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## Synthesis and Study Antibacterial Activity of Some New Polymers Containing Maleimide Group

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**Abstract.** By condensation of benzaldehyde with thiourea in absolute ethanol in the presence of glacial acetic acid as a catalyst, the Schiff base (1-benzylidene thiourea) [I] was synthesized by synthesis of 4-(3-benzylidene thioureido)-4-thioxobut-2-enoic acid compound [II] by reaction of maleic anhydride with schiff base [I] in DMF. When treating compound [II] with ammonium persulfate (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (APS) as an ethanol initiator to obtain polymer [III], compound [III] reacted to polymer [IV] with SOCl<sub>2</sub> in benzene. Sulfamethizole, celecoxib, salbutamol, 4-aminoantipyrine to yield polymers [V-VIII], compound [IV] reaction with different drugs. Spectral evidence established the structure of synthesized compounds: FTIR and <sup>1</sup>HNMR, UV-Vis Spectroscopy and Elemental Analysis (C.H.N-S). These synthesized derivatives [V-VIII] were tested for their antibacterial activity against Bacillus subtilis (G+) and Escherichia coli (G-) by agar well diffusion process, and the results showed that all polymers had a greater diameter of the growth inhibition region. This may be relative to the presence of sulfamethizole medication, maleimide group and Schiff bases, Polymer [V] demonstrated excellent inhibition against Bacillus subtilisa and E.coli.

**Keyword :** Schiff base, Antibacterial activity, Salbutamol, Celecoxib, Maleimide, sulfamethizole.

### 1. Introduction

Schiff bases are a group of compounds containing (-HC=N-) formed from condensing products of aromatic aldehydes or primary amine ketones [1]. Schiff bases are commonly used in various fields, such as medical chemistry [2], antibacterial, antiviral, pharmacological, antioxidant and cancer activities [3-5]. In addition, the Schiff base enhances the biopolymer's stability [6]. A generic formula, H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>NH, has maleimide compounds. The name 'maleimide' derives from the maleic acid and imide combination [7]. Maleimides are an essential type of heterocyclic compounds contained in natural products [8] and are used in organic and medicinal chemistry [9]. In pharmaceutical products with biological specific functions, such as antibacterial, anticancer, antitumor, tuberculostatic activity, anti-microbial, antiviral and antigenic activities, maleimides have important significance [10, 11]. In order to be able to use multiple macromolecule systems, such as thermostability materials [12], self-healing systems [13], click reactions [14] and antibody-drug conjugates [15], Chemistry's



Maleimide[MI] has acquired a senior interest in both polymer and biological sciences. The structure of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated imide allows Maleimide to be extremely versatile. First, the two carbonyl groups have hydrogen bonding interaction power that can be used to modify the behavior of polymerization[16]. The feasibility of preparing higher and thermally stable polymers[17] is the copolymerization of maleimides with Schiff base supply. In addition to the process ability of maleimide polymer, flexible units within the polymer backbone can also be increased.

## 2. Experimental

**Materials :** All chemicals supplied from Merck and Aldrich.

**Techniques :** FTIR spectra recorded using KBr , discs on a 8400s Shimadzu spectrophotometer and FTIR spectrophotometer , Shimadzo [Ir prestige-21] .  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra carried out by : Bruker , ultra shield 300 MHz , : Switzerland and are reported in ppm.

### 2.1.Synthetic Procedures:

#### 2.1.1.Preparation of Schiff base[I-benzylidenethiourea] [I] [18] :

This compound was prepared from the reaction of benzaldehyde [1.06 g. , 0.01 mol] with thiourea [0.76 g. , 0.01 mol] in (30 ml.) ethanol and [3]drops of glacial acetic acid , the mixture refluxing at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  for 12h. . The course of the reaction was followed up using a technique TLC. When the reaction was completion , separated as yellow-colored product which was filtered , dried and recrystallized by methanol . Yield 85% ; m.p[129-131] $^\circ\text{C}$ . Elemental Analysis , Calcd : C% = 58.53; H% = 4.87; N% = 17.07; S% = 19.51 , Found: C% = 58.67; H% = 4.98 ; N% =17.27 S% = 18.98.

#### 2.1.2.Synthesis of 4-[3-benzylidenethioureido]-4-thioxobut-2-enoic acid[II] [19]

Mix Maleic anhydride [0.98 g. , 0.01mol] and [ 1.64 g. , 0.01mol] Schiff base [I] in 25ml DMF then refluxed about 4hr. , the viscous result washed with diethyl ether and then dried at room temperature. Yield 73% ; m.p[198-200] $^\circ\text{C}$ . Elemental Analysis , Calcd : C% =54.96 ; H% = 3.81; N% = 10.68 ; S% = 12.21  
Found: C% = 55.99 ; H% =3.90 ; N% =10.15; S% = 12.87

#### 2.1.3.Synthesis of polymer[III] [20] :

[0.27g ,0.001mol] of compound [II] was mixed with (0.22gm) of ammonium per sulfate [APS] as initiator of polymerization in (15 ml.) of ethanol . The mixture stirring for 2-3 hrs at room temperature , then refluxed about 12hr. Filtered , washed with cold EtOH absolute , dried and recrystallized with ethanol to gave the required product [III].

