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Synthetic and Kinetic Study of the Reaction of 3-Formylchromones with Aromatic Amino Acids

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Abstract

Conditions of synthesis of 2-alkoxy- or 2-hydroxy-3-(arylaminoethylene)-4-chromanones and 3-(aryliminomethyl)-4-chromenones in the reaction of 3-formylchromones with arylaminoacids have been investigated. The alkylation of 2-alkoxy-3-(arylaminoethylene)-4-chromanones by alkylhalides was carried out.

Rate coefficients for the acid-catalyzed formation of chromanone-chromenone system were measured. Dependence of reaction rate upon the structure of starting compounds, the type of used reaction medium and the concentration of catalyst, respectively, have been studied.

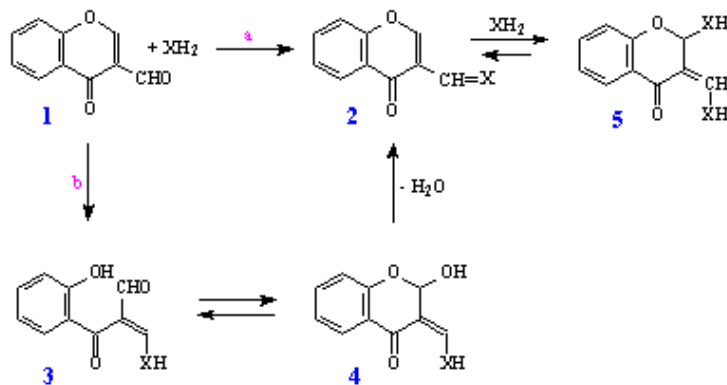
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Introduction

Synthetic significance of 3-formylchromones **1** and their imine derivatives **2** results from their usefulness as reactive agents and valuable precursors for many different heterocycles. They contain three electron deficient sites (C-2, C-4, C=O) and rearrange easily under influence of nucleophiles.

Although the ambiguous results of reaction of 3-formylchromones **1** with primary aromatic amines have been known for some years [1], the kinetics of these reactions have not been studied. The reactions are depending on reaction medium and nucleophilicity of amines. Imines **2** (X= NAr) were formed in aprotic solvents, enamines **5** in protic solvents (water, alcohols, thiols and amines). Sometimes mutual transformation of both types of products or very complicated structures consisting from two nucleophile components [2] were observed. Our conclusions on mechanism conclusions of these reactions were based on interpretation of isolated intermediates and products or upon theoretical calculations [3,4]. It is known, that from three electron deficient centres the carbon at position 4 of *g*-pyrone ring is having obviously the least electrophilicity compared to that at the other two centres. It is known that the reaction of **1** with any nucleophile XH₂ such as an amine gives initially the condensation product **2** that appears to arise by a straightforward 1,2-addition of the nucleophile to the aldehyde function (Scheme 1, path a). An alternative route involving 1,4-addition of the nucleophile with concomitant opening of the *g*-pyrone ring and subsequent recyclisation of the intermediate **3** via **4** (Scheme 1, path b) may also be used for the formation of **2**. Because of the "symmetry" after opening pyrone ring it is very difficult to find whether the nucleophile is undergoing 1,2- or 1,4-addition to 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde.

It is known that chromones are usually cleaved by nucleophiles [5]. However, not every interaction of position C-2 with nucleophiles leads to *g*-pyrone ring-opening. The presence of certain substituents (e.g. aryliminomethyl group) at position 3, especially those which are in conjugation with C2-C3 double bond, changes the reactivity of the chromenone system. This substituent not only stabilises the pyrone ring of **2** towards usual ring cleavage, but also facilitates the addition of other external nucleophiles which could not otherwise react with the pyrone ring as evident Michael addition of second molecule of XH₂ to form compound **5** [6].



Scheme 1. Reaction of 3-formylchromone **1** with nucleophile XH₂

Reaction of amines with 3-aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromenes is reversible [5]. Primary aromatic amines have sufficiently nucleophilic properties to add to the C-2 position of benzopyrone ring [6, 7], but they are not sufficiently basic for deprotonise compounds **5** to form **2** [6, 8]. 3-Aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromenes **2** (X = N-Ar) were prepared using aldehydes **1** with the primary aromatic or the heterocyclic, respectively, amine in presence of 4-toluenesulfonic acid as catalyst in dry benzene at reflux [9, 10] or from 1,4-adducts **5** (XH = NH-Ar) by elimination of molecule XH₂ by heating of compound **5** to its melting point under vacuum [6].

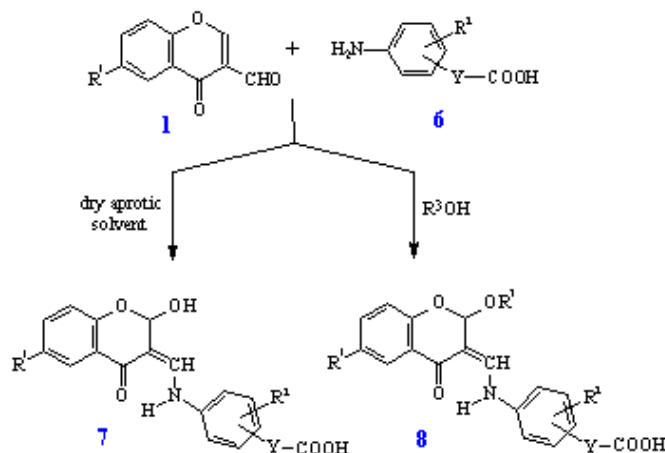
We now report a synthetic and kinetic investigation of reaction of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde with aromatic amino acids. The aim of this study was a contribution to clarification of production of imines **2**, enamines **5** and their mutual transformation in the reaction of weak nucleophiles with aldehydes **1**. We assumed non-splitting mechanism. The sample of five amino acids (4-aminobenzoic acid, 4-aminohippuric acid, 3-, 4-, 5-aminosalicylic acids) was singled out for investigation. Some of the prepared compounds have been active against mycobacterial strains [11], in phytotoxicity [12] and have hereditary bleaching effect on plastid system of *Euglena gracilis* [13].

