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ABSTRACT

Quinoline or benzopyridine, a nitrogen containing compound has been known to possess antimalarial, anti-bacteria, and anti-fungal properties. In this study, a derivative of quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-thiol was obtained by a five step reaction. The compounds synthesized in the stepwise reactions were: quinoline-*N*-oxide, 4-nitroquinoline-*N*-oxide, 4-chloroquinoline-*N*-oxide and quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-thiol. Furthermore, the latter was coupled with benzoyl chloride under basic condition to obtain quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-benzoylsulphide. The physical properties of the compound obtained are percentage yield 1.86%, melting point 96-98°C, and retention factor value 0.83.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION AND LITERATURE REVIEW

1.0 Introduction

Heterocyclic compound is a class of cyclic organic compounds having at least one heteroatom in the cyclic ring system. The most common heteroatoms are nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur (Joule *et al.*, 2000).

Heterocyclic compounds are also found in plants and animal products; and they are one of the essential constituents of natural organic compounds namely alkaloids, natural dyes, drugs, proteins, and enzymes (Finar, 2004).

Heterocyclic compounds are primarily classified as saturated and unsaturated. The saturated heterocyclic compounds behave like the acyclic derivatives with modified steric properties. Piperidine and tetrahydrofuran are the conventional amines and ethers of this category. However, unsaturated heterocyclic compounds of 5- and 6-membered rings have been studied extensively because of their unstrained nature. The unstrained unsaturated heterocyclic compounds include pyridine, thiophene, pyrrole, furan and their benzofused derivatives. Quinoline, isoquinoline, indole, benzothiophene, and benzofuran are some important examples of benzofused heterocycles (Gilchrist, 1999).

Quinoline is a versatile bicyclic heterocyclic scaffold with immense therapeutic potential. Some of the compounds containing quinoline nucleus are agents of choice for the treatment of various ailments, particularly cancer and malaria (Hussaini, 2016).

Several molecules containing quinoline skeleton are clinically significant drugs and extensively used for the treatment of various human diseases/disorders. The clinical success of

some of these compounds and the versatile character of the quinoline nucleus attracted medicinal chemists in the development of newer chemotherapeutic agents (Yan *et al.*, 2013).

Quinoline not only has a wider range of biological and pharmacological activities but there are several established protocols for the synthesis of this ring.

The synthesis of quinolines has been of considerable interest to chemists because the oxygen heterocycles may contribute to potential antimalarial, antibacterial, antiasthmatic, anti-hypertensive, anti-inflammatory, and antiplatelet properties (Maguire *et al.*, 1994). Various methods have been reported for the synthesis of quinolines such as the Skraup, Conrad-Limpach-

Knorr, Pfitzinger, Friedlander, and Combes methods (Fehnel, 1966). However, the Friedlander condensation is still considered as a popular method for the synthesis of quinoline derivatives (Fehnel, 1966).

1.1 Background of the Study

Heterocyclic chemistry is one of the most valuable sources of novel compounds with diverse biological activity because of their unique ability of the resulting compound to mimic the structure of the peptides and to bind reversibly with proteins (Adreani *et al.*, 2008). Among the heterocyclic compounds, quinolines system in a wide range of medicinal and industrial settings can be described mainly by its versatility and broad potential for functional (Evans *et al.*, 1988). Moreover, the quinoline ring system occurs in various natural products, particularly in alkaloids, and it is seldomly used for the plan of many synthetic compounds with varied pharmacological properties (Matada *et al.*, 2021). The known quinoline alkaloids dictamnine and y-

fagarine isolated from roots of *Zanthoxylum luteum* were reported to exhibit moderate antibacterial activity with MICs of 30 µg/ml (Garcia *et al.*, 2012).

The fusion of several rings leads to geometrically well-defined rigid polycyclic structures and thus holds the promise of a high functional specialization resulting from the ability to orient substituents in three-dimensional space (Adreani *et al.*, 2008). Compounds with heterocyclic rings are inextricably woven into the most basic biochemical processes of life. If one were to choose a step in a biochemical pathway at random, there would be a very good chance that one of the reactants or products would be a heterocyclic compound. Even though this is false, participation of heterocyclic compounds in the reaction in question would almost be certain as all biochemical transformations are catalyzed by enzymes, and three of the twenty amino acids found in enzymes contain heterocyclic rings.

Many enzymes function only in the presence of certain small non-amino acid molecules called coenzymes (or cofactors), which more often than not are heterocyclic compounds.

Assuming the enzyme in question contains none of these coenzymes or the three amino acids referred to above, an essential role would still be played by heterocyclic compounds as all enzymes are synthesized according to the code in DNA, which of course is defined by the sequence of the heterocyclic bases found in DNA. Chemotherapy concerns the treatment of infectious, parasitic, or malignant diseases by chemical agents, usually substances that show selective toxicity toward the pathogen. The diseases of bodily dysfunction and the agents employed are mainly compounds that affect the functioning of enzymes, the transmission of nerve impulses or the action of hormones on receptors. Heterocyclic compounds are used for all these purposes because they have a specific reactivity, for example, epoxides, aziridines and *B*-

Lactams (Adreani *et al.*, 2008) because they resemble essential metabolites and can provide false symptoms in biosynthesis processes, for example, antimetabolites used in treatments of cancer and virus diseases because they fit biological receptors and block their normal work

king, or because they provide convenient building blocks to which biologically active substituents can be attached. The introduction of heterocyclic groups into drugs may affect their physical properties, for example, the dissociation constant of sulfadiazine, modify their patterns of absorption, metabolism or toxicity. Many significant discoveries have been made, however, by the rational development or observation of biological activity made by chance in work designed for other purposes (Nagendra *et al.*, 2013). The theoretical basis of medicinal chemistry has become much more sophisticated, but it is naïve to suppose that the discovery of drugs is merely a matter of structure-activity relationships. The success of a medicinal agent depends on the balance between its desirable pharmacological effects and the harm it may otherwise do to a patient, and this cannot yet be predicted with certainty. Serendipity and luck will doubtless continue to play an important part in important parts in new discoveries (Nagendra *et al.*, 2013).

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Despite the substantial effort made by synthetic chemists to synthesize compounds having antimalarial properties for drug development in the treatment of parasitic infections, malaria continues to be one of the major public health challenges in prevalent parts of the world, particularly in tropical Africa (Irungu *et al.*, 2012), principally due to the well-known resistance of the parasites to already available antimalarials such as chloroquine and quinine (Zofou *et al.*, 2011). Due to the limited success in the development of malaria vaccines and the destructive reactions of the conventional antimalarial drugs, there is an urgent need to provide scientific reports on quinoline-based agents that can inhibit malaria strains.

1.3 Justification of Study

Marella *et al.*, 2013 reported that quinoline and its derivatives possess antimalarial, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-fungal activities. Therefore, to the best of our knowledge quinoline ring system having benzoyl chloride substituent has not been scientifically synthesized.

1.4 Scope of the Work

This research work focuses on the synthesis and some physical characterizations (percent age yield, colour, state, melting point and retention factor) of Quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-benzoyl sulphide.

1.5 Aim and Objectives of Thesis

The aim of this work is to synthesize quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-benzoyl sulphide.

To achieve this aim, the following objectives were set:

- Synthesis of quinoline-*N*-oxide
- Synthesis of 4-nitroquinoline-*N*-oxide
- Synthesis of 4-chloroquinoline-*N*-oxide
- Synthesis of quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-thiol
- Synthesis of quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-benzoyl sulphide
- Physical Characterization of the Synthesized Compounds

1.6 LITERATURE REVIEW

Heterocyclic compounds have a wide application in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and veterinary products. Many heterocyclic compounds are very useful and essential for human life. Various compounds such as hormones, alkaloids, antibiotics, essential amino acids, hemoglobin, vitamins, dyestuffs and pigments have heterocyclic structure (Solomons, 1997).

Based on the structural and electronic arrangement, the heterocyclic compounds may be classified into two categories (Bansal, 1998):

- i. aliphatic heterocyclic compounds
- ii. aromatic heterocyclic compounds

The aliphatic heterocyclic compounds are the cyclic amines, cyclic amides, cyclic ethers and cyclic thioethers. Aliphatic heterocycles that do not contain double bonds are called saturated heterocycles. The properties of aliphatic heterocycles are mainly affected by their ring strain. Examples of aliphatic heterocyclic compounds are shown in figure 1.

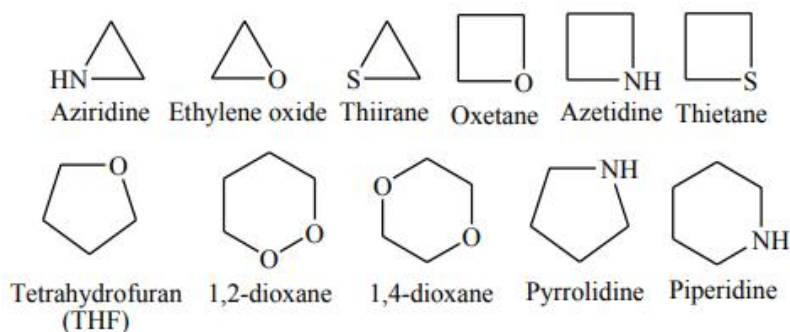


Figure 1. Examples of aliphatic heterocyclic compounds

However, aromatic heterocyclic compounds are analogous to benzene. The aromatic heterocyclic compounds also follow the Huckel's rule.

According to Huckel's rule, an aromatic compound must be cyclic in nature with planar geometry due to conjugated double bonds and must have $(4n+2)\pi$ electrons. Examples of aromatic heterocyclic compounds are shown in figure 2.

