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Rapid and Economic Synthesis of Schiff Bases of Para Chloro Nitro Benzene

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ABSTRACT

Schiff base synthesis is usually acid-catalyzed and usually require refluxing the mixture of aldehydes (or ketone) and amine in organic medium. In the present study an intermolecular reductive Schiff base formation from nitroarenes and benzaldehydes to yield diarylimines is carried out in the presence of iron powder and dilute acid. The method was also compared with conventional method for determination of production efficiency and production economic. In the present study new Schiff base compounds derived from para chloro nitro benzene with iso vaniline and pyridine 2 carboxaldehyde. Both the Schiff bases were characterized by IR, and 1H NMR spectroscopy. The Schiff base ligands have also been tested *in vitro* for their antibacterial and anti fungal activity. The experimental results suggest that Schiff base ligands are more potent in anti bacterial and anti fungal activities.

KEYWORDS

Schiff bases, 4 chloro nitro benzene, Isovaniline, Pyridine 2 carboxaldehyde, Antibacterial activity; Antifungal activity

INTRODUCTION

In the last couple of years, antibiotic resistance, especially multiple drug resistance, has appeared as one of the most significant challenges in the management of infectious diseases. The wider use of antibiotics in humans and animals and in areas other than the treatment and prophylaxis of disease have resulted in a serious problem of drug resistance. Various strategies have been worked out and tried to cope with the resistance problem and enhance the activity, or broaden the spectrum of drugs.[1-4]

Nitrogen containing compounds are very widely distributed in nature and are essential to life; they play a vital role in the metabolism of all living cells. At present, greater than 75% drugs and drug candidates incorporate amine functionality. Among the large number of synthetic and naturally occurring nitrogen donor molecules, schiff bases are of the greatest interest. The synthesis of these nitrogen-containing compounds by the easily available imine is one of the most important and convenient routes. Schiff bases are the important compound owing to their wide range of biological activities and industrial application.[5-8]

Schiff's bases containing heterocyclic scaffolds have been known to possess a wide range of biological and pharmacological activities for a long time. [9-17]

In view of these above biological importance of Schiff bases, we have synthesized some new Schiff bases evaluated for their bioactivity.

Schiff Base Formation and Mechanism

An intermolecular reductive Schiff base formation

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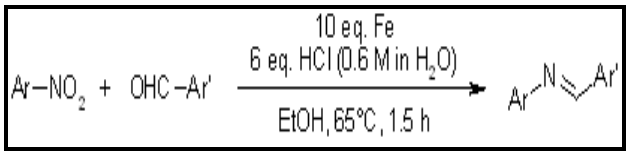
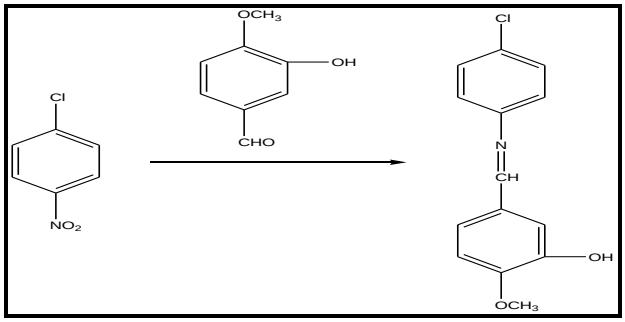


MATERIALS AND METHOD

All the chemicals used were of analytical grade (AR). Melting points of the synthesized compounds were determined by open capillary and are uncorrected. The purity of the compounds was checked by TLC using silica gel plates and spots were developed in iodine chamber, IR spectra were recorded with KBr pellets on Shimadzu FTIR model 8400 spectrophotometer, H1NMR spectra in CdCl3 on a Varian NMR mercury-300 instrument, Mass spectra were recorded on VG 7070H mass spectrometer

