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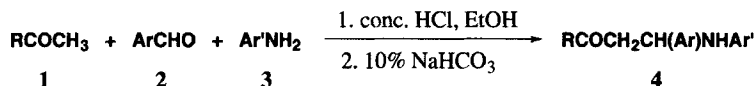
## THE MANNICH REACTION OF DIALKYL KETONES, AROMATIC ALDEHYDES AND AROMATIC AMINES

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While the Mannich reaction between ketones, formaldehyde and aliphatic amines (primary or secondary) has been widely described in the literature,<sup>1</sup> the reaction of ketones, aromatic aldehydes and aromatic amines remains practically unexplored.<sup>2</sup> Earlier literature reported that aromatic amines, aromatic aldehydes and ketones could not react directly<sup>3</sup> and thus the corresponding Mannich bases of type **4** could only be obtained indirectly. Snyder *et al.*<sup>4</sup> described the preparation of 5-methyl-1-phenyl-1-phenylamino-3-hexanone, by the addition of 4-methyl-2-pentanone to benzalaniline in the presence of  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . while Archer *et al.*<sup>5</sup> reported that 1-phenyl-1-phenylamino-3-hexanone had been obtained by the addition of aniline to 1-phenyl-1-hexen-3-one. Although these methods can produce Mannich bases, the Schiff bases must be prepared first and the methods are complicated and give low yields (38%).

We now report that Mannich condensation may be carried out smoothly in good to excellent yields (61-90%) between 3-methyl-2-butanone or 2-pentanone, aromatic aldehydes and aromatic amines in the presence of a small amount of conc. hydrochloric acid at 0-20°.



The amount of hydrochloric acid is critical to the success of the reaction. For one mole aromatic amine, 0.25% mol of conc. hydrochloric acid was sufficient. While the use of lesser amounts of hydrochloric acid depressed the rate of the condensation, the rates of side-reaction were decreased even more. If excess hydrochloric acid was used, no Mannich bases **4** were obtained. The temperature also had a major influence on the reaction. The optimum temperature was 0-20°. Increasing temperatures favor side-reactions and the formation of deeply colored products. Reactions performed at the reflux temperature produced no Mannich bases **4**. Decreasing the temperature decreases the rates of the reaction, but also decreased the rates of side-reactions.

In an earlier report<sup>6</sup> about the orientation of the Mannich reaction of unsymmetrical aliphatic ketones, secondary aliphatic amines and formaldehyde, the condensation occurred mainly at the carbon bearing the least number of H-atoms unless this carbon is severely hindered. However, in our case due to the presence of the ring of the aromatic aldehydes, the reaction occurs at the least substituted carbon.

### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

All mps were determined in an open capillary tube and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded with PK-600FTIR spectrometer. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained on a Jeol-PMX-60 spectrometer

in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with TMS as the internal standard. Elementary analyses were Carried out with a Perkin-Elmer 240-CHN elementary analysis instrument. Mass spectra were determined using a Varian MAT112S unit at an ionization potential of 70ev with and a direct inlet system.

**Preparation of Mannich Bases. General Procedure.**- To a solution of the aromatic amine (5mmol) in EtOH (4-6mL), was added the ketone (5mmol) and the aromatic aldehyde (5mmol). Conc. hydrochloric acid (0.2mL) was added with cooling at  $0^\circ$  in an ice-water bath. The mixture was stirred (Table 1) and then left standing overnight at  $0^\circ$ ; the mixture was neutralized with 10% sodium bicarbonate until pH 7, and the product were collected and washed with water and 95% ethanol. The pure products were obtained by recrystallization from ethanol. The Mannich bases 4 are thus obtained in 61-90% yields.

TABLE 1. The Preparation of Mannich Bases 4

Cmpd No	R	Ar	Ar'	Reaction temp. ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	Conditions Time (hrs)	Yield (%)	mp. ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )
4a	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	10	16	85	112-114
4b	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	15	16	88	114-116
4c	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4$	10	18	88	119-120
4d	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{IC}_6\text{H}_4$	12	20	80	121-122
4e	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	8	15	76	104-105
4f	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	3- $\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	25	26	61	123-124
4g	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	3- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	15	20	84	122-124
4h	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	8	20	75	92-94
4i	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	4- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	8	20	85	95-97
4j	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	4- $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4$	8	20	82	101-102
4k	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	8	18	72	91-92
4l	$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	3- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	8	20	78	80-82
4m	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	10	12	75	87-88 <sup>a</sup>
4n	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	8	12	78	96-98
4o	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	14	12	90	84-86
4p	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	3- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	20	12	86	94-96
4q	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4$	16	16	80	86-88
4r	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{IC}_6\text{H}_4$	16	16	81	90-92
4s	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	4- $\text{NO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	30-35	54-70	61	102-104
4t	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$	8	12	74	90-92
4u	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	8	12	77	92-94
4v	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	4- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	10	12	82	84-86
4w	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	3- $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	10	16	90	78-79
4x	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	4- $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4$	4- $\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4$	10	12	80	82-84

a) Lit.<sup>5</sup> 87-88 $^\circ$ .

