

EFFECT OF SOLVENT AND CATALYSIS ON SYNTHESIS OF DIHYDROPYRIDINE DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT

A facile and efficient preparation of dihydropyridine derivatives have been reported via a multi component reaction in the presence and absence of ammonium iron(II) sulphate. Further, synthesis is performed in different pure alcohols and their mixtures. A series of substituted dihydropyridine derivatives were synthesized and the structures of these compounds were established on the basis of spectral analysis. Excellent yield of compounds is observed in presence of ammonium iron(II) sulphate. Thus, ammonium iron(II) sulphate is proven to be a very efficient catalyst for synthesis of these derivatives. Further, among different alcohol mixtures, ethanol + isopropanol mixture gives higher yield and reaction time is also reduced.

Keywords: Dihydropyridine derivatives, ammonium iron(II) sulphate, methanol, ethanol.

INTRODUCTION

Dihydropyridine derivatives are among the most prevalent heterocyclic ring with various substitutions at several positions. Some of these derivatives are known to act as a multifunctional lead molecule for various biological activities such as inhibition of HMGCoA-reductase,¹ antihypertensive,² K⁺ channel openers,³ anticancer,⁴ antihistaminic,⁴ anticonvulsant,⁵ calcium channel blockers,⁶ antifungal,⁷ analgesic,⁸ anti-tubercular,^{9,10} antiulcer,¹¹ antiparasitodal,¹² anti-inflammatory¹³ etc. Further, some dihydropyridine derivatives act as highly selective adenosine receptor antagonist.^{14,15} Because of these pharmacological activities of dihydropyridines, the synthesis of this class of compounds is highly desirable. Due to multifold biological properties exhibited by pyridine scaffold, various workers have reported synthesis of pyridine derivatives by various methods.¹⁶⁻¹⁸ The use of catalyst in organic synthesis has many advantages such as high efficiency, easy purification, mild reaction condition, benefiting to industry^{19,20} etc. Hantzsch synthesis is one of the most broadly used methods for the preparation of dihydropyridine derivatives.²¹ In order to

improve the efficiency of synthesis, different catalysts have been explored and many of them exhibited excellent catalytic activity.²² Furthermore, along with the development of environmental consciousness in chemical research and industry, solvent-free reaction, microwave method and some efficient attempts have been used to build dihydropyridine scaffold.^{23,24}

In the present work, synthesis of some new dihydropyridine derivatives is given. The characterization of these synthesized compounds was done by IR, ¹H NMR,¹³C NMR, mass and elemental analysis.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials

All the reagents i.e. 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy benzaldehyde (vanillin), ethyl cyanoacetate, ammonium acetate, ammonium iron(II) sulphate, methanol, ethanol and isopropanol were purchased from Spectrochem Pvt. Ltd. (Mumbai, India) and were used without further purification. The acetophenones used in the present study were simple acetophenone and its different substituents such as 2-methoxy acetophenones, 4-methoxy acetophenones, 4-bromo acetophenones, 3,4,5-trimethoxy

acetophenone, 4-flouro acetophenones, 4-methyl acetophenones, 2-hydroxy acetophenones, 4-hydroxy acetophenones and 4-chloro acetophenones. These acetophenones were purchased from Spectrochem Pvt. Ltd. and LOBA Chemie Pvt. Ltd.

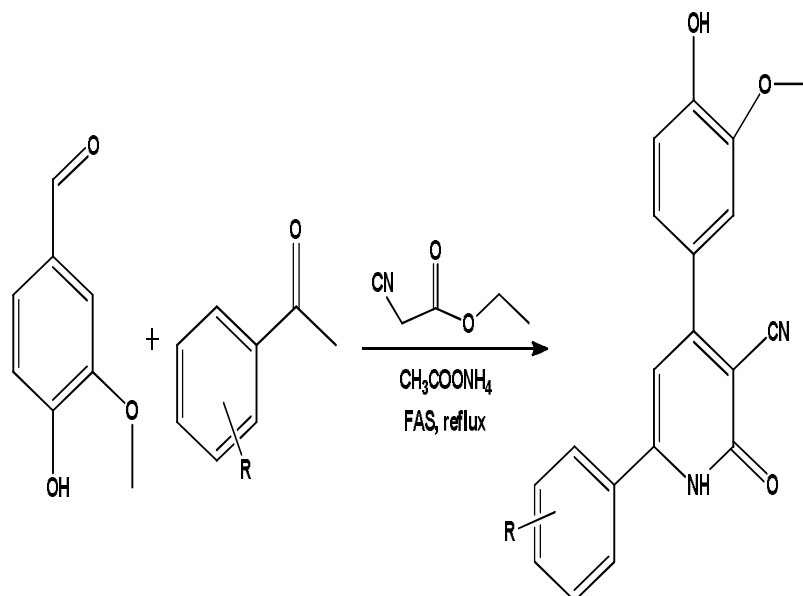
The structure confirmation of these synthesized compounds was done by IR, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, mass and elemental analysis data. IRaffinity-1S (SHIMADZU furrier transport infrared spectrophotometer) instrument was used for infrared spectrometry study of synthesized dihydropyridine derivatives. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were taken on a Bruker AVANCE III (400 MHz). In all the cases, ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained in deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$) using TMS as an internal standard. The NMR signals are reported in δ ppm. Mass spectra were determined using direct inlet probe on a SHIMADZU GC-MS (Model No.-QP 2010) mass spectrometer. Elemental analysis for C, H, and N were performed using a EuroVector (Model-EA3000) analyzer. The melting points of synthesized compounds were determined using differential scanning calorimeter (SHIMADZU DSC-60) under nitrogen atmosphere. The DSC-60 was calibrated using standard lead and zirconium metal sample.

