

# Physico-Chemical Studies of Reactions of Alkalytion of Schiff's Bases

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## Abstract

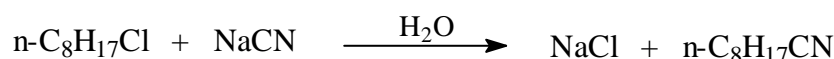
The Schiff's Bases (N-arylidene benzylamines) (1-29) have been alkylated with different alkyl halides by applying solid-liquid phase-transfer catalysis system (solid  $K_2CO_3$ ,  $CH_3CN$ , TBAB). The products were identified as the corresponding alkylated Schiff's bases, by analyses of their spectral data (UV, IR, NMR, MS). The mechanism of the reaction was investigated on the basis of theoretical approach using semi-empirical AM1 module in the CS ChemOffice molecular modeling package.

**Keywords:** Schiff's bases, Alkylation, N-Arylidene benzylamine.

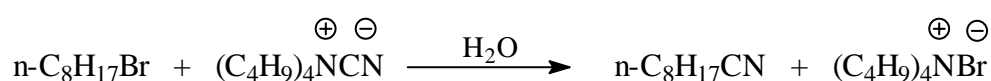
## Introduction:

Phase-transfer catalysis (PTC) technique had been used in the beginning<sup>(1)</sup> of the sixties as a new method to overcome the difficulties met in some reactions within immiscible compounds (heterogeneous

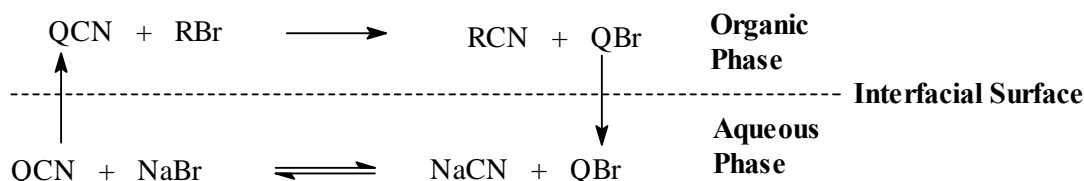
solution). As an example of these difficulties, consider<sup>(2)</sup> the following reaction:



This reaction will not proceed even after a continuous stirring for several days. To solve this problem, some special solvents have been used which have polar and non-polar sites such as: DMSO, DMF. These solvents are able<sup>(3)</sup> to dissolve the polar (NaCN) and non-polar ( $n\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}$ ). They also have some disadvantages<sup>(4)</sup>, like their high boiling points and being expensive and difficult to purify. It has been noticed that the reaction (below) is followed easily with good yield and rate when using a salt such as tetrabutyl ammonium cyanide<sup>(2)</sup> instead of insoluble sodium cyanide:



This is related to the lipophilic quaternary cation [ $\text{Q}^+ = (\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\text{N}^+$ ] which transfers the cyanide ion to the organic phase as ( $\text{Q}^+\text{CN}^-$ ), and which in turn undergoes a reaction with ( $n\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{Br}$ ) to yield cyanootcane and ( $\text{Q}^+\text{Br}^-$ ) which is quickly changed into ( $\text{Q}^+\text{CN}^-$ ) either in the aqueous phase or in the interfacial surface as it is shown below:



For the control of infectious diseases, the discovery and development of antibiotics are aiming the most powerful and successful achievements to modern science and technology<sup>(5)</sup>. In the field of Schiff bases, extensive investigations have been reported<sup>(6,7)</sup>.

Chemical and Physical properties as well as their preparation have been described by various workers<sup>(8,9)</sup>. Many workers denoted that Schiff bases formed from aromatic aldehydes or aromatic ketones and their substituents are quite stable. A wide range of these compounds have been synthesized due to the great diverse and flexibility in the structural aspects of Schiff bases, their complexation behavior had also been studied<sup>(10,11)</sup>. It was reported that nitro and halo derivatives of Schiff bases have antimicrobial and antitumor activities<sup>(12)</sup>. Antifungal and antimicrobial activities of various Schiff bases have also been reported<sup>(13,14,15)</sup>. Sahu et al<sup>(16)</sup> reported fungi toxicity of some Schiff bases. Gawad et al<sup>(17)</sup> synthesized some Schiff bases and observed high antimicrobial activities. Many Schiff bases are known to be medically important and are used to design medicinal compounds<sup>(18-20)</sup>.

## Experimental

### Instrumentation

- I. Boiling points were determined by inverted capillary in a Thiele tube using paraffin<sup>(21)</sup> colourless oil.
- II. Ultra-violet spectra were obtained using Shimadzu UV-Visible spectrophotometer UV-160.
- III. Infra-red spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer 590 B spectrophotometer.
- IV. a). Nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) spectra were registered at 60 MHz. Hitachi Perkin-Elmer spectrometer, using tetramethyl silane (TMS) as an internal standard, and CDCl<sub>3</sub>, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO as solvents.  
b). Some compounds had been analysed in France\* by Bruker AC 300, 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrometer, using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent.

