Synthesis, spectral correlations and antimicrobial activities of some 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone

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ABSTRACT

Some 2'-hydroxyphenylchalcones have been synthesized under microwave irradiation by Claisen-Schmidt condensation between substituted 2-hydroxyacetophenone and substituted benzaldehydes using catalytic amount of SiO₂-H₃PO₄. These chalcones were established by their physical constants and spectroscopic data published earlier. The UV, IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectral data of these chalcone have correlated with Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters. All the compounds have been subjected to screened for antimicrobial activity.

Keywords: Solvent-free synthesis; SiO₂-H₃PO₄; 2'-hydroxyphenylchalcones; UV; IR; NMR spectra

1. INTRODUCTION

Chalcones (1,3-diarylpropinones) are the condensation product of aryl ketones and aryl aldehydes and they consisting of two aryl rings linked by ketone and unsaturated moieties. Chalcones have been synthesised [1] natural products extracted from plants [2] belonging to the flavonoid family [3-5]. The compounds with the backbone [6] of chalcone have been reported to exhibit a wide variety of pharmacological effects including, antimalarial [7-9], antiviral [10-12], antibacterial [13-15], antiplosmodial [16], antifungal [17-19], anticancer [20-22], anti-leishmanial [23], anti-inflammatory [24], antipyretic [25], analgesic [26], antiulcerative [27], antihyperglycemic [28], antioxidant [29], antiinvasive [30], antiplatelet [31] and insect antifeedent [32], antihyperglycemic [33], antifeedent [34] immunomodulatory [35], inhibition of chemical mediators release [36], inhibition of leukotriene B₄ [37], inhibition of tyrosinase [38], and inhibition of aldose reductase [39] activities. At present, scientists have paid more interest to correlate the group frequencies of spectral data with Hammett substituent constants to explain the substituent effects of organic compounds, Subramanian et al. [40] have studied the effect of substituents through spectral linearity and antimicrobial activities of some furyl chalcones. In their studies, they observed satisfactory and good correlations for each spectral data with Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters. In the present investigation, the authors have synthesized a series of some 2'-hydroxychalcones, studied the spectral correlations with Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters using single and multi-linear regression analysis and evaluated their antibacterial antifungal activities [47-49].

2. EXPERIMENTAL

2. 1. Materials and Methods

All the chemicals involved in the present investigation, have been procured from Sigma-Aldrich and E-Merck chemical companies. Melting points of all imines have been determined in open glass capillaries on SUNTEX melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The UV spectra of all the imines, synthesized, have been recorded with ELICO-BL222 spectrophotometer (λ_{max} nm) in spectral grade methanol solvent. Infrared spectra (KBr, 4000-400 cm^{-1}) have been recorded on AVATAR-300 Fourier transform spectrophotometer. The NMR spectra were recorded in Bruker AV400 NMR spectrometer operating at 400 MHz has been utilized for recording ^1H NMR spectra and 100 MHz for ^{13}C spectra in CDCl_3 solvent using TMS as internal standard.

2. 2. Preparation of chalcones

An appropriate equi-molar quantities of 2-hydroxyacetophenone (2 mmol), substituted benzaldehydes (2 mmol) and $\text{SiO}_2\text{-H}_3\text{PO}_4$ [41] (0.5 g) have been taken in borosil tube and tightly capped. The mixture has been subjected to microwave irradiation for 6-12 minutes in a microwave oven (**Scheme 1**) (Samsung, Microwave Oven, and 100-700 W) and then cooled to room temperature. After separating the organic layer with dichloromethane the solid product has been obtained on evaporation.

The solid, on recrystallization with benzene-hexane mixture gives glittering product. The insoluble catalyst has been recycled by washing with ethyl acetate (8 mL) followed by drying in an oven at 100 °C for 1h and reused for further reactions. The analytical data of chalcones are presented in **Table 1**.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone.

Table 1. Analytical and physical constant of 2'-hydroxyphenylchalcones.

