

Synthesis of 2, 5-dichloro 3, 4-diformyl (N-substituted phenyl) pyrroles and their synthetic utility.

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Abstract: A series of N-substituted phenyl succinimides and their formylation has been carried out by using Vilsmeier-Haack reaction. From these compounds various heterocyclic compounds have been synthesized. All compounds were screened for antibacterial and antifungal activity.

Key words: Vilsmeier-Haack reaction, formylation, Antimicrobial activity.

INTRODUCTION:

Formylation is a key process in organic synthesis in which the resulting aldehyde group acts as a 'crossroads' intermediate. Hence, Variety of methods have been developed for the formylation.

Succinimide is a part of many active molecules possessing activities such as CNS depressant¹, analgesic², antitumor³, cytostatic⁴, anorectic⁵, nerve conduction blocking⁶, antispasmodic⁷, bacteostatic⁸, muscle relaxant⁹, hypotensive¹⁰, antibacterial¹¹, antifungal¹², anti-convulsant¹³ and anti-tubercular activity¹⁴.

In view of above and in continuation of our work in the synthesis of various heterocyclic compounds¹⁵⁻³⁶, we are reporting a new series of succinimides (2a-d). Then these succinimides are formylated (3a-d). The diformyl intermediates are then used to synthesize various heterocyclic ring compounds (4a-d & 5a-d), Scheme-I.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

All melting points were determined in open capillary and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer spectrum. ¹H NMR were recorded on

Bruker DRX 500MHz NMR spectrometer with DMSO- d₆ as a solvent using TMS as internal reference (chemical shift in δ ppm). The starting compounds were synthesized according to **scheme-I**. Succinic acid 1 was converted in to N- substituted phenyl succinimides 2a-d which were then diformylated using Vilsmeier-Haack reaction to form 3a-d. The synthones 3a-d were characterised and used to synthesize compounds 4a-d and 5a-d.

1-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-pyrrolidine-3, 4-dione (2a).

A mixture of succinic acid (11.8gm, 0.1m) and thionyl chloride (26.18gm, 2.2m) was refluxed for 30 minutes. In 5ml benzene, different aromatic amines (0.1m) were dissolved. This solution of aromatic amines was added slowly in above reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was refluxed till complete HCl gas is evolved. The product obtained was cooled and recrystallized from ethanol.

Yield 82%, m.p. 194-196^oC.

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹: 2927.52(CH₂), 1699.91(>C=O), 1476.01(ArC=C), 1204.87(C-N), 820.35(Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm) : 3.5 to 2.9 δ (s,4H), 8.1 to 6.9 δ (m,3H,Ar-H).

Compounds 2b-d were prepared by using above method.

1-(3, 5-dichlorophenyl)-pyrrolidine-3, 4-dione (2b).

Yield 88%, m.p.132-135^oC.

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} : 2930.85(CH₂), 1696.37(>C=O), 1417.28(ArC=C),1202.09(C-N), 805.71(Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm) : 2.9 to 2.7 δ (s,4H), 7.9 to 6.8 δ (m,3H,Ar-H)

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-pyrrolidine-3, 4-dione (2c).

Yield 63%, m.p.110-112^oC.

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} : 2924.55(CH₂), 1702.32(>C=O), 1419.73(ArC=C),1202.25(C-N).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm):2.8- 2.7 δ (s,4H),3.16 δ (s,3H,CH₃),3.64 δ (s,3H,CH₃), 7.5- 6.9 δ (m, 3H, Ar-H).

1-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-pyrrolidine-3, 4-dione (2d).

Yield 74%, m.p.156-158^oC

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} : 2933.94(CH₂), 1706.47(>C=O), 1511.42(ArC=C),1252.19(C-N), 1175.59(-OCH₃).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm):2.3 δ (s,4H,2CH₂),2.8 δ (s,3H,-OCH₃), 7.5-7.1 δ (m, 4H, Ar-H),

2, 5-dichloro-1-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (3a):

To a cooled dimethylformamide (0.24 moles) freshly distilled POCl₃ (0.12 moles) was slowly added in a drop wise fashion with constant stirring at 5-10 ^oC. Then the succinimides 2(a-d) (0.02moles) were slowly added to a cooled Vilsmeier-Haack reagent in small aliquots at a time with constant stirring using magnetic stirrer. This reaction mixture was heated at 60-70 ^oC for 6hrs. This mixture was kept overnight and was then slowly added to crushed ice with stirring and stirred for another 30 minutes. Then the resulting clear coloured solution was reacted with 40% NaOH (50ml) maintaining the temperature below 50^oC. The reaction mixture was then heated at 50-60^oC for half an hour. After cooling in an ice bath coloured compounds were obtained. These compounds were recrystallized with aqueous methanol as solvent.

