

Synthesis and Evaluation of Biological Activity of Several New citraconimides Substituted with Benzothiazoles

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Abstract

The target of the present work is to synthesize a series of new Citraconimides containing benzothiazole rings. Syntheses of these new cyclic imides were performed via two steps:

The first one involved preparation a series of N-(substituted benzothiazole-2-yl) Citraconamic acids via reaction of citraconic anhydride with 2-aminobenzothiazole substituted with different substituent's. The resulted citraconamic acids were dehydrated in the second step via treatment with acetic anhydride and anhydrous sodium acetate or by fusion method to afford a series of desirable N-(substituted benzothiazole-2-yl) Citraconimides. The synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against four microorganisms' including [Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes] (Gram positive) bacteria and [E.coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa], (Gram-negative) bacteria respectively. The new compounds were found to exhibit good to moderate antibacterial activity .also anti fungal activity of the prepared compounds were tested against [Candida albicans] fungi and some of the tested compounds were found to exhibit good antifungal activity.

Introduction

Cyclic imides are an important functionality which have been found to maintain significant biological activity (1, 2) and represent an important moiety in creation of novel medical materials, thus some of them are used to therapeutic of arthritis, epilepsy and petitmal(3) while others used to treatment of tubercular bacillus, nematode and for inhibition the growth of poliovirus (4).

On the other hand 2- AminoBenzothiazole derivatives are an important class of hetero cyclic compounds which have long been recognized as therapeutic active skeletons and are useful for making antitumor agents, antibacterial, antifungal, and anti malarial and other biological activates (5-8). According to these facts the present work was directed toward synthesis of new cyclic imides (citraconimides) containing benzothiazole moiety in their structures followed by their antimicrobial screenings.

Experimental

Melting points were determined by Gallen Kamp capillary melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. FTIR spectra were recorded using KBr discs on Shimadzu FTIR-8400 Fourier transforms infrared spectrophotometer. U.V spectra were recorded using Shimadzu u.v –visible recording spectrophotometer u.v 160. H-NMR and C13-NMR spectra were recorded on near magnetic resonance Bruker, Ultrashield 300 MHz, using deuterated DMSO, chloroform and methanol as solvent and TMS as internal standard. Incubator Hetashi model was used for incubation samples in biological study. All chemicals employed in this work were form BDH, Fluka and Merk.

1- Preparation of N-(substituted benzothiazol-2-yl) Citracon Amic acids

[1-12]

(0.01 mol) of citraconic anhydride was dissolved in (30 mL) of dry acetone in a suitable round bottomed flask fitted with dropping funnel which was supplied with (0.01 mol) of substituted 2-amino benzothiazole dissolved in (30 mL) of dry acetone. The solution in dropping funnel was added drop wise to the mixture with stirring and cooling (9). When addition was complete stirring was continued for one hour then the precipitated amic acid was filtered off, washed with diethyl ether and dried. Amic

acid was purified by recrystallization from a suitable solvent but when this method was not successful purification was performed by dissolving the amic acid in dilute solution of sodium bicarbonate followed by precipitation by dilute hydrochloric acid. Physical properties of amic acids [1-12] are shown in Table (1).

2- Preparation of N-(Substituted benzothiazol-2-yl) Citraconimides [13-24]

Dehydration of the prepared Citraconamic acids to the corresponding citraconimides was performed by two methods:

2-1- Dehydration by Using Fusion Method

(0.01 mol) of N-(substituted benzothiazol-2-yl) citracon amic acid was placed in a wide dry Pyrex tube which was immersed in an oil bath and provided with a thermometer. The oil bath was heated until fusion of the amic acid then temperature was maintained at ten degrees above the melting point amic acid for (30-45) minutes (10, 11). The fused mixture was poured into a beaker then the resulted solid was purified by recrystallization from a suitable solvent.

