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CHAPTER 1

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The most significant heterocyclic ring systems that contribute significantly to the synthesis of DNA and RNA are dihydropyrimidines. They were produced artificially by means of multi-component reactions like the Biginelli reaction and Hantzsch dihydropyridine. These Biginelli type dihydropyrimidones have drawn a lot of attention in recent years because of the intriguing pharmacological characteristics connected to their heterocyclic structure.

1.2 BIGINELLI REACTION

To produce dihydropyrimidones, a multicomponent chemical reaction known as the Biginelli reaction is used. An aldehyde, a ketoester, and urea/thiourea are involved in this reaction, which is facilitated by an acid. The reaction was discovered by Pietro Biginelli in 1891.

The Scheme of the reaction is given below:
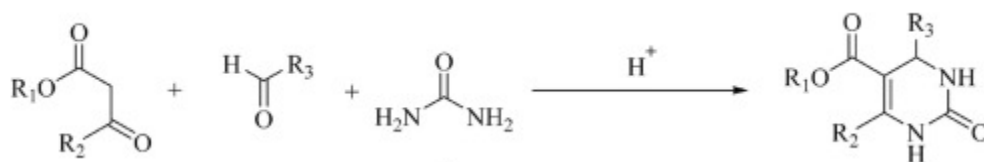
1.3 MECHANISM

The aldehyde is first protonated by the acid, and then the amine from urea attacks it to complete the reaction. A protonated alcohol is produced as a result of the subsequent proton transfer steps, and it departs as water to create an intermediate N acyliminium ion. The enol form of the keto ester then engages in an attack on the intermediated. A cyclic intermediate is created when the carbonyl and the other amine group react. The final pyrimidone product is made up of proton transfer stages, water release, and deprotonation. Diagram of the mechanism is as follows:

acid-catalized enol formation
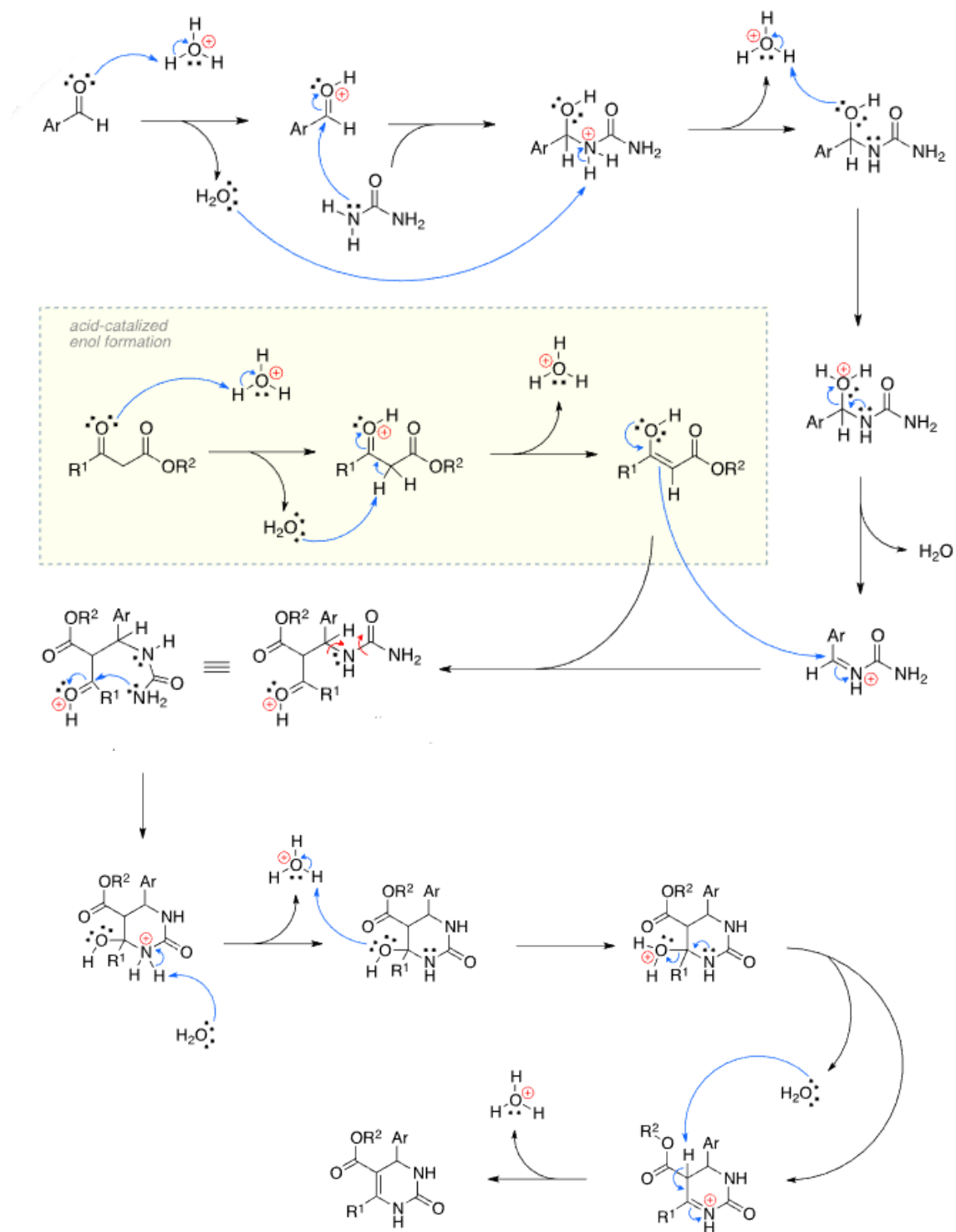
1.4　　　PHARMACEUTICAL　　ACTIVITY　　OF DIHYDROPYRAMIDINONES

I. Anticancer activity

Monastrol has been the subject of the most research on biginelli adducts, which have the potential to treat malignancies. In 1999, a study was published that examined the impact of monastrolin on cancer cells for the first time. Monastrol was discovered to stop mitosis by preventing the kinesin Eg5 protein, which is essential for the development of spindle bipolarity, from moving. Since then, the development of fresh anticancer drugs has been motivated by monastrol.

Kinesin Eg5 is a motor enzyme that is responsible for the formation and maintenance of mitotic spindles. The inhibition of this enzyme activity by monastrol leads to the loss of chromosome alignments and bipolar spindle formation. The resulting "monastral phenotype" inspired scientists to name this specific Biginelli compound as monastrol. (*S*)-Monastrol was found to be more potent (15 times higher potency) inhibitor of Eg5 than the (*R*)-enantiomer.

Fluorastrol, a monastrol-derived Eg5 inhibitor, showed to be more potent than monastrol as the former can interact with an allosteric site of this enzyme due to the presence of fluorine atoms.