Synthesis of 2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile derivatives

An alcoholic solution (pure or mixture) of acetophenone (0.01mol), 4-hydroxy-3-methoxy benzaldehyde (0.01mol), cyanoethylacetate(0.01mol) and ammonium acetate (0.04mol) was refluxed. The completion of reaction was confirmed by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) (Performed on aluminium coated plates Gel 60F₂₅₄ (E. Merck)) using (0.6:0.4 v/v-Hexane: Ethyl acetate) as mobile phase. After completion of reaction, the reaction mass was cooled and obtained solid was stirred with toluene for half an hour. The resultant solid was filtered, washed with methanol to remove unreacted reagents and dried under vacuum to give crude product.

Pure methanol, ethanol, isopropanol and their mixtures are used for the synthesis. The compositions of alcohol mixtures, *i.e.*, ethanol + methanol, methanol + isopropanol and ethanol + isopropanol were 80:20 (v/v).

Further, reactions were carried out both in the absence and presence of catalyst. In the present study, ammonium iron(II) sulphate(2-4% mol) was used as catalyst.



Scheme. 1: Synthesis of dihydropyridine derivatives

Spectral data

DPCE-1. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3524.54 (-CN), 3284.77 (O-H), 2214.28 (-CN), 1737.86 (-C=O), 1629.85, 1587.42 (-NH-), 1456.26 (-CH-), 1388.75 (-CH-), 1286.52, 1230.58, 1022.27 (C-O), 939.33 (-OH). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.8372 (s, 6H, 2-OCH₃), 6.7842 (s, 1H, CH), 6.9308-6.9414 (d, 1H, $J=8.24$ Hz, CH), 6.9865-6.9918 (d, 1H, $J=4.24$ Hz, CH), 7.2480-7.3487 (m, 2H, CH), 7.6047-7.8259 (m, 6H, CH), 7.9186 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7776 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7288 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 55.26, 56.02, 113.72, 114.91, 116.02, 118.42, 122.64, 126.98, 130.26, 147.83, 149.77, 162.28. Mass (m/z): 348. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$): C, 68.96; H, 4.63; N, 8.04. Found: C, 68.99; H, 4.71; N, 8.11.

DPCE-2. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3479.58 (-CN), 2924.09 (O-H), 2222.00 (-CN), 1643.35, 1597.06 (-NH-), 1496.76 1427.3, 21381.03, 1350.17 (-CH-), 1280.73, 1211.30 (C-O), 1118.71, 1087.85, 1018.41 (O-C), 902.69 (-OH). ^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.8437-3.8688 (s, 6H, 2-OCH₃), 6.7742 (s, 1H, CH), 6.9256-6.9461 (d, 1H, $J=8.2$ Hz, CH), 7.0740-7.0956 (d, 2H, $J=8.64$ Hz, CH), 7.2294-7.2496 (d, 1H, $J=8.08$ Hz, CH), 7.3320 (s, 1H, CH), 7.8791-7.9000 (d, 2H, $J=8.36$ Hz, CH), 9.7386 (s, 1H, OH), 12.5543 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 55.48, 55.73, 112.42, 114.31, 115.44, 117.28, 121.72, 126.76, 129.36, 147.47, 149.00, 161.59. Mass (m/z): 348. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$): C, 68.96; H, 4.63; N, 8.04. Found: C, 68.99; H, 4.70; N, 8.10.

DPCE-3. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3427.19 (-CN), 3087.76 (O-H), 2214.74 (-CN), 1741.39 (-C=O), 1647.27, 1583.59 (-NH-), 1474.46, 1398.49, 1340.53 (-CH-), 1274.95, 1213.25, 1089.78 (C-O), 995.27 (-OH), 682.80 (C-Br). ^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.8321 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.7639 (s, 1H, CH), 6.8602-6.8689 (d, 1H, $J=3.48$ Hz, CH), 6.8952-6.9032 (d, 1H, $J=3.2$ Hz, CH), 7.2181-7.3083 (m, 2H, CH), 7.5822-7.5994 (d, 2H, $J=6.88$ Hz, CH), 7.9006 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7072 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7208 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 54.73, 111.98, 113.76, 114.12, 116.91, 121.03, 125.62, 128.27, 146.19, 148.04, 160.71. Mass (m/z): 397. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{Br}$): C, 57.45; H, 3.30; N, 7.05. Found: C, 57.52; H, 3.42; N, 7.13.

