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CONVENIENT APPROACH FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF 2-AMINOBENZOTHAZOLOMETHYL NAPHTHOLS USING TRISODIUM CITRATE DIHYDRATE AS GREEN CATALYST UNDER MICROWAVE IRRADIATIONS

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ABSTRACT

The present research paper deals with the development a simple, highly efficient, straightforward, multicomponent one-pot scalable approach for the synthesis of a series of biologically active 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols. The method is based on an easily available, cheap and environmentally benign trisodium citrate dihydrate (TSCD) catalyst using microwave irradiations reactions of β -naphthol, 2-aminobenzothiazole and aromatic aldehydes in water. Metal-free synthesis, good to excellent yields of the products, short reaction time, operational simplicity, eco-friendliness and mild reaction conditions are some of the important features of this protocol. The method is demonstrated on multi gram level. Easy workup procedure and most importantly environmentally benign are the most outstanding advantages of this procedure.

KEYWORDS: Trisodium Citrate Dihydrate, Microwave Irradiations, Green and Scalable Synthesis, 2-Aminobenzothiazolomethyl Naphthols

As per the stringent environment concerns, now these days, the use of environmentally benign materials and solvents are highly demanding in fine and pharmaceutical chemical industries. In search of environment friendly, sustainable resources and catalyst, aqueous ethanol and trisodium citrate dihydrate (TSCD) may be an attractive candidates in the search for such type of non-toxic, cheap, easily available environmentally benign materials for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols. The 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols is a highly potential biologically active compound and has various biological activities such as antitumor (Hutchinson *et al.*, 2001), antiviral (Paget *et al.*, 1969), antifungal (Singh *et al.*, 2006), antibacterial (Palkar *et al.*, 2010), anti-inflammatory (El-Shorbagi *et al.*, 1989), topoisomerase II inhibitory (Choi *et al.*, 2006), as well as anticonvulsant (Amnerkar and Bhusari, 2010). 2-Aminobenzothiazoles are highly reactive compounds and used as reactants or reaction intermediates to synthesize a wide variety of biologically active fused heterocyclic compounds and in other organic transformations (Erian, 1993). In recent years, various procedures have been exist in literature for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthol derivatives by adopting one-pot multi-component reactions (Hulme *et al.*, 2009) (Jiang *et al.*, 2010) (Dömling *et al.*, 2012), like Agar (Moradi *et al.*, 2015), Citric acid (Lashkari *et al.*, 2016), Fe₃O₄@SiO₂-ZrCl₂-

MNPs (Kamali and Shirini, 2018), Fumaric acid (Maghsoodlou *et al.*, 2016), Graphite-supported (HClO₄-C) (Lei *et al.*, 2013), Grindstone (Mohan *et al.*, 2015), Heteropoly acids (Javanshir *et al.*, 2014), Ionic liquids (Yu and Guo, 2011), L-valine (Lal *et al.*, 2020), Magnetic nanocatalyst (Lati *et al.*, 2018), Maltose (Adrom *et al.*, 2015), Microwave irradiations (Niralwad *et al.*, 2011), Ionic liquid (Shaterian and Hosseini, 2014), NaHSO₄.H₂O (Shaterian and Mohammadnia, 2013), NBS (Hosseini and Shaterian, 2012), Phosphate Fertilizers (Li *et al.*, 2013), Sodium dodecyl sulfate (Zimou *et al.*, 2019), Sphalerite (Lal, 2015), Trichloroisocyanuric acid (Kumar *et al.*, 2010), Wells-Dawson heteropoly acid (Yang L., 2012), Zinc oxide micelles (Ohanian *et al.*, 2009), γ -Aminobutyric acid and collagen peptides biocatalyst (Mou *et al.*, 2017) and heterogenous phosphate catalysts (Fardpour *et al.*, 2018). These reported protocols produce good yields of the products in many instances (Shaabani *et al.*, 2007). However, some of the synthetic protocols undergo with certain limitations such as use of very expensive catalysts, solvents, large amount of catalyst, low yields of products, long reaction times, tedious procedures for preparations of catalysts and tedious workup conditions. Hence, the development of simple, efficient and environmentally benign protocol using non-toxic recyclable cheap catalyst under water for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols is still desirable and demanding in present days.

