

Comparison of pK_a^- values for some amino Schiff bases , derived from 3-acetyl and 4-acetyl pyridines by potentiometric method

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Abstract

The study included the preparation of six imine compounds , derived from the mother ketones , namely 3-acetyl and 4-acetyl pyridines by standard method .

The structures of these imines were confirmed by physical methods, namely UV, IR spectra , beside melting points and qualitative diazotization chemical tests.

The main object of the study was the determination of pK_a^- for conjugate acids of these imines ,by potentiometric titration with standard HCl solution . The last was found simple , precise and accurate . The study showed that pK_a^- values for any imine , depends on the following factors as :-

- 1- The chemical structures of imines .
- 2- The temperature under study .
- 3- The type of intra or inter molecular hydrogen bonding exist in these

الخلاصة

يشتمل البحث على تحضير ستة مركبات امينية من قواعد شيف المشتقة من الكيتونات الام 3 و 4 – اسيتايل بربدين وبطريقة قياسية .

تم اثبات الهياكل التركيبية للايمينات بالطرق الفيزيائية وذلك باستعمال اطياف UV وIR بجانب درجات الانصهار مع استعمال كاشف الازوتة النوعي . الهدف الرئيسي للدراسة هو تعيين pK_a^- للاحماض القرينة للايمينات بواسطة التسحيح المجهادي وباستعمال محلول HCl القياسي . لقد وجد ان الطريقة الاخيرة بسيطة , دقيقة و مضبوطة و عالية الدقة . توصلت الدراسة أن قيم pK_a^- لاي مركب ايميني يعتمد على العوامل التالية :-

- 1- الهياكل التركيبية للايمينات .
- 2- درجة الحرارة تحت الدراسة .
- 3- نوع الاواصر الهيدروجينية الضمنية او البينية الموجودة في الايمينات .

Introduction

Many workers had given a great deal of attention to the chemistry of imines during the last three decades. These were in the direction of UV¹⁻³, IR⁴⁻⁵, NMR⁶ and Mass⁶⁻⁷ spectra, beside other kinetic⁸, thermodynamic⁹⁻¹⁰, tautomerism⁹⁻¹¹ and dyes¹² studies. Schiff bases had used in different fields as antimicrobial¹³ agents, fungicides¹⁴ and biomarkers¹⁵ of oxidative stress in model diabetes mellitus. The present work deals with the determination of pKa values for some imines derived from mother ketones, namely 3-acetyl and 4-acetyl pyridines in 10 % ethanol, by using a simple potentiometric method.

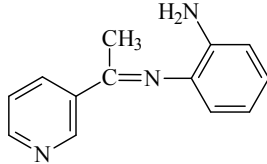
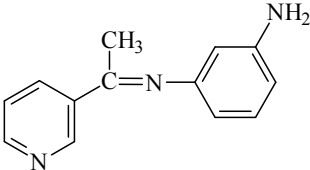
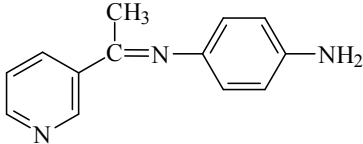
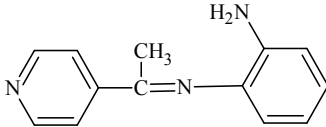
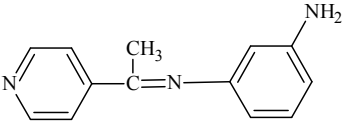
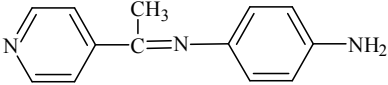
The study illustrated how simple aromatic amino group was converted to a strong nitrilium cation as a strong acid during potentiometric titration of imines under study with HCl titrant. This study might open works to another similar studies in future.

Experimental

All chemicals used in this study were supplied from Fluka, BDH and Molckula companies.

All Schiff bases were prepared by standard method⁶, or by the reactions of equimolar amounts from 3-acetyl and 4-acetyl pyridines with o, m, p-amino anilines. Table (1) shows, the number, nomenclature and structures of imines prepared.

