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Microwave-assisted one-pot synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl 2-naphthols and dibenzo $[a_{,j}]$ xanthenes using phosphorus pentoxide on solid supports

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ABSTRACT

A convenient, efficient and practical procedure for the synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl 2-naphthols is described by condensation of aromatic aldehydes with amides and 2-naphthol in the presence of P_2O_5/SiO_2 as an efficient catalyst. Moreover, in the present of this catalyst, the synthesis of 14-aryl or alkyl-14*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*j*]xanthenes is studied by condensation of aldehydes with 2-naphthol. Using solvent-free conditions, non-toxic and inexpensive materials, simple and clean work-up, short reaction times and high yields of the products are the advantages of this method.

Keywords: 1-Amidoalkyl 2-naphthols, Dibenzoxanthenes, Phosphorus pentoxide, Solid supports, Microwave irradiation.

1. Introduction

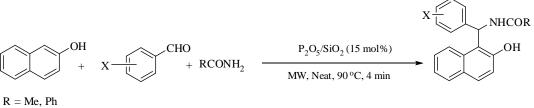
Phosphorus pentoxide has been frequently used in various types of organic reactions as a dehydration reagent, but it is difficult to handle due to its moisture sensitivity at room temperature. This problem is not solved by replacement of P2O5 with polyphosphoric acid (PPA) because this compound is extremely viscous and is almost impossible to stir effectively or use conveniently at temperatures below 60-90 °C. Moreover, it is difficult to handle on a large scale, even at elevated temperatures. Furthermore, some organic compounds are only sparsely soluble in PPA. Finally, hydrolysis of PPA in work-up procedures is always tedious and time-consuming. Eaton and his co-workers [1] have reported a solution of phosphorus pentoxide in methanesulfonic acid (P₂O₅/MSA) as a convenient strong acid and dehydrating reagent which can be used instead of PPA in many reactions [2-4]. General solubility of organic compounds in this mixture, its low viscosity, and the simplicity of work-up are the advantages of this reagent. However, using excess amount of methanesulfonic acid and sulfonylation of aromatic compounds, as a side reaction, which can occur with MSA in the presence of P₂O₅ are disadvantages of this reagent. Recently, the use of P₂O₅ on solid supports has been developed because these reagents are easy to prepare and to handle and can be removed from the reaction mixture by simple filtration [5-12].

It is found that compounds containing 1,3-aminooxygenated functional groups are frequently used as biologically active natural products and potent drugs such as nucleoside antibiotics and HIV protease inhibitors [13-16]. It is noteworthy that 1-amidoalkyl 2-naphthols can be converted to useful and important biological building blocks. For example, 1-amidoalkyl 2-naphthols can be hydrolyzed to 1-aminoalkyl 2-naphthol derivations that these compounds show hypotensive and bradycardiac effects [17, 18]. 1-Amidoalkyl 2-naphthols can be prepared by multicomponent condensation of aldehydes, 2-naphthols and acetonitrile or various amides in the presence of Lewis or Brönsted acids such as p-TSA [19], montmorillonite K10 [20], Ce(SO₄)₂ [21], Iodine [22], Fe(HSO₄)₃ [23], Sr(OTf)₂ [24], K₅CoW₁₂O₄₀.3H₂O [25], sulfamic acid [26], molybdophosphoric acid [27], cation-exchange resins [28], silica sulfuric acid [29], HClO₄-SiO₂ [30], Brönsted acidic ionic liquid [31], and Thiamine hydrochloride [32]. Herein, we report an efficient, fast, and convenient procedure for the one-pot three-component synthesis of amidoalkyl naphthol derivatives from a variety of aromatic aldehydes, 2-naphthol and amides using catalytic amount of P2O5/SiO2 under microwave irradiations (Scheme 1).

2. Experimental

All reagents were purchased from Merck and Aldrich and used without further purification. The reactions were irradiated by using microwave laboratory system (Milestone, microsynth model, 1024). Melting points were measured with a Gallenkamp Apparatus and were uncorrected. IR

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 $X = H, Cl, Br, F, NO_2, Me, OMe, CN, MeOC(O)$

Scheme 1.

spectra were obtained using a JASCO FT-IR-680 PLUS spectrometer. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer and a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer with chemical shift (δ) values reported in ppm relative to an internal standard (TMS).

2.1. Preparation of Phosphorus Pentoxide on Solid Support

Phosphorus pentoxide (3 g) and 3 g of dried solid support were mixed for 10 min in a round bottomed flask until a fine and homogenous powder was obtained and then stored in a sealed flask for later using.

