

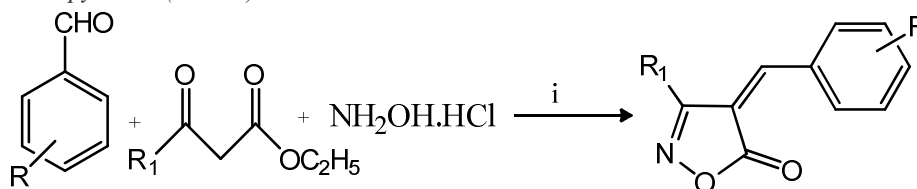
A Convenient Green Protocol for the Synthesis of 4-Arylmethylidene-3-substituted-isoxazol-5(4H)-ones catalysed by Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP)

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Abstract: Isoxazole motif containing heterocyclic compounds are important for their wide range of biological activities. Therefore, in the present article, I report a convenient and green protocol for the synthesis of 4-arylmethylidene-3-substituted-isoxazol-5(4H)-ones by the one pot three component reaction of aldehydes, β -keto ester and hydroxylamine hydrochloride catalyzed by Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP).



1 (a-i) 2(a-b) 3 (4a-f), (5a-i)

Scheme 1: Reagent and conditions: (i) Dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP), H₂O (5 mL), 70- 80°C, 6 to 25 min.

Keywords: Aldehyde, β -keto Ester, Hydroxylamine Hydrochloride, DMAP

I. INTRODUCTION

Nitrogen-containing heterocycles are of high importance. Isoxazole is one of the nitrogen containing moiety which represent a unique class of pharmacophores, which constituents a diverse range of therapeutic agents¹. In the past decades, studies have been carried out on isoxazole scaffold and noticed to be vital building block in several fields including medicine, agrochemicals and industry², optical recording and nonlinear optical research^{2,3}. Isoxazole derivatives were found to exhibit various biological and pharmaceutical activities including antifungal⁴, antimicrobial⁵, metastatic activities⁶, anticancer⁷, anti-inflammatory⁶, hypoglycemic⁸, analgesic⁹, HIV-inhibitory⁹, antioxidant¹⁰, antinociceptive, antimycobacterial, nematocidal, antituberculosis, COX-2 inhibitory, neurotoxic, antiepileptic, cytotoxic, anticonvulsant, HDAC inhibitory, arthritis and leishmaniasis¹¹⁻¹³. Some of the representative examples are shown in Figure 1. Being omnipresent medicinal value, heterocyclic drug moieties containing isoxazole nucleus has accomplished a leading role in pharmaceutical market. Valedocoxib, Leflunomide, Cycloserine, Zonisamide, Drazoxol and Acetylsulfisoxazole are some of the popular drugs of this class¹⁴.

Due to outstanding importance of isoxazole-5(4H)-ones, various synthetic approaches have been developed for their synthesis. Different methods were employed for the synthesis of substituted isoxazole-5(4H)-ones which includes condensation of substituted benzaldoximes and 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds¹⁵, reaction between alkynes, hydroxylamine hydrochloride and different aldehydes¹⁶. One-pot three component synthesis involving β -keto ester, hydroxylamine hydrochloride and diverse aldehydes has been considered as a unique and attractive approach to access this significant class of heterocycles. This method is widely accessed world-wide catalyzed by sodium benzoate¹⁷, sodium sulfide¹⁸, sodium silicate¹⁹, DABCO²⁰, sodium ascorbate²¹, sodium citrate²², citric acid²³, sodium saccharin²⁴, sodium tetraborate²⁵, sodium azide²⁶, boric acid²⁷, potassium phthalimide (PPI)²⁸, potassium hydrogen phthalate (KHP)²⁹, phthalimide-N-oxyl salts³⁰, NaH₂PO₄³¹, DOWEX 50WX4^{32a}, Dowex 1-x8OH^{32b}, tartaric acid³³, N-

bromosuccinimide³⁴, 2-hydroxy-5-sulfobenzoic acid³⁵, nano-Fe₂O₃³⁶, clinoptilolite³⁷, H₃PW₁₂O₄₀³⁸, Ag/SiO₂³⁹, visible light/sodium acetate⁴⁰ and Iodine⁴¹ etc.

