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## Microwave Assisted one-pot Synthesis and Screening of some schiff's bases of Sulfanilamide

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### ABSTRACT

A series of new Schiff's bases of Sulfanilamide **1a-8a** were synthesized by condensation of sulfanilamide with different substituted aromatic aldehydes. The structures of these products were confirmed by physical and spectral analysis. Antibacterial and antifungal activity of the synthesized derivatives **1a-8a** were done in comparison with Ciprofloxacin and Ketoconazole as standard compounds. All the 3 selected strains of bacteria and fungi namely *S. Aureus*, *E. Coli* and *C. Albicans*. Compounds **5a**, **7a** showed very good activity against *C. Albicans* while compounds **2a**, **8a** showed moderate activity when compared with standard drug Ketoconazole.

**Key words:** Microwave assisted; Schiff's base; Sulfanilamide; Antimicrobial activity

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### INTRODUCTION

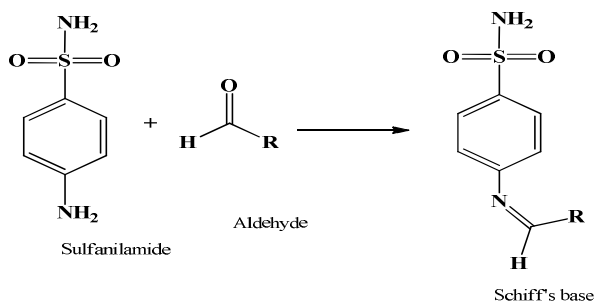
Schiff bases are the important compound owing to their wide range of biological activities and industrial application. they have been found to possess the pharmacological activities such as antimalarial [1], anticancer [2], antibacterial, antifungal [3], antitubercular [4], anti-inflammatory [5]. Sulfonamide derivatives have been subject to intensive studies, where a wide variety of those derivatives have been prepared and used in various biological and pharmacological fields. Schiff bases are among the most studied sulfonamide derivatives which have been used for numerous biological applications [6,7]. Schiff bases are the compounds containing azomethine group (-HC=N-) formed by condensation of a primary amine with an active carbonyl compound [8,9]. These types of derivatives are very important because of their varied structures and biological activities [10-14].

### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

All chemicals and solvents, reagents used in the present study were of analytical grade purchased from Sigma, Fischer and Fluka. All the solvents were used after distillation. The melting points were determined by open capillary method and were uncorrected. The purity of compounds was confirmed by thin layer chromatography using Silica coated aluminum sheets (silica gel 60, F<sub>254</sub>). The IR spectra of samples were recorded by Varian FT-IR spectrophotometer 660, Australia. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra (400MHz) recorded in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> by employing TMS as an internal standard on ultra shield Bruker 400 NMR spectrometer.

**GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR SYNTHESIS OF SCHIFF'S BASE 1a-8a :**

The Schiff base was prepared by reaction of equimolar (0.01 M) of sulfanilamide and substituted aromatic aldehydes were transferred to a clean and dry Teflon vessel, and triturated to form uniform mixture, then addition a drops of ethanol. This mixture was subjected to MW irradiation for 0.5-1 min at 400 watt power. After cooling , The formed crystals were filtered off, washed with several time of EtOH and recrystallized from 99 °EtOH (**Table 1, Scheme 1**)



Scheme1. Synthesis of Schiff's bases 1a-8a.

Table 1. Physicochemical data of compounds 1a-8a

Compounds	R	Re.Solvent	M.P C <sup>o</sup>	Yield %
4-[(Furan-2-ylmethylene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide <b>1a</b>		99 ° EtOH	201	70
4-(Benzylidene-amino)-benzenesulfonamide. <b>2a</b>		=	192	83
4-[(Thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. <b>3a</b>		=	208	89
4-[(3-Methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. <b>4a</b>		=	161	77
4-[(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. <b>5a</b>		=	203	88
4-[(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. <b>6a</b>		=	213	80
4-[(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. <b>7a</b>		=	193	92
4-[(4-Nitro-benzylidene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. <b>8a</b>		=	201	92

**Antimicrobial screening method:**

The antimicrobial activity of all the synthesized compounds (**1a-8a**) were examined against different Microorganisms, were identified and obtained from the American type of cell culture collection (ATCC), including *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 29213), *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 25922) and *Candida albicans* (ATCC 10231) at the concentration level of 5µM by using Agar diffusion method [15]. Ciprofloxacin and ketoconazole were used as reference compounds for antibacterial and antifungal activities respectively. The results have been recorded in the form of inhibition zones (diameter, mm) **Table 2**.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Chemical section:**

The Schiff's bases **1a-8a** were prepared by condensation of sulfanilamide with aromatic aldehydes at ratio (1:1) via MW irradiation method. The purity of the new synthesized compounds were checked by TLC and The structures of the synthesized compounds were determined on the basis of their FT-IR,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data.

The IR spectra of the synthesized compounds showed the presence of C=N stretching bands at 1500-1690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and absence of C=O at 1700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the bands due to asymmetric and symmetric  $\text{SO}_2$  group are shifted to lower frequencies, while NH is disappeared or hidden under the broad bands at 3450-3300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in Schiff's base. The  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of the synthesized compounds were recorded in DMSO- $d_6$ . The chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ), expressed in part per milion (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane. The signals for the methane protons of the azomethine group, **-N=CH-** were observed between 8 and 9 ppm.