2.2. General Procedure for the Preparation of 1-Amidoalkyl 2-Naphthols

A magnetically stirred mixture of aldehyde (2 mmol), 2naphthol (2 mmol), amide (2.4 mmol) and P_2O_5/SiO_2 (0.086 g, 15 mol %) was irradiated at 90 °C by using a microwave laboratory system with the power level at 400 W for 4 min with 30 s/2 min intervals. The reaction was followed by TLC (EtOAc/cyclohexane, 1:3). After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and then the solid residue was dissolved in boiling EtOH and filtered to separate the catalyst. The solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator and the crude product was purified by recrystallization from aqueous ethanol (25%).

2.3. General procedure for the synthesis of anyl or alkyl-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthenes

A magnetically stirred mixture of aldehyde (2 mmol), 2naphthol (4 mmol) and P_2O_5/SiO_2 (0.086 g, 15 mol %) was irradiated at 100 °C by using a microwave laboratory system with the power level at 400 W for 6 min with 30 s/3 min intervals. The reaction was followed by TLC (EtOAc/cyclohexane, 1:3). After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the product was extracted with chloroform and the crude product was recrystallized from ethanol to afford the pure 14-aryl or alkyl-14*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*j*] xanthene derivatives.

The spectral data of some amidoalkyl naphthols

N-((2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl)acetamide (Table 2, entry 1): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ: 1.97 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 7.11-7.16 (m, 4 H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 4 H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 1 H), 7.75-7.81 (m, 3 H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 9.99 (s, 1 H, NH); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3400, 3246, 1639,1516, 1437, 1338, 1278, 808, 742.

N-((2-chlorophenyl)(2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)methyl) acetamide (Table 2, entry 2): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO*d*₆, ppm) δ : 1.90 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.23-7.33 (m, 4 H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 9.80 (s, 1 H, NH); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3419, 3065, 1656, 1514, 1439, 1334, 1271, 815, 752.

N-((2,6-dichlorophenyl)(2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)methyl) acetamide (Table 2, entry 4)⁻¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO*d*₆, ppm) δ : 1.88 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 7.0 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.27-7.34 (m, 3 H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 9.40 (s, 1 H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm) δ : 22.60,49.58,115.7,119.4, 122.38, 122.84, 127.30, 128.39, 128.62, 129.15, 129.49, 130.14, 133.14, 133.65,135.46, 137.97, 154.44, 168.75; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3424, 3274, 1649, 1517, 1435, 1370, 1274, 822, 764, 741.

N-((4-bromophenyl)(2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)methyl) acetamide (Table 2, entry 5): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO*d*₆, ppm) δ : 1.97 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 7.04-7.09 (m, 3 H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (s, 1 H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.75-7.81 (m, 2 H), 8.31 (s, 1 H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.03 (s, 1 H, NH); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3419, 3065, 1650, 1514, 1439, 1334, 1271, 813, 752.

N-((2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)(4-nitrophenyl)methyl) acetamide (Table 2, entry 7): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO d_6 , ppm) δ : 2.01 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3 H), 7.81 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3 H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.13 (s, 1 H, NH); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3391, 3075, 1640, 1524, 1351, 1439, 1351, 1281, 853, 825, 752.

N-((2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl) methyl) acetamide (Table 2, entry 12): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 1.88 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 3.48 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.65 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.73 (dd, J_1 = 8.6, J_2 = 2.8, Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, CH), 9.81 (s, 1 H, NH); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 23.11, 44.90, 55.72, 56.38, 111.47, 112.23, 116.3, 119.09, 119.37, 122.64, 123.84, 126.28, 128.62, 128.71, 129.20, 132.13, 133.03, 151, 21, 153.23, 153.72, 168.81; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3365, 3173, 3003, 2834, 1644, 1496, 1437, 1278, 1219, 1053, 1027, 820, 752.

N-((4-cyanophenyl)(2-hydroxynaphtalen-1-yl)methyl)

acetamide (Table 2, entry 13): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSOd₆, ppm) δ : 2.0 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.40 (m,4 H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.4Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 3 H), 8.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.09 (s, 1 H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆, ppm) δ : 23.0, 48.34, 109.26, 118.39, 118.86, 119.45, 123.03, 123.42, 127.12, 127.42, 128.89, 129.13, 130.26, 132.44, 132.67, 149.40, 153.79, 170.15; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3380, 3075, 2958, 2231, 1629, 1510, 1439, 1333, 1280, 1247, 819, 753.