#### 2.1.4.Synthesis of polymer[IV] [21]

0.01 mol of compound [III] mixed with 0.01mol of thionyl chloride in 25ml. of dry benzene and reflux for (6hr) The Amount of  $\text{SOCl}_2$  and benzene separated under vacuum after cooling.

#### 2.1.5.Synthesis of polymers [V-VIII] [22]

A mixture [0.01mol] of compound [IV] and [0.01 mol ] of drug [sulfamethizole or celecoxib or salbutamol or 4-aminoantipyrine] in 20 ml. of DMF . The mixture refluxed about 3 hr. Filtered , wash with ethanol absolute , dried and recrystallized from EtOH to gave the required product[V-VIII].

## 3. Result and Discussion

-1benzylidenethiourea[I] was prepared to give good yield to compound[I] by reaction of benzaldehyde with thiourea in absolute ethanol. FTIR and  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectroscopy were used to identify this Schiff base [I]. The FTIR spectra, Fig.(1) shown at (1647) $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appearance band refers to the azomethine group and two (3325,3149) $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appearance bands attributable to  $\text{NH}_2$  .  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (DMSO) spectrum, Fig.(2) showed a signal at  $\delta$ (2.11) ppm attributable to the  $\text{NH}_2$  group, a sharp singlet at  $\delta$ (8.1) ppm for one proton attributed to  $\text{CH}=\text{N}$  and several signals for aromatic protons at  $\delta$ (7.32-7.83) ppm. Compound [II] produces maleic anhydrides with Schiff base [I] in DMF from the reaction. FTIR spectroscopy detected the compound

[II]. 3400-2400 (OH), 3184 (NH) group, 3041 (C-H arom.) group, 1739 (C=O) of carboxylic acid, 1654(C=O-NH), 1641(C=N), 1591(C=C)Aromatic and 1126(C=S). FTIR absorption[a,cm-1]: Polymer [III] was synthesized with ethanol using ammonium per sulfate (APS) as the initiator via the reaction compound [II]. The stretching band referred to the O-H of the COOH moiety in the area (3406-2800)cm-1, the stretching band of the N-H group appeared at (3170) cm-1-, 3007 (C-H arom.)-, 2941,2856 (C-H aliph.) and the stretching band to (C=O) for COOH appeared at 1735cm-1.

In order to achieve transformation to a new function group, acid chloride was considered a very active intermediate, so we aimed at synthesizing compound[IV] by reaction compound[III] with thionyl chloride, the acid chloride[IV]formed as residue was used in the next reaction without further purification. Polymers [V-VIII] is synthesized with drugs (sulfamethizole or celecoxib or salbutamol or 4-aminoantipyrine) from the reacted polymer [IV] . FT-IR spectrum for compound [VII], acyl chloride absorption band disappearance and absorption band appearance at (1729) cm-1 refer to (C=O-O), N-H group stretch band appeared at (3214) cm-1 and OH, C=O-NH and C=N stretch bands appeared at(3438), (1687), (1630) cm-1 respectively. 1H NMR ( $\delta$  ppm): sharp singlet signal at  $\delta$  (1.17) refers to nine C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> protons, signal at  $\delta$  (2.01) due to proton NH of [NH-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] group, -CH=CH chemical shift disappears and shows chemical shift at  $\delta$  (2.73-2.98) due to-[CH-CH]<sub>n</sub>-, doublet signal at (3.17-3.40) connected to CH<sub>2</sub> proton and triplet signal at  $\delta$ (4.47) due to CH proton signals at  $\delta$ (5.65),(5.77) due to proton CH<sub>2</sub>O and (5.77) Compound FT-IR spectrum [VIII] (200, cm-1): reveals the current absorption band due to amide (C=O) in the area (1687)cm-1 and absorption band disappearance due to acyl chloride. A signal at  $\delta$  (2.73) due to protons of [C[CH<sub>3</sub>]] group, -CH=CH chemical shift disappears and shows chemical shift at  $\delta$  (2.98-3.23) ppm due to-(CH-CH)<sub>n</sub>-, signal at  $\delta$ (3.45) refer to protons of [N(CH<sub>3</sub>)] group, signal at  $\delta$ (6.02) refer to proton of (NH-C=O) group, multiple signals at  $\delta$ (6.91-7.25) attributable to aromatic protons, signal at  $\delta$ (7.97) attributable to CH=N, multiple signals at  $\delta$ (6.91-7.25) The UV-Vis compound spectrum[VII,VIII] displays the peaks of absorption at(280-332), (290-2320) that can be attributed to( $\pi$ - $\pi^*$ ) and ( $n$ - $\pi^*$ ).