DPCE-4. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3534.19 (-CN), 3082.25 (O-H), 2212.14 (-CN), 1747.51 (-C=O), 1649.14, 1585.49 (-NH-), 1471.69, 1398.39, 1340.53 (-CH-), 1274.95, 1213.25, 1089.78 (C-O), 995.27 (-OH). ^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.8321 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.8945 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.4123 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.4289 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.3418 (s, 1H, CH), 6.5392 (s, 1H, CH), 6.8608-6.9034 (m, 3H, CH),

7.9016 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7072 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7214 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 57.03, 114.13, 115.98, 116.71, 119.72, 123.09, 127.98, 131.11, 134.89, 137.01, 148.18, 150.17, 163.22. Mass (m/z): 387. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{N}_2$): C, 64.70; H, 4.94; N, 6.86. Found: C, 64.46; H, 4.81; N, 6.89.

DPCE-5. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3331.22 (-CN), 3078.25 (O-H), 2217.14 (-CN), 1742.52 (-C=O), 1644.14, 1582.44 (-NH-), 1476.65, 1395.35, 1344.52 (-CH-), 1278.95, 1215.25, 1084.78 (C-O), 992.22 (-OH), 681.19 (C-F). ^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.8320 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.7892 (s, 1H, CH), 6.8603-6.8778 (d, 2H, $J=7.00$ Hz, CH), 7.2180-7.3080 (m, 2H, CH), 7.5641-7.5801 (d, 2H, $J=6.4$ Hz, CH), 7.9301 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7070 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7218 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 56.89, 114.21, 115.28, 117.01, 119.42, 123.72, 126.21, 130.51, 148.42, 150.38, 162.92. Mass (m/z): 337. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2\text{F}$): C, 67.85; H, 3.90; N, 8.33. Found: C, 67.91; H, 3.94; N, 8.38.

DPCE-6. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3434.19 (-CN), 3083.14 (O-H), 2210.44 (-CN), 1716.65 (-C=O), 1649.14, 1598.99 (-NH-), 1490.97, 1471.69 (-CH-), 1367.53, 1334.74 (-CH-), 1288.45, 1234.44, 1074.35 (C-O), 968.27 (-OH). ^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.3843 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.6621 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.7483 (s, 1H, CH), 6.8605-6.8685 (d, 1H, $J=3.2$ Hz, CH), 6.9929-7.0082 (d, 1H, $J=6.12$ Hz, CH), 7.1131-7.2033 (m, 2H, CH), 7.4632-7.4706 (d, 2H, $J=2.96$ Hz, CH), 7.9046 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7072 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7208 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 52.47, 57.02, 114.22, 115.74, 116.99, 119.09, 123.78, 127.51, 131.56, 148.89, 150.19, 162.86. Mass (m/z): 332. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{N}_2$): C, 72.38; H, 4.85; N, 8.43. Found: C, 72.49; H, 4.89; N, 8.49.

DPCE-7. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3324.69 (-CN), 3037.56 (O-H), 2215.14 (-CN), 1746.41 (-C=O), 1579.70 (-NH-), 1450.11 (-CH-), 1393.53 (-CH-), 1256.58, 1019.90 (C-N), 1291.48 (C-O), 929.33 (-OH). ^1H NMR (DMSO-d_6) (δ ppm): 3.0651 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.7384 (s, 1H, CH), 6.8835-6.8921 (d, 1H, $J=3.44$ Hz, CH), 6.9881-7.9958 (d, 1H, $J=3.08$ Hz, CH), 7.5337-7.8125 (m, 4H, CH), 7.9529 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7189 (s, 1H, OH), 9.7491 (s, 1H, OH), 12.4676 (s, 1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6): 53.57, 113.02, 114.98, 116.09, 117.31, 122.89, 126.98, 130.16, 147.68, 149.41, 162.11. Mass (m/z): 334. Analytically calculate ($\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4\text{N}_2$): C, 68.26; H, 4.22; N, 8.38. Found: C, 68.32; H, 4.25; N, 8.43.

DPCE-8. IR (ν , cm^{-1}): 3434.12 (-CN), 2917.56 (O-H), 2218.14 (-CN), 1747.55 (-C=O), 1579.70 (-

NH-), 1460.11 (-CH-), 1394.53 (-CH-), 1276.88, 1029.99 (C-N), 1230.58 (C-O), 939.33 (-OH). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) (δ ppm) : 3.0651 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.7384-6.7462 (d, 1H, *J*=3.12 Hz, CH), 7.1337-7.1425 (d, 1H, *J*=3.52, CH), 7.4386-7.4501 (d, 1H, *J*=4.6 Hz, CH), 7.5853-7.9906 (m, 4H, CH), 8.0056 (s, 1H, CH), 9.7272 (s, 1H, OH), 9.7393 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7106 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 53.89, 113.67, 115.28, 116.79, 118.23, 123.51, 127.55, 130.89, 148.28, 150.01, 162.79. Mass (m/z): 334. Analytically calculate (C₁₉H₁₄O₄N₂): C, 68.26; H, 4.22; N, 8.38. Found: C, 68.33; H, 4.25; N, 8.43.

