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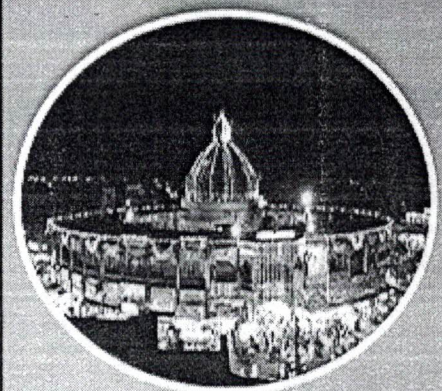
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# SYNTHESIS OF HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS AND ESTIMATING ITS BIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

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## Abstract

Chalcones were synthesized by the condensation product of acetophenone in combination with aromatic aldehydes in presence of strong base. It was found that the synthesized chalcones were having prominent role in modern coordination chemistry. The chalcone synthesized by base catalyzed condensation of 3-acetyl-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2,4-(3H) dione (DHA) with different aromatic aldehyde. These chalcones were used for synthesis of derivatives i.e. flavones. The synthesized compounds were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR and mass spectral analysis. The derivatives were further used for the estimation of its biological properties. It was found that the derivative possesses efficient antimicrobial properties. From the study it was found that the synthesized compounds are efficient for further research work.

**Keywords:** chalcone; flavone; IR, HNMR, Mass Spectroscopy, Biological Properties

## Introduction:

Flavanones are important naturally occurring organic compounds possessing a wide range of biological activities [1] used in the treatment of various diseases [2]. Different methods are used for the synthesis of flavones, includes Allan- Robinson synthesis [3], synthesis from chalcones [4] and via intramolecular Wittig reaction [5]. The most common method used involves Baker- Venkatramn arrangement. In this method 2-hydroxy acetophenone are converted to benzoyl ester, which in presence of base (pyridine/KOH) form 1,3 diketones. The diketones are further cyclized under strong acidic condition to afford the flavones [6]. In recent development of such dehydrative cyclization it includes the use of Amberlyst15 [7], CoII(sulpr)OH [8], FeCl<sub>3</sub> [9], Br<sub>2</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub> [10], EtOH/HCl [11], clay [12], NaOAc/AcOH [13] and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> under microwave irradiation [14]. Prenylated flavanone is a unique class of naturally occurring flavonoids characterized by the presence of a Prenylated side chain in the flavonoid skeleton. It was reported that one phenolic group and certain degree of lipophilicity are required for the activity of the flavonoids [10]. Substitution of the flavonoid ring system with prenyl groups would increase their lipophilicity and consequently enhance their interaction with cellular membranes [15]. 4',5,7-Trihydroxy-3' - prenylflavanone (1) has been isolated for the first time in 1989 from the chloroform extract of the stem bark of *Erythrina eriotriochoa* [16]. The chemical and pharmaceutical industries are always under the pressure to find out environmental friendly organic reaction methodologies. Microwave irradiation is used for a variety of organic reactions due to their use in a rapid and cleaner synthesis of organic compounds [17,18].

Flavones are a class of flavonoid based on the backbone of 2-phenyl chromene-4-one, (2-phenyl-1-benzopyrane-4-one). They are polyphenolic compound which constitute one of the most



numerous & ubiquitous group of plant metabolites, flavonoids are generally present as glycosylated conjugates in fruit, vegetables & other plant products consumed in a normal diet.

The immediate family members of flavonoids include flavones, flavanones, flavanols, anthocyanidins & catechins. Luteolin is a flavonoid more specifically, it is thought to play an important role in the human body as an antioxidant, a free radical scavenger, an agent in the prevention of inflammation, a promoter of carbohydrate metabolism, and an immune system modulator. These characteristics of luteolin are also believed to play an important part in the prevention of cancer. Multiple research experiments describe luteolin as a biochemical agent that can dramatically reduce inflammation and the symptoms of septic shock.

Luteolin is most often found in leaves, but it is also seen in rinds, barks, clover, blossom & ragweed pollen. It has also been isolated from *Salvia tomentosa*. Dietary sources include celery, green pepper, perilla and camomile tea.

Flavonoids have the same basic skeleton and the key feature which distinguishes one structural type from the other is the oxidation level of the various carbon in the heterocyclic ring. Chromones & flavones are integral parts of human diet & have been reported to exhibit a wide range of biological effects. They also demonstrate antibacterial, abortifacient, cytotoxic, antimicrobial, antimalarial & antihypertensive activities.

#### **Present work and methods:**

Flavones an important & abundant group of flavonoids have been synthesized by various methods. Most popular method is the oxidative cyclisation of 2-hydroxychalcones. These various methods are of limited application as in some of these procedures.

Synthesis of flavones from 2-hydroxychalcones using selenium dioxide in isoamyl alcohol, although gave single product, but the uneasy smell of isoamyl alcohol, long reaction period (about 8-18 hrs) compelled us to adopt the recent method using DMSO.

Dimethyl sulfoxide is known to facilitate the reaction in different ways when used as reaction medium. As DMSO also acts as oxidizing agent it is used to carry out through cyclisation of 2-hydroxychalcone with iodine in DMSO.

In the present work, flavones are synthesized by oxidative cyclization of corresponding 2-hydroxychalcone by conventional method.