The following abbreviations used to discuss the NMR data: s(singlet), d(doublet), 2d(two doublet signals), t(triplet), q(quartet), p(pentet), m(multiplet), br(broad).

- V. Mass spectra (MS) were recorded in the laboratories of:

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- VI. Theoretical calculations based on the data obtained from the minimized geometry were computed using semi-empirical AM<sub>1</sub> module in the CS ChemOffice molecular modeling package.
- VII. The preliminary biological study was carried out in Dept. of Biology, Coll. of Sci., Univ. of Mosul. The standard Kirby and Bauer method was used.

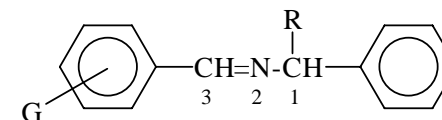
### Alkylation of Schiff Bases Under (PTC) Conditions Using (Solid-Liquid) System

#### General Procedure <sup>(22)</sup>

In a 100 ml round-bottomed flask, a heterocyclic mixture of: Schiff base (10) mmole, catalyst (1) mmole, potassium carbonate (4 gm, 30 mmole), the corresponding electrophile (RX) (15) mmole and acetonitrile CH<sub>3</sub>CN (30) ml was stirred at room temperature until no further change in colour. The resulting mixture was filtered, and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The liquid product was then distilled. The products were analyzed.

Table (1) illustrate the spectral data (U.V and I.R), elemental data and some physical properties of the alkylated Schiff bases (1-20), whereas table (2) illustrates the amounts of alkyl halides along with the names of products (1-29).

Table (1): Spectral and elemental data of alkylated Schiff bases (1-20).

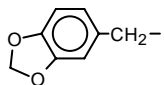
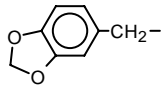
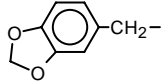


Cpd. No.	R	G	b.p(°C) & colour*	Yield (%)	Reaction time (min.)	U.V (CHCl <sub>3</sub> ) λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	I.R (KBr) ν (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		Molecular formula	Elemental analysis (%) (Calc./Found)		
							C=N	Asym. N—O		C	H	N
1		H	101-102 Y-B	75	45	405	1660	---	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N	88.77 87.96	6.70 6.60	4.90 4.74
2		p-NO <sub>2</sub>	108-110 R-B	97	50	320	1675	1480	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	76.32 75.98	5.49 5.39	8.48 8.32
3		m-NO <sub>2</sub>	98-99 R-B	89	50	393	1640	1500	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	76.32 75.99	5.49 5.34	8.48 8.29
4		H	168-170 Y-B	90	60	403	1655	---	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	76.32 75.99	5.49 5.29	8.48 8.19
5		p-NO <sub>2</sub>	97-99 Y-B	91	60	393	1675	1475	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	67.17 66.88	4.56 4.41	11.20 11.09
6		m-NO <sub>2</sub>	100-101 Y-B	98	70	343	1640	1500	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	67.17 67.01	4.56 4.21	11.20 10.97
7		H	120-121 Y-B	95	70	344	1650	---	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	76.32 76.29	5.49 5.39	8.48 8.46
8		p-NO <sub>2</sub>	159-160 R	93	70	406	1670	1505	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	67.17 67.21	4.56 4.39	11.20 11.12
9		m-NO <sub>2</sub>	175-177 R	99	70	344	1640	1500	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	67.17 67.12	4.56 4.40	11.20 11.18

\* Y: Yellow, R: Red, O: Orange, Y-B: Yellow-Brown, R-B: Reddish-Brown, P-B: Pale-Brown, D-B: Dark-Brown



