

ONE-POT NEDA CATALYZED KNOVENAGEL CONDENSATION UNDER ULTRASONIC IRRADIATION IN SOLVENT-FREE MEDIUM

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ABSTRACT

Herein we wish to report an efficient, eco-friendly and cleaner method for rapid Knoevenagel condensation of substituted 2-chloroquinoline-3-carbaldehyde with ethyl cyanoacetate under ultrasonic irradiation in solvent-free medium by using N-ethyl diisopropyl amine (NEDA) as catalyst within short time period (14-20 min.) at room temperature. The overall progress of reaction was monitored by TLC and formation of compound III(a-h) was confirmed by physical constants and spectroscopic studies. Compared with traditional method, this method is more convenient and reaction can be carried out in higher yield, shorter reaction time and milder condition, without generation of pollution and safer to analyst. From these features present methods can be correlated for safer and efficient synthesis of other products.

Keywords: Knoevenagel condensation, NEDA, Ultrasonic irradiation, Solvent-free medium.

INTRODUCTION

Now-a-days it is an innovation to design and develop green procedures that are both environmentally desirable and economically acceptable. Most of organic solvent used in industry are toxic and costly, to overcome these issues, most of the chemist are interested to develop solvent-free reactions. New strategies have recently been developed which contribute to green and safer synthesis, such as use of ultrasound irradiation is one of the promising experimental techniques recently introduced in chemical synthesis¹⁻⁴.

By using ultrasound irradiation hydrolysis of dimethyl sulphide and iodine was reported by Recharls and Looms in 1927⁵. Recently Han and Boudjouk reported a significant increase in the yields and rates of Reformatsky reaction under ultra-sonication⁶. Several compounds of quinolones have been screened for biological activity such as bactericidal⁷, antitumor⁸, anti-inflammatory⁹, antimalarial¹⁰ etc. Among quinolones, 2-chloroquinoline-3-carbaldehydes are one of the key intermediates for various functional group interconversions¹¹⁻¹². Recently α -hydroxyphosphonates, α -acetoloxo phosphonates derived from the 2-

chloroquinoline-3-carbaldehydes showed good antibacterial activity¹³. Knoevenagel condensation have been extensively studied by using various catalyst such as Betonite¹⁴, Ammonium acetate¹⁵, $\text{KF-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ under ultrasound irradiation¹⁶ etc.

In view of research to develop newer environmentally benign methods¹⁷⁻²⁰ for chemical transformation, we decide to investigate use of NEDA as a catalyst for Knoevenagel condensation reaction.

EXPERIMENTAL

General procedure for the preparation of ethyl 3-(2-chloro-substituted-quinolin-3-yl)-2-cyanoacrylate

In 50 ml conical flask 2-chloro-substituted-quinoline-3-carbaldehyde (10 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (10 mmol) and NEDA (0.2 mmol) were mixed and irradiated under ultrasonic waves at room temperature for 14-20 minutes. The progress of reaction monitored on TLC. After completion of reaction, solid product obtained was washed with distilled water. The product was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol.

Melting points were obtained using capillary method and are uncorrected. The purity of the compound III(a-h) was checked using TLC technique, carried out on precoated silica gel 60 F254 on aluminium plates (Merck), spots were visualized under UV cabinet.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

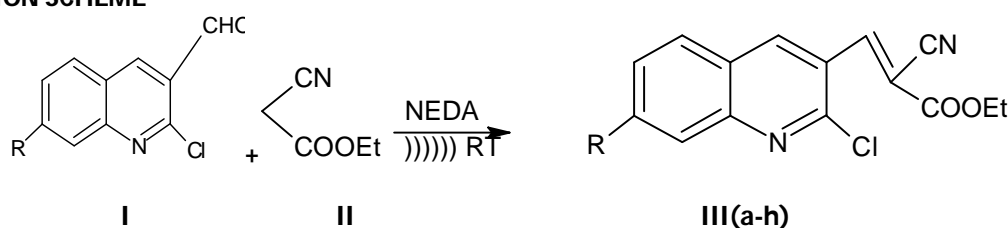
In order to find out suitable catalyst for the synthesis of quinoline derivatives via

Knovenagel condensation, the reaction of 2-chloro-substituted-quinoline-3-carbaldehyde with ethyl cyanoacetate under ultrasound irradiation, was chosen as a model to get ethyl 3-(2-chloro-substituted-quinolin-3-yl)-2-cyanoacrylate and its behaviour was studied on the presence of NEDA as catalyst.

The melting points, sonication time, percentage of yield of the synthesized compound are given in table 1.

Comp.	R	Sonication time in min.	% yield	Melting point In °C
III a	8-CH ₃	14	89	162-164
III b	H	18	85	160-162
III c	6-OCH ₃	15	88	144-146
III d	7-OCH ₃	15	84	155-157
III e	6-CH ₃	17	87	150-152
III f	7-CH ₃	19	89	146-148
III g	6-C ₂ H ₅	20	82	168-170
III h	7-C ₂ H ₅	15	91	165-167

REACTION SCHEME



Spectroscopic studies

The synthesized compounds were subjected to their spectroscopic studies, the outcomes of all compounds are relatively similar and representative spectra of compound IIIa are described below:

IR: Characteristic IR (KBr) Bands found at 752 cm⁻¹(C-Cl), 1619cm⁻¹(C=N), 2260cm⁻¹(CN), 1737 cm⁻¹(-COO- of ester), 3058cm⁻¹(Ar-H).

NMR: 1.86 δ (t 3H), 2.3 (d 3H), 3.7δ (q 2H), 6.8δ (s 1H), 7.5-8.4 δ (m 4H).

MASS (m/z): 301, 190, 177, 142, 102 (100%)

CONCLUSION

In summary, we have developed an efficient method for NEDA catalyzed Knovenagel condensation of 2-chloro-substituted-quinoline-3-carbaldehyde with ethyl cyanoacetate under ultrasonic irradiation in solvent-free medium at room temperature. This new strategy has several advantages, such as excellent yield, Short reaction time, low cost, solvent removal, minimized environmental hazard, simplified procedures. Finally it is in agreement with green chemistry protocols.

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