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Imidazoles II. Synthesis and Some Pharmacological Properties of Nitroimidazol-1-yl-ethylsulphonamides¹

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Starting from 1-aminoethyl-5-nitroimidazoles 9—12, and their 4-nitro isomers 13—16, sulphonamido derivatives 17—40 and 45—68 were prepared by condensation with various arylsulfonylchlorides. *Para*-amino derivatives 41—44 and 69—72 were obtained by acidic hydrolysis of the intermediary *para*-acetamido derivatives 22, 28, 34, 40, 50, 56, 62, and 68. Compounds 2 and 24—26 exhibited antitrichomonal activity comparable to that of metronidazole, while the bacteriostatic activity of compounds 2, 6, 10, 23—28, 42, 55, 56, and 70 was comparable to that of sulfaphenazole.

INTRODUCTION

The well-established antitrichomonal activity of 1-substituted-5-nitroimidazoles^{2,3} on one hand, and the broad spectrum of bacteriostatic activities of sulphonamides⁴ on the other, prompted us to prepare a series of 4- and 5-nitroimidazol-1-yl-ethylsulphonamides 17—72 and to test them for both types of biological activity. This paper briefly reports the synthesis, spectral characteristics, and some pharmacological properties of these compounds.

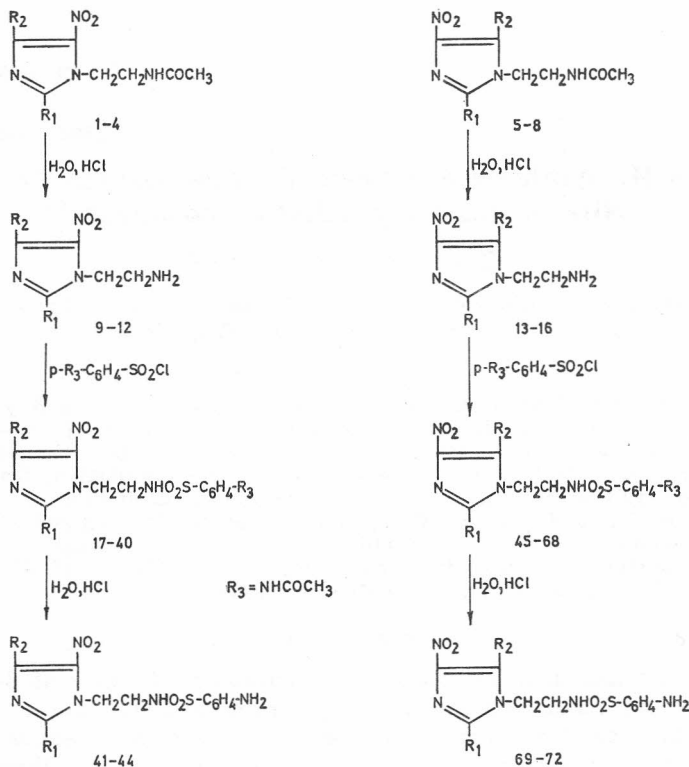
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Chemistry. Starting *N*¹- β -aminoethyl nitroimidazoles 9—16 were prepared by hydrolysis of the corresponding *N*-acetyl amino derivatives 1—8, recently described by us^{5,6} (Scheme 1).

They, in turn, were condensed with a number of *para*-substituted benzenesulfonylchlorides affording sulphonamides 17—40 and 45—68. *Para*-amino derivatives 41—44 and 69—72 were obtained on subsequent hydrolysis of the intermediate acetamido derivatives 22, 28, 34, 40, 50, 56, 62, and 68.

Infrared spectra of all prepared compounds exhibited characteristic frequencies at 1520—1560 cm⁻¹ ($\mu_{as}N-O$, s) and at 1330—1370 cm⁻¹ (μ_sN-O , vs)⁷. Sulphonamide groups regularly exhibited characteristic bands at 1300—1320 cm⁻¹ ($\mu_{as}S-O$, vs) and at 1145—1155 cm⁻¹ (μ_sS-O , vs)⁸. The UV spectra of the 4-nitro isomers showed the maxima in the region 283—310 nm, while the 5-nitro isomers have shown the same at 295—316 nm. It is characteristic that of two isomeric compounds, the absorption maximum of 5-nitro isomer is shifted approximately 6—10 nm towards the longer wave length⁹.