We investigated the reaction of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** (R = H, CH₃, Cl, Br, NO₂) with aromatic amino acids **6** in the presence of 4-toluenesulfonic acid as catalyst in the protic or the dry aprotic, respectively, reaction medium. As the protic solvents we used methanole, ethanole, 1-propanole, 2-propanole, 1-butanole and as the aprotic ones benzene and toluene.

Results and discussion

Synthetic study

Reactions in dry aprotic solvents. We found that 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehydes **1** with all aromatic amino acids **6** yielded only 3-arylaminomethylene-2-hydroxy-4-oxochromane **7** at room temperature or reflux, respectively (Scheme 2). According to the knowledges from earlier papers [1, 6] we assumed the formation of the compound structurally related to **2** if the reaction were carried out at reflux. We have never isolated the mixture of imine **2** (X = N-Ar-COOH) and 1,4-adduct **5** (X = N-Ar-COOH) by treatment of all components of reaction mixture (1:1 molar ratio) in dry aprotic solvents as in the case of more basic aniline derivatives [6, 14]. In case of anilines having a nucleophilic functionality at its *ortho* position fused seven-membered heterocycles were prepared [15]. Formation of this type of compounds were not proved in case of 3-aminosalicylic acid.

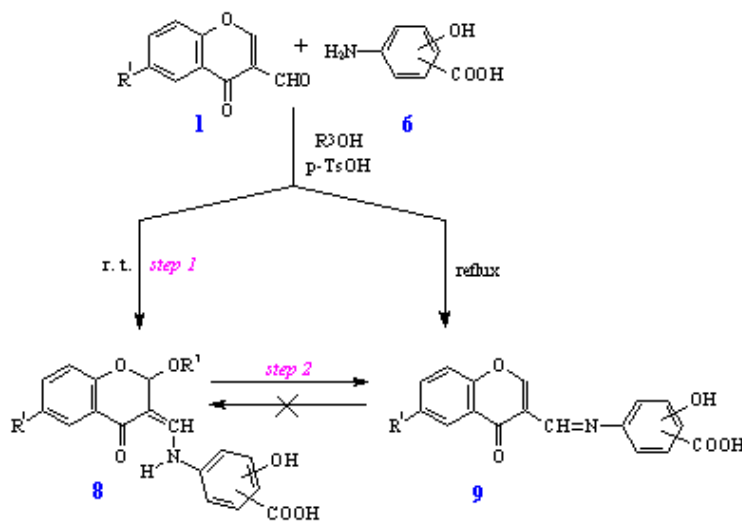


Scheme 2. Reaction of **1** with aromatic amino acids in aprotic and protic reaction media

Reactions in protic solvents. Use of the protic solvents gave different reaction products than that of dry aprotic ones. 2-Alkoxy-3-aryliminomethylene-4-oxochromene derivatives **8** have been treated by 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehydes **1** with arylaminoacids in the presence of 4-toluenesulfonic acid as catalyst in alcoholic reaction medium at room temperature (Scheme 2).

4-Aminobenzoic and 4-aminohippuric acids yielded the 2-alkoxyderivatives **8a-e** at both reaction conditions - room temperature or reflux, respectively. Aminosalicyclic acids reacted differently. 2-Alkoxyderivatives **8f-8t** were formed by reaction at room temperature. 3-Aryliminomethyl derivatives **9a-b** were formed after prolonged heating of 2-alkoxyderivatives **8** in alcoholic reaction media at reflux for 14 - 16 hrs (Scheme 3). The prepared 3-aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromenes **9** did not give 2-alkoxy-3-aryliminomethylene-4-oxochromenes **8** either after 3 days at standing at room temperature or after 6 hrs reflux in alcohol.

These synthetic results were controversial to the conclusion about anils **2** [6, 8-10] and were supported by kinetic study of aminosalicyclic acids - 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde reaction in another part of this study.



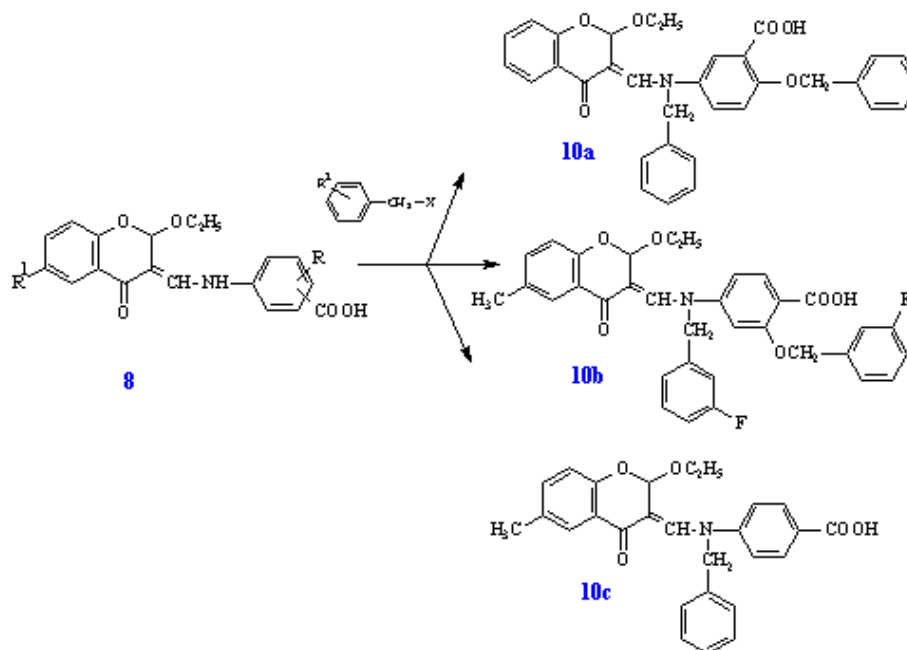
Scheme 3. Reaction of **1** with aminosalicyclic acids in alcoholic reaction media

