

**REVIEW ON DRUG SYNTHESIS BASED ON SCHIFF BASE****Jayshree Kokat<sup>1\*</sup> and Bharat Jadhav<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Abasaheb Kakade College of B Pharmacy,  
Bodhegaon 414503, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

<sup>2</sup>Department of Pharmaceutics, Abasaheb Kakade College of B Pharmacy, Bodhegaon  
414503, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

Article Received on  
24 June 2021,

Revised on 14 July 2021,  
Accepted on 04 August 2021

DOI: 10.20959/wjpr202111-21349

**\*Corresponding Author****Dr. Jayshree Kokat**

Department of  
Pharmaceutical Chemistry,  
Abasaheb Kakade College  
of B Pharmacy, Bodhegaon  
414503, Ahmednagar,  
Maharashtra.

**ABSTRACT**

Schiff bases are aldehyde- or ketone-like compounds in which the carbonyl group is replaced by an imine or azomethine group. These compounds are very important in medicinal and Pharmaceutical fields because of their wide spectrum they are widely used for industrial purposes. This short review compiles examples of the most promising antimalarial, antibacterial, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory Schiff bases.

**KEYWORDS:** Schiff base, antimicrobial activity, anti-inflammatory, organic compounds.

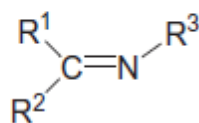
**INTRODUCTION**

Compounds with the structure of  $-C=N-$  (azomethine group) are known as Schiff bases, which are usually synthesized from the condensation of primary amines and carbonyl groups. Schiff bases are important class of compounds in medicinal field.

The study of Schiff base has been fast developing because they possess excellent characteristics such as structural similarities with natural biological substances, relatively simple preparation procedures and synthetic flexibility that enables the design of suitable structural properties. Schiff bases also serve as back bone for synthesis of various heterocyclic compounds. The biological activities reported in the literature on Schiff bases are antibacterial, antifungal, antioxidant, anticonvulsant, CNS depressant, anti-HIV, anti-inflammatory, antitumor, Angiotensin-II receptor antagonist, antioxidant, insecticidal, antimalarial, ant proliferative, antipyretic. Schiff's base have the potentials to be used in

different areas such as color photography, catalysis, metallic deactivators, separation processes and environmental chemistry and they are becomingly important in pharmaceutical, dye, plastic industries.

In this review we present the general approaches to the synthesis of Schiff bases. We also highlight the most significant examples of compounds belonging to this class, which exhibit antimalarial, antibacterial, antifungal, and/or anti-inflammatory activities to have been reported in the literature.



R<sup>1</sup> R<sup>3</sup>

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and/or R<sup>3</sup> = alkyl or aryl

## METHODS

1. The synthesis of Schiff base was done by the condensation of sulfamerazine (0.7mmol) and 5- bromo-2-hydroxy benzaldehyde(0.7mmol) in equimolarquantity by using the solvent ethanol. The solution was refluxed for 3 hours. The precipitates formed was cooled and collected by suction filtration. It was then washed thoroughly with ethanol.<sup>[11]</sup>
2. 2-amino-4-(o-chloroanilino)-1, 3-thiazoleand various substituted aromatic aldehydes were refluxed for four hours in presence of sodium methoxide. Then the reaction mixture was neutralized with dilute HCl. The resulting precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol.<sup>[20]</sup>
3. 4-Aminobenzenesulfamide and carbonyl ligand were prepared by reacting equimolarsolutions dissolve in anhydrous ethanol, into a chromic acid scrubbed, cleaned and dried crucibles. The reaction mixtures were stir vigorously to get uniform mixing before the mixtures were transferred to a Continent MW800G microwave oven. These mixtures were subjected to MW irradiation for 1 minute at 385 watt power. After that the mixture was cooled, the formed crystals were filtered off, washed with several portions of anhydrous ethanol.<sup>[21]</sup>
4. A mixture of 2-amino-4-phenyl thaizole (0.52 g, 3mmol) and aldehydes (3 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL) was stirred at room temperature. The progress of reaction was monitored

by TLC, after the completion of reaction solvent was removed by evaporation (rotary evaporator), the resulting product was crystallized by appropriate alcohol.<sup>[17]</sup>