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To the best of our knowledge, few reports are available in literature on the use of trisodium citrate dihydrate alone as catalyst in synthetic organic chemistry (Brahmachari and Nurjamal, 2019) (Brahmachari and Banerjee, 2016) (Brahmachari and Nurjamal, 2016). In continuation of our research interest and a part of ongoing research programme (Lal *et al.*, 2012 & 2016), in the development of green and sustainable protocols for one-pot multicomponent synthesis we here in wish to report a new methodology for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols using trisodium citrate dehydrate as green and non-toxic catalyst in water using microwave conditions.

EXPERIMENTAL

The reagents used during the study were obtained commercially from Merck, Qualikems, Rankem, Spectrochem and TCI and used as received. All the synthesized derivatives were identified by comparing their melting points and spectral data with those of the authentic samples reported in literature. Melting point of all the synthesized compounds was determined on electrothermal melting point apparatus in an open capillary tube and report uncorrected. IR spectra of the synthesized compounds were recorded on A2 technology in terms of frequency of absorption (cm^{-1}). Mass spectra were recorded on Egilent ION TRAP 6310 mass spectrometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER AVANCE II 400 NMR Spectrometer using TMS as an internal standard at room temperature in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ solvent.

Synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols

β -naphthol 1 (0.69 mmol, 1 equiv.), substituted aromatic aldehydes 2 (0.69 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), 2-aminobenzothiazole 3 (0.69 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and trisodium citrate dihydrate catalyst (10 mol%) in 2 mL water transferred to a 10 mL oven dried reaction vial and the reaction vial is irradiated using microwave irradiations for about 9-10 min. The reaction was monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate/hexane (30:70) as eluent. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and stirred the contents after adding ethanol. The residual product was recrystallized from hot ethanol to give the pure product 4a-o (Scheme 1).

Gram scaled-up synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols

β -naphthol 1 (1 equiv.), substituted aromatic aldehydes 2 (1.2 equiv.), 2-aminobenzothiazole 3 (1.2 equiv.) and trisodium citrate dihydrate catalyst (10 mol%)

in 10 mL water transferred to a 50 mL oven dried round bottom flask and the reaction flask is irradiated with microwave irradiations for about 12 min. The reaction was monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate/hexane (30:70) as eluent. After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and stirred the contents after adding ethanol. The residual product was recrystallized from hot ethanol to afford the pure product 4a (Scheme 2).

Competitive Experiment

A 10 mL reaction vial was charged with β -naphthol 1 (0.69 mmol), 3-methoxybenzaldehyde 2 (0.69 mmol), 3-nitrobenzaldehyde 2 (0.69 mmol), 2-aminobenzothiazole 3 (0.69 mmol), and trisodium citrate dihydrate catalyst (10 mol%) and 5 mL water and the reaction vial is irradiated with microwave irradiations for 10 min. The reaction was monitored by TLC using ethyl acetate/hexane (30:70). After completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and stirred the contents after adding ethanol. The residual product was recrystallized from hot ethanol to give the products 4b and 5c in 64% and 21% yields respectively, (Scheme 3).

Characterization Data of Some Selected Compounds

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino) (phenyl) methyl naphthalene-2-ol (4a):

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4a. White solid, IR λ_{max} , cm^{-1} : 3501, 3386, 1594, 1546, 1512, 1451; ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz): δ = 6.95-7.92 (16 H, m, 15 H arom, 1H-CH), 8.64 (1H, s, NH), 10.12 (1H, s, OH); ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): δ = 53.34, 117.02, 116.52, 117.80, 121.47, 121.82, 121.25, 122.57, 124.22, 125.03, 126.81, 127.31, 129.57, 128.31, 131.57, 131.13, 141.24, 152.94, 151.17, 167.31; EIMS m/z : Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{OS}$ 382.4810, found 383.4813 $[\text{M}+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(3-nitrophenyl) naphthalene-2-ol (4c)