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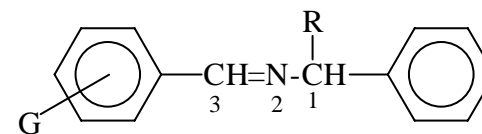
10	CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> -	H	123-124 P-B	97	30	343	1650	---	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO	87.39 86.98	6.93 7.06	5.66 5.49
11	CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> -	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	136-139 D-B	91	30	344	1650	1500	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	73.55 73.46	8.03 8.10	8.85 8.79
12	CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CHCH <sub>2</sub> -	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	131.5-132 P-B	99	35	344	1640	1495	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	73.55 73.50	8.03 8.00	8.85 8.32
13	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCH <sub>2</sub> -	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	128-130 R	96	25	404	1640	1500	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	72.82 72.76	5.75 5.69	9.99 9.82
14	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCH <sub>2</sub> -	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	88-90 B	98	25	373	1650	1500	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	72.82 72.70	5.75 5.66	9.99 9.82
15		H	99-99.5 B	96	20	344	1650	---	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>17</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	89.44 89.32	5.80 5.69	4.74 4.62
16		p-NO <sub>2</sub>	119-120 D-R	98	20	408	1675	1480	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	70.94 70.69	4.33 4.24	7.52 7.41
17		m-NO <sub>2</sub>	92-94 B	98	25	343	1680	1450	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	70.94 70.72	4.33 4.28	7.52 7.44
18	Br-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -	H	101-102 Y	96	45	339	1650	---	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> BrN	62.21 62.60	5.80 5.73	4.03 4.10
19	Br-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	98-99 O	98	45	381	1650	1490	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	57.59 57.34	5.10 5.21	7.46 7.13
20	Br-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	95-97 P-B	99	50	344	1675	1475	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>19</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	57.59 57.22	5.10 4.98	7.46 7.22

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Table (2): Names of alkylated Schiff bases (1-29)

Cpd .No.	Alkyl halide (Name & amount)	Name of alkylated Schiff base	Cpd .No.	Alkyl halide (Name & amount)	Name of alkylated Schiff base
1	Benzyl chloride (1.72) ml	N-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -benzyl benzyl amine	15	Methyl-3,4-dioxobenzyl chloride (2.4) gm	N-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -(3,4-dioxymethyl benzyl) benzyl amine
2		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -benzyl benzyl amine	16		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(3,4-dioxy methyl benzyl) benzyl amine
3		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -benzyl benzyl amine	17		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(3,4-dioxy methyl benzyl) benzyl amine
4	o-Nitrobenzyl chloride (2.56) gm	N-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -(o-nitrobenzyl) benzyl amine	18	1,4-Dibromo butane (1.79) ml	N-Benzylidene-1-phenyl-5-bromo pentyl amine
5		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(o-nitro- benzyl) benzyl amine	19		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl-5-bromo pentyl amine
6		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(o-nitro-benzyl) benzyl amine	20		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl-5-bromo pentyl amine
7	p-Nitrobenzyl chloride (2.56)	N-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -(p-nitrobenzyl) benzyl amine	21	Methyl iodide (0.93) ml	N-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -methyl benzyl amine
8		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(p-nitro- benzyl) benzyl amine	22		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -methyl benzyl amine
9		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(p-nitro- benzyl) benzyl amine	23		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -methyl benzyl amine
10	Crotyl chloride (1.47) ml	N-Benzylidene-1-phenyl-3-pentenyl amine	24	Butyl bromide (1.6) ml	N-Benzylidene-1-phenyl pentyl amine
11		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- 1-phenyl-3-pentenyl amine	25		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl pentyl amine
12		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl-3-pentenyl amine	26		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl pentyl amine
13	Allyl chloride (1.22) ml	N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl-3-butenyl amine	27	o-Bromobenzoyl chloride (2.19) ml	N-Benzylidene- $\alpha$ -(o-bromobenzoyl)- benzyl amine
14		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)-1-phenyl-3-butenyl amine	28		N-(p-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(o-bromo benzoyl) benzyl amine
			29		N-(m-Nitrobenzylidene)- $\alpha$ -(o-bromo benzoyl) benzyl amine

Table (3): Spectral data, physical properties and elemental data of some alkylated Schiff bases(21-29).



Cpd. No.	b.p(°C) & colour*	G	R	UV (CHCl <sub>3</sub> ) λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	IR(KBr) ν (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		<sup>1</sup> H-NMR (CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ(ppm)	Yield (%)	Reaction time (min)	Molecular formula	Elemental analysis (%) (Calc./Found)		
					C=N	N—O asym					C	H	N
21	94-97 Y-B	H	CH <sub>3</sub> -	304	1650	---	0.9(d,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 3.0(q, 1H, H-1), 5.55(s, 1H, H-3), 6.9 (s, 10H, Ar-H)	88	15	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N	86.07 86.17	7.22 7.01	6.69 6.42
22	84-85 Y-B	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> -	302	1640	1500	1.1(d,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.4(q, 1H, H-1), 4.9(m,1H, H-3), 6.3-6.9 (m, 5H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -), 6.8-7.1 (dd, 4H, p-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -)	78	15	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	70.83 70.68	5.55 5.48	11.02 10.42
23	87-88 Y-B	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> -	302	1640	1500	1.0(m,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 4.35(q, 1H, H-1), 5.5(s,1H, H-3), 6.8-7.5 (m, 9H, Ar-H)	87	15	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	70.83 70.57	5.55 5.38	11.02 11.20
24	92-93 Y-B	H	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -	302	1650	---	0.9(t,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.4(m, 4H, -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.7(m,2H, Ar-CH <sub>2</sub> -), 3.0(m, 1H, H-1), 4.8 (m, 1H, H-3), 6.8-8.3 (m, 10H, Ar-H)	98	40	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N	85.99 85.70	8.42 9.04	5.57 5.39