Methyl-4-(acetamido(2-hydroxynaphtalene-1-yl)methyl) benzoate (Table 2, entry 14): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO d_6 , ppm) δ : 1.99 (s, 3 H, COCH₃), 3.80 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.19-7.38 (m, 5 H), 7.75-7.87 (m, 5 H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.05 (s, 1 H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 23.04, 48.27, 52.44, 118.80, 118.88, 122.95, 123.60, 126.73, 126.95, 127.95, 128.93, 129.07, 129.46, 130.06, 132.72, 149.14, 153.73, 166.60, 170.07; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3388, 3249, 3064, 2955, 1710, 1647, 1516, 1438, 1281, 1114, 822, 746.

1-((4-Bromophenyl)(2-hydroxynaphtalene-1-yl)methyl) benzamide (Table 2, entry 17): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO d_6 , ppm) δ : 7.18-7.33 (m, 4 H), 7.43-7.56 (m, 7 H), 7.77-7.87 (m, 4 H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 9.02 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.35 (s, 1 H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO d_6 ,ppm) δ : 49.24, 118.29, 119.08, 120.04, 123.19, 127.32, 127.71, 128.84, 128.94, 129.19, 130.07, 131.50, 131.96, 132.69, 134.62, 141.99, 153.72, 166.38; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3418, 3185, 1629, 1512, 1486, 1440, 1341, 1266, 811, 725.

1-((2-Hydroxynaphtalene-1-yl)(3-nitrophenyl)methyl) benzamide (Table 2, entry 19): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO d_6 , ppm) δ : 7.25 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.53-7.60 (m, 3 H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.08-8.12 (m, 3 H), 9.16 (d, J: 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.44 (s, 1 H, NH); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3422, 3182, 1630, 1527, 1350, 1488, 1341, 1269, 810, 728.

1- ((2-Hydroxynaphtalene-1-yl) (2,5 -dimethoxyphenyl) methyl) benzamide (Table 2, entry 21): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) &: 3.60 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.66 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.76 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.8$ Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.41-7.51 (m, 5 H), 7.71-7.84 (m, 4 H), 8.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, CH), 10.16 (s, 1 H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) &: 45.80, 55.66, 56.62, 111.19, 112.53, 116.52, 119.05, 119.24, 122.92, 123.71, 126.59, 127.63, 128.73, 128.81,

128.85, 129.41, 131.39, 131.65, 132.95, 135.07, 151.36, 153.34, 153.74, 165.47; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3420, 3167, 2993, 2831, 1639, 1577, 1493, 1340, 1276, 1218, 1054, 814, 746.

The spectral data of some dibenzo [a,j] xanthenes

14-(2-Chlorophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 2): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.85 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.93-6.99 (m, 2 H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.67 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3056, 1620, 1592, 1514, 1459, 1429, 1402, 1254, 1032, 964, 828, 810, 749, 739 .

14-(3-Chlorophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 3): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.51 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 4 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3067, 1621, 1590, 1572, 1514, 1455, 1430, 1397, 1245, 1065, 959, 811, 755, 746.

14-(4-Chlorophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 4): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.51 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 4 H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3025, 1620, 1590, 1483, 1457, 1400, 1239, 1082, 1012, 958, 831, 806, 740.

14-(4-Bromophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 5): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.50 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 4 H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3068, 2905, 1620, 1590, 1481, 1456, 1430, 1400, 1238, 1072, 1008, 961, 826, 808, 739.

14-(3-Nitrophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 7): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.60 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.29 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.84-7.88 (m, 6 H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.47 (s, 1 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3080, 1621, 1592, 1529, 1458, 1430, 1401, 1347, 1251, 1140, 1081, 964, 825, 808, 744.

14-(4-Cyanophenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 9): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.57 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.62-7.66 (m, 4 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.50 Hz, 2 H); ¹³ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃/DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 38.45, 110.74, 116.36, 118.46, 119.01, 122.51, 124.97, 127.56, 129.29, 129.46, 129.91, 131.48, 131.55, 132.81, 149.23, 150.43; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3056, 2225, 1621, 1604, 1590, 1514, 1500, 1431, 1413, 1397, 1237, 1064, 954, 836, 808, 780, 738.

Methyl- 4-(14H-dibenzo[a.j] xanthenes-14-yl) benzoate (Table 4, entry 10): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 3.82 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.55 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.86-7.89 (m, 4 H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 38.53, 52.36, 116.87, 118.45, 122.86, 124.82, 128.74, 129.32, 129.64, 130.31, 131.48, 131.73, 149.12, 150.42, 167.04; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3060, 2996, 2948, 1707, 1591, 1512, 1457, 1431, 1402, 1288, 1250, 1241, 1189, 1115, 958, 818, 804, 746.