DPCE-9. IR (ν, cm⁻¹): 3433.69(-CN), 3083.44 (O-H), 2213.11 (-CN), 1745.51 (-C=O), 1645.28, 1595.13, 1570.06 (-NH-), 1471.69 (-CH-), 1394.53 (-CH-), 1259.52, 1024.20 (C-N), 1230.58 (C-O), 908.47 (N-H), 889.45 (C-Cl). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) (δ ppm): 3.8622 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.8806 (s, 1H, CH), 6.9308-6.9514 (d, 1H, *J*=7.84 Hz, CH), 7.2436-7.2684 (dd, 1H, CH), 7.3446-7.3487 (d, 1H, *J*=1.46 Hz, CH), 7.6047-7.6259 (d, 2H, *J*=8.48, CH), 7.9186-7.9389 (d, 2H, *J*=8.12 Hz, CH), 9.7776 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7288 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 55.75, 112.48, 115.47, 116.49, 121.85, 126.48, 128.86, 129.60, 135.85, 147.50, 141.14. Mass (m/z): 352. Analytically calculate (C₁₉H₁₃O₃N₂Cl): C, 64.69; H, 3.71; N, 7.49. Found: C, 64.75; H, 3.75; N, 7.55.

DPCE-10. IR (ν, cm⁻¹): 3424.54 (-CN), 3023.95 (O-H), 2222.00 (-CN), 1737.86 (-C=O), 1649.14, 1591.27 (-NH-), 1473.62 (-CH-), 1377.17 (-CH-), 1249.52, 1022.27 (C-N), 1228.66 (C-O), 910.48 (N-H). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) (δ ppm): 3.0742 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.7569 (s, 1H, CH), 6.2892-6.3048 (d, 1H, *J*=6.24 Hz, CH), 6.9992-7.0111 (d, 1H, *J*=4.76 Hz, CH), 7.7427-8.3285 (m, 6H, CH), 9.7932 (s, 1H, OH), 12.7836 (s, 1H, NH). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆): 53.89, 111.27, 112.72, 114.82, 116.39, 120.29, 123.51, 128.03, 147.93, 147.62, 159.55. Mass (m/z): 318. Analytically calculate (C₁₉H₁₃O₃N₂): C, 71.69; H, 3.65; N, 7.25. Found: C, 71.76; H, 3.69; N, 7.31.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All the synthesized compounds were crystallized using methanol. Overall, ten derivatives were synthesized, which are as follows:

- **DPCE-1:** 4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-2:** 4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile

- **DPCE-3:** 6-(4-bromophenyl)-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-4:** 6-(3,4,5-trimethoxy)-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-5:** 6-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-6:** 4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-6-(tolyl)-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-7:** 4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-8:** 4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-6-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-9:** 6-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile
- **DPCE-10:** 4-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-6-phenyl-1,2-dihydro pyridine-3-carbonitrile

The physical properties of synthesized compounds are given in Table 1. For DPCE-2, the IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and mass spectrum are given in Figures 1 to 4.

The effect of solvent and catalyst on reaction time and % yield is graphically represented in Figures 5-8.

Figure 5 shows the % yield of all the compounds in different alcohols *i.e.*, methanol, ethanol and isopropanol in the absence and presence of catalyst. It is evident from Figure 5[A] that for all the compounds, % yield is maximum in ethanol solutions and minimum in isopropanol. The % yield is maximum for DPCE-6 in ethanol. In the presence of catalyst also, % yield is found to be higher in ethanol for all the compounds and is maximum for DPCE-3 and DPCE-9, as evident from Figure 5[B].

The effect of different solvents on reaction time is graphically presented in Figure 6. The reaction time is improved in ethanol solution for both in the absence and presence of catalyst. However, in isopropanol, reaction time is higher for all the compounds.

The % yield and reaction time are also studied in mixed alcohols. Figure 7 shows the % yield in methanol + ethanol, methanol + isopropanol and ethanol + isopropanol mixtures. It is observed that % yield is found to be maximum in ethanol + isopropanol mixture in both absence and presence of catalyst. Overall, % yield is

minimum in methanol + isopropanol. Further, % yield is maximum for DPCE-3 in ethanol + isopropanol mixture in the absence of catalyst but in the presence of catalyst, % yield is increased for all the compounds.

The effect of alcohol mixture on reaction time is shown in Figure 8. The reaction time is also found to be reduced in ethanol + isopropanol mixture. However, in methanol + ethanol mixture, the time is comparatively less than that required for methanol + isopropanol mixture for both cases *i.e.*, in the absence and presence of catalyst. In ethanol + isopropanol mixture, reaction time is minimum for DPCE-9 in the absence of catalyst whereas in the presence of catalyst, the reaction time is reduced for all compounds.

CONCLUSION

For the synthesis of 2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile derivatives, use of catalyst increases the % yield and reduces the reaction time. Further, comparison of % yield and reaction time in pure and mixed solvents indicates that alcohol mixture is more effective than pure alcohols and in ethanol + isopropanol mixture, % yield and reaction time are both improved.

