

# Synthesis of 14-aryl-14-H-Dibenzo(a,j) Xanthene using Citric Acid

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**Abstract-** An efficient and simple method have been developed for the synthesis of biologically active 14-aryl-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthenesthrough one pot condensation of aryl aldehydes and  $\beta$ -naphthol under solvent-free conditions in the presence of Citric acid as an efficient solid acid catalyst with excellent yields and short reaction time.

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purified by re-crystallization from ethanol.

R=4-BrC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 4-NO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 2-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 4-OCH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, 4-NMe<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

Scheme-1

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The synthesis of xanthenes is important in organic synthesis because of their wide range of biological and pharmaceutical properties. Xanthenes derivatives having various biological and therapeutic properties including antibacterial<sup>1</sup>, anti-inflammatory<sup>2</sup>, antiviral<sup>3</sup>, and antiproliferative<sup>4</sup>, anti-neoplastic activities<sup>5</sup>. As well as due to their application in photodynamic therapy<sup>6</sup>, these heterocyclic entities are widely used as dyes<sup>7</sup>, in laser technology<sup>8</sup> and pH sensitive fluorescent materials<sup>9-11</sup> [1-11]. Many methods for the synthesis of xanthenes derivatives have been reported. However many of these methods suffer from one or more disadvantages such as long reaction times, harsh reaction conditions, tedious workup, use of toxic solvents and expensive reagents. Thus there is a need for development of an alternative route to synthesis the xanthenes derivatives. Therefore we have to develop a simple and efficient way to synthesize xanthene derivatives by using citric acid as a catalyst.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

To the mixture of substituted benzaldehyde (1 mmol) and 2-naphthol (2mmol), Citric acid (5mol %) was added and reaction mixture was stirred at 120°C for appropriate time. The progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, water (10ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. The obtained solid was collected by filtration and

### 3.1 Materials and methods

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> using Bruker AVANCE II 400 NMR spectrometer with resonating frequency 400 MHz. Mass spectra were recorded on WATERS Q-TOF MICROMASS (LC-MS) (SAIF, Panjab University, Chandigarh). FT-IR spectra were recorded using Shimadzu IR affinity model-1 spectrometer. Progress of reaction was monitored by TLC in chloroform: ether system (80:20).

### 3.2. Physical and spectral data

**14-(4-bromophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3a):** White solid; mp 302–303°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3089, 1623, 1590, 1446, 1235, 1088, 814, 751. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  6.40 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.19 (d, 2H), 7.34–8.45 (m, 12H); Mass (m/z): 436.

**14-(4-Nitrophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3b):** Yellow solid; mp 311–313°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3069, 1604, 1560, 1389, 1267, 1122, 815, 745; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): 6.70 (s, 1H, CH), 7.20–7.25 (2H, m, Ar-H), 7.31–7.40 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.53–7.60 (2H, d, Ar-H), 7.65–7.80 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.93 (s, 2H, CH), 8.25–8.54 (4H, d, Ar-H). Mass (m/z): 403.

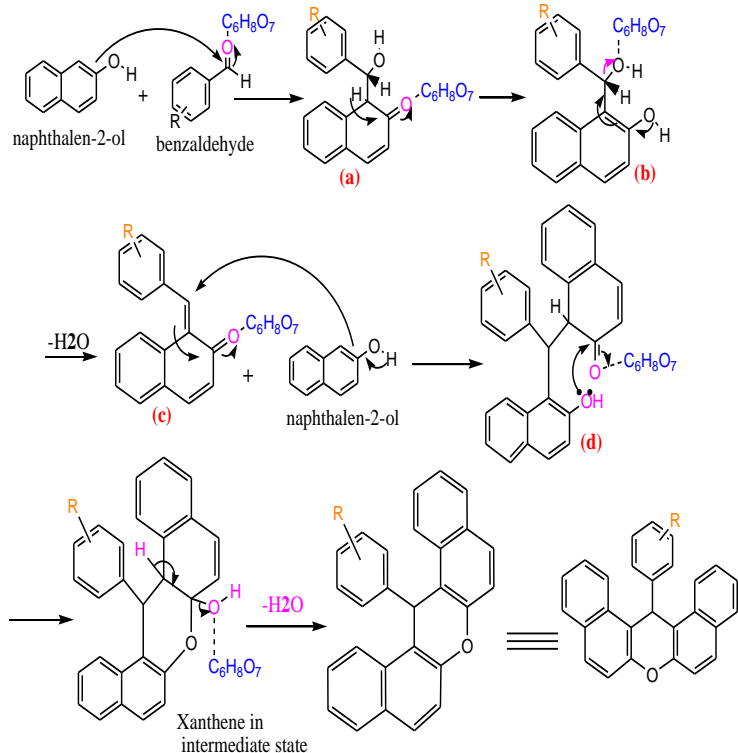
**14-(2-Chlorophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3c):** White solid; mp 214–216°C. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3047, 1625, 1567; 1517, 1089, 875. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm):  $\delta$  6.85 (s, 1H),

7.05–7.14 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.25–7.32 (dd, 2H), 7.40–7.46 (4H, m, Ar-H), 7.56–7.60 (4H, d, Ar-H), 7.84–7.94 (2H, m, Ar-H), Mass (m/z): 394 (M+2), 392(M).

**14-(phenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3d):** White solid: mp 183–185°C. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3037, 2911, 1667, 1542, 1478, 1242, 1098, 867.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.24 (t, 1H, ArH), 7.35–7.43(d, J=8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.47–7.69 (m, 7H, ArH), 7.80–7.89 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.43 (d, 2H, ArH); Mass (m/z): 358.