Monastrol　　　　　　Fluorastrol　　　　　　Dihydropyrimidinone-peptoid
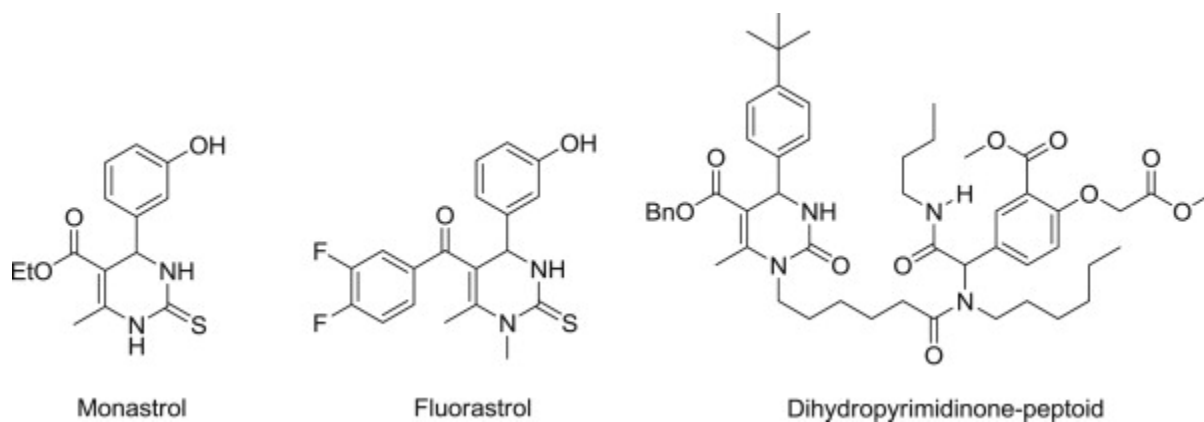
Biginelli compounds can also modulate the protein Hsp 70. DHPM-peptoid is one of the most active Biginelli adducts on Hsp 70. This protein, known to be overexpressed in some cancer cell lines, is responsible for many cellular processes, such as rearrangement and transport of protein complex

II. Antifungal activity

In 2011, Akhaja and co-workers reported several Biginelli adducts with pronounced activity against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*. The structure DHPM-1 exhibited good activity against all microbial strains tested. Singh and co-workers, reported the antifungal activity of Biginelli adducts against three species of fungi, among them are *Aspergillus niger* and *Trichoderma hammatum*. The DHPM-2 was one of the most potent synthesized molecules against *A. niger*, exhibiting an MIC value of 0.35 mg/mL.
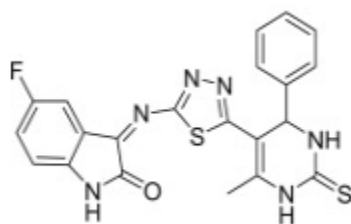
DHPM -1   DHPM-2

III. Antioxidant property

Oxygen and nitrogen reactive species (ROS and RNS, respectively) are ubiquitous in nature being a result of electron escape from electron transport chain (present in mitochondria and chloroplast). 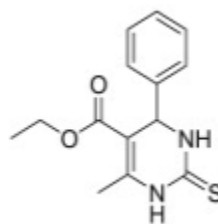The overproduction of ROS and/or RNS can be deleterious to cells if the cellular antioxidant system is not able to efficiently restore the normal levels, which can ultimately cause pathologies.

The first report on the antioxidant properties of Biginelli adducts was published in 2006 in a study that investigated the potential of such molecules to prevent ROS formation and lipid peroxidation in male adult albino Wistar rats**.**

$R^1 = H$ and $R^2 = W$ DHPM-3
$R^1 = NO_2$ and $R^2 = W$ DHPM-4
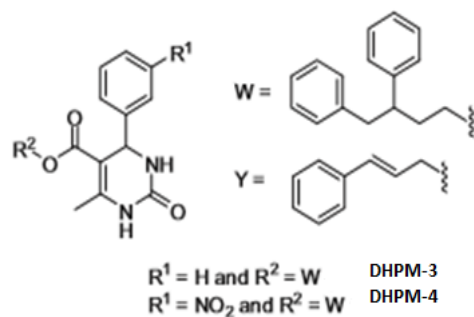
The Biginelli adducts DHPM-3 and DHPM-4 restored the lipid hydroperoxide to normal levels in liver cells when administered at 200 µM. These results indicate that the presence of a nitro group on aromatic ring is not mandatory for preventing lipid peroxidation.

IV. Antibacterial Activity

Biginelli compounds bearing a 1,3-diarylpyrazole moiety (DHPM5-8) exhibited minimal inhibition concentration (MIC) of 20 ng mL^{-1}, 20 ng mL^{-1}, 250 ng mL^{-1} and 125 ng mL^{-1} against the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* $H_{37}Rv$ (MTB $H_{37}Rv$), respectively. The effect of these compounds on normal kidney-derived African green monkey cells (VERO line) was assessed, revealing that both Biginelli adducts are highly selective to MTB $H_{37}Rv$ (selectivity index >500).

Other 16 Biginelli adducts were found to be as potent as or more potent than the reference drugs ethambutol (MIC = 7.6 µM) and ciprofloxacin (MIC = 9.4 µM) against MTB $H_{37}Rv$. The MIC values for compounds ranged from 3.4 to 76.2 µM.
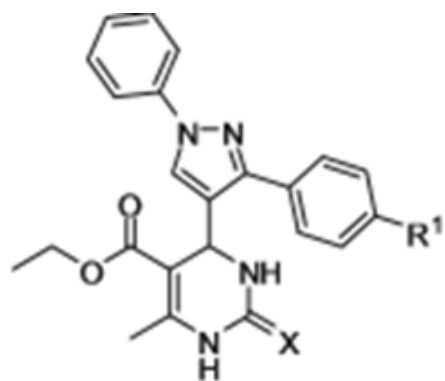
X = O and R¹ = F DHPM-5
X = O and R¹ = NO₂ DHPM-6
X = O and R¹ = Cl DHPM-7
X = S and R¹ = Cl DHPM-8

V. Antiviral Activity

Kim and coworkers showed the potential of some Biginelli adducts as agents for preventing human immunodeficiency virus HIV-1 replication. Notably, compounds 77–82 compromised the HIV-1 replication in CEMx174- LTR-GFP cells (clone CG8) by 50% when employed at concentrations lower than 90 nM. At the same experimental conditions, the reference drug nevirapine exhibited an EC_{50} value of 150 nM. The (*S*)-enantiomer was determined to be more potent than the corresponding (*R*)-enantiomer with respect to the antiviral activity. Indeed, it was shown that (*S*)-77 is at least 26-fold more potent than (*R*)-77.
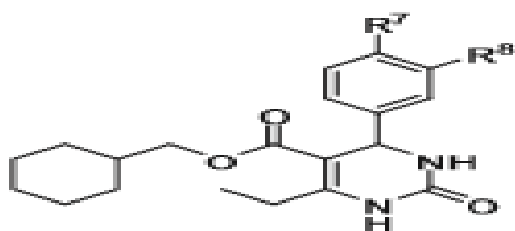
R⁷ = H and R⁸ = OH (77)
R⁷ = OH and R⁸ = H (78)
R⁷ = NHAc and R⁸ = H (79)
R⁷ = CN and R⁸ = H (80)
R⁷ = F and R⁸ = H (81)
R⁷ = Cl and R⁸ = H (82)

VI. Anti InflammatoryActivty

Biginelli adducts have drawn a lot of interest because of their potential as anti-inflammatory drugs. When compared to diclofenac, a reference medicine, the propanoic acid derivatives thio adducts (49-53) were shown to be the most promising anti-inflammatory compounds based on the length of action and percentage of inflammation suppression on Albino rats paw edema.