Table (1) : Number, nomenclature and structures of imines

| Comp. No. | Nomenclature | Structure |
|-----------|---|--|
| 1 | Methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene <i>o</i> -amino aniline |  |
| 2 | Methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene <i>m</i> -amino aniline |  |
| 3 | Methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene <i>p</i> -amino aniline |  |
| 4 | Methyl-4-pyridyl ketonylidene <i>o</i> -amino aniline |  |
| 5 | Methyl-4-pyridyl ketonylidene <i>m</i> -amino aniline |  |
| 6 | Methyl-4-pyridyl ketonylidene <i>p</i> -amino aniline |  |

Solutions required

0.1M HCl were prepared by usual procedure . 0.01M of benzoic acid as standard for calibration¹⁸ of potentiometric method used for pKa determination of imines under study .

Determination of pKa⁻ of imines

This required a calibration of pH meter used , by using a buffer solution of pH nine . For determination of pKa⁻ for any imine under study at any desired temperature , this needs the preparation of the following solutions:-

1. 10⁻²M of imines .
2. 0.1M HCl .

Pipett 50ml of 10⁻²M of any imines and placed in a special titration cell containing double layers , for circulating water inside the cell . Water was pumped from any thermostat at any temperature range between (10-50)C^o . When the temperature of imine reached an equilibrium temperature , addition of 0.5ml successive quantities of 0.1M HCl was done . The mixture was stirred with magnetic bar placed in side the cell after each addition, followed by measurement of pH after each addition . Titration was continued for about seven times , then followed by calculation of pKa⁻ from Handerson-Hassellbach equation of the form :-

$$pKa^{-} = pH + \log \frac{[HA]}{[A^{-}]}$$

Apparatus

1. Electrothermal melting point apparatus was used for measurement of melting points of imines .
2. FTIR spectrophotometer was used for measurement of IR spectra of solid imines by KBr disc method or in solution after dissolving imines in dry benzene .
3. A computerized double beam Shimadzu 1601 for measurement of UV spectra of imines solutions in solvent ethanol and dry benzene .
4. A memmert thermostat manufactured by Searle company model L200 , for fixation the temperature of imines solution . Water is pumped out from thermostat to cell by using water pump .
5. A digital Philips pH meter model pw 9421 was used for measuring pH of solutions during potentiometric titration .

Results and Discussion

At the beginning of this investigation, it was thought of great importance to confirm¹⁹ the chemical structures of imines by physical method, namely , by using UV-IR spectra beside melting points .

The pKa⁻ values for conjugate acids (nitrilium ions) for imines 1-6 were determined potentiometric titration with standard hydrochloric acid it was known in literature , that basicity of aromatic amines was increased in order of primary > secondary > tertiary . coming back to structures of imines under study , showed that the presence of

both primary amine as NH_2 and tertiary amine ($\text{C}=\text{N}^-$). Hence it was believed in this study that addition of HCl titrant , would accompany the combination of H^+ with NH_2 , with the $-\text{NH}_3^+$ generation of nitrilium cation . The last was regarded as a conjugate acids for imines under study , and their pK_a^- were calculated and compared .

Comparison of pK_a^- for amino imines derived from 3-acetyl pyridine

This include imines number 1-3 , their pK_a^- were shown in Tables 2-4 and concluded the following points : -

1- For any imine stated , the increase in temperature in the range (288 – 328) K was accompanied by the decrease of pK_a^- . This was in agreement with other similar studies¹⁶⁻¹⁷ .

2- At any constant temperature between (288 – 328) K , the order of the increasing of acidity was in order of : $\text{o-NH}_2 > \text{m-NH}_2 > \text{p-NH}_2$.

The increased of acidity in o-NH_2 substituent or imine numbered 1, as compared with acidites of m-NH_2 and p-NH_2 substituents (imines 2-3)

could be interpreted by the occurrence of intramolecular hydrogen bonding in imine 1 . The last resulted to the increase of dissociation of nitrilium ion or lowering its pK_a^- as compared with inter molecular hydrogen bondings present in imines 2-3 .

The higher pK_a^- values of imines 2-3 could be explained by the two folds reasons as : -

1- The stronger donation property of amino groups in these imines , as confirmed from their sigma meta and para of values -0.16 and -0.68 respectively .