Yield 86%, m.p.110-112^oC

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} :2820(CHO), 1700.40(>C=O), 1475.11(Ar=C), 1311.14(C-N), 812.81(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm): 8.3-7.2 δ (m, 3H, Ar), 10.9 δ (br. s, 2H, 2-CHO)

Mass Analysis: 301.19 (76), 267.09 (78).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₂H₅O₂NCl₄: C-42.75, H-1.48, Found - C-42.69, H- 1.42, N- 4.10.

Compounds 3b-d were prepared by using same method.

2, 5-dichloro-1-(3, 5-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (3b):

Yield 82%, m.p.123-125^oC

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} : 2830(CHO), 1640(>C=O), 1448.1271.54(C-N), 789.44(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm) : 8.3-7.3 δ (m,3H,Ar), 10.6 δ (br. s, 2H, 2-CHO).

Mass Analysis: 301 (60)

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₂H₅O₂NCl₄: C-42.75, H-1.48, N- 4.15. Found - C-42.63, H- 1.39, N- 4.08.

2, 5-dichloro-1-(3, 4-dimethylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (3c):

Yield 76%, m.p.121-123^oC

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} :2835(CHO), 1705.93(>C=O), 1507.61(ArC=C), 1187(C-N),

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm): 3.3 δ (s, 3H), 4.2 δ (s, 3H). 6.9-7.6 δ (m, 3H, Ar), 10.1 δ (br.s, 2H, 2-CHO).

Mass Analysis: 318.045 (65). 226.112 (100).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₄H₁₁O₂NCl₂: C-56.78, H-3.71, N- 4.73. Found - C-56.73, H- 3.69, N- 4.68.

2,5-dichloro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (3d):

Yield 88%, m.p.140-142^oC.

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} :2860(CHO), 1705.93(>C=O), 1507.61(ArC=C), 1187(C-N),

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δ ppm): 3.5 δ (s, 3H – OCH₃),7.8-7.2 δ (s, 4H, Ar-H), 10.3 δ (br.s, 2H, 2-CHO).

Mass Analysis: 259 (53), 294 (100).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₃H₉O₃NCl₂: C-52.37, H-3.02, N- 4.69. Found - C-52.33, H- 2.98, N- 4.64.

2, 5-diazo-1-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (4a):

To a solution of 3a-d (1m moles) in absolute ethanol (10ml), P-toluenesulphonic acid (2m moles) and sodium azide (3m moles) were added and reaction mixture heated under reflux for time ranging between10-12hrs.The refluxed mixture was added to ice cold water which precipitated compounds 4a-d.These were filtered and recrystallized from ethanol.

Yield 92%, m.p.114-116^oC.

IR (KBR) cm^{-1} :2854.51(CHO), 1624.58(>C=O), 2102.51(N₃), 1130.99(C-N), 692.29(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 7.9to 7δ (m, 3H, Ar-H), 10.6δ (br.s, 2H, 2-CHO).

Mass Analysis: 349.166 (23), 314.12 (37).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₂H₅O₂N₇Cl₂: C-44.58, H-1.42, N- 28.00.Found - C-44.52, H- 1.36, N-28.10.

Compounds 4b-d were prepared by using similar method.

2, 5-diazo-1-(3, 5-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (4b):

Yield 87%, m.p.132-135⁰C.

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹ : 2854.40(CHO), 1591.34(>C=O), 2104.39(N₃),1443.82 (C-N), 693.15(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 7.8to7δ (m, 3H, Ar-H), 10.9δ (br.s, 2H, 2-CHO).

Mass Analysis: 314.12 (31).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₂H₅O₂N₇Cl₂: C-44.58, H-1.42, N- 28.00, Found - C-44.54, H- 1.39, N- 28.08.

2, 5-diazo-1-(3, 4-dimethylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (4c):

Yield 81%, m.p.144-146⁰C

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹: 2851.64(CHO), 1730(>C=O), 2109.89(N₃), 1385.48(C-N), 690.75(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 2.2δ(s, -CH₃), 2.5δ(s, -CH₃), 7.5-6.9δ (m, 3H, Ar-H),

9.9δ (br.s, 2H, 2-CHO).Mass Analysis: 308.15 (35), 272.214 (100).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₄H₁₁O₂N₇: C-54.36, H-3.5, N- 31.71.Found - C-54.32, H- 3.3, N-31.65.