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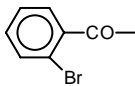
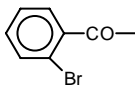
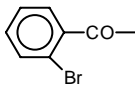
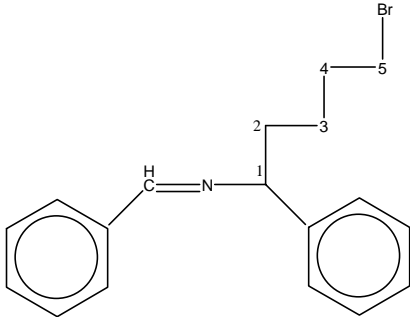
25	164-165 Y-B	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -	396	1640	1490	0.9(t,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.4(m, 4H, -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.7(m,2H, Ar-CH <sub>2</sub> ), 3.0(t, 1H, H-1), 4.9 (m, 1H, H-3), 6.5-8.0 (m, 5H, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -), 6.6-7.9(dd, 4H, p-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )	92	40	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	81.76 81.51	7.63 7.72	10.60 10.48
26	135-136 Y-B	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -	343	1640	1500	0.9(t,3H,CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.5(m, 4H, -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -), 2.0(m,2H, Ar-CH <sub>2</sub> -), 3.2(t, 1H, H-1), 5.0 (s, 1H, H-3), 6.5-8.6(m, 9H, Ar-H)	90	45	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	81.76 81.62	7.63 7.45	10.60 10.62
27	89-90 B	H		300	1665	---	2.8(s, 1H, H-1), 4.65(s, 1H, H-3), 6.0-6.7(m, 10H, Ar-H), 7.0-7.5(m, 4H, o-Br(6H <sub>4</sub> ))	97	80	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>16</sub> BrNO	66.66 66.41	4.26 4.19	3.70 3.60
28	136-137 D-R	p-NO <sub>2</sub>		399	1640	1465	3.2(s, 1H, H-1), 5.6(s, 1H, H-3), 6.6-7.5(m, 9H, Ar-H), 6.4-7.4(dd, 4H, p-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -)	98	80	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	59.55 59.29	3.57 3.42	6.61 6.45
29	111-112 D-R	m-NO <sub>2</sub>		344	1650	1505	3.3(m, 1H, H-1), 5.3(m, 1H, H-3), 6.2-8.0(m, 13H, Ar-H)	98	90	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	59.55 59.28	3.57 3.42	6.61 6.50

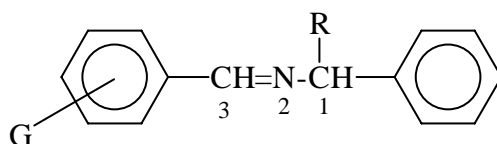


Table (4): The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR, Mass spectral and elemental data of compound (23)

Cdp. No.	NMR(CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) Δ(ppm)		Molecular formula	Elemental Microanalysis % (Cal C. /Found)					Structure
23	1.4(P,4H,CH <sub>2</sub> -3, CH <sub>2</sub> -4) 1.7(q,2H, CH <sub>2</sub> -2) 2.9 (t, CH <sub>2</sub> -3(1H, CH-1) 3.55(5,2H, CH <sub>2</sub> -5) 8.4(5,1H,CH=N) 7.2-7.9(m,10H,Ar-H)		C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> BrN	C	H	Hal	N	O	
				65.43 65.46	6.10 6.16	24.20 24.19	4.24 4.24	-- --	
Cdp. No.	m/z	Relative intensity(%)	Reagent gas	Integral <sup>(27)</sup> collector reading (abundance)	Molecular ion <sup>(27)</sup> and base peak <sup>(28)</sup>	Parent molecule			
						Elemental Composition	Exact mass	Molecular weight	
23	196	100	NH <sub>3</sub>	11.400	Base peak	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> BrN	329.10	330.26	
	330	0.76		100	Molecular ion MH <sup>+</sup>				

## Result and Discussion

The alkylation of Schiff bases [N-benzylidene benzylamine (I), N-(p-nitrobenzylidene benzylamine) (II) and N-(m-nitrobenzylidene benzylamine) (III)] under (PTC) conditions (solid-liquid system) with different alkyl halides afforded the corresponding alkylated Schiff bases (1-29):

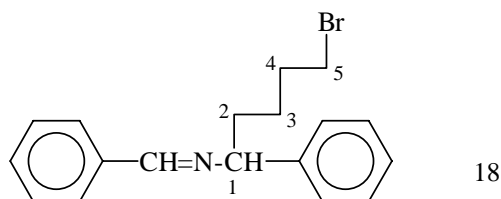


**N-arylidene- $\alpha$ -substituted benzylamines (1-29)**

The spectral and elemental data are used for the identification of the products (1-29) (tables: 1, 2, 3 and 4).

