

Synthesis of Schiff's Bases of Dihydropyrimidones by Organic Red Clay as a Mild Catalyst Under Microwave Irradiation

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Abstract— In the present study, we have developed Schiff's bases of dihydropyrimidones (DHPMs) with aniline by using organic red clay as mild catalyst under solvent-free condition. Compounds S1a-S1f obtained in almost good yield. A simple multicomponent one pot method was developed for synthesis of DHPMs by combining substituted aromatic aldehydes, ethyl acetoacetate/ acetyl acetone with urea/thiourea in the presence of red clay as a catalyst by microwave irradiation technique under solvent-free condition. The compounds were obtained in good yield. Then these were combined with aniline to form their Schiff's bases.

Keywords— Schiff's base, Dihydropyrimidones, Organic Red Clay, Solvent-free, Microwave irradiation

I. INTRODUCTION

Pyrimidines are one of the aromatic heterocyclic compounds containing the nitrogen atoms at positions 1 and 3 in a six member unsaturated ring. [1] 3,4- Dihydropyrimidone is an example of class of compounds exhibiting pharmacological activity which contains pyrimidine moiety. Schiff bases containing imines or azomethine are present in various natural, natural-derived and non-natural compounds. Imine group present in schiff bases which are most widely used organic compounds has been shown to be critical to their biological activities. Schiff bases still remains as one of the most versatile class of compounds against microbes [2] and therefore, are useful substructures for further molecular exploration. [3] Heterogenous catalyst such as natural clays with the microwave irradiation provides the more efficient and greener process involving low cost, easily available, easy to handle, efficient and recyclable catalysts.

With the application of microwave irradiation, chemical transformations that took hours or even days to complete can now be accomplished in minutes. The use of microwave energy for performing synthesis has many advantage such as increased reaction rates, selectivity of reaction, enhanced yields and cleaner chemistries. Microwave irradiation of organic reactions accelerates the reaction towards a variety of synthetic transformations, solvent-less procedures without the use of supporting reagents and hence eco-friendly. [4] According to literature search it reveals that less attention has been given on the synthesis of Schiff bases derived from dihydropyrimidone heterocycle. [5]

Here first we prepared DHPMs derivatives by multi-component one pot biginelli synthesis under microwave irradiation by red natural clay as a catalyst in solvent-free condition. [6] Microwave irradiation technique under solvent free conditions are extremely useful in offering reduced pollution compared to the traditional organic synthesis involving heating by conventional methods.

When primary amines react with carbonyl compounds such as aldehydes and ketones by the loss of a water molecule Schiff bases are formed. [7] Here the carbonyl group of DHPMs derivatives reacts with primary amine moiety of aniline and forms Schiff bases. [8] A wide variety of interesting biological activities such as anticancer [9] anti-viral [10] antitumor [11, 12] anti-inflammatory [13, 14] antimicrobial [14, 15, 16] activities are observed in pyrimidine derivatives and heterocyclic annulated pyrimidines. From literature survey it was found that Schiff bases derived from various heterocyclic possess cytotoxic [17, 18] anticonvulsant [19, 20] antiproliferative [21, 22] antimicrobial [23, 24] anticancer [25] antifungal [26, 27] activities.

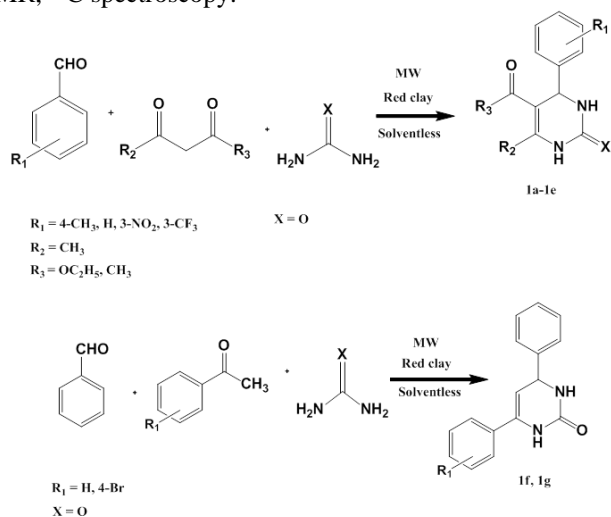
Schiff base formation is two step reaction first is addition and then elimination step. The amines are basic compounds which gets protonated and become non-nucleophile, equilibrium is pulled to the left and carbinolamine formation cannot occur. [28] Therefore, many Schiff bases synthesis are best carried out at mild acidic pH [29] By taking account of this we carried out the reaction by using red clay which is mild acidic in nature. [6] Variety of reactions can be carried out by using clay as a catalyst. Iron rich clays exhibit impressive and varied activity. The mechanism of reactions by using clay as catalyst is not fully known but as from the literature survey most of clay chemistry is driven by lattice energy and its energy storage, redistribution and conversion, and release by clays. Other applications of clay chemistry reveal by such studies. [30]