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4c. White powdered solid, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3335, 1627, 1597, 1531, 1452; ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 400 MHz) δ = 7.05-7.88 (15H, m, 14H arom, 1H-CH), 8.90 (s, 1H, NH), 10.12 (s, 1H, OH); ^{13}C NMR ($\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 100 MHz): δ = 54.38, 116.12, 118.72, 119.41, 119.62, 119.82, 121.84, 121.91, 123.28, 126.43,

126.99, 129.41, 129.55, 130.27, 131.23, 133.12, 146.14, 152.48, 154.06, 167.22; Calcd for $C_{24}H_{17}N_3O_3S$ 427.4780, found 428.4781 $[M+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(2-hydroxyphenyl)methyl naphthalene-2-ol (4e)

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 2-hydroxy-benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4e. Off white solid, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3612, 3302, 2943, 1628, 1506, 1284, 961-811 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ = 6.68-7.92 (15H, m, 14H arom, 1H-CH), 8.67 (1H, s, NH), 10.02 (1H, s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ = 51.84, 116.73, 117.75, 118.81, 119.43, 120.62, 121.13, 121.22, 122.51, 125.52, 126.32, 128.21, 128.96, 129.82, 128.53, 129.26, 132.14, 136.35, 150.83, 152.63, 154.46, 166.52; EIMS m/z: Calcd for $C_{24}H_{18}N_2O_2S$ 398.4800, found 399.4802 $[M+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(p-tolyl)methyl)methyl naphthalene-2-ol (4f):

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 4-methyl-benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4f. White solid, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3609, 3007, 2922, 1625, 1510, 1267 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ = 2.23 (3H, s, CH_3), 6.95-7.39 (15H, m, 14H arom and 1H-CH), 8.66 (1H, s, NH), 10.14 (1H, s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ = 20.60, 53.33, 118.00, 118.66, 118.92, 120.51, 120.85, 122.27, 125.26, 126.03, 128.34, 128.50, 128.60, 129.22, 130.55, 132.13, 135.17, 139.13, 151.97, 153.20, 166.39; EIMS m/z: Calcd for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2OS$ 396.5080, found 397.5082 $[M+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(4-chlorophenyl)naphthalene-2-ol (4g)

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 4-chloro-benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4g. White powder, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3602, 3304, 1627, 1267, 1122 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ = 6.67-7.78 (15H, m, 14H arom, 1H-CH), 8.57 (1H, s, NH); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ = 53.48, 117.71, 118.13, 118.96, 120.95, 121.12, 122.43, 122.47, 125.81, 126.82, 127.30, 127.78, 128.22, 129.54, 130.32, 134.52, 138.16, 151.61, 153.28, 166.89; EIMS m/z: Calcd for $C_{24}H_{17}ClN_2OS$ 416.9220, found 417.9221 $[M+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)methyl naphthalene-2-ol (4i)

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 3-hydroxy-3-methoxy benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4i. Off white solid, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3512, 3380, 1597, 1541, 1517, 1448 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ = 3.58 (3 H, s, OCH_3), 6.67-7.91 (14 H, m, 13 H arom, ^1H-CH), 8.81 (1 H, s, NH), 10.13 (1 H, s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ = 54.36, 56.55, 116.11, 118.74, 119.42, 119.60, 119.83, 121.81, 121.94, 123.26, 126.41, 126.97, 129.42, 129.53, 130.26, 131.21, 133.11, 133.65, 146.13, 148.23, 152.46, 154.04, 167.21; EIMS m/z: Calcd for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O_3S$ 428.5050, found 429.5052 $[M+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)naphthalene-2-ol (4l)

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 3-methoxy-benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4l. Off white solid, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3612, 3513, 3014, 2920, 1623, 1509, 1276; 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ = 3.67 (3H, s, OCH_3), 6.68-7.96 (15H, m, 14H arom, 1H-CH), 8.53 (1H, s, NH), 10.52 (1H, s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ = 54.83, 67.45, 118.14, 119.01, 119.13, 120.56, 122.51, 125.51, 126.24, 127.40, 128.45, 128.76, 129.36, 130.21, 132.14, 133.54, 132.10, 142.23, 151.66, 153.36, 166.82; EIMS m/z: Calcd for $C_{25}H_{20}N_2O_2S$ 412.5070, found 413.5069 $[M+1]^+$.