$R^1 = X^1$, $R^2 = CH_3$ and $R^3 = H$ (**49**)
$R^1 = X^1$ and $R^2 = R^3 = H$ (**50**)
$R^1 = X^2$ and $R^2 = R^3 = H$ (**51**)
$R^1 = X^2$, $R^2 = H$ and $R^3 = OCH_3$ (**52**)
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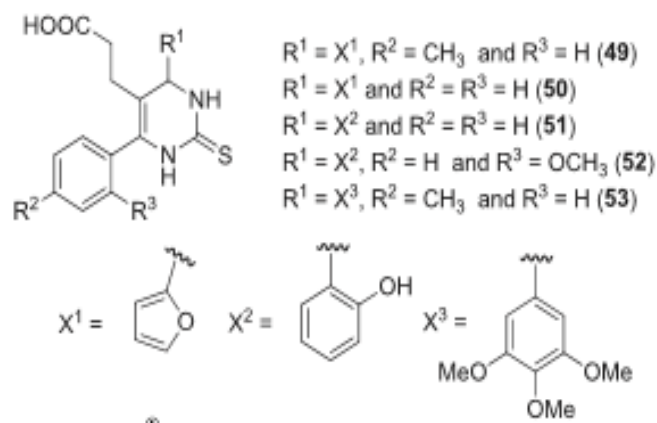
By decreasing the carrageenan-induced rat paw edoema by 75% after 3 hours of therapy, the Biginelli derivative 54, which has a 1,3,4oxadiazol-2-yl moiety, inhibits the inflammatory process. This impact is comparable to that of diclofenac.

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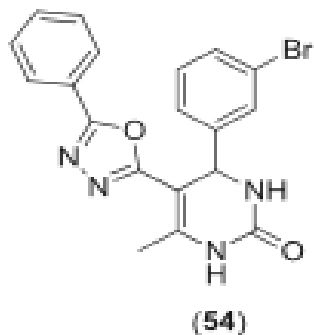
VII. Calcium Channel Inhibitors

Due to their capacity to suppress calcium channel activity, dihydropyridines like nifedipine were first introduced to the market in 1975 for the treatment of cardiovascular disorders (hypertension, cardiac arrhythmias, and angina). Following the discovery of this medication, various Biginelli adducts were created to test its ability to inhibit calcium channels. In 1990, a study on the structure-activity relationship of Biginelli adducts with regard to calcium channel targeting was published. Determined that, when compared to and aza In vitro counterpart, thioIt was adducts were the most effective Biginelli compounds.

According to in vitro analogue studies, the adduct with a nitro group at the aromatic ring's orthoposition was a more potent antihypertensive molecule than the one with CF 3 or Cl as a substituent. Interestingly, compared to the effects of the Biginelli adducts having an ethyl ester or methyl ester group at the same carbon, respectively, the presence of an isopropyl ester group at C5 increased the potency by 10 and 60 times. Although substances with substituents at N3 are effective calcium channel blockers in vitro, metabolization causes these substances to lose their antihypertensive effects in in vivo tests.

Compounds showing calcium channel inhibition:

X = S, O or NH
R^1 = Et, Me or ^iPr
R^2 = NO_2, Cl or CF_3
R^3 = H or CO_2Et (Me or ^iPr)

R^4 = CH_2C_6H_5
R^4 = H
R^4 = Et
R^4 = Me
R^4 = ^iPr

R^5 = H and R^6 = Cl
R^5 = Cl and R^6 = H

R^7 = 2-Br
R^7 = 3-Br
R^7 = 2-CH_3
R^7 = 2-CF_3
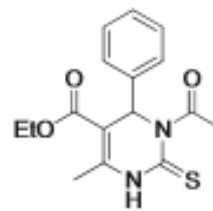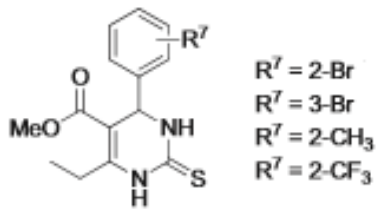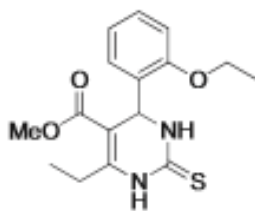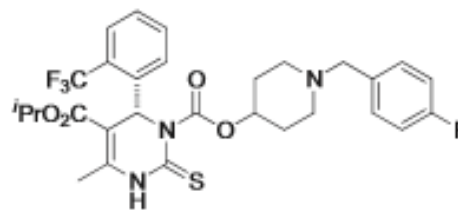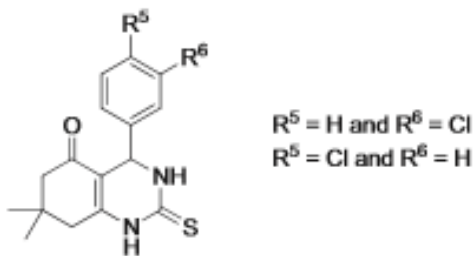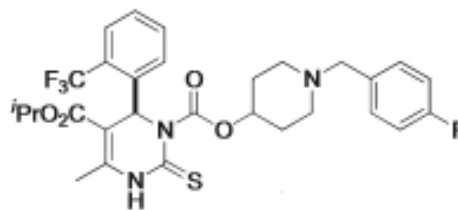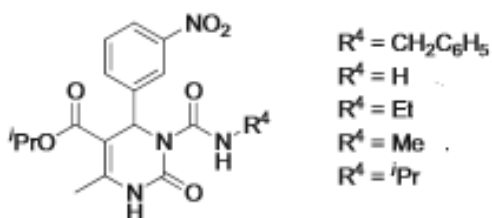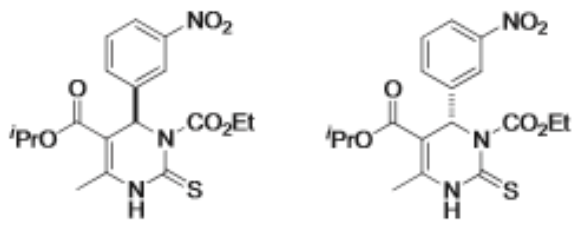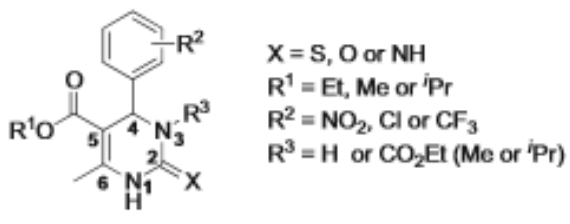
1.5 SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

Though, the synthesis of the Biginelli reaction using urea as a component has been well studied, the one using thiourea is not very well investigated. The aim of the present study was to investigate whether Lewis acid catalyst can be used for catalyzing the reaction. Five different Lewis acid catalysts were investigated for the purpose. They include $AlCl_3$ and AlF_3 and transition metal chlorides like $FeCl_3$, $MnCl_2$ and $ZnCl_2$.

