

## SYNTHESIS OF DIMERIC BARBITURATES

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### Abstract

The dimerisation reaction of 1,3-diphenyl barbituric acid 1 and 1,3-diphenyl 2-thiobarbituric acid 3 has been studied. Alkaline solution of these acids when treated with vinyl acetate, yielded 5,5'-(methyl)-methylene-bis-(6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-diphenyl)-2,4-dioxo pyrimidine 2 and 5,5'-(methyl)-methylene-bis-(6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-diphenyl)-4-oxo-2-thio pyrimidine 4 respectively. The structures of these compounds have been confirmed from their spectral and analytical data.

### Introduction

A large number of barbiturate and thiobarbiturate derivatives have been reported to exhibit a broad spectrum of biological activities, such as anticonvulsant<sup>1,2</sup>, sedative and hypnotic<sup>3-6</sup>, antibacterial<sup>7</sup>, insecticidal<sup>8,9</sup> and antineoplastic activities<sup>10</sup>. In addition, synthetic studies of fused pyrimidines have been documented extensively because of their structural diversity and to carry out further for the study of above activities. We have recently reported<sup>11,12</sup> the synthesis of novel pyranobis quinolines, pyranobis benzopyrans and benzopyrano-pyranoquinolines through the intermediate quinone methides. In continuation of our ongoing interest in the preparation of dimerized product, we now report the synthesis of 5,5'-(methyl)-methylene-bis-(6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-diphenyl)-2,4-dioxo pyrimidine 2.

### Experimental

#### General Information

Thin layer chromatography was used to access reactions and purity of products. Melting points were determined on a Boetius Microheating Table and Mettler-FP5 Melting-Point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded in Shimadzu -8201 FT instrument in KBr disc and only noteworthy absorption levels(reciprocal centimeter) are listed. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded in a AMX-400 MHz spectrometer in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution; chemical shifts are expressed in ppm(δ) relative TMS, coupling constants (J) in Hz and signal multiplicities are represented by s(singlet), d(doublet), q(quartet) and m(multiplet). Mass spectra were recorded on a Jeol - 300 mass spectrometer .

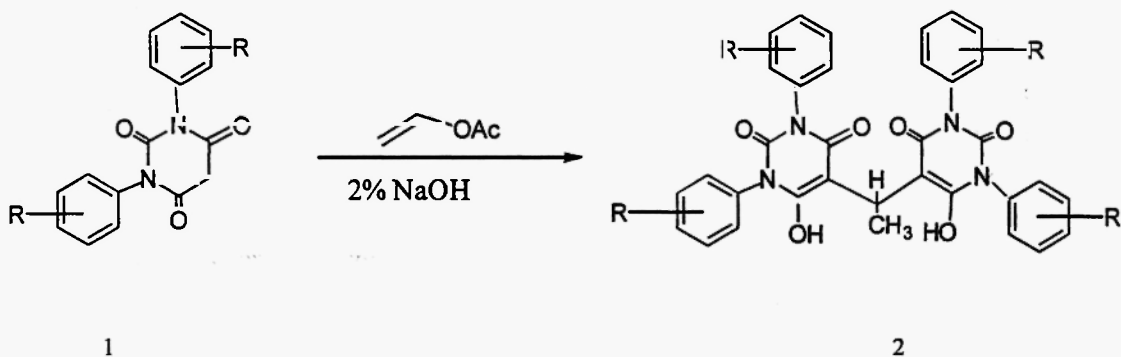
### General Procedure

1,3-Diphenyl barbituric acid (0.002 mole) or 1,3-Diphenyl-2-thiobarbituric acid (0.002 mole) was stirred at room temperature in 100 ml of 2% sodium hydroxide solution taken in a 250 ml round bottom flask. To the alkaline solution vinyl acetate (0.02 mole) was added and the stirring was continued for 5-6 hours. The precipitated product was filtered carefully, washed with water and dried. The crude product was purified by recrystallising from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  solution.

### Results and Discussions

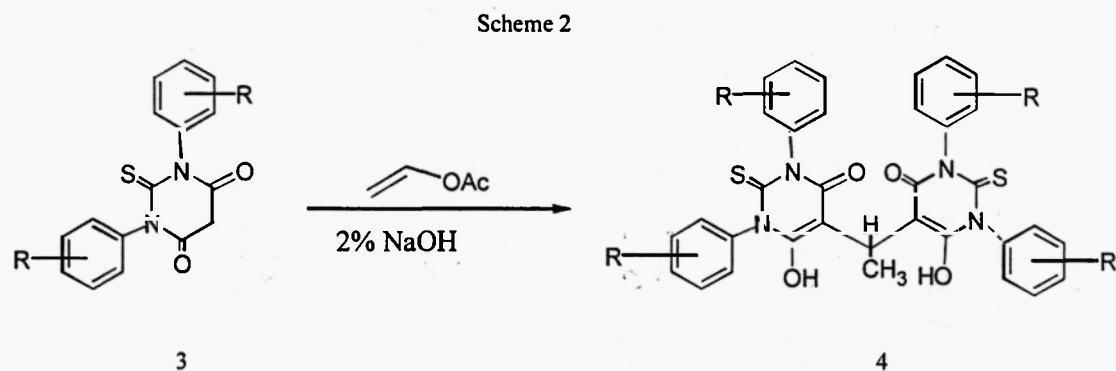
When a solution of 1,3-diphenyl barbituric acid in 2% sodium hydroxide was treated with vinyl acetate at room temperature, a yellow coloured solid separated out. It was filtered and recrystallised from  $\text{CHCl}_3$ - $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  solution (Yield: 85%; M.P.:  $182.5^\circ\text{C}$ ). Its IR spectrum registered  $>\text{C}=\text{O}$  absorption peaks at  $1685\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1649\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $-\text{OH}$  absorption in the region  $3290$ - $3650\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{N}$  peak at  $1595$  and  $1544\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the compound exhibited a doublet at  $\delta 2.5$  which might be ascribed to methyl protons, a quartet at  $\delta 7.1$  was accountable to methine proton. The low field shift of the methine proton may be due to the presence of  $>\text{C}=\text{O}$  and  $>\text{C}-\text{OH}$  groups adjacent to the proton. All the twenty aromatic protons gave multiplet between  $\delta 6.95$  and  $7.6$ . A singlet at  $\delta 8.6$  was assigned to  $-\text{OH}$  group. The mass spectrum illustrated the molecular ion peak at  $m/z$  586. The elemental analysis (CHN) agreed well with the molecular formula  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6$ . All the above spectral data accredited the compound **2a** as 5,5'-(methyl)-methylene-bis-(6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-diphenyl)-2,4-dioxo pyrimidine (scheme 1)