TABLE 2. Analytical Data for Mannich Bases (4a-4x)

No	Calcd (Found)			IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) NH, C=O	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (δ, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	MS (m/z, %)
	C	H	N			
4a	80.85 (80.94)	7.92 (7.84)	5.24 (5.21)	3375 1705	6.30-7.58 (m, 10H), 3.36 (br, 1H), 3.60 (t, 1H), 2.78 (d, 2H), 2.4 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, 6H)	267 (M+, 16.1) 182 (100)
4b	71.62 (71.79)	6.68 (6.61)	4.64 (4.60)	3377 1702	6.32-7.73 (m, 9H), 3.35 (br, 1H), 3.73 (t, 1H), 2.9 (d, 2H), 2.4 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, 6H)	301 (M+, 13.3) 216 (100)
4c	62.42 (62.46)	5.82 (5.74)	4.05 (4.01)	3376 1703	6.35-7.75 (m, 9H), 3.43 (br, 1H), 3.65 (t, 1H), 2.82 (d, 2H), 2.4 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, 6H)	346 (M+, 14.3) 260 (100)
4d	54.95 (54.99)	5.13 (5.15)	3.56 (3.51)	3376 1703	6.35-7.75 (m, 9H), 3.51 (br, 1H), 3.75 (t, 1H), 2.90 (d, 2H), 0.98 (d, 6H), 2.38 (m, 1H)	393 (M+, 10.9) 308 (100)
4e	81.10 (81.19)	8.20 (8.12)	4.98 (5.00)	3375 1695	6.26-7.59 (m, 9H), 3.68 (t, 1H), 3.42 (br, 1H), 2.85 (d, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 0.99 (d, 6H), 2.42 (m, 1H)	281 (M+, 11.7) 196 (100)
4f	69.20 (69.28)	6.46 (6.47)	8.97 (8.94)	3364 1700	6.28-7.68 (m, 9H), 3.68 (t, 1H) 3.43 (br, 1H), 2.9 (d, 2H), 0.98 (d, 6H), 2.41 (m, 1H)	312 (M+, 19.0) 227 (100)
4g	71.62 (71.48)	6.68 (6.62)	4.65 (4.62)	3370 1705	6.12-7.50 (m, 9H), 3.58 (t, 1H), 3.33 (br, 1H), 2.73 (d, 2H), 0.95 (d, 6H), 2.40 (m, 1H)	301 (M+, 13.3) 216 (100)
4h	76.74 (76.80)	7.79 (7.71)	4.71 (4.75)	3370 1705	6.24-7.82 (m, 9H), 4.63 (t, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 4.19 (br, 1H), 2.62 (d, 2H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 0.9 (d, 6H)	297 (M+, 13.6) 71 (100)
4i	68.77 (68.96)	6.68 (6.69)	4.22 (4.18)	3375 1705	6.22-7.80 (m, 8H), 4.57 (t, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 4.3 (br, 1H), 2.78 (d, 2H), 0.91 (d, 6H), 2.27 (m, 1H)	331 (M+, 16.1) 71 (100)
4j	60.65 (60.70)	5.89 (5.91)	3.72 (3.79)	3372 1705	6.19-7.83 (m, 8H), 4.58 (t, 1H), 4.32 (br, 1H), 3.6 (s, 3H), 2.78 (d, 2H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 0.9 (d, 6H)	376 (M+, 9.1) 71 (100)
4k	77.14 (77.22)	8.09 (8.08)	4.50 (4.56)	3368 1705	6.30-7.89 (m, 8H), 4.56 (t, 1H), 4.30 (br, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, 2H), 2.3 (m, 1H), 0.9 (d, 6H)	311 (M+, 6.8) 71 (100)
4l	68.77 (68.69)	6.68 (6.71)	4.22 (4.27)	3372 1705	6.21-7.88 (m, 8H), 4.62 (t, 1H), 4.31 (br, 1H), 4.66 (s, 3H), 2.78 (d, 2H), 2.38 (m, 1H), 0.9 (d, 6H)	331 (M+, 11.3) 71 (100)
4m	80.85 (80.91)	7.92 (7.86)	5.24 (5.19)	3371 1700	6.40-7.73 (m, 10H), 4.96 (t, 1H), 2.80 (d, 2H), 3.63 (br, 1H), 2.20 (t, 2H), 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.72 (t, 3H)	267 (M+, 6.6) 182 (100)

