



## SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF METHYLBENZOYLTHIOUREIDO VIA FT-IR AND UV-VIS SPECTROPHOTOMETER

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### ABSTRAK

Tindak balas antara 2-, 3- dan 4-metilbenzoilisotiosianat dengan  $\beta$ -alanin menghasilkan asid *N*-(2-metilbenzoiltioureido)-*N'*- propanoik (I), asid *N*-(3-metilbenzoiltioureido)-*N'*- propanoik (II) and asid *N*-(4-metilbenzoiltioureido)-*N'*- propanoik (III). Kesemua sebatian ini dianalisis menggunakan Fourier Transformasi Infra-Merah (FT-IR) dan spektrofotometer Ultralembayung Cahaya Nampak (UV-Vis). Spektrum FT-IR menunjukkan regangan penting,  $\nu(\text{N-H})$ ,  $\nu(\text{C=O})$ , karboksilik),  $\nu(\text{C=O})$ , amida),  $\nu(\text{C-N})$  and  $\nu(\text{C=S})$  pada  $3300\text{-}3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1700\text{-}1720\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1650\text{-}1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1300\text{-}1400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  dan  $730\text{-}800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Terdapat dua kromofor utama, (C=O) dan (C=S) dalam sebatian ini yang boleh dilihat pada penyerapan maksimum 240nm dan 280nm.

Kata kunci: metilbenzoiltioureido, tiourea dan asid amino

### Abstract

Reaction of 2-, 3- and 4-methylbenzoylthiocyanate with  $\beta$ -alanine resulted *N*-(2-methylbenzoylthioureido)-*N'*-propanoic acid (I), *N*-(3-methylbenzoylthioureido)-*N'*-propanoic acid (II) and *N*-(4-methylbenzoylthioureido)-*N'*-propanoic acid (III). These compounds were characterized by FT-IR and UV-Vis spectrophotometer. The FT-IR spectrum shows the important stretching absorption band of these compounds which are  $\nu(\text{N-H})$ ,  $\nu(\text{C=O})$ , carboxylic),  $\nu(\text{C=O})$ , amide),  $\nu(\text{C-N})$  and  $\nu(\text{C=S})$  at  $3300\text{-}3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1700\text{-}1720\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1650\text{-}1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1300\text{-}1400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $730\text{-}800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. Two chromophores, C=O and C=S in these compounds can be observed in UV spectra at maximum absorption at 240nm and 280nm, respectively.

Keyword: methylbenzoylthioureido, thiourea, amino acid

### Introduction

Thiourea and its derivatives have been widely used in technological applications such as in the pharmaceutical industry (Dixit et.al, 2006) [1], as catalyst in chemical reactions and for extraction of toxic metals using a solid supported liquid membrane system. It is well established that thiourea derivatives compound and its complexation with transition metals has potential in anti-bacterial or anti-fungal and anti-tumor properties (Rodríguez-Fernández et.al, 2005, Li et.al, 2006) [2-3]. In addition, thiourea derivatives have been shown to possess antitubercular, antithroid, antihelminthic, insecticidal and rodenticidal properties (Xu et.al, 2003) [4]. Besides their increasing important role as intermediates in agricultural where thiourea used as herbicide to reduce the growing of parasites plant (Xue et.al, 2004) [5].