1-(Benzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)(4-nitrophenyl)methyl)naphthalene-2-ol (4o)

Reaction was carried out according to the procedure with β -naphthol (0.69 mmol), 4-nitro-benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol) to give compound 4o. White powdered solid, IR (λ_{max} , cm^{-1}): 3503, 3346, 2930, 1628, 1512, 1265, 961-814 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz): δ = 6.72-7.31 (15H, m, 14H arom, 1H-CH), 8.64 (1H, s, NH), 10.02 (1H, s, OH); ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz): δ = 53.41, 117.83, 118.32, 118.56, 119.57, 120.44, 122.51, 123.26, 125.22, 127.32, 125.34, 126.62, 127.34, 128.55, 128.97, 129.91, 145.96, 150.66, 153.36, 166.68; Calcd for $C_{24}H_{17}N_3O_3S$ 427.4780, found 428.4782 $[M+1]^+$.

The spectral data are in good agreement with the literature data.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To pursue our interest in the development of green protocol for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols, we instigate the study of the reaction based on a trial reaction between β -naphthol (1, 1 equiv.), benzaldehyde (2, 1.2 equiv.) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (3, 1.2 equiv.) in the absence and presence of trisodium citrate dihydrate catalysts under microwave irradiations in water, Table 2, with varying amount of catalyst loading and solvents. The best results were obtained in the presence of 10 mol% of trisodium

citrate dihydrate as a green and sustainable catalyst in water under microwave irradiations (Table 3, entry 5). No significant yield of the desired product was observed upon increasing the catalyst loading upto 12 mol% (Table 3, entry 6). When the reaction was carried out in the absence of catalyst no product formation as takes place (Table 3, entry 11). Compound 4a was characterized by its physical and analytical data. The physical and analytical data were found to be comparable with the data reported in literature. All the results obtained are summarized in the table 4, and the comparative results of reported methods and our method are given in table 1.

Table 1: Comparison of present methodology with reported methodology

Entry	Catalyst	Reaction Conditions	Yield (%)	Reference
1	Agar	EtOH, reflux, 25 min.	94	12
2	Citric acid	Solvent-free, 80 °C, 7 min	92	13
3	Fumaric acid	Solvent-free, 80 °C, 12 min	93	15
4	L-valine	H ₂ O, 70 °C, 2-3 h	94	20
5	Multi-SO ₃ H functionalized ionic liquid	Solvent-free, 20 min.	78	24
6	Ionic liquid (catalyst)	Solvent-free, 80 °C, 9 min.	86	25
7	Sphalerite	Solvent-free, 80 °C, 85 min.	93	29
8	Trichloroisocyanuric acid	Neat, 80 °C, 40 min.	97	31
9	Zinc oxide micelles	H ₂ O, 90 °C, 8 h	96	33
10	Trisodium citrate dihydrate	H ₂ O, MW, 10 min	94	This work

Table 2: Optimization of reaction solvents^a

Entry	Solvents	Time	Yield (%)
1	Water	10	92
2	Ethanol	15	41
3	Methanol	15	56
4	Acetonitrile	10	43
5	DMF	15	34
6	DMSO	15	52

^aReaction conditions: β -Naphthol (0.69 mmol), benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol), 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol), and catalyst (10 mol%) in 1 mL H₂O, microwave irradiations, 10-15 min.

^bIsolated yield.