2-2- Dehydration By Using Acetic anhydride And Anhydrous Sodium Acetate As Dehydrating Agent:

A mixture of (0.1 mol) of N-(substituted benzothiazol-2-yl) citracon amic acid in (100 mL) of acetic anhydride and (5-10) % by weight of anhydrous sodium acetate was refluxed with stirring for 2hrs. The resulted homogenous solution was cooled to room temperature then poured into excess cold water with vigorous stirring (12). The obtained precipitate was filtered, washed with water , dried and finally purified by recrystallization from a suitable solvent.

Physical properties of the prepared imides [12-24] are shown in Table (2).

3-Microbiological tests

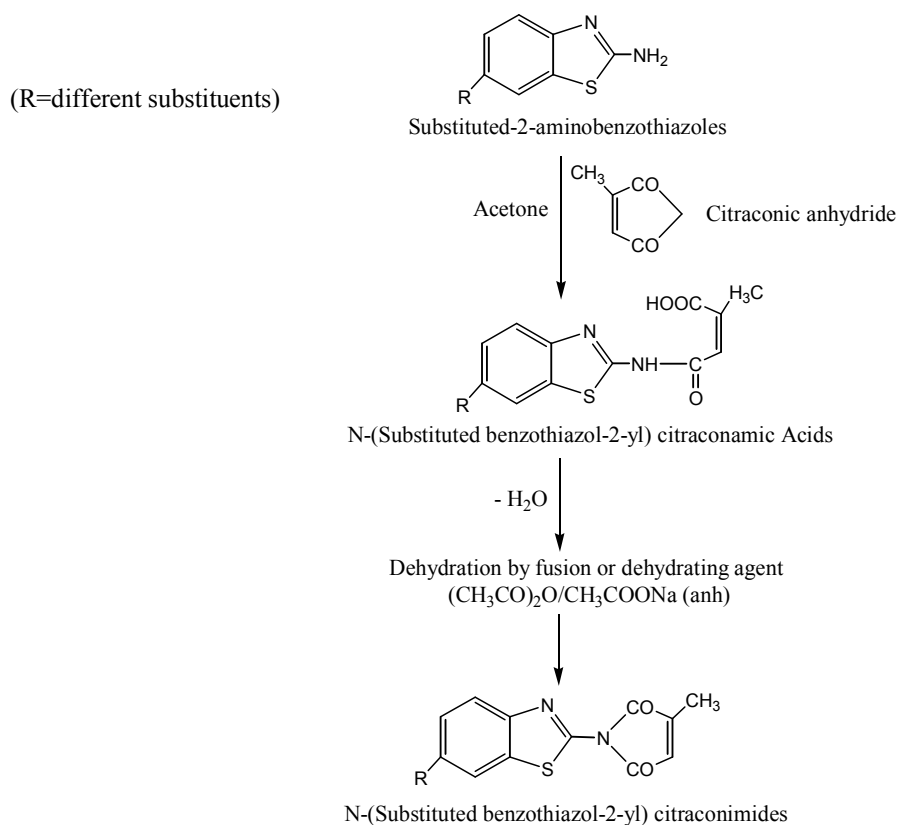
Nutrient agar was added to 1 liter of distilled water in suitable (250 mL) conical flask with stirring and heating until complete dissolving then the flask was Stoppard by cotton and the medium was sterilized in an autoclave for 20 minutes at

(121°C) under pressure of 15 bound/inch. The medium was cooled to (45-55)°C then placed in petridishes about (20 ml) for each one and was left to cool and solidified. The studied bacteria and fungi were placed on the nutrient agar surface using the loop and by streaking processor then the discs saturated with tested compound solutions. Then were incubated for 24 hrs at 37 °C. Inhibition zones caused by the various prepared compounds were determined and the results were listed at Tables (5).