The structures of all prepared compounds (Table 1) were proved by ^1H NMR and IR spectra. The ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **7**, **8** showed singlets of H-2 of pyranone ring at 5.958 ± 0.037 - 6.555 ± 0.389 , doublets of methylene group at 8.132 ± 0.104 and doublets of NH group at 11.168 - 12.075 . IR spectra revealed a presence of a strong band of a stretching frequency of pyrone carbonyl at 1653 - 1650 cm^{-1} and strong band of stretching frequency of COOH groups at 1673 - 1669 cm^{-1} .

^1H NMR spectra of 3-aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromenes **9** showed singlet signals of H-2 of pyrone at 8.799 - 9.104 and singlets of iminomethyl group at 8.1 - 8.213 . IR spectra indicated the presence of strong band of stretching frequency of C=N group.

No products were obtained as a result of the rearrangement of benzopyrone ring and no evidence was found for the occurrence of any reaction between the aldehyde **1** and the 2 moles of aromatic amino acid **6**, which gives rise to an analogy with the compound **5** in both types of reaction media (protic and dry aprotic solvents). This differences can be explained by lower nucleophilicity of arylamino acids in comparison with aniline derivatives.

Enamine compounds **7**, **8** reacted with alkylating agents at amino group in dry acetonitrile and yielded derivatives **10** in very good yields (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4. Reactions of enamines **8** with alkylating agents

Kinetics

Kinetic study elucidated how the reaction of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehydes **1** with arylamino acids **6** proceeds. The conversion of reactants into products **8**, **9** led through steps which may be competitive, parallel or consecutive. We have studied the dependence of reaction rate upon (i) structure of starting compounds - 3- and 4-aminosalicylic acids and 4-oxo-6-R-chromene-3-carboxaldehydes, (ii) type of used reaction medium - alcohol and (iii) concentration of catalyst - 4-toluenesulfonic acid. The mechanistic pathway of studied reaction is depicted in Scheme 3. The UV-VIS absorption spectra were used for monitoring of the kinetics of above process. The absorbances of all components of reaction mixture differ in the position of absorption band as well as in their intensities (Figure 1). Both products **8**, **9** have the absorption maximum bathochromically shifted in comparison with starting compounds and catalyst. The intensity of absorption band of **8** is approximately 10 times larger than that of **9**.

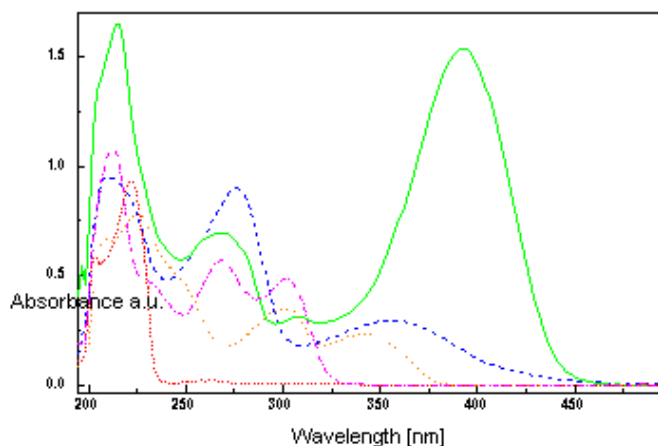


Fig. 1. UV - VIS spectra of reactants and products in ethanol ($c = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{dm}^{-3}$)

— 3-formylchromone **1**; — 4-aminosalicylic acid; — p-TsOH; — imine **9**; — enamine **8**

It was corroborated that enamines **8** are formed by reaction of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehydes **1** with aminosalicic acids in alcoholic reaction medium (Scheme 3, step 1) and consecutively are transformed into chromenes **9** (Scheme 3, step 2) under the same conditions (at 40.5 ° C). The reaction rate was monitored in u. v. absorption band at 380 nm due to the 6-substituted 2-alkoxy-3-arylaminomethylene-4-oxo-chromenas **8**. At first, the absorbance of **8** increases, reaches a maximum and then decreases again. With decreasing the values of **8** the absorbance of **9** increases (Figure 2).