**Table1.**FT-IR of polymers[V-VIII]

Comp. No.	$\nu$ (N-H)	$\nu$ (C-H) aliph.	$\nu$ (C=O) amide	$\nu$ (C=O) ester.	$\nu$ (C=N)	$\nu$ (C=S)
[V]	3351	2933-2872	1670	-	1627	1141
[VI]	3329	2924-2856	1680	-	1637	1132
[VII]	3214	2920-2850	1687	1729	1630	1157
[VIII]	3190	2964-2804	1687	-	1631	1193

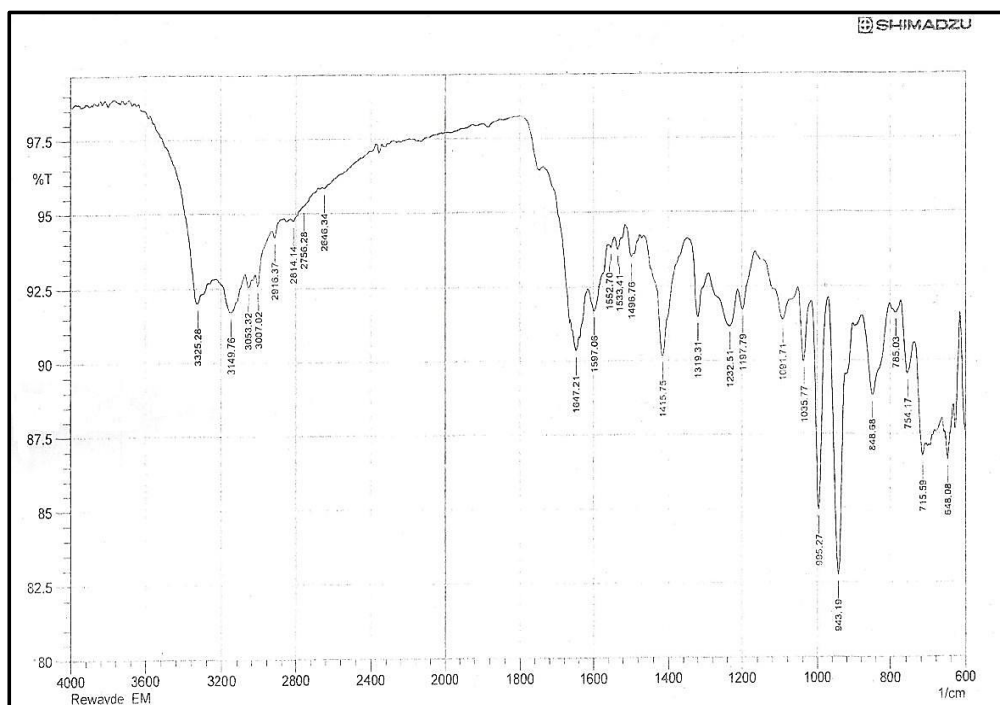
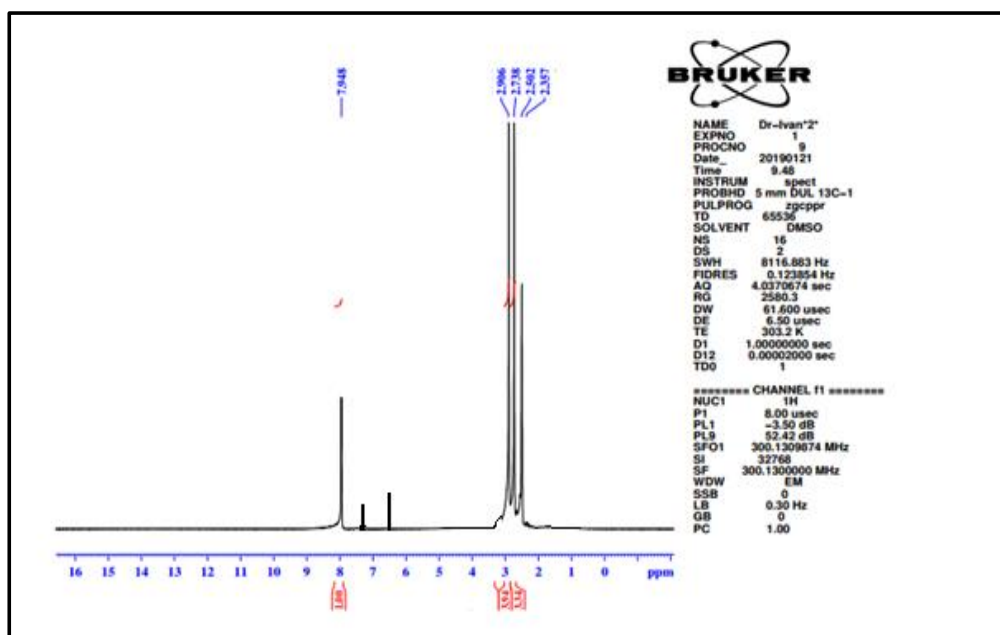