The scheme of the reaction is as follows:

Ethylacetoacetate + Benzaldehyde + Thiourea

H^+
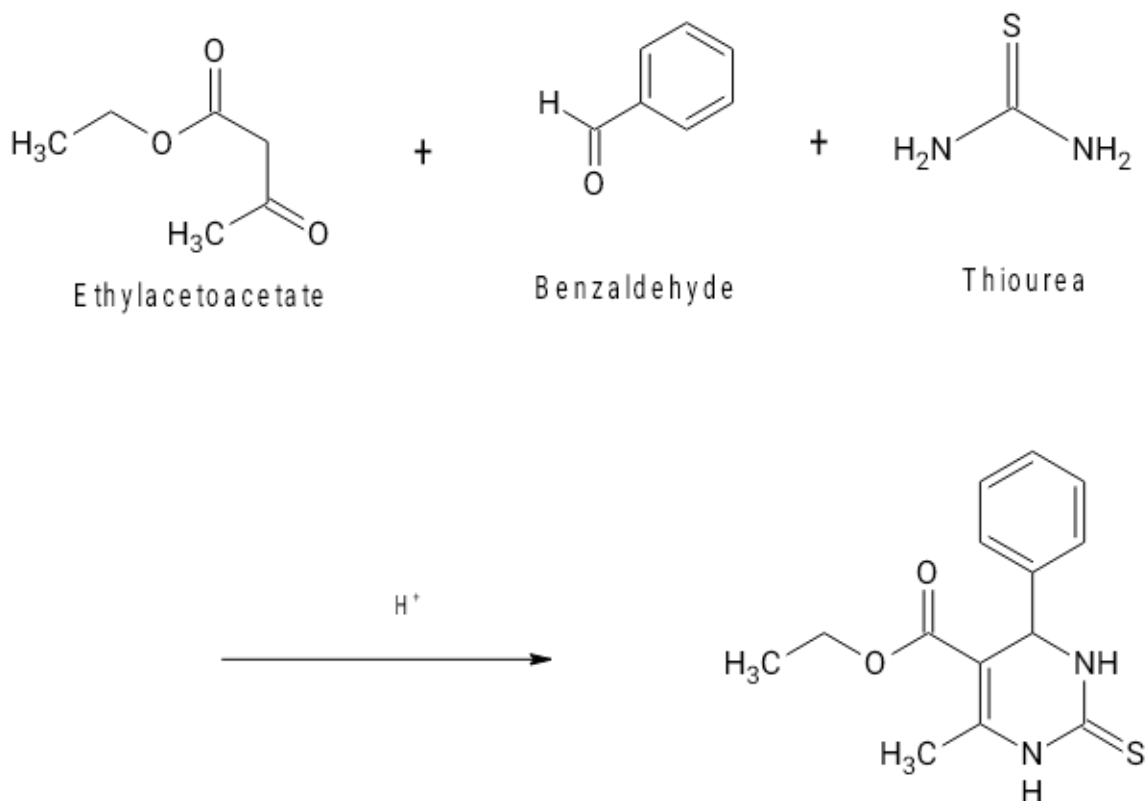
Mechanism of the reaction is given below:

Benzaldehyde

Thiourea

Ethylacetoacetate
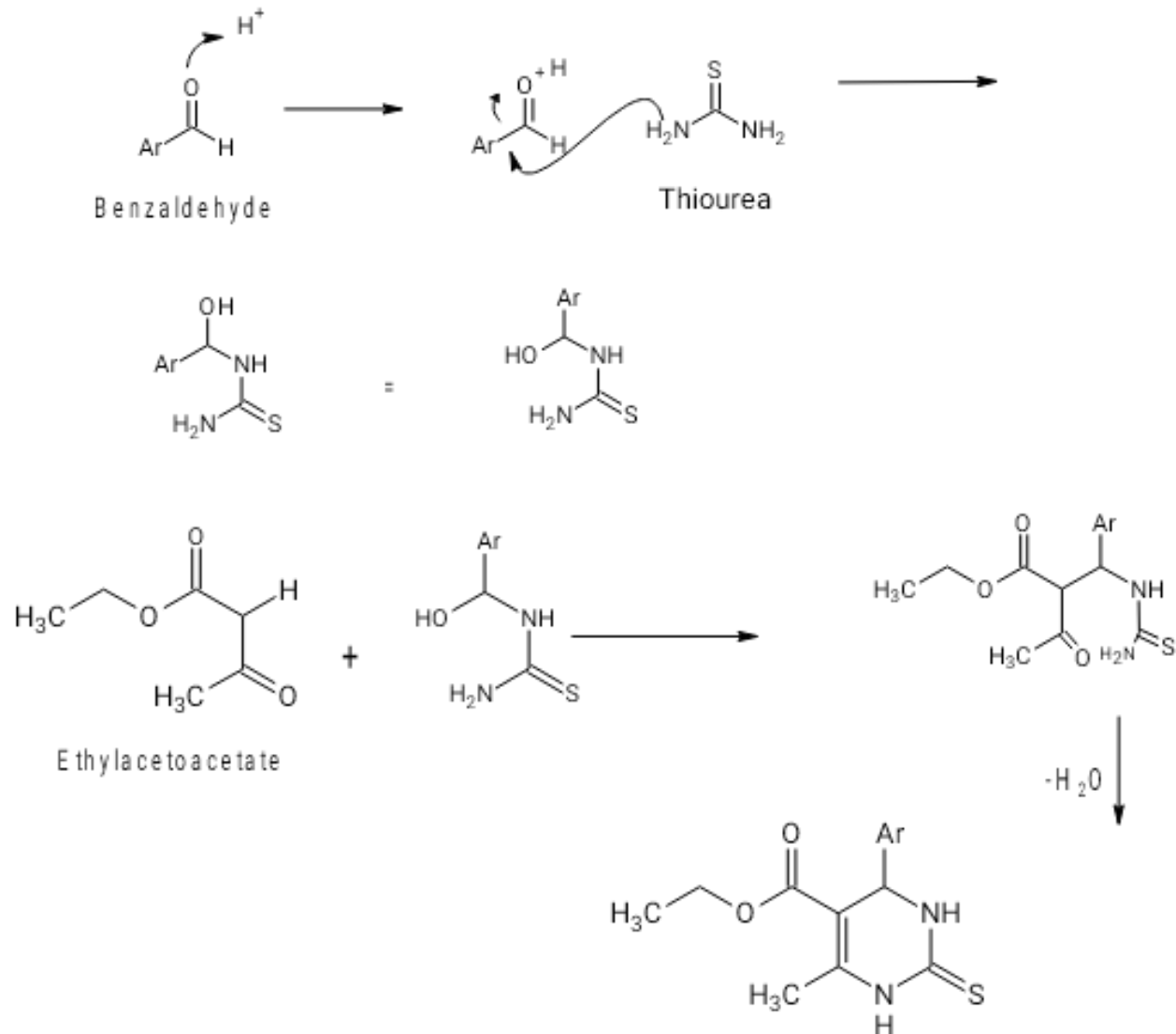
CHAPTER 2

2.1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.2 EXPERIMENT

2.2.1 Materials required

- 200 ML Erlenmeyer flask
- Condenser
- Bunsen burner
- Measuring jar
- Beaker
- Glass rod

2.2.2 Chemicals required

- Thiourea
- Benzaldehyde
- Ethyl acetoacetate
- Catalysts used were:
  - Hydrochloric Acid
  - Zinc Chloride
  - Aluminium Chloride
  - Aluminium Flouride
  - Ferric Chloride
  - Manganese Chloride