Results and Discussion:

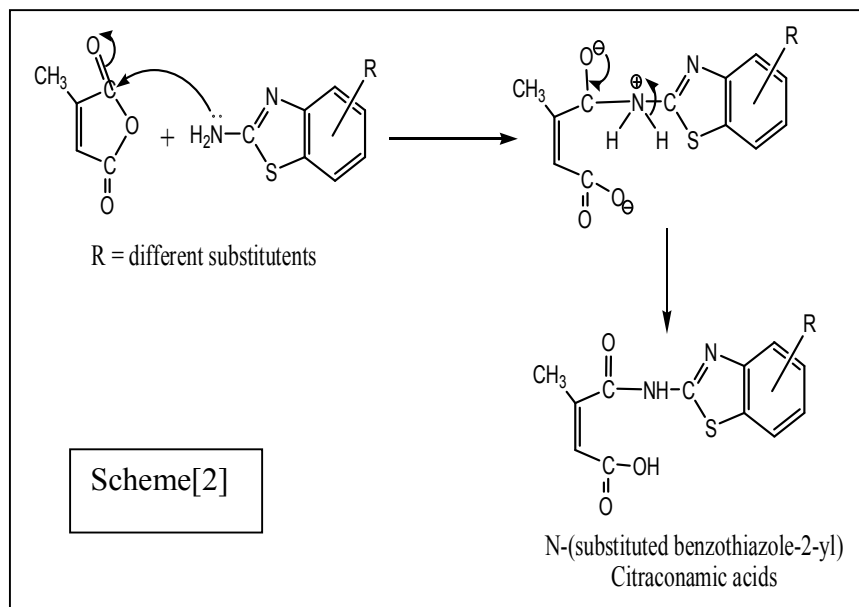
The strategy used in performing this target depended on preparation of primary amine already having benzothiazole moiety in their structures, thus the first step in this strategy involved preparation of twelve 2-aminobenzothiazoles substituted with different substituents by following Thiocyanogen method as reported in literatures (13). The prepared 2-aminobenzothiazoles were introduced in reaction with citraconic anhydride to produce a series of citraconamic acids having benzothiazole moiety in their structures. Dehydration of the resulted citraconamic acids by using dehydrating agents or fusion method afforded the desirable citraconimides.

This linear pathway strategy can be summarized in Scheme



Scheme [1]

Synthesis of citraconamic acids was performed via reaction of equimolar amounts of citraconic anhydride and 2-aminobenzothiazoles (as primary amines). Mechanism of this reaction involved nucleophilic attack of amino group in primary amine on carbon atom of one carbonyl group in citraconic anhydride in scheme [2].