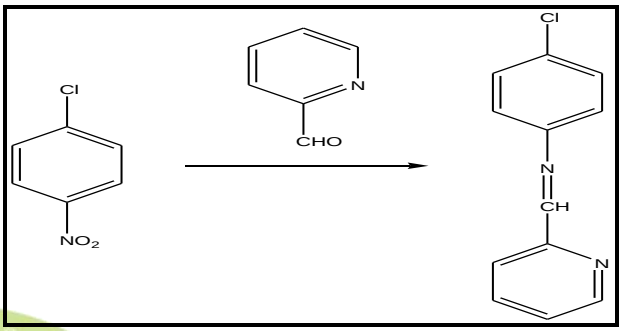
Schiff Base 1

Synthesis of 5-((4-chlorophenylimino) methyl)-2-methoxyphenol HCl (0.13 mL, 4.5 mmol) was added to a mixture of para chloro nitro benzene (0.073 mL, 0.72 mmol), with iso vaniline (0.074 mL, 0.72 mmol), and iron powder (0.409 g, 7.32 mmol) in 24 mL of EtOH–H2O (2:1 v/v) solution. The reaction was heated to 65 °C for 1.5 h before being filtered while hot. The filtrate was extracted using CH2Cl2 (2 × 20 mL) after which the organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to yield 0.115 g (85%) of the desired 5-((4-chlorophenylimino) methyl)-2-methoxyphenol.



Schiff Base 2

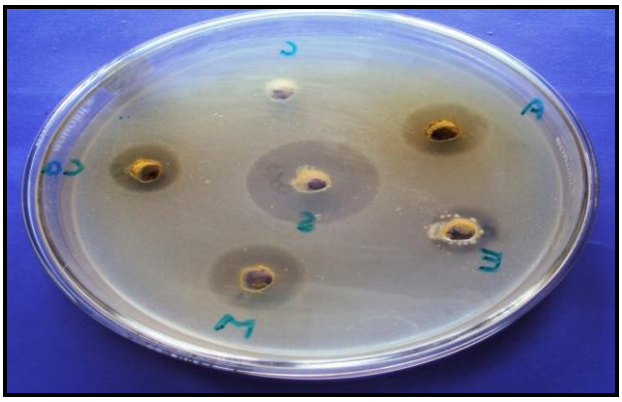
Synthesis of 4-chloro-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene) benzenamine HCl (0.13 mL, 4.5 mmol) was added to a mixture of para chloro nitro benzene (0.073 mL, 0.72 mmol), with pyridine 2 carboxaldehyde (0.074 mL, 0.72 mmol), and iron powder (0.409 g, 7.32 mmol) in 24 mL of EtOH–H2O (2:1 v/v) solution. The reaction was heated to 65 °C for 1.5 h before being filtered while hot. The filtrate was extracted using CH2Cl2 (2 × 20 mL) after which the organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to yield 0.115 g (90%) of the 4-chloro-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene) benzenamine.



Biological activity

Antibacterial

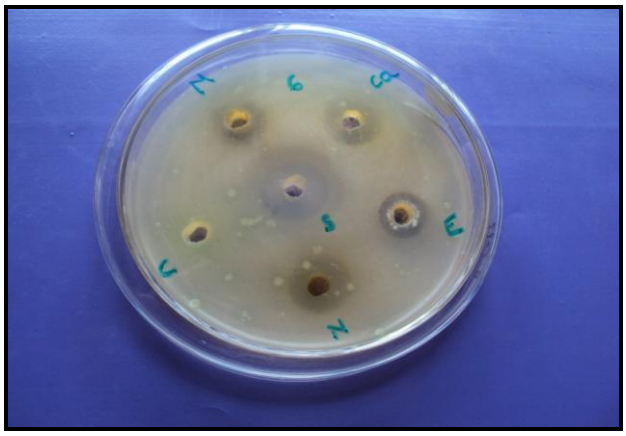
The in vitro biological screening effects of the investigated compounds were tested against the bacteria Bacillus subtilis. Paper discs of Whatman filter paper no. 1 were cut and sterilized in an autoclave. The paper discs were saturated with 10 µl of the compounds dissolved in DMSO solution or DMSO as negative control and was placed aseptically in the Petri dishes containing Nutrient agar media inoculated with the above mentioned two bacteria separately. The petridishes were incubated at 370C and the inhibition zones were recorded after 24 h of incubation.