### Biological activities of schiff bases

#### *Anti-inflammatory activity*

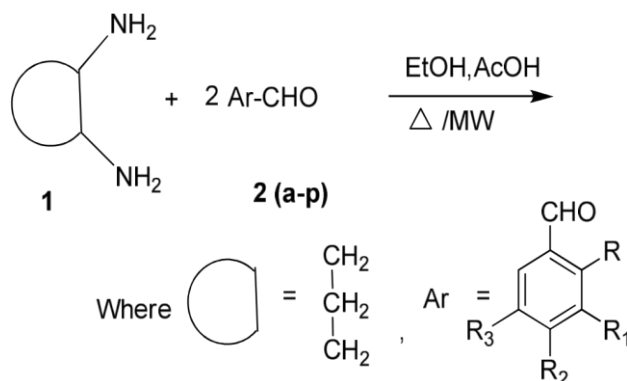
The Schiff base displayed good activity against the Gram-positive bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*, the Gram-negative bacteria *Escherichia coli* and the fungi *Aspergillus Niger* & *Candida albicans*.

R. Nirmalet, al. they were synthesized a series of novel 3-(4-(benzylideneamino) phenylimino) 4-fluoroindolin-2-one derivatives and characterized by spectral (I.R, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, mass) and elemental analysis. The title compounds (N1-N10) were evaluated for analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and ulcerogenic index activities. Results displayed that compound N3 exhibited significant analgesic activity. Among the title compounds studied, N2, N3, and N8 exhibited significant anti-inflammatory activity comparable to reference standard diclofenac sodium. Interestingly, the test compounds showed only mild ulcerogenic side effect when compared to aspirin.<sup>[1]</sup>

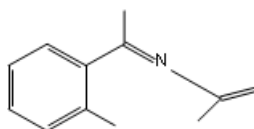
#### *Antimicrobial activity*

A. Shinde et al. they were synthesized Propane-1,3-diamine condensation with different halogeno substituted benzaldehydes under microwave irradiation affords novel series of bis-schiff bases. Structures of the newly synthesized bis-Schiff bases established on the basis of spectroscopic data. Further, all compounds screened for antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Aspergillus niger* and *Aspergillus flavus*. Most of the compounds show potent activity. P. Mangaiyarkkarasi et al. synthesized a series of novel metal complexes of general formula [ML<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> and [CrL<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]Cl where M is Cu(II), Co(II) and L is a Schiff base formed by condensation of dihydropyrimidone derivative of vanillin (Biginelli Product) and 4-aminoantipyrine have been prepared and characterized by analytical, spectral, magnetic and conductance measurements. Magnetic measurements and electronic spectral studies suggest an octahedral structure for the Cr(III) complex and square planar geometry for Cu(II) and Co(II) complexes. The data show that the complexes have composition of the ML<sub>2</sub> type. The antimicrobial screening of the ligand and its complexes have been extensively studied on bacteria like *E. coli*, *Vibrio spp.*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus spp.*, *Vibriopara haemolytica*, *Salmonella spp.*, *Aeromonas spp.*, *Klebsiella spp.*, *Proteus spp.* and fungi such as *Candida albicans*,

*Aspergillusflavus*, *Pencillium spp.*, *Aspergillusniger*, *Trichophyton*. The results also indicate that the metal complexes are better antimicrobial agents as compared to the Parent Schiff base ligand and Biginelliproduct.<sup>[5]</sup>