**14-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3e):** White solid: mp 224–227°C. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3078, 1615, 1576, 1441, 1256, 790,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  2.41 (s, 3H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.89 (2H, d), 7.10–7.27 (8H, m), 7.56–7.78 (4H, m), 7.86 (2H, dd), Mass (m/z): 388 ( $\text{M}^+$ ).

**14-(N,Ndimethylaniline)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3f):** White solid: mp 299–301°C. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3067, 1653, 1545, 1223, 1068, 887.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , ppm):  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, 2H), 7.66–8.89 (m, 20H); Mass (m/z): 401.



Scheme-2: General Mechanism

Figure-1: TLC of Product(3a)

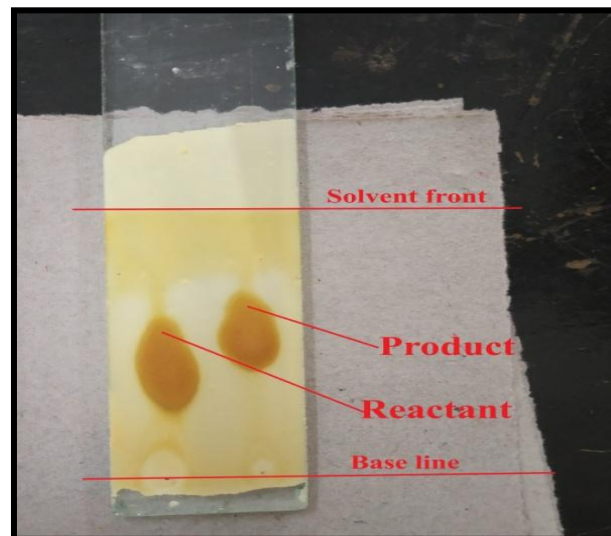


Figure-2: FT-IR Spectra of Product(3a)

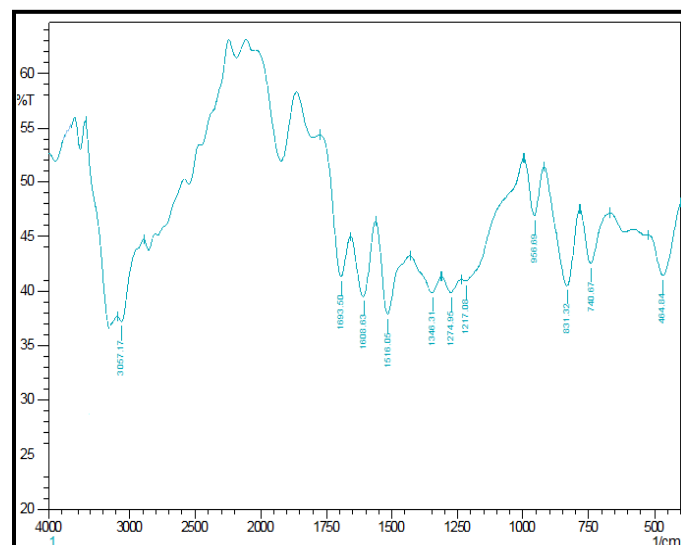
Figure-3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of Product(3d)

Figure-4: Reactions

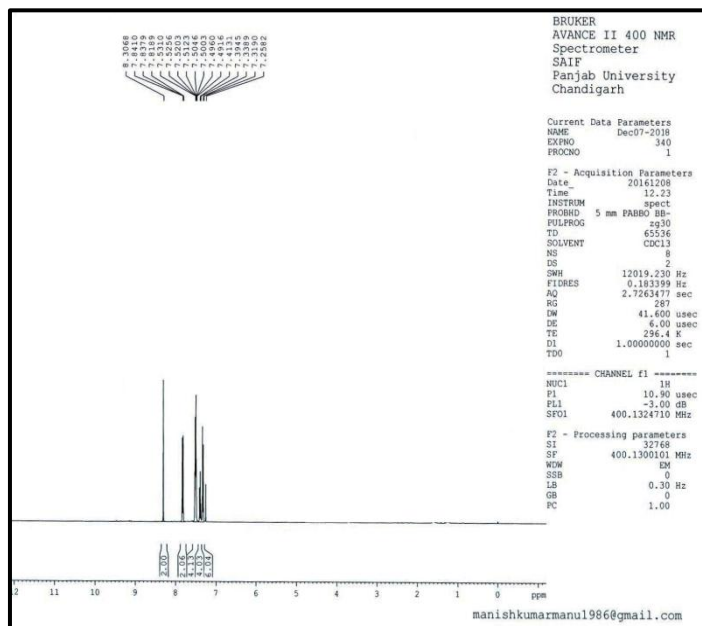


Figure-5 Effects

#### 4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

We started to study this condensation reaction using a catalytic amount of alum, tamarind juice and citric acid by examining the reaction times and yield involving 4-bromobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) and 2-naphthol (2 mmol) to afford the product under solvent-free conditions at 120°C (Table 1). As can be seen from Table 1, the best results were obtained at 5 mol% of the citric acid as catalyst under solvent-free conditions and gave 14-(4-bromophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene in 95% yield in 30 minutes. The catalyst played a crucial role in the accomplishment of the reaction in terms of time and the yields.

**Table-1 Effect of catalyst on yield of (14-(4-bromophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (3a)**

Sr.No.	Catalyst	Time (min)	Yield
1	Alum	120	69
2	Tamarind Juice	80	58
3	Citric Acid	30	95

#### 5. CONCLUSION

We have reported the synthesis of 14-aryl-14H-dibenzo xanthenes in the presence of Citric acid under solvent free conditions at 120°C. This method is simple effective, short

reaction time, excellent yield at solvent free condition. The catalyst is inexpensive and conveniently removed. The method used in the present work proved to be convenient economical and eco-friendly as no other byproduct was formed and no toxic material was used during synthesis.

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