

**SYNTHESIS OF  
N-(MORPHOLINOMETHYL)  
BENZAMIDES AS MOCLOBEMIDE  
ANALOGS**

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**ABSTRACT**

Syntheses of new morpholinomethylbenzamides **6** bearing both electron-withdrawing and electron-releasing groups at the aromatic ring are described. The strategy involved synthesis of hippuric acid ethyl esters **3**, their hydrolysis to hippuric acids **4**, subsequent oxidative decarboxylation to acetate **5** and morpholine addition to provide **6**.

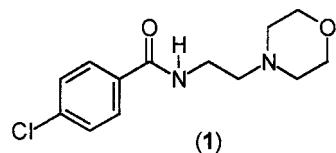
Moclobemide, *p*-chloro-*N*-2-(morpholinoethyl) benzamide (**1**) is a short acting, selective and reversible inhibitor of MAO-A,<sup>1,2</sup> well tolerated, widely available for clinical use, and an effective antidepressant. Monoamine oxidase (MAO) is a flavoprotein of the mitochondrial outer membranes of neuronal cells, involved in the biodegradation of aromatic

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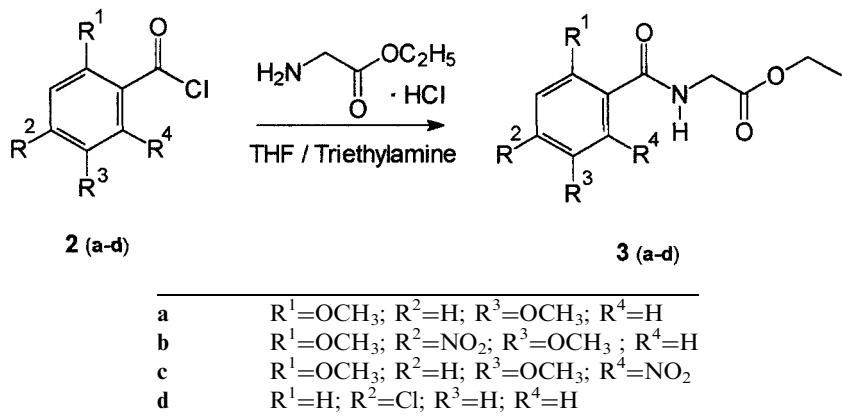
monoamines, including classical neurotransmitters such as serotonin, adrenaline, and dopamine, playing a central role in several psychiatric and neurological disorders.

A variety of moclobemide derivatives has been prepared, and studies on structure-activity relationships reveal that both the morpholine and phenyl rings are necessary for antidepressant activity.<sup>3,4</sup> However effects of changes in the aliphatic chain length on biological activity have not been reported. We report herein new and facile syntheses of *N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamides as moclobemide analogs.

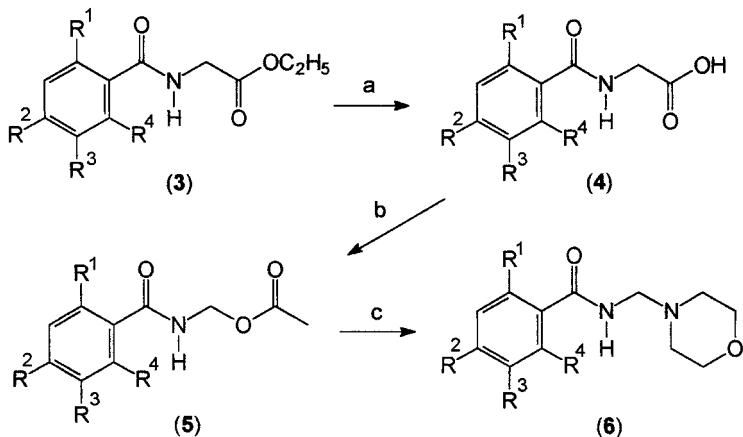


Several studies regarding the synthesis and reactivity of *N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamides have been reported.<sup>5,6</sup> Katritzky<sup>7</sup> et al. examined syntheses of monoacylaminals as constituent units of retro-peptide intermediates for obtaining heterocycles.

The synthesis of our analogs started with the classical reaction of substituted benzoyl chlorides **2(a-d)** with glycine hydrochloride<sup>8,9</sup> to afford the ethyl esters of hippuric acids **3(a-d)** (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1.



**Reagents :** a) KOH – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH ; H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>; b) Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub> – Cu (OAc)<sub>2</sub> / CH<sub>3</sub>CN;  
d) Morpholine-Triethylamine / CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

*Scheme 2.*

The hippuric esters **3(a–d)** were subsequently hydrolyzed with methanolic-potassium hydroxide at room temperature, to afford the corresponding hippuric acids **4(a–d)** (Scheme 2). Special care must be taken with the ester **3(d)**, to avoid competitive hydrolysis of the amide which was detected as a side reaction (See Experimental).