5-((4-chlorophenylimino) methyl)-2-methoxyphenol Observations after 24 hrs.

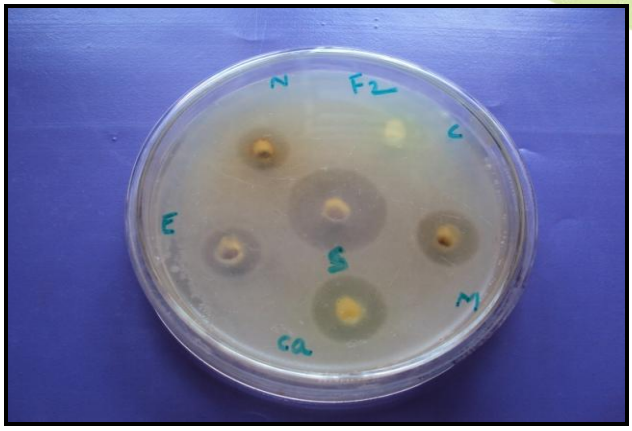
Description of markings on petriplate

A - Standard (amoxycillin) C - Control Ca- 40 mg (Soluble in DMF) E - 20 mg - S-60 mg M - 80 mg

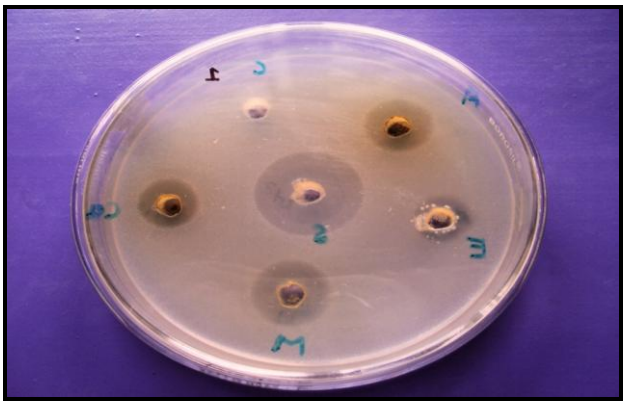


Antifungal

The Schiff base complexes were screened for their antifungal activity against fungi viz. candida. Filter paper discs of 5 mm in size, prepared by using Whatman filter paper no. 1 (sterilized in an autoclave) was saturated with 10 µl of the compounds dissolved in DMSO solution. The fungal culture plates were inoculated and incubated at 25± 20C for 48 h. The plates were then observed and the diameters of the inhibition zones (in mm) were measured and tabulated.



ANTI FUNGAL CANDIDA ALBICANS 4-chloro-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene) benzenamine Ca - FLUCONAZOLE C – Control N - 20 mg (Soluble in DMF)E - 40 mg S - 60 mg M - 80 mg



5-((4-chlorophenylimino) methyl)-2-methoxyphenol ANTIFUNGAL CANDIDA ALBICANS

Observations after 24 hrs.

Description of markings on petriplate.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

New Schiff bases were synthesized by refluxing the reaction mixture of 4-chloronitro benzene with isovaniline and pyridine 2 carboxaldehyde in ethanol in the presence of iron powder/HCl. The synthesized compounds were characterized on the basis of their IR, H1NMR, mass spectral.

Structures of compounds have been elucidated by IR, Proton NMR and Mass Spectral measurements. Schiff bases shows IR absorption peak at 1615-1530 cm-1 (C=N stretching). All the compounds show NMR signals for different kinds of protons at their respective positions.

The synthesized Schiff base 4-chloro-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene) benzenamine is found to be more active than standard antibacterial drug amoxicillin against E Coli.

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In accordance with the data obtained from antimicrobial activity, all the synthesized Schiff bases of have shown good activity against the tested microbes. Among these Schiff bases has shown good activity against all the tested bacteria and fungi.

CONCLUSION

The research study report suggest that the successful synthesized Schiff bases from nitro aromatic derivatives were physically and chemically characterized through elemental analysis, IR, 1H NMR, and Mass spectral data.

Hence, further study of a synthesized Schiff base compound 4-chloro-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene) benzenamine in antimicrobial and anti fungal activities may become fruitful.

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