Table 3: Screening of reaction catalysts^a

Entry	Catalysts	Time (min.)	Yield (%) ^b
1	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (2 mol %)	10	23
2	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (4 mol %)	10	41
3	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (6 mol %)	10	54
4	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (8 mol %)	15	78
5	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (10 mol %)	10	92
6	Trisodium citrate dihydrate (12 mol %)	10	84
7	Sodium chloride (10 mol%)	15	31
8	Potassium bromide (10 mol%)	15	20
9	Triethyl amine (10 mol%)	20	^c nr
10	Tartaric acid(10 mol%)	20	nr
11	No Catalyst	20	nr

^aReaction conditions: β -Naphthol (0.69 mmol), benzaldehyde (0.83 mmol), 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol), and catalyst (10 mol%) in 1 mL H₂O, microwave irradiations, 10-20 min.

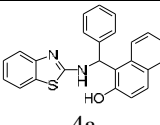
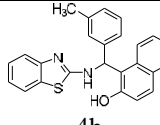
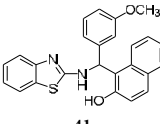
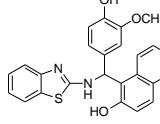
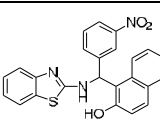
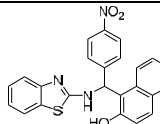
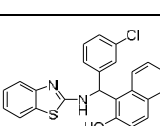
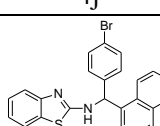
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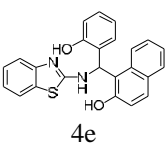
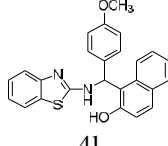
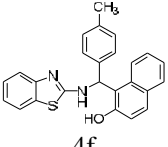
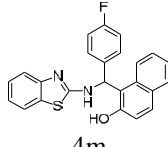
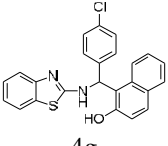
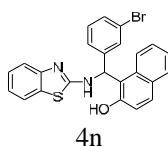
^cNo reaction.

Further, to check the efficiency and feasibility of the reaction, we have carried out a number of reactions between 2-aminobenzothiazole, β -naphthol and variety of substituted aromatic aldehydes having electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups in the aromatic ring such as -CH₃, -OCH₃, -Cl, -OH, -F, -Br and -NO₂ using the optimized reaction conditions. All the reactions undergo smoothly under microwave irradiations but our methodology does not work under ultrasonication and the

desired product are obtained in very low yield ranging from 21-42% in 10 min. It may be seen from the physico-chemical data as shown in table 4, that when electron withdrawing group is present as substituent in reacting aldehydes, the yield of the product decreases, whereas electron donating group facilitates the reaction in forward direction as a result of which, yield of the product increases. Same results are obtained when the reaction is carried out at gram scale synthesis.

Table 4: Substrate scope for 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols^a

Compound	Time ^b /Yield (%) ^c		M.P. (°C)	Compound	Time/Yield (%)		M.P. (°C)
	USI ^d	MWI ^e			USI	MWI	
 4a	10/23	10/92	202-204	 4h	10/41	10/94	196-198
 4b	10/39	10/94	185-186	 4i	10/36	10/94	194-195
 4c	10/21	10/91	197-198	 4j	10/28	10/90	189-190
 4d	10/23	10/91	191-192	 4k	10/31	10/91	201-202

 4e	10/32	10/92	163-164	 4l	10/42	10/94	174-175
 4f	10/38	10/93	182-183	 4m	10/29	10/91	176-177
 4g	10/22	10/91	208-209	 4n	10/38	10/90	202-203

^aReaction conditions: β -Naphthol (0.69 mmol), 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol), substituted aldehydes (0.83 mmol), and trisodium citrate dihydrate (10 mol%) in 2 mL water, microwave irradiations for about 10 min.

