

## Synthesis of new Schiff Bases via $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds

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### Abstract

The synthesis of new Schiff Bases have been achieved by interesting of aldol condensation product of two carbonyl compounds, the products have been treated with thioethane in type of Michael reaction, to produce Michael product, which finally was treated with different aromatic amines to give the Schiff Bases.

These compounds have been characterized by spectroscopic methods ( FTIR , HNMR , UV-Vis ) , TLC and melting points.

### Michael Addition

.TLC

### Introduction

The importance of Schiff bases in organic synthesis has increased over the past few decades because they are among the most versatile organic synthetic intermediates<sup>(1)</sup> and they also present a broad range of biological activities such as herbicidal<sup>(2)</sup>, antifungal<sup>(3)</sup>, antimicrobial<sup>(4-7)</sup> and antitumor properties<sup>(8-9)</sup>. Moreover, Schiff bases have also attracted much attention because of their ability to act as ligands for complexation of different metal ions in various oxidation states<sup>(10-11)</sup>. In consideration of these facts , herein we are gratified to report the synthesise some new Schiff bases with expected significant

biological activity, which will studied in the future.

### Experimental

The melting points were measured on Electrothermal 9300 . The FTIR spectra were recorded on Shimadzu FTIR -8400S spectrophotometer using KBr disc. The UV-Visible spectra were recorded on Shimadzu UV Visible -1650 spectrophotometer . The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Fourier transform Bruker spectrometer operating at 300 MHz in detoured chloroform with tetramethylsilane as internal standard in DMSO- d<sup>6</sup>

### 3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1a):

To a mixture of (0.02 mole, 2.4gm) of acetophenone dissolved in solution of [(0.1 mole, 4gm) sodium hydroxide 20 ml ethanol and 20 ml water ], then (0.02 mole , 2.4 gm) of p-hydroxybenzaldehyde was added drop wise with stirring for 30 min. a yellow precipitate was obtained , washed with water, and then recrystallized from ethylacetate-ethanol, table (1 and 2).

### 3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one (1b):

To a mixture of (0.02 mole, 2.40 gm) of acetophenone dissolved in solution of [(0.1 mole, 4gm) sodium hydroxide 20 ml ethanol and 20 ml water ], (0.02 mole , 2.98 gm) of 4-(N,N-dimethylamino) benzaldehyde was added drop wise with stirring for 30 min. a white-yellowish precipitate was obtained , washed with water, and then recrystallized from ethylacetate-diethylether, table (1 and 2).

