



# Synthesis, Biological Evaluation, And Kinetic Studies of Novel 3-Methoxynaphthalen-1-Amine Derivatives

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## ABSTRACT:

The novel series of 3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine derivatives has been synthesised. Skraup reaction method was used to synthesise the 6-methoxy-8-nitroquinoline. Further reduction and aldehyde substitutions, 10 novel compounds were synthesised. All the final compound structures were confirmed by the NMR and LCMS analysis. In the antibacterial studies, the compound (3a – 3j) was found to possess a good ZOI value than standard drugs against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Klebsiella pneumonia* respectively. The kinetic results of the enzyme by the Lineweaver-Burk plot of compound 3j showed that  $V_{max}$  remains the same without significantly affecting the slopes. These compounds could be further modified to develop potential and safer antibacterial agents.

## INTRODUCTION

Heterocyclic molecules are a class of organic compounds that contain a ring structure composed of at least one atom other than carbon, commonly nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. These heteroatoms introduce unique chemical properties and reactivities, distinguishing heterocycles from purely carbocyclic compounds [1]. Heterocyclic molecules are prevalent in various natural products, pharmaceuticals, and materials. Their structural diversity and functional versatility make them integral to the development of new drugs, agrochemicals, and advanced materials [2,3].

Studying the kinetics of heterocyclic molecules is crucial for understanding their reactivity and stability, which are essential for their practical applications. Kinetic studies involve measuring the rates of chemical reactions and examining how different factors, such as temperature, solvent, and concentration, influence these rates [4-6]. By analyzing reaction mechanisms and pathways, researchers can gain insights into the behavior of heterocyclic compounds under various conditions. This knowledge is pivotal in optimizing synthesis

methods, improving yields, and minimizing side reactions [7].

One of the significant challenges in the kinetic studies of heterocyclic molecules is the complexity of their reaction mechanisms [8]. The presence of heteroatoms can lead to multiple reaction pathways, including nucleophilic or electrophilic substitutions, ring-opening reactions, and rearrangements [9]. Advanced analytical techniques, such as spectroscopy and chromatography, are often employed to monitor these reactions and identify intermediate species. Computational chemistry also plays a vital role in modeling reaction mechanisms and predicting the kinetics of heterocyclic compounds, providing a theoretical framework that complements experimental findings [10-13].

Kinetic studies are particularly important in the pharmaceutical industry, where the stability and reactivity of heterocyclic drugs can significantly impact their efficacy and safety [14-16]. Understanding the kinetic behavior of these molecules helps in designing drug formulations with improved stability and controlled release profiles. Moreover, kinetic data can inform the



development of catalysts and reaction conditions that enhance the selectivity and efficiency of heterocyclic synthesis [17,18]. Overall, the integration of kinetic studies with heterocyclic chemistry fosters advancements in various scientific and industrial fields, driving innovation and improving the quality of life [19,20]. In this study, we synthesised some novel 3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine derivatives and evaluated the antibacterial studies. Finally, kinetics studies were also performed.

## METHODOLOGY

### Synthesis of 6-methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (1a)

Skraup reaction from 4-methoxy-2-nitroaniline and glycerol (Equimolar (0.01M)) in the presence of sulfuric acid. The nitro group in this compound is reduced to make 6-methoxy-8-aminoquinoline. In this reaction, a mixture of aniline and glycerol is heated in the presence of sulphuric acid and a mild oxidizing agent, usually nitrobenzene or arsenic pentoxide. The reaction is exothermic and tends to become very violent. Ferrous sulphate or boric acid is generally added to make the reaction less violent.

### Synthesis of 3-methoxy-1-nitronaphthalene (2a)

The 6-methoxy-8-nitroquinoline (0.01M) in AcOH (100 mL) and absolute EtOH (400 mL) was slowly added to iron powder (40 g). The reaction was cooled in an ice-H<sub>2</sub>O bath and treated with conc. HCl (1 mL). The addition was exothermic. The reaction was

heated to reflux for 20 min, after which time it was allowed to cool to room temperature. The mixture was filtered through celite. The organic layer was separated and washed with sat aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, brine (100 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to provide the product.