2,5-diazo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3,4-dicarbaldehyde (4d):

Yield 83%, m.p.165-167⁰C

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹: 2857.14(CHO), 1630.96(>C=O), 2214.28(N₃), 1513.55(C-N), 692.71(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 2.6δ(s, 3H,-OCH₃), 7.6to7δ (m, 4H, Ar-H),9.8δ (br.s, 2H,2-CHO).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₃H₉O₃N₇: C-50.16, H-2.89, N- 31.51.Found - C- 50.12, H- 2.86, N-31.48.

2, 5-amino-1-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (5a):

The mixture of compound 4a-d (2.6 mmoles), sodium dithionate (5.4mmoles) and methanol (12ml) was refluxed for 5 hrs. The reaction mixture was filtered; the inorganic residues were washed with methanol. The combined methanolic solution was distilled and poured over crushed ice. The resultant

solid was filtered, washed with water, dried and recrystallized using benzene as a solvent.

Yield 82%, m.p.138-140⁰C

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹:3401.82(NH₂), 2853.18(CHO), 1592.11(>C=O), 1475.34(Ar-C=C), 1131.15(C-N), 775.13(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 10.4δ(s, 2H, 2CHO), 7.8to7.2δ (m, 3H, Ar-4.1δ (s, 4H, 2NH₂).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₂H₉O₂N₃Cl₂: C-48.33, H-3.02, N- 14.10.Found- C- 48.24, H- 2.08, N-14.08.

Compounds 5b-d were prepared by using similar method.

2, 5-amino-1-(3, 5-dichlorophenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (5b):

Yield 84%, m.p.122-125⁰C

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹: 3392.08(NH₂), 2852.95(CHO), 1588.05(>C=O), 1449.12(Ar-C=C), 1112.86(C-N), 718.84(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 10.4δ(s, 2H, 2CHO), 7.6to7δ (m, 3H, Ar-H), 3.9δ (s, 4H, 2NH₂).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₂H₉O₂N₃Cl₂: C-48.33, H-3.02, N- 14.10.Found - C- 48.24, H- 2.08, N-14.08.

Mass Analysis: 322.05 (07), 272.25 (13).

2, 5-amino-1-(3, 4-dimethylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (5c):

Yield 79%, m.p.117-119⁰C

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹: 3422.30(NH₂), 2851.64(CHO), 1625.05(>C=O), 1506.19(Ar-C=C), 1017.87(C-N), 756.50(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δpp m):2.8 δ(s,-CH₃), 3.2δ(s,-CH₃), 4.1δ (s, 4H, 2NH₂), 7.6to7δ (m, 3H, Ar-H), 9.8δ(s, 2H, 2CHO).

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₄H₁₅O₂N₃: C-65.36, H-5.83, N- 16.34.Found- C- 65.32, H- 5.79, N-16.31.

Mass Analysis: 258.20 (95), 239.5 (92).

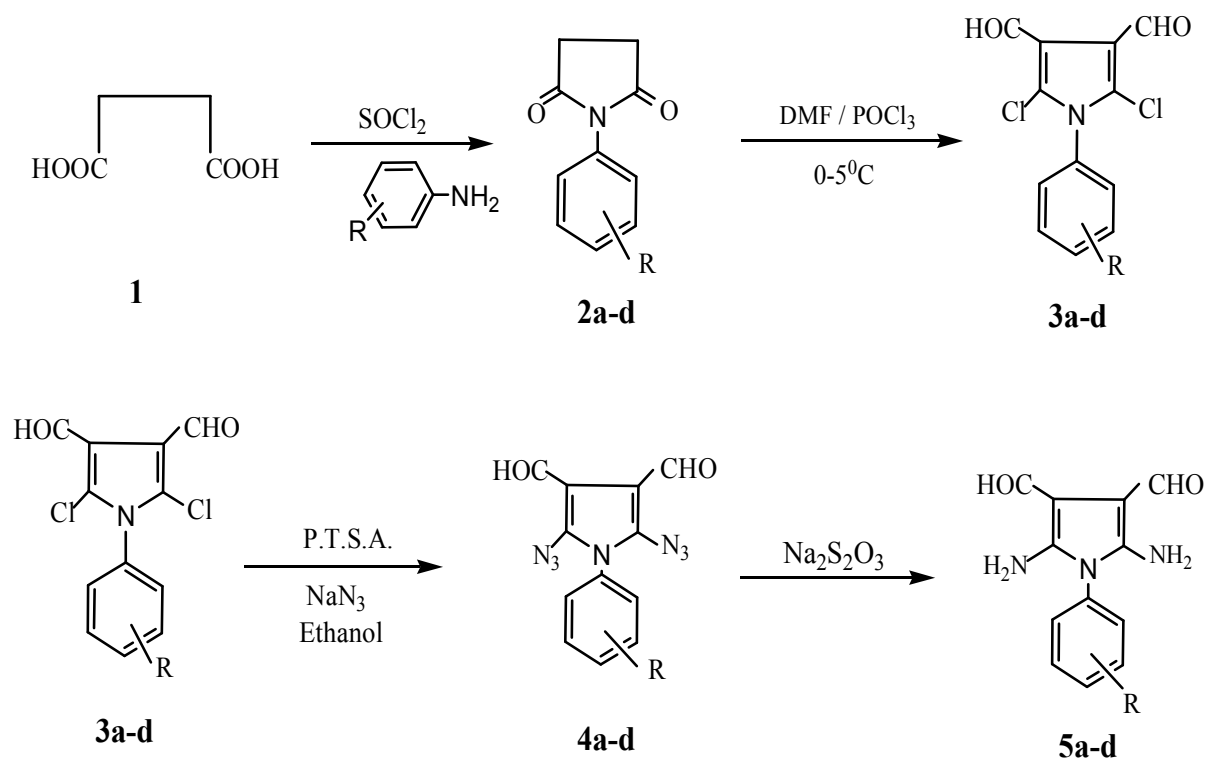
2, 5-amino-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1H-pyrrole-3, 4-dicarbaldehyde (5d):