2.2.3 Procedure

I. SYNTHESIS OF DIHYDROPYMIDNONES.

In a 200 mL Erlenmeyer flask, 2.0mmol of benzaldehyde, 2.0 mmol of ethyl acetoacetate, and 3.00 mmol of thiourea are mixed. The catalysts are then added to the Erlenmeyer Flask (0.42 mmol). The mixture is warmed and mixed until solidification occurs in a water bath at 80 ° C. (time differ for different catalysts). The solid Bignelli product is processed by grinding it into a fine powder, collecting it under a vacuum, rinsing it with ethyl acetoacetate and drying it to generally produce an average yield of 65%, to 90%. The completion of the product formation was monitored by TLC and was characterized by NMR and IR. The amount of the reagent and the catalyst used is summarized in this table:

Sl.no	Reagent & Catalyst	Amount
1.	Benzaldehyde	4ml
2.	Thiourea	4.56 g
3.	Ethylacetoacetate	5 ml
4.	HCl	0.01531 g
5.	$ZnCl_2$	1.144 g
6.	AlF_3	0.704 g
7.	$AlCl_3$	1.12 g
8.	$FeCl_3$	1.363 g
9.	$MnCl_2$	1.662 9

2.2.4 Characterization Techniques

I. THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

The analytical method of thin layer chromatography is used to recognise and separate the constituents of a mixture. The separation of two or more components from a mixture by passing a mobile phase through a stationary phase is the foundation of the TLC process. It is additionally used to ascertain a compound's purity in a combination. Additionally, the method is very discriminating. By comparing and aiding in the identification of chemicals by chromatography, the retention factor (Rf 13 In thinlayer) is used. The distance travelled by a compound divided by the distance travelled by the solvent front, both measured from the origin, gives the compound's Rf value. Rf value is unique to each component and can be used to determine.

PROCEDURE

The TLC plate was cut to our convenience. A line was drawn near the bottom of TLC with a pencil. If one uses pen, there is a chance of ink smudge. The sample was dissolved in methanol.

The solvent used for TLC was a mixture of ethylacetate and hexane in the ratio 9:1. The solvent was added to into TLC chamber. The solvent here used is 4.5 ml ethyl acetate and 0.5 ml hexane(9:1 ratio).

Using a capillary tube, the prepared sample was spotted in in TLC plate and the TLC plate was placed in the chamber. The plate should be submerged to a depth where the sample spots are significantly higher than the mobile phase. The solvent will ascend through capillary action, sample will separate into fractions. After the development of spots the plates were taken out and spots was observed under UV light.
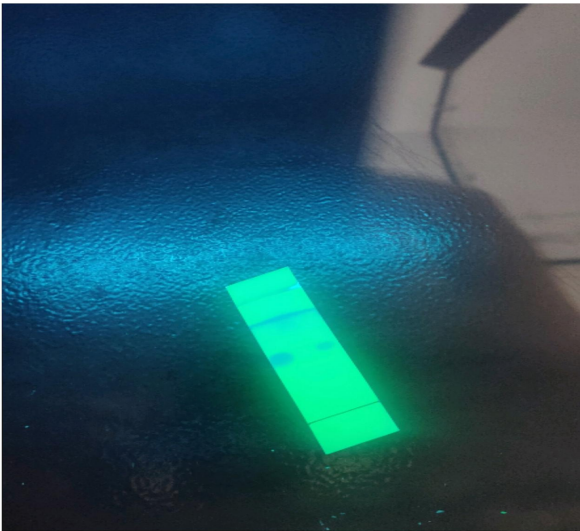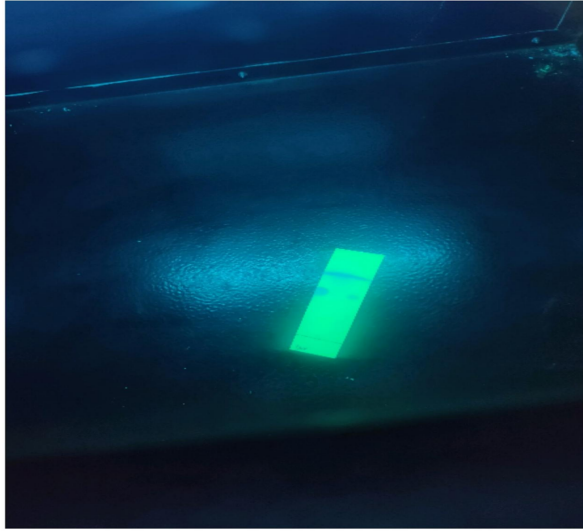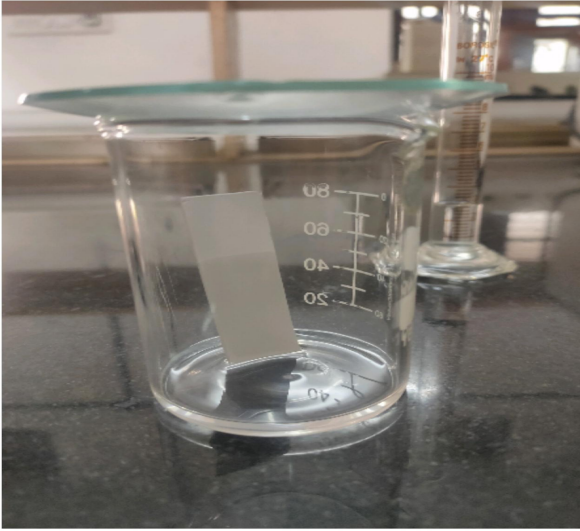
II. INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

Infrared Spectroscopy or IR Spectroscopy, as the name implies, deals with light particles. Infrared rays are at the far end of the spectrum of light because of their frequency, which is significantly lower than that of visible light. Understanding how one molecule interacts with infrared light or reacts under the influence of infrared light is the focus of infrared spectroscopy.

In order to see how molecules interact and what they really do, IR spectroscopy is frequently utilized in the domains of inorganic as well as organic chemistry. These particles, which are ordinarily invisible to the human eye, may be seen using infrared light.

An IR spectrum is a graph where the Y-axis represents the amount of absorbed infrared light and the X-axis represents the wavelength or frequency. If they indeed correlate to vibrations that are present in the bonds of that particular molecule, this is then employed in IR Spectroscopy to ascertain precisely how that molecule absorbs the infrared light.

Infrared light has a frequency that is identical to the bond frequency found inside these molecules. This also has a lot of highly useful uses in modern life and helps a lot of industrial operations.

Based on how they relate to the visible spectrum, the infrared spectrum may be roughly classified into three regions: near, mid, and distant. The 0.8-2.5 m wavelengths or 14000-4000 cm-1, in the high energy and near IR area can cause harmonic or overtone vibration. On the other hand, the mid-IR region, which has a wavelength of 2.5–25 m, or 400–400 cm-1, may be used to analyse basic vibrations as well as related rotational vibrational structure. The microwave zone is exactly close to the far IR region, which has wavelengths between 25 and 1000 m (or 400 and 10 cm-1). This is helpful for rotational spectroscopy since it is low energy.