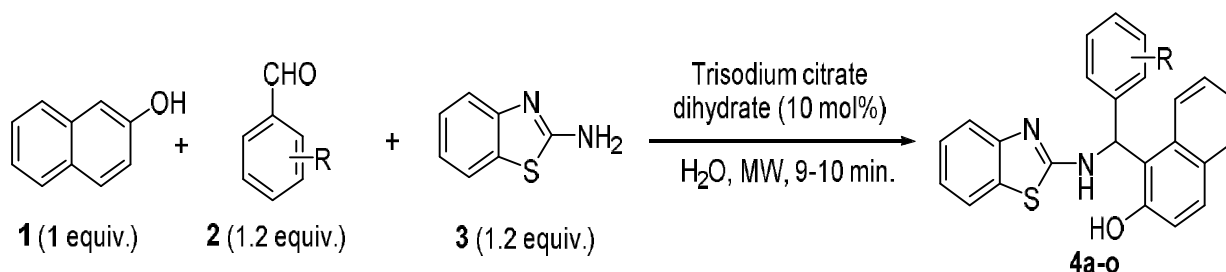
^bTime in minutes, ^cIsolated yield, ^dUltrasonic Irradiations, ^eMicrowave Irradiations.

All the desired products were obtained in pure form by washing with hot ethanol followed by recrystallization from hot ethyl acetate and hexane mixture; therefore, tedious column chromatography was not required. The isolated products were characterized by the study of physico-chemical data including IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR and mass spectra.

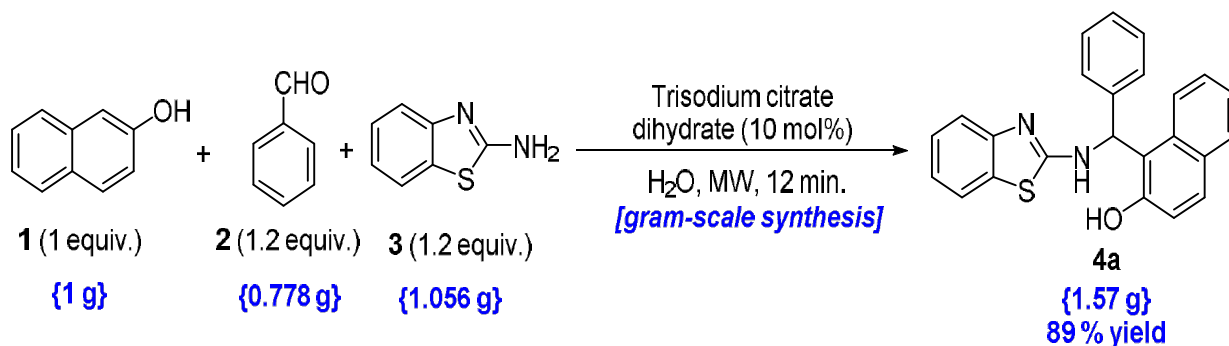
Moreover, the practicability and feasibility of the present method were tested by performing a model reaction on one gram scale. In this perspective, β -Naphthol (6.9 mmol), benzaldehyde (8.28 mmol) and 2-aminobenzothiazole (8.28 mmol), were reacted in the presence of trisodium citrate dihydrate catalyst (10 mol%) in 10 mL water under optimised reaction conditions to give 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols in about 10 min. The reaction underwent smoothly affording the desired products 4a in 89% yield, which is almost similar with that of 0.069 mmol scale (table 2,

entry 1), but required slightly more time for the completion.

Further more, a competitive experiment was performed for checking whether any change in the starting materials would cause variation in the yield of the product. In the experiment, β -naphthol 1 and 2-aminobenzothiazole 3 were allowed to react with an equimolar mixture of 3-methoxybenzaldehyde and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde 2, products 4b and 4c were obtained in 57% and 21% yields respectively. The experiment concluded that, when the reacting substrates having electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups were allowed to react individually, they provided improved yields as compared to a substrates containing electron-withdrawing group. However, in the mixture, substrates having electron-donating group not only reacted faster, but also resulted in higher yields of the product as compared to substrates having electron-withdrawing group.