Yield %, m.p.117-119⁰C

IR (KBR) cm⁻¹: 3405.98(NH₂), 2853.07(CHO), 1628.27(>C=O), 1459.55(Ar-C=C), 1250.62(C-N), 832.29(C-Cl).

¹HNMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d-6, δppm): 2.5δ(s,-OCH₃), 3.8δ (s, 4H, 2NH 9.8δ(s, 2H, 2CHO), 7.2to6.6δ (s, 4H, Ar-H),

Elemental Analysis: Calculated for C₁₃H₁₃O₃N₃: C-60.33, H-5.01, N- 16.21.Found- C- 60.28, H- 4.08, N-16.19.



R, a = 3, 4 -Cl, c = 3, 4 -CH₃,

b = 3, 5 -Cl, d = 4 -OCH₃

(Scheme- I)

Table-1: Shows physical data of compounds.

Compounds	R	M.F.	M.P.(⁰ C)	Yield(%)
2a	-3,4 Cl	C ₁₀ H ₇ O ₂ NCl ₂	194- 196	82
2b	-3,5 Cl	C ₁₀ H ₇ O ₂ NCl ₂	132-135	88
2c	-3,4CH ₃	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ O ₂ N	110-112	63
2d	-4OCH ₃	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₃ N	156-158	74
3a	-3,4 Cl	C ₁₂ H ₅ O ₂ NCl ₄	110-112	86
3b	-3,5 Cl	C ₁₂ H ₅ O ₂ NCl ₄	123-125	82
3c	-3,4CH ₃	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ O ₂ NCl ₂	121-123	76
3d	-4OCH ₃	C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₃ NCl ₂	140-142	88
4a	-3,4 Cl	C ₁₂ H ₅ O ₂ N ₇ Cl ₂	114-116	92
4b	-3,5 Cl	C ₁₂ H ₅ O ₂ N ₇ Cl ₂	132-135	87
4c	-3,4CH ₃	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ O ₂ N ₇	144-146	81
4d	-4OCH ₃	C ₁₃ H ₉ O ₃ N ₇	165-167	83
5a	-3,4 Cl	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₂ N ₃ Cl ₂	138-140	82
5b	-3,5 Cl	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₂ N ₃ Cl ₂	122-125	84
5c	-3,4CH ₃	C ₁₄ H ₁₅ O ₂ N ₃	117-119	79
5d	-4OCH ₃	C ₁₃ H ₁₃ O ₃ N ₃	146-148	86

BIOLOGICAL TESTING OF COMPOUNDS:-

All the synthesized compounds 2a-d, 3a-d, 4a-d, 5a-d were evaluated in-vitro for antifungal and antibacterial activity against fungi *Trichoderma viride*(TV), *Neurospora crassa*(NC), *Curvularia lunata*(CL), *Candida albicans*(CA) and bacteria

Staphylococcus aureus(SA), *Escherichia coli* (EC).The results were obtained in the form of clearing zone and were noted after the period of incubation (37⁰C for 24 hrs.). The zone of inhibition was measured in mm and data is presented in Table-2.

CULTURE USED:

Culture abbreviation	Culture Name	Culture code
TV	<i>Trichoderma viride</i>	NMC 1221
NC	<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	NCIM 1284
CL	<i>Curvularia lunata</i>	NCIM 716
CA	<i>Candida albicans</i>	NICM 3471
SA	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	NICM 2079
EC	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	NICM 2109

MEDIA USED:

For Bacteria : Nutrient agar (Hi-media)

For Yeast : MGYP

•Inoculum size

Bacteria : 1x10 bacteria per ml.