### Synthesis of Schiff base intermediate molecules (3-a-j)

Equimolar (0.01M) amounts of 3-methoxy-1-nitronaphthalene (2a) and various aldehydes were dissolved in methanol (15 mL), then acetic acid (0.5 mL) was added and the mixture was refluxed for two hours. After the reaction was completed the reaction mixture was cooled and put into water, where the solid separated. To obtain equivalent Schiff bases intermediate compounds, the solid was filtered, washed with water, and crystallised from ethanol.

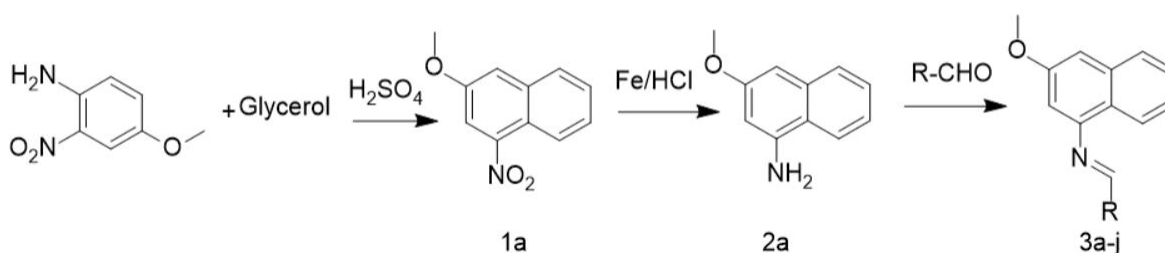
### Antimicrobial activity

The antibacterial extracts were determined by the disc diffusion method on Muller Hinton agar (MHA) medium. Muller Hinton Agar (MHA) medium is poured into the Petri plate. After the medium was solidified, the inoculums were spread on the solid plates with sterile swabs moistened with the bacterial suspension. The disc was placed in MHA plates and 20 µl of sample (Concentration: 1000µg, 750µg and 500 µg) were placed in the disc. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hrs. Then the antimicrobial activity was determined by measuring the diameter of the zone of inhibition

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Synthesis of 3-methoxynaphthalen derivatives

#### Scheme 1

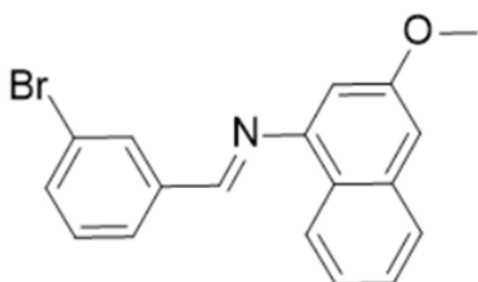




R=	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e
	3f	3g	3h	3i	3j

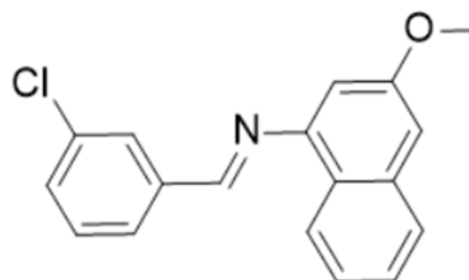
## Characterization study of synthesized compounds

**3a-** (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine



IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3377 (-NH), 2922 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>) 1606 (C=O), 613 (C-Br); <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.17 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz), 1.67 (4H, t), 3.60-3.79 (7H, m), 4.3 (1H, t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 5.9 (1H, s), 6.90-6.91 (7H, m), 7.91 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 8.72 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  18.2 (1C, s), 22.1 (1C, s), 33.11 (1C, s), 34.3 (1C, s), 47.46 (1C, s), 50.1 (1C, s), 56.20 (1C, s), 65.2 (1C, s), 101.4 (1C, s), 106.5 (1C, s), 118.8 (1C, s), 122.8 (1C, s), 128.35 (1C, s), 128.3 (1C, s), 131.2 (3C), 135.2 (1C, s), 136.1 (1C, s), 136.1 (1C, s), 139.5 (1C, s), 149.7 (1C, s), 155.7 (1C, s), 169.8 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>BrNO calculated (EI, m/z (%): 339.03, found: 340.45 [M+1]. Melting point is 69-70°C.