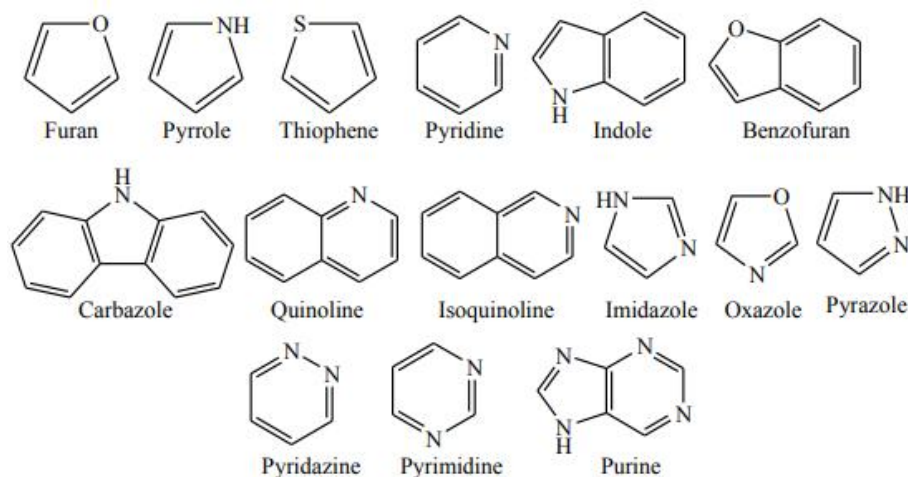


Figure 2. Examples of aromatic heterocyclic compounds

1.6.1 Quinolines

Quinoline is a heterocyclic aromatic organic compound with the chemical formula C_9H_7N . It is colourless, hydroscopic (a substance that readily attracts water from its surroundings through either absorption or adsorption), liquid with a strong odour. Quinoline is only slightly soluble in cold water but dissolves readily in hot water and most organic solvents. It is a bicyclic heterocycle having a benzene ring fused with a pyridine ring in the 2,3-position (Bahland Bahl, 2014). It derives its name from the fact that it was first obtained by heating the famous antimalarial alkaloid "quinine", with alkali. Being a weak tertiary base, it forms salts with acids and exhibits reactions similar to benzene and pyridine. It participates in both electrophilic and nucleophilic substitution reactions.

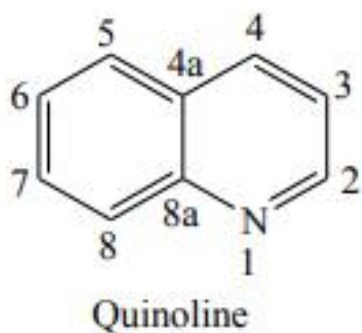
Quinoline is used mainly as an intermediate in the manufacture of other products. Potential exposure to quinoline may occur from the inhalation of cigarette smoke. Quinoline breaks down quickly in the atmosphere and water. Acute (short-term) inhalation exposure to quinoline vapours irritates the eyes, nose, and throat and may cause headaches, dizziness, and nausea in humans.

Information on the chronic (long-term), reproductive, developmental, or carcinogenic effects of quinoline in humans is not available. Liver damage has been observed in rats chronically exposed to quinoline by ingestion. An increased incidence of liver vascular tumor has been observed in rats and mice orally exposed to quinoline.

EPA has provisionally classified quinoline as a Group C, possible human carcinogen (Merkel, 1989).

1.6.2 Structure of Quinoline

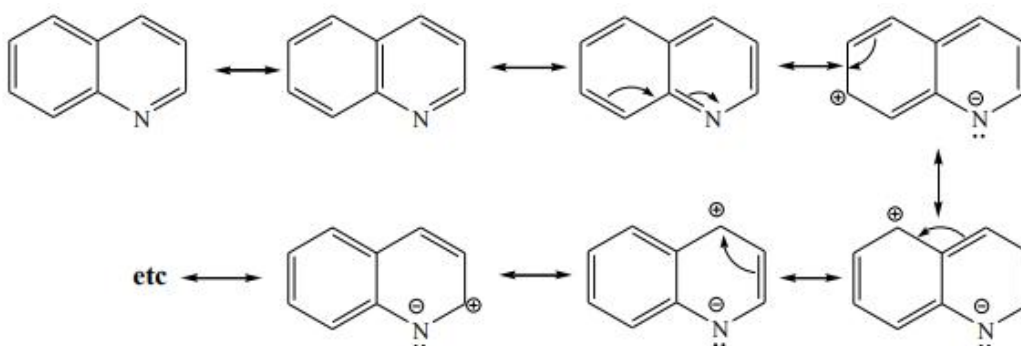
Quinoline is a bicyclic heterocycle which consists of a benzene ring fused to the alpha and beta positions of a pyridine ring. The IUPAC name of quinoline is benzo[b]pyridine. It is being the beta-face benzo-fused isomer. The atoms are numbered as shown in the below structure. The numbering begins from the Nitrogen atom and goes counter-clockwise around the two condensed rings. The structure of quinoline is shown as follows (Bansal, 1998).



All the ring atoms in Quinoline are sp^2 hybridized. These sp^2 orbitals of all carbon and nitrogen atoms overlap with each other and also with the orbitals of hydrogen to form C-C, C-N, and C-

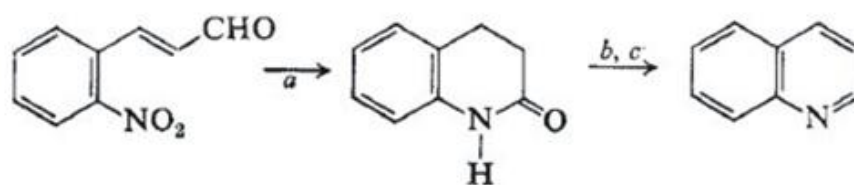
H bonds. Each ring atom also possesses a p orbital. These p orbitals are perpendicular to the plane of the ring. Lateral overlap of these p orbitals produce a π molecular orbital containing 10 electrons. Quinoline is an aromatic compound since it follows the Huckel's rule (i.e. $4n+2$ π electron rule) for $n=2$.

Unlike Indole, the lone pair of nitrogen of quinoline does not participate in the delocalization. Quinoline is a resonance hybrid of several canonical forms as shown below (Dewar, 1966)



1.6.3 Occurrence of Quinoline

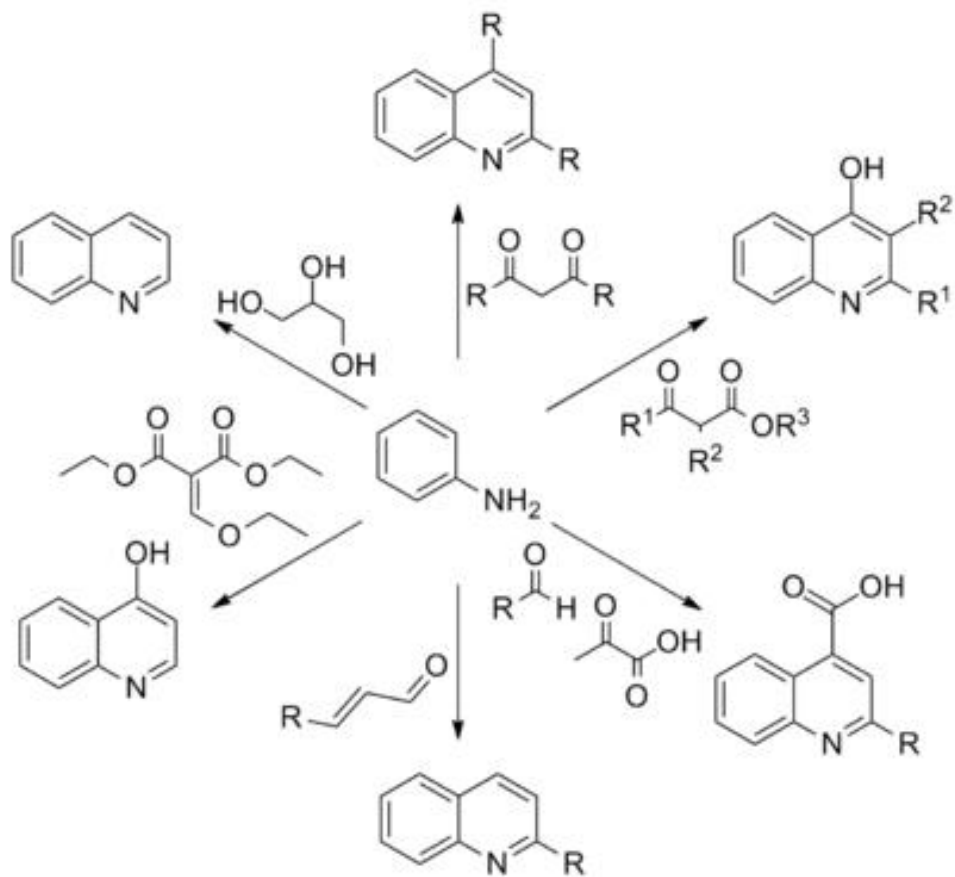
Quinoline was discovered in coal tar distillate by Runge (Allan, 1971) in 1834 and named "Leukol" (from *leukos* meaning white oil in Greek). The base was also obtained by Gerhardt (Koenigs, 1879) in 1842 by alkaline distillation of quinine, cinchonine, or strychnine, and was named by him as "Chinolein" or "Chinolin". Not until 1882 was the identity of leukol and chinolin firmly established, when Hoogewerff and Van Dorp (Koenigs, 1880) showed that the samples from coal tar and from alkaloid distillation had the same boiling point, formed the same hydrate ($3\text{H}_2\text{O}$), platinum chloride, bichromate, and silver nitrate. Both specimens were also converted by oxidation into quinolinic acid, which was decarboxylated to nicotinic acid. Korner was cited as the first to propose the structural formula for quinoline (in *Die Chemie von Pyridin und Seiner Derivate* by A. Calm) but Dewar (Mann, 1922) in 1871 suggested that quinoline bore the same relationship to pyridine that naphthalene bore to benzene. The structure below was confirmed by the syntheses in which allyl aniline was passed over glowing lead oxide (Koenigs, 1879), or from *o*-nitrocinnamaldehyde as shown in reaction below (Baeyers, 1879);



^a Zn/HCl. ^b POCl₃/PCl₅. ^c HI, AcOH, 240 °C.