Yeast : 1x10 cells per ml.

•Concentration of compound : 100µgm/disc

(prepared in Ethanol)

•Method used : Agar diffusion assay

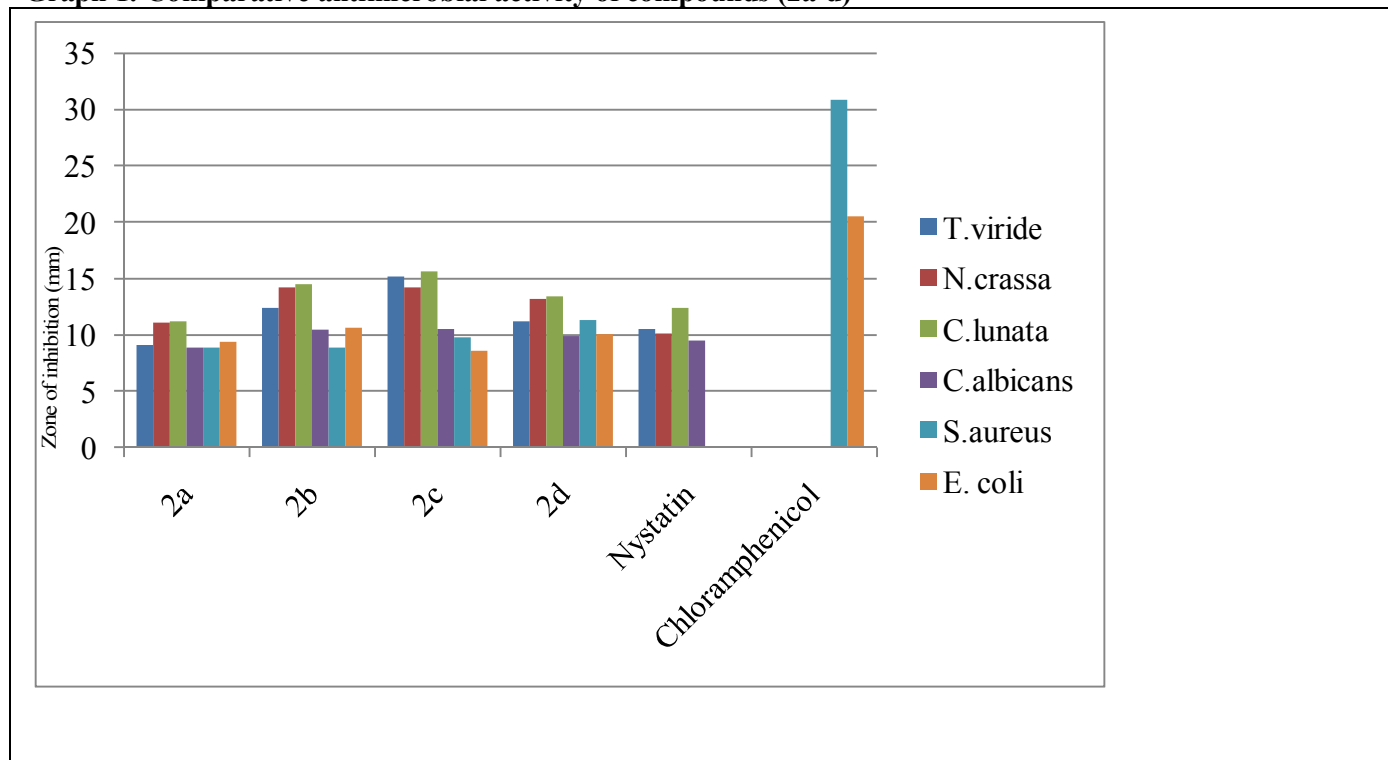
(Disc method, Disc size 6 mm)

“ - ” means no zone of inhibition.