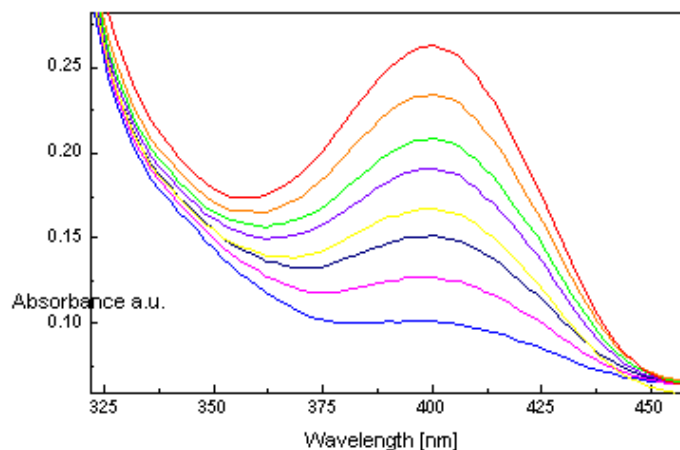


Fig. 2a. Increase of absorbance of enamine **8r** in dependence on reaction time
 $t = 30, 65, 100, 135, 170, 205, 275, 520$ s

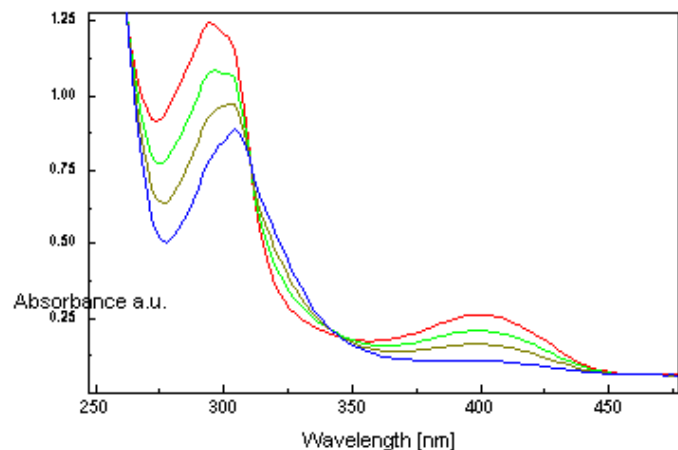


Fig. 2b. Decrease of absorbance of enamine **8r** in dependence on reaction time
 $t = 520, 1780, 3530, 7700$ s

The presence of 2-alkoxy-3-arylaminomethylene-4-oxochromanes **8** and 3-aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromenes **9** in the reaction mixture was confirmed spectrometrically from their UV-VIS and ^1H NMR spectra.

Influence of structure of reactants. We found that reaction rate of the reaction of 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** with 4-aminosalicylic acid **6c** is approximately 14.6 times lower than that of reaction of 3-aminosalicylic acid **6d** (Table 2). Lower basicity of 4-aminoderivative nitrogen is the reason for the decrease in the reaction rate. Similarly, the substituent at position C-6 of benzopyrane ring affects the reaction rate. The reaction rate decreases in the following order $\text{H} > \text{NO}_2 > \text{Cl}$ (Figure 3). The substituent at position C-6 leads to a change of fragment charge on aldehydic carbon and modifies the reactivity, and the reaction rate, respectively.

Table 2. Dependence of reaction rate on structure of reactants

in ethanole ($c_{p\text{-TsOH}} = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$)

R1	k [dm ³ .mol ⁻¹ .s ⁻¹] 4-aminosalicylic acid	k [dm ³ .mol ⁻¹ .s ⁻¹] 3-aminosalicylic acid
Cl	$2.86 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.30 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1 \times 10^{-5}$
NO ₂	$7.99 \times 10^{-5} \pm 6 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.16 \times 10^{-3} \pm 2 \times 10^{-5}$
H	$8,15 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-3} \pm 2 \times 10^{-5}$

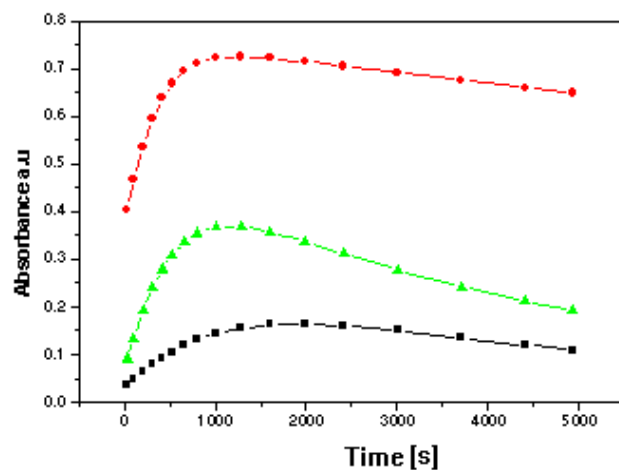


Fig. 3. Absorbance change at $\lambda = 388\text{nm}$ during transition
enamine **8** @ imine **9** in ethanol

● - nitroderivative; ▲ - unsubstituted derivative; ■ - chloroderivative

Influence of solvent used. Another part of our study deals with the influence of alcoholic reaction medium on reaction rate of reaction of 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde with aminosalicic acids.

We found that ethanol and 1-butanol are optimal solvents for preparation of enamine derivatives **8**. It follows from the reaction rate measurements that the rate of formation of imine derivative **9** is lower than that for formation of enamine (Table 3). Consequently, it is possible to isolate 2-alkoxy-3-(2-hydroxy-3-carboxyphenylaminomethylene)-4-oxochromane from reaction mixture in high yields.