The hippuric acids **4(a–d)** were reacted with a mixture of anhydrous lead tetraacetate and cupric acetate, in acetonitrile giving the acetates **5(a–d)**<sup>10</sup> in good yield, (Table 1). This oxidative decarboxylation gave better yields using acetonitrile rather than benzene; when compounds **4(a–d)** were decarboxylated in benzene,<sup>11</sup> their solubilities were low with decreased yields.

In summary we have developed efficient syntheses which afford *N*-(morpholinomethyl) benzamides. Further studies on applications of these compounds will be reported.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Melting points were determined on a hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded, on a FT-IR Bruker IFS 55 spectrophotometer for KBr disc and wave numbers are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were performed on Bruker DRX-300 and AM-200 spectrometers in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. Chemical shifts were

Table 1.

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%)
<b>2-a</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>3-a</b>	85
<b>2-b</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>3-b</b>	84
<b>2-c</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	<b>3-c</b>	79
<b>2-d</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>3-d</b>	82
<b>3-a</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>4-a</b>	85
<b>3-b</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>4-b</b>	98
<b>3-c</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	<b>4-c</b>	95
<b>3-d</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>4-d</b>	87
<b>4-a</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>5-a</b>	91
<b>4-b</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>5-b</b>	76
<b>4-c</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	<b>5-c</b>	78
<b>4-d</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>5-d</b>	58
<b>5-a</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>6-a</b>	71
<b>5-b</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub> ; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>6-b</b>	63
<b>5-c</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>2</sup> =H; R <sup>3</sup> =OCH <sub>3</sub> ; R <sup>4</sup> =NO <sub>2</sub>	<b>6-c</b>	46
<b>5-d</b>	R <sup>1</sup> =H; R <sup>2</sup> =Cl; R <sup>3</sup> =H; R <sup>4</sup> =H	<b>6-d</b>	52

recorded in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to TMS as internal standard.  $J$  values are given in Hz. EIMS were recorded on VB-12-250 spectrometer.

Microanalyses were carried out on a Fisons EA 1108 analyzer. Silica gel Merck 60 (70–230 mesh) and DC-alufolien 60 F<sub>254</sub> were normally used for column and TLC chromatography respectively.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of Hippuric Ester Derivatives (3)

To a solution of glycine ethyl ester hydrochloride (170 mg, 1.22 mmol), triethylamine (333 mg, 0.45 ml 3.33 mmol) in dry THF (50 ml) at 0°C, benzoyl chloride derivative **2** (1.11 mmol) in THF (10 ml), was slowly added under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was stirred for 1 h at 0°C and then at room temperature. After 3 h water (100 ml) was added and the mixture was extracted with chloroform (3 × 50 ml). The combined extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel column (chloroform:ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) or crystallized to give **3**.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-a):** M.p. 82–83°C; purified by silica gel chromatography, (chloroform:ethyl acetate = 1 : 1) Anal. calcd

for  $C_{13}H_{17}NO_5$ : C, 58.42; H, 6.37; N, 5.24. Found: C, 57.58; H, 6.55; N, 5.24. IR: 3349, 1755, 1643.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.33 (t, 3H,  $J=7.1$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 3.83 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.98 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.23–4.31 (m, 4H,  $OCH_2CH_3$  and  $NH-CH_2-CO$ ), 6.95 (d, 1H,  $J_o=8.70$ , Ar-3-H), 7.04 (dd, 1H,  $J_o=8.70$ ,  $J_m=3.40$ , Ar 4-H), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $J_m=3.40$ , Ar 6-H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.6, 42.5, 56.2, 57.0, 61.8, 113.5, 115.9, 120.1, 121.7, 152.5, 154.3, 165.5, 170.6.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-b):** M.p. 151–152 °C (Ethanol); Anal calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_7$ : C, 50.0; H, 5.16; N, 8.97. Found: C, 49.79; H, 5.25; N, 9.02. IR: 3339, 1753, 1649.  $^1H$  NMR (200 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.32 (t, 3H,  $J=7.72$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 3.97 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.03 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.21–4.28 (m, 4H,  $OCH_2CH_3$  and  $NH-CH_2$ ), 7.50 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H), 8.56 (br.s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.2, 42.2, 57.1, 57.1, 61.7, 109.2, 117.8, 125.7, 141.0, 147.1, 150.6, 163.1, 169.7; EIMS  $m/z$  (%): 312 ( $M^+$ , 8), 267 (2), 210 (100), 163 (24).