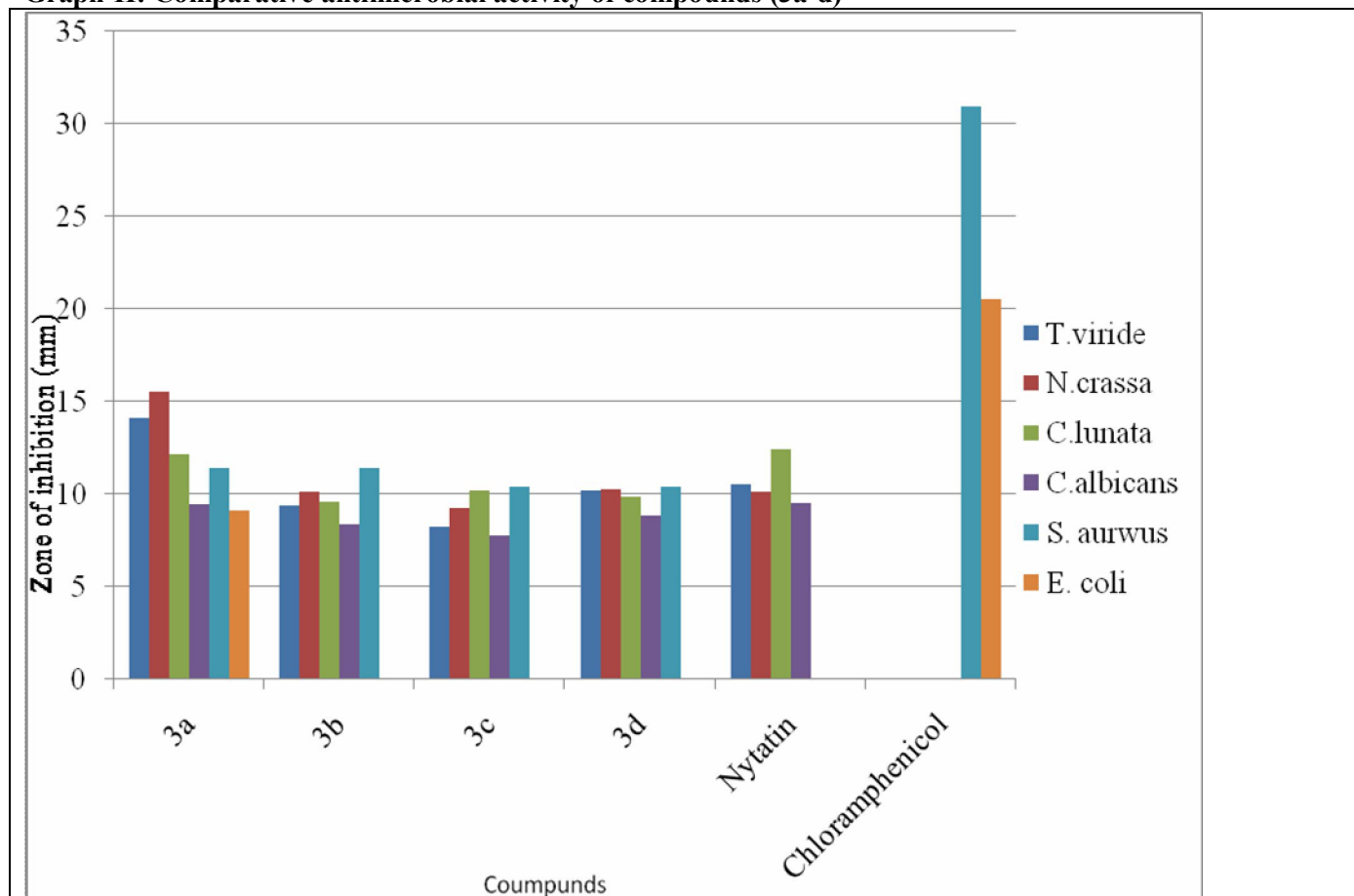
Table-2: Antimicrobial activity of compounds. (Zone of inhibition in mm.)

Sr.	Compound	TV	NC	CL	CA	SA	EC
1	2a	9.13	11.12	11.23	8.88	8.89	9.43
2	2b	12.43	14.23	14.52	10.51	8.91	10.68
3	2c	15.23	14.23	15.63	10.56	9.84	8.65
4	2d	11.23	13.20	13.45	9.91	11.34	10.12
5	3a	14.13	15.52	12.13	9.49	11.39	9.10
6	3b	9.40	10.12	9.58	8.39	11.44	-
7	3c	8.23	9.25	10.23	7.75	10.41	-
8	3d	10.22	10.25	9.88	8.85	10.42	-
9	4a	7.00	-	9.63	6.64	8.02	-
10	4b	9.13	10.11	11.20	7.76	9.85	12.58
11	4c	10.12	9.63	12.22	7.63	-	-
12	4d	11.23	10.56	10.25	7.65	-	-
13	5a	-	-	-	-	9.85	9.61
14	5b	-	-	-	-	7.55	10.32
15	5c	-	-	-	-	6.55	9.34
16	5d	-	-	-	-	7.54	9.35
17	Nystatin[100 U/ml]	10.53	10.14	12.44	9.53	-	-
18	Standard Chloramphenicol [10meg/dise	-	-	-	-	30.94	20.52

