

Synthesis, Characterization and Fungitoxicity of Substituted Benzimidazoles

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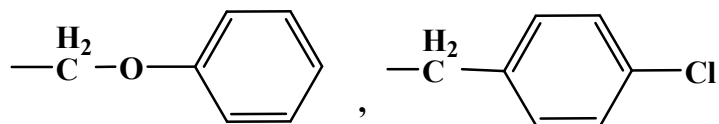
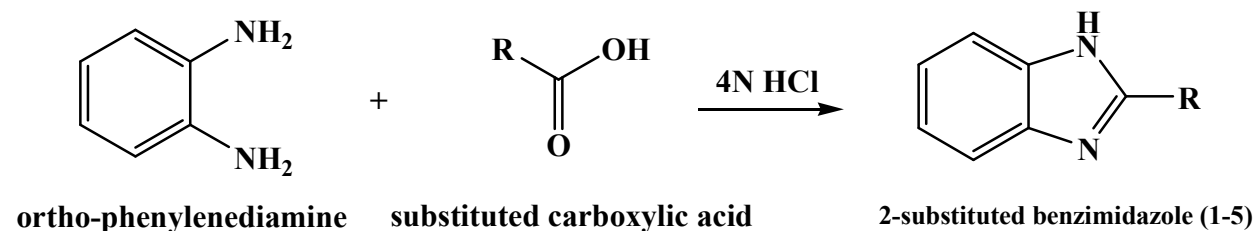
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Abstract

Condensation of ortho-phenylenediamine with different substituted carboxylic acids afforded benzimidazoles in the presence of concentrated hydrochloric acid. Synthesized compounds were characterized by their IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra. The compounds were screened for their fungicidal activity against *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Fusarium moniliforme* by poisoned food technique. All the benzimidazoles exhibited less activity than standard bavistin at all the tested concentrations. Some of the synthesized compounds showed promising to moderate activity.

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