Cpd. No.	G	R	Cpd. No.	G	R
1	H	Ph-CH <sub>2</sub> -	15	H	
2	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	16	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
3	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	17	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
4	H		18	H	Br(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -
5	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	19	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
6	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	20	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
7	H		21	H	CH <sub>3</sub> -
8	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	22	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
9	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	23	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
10	H	CH <sub>3</sub> CH=CHC H <sub>2</sub> -	24	H	CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> -
11	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	25	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
12	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	26	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
13	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCH <sub>2</sub> -	27	H	
14	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=	28	p-NO <sub>2</sub>	=
			29	m-NO <sub>2</sub>	=

As a representative model, the compound (18) is selected in the discussion of spectral data.



**N-benzylidene-1-phenyl-5-bromo pentylamine (18)**

The ( $^1\text{H}$ -NMR) spectrum<sup>(23,24)</sup> (table 4) shows a pentet signal resonates at  $\delta(1.4)$  ppm (4H) related to the methylene protons at C-3 and C-4. A quartet signal at  $\delta(1.7)$  ppm (2H) attributed to the methylene protons at C-2. A triplet signal resonates at  $\delta(2.9)$  ppm (1H) corresponds to the proton at C-1. A singlet signal is appeared at  $\delta(3.55)$  ppm (2H) due to the methylene protons at C-5. Another singlet signal resonates at  $\delta(8.4)$  ppm (1H) referred to  $\text{CH}=\text{N}$ .

Finally, the multiplet signal at  $\delta(7.2-7.9)$  ppm (10H) related to the aromatic protons.

The (IR) spectrum (tables 1) exhibits a strong absorption band at  $(1650) \text{ cm}^{-1}$  attributed to  $\nu\text{C}=\text{N}$ .

The (UV) spectrum<sup>(25)</sup> (table 1) indicates a maximum absorption at wavelength  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = (339) \text{ nm}$  compared with  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = (320) \text{ nm}$  for the reacted Schiff base (I) which reflects a red shift.

The (MS) spectrum<sup>(26,27)</sup> (table 4) shows a base peak<sup>(28)</sup> (100%, abundance 11,400) for  $m/z = 196$  and a molecular ion  $(\text{MH})^+$  (0.76%, abundance 100) for  $m/z = 330$ . The molecular ion  $(\text{MH})^+$  is in quite good agreement with the composition  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrN}$ .

The elemental analysis (table 4) shows a good agreement with the calculated (C, H, N, Br) values.

