

Synthesis and Antimicrobial Activity of Isoeugenol Hybrid Derivatives

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ABSTRACT

Isoeugenol has wide medical applications. It is used in manufacturing perfumeries, flavorings, essential oils (odor description : Clove, spicy, sweet, woody) and in medicine (local antiseptic and analgesic). Its analogues also show various biological activities which prompted us to synthesize few more analogues (fused / hybrid molecules) for their future applications as bioactive molecules and are characterized by 1H NMR and Mass spectral data. Few of them are showing promising antibacterial activity.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Phenolic phytochemicals are known to exhibit antianticarcinogenic, inflammatory, antioxidant, antidiabetic, antiatherosclerosis and immunomodulatory activities in animals1,2. These are mostly polyphenols known as secondary plant metabolites3 present in plant and trees. One of such compound is isoeugenol which is a phenylpropene, a propenyl substituted guaiacol. It occurs in the essential oils of plants such as ylang-ylang. It can be synthesized from eugenol and had been used in the manufacture of vanillin. It may occur as either the cis (Z) or trans (E) isomer. Trans (E) isoeugenol is crystalline while cis (Z) isoeugenol is a liquid4. Since it is a naturally occurring active compound having antioxidant and antimicrobial properties, we decided to make a library of compounds using various permutation and combinations to come up with novel ester derivatives of isoeugenol using conventional method. The objective of this study is to condense two molecules of the same disease domain to produce more potent candidate in the same disease domain or

to condense two molecules of different disease domain to produce mixed variety of those disease domain or to have drug candidate with entirely different disease domain.

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Isoeugenol dissolved in dichloromethane and treated with DDC, DMAP, pyridine and aromatic acids at room temperature for 24 hrs to yield respective hybrid molecules. The crude reaction mixture obtained in each stages were purified by column, radial and preparative thin layer chromatographic techniques and unambiguously characterized by 1H NMR and Mass spectroscopy techniques.

General method for the preparation of compounds (1 -9) :- These were prepared by following general method as depicted below.

To a stirred solution of Isoeugenol (1 eq.) in dichloromethane (30 mL) was added pyridine (0.5 eq.), DMAP (0.05 eq.), DCC (1.3 eq.) and aromatic /

substituted aromatic acid (1.3 eq.) respectively at room temperature and stir it for next 24 hrs. As the reaction proceeds the by-product urea derivative precipitates out of the reaction mixture and floats on the surface (TLC). The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to minimum, preadsorbed on silica gel and purified by column chromatography (SiO2, 100 - 200 mesh) with increase in concentration of ethyl acetate in petroleum ether to yield pure compound. The purified compounds were unambiguously characterized by 1H NMR and Mass spectroscopy.

Compound No.	R
1	2-Methoxy benzoyl
2	2-Ethoxy benzoyl
3	Phenyl acetyl
4	4-Chloro phenyl acetyl
5	4-Ethoxy-3-methoxy
	benzoyl
6	3,4-Dimethoxy benzoyl
7	2,6-bis(trifluoro methyl)
	benzoyl
8	4-Allyloxy benzoyl
9	3-Amino benzoyl

Probable mechanism for fused / hybrid molecules :



Compound 1 : [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-2- methoxybenzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 1.88 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.83 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 3.97 (s, 2H, Benzylic –CH₂), 6.1 – 6.3 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.39 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton "b'), 6.8 – 8.2 (m, 7H, ArH from isoeugenol and 2-methoxy benzoic acid moiety TOF MS ES : 299 (M + H), 321 (M + Na). Molecular formula C₁₈H₁₈O₄. Pure viscous mass (1.36 gms, 74.7 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈O₄ : C 72.47, H 6.08, O 21.45 Found C 72.43, H 6.05, O 21.49;