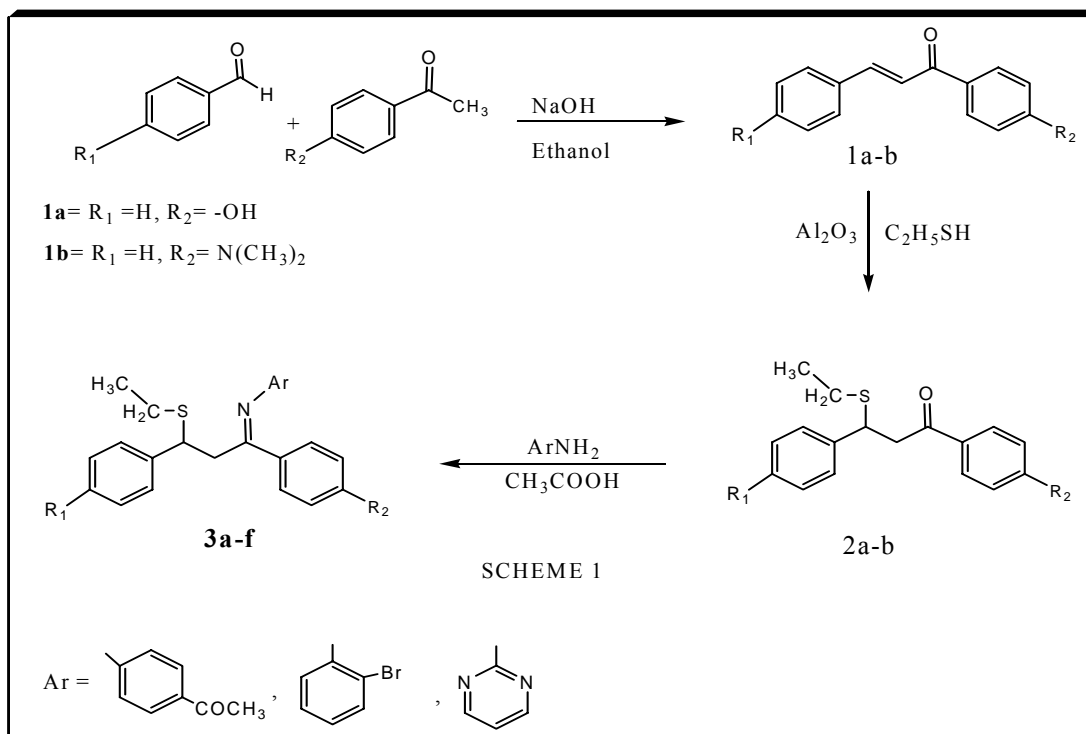
### General procedure

#### 3-aryl -3-ethylthio -1-aryl propan-1-one (2a-b)<sup>(12)</sup>

To solution of 1-aryl-3-arylprop-2-en-1-one ( 0.01 mole) dissolved in 20ml absolute methanol , added solution of (0.01 mole ) ethylthiol in absolute methanol catalyzed with a catalytic amount of aluminum oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ), refluxed for 2 hours , the solution was distilled to obtain the precipitate , recrystallized from diethyl ether. Table (1 and 2).

#### N-(3-aryl-3-(ethylthio)-1-phenylpropylidene)aryl-2-amine<sup>(13-14)</sup>

To a mixture of 3-aryl -3-ethylthio-1-aryl propan-1-one (0.01 mole) in 25ml ethanol , the aryl amine (0.01 mole ) solution in 10ml ethanol, 2-3 drops of glycolic acetic acid was added , the mixture was refluxed for 2hours. After the mixture was cooled , the crystals was filtered , washed with water, and then recrystallized from ethanol-water 2:1. Tables (1-2)



## Results and Discussion

The aim of this work is to synthesize new Schiff bases containing sulfur atom in the beta position to the imine group, via Micheal addition type.

Synthesis of starting materials  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds which based on the Aldol condensation of aldehyde and methyl ketone in sodium hydroxide solution afforded compounds 1a-b. Their structures were confirmed by FTIR spectra which show  $\nu$  3100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=C-H),  $\nu$  1640  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=C), 1690-1665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for (C=O).

Treatment of  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds (1a-1b) with thioethane in Michael type addition catalyzed by aluminum oxide to give  $\beta$ -ethylthio carbonyl compounds (2a-b), Their structures were confirmed by FTIR spectra which show the absence of the peak near 3100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for (C=C-H), 1640  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for (C=C) and appear a new peak near 2960 and 2870  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for

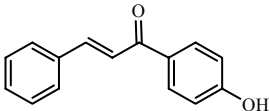
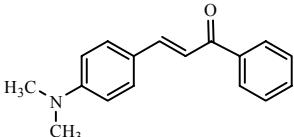
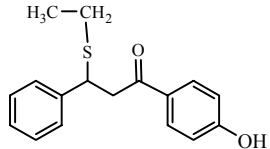
(CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>2</sub>) , 1690-1665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for (C=O).

Finally treatment of ethylthio carbonyl compounds (2a-b) with different aromatic amines (2-aminopyrimidine, 4-aminoacetophenone and 2-bromoaniline) gives new Schiff bases (3a-f) , the structures were determined by FTIR spectra which show the absence of C=O stretching vibration in the region (1695-1665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and appear a new peak in the region 1630-1595  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  according to stretching vibration for (C=N) bond.

The <sup>1</sup>HNMR of compound [4-(3-(ethylthio)-3-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-ylimino)propyl)phenol] (Fig. 1) show multiple peaks at  $\delta$  ppm 8.3, 8.2 and 7.5 for 3H (pyrimidine protons) , 4H multiplet for aromatic protons (7.2-6.6) , 3.75 for (OH) , 1H triplet (3.4, 3.2) for (CH) and 2H doublet (1.4, 1.2) for (CH<sub>2</sub>).<sup>(15)</sup>

Physical and spectral data are listed in table (1 and 2).