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Table 1: Physical properties of 1,2-dihydropyridine derivatives

Compound Code	R substitution	Molecular formula	Molecular weight (gm/mol)	Melting points (°C)	R _f Value
DPCE-1	2-methoxy	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ O ₄ N ₂	348	350.40	0.58
DPCE-2	4-methoxy	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ O ₄ N ₂	348	298.14	0.55
DPCE-3	4-bromo	C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₃ N ₂ Br	397	340.65	0.63
DPCE-4	3,4,5-trimethoxy	C ₂₂ H ₁₄ O ₅ N ₂	386	241.34	0.49
DPCE-5	4-flouro	C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₃ N ₂ F	336	342.90	0.62
DPCE-6	4-methyl	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ O ₃ N ₂	332	241.34	0.60
DPCE-7	2-hydroxy	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ O ₄ N ₂	334	241.55	0.53
DPCE-8	4-hydroxy	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ O ₄ N ₂	334	248.77	0.51
DPCE-9	4-chloro	C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₃ N ₂ Cl	352	335.60	0.61
DPCE-10	Hydrogen	C ₁₉ H ₁₃ O ₃ N ₂	318	251.98	0.59

R_f: mobile phase; hexane:ethylacetate-0.6:0.4 v/v

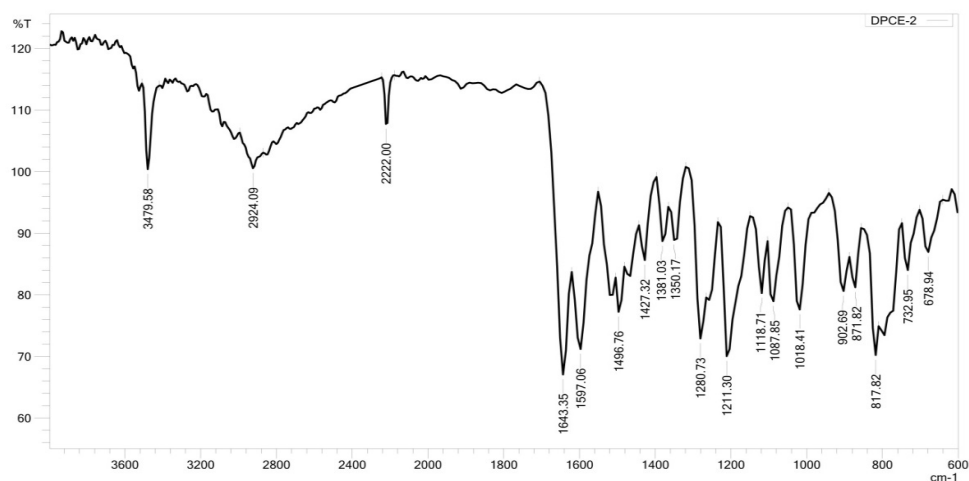


Fig. 1: IR spectrum of DPCE-2

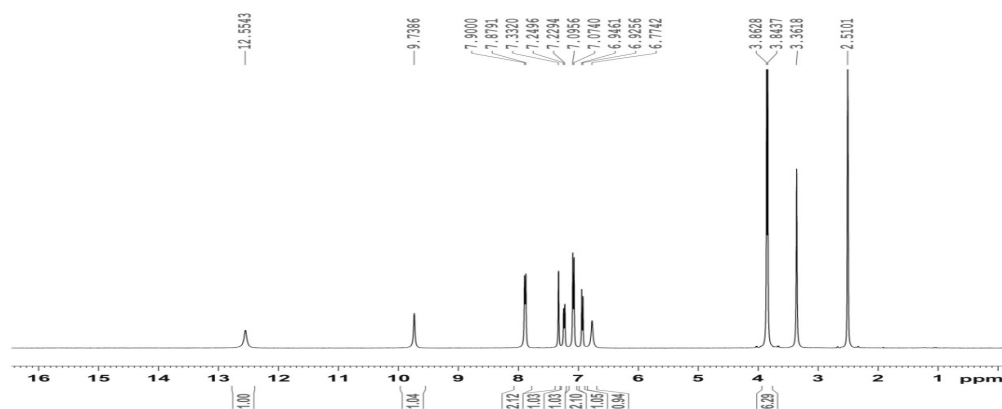
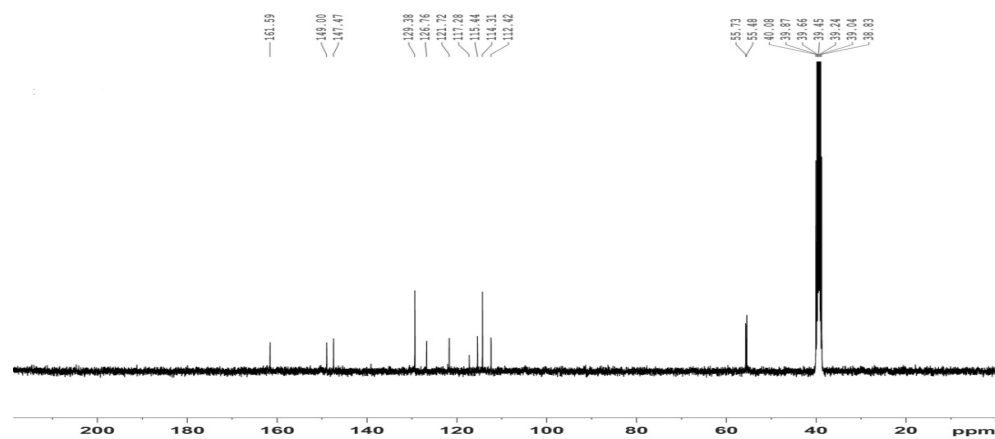
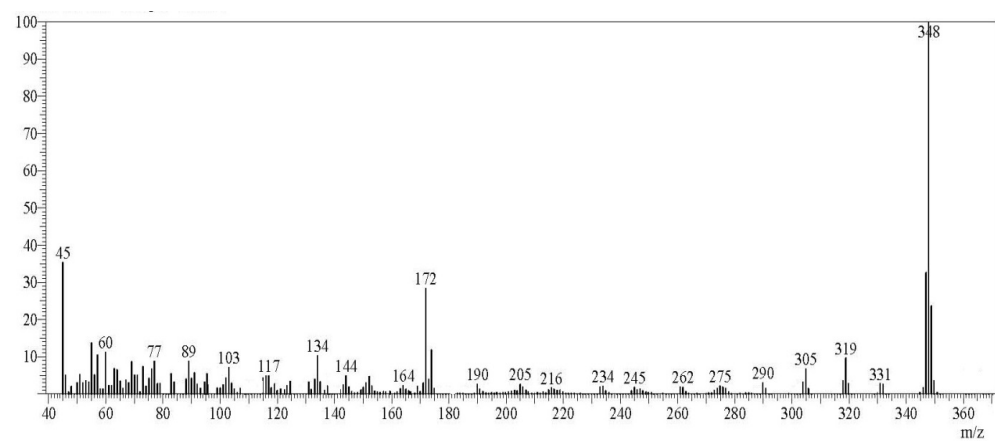
Fig. 2: ¹H NMR spectrum of DPCE-2Fig. 3: ¹³C NMR spectrum of DPCE-2