SCHEME I



- 1, 5, 9, 13, 17—22, 41, 45—50, 69 $R_1 = R_2 = \text{H}$
 2, 6, 10, 14, 23—28, 42, 51—56, 70 $R_1 = \text{CH}_3$, $R_2 = \text{H}$
 3, 7, 11, 15, 29—34, 43, 57—62, 71 $R_1 = \text{H}$, $R_2 = \text{CH}_3$
 4, 8, 12, 16, 35—40, 44, 63—68, 72 $R_1 = R_2 = \text{CH}_3$
 $R_3 = \text{H, CH}_3, \text{Cl, Br, NO}_2, \text{NHCOCH}_3$

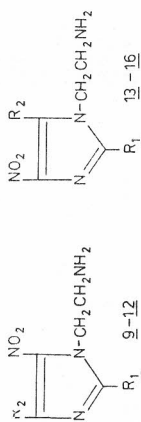
In addition, each of the compounds 17—72 exhibited an additional characteristic maximum in the region of 221—276 nm.

Other characteristic spectral and analytical data are given in the Tables I, II, and III.

Pharmacology. In Table IV the results of *in vitro* investigations of trichomonal¹⁰ and bacteriostatic activity¹¹ of 1-substituted-2-methyl-5-nitro- and 4-nitroimidazoles are presented. Preliminary investigations revealed that derivatives of 5-nitroimidazoles 2 and 24—26 possess comparable antitrichomonal activity to that of the metronidazole [1-(2'-hydroxyethyl)-2-methyl-5-nitroimidazole], a well-known antitrichomonal agent².

Bacteriostatic activities were determined on the species *Streptococcus haemolyticus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus pyogenes aureus*, *Pseudomonas pyocinea*, *Klebsiella*, *Shigella Sonnei*, and *Bac. proteus mirabillis*. The activities of the compounds 2, 6, 10, 23—28, 42, 55, 56, and 70 were found to be

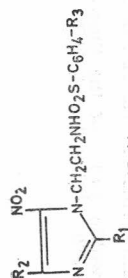
TABLE I

Some Characteristic Data for 5-Nitro-4-R₂- and 4-Nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-aminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazolesR₁ 9-12R₁ 13-16

No.	R ₁	R ₂	Mp/°C	Yield	Formula ^a	M. w.	¹ H-NMR (δ)			UV		IR (cm ⁻¹)	
							α-CH ₂	β-CH ₂	NH ₃ ⁺	nm	log ε	μ _{8S}	NO
9	H	H	201—203	81.3	C ₃ H ₈ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl ^b	192.61	4.86	3.30	8.54	295	3.933	1565	1360
10	CH ₃	H	210—212	82.6	C ₆ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl ^c	206.64	4.65	3.28	8.66	312	3.948	1545	1365
11	H	CH ₃	225—227	84.4	C ₆ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl	206.64	4.70	3.30	8.60	304	3.959	1530	1360
12	CH ₃	CH ₃	198—200	76.7	C ₇ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ ·2HCl·H ₂ O	275.14	4.70	3.27	8.72	313	4.013	1555	1360
13	H	H	234—236	89.5	C ₃ H ₈ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl	192.61	4.47	3.30	8.58	283	3.858	1555	1355
14	CH ₃	H	275—276	88.0	C ₆ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl	206.64	4.32	3.28	8.66	297	3.806	1540	1355
15	H	CH ₃	238—239	91.0	C ₆ H ₁₀ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl	206.64	4.48	3.30	8.64	295	3.853	1570	1350
16	CH ₃	CH ₃	178—180	94.2	C ₇ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₂ ·HCl	220.66	4.34	3.27	8.72	307	3.676	1560	1350

^a Analytical results obtained for C, H, N, and Cl were within ±0.3% of the theoretical values unless otherwise. ^b Anal. for ionic Cl: calcd, 18.42%; found, 18.10%. ^c Anal. for ionic Cl: calcd, 17.14%; found, 17.50%.