TABLE 2. Continued

No	Calcd (Found)			IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) NH, C=O	<sup>1</sup> H NMR (δ, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	MS (m/z, %)
	C	H	N			
4n	81.10 (81.26)	8.24 (8.16)	4.98 (4.84)	3371 1700	6.23-7.83 (m, 9H), 4.7 (t, 1H), 2.8 (d, 2H), 3.7 (br, 1H), 2.1 (s, 3H), 1.1-1.6 (m, 2H), 2.21 (t, 2H), 0.78 (t, 3H)	281 (M+, 4.5) 196 (100)
4o	71.62 (71.78)	6.68 (6.76)	4.64 (4.68)	3385 1700	6.25-7.89 (m, 9H), 4.63 (t, 1H), 2.77 (d, 2H), 3.66 (br, 1H), 2.23 (t, 2H), 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.70 (t, 3H)	301 (M+, 14.0) 216 (100)
4p	71.62 (71.56)	6.68 (6.60)	4.64 (4.52)	3357 1700	6.15-7.78 (m, 9H), 4.6 (t, 1H), 2.8 (d, 2H), 3.65 (br, 1H), 2.23 (t, 2H), 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.77 (t, 3H)	301 (M+, 10.1) 216 (10)
4q	62.42 (62.56)	5.82 (5.91)	4.05 (4.16)	3385 1700	6.03- 7.80 (m, 9H), 4.60 (t, 1H), 2.73 (d, 2H), 3.66 (br, 1H), 2.15 (t, 2H), 1.25 (m, 2H), 0.70 (t, 3H)	346 (M+, 14.6) 260 (100)
4r	54.95 (55.02)	5.13 (5.11)	3.56 (3.51)	3357 1693	6.13-7.80 (m, 9H), 4.63 (t, 1H), 2.79 (d, 2H), 3.61 (br, 1H), 2.22 (t, 2H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 0.8 (t, 3H)	393 (M+, 14.5) 308 (100)
4s	69.20 (69.31)	6.46 (6.40)	8.97 (8.90)	3357 1690	6.29-7.93 (m, 9H), 4.78 (t, 1H), 2.88 (d, 2H), 3.65 (br, 1H), 2.20 (t, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.73 (t, 3H)	312 (M+, 9.1) 227 (100)
4t	76.74 (76.84)	7.79 (7.66)	4.71 (4.82)	3362 1693	6.28-7.78 (m, 9H), 4.62 (t, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.76 (t, 2H), 3.53 (br, 1H), 2.19 (t, 2H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 0.75 (t, 3H)	297 (M+, 6.8) 171 (100)
4u	77.14 (77.26)	8.09 (8.06)	4.50 (4.48)	3362 1700	6.75-8.26 (m, 8H), 4.62 (t, 1H), 2.76 (t, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.53 (br, 1H), 2.19 (t, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.4 (m, 2H), 0.75 (t, 3H)	311 (M+, 4.6) 71 (100)
4v	68.77 (68.68)	6.68 (6.66)	4.22 (4.20)	3350 1700	6.20-7.80 (m, 8H), 4.62 (t, 1H) 2.77 (t, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.50 (br, 1H), 2.18 (t, 2H), 1.4 (m, 2H), 0.73 (t, 3H)	311 (M+, 6.8) 71 (100)
4w	68.77 (68.91)	6.68 (6.65)	4.22 (4.28)	3328 1682	6.10-7.70 (m, 8H), 4.48 (t, 1H), 2.70 (d, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 2.15 (t, 2H), 3.53 (br, 1H), 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.72 (t, 3H)	331 (M+, 6.8) 71 (100)
4x	60.65 (60.76)	5.89 (5.87)	3.72 (3.70)	3350 1700	6.12-7.76 (m, 8H), 4.59 (t, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.54 (br, 1H), 2.67 (t, 2H), 2.13 (t, 2H), 1.39 (t, 2H), 0.74 (t, 3H)	376 (M+, 7.0) 71 (100)

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**SYNTHESIS OF *o*-KETOARYL CARBOXYLIC ESTERS  
USING PHENYLIODOSO DIACETATE**

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*o*-Hydroxyaryl ketones (**1**) are versatile synthons for heterocyclic synthesis due to the presence of phenolic hydroxy and acyl groups at adjacent positions on the benzene ring.<sup>1</sup> In addition to heterocyclic synthesis, the presence of these functional groups in close proximity can also result in novel rearrangements such as occurs on treatment of the monoacylhydrazones of *o*-hydroxyaryl ketones with lead tetraacetate (LTA) which results in replacement of the phenolic hydroxyl with an acyl group to give 1,2-diacylbenzenes.<sup>2</sup>

As a continuation of our interest in this rearrangement, we examined phenyliodoso diacetate (PID) as an alternative oxidative agent for the synthesis of *o*-ketoaryl esters (**4**) from ethoxy- and benzyloxycarbonylhydrazones (**3**) of *o*-hydroxyaryl ketones. Since PID has similar reactivity to LTA<sup>4</sup> but is less toxic, its use as an alternative oxidant should be beneficial. Although it is a widely used oxidant in organic synthesis,<sup>5</sup> PID has been rarely used for oxidations of hydrazones in contrast to LTA.<sup>6</sup> Examples include conversion of benzophenone hydrazone to benzhydryl esters on treatment