Entry	X	M. F.	M. W.	m. p. (°C)
1	H	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$	224	90-91 (89) [42]
2	2-Br	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}_2$	303	113-114 (112-113) [38]
3	3-Cl	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2$	258	63-64 (60-62) [43]
4	4-Cl	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}_2$	258	152 (151-152) [42]
5	2-F	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}_2$	242	59 (56-58) [43]

6	4-F	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ FO ₂	242	50 (46-48) [43]
7	2-OCH ₃	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₃	254	122-123 (120-122) [43]
8	4-OCH ₃	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ O ₃	254	65 (68-70) [42]
9	4-NO ₂	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ NO ₄	269	61-62 (58-60) [43]

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3. 1. Spectral linearity

In the present study the Hammett spectral linearity of these synthesised chalcones has been studied by evaluating the substituent effects [1, 16, 40, 41] on the group frequencies. The assigned spectroscopic data of all chalcones such as absorption maximum $\lambda_{max}(nm)$ of carbonyl groups, infrared carbonyl stretches of $\nu_{COs-cis}$ and $s-trans$, the deformation modes of vinyl part CH *out of plane*, *in-plane*, CH=CH and >C=C< *out of planes* (cm⁻¹), NMR chemical shifts $\delta(ppm)$ of H _{α} , H _{β} , C _{α} , C _{β} , CO are assigned and these data are correlated with various substituent constants.

3. 1. 1. UV-spectral study

The absorption maxima (λ_{max} nm) of these chalcones were assigned and presented in Table 2. These absorption maxima (λ_{max} nm) of these chalcones were correlated with Hammett substituent constants and F and R parameters using single and multi-linear regression analysis [1,16,40,41]. Hammett correlation involving the group frequencies and absorption maxima, the form of the Hammett equation employed is

$$\lambda = \rho\sigma + \lambda_o \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

where λ_o is the frequency for the parent member of the series.

The results of statistical analysis [1, 16, 40, 41] of these values with Hammett substituent constants σ ($r = 0.902$), σ^+ ($r = 0.903$) has satisfactory correlation, F and R parameters are presented in Table 3. The Hammett σ_I , σ_R , constants and F and R parameters gave poor correlation. This is due to the polar, filed, resonance and inductive effects of the substituents were weak for predicting the reactivity on the absorption. This is evident with resonance conjugative structure shown in **Figure 1**.

Fig. 1. The resonance-conjugative structure

The multi regression analysis of these frequencies of all ketones with inductive, resonance and Swain – Lupton's [44] constants produce satisfactory correlations as evident in equations (2 and 3).

$$\lambda_{\max}(\text{nm}) = 313.393(\pm 20.615) + 16.822(\pm 41.912) \sigma_I - 28.932(\pm 32.485) \sigma_R \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(R = 0.936, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90\%)$$

$$\lambda_{\max}(\text{nm}) = 312.445(\pm 16.516) + 15.584(\pm 32.921) F - 27.743(\pm 28.467) R \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$(R = 0.945, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90\%)$$

3. 1. 2. IR spectral study

The assigned carbonyl stretching frequencies (cm^{-1}) of *s-cis* and *s-trans* isomers of present study are presented in **Table 2** and the corresponding conformers are shown in **Fig. 2**. The stretching frequencies for carbonyl absorption are assigned based on the assignments made by Hays and Timmons [45] for *s-cis* and *s-trans* conformers at 1690 and 1670 cm^{-1} , respectively.

These data have been correlated with Hammett substituent constants and Swain-Lupton constants[44] and are presented in Table 3. In this correlation the structure parameter Hammett equation employed is as shown in the following equation:

$$\nu = \rho\sigma + \nu_0 \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

Where ν is the carbonyl frequencies of substituted system and ν_0 is the corresponding quantity of unsubstituted system; σ is a Hammett substituent constant, which in principle is characteristics of the substituent and ρ is a reaction constant which is depend upon the nature of the reaction.