14-(4-Formylphenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a,j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 11): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.53 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.38 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 4 H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 9.73 (s, 1 H, CHO); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃/DMSO- d_6 ,ppm) δ : 38.51, 116.54, 118.37, 122.65, 124.84, 127.42, 129.23, 129.28, 129.71, 130.37, 131.36, 131.54, 149.05, 152.02, 191.85; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3055, 2829, 2741, 1691, 1600, 1591, 1572, 1514, 1457, 1431, 1402, 1251, 1240, 1215, 1170, 963, 821, 806, 743, 671.

14-(4-Methylphenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 12): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 2.18 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 6.50 (s, 1 H, CH), 7.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 4 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3019, 2901, 1620, 1590, 1508, 1457, 1429, 1401, 1247, 961, 808, 739, 609.

14-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 13): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 3.66 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.49 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.47 (m, 4 H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3072, 2833, 1591, 1457, 1430, 1399, 1248, 1177, 1027, 961, 830, 808, 741.

14-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 15): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 3.59 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 6.42 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.04 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.71-7.82 (m, 4 H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 38.17, 55.23, 111.19, 115.16, 117.40, 118.23, 121.00, 122.94, 124.45, 127.00, 128.99, 129.07, 129.50, 131.27, 131.68, 145.01, 148.96, 159.97; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3070, 3015, 2961, 2934, 2899, 1603, 1593, 1581, 1514, 1486, 1457, 1431, 1401, 1271, 1252, 1241, 1051, 964, 809, 775, 745.

2-(14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthenes-14-yl)pyridine (Table 4, entry 16): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.76 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.91 (m, 1 H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (m, 1 H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4 H), 8.54 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 41.93, 116.00, 117.90, 121.23, 123.84, 123.99, 124.38, 126.92, 128.39, 129.18, 130.90, 131.92, 137.10, 147.74, 148.20, 164.70; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3044, 1620, 1588, 1513, 1458, 1429, 1407, 1255, 1244, 1147, 967, 831, 805, 773, 754.

3-(14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthenes-14-yl)pyridine (Table 4, entry 17): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 6.46 (s, 1 H, CH), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (m, 4 H), 7.42 (m, 4 H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.58 (m, 2 H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm) δ : 37.09, 113.84, 117.53, 117.99, 122.68, 124.20, 126.74, 128.71, 128.79, 129.14, 131.07, 131.41, 137.36, 148.68, 157.85; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3060, 1591, 1509, 1457, 1430, 1399, 1249, 1177, 1029, 961, 830, 808, 742.

14-Isopropyl-14H-dibenzo[a.j]xanthene (Table 4, entry 19): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , ppm) δ : 0.88 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6 H), 2.33 (m, 1 H), 5.50 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d, J =8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 8.35 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H); IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3068, 2959, 1590, 1515, 1456, 1432, 1398, 1250, 1237, 955, 815,739.

3. Results and Discussion

Because of its avidity for water, P₂O₅ widely used as a dehydrating agent, but its efficacy as a desiccant is greatly impaired by the formation of a crusty surface film of hydrolysis products unless it is finely dispersed on glass wool [33]. The main reason of this observation is due to the hydroxyl groups on the surface of the glass wool. It is known that changing a support may completely alter the course of reaction or prevent catalysis [34]. Therefore, the careful choice of a support is frequently critical if satisfactory results in a synthetic application are to be achieved. By following these results, we tried to find the best solid support for P_2O_5 in the synthesis of 1-amidoalkyl 2-naphthols. Thus, the reaction of 2-naphthol (2 mmol), 3nitrobenzaldehyde (2 mmol) and acetamide (2.4 mmol) was studied as a simple model using catalytic amount of P_2O_5 (15 mol%) on various mineral supports (Table 1). It was found that supported P₂O₅ on SiO₂ afforded better result. It may be due to high surface area of SiO_2 (300-600 m².g⁻¹) [34] leading to improvements in its reactivity. Moreover, a large number of hydroxyl groups on SiO₂ that the majority of them react with P_2O_5 leading to stabilization of P_2O_5 [10]. In addition, SiO₂ is nontoxic, inexpensive, widely available and useful in straightforward work-up procedures. After optimization of the support, to develop the reaction conditions, we also studied this reaction by using microwave irradiation under solvent-free conditions. It was found that the best result was obtained when the reaction was carried out in the presence of P_2O_5/SiO_2 (0.086 g, 15 mol%) under microwave irradiation (Table 1, entry 6). Moreover, using microwave irradiation, the present reaction was studied with SiO_2 alone (0.043 g) under the same conditions (Table 1, entry 7), it was observed that the

Entry	Support	Time (min)	Yield (%) ^b
1	SiO ₂	25	87
2	Acidic alumina	25	85
3	Montmorillonite	25	81
4	ZSM-5	25	78
5	TiO ₂	25	72
6 ^c	SiO ₂	4	92
7 ^{c,d}	SiO ₂	4	10
8 ^{c,e}	-	4	80
9 ^{c,f}	-	4	trace

Table 1. Reactivity of P_2O_5 (0.043 g, 15 mol %) on support (0.043 g) for the reaction of 2-naphthol, acetamide and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde under solvent-free conditions^a.

