



ONE POT PREPARATIONS 1-AMIDOALKYL-2-NAPHTHOLS DERIVATIVE CATALYZED BY NANO-TiCl₄.SiO₂ WITH ANTIMICROBIAL STUDIES OF SOME PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT

Nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂ has been introduced to be an extremely efficient catalyst for the preparation of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols from various aldehydes and amides under mild conditions. We synthesized this solid Lewis acid catalyst by the reaction of nano-SiO₂ and TiCl₄. The processor was simple and environmentally benign with high to excellent yields. Our method has the advantages of high yields, simple methodology, and easy work-up. We studied the different properties of the catalyst by FT-IR (ATR), X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscope (SEM), transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA). It was stable at high temperature and also it was reusable for at least three times. The antimicrobial and antifungal activities of some of the synthetic compounds were determined by broth microdilution methods as recommended by Clinical Laboratory Standard Institute. Further studies still needed to investigate the other biological activities of the compounds.

Keywords: Nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂, Heterogeneous catalyst, Aminoalkyl naphthols, antifungal, antibacterial.

INTRODUCTION

Aminoalkyl naphthols are precursors for the synthesis of 1-aminomethyl-2-naphthol derivatives, which can be easily converted into biologically active 1-aminoalkyl-2-naphthols derivatives by amide hydrolysis. Aminoalkyl naphthols have been frequently applied as hypotensive and bradycardiac agents.¹⁻³ Amidoalkyl naphthols can be also converted to 1,3 Oxazine derivatives.⁴ Compounds containing 1,3-amino-oxygenated functional groups are frequently found in biologically active natural products and strong drugs such as antitumor,⁵ analgesic,⁶ anticonvulsant,⁷ antianxiety,⁸ antihypertensive,⁹ antipsychotic,¹⁰ antirheumatic properties,¹¹ antimalarial,¹² nucleoside antibiotics and HIV protease inhibitors.¹³⁻¹⁵

The preparation of aminoalkyl naphthols can be carried out by one pot reaction condensation of aldehydes and 2-naphthol and amide or urea in the presence of Lewis or Bronsted acid or heterogenous catalysts like H₃PW₁₂O₄₀,¹⁶ H₄SiW₁₂O₄₀,¹⁷ KHSO₄,¹⁸ P₂O₅,¹⁹ HClO₄.SiO₂,²⁰ and thiamine hydrochloride,²¹ have been utilized for the synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols. However, some of the catalysts used suffer drawbacks such as long reaction time, toxicity, cost and unavailability of the catalyst. To avoid these limitations, our studies towards the development of more efficient methods accompanied with higher yields for the synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols in the presence of nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂. In addition, the antimicrobial and antifungal activities of some of the synthetic compounds were evaluated by broth microdilution methods.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

General

The chemicals were purchased from Merck Company and used without any additional purification. The products were characterized by FT-IR (ATR), ¹H-NMR, and a comparison

of their physical properties with those reported in the literature. FT-IR (ATR) spectra were run on a Bruker, Eqinox 55 spectrometer. A Bruker (DRX-400 Avance) NMR was used to record the ¹H NMR spectra. The X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of materials were recorded by employing a Philips Xpert MPD diffractometer equipped with a Cu K α anode ($\lambda=1.54$ Å) in the 2 θ range from 10 to 80°. The SEM of nano particles determined with VEGA/TESCAN scanning electron microscope and TEM photograph was prepared by Leo 912AB OMEGA microscope. The thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) was done with "NETZSCH TG 209 F1 Iris" instrument, Spectrophotometer (Company BAUSCH & LOMB, US), Vortex mixer (Company Lab net).

Preparation of nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂

0.5 g (0.29 ml) of TiCl₄ was added drop wise to a mixture of 0.5 g of nano silica gel and 5 ml of chloroform. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour and the resulted suspension was filtered. The obtained solid was washed with chloroform and dried at room temperature.

