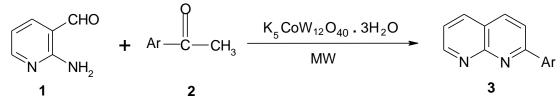
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# Potassium dodecatangestocobaltate trihydrate ( $K_5CoW_{12}O_{40}.3H_2O$ ): a mild and efficient catalyst for the synthesis of 2-aryl-1,8-naphthyridines under microwave irradiation

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**Abstract**- A mild and efficient solvent-free method has been developed for the synthesis of 2-aryl-1,8-naphthyridines **3** by Friedlander reaction between 2-aminonicotinaldehyde **1** and various aryl methyl ketones **2** using stable and effective catalyst potassium dodecatangestocobaltate trihydrate ( $K_5CoW_{12}O_{40}$ -3H<sub>2</sub>O) under microwave irradiation in high yields. (**Scheme I**) and **Table-1**. The structures of the compounds were elucidated by spectral analysis.



**Keywords**- Potassium dodecatangestocobaltate trihydrate ( $K_5CoW_{12}O_{40}.3H_2O$ ), Friedlander condensation, 2-Aminonicotinaldehyde, Aryl methyl ketones, 2-Aryl-1,8-naphthyridines, MWI.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The importance of 1,8-naphthyridines in biological systems has attracted great interest due to their diverse pharmacological and microbial activities.<sup>1-3</sup> A brief survey of literature revealed that the most common approach towards the synthesis of 1,8-naphthyridines constitutes the Friedlander condensation between 2aminonicotinaldehydes and carbonyl compound containing a reactive  $\alpha$ -methylene or methyl group in the presence of base (piperidine)<sup>4</sup> or acid  $(CH_3COOH/H_2SO_4)^5$  catalyst. However these methods are not very satisfactory due to drawbacks such as low vields, toxic reagents, longer reaction time at high reaction temp and tedious work-up procedures. Therefore, it was considered worthwhile to carry out the synthesis of 1,8-naphthyridines under mild conditions.

The MW induced organic reactions are becoming popular because of their simplicity and operational convenience<sup>6-8</sup>. Solvent–free MW assisted chemical reactions<sup>7</sup> are gaining importance due to the

advantages and environmentally friendly processes they offer, as compared to conventional reactions. In view of this and in continuation of our ongoing program to develop environmentally benign protocols<sup>9-11</sup>, herein, we report an efficient solventfree synthesis of 1,8-naphthyridines using potassium dodecatangestocobaltatetrihydrate(K<sub>5</sub>CoW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>.3H<sub>2</sub> O) as catalyst and clean energy source, microwave irradiation.

#### 2. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

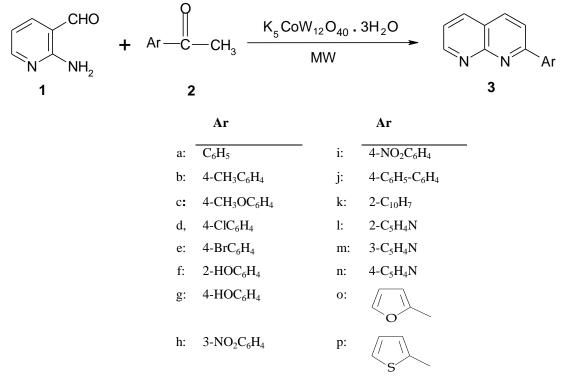
Melting points were determined on a Cintex melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a BRUKER Spectrometer (400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and were given in  $\delta$  units. The solvent for NMR spectra was DMSO. Infrared spectra were takenon SHIMADZU-FTIR-8400 Spectrophotometer instrument in the frequency range of 4000-400 cm-1 by KBr powder method. The Mass spectra were recorded by MS-SHIMADZU-QP2010. All reactions

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were monitored by thin layer chromatography, carried out on 0.2 mm silica gel 60F254 (Merck) plates using UV light for detection. Common reagent

grade chemicals are either commercially available and were used without further purification.



#### Scheme I

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Friedlander condensation of 2aminonicotinaldehyde **1** with various aryl methyl ketones **2** in the presence of potassium dodecatangestocobaltatetrihydrate( $K_5CoW_{12}O_{40}.3H_2$ O) in solvent-free conditions under microwave irradiation furnished the corresponding 2-aryl-1,8naphthyridines **3** (Scheme-1).This method provides an easy access to 1,8-naphthyridines in fairly good yields, avoids pollution problems, reduces reaction time and is completed in a few minutes.

In a typical experiment, a mixture of 2aminonicotinal dehyde 1 acetophenone 2a  $(Ar=C_6H_5)$  and  $K_5CoW_{12}O_{40}.3H_2O$  was exposed to microwave irradiation at 600 watts for 6.0 min. Work-up of the reaction mixture afforded 2-phenyl-1,8-naphthyridine **3a** (Ar=C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) in 88% yield, m.p. 116 °C(lit<sup>12</sup>. m.p. 116 °C); IR (KBr); 1605 (C=N); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>); 8.22 (m, 1H, C<sub>3</sub>-H), 8.35 (m, 1H, C<sub>4</sub>-H), 8.63 (m, 1H, C<sub>5</sub>-H), 8.87(m, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>-H) 7.40-7.75 (m, 6H, C<sub>6</sub>-H, 5ArH); Mass (ESI): m/z 207[M+H]<sup>+</sup>. The reaction is of general applicability and the different 1,8-naphthyridines **3b-p** synthesized are presented in Table-1.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report on rapid Friedlander synthesis of 1,8-naphthyridines using potassium dodecatangestocobaltate trihydrate  $(K_5CoW_{12}O_{40}.3H_2O)$  as reusable catalyst under microwave irradiation in solvent-free conditions.

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Table 1 : Physical data of 2-Aryl-1,8-naphthyridines 3					
Compd	Ar	Reaction	Yield	M.P. (°C)	
		period	(%)	Found	Reported <sup>12</sup>
		(min)			
3a	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	6.0	88	116	116
3b	4-CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5.5	92	146	147
3c	4-CH <sub>3</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5.5	90	147	148
3d	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6.5	93	202	202
3e	4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	7.0	92	218	217
3f	2-HOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5.5	88	187	188
3g	4-HOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6.0	90	255	254
3h	3-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	7.0	90	218	219
3i	$4-NO_2C_6H_4$	6.5	92	264	263
3ј	$4 - C_6 H_5 - C_6 H_4$	6.5	90	186	186
3k	$2 - C_{10}H_7$	7.0	88	164	165
31	2-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N	5.5	90	149	148
3m	3-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N	6.0	88	142	142
3n	4-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N	5.5	92	167	168
30		5.0	88	146	146
3p	S	5.5	90	134	133

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#### 4. CONCLUSION

The reported procedure is an attractive methodology for the Friedlander synthesis of 1,8-naphthyridines. The mild conditions, good yields, high purity, short reaction time and non-toxic reusable catalyst are some of the major advantages of this method.

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