Compound 2 : [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-2-ethoxy benzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 1.45 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, -CH3 from –OCH₂CH₃ group), 1.88 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.83 (s, 3H, Ar x -OCH₃), 4.14 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂ from - OCH_2CH_3 group), 6.1 - 6.3 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.38 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton "b"), 6.8 - 8.1 (m, 7H, ArH from isoeugenol and 2-ethoxy benzoic acid moiety. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 14.96 (-CH₃, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 18.67 (CH₃ from -OCH₂CH₃ group), 56.14 (-OCH₂), 64.84 (Ar x -OCH₃), 109.97 (=CH), 113.62 (=CH), 118.63 (ArC), 119.75 (ArC), 120.28 (ArC), 123.17 (ArC), 126.01 (ArC), 130.87 (q, >C<), 132.50 (ArC), 134.25 (q, >C<), 137.10 (ArC), 139.17 (q, ArC-O), 151.56 (q, ArC-O), 159.48 (q, ArC-O), 164.29 (q, >C=O). TOF MS ES : 313 (M + H), 335 (M + Na). Molecular formula C19H20O4. Pure viscous mass (1.32 gms, 69.5 %). Anal. Calcd. for C19H20O4 : C 73.06, H 6.45, O 20.49 . Found C 73.10, H 6.42, O 20.52;

Compound 3 : [2-methoxy-4-[(1E)-prop-1-en-1-yl]phenyl]2-phenylacetate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 1.86 (d, 3H, J = 8.5 Hz, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.76 (s, 3H, Ar x -OCH₃), 3.87 (s, 2H, Benzylic -CH₂), 6.0 -6.2 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.34 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton "b'), 6.6 - 7.0 (m, 3H, ArH from isoeugenol moiety), 7.2 - 7.6 (m, 5H, ArH from phenyl acetic acid moiety). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 14.96 (-CH₃, Terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 56.18 (Ar x -OCH₃), 110.0 (=CH), 118.65 (=CH), 122.97 (ArC), 126.49 (ArC), 126.92 (ArC), 129.51 (ArC), 130.74 (ArC), 131.47 (q, >C<), 132.31 (ArC), 133.23 (q, >C<), 134.67 (ArC), 137.52 (q, >C<), 138.74 (q, ArC-O), 151.31 (q, ArC-O), 163.77 (q, >C=O). TOF MS ES : 282 (M + H), 305 (M + Na). Molecular formula C18H18O3. Pure viscous mass (1.38 gms, 80.23 %). Anal. Calcd. for C18H18O3: C 76.57, H 6.43, O 17.0 Found C 76.53, H 6.45, O 17.04;

Compound 4 : . [2-methoxy-4-[(1E)-prop-1-en-1-yl]phenyl]-2-(4-chlorophenyl)acetate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 1.86 (d, 3H, J = 8.5 Hz, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.76 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 2H, Benzylic –CH₂), 6.0 – 6.2 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.34 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton "b'), 6.6 – 7.0 (m, 3H, ArH from isoeugenol moiety), 7.2 – 7.6 (m, 4H, ArH from 4-chloro phenyl acetic acid moiety). TOF MS ES : 317 (M + H), 339 (M + Na). Molecular formula C₁₈H₁₇ClO₃. Pure viscous mass (1.34 gms, 69.43 %). Anal. Calcd. For C₁₈H₁₇ClO₃: C 68.25, H 5.41, O 16.15, Cl 11.19 % Found C 68.21, H 5.38, O 16.19;

Compound 5 : [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-4-ethoxy-3-methoxy benzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 1.51 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, -CH₃ from -OCH₂CH₃ group), 1.89 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.82 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 3.95 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 4.19 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H, -OCH₂ from -OCH₂CH₃ group), 6.1 - 6.3 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.38 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton 'b'), 6.8 - 8.0 (m, 6H, ArH from isoeugenol and 4-ethoxy-3-methoxy benzoic acid moiety). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 14.88 (-CH₃, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 18.68 (-CH3 from -OCH2CH3 group), 56.17 (-OCH2), 56.26 (Ar x -OCH₃), 64.69 (Ar x -OCH₃), 110.0 (=CH), 111.53 (=CH), 112.9 (ArC), 118.66 (ArC), 121.81 (ArC), 123.13 (q, >C<), 124.74 (ArC), 126.17 (q, >C<), 130.77 (ArC), 137.21 (ArC), 139.16 (q, ArC-O), 149.1 (q, ArC-O), 151.55 (q, ArC-O), 153.06 (q, ArC-O), 164.9 (q, >C=O). TOF MS ES : 343 (M + H), 365 (M + Na). Molecular formula C20H22O5. Pure viscous mass (1.42 gms, 67.94 %). Anal. Calcd. for C20H22O5 : C 70.16, H 6.48, O 23.36 Found C 70.12, H 6.52, O 23.39;