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for the infrared spectrum's areas than those described above. In other words, bands in the range from 4000 cm^{-1} to 1300 cm^{-1} are useful for determining the functional group of a mystery molecule. And just like a fingerprint, the region between 1300 cm^{-1} and 400 cm^{-1}—also known as the fingerprint region—contains bands that are exclusive to each molecule. These bands are helpful for comparing the spectra of various compounds with one another.

In the present study, the FTIR spectrum of the sample was taken using Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS 5 FTIR Spectrometer available in the Department of Chemistry, Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara.

III. NMR SPECTROSCOPY

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy is a crucial analytical technique for organic chemists. The study being carried out in the organic lab has greatly benefited from the NMR. It can reveal details about the content and purity of the sample as well as the structure of the molecule. Proton (1H) NMR is one of the NMR techniques that organic chemists use the most frequently. By watching how a molecule's protons react to the surrounding chemical environment, one can infer the structure of the molecule.

It depends on evidence indicating that all nuclei have electric charges and that the majority of atoms' nuclei have spin. The base of NMR spectroscopy is the ability of electromagnetic radiation to absorb energy between the radiofrequency range of 3 kHz and 300 GHz. A magnetic field is formed by the electrical charge and spin of atom nuclei. When an external magnetic field is present, atomic nuclei will either align themselves in the direction of the external magnetic field or in the opposite path.

When there is an external magnetic field present, energy travels from the ground state to the excited state.

An electron generates a radio wave with the same frequency when it shifts from an excited state to the ground state since this shift happens at a wavelength that coincides with radio frequencies. This radio frequency allows entry to the NMR spectrum. The radiofrequency that is being radiated is directly associated with the magnitude of the applied external magnetic field.

The NMR of the sample was measured in NIT, Calicut using the machine Jeol 500 MHz.

CHAPTER 3

3.1 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

- In this study, the effect of five Lewis acids were used as a catalyst for the Biginelli reaction of Benzaldehyde, Ethylacetoacetate and thiourea.The list shows the quantity produced by each catalyst.

S.No.	Catalyst Used	Time taken by the catalyst	% Yield of the complex
1	$ZnCl_2$	3hr 35 min	54%
2	$MnCl_2$	4hr 5min	56%
3	$AlCl_3$	45min	55%
4	AlF_3	4hr 20min	43%
5	$FeCl_3$	1hr 35min	79%
6	HCl	30 min	58%

$AlCl_3$ found to be a good catalyst, almost at par with HCl. AlF_3 was not as efficient as $AlCl_3$. Of the three transition metal catalyst tried, $FeCl_3$ was found to be more efficient than $ZnCl_2$ and $MnCl_2$.

IR SPECTRUM

The IR spectrum revealed the formation of the dihydropyramidine ring. The IR spectrum of the compounds are attached here. The compound show the characteristic two N-H stretching ar 3328 and 3176 cm^{-1}. The band appearing at 1670 cm $^{-1}$ is due to carbonyl stretching(C=O) of the ethylacetoacetate moiety. The peak ar 1620 cm^{-1} could be N-H bending vibration. The peak at 1327 cm^{-1} could be due to C=S stretching. The sharp bands in the 750~790 and 1520~1540 cm^{-1} regions are due to aromatic C-H and C=C stretching, respectively. The band observed at 1165~1175 cm^{-1} is due to C-N stretching.

- **HCl**

HCl(2)_230323

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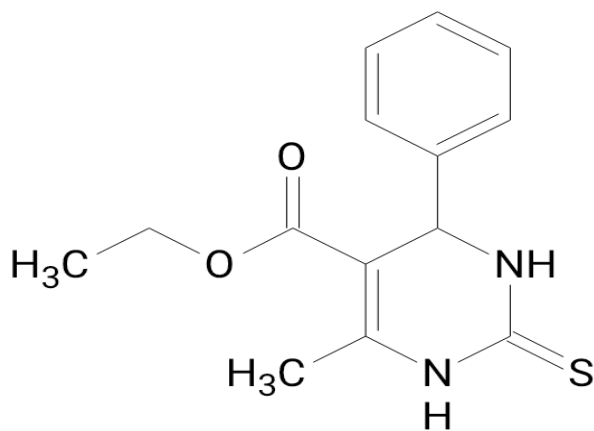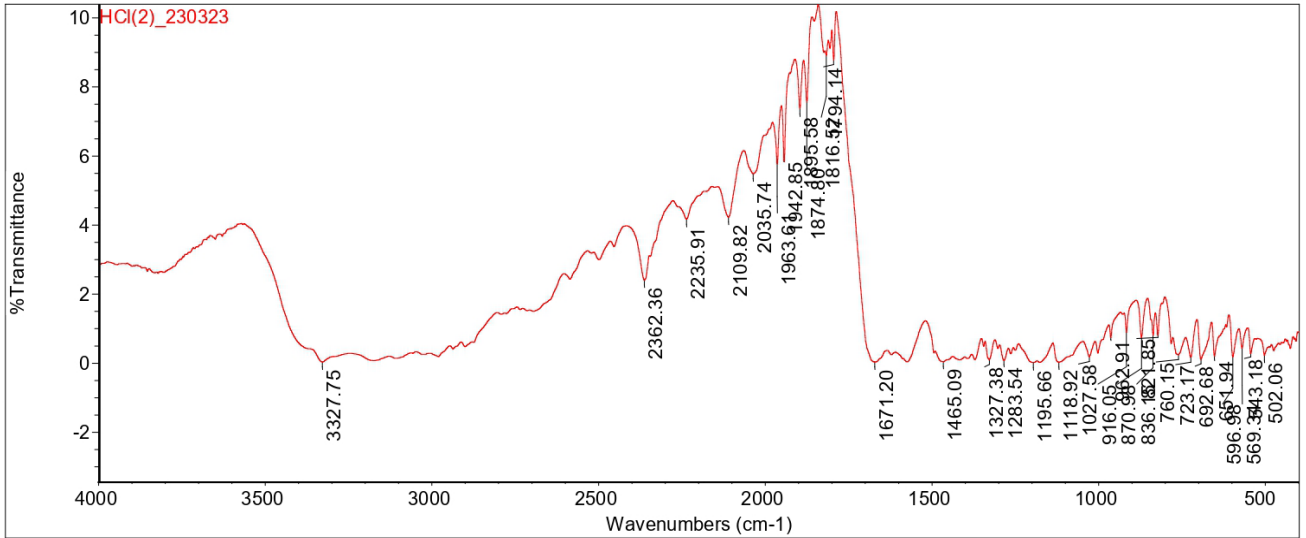
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Position:		Intensity:	
Position:	502.06	Intensity:	0.216
Position:	543.18	Intensity:	0.264
Position:	569.34	Intensity:	0.421
Position:	596.98	Intensity:	0.175
Position:	651.94	Intensity:	0.194
Position:	692.68	Intensity:	0.102
Position:	723.17	Intensity:	0.161
Position:	760.15	Intensity:	0.237
Position:	821.85	Intensity:	0.798
Position:	836.15	Intensity:	0.790
Position:	870.98	Intensity:	0.738
Position:	916.05	Intensity:	0.883
Position:	962.91	Intensity:	0.732
Position:	1027.58	Intensity:	0.178
Position:	1118.92	Intensity:	0.0156
Position:	1195.66	Intensity:	0.0091
Position:	1283.54	Intensity:	0.0723
Position:	1327.38	Intensity:	0.0971
Position:	1465.09	Intensity:	0.0374
Position:	1671.20	Intensity:	0.0248
Position:	1794.14	Intensity:	8.764
Position:	1816.52	Intensity:	8.908
Position:	1874.80	Intensity:	7.558
Position:	1895.58	Intensity:	7.366
Position:	1942.85	Intensity:	5.826
Position:	1963.61	Intensity:	5.764
Position:	2035.74	Intensity:	5.475
Position:	2109.82	Intensity:	4.222
Position:	2235.91	Intensity:	4.168
Position:	2362.36	Intensity:	2.396
Position:	3327.75	Intensity:	0.0268

- **AlF$_3$**

Collection time: Thu Mar 23 12:49:44 2023 (GMT+0!