General experimental procedure for the synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols

A mixture of an aldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), amide (1.2 mmol), and 50% TiCl₄.SiO₂ (0.05 g) was heated under solvent free condition with good stirring. The progress of the reaction was followed by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Chloroform was added to the mixture and filtrated to removal of the catalyst. By cooling the filtrate, the 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthol was appeared as pure solid that re-crystallized in hot ethanol.

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl]acetamide (N1)

Benzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), acetamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N1 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3398 (NH stretch), 3350-3000 (OH, CH stretch), 1636 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1582, 1436 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1513 (NH bend), 740, 695 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 1.96 (s, 3H), 7.18 (m, 8H), 7.33 (br s, 1H), 7.79 (m, 3H), 8.45 (br s, 1H), 9.99 (br s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-chlorophenyl-methyl]acetamide (N2)

4-Chlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), acetamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N2 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3391 (NH stretch), 3200-2500 (OH, CH stretch), 1620 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1600, 1438 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1513 (NH bend), 818, 747 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 1.96 (s, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.77 (m, 3H), 8.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 10.02 (s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-bromophenyl-methyl]acetamide (N3)

4-Bromobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), acetamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N3 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3391 (NH stretch), 3300-2500 (OH, CH stretch), 1624 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1579, 1438 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1514 (NH bend), 846, 746 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 1.98 (s, 3H), 7.08 (br s, 3H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.37 (br s, 1H), 7.43 (br s, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.78 (br s, 2H), 8.49 (br s, 1H), 10.05 (s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-methylphenyl-methyl]acetamide (N4)

4-Methylbenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), acetamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N4 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3396 (NH stretch), 3200-2590 (OH, CH stretch), 1624 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1581, 1437 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1514 (NH bend), 812, 743 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 1.95 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 7.05 (m, 4H), 7.2 (m, 2H), 7.35 (br s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.4 (br s, 1H), 9.95 (br s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-nitrophenyl-methyl]acetamide (N5)

4-Nitrobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), acetamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N5 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3390 (NH stretch), 3300-2800 (OH, CH stretch), 1639 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1620, 1438 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1520, 1349 ($\text{N}=\text{O}$ stretch), 824, 751 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 2.02 (s, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (br s, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.7 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (br s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.72 (s,

1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 22.98, 48.34, 118.32, 118.86, 123.05, 123.38, 123.70, 127.18, 127.59, 128.90, 129.14, 130.35, 132.65, 146.35, 151.69, 153.80, 170.23.

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-3-pyridyl-methyl]acetamide (N6)

4-Pyridinecarboxaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), acetamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N6 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3300-3000 (NH, OH, CH stretch), 1642 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1577, 1425 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1514 (NH bend), 743 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 1.98 (s, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (br s, 2H), 7.39 (br s, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (m, 3H), 8.36 (br s, 2H), 8.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 10.11 (s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl]benzamide (N7)

Benzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), benzamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N7 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3420 (NH stretch), 3400-2900 (OH, CH stretch), 1627 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1572, 1435 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1532 (NH bend), 750, 696 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.47 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (m, 4H), 8.07 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 9.03 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 10.34 (br s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-methylphenyl-methyl]benzamide (N8)

4-Methylbenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), benzamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N8 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3414 (NH stretch), 3400-3000 (OH, CH stretch), 1626 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1575, 1437 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1513 (NH bend), 816, 750 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 2.22 (s, 3H), 7.06 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (m, 3H), 8.05 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.99 (d, J = 8, 1H), 10.3 (s, 1H).

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-nitrophenyl-methyl]benzamide (N9)

4-Nitrobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), benzamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N9 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3412 (NH stretch), 3400-3200 (OH, CH stretch), 1638 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$ stretch), 1605, 1439 ($\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch), 1514 (NH bend), 1577, 1343 ($\text{N}=\text{O}$ stretch), 851, 748 (CH bend), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 7.31 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (m, 5H), 7.89 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.82 (br s, 1H), 9.52 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 49.51, 117.86, 119.03, 123.11, 123.25, 123.86, 127.46, 127.91, 128.03, 128.90, 129.19, 130.45, 132.05, 132.75, 134.44, 146.61, 150.76, 153.94, 166.77.