Table 2. The ultraviolet absorption maxima ($\lambda_{\max}$, nm), infrared absorptions (ν , cm^{-1}) and NMR chemical shifts (δ , ppm) of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Entry
	H	2-Br	3-Cl	4-Cl	2-F	4-F	2-OMe	4-OMe	4-NO ₂	X
	321.97	301.60	329.94	332.50	316.50	377.50	324.01	331.40	316.32	$\lambda_{\max}$
	1641.42	1635.64	1670.35	1678.71	1678.07	1627.93	1666.50	1631.78	1627.92	CO _(s-cis)
	1604.77	1602.85	1604.77	1598.99	1610.56	1579.76	1604.97	1566.26	1602.85	CO _(s-trans)
	1111.00	1109.07	1109.07	1112.93	1097.90	1149.57	1105.21	1116.78	1085.92	CH _{ip}
	860.25	867.97	873.75	856.39	861.96	825.53	869.90	813.96	850.61	CH _{op}
	1024.20	1035.77	1008.77	1026.13	1097.50	1006.84	1001.06	1022.27	1014.56	CH=CH _{op}
	526.57	518.85	549.71	572.86	592.15	509.21	511.14	491.85	528.50	C=C _{op}
	7.41	6.81	7.59	7.14	6.86	6.97	7.18	7.02	7.13	H _a
	7.97	8.03	7.96	8.01	7.99	7.53	8.03	7.63	8.31	H _β
	120.98	122.01	124.52	120.64	121.44	119.97	123.50	118.81	124.17	C _a
	138.78	136.57	143.23	143.94	136.42	144.12	132.29	136.21	147.48	C _β
	191.96	182.47	192.63	193.49	182.02	193.54	189.32	193.72	194.46	CO

Table 3. Results of statistical analysis of infrared $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ $\text{CO}_{s\text{-}cis}$, $\text{CO}_{s\text{-}trans}$, CH_{ip} , CH_{op} , $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{op}$, $\text{C}=\text{C}_{op}$ NMR chemical shifts (δ , ppm) of Protons and carbons of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketones with Hammett σ , σ^+ , σ_I , σ_R constants and F and R parameters.

Frequency	Constants	r	I	ρ	s	n	Correlated derivatives
λ_{max}	σ	0.902	329.66	-12.47	21.88	7	H, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.903	329.82	-15.85	20.66	8	H, 2-Br, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.812	321.59	15.85	22.14	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.831	320.25	-28.59	21.08	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.824	317.13	24.38	21.47	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.841	318.22	-31.44	20.32	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\nu\text{CO}_{s\text{-}cis}$	σ	0.825	1651.43	-3.74	23.49	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.814	1650.46	3.84	23.44	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.792	1649.94	2.42	23.53	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.826	1644.57	-23.52	22.71	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.751	1650.89	0.07	23.53	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.861	1646.37	-14.66	23.12	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\nu\text{CO}_{s\text{-}trans}$	σ	0.904	1595.01	16.87	14.17	6	2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃
	σ^+	0.906	1595.07	18.85	11.58	6	2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃
	σ_I	0.805	1595.46	4.58	15.49	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.829	1602.03	17.52	14.82	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.804	1597.32	-0.04	14.1	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.907	1604.03	21.71	14.1	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
νCH_{ip}	σ	0.904	1113.66	-20.91	16.63	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.846	1112.67	-15.60	16.27	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.809	1114.21	-8.43	18.3	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.804	1102.40	-31.18	16.47	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.807	1108.56	5.01	18.33	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.748	1101.52	-30.00	16.07	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
νCH_{op}	σ	0.902	849.97	12.76	21.21	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃
	σ^+	0.904	849.58	17.84	19.42	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃
	σ_I	0.801	855.18	8.65	21.67	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.875	857.85	22.78	20.91	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.785	861.96	-23.10	20.91	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.847	862.05	33.39	19.34	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\nu\text{C}=\text{CH}_{op}$	σ	0.816	1024.54	13.30	30.39	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂

	σ^+	0.831	1023.87	20.82	28.60	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.84	1019.82	16.21	30.62	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.816	1021.22	-18.97	30.39	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.733	1008.29	40.61	28.97	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.823	1018.95	-23.84	29.97	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\nu C=C_{op}$	σ	0.844	527.79	41.56	30.87	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.905	529.18	35.84	28.44	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.812	513.31	50.00	33.04	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.81	537.33	14.46	34.35	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.833	513.61	44.57	32.6	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.809	536.94	11.36	34.4	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\delta_{H\alpha}$	σ	0.703	7.11	-0.02	0.27	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.685	7.12	-0.06	0.26	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.814	7.34	-0.57	0.24	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.831	7.20	0.33	0.25	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.905	7.38	-0.60	0.22	8	H, 2-Br, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.834	7.21	0.33	0.25	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\delta_{H\beta}$	σ	0.905	7.89	0.38	0.2	7	H, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.906	7.91	0.29	0.18	7	H, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.816	7.84	0.24	0.24	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.905	8.09	0.56	0.19	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.725	7.95	-0.25	0.24	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.906	8.12	0.57	0.18	7	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
δ_{CO}	σ	0.825	189.21	3.92	5.57	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.815	189.92	-1.54	5.7	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.803	189.35	0.97	5.76	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.508	192.72	11.06	4.98	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.809	190.71	-2.18	5.74	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.838	192.06	7.49	5.31	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
$\delta_{C\alpha}$	σ	0.904	121.41	2.72	1.81	8	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.905	121.53	2.11	1.73	7	H, 2-Br, 4-Cl, 2-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.833	120.45	3.30	1.97	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.835	122.50	2.68	1.96	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.809	121.43	0.79	2.07	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂

	R	0.844	122.76	3.15	1.86	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
δC_{β}	σ	0.907	138.39	11.06	3.35	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ^+	0.905	139.32	4.88	4.6	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_I	0.905	134.11	14.37	4.46	8	2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	σ_R	0.903	143.45	13.18	4.06	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	F	0.836	136.23	8.25	4.88	9	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 4-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂
	R	0.905	142.99	9.98	4.42	8	H, 2-Br, 3-Cl, 4-Cl, 2-F, 2-OCH ₃ , 4-OCH ₃ , 4-NO ₂

r = correlation coefficient; ρ = slope; I = intercept; s = standard deviation;
n = number of substituents

Fig. 2. The *s-cis* and *s-trans* conformers of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketones.

The results of single parameter statistical analysis of carbonyl frequencies of *s-cis* conformers with all Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters were poor correlated. The failure in correlation is due to the conjugation between the substituent and the carbonyl group in chalcones. The *s-trans* conformer gave satisfactory correlation for σ ($r = 0.904$), σ^+ ($r = 0.906$) and R parameter ($r = 0.907$). Hammett constants σ_I , σ_R and F parameter gave the poor correlation. The correlation of CH *in-plane* with Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters were poor correlated and *out of plane* modes with Hammett σ ($r = 0.902$), σ^+ ($r = 0.904$) shown the satisfactory correlation. The σ_I , σ_R constants and F and R parameters has poorly correlated. The CH=CH *out of plane* modes with all Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters were fail in correlation and the C=C *out of plane* Hammett constant gave satisfactory correlation for σ^+ ($r = 0.905$). The results of poor correlation is due to the conjugation between the substituent and the vinyl group in chalcones as shown in **Figure 1**.

In view of the inability of some of the σ constants to produce individually satisfactory correlations, it was thought that worthwhile to seek multiple correlations involving either σ_I and σ_R constants or Swain-Lupton's [44] F and R parameters. The correlation equations for *s-cis*, *s-trans* and *deformation modes* are given in equations 5-16.

$$\nu_{\text{CO}_{s\text{-cis}}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1643.261(\pm 22.498) + 3.218 (\pm 1.740) \sigma_I - 23.587 (\pm 7.452) \sigma_R \quad \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

$$(R = 0.926, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CO}_{s\text{-cis}}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1648.215(\pm 19.117) - 4.951 (\pm 1.105) F - 15.835(\pm 5.949) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

$$(R = 0.919, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CO}_{s\text{-trans}}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1600.406(\pm 14.666) + 3.990(\pm 1.817) \sigma_I + 17.440(\pm 5.111) \sigma_R \quad \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

$$(R = 0.929, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CO}_{s\text{-trans}}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1601.288(\pm 11.580) + 7.397 (\pm 2.081) F + 23.462 (\pm 19.958) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

$$(R = 0.943, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CH}_{ip}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1105.420 (\pm 16.257) - 7.386 (\pm 2.051) \sigma_I - 31.030(\pm 25.617) \sigma_R \quad \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

