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NMR ^1H Spectra of the [1,2]Diazepino[4,5-*b*]Indole Derivatives: Experimental versus GIAO calculated Data

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Abstract

A comprehensive study of new [1,2]diazepino[4,5-*b*]indole derivatives molecular geometry as well as their NMR ^1H spectra by DFT method was performed. GIAO-calculated NMR ^1H chemical shifts as obtained at B3LYP/6-31G (d,p)/PCM computational level are reported for the 1,2-diazepine compounds.

Keywords: [1,2]Diazepino[4,5-*b*]indoles; B3LYP; GIAO; NMR ^1H spectra; Chemical shift.

Introduction

The biological activity of compounds containing in their structure the 1-aryl-2,3-benzodiazepine skeleton is best demonstrated by the example of tofisopam, a well-known anxiolytic drug, or talampanel [1,2]. Related condensed heterocyclic systems, such as indolo-1,2-diazepines, can be considered as potentially useful structures for drug design. It is known that indole-condensed azacycles are structural components of many natural and synthetic biologically active compounds [3,4]. Investigations on the synthesis of indolo[1,2]diazepines are few [5-8] and limited to derivatives containing alkyl substituent's in the diazepine ring. Synthesis and structural modification of aryl-containing indolodiazepines have been demonstrated recently [9]. As a continuation of our research on the synthesis and reactivity of heterocyclic systems based on 1,2-diazepine [8,10-12], this paper presents the results of molecular modeling of the structure and NMR ^1H spectra of some new indolo[1,2]diazepines.

Experimental Part

NMR ^1H spectra were recorded in DMSO- d_6 on 400/100 MHz NMR spectrometer (Bruker Avance II 400) and chemical shifts values (δ) are given in parts per million relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS). The melting points were determined on a Boetius hot stage. The CHN elemental analysis was performed using a Varian MICRO Cube analyzer. The mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 1100 LC/MSD VL instrument (atmospheric pressure chemical ionization; Zorbax SBC18 column, 50 × 4.6 mm; eluent acetonitrile-water (95:5) containing 0.1% of trifluoroacetic acid, flow rate 3.0 mL/min, gradient elution).

For detailed information on the synthesis of [1,2]diazepino[4,5-*b*]indoles 1-3 as well as their precursors, see our recent article [9].

1-(4-methylphenyl)-5,10-dihydro[1,2]diazepino[4,5-*b*]indol-4(3*H*)-one (1).

Yield 45%, M.p. 281-282°C. NMR ^1H (DMSO- d_6), δ , ppm: 2.42 s (3H, 4'-CH₃), 3.59 s (2H, CH₂), 7.06 t (1H, H-7, *J* 8.0 Hz), 7.18 t (1H, H-8, *J* 8.0 Hz), 7.24 d (2H, H-3',5', *J* 8.0 Hz),

7.38 d (1H, H-9, J 8.0 Hz), 7.65 d (3H, H-6,2',6', J 8.0 Hz), 10.64 s (1H, CONH), 11.08 s (1H, NH). Mass-spectrum: m/z 290.2 [$M + 1$]⁺. Found, %: C 74.70; H 5.25; N 14.51. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₃O, %: C 74.72; H 5.23; N 14.52. M 289.33.

1-(4-methylphenyl)-5,10-dihydro[1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indole-4(3H)-thione (2).

Yield 82%, M.p. 200–202°C. NMR ¹H (DMSO-d₆), δ , ppm: 2.44 s (3H, 4'-CH₃), 4.01 s (2H, CH₂), 7.13 t (1H, H-7, J 8.0 Hz), 7.26 t (1H, H-8, J 8.0 Hz), 7.32 d (2H, H-3',5', J 8.0 Hz), 7.42 d (1H, H-9, J 8.0 Hz), 7.66 d (2H, H-2',6', J 8.0 Hz), 7.73 d (1H, H-6, J 8.0 Hz), 11.41 s (1H, NH), 12.51 s (1H, CSNH). Mass-spectrum: m/z 306 [$M + 1$]⁺. Found, %: C 71.02; H 4.57; N 14.13. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₅N₃S, %: C 70.79; H 4.95; N 13.76. M 305.40.