N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-2,6-dichlorophenyl-methyl]benzamide (N10)

2,6-Dichlorobenzaldehyde (1 mmol), 2-naphthol (1 mmol, 0.144 g), benzamide (1.2 mmol), and 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (0.05 g) according to the general procedure to give the desired product N10 as a white solid, FT- IR: ν_{max} (ATR, neat, cm^{-1}): 3419 (NH stretch), 3300-3000 (OH, CH stretch), 1628 (C=O stretch), 1578, 1435 (C=C stretch), 1515 (NH bend), 743 (CH bend); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm): δ = 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.8 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (br s, 1H), 7.94 (br s, 2H), 9.19 (br s, 1H), 9.68 (br s, 1H).

Biological study**Microorganisms**

The antifungal activities of some of the synthetic compounds against 12 American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) strains of fungi, including *C. albicans* (ATCC 10261), *C. tropicalis* (ATCC 750), *C. krusei* (ATCC 6258), *C. glabrata* (ATCC 90030), *C. dubliniensis* (CBS 8501), *C. parapsilosis* (ATCC 4344), *C. neoformans*, *A. flavus* (ATCC64025), *E. floccosum*, *M. gypseum*, *T. mentagrophytes*, and *A. fumigatus* (ATCC 14110) were determined.

The antibacterial activities of the above compounds against standard species of *S. aureus* (ATCC 25923), *En. Faecalis* (ATCC 11700) and *P. aeruginosa* (ATCC 27853) were also determined in this study. The susceptibility of all clinical isolates of fungi against select compounds was examined by microdilution and disk diffusion methods.²²

Determination of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)

MICs were determined using broth microdilution method recommended by the CLSI with some modifications.²³⁻²⁵ Briefly, for determination of antifungal activities against fungi, serial dilutions of the synthetic compounds (0.25 to 256.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) were prepared in 96-well microtitre plates using RPMI-1640 media (Sigma, St. Louis, USA) buffered with MOPS (Sigma, St. Louis, USA). In order to determine the antibacterial activities, serial dilutions of the synthetic compounds (0.25 to 256.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) were prepared in Muller-Hinton Broth media (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). Test fungi or bacteria strains were suspended in the media and the cell densities were adjusted to 0.5 McFarland standards at 530 nm wavelength using a spectrophotometric method (this yields stock suspension of $1-5 \times 10^6$ cells/ml for yeast and $1-1.5 \times 10^8$ cells/ml for bacteria). One hundred microliter of the working inoculums was added to the microtiter plates which were incubated in a humid atmosphere at 30°C for 24 - 48 h (fungi) or at 37°C for 24 h (bacteria). Two hundred microliter of the uninoculated medium was included as a sterility control (blank). In addition, growth controls (medium with inoculums but without drugs) were also included. The growth in each well was compared with that of the growth control well. MICs were visually determined and defined as the lowest concentration of the synthetic compounds or drugs produced no visible growth. Each experiment was performed in triplicate. Media from wells with fungi showing no visible growth were further cultured on Sabouraud Dextrose Agar (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) and from wells with bacteria showing no visible growth on Muller-Hinton agar (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) specified as minimum fungicidal concentration (MFC) and minimum bactericidal

concentration (MBC) respectively. MFCs and MBCs were determined as the lowest concentration yielding no more than 4 colonies, which corresponds to a mortality of 99.9% of the microorganisms in the initial inoculums.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**Identification of Nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$**