$$(R = 0.945, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CH}_{ip}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1103.297(\pm 13.268) - 4.768(\pm 1.446) F + 31.128(\pm 10.868) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(10)$$

$$(R = 0.948, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CH}_{op}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 861.694(\pm 20.633) - 9.424(\pm 3.948) \sigma_I + 22.969(\pm 7.513) \sigma_R \quad \dots\dots\dots(11)$$

$$(R = 0.928, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CH}_{op}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 867.073(\pm 15.769) - 13.534(\pm 4.432) F + 30.179(\pm 27.179) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(12)$$

$$(R = 0.948, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CH=CH}_{op}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1014.349 (\pm 29.925) + 16.861 (\pm 4.841) \sigma_I - 19.309(\pm 6.156) \sigma_R \quad \dots\dots\dots(13)$$

$$(R = 0.919, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{CH=CH}_{op}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 1005.698(\pm 23.705) + 35.735(\pm 12.249) F - 15.369(\pm 5.856) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(14)$$

$$(R = 0.936, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{C=C}_{op}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 517.132(\pm 32.554) + 49.542(\pm 13.187) \sigma_I + 13.452(\pm 4.210) \sigma_R \quad \dots\dots\dots(15)$$

$$(R = 0.931, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

$$\nu_{\text{C=C}_{op}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 517.132(\pm 26.401) + 52.081(\pm 52.624) F + 23.702(\pm 7.504) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(16)$$

$$(R = 0.938, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

3. 1. 3. ^1H NMR spectral study

Deuteriochloroform was used for recording the ^1H NMR spectra of synthesized chalcones employing tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard. The ethylenic protons signals of the chalcones were assigned from their spectra. They were calculated as AB or AA' or BB' systems respectively. The lower chemical shifts (ppm) obtained for H α and higher chemical shifts (ppm) obtained for H β in this series of ketones. The vinyl protons give an AB pattern and the β -proton doublets were well separated from the signals of the aromatic protons. The assigned vinyl proton chemical shifts δ (ppm) of all ketones were presented in **Table 2**.

In nuclear magnetic resonance spectra, the proton or the ^{13}C chemical shifts (δ) depends on the electronic environment of the nuclei concerned. The assigned vinyl proton chemical shifts (ppm) have been correlated with reactivity parameters using Hammett equation in the form of

$$\text{Log } \delta = \text{Log } \delta_0 + \rho\sigma \quad \dots \dots (17)$$

where δ_0 is the chemical shift of unsubstituted ketones.

The assigned H_α and H_β proton chemical shifts (ppm) are correlated with various Hammett sigma constants. The results of statistical analysis [1, 16, 40, 41] are presented in **Table 3**. The obtained correlation is satisfactory for H_α with R parameter ($r = 0.905$). All Hammett substituent constants, R parameters were fail in correlation. A fair degree of correlation is obtained for H_β proton chemical shifts (ppm) with Hammett sigma σ ($r = 0.905$), σ^+ ($r = 0.906$), constants and R ($r = 0.906$) parameters. Other Hammett constant σ_I , σ_R and F parameter have shown poor correlation. The failure in correlation is due to the reason stated earlier. Application of Swain-Lupton's [44] treatment to the relative chemical shifts of H_α and H_β with F and R values is successful with resonance, inductive effect generates the multi regression equations **18-21**.

$$\delta_{\text{H}\alpha}(\text{ppm}) = 7.436(\pm 0.227) - 0.581(\pm 0.461) \sigma_I + 0.338(\pm 0.357) \sigma_R \quad \dots \dots (18)$$

($R = 0.953$, $n = 9$, $P > 95\%$)

$$\delta_{\text{H}\alpha}(\text{ppm}) = 7.413(\pm 0.178) - 0.535(\pm 0.355) F + 0.205(\pm 0.307) R \quad \dots \dots (19)$$

($R = 0.960$, $n = 9$, $P > 95\%$)

$$\delta_{\text{H}\beta}(\text{ppm}) = 8.00(\pm 0.192) + 0.219(\pm 0.391) \sigma_I + 0.552(\pm 0.303) \sigma_R \quad \dots \dots (20)$$