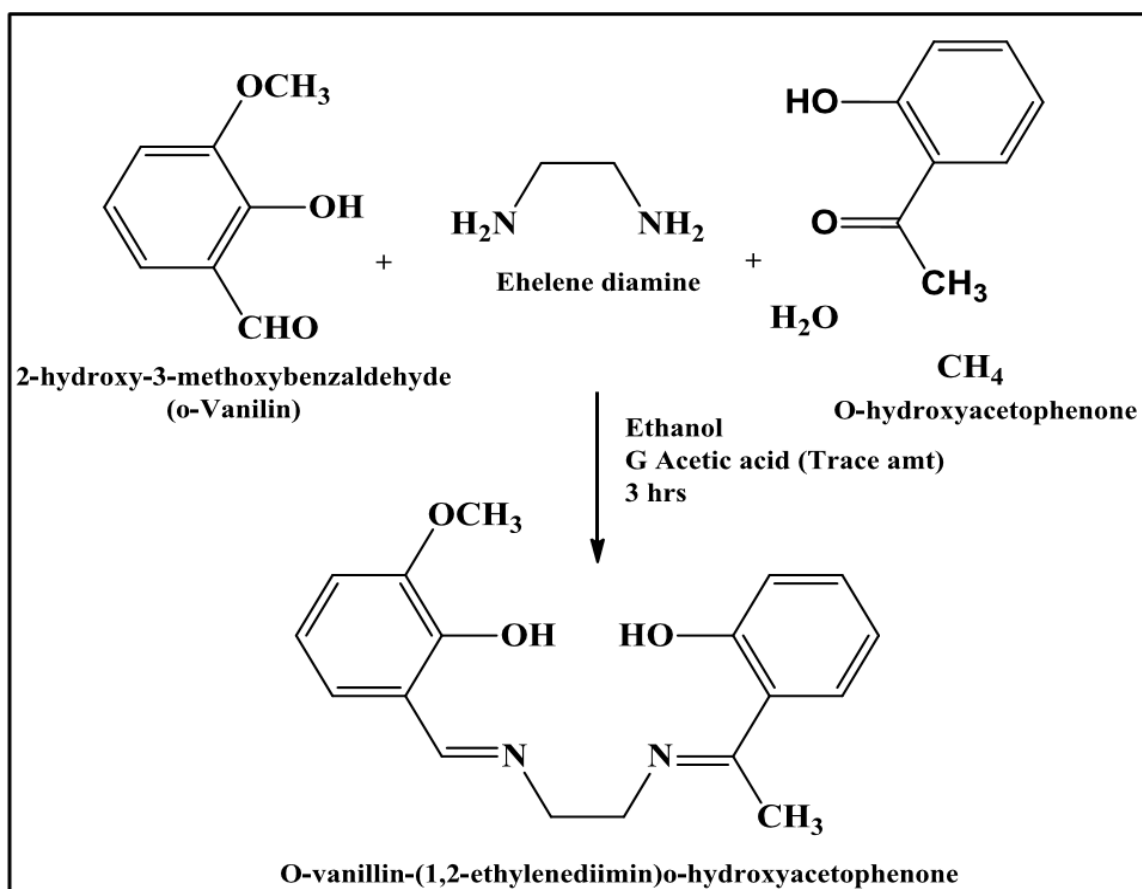


S.H. Baui et al. they were synthesized some new chelates of Mn(II), Co(II), Cu(II) and Cr(III) ions with Schiff base derived from salicylaldehyde and thiourea have and investigated by elemental analysis, molar conductance measurements, infrared and electronic spectra. The elemental analysis data exhibited the formation of 1:1 [M:L] ratio. The obtained molar conductance values revealed that all the chelates are non-electrolytic in nature. The infrared spectral data showed the chelateationbehaviour, which is through to the nitrogen and oxygen atoms of the ligand. The electronic absorption spectral data displayed the existence of  $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$ ,  $n\text{-}\pi^*$  ( $\text{HC}=\text{N}$ ) transitions and the expected geometrical structures. By testing the effects of these Schiff base ligands on five species of bacteria (*S. aureus*, *K. pneumoniae*, *E. coli*, *P. aeruginosa* and *P. mirabilis*) *in vitro*, it has been found that Mn(II) chelate was very effective, Co(II) chelate had moderate effect and no effect of Cu(II) chelate was found on these bacteria. The effects of Mn(II) and Co(II) chelates increased with higher concentrations.<sup>[7]</sup>