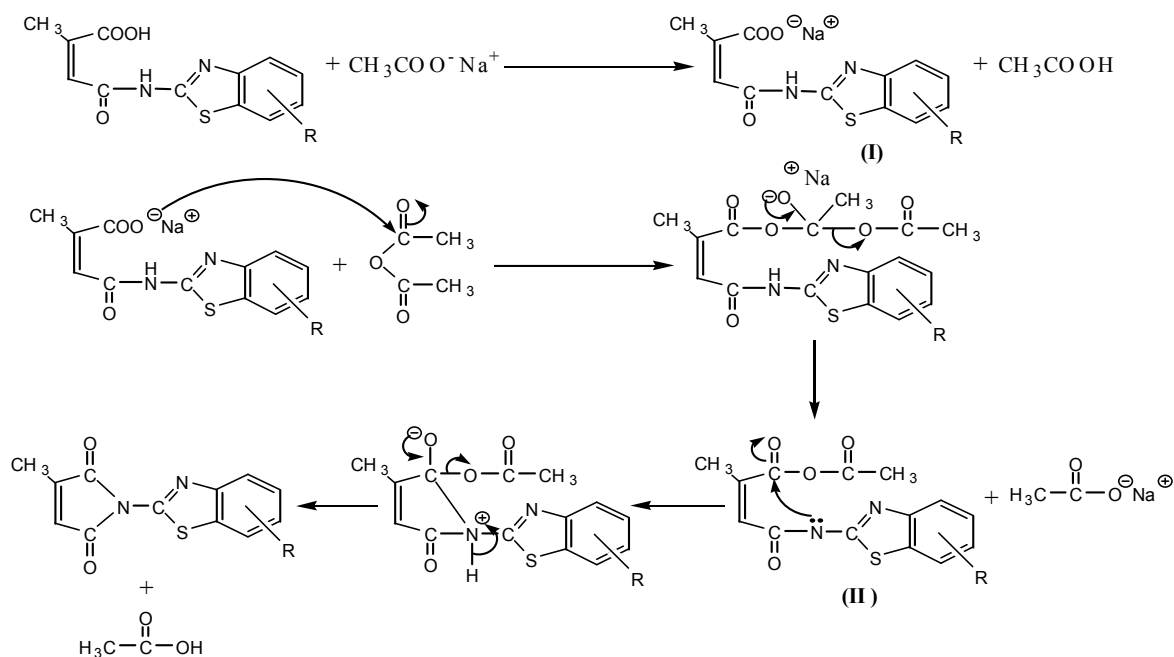
The prepared citraconamic acids are colored solids with sharp melting point and high percent yields. Structures of amic acids [1-12] were confirmed by depending on FTIR and U.V spectroscopy. FTIR spectra of the prepared acids showed characteristic absorption bands at (3270-3463) cm^{-1} and (3201-3433) cm^{-1} which were attributed to $\nu(\text{N-H})$ amide and $\nu(\text{O-H})$ carboxylic respectively(14). Other absorption bands appeared at (1643-1704) cm^{-1} and (1600-1680) cm^{-1} which were assigned for $\nu(\text{C=O})$ carboxylic and $\nu(\text{C=O})$ amide, while $\nu(\text{C=N})$ and $\nu(\text{C-S})$ for thiazole ring were appeared at (1512-1596) cm^{-1} and (601-702) cm^{-1} .

On the other hand U.V. spectra of the titled acids showed absorption bands at wave length (245-295) nm and (300-382) nm due to ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$) and ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$) transitions in benzothiazole conjugated system and attached citraconamic acid moiety. Also conjugation of substituents in compounds [5, 7, and 11] with conjugated System of molecule shifted the absorptions to longer wavelengths. All the details of FTIR and U.V spectral data of the prepared amicacid are listed in table (3). Finally $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of compound [4] showed clear signal at ($\delta=2.1$) ppm belong to CH_3 protons and signals at ($\delta=6$ and 6.3) ppm due to 1H vinylic and (N-H) proton respectively

(12). The spectrum also showed signals of aromatic protons at ($\delta=7.3$ and 7.7) ppm. and singlet signal of OH carboxylic at ($\delta=11.5$) ppm.

¹³C-NMR of compound [4], N-(6-chlorobenzothiazol-2-yl) citraconamic acid. Showed signal at (20.1 ppm) due to methyl group signals at (117.82-131.3) ppm were due to aromatic carbons, while signals (136.94) ppm belong to carbon atom in thiazole ring. The spectra showed other signals at (146.14) and (149.23) ppm due to two vinylic carbons and other signals at (167.77 and 171.18) ppm due to two carbonyl carbons. The final step in the strategy used in building the desirable cyclic imide involved dehydration of the prepared citraconamic acids.

Dehydration was performed either by fusion technique or by using dehydrating agent. in the presence of anhydrous sodium acetate (15). Mechanism of this reaction involved abstraction of proton from amic acid by the catalyst anhydrous sodium acetate producing (citraconamate ion I) which in turn attacked acetic anhydride producing (citraconamic anhydride II) followed by ring closure (16) as described in equations in Scheme (3).