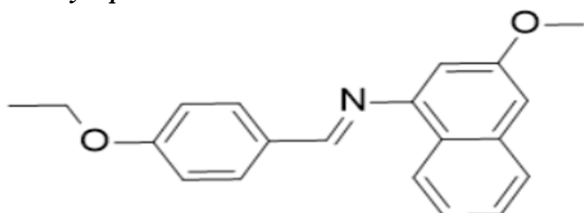
**3b-** (E)-N-(3-chlorobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine



IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3415 (-NH), 2981 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>) 1797 (C=O), 875 (C-Cl), <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.18 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.4 Hz), 1.60 (4H, t), 3.66-3.78 (7H, m), 4.3 (1H), 6.01 (1H, s), 6.91-6.92 (7H, m), 8.15 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 8.81 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  18.3 (1C, s), 22.7 (1C, s), 33.1 (1C, s), 34.5 (1C, s), 47.3 (1C, s), 50.1 (1C, s), 56.2 (1C, s), 65.4 (1C, s), 101.9 (1C, s), 106.2 (1C, s), 122.8 (1C, s), 128.3 (2C, s), 131.2 (2C), 133.5 (1C, s), 136.1 (1C, s), 136.1 (1C, s), 139.4 (1C, s), 140.3 (1C, s), 149.2 (1C, s), 155.1 (1C, s), 169.1 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClNO calculated (EI, m/z (%): 295.08 Found: 296.08 [M+1]. Melting point is 72-73 °C.

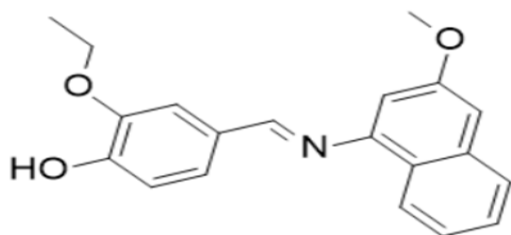


**3c- (E)-N-(4-ethoxybenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine**



IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3415 (-NH), 2981 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2669 (-SH) 1797 (C=O), 1181 (C-O-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.16-1.18 (10H, m), 1.60 (4H, t), 3.66-3.69 (7H, m), 4.1-4.2 (3H, m), 6.06 (1H, s), 6.91-6.92 (7H, m), 8.15 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 8.79 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.7$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  14.2 (1C, s), 18.8 (1C, s), 22.5 (1C, s), 33.4 (1C, s), 34.0 (1C, s), 47.6 (1C, s), 50.1 (1C, s), 56.0 (1C, s), 64.3 (1C, s), 65.2 (1C, s), 101.4 (1C, s), 106.4 (1C, s), 114.3 (2C, s), 122.4 (1C, s), 127.8 (2C, s), 129.6 (1C, s), 135.7 (1C, s), 136.3 (1C, s), 139.5 (1C, s), 140.2 (1C, s), 149.8 (1C, s), 155.8 (1C, s), 158.5 (1C, s), 169.8 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S calculated (EI, m/z (%): 291.13 Found : 292.41 [M+1]. Melting point is 70-71°C.

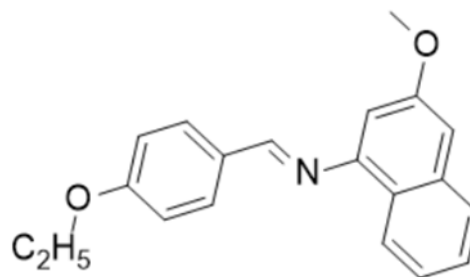
**3d-(E)-2-ethoxy-4-(((3-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)imino)methyl)phenol**



IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3356 (-OH), 2918 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2851 (-SH) 1797 (C=O), 1171 (C-O-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.17-1.18 (10H, m), 1.60 (4H, t), 3.66-3.69 (7H, m), 4.1-4.2 (3H, m), 6.06 (1H, s), 6.91-6.92 (7H, m), 8.15 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 8.79 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 8.72 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.7$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  14.2 (1C, s), 18.40 (1C, s), 22.7 (1C, s), 33.5 (1C, s), 34.6 (1C, s), 47.3 (1C, s), 50.7 (1C, s), 56.32 (1C, s), 64.47 (1C, s), 65.2 (1C, s), 101.9 (1C, s), 101.5 (1C, s), 110.5 (1C, s), 115.3 (1C, s), 122.8 (1C, s), 128.3 (1C, s), 128.39 (1C, s), 131.2 (2C, s), 136.2 (1C, s), 136.2 (1C, s), 137.15 (1C, s), 139.29 (1C, s), 146.2 (1C, s), 149.2 (1C, s), 155.2 (1C, s), 169.11 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> calculated (EI, m/z (%):

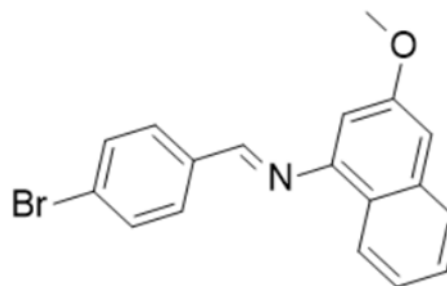
321.14 and Found: 322.50 [M+1]. Melting point is 87-88 °C.

**3e-(E)-N-(4-ethoxybenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine**



IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3472 (-NH), 2075 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1641 (C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  0.3 (3H, t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 1.12-1.6 (7H, 1.17 m), 3.62-3.78 (2H, m), 3.51 (1H, d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz), 3.66-3.86 (7H, m), 4.20 (3H, tq,  $J = 7.0, 6.6$  Hz), 5.99 (1H, s), 6.9-7.95 (7H, m), 7.92 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 8.73 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.8$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  14.0 (1C, s), 18.2 (1C, s), 22.3 (1C, s), 22.3 (1C, s), 28.9 (1C, s), 29.0 (1C, s), 33.11 (1C, s), 34.3 (1C, s), 47.5 (1C, s), 50.1 (1C, s), 56.1 (1C, s), 65.1 (1C, s), 69.3 (1C, s), 101.4 (1C, s), 106.3 (1C, s), 118.3 (2C, s), 122.3 (1C, s), 128.38 (2C, s), 128.4 (1C, s), 131.2-131.36 (3C, s), 135.2-136.1 (3C, s), 139.5 (1C, s), 146.2 (1C, s), 155.6 (1C, s), 169.4 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> calculated (EI, m/z (%): 305.14 and Found: 306.18 [M+1]. Melting point is 81-82 °C

**3f-(E)-N-(4-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine**

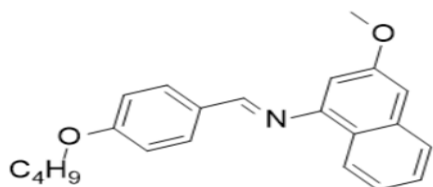


IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  : 3472 (-NH), 1641 (C=O), 502 (C-Br); <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.18 (3H, d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz), 1.60-1.60 (4H, m), 3.67-3.69 (7H, m), 4.28 (1H, tq,  $J = 7.0, 6.2$  Hz), 6.01 (1H, s), 6.91-7.0 (7H, m), 8.13 (1H, dt,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 8.84 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.1$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  18.7 (1C, s), 22.8 (1C,



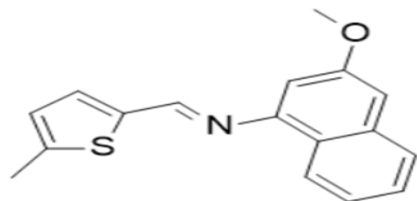
s), 33.2 (1C, s), 34.3 (1C, s), 47.0 (1C, s), 50.7 (1C, s), 56.3 (1C, s), 65.3 (1C, s), 101.82 (1C, s), 106.2 (1C, s), 118.8 (1C, s), 122.3 (1C, s), 128.3 (2C, s), 131.3 (2C, s), 133.69 (1C, s), 136.2 (1C, s), 139.25 (1C, s), 140.2 (1C, s), 149.1 (1C, s), 155.3 (1C, s), 169.2. (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for  $C_{18}H_{14}BrNO$  calculated (EI, m/z (%): 339.03 and Found: 340.16 [M+1]. Melting point is 59-60 °C