1-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)-5,10-dihydro[1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indole (3a)

Yield 72%, M.p. 273–275°C (with decomposition). NMR ¹H (DMSO-d₆), δ , ppm: 1.90 s (4H, NCH₂CH₂_{pyrrolidine}), 2.42 s (3H, 4'-CH₃), 3.00 br.s (1H, CH₂), 3.51 br.s (5H, NCH₂CH₂_{pyrrolidine'}CH₂), 7.03 t (1H, H-7, J 8.0 Hz), 7.14 t (1H, H-8, J 8.0 Hz), 7.23 d (2H, H-3',5', J 8.0 Hz), 7.38 d (1H, H-9, J 8.0 Hz), 7.65 d (1H, H-6, J 8.0 Hz), 7.68 d (2H, H-2',6', J 8.0 Hz), 11.09 s (1H, NH). Mass-spectrum: m/z 343 [$M + 1$]⁺. Found, %: C 77.28; H 6.31; N 16.47. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂N₄, %: C 77.16; H 6.48; N 16.36. M 342.44.

1-(4-methylphenyl)-4-(morpholin-1-yl)-5,10-dihydro[1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indole (3b)

Yield 62%, M.p. 221–223°C. NMR ¹H (DMSO-d₆), δ , ppm: 2.43 s (3H, 4'-CH₃), 2.98 br. s (1H, CH₂), 3.38 br. s (4H, NCH₂_{morpholine}), 3.61 br. s (4H, O-CH₂_{morpholine}), 4.30 s (1H, CH₂), 7.04 t (1H, H-7, J 8.0 Hz), 7.17 t (1H, H-8, J 8.0 Hz), 7.24 d (2H, H-3',5', J 8.0 Hz), 7.39 d (1H, H-9, J 8.0 Hz), 7.70 d (3H, H-6, H-2',6', J 8.0 Hz), 11.16 s (1H, NH). Mass-spectrum: m/z 359 [$M + 1$]⁺. Found, %: C 73.89; H 5.97; N 15.84. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₂N₄O, %: C 73.72; H 6.19; N 15.63. M 358.43.

Theoretical Methods and Computational Details

Initial molecular geometries of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 for molecular modeling were generated using the algorithm of complete inclusion of possible geometric and steric factors implemented in the Conformer plug-in of the Marvin software package [13]. This algorithm enables generation of molecular structures with complete analysis of the carbon skeleton, functional groups and heteroatom's, geometric isomers, and asymmetric centers.

Molecular geometry and electronic structure parameters, thermodynamic characteristics of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 conformers were calculated using the Gaussian 09 [14] software package. Geometric parameters, harmonic vibrational frequencies, and the vibrational contribution to the zero-point vibrational energy were determined after full geometry optimization in the framework of B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) density functional calculations. The solvent (DMSO) effect was considered in the PCM approximation [15]. The optimized geometric parameters were used for total electronic

energy calculations. The 6-31G(d,p) basis set was used in this work because it has a low computational cost. Only the lowest energy conformers of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 were used for further consideration.

The magnetic shielding tensors (χ , ppm) for ¹H nuclei of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 were calculated with the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/PCM optimized geometries by standard GIAO (Gauge-Independent Atomic Orbital) approach [16]. The calculated magnetic isotropic shielding tensors, χ_{ii} , were transformed to chemical shifts relative to TMS, δ_i , by $\delta_i = \chi_{ref} - \chi_{ii}$ where both, χ_{ref} and χ_{ii} were taken from calculations at the same computational level. χ Values for magnetically equivalent nuclei were averaged.

Results and Discussion

The main method of a 1,2-diazepine ring condensed with a heterocyclic fragment formation is the condensation of 1,5-dicarbonyl compounds with hydrazine [8,10-12]. Our approach to obtaining [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 involves the synthesis of the starting 1,2-diazepine 1 and its subsequent structural modification to obtain compounds 2-3 (Figure 1).

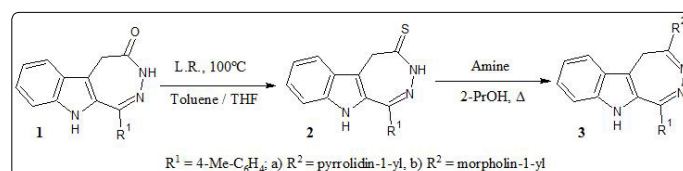


Figure 1. Synthesis of [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3.