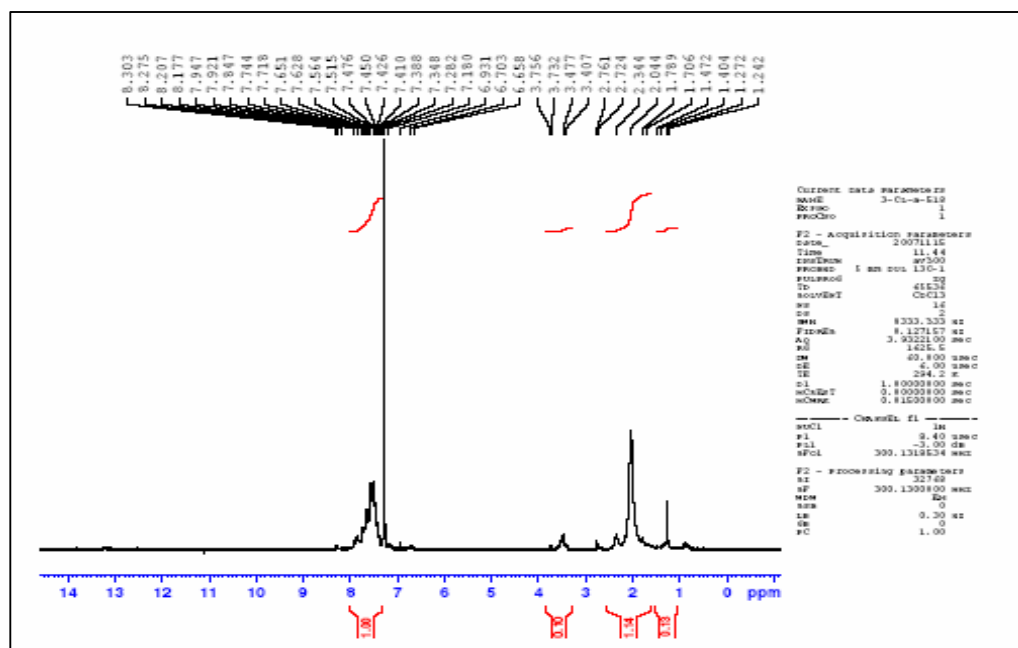
**Table (1) Physical Data of Prepared Compounds**

Comp. no.	structure	m.p. °C	Colour	Yield %
1a	 1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one	224-226	Redish brown	82%
1b	 3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-one	251-253	Greenish yellow	79%
2a	 3-(ethylthio)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-one	284-286	Yellowish orange	77%

2b	<p>3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-1-phenylpropan-1-one</p>	313-314	yellow	71%
3a	<p>4-(3-(ethylthio)-3-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-ylimino)propyl)phenol</p>	363-364	Orange	72%
3b	<p>1-(4-(3-(ethylthio)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropylideneamino)phenyl)ethanone</p>	290-292	Red	66%
3c	<p>4-(1-(2-bromophenylimino)-3-(ethylthio)-3-phenylpropyl)phenol</p>	223-225	Yellow greenish	91%
3d	<p><i>N</i>-(3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-1-phenylpropylidene)pyrimidin-2-amine</p>	61-63	Green	76%
3e	<p>1-(4-(3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-1-phenylpropylideneamino)phenyl)ethanone</p>	Decom. 244	Redish yellow	58%
3f	<p>2-bromo-<i>N</i>-(3-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-3-(ethylthio)-1-phenylpropylidene)benzenamine</p>	250-253	Green	65%

Table (2) Spectral Data of Prepared Compounds

Comp. no.	$\lambda_{\max}$ EtOH	IR $\nu$ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ KBr disc					$^1\text{H NMR } \delta(\text{ppm})$ DMSO- $d_6$
		O-H	C=C-H	C=O	C=N	C=C alph.	
1a	450	3500-3400		1685		1640	
1b	460			1675		1645	
2a	455	3500-3400	3100	1680			
2b	470		3095	1665			
3a	385	3500-3500			1595		$\delta(\text{OHal.}, 3.75), \delta(\text{C-Hal.} 3.4$ and 1.4), $\delta(\text{C-Har.}, 7.2, 6.8, 6.6), \delta(\text{C-Hhet.} (8.3, 8.2, 7.4)$
3b	370	3500-3500			1610		
3c	395	3500-3500			1615		
3d	407				1620		
3e	410				1630		
3f	430				1625		

Fig. 1: The  $^1\text{H NMR}$  of compound [4-(3-(ethylthio)-3-phenyl-1-(pyrimidin-2-ylimino)propyl) phenol]

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