



## DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW GREEN PROTOCOL FOR THE BIGINELLI REACTION EMPLOYING READILY AVAILABLE CATALYSTS

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**ABSTRACT** A new methodology is designed for the preparation of 1,2,3,4 tetra-hydro pyrimidine derivatives starting from the aromatic aldehyde in combination with ethyl acetoacetate, urea and catalyst like ammonium acetate, cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide and tetra-decyl trimethyl ammonium bromide. A three component condensation was carried out in ethanol. The reaction was completed in 1 hour at 80 °C. The products were isolated, purified by column chromatography and characterised by IR and PMR data. The catalysts used are cheaper, easily available and can be recovered, recycled. The pyrimidine derivatives thus obtained are expected to possess some biological activity by the virtue of pyrimidine moiety.

**KEYWORDS :** Biginelli reaction , Green protocol, dihydropyrimidin derivatives

### Introduction

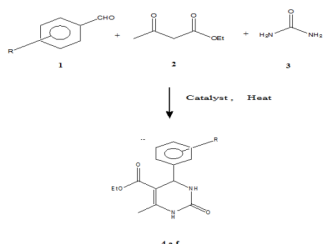
Biginelli reaction is a one pot, acid catalysed cyclocondensation of ethylacetoacetate, aromatic aldehyde and urea to produce 3,4-Dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one<sup>1</sup>. The classical method has been modified in recent past by employing various catalysts. The DHPMs possess a wide range of pharmacological activities. Many research groups have tried to improve the yield of this reaction by the application of different reagents such as Indium bromide<sup>2</sup>, boric acid<sup>3</sup>, Ionic liquids<sup>4</sup> and potassium hydrogen sulphate<sup>5</sup>. Zeolite catalysed solvent free one pot synthesis of dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones was reported<sup>6</sup>. Chloroacetic acid<sup>7</sup> was also used as a catalyst for the preparation of dihydropyrimidin derivatives. Titanium (IV) chloride<sup>8</sup> catalysed synthesis of dihydropyrimidones and thiones was also reported. Ruthenium (III) chloride<sup>9</sup> Yb (OTf)<sub>3</sub><sup>10</sup>, silver salt of heteropolyacid (HPA)<sup>11</sup> were the catalysts employed.

In this connection, we would like to report the use of three catalysts for the Biginelli reaction. They are tetra-decyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide and ammonium acetate. These catalysts are readily available and cheap and easy to handle. The yield of the dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-ones is excellent.

### Experimental

**General Procedure :** In a round bottomed flask benzaldehyde 1 gm (9.4 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate 1.22 gm (9.4 mmol) and urea 0.56 gm (9.4 mmol) were charged along with 20 ml ethyl alcohol. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 60 minutes and the course of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The Catalyst was removed by filtering the reaction mixture through the Whatmann filter paper. The removal of solvent furnished the crude dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one. The yield of the product was 2.62 gm, 80%. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using Petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent. Purified products were further characterised by spectral techniques like IR and PMR.

### Scheme 1



### Results and Discussion

We herein report the one pot cyclo condensation reaction and the results are summarised in Table 1.

**Table 1**

Entry	R	Reaction Time Min.	% Yield	M.P. °C
4a	H	120	80	208
4b	3-NO <sub>2</sub>	90	90	227-229
4c	4-OH	120	78	208-209
4d	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	90	80	205-207
4e	4-Cl	120	72	210-211
4f	2-OCH <sub>3</sub>	120	68	200

**Catalyst used :** tetra decyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide and ammonium acetate.

### Spectral Data of compound - 4a

**IR cm<sup>-1</sup> :** 3233, 3100, 2940, 1718, 1697, 1600, 1200

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ) CDCl<sub>3</sub>-** 1.22 (t, J = 7 Hz, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H), 4.07 (q, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 7.09-7.21 (m, 5H), 8.28 (s, 2H)

### Conclusion

The new methodology for the Biginelli reaction is developed using readily available catalysts like tetradecyl trimethyl ammonium bromide, cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide and ammonium acetate. The reaction was carried out in ethanol solvent and the reaction is rapid, economical and efficient. The reaction is rapid, economical and efficient. The products are obtained in high yield and they can be readily purified and characterised.

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