All the prepared citraconimides were colored solids with sharp melting points and were afforded in high percent yields. Structures of imides [13-24] were confirmed by FTIR and U.V spectroscopy. FTIR spectra of the titled compounds showed disappearance of $\nu(\text{O-H})$ and $\nu(\text{N-H})$ absorption bands indicating success of dehydration reaction. The spectra showed also many clear absorption bands were

shown in citraconimides FTIR spectra including bands at (1712-1720) cm^{-1} , (1512-1581) cm^{-1} and (1334-1396) cm^{-1} which were attributed to $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ imide, $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ and $\nu(\text{C}-\text{N})$. Also absorption bands due to $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ and $\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})$ for thiazole ring were appeared at (1581-1650) cm^{-1} and (630-702) cm^{-1} respectively.

On the other hand U.V. spectra of the prepared imides showed clear absorptions at wave length (272-299) nm and (302-394) nm and at longer wave lengths (411-460) nm in some of them.

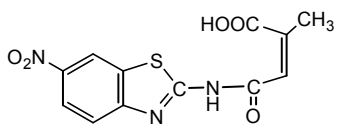
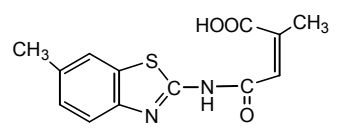
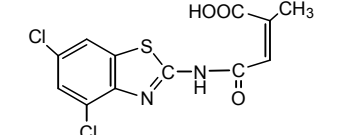
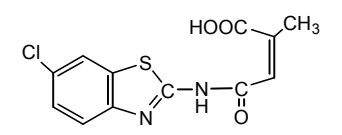
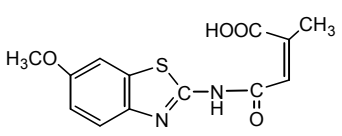
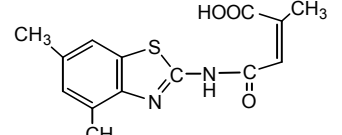
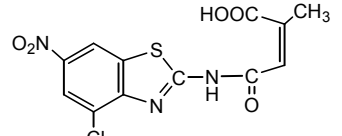
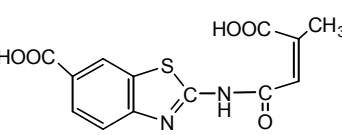
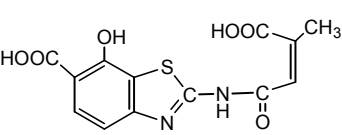
These absorptions were due to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions in benzothiazole moiety which was in conjugation with Citraconimide moiety (10, 11). Details of FTIR and U.V spectral data of the prepared Citraconimides are listed in table [4]. H-NMR spectra of compound [16] showed signal at ($\delta=2.1$) ppm for CH_3 protons and signal at ($\delta=6.6$) ppm for 1H vinylic proton. Signals at ($\delta=7.4-7.6$) ppm belong to aromatic protons. Finally ^{13}C -NMR spectra of compound [16], N-(4-chlorobenzothiazole-2-yl) Citraconimide. Showed signal at 9.54 ppm belong to CH_3 group. Signals at (119.14-130.95) ppm due to aromatic ring carbons, while signal at (132.67 ppm) due to vinylic carbons and signal at (169.47, 170.44) ppm were due to two carbonyl carbons. Figures (1-12) showed FTIR spectra and U.V. spectra of prepared imides. While Figures (13-16) showed H-NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds [4] and [16].\

Biological activity

The prepared compounds were screened for their antibacterial activity against four microorganisms including [Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes] Types of (Gram positive) bacteria and [E.coli and Pseudomonas aeruginosa]. Types of (Gram negative) bacteria moreover biological activity of the prepared compounds against fungi [Candida albicans]. were studied also. The prepared citraconamic acids and citraconimides showed different biological activities against the studied types of bacteria and fungi as shown in table (5). It was noticeable that biological activity of these compounds depend on nature of substituents in their molecules thus compounds (2), (5) and (18) showed high biological activity due to the presence of electron releasing substituents (CH_3) and (OCH_3) respectively. While compounds [3, 4, 22] which substituted with electron withdrawing substituents (Cl) and (COOH) showed slight activity against S.aureus and S.pyogenes But were inactive against other bacteria and fungi. Also compound [13] which were substituted with (NO_2) group

showed no activity against *S.aureus*, *S.pyogenes* and fungi but slight activity against *E.coli* and *P.aeruginosa*.