**3g-(E)-N-(4-butoxybenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine**



IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{max}$  : 3443 (-NH), 2992 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1613 (C=O), 819 (C-Cl) <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  0.36 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz), 1.12 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz), 1.60-1.61 (11H, m), 3.62-3.36 (4H, m), 3.77-3.78 (3H, m), 4.3 (H, m) 5.35 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 5.68 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz), 6.91-6.92 (7H, m) 7.91 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 8.74 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.3 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  14.5 (1C, s), 18.2 (1C, s), 22.2 (2C, s), 28.9 (1C, s), 29.19 (1C, s), 34.3 (1C, s), 47.6 (1C, s), 50.3 (1C, s), 56.1 (1C, s), 58.3 (1C, s), 69.2 (1C, s), 101.4 (1C, s), 106.3 (1C, s), 118.2 (2C, s), 122.2 (1C, s), 128.4 (2C, s), 128.4 (1C, s), 131.6 (3C, s), 135.2 (1C, s), 136.2 (1C, s), 136.7 (1C, s), 139.4 (1C, s), 146.3 (1C, s), 155.3 (1C, s), 168.7 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for  $C_{22}H_{23}NO_2$  calculated (EI, m/z (%): 333.17 and Found: 334.25 [M+1]. Melting point is 67-68 °C.

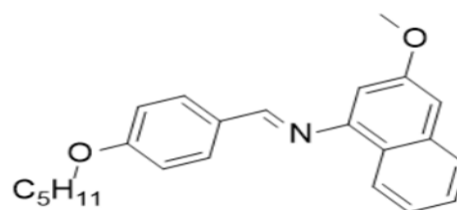
**3h-(E)-3-methoxy-N-((5-methylthiophen-2-yl)methylene)naphthalen-1-amine**



IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{max}$  : 3501 (-NH), 2992 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  1.18 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz), 1.65 (4H, td,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 2.32 (3H, s), 3.51-3.68 (6H, m) 4.20 (1H, tq,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 6.01 (1H, s), 6.92-7.01 (7H, m) 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz),

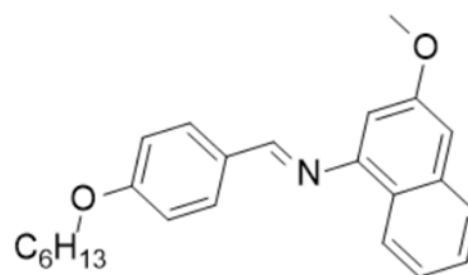
8.12 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz), 8.75 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.4, Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  18.2 (1C, s), 22.4 (1C, s), 33.7 (1C, s), 34.0 (1C, s), 47.2 (1C, s), 50.7 (1C, s), 56.3 (1C, s), 65.1 (1C, s), 101.6 (1C, s), 106.6 (1C, s), 122.3 (1C, s), 128.3 (2C, s), 131.2 (2C, s), 135.1 (1C, s), 136.9 (1C, s), 137.1-139.2 (2C, s), 149.6 (1C, s), 155.9 (1C, s), 169.9 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for  $C_{17}H_{15}NOS$  calculated (EI, m/z (%): 281.09 and Found : 282.14. [M+1]. Melting point is 78-79 °C