Thu Mar 23 12:50:37 2023 (GMT+05:30)
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Region: 4000.00   400.00
Absolute threshold: 18.865
Sensitivity: 50
Peak list:

Position:	543.27	Intensity:	1.434
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Position:	1414.88	Intensity:	0.588
Position:	1467.04	Intensity:	0.654
Position:	1574.76	Intensity:	0.877
Position:	1620.49	Intensity:	1.097
Position:	1670.63	Intensity:	0.933
Position:	1817.12	Intensity:	16.453
Position:	1942.96	Intensity:	13.638
Position:	2033.42	Intensity:	11.219
Position:	2110.46	Intensity:	9.576
Position:	2361.18	Intensity:	7.897
Position:	2688.44	Intensity:	4.545
Position:	3176.11	Intensity:	0.570
Position:	3328.50	Intensity:	0.348

- **MnCl$_2$**

Collection time: Fri Mar 24 11:44:38 2023 (GMT+05:

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Region: 4000.00   400.00
Absolute threshold: 5.139
Sensitivity: 50
Peak list:
Position: 406.91   Intensity: 0.986
Position: 427.46   Intensity: 0.431
Position: 502.39   Intensity: 0.219
Position: 543.00   Intensity: 0.290
Position: 568.85   Intensity: 0.382
Position: 597.12   Intensity: 0.204
Position: 652.14   Intensity: 0.226
Position: 693.28   Intensity: 0.107
Position: 723.24   Intensity: 0.191
Position: 760.00   Intensity: 0.298
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Position: 836.04   Intensity: 0.780
Position: 871.07   Intensity: 0.705
Position: 916.12   Intensity: 0.676
Position: 962.90   Intensity: 0.731
Position: 1001.97   Intensity: 0.303
Position: 1027.66   Intensity: 0.205
Position: 1117.74   Intensity: 0.0345
Position: 1197.22   Intensity: 0.0206
Position: 1283.81   Intensity: 0.0904
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Position: 1825.76   Intensity: 4.945
Position: 1874.93   Intensity: 3.331
Position: 1895.64   Intensity: 3.128
Position: 1942.99   Intensity: 2.510
Position: 1963.62   Intensity: 2.380
Position: 2106.82   Intensity: 2.038
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- **ZnCl$_2$**

Collection time: Fri Mar 24 12:52:36 2023 (GMT+05:
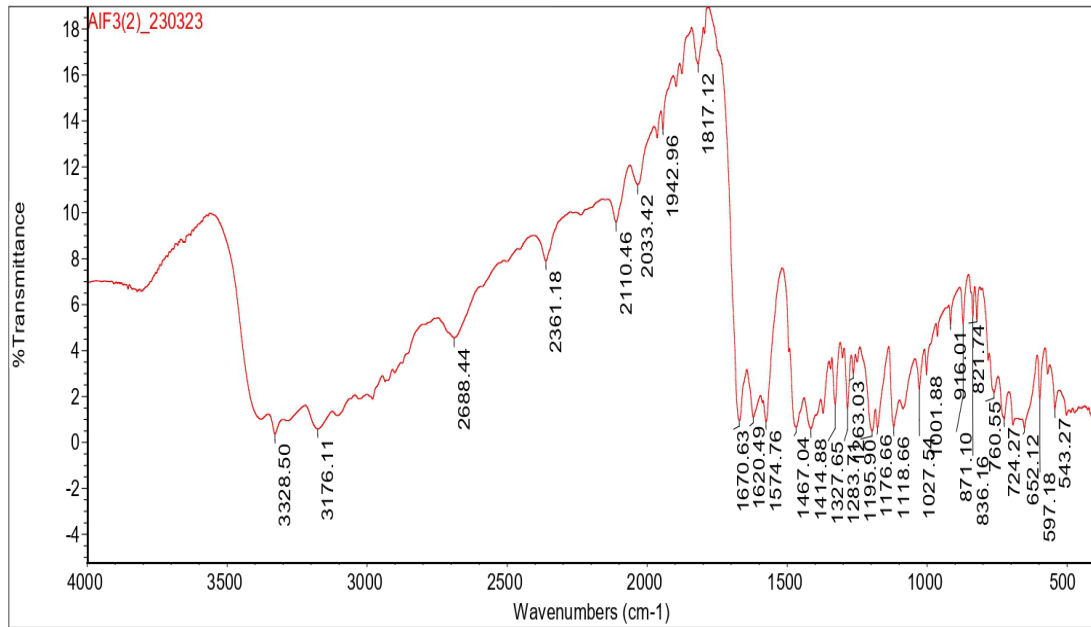
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    Position: 1895.62   Intensity: 10.127
    Position: 1942.88   Intensity: 7.713
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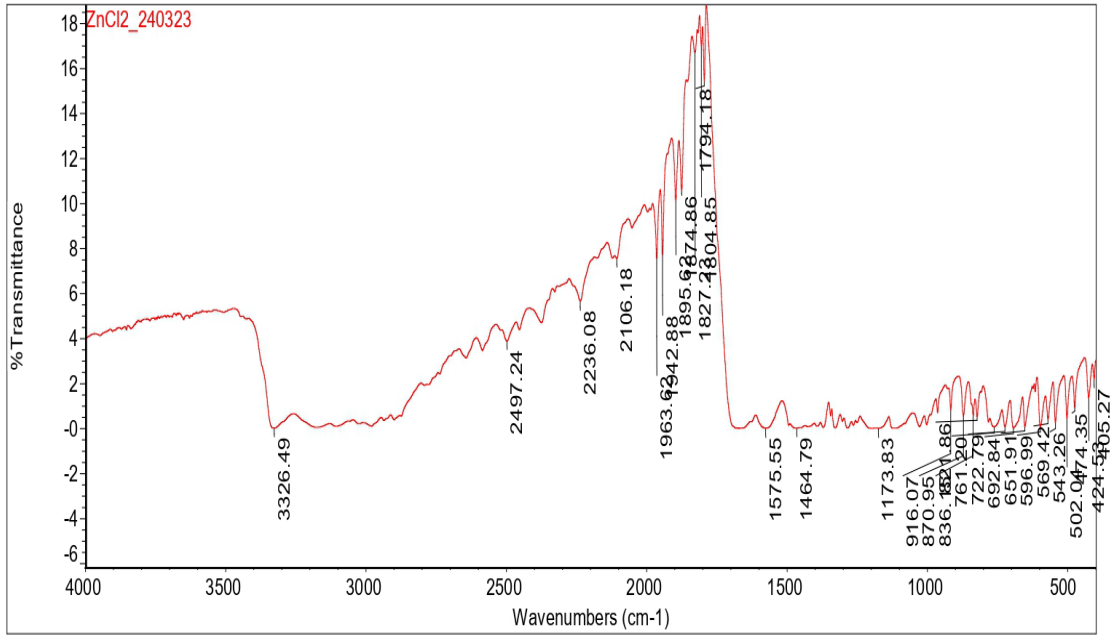   Position: 3326.49   Intensity: 0.0088