Compound 6 : [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-3,4-dimethoxy benzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 1.89 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.82 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 3.96 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 3.97 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃). 6.18 – 6.26 (m, 1H, olefinic proton

'a'), 6.40 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton 'b'), 6.8 – 8.0 (m, 6H, ArH from isoeugenol and 3, 4-dimethoxy benzoic acid moiety). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 18.67 (-CH₃, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 56.041 (Ar x –OCH₃), 56.23 (Ar x –OCH₃), 56.38 (Ar x –OCH₃), 109.99 (=CH-), 110.55 (=CH-), 112.70 (ArC), 118.67 (ArC), 122.1 (ArC), 123.13 (ArC), 124.79 (ArC), 126.20 (q, >C<), 130.69 (q, >C<), 137.24 (ArC), 139.13 (q, ArC-O), 149.93 (q, ArC-O), 151.53 (q, ArC-O), 153.65 (q, ArC-O), 164.85 (q, >C=O). TOF MS ES : 329 (M + H), 351 (M + Na). Molecular formula C₁₉H₂₀O₅. Pure viscous mass (1.36 gms, 68.0 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀O₅ : C 69.50, H 6.14, O 24.36 . Found C 69.54, H 6.10, O 24.40;

Compound 7 :- [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl) benzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 1.91 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.84 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 6.20 – 6.29 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.41 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton 'b'), 6.8 -7.2 (m, 3H, ArH from isoeugenol moiety), 8.13 (s, 1H, ArH from 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl) benzoyl moiety), 8.66 (s, 2H, ArH from 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl) benzoyl moiety due to symmetry) ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 18.66 (-CH₃, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 56.07 (Ar x -OCH₃), 109.98 (=CH-), 118.67 (=CH-), 121.74 (ArC), 122.63 (ArC), 124.45 (ArC), 127.0 (ArC), 130.59 (ArC), 131.95 (ArC), 132.40 (ArC), 132.74 (ArC), 133.08 (q, 2 x - CF₃), 137.98 (q, 2 x -CF₃), 138.32 (q, ArC-O), 151.08 (q, ArC-O), 162.43 (q, >C=O). TOF MS ES : 405 (M + H), 427 (M + Na). Molecular formula C19H14F6O3. Pure viscous mass (1.76 gms, 71.54 %). Anal. Calcd. for C19H14F6O3 : C 56.44, H 3.49, O 11.87, F 28.29 Found C 56.40, H 3.52, O 11.90;

Compound 8 : [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-4-allyloxy benzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 1.88 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.81 (s,

3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 4.61 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H, benzylic – CH₂), 5.32 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton), 5.43 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton), 6.1 – 6.3 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.38 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton "b"), 6.8 – 8.2 (m, 7H, ArH from isoeugenol and 4-allyloxy benzoic acid moiety). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δppm : 18.5 (-CH₃, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 55.9 (-OCH2), 68.9 (Ar x -OCH3), 109.8 (=CH), 114.48 (=CH), 114.58 (=CH), 118.23 (=CH), 118.26 (ArC), 121.96 (ArC), 122.9 (q, >C<), 125.9 (q, >C<), 130.6 (q, >C<), 132.4 (2 x ArC), 137.0 (2 x ArC), 138.9 (ArC), 151.4 (q, ArC-O), 162.8 (q, ArC-O), 164.6 (q, >C=O). TOF MS ES : 325 (M + H), 347 (M + Na). Molecular formula C20H20O4. Pure viscous mass (1.32 gms, 67.0 %). Anal. Calcd. for C20H20O4 : C 74.06, H 6.21, O 19.73 Found C 74.02, H 6.18, O 19.77;

Compound 9 : [2-methoxy-4-[(E)-prop-1enyl]phenyl]-3-amino benzoate

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm : 1.88 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, terminal methyl from isoeugenol moiety), 3.6 – 3.8 (brs, 2H, -NH₂), 3.81 (s, 3H, Ar x –OCH₃), 6.1 – 6.3 (m, 1H, olefinic proton 'a'), 6.39 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H, olefinic proton 'b'), 6.8 – 7.7 (m, 7H, ArH from isoeugenol and 3-amino benzoic acid moiety). TOF MS ES : 284 (M + H), 306 (M + Na). Molecular formula C₁₇H₁₇NO₃. Pure viscous mass (1.24 gms, 72 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇NO₃ : C 72.07, H 6.05, N 4.94, O 16.94 . Found C 72.03, H 6.08, O 16.98;

Advantages :-

- 1. Use of simple and inexpensive reactants.
- 2. High yields and purity of products.
- 3. Simplicity of the procedure.
- 4. Reaction carried out at room temperature.
- 5. Highly scalable.
- 6. The synthesis of Hybrid derivatives using DCC/ DMAP is another approach to prepare ester derivatives.