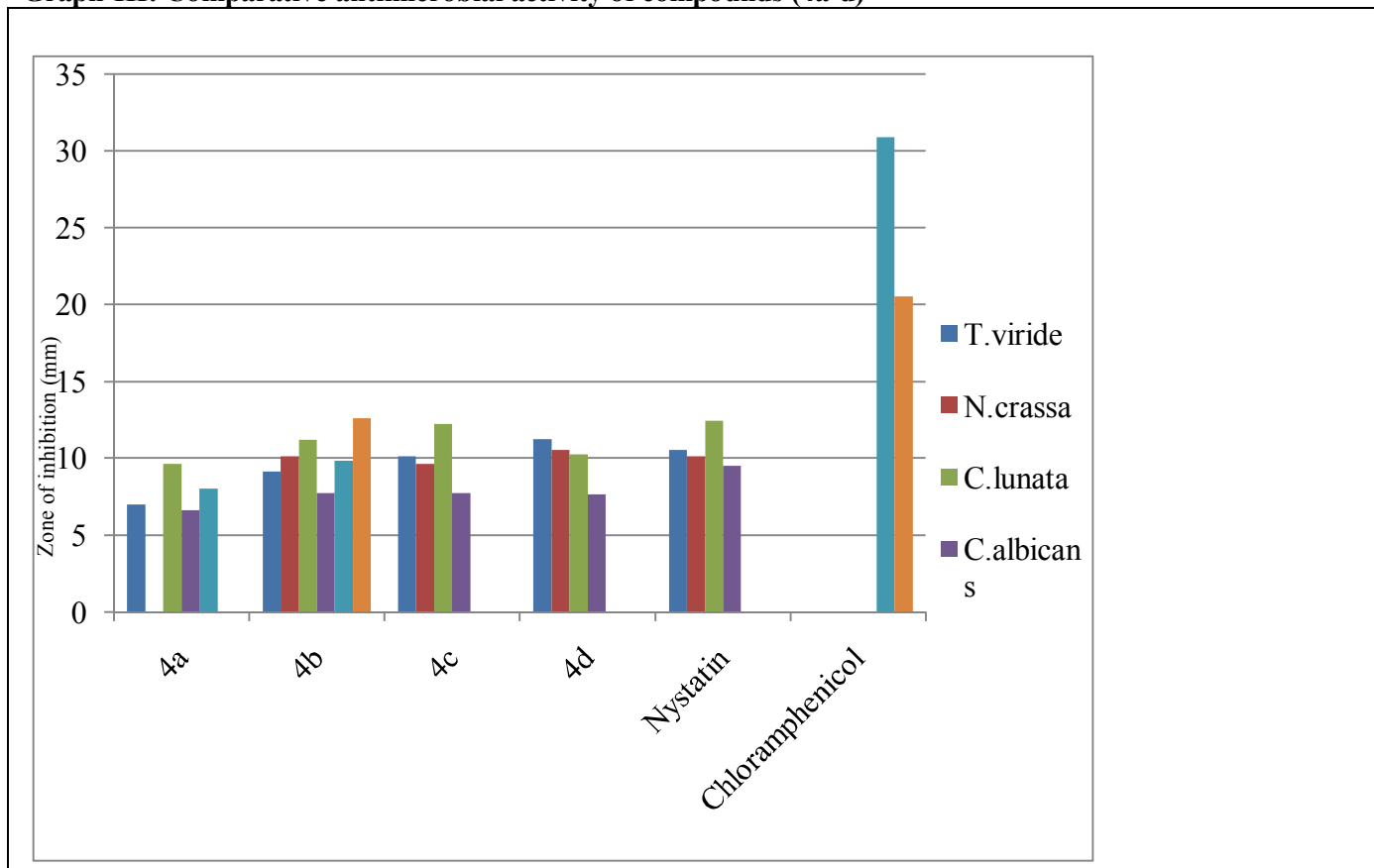
Graph-I: Comparative antimicrobial activity of compounds (2a-d)



