arylamino-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazines, 1-chloro-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazine **4a** was reacted with an excess of piperidine or an excess of several arylamines, in refluxing acetone [37], for 3-15 h, to yield 1-(alkyl)arylamino-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazines **5a-e** in moderate to good yields (47-84%) (Scheme 1, Table 1).

Compounds **2-5** were completely characterized by elemental analysis and/or HRMS, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy and IR spectroscopy.

Starting from the easily available acylbenzoate **2**, commercial reagents as well as simple and convenient procedures were used to synthesize new phthalazine derivatives in moderate to excellent yields.

The examination of biological activity of compounds **5a-e** are in course.



Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: i, MeOH, reflux; ii, SOCl_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , reflux; iii, thiophene, SnCl_4 , CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C ; iv $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, ethanol, reflux; v, POX_3 ($X = \text{Cl}$ or Br), \square ; vi, amine, acetone, H_2O , HCl (conc.), reflux.

Table 1. Synthesis of compounds 2-5.

| Compound | R_1 or R_2 | Yield (%) | IR ν_{max} [cm^{-1}] |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 2 | ---- | 81 | 1724 (C=O) 1649 (C=O) |
| 3 | ---- | 91 | 3301 (NH), 1665 (C=O) |
| 4a | $R_1 = \text{Cl}$ | 99 | ---- |
| 4b | $R_1 = \text{Br}$ | 87 | ---- |
| 5a | $R_2 = \text{piperidinylo}$ | 84 | ---- |
| 5b | $R_2 = 4\text{-Methoxyanilino}$ | 47 | 3418 (NH) |
| 5c | $R_2 = 2,4\text{-Dimethoxyanilino}$ | 52 | 3434 (NH) |
| 5d | $R_2 = 4\text{-Cyanoanilino}$ | 62 | 3409 (NH) 2213 (CN) |
| 5e | $R_2 = 4\text{-Nitroanilino}$ | 71 | 3281 (NH) |

Experimental

General procedure for the synthesis of 1-(alkyl)aryl-amino-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazines **5a-e**.

Amine (2.43 mmol), water (0.017 mL) and one drop of HCl (37%) were added to a stirred solution of 1-chloro-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazine **4a** (4.2 g, 0.81 mmol) in acetone (20 mL). This mixture was heated at reflux for 3-15 h then cooled and the phthalazine chlorohydrate separated by filtration affording a pale brown solution. This organic solution was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a crude solid. This solid was dissolved in dichloromethane and the solution obtained was basified with a solution of ammonia (2 M), extracted with chloroform (3x30 mL) and washed with water (3x30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude 1-(alkyl)aryl-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazines **5a-e** which were purified by recrystallization or by "flash" chromatography on silica with increasing amounts of ether in petrol ether (b.p. 40-60 °C) as eluent.

1-Piperidino-4-(2'-thienyl)-phthalazine **5a** (example).

This compound was obtained in a 84% yield as a beige solid, mp 125.3-126.3 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.70-1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.80-2.00 (m, 4H, 2xCH₂), 3.40-3.60 (m, 4H, 2xNCH₂), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H, 4'-H), 7.52 (dd, 1H, 5'-H, J = 4.9, 1.2 Hz), 7.60 (1H, dd, 3'-H, J = 3.2, 1.2 Hz), 7.78-7.80 (m, 2H, 6 and 7-H), 8.08-8.14 (m, 1H, 5 or 8-H), 8.38-8.44 (m, 1H, 8 or 5-H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 24.7, 26.0, 53.4, 121.8, 125.0, 125.9, 126.6, 127.3, 127.7, 128.2, 130.9, 131.5, 139.7, 149.7, 159.9; IR (Nujol) $\bar{\nu}$ 1571, 1489, 1438, 1403, 1306, 1288, 1256, 1215, 1150, 1135, 1114, 1041, 1031, 1111, 931, 913, 874, 846, 892, 848, 695 cm⁻¹; MS: *m/z* (%) = 295 (M⁺, 53), 294 (20), 266 (38), 252 (7), 239 (21), 227 (8), 213 (40), 196 (10), 171 (16), 129 (6), 110 (16), 103 (15), 84 (100); HRMS: *m/z* calc. for C₁₇H₁₇N₃S: 295.1144; found 295.1144.

Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇N₃S: C, 69.14; H, 5.76; N, 14.23; S, 10.87. Found: C, 68.90; H, 5.94; N, 13.94; S, 10.92.

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