Scheme 1



- 1,2 a: R = H  
 b: R = 2- $\text{CH}_3$   
 c: R = 4- $\text{CH}_3$   
 d: R = 2 -  $\text{OCH}_3$

Having achieved in the dimerisation reaction of 1,3-diphenyl barbituric acids, we extended our reaction technique for 1,3-diphenyl 2-thiobarbituric acid also (Scheme 2). The products obtained were substantiated through IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , mass and elemental analysis and were given in the table 2.



3,4 a: R = H

b: R = 2-CH<sub>3</sub>

c: R = 4-CH<sub>3</sub>

d: R = 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>

Table 1. Physical and spectral data of 5, 5'-(methyl)-methylene-bis-(6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-diphenyl)-2,4-dioxo pyrimidine 2

Compound	Yield (%)	M.P. (°C)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	MS(70eV) m/e (m <sup>-1</sup> )	Molecular Formula	Analysis Found (Calc.d.)			<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> )δ/ppm
						C	H	N	
2a	85	182.5	3200-3600(O-H), 1695,1649(C=O)	586	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	69.62 (69.58)	4.44 (4.43)	9.56 (9.57)	2.50(d,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 7.1(q,1H,-CH-), 6.9-7.9(m,20H,Ar-H), 8.6(s,2H,2XOH)
2b	56%	214.8	3200-3450(OH), 1647,1614(C=O)	642	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	71.03 (71.13)	5.30 (5.32)	8.72 (8.73)	2.2(d,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.5(s,12H,4xCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.8(q,1H,-CH-), 7-8.0(m,16H,Ar-H), 8.4(s,2H,2xOH)
2c	60	134.1	3250-3500(O-H), 1695,1647(C=O)	642	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	71.03 (71.09)	5.30 (5.29)	8.72 (8.75)	2.3(d,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.5(s,12H,4xCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.6(q,1H,-CH-), 7.1-8.2(m,16H,Ar-H), 8.3(s,2H,2xOH)
2d	62	210.3	3250-3600(O-H), 1697,1645(C=O)	706	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	64.59 (64.62)	4.82 (4.85)	7.93 (7.91)	2.5(d,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.7(s,12H,4xOCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.8(q,1H,-CH-), 7.0-8.1(m,16H,Ar-H), 8.8(s,2H,2xOH)

Table 2. Physical and spectral data of 5, 5'-(methyl)-methylene-bis-(6-hydroxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,3-diphenyl)-4-oxo-2-thio pyrimidine 4

Compound	Yield (%)	M.P. (°C)	IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	MS (70eV) m/e(m <sup>+</sup> )	Molecular Formula	Analysis			<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (DMSO-d <sub>6</sub> ) δ/ppm
						Found	Calcd.		
						C	H	N	
4a	50	300	3200-3600(OH), 1600(C=O), 1323(C=S)	618	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	66.02 (66.08)	4.21 (4.23)	9.06 (9.08)	2.4(d, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.8(q, 1H, -CH-), 7.0-8.1(m, 16 H, Ar-H), 9.2(s, 2H, 2xOH)
4b	64	239	3250-3600(OH), 1612(C=O), 1323(C=S)	674	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	67.66 (57.69)	5.05 (5.01)	8.31 (8.29)	2.3(d, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.4(s, 12H, 4xCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.7(q, 1H, -CH-), 6.9-7.8(m, 16H, Ar-H), 9.5(s, 2H, 2xOH)
4c	48	172	3150-3500(OH), 1615(C=O), 1323(C=S)	674	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	67.66 (67.63)	5.05 (5.03)	8.31 (8.32)	2.2(d, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.5(s, 12H, 4xCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.9(q, 1H, -CH-), 7.0-7.9(m, 16H, Ar-H), 9.6(s, 2H, 2xOH)
4d	62	113	3150-3600(OH), 1620(C=O), 1325(C=S)	738	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	61.79 (61.32)	4.61 (4.63)	7.59 (7.60)	2.3(d, 3H, CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.9(s, 12H, 4xOCH <sub>3</sub> ), 6.7(q, 1H, -CH-), 7.0-8.2(m, 16H, Ar-H), 9.5(s, 2H, 2xOH)

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