**2,5-Dimethoxy-6-nitro-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-c):** M.p. 86–88°C; (Ethanol). Anal calcd for  $C_{13}H_{16}N_2O_7$ : C, 50.0; H, 5.16; N, 8.97. Found: C, 49.51; H, 5.39; N, 8.88. IR: 3321, 1740, 1667.  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.23 (t, 3H,  $J=7.40$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 3.77 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 3.87 (s, 3H,  $OCH_3$ ), 4.11 (d, 2H,  $J=3.2$ ,  $NH-CH_2$ ), 4.17 (q, 2H,  $J=7.40$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 7.00 (d, 1H,  $J=6.10$ , Ar 3-H), 7.10 (d, 1H,  $J=6.10$ , Ar 4-H), 7.70 (s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.5, 42.3, 55.7, 57.6, 62.0, 114.7, 116.7, 117.1, 142.6, 145.9, 150.1, 162.0, 170.0.

**4-Chloro-hippuric acid ethyl ester (3-d):** M.p. 114.5–116°C<sup>8</sup>; (purified by column chromatography, chloroform : ethyl acetate = 2 : 1) Anal. calcd for  $C_{11}H_{12}O_3NCl$ : C, 54.65; H, 4.96; N, 5.80. Found: C, 54.17; H, 5.06; N, 5.97. IR: 3268, 1747, 1647.  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$ : 1.30 (t, 3H,  $J=7.15$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 4.20 (d, 2H,  $J=5.14$ ,  $NH-CH_2$ ), 4.24 (q, 2H,  $J=7.15$ ,  $OCH_2CH_3$ ), 6.86 (s, 1H, NH), 7.39 (d, 2H,  $J=13.3$ , Ar 3-H and Ar 5-H), 7.74 (d, 2H,  $J=13.3$ , Ar 2-H and Ar 6-H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$ : 14.2, 41.9, 61.8, (2 × 128.6) (2 × 128.8), 132.1, 138.1, 170.1, 173.8.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of Hippuric Acid Derivatives (4)

A solution of the ethyl ester **3** (1.90 mmol.) in KOH 0.5 N : EtOH (1 : 1 v/v), (40 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h (except for the chloro derivative (**3-d**) we use 30 min). The mixture was then diluted with water (50 ml), acidified with HCl 0.1 M and extracted with ethyl acetate, (3 × 50 ml). Organic layers were dried ( $Na_2SO_4$ ) and the solvent was evaporated under

vacuo. Purification was carried out by chromatographic techniques or crystallization.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-hippuric acid (4-a):** M.p. 107–108°C (White crystals, column chromatographed, AcOEt). Anal calcd for: C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 55.23; H, 5.44; N, 5.86. Found: C, 54.57; H, 5.61; N, 5.96. IR: 3300–2980, 1732, 1615. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.30 (d, 2H, J = 4.8, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 6.92 (d, 1H, J<sub>o</sub> = 9.0 Ar 3-H), 7.02 (d, d, 1H, J<sub>o</sub> = 9.0, J<sub>m</sub> = 3.0, Ar 4-H), 7.73 (d, 1H, J<sub>m</sub> = 3.0, Ar 6-H), 8.75 (br s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 42.4, 55.9, 56.7, 113.2, 115.6, 120.3, 120.7, 152.3, 154.0, 166.1, 173.3.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-hippuric acid (4-b):** Yellow crystals (Ethanol) M.p. 197–197.5°C; Anal calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 46.48; H, 4.26; N, 9.86. Found: C, 46.67; H, 4.44; N, 9.93. IR: 3379–2850, 3380, 1740, 1613. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.00 (d, 2H, J = 5.7, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 7.68 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H or Ar 3-H), 7.70 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H or Ar 6-H), 8.69 (t, 1H, J = 5.7, NH), 12.7 (s, 1H, COOH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 42.1, 57.4, 57.5, 109.6, 116.6, 127.1, 141.2, 145.7, 150.9, 163.6, 171.4.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-6-nitro-hippuric acid (4-c):** M.p. 233–235°C; Anal calcd for: C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 46.47; H, 4.26; N, 9.86. Found: C, 46.49; H, 4.57; N, 9.74. IR: 3450, 3350, 1766, 1638, 1532, 1375. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.90 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.05 (d, 2H, J = 5.3, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 7.19 (d, 1H, J = 9.3 Ar 3-H, or 4-H), 7.25 (d, 1H, J = 9.3, Ar 4-H or 3-H), 8.30 (brt, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 41.4, (2 × 57.1), 115.3, 116.0, 118.4, 140.2, 144.5, 150.2, 161.8, 170.6.