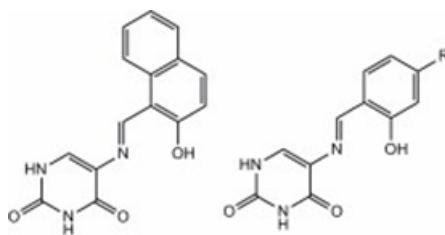
The Schiff base, o-vanillin-(1,2-ethylenediimine)hydroxyacetophenone (VEH), and its six metal complexes were synthesized, characterised and tested for their cytotoxic activities. The copper complex was found to have high IC<sub>50</sub> value, around 48  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ . Dalton's Lymphoma Ascites cell (DLA cell) induced solid and Ehrlich's Ascites Carcinoma cell (EAC cell) induced ascites tumour models were used for antitumor studies of the compounds. Copper complex administered at different concentrations in mice inhibited the solid tumour

development and increased the mean survival rate and the life span of Ascites tumour enduring mice in a concentration dependent manner. The ligand and its metal complexes were screened against *C. albicans*, *C. Tropicalis* and *A. Flavus* fungi and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Bacillus cereus* bacteria to assess their potential antimicrobial activities. The results are quite promising. It is clear from the antifungal screening data that the metal complexes are more fungitoxic than the chelating agent itself. The bacterial screening results revealed that the free ligand has more sensitivity for gram-positive than gram-negative bacteria.<sup>[12]</sup>



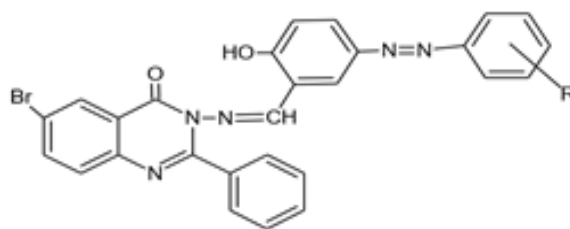
G. Koz et al. synthesized, spectroscopic and biological activity studies of Ni(II), Cu(II) and Co(II) complexes of Schiff base ligands derived from 5-aminouracil, 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde, 2,4 dihydroxybenzaldehyde and salicylaldehyde are reported. In all cases, the complexes appear to be monomeric. The ligands coordinate in bidentate fashion to Ni(II) and Co(II) but in a tridentate fashion to Cu(II) by coordinating to the carbonyl oxygen atom in the 4<sup>th</sup> position of uracil ring. The biological activities of the Schiff bases and metal complexes have been tested in vitro against a number of bacteria and a fungus. Ni(II) complexes derived

from the salicylaldehyde Schiff base ligand showed good antimicrobial activity whereas a Co(II) complex derived from the same ligand showed good anticandidal activity.<sup>[15]</sup>



Misra P. S. et, al. The novel reaction of 3-(2-methylbenzimidazol-1-yl) propanoic acid hydrazide with CS<sub>2</sub>/KOH gave Oxadiazole derivative which underwent Mannich reaction to give 3-[(dialkylamino) methyl]-2-phenyl-4(3H)-quinazolinone. All compounds were characterized by physical, chemical, analytical and spectral data. All compounds have been screened for their antimicrobial activity and anti-inflammatory activity.<sup>[8]</sup>

Tiwari S. et, al. They synthesized some new biological active 6-bromo-3-({5[3, 4-substituted) diazenyl]-2-hydroxybenzylidene} amino-2-benzylquinazoline-4(3H)-one by reaction of synthesized quinazoline derivative with substituted azosalicylaldehyde. The structure of the synthesized compounds has been established on the basis of IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR, Mass spectra and elemental analysis. The compounds have been evaluated for their in-vitro antimicrobial activity against different human pathogens using disc diffusion assay.<sup>[9]</sup>