2- The molar extension coefficients ϵ_{max} values of imines 2-3 had a values of 4870 and 3120 in units of liter . $\text{mole}^{-1} . \text{cm}^{-1}$ respectively . The higher ϵ_{max} value of imine 2 as compared with imine 3 could be explained by greater planarity and the higher possibility dissociation of imine 2 as compared with imine 3 .

These two factors were the main reasons responsible of lowering acidities of imines 2-3 as compared with imine 1 .

Table (2) : pKa values of methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene-o-aminoaniline at 10% ethanol at different temperatures

| T (K) | ml of (0.1 M) HCl | pH | pKa | $\overline{\text{pKa}}$ |
|-------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| 288 | 0.2 | 5.81 | 6.7633 | 5.3368 |
| | 0.4 | 5.49 | 6.0912 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.25 | 5.6167 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.07 | 5.2433 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.89 | 4.8876 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.73 | 4.5499 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.58 | 4.2058 | |
| 298 | 0.2 | 5.65 | 6.6033 | 5.1803 |
| | 0.4 | 5.31 | 5.9107 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.08 | 5.4463 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.91 | 5.0827 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.74 | 4.7367 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.59 | 4.4085 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.45 | 4.0738 | |
| 308 | 0.2 | 5.49 | 6.4428 | 5.0087 |
| | 0.4 | 5.14 | 5.7401 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.91 | 5.2754 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.73 | 4.9014 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.57 | 4.5651 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.43 | 4.2464 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.27 | 3.8896 | |
| 318 | 0.2 | 5.41 | 6.3623 | 4.9204 |
| | 0.4 | 5.06 | 5.6596 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.82 | 5.1848 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.64 | 4.8106 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.48 | 4.4739 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.33 | 4.1445 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.19 | 3.8071 | |
| 328 | 0.2 | 5.36 | 6.3121 | 4.8590 |
| | 0.4 | 5.01 | 5.6094 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.75 | 5.1142 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.59 | 4.7669 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.41 | 4.4029 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.26 | 4.0729 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.12 | 3.7346 | |

Table (3) : pKa values of methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene-m-aminoaniline at 10% ethanol at different temperatures

| T (K) | ml of (0.1 M) HCl | pH | pKa | $\overline{\text{pKa}}$ |
|-------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| 288 | 0.2 | 6.03 | 6.9838 | 5.4585 |
| | 0.4 | 5.70 | 6.3015 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.45 | 5.8171 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.22 | 5.3938 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.00 | 4.9982 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.77 | 4.5903 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.50 | 4.1245 | |
| 298 | 0.2 | 5.92 | 6.8738 | 5.3394 |
| | 0.4 | 5.56 | 6.1612 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.30 | 5.6669 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.09 | 5.2635 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.88 | 4.8776 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.66 | 4.4793 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.43 | 4.0534 | |
| 308 | 0.2 | 5.75 | 6.6933 | 5.1956 |
| | 0.4 | 5.40 | 6.0009 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.16 | 5.5265 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.95 | 5.1229 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.73 | 4.7265 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.54 | 4.3579 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.32 | 3.9409 | |
| 318 | 0.2 | 5.51 | 6.4628 | 4.9806 |
| | 0.4 | 5.18 | 5.7801 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.93 | 5.2954 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.73 | 4.9014 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.53 | 4.5247 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.33 | 4.1445 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.14 | 3.7555 | |
| 328 | 0.2 | 5.37 | 6.3223 | 4.8606 |
| | 0.4 | 5.02 | 5.6196 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.80 | 5.1646 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.61 | 4.7803 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.42 | 4.4131 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.24 | 4.0524 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.06 | 3.6721 | |

Table (4) : pKa values of methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene-p-aminoaniline at 10% ethanol at different temperatures