^a The reaction was carried out at 110 ° C.

^b The yields refer to the isolated pure products.

^c The reaction was carried out under microwave irradiation at 90 ° C.

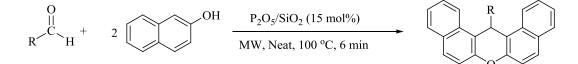
^d The reaction was carried out with SiO₂ alone without using P₂O_{5.}

^e The reaction was carried out with P₂O₅ alone without using SiO₂.

^f The reaction was carried out without using catalyst.

corresponding product was obtained in low yield (10 %). To evaluate the role of SiO₂, as a support, we studied the present reaction in the absence of SiO₂ using P₂O₅ alone (0.043 g). It was found that the yield by using P₂O₅/SiO₂ were greater than those with P₂O₅ alone under the same conditions (Table 1, entry 8). Using SiO₂ as a support not only increases the reaction rate but also minimizes cross contamination between the product and phosphoric acid generated during the course of the reaction [9, 10, 34]. In the absence of the catalyst, the reaction was carried out in trace yield under the same conditions (Table 1, entry 9). Using 15 mol % of the catalyst was sufficient to progress the reaction and an increase of the catalyst amount did not improve the yield.

Using this method, different kinds of aromatic aldehydes reacted with amides and 2-naphtol to produce the corresponding 1-aminoalkyl 2-naphthol derivatives under solvent-free conditions (Table 2). Several aromatic aldehydes with different functional groups were subjected to the condensation reaction and the desire products were synthesized in good to high yields and short reaction times. The substituted functional groups on the aromatic ring of the aldehyde did not remarkably effect on the yields and reaction times. In addition, we did not observe the steric effect of ortho-substituents on the reaction time and yield. We also studied the synthesis of benzoxanthens using phosphorus pentoxide on solid support (Scheme 2). It is known that Xanthenes, especially benzoxanthens, are important intermediates in organic synthesis due to their wide range of biological and therapeutic properties [35-37]. Moreover, these compounds can be used as dyes [38], pHsensitive fluorescent materials for visualization of biomolecules [39] and in laser technology [40]. The reported methods for the synthesis of 14-aryl or alkyl-14Hdibenzo[a,j] xanthenes involve the mixing of 2-naphthol with aldehydes in the presence of an acidic catalyst such as p-TSA [41], LiBr [42], Amberlyst-15 [43], silica sulfuric acid [44, 45], molecular iodine [46, 47], sulfamic acid [48], heteropoly acid [49,50], Yb(OTf)₃ [51] alum [52], BF₃.SiO₂ [53], Montmorillonite K10 [54], and Ionic liquids [55-59]. Initially, to find the best solid support for P_2O_5 in the synthesis of benzoxanthens, the reaction between 2-naphthol (4 mmol) and benzaldehyde (2 mmol) was followed as a simple model using catalytic amount of P2O5 (15 mol%) on various mineral supports (Table 3). It was found that supported P₂O₅ on SiO₂ provided the best result under



 $R = CH_3CH_2CH_2$, $(CH_3)_2CH$, 2-Pyridyl, 3-Pyridyl, Substituted phenyl

Scheme 2.