**3i-(E)-3-methoxy-N-(4-(pentyloxy)benzylidene)naphthalen-1-amine**



IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{max}$  : 3338 (-NH), 2886 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1509 (C=O): <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $\delta$  0.36 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz), 1.12 (3H, d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz), 1.69-1.72 (6H, m), 3.26-3.38 (2H, m), 4.32-4.31 (3H t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz), 5.09 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz), 5.35 (1H, d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz), 6.93-6.96 (7H, m), 7.93 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 8.72 (1H, dd,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta$  14.0 (1C, s), 18.35 (1C, s), 22.6 (1C, s), 28.51 (1C, s), 29.0 (1C, s), 33.0 (1C, s), 47.9 (1C, s), 49.70 (1C, s), 56.18 (1C, s), 56.25 (1C, s), 58.34 (1C, s), 69.0 (1C, s), 101.3 (1C, s), 106.2 (1C, s), 118.8 (2C, s), 122.4 (1C, s), 128.4 (2C, s), 131.4 (1C, s), 135.3 (1C, s), 136.0 (1C, s), 138.4 (1C, s), 139.4 (1C, s), 146.3 (1C, s), 155.1 (1C, s), 158.5 (1C, s), 169.31 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis for  $C_{23}H_{25}NO_2$  calculated (EI, m/z (%): 347.19 and Found :348.36 [M+1]. Melting point is 55-56 °C

**3j-(E)-N-(4-(hexyloxy)benzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine**







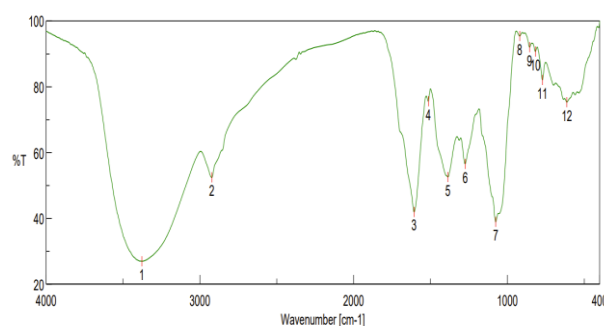
IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ : 3440 (-NH), 1635 (C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  0.45 (3H, t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 1.14-1.15 (9H, m), 1.68 (6H, m), 3.68-3.77 (2H, m), 4.31 (1H, tq,  $J = 7.0$ ), 5.0-5.36 (2H, d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 6.97-6.93 (3H, m), 7.91 (2H, ddd,  $J = 8.8$ ), 8.72 (1H, dd,  $J = 4.1$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  14.0 (1C, s), 18.0 (1C, s), 22.6 (1C, s), 22.7 (1C, s), 28.4 (1C, s), 29.1 (1C, s), 31.2 (1C, s), 34.2 (1C, s), 47.8 (1C, s), 49.6 (1C, s), 56.1 (1C, s), 56.2 (1C, s), 58.3 (1C, s), 69.1 (1C, s), 101.4 (1C, s), 106.3 (1C, s), 118.6 (2C, s), 122.3 (1C, s), 128.3 (2C, s), 128.3 (1C, s), 131.3-131.4 (3C, s), 136.1 (1C, s), 138.26 (1C, s), 139.4 (1C, s), 146.2 (1C, s), 155.2 (1C, s), 169.6 (1C, s). LC-MS analysis of  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_2$  calculated (EI,  $m/z$  (%): 361.20 and Found : 362.15  $[\text{M}+1]$ . The melting point is 58-59  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

## Chemistry

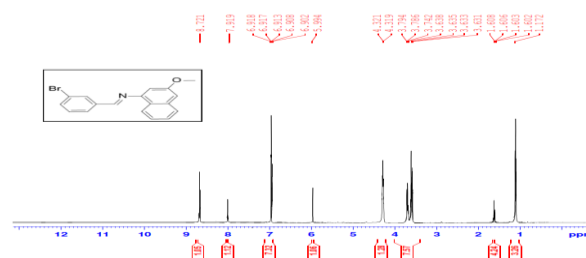
The FT-IR spectrum of 3a- (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine compound showed the characteristic IR band at 3377  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 2922  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 613  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  which indicated the presence of -NH, O-CH<sub>3</sub>-C=O, C-Br. Similarly, 3415  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 2981  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1797  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 875  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in 3b-(E)-N-(3-chlorobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine confirm the NH, O-CH<sub>3</sub>-C=O, C-Br functional group. The range of 3338-3501  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  confirm the presence of -NH group in all the molecules.