Table 3. Effect of solvent on reaction rate of reaction of unsubstituted aldehyde **1**,

formation of enamines **8** ($C_{p-TsOH} = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$)

Solvent	k [dm ³ .mol ⁻¹ .s ⁻¹]	k [dm ³ .mol ⁻¹ .s ⁻¹]
	3-aminosalicylic acid	4-aminosalicylic acid
methanol	$1.90 \times 10^{-4} \pm 5 \times 10^{-6}$	$4,16 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1 \times 10^{-7}$
ethanol	$2.10 \times 10^{-3} \pm 1 \times 10^{-4}$	$8,15 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5 \times 10^{-7}$
2-propanole	$5.63 \times 10^{-4} \pm 8 \times 10^{-6}$	-
1-propanole	$5.44 \times 10^{-4} \pm 3 \times 10^{-5}$	$7,41 \times 10^{-5} \pm 3 \times 10^{-6}$
1-buthanole	$8.92 \times 10^{-4} \pm 5 \times 10^{-6}$	$6,40 \times 10^{-5} \pm 2 \times 10^{-6}$
Terc.buthanole	$3.28 \times 10^{-3} \pm 3 \times 10^{-5}$	-

However, the findings for 4-aminosalicylic acid are different. The rate of formation of enamine **8** is comparable to the rate of formation of imine **9**. Therefore, the abundance of 2-alkoxy-3-(3-hydroxy-4-carboxyphenylaminomethylene)-4-oxochromanes **8** in reaction mixture is substantially lower than that in case of 3-aminosalicylic acid.

When the reaction of 4-aminosalicylic acid was carried out in 2-propanole or methanol, respectively, the rate of formation of imine **9a** (for 2-propanole $k = 0.00019$) is higher than that of enamine (Table 3). The enamine being formed reacts immediately to yield an imine (Figure 4).

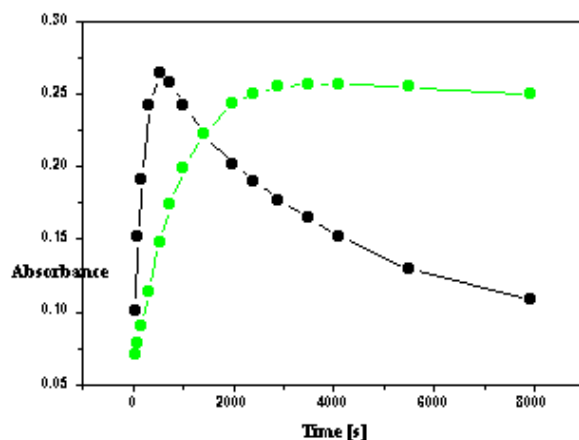


Fig. 4. Time - absorbance relationship (formation of imine **9** at $\lambda = 388$ nm) for reaction of 3-aminosalicylic acid with aldehyde **1** in 2-propanole ● or in methanole ●, respectively, ($c_{p-TsOH} = 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol.dm}^{-3}$)

Influence of concentration of catalyst. Concentration of 4-toluenesulfonic acid influences the reaction rate and the ratio of enamine **8** and imine **9** in reaction mixture. This effect of concentration of catalyst on the course of reaction depends on structure of reactants. Rate of formation of enamines derived from 3-aminosalicylic acid decreases with increasing catalyst concentration. The reverse is true for 4-aminosalicylic acid derivatives (Figure 5).

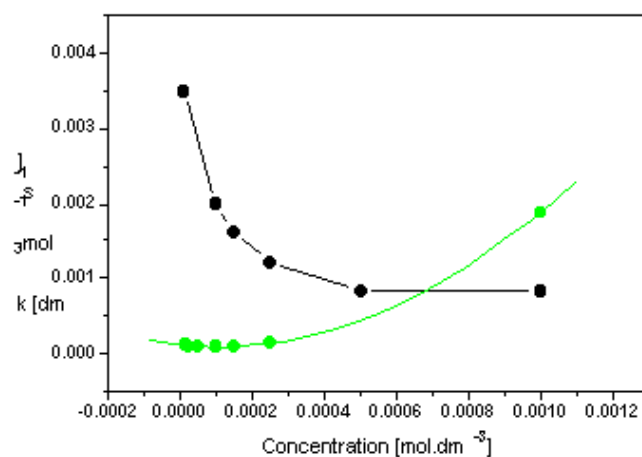


Fig. 5. Dependence of rate constant of reaction of **1** with aminosalicylic acids on concentration of *p*-TsOH

● - 3-aminosalicylic acid; ● - 4-aminosalicylic acid

The rate constant of transformation of enamine to imine (**8** @ **9**) depends upon the concentration of catalyst, the rate of 3-aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromene **8** formation is proportional to the concentration of 4-toluenesulfonic acid (Table 4, 5; Figure 6).

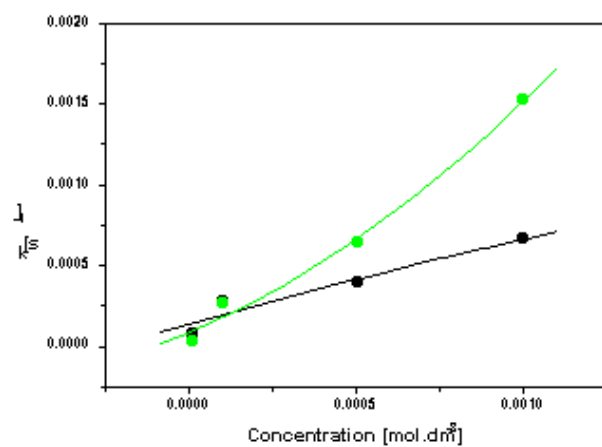


Fig. 6a. Rate constant of transformation 8 @ 9- concentration of *p*-TsOH relationship in ethanol

● - 3-aminosalicylic acid; ● - 4-aminosalicylic acid

Table 4. Dependence of reaction rate of reaction of unsubstituted aldehyde with aminosalicylic acids on concentration of *p*-TsOH in ethanol