Figure 1. FT-IR of compound [I]

Figure 2 .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  of compound [I]

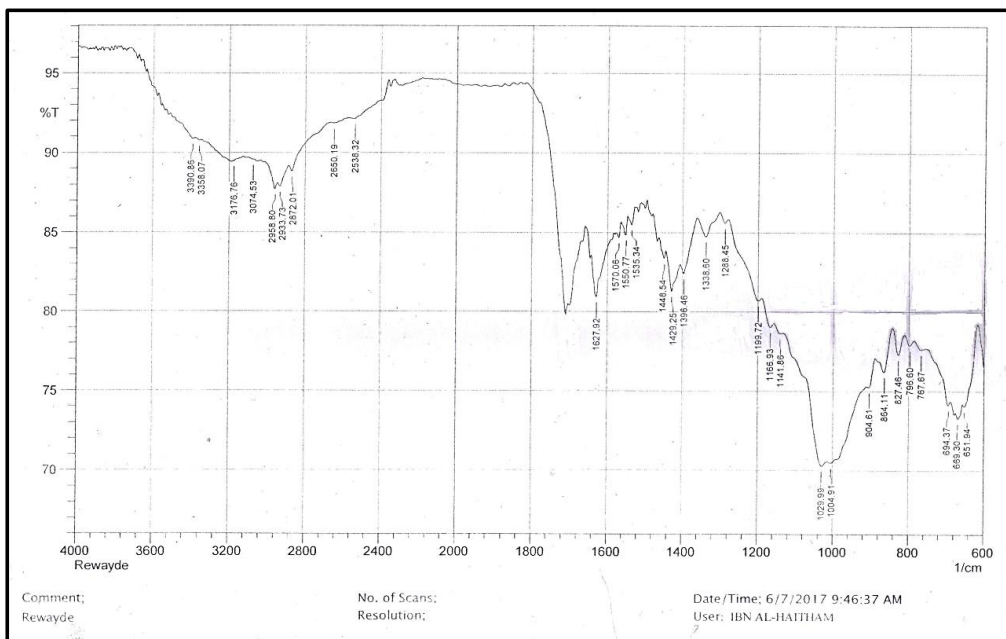


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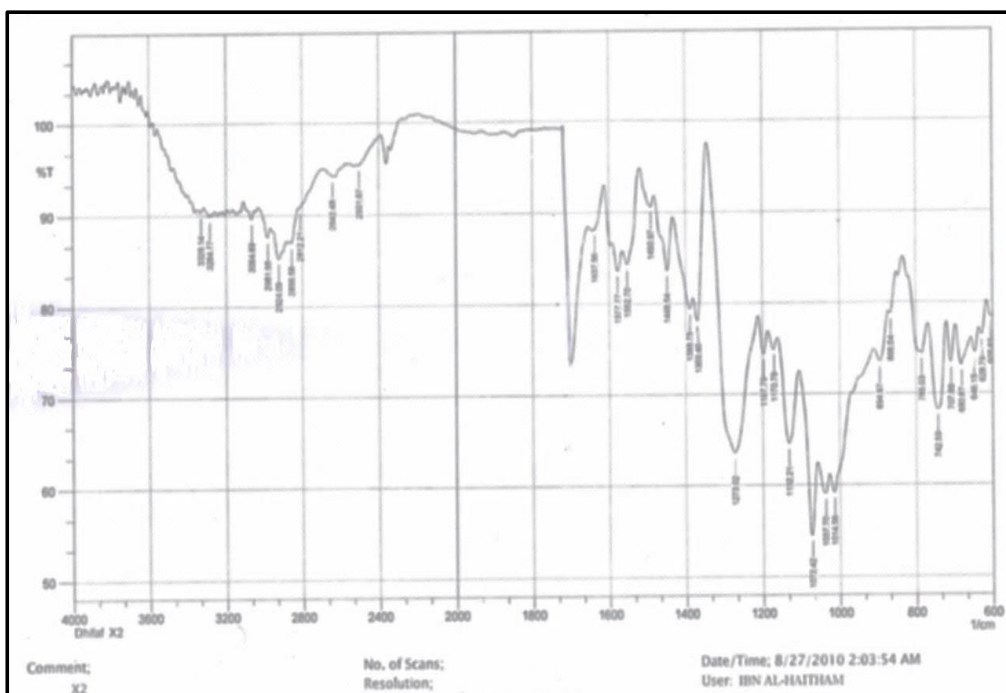


Fig.(4).FT-IR of compound[VI]