($R = 0.961$, $n = 9$, $P > 95\%$)

$$\delta_{\text{H}\beta}(\text{ppm}) = 8.053(\pm 0.145) + 0.167(\pm 0.290) F + 0.605(\pm 0.251) R \quad \dots \dots (21)$$

($R = 0.971$, $n = 9$, $P > 95\%$)

3. 1. 4 ^{13}C NMR spectral study

Organic chemists, physical organic chemists, spectral analysts, and scientists [1,16,40,41] have made extensive study of ^{13}C NMR spectra for a large number of different ketones and styrenes. The assigned vinyl C_α , C_β and carbonyl carbon chemical shifts are presented in **Table 2**. The results of statistical analysis are given in **Table 3**. The C_α chemical shifts (ppm) gave satisfactory correlation with Hammett σ ($r = 0.904$) and σ^+ ($r = 0.905$) constants. Remaining Hammett constant, F and R parameters gave poor correlation. The chemical shifts (ppm) of C_β carbon with Hammett constant σ ($r = 0.907$), σ^+ ($r = 0.905$), σ_I ($r = 0.905$), σ_R ($r = 0.900$) and R ($r = 0.905$) parameter gave satisfactory correlation. The F parameter was fail in correlation. This is due to reasons stated earlier with the resonance conjugative structure shown in Figure 1. The carbonyl carbon chemical shifts (ppm) of all ketones gave poor correlated with all Hammett σ constants, F and R parameter due to reason stated earlier and associated with resonance conjugative structure shown in **Figure. 2**. The Swain Lupton's [44] parameter correlations were satisfactorily obtained within these carbon chemical shifts and the regression equations are given in **22-27**.

$$\delta\text{C}\alpha(\text{ppm}) = 121.196(\pm 1.834) + 3.211(\pm 1.728) \sigma_I + 2.613(\pm 2.890) \sigma_R \quad \dots \dots (22)$$

($R = 0.945$, $n = 9$, $P > 90\%$)

$$\delta\text{C}\alpha(\text{ppm}) = 122.041(\pm 1.488) + 1.935(\pm 0.966) F + 3.608(\pm 2.565) R \quad \dots \dots (23)$$

($R = 0.950$, $n = 9$, $P > 95\%$)

$$\delta C\beta \text{ (ppm)} = 137.769 (\pm 2.892) + 13.937 (\pm 5.880) \sigma_I + 12.893 (\pm 4.557) \sigma_R \quad \dots(24)$$

$$(R = 0.983, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 95 \%)$$

$$\delta C\beta \text{ (ppm)} = 138.410 (\pm 2.650) + 12.335 (\pm 5.283) F + 12.899 (\pm 4.568) R \quad \dots\dots(25)$$

$$(R = 0.979, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 95 \%)$$

$$\delta CO \text{ (ppm)} = 192.484 (\pm 4.942) + 0.594 (\pm 10.047) \sigma_I + 11.043 (\pm 7.787) \sigma_R \quad \dots(26)$$

$$(R = 0.958, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 95 \%)$$

$$\delta CO \text{ (ppm)} = 191.984 (\pm 4.403) + 0.209 (\pm 0.776) F + 7.535 (\pm 7.588) R \quad \dots\dots\dots(27)$$

$$(R = 0.938, \quad n = 9, \quad P > 90 \%)$$

4. ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITIES

Chalcones possess a wide range of biological activities such as antibacterial [13-15], antifungal [17-19], antiviral [10-12], antifeedant [34], anticancer [20-22], antimalarial [7-9], and antioxidant [29], immunomodulatory [35], activities. These multipronged activities present in different chalcones are examined against respective microbes-bacteria's and fungi.

4. 1. Antibacterial sensitivity assay

Antibacterial sensitivity assay was performed using Kirby-Bauer [46] disc diffusion technique. In each Petri plate about 0.5 ml of the test bacterial sample was spread uniformly over the Solidified Mueller Hinton agar using sterile glass spreader. Then the discs with 5mm diameter made up of Whatmann No.1 filter paper, impregnated with the solution of the compound were placed on the medium using sterile forceps. The plates were incubated for 24 hours at 37 °C by keeping the plates upside down to prevent the collection of water droplets over the medium. After 24 hours, the plates were visually examined and the diameter values of the zone of inhibition were measured. Triplicate results were recorded by repeating the same procedure.