| T (K) | ml of (0.1 M) HCl | pH | pKa | $\overline{\text{pKa}}$ |
|-------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| 288 | 0.2 | 7.29 | 8.2442 | 7.0548 |
| | 0.4 | 7.08 | 7.6820 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.91 | 7.2779 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.78 | 6.9549 | |
| | 1.0 | 6.69 | 6.6899 | |
| | 1.2 | 6.59 | 6.4135 | |
| | 1.4 | 6.49 | 6.1215 | |
| 298 | 0.2 | 7.07 | 8.0243 | 6.8191 |
| | 0.4 | 6.85 | 7.4520 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.68 | 7.0479 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.55 | 6.7249 | |
| | 1.0 | 6.44 | 6.4399 | |
| | 1.2 | 6.34 | 6.1634 | |
| | 1.4 | 6.25 | 5.8815 | |
| 308 | 0.2 | 7.05 | 8.0043 | 6.7063 |
| | 0.4 | 6.80 | 7.4020 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.60 | 6.9679 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.44 | 6.6149 | |
| | 1.0 | 6.31 | 6.3099 | |
| | 1.2 | 6.16 | 5.9834 | |
| | 1.4 | 6.03 | 5.6614 | |
| 318 | 0.2 | 6.83 | 7.7842 | 6.4719 |
| | 0.4 | 6.63 | 7.2319 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.42 | 6.7879 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.25 | 6.4249 | |
| | 1.0 | 6.00 | 5.9998 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.96 | 5.7833 | |
| | 1.4 | 5.66 | 5.2911 | |
| 328 | 0.2 | 6.69 | 7.6443 | 6.2975 |
| | 0.4 | 6.40 | 7.0019 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.22 | 6.5878 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.03 | 6.2048 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.87 | 5.8698 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.73 | 5.5532 | |
| | 1.4 | 5.59 | 5.2210 | |

Comparison of pK_a^- values for amino imines derived from 4-acetyl pyridine .

This included imines numbered 4-6 and their pK_a^- values as shown in Tables 5-7 , and summarized the following results :-

1- For any imines as numbered 4-6 , the elevation of temperature in the range stated before , was accompanied by lowering pK_a^- value or increasing acidity of imine .

This result was in agreement with this investigation on imines derived from 3-acetyl pyridine and with earlier works¹⁶⁻¹⁷ .

2- At any constant temperature , the acidities of imines 4-6 were in the following arrangements of increasing acidity $o-NH_2 > m-NH_2 > p-NH_2$.

The maximum acidity was observed for imine 4 which contained an intramolecular hydrogen bond . Mean while imines 5-6 contained intermolecular hydrogen bond .

Imines 5 and 6 contained an amino groups at meta and para positions respectively . These imines had a molar extension coefficient values of 4870 and 2700 in arbitrary units of liter . mole⁻¹ . cm⁻¹ respectively . The increased of the last value for the meta substituent was the reason of increasing acidity of imine 5 as compared with imine 6 .

Table (5) : pKa values of methyl-4-pyridyl ketonylidene-o-aminoaniline at 10% ethanol at different temperatures

| T (K) | ml of (0.1 M) HCl | pH | pKa | $\overline{\text{pKa}}$ |
|-------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| 288 | 0.2 | 5.75 | 6.7134 | 5.3413 |
| | 0.4 | 5.45 | 6.0511 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.24 | 5.6068 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.08 | 5.2534 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.92 | 4.9178 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.78 | 4.6003 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.62 | 4.2463 | |
| 298 | 0.2 | 5.68 | 6.6332 | 5.2280 |
| | 0.4 | 5.35 | 5.9508 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.13 | 5.4964 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.95 | 5.1247 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.78 | 4.7769 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.65 | 4.4692 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.52 | 4.1449 | |
| 308 | 0.2 | 5.47 | 6.4226 | 5.0509 |
| | 0.4 | 5.17 | 5.7702 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.96 | 5.3254 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.78 | 4.9537 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.62 | 4.6156 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.48 | 4.2974 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.35 | 3.9716 | |
| 318 | 0.2 | 5.34 | 6.2920 | 4.9166 |
| | 0.4 | 5.05 | 5.6496 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.81 | 5.1747 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.64 | 4.8125 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.49 | 4.4841 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.35 | 4.1649 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.22 | 3.8381 | |
| 328 | 0.2 | 5.22 | 6.1713 | 4.8179 |
| | 0.4 | 4.90 | 5.4986 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.71 | 5.0738 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.56 | 4.7298 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.41 | 4.4029 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.26 | 4.0729 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.16 | 3.7761 | |