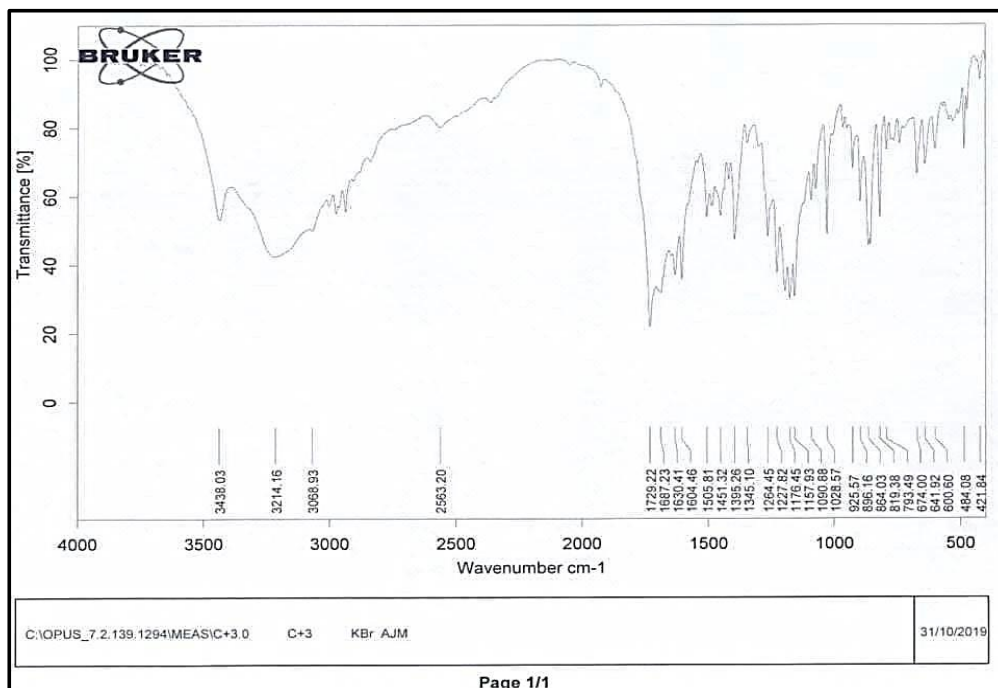
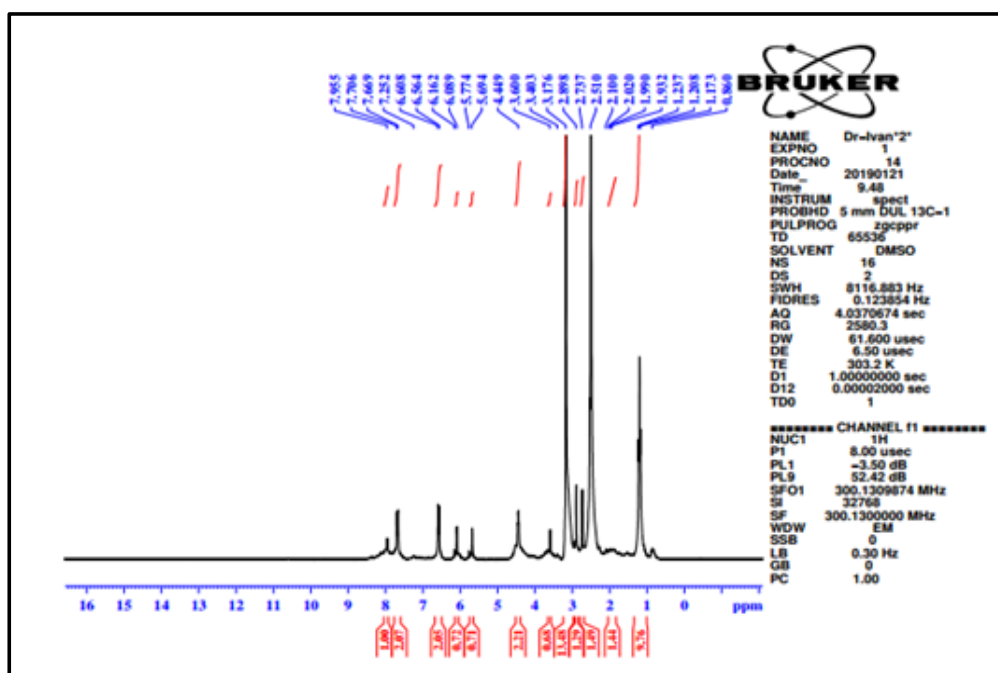


Figure 5. FT-IR of compound[VII]

Figure 6 . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of compound [VII]