The antibacterial screening effect of synthesized chalcones is shown in **Figure 3**. (Plates 1-10). The zone of inhibition is compared using **Table 4** and the Clustered column Chart is shown in **Figure 4**. A antibacterial activity has been possessed by all the Compounds on the microorganisms in general. All the compounds showed activities except 2- F, 4-F, 2-OCH₃ has very good active against *Escherichia coli*.. The substituent 3-Cl and 2-NO₂ have high activity against *B. subtilis*, H, 4-Cl, 2-F has a maximum activity against *P. aeruginosa* expect other substituent.

Table 4. The antibacterial activities of 2'-hydroxyphenylchalcones.

S. No.	X	Zone of Inhibition (mm)				
		Gram positive Bacteria			Gram negative Bacteria	
		<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>M. luteus</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. Coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>
1	H	8	7	7	7	9
2	2-Br	7	-	7	8	-
3	3-Cl	13	7	8	8	7
4	4-Cl	7	7	7	7	10
5	2-F	-	-	7	-	8
6	4-F	-	6	-	-	-
7	2-OCH ₃	-	-	-	-	7
8	4-OCH ₃	7	-	-	7	-
9	2-NO ₂	12	8	8	9	6
	Ampicillin	14	15	16	15	14
	DMSO	-	-	-	-	-

4. 2. Antifungal sensitivity assay

Antifungal sensitivity assay was performed using Kirby-Bauer [46] disc diffusion technique. PDA medium was prepared and sterilized as above. It was poured (ear bearing heating condition) in the Petri-plate which was already filled with 1 ml of the fungal species. The plate was rotated clockwise and counter clock-wise for uniform spreading of the species. The discs were impregnated with the test solution.

The test solution was prepared by dissolving 15 mg of the chalcone in 1ml of DMSO solvent. The medium was allowed to solidify and kept for 24 hours. Then the plates were visually examined and the diameter values of zone of inhibition were measured. Triplicate results were recorded by repeating the same procedure.

Fig. 3. Antibacterial activity of substituted 2-hydroxyphenylketone - petri dishes.

Fig. 4. Antibacterial activity of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone - clustered column chart.

Table 5. Anti-fungal activity of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone.

S. No.	X	Zone of Inhibition (mm)	
		A. niger	T. Viride
1	H	-	6
2	2-Br	-	6
3	3-Cl	8	-
4	4-Cl	9	9
5	2-F	-	-
6	4-F	9	8
7	2-OCH ₃	-	7
8	4-OCH ₃	8	7
9	2-NO ₂	-	6
	Miconazole	13	14
	DMSO	-	-

The antifungal activities of substituted chalcones synthesized in the present study are shown in **Figure 5** for Plates (1-4) and the zone of inhibition values of the effect is given in **Table 5**. The clustered column chart, shown in **Figure 6**, reveals that all the compounds have excellent antifungal

activity against all the two fungal species namely *A. niger*, and *T. Viridi*. The Chalcones with 4-F, 4-Cl, and 4-OCH₃ substituents have shown greater antifungal activity against *T. Viridi* and *A. niger*.

Fig. 5. Antifungal activity of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone - petri dishes.

Fig. 6. Antifungal activity of substituted 2-hydroxyphenyl-styrylketone - clustered column chart.

5. CONCLUSION

Some chalcones have been synthesized by condensation of 2-hydroxyacetophenone and substituted benzaldehydes using microwave irradiation in the presence of SiO₂- H₃PO₄ under solvent free conditions. The chalcones have been characterized by their physical constants, spectral data. The UV, IR, NMR spectral data of these chalcones has been correlated with Hammett substituent constants, F and R parameters. From the results of statistical analyses the effects of substituent on the spectral data have been studied. The antimicrobial activities of all synthesized chalcone have been studied using Bauer-Kirby method.

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