



Synthesis of Flavanones using Methane Sulphonic Acid as a Greencatalyst and Comparison under Different Conditions

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ABSTRACT

Flavonoids are an important class of natural products with wide range activities. Flavonoids includes flavone, flavanone, flavane & flavanol. The synthetic route involves synthesis of chalcone followed by ring closing to give flavanone. So many catalysts were mentioned in past literature. But most efficient catalyst is methane sulphonic acid. It is easy to handle, less reaction time & easily available. Flavanones were synthesized from chalcone using methane sulphonic acid under thermal condition, microwave and ultrasound condition. Flavanones are synthesized in very less time compared to other conditions.

Key words: Flavanone, Methanesulphonic acid, Thermal, Micro wave, Ultrasound.

INTRODUCTION

Natural products includes alkaloids, terpenoids, coumarins, amino acid derivatives and flavonoids. Flavonoids are found in plant as a secondary metabolite acts as defence from bacteria and viruses. They also act as coloring agent in flowers to attract insect, honeybees and butterfly toward flower. Due to which pollination occurs easily in plants. Flavonoids are also important for human health as it is present in fruits, vegetables and flowers. Initially it is named as Vitamin P. But due to its yellow colour it is named as flavonoids.

Flavonoids are mainly classified as flavone, flavanone and flavane etc¹. Human interest is to isolate and synthesize flavone skeleton having pharmacological activity. From past literature we found that flavonoid skeleton (C₆-C₃-C₆ & two oxygen atoms) have wide range of activities. Synthetic and naturally occurring flavonoids i.e. flavanone have interesting pharmaceutical activity like anticancer¹, anti-estrogen², antimycobacterial³, antimicrobial⁴, anti-lung cancer⁵, anti-bacterial⁶, anti-viral⁷, anti-tuberculosis⁸, antifungal⁹, anti-oxidant¹⁰, anti-arrhythmic¹¹, antihypertensive¹², anti-proliferative¹³ etc.

Flavonoids are synthesized by various methods like Clause-Schmidt, Baker-Venkatraman, Ganguly's method and Robinson's method etc.¹³ Aromatic aldehydes and ketones give chalcone which on cyclization gives flavanone. In past methods chalcone are cyclized to flavanone by I_2 /DMSO¹⁵, AcOH/H₂SO₄¹⁶, silicagel¹⁷, poly phosphoric acid¹⁸, TFA¹⁹, N-methyl imidazole²⁰, alkali metal carbonates²¹, KOH/MeOH²², pyridine²³, DBU/MW²⁴, HBr/AcOH²⁵, potassium ferricyanide²⁶ etc. We synthesized flavanone by using methanesulphonic acid under different conditions.

EXPERIMENTAL

All material purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and solvents from Merck Chemical India. Melting points determined in paraffin bath. IR & ¹H NMR spectra give structure of compound.

Representative procedure

Thermal condition

A mixture of substituted 2-hydroxy chalcone (1 mole) was added in RBF. Then arrange the apparatus with thermometer in oil bath. Place apparatus on digital hot plate. Add through neck of RBF acetic acid and then add dropwise MSA (15 mole %). Maintain temperature 105-115°C till completion of reaction. Reaction was monitored by TLC. Pour the reaction mass in water, filter to get solid. Recrystallise with suitable solvent. Calculate yield, M.P. After checking solubility in suitable solvent it was given for spectral analysis.

Ultra sound condition

A mixture of substituted 2-hydroxy chalcone (1 mole) and methanesulphonic acid was added (15 mole %) in RBF. Add acetic acid minimum to dissolve the reaction mass. Then keep RBF in a water bath with ultrasound. Maintain temp. 95°C. Carry out reaction for 30 minutes under ultrasound. Check TLC. Carry out work up as above.

Under micro-wave condition

A mixture of substituted 2-hydroxy chalcone (1 mole) and methanesulphonic acid was added (15 mole %) in RBF. Add acetic acid minimum to dissolve the reaction mass. Then RM subjected to micro-wave. Check TLC. Carry out work up as above.