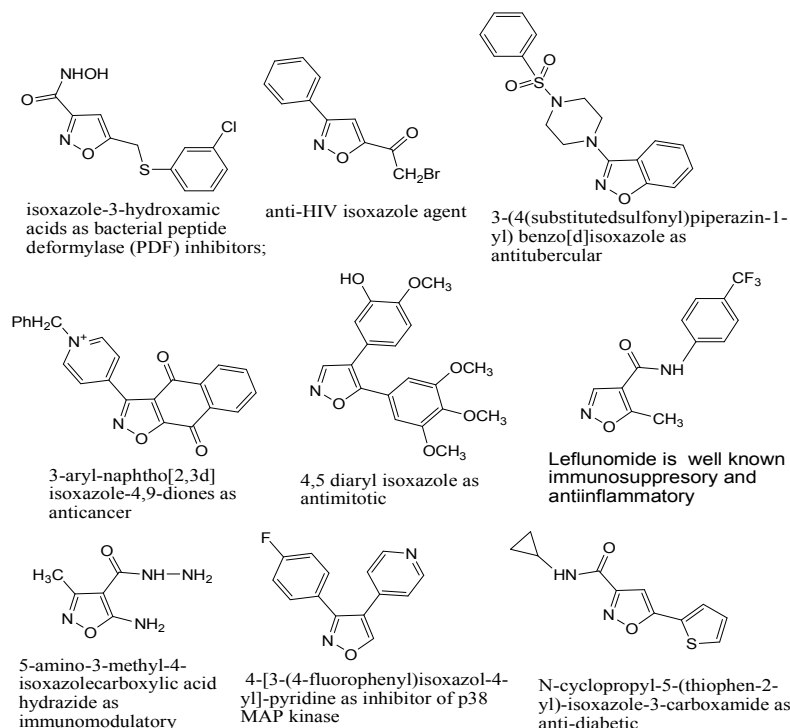


Figure 1: Some representative moieties containing isoxazole nucleus.

The above reported methodologies for synthesis of 4-arylmethylidene-3-substituted-isoxazol-5(4H)-ones derivatives have shown good results in many instances. However, some of synthetic strategies also have limitations in terms of expensive reagents, long reaction time, environmentally hazardous, harsh reaction conditions, tedious work-up procedure and unsatisfactory yield. 4-(Dimethylamino) pyridine (DMAP) is a catalyst of outstanding utility in a variety of group-transfer reactions, such as the acylation of alcohols and amines.⁴²⁻⁴⁶ Despite the frequent use of DMAP itself and the recent development of chiral DMAP derivatives for applications in stereoselective catalysis⁴⁷⁻⁵¹. The mechanisms of even the simplest DMAP-catalyzed reactions, such as the acetylation of alcohols with acetic anhydride, have not yet been studied in detail. A recent review of the mechanistic characteristics of this reaction highlighted the importance of the deprotonation step as well as the influence of the auxiliary base on the catalytic activity of DMAP⁴⁴. Hence we were interested in the synthesis of 4-Arylmethylidene-3-substituted-isoxazol-5(4H)-ones using DMAP as versatile catalyst. In the search of better reaction condition for the synthesis of 4-Arylmethylidene-3-substituted-isoxazol-5(4H)-ones, we have developed water mediated synthetic protocol with excellent yield using DMAP catalyst.

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Major efforts were taken to optimize the suitable reaction conditions. In the beginning, a solvent-free reaction of ethyl acetoacetate (1 mmol), hydroxyl amine hydrochloride (1 mmol) and p-dimethyl amino benzaldehyde (1 mmol) was performed at room temperature (entry 1, Table 1), low yield was observed. Then, the reaction mixture was heated for 2 h and 21% yield was found. Further, I studied the effect of solvent and various amounts of DMAP catalyst on the model reaction.