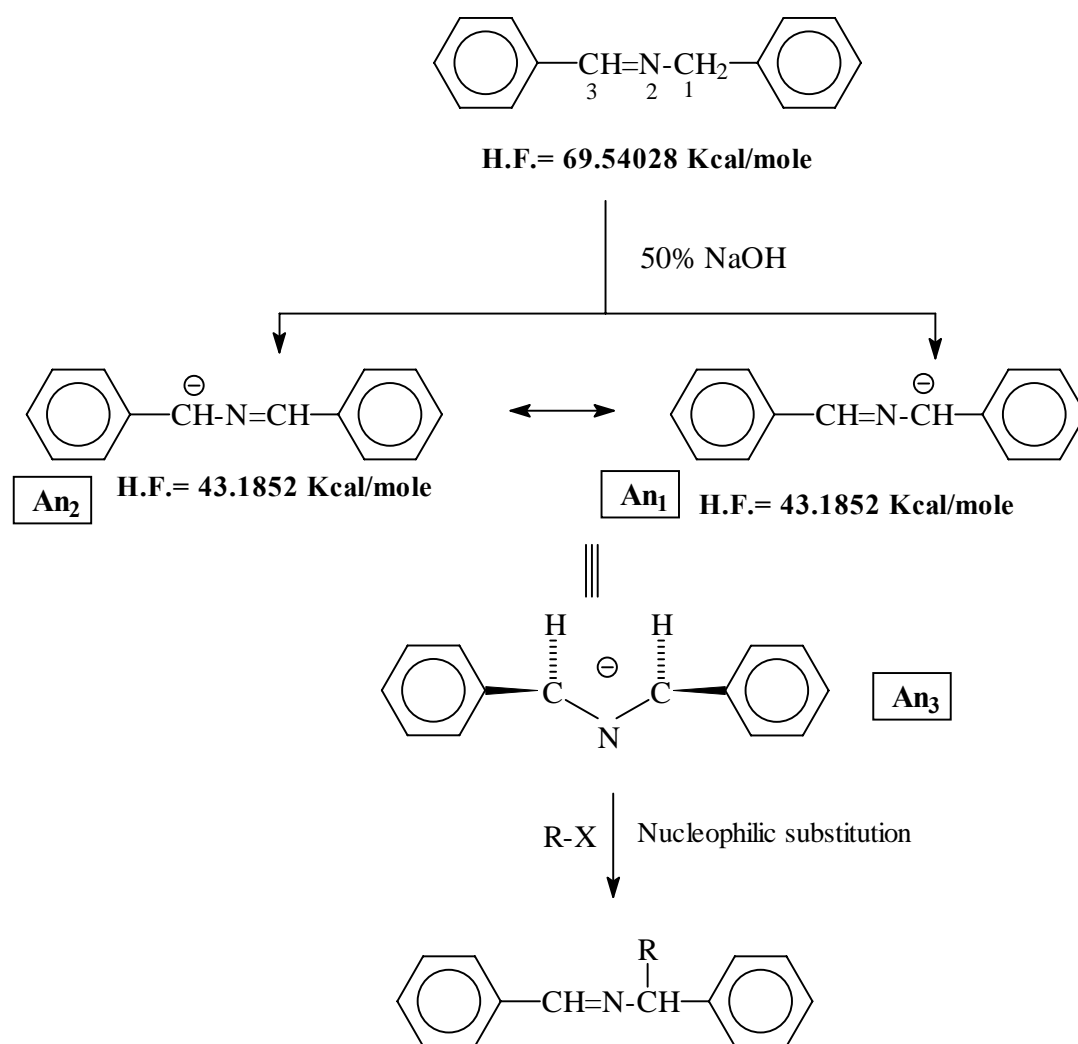
The alkylation of the Schiff base (N-benzylidene benzylamine I) using: benzyl chloride, crotyl chloride and methyl iodide are selected as a representative reactions for discussing the mechanism of the alkylation.

The suggested mechanism for such reaction (scheme 1) is initiated by the abstraction of the acidic proton from the Schiff base under the influence of the strong base (50% NaOH). The formed anion  $\text{An}_1$  may attack the alkyl halide (RX) via nucleophilic substitution to afford the final products (1) (H.F= 93.98380, S.E= 0.206), (10) (H.F= 75.28176, S.E= 7.047) and (21) (H.F= 66.60970, S.E= 0.433).

$\text{An}_1$  may resonates to give the anion  $\text{An}_2$  since  $\text{An}_1$  and  $\text{An}_2$  are the same, accordingly the same product is obtained whether the alkylation occurred at any one of the two carbons attached to the nitrogen, the mechanism may be suggested as the attack of the anion  $\text{An}_1$  or  $\text{An}_2$  on  $\alpha$ -carbon of R-X or via the resonance hybride  $\text{An}_3$ .

Appendix (17) illustrates the minimized geometry data of the final product (21), whereas (Figure 1) illustrates the 3D-structure of (21). The 3D-structure of (21) reflects the planarity of the molecule where:

$\text{C}_2\text{C}_3\text{C}_4 \text{ } \underline{\text{C}}_5 = 0.09484$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{C}_2\text{C}_1 \text{ } \underline{\text{C}}_6 = 0.05331$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{C}_4\text{C}_5 \text{ } \underline{\text{C}}_7 = -179.75113$ ,  $\text{C}_4\text{C}_5\text{C}_7 \text{ } \underline{\text{N}}_8 = -179.22244$ ,  $\text{C}_5\text{C}_7\text{N}_8 \text{ } \underline{\text{C}}_9 = 179.28763$  and  $\text{C}_9\text{C}_{10}\text{C}_{11} \text{ } \underline{\text{C}}_{12} = -178.97775$  (Appendix-1)



<u>Cpd. No.</u>	<u>R-X</u>	<u>H.F.(Kcal/mole)</u>	<u>S.E.(Kcal/mole)</u>
1	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$	93.98380	0.206
10	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{Cl}$	75.28176	4.047
21	$\text{CH}_3\text{I}$	66.60970	0.433

**Scheme (1): Reaction of Schiff base (I) with benzyl chloride, crotyl chloride and methyl iodide**

On the other hand, when asymmetric Schiff base is used, i.e.: with certain substituents on one of the two phenyls as Schiff base (N-p-nitrobenzylidene benzylamine), the attack may proceed via  $An_1$  or  $An_2$  (which may be represented by  $An_3$ ) on the alkyl halide.