Table (1): Physical properties of the prepared Citraconamic acids [1-12]

| Comp. No. | Compound structure | Color | Melting Points °C | Yield % | Recrystallization Solvent |
|-----------|---|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 1 |  | Yellow | 141-142 | 93 | Dioxane |
| 2 |  | Faint Yellow | 160-162 | 92 | Ethanol |
| 3 |  | white | 220 decomp | 75 | Dioxane |
| 4 |  | Light tan | 128-130 | 92 | Methanol |
| 5 |  | Violet | 131-132 | 82 | Ethanol |
| 6 |  | Faint gray | 150-152 | 90 | Ethanol |
| 7 |  | Orange | 158-159 | 97 | Dioxane |
| 8 |  | white | 253-254 | 75 | Ethanol |
| 9 |  | Deep Yellow | 137-138 | 50 | Acetone |

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|----|--|--------------|---------|----|----------|
| 10 | | Orange | 108-110 | 97 | Methanol |
| 11 | | Faint Yellow | 165-166 | 95 | Ethanol |
| 12 | | Brown | 119-120 | 85 | Dioxane |

Table (2): Physical properties of the prepared citraconimides [13-24]

| Comp. No. | Compound structure | Color | Melting Points °C | Yield % | Recrystallization Solvent |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 13 | | Yellow | 120-122 | 91 | Petroleum ether |
| 14 | | Radish Brown | 130-132 | 90 | Cyclohexane |
| 15 | | Paint Brown | 97-98 | 92 | Cyclohexane |
| 16 | | Faint Yellow | 75-76 | 87 | Benzene |
| 17 | | Deep Green | 115 decomp | 88 | Dioxane |
| 18 | | Faint Brown | 68-70 | 93 | Petroleum ether |
| 19 | | Yellow | 108-110 | 91 | Benzene |
| 20 | | Radish Brown | 132-133 | 89 | Acetone |

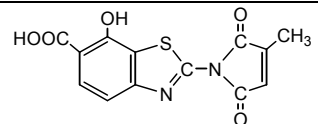
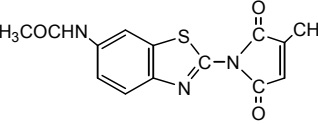
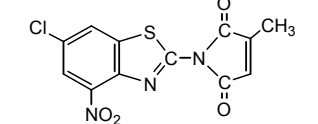
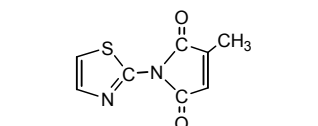
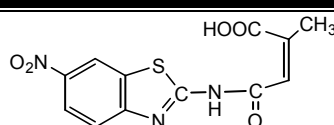
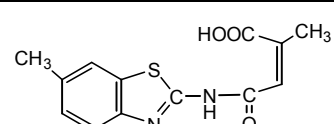
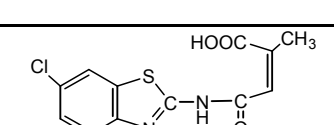
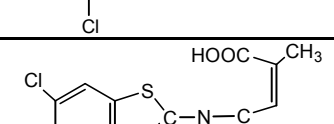
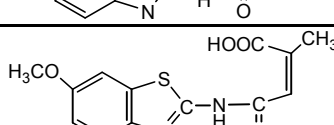
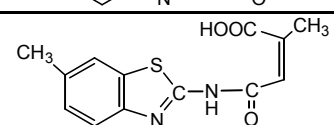
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| 21 |  | faint Brown | 96-98 | 92 | Cyclohexane |
| 22 |  | Faint Yellow | 78-80 | 90 | Petroleum ether |
| 23 |  | Faint Brown | 112-114 | 86 | Cyclohexane |
| 24 |  | Deep Green | 70-71 | 85 | Benzene |