Concentration of catalyst [mol·dm ⁻³]	3-aminosalicylic acid k [dm ³ mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]	4-aminosalicylic acid k [dm ³ mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]
0.00001	3.55 x 10 ⁻³ ± 2 x 10 ⁻⁴	-
0.000025	-	9,28 x 10 ⁻⁵ ± 5 x 10 ⁻⁶
0.00005	3.99 x 10 ⁻³ ± 7 x 10 ⁻⁵	9,40 x 10 ⁻⁵ ± 3 x 10 ⁻⁷
0.0001	2.10 x 10 ⁻³ ± 1 x 10 ⁻⁴	8,15 x 10 ⁻⁵ ± 5 x 10 ⁻⁷
0.00015	1.60 x 10 ⁻³ ± 3 x 10 ⁻⁵	8,56 x 10 ⁻⁵ ± 1 x 10 ⁻⁶
0.00025	1.21 x 10 ⁻³ ± 7 x 10 ⁻⁴	1.07 x 10 ⁻⁵ ± 5 x 10 ⁻⁶
0.0005	8.26 x 10 ⁻⁴ ± 5 x 10 ⁻⁵	-
0.001	8.25 x 10 ⁻⁴ ± 7 x 10 ⁻⁵	1.89 x 10 ⁻³ ± 2 x 10 ⁻⁵
0.01	3.38 x 10 ⁻⁴ ± 2 x 10 ⁻⁵	-

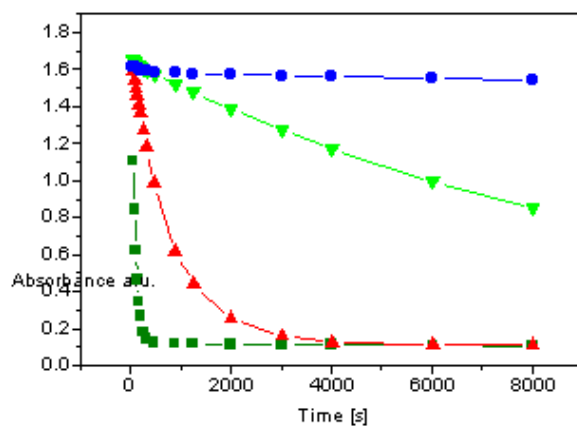


Fig. 6b. Time - concentration of catalyst relationship for enamine **8** @ imine **9** transformation in ethanol

● 10^{-2} mol. dm⁻³ ● 10^{-3} mol. dm⁻³ ● 10^{-4} mol. dm⁻³ ● 10^{-5} mol. dm⁻³

Table 5. Dependence of reaction rate of reaction of unsubstituted aldehyde with aminosalicic acids on concentration of *p*-TsOH in 2-propanole

Concentration of catalyst [mol.dm-3]	k [s-1]	
	3-aminosalicylic acid	4-aminosalicylic acid
0.00001	$8.58 \times 10^{-4} \pm 5 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-4} \pm 3 \times 10^{-5}$
0.0001	$5.78 \times 10^{-4} \pm 5 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-4} \pm 1 \times 10^{-5}$
0.001	very fast *	$1.53 \times 10^{-3} \pm 3 \times 10^{-5}$
0.01	very fast *	$8.63 \times 10^{-3} \pm 6 \times 10^{-4}$

* it is impossible to prepare enamines **8** at concentration of catalyst $> 1 \times 10^{-4}$ mol.dm⁻³

because the reaction is very fast, imine **9** is formed immediately

Ratio of derivatives **8** and **9** in reaction mixture can be controlled by change of catalyst concentration. In case of 3-aminosalicylic acid reaction the enamine **8** accumulates in the reaction mixture, because the transition rate **8** @ **9** is slow (Figure 7).

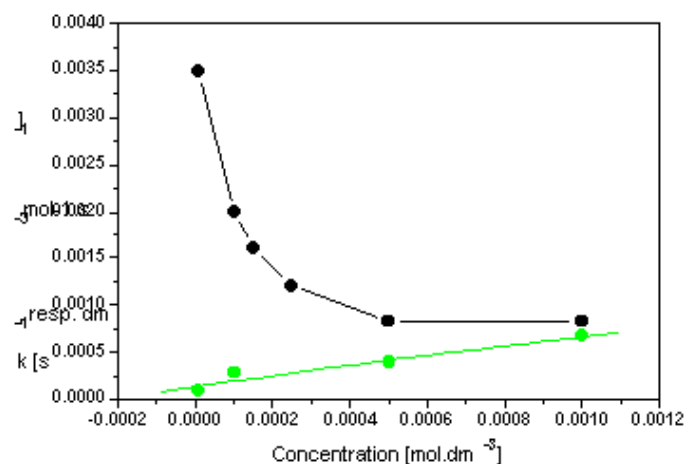


Fig. 7. Rate constant - catalyst concentration relationship for formation of enamine ●

Rate constant - catalyst concentration relationship for transformation of 8 @ 9 ●

The reverse is true for 4-aminosalicylic acid reactions. The transition rate 8 @ 9 is higher than that for the formation of enamine 8 at low concentrations of catalyst. Enamine reacts immediately giving imine under these conditions. It is possible to isolate enamine 8 from the reaction mixture only if the reaction rate of transformation 8 @ 9 is lower than that of formation of enamine 8 (Figure 8).