Enter	A] J -] - J -	Amides	V : 11 (0/) ^b	mp (°C)		
Entry	Aldehyde	R	Yield $(\%)^{b}$ –	Found	Reported [Ref]	
1	C ₆ H ₅ CHO	CH ₃	87	240-242	245-246[30]	
2	2-ClC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH ₃	89	196-198	194-196[26]	
3	4-ClC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH_3	90	222-224	223-225[30]	
4	2,6-Cl ₂ C ₆ H ₃ CHO	CH_3	85	222-224	223-224[31]	
5	4-BrC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH_3	87	228-230	229-231[31]	
6	3-O ₂ NC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH ₃	92	241-242	241-242[30]	
7	4-O ₂ NC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH_3	88	226-228	222-223[31]	
8	4-FC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH ₃	87	200-202	203-205[26]	
9	4-MeC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH_3	86	214-217	214-216[31]	
10	3-MeOC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH ₃	85	222-224	218-220[31]	
11	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH_3	82	179-181	183-185[30]	
12	2,5-(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ CHO	CH ₃	81	230-232	228-230[31]	
13	4-NCC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH ₃	90	236-238	232-234[31]	
14	4-CH ₃ OCOC ₆ H ₄ CHO	CH ₃	89	223-225	225-227[31]	
15	C ₆ H ₅ CHO	C_6H_5	85	233-235	234-236[31]	
16	3-MeOC ₆ H ₄ CHO	C_6H_5	84	214-216	214-216[31]	
17	4-BrC ₆ H ₄ CHO	C_6H_5	83	180-182	182-184[31]	
18	4-ClC ₆ H ₄ CHO	C_6H_5	84	181-182	180-182[31]	
19	3-O ₂ NC ₆ H ₄ CHO	C_6H_5	85	230-232	233-235[31]	
20	4-MeC ₆ H ₄ CHO	C_6H_5	83	211-213	209-211[31]	
21	2,5-(MeO) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ CHO	C_6H_5	82	240-242	238-240[31]	

Table 2. Preparation of 1-amidoalkyl 2-naphthols from aryl aldehydes, amides and 2-naphthol by using catalytic amount of P_2O_5/SiO_2 under microwave irradiation^a.

^aThe yields refer to the isolated pure products which were characterized from their spectral data and were compared with authentic samples.

^bThe yields refer to the isolated pure products.

microwave irradiation. After optimization of the reaction conditions, we studied the generality of these conditions to other substrates. Using this method, different kinds of aromatic and aliphatic aldehydes were reacted with 2naphtol to produce the corresponding 14-aryl or alkyl-14Hdibenzo[a,j]xanthenes under microwave irradiation (Table 4). Several aromatic aldehydes with different functional groups were subjected to the condensation reaction and the desire products were synthesized in good to high yields and short reaction times. The substituted functional groups on the aromatic ring of the aldehyde affected on the yields of the products. In comparison with electron with-drawing groups on the aromatic aldehydes, we found that the presence of electron donating groups decreased the yields of the products (Table 4, entries 13-15). It was found that hetero aromatic aldehydes and also aliphatic aldehydes reacted with 2-naphtol respectively and the corresponding products were obtained in good yields (Table 4, entries 16also We studied the reaction 19). between terephthaldialdehyde (1 mmol) and excess amount of 2naphtol (4 mmol), we expected that both of the formyl groups on the aromatic ring of terephthaldialdehyde would

react with 2-naphtol. However, we observed that one of the formyl groups were condensed with 2-naphtol and another group was intact because of steric effects between *o*-hydrogens of benzene ring and the xanthene ring [54] (Scheme 3). Finally, to evaluate the present work in

Table 3. Reactivity of P_2O_5 (0.043 g, 15 mol %) on support (0.043 g) for the reaction of 2-naphthol and benzaldehyde under solvent-free conditions.

Entry	Support	Time (min)	Yield (%) ^b
1	SiO ₂	90	85
2	Acidic alumina	90	83
3	Montmorillonite	90	82
4	ZSM-5	90	79
5	TiO_2	90	75
6 ^c	SiO ₂	6	88

^aThe reaction was carried out at 125 ° C.

^bThe reaction was carried out under microwave irradiation at 100°C

^cThe yields refer to the isolated pure products.

Enter	Aldehyde	Yield (%) ^b –	mp (°C)		
Entry		r ield (%)* –	Found	Reported [Ref]	
1	Benzaldehyde	88	183-184	183-184[53]	
2	2-Chlorobenzaldehyde	91	212-214	214-216[53]	
3	3-Chlorobenzaldehyde	94	210-211	209-211[53]	
4	4-Chlorobenzaldehyde	93	288-290	289-290[53]	
5	4-Bromobenzaldehyde	92	296-298	297-298[53]	
6	4-Fluorobenzaldehyde	91	239-241	238-240[53]	
7	3-Nirtobenzaldehyde	94	210-212	210-211[53]	
8	2-Nirtobenzaldehyde	92	213-215	214-215[53]	
9	4-Cyanobenzaldehyde	89	291-293	291-292[51]	
10	Methyl 4-formylbenzoate	88	249-251	249-250[58]	
11	Terephthaldialdehyde	86	307-309	308-312[54]	
12	4-Methylbenzaldehyde	85	226-228	227-228[53]	
13	4-Methoxybenzaldehyde	81	202-204	203-205[53]	
14	2-Methoxybenzaldehyde	78	256-258	258-259[53]	
15	3-Methoxybenzaldehyde	83	175-177	174-176[58]	
16	2-Pyridinecarbaldehyde	62	236-237	235-237[58]	
17	3-Pyridinecarbaldehyde	68	200-202	200-202[59]	
18	Butyraldehyde	81	152-154	152-154[53]	
19	Isobutyraldehyde	78	152-154	155-157[53]	