1.6.4 Synthesis of Quinoline

Quinolines are often synthesized from simple anilines using a number of named reactions (Yan *et al.*, 2013).



Going clockwise from top, these are:

- combesquinoline synthesis using anilines and β -diketones.
- conrad-Limpach synthesis using anilines and β -ketoesters.
- doebner reaction using anilines with an aldehyde and pyruvic acid to form quinoline-4-carboxylic acids
- doebner-Miller reaction using anilines and α,β unsaturated carbonyl compounds.
- gould-Jacobs reaction starting from an aniline and diethyl ethoxymethylenemalonate
- Skraup synthesis using ferrous sulfate, glycerol, aniline, nitrobenzene, and sulfuric acid.

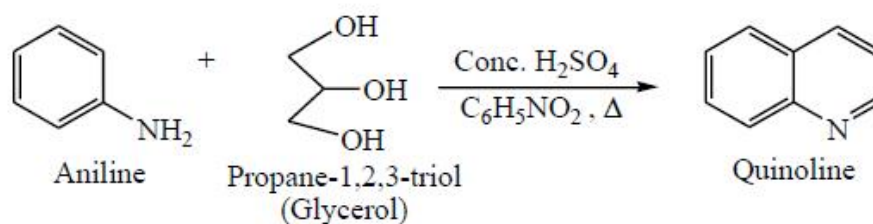
A number of other processes exist, which require specifically substituted anilines or related compounds:

- Campsquinoline synthesis using α -acylaminoacetophenone and hydroxide
- Friedländer synthesis using 2-aminobenzaldehyde and acetaldehyde
- Knorrquinoline synthesis, using β -ketoanilide and sulfuric acid
- Niementowskiquinoline synthesis, using anthranilic acid and ketones
- Pfitzinger reaction using isatin with base and a carbonyl compound to yield substituted quinoline-4-carboxylic acids
- Povarov reaction using aniline, a benzaldehyde and an activated alkene.

Preparation Methods of Quinolines

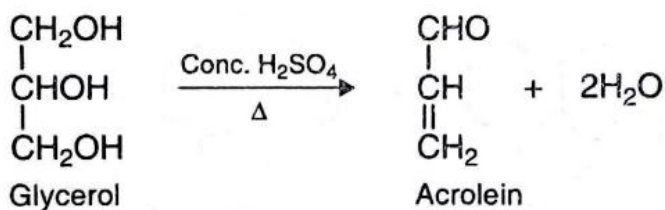
1. By Skraup Synthesis: (Commercial Method)

This is one of the most important methods for the preparation of quinoline. In this reaction, a mixture of aniline and glycerol is heated in the presence of sulphuric acid and an oxidizing agent, usually nitrobenzene or arsenic pentoxide. The reaction is exothermic and tends to become very violent. Ferrous sulphate or boric acid is generally added to make the reaction less violent (uop.edu.pk/ocontents/Quinoline.pdf).

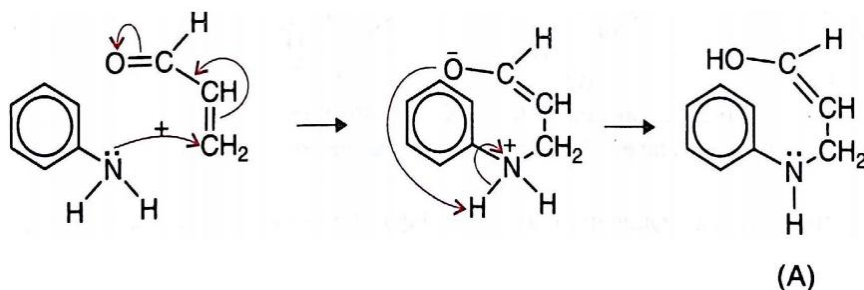


Mechanism

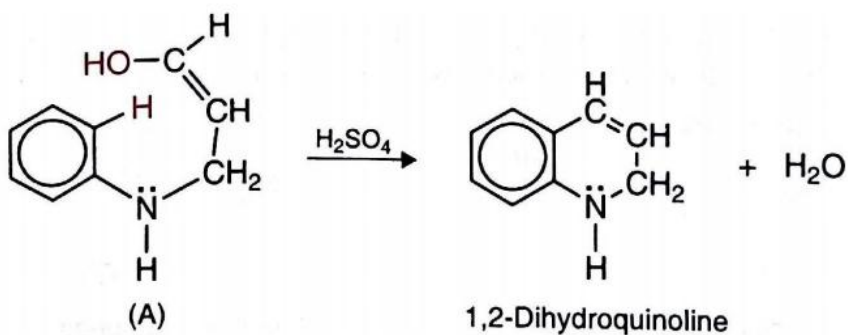
Step 1: Glycerol undergoes dehydration with sulphuric acid to give acrolein.



Step 2: Aniline adds to acrolein (1,4-addition) to give (A).

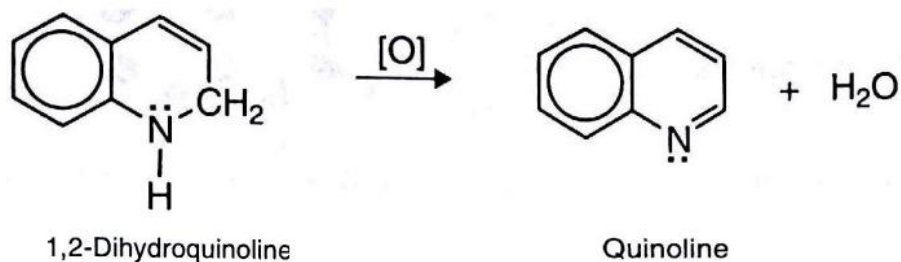


Step 3: Compound (A) undergoes ring closure in the presence of sulphuric acid to form 1,2-dihydroquinoline.

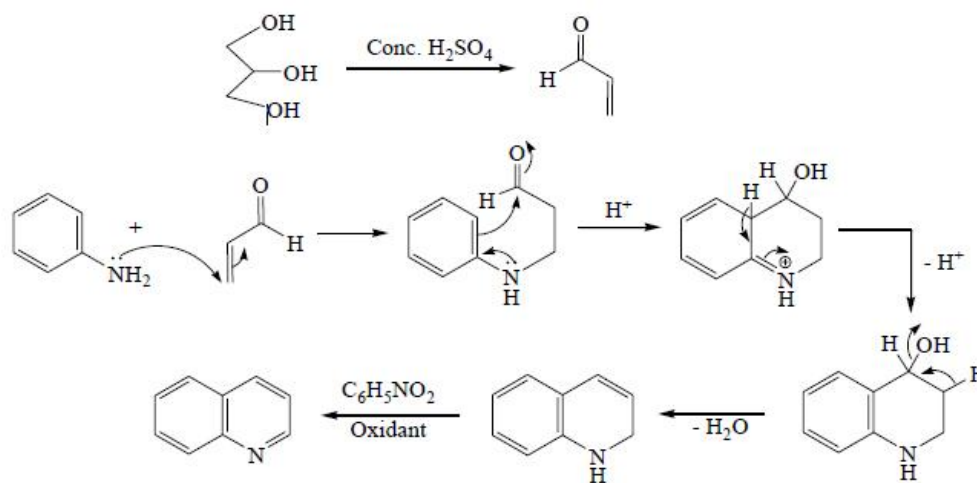


Step 4: 1,2-

dihydroquinoline undergoes oxidation with nitrobenzene to finally yield quinoline. Nitrobenzene itself is reduced to aniline which is reused in step (2).

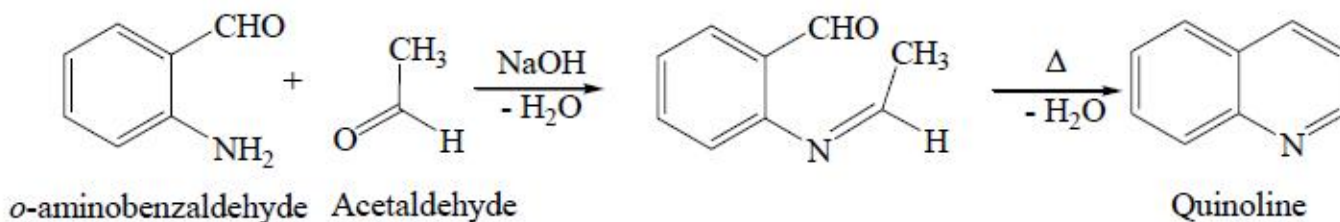


The stepwise scheme of the reaction is given below



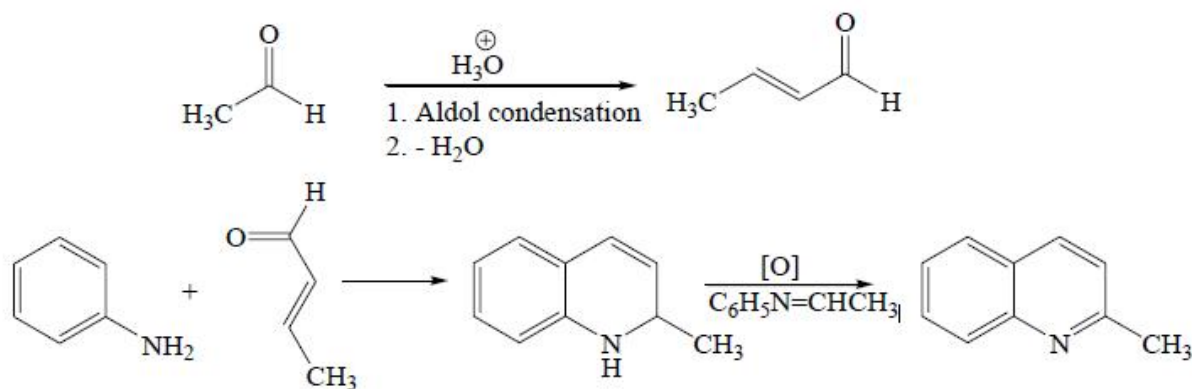
2. By the Friedlander Synthesis:

Quinoline can also be prepared by the condensation of *o*-aminobenzaldehyde with acetaldehyde in sodium hydroxide solution. The reaction mechanism is shown as follows (uop.edu.pk\ocontents\Quinoline.pdf).