**4-Chloro-hippuric acid (4-d):** White pale crystals (Ethanol). M.p. 141.5–142.5°C Anal. calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NClO<sub>3</sub>: C, 50.58; H, 3.74; N, 6.55. Found: C, 50.88; H, 3.67; N, 6.42. IR: 3600–2850, 3338, 1746, 1685. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 4.1 (s, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 7.38 (d, 2H, J = 8.35, Ar 3-H, and 5-H), 7.83 (d, 2H, J = 8.35, Ar 2-H, and Ar 6-H), 7.94 (br.d., 1H, J = 4.5, NH), 9.8–11.2 (br.s., 1H, COOH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 39.7, (2 × 128.4), (2 × 128.8) 132.3, 137.4, 166.4, 171.7.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of N-(Acetoxyethyl) Benzamides (5)

To a solution of carboxylic acid **4** (0.574 mmol), in acetonitrile (40 ml) was added a mixture of anhydrous lead tetraacetate (250 mg, 0.573 mmol) and cupric acetate (104 mg, 0.573 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with water (100 ml), and the resulting solution extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 50 ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and

concentrated in vacuo. The products were further purified by silica gel column chromatography.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-2,5-dimethoxybenzamide (5-a):** Pale yellow oil (column chromatographed, AcOEt). Anal calcd for: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 56.90; H, 5.97; N, 5.33. Found: C, 57.03; H, 6.29; N, 5.41. IR: 3380, 1733, 1669. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 2.08 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.93 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.46 (d, 2H, J = 7.18, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 6.92 (d, 1H, J<sub>o</sub> = 9.0, Ar 3-H), 7.03 (dd, 1H, J<sub>o</sub> = 9.0, J<sub>m</sub> = 2.90, Ar 4-H), 7.76 (d, 1H, J<sub>m</sub> = 2.90, Ar 6-H), 8.95–9.05 (br s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 21.0, 55.8, 56.6, 64.7, 113.1, 115.9, 120.3, 120.9, 152.2, 153.9, 165.7, 171.8.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-4-nitro-2,5-dimethoxybenzamide (5-b):** Yellow crystals (column chromatographed, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/AcOEt = 1 : 1). M.p. 123–124.5°C. Anal. calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 48.43; H, 4.73; N, 9.39. Found: C, 48.36; H, 4.85; N, 9.36. IR: 3386, 1747, 1668. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 2.10 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.98 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.0 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.46 (d, 2H, J = 7.0, NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-O), 7.49 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H), 8.93 (br.t, 1H, J = 7.0, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 20.9, 57.1, 57.2, 64.5, 109.4, 118.1, 125.2, 141.2, 147.0, 150.7, 163.8, 171.7.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-6-nitro-2,5-dimethoxybenzamide (5-c):** Yellow crystals (column chromatographed: AcOEt/CHCl<sub>3</sub> 2 : 1). M.p. 124–125°C. Anal calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C, 48.32; H, 4.73; N, 9.39. Found: C, 49.09; H, 4.99; N, 9.38. IR: 3357, 1726, 1680, 1539, 1370. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 2.01 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.17 (d, 2H, J = 6.9, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 7.30 (d, 1H, J = 8.1, Ar 3-H, or 4-H), 7.37 (d, 1H, J = 8.1, Ar 4-H, or 3-H), 9.47 (br.t, 1H, J = 6.9, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ: 21.1, 57.3, 57.7, 64.2, 116.6, 117.3, 119.9, 139.5, 144.8, 150.1, 163.6, 170.5.

**N-(Acetoxymethyl)-4-chloro-benzamide (5-d):** M.p. 218–219°C White crystals (column chromatographed AcOEt/CHCl<sub>3</sub> = 1 : 2) Anal. calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>: C, 52.74; H, 4.39; N, 6.15; Cl, 15.6. Found: C, 53.46; H, 4.50; N, 5.93. IR: 3328, 1737, 1652. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 2.1 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.43 (d, 2H, J = 7.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.40 (br t, 1H, NH), 7.41 (d, 2H, J = 8.1, Ar 2-H, and Ar 6-H), 7.76 (d, 2H, J = 8.1, Ar 3-H and Ar 5-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 20.9, 64.7, (2 × 128.7), (2 × 128.9), 131.5, 138.7, 166.4, 172.2.