Spectral Data

2-phenylchroman-4-one (2a)

Colour

light yellow/white powder, M.P.-76°C, TLC

system- Hex+E.A.(7:3), Soluble – CHCl₃

IR (KBr) V_{max}/cm^{-1} 1720, 1675, 1616-1500, 1300, 750, 690.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ

5.51(d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 3.20(d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 7.40 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.0(1H, m, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.50(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.15(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.32 (dd, 2H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.25 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.22(m, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz)

2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)chroman-4-one (2b)

Colour

Light yellow powder, M.P.-180°C, TLC

system-Hex+E.A.(7:3), Soluble – DMSO

IR (KBr) V_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3480, 1700, 1692, 1608, 1514, 754, 697.

¹H NMR (DMSO) δ

5.53(d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 3.28(d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 9.79(s, 1H, -OH), 6.78(d, 2H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.33 (dd, 2H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.34(d, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.046 (m, 1H, J = 7.5, 7.2, 1.5 Hz), 7.55(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.76(m, 1H, J = 7.2, 7.2, 1.5 Hz), 7.76(m, 1H, J = 7.6, 7.2, 1.5 Hz).

2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)chroman-4-one(2c)

Colour

White powder, M.P.-134°C, TLC system-

Hex+CHCl₃+Acetone.(6:3:1), Soluble – DMSO

IR (KBr) V_{max}/cm^{-1} 3400, 1711, 1656, 1610, 1515, 750, 690.

¹H NMR (DMSO) δ 5.70(d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 3.17(d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 6.75(dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 1.5 Hz), 6.92(m, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5, 1.4 Hz), 7.09(m, 1H, J = 7.6, 1.5, 1.5), 7.21 (m, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.57(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.60 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.76(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.78(m, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5, 1.5 Hz)

2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)chroman-4-one (2d)

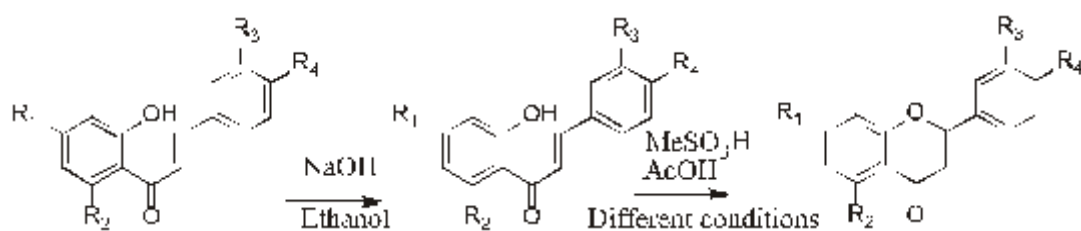
Colour

light yellow powder, M.P.-134°C, TLC

system-Hex+E.A.(7:3), Soluble – DMSO.

IR (KBr) V_{max}/cm^{-1} 1700, 1656, 1600, 1512, 740.

¹H NMR (DMSO) δ 5.42(d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 3.14(d, 2H, J