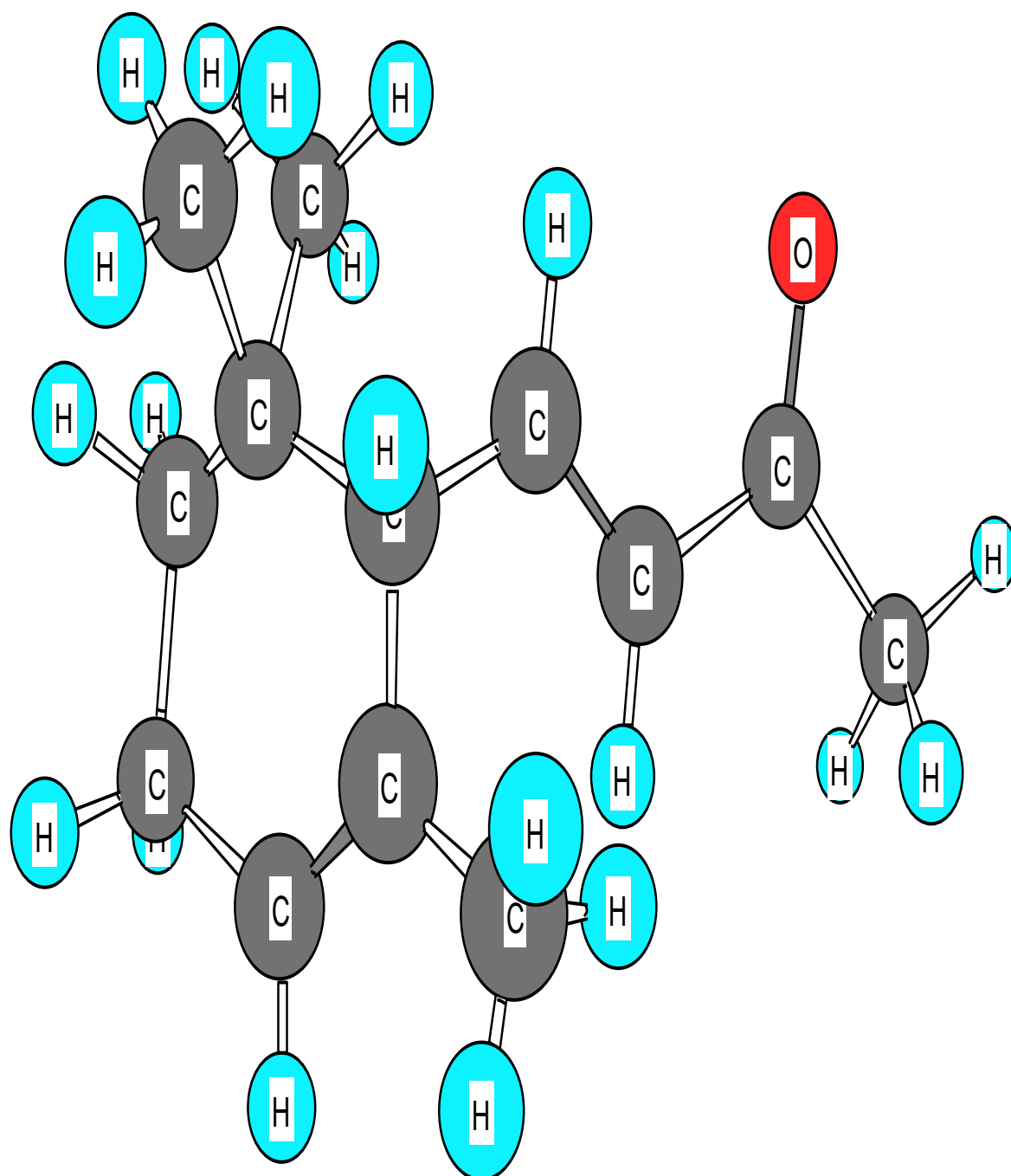
The alkylation of Schiff base with benzyl chloride, crotyl chloride and methyl iodide which afforded (2, 11 and 22) respectively are investigated in order to give some information on the mechanism of these reactions and show the effect of the alkyl groups on such reactions.

As such, the abstraction of the acidic proton from the Schiff base may leads to the liberation of the two anions  $An_1$  and  $An_2$  (scheme 2) which may be represented by the resonance hybrid  $An_3$ .

$An_3$  in turn may attack the carbon attached to the halogen in the alkyl halide molecule and upon substitution of the halide, the final products would be afforded either (2-a) (H.F= 97.86365, S.E= 44.642), (11-a) (H.F= 79.10883, S.E= 48.500) and (22-a) (H.F= 70.38823, S.E= 44.895) or (2-b) (H.F= 97.0400, S.E= 12.679), (11-b)(H.F= 78.25746, S.E= 15.223) and (22-b) (H.F= 70.16624, S.E= 13.938).