Table (3): Spectral data of the prepared citraconamic acids

| Comp. No. | Compound structure | FTIR spectral data cm^{-1} | | | | | | | U.V. (λ_{max}) nm |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | $\nu(\text{O-H})$ carboxylic | $\nu(\text{N-H})$ amide | $\nu(\text{C=O})$ carboxyl | $\nu(\text{C=O})$ amide | $\nu(\text{C=N})$ thiazole | $\nu(\text{C-S})$ thiazole | others | |
| 1 |  | 3278 | 3325 | 1680 | 1643 | 1512 | 601 | $\nu(\text{NO}_2)$ 1334 | 345 344 361 |
| 2 |  | 3286 | 3325 | 1643 | 1600 | 1566 | 601 | - | 301 |
| 3 |  | 3217 | 3325 | 1700 | 1680 | 1581 | 601 | $\nu(\text{C-Cl})$ 1010 | 301 |
| 4 |  | 3201 | 3278 | 1704 | 1635 | 1535 | 700 | $\nu(\text{C-Cl})$ 1087 | 301 |
| 5 |  | 3263 | 3300 | 1658 | 1610 | 1573 | 671 | $\nu(\text{C-O-C})$ 1226 | 301 463 |
| 6 |  | 3225 | 3270 | 1690 | 1658 | 1566 | 678 | - | 301 |

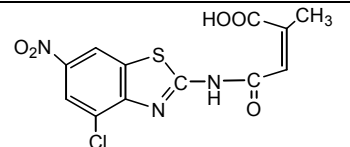
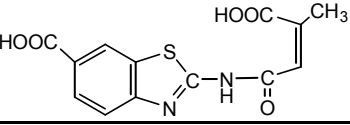
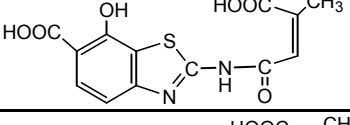
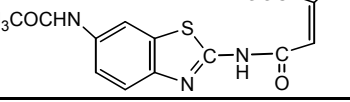
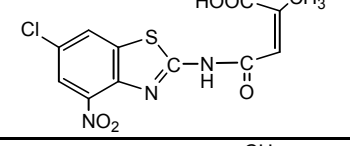
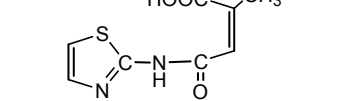
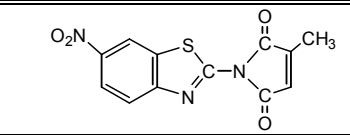
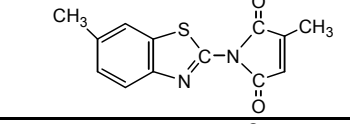
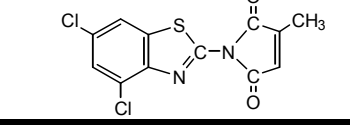
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| 8 |  | 3363 | 3463 | 1681 | 1612 | 1596 | 702 632 | - | 290 335 |
| 9 |  | 3348 | 3402 | 1650 | 1604 | 1566 | 694 617 | - | 305 364 380 |
| 10 |  | 3271 | 3271 | 1666 | 1643 | 1550 | 655 702 | - | 295 340 369 |
| 11 |  | 3425 | 3425 | 1643 | 1643 | 1558 | 648 | $\nu(\text{NO}_2)$ 1342 $\nu(\text{C-Cl})$ 1018 | 300 340 416 |
| 12 |  | 3433 | 3433 | 1681 | 1650 | 1566 | 605 | - | 300 382 340 |

