

SYNTHESIS AND BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF OF 1-ARYLOXY-2-HYDROXY-3-AMINOCYCLOHEXANES

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the synthesis and biological evaluation of 1-aryloxy-2-hydroxy-3-aminocyclohexanes. These compounds are analogs of aryloxy propanolamines, which are known for their pharmacodynamic properties. The research aims to investigate the influence of cyclic structures on biological activity, potentially enhancing pharmacological effects compared to their acyclic counterparts. Several novel compounds were synthesized and characterized using various spectroscopic methods. Their biological activities were also evaluated, showing promising results in hypotensive, anticonvulsant, antidiabetic, and antidepressant activities.

Keywords – Synthesis, 1-aryloxy-2-hydroxy-3-aminocyclohexanes, Aryloxy propanolamines, Biological evaluation, Spectroscopic methods, Pharmacological activity.

1. INTRODUCTION

Previous research has shown that aryloxy propanolamines exhibit a wide range of biological activities, including hypotensive, anticonvulsant, antidiabetic, and antidepressant effects [1]. Substitution in the aryloxy group, the length of the propanol chain, and substitution in the amino component significantly influence the biological activity of these compounds [2].

In particular, compounds such as 1-(m-methoxyphenoxy)-2-hydroxy-3-{N'-N4-phenyl-piperazinyl}propane and 1-(p-chlorophenoxy)-2-hydroxy-3-{N'-(N4-3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)piperazinyl}propane have been identified as promising candidates for hypotensive and anticonvulsant activities, respectively [3].

Despite the success in discovering pharmacologically active agents, the exact spatial disposition in the bio-phase and the geometry responsible for drug-receptor interactions remain speculative [4]. This study focuses on synthesizing cyclic analogs of these active compounds to explore their pharmacological potential and better understand the structural requirements for receptor interaction.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 General Procedures

Melting points were determined using an electrically heated apparatus (Townson and Mercer Ltd., Croydon, England) and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian A-60D instrument using TMS as an internal reference, with chemical shift values expressed in ppm [5]. Mass spectra were obtained using a Hitachi RMU-6E mass spectrometer fitted with a direct inlet system [6]. IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer instruments, with frequencies expressed in cm⁻¹ [7]. UV spectra were recorded on a

Perkin-Elmer 202 automatic recording spectrophotometer [8]. Compound homogeneity was checked by TLC on silica gel or alumina plates and by GLC on a Varian Aerograph 18000 instrument [9].

2.2 Synthesis of 1-Phenoxy-2-Hydroxy-3-{N'-(N4-Phenylpiperazinyl)}Cyclohexane (18a/51)

1-Phenoxy-trans-2,3-epoxycyclohexane (0.3 g, 1.6 mmol) and N-phenylpiperazine (0.16 g, 1.6 mmol) were dissolved in ethanol and refluxed for 3 hours on a steam bath. After concentration, the residue was triturated to obtain the required product 18a, with a yield of 75%, m.p. 105°C (C₆H₆-hexane). The hydrochloride form had a melting point of 228°C (MeOH-Et₂O) [10]. IR (KBr): 3348 (OH); NMR (CDCl₃): 1.0-2.4 (bm, 6, -(CH₂)₃-), 2.4-3.04 (m, 5, CHN(CH₂)), 3.0-3.42 (u, 4, PhN(CH₂)₂), 3.64 (t, 1, CHO, J = 9 Hz, D₂O exchangeable), 4.53-5.05 (bh, 1, CHOPh), 6.7-7.5 (m, 10, Ar-H) [11].

2.3 Synthesis of 1-(p-Acetamidophenoxy)-2-Cyclohexene

To a stirred and cooled mixture of NaOH (0.8 g, 20 mmol) in water (2 mL) and p-acetamidophenol (3.0 g, 20 mmol) in DMF (18 mL), 1-chloro-2-cyclohexene (2.3 g, 20 mmol) in DMF (18 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours, allowed to reach room temperature, and then stirred for an additional 30 minutes. The mixture was left overnight in the refrigerator, diluted with water (60 mL), and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extract was washed with 5% NaOH solution, water, saturated sodium chloride solution, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Removal of the solvent gave the desired alkene 20 with a yield of 76%, m.p. 100°C (C₆H₆-hexane) [12].

2.4 Synthesis of 1-(p-Acetamidophenoxy)-2,3-Epoxycyclohexane

1-(p-Acetamidophenoxy)-2-cyclohexene (20) (1.0 g, 25 mmol) in dioxane (40 mL) was added dropwise to a cooled (15°C) solution of m-chloroperbenzoic acid (10 g, 27 mmol) in dioxane (100 mL) over 30 minutes. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour, allowed to reach room temperature, and left in the fridge for 4 days. After 36 hours at room temperature, the precipitated solid was dissolved in 10% KOH, and the organic layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The extract was washed with 10% KOH solution, water, and saturated NaCl solution, and then dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration yielded 8.0 g of epoxy product, m.p. 110°C. IR (KBr): 3233 (NH), 1662 (C=O), 834 (oxirane ring) [13].

2.5 Synthesis of 1-(p-Aminophenoxy)-2-Hydroxy-3-i-Propylaminocyclohexane

1-(p-Acetamidophenoxy)-2-hydroxy-3-1-propylaminocyclohexane hydrochloride (29A, 0.2 g) was refluxed with 6N HCl (1 mL) for 2 hours. Concentration and trituration with dry ether yielded 150 mg of the required amino product 23, m.p. 133°C, yield 80%. IR (KBr): 3460 (NH₂) [14].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The synthesized 1-aryloxy-2-hydroxy-3-aminocyclohexanes were subjected to various spectroscopic analyses to confirm their structures. The NMR spectra of the compounds displayed characteristic chemical shifts and coupling constants, confirming the successful synthesis of the target molecules. The IR spectra provided further evidence of the functional groups present in the compounds [15].

Biological evaluation of the synthesized compounds showed that cyclic analogs retained or even enhanced the pharmacological activities observed in their acyclic counterparts. Notably, the cyclic analog of Centpropazine exhibited marked antidepressant and antidiabetic activities, similar to those of its acyclic counterpart [16]. This finding suggests that the introduction of a cyclic structure may improve the spatial arrangement required for optimal drug-receptor interaction [17, 18].

4. CONCLUSION

This study successfully synthesized a series of 1-aryloxy-2-hydroxy-3-aminocyclohexanes and demonstrated that these cyclic analogs possess significant pharmacological activities. The findings suggest that incorporating acyclic compounds into a rigid framework can enhance their biological activities and provide insights into the geometry required for drug-receptor interactions. Further research is warranted to explore the full pharmacological potential of these cyclic compounds and to understand the detailed mechanisms underlying their activities.

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