**4-[(Furan-2-ylmethylene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 1a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2978(C-H aromatic), 3284(N-H str), 1623(HC=N), 1578(C=C aromatic), 1147(S=O asym), 1325(S=O sym).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 8.46(s, 1H, HC=N), 8.1-6.75(m, 7H, Ar-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 154(HC=N), 151.55, 150.15, 147.08, 141.10, 126.93, 121.24, 118.42, 112.74.

**4-(Benzylidene-amino)-benzenesulfonamide. 2a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3292(N-H str), 1619(HC=N), 3002(C-H aromatic), 1574(C=C aromatic), 1150(S=O asym), 1331(S=O sym).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 8.65(s, 1H, HC=N), 8-7.40(m, 9H, Ar-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 162.77(HC=N), 154.35, 141.14, 153.56, 132, 128.96, 128.90, 126.92, 121.24.

**4-[(Thiophen-2-ylmethylene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 3a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1605(HC=N), 3285(N-H str), 1149(S=O asym), 1321(S=O sym).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 8.82(d, 1H, HC=N), 7.9-6.6(m, 7H, Ar-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 155.79(HC=N), 153.54, 141.85, 141.03, 134.62, 132.04, 128.35, 127.30, 126.85, 121.27, 112.29.

**4-[(3-Methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 4a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3329(N-H str), 3175(C-H aromatic), 1618(HC=N), 1579(C=C aromatic), 1296(C-O phenolic), 1150(S=O asym), 1329(S=O sym).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 8.62(s, 1H, HC=N), 7.85-7.15(m, 8H, Ar-H), 3.84(s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 162.67(HC=N), 159.53, 154.25, 141.18, 137, 130.02, 126.91, 121.96, 121.24, 118.30, 112.67, 55.23(OCH<sub>3</sub>).

**4-[(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 5a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3272(N-H str), 2913(C-H aromatic), 1606(HC=N), 1569(C=C aromatic), 1147(S=O asym), 1315(S=O sym), 1265(C-O phenolic).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 8.6(s, 1H, HC=N), 7.9-7(m, 8H, Ar-H), 3.8(s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 162.28(HC=N), 161.85, 154.67, 140.72, 130.85, 128.49, 126.89, 121.18, 114.33, 55.44 (OCH<sub>3</sub>).

**4-[(4-Chloro-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 6a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3289(N-H str), 3001(C-H aromatic), 1620(HC=N), 1581 (C=C aromatic), 1150(S=O asym), 1331(S=O sym).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 8.67(s, 1H, HC=N), 8-7.40(m, 8H, Ar-H).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 161.62(HC=N), 154, 141.33, 136.57, 134.42, 130.57, 129.06, 126.92, 121.30.

**4-[(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 7a**

FT-IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3278(N-H str), 1569(HC=N), 1518(C=C aromatic), 1143(S=O asym), 1329(S=O sym).  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR(400MHz,DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 9.67(s,1H, NH), 8.43 (s,1H,N=CH), 8.83-6.60(m,8H,Ar-H), 6.1(s,6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR (400MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  [ppm] 162.7(HC=N), 158.2, 146.8, 137, 129.8, 127.8, 123, 120.7, 113.2, 43.6(N (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>).

**4-[(4-Nitro-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. 8a**

FT-IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3265(N-H str), 3105(C-H aromatic), 1591(C=C aromatic), 1628(HC=N), 1598(NO<sub>2</sub>), 1145(S=O asym), 1341(S=O sym), 1277(OH). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ [ppm] 12.7(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 8.39(s, 1H, HC=N), 7.5-8.22(m, 8H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (400MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ [ppm] 162.7(HC=N), 156.4, 150.7, 137.8, 137.3, 129.9, 126.8, 123.7, 122.3 (NO<sub>2</sub>).

All the synthesized compounds were screened for antimicrobial activity at concentration 5μM against one Gram (+) bacterial strain (*Staphylococcus aureus*), one Gram (-) bacterial strain (*Escherichia coli*) and fungi strain *Candida albican*) by agar diffusion methods.

The results of preliminary bioassay indicated that 4-[(4-Methoxy-benzylidene)-amino]-benzene sulfonamide. **5a**, 4-[(4-Dimethylamino-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. **7a** exhibited very good activity against *C. Albicans* and 4-(Benzylidene-amino)-benzenesulfonamide. **2a**, 4-[(4-Nitro-benzylidene)-amino]-benzenesulfonamide. **8a**, showed moderate activity against *C. Albicans* comparable with standard drug Ketoconazole. Compounds **3a**, **4a**, **8a** showed closed similar activities as the reference compound Ciprofloxacin.

**Table2: Zone of inhibition (mm) data of synthesized compounds**

Compound	Antibacterial activity		Antifungal activity
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
<b>1a</b>	-	-	20
<b>2a</b>	20	-	<b>25</b>
<b>3a</b>	25	-	8
<b>4a</b>	23	-	-
<b>5a</b>	12	-	<b>30</b>
<b>6a</b>	10	-	15
<b>7a</b>	18	-	<b>30</b>
<b>8a</b>	25	17	<b>25</b>
Ciprofloxacin	27	33	-
Ketoconazole	-	-	23

(- ) No effect

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