$\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ ²⁶⁻²⁷ is an efficient and reusable acidic catalyst. This catalyst is synthesized via reaction of nano-silica gel with TiCl_4 in chloroform at room temperature. For the identification of the structure of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$, we studied IR spectra of nano- SiO_2 , nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ and TiCl_4 (Figure 1). In spectra of chloroform washed nano- SiO_2 and nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$, OH stretching bands are very flat. The process of washing with chloroform removed the moisture from nano-silicagel or nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ and therefore the number of O-H bonds in comparison with Si-O-Si bonds in silicagel is decreased. In FT-IR spectra of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ and nano- SiO_2 , the absorption bands for Si-OH and Si-O-Si appear in $\sim 700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $\sim 1100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively. The absorption band of Ti-Cl appear in 1600 cm^{-1} in TiCl_4 spectrum. In FT-IR spectrum of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$, the O-Ti-Cl, Si-OH and Si-O-Si absorption bands are observed in 900, 700 and 1100 cm^{-1} respectively. In this study on nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ structure led to more exactly configuration containing $\text{SiO}_2 \cdot \text{TiCl}_3$ (19%) and $\text{SiO}_2 \cdot \text{TiCl}_2 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (81%) as Figure 2.

The X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of nano- SiO_2 and nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ are shown in Figure 3. According to Scherrer equation, the broadening of peaks implies the decrease in crystalline size of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$. The XRD pattern of nano- SiO_2 has a strong peak in 2θ value of 21.8024° with FWHM equal to 0.1771. According to XRD pattern of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$, the values of 2θ and FWHM are shown in Table 1.

Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) image of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ were shown in Figure 4. The particle size in TEM pattern is calculated between 14-20 nm by GetData Graph program.

Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) pattern of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ was detected from 23.43 to 513.43°C (Figure 5). The catalyst is stable below 173.43°C and only 2.98% of its weight was reduced in 173.43°C . By heating of catalyst between 173 to 513.43°C , the reducing amount of its weight is 2.15%. Only 5.13% of the catalyst weight was reduced between 23.43 to 513.43°C . This initial reducing mass (2.98%) of catalyst is related to removal of catalyst moisture.

Nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ was catalyzed synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols

The reaction of 2-naphthol (1 mmol), 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (1 mmol) and acetamide (1.2 mmol) was performed under various conditions and different quantities of 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (Table 1). According to the obtained data, the best conditions are the reaction at 90°C in solvent free condition using 0.05 g of 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ or 0.02 g of 50% nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ (Table 2, Entries 7, 12). It was found that the activity of 50% nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ is 2.5 times of 50% $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$. To examine the reusability of nano- $\text{TiCl}_4 \cdot \text{SiO}_2$ in a solvent-free condition, after each run, the product was dissolved to CHCl_3 and filtered.

Reusability of catalyst

Once the scope of the reaction condition was established, the reusability of catalyst was examined. After performing the

reaction, the catalyst was separated, washed with acetone, dried and re-used up to 3 times in reaction without losing its activity (Figure 6).

The catalyst was reusable although a gradual decline was observed in its activity. The applicability of the present method to preparation of large amount of product was examined. We have condensed 5 mmol of 2-naphthol, 5 mmol of benzaldehyde and 7 mmol of acetamide in the presence of 0.1 g of 50% nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂ under solvent free condition at 90 °C which gave N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-phenyl-methyl]acetamide in 95% yield. According to the obtained best condition, we have applied 2-naphthol and various aldehydes, and amide for the synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols derivatives (Scheme 1 and Table 3). With aldehydes containing electron withdrawing group such as 4-nitrobenzaldehyde, the yield of product is higher in shorter time (Table 3, Entries 6-9). On the contrary, the aldehydes with electron releasing groups act with lower yields in longer times (Table 3, Entry 5).

Aliphatic aldehydes were also examined, but the yields of them were low as compared to those of products from aromatic aldehydes. The reactions of urea or thiourea with acetamide and 2-naphthol were examined, but no corresponding products were produced. Also, aniline was utilized and N-[(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-nitrophenyl-methyl]aniline as a green solid with high yield (98%) was produced (Scheme 2). Meanwhile, this product was formed by reaction of 2-naphthol with imine (1) (Scheme 3).