Table (4): Spectral data of the prepared citraconimides

| Comp. No. | Compound structure | FTIR spectral data cm^{-1} | | | | | | U.V. (λ_{max}) nm |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | $\nu(\text{C=O})$ Imide | $\nu(\text{C=N})$ thiazole | $\nu(\text{C=C})$ | $\nu(\text{C-N})$ | $\nu(\text{C-S})$ thiazole | others | |
| 13 |  | 1765 1720 | 1650 1519 | 1519 | 1342 | - | - | 345 344 361 |
| 14 |  | 1712 | 1610 | 1542 | 1410 | 702 | - | 301 |
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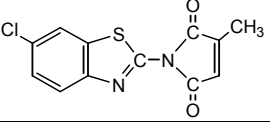
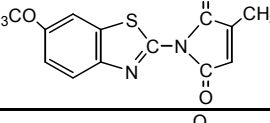
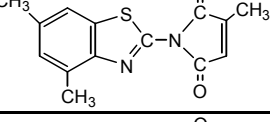
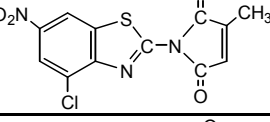
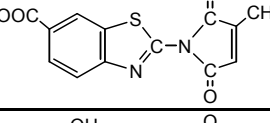
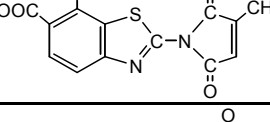
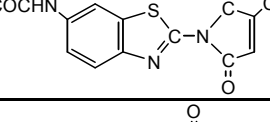
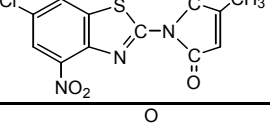
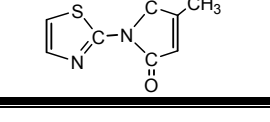
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|----|---|--------------|------|------|------|-----|--|-------------------|
| 16 |  | 1712 | 1600 | 1540 | 1396 | - | v(C-Cl) 1087 | 301 |
| 17 |  | 1720 | 1604 | 1520 | 1350 | 663 | v(C-O-C) 1226 | 301 463 |
| 18 |  | 1720 | 1643 | 1558 | 1388 | 702 | - | 301 |
| 19 |  | 1760 1710 | 1570 | 1570 | 1380 | 672 | v(NO ₂) 1326 v(C-Cl) 1033 | 250 419 |
| 20 |  | 1720 | 1604 | 1540 | 1342 | - | v(O-H) 3400 | 290 335 |
| 21 |  | 1780 1720 | 1581 | 1512 | 1380 | 630 | v(O-H) 3250 | 305 364 380 |
| 22 |  | 1789 1712 | 1643 | 1512 | 1350 | 678 | v(N-H) amide 3479 | 295 340 369 |
| 23 |  | 1765 1712 | 1581 | 1581 | 1396 | 694 | v(NO ₂) 1342 v(C-Cl) 1033 | 300 382 340 |
| 24 |  | 1712 | 1615 | 1533 | 1365 | 655 | - | 300 340 416 |

Table (5): Antibacterial and antifungal activity of N-(substituted benzothiazole-2-yl) citraconamic acids and citraconimides

| Comp. No. | Gram-positive bacteria | | Gram-negative bacteria | | Fungi |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> | <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> | <i>Escherichia coli</i> | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | <i>Candida albicans</i> |
| 2 | +++ | +++ | + | + | + |
| 3 | + | + | - | - | - |
| 4 | + | + | - | - | - |
| 5 | ++ | ++ | ++ | ++ | + |
| 13 | + | + | - | - | - |

| | | | | | |
|----|-----|-----|---|---|----|
| 14 | - | - | + | + | - |
| 15 | + | + | + | + | + |
| 18 | +++ | +++ | + | + | ++ |
| 20 | + | + | - | - | - |
| 23 | + | + | + | - | - |

Note: (-) = No inhibition = inactive

(+) = (1-5) mm = weak activity

(++) = (6-10) mm = Moderate activity

(+++)= (11-15) mm = high activity

(++++)= more than (20) mm = very high activity

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