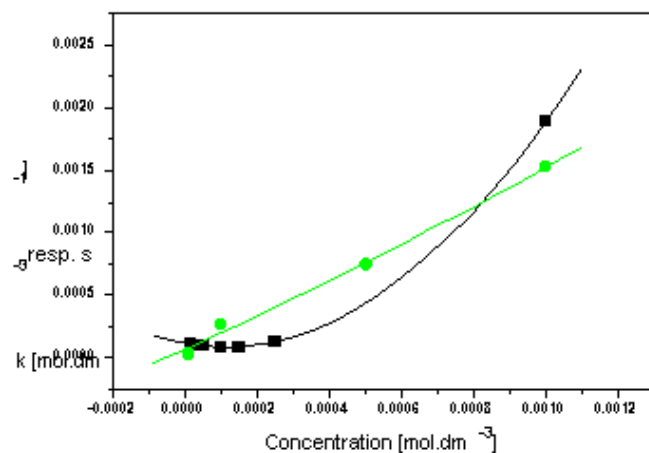


Fig. 8. Rate constant - catalyst concentration relationship for formation of enamine ■

Rate constant - catalyst concentration relationship for transformation of 8 @ 9 ●

Experimental section

Preparation of compounds

4-Oxo-chromene-3-carboxaldehydes [16], 3-aminosalicylic acid [17] and 5-aminosalicylic acid [18] were prepared according to the reported methods, as indicated. Commercial chemicals (solvents, 4-aminosalicylic acid, 4-aminobenzoic acid, 4-aminohippuric acid and 4-toluenesulfonic acid) were used after purification and drying.

3-Arylaminomethylene-2-hydroxy-4-oxochromane 7

Method A. An aromatic amino acid **6** (1.148 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** (1.148 mmol) and 4-toluenesulfonic acid (0.029 mmol) in 6 ml dry toluene or benzene, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The yellow precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried.

Method B. An aromatic amino acid **6** (1.148 mmol) was added to a boiling and stirred solution of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** (1.148 mmol) and 4-

toluenesulfonic acid (0.029 mmol) in 6 ml dry toluene or benzene, and the solution was refluxed for 10 hours. The yellow precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried.

3-Arylaminomethylene-2-alkoxy-4-oxochromane 8

Method A. A solution of aromatic amino acid **6** (1.148 mmol) in 6 ml of an appropriate alcohol was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** (1.148 mmol) and 4-toluenesulfonic acid (0.029 mmol) in 6 ml alcohol, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The yellow precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried.

Method B. A hot solution of 4-aminobenzoic acid **6a** or 4-aminohippuric acid **6b** (1.148 mmol) in 6 ml ethanol was added dropwise to a stirred and boiling solution of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** (1.148 mmol) and 4-toluenesulfonic acid (0.029 mmol) in 6 ml of ethanol, and the solution was refluxed for 3 hours. The yellow precipitate was filtered off, washed with alcohol and recrystallized from alcohol.

3-Aryliminomethyl-4-oxochromene 9

A hot solution of 4-aminosalicylic acid **6c** or 3-aminosalicylic acid **6d** (1.148 mmol) in 6 ml ethanol was added dropwise to a stirred and boiling solution of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** (1.148 mmol) and 4-toluenesulfonic acid (0.029 mmol) in 6 ml ethanol, and the solution was refluxed for 3 hours. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with diethyl ether and dried.

2-Alkoxy-3-[N-arylmethyl-N-arylaminomethylene]-4-oxochromane 10

A mixture of 4-oxochromane **8** (1.148 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (2.296 mmol) in 8 ml dry acetonitrile was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. After then we added benzylbromide or 3-fluorobenzylchloride, respectively, (2.296 mmol) and the stirring was continued at 110 °C under reflux condenser for 5 hours. The acetonitrile was removed by distillation. Diethyl ether (30 ml) was added to the residue. The solid crude product was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol.

Identification of compounds

The purity and structures of starting and prepared compounds were monitored by the microanalyses, ¹H NMR and IR spectroscopy and by the thin-layer chromatography. Melting points were determined using a Kofler hot stage and are uncorrected. IR spectra (ν , cm⁻¹) were taken in the region of ν = 400 - 4000 cm⁻¹ on a Specord 75 IR (Zeiss, Jena) in paraffin oil. ¹H NMR spectra (δ , ppm, J, Hz) were measured on Spectrometer BS-487 (80MHz, Tesla) except for the compounds **8b-8d**, which spectra were taken on Spectrometer VXR-300 (300 MHz, Varian) in hexadeuteriodimethyl sulfoxide with tetramethylsilane as internal standard.

Kinetic measurements

Alcoholic solution (2 ml, $c = 4 \times 10^{-4}$ mol.dm⁻³) of 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehyde **1** was mixed with 2 ml of alcoholic solution of 4-toluenesulfonic acid ($c = 4 \times 10^{-4}$ mol.dm⁻³). This resultant solution together with 2 ml of alcoholic solution of aminosalicic acid **6** ($c = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ mol.dm⁻³) was maintained at constant temperature 40.5 °C. Solutions were mixed together. All measurements were performed in a 1cm thick absorption cell at 40.5 °C.

The kinetics of reactions was monitored UV-VIS spectrophotometrically using the spectrometer Hewlett-Packard "Diode Array 8254". The rate constants were calculated by the Hewlett-Packard programme-assisted method of initial velocity and by fitting of experimental data to a parabola equation. Kinetic experiments were measured to the limiting equilibrium concentration.

Conclusion

6-Substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehydes **1** with aromatic amino acids **6** yield enamines **7**, **8** or imines **9** in dependence upon reaction conditions. The results can be summarized as follows:

- 2-Hydroxy-3-arylaminomethylene-4-oxochromanes **7** are formed in the reaction of aldehydes **1** with aromatic amino acids **6** in the presence of 4-toluenesulfonic acid as the catalyst in dry aprotic reaction media at room temperature or reflux, respectively.
- 4-Aminohippuric **6b** and 4-aminobenzoic **6a** acids undergo the reaction with **1** in alcohols at room temperature or at reflux, respectively, to form 2-alkoxy-3-arylaminomethylene-4-oxochromanes **8a-e**.
- Ethanol and 1-butanol are suitable reaction media for preparation of chromanes **8**, derived from aminosalicic acids, in the presence of 4-toluenesulfonic as the catalyst at temperatures lower than 40° C.
- The rate of formation of enamines **8f-r** and imines **9a, b** is proportional to the concentration of 4-toluenesulfonic acid. Only imines **9** were isolated from reaction mixture when a large excess (100 times excess) of catalyst was used.
- Aminosalicic acids **6** with 6-substituted 4-oxochromene-3-carboxaldehydes **1** yield imines **9** in the presence of catalyst in alcohols at reflux.