Fig. 4: Mass spectrum of DPCE-2

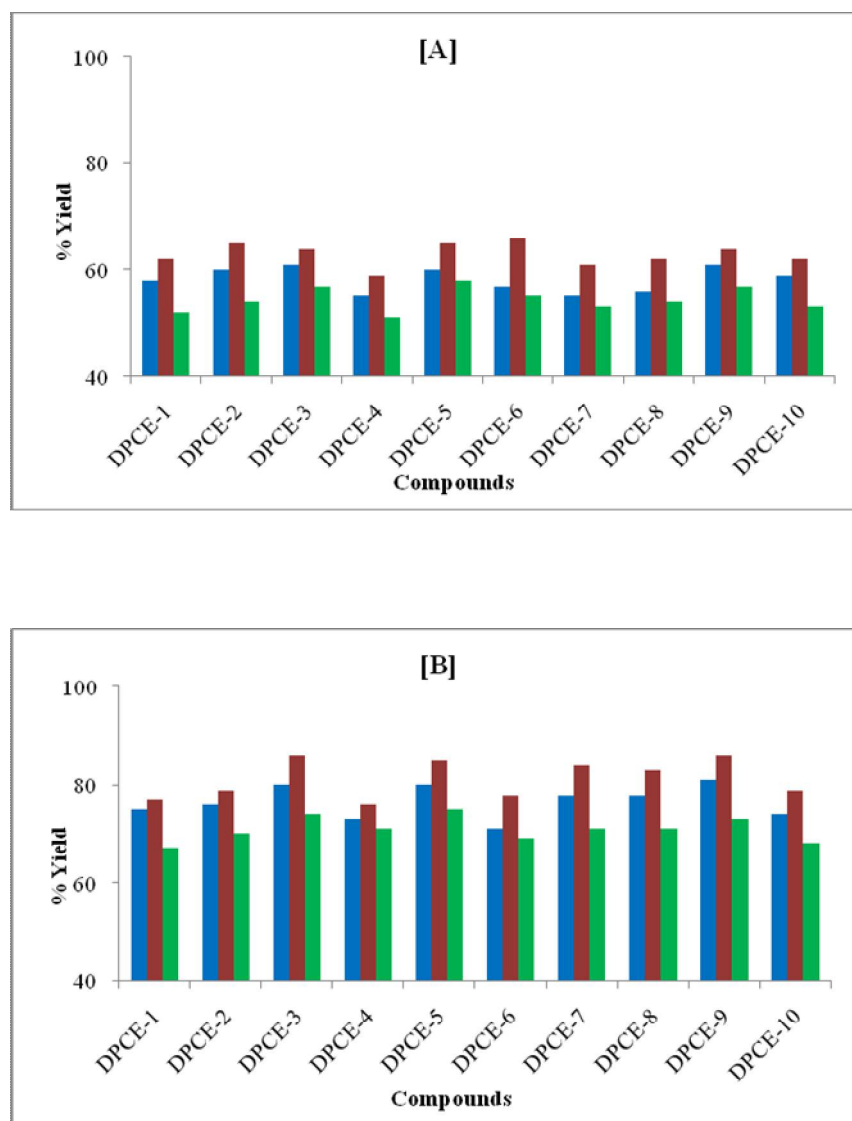


Fig. 5: % Yield of synthesized 1,2-dihydropyridine derivatives in [A] absence of catalyst and [B] presence of catalyst in pure alcohols; (■) methanol, (■) ethanol, (■) isopropanol