The  $^1\text{H}$  spectra of the synthesised compounds 3a-j were recorded and their chemical shift values are presented. The doublet and triplet signals at  $\delta$  1.17 and 1.67 ppm indicate the presence of -CH<sub>2</sub> and -CH<sub>3</sub> group in the 3a molecule. Further, the multiplet signal at  $\delta$  3.60-3.79 ppm shows the presence of -CH<sub>2</sub> of 1,3 triazolinone and O-CH<sub>3</sub> group of in 3a. The aromatic H-atoms were confirmed by signal from  $\delta$  6.90-6.91 ppm in NMR. Similarly, the NMR data for molecule 3c also found in same signal range. The signals at  $\delta$  1.17-1.18 ppm,  $\delta$  4.1-4.2 ppm and singlet peak at  $\delta$  6.06 ppm indicated the presence of -3-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl in molecule 3d. Moreover, the pentyloxy group was confirmed by multiplet signal at  $\delta$  1.12-1.6 ppm in 3e NMR analysis. Additionally, the doublet peaks at  $\delta$  5.35 ppm and 5.68 ppm confirm the formation of Schiff bases in the molecule 3f and 3g. The doublet peaks at  $\delta$  1.18 ppm and singlet peak  $\delta$  6.01 ppm appeared in 3h NMR and confirmed the 5-methylthiophen-2-yl.

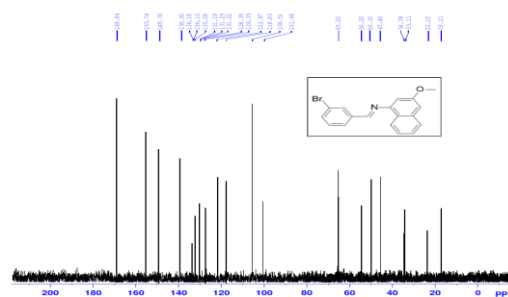
In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum, all the data confirm the number of carbon atoms present in the synthesised molecules and its related to the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data. The ESI mass spectra were recorded at 70 eV and maintained at 150 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The molecular weight ( $m/z$ ) of all the synthesised compounds was confirmed by MS. Finally, the structure of the synthesised new 3a-j were confirmed by the analysis of IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and MS spectral data. Figure 1-4 shows the IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR analysis of the 3a- (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine molecules.



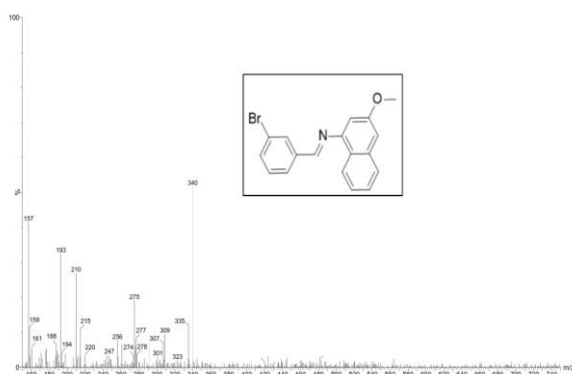
**Figure 1. IR spectrum of the 3a- (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine.**



**Figure 2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the 3a- (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine.**



**Figure 3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the 3a- (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine.**



**Figure 4.** Mass spectrum of the 3a- (E)-N-(3-bromobenzylidene)-3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine.

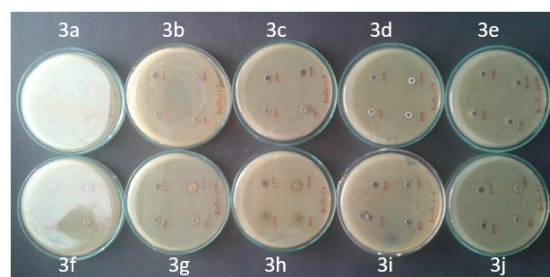
#### Anti-bacterial activities

This section deals with the anti-bacterial properties of synthesised methoxynaphthalen-1-amine Schiff bases derivatives. Table 1 depicts anti-bacterial activities of synthesized compounds. All synthesized compounds were screened for their in-vitro antibacterial activity against four different pathogenic strain, including two gram-positive bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis* and two gram-negative namely, *Escherichia coli*, and *Klebsiella pneumonia* using against standard drug Ciprofloxacin and Ampicillin (10µg/disc) respectively.