The starting [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indol-4-one 1 was obtained by cyclization of ethyl [2-(4-methylbenzoyl)-1H-indole-3-yl] acetic acid with hydrazine in the presence of a catalytic amount acetic acid. Then [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indol-4-one 1 was transformed to the corresponding thion 2 by reaction with Lawesson's reagent. Diazepin-4-thion 2 interacts with corresponded amine when heated in propanol-2 with the formation of compounds 3a,b. The structure of the obtained new compounds 1-3 was confirmed by NMR spectroscopy.

The peculiarity of the NMR ¹H spectrum of N-substituted [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indol-4-ones 3a,b compared with the corresponding 1,2-diazepin-4-one 1 and 1,2-diazepin-4-thion 2 is the appearing of the methylene group protons as two broadened singlets with chemical shifts of 3.00 and 3.51 ppm (compound 3a) as well as 2.98 and 4.30 ppm (compound 3b), which indicates a non-planar configuration of the diazepine ring. It is obvious that the presence of two large substituent's in the diazepine ring reduces its conformational mobility, thus in the NMR ¹H spectrum of compound 3, separate signals correspond to the equatorial and axial protons of the methylene group.

For the studied [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3, molecular geometry optimization was performed in the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/PCM approximation (solvent is dimethyl sulfoxide). The parameters of their molecular geometry and electronic structure were estimated. Some of the characteristics obtained are listed in table 1. For all the 1,2-diazepins mentioned, only conformers with the lowest total energy were considered. Structural models of

1,2-diazepines 1-3 with the numbering of atoms used in the discussion of the calculated chemical shifts, are shown on figure 2.

Table 1. Parameters of the molecular geometry and electron structure of studied 1,2-diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 obtained by B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method within PCM approximation (solvent - DMSO).

Parameters	Diazepine 1	Diazepine 2	Diazepine 3a	Diazepine 3b
C6-C8, Å	1.383	1.385	1.385	1.385
C6-C9, Å	1.495	1.497	1.496	1.495
C8-C10, Å	1.454	1.450	1.454	1.451
C9-C11, Å	1.519	1.513	1.521	1.523
C10-N2, Å	1.303	1.307	1.314	1.314
C11-N3, Å	1.385	1.348	1.311	1.305
N2-N3, Å	1.380	1.382	1.364	1.363
N3-H8, Å	1.013	1.014	-	-
C11-O(S,N)1, Å	1.226	1.685	1.356	1.375
C9-H6, Å	1.090	1.088	1.089	1.088
C9-H7, Å	1.099	1.099	1.096	1.096
C6-C9-C11, °	111.01	109.24	105.30	105.04
C9-C11-N3, °	117.35	116.65	122.56	121.74
C11-N3-N2, °	133.30	133.58	124.77	125.33
C10-N2-N3, °	122.16	122.23	125.01	124.89
C8-C10-N2, °	124.84	124.79	123.96	123.76
C3-C6-C9-C11, °	-123.8	-120.4	-118.2	118.0
N1-C8-C10-N2, °	148.6	149.1	148.0	-148.5
C8-C10-N2-N3, °	-5.2	-6.5	-12.3	12.7
C6-C9-C11-N3, °	-52.3	-59.7	-67.6	67.9
C9-C11-N3-N2, °	-10.7	-2.8	3.8	-3.7
O(S)1-C11-N3-H8, °	13.7	9.0	-	-
E _{HOMO} , eV	-5.69	-5.74	-5.25	-5.40
E _{LUMO} , eV	-1.63	-2.03	-1.31	-1.37
ΔE, eV	4.06	3.71	3.94	4.03
μ, D	6.91	10.31	3.91	3.73
q (C9), e	-0.311	-0.277	-0.292	-0.284
q (H6), e	0.143	0.151	0.131	0.131
q (H7), e	0.159	0.162	0.142	0.144