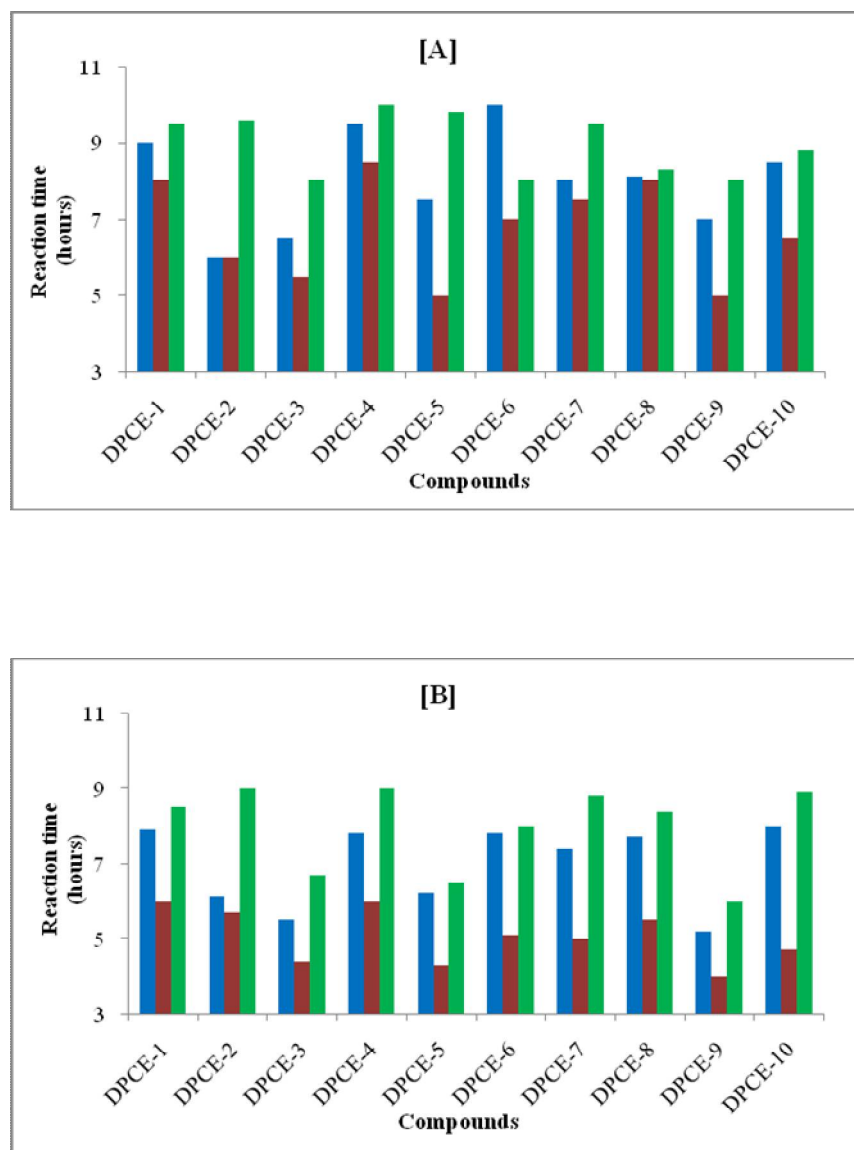


Fig. 6: Reaction time for the synthesis of 1,2-dihydropyridine derivatives in [A] absence of catalyst and [B] presence of catalyst in pure alcohols; (■) methanol, (■) ethanol, (■) isopropanol