#### General Procedure for the Synthesis of *N*-(Morpholinomethyl) Benzamides (6)

To a stirred solution of acetabenzamide **5** (0.6 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 ml), triethylamine (55.7 mg, 0.080 ml, 0.55 mmol) and Morpholine (48.0 mg, 0.048 ml, 0.55 mmol) were added at 25°C for 4 h. The mixture

was poured into ice-water and extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 50$  ml). The organic layers were washed with water and dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). Removal of the solvent afforded crude morpholine derivatives **6** which were purified by silica gel column chromatography or crystallization.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-N-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-a):** Pale yellow oil (column chromatographed),  $\text{AcOEt}$ . Anal. calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ : C, 59.99; H, 7.19; N, 9.99. Found: C, 58.12; H, 7.25; N, 9.86. IR: 3391, 1658.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.53 (t, 4H,  $J=4.7$ , Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, ( $N\text{-CH}_2$ )), 3.61 (t, 4H,  $J=4.7$ , Morpholine 3-H and 5-H, ( $O\text{-CH}_2$ )), 3.70 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.84 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.22 (d, 2H,  $J=6.30$ ,  $\text{NH-CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 6.83 (d, 1H,  $J=9.0$ , Ar 3-H), 6.90 (dd, 1H,  $J_o=9.0$ ,  $J_m=3.20$ , Ar 4-H) 7.63 (d, 1H,  $J_m=3.20$ , Ar 6-H), 8.22 (br t, 1H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : (2  $\times$  50.1), 55.5, 56.3, 61.24, (2  $\times$  66.5), 112.7, 115.5, 119.2, 121.4, 151.5, 153.6, 165.5.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitro-N-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-b):** Yellow crystals (Ethanol). M.p. 116–118°C. Anal. calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ : C, 51.69; H, 5.89; N, 12.92. Found: C, 51.08; H, 5.98; N, 12.42. IR: 3383, 1669, 1511, 1342.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.63 (t, 4H,  $J=4.8$ , Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, ( $N\text{-CH}_2$ )), 3.73 (t, 4H,  $J=4.8$ , Morpholine 3-H and 5-H, ( $O\text{-CH}_2$ )), 3.98 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.0 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.35 (d, 2H,  $J=6.50$ ,  $\text{NH-CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 7.51 (s, 1H, Ar 6-H), 8.0 (s, 1H, Ar 3-H), 8.17 (s, broad, 1H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : (2  $\times$  50.4), (2  $\times$  57.0), (2  $\times$  63.1), 66.8, 109.1, 118.0, 126.1, 140.7, 147.2, 150.3, 163.8.

**2,5-Dimethoxy-6-nitro-N-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-c):** Pale yellow crystals (Ethanol). M.p. 169–172°C. Anal. calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ : C, 51.69; H, 5.89; N, 12.92. Found: C, 51.43; H, 5.80; N, 13.02. IR: 3400, 1669, 1535, 1367.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.63 (t, 4H,  $J=4.7$ , (Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, ( $N\text{-CH}_2$ ))), 3.72 (t, 4H,  $J=4.7$ , (Morpholine 3-H and 5-H), ( $O\text{-CH}_2$ )), 3.88 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.93 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 4.29 (d, 2H,  $J=6.35$ ,  $-\text{NCH}_2\text{N}-$ ), 7.02 (brt, 1H, NH), 7.07 (d, 1H,  $J=9.24$  Ar 6-H), 7.11 (d, 1H,  $J=9.24$ , Ar 3-H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : (2  $\times$  50.3), 57.2, 57.3, 61.7, (2  $\times$  66.9), 114.3, 115.9, 118.8, 142.0, 146.0, 151.0, 162.5.

**4-Chloro-N-(morpholinomethyl) benzamide (6-d):** Brown pale solid (column chromatographed,  $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-AcOEt}=1:2$ ). M.p. 70.2–71.3°C. Anal. calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$ : C, 56.58; H, 5.89; N, 11.00. Found: C, 56.37; H, 5.79; N, 10.78. IR: 3304, 1658, 1116.  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.67 (t, 4H,  $J=4.4$ , Morpholine 2-H and 6-H, ( $N\text{-CH}_2$ ))), 3.73 (t, 4H,  $J=4.4$ , Morpholine 3-H and 5-H), ( $O\text{-CH}_2$ )), 4.29 (d, 2H,  $J=6.1$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ), 7.41 (d, 2H,  $J=8.4$ , Ar 3-H and 5-H), 7.79 (d, 2H,  $J=8.4$ , Ar 2-H and 6-H), 8.29 (br.s, 1H, NH).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = (2  $\times$  50.3), 61.5, (2  $\times$  66.0), (2  $\times$  128.6), (2  $\times$  128.8), 132.1, 138.0, 166.9.

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