The reaction among 4-nitrobenzaldehyde, phenol and benzamide produce N-[(2-hydroxyphenol-1-yl)-p-

nitrophenyl-methyl]benzamide with medium yield (80 %) (Scheme 4). Previously, two type of mechanism were suggested for 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols formation. In the first one, the ortho-quinone methides (O-QMs)^{16,17,21} and in the second one an N-acylimine²¹ was introduced as intermediate. For investigation about mechanism of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols formation, when we have reacted 1 mmol of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde with 1 mmol of 2-naphthol, only 14-(4-nitrophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene was formed without o-QMs intermediate. When we have reacted 1 mmol of acetamide with 1 mmol of 4-nitrobenzaldehyde in the presence of TiCl₄.SiO₂, the product N,N'-(4-nitrophenylmethylene) diacetamide (2) was formed, isolated and identified. By reaction of (2) with 2-naphthol in the presence of TiCl₄.SiO₂, the final product N-[(4-nitrophenyl)-(2-hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-methyl]-acetamide was formed (Scheme 5).

According to our data, we have established another mechanism for the formation of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols in Scheme 6.

None of the selected compounds exhibited antifungal activity against the examined fungi at the tested concentrations. Moreover, the examined compounds failed to inhibit the growth of the Gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria at the concentration up to and including 256 µg/mL. Further studies still needed to investigate other biological activities of these compounds.

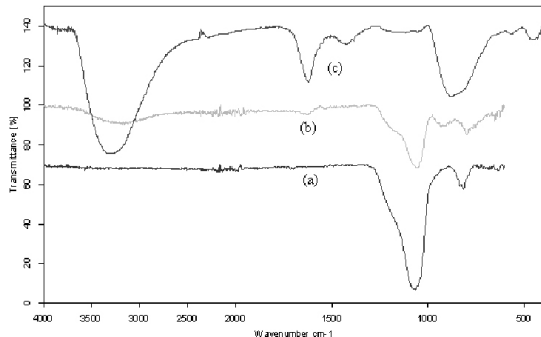


Figure 1: FT-IR spectrum of: (a) SiO₂, (b) nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂, and (c) TiCl₄.

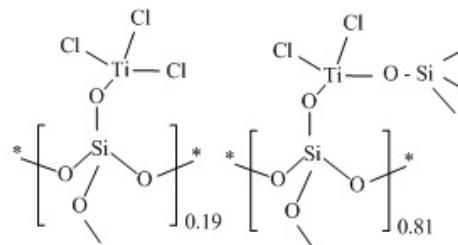


Figure 2: Suggested structure for nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂.

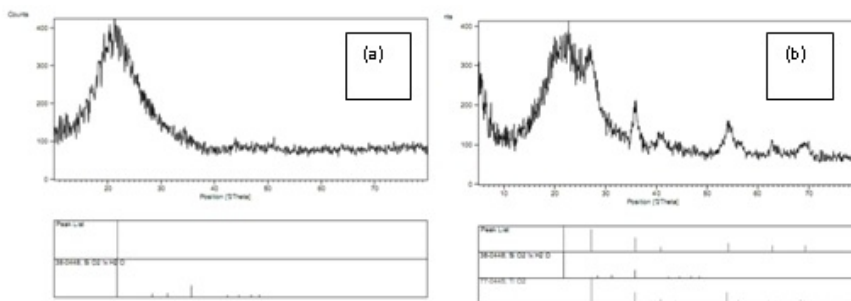


Figure 3: X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of a) nano-SiO₂ and b) nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂

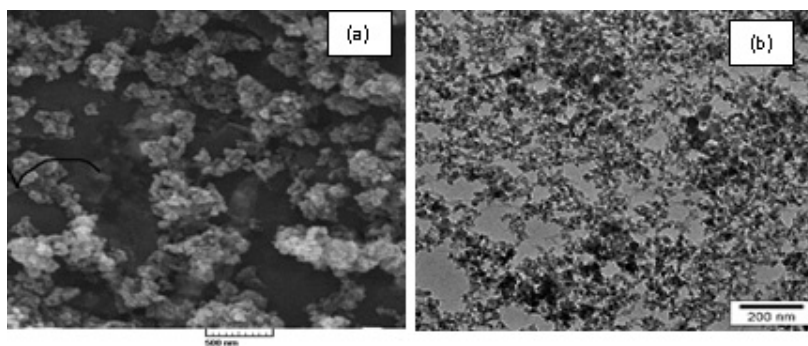


Figure 4: a) SEM and b) TEM image of nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂