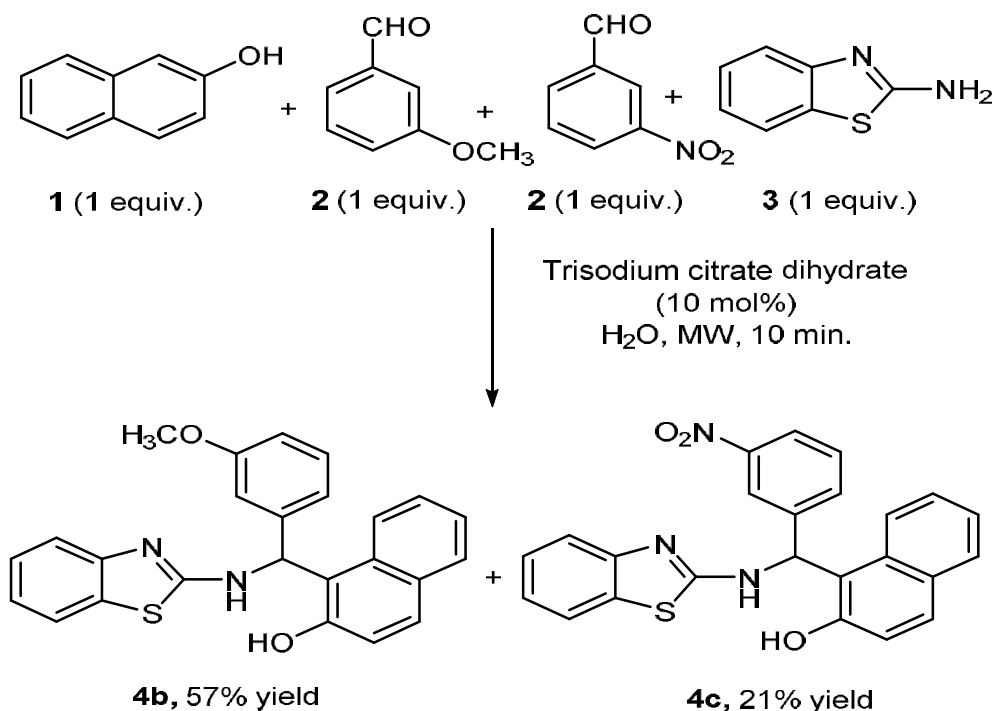
Scheme 1 Synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols



Scheme 2 Gram scaled up synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols

Next, we turned our attention towards the green chemistry aspects of the developed protocol i.e. possibility of recyclability and reusability of the reaction media and catalyst. It is very noteworthy to note that, after completion of the reaction, we successfully reused the reaction media having residual starting materials, catalyst and solvent obtained upon filtration of the reaction mixture. The recovered reaction media of the

reaction may be reused for model reaction (Table 5) for at least five additional times (except fresh cycle) in subsequent reaction without significant loss in product yields. The desired product **4a** was isolated in 93-90% yields. The results are represented in table 5. This is important to be noted that each filtrate may only be used for a particular entry due to presence of residual starting materials.



Scheme 3 Competitive experiment

 Table 5: Reuse of reaction media for the reaction^a

No. of cycles ^a	Fresh	Cycle-1	Cycle-2	Cycle-3	Cycle-4	Cycle-5
Yield ^b	93	93	92	92	90	90
Time (min.)	10	10	10	10	10	10

^aReaction condition: β -Naphthol (0.69 mmol), 2-aminobenzothiazole (0.83 mmol), benzaldehydes (0.83 mmol), and trisodium citrate dihydrate (10 mol%) in 2 mL water under microwave irradiations for 10 min.

^bYields refer to pure isolated yields.

CONCLUSION

In this study, we have developed a new trisodium citrate dihydrate catalyzed simple, efficient and practical one-flask method for the synthesis of 2-aminobenzothiazolomethyl naphthols from, β -naphthol, substituted aromatic aldehydes and 2-aminobenzothiazole in water under microwave irradiations. The product formation takes shorter duration with good to excellent yield. Use of eco-friendly solvent, catalyst, mild reaction conditions, easy to workup, the absence of tedious separation process, wide substrate tolerance, reusability of the reaction media and gram scale synthetic applicability make the method more advantageous over reported procedures. Furthermore, the present method is readily controllable to large scale synthesis of pharmaceutically important molecule.

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