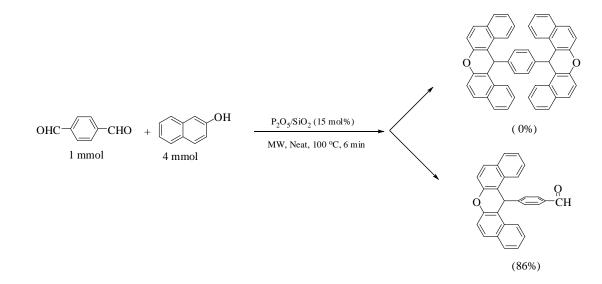
Table 4. Preparation of 14-aryl or alkyl-14*H*-dibenzo[a,j]xanthenes using catalytic amount of P₂O₅/SiO₂ under microwave irradiation^a.

^aThe yields refer to the isolated pure products which were characterized from their spectral data and were compared with authentic samples.

^bThe yields refer to the isolated pure products.

comparison with recently reported ones, we compared our results with a number of catalysts. As shown in Table 5, 6, the results show that the reaction yields are compatible with

the reported ones and this reagent (P_2O_5/SiO_2) is superior to other reagents in view of the lowest reaction time.



Entry	Aldehyde	Catalyst (mol%) /Temp/Conditions	Time	Yield (%)	Ref
1	PhCHO	<i>P</i> -TSA (10) /125 °C/Neat	4 h	90	[19]
2	PhCHO	Montmorillonite K10 (0.1 g) /125 °C/Neat	1.5 h	89	[20]
3	PhCHO	I ₂ (5) /125 °C/Neat	5.5 h	85	[22]
4	PhCHO	Fe(HSO ₄) ₃ (5) /85 °C/Neat	65 min	83	[23]
5	PhCHO	K5CoW12O40.3H2O (1) /125 °C/Neat	2 h	90	[25]
6	PhCHO	Sulfamic acid (50) /28-30 °C/Neat, sonication	15 min	89	[26]
7	PhCHO	HClO ₄ -SiO ₂ (0.6) /110 °C/Neat	40 min	89	[30]
8	PhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /90 °C/Neat, MW	4 min	87	-
9	4-MeOPhCHO	Fe(HSO ₄) ₃ (5) /85 °C/Neat	55 min	84	[23]
10	4-MeOPhCHO	HClO ₄ -SiO ₂ (0.6) /110 °C/Neat	45 min	86	[30]
11	4-MeOPhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /90 °C/Neat, MW	4 min	82	-
12	4-ClPhCHO	P-TSA (10) /125 °C/Neat	4 h	90	[19]
13	4-ClPhCHO	Fe(HSO ₄) ₃ (5) /85 °C/Neat	45 min	88	[23]
14	4-ClPhCHO	Sulfamic acid (50) /28-30 °C/DCE, sonication	2 h	92	[26]
15	4-ClPhCHO	HClO ₄ -SiO ₂ (0.6) /110 °C/Neat	40 min	93	[30]
16	4-ClPhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /90 °C/Neat, MW	4 min	90	-
17	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	P-TSA (10) /125 °C/Neat	4 h	90	[19]
18	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	Montmorillonite K10 (0.1 g) /125 °C/Neat	30 min	96	[20]
19	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	I ₂ (5) /125 °C/Neat	5 h	81	[22]
20	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	Fe(HSO ₄) ₃ (5) /85 °C/Neat	25 min	97	[23]
21	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	K5CoW12O40.3H2O (1) /125 °C/Neat	3 h	78	[25]
22	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	Sulfamic acid (50) /28-30 °C/DCE, sonication	1.5 h	93	[26]
23	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	HClO ₄ -SiO ₂ (0.6) /110 °C/Neat	30 min	95	[30]
24	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /90 °C/Neat, MW	4 min	92	-
25	2-ClPhCHO	Fe(HSO ₄) ₃ (5) /85 °C/Neat	50 min	86	[23]
26	2-ClPhCHO	Sulfamic acid (50) /28-30 °C/Neat, sonication	25 min	89	[26]
27	2-ClPhCHO	HClO ₄ -SiO ₂ (0.6) /110 °C/Neat	70 min	87	[30]
28	2-ClPhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /90 °C/Neat, MW	4 min	89	-

Table 5. Comparison of P_2O_5/SiO_2 with various catalysts for the reaction of 2-naphthol, acetamide and a number of aldehydes.