● **FeCl$_3$**

Collection time: Fri Mar 24 12:16:34 2023 (GMT+05:

Fri Mar 24 12:20:07 2023 (GMT+05:30)
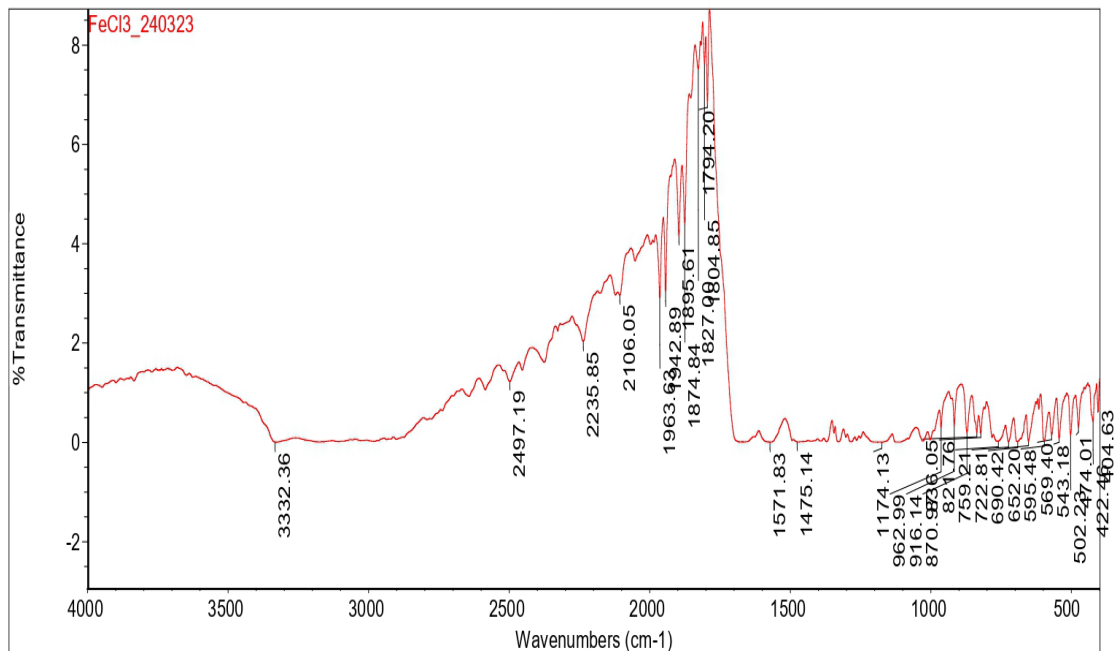FIND PEAKS:
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  Absolute threshold: 8.694
Sensitivity: 50
Peak list:
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  Position: 2106.05   Intensity: 2.958
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● **Thiourea**

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Thu Mar 23 13:51:20 2023 (GMT+05:30)
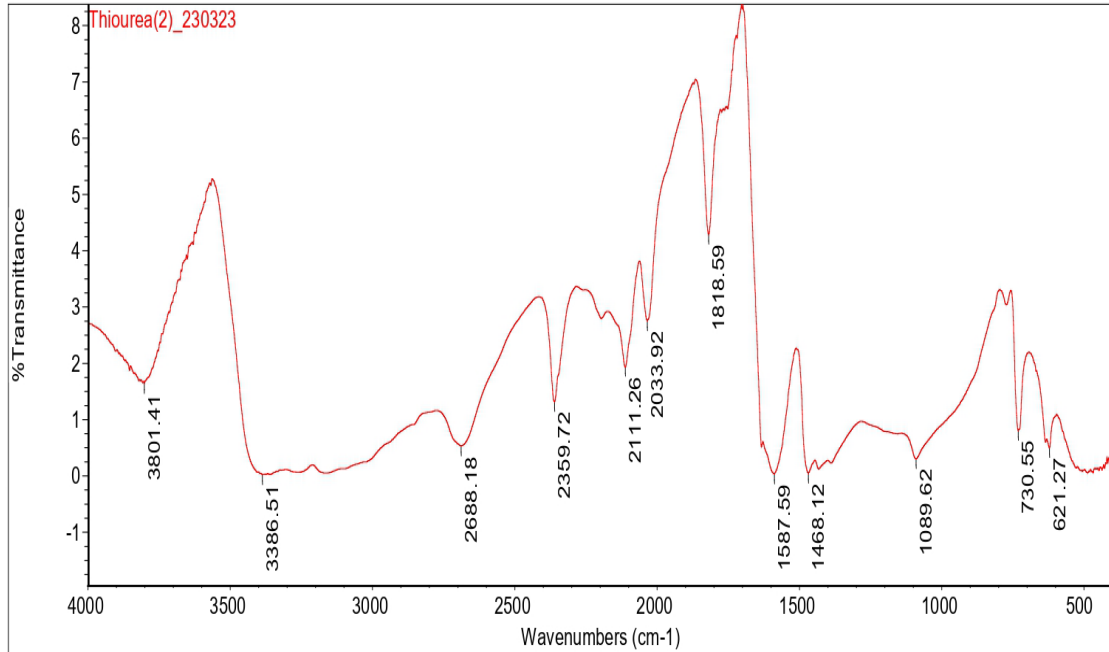FIND PEAKS:
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  Position: 2359.72   Intensity: 1.307
  Position: 2688.18   Intensity: 0.529
  Position: 3386.51   Intensity: 0.0165
  Position: 3801.41   Intensity: 1.644

NMR SPECTRUM

The study's 1H-NMR spectrum, which was captured in DMSO at room temperature, supports the inferences made from the IR spectra. The NMR spectrum confirmed the presence of the formation of the compound. The peaks in the NMR are 1.081 (3H, t), 2.272 (s,3H), 2.484(5nos, 2H), 4.01(q, 2H), 5.158 and 5.151(doublet), 7.25(m,5H), 9.624 and 9.20 (d, 1H) and 10.302. The peaks were identified as:

- **HCl**

single_pulse

10.302
9.624
9.620
7.342
7.339
7.328
7.316
7.313
7.270
7.267
7.265
7.257
7.252
7.248
7.240
7.238
7.236
7.209
7.207
7.193
7.163
7.106
7.048
5.158
5.151
4.014
4.011
4.007
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3.983
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CHAPTER 4

4.1 CONCLUSION

1. The Biginelli reaction between Benzaldehyde, ethylacetoacetate and thiourea was found to be catalysed by Lewis acids.
2. The reaction was done with five different Lewis acid catalysts.
3. Of all the catalysts, $AlCl_3$ was found to be the best.
4. Of the three transition metal catalyst tried, $FeCl_3$ was found to be more efficient than $ZnCl_2$ and $MnCl_2$.
5. The use of $FeCl_3$ as a catalyst gave the highest yield of the product.
6. IR and NMR data confirm the formation of Biginelli adduct.
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