3. The Dobner-Miller Synthesis:

This is a modified form of the Skraup synthesis. In this reaction, the simple aldehyde and ketones act as precursors of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds. The reaction follows the similar reaction course as in the Skraup synthesis to produce derivatives of quinoline. When acetaldehyde is used as precursor of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound 2-methylquinoline is formed. The reaction mechanism is shown as follows (Joule *et al.*, 2000)



1.6.5 Physical Properties of Quinolines

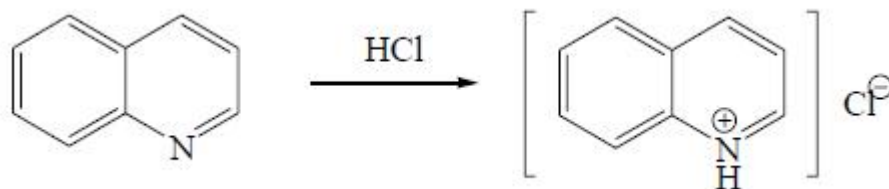
Quinoline is a colourless hygroscopic liquid, boiling point 238°C , having a disagreeable, pyridine-like odour. It is soluble in water and completely miscible with alcohol, ether, acetone and carbon disulphide. Quinoline is a liquid with a peculiar odour, slightly denser than water, with a molar mass of 129.16g/mol , density of 1.093g/mL . It is a colourless oily liquid with a melting point of -15°C and boiling point of 237°C .

Contact with the skin may irritate the skin and eyes. On exposure to air, quinoline turns into a yellow colour. It is miscible in organic solvents. Quinoline is highly aromatic in nature and it has resonance energy 47.3 kcal/mole. Quinoline is a weak base having pK_a 4.94. The basicity of quinoline is intermediate between aniline (pK_a 4.58) and pyridine (pK_a 5.17) (Finar, 2004).

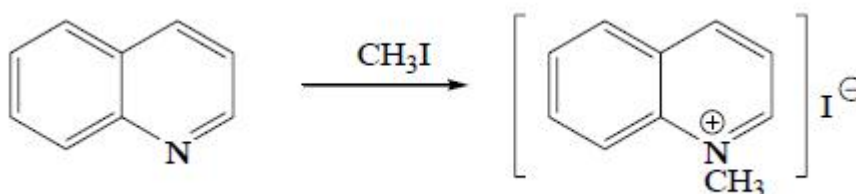
1.6.6 Chemical Properties of Quinoline

- Basicity:** Due to the availability of one pair of electrons on nitrogen, quinoline acts as a base and forms salts with acids and quaternary salts with alkyl halides.

a) Reaction with acids:



b) Reaction with methyl iodide:

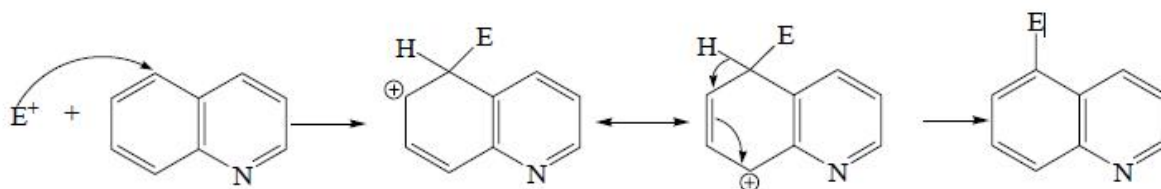


2. Electrophilic Substitutions

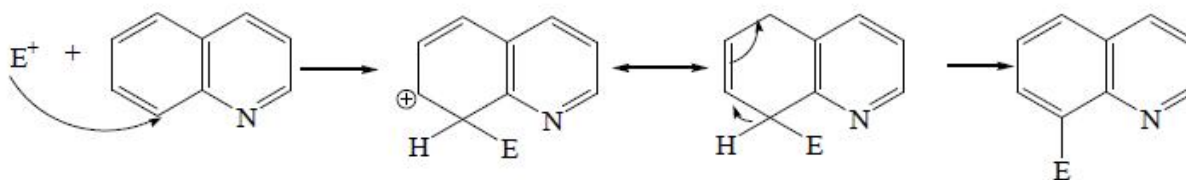
Out of the two fused rings in quinoline, the carbocyclic (benzene) ring is relatively more electron rich and resembles benzene ring while the nitrogen containing ring (less electron rich) resembles with pyridine ring.

Therefore, the electrophilic substitution in quinoline takes place more readily at benzene ring (at position 5 and 8 of benzene ring) rather than the pyridine ring. Thus, if both the positions in benzene ring are vacant then a mixture of substituted products is obtained. The general mechanism of electrophilic substitution on quinoline is shown below.

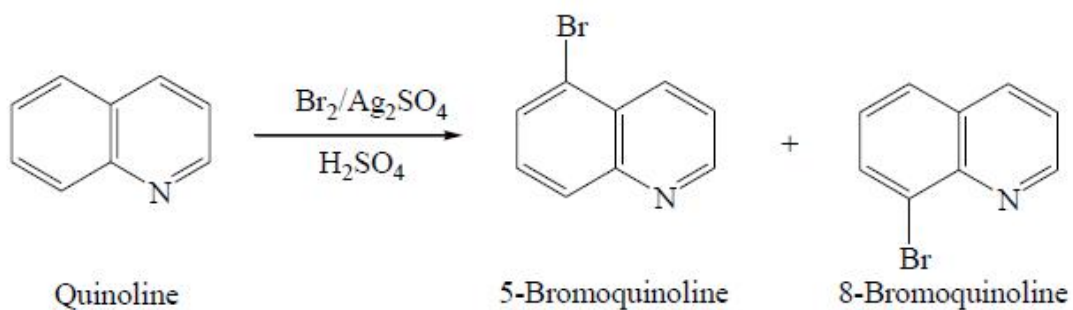
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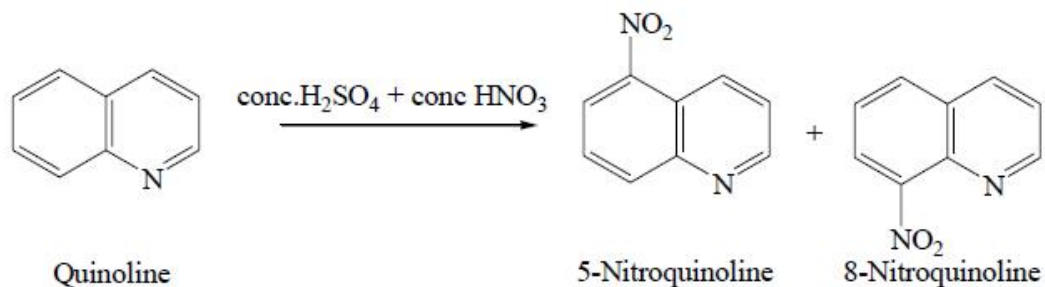
At position 8



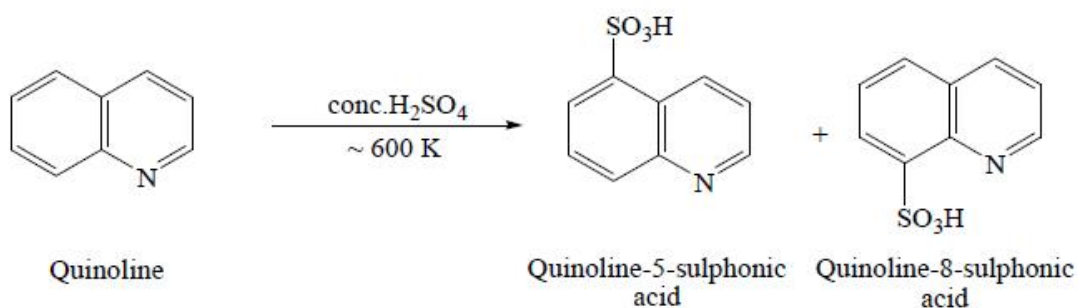
Bromination: Quinoline undergoes bromination with Br_2 in presence of silver sulphate (Ag_2SO_4) and H_2SO_4 . Bromination occurs at position 5 and 8 hence mixture of products is formed.



Nitration: Quinoline can undergo nitration by reacting with the well-known nitrating agent (Conc. H_2SO_4 + conc. HNO_3). Nitration of quinoline occurs at position 5 and 8.



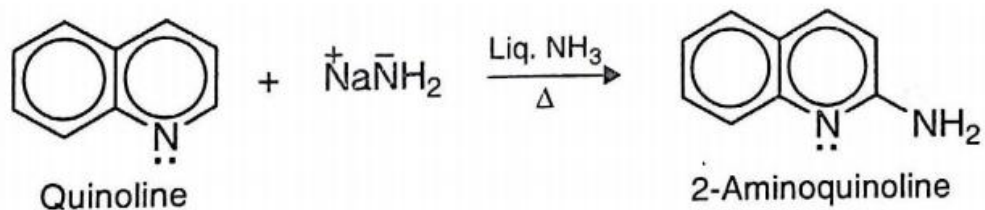
Sulphonation: In presence of Conc. H_2SO_4 at high temperature ($\sim 600K$) sulphonation of quinoline takes place. Like nitration or bromination, the sulphonation of quinoline occurs at position 5 and 8.