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

All the chemicals were obtained from SD fine chemicals Ltd and the solvents were of laboratory grade. Each reaction was monitored by TLC by using pet ether: ethyl acetate (7:3) solvent system. Precoated TLC plates (Silica gel GF254) were obtained from E. Merck. All the synthesized compounds were purified by recrystallisation. Melting points were noted on open capillary and they are uncorrected.

General procedure for 3, 4-dihydropyrimidone derivative synthesis:

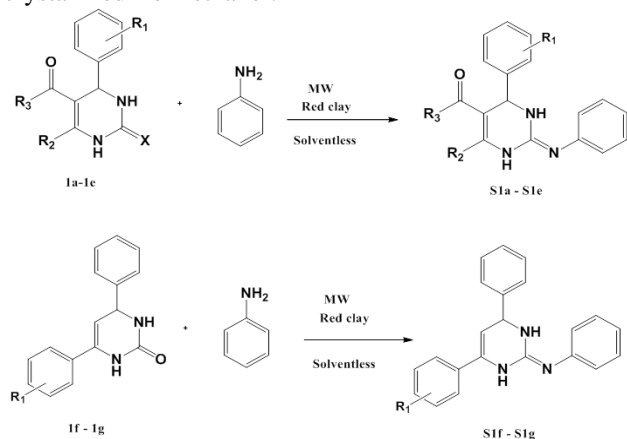
Scheme 1: A mixture of appropriate aromatic aldehyde (0.01 mol), acetyl acetone or ethyl aceto acetate (0.01 mol, 1.3 g)/ substituted acetophenones (0.01mol), urea (0.015 mol, 0.9 g) / thiourea (0.01 mol, 0.76 g) and red clay (a) /white clay (b) / black clay (c) as a catalyst (0.2 g) was subjected to microwave irradiation for appropriate time without solvent. Cool the reaction mixture and quenched with crushed ice. The solid separated out was filtered, washed with cold water, dried and recrystallized from 95% ethanol to give pure products (1a-1g). The spent catalysts were collected by filtration and then washed with hot ethanol. Products are characterized by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C spectroscopy.



Scheme 1

General procedure for Schiff bases of 3, 4-dihydropyrimidone derivatives with aniline:

Scheme 2: A mixture of (0.001mol) DHPMs derivatives (1a-1g) and 0.2g red clay as a catalyst grinded together. Then added (0.01mol) aniline into it. This reaction mixture mixed thoroughly in a beaker and was irradiated in microwave oven. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, cool the reaction mixture and recrystallized it with 95% ethanol. Filtered it and collected separated catalyst. A precipitate was formed which was collected by filtration, and recrystallized from ethanol.



Scheme 2

III. RESULT

3, 4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H) – one derivatives (1a-1e) and 4, 6-diphenyl - 3, 4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H) – one derivatives (1f-1g) were synthesized as shown in Scheme 1 by method reported [6]. Schiff bases were prepared from dihydropyrimidone derivatives by reacting with the aniline and at power 400w. All the Schiff base compounds were characterized by physicochemical techniques like melting point and spectral technique like FT-IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy.

3. 1 Physical properties of prepared Schiff's bases.

Physical properties of Schiff's bases of 3, 4 dihydropyrimidin-2(1H) – one derivatives and 4, 6-diphenyl - 3, 4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H) – one derivatives including melting point, yield and reaction time is given in Table I and Table II.

TABLE I. Microwave assisted solvent free synthesis of Schiff bases of 3, 4-dihydropyrimidone derivatives by red clay as a catalyst (0.2g)

Compound Names	R ₁	R ₂	R ₃	Reaction time	% Yield	M.P. (°C)
S1a	4-CH ₃	CH ₃	OC ₂ H ₅	4 min	79.53	198
S1b	H	CH ₃	OC ₂ H ₅	7 min	80.76	228
S1c	H	CH ₃	CH ₃	7 min	65.84	238
S1d	3-NO ₂	CH ₃	OC ₂ H ₅	4 min	70.06	210
S1e	3-CF ₃	CH ₃	OC ₂ H ₅	6 min	78.00	160

TABLE II. Microwave assisted solvent-free synthesis of Schiff bases of 4, 6-diphenyl - 3, 4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H) - one derivatives by red clay as a catalyst (0.2g)

Compound Names	R ₁	Reaction time (min)	% Yield	M.P. (°C)
S1f	H	7	81.12	106
S1g	4-Br	4	37.12	182

Spectral analysis of 1a-1e and 1f-1g (Scheme 1) compounds were given below.