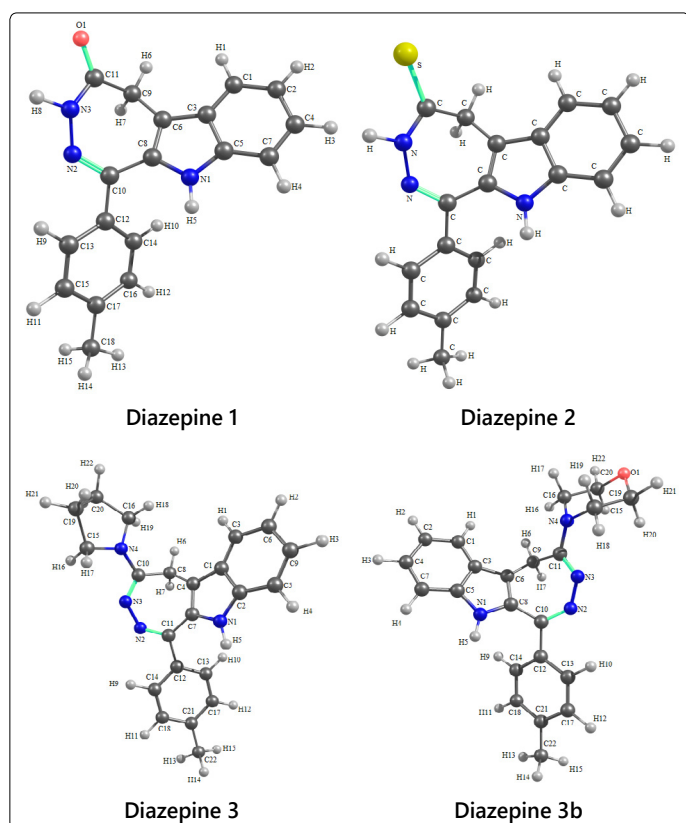


Figure 2. Structural models of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3 (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/PCM level) with atom labels used for calculated NMR ¹H chemical shifts presenting for studied compounds.

For the most stable conformers of the studied 1,2-diazepines molecules, the NMR ¹H chemical shifts were estimated. To calculate the magnetic shielding constants using the standard GIAO method, the equilibrium configurations of compounds 1-3, obtained by B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method with PCM approximation were used. The obtained chemical shifts for the compounds 1-3 are given in table 2. The NMR ¹H parameters of the studied 1,2-diazepines are correctly reproduced at this theoretical level except for NH protons. It should be noted that taking into account non-specific solvation within PCM model is not sufficient for the correct reproduction of these protons, and the formation of hydrogen bonds with the solvent molecules should be considered. Thus chemical shifts of NH protons were not considered in further discussion. Linear relationships between the experimental chemical shifts and the calculated ones have been obtained for all studied diazepines molecules (Figure 3). The correlation coefficients (R) corresponding to obtained dependences are within 0.993–0.999. Equations, obtained for the individual compounds and the total one:

- $\delta_{\text{exp}} = (0.952 \pm 0.009) \cdot \delta_{\text{calc}} + (0.14 \pm 0.06)$, R=0,99946;
- $\delta_{\text{exp}} = (0.953 \pm 0.007) \cdot \delta_{\text{calc}} + (0.15 \pm 0.05)$, R=0,99966;
- 3a.** $\delta_{\text{exp}} = (0.952 \pm 0.037) \cdot \delta_{\text{calc}} + (0.09 \pm 0.22)$, R=0,99317;
- 3b.** $\delta_{\text{exp}} = (0.945 \pm 0.015) \cdot \delta_{\text{calc}} + (0.18 \pm 0.05)$, R=0,99735;
- Total:** $\delta_{\text{exp}} = (0.945 \pm 0.013) \cdot \delta_{\text{calc}} + (0.18 \pm 0.08)$, R=0,99628.

Table 2. Experimental (in DMSO-d₆ solution) and calculated (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/PCM) NMR ¹H chemical shifts of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3.