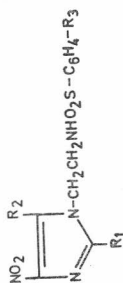
TABLE II
Some Characteristic Data for 5-Nitro-4-R₂-3-1-(2'-p-R₃-benzenesulfonylaminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazoles



No.	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Mp/°C	Yield	Formula ^a	M. w.	UV $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$	μ_{as} NO	μ_{s} NO	IR (cm ⁻¹) μ_{as} SO	μ_{s} SO
17	H	H	H	172-174	69.5	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₄ S	296.24	221 296	1530	1360	1320	1145
18	H	H	CH ₃	132-134	78.3	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S	310.26	227 296	1540	1350	1305	1150
19	H	H	Cl	168-170	77.7	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	330.74	232 296	1555	1350	1310	1150
20	H	H	Br	170-172	71.8	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₄ O ₄ SBBr	375.20	235 296	1545	1365	1305	1145
21	H	H	NO ₂	193-195	71.6	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₅ O ₆ S	341.24	264 300	1550	1355b	1310	1150
22	H	H	NHAc	193-194	76.0	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₆ S	353.29	262 300	1550b	1320b	1370	1150
23	CH ₃	H	H	165-167	90.0	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S	310.26	221 312	1545	1345	1310	1150
24	CH ₃	H	CH ₃	164-165	82.5	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₄ S	324.29	230 312	1550	1345	1320	1150
25	CH ₃	H	Cl	171-172	80.7	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	344.77	232 312	1540	1350	1305	1145
26	CH ₃	H	Br	183-189	77.4	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SBBr	389.23	237 312	1545	1345	1310	1150
27	CH ₃	H	NO ₂	210-212	66.2	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₆ S	355.26	268 312	1550	1355b	1310	1150
28	CH ₃	H	NHAc	195-197	82.3	C ₁₄ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₆ S	367.32	262 312	1550b	1365b	1315	1150
29	H	CH ₃	H	165-166	78.7	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S	310.26	221 305	1550	1355	1305	1150
30	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	163-165	89.5	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₄ S	324.29	227 305	1545	1345	1305	1150
31	H	CH ₃	Cl	176-178	74.8	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	344.77	232 305	1540	1345b	1300	1150
32	H	CH ₃	Br	193-195	73.2	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SBBr	389.23	235 305	1545	1340	1300	1150
33	H	CH ₃	NO ₂	248-250	79.5	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₆ S	355.26	264 305	1545b	1340	1305	1150
34	H	CH ₃	NHAc	184-186	84.5	C ₁₄ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₆ S	367.32	262 305	1540b	1355	1310	1150
35	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	179-180	72.2	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₄ S	324.29	221 316	1560	1355	1310	1155
36	CH ₃	CH ₃	CH ₃	179-181	92.5	C ₁₄ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₄ S	338.32	227 316	1545	1350	1300	1145
37	CH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	190-192	83.6	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	358.79	232 316	1550	1350	1310	1145
38	CH ₃	CH ₃	Br	214-217	69.8	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₄ O ₄ SBBr	403.25	235 316	1550	1350	1305b	1150
39	CH ₃	CH ₃	NO ₂	206-209	89.0	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₆ S	369.29	264 316	1530	1340	1310b	1150
40	CH ₃	CH ₃	NHAc	212-220	74.5	C ₁₅ H ₁₉ N ₅ O ₆ S	381.34	262 316	1555	1345	1310	1150
41	H	H	NH ₂	154-156	77.5	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₄ S·H ₂ O	329.27	276 300	1530	1365	1310	1145
42	CH ₃	H	NH ₂	173-175	94.0	C ₁₂ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₄ S	325.29	267 312	1540	1360	1315	1145
43	H	CH ₃	NH ₂	218-220	82.2	C ₁₂ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₄ S	325.29	276 305	1540	1350	1300	1145
44	CH ₃	CH ₃	NH ₂	223-226	73.2	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₄ S	339.31	276 316	1555	1355	1300	1145

^a Analytical results obtained for C, H, N, Cl, and Br were within $\pm 0.3\%$ of the theoretical values.