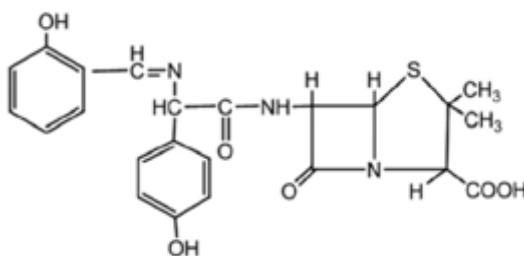


Khalid M. et, al. synthesized thiazole derivatives by one-pot condensation reaction of  $\alpha$ -haloketone, thiourea and thionyl chloride. Starting from 2-amino-4-phenyl-1,3-thiazole (1), Schiff bases of thiazole 2-29 in the search for possible clinically suitable derivatives for antibacterial and antifungal studies. The structure of synthesized compounds were characterized by analytical and spectral (IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and EI-MS) methods. The synthesized compounds were screened for their antibacterial and antifungal activities. Minimum inhibitory concentrations are also calculated.<sup>[17]</sup>



Sanjivani S. et, al. A new Schiff base ligand derived from sulphonamidesalicylaldehyde and substituted salicylaldehyde have been synthesized. The ligands were characterized by M.P, elemental analysis, TLC and IR spectra. The Schiff base ligands were screened for antifungal activity against *Aspergillusniger* and antibacterial activity tested against *Escherichia coli*.<sup>[18]</sup>

Aurora et, al. (2015),<sup>[31]</sup> were reported metallic compounds of SB obtained from dissimilar antibiotics that are extensively used as organic effective constituents, particularly as sterile mediators. The broad-spectrum formulation proven from tentative data has been [Co L2(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>] and [Ni L2(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]. This arrangement has been additionally verified by thermal investigation and their thermal stability in nitrogen atmosphere has been studied. Antibacterial investigation revealed that the effectiveness of metallic compounds is greater than the initiated one of free Schiff base ligand.<sup>[19]</sup>



## CONCLUSION

Schiff base compounds have been shown to be promising leads for the design of more efficient antimicrobial agents and anti-inflammatory drug. Schiff base ligands are considered privileged ligands because they are easily prepared by a simple one pot condensation of an aldehyde and primary amines. In this review, the activities of Schiff base and their complexes are summarized.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Author wish to express their sincere thanks to Adv. Vidyadhar Kakade Secretary and Sau. Harshada Kakade member of ZP and President NMSM Shevgaon for their encouragement. The author also express sincere thanks to Principal Dr. Shashikant Pattan AKCOBP Bodhegaon for their help in making this review.

## REFERENCES

1. Nirmal, C. R. Prakash<sup>1</sup>, K. Meenakshi<sup>and</sup> P. Shanmugapandiyan. Synthesis and Pharmacological Evaluation of Novel Schiff Base Analogues of 3-(4-amino) Phenylimino) 5-fluoroindolin-2-one *J Young Pharm*, 2-2.
2. N. B. Viadehi, K. S. Tejashwi, N. V. Prabhakar and L. Devi. Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Evaluation of 4-Nitro Schiff Bases. *Int J Pharm Bio Sci*, 2013; 4(4): (P) 829 – 837.
3. Cleiton M. Silva A. Daniel L. Silva A. Schiff bases: A short review of their antimicrobial activities. *Journal of Advanced Research*, 2011; 2: 1–8.
4. Dr. Suman Malik and Bharti N. Antimicrobial activities of Schiff Bases: A review. *International Journal of Theoretical & Applied Sciences, Special Issue-NCRTAST*, 2016; 8(1): 28-30.
5. Avinash Shinde, Sainath Zangade, Shivaji Chavan and Yeshwant Vibhute. Microwave induced synthesis of bis-Schiff bases from Propane-1, 3-diamine as promising antimicrobial analogs. *Org. Commun*, 2014; 7(2): 60-67.
6. Mangaiyarkkarasi, P. and Arul Antony, S. Synthesis, Spectral Characterization and Antimicrobial Studies of Some Novel Schiff Base Metal Complexes of Vanillin Based Dihydropyrimidino Heterocyclic Product and 4-Aminoantipyrine. *Asian Journal of Science and Technology*, 2014; 5(6): 340-347.
7. S. H. Baui, M. M. El-Ajaily and N. M. El-Barasi. Antibacterial Activity of Schiff Base Chelates of Divalent Metal Ions. *Asian Journal of Chemistry*, 2009; 21(1): 5-10.
8. P. S. Misra, P. Shanmugasundaram, R. Chaudhary and M. V. Aanandhi, Synthesis of 2-Phenyl Benzimidazole Derivatives and Their Schiff Bases as Possible Antimicrobial agents, 2010; 3(1): 51-54.
9. S. Tiwari, V. Mujal<sup>da</sup>1, V. Sharma<sup>1</sup>, P. Saxena, M. Shrivastava Synthesis and Evaluation of Schiff's Base of 4-Quinazolinone Analogues as Antimicrobial Agents. *Asian Journal of Pharmaceutical and Clinical Research*, 2012; 5: 1.
10. M. Jesmin<sup>1</sup>, M. M. Ali<sup>1</sup>, M. S. Salahuddin, M. R. Habib and J. A. Khanam Antimicrobial Activity of Some Schiff Bases Derived from Benzoin, Salicylaldehyde, Aminophenol and 2, 4 Dinitrophenyl Hydrazine *Mycobiology*, 2008; 36(1): 70-73.
11. I. Rama and R. Selvameena Metal Complexes of Schiff Base Derived From Sulfamerazine: Synthesis, Spectral Characterization, Thermal and Biological Activities *IJPCBS*, 2014; 4(2): 416-423.