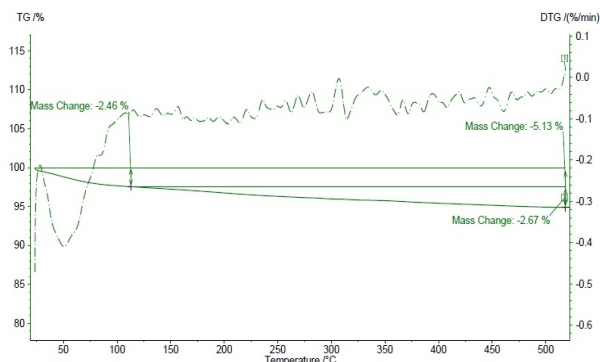


Figure 5: TGA pattern of nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂

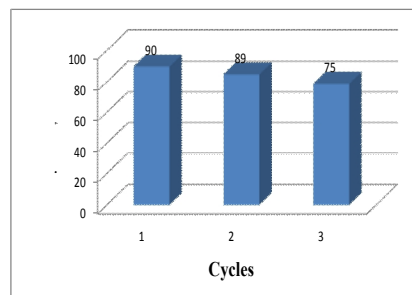
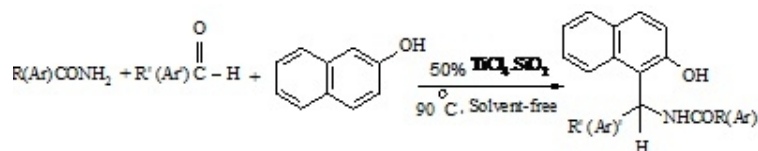
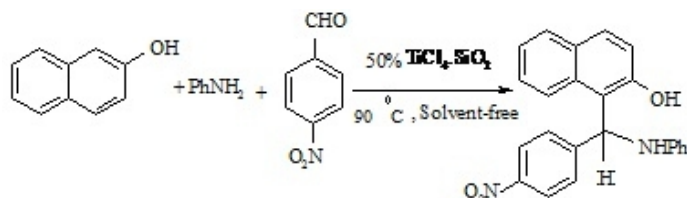


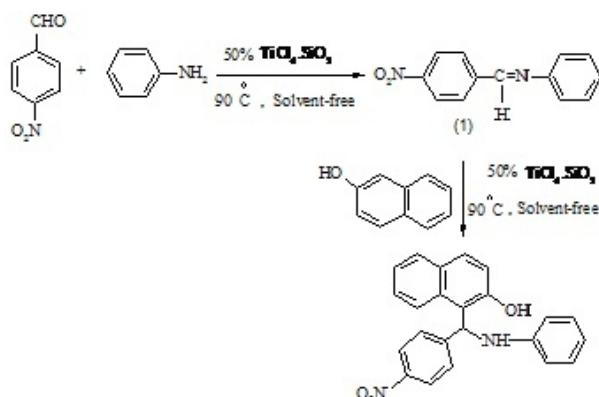
Figure 6: Reusability of nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂ catalyst.



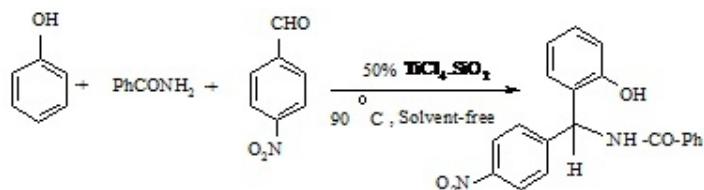
Scheme 1: Synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols derivatives in the presence of 50% nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂



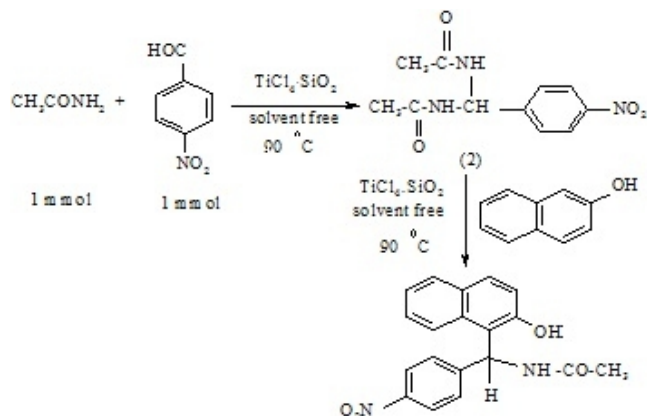
Scheme 2: Synthesis of N-[2-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-p-nitrophenyl-methyl]aniline in the presence of 50% TiCl₄.SiO₂



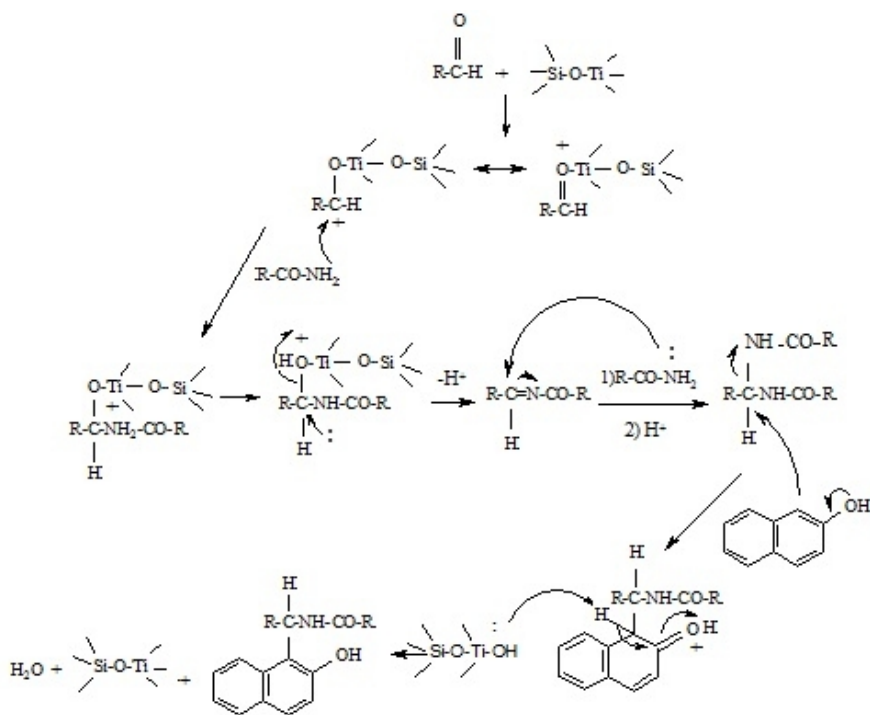
Scheme 3: Stepwise synthesis of N-[2-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4-nitrophenyl-methyl]aniline in the presence of 50% TiCl₄.SiO₂



Scheme 4: Synthesis of N-[(2-hydroxyphenyl-1-yl)-4-nitrophenyl-methyl]benzamide in the presence of 50% $\text{TiCl}_4.\text{SiO}_2$



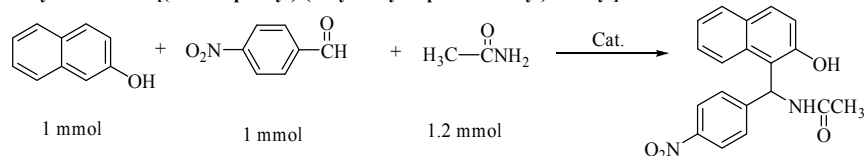
Scheme 5: Synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthol



Scheme 6: A suggested mechanism for the formation of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols

Table 1: Nano- $\text{TiCl}_4.\text{SiO}_2$ reflexes in XRD diffractogram

Entry	Pos [$^{\circ}\text{2}\theta$]	FWHM [$^{\circ}\text{2}\theta$]	Particle size (\AA°)
1	21.7587	0.3542	22
2	27.1424	1.6531	5
3	35.8287	0.4723	17
4	40.8394	1.1808	7
5	54.1881	1.1808	7.5
6	62.8214	0.7085	13
7	69.3466	2.3040	4

Table 2: Synthesis of N-[(4-nitro phenyl)-(2-hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-methyl]acetamide under various conditions


Entry	Catalyst (g)	Solvent/T °C	Time (h)/yield (%) ^a	Ref.
1	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.1)	Solvent-free/90	1/100	-
2	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.1)	Solvent-free/70	1/80	-
3	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.1)	Ethanol/60	12/0	-
4	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.1)	EtOAc/80.	15/90	-
5	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.1)	CH ₂ Cl ₂ /R.T	4/60	-
6	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02)	Solvent-free/90	2/100	-
7	50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.05)	Solvent-free/90	1/100	-
8	40% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.05)	Solvent-free/90	1/90	-
9	30% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.05)	Solvent-free/90	1/80	-
10	60% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.05)	Solvent-free/90	1/100	-
11	Nano-50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.05)	Solvent-free/90	1/100	-
12	Nano-50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02)	Solvent-free/90	1/100	-
13	Nano-50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02)	MM/Solvent free	1.5/40	- ^b
14	Nano-50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02)	Sonication/EtOAc	0.3/-	- ^c
15	Nano-50% TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02)	MW/Solvent free	0.1/90	- ^d
16	50% Nano-TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02), 2 nd run	Solvent-free/90	1/89	-
17	50% Nano-TiCl ₄ .SiO ₂ (0.02), 3 rd run	Solvent-free/90	1/75	-
18	HClO ₄ /SiO ₂	S. F. /110	0.5/95	20
19	HClO ₄ /SiO ₂	MW	0.2/91	20
20	P ₂ O ₅	S. F./60	0.1/96	19
21	KHSO ₄	S. F./100	0.5/96	18
22	H ₃ PW ₁₂ O ₄₀	Et ₄ NCl/100	1.4/ 95	16
23	H ₄ SiW ₁₂ O ₄₀	S.F./110	0.25/82	17

^a Isolated yield. ^b Using mixer mill (MM 400) in 25 Hz frequency. ^c Using BANDELIN Sonopulse HD 3200 Ultrasonic apparatus with power equal to 20 Khz. ^d Using microwave oven Kenwood, 1300W

Table 3: Synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols in the presence of 50% TiCl₄.SiO₂

Entry	R' (Ar')	R (Ar)	Product	Time (min)	Yield ^a	M.P. °C	
						Found	reported ^{Ref.}
N1	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₃		30	94	219-220	218-220 ²⁸
N2	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃		60	92	230-231	-
N3	4-BrC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃		80	94	227-229	229-231 ²⁸
N4	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃		450	90	212-213	214-216 ²⁸
N5	4-O ₂ NC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃		30	96	220-221	222-223 ²⁸
N6	3-pyridyl	CH ₃		100	98	192-194	-
N7	C ₆ H ₅	Ph		40	92	251-252	230-232 ²⁹

^bIsolated yield.

We have demonstrated simple methods for the synthesis of preparation of 1-amidoalkyl-2-naphthols with using nano-TiCl₄.SiO₂ as eco-friendly and efficient catalyst in a one-pot procedure that has been developed. Short reaction times, high yields, a clean process, simple methodology, easy work-up and green conditions are advantages of this protocol. Even at this time our new compounds didn't show antifungal and antibacterial activity but we suppose these negative results probably related to undesirable pharmacokinetic properties. Maybe some structural modifications could improve the pharmacokinetic properties of our compounds. We hope in future studies we could be able to synthesize some effective derivatives of naphthols with different biological activities.


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