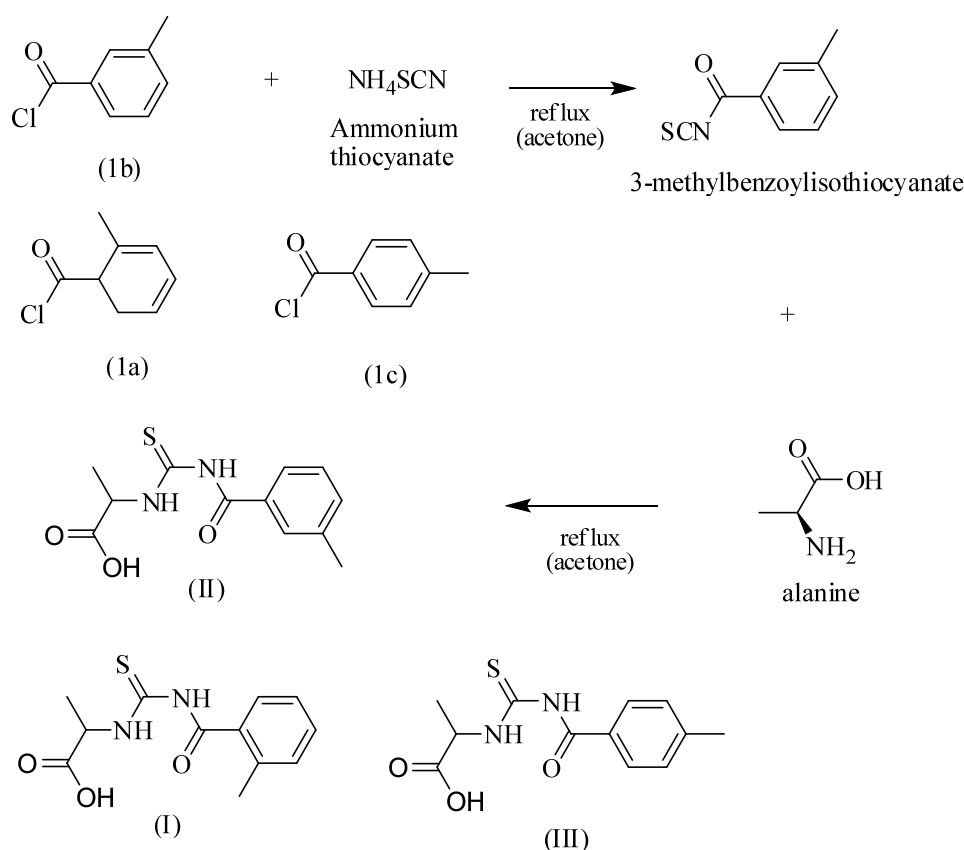
## Experimental

### Reagent and instrumentation

All chemicals used were reagent grade quality. FTIR spectra of methylbenzoylthioureido derivatives were recorded using KBR pellets on a Perkin Elmer Spectrometer 100 Series apparatus. Absorption spectra were recorded in cells of quartz 1 cm using a Shimadzu UV-vis spectrophotometer 1601 Series, all compounds are dissolved in pure methanol with the concentration  $10^{-5}$  M.

### Synthetic methodology

2-methylbenzoyl chloride (1a)/3-methylbenzoyl chloride(1b)/4-methylbenzoyl chloride(1c) (2.80 g, 20 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml purified dry acetone and was added dropwise into a solution of ammonium thiocyanate (1.52g, 20 mmol) in 20 ml of dry acetone under reflux and stirring for 1 hour. Then,  $\beta$ -alanine (2.16 g, 20 mmol) was added dropwise into the reaction mixture under reflux and continuously stirring for 4 hours. Next, the mixture was poured into a beaker containing ice blocks. The precipitate was filtered and washed with cold methanol. All compound obtained were recrystallized in ethanol.



**Scheme 1** Synthesis of compound I, II, and III, thiourea derivatives of amino acid

## Result and Discussion

### FT-IR Spectra

The characteristic  $\nu(\text{N-H})$  stretching vibrations of methylbenzoylthioureido derivatives are appeared in the  $3291\text{--}3382\text{ cm}^{-1}$  range. This difference between the  $\nu(\text{N-H})$  stretching frequencies is due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding (Reetz et.al, 2000). The strong absorption of  $\nu(\text{C=O}_{\text{carboxylic}})$  and  $\nu(\text{C=O}_{\text{amide}})$  band in the IR spectra of the compounds are observed in the region  $1700\text{--}1720\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1650\text{--}1680\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The C=O stretch band not sufficient evidence to identify a carboxylic acid, other band such as the O-H stretch to confirm the assignment. The C=O stretch for amide decreasing in frequencies comparing with the ordinary carbonyl absorption ( $1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and C=O stretch for carboxylic. This is interpreted as being a result of its conjugated resonance and the the possible formation of intramolecular hydrogen bonding with N-H (Reetz et al, 2000). In addition, The absorption bands in the range of  $1300\text{--}1400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to the  $\nu(\text{C-N})$  vibrations. The frequencies of  $730\text{--}800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to the  $\nu(\text{C=S})$  vibration for compound I, II and III respectively. The lowest frequency for  $\nu(\text{C=S})$  stretching for compound II indicated that intramolecular hydrogen bonding exists in the compound. The O-H stretch in all compounds was broad and found around  $3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The O-H stretch appeared in the spectrum resulted from amino acid.

**Table 1** FTIR absorption frequencies

Compounds	$\nu\text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)}$				
	$\nu(\text{N-H})$	$\nu(\text{C=O}_{\text{carboxylic}})$	$\nu(\text{C=O}_{\text{amide}})$	$\nu(\text{C-N})$	$\nu(\text{C=S})$
I	3233.72	1705.70	1673.65	1196.19	755.92
II	3369.70	1715.79	1671.87	1392.34	798.72
III	3307.34	1719.30	1668.24	1263.34	760.81

### UV spectra

There are two significant chromophores, C=O and C=S resulting from  $n\rightarrow\pi^*$  transitions have been observed in the UV spectra with maximum absorption at 240nm and 280nm, respectively. The strong absorbance peak presents a red shift in local transition and a broadening of the band with weakening of the structural vibration absorption. It is credited to the ability of methanol to protonate the oxygen atom of the C=O group or sulfur atom of the C=S group.

## Conclusion

This paper reported three new methylbenzoylthioureido derivatives and all compounds have been characterized by FTIR and UV-Vis Spectrophotometer. The C=O stretch of carboxylic acids is in the region as the other C=O stretch of ketones, aldehyde and ester.

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