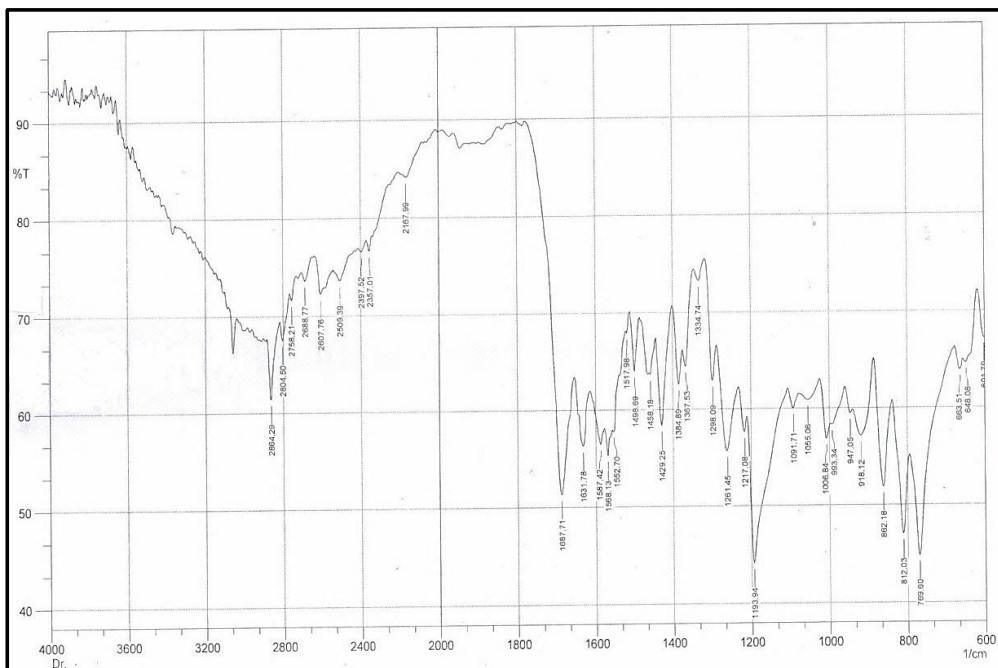


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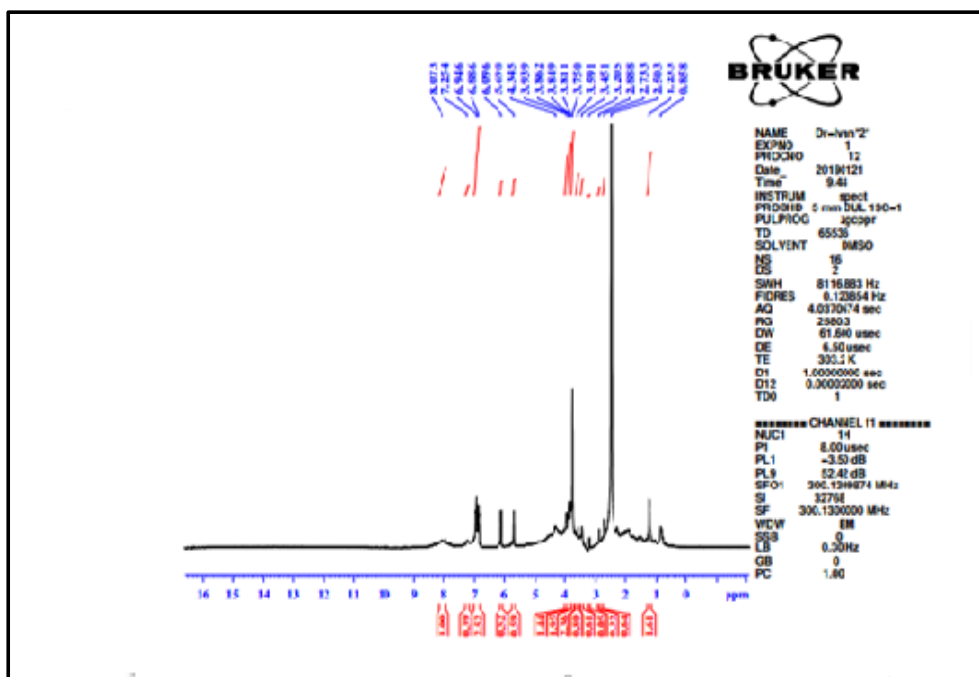


Figure 8 . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of compound [VIII]