TABLE III
Some Characteristic Data for 4-Nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-p-R₃-benzenesulfonfylaminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazoles



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No.	Substituents	Mp/°C	Yield	Formula ^a	M. w.	UV		IR (cm ⁻¹)		
						λ_{\max}/nm	μ_{as}	μ_{as}	NO	SO
45	H H	176-177	92.3	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₄ O ₄ S	296.24	221 286	1540	1350	1305	1145
46	H H	162-163	63.5	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S	310.26	227 286	1540	1330	1300	1150
47	H H	197-198	85.5	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	330.74	232 286	1540b	1350	1315	1150
48	H H	213-215	82.5	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₄ O ₄ SBr	375.20	235 286	1545b	1365	1305b	1145
49	H H	227-229	83.0	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₅ O ₆ S	341.24	264 286	1545b	1345b	1315	1150
50	H H	196-197	81.3	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₅ S·H ₂ O	371.31	262 286	1530	1370	1310	1150
51	CH ₃	203-204	71.0	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S	310.26	229 300	1540	1350	1315	1150
52	CH ₃	230-232	72.0	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₄ S	324.29	230 302	1545	1345	1305	1150
53	CH ₃	225-227	75.8	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	344.77	233 298	1555	1355	1315	1150
54	CH ₃	215-217	70.2	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SBr	389.23	237 298	1555	1370	1310	1145
55	CH ₃	225-227	72.1	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₆ S	355.26	268 312	1555	1360b	1315	1150
56	CH ₃	251-253	71.4	C ₁₄ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₅ S	367.32	262 298	1555b	1365b	1315	1150
57	H	222-224	87.5	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄ S	310.26	221 297	1565	1355	1315	1155
58	CH ₃	223-225	86.5	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₄ S	324.29	227 297	1555	1350	1310	1150
59	H	263-265	71.5	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	344.77	232 297	1555	1355b	1315	1150
60	H	270-273	78.6	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₄ O ₄ SBr	389.23	235 297	1555	1365	1305	1150
61	H	270-272	85.7	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₆ S	355.26	264 297	1550b	1350	1310	1150
62	H	140-145	78.6	C ₁₄ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₅ S·H ₂ O	385.44	262 297	1555	1345	1315	1145
63	CH ₃	213-214	76.5	C ₁₃ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₄ S	324.29	221 310	1545	1360	1320	1155
64	CH ₃	239-241	74.5	C ₁₄ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₄ S	338.32	227 310	1560	1365	1315	1150
65	CH ₃	269-271	74.4	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₄ O ₄ SCl	358.79	232 310	1540	1365	1310	1150
66	CH ₃	281-283	73.1	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₄ O ₄ SBr	403.25	235 310	1550	1360	1310	1150
67	CH ₃	284-286	83.5	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₆ S	369.29	264 310	1555b	1365	1315	1150
68	CH ₃	293-295	69.5	C ₁₅ H ₁₉ N ₅ O ₅ S	381.34	262 310	1570b	1360	1305	1150
69	H	214-215	83.4	C ₁₁ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₄ S	311.25	276 286	1540	1370	1315	1150
70	CH ₃	232-233	88.0	C ₁₂ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₄ S	325.29	267 298	1540	1360	1310	1145
71	H	263-266	87.2	C ₁₂ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₄ S	325.28	276 297	1565	1340	1305	1145
72	CH ₃	232-234	79.4	C ₁₃ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₄ S	339.31	276 310	1550	1350	1315	1150

^a Analytical results obtained for C, H, N, Cl, and Br were within $\pm 0.3\%$ of the theoretical values.

TABLE IV
Trichomonocidal and Bactericidal Concentrations^a of 1-Substituted-2-methyl-5-nitro- and -4-nitroimidazoles

Compd. Microorg used	Mi ^b	Sph ^c	2	6	10	14	23	24	25	26	27	28	42	51	52	53	54	55	56	70
I ^d	5	5	<100	100	<100	10	5	5	5	5	50	<100	50	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100
II		5	125	125	125	250	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	250	250	125	125	125	125
III		250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
IV		250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	125	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
V		125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
VI		250	250			<250									<250	<250	<250	<250	<250	<250
VII		250	250	250	250	250									250	250	250	250	250	250
VIII		250	250	250	250	250									250	250	250	250	250	250

^a Concentrations used for trichomonocidal activity were: 1, 5, 10, 50, and 100 µg/ml nutrient, and for bactericidal activity were: 5, 10, 125, and 250 µg/ml nutrient. ^b Mi — Metronidazole, ^c Sph — Sulphamazole, ^d Inoculum — 8000 µg/ml nutrient; I — *Trichomonas vaginalis*, II — *Streptococcus haemolyticus*, III — *Escherichia coli*, IV — *Staphylococcus pyogenes aurus*, V — *Pseudomonas pyocinea*, VI — *Klebsiella*, VII — *Shigella Sonnei*, and VIII — *Bac. proteus mirabilis*.

comparable, except that they exhibited lower activity against *Streptococcus haemolyticus*, to that of sulfaphenazole taken as the standard with a well-known bacteriostatic properties¹².

EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points are determined on Fisher-Johns melting point apparatus, and are uncorrected. The IR-spectra were recorded with a Model 257 G Perkin-Elmer spectrometer. The UV-spectra were recorded with an SP 800 Unicam spectrometer in ethanol 96%. The ¹H-NMR spectra were run on the A-60 Varian instrument in DMSO-*d*₆, with TMS as an internal standard. TLC was performed on silica gel plates (Merck, Kieselgel HF₂₅₄) using chloroform-methanol (9:1) as the eluent.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 5-Nitro-4-R₂-, and 4-Nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-aminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazoles (9—12 and 13—16)

A solution of 5-nitro-4-R₂- or 4-nitro-5-R₂-1-(2-acetylaminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazole [1.98 g of 1, 5, 2.12 g of 2, 3, 6, 7, 2.26 g of 4, 8; 10.0 mmol each] in hydrochloric acid 25% (20 ml) was heated under reflux for 4 h. The solvent was evaporated to dryness, a mixture of ethanol-ether (1:1) was added, and the product was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol 96% to give compounds 9—16 listed in Table I.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 5-Nitro-4-R₂-, and 4-Nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-p-R₃-benzenesulfonylaminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazoles (17—40 and 45—68)

To an ice-water cooled solution of hydrochloride of 5-nitro-4-R₂- or 4-nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-aminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazole (1.92 g of 9, 13; 2.06 g of 10, 11, 14, 15; 2.75 g of 12; 2.20 g of 16; 5.0 mmol each), and sodium bicarbonate (2.95 g, 35.0 mmol) in water (30 ml) was added the solution of arylsulfonylchloride (0.97 g of benzenesulfonylchloride, 1.05 g of tolylsulfonylchloride, 1.18 g of *p*-chlorobenzenesulfonylchloride, 1.41 g of *p*-bromobenzenesulfonylchloride, 1.22 g of *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonylchloride, 1.28 g of *p*-acetylamino benzenesulfonylchloride; 5.5 mmol each) in methylethyl ketone (15 ml) over a period of 30 min, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for next 3 hrs. Separated crystals were filtered, dissolved in diluted sodium hydroxide, and acidified to pH 6. Crude product was collected on a filter, washed with water, and recrystallized from ethanol 96% to give pure compounds 17—40, and 45—68 listed in Tables II and III.

General Procedure for the Preparation of 5-Nitro-4-R₂-, and 4-Nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-p-aminobenzenesulfonylaminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazoles (41—44 and 69—72)

A mixture of 5-nitro-4-R₂- or 4-nitro-5-R₂-1-(2'-*p*-acetylamino benzenesulfonylaminoethyl)-2-R₁-imidazole (1.77 g of 22, 50; 1.85 g of 28, 34, 56, 62; 1.91 g of 40, 68; 5.0 mmol each), hydrochloric acid 15% (12 ml), and ethanol (10 ml) was refluxed under stirring for 30 min. Thereafter solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the residue dissolved in water, and filtered. The filtrate was adjusted to pH 6.5—7, the precipitate was collected on a filter, and recrystallized from ethanol 90% to give pure compounds 41—44, and 69—72 listed in Tables II and III.

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Imidazoli II. Priprava i neka farmakološka svojstva nitroimidazol-1'-il-etilsulfonamida

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Polazeći od 1-aminoetil-5-nitroimidazola 9—12 i njihovih 4-nitroizomera 13—16, koje smo pripravili hidrolizom odgovarajućih acetamido derivata 1—8, pripravljeni su sulfonamidi 17—40 i 45—68 kondenzacijom s raznim arilsulfokloridima. *Para*-amino derivati 41—44 i 69—72 su dobiveni hidrolizom u kiselom intermedijernih *para*-acetamido derivata 22, 28, 34, 40, 50, 56, 62 i 68. Spojevi 2 i 24—26 pokazali su antitrihomonarno djelovanje usporedivo s onim od metronidazola, dok se *in vitro* bakteriostatska aktivnost spojeva 2, 6, 10, 23—28, 42, 55, 56 i 70 pokazala uporedivom s onom od sulfafenazola, izuzev niže aktivnosti na *Streptococcus haemolyticus*.

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