The analysis of the spectral data support the formation of the actual products (2-a), (11-a) and (22-a) rather than (2-b), (11-b) and (22-b) (the proposed products). Besides, it could be noticed that the (H.F.) increased as the size of the alkyl group (R-X) increase.





Compound (2-a) Final product

Figure-1-

### Preliminary Biological Study

In the present work, preliminary biological study is carried out. The biological inhibitory effect (s) of certain products such as: Schiff bases (1, 3, 4, 28, 29) against two types of bacterial groups such as: Gram-negative *E. coli* and Gram-positive *Staphylococcus aureus* were investigated (table 5).

The isolates were isolated and identified in Biology Dept. in the College of Science in Mosul Univ. The standard Kirby and Bauer<sup>(29)</sup> method was used.

A loopful of each bacterial species were cultured in nutrient broth and incubated at (37°C) for (14-16 hr.) and then evenly distributed on the nutrient agar by using a sterile swab. The plates were incubated at (37°C) for (30) min.

The filter paper (Whatmann No.1) discs were distributed on the agar and a certain equal (1 mg/1 ml) or (1 ml/1 ml) of the compound per solvent (DMSO) was added. The controls here were the Chloramphenicol and / or Ampicillin for comparison. The plates were then incubated at (37°C) for (18-24) hr. (The interpretation of the results equal the diameter (mm) of the inhibition zone appeared around the discs<sup>(30)</sup>).

The results were interpreted according to the report of the (W.H.O.).

The resistant (R) result represented the diameter of inhibition < (11) mm. However, the moderately sensitive (MS) result was regarded when the zone of inhibition was between (12-16) mm. The sensitive (S) result was over (16) mm.

**Table (5): Inhibition effect of certain products on growth of staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli**

Cpd. No.	Test Organism	
	<i>Staph. Aureus</i>	<i>E.Coli</i>
1	S	R
3	S	MS
4	S	S
28	S	S
29	S	S
Chloramphenicol	S	S
Ampicillin	S	S



Appendix (1)  
Final Product, Compound (21)

**Charges:**

C <sub>1</sub> = -0.141397	C <sub>2</sub> = -0.115552	C <sub>3</sub> = -0.139134	C <sub>4</sub> = -0.112218
C <sub>5</sub> = -0.067222	C <sub>6</sub> = -0.083705	C <sub>7</sub> = -0.026542	N <sub>8</sub> = -0.175310
C <sub>9</sub> = -0.010120	C <sub>10</sub> = 0.069159	C <sub>11</sub> = 0.121431	C <sub>12</sub> = -0.127911
C <sub>13</sub> = -0.128722	C <sub>14</sub> = -0.129688	C <sub>15</sub> = -0.117211	C <sub>16</sub> = 0.235398
H <sub>17</sub> = 0.134187	H <sub>18</sub> = 0.132067	H <sub>19</sub> = 0.132458	H <sub>20</sub> = 0.130014
H <sub>21</sub> = 0.154788	H <sub>22</sub> = 0.098212	H <sub>23</sub> = 0.114792	H <sub>24</sub> = 0.129738
H <sub>25</sub> = 0.131277	H <sub>26</sub> = 0.131029	H <sub>27</sub> = 0.131471	H <sub>28</sub> = 0.133384
H <sub>29</sub> = 0.081680	H <sub>30</sub> = 0.088758	H <sub>31</sub> = 0.076863	

**Charges:**

**Bond Length (Å):**

C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>2</sub> = 1.39389	C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> = 1.39571	C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>4</sub> = 1.39244	C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>5</sub> = 1.40326
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>6</sub> = 1.39497	C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>7</sub> = 1.47171	C <sub>7</sub> N <sub>8</sub> = 1.28639	N <sub>8</sub> C <sub>9</sub> = 1.44964
C <sub>9</sub> C <sub>10</sub> = 1.51135	C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>11</sub> = 1.39876	C <sub>11</sub> C <sub>12</sub> = 1.39367	C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>13</sub> = 1.39508
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C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>18</sub> = 1.09983	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>19</sub> = 1.09978	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>20</sub> = 1.10049	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>21</sub> = 1.10139
C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>22</sub> = 1.11529	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>23</sub> = 1.13624	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>24</sub> = 1.10060	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub> = 1.09977
C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>26</sub> = 1.09958	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>27</sub> = 1.09984	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>28</sub> = 1.10029	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>29</sub> = 1.11603
C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>30</sub> = 1.11616	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>31</sub> = 1.11630		

**Bond Angle (degree):**

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**Twist Angle (degree):**

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Final heat of formation = 66.60970 Kcal/mole = 278.69797 KJ

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