Atom	Diazepine 1			Diazepine 2			Diazepine 3a			Diazepine 3b		
	δ _{calc}	δ _{exp}	Δδ	δ _{calc}	δ _{exp}	Δδ	δ _{calc}	δ _{exp}	Δδ	δ _{calc}	δ _{exp}	Δδ
H1	7.883	7.65	0.233	7.922	7.73	0.192	7.945	7.65	0.295	7.887	7.7	0.187
H2	7.392	7.06	0.332	7.433	7.13	0.303	7.369	7.03	0.339	7.370	7.04	0.330
H3	7.493	7.18	0.313	7.567	7.26	0.307	7.424	7.14	0.284	7.461	7.17	0.291
H4	7.433	7.38	0.053	7.495	7.42	0.075	7.436	7.38	0.056	7.451	7.39	0.061
H5	7.685	11.08	3.394	7.745	11.41	3.664	7.727	11.09	3.363	7.743	11.16	3.417
H6	3.672	3.59	0.082	4.06	4.01	0.05	2.630	3.00	0.37	4.364	4.30	0.064
H7	3.675	3.59	0.085	4.06	4.01	0.05	4.361	3.51	0.851	2.364	2.98	0.615
H8	8.286	10.64	2.353	9.723	12.51	2.786	-	-	-	-	-	-
H9,10	7.800	7.64	0.16	7.837	7.66	0.177	7.862	7.68	0.182	7.878	7.7	0.178
H11,12	7.493	7.24	0.253	7.523	7.32	0.203	7.430	7.23	0.2	7.443	7.24	0.203
H13-15	2.364	2.42	0.056	2.390	2.44	0.05	2.335	2.42	0.085	2.338	2.43	0.092
H16-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.597	3.51	0.087	3.476	3.38	0.096
H20-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.919	1.90	0.019	3.755	3.61	0.145

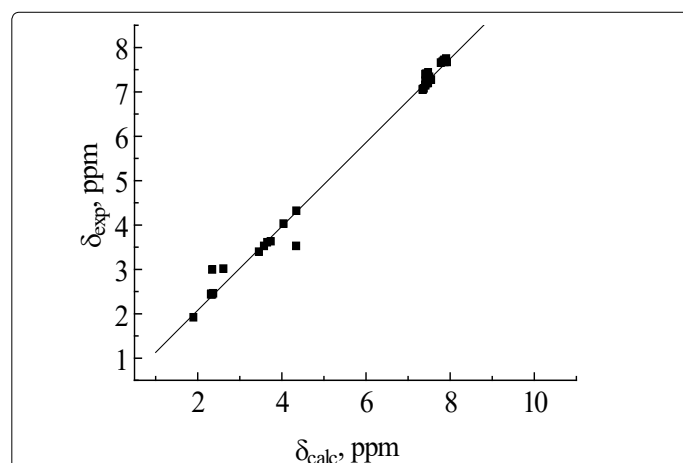


Figure 3. Total linear correlation between the theoretical (GIAO, B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/PCM level) and experimental (DMSO-d₆ solution) proton chemical shifts of [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 1-3. (Chemical shifts of NH protons were not considered).

For N-substituted [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles 3a and 3b difference between calculated chemical shifts for non-equivalent methylene group protons exceeds the experimental value. This is due to the fast dynamics of the diazepine ring in the NMR time scale. With an increase in the temperature of the NMR experiment, one can expect higher conformation exchange rates, and, as a consequence, an even greater closing-in of these protons signals up to their coalescence. We observed such pattern for the 1,4-biaryl derivatives of benzofuro[2,3-d][1,2]-diazepines experimental NMR ^1H spectra [17]. Thus, a comprehensive study of the 1,2-diazepine core dynamics of condensed diazepines by dynamic NMR spectroscopy as well as DFT method will be the next stage of our work.

Conclusion

A comprehensive study of the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indole derivatives by experimental NMR ^1H spectroscopy and molecular modeling methods was performed. Structural parameters of the studied diazepines compounds were obtained by B3LYP method. GIAO-calculated NMR ^1H chemical shifts as obtained at B3LYP/6-31G (d,p)/PCM computational level are reported for the [1,2]diazepino[4,5-b]indoles. For NMR ^1H spectra of the diazepines in DMSO- d_6 , this method approximation allows to obtain the correct spectral pattern. Linear correlations between the calculated and experimental values of the ^1H chemical shifts for the studied molecules were obtained.

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