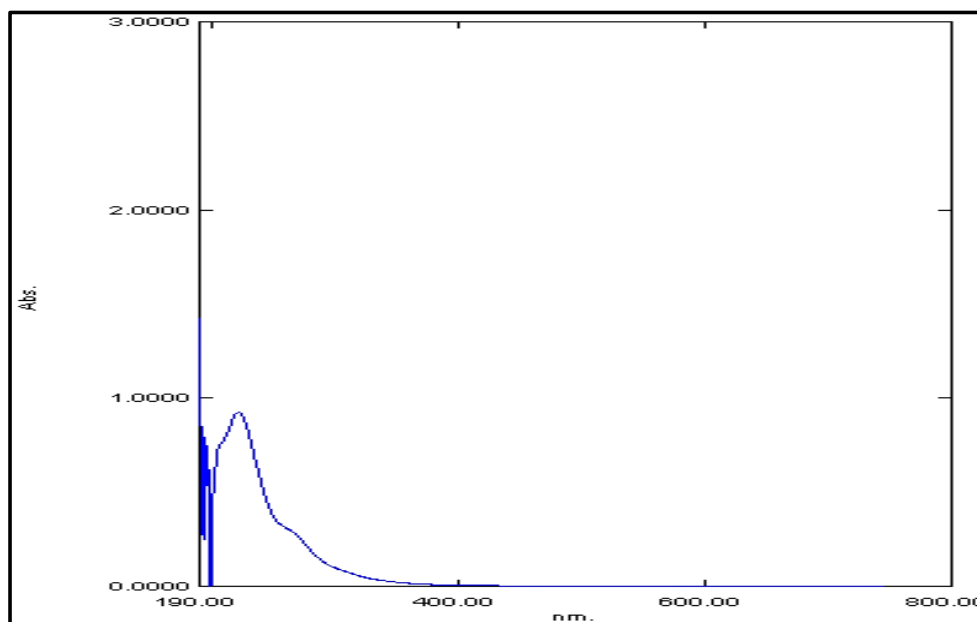


Figure 9. U.V. spectrum of compound [VII]

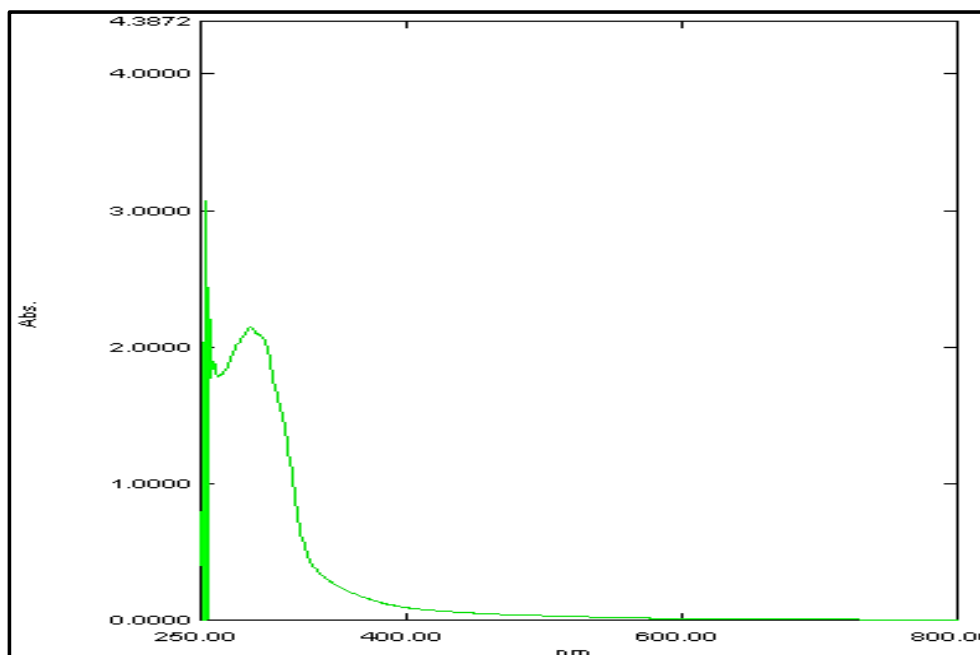


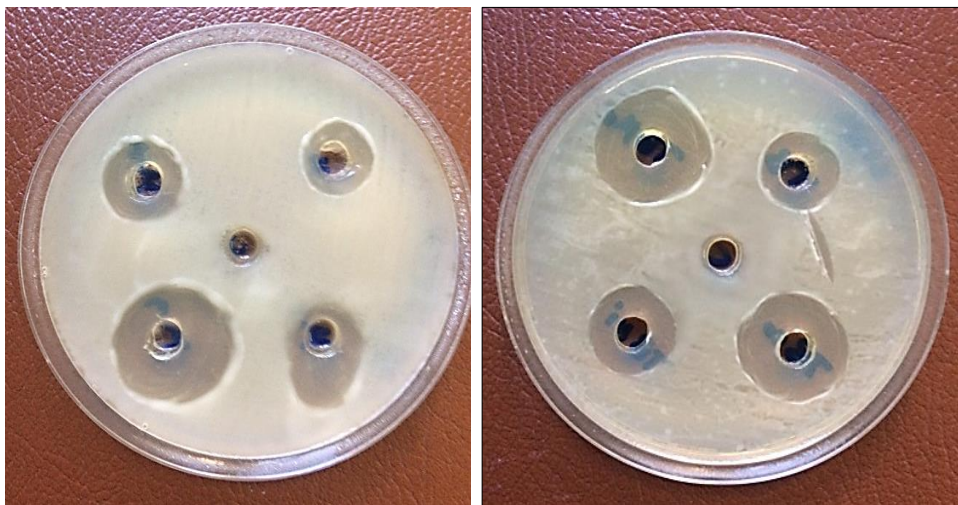
Figure 10. U.V. spectrum of compound [VIII]