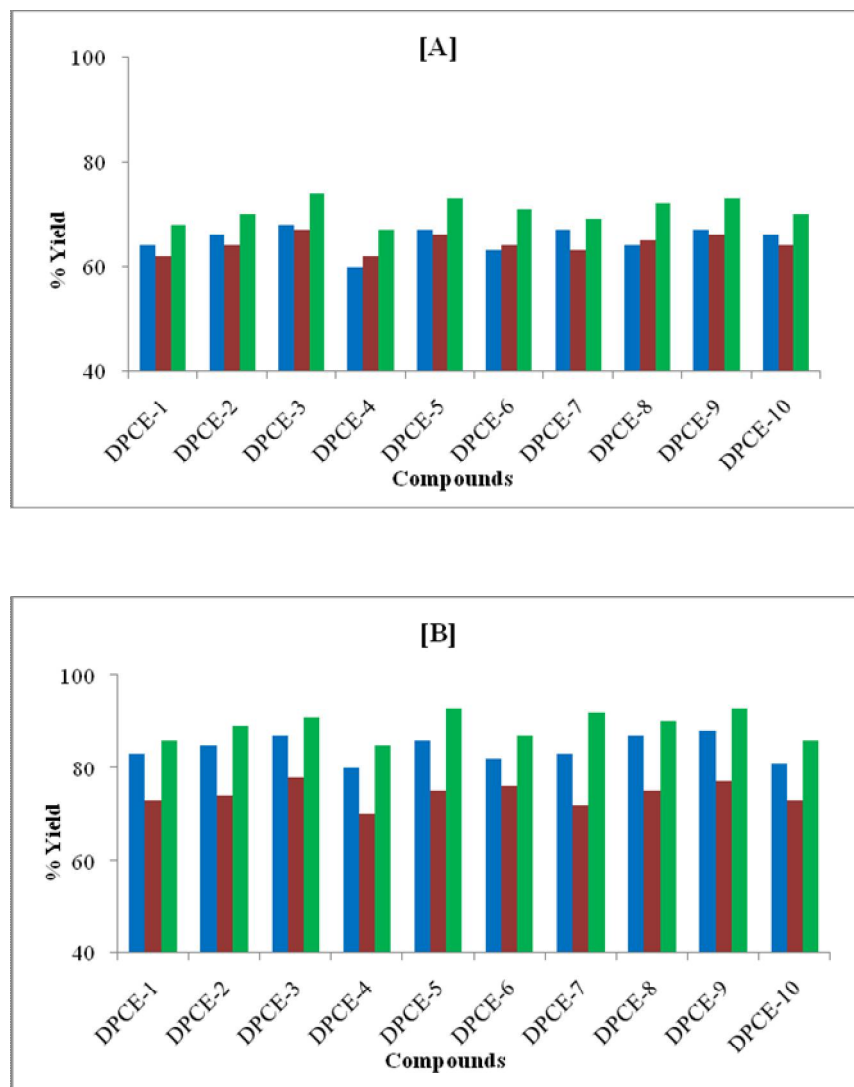


Fig. 7: % Yield of synthesized 1,2-dihydropyridine derivatives in [A] absence of catalyst and [B] presence of catalyst in binary mixture of alcohols; (■) methanol + ethanol, (■) methanol + isopropanol, (■) ethanol + isopropanol

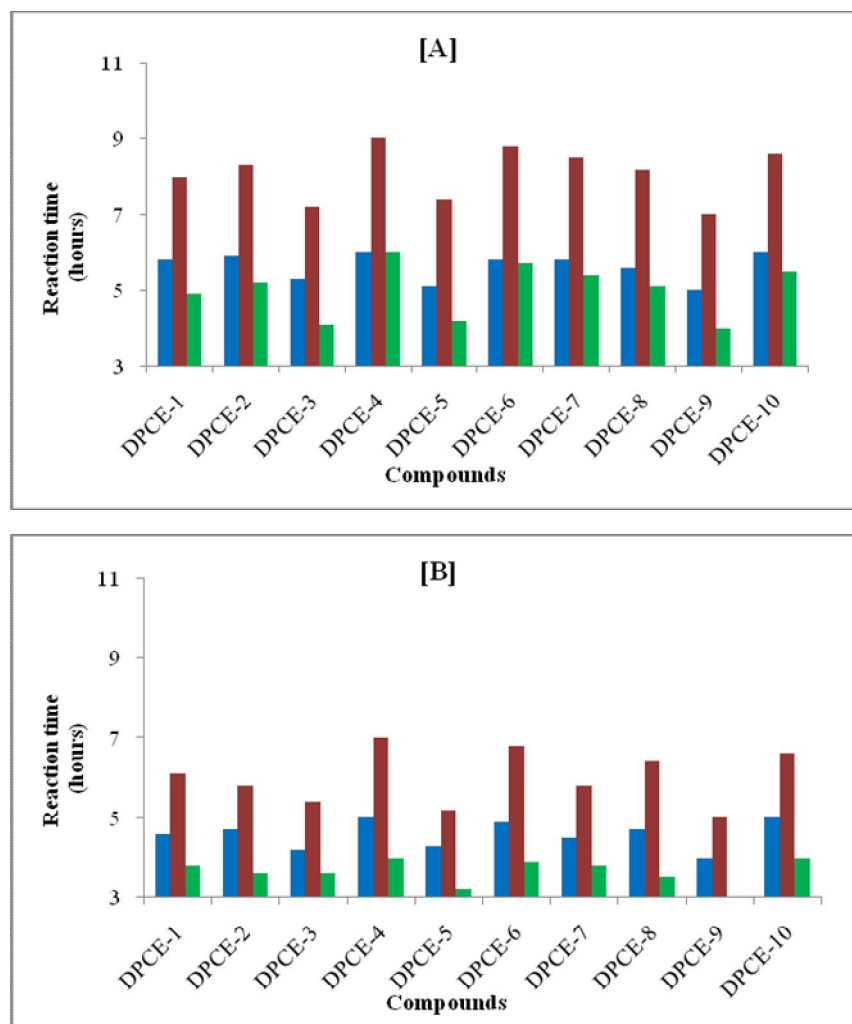


Fig. 8: Reaction time for the synthesis of 1,2-dihydropyridine derivatives in [A] absence of catalyst and [B] presence of catalyst in binary mixture of alcohols; (■) methanol + ethanol, (■) methanol + isopropanol, (■) ethanol + isopropanol

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