Scheme 1: Synthesis of flavanone from chalcone

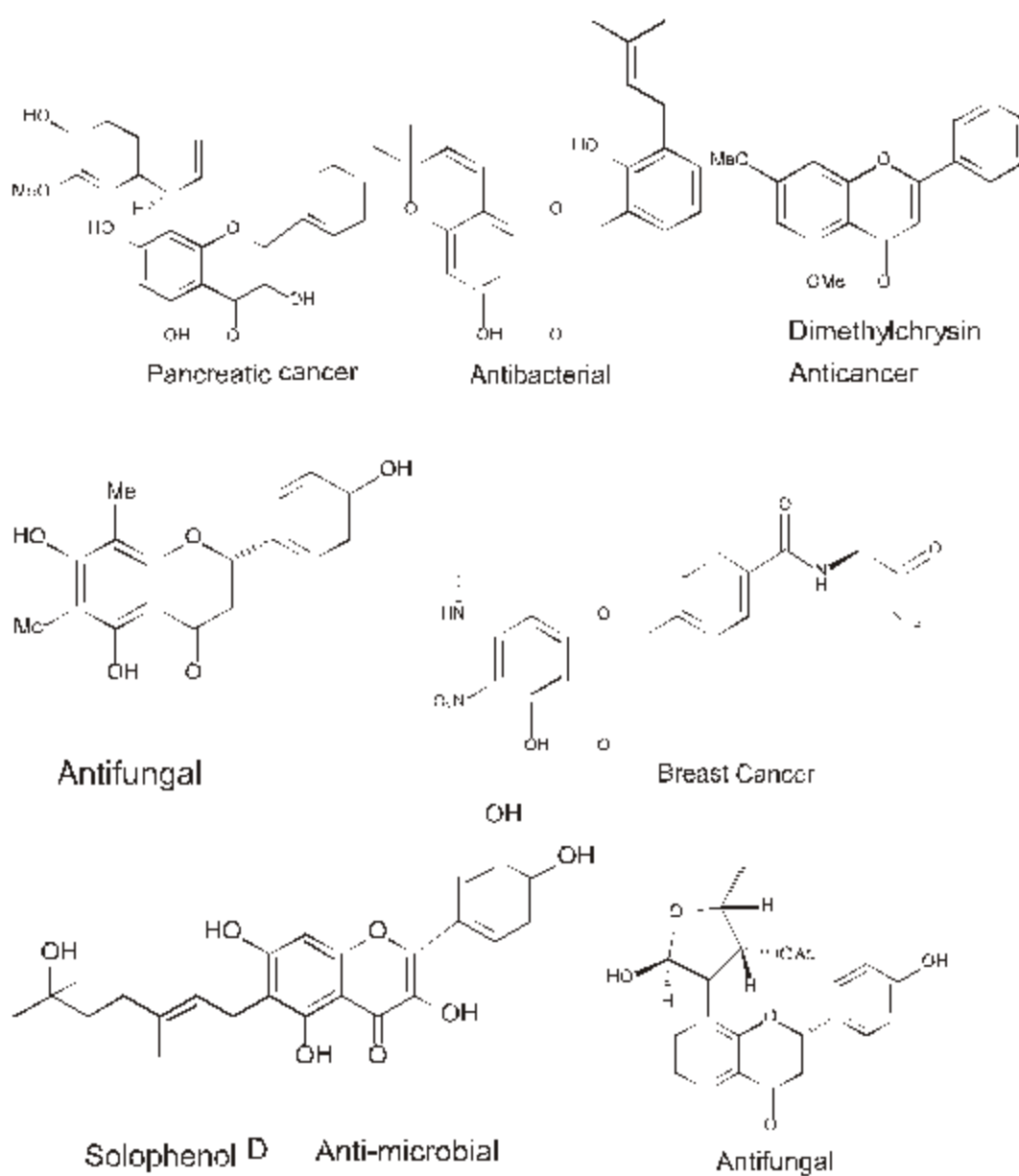


Fig. 1: Molecules with biological activity

= 7 Hz), 3.92(s, 3H, -OMe), 3.90(s, 3H, -OMe), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 7.008(d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 7.027(d, 1H, J = 1.5 Hz), 7.15(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.52(dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz), 7.94(m, 1H, J = 7.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5 Hz)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ

5.50 (d, 1H, J = 7 Hz), 3.19(d, 2H, J = 7 Hz), 2.80(s, 3H), 6.72(2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.50(d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.35(s, 5 H)

5-methoxy-2-phenylchroman-4-one (2e)**Colour**

Yellow powder, M.P.-141°C, TLC system- Benzene+E.A.(9.5+0.5), Soluble-CHCl₃.