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Table1. Characteristic data of synthesized compounds

Comp.	R1	R3	starting	M. p. / \diamond C	Formula	Analysis Calc./Found			
			6a	Yield / %		Mr	%C	%H	%N
7a	H	H	6a	217 - 220	C17H13NO5	65.59	4.29	4.51	-
				76		311.29	65.53	4.03	4.48
7b	CH ₃	H	6a	339 - 342	C18H15NO5	66.46	4.65	4.31	-
				78		352.32	66.38	4.60	4.33
7c	CH ₃	H	6b	235 - 239	C20H18N2O6	62.82	4.74	7.33	-
				70		382.37	62.54	4.71	7.33
7d	H	H	6c	231 - 234	C17H13NO6	62.39	4.01	4.28	-
				92		326.29	62.04	3.98	4.29
8a	H	Et	6a	289 - 291	C19H17NO5	67.01	5.38	4.11	-
				92		340.56	67.07	5.15	4.14
8b	Cl	Et	6a	318 - 320	C19H16NClO5	61.05	4.31	3.75	9.48
				90		373.80	60.85	4.25	3.68

8c	NO ₂	Et	6a	298 - 305*	C19H16N2O7	59.38	4.20	7.28	-
				87	384.35	58.95	4.23	6.98	-
8d	CH ₃	Et	6a	309 - 311*	C20H19NO5	67.98	5.42	3.96	-
				85	353.37	67.67	5.34	3.84	-
8e	H	Et	6b	228 - 230	C21H20N2O6	66.63	5.09	7.07	-
				81	396.40	66.51	5.05	7.00	-
8f	.H	Et	6c	215 - 219*	C19H17NO6	64.22	4.82	3.94	-
				73	355.35	64.08	4.81	3.37	-
8g	Cl	Et	6c	205 - 207*	C19H16NClO6	58.65	4.14	3.60	9.11
				84	389.06	58.16	4.07	3.59	9.10
8h	NO ₂	Et	6c	207 - 209*	C19H16N2O8	57.00	4.03	7.00	-
				79	400.34	56.87	4.05	6.95	-
8i	Br	Et	6c	206 - 210*	C19H16NBrO6	52.55	3.71	3.23	18.40
				86	434.24	52.04	3.64	2.95	18.10
8j	CH ₃	Et	6c	194 - 197*	C20H19NO6	65.03	5.18	3.79	-
				73	369.37	64.78	5.18	3.83	-
8k	Cl	n-Bu	6c	210 - 211*	C21H20NClO6	60.42	4.83	3.36	8.48
				86	417.85	59.85	4.81	3.16	8.45
8l	Cl	n-Hex	6c	139 - 140*	C23H24NClO6	61.95	5.43	3.14	7.95
				56	445.90	61.72	5.39	3.13	7.90
8m	Cl	n-Pr	6c	206 - 208*	C20H18NClO6	59.49	4.49	3.47	8.78
				62	403.82	59.15	4.39	3.45	8.75
8n	NO ₂	i-Pr	6c	216 - 219*	C20H18N2O8	57.79	4.38	6.76	-
				58	414.37	57.65	4.36	6.70	-
8o	H	Et	6d	145 - 146	C19H17NO6	64.22	4.82	3.94	-
				57	355.35	63.78	4.57	3.93	-
8p	Cl	Et	6d	203 - 207	C19H16NClO6	58.65	4.14	3.60	9.11
				73	389.06	58.24	4.36	3.43	8.90
8q	NO ₂	Et	6d	172 - 175*	C19H16N2O8	57.00	4.03	7.00	-
				68	400.34	56.91	3.99	6.95	-
8r	H	i-Pr	6d	139 - 143	C20H19NO6	65.03	5.18	3.79	-
				60	369.37	64.78	5.15	3.71	-
8s	H	Et	6e	285 - 287*	C19H17NO6	64.22	4.82	3.94	-
				62	355.35	63.87	4.76	3.72	-

8t	CH ₃	Et	6e	275 - 277*	C20H19NO6	65.03	5.18	3.79	-
				65	369.37	64.75	5.12	3.72	-
9a	H	-	6c	249 - 250	C17H11NO5	66.02	3.58	4.52	-
				51	309.28	65.57	3.56	4.21	-
9b	Br	-	6c	226 - 230	C17H10NBrO5	52.60	2.59	3.60	20.58
				49	388.17	52.15	2.44	3.32	20.60
10a	H	Et	6e	140 - 141	C33H29NO6	74.00	5.46	2.62	-
				70	535.60	73.94	5.51	2.38	-
10b	CH ₃	Et	6c	120 - 122	C34H29NF2O6	70.05	4.95	2.39	6.49
				70	585.60	69.84	4.72	2.64	-b
10c	CH ₃	Et	6a	133 - 134	C27H25NO5	73.12	5.68	3.16	-
				70	443.50	73.16	5.83	3.05	-

X= halogen

* decomposition

a **6a** - 4-aminobenzoic ; **6b** - 4-aminohippuric ; **6c** - 4 -aminosalicylic ; **6d** - 3-aminosalicylic ; **6e** - 5-aminosalicylic acids

b not analysed

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