4. Conclusion

In summary, we introduced P_2O_5/SiO_2 as an inexpensive, easily available, non-corrosive and environmentally benign atalyst. In this work, we reported a facile, convenient and solvent-free method for the one-pot synthesis of amidoalkyl naphthols by condensation of aromatic aldehydes with amides and 2-naphthol in the presence of P_2O_5/SiO_2 as an efficient catalyst. Moreover, we exposed a convenient, efficient and practical procedure for the synthesis of 14-aryl or alkyl-14*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*j*] xanthenes in good yields and short. reaction times using catalytic amount of P_2O_5/SiO_2 . The notable advantages of this methodology were operational simplicity, availability of the reactants, short reaction times, high yields and easy work-up.

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Entry	Aldehyde	Catalyst (mol%) /Temp/Conditions	Time	Yield (%)	Ref
1	PhCHO	P-TSA (2) /125 °C/Neat	4 h	89	[41]
2	PhCHO	SiO ₂ -SO ₃ H (13) /125 °C/Neat	20 min	90	[45]
3	PhCHO	I ₂ (25) /125 °C/Neat	20 min	90	[46]
4	PhCHO	Sulfamic acid (10) /125 °C/Neat	8 h	93	[48]
5	PhCHO	Yb(OTf) ₃ (1) /110 °C/Ionic liquid ([BPy]BF ₄)	7 h	89	[51]
6	PhCHO	BF3.SiO2 (0.8 g) /60 °C/CHCl3, sonication	6 min	95	[53]
7	PhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /100 °C/Neat, MW	6 min	88	-
8	4-MeOPhCHO	P-TSA (2) /125 °C/Neat	6 h	80	[41]
9	4-MeOPhCHO	I ₂ (25) /125 °C/Neat	15 min	92	[46]
10	4-MeOPhCHO	Sulfamic acid (10) /125 °C/Neat	10 h	92	[48]
11	4-MeOPhCHO	Yb(OTf) ₃ (1) /110 °C/Ionic liquid ([BPy]BF ₄)	6 h	95	[51]
12	4-MeOPhCHO	BF3.SiO2 (0.8 g) /60 °C/CHCl3, sonication	6 min	91	[53]
13	4-MeOPhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /100 °C/Neat, MW	6 min	81	-
14	4-ClPhCHO	P-TSA (2) /125 °C/Neat	2.5 h	95	[41]
15	4-ClPhCHO	I ₂ (25) /125 °C/Neat	15 min	93	[46]
16	4-ClPhCHO	Sulfamic acid (10) /125 °C/Neat	7 h	95	[48]
17	4-ClPhCHO	Yb(OTf) ₃ (1) /110 °C/Ionic liquid ([BPy]BF ₄)	5 h	89	[51]
18	4-ClPhCHO	SiO ₂ -SO ₃ H (13) /125 °C/Neat	25 min	87	[45]
19	4-ClPhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /100 °C/Neat, MW	6 min	93	-
20	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	P-TSA (2) /125 °C/Neat	2.5 h	90	[41]
21	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	Sulfamic acid (10) /125 °C/Neat	12 h	91	[48]
22	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	SiO ₂ -SO ₃ H (13) /125 °C/Neat	70 min	85	[45]
23	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	BF3.SiO2 (0.8 g) /60 °C/CHCl3, sonication	6 min	93	[53]
24	3-NO ₂ PhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /100 °C/Neat, MW	6 min	94	-
25	2-ClPhCHO	P-TSA (2) /125 °C/Neat	2.5 h	88	[41]
26	2-ClPhCHO	I ₂ (25) /125 °C/Neat	15 min	90	[46]
27	2-ClPhCHO	Sulfamic acid (10) /125 °C/Neat	8 h	90	[48]
28	2-ClPhCHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /100 °C/Neat, MW	6 min	91	-
29	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂ CHO	$BF_3.SiO_2\ (0.8\ g)\ /60\ ^\circ C/CHCl_3,$ sonication	6 min	88	[53]
30	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂ CHO	P ₂ O ₅ /SiO ₂ (15) /100 °C/Neat, MW	6 min	81	-

Table 6. Comparison of P_2O_5/SiO_2 with various catalysts for the synthesis of 14-aryl or alkyl-14*H*-dibenzo[*a*,*j*]xanthenes using 2-naphthol and various aldehydes.

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