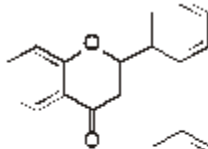
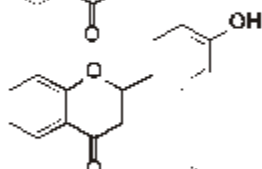
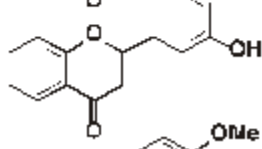
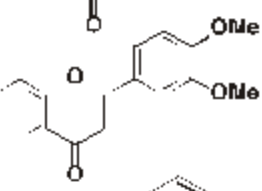
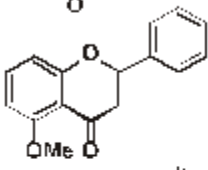
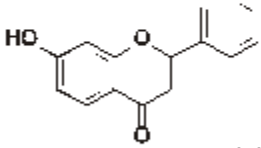
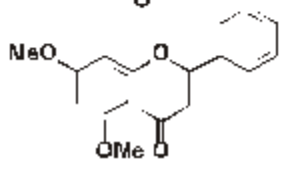
IR (KBr) V_{max}/cm^{-1} 1720, 1654, 1600, 1500, 1300, 980.

7-hydroxy-2-phenylchroman-4-one (2f)**Colour**

Yellow powder, M.P.-188°C, TLC system- Hex+E.A.(7:3), Soluble-CHCl₃.

IR (KBr) V_{max}/cm^{-1} 3500, 1717, 1660, 1500, 1300, 980.

Table 1. Synthesis of flavanones under thermal microwave and ultrasound conditions

Entry	Molecule	Time at different condition			% Yield	Melting point
		Thermal	MW	U.sound		
2a		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	73 ^o C
2b		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	220 ^o C
2c		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	129 ^o C
2d		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	118 ^o C
2e		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	138 ^o C
2f		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	184 ^o C
2g		2 Hrs	30 min	45 min.	80	140 ^o C

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ

5.51(d,1H,J = 7 Hz),3.40(d,2H,J = 7 Hz),6.46(dd,1H,J=7.5, 1.5 Hz),6.50(d,1H,J = 1.5 Hz),7.50(d,1H,J = 7.5 Hz),7.40(dd,2H,J=7.5,1.5 Hz), 7.35(m,3H,J = 7.5,1.5 Hz).

5,7-dimethoxy-2-phenylchroman-4-one (2g)**Colour**

White powder,**M.P.**-144°C,**TLC system**-CHCl₃+ MeOH.(9:1),**Soluble** – CHCl₃

IR (KBr) ν_{\max} /cm⁻¹

17021674, 1608, 1489,1300,943.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ

5.51(d,1H,J = 7 Hz),3.029(d,2H,J= 7Hz), 2.79 (s,3H),2.62 (s,3H),6.16(d,1H,J= 1.5 Hz), 6.10(d,1H,J = 1.5 Hz),7.38(m,1H,J = 1.5,1.5 Hz), 7.41 (m,1H,J = 7.5,1.5,1.5 Hz),7.45(m,1H,J=7.5, 1.5, 1.5 Hz)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Methane sulphonic acid is used as an acid catalyst in organic reactions because it is a non-volatile, strong acid that is soluble in organic solvents. Methanesulphonic acid is convenient for industrial applications because it is liquid at ambient temperature, while the closely related to para

toluene sulphonic acid which solid at room temperature. MSA is considered as an intermediate between sulphuric acid and methyl sulphonyl methane. It maintains P^H which is necessary to go reaction smoothly. So many acids like acetic acid, sulphuric acid, pTSA, poly H₃PO₄, Hydrochloric acid were used in previous method. Sometimes mixture of acids, mixed solvents are used in previous methods. So as per our opinion P^H is important for the acidic synthesis of flavanone from 2-hydroxy chalcones. We also compared reaction under various conditions like ultrasound, thermal and microwave conditions.

CONCLUSION

We found cheap, environmental friendly process for the synthesis of flavanones. Methane sulphonic acid is green catalyst compared to other catalysts. We compare different conditions for the reaction. We concluded that reaction under MW will complete in minimum time.

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