Table (6) : pKa values of methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene-m-aminoaniline at 10% ethanol at different temperatures

| T (K) | ml of (0.1 M) HCl | pH | pKa | $\overline{\text{pKa}}$ |
|-------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| 288 | 0.2 | 5.92 | 6.8737 | 5.3421 |
| | 0.4 | 5.59 | 6.1913 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.33 | 5.6969 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.12 | 5.2935 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.87 | 4.8675 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.63 | 4.4490 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.40 | 4.0227 | |
| 298 | 0.2 | 5.82 | 6.7735 | 5.2361 |
| | 0.4 | 5.44 | 6.0411 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.23 | 5.5974 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.99 | 5.1649 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.77 | 4.7669 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.54 | 4.3579 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.33 | 3.9512 | |
| 308 | 0.2 | 5.75 | 6.7034 | 5.1451 |
| | 0.4 | 5.38 | 5.9809 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.11 | 5.4769 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.87 | 5.0424 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.67 | 4.6661 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.45 | 4.2667 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.26 | 3.8793 | |
| 318 | 0.2 | 5.47 | 6.4226 | 4.9227 |
| | 0.4 | 5.13 | 5.7300 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.88 | 5.2452 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.65 | 4.8208 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.46 | 4.4537 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.27 | 4.0832 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.09 | 3.7034 | |
| 328 | 0.2 | 5.39 | 6.3423 | 4.8735 |
| | 0.4 | 5.09 | 5.6898 | |
| | 0.6 | 4.83 | 5.1948 | |
| | 0.8 | 4.60 | 4.7702 | |
| | 1.0 | 4.41 | 4.4029 | |
| | 1.2 | 4.22 | 4.0319 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.07 | 3.6826 | |

Table (7) : pKa values of methyl-3-pyridyl ketonylidene-p-aminoaniline at 10% ethanol at different temperatures

| T (K) | ml of (0.1 M) HCl | pH | pKa | $\overline{\text{pKa}}$ |
|-------|-------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|
| 288 | 0.2 | 6.74 | 7.6941 | 6.3593 |
| | 0.4 | 6.50 | 7.1021 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.35 | 6.7185 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.15 | 6.3255 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.94 | 5.9397 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.71 | 5.5332 | |
| | 1.4 | 5.57 | 5.2025 | |
| 298 | 0.2 | 6.70 | 7.6541 | 6.2664 |
| | 0.4 | 6.44 | 7.0421 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.23 | 6.5984 | |
| | 0.8 | 6.06 | 6.2355 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.86 | 5.8598 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.65 | 5.4731 | |
| | 1.4 | 5.37 | 5.0022 | |
| 308 | 0.2 | 6.68 | 7.6342 | 6.1472 |
| | 0.4 | 6.36 | 6.9621 | |
| | 0.6 | 6.12 | 6.4884 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.91 | 6.0902 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.67 | 5.6696 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.40 | 5.2228 | |
| | 1.4 | 5.33 | 4.9628 | |
| 318 | 0.2 | 6.50 | 7.4542 | 5.9203 |
| | 0.4 | 6.17 | 6.7718 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.93 | 6.2984 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.70 | 5.8753 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.47 | 5.4695 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.21 | 5.0324 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.91 | 4.5405 | |
| 328 | 0.2 | 6.33 | 7.2842 | 5.7269 |
| | 0.4 | 6.00 | 6.6018 | |
| | 0.6 | 5.74 | 6.1082 | |
| | 0.8 | 5.52 | 5.6952 | |
| | 1.0 | 5.27 | 5.2691 | |
| | 1.2 | 5.00 | 4.8216 | |
| | 1.4 | 4.68 | 4.3085 | |

Conclusions

1- The chemical structures of imines (1-6) derived from 3-acetyl and 4-acetyl pyridines were confirmed by chemical test, namely diazotization as well as physical method.

2- The last included, namely, UV, IR spectra and melting points were used for the elucidation of chemical structures.

3- The process of hydrogen bondings in imines (1-6) were investigated by the aid of UV and IR spectra. A dilution method was used to differentiate between inter and intra molecular hydrogen bondings. This showed that imines 1,4 and 2,3,5,6 contain an intra and inter molecular hydrogen bonding respectively.

4- Imines 1 and 4 had maximum acidities among other four imines, due to their occurrence in a forms of chelated structures by the aid of intramolecular hydrogen bondings.

5- The greater planarity or molar extension coefficients of imines 2 and 5 resulted to a higher acidities as compared with imines 4 and 6.

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