The same reaction was performed using different solvents such as H₂O, EtOH, CH₃CN, CH₂Cl₂ under heating for about 40-80°C with more time and low yield (entry 2-4, Table 1). As it can be seen that the results were obtained by performing the reaction in the presence of 5-10 mol% at 70-80°C water (entry 6-7, Table 1). The more yield was observed using 10 mol% DMAP in about 6 min. (entry 5, Table 1).

Table 1: Optimization of reaction conditions

Entry	Solvent	Catalyst (mol%)	Temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)	Time (min.)	Yield (%)
1	None	-	70-80	120	21
2	EtOH	10	70-80	10	86
3	CH ₃ CN	10	70-80	30	66
4	CH ₂ Cl ₂	10	40	40	68
5	H₂O	10	70-80	6	85
6	H ₂ O	5	70-80	11	82
7	1:1 EtOH	10	70-80	10	85

A series of reactions were carried out using diversely substituted aromatic aldehydes under identical reaction conditions as in entry 5, table 1. All these reactions afforded good to excellent yield of 4-arylmethylidene-3-substituted-isoxazol-5(4H)-one derivatives (4a-4f and 5a-5i). (**entries 1-15, Table 2**). It is found that the aldehydes with electron donating groups gave superior yield in short reaction time than those with electron withdrawing groups require high time period with low yield of the product. The above reaction is environmentally benign because of the use of water as solvent, short reaction time, easy work-up and good to high yield of the product.

Table 2: One pot synthesis of 4-arylmethylene-3-substituted isoxazol-5(4H) one derivatives

Entry	aromatic aldehyde (1a-i)		β -keto ester (2a-b)		Product (4a-f), (5a-i)	Time (min.)	Isolated yield ^b (%)	Mp (^o C)
1	4-dimethyl benzaldehyde	amino	ethyl acetoacetate		4a	6	91	220-222 ⁴¹
2	4-hydroxy benzaldehyde		ethyl acetoacetate		4b	7	88	211-212 ⁴¹
3	4-methyl benzaldehyde		ethyl acetoacetate		4c	8	87	136-138 ⁴¹
4	4-methoxy benzaldehyde		ethyl acetoacetate		4d	7	90	175-178 ⁴¹
5	Pyrrol carboxaldehyde	2-	ethyl acetoacetate		4e	12	84	--
6	5-bromo thiophene carboxaldehyde	2-	ethyl acetoacetate		4f	22	82	--
7	4-dimethyl benzaldehyde	amino	ethyl acetate	benzoyl	5a	6	90	194-196 ^{36b}
8	3,4-dihydroxy benzaldehyde		ethyl acetate	benzoyl	5b	6	88	--
9	3,4-dimethoxy benzaldehyde		ethyl acetate	benzoyl	5c	6	90	-- ²⁴
10	4-methyl benzaldehyde		ethyl acetate	benzoyl	5d	8	85	188-191 ^{36b}
11	Salicylaldehyde		ethyl acetate	benzoyl	5e	12	87	-- ²⁴
12	Pyrrol carboxyaldehyde	2-	ethyl acetate	benzoyl	5f	14	85	150-152

13	5-bromo thiophene 2-carboxyaldehyde	ethyl acetate	benzoyl 5g	25	83	--
14	4-methoxy benzaldehyde	ethyl acetate	benzoyl 5h	8	90	166-167 ^{36b}
15	4-bromo benzaldehyde	ethyl acetate	benzoyl 5i	38	82	176-177 ²⁴

^asubstituted aromatic aldehyde (1 mmol), β -keto ester (1.1 mmol), hydroxyl amine hydrochloride (1.1 mmol), 10 mg Cu-NP/C, water:ethanol (1:1) (5 ml) under reflux.