#### **General method for the synthesis of Flavones:**

- A solution of substituted 2-hydroxy chalcone was dissolved in DMSO (Dimethyl sulfoxide), a catalytic amount of iodine was added and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 to 4 hrs till the starting material had completely undergone conversion. Reaction was monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled at room temperature and sodium thiosulphate solution (10%) was added to decompose excess of iodine. The solid so obtained was filtered and dried. The dry solid on crystallization from alcohol afforded flavone. The M.P. & Yield are listed in table. The structures of flavones were confirmed by spectral analysis (IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR & mass).

#### **Characteristic Test:**



The compound does not give violet coloration with FeCl<sub>3</sub> solution & Wilson test was negative.

### Synthesis of flavones

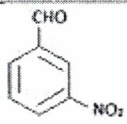
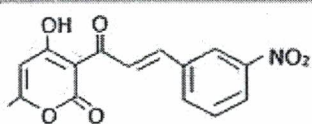
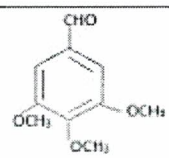
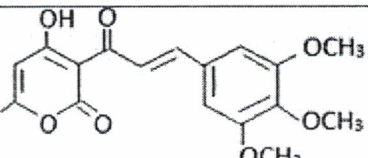
- A solution of 1-(4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2-oxa-2H-pyran-3-yl)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-propenone (0.001mol) and a crystal of iodine was added to it. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1-2 hrs, the completion of reaction was checked by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled at room temperature and diluted with water, the excess of iodine was decomposed with saturated sodium thiosulphate solution. The solid thus obtained was filtered & washed with cold water & recrystallized from ethanol to get product name
- Similarly other compounds of the series were also synthesized by same procedure. The physical data of synthesized compounds are listed in table no. 1 and 2.

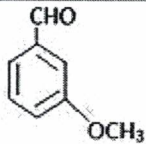
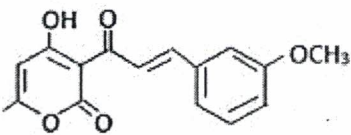
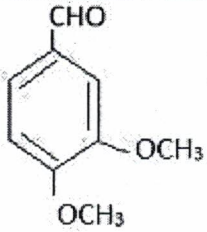
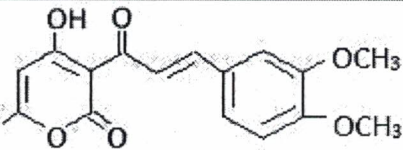
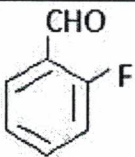
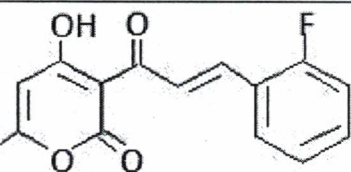
### Biological Activity

#### Antibacterial activity

The synthesized compounds were tested in *in vitro* for antimicrobial activity against bacterial isolates like *S. aureus*, *E. coli* and *Salmonella Typhi* and fungi species like *Fusarium oxysporum*, *Candida albicans* and *Aspergillus flavus*. The concentrations of compounds were taken as 150 µg/ml each. The antimicrobial activity was checked by agar plate diffusion method. The concentrations used for activity was confirmed after estimating the MICs of each compound. The solvent used for assay was dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) which further diluted with water. Nutrient agar and PDA (Potato Dextrose Agar) was used as the growth medium for the bacterial and fungal species respectively. DMSO was used as a negative control. The results were compared with standard drug penicillin for antimicrobial activity by measuring the zone of inhibition in mm using 150 µg/mL were mentioned in table no.3. Antimicrobial activity was measured as a diameter of zone of inhibition (mm) <sup>[24]</sup>.

**Table 1: Percentage yield and melting point of substituted 3-Cinnamoyl-4-Hydroxy-6-Methyl-2-Pyrones.**

Entry	X	Product	Yield %	Melting point °C
1		MBCI 	70	190
2		MBCII 	80	198

3		MBCIII		85	195
4		MBCIV		80	176
5		MBCV		84	160

**Table 2 Physical data of Flavones derivation (MBFI-MBFV)**

Compounds	Molecular Formula	M. P (°C)	Yield %
MBF I	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>9</sub> O <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	210	85
MBF II	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	250	88
MBF III	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	212	65
MBF IV	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	205	80
MBF V	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>9</sub> O <sub>4</sub> F	260	79

**Table 3. Antimicrobial activity of Flavones**

Compound	Bacteria			Fungi		
	(Zone of Inhibition in mm)			(Zone of Inhibition in mm)		
	A	B	C	D	E	F
MBF I	14	19	21	13	16	14
MBF II	15	17	19	15	17	12
MBF III	18	15	18	18	15	18
MBF IV	19	18	18	12	18	17

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MBF V	14	20	16	14	20	19
Penicillin*	11	10	12	10	12	13

\*standard, A- *S. aureus* , B- *E. coli* , C- *S. Typhi* , D- *Fusarium oxysporum*, E- *Candida albicans* , F- *Aspergillus flavus*.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, we have reported that the synthesized chalcones derivatives using DHA (3-acetyl-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2,4-(3H) dione possessing a good to moderate biological properties. These compounds will be having application in pharmaceutical, agriculture, medical field for drug development.

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