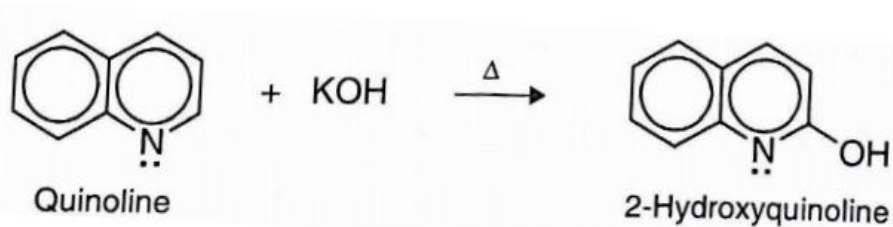
3. Nucleophilic Substitutions

Quinoline also gives nucleophilic substitution reactions. Since, pyridine ring of quinoline is comparatively less electron rich in comparison to the benzene ring, therefore, nucleophilic substitution in quinoline takes place on pyridine ring. The nucleophilic substitution on pyridine ring takes place at position 2 of pyridine ring. If position 2 is occupied, then the substitution takes place at position 4.

a) Reaction with Sodamide: Quinoline reacts with sodamide, a strong base in liquid ammonia at about $100^\circ C$ to form 2-aminoquinoline

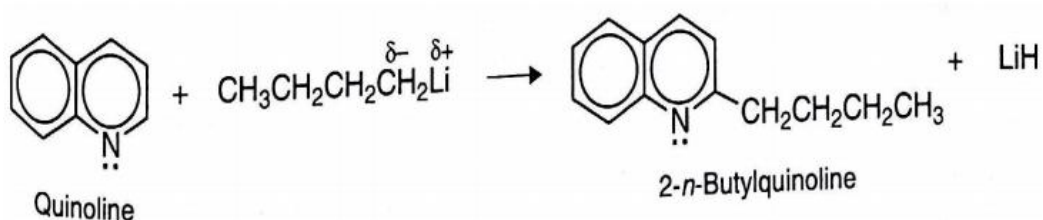


b) Reaction with Potassium Hydroxide. Quinoline reacts with potassium hydroxide at 220°C to give 2-hydroxyquinoline.



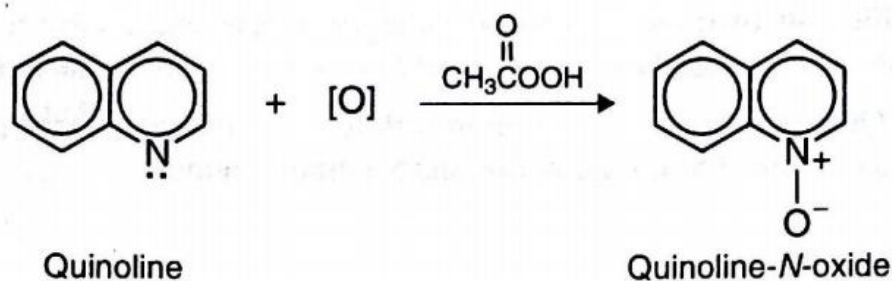
c) Reaction with *n*-Butyl-lithium

Quinoline reacts with *n*-butyl-lithium to yield 2-*n*-butylquinoline.



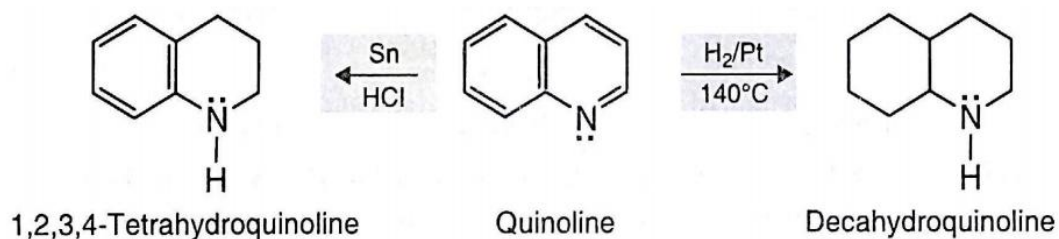
4. Oxidation.

Quinoline is oxidized by peracetic acid to give quinoline-*N*-oxide.



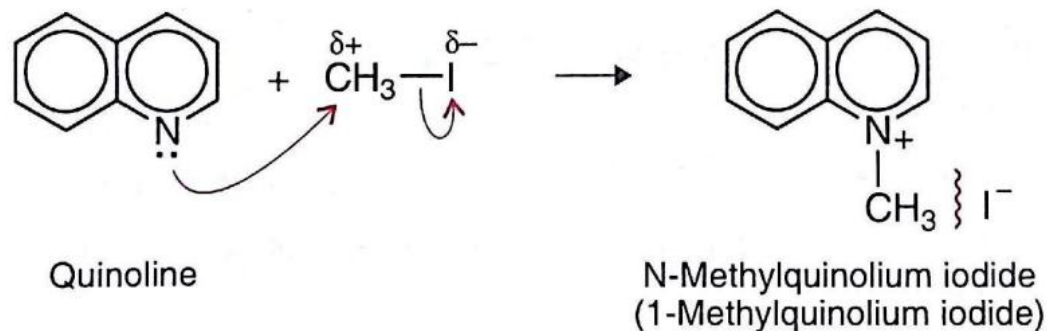
5. Reduction

Mild reduction of quinoline with tin and hydrochloric acid gives 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline. And, reduction with hydrogen and platinum catalyst produces decahydroquinoline.



6. Reaction with Alkylhalides:

Quinoline gives *N*-alkylquinolinium halides by reacting with alkylhalides. For example, with methyl iodide it gives *N*-methylquinolinium halide.



1.7 Nitration of Quinoline

Quinoline *N*-oxide is more easily nitrated than pyridine 1-oxide (Ochiai, 1953). A mixture of nitric and sulfuric acids at 65–70°C to give 4-nitro derivative in 60–70% yields. For proof of its structure, it was converted into 4-ethoxyquinoline 1-oxide by treatment with sodium methoxide; this was identical with a sample prepared by oxidation of 4-ethoxyquinoline.

As by-products of nitration, small amounts of 5- and 8-nitroquinoline 1-oxides were obtained. Both of the latter were converted by heating with sulphuryl chloride into the corresponding 2-chloronitroquinolines and these were retransformed by catalytic reduction into the known 5- and 8-aminoquinolines.

The position taken by nitro group on nitration of quinoline *N*-oxide shows a striking temperature dependence. At 0–10°C, only the 5- and 8-nitro derivatives are formed. Above 40°C, the reactivity of the 4-

position becomes evident, and at 65-70°C mainly, the 4-nitro derivative is produced. Above 100°, deoxygenation of the N-oxide function begins to occur, and at 120-130°C the formation of the 4-nitro derivative is much decreased with simultaneous formation of quinoline 5- and 8-nitroquinoline in small amounts. Again, if one allows quinoline 1-oxide to stand a long time at room temperature with potassium nitrate in fuming sulfuric acid (10% SO₃), one obtains 4,8-dinitroquinoline 1-oxide besides the 5- and 8-nitro derivatives.

4- and 5-Nitroquinoline 1-oxides give on analogous nitration the same 4,5-dinitro derivative and 6- and 8-nitroquinoline 1-oxide similarly yield the 4,6- and 4,8-dinitro derivatives. Both of the latter give, on heating with phosphorus oxychloride, the corresponding 2,4-dichloroquinolines which were converted by catalytic reduction into the known 6- and 8-aminoquinolines; this established their structures.

NITRODERIVATIVES OF QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE

QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE	PROPERTIES	MELTING POINT(°C)
4-Nitro	Yellow needles or platelet	154
4-Nitro, 2-ethyl	Yellow needles	155-157
8-Nitro	Yellow prisms	180-181
5-Nitro	Yellow platelet	161
4,5-Nitro	Yellow prisms	260-262
4,8-Nitro	Orange-yellow rhombs	233
4,6-Nitro	Orange-yellow prisms	218

TABLE 1.1: NITRODERIVATIVES OF QUINOLINE *N*-OXIDE

Quinoline *N*-oxide is nitrated at 65-70° to a 4-nitro derivative. By treatment with sodium methoxide, it was transformed into the corresponding ethoxyquinoline *N*-oxide which was recognized as 4-ethoxyquinoline 1-oxide by direct comparison with a sample prepared from 4-chloroquinoline via its amine oxide. In the nitration of *N*-oxides of the quinoline series, the formation of 2-nitro derivatives was never observed.

4-Nitroquinoline 1-oxide (also known as 4-NQO, 4NQO, 4Nqo, NQO and NQNO) is a quinoline derivative and a tumorigenic compound used in the assessment of the efficacy of diets, drugs, and procedures in the prevention and treatment of cancer in animal models. It induces DNA lesions usually corrected by nucleotide excision repair.

4-nitroquinoline 1-oxide (4NQO) is a quinoline, a carcinogenic and mutagenic chemical. Quinolines, like 4N

QO, possess a heterocyclic aromatic structure and the same basic chemical formula of C_9H_7N .

4NQO may naturally occur in the environment but is typically manufactured for research purpose. 4NQO is known to mimic the biological effects of ultraviolet light on various organisms.

Both 4NQO and its reduced metabolite 4-hydroxyaminoquinoline 1-oxide (4HAQO) bind covalently to cellular macromolecules such as nucleic acids and proteins.

4NQO has been shown to trap topoisomerase I cleavage complexes. It may also induce DNA damage through the production of reactive oxygen species thought to arise from enzymatic reduction of its nitro group, although its exact mechanism is unknown. 4NQO's reactive oxygen species may serve as a byproduct of DNA damage or signaling molecule from damage. In response to damage from 4NQO, cells attempt to repair and initiate a transcriptional response to detoxify the cell from 4NQO and its metabolites.

4-Nitroquinoline N-oxide has the chemical formula $C_9H_6N_2O_3$, Molar mass of 190.60 g/mol. It forms a yellow-brown crystal or powder and it is slightly soluble in water.