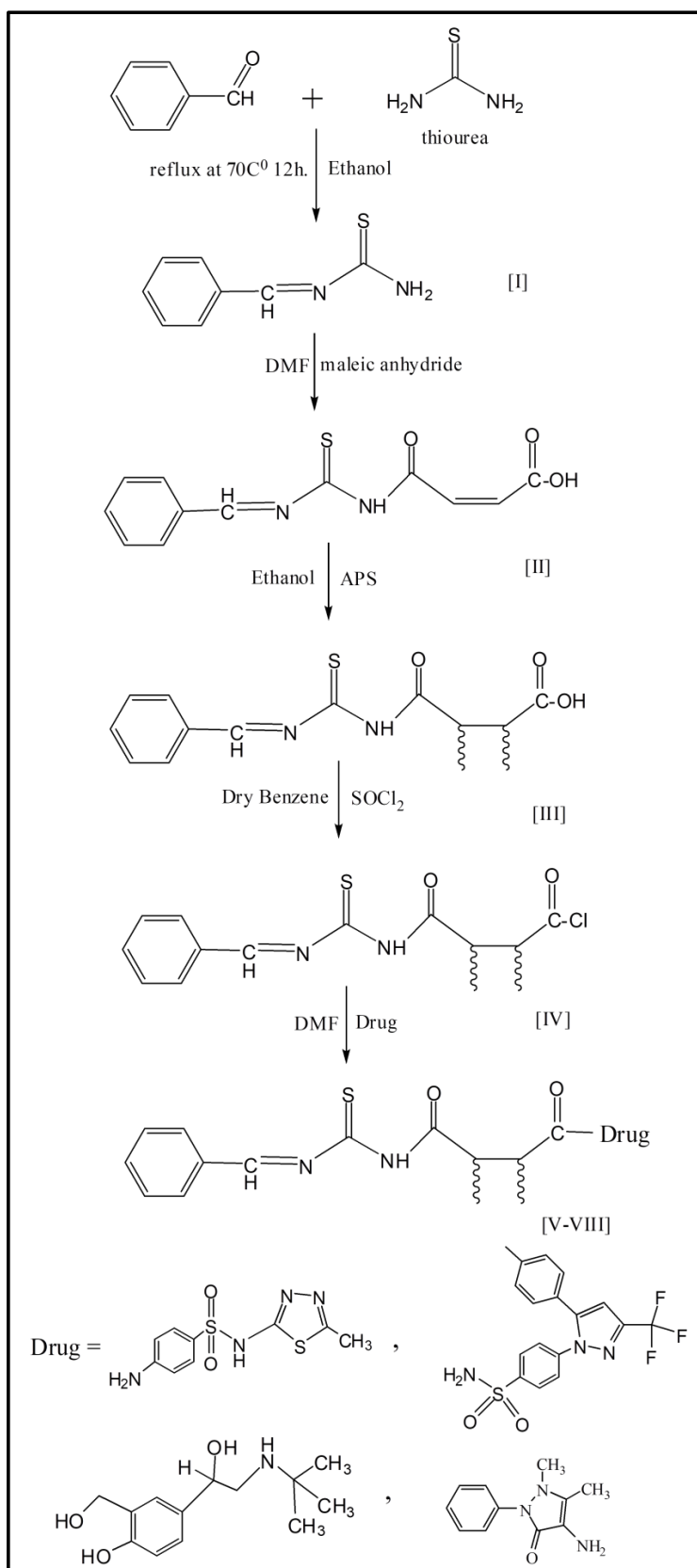
#### 4. Biological Activity:

The polymers [V-VIII] were tested by the agar well diffusion method (Barry, 1977) for their antibacterial activity against *Bacillus subtilis* [G+] and *Escherichia coli* [G-] (in vitro), the standard drug used to compare the synthesized polymers with penicillin (50 $\mu$ g / ml). The results showed that the growth inhibition zone diameter of all polymers was higher. Compound[V] demonstrated strong inhibition against *Bacillus subtilis* and *E.coli*, which may be linked to the existence of the drug sulfamethizole, since this drug is a sulfonamide-derived antibacterial. It is effective against a wide variety of gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria as an antibiotic. The polymer[V] also includes Maleimide group and Schiff bases that have strong antibacterial activity.

**Table2.** The inhibition zone of some synthesized compounds[V-VIII].

Comp.	E .coli	Bacillus cereus
Penicillin	17	23
[V]	28	22
[VI]	14	15
[VII]	23	20
[VIII]	16	16

**Figure 11 .**Antibacterial activities of polymers



**Scheme 1.** The synthetic route for target derivatives [I-VIII]

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