- 5-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-4-(4-methylphenyl)-6-methyl-4-(phenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)- one (1a):
 IR (KBr): 3260, 3129, 1709, 1677, 1631 cm⁻¹
¹H NMR (DMSO- d₆): δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.11 (m, 4H), 5.12 (d, 1H), 4.01 (q, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, 3H)
¹³C NMR: δ 165.3, 152.1, 148.0, 141.9, 136.2, 128.7, 126.1, 99.4, 59.06, 53.6, 20.6, 17.7, 14.0
- 5-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-6-methyl-4-(phenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)- one (1b):
 IR (KBr): 3242, 3117, 1727, 1706, 1645 cm⁻¹
¹H NMR (DMSO - d₆): δ 9.21 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.32 (m, 5H), 5.17 (d, 1H), 4.01 (q, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.11 (t, 3H)
¹³C NMR: 165.2, 152.1, 148.3, 144.8, 127.2, 128.3, 126.2, 99.2, 59.1, 53.9, 17.7, 14.01
- 5-(acetyl)-6-methyl-4-(phenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H) - one (1c):
 IR (KBr): 3260, 1703, 1677, 1602 cm⁻¹
¹H NMR (DMSO- d₆): δ 9.20 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.28 (d, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H)
¹³C NMR: 194.2, 152.1, 148.0, 144.2, 128.4, 127.3, 126.4, 109.5, 53.8, 30.2, 18.8

4. 5-(Ethoxycarbonyl)-6-methyl- 4-(m-nitro phenyl)-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)- one (1d):
IR (KBr): 3300, 3115, 1703, 1685, 1631 cm^{-1}
 ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 9.43 (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.62 (m, 2H), 8.07-8.15 (m, 2H), 5.29 (d, 1H), 4.2 (q, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, 3H)
 ^{13}C NMR: 167.2, 147.7, 147.3, 144.2, 150.2, 133.0, 129.4, 121.9, 120.7, 106.4, 61.7, 52.2, 17.6, 14.0
5. Ethyl -6-methyl-2-oxo-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate (1e):
IR (KBr): 3235, 3100, 1698, 1637 cm^{-1}
 ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.50 (m, 4H), 5.13 (d, 1H), 4.20 (q, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, 3H)
 ^{13}C NMR: δ 167.2, 150.2, 147.3, 143.6, 130.8, 130.2, 128.8, 124.9, 124.4, 123.1, 106.4, 61.7, 53.5, 17.6, 14.2
6. 4,6-diphenyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)- one (1f):
IR (KBr): 3359, 3150, 1631, 1396 cm^{-1}
 ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 7.35- 7.75 (m, 5H)
 ^{13}C NMR: 150.2, 143.3, 138.0, 136.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 126.7, 97.5, 55.6
7. 6-(4-bromophenyl)-4-phenyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one (1g):
IR (KBr): 1627, 1546, 1399, 1490, 824, 534 cm^{-1}
 ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6): δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.21-7.33 (m, 5H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.55 (m, 4H), 5.56 (d, 1H)
 ^{13}C NMR: 150.1, 143.4, 137.0, 136.6, 131.5, 131.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 126.9, 126.7, 122.3, 97.5, 55.6

Schiff bases of all the compounds except the 1g were obtained in good yield (65-81%). Schiff base shown in the aromatic C-H bands has the region 3037-3047 cm^{-1} . The absence of the cyclic C=O stretching band and the presence of bands of C=N in the frequency stretching range between 1620-1587 cm^{-1} shows the Schiff base formation. The formation of Schiff base was also confirmed by the absence of a NH_2 peak and presence of C=N peak.

IV. CONCLUSION

We have developed a simple new method for the schiff's bases of synthesized DHPMs derivatives by reaction with red organic clay by employing microwave heating. Synthesized different specific DHPMs in solvent-free condition under microwave irradiation resulted in new Schiff's bases S1a-S1f in good yield (65-81%) by using natural red clay as a mild catalyst. All the compounds were characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy.

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