1.8 Biological Importance of Quinoline and Its Derivatives

Quinoline has been discovered to possess potential applications in a major field namely in medicine. Several quinoline-derived compounds like quinolones are used as drugs, targeting a variety of diseases, e.g. bacterial infections, cancer, hepatitis, HIV, herpes, fungal infections, immunodepression, neurodegenerative diseases, tuberculosis or malaria. (Horta *et al.*, 2019)

1.8.1 Quinolines as Antimalarial Agents

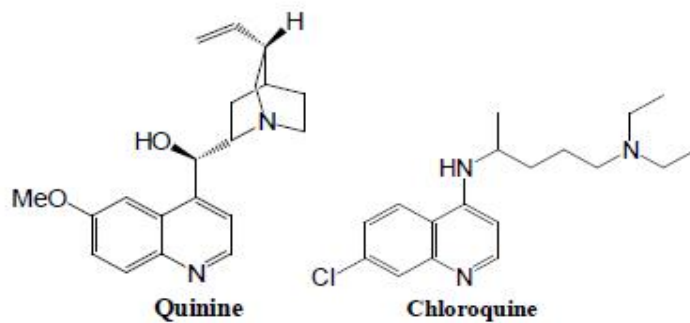
Malaria is a deadly infectious disease that has affected mankind for several millennia. It is caused by a protozoan parasite of the *Plasmodium* genus and transmission of the parasite occurs via the bite of an infected female *Anopheles* mosquito (vector).

The control of malaria has long been, and remains, a priority, especially because of the fast development of parasites resistant to almost all available antimalarial drugs.

The use of quinoline derivatives as antimalarial drugs in Europe goes back to the beginning of the 17th century, when Jesuit priests returning from Peru introduced an extract from *Cinchona*, a tree originally found in the high hills of South America, as a treatment for malaria. The bark of this tree was later found to be a mixture of about 35 alkaloids, from which the antimalarial drug quinine would be isolated.

The discovery of methylene blue by the end of the 19th century led to the synthesis of 8-aminoquinolines (pamaquine, mepacrine) and 4-aminoquinolines with potent toxicity against *Plasmodium* spp. Chloroquine, the first antimalarially active 4-aminoquinoline obtained from synthesis, was reported in 1934. This drug demonstrated to be highly effective against *Plasmodium* parasites, well tolerated by humans (less toxic and more effective than quinine) and, in addition, was cheaper than other contemporary antimalarial drugs.

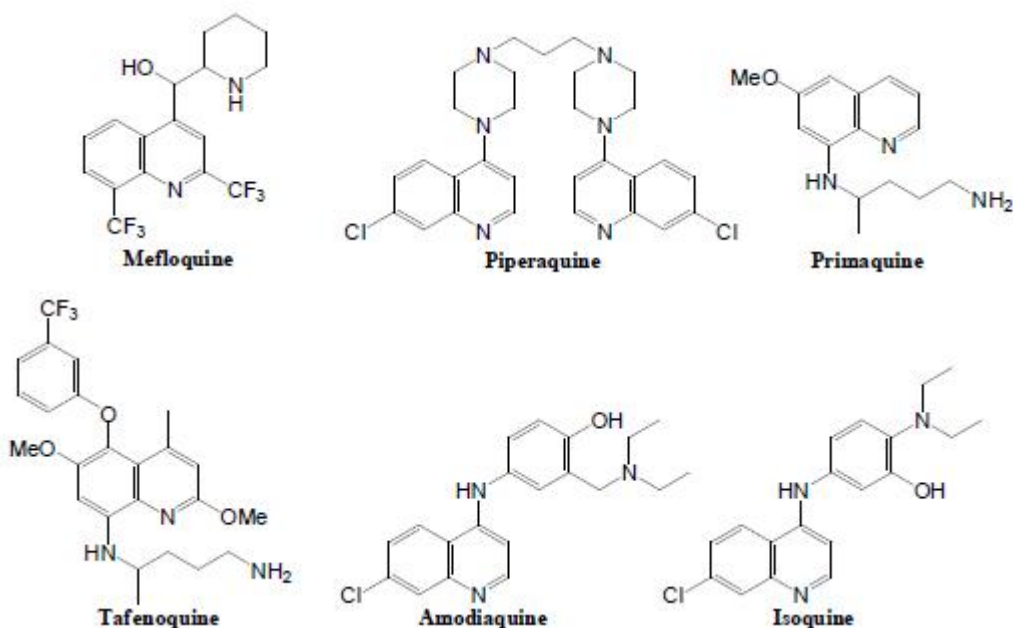
However, resistance of erythrocytic sexual forms of *P. falciparum* to chloroquine has been described shortly after its discovery and is currently common in all endemic areas around the world. Despite these limitations, chloroquine is still used for prophylaxis and treatment of malaria in the few African regions where *P. falciparum* remains sensitive to this drug.



Structural representation of Quinine and Chloroquine

Structural representation of Quinine and Chloroquine

The efforts to the discovery of new antimalarial effective against chloroquine-resistant strains of *Plasmodium* spp. resulted in the development of various quinoline derivatives, (mefloquine, piperazine, primaquine, tafenoquine, amodiaquine and isoquine). However, some of these new drugs evidenced limitations, mainly related to toxicity and cost, and were soon overshadowed through the development of drug resistance by the parasite. Nowadays, quinine remains an alternative antimalarial drug to treat infections caused by parasite strains resistant to other drugs (e.g. chloroquine), although side effects related to its use are known.

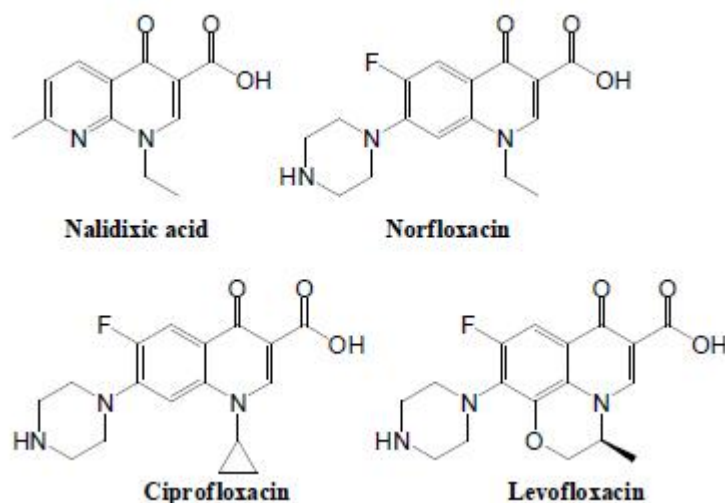


Structural Representation of Quinoline based Antimalarial Drugs with Historical and/or current Relevanc

1.8.2 Quinolines as an Antibacterial Agent

The use of quinolines as antibacterial agents (a well-established class of antibiotics) began in 1963, with the discovery of nalidixic acid, a 1,8-naphthyridone-3-acid, during the synthesis of the antimalarial agent chloroquine. Nalidixic acid, the first synthetic quinolone-based antibacterial agent, was used against some enteric bacteria in the treatment of urinary tract infections. It is a *first-generation quinolone* presenting favourable structural features, such as the ethyl group at N-1 position, and good Gram-negative activity.

However, nalidixic acid never became a useful agent to treat systemic infections, due to its narrow spectrum of action, poor tissue penetrability, rapid emergence of bacterial resistance and frequent adverse effects in the central nervous system.



Structural representation of Quinolones used as antibacterial agents

1.8.3 Quinolones as an Anti-mycobacterial Agent

Tuberculosis (TB) is an infectious bacterial disease caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTB) and, most commonly, affects the lungs, causing cough (sometimes with sputum or blood), chest pain, weakness, weight loss, fever and night sweats. Despite the available treatments TB treatment remains a global health problem, since research and development regarding this disease has not evolved for many years until recently and the pathogenic agent has evidenced an increased prevalence of multi and extensive drug-resistant strains (MDR and XDR, respectively).

The resistance phenomenon may result, mostly, from the misuse of current anti-tuberculosis chemotherapy regimens, which involve combinations of, at least, three different drugs and therapeutic regimens of six months or longer, with the possibility of some characteristic side effects.

Over the past years, several subclasses of 4-oxo-quinoline derivatives, incorporating various substituents in the structure of the quinoline core, have demonstrated diverse bioactivities, including high activity against bacterial path

ogens. Particularly, gatifloxacin and moxifloxacin are under evaluation in this field, as substitutes for isoniazid and as a possibility of shortening the overall regimen duration, providing greater safety and tolerability profiles in TB treatment.

In addition to the preexisting quinolone drugs under investigation, several other quinolones are being designed for their potential as anti-tuberculosis agents.

Some analogues incorporating variations on the 4-quinolone core of the fluoroquinolone drugs resulted in a series of different analogues with good activity.

1.8.4 Quinolines as Anticancer Agents

Cancer defines a group of diseases characterized by rapid and abnormal division of cells, which can occur in any part of the body and invades surrounding tissues or even spreads throughout the body after reaching the bloodstream. When this aberrant cell division originates, an mass of tissue that results is called a solid tumor.

DNA topoisomerases play a key role in cancers since they regulate cell division through modulation of DNA supercoiling process during replication. Quinolines are known for a high inhibitory capacity toward eukaryotic topoisomerases, thus emerging as the potential leads for the treatment and control of solid tumors.

Based on the preexisting fluoroquinolones, which showed activity on human topoisomerase II while used for their antibacterial effect, Foroumadi *et al.* evaluated the introduction of *N*-substituted piperazinyl groups at C-7 position of the ciprofloxacin and norfloxacin core. The employed modifications change the biological activities of these quinolone drugs, from antibacterial to cytotoxic agents.

The most expressive result was obtained for the *O*-methyloxime derivative (a 6-fluoro-4-oxo-quinoline derivative, compound, that showed 95-fold increased activity ($IC_{50}=2.5\mu M$) in MCF-7 cells (breast cancer), compared to its parent quinolone, norfloxacin.