^bisolated yield

III. EXPERIMENTAL

3.1 General details

All chemicals were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and Spectrochem companies and used without further purification. Reactions were monitored on TLC using aluminium sheets 20 x 20 cm, Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄, Merck grade plates. Products were characterized by ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra recorded on Bruker spectrometer using CDCl₃ or DMSO-d₆ as a solvent and tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Mass spectrometric data was recorded by an electron spray ionisation (ESI) technique on a Q-tof-micro quadrupole mass spectrometer (Micro mass). Melting points were determined on DBK-programmable melting point apparatus.

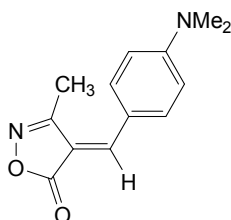
General procedure for the synthesis of 4-(arylmethylidene)-3-methylisoxazol-5(4H)-ones and 4-(arylmethylidene)-3-phenylisoxazol-5(4H)-ones:

A mixture of β -ketoester (1.1mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (1.1mmol), aromatic aldehyde (1 mmol), and 10 mol% DAMP were added in 5 mL of 1:1 water and refluxed at 70-80^o for 6 to 25 minutes (Table 2). Progress of the reaction was monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography. After completion of reaction there was generation of a precipitate. While hot, the precipitate was filtered and washed with hot water thrice. Finally, to obtain the products in maximum purity recrystallization was done in hot ethanol. The isolated products were characterized by various spectroscopic techniques. Spectral data for some of the representative compounds are given below.

IV. CONCLUSION

- Require very short reaction time period for completion of reaction.
- Environmental friendly method.
- Method gives high reaction yield.

4.1 Characterisation Data

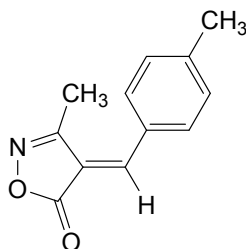


4-(4-(Dimethylamino) benzylidene)-3-methyl Isoxazol-5(4H)-one (4a)⁶⁵: M.P.- 220-222. **IR** (KBr, v/cm) : 590, 772, 943, 993, 1031, 1198, 1222, 1353, 1373, 1410, 1439, 1558, 1582, 1711, 2851, 2919;

¹H NMR- (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ (ppm) 2.4 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.4 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 6.75 (d, 2H, ArH), 7.23 (s, 1H, =CH), 8.40 (d, 2H, ArH);

¹³C NMR- (300MHz, CDCl₃+DMSO d₆) δ (ppm): 11.6, 40.0, 111.4, 121.4, 137.5, 149.2, 154.1, 161.5, 170.0;

ESI-MS: calculated for C₁₃H₁₄N₂O₂ is 230, found-231 (M+1).



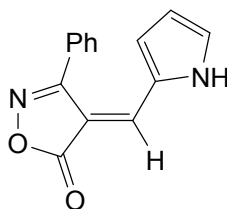
3-Methyl-4-(4-methylbenzylidene) isoxazol-5(4H)-one (4c)⁶⁵: M.P.- 136-138.

IR (KBr, ν/cm): 667, 742, 928, 1215, 1435, 1517, 1599, 3019;

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 2.32 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.50 (s, 3H, CH_3), 7.36 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.3 (s, 1H, =CH);

¹³C NMR (300MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 11.6, 22.0, 118.3, 129.8, 134.0, 145.6, 149.8, 161.1, 168.1;

ESI-MS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$ is 201, found-202 (M+1).



3-phenyl 4-((1H-pyrrol-2-yl) methylene) isoxazol-5(4H)-one (5f): M.P.- 150-152⁰C

IR (KBr, ν/cm): 651, 694, 754, 871, 970, 1043, 1081, 1117, 1246, 1323, 1336, 1385, 1430, 1473, 1492, 1521, 1538, 1598, 1701, 3099, 3109, 3371;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO } d_6$) δ (ppm): 6.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.0 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.40 (s, 1H, =CH), 7.5 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.6(m, 5H, ArH);

¹³C NMR (500MHz, $\text{DMSO } d_6$) δ (ppm): 114.57, 128.42, 129.08, 130.50, 137.30 and 163.63.

ESI-MS: calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ is 238, found - 239 (M+1).

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