III. EXPERIMENTAL

Mps. are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³CNMR spectrum were recorded at 400 MHz on a Varian spectrometer and Mass spectra on TOF MS ES mode. Elemental analysis was carried out as a percentage on a Thermo finnigan, Flash EA 1112 series, Italy.

CHROMATOGRAPHIC SYSTEM:

Column chromatography : For column chromatography 100 – 200 mesh Acme grade silica gel is used. The crude reaction mixture is concentrated under reduced pressure to yield crude mass which is preadsorbed on silica gel and purified by column chromatography with increase in concentration of Ethyl acetate in Petroleum ether. The fractions having similar 'rf' values were pooled together, concentrated and subjected for characterization using various spectroscopic techniques.

Thin layer chromatography : TLC plates were prepared using silica gel G (ACME, BOMBAY). Pet. Ether : EtOAc (85 : 15) was used as the solvent system.

Radial chromatography : The circular glass plates of thickness 1 mm, were prepared by using silica gel (PF254, E. MERCK, 50 g) in cold distilled water (105 ml). For elution, gradually increasing concentrations of EtOAc in pet ether were employed.

BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY :

Antibacterial Activity using ditch plate method5 :- Conc 100 $\mu g/ml$

The synthesized molecules were screened for their antibacterial activity using ditch plate method at 100 μ g/ml concentration against Gram positive (*Staphylococcus aureus, Corynebacterium diphtheriae*) and Gram negative (Escherichia coli,) bacterial species qualitatively. The results of the antibacterial activities are summarized in Table 1.

Theory : One of the many ways to test the antibacterial activity of compounds / drugs is ditch plate method. Ditch plate method is a preliminary method to screen the test compounds / drugs for their potential as anti-microbials . In this method , the compound to be tested for antimicrobial activity is seeded in the agar plate and the test organisms are streaked across.

Procedure : A ditch 10mm wide is cut into sterile MH agar plate. The test drug / compound is added to 5 ml molten MH agar butt at 40°C and this mixture is poured into the ditch and allowed to solidify. The ditch should be made in level with the rest of the agar by pouring the mixture . The different bacterial cultures are streaked perpendicular to the ditch using nichrome wire loop. The plate is then incubated at 37° C for 24 hours.

The results are observed as inhibition of bacterial growth on the ditch as well as adjacent to the ditch .

RESULTS : The following test samples showed antibacterial activity against the organisms mentioned in the following Table 1.

Table 1	:	Antibacterial	Activity	Results
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SAMPLE	ACTIVITY AGAINST
NO.	
Isoeugenol	Staphylococcus aureus
	[Gram positive]
	<i>Escherichia coli</i> [Gram
	negative]
4	Staphylococcus aureus
	[Gram positive]
	<i>Escherichia coli</i> [Gram
	negative]
7	Staphylococcus aureus
	[Gram positive]
	Corynebacterium
	diphtheriae [Gram
	positive]
	<i>Salmonella typhi</i> [Gram
	negative]

	<i>Escherichia coli</i> [Gram
	negative]
8	Corynebacterium
	<i>diphtheriae</i> [Gram
	positive]
	<i>Salmonella typhi</i> [Gram
	negative]

The above results shows that the base molecule, isoeugenol has antibacterial activity against both the bacterial cultures. Its derivatives viz. 4, 7 and 8 were also active against both the bacterial cultures. In depth analysis of these compounds through structure activity relationship studies would provide further insight and can be an interesting topic of future studies.

The structural diversity and the pronounced biological activities encountered in the isoeugenol hybrid derivatives suggests that this class of compounds is worthy for further studies that may lead to derivatives by using combinatorial chemistry approach is an alternative strategy to new therapeutic discovery. In other words the generation of diverse isoeugenol hybrid derivatives develop new therapeutic molecules that might result in candidates having better activity.

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