12. S. Kumar, K.AravindakshanAntitumor, Cytotoxic and Antimicrobial Studies of A Novel Schiff Base, Ortho-Vanillin-(1,2-Ethylenediimine) Ortho-Hydroxyacetophenone and its Transition Metal ComplexesJ Pharm ChemBiolSci, September-November, 2017; 5(3): 271-281.
13. R. S. Joseyphus and M. S. NairAntibacterial and Antifungal Studies on Some Schiff Base Complexes of Zinc(II)Mycobiology, 2008; 36(2): 93-98.
14. R. Mohamed, A.FekryAntimicrobial and Anticorrosive Activity of Adsorbents Based on Chitosan Schiff's Base. Int. J. Electrochem. Sci, 2011; 6.
15. G. Koz1, K. Hale , D. Astley1, D. YasaSynthesis, Characterization and Antimicrobial Screeningof Ni(II), Cu(II) and Co(II) Complexes of Some Schiff Base Ligands Derived from 5-AminouracilGazi University Journal of ScienceGU J Sci, 2011; 24(3): 407-413.
16. B. Yaidehi, K.Surya N. Prabhakar synthesis, characterization and biological evaluation of 4-nitro schiff bases Int J Pharm Bio Sci, 2013; 4(4): (P) 829 – 837.
17. Khalid Mohammed Khan, Nida Ambreen, Aneela Karim Schiff Bases of Thiazole as Antibacterial and Antifungal Agents. Journal of Pharmacy Research, 2012; 5(1): 651-656
18. Sanjivani Sonara, Sayujjata Vaidyab, MangalBagalb and T. K. ChondhekarSynthesis and characterization of Schiff base ligands and their antimicrobial activity.Advances in Applied Science Research, 2016; 7(1): 13-16.
19. Aurora Reiss, Adriana samide, Georgetaciobanu, Irina dăbuleanus, synthesis, spectral characterization and thermal behaviour of new metal(II) complexes with schiff base derived from amoxicillin, J. Chil. Chem. Soc, 2015; 60: N° 3.
20. R. Karki, G.K. Rao, A. Gupta, G. Mariappan1, S.AdhikariSynthesis, Characterization and Antimicrobial Activities of Schiff bases of 2-amino-4-(O-chloroanilino)-1, 3-thiazole Journal of Applied Pharmaceutical Science, 2013; 3(07): 093-096.
21. G. A. Shallangwa, H. Musa, E. Ogbe, Design and Synthesis of New Series of One Pot Schiff Bases of 4-AminobenzenesulfonAmideas Potent Antibacterial and Anti-Fungal Agents, Journal of Progressive Research in Chemistry[JPRC], 2015; 1.