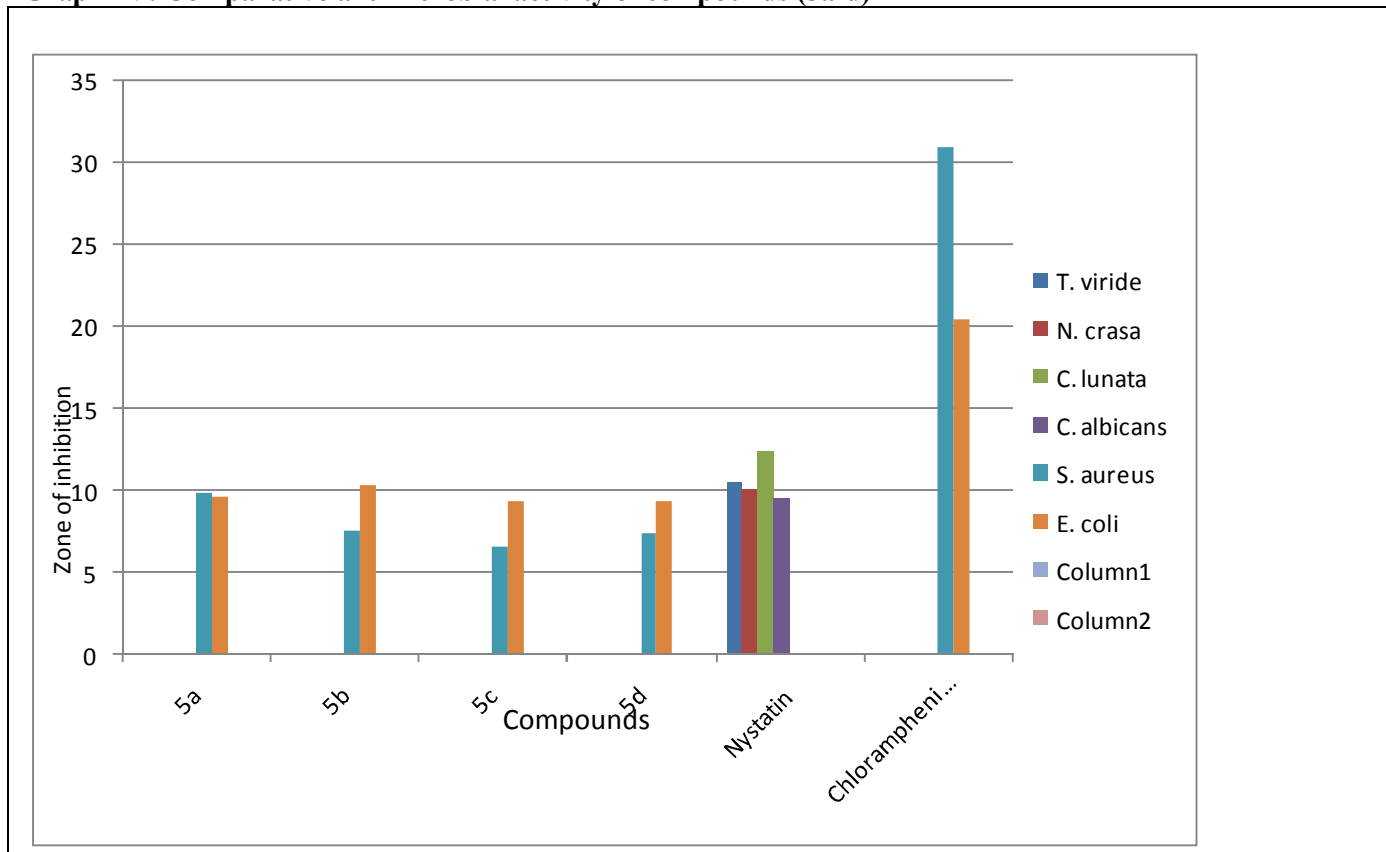
Graph-II: Comparative antimicrobial activity of compounds (3a-d)



Graph-III: Comparative antimicrobial activity of compounds (4a-d)



Graph-IV: Comparative antimicrobial activity of compounds (5a-d)



RESULTS:

The compounds **2b**, **2c** and **2d** were found more potent than standard Naystatin against TV, NC, CL and CA respectively. The compound **3a** was found more potent than standard Naystatin against TV, NC and CA. The compound **3d** was also found potent than standard. The compound **4d** was found more potent than standard Naystatin against TV and NC. The compounds **4b** and **4c** showed good antimicrobial activity against TV and NC. The compound **4a** did not show zone of inhibition against NC and EC. The compounds **5a-d** did not show zone of inhibition against fungi TV, NC, CL, and CA. The antibacterial activity of all the compounds was not found so promising.

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CONCLUSION:

In present work we have developed a general method for the synthesis of succinimides with good yield which can be used for the synthesis of various heterocyclic systems. The dicarboaldehydes formed **3a-d** are unknown synthonnes and may be used for the synthesis of various heterocyclic systems.

The method was developed to transform synthonnes **3a-d** in to 2, 5-diazo **4a-d** compounds which can use as dyes, plastics, pharmaceuticals and pesticides. The synthonnes **3a-d** also transformed in to 2, 5-diamino compounds posses herbicidal properties.

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