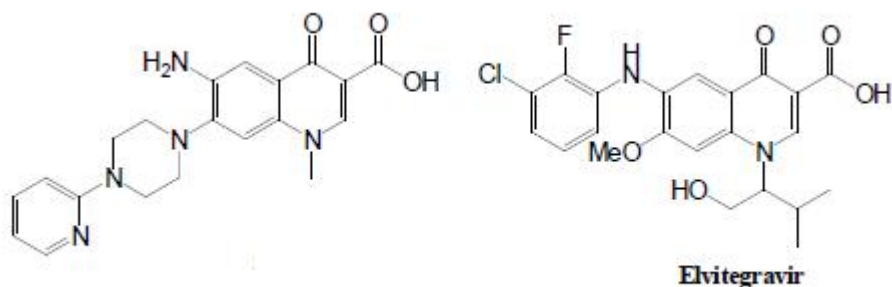
1.8.5 Quinolines with antiviral activity

Viral infections are still a major health issue worldwide. The HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) represents one of the most dangerous viruses affecting public health, since it causes an incurable disease and more than 36 million people are recurrently infected.

Although therapeutic advances transformed this deadly disease into a chronic one, many issues regarding HIV therapy remain, including drug resistance that promotes gradual loss of efficacy of highly active antiretroviral therapy combinations, often due to poor patient compliance, and cost.

Integrase inhibitors emerged recently as a novel anti-HIV drug class, and quinolone-type compounds play an important role in this class since they showed good activity against the viral DNA strand transfer step mediated by integrase enzymes (IN).

More recently, quinolone antibiotic derivatives proved to be potent against the strand transfer step of integrase activity and the use of the drug, Elvitegravir, was approved for this indication. Moreover, the quinolone scaffold also showed interaction with viral Reverse Transcriptase (RT), which makes it a promising structure for dual-mechanism development⁸¹ or solely against viral retro-transcriptase.



Additionally, studies show another promising use for the quinolone class in anti-HIV therapy, with the discovery of a strong interaction of 6-desfluoroquinolones with the TAR region of viral RNA, inhibiting its interaction with Tat protein, which is essential for the viral RNA transcription process.

Several viral infections continue to affect populations worldwide. Hepatitis C (HCV) and *Herpes simplex* (HSV) viruses represent two examples where novel and more efficient therapeutic tools are needed for an improved outcome.

Current treatment for HCV infections consists of a combination of once-a-week subcutaneous pegylated Interferon (peg-IFN) alpha injections and twice-daily oral Ribavirin.

However, these fail to provide full treatment in more than 50% of patients and the incidence of severe adverse effects is high. HCV NS5B polymerase enzyme displays a high active-site similarity with HIV integrase's active site.

Since 4-quinolone-3-carboxylic acids exhibit such good activities against HIV integrase, they could also represent a promising scaffold for interaction with HCV polymerase.

However, in this case, structure-activity relationships show that best anti-HCV activity is achieved through substitution at C-6 with aromatic moieties, while substitution at C-7 position seem to be detrimental for activity. Given the positive results obtained from these molecules, it is of main interest to further explore the 4-quinolone-3-carboxylic acid scaffold for use in this field.

In studies carried out by (Chen *et al.*, 2012), it was observed that quinolone derivatives with a C-7 substitution pattern were inactive, whereas some isomers substituted at C-6 showed significant activity, especially those bearing an aromatic group as substituent. Relatively to the N-1 position, unsubstituted or simple alkyl N-1 substituted analogues showed no activity while hydroxyethyl and hydroxypropyl groups were substantially better for inhibition. The best inhibitory activity was achieved with 2-benzothiophene and 2-benzofuran substituted analogues. Notably, the N-1 hydroxypropyl substituted analogue was considerably less potent. Nevertheless, these compounds clearly showed better inhibitory activity toward HCV than Ribavirin, suggesting that the quinolone-3-carboxylic acid scaffold bears potential for antiviral discovery against HCV.

HSV-

1 virus is causative of facial, oral and sometimes genital lesions in humans and its current treatment relies on the use of oral or topical antiviral drugs, such as Acyclovir, Famciclovir, and Valacyclovir. Drug-resistance development by the HSV virus raises the need for new alternative treatments, effective against resistant strains. Quinolone-based acyclovir analogues are a promising class of novel anti-HSV-1 drugs.

These maintain the 1-(2-hydroxy-ethoxy)methyl substituent, but alter the purine core to a quinolone one, allowing for small substituents at C-6 or C-7.

An evaluation of the antiviral activity of quinolone carboxylic acids and their corresponding esters showed that almost all of the compounds reduced the viral load in 70-99%, being the acids, in general, more effective inhibitors than their corresponding esters.

1.8.6 Quinolines with Antifungal Activity

Quinoline-

derivative quinolones were also shown to act against fungal infections, either by their synergistic effect with other antifungal drugs or as hybrid drugs, containing Ciprofloxacin and a antifungal Fluconazole linked to the 7-position of the quinolone core. This position is known to allow for chemical diversity and the possibility of optimization associated with broad spectrum and good pharmacokinetic properties as reported by Wan *et al.*, (2012).

CHAPTER 2

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

2.1 Materials

The materials used during the course of this work include reagents, glasswares, apparatus and instruments.

2.1.1 Reagents

The following reagents used in the synthesis and their sources are

REAGENTS	SOURCES
Quinoline	JDH
Hydrogenperoxide(H_2O_2)	BDH
Glacialaceticacid(CH_3COOH)	BDH
Sodiumcarbonate(Na_2CO_3)	Kermel
Chloroform($CHCl_3$)	JDH
ConcentratedSulphuricacid(H_2SO_4)	BDH
Potassiumnitrate(KNO_3)	Kermel
ConcentratedHydrochloricacid(HCl)	BDH
Thiourea	Sigma
Benzoylchloride	JDH
DistilledWater	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
AbsoluteEthanol	JDH
Silicagel	LOBA

TABLE 2.1: REAGENTS AND THEIR SOURCE

2.1.2 GLASSWARES

The glasswares used in the synthesis and sources are given below

GLASSWARES

SOURCE

Condenser University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Round bottom flasks University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Flat bottom flasks University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Drechsel bottle University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Separating funnel University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Conical flasks University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Beakers University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Measuring cylinder University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Funnel University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

TABLE 2.2: GLASSWARES AND THEIR SOURCE

2.1.3. APPARATUS AND INSTRUMENTS

The apparatus and instruments used during the synthesis and their sources are as follows

APPARATUS/INSTRUMENT SOURCE

Retorts stand and clamps

University of Benin Chemistry Laboratory

Filterpaper	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Litmuspaper	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Weighingbalance	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Oven	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Capillarytube	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Glassslide	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Magneticstirrerandbar	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Heatingmantle	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Hotplate	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Vacuumpump	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Waterbath	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory
Meltingpointinstrument	UniversityofBeninChemistryLaboratory

TABLE 2.3: APPARATUS/INSTRUMENT USED AND THEIR SOURCES

2.2 METHODS OF CHARACTERIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION

2.2.1 Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC)

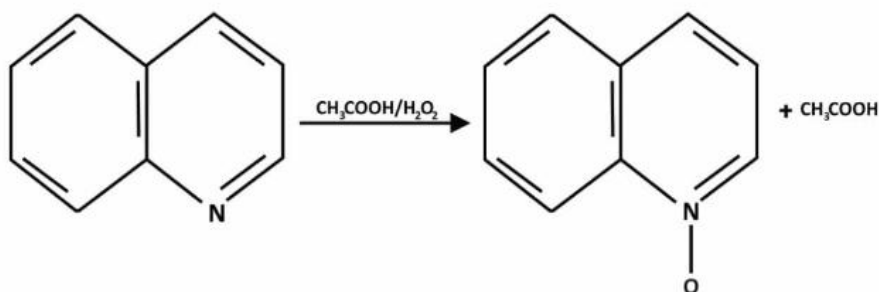
The ascending TLC was run on silicagel pre-coated plates for checking the purity of the products as well as monitoring the progress of the reaction. The final products were detected by reacting with iodine vapour.

2.2.2 Melting Point Determination

Foffer Melting Point Apparatus was used to determine all the melting points reported in this work. This was done using open glass capillaries.

2.3. METHODOLOGY

2.3.1 SYNTHESIS OF QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE (COMPOUND I)



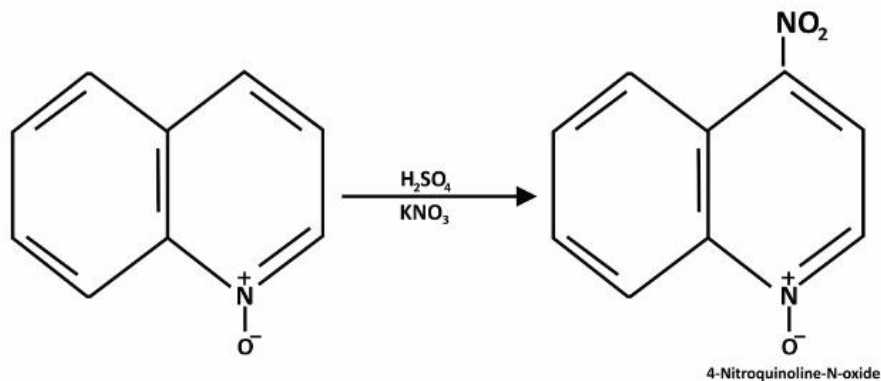
QUINOLINE

QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE

A 20 ml of distilled quinoline was dissolved in 53.3 ml glacial acetic acid. 8.3 ml of hydrogen peroxide was added and the mixture was heated at 70-80°C for 6 hours. 5 ml of hydrogen peroxide was further added, and then the procedure repeated. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure as much as possible, then, the brown syrup obtained was treated with concentrated sodium carbonate solution until strongly alkaline. The mixture was extracted with chloroform (25 ml x 5), and dried with sodium carbonate anhydrous. After the removal of the solvent, the product was allowed to stand for a

outadayforsolidification.Thefollowingdayitwasbrokenupinetherandpowderedtoobtaintheresultingproduct.

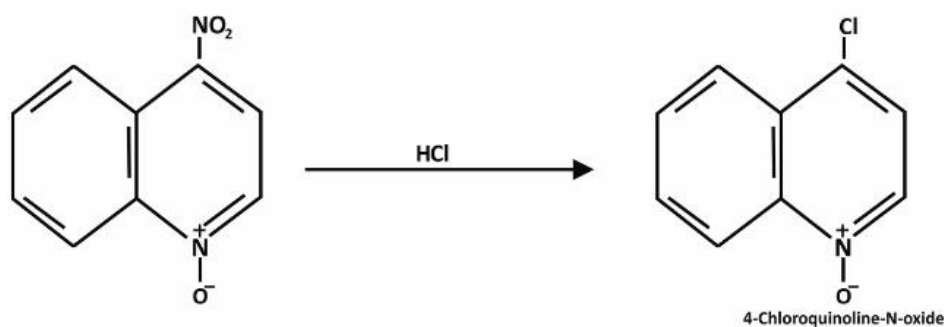
2.3.2 SYNTHESIS OF 4-NITROQUINOLINE-N-OXIDE (COMPOUND II)



Quinoline-N-

oxide (10g) was dissolved in ice cold concentrated H_2SO_4 (23.3ml). Potassium nitrate (8.6g) was added dropwise over a period of 35-40 minutes at 65 to 70°C and heated for an extra two hours with frequent stirring. Thereafter, the mixture was cooled and poured into excess ice water. The crude product was filtered, washed thoroughly with water, sodium carbonate solution and finally with water. After drying, the crude product was recrystallized from acetone.

2.3.3 SYNTHESIS OF 4-CHLOROQUINOLINE-N-OXIDE (COMPOUND III)



A 5 g of 4-nitroquinoline-N-

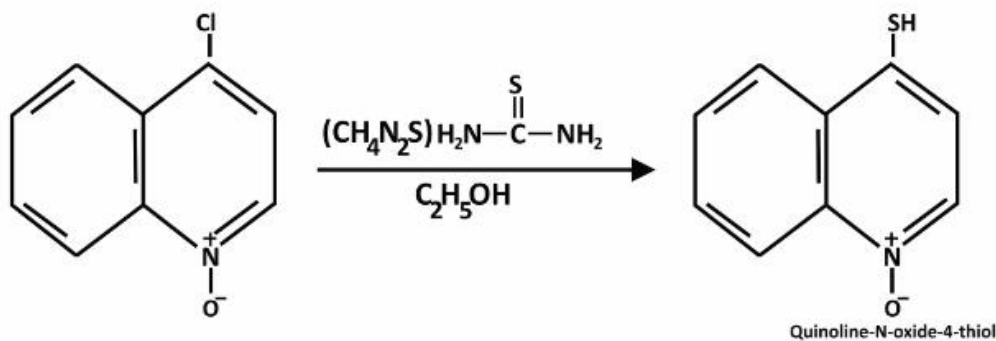
oxide was dissolved in hydrochloric acid and evaporated to dryness at low temperature. The solid obtained was then dissolved in water and precipitated using sodium hydroxide solution until strongly alkaline. The reaction mixture was then filtered under vacuum to obtain a colourless product.

2.3.3.1 SYNTHESIS OF QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE-4-THIOURONIUM CHLORIDE

4-chloroquinoline-N-

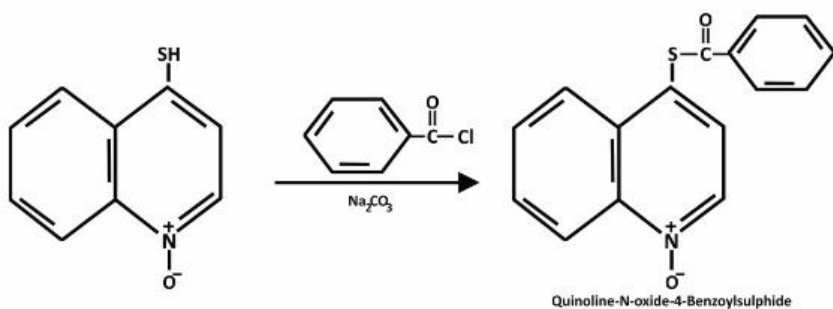
oxide (0.65 g) and thiourea (0.29 g) were dissolved in absolute ethanol (6.5 ml), and refluxed for 1 hour. After cooling, it was filtered, to obtain quinoline-N-oxide-4-thiouronium chloride as light yellow needles.

2.3.4 SYNTHESIS OF QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE-4-THIOL



The synthesized thiuronium chloride was suspended in 1.95 ml of water and 3 ml of 10% sodium hydroxide solution was added, whereupon the crystals dissolved to form an orange-red solution. The solution was filtered, acidified with acetic acid, and the resulting orange-red crystals were collected and washed with distilled water.

2.3.5 SYNTHESIS OF QUINOLINE-N-OXIDE-4-BENZOYL SULPHIDE



0.03 g of Quinoline-N-oxide-4-thiol was dissolved in sodium carbonate and then coupled with benzoylsulphide (6 ml). The mixture was stirred continuously for 3 hours. Thereafter, the solid was extracted using benzene.

CHAPTER 3

RESULTS

3.1 RESULTS

3.1.1 Physical Characterization of the Synthesized Compounds

3.1.1.1 Determination of melting point, percentage yield and appearance

The melting points, percentage yield and appearance of the synthesized compounds are shown in table 3.1

Table 3.1 Physical Data of the Synthesized Compounds

Properties	Compound I	Compound II	Compound III	Compound IV	Compound V
Name of Compound	Quinoline- <i>N</i> -oxide	4-Nitroquinoline- <i>N</i> -oxide	4-Chloroquinoline- <i>N</i> -oxide	Quinoline- <i>N</i> -oxide-4-thiol	Quinoline- <i>N</i> -oxide-4-benzoylsulphid
State	Oily	Solid	Solid	Solid	Solid
Colour	Brown	Yellow	Yellow	Orange-red	Pale yellow
Melting point\Boiling point(°c)	53	154-156	133-135	142-144	96-98
Percentage Yield(%)	44.48	38.17	13.80	9.38	1.86

3.1.1.2 Thin Layer Chromatography

The table 3.2 shows the R_F values of the synthesized intermediates and final compounds, which show single round spots after exposing the chromatogram to iodine vapour indicating the purity of the compounds and the completion of the reaction.

$$\text{Retention Factor (R}_F\text{)} = \frac{\text{Distance moved by compound}}{\text{Distance moved by solvent}}$$

Comparative R_F values of all synthesized compound.

Compounds	R_F Values	Solvents
Compound I	0.63	Chloroform
Compound II	0.79	Chloroform
Compound III	0.90	Chloroform
Compound IV	0.94	Chloroform
Compound V	0.83	Benzene/Ethanol(1:1)

3.2 Conclusion

At the end of this research work, quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-benzoylsulphide was successfully synthesized. This was confirmed by TLC and melting point determination. However, the analytical characterisation of the compounds could not be ascertained.

3.3 Recommendation

Analytical characterisation of the synthesized compounds should be done. Furthermore, the compound should also be tested for its antimicrobial potential.

3.4 Limitation

Analytical characterisation of the synthesized compounds could not be ascertained due to limited time and non-availability of analytical instruments such as ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, FT-IR, and GC-MS.

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APPENDIX

CALCULATION FOR THE PERCENTAGE YIELD OF COMPOUND I-COMPOUND V

COMPOUND I

1 mole of Quinolone = 1 mole of Quinolone-*N*-oxide

129 g/mol = 145 g/mol

20 g = X(g)

$$X = \frac{145 \times 20}{129} = 22.48 \text{ g.}$$

Hence, theoretical yield = 22.48 g

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Actual yield = 10g

$$\text{Percentage yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = \frac{10}{22.48} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = 44.48$$

COMPOUND II

1 mole Quinoline-N-oxide = 1 mole 4-nitroquinoline-N-oxide

145g/mol = 190g/mol

10g = X

$$X = \frac{190 \times 10}{145}$$

X = 13.30g

Theoretical yield = 13.10g

Actual yield = 5g

$$\text{Percentage yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = \frac{5}{13.10} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = 38.17$$

COMPOUNDIII

1mole4-nitroquinoline-*N*-oxide=1moleof4-chloroquinoline-*N*-oxide

190g/mol=179g/mol

5g=X

$$X = \frac{179 \times 5}{190}$$

X=4.71g

Theoreticalyield=4.71g

Actualyield=0.65g

$$\text{Percentageyield(\%)} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = \frac{0.65}{4.71} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

%yield=13.80

COMPOUNDIV

1moleof4-chloroquinoline-*N*-oxide=1moleofquinoline-*N*-oxide-4-thiol

179g/mol=177g/mol

0.65g=X

$$X = \frac{177 \times 0.65}{179}$$

X=0.64g

Theoretical yield = 0.64g

Actual yield = 0.25g

$$\text{Percentage yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = \frac{0.25}{0.64} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

%yield = 9.38

COMPOUND V

1 mole of quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-thiol = 1 mole Quinoline-*N*-oxide-4-benzoylsulphide

256.7g/mol = 140.6g/mol

0.057g = X

$$X = \frac{0.057 \times 140.6}{256.7}$$

X = 0.03g

Theoretical yield = 0.03g

Actual yield = 5.76g

$$\text{Percentage yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

$$\% \text{yield} = \frac{5.76}{0.03} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

%yield = 1.86

RETENTION FACTOR FOR ALL COMPOUNDS

$$\text{Retention factor} = \frac{\text{distance moved by compound}}{\text{distance moved by eluent (solvent)}}$$

COMPOUND I

$$R_F(\text{Chloroform}) = \frac{5.0}{8.0} = 0.63$$

COMPOUND II

$$R_F(\text{Chloroform}) = \frac{5.4}{6.8} = 0.79$$

COMPOUND III

$$R_F(\text{Chloroform}) = \frac{6.5}{7.2} = 0.90$$

COMPOUND IV

$$R_F(\text{Chloroform}) = \frac{6.0}{6.4} = 0.94$$

COMPOUND V

$$R_F(\text{Benzene/Ethanol}) = \frac{6.6}{8.0} = 0.83$$