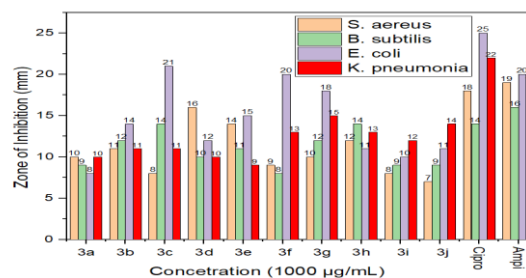
Table 1. In vitro Anti-microbial Properties of methoxynaphthalen-1-amine Schiff bases derivatives

Molecules	Zone of Inhibition (mm) (1000 µg/mL)			
	Gram Positive		Gram Negative	
	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>K. pneumonia</i>
3a	10	9	8	10
3b	11	12	14	11
3c	8	14	21	11
3d	16	10	12	10
3e	14	11	15	9
3f	9	8	20	13
3g	10	12	18	15
3h	12	14	11	13

3i	8	9	10	12
3j	7	9	11	14
Ciprofloxacin	18	14	25	22
Ampicillin	19	16	20	19



**Figure 5.** Zone of inhibition of the synthesised compounds in *E. coli*



**Figure 5.** Zone of inhibition of the synthesised compounds in *S. aureus*, *B. Subtilis*, *E. coli* and *K. pneumonia*.

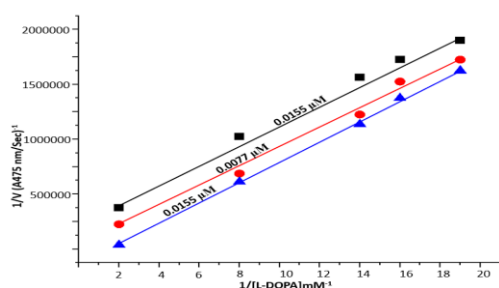
In vitro Anti-microbial Properties of methoxynaphthalen-1-amine Schiff bases derivatives have been summarised (Figure5 and 6), the [ZOI (millimeter), (1000 µg/ml)] value against the pathogenic organism. According to this, all the compound found to possess the good ZOI value than standard drug against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Klebsiella pneumonia* respectively. In *Staphylococcus aureus* the 3c, 3f, 3i and 3j shows 10 mm, 8mm, 8mm and 7 mm respectively. In *Bacillus subtilis* 3a, 3f, 3i and 3j shows 9mm, 8mm, 9mm and 9mm respectively. The molecules 3a, 3h, 3i, 3j shows 8mm, 11mm, 10mm, and 11mm on *Escherichia*



coli. Similarly, in *Klebsiella pneumonia*, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 3e shows 10mm, 11mm, 11mm, 10mm and 9mm respectively. The standard drug Ciprofloxacin and Ampicillin (10µg/disc) less activity than synthesised compounds. Figure. represented a bar diagram of the in-vitro antibacterial activities of methoxynaphthalen-1-amine Schiff bases derivatives. All target compounds are investigated, but the ZOI value has been found that all the compounds having good inhibition activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Klebsiella pneumonia* using against standard drug Ampicillin respectively.

### Kinetic Analysis

To understand the inhibitory mechanism of synthetic methoxynaphthalen-1-amine Schiff bases derivatives, a kinetic study was performed. Based on our In vitro Anti-microbial results, we selected the most potent compound 3j to determine their inhibition type and inhibition constant. The kinetic results of the enzyme by the Lineweaver-Burk plot of  $1/V$  versus  $1/[S]$  in the presence of different inhibitor concentrations gave a series of straight lines, the result of Lineweaver-Burk plot of compound 3j showed that  $V_{max}$  remains the same without significantly affecting the slopes.  $K_m$  increases with increasing concentration, while  $V_{max}$  remains the same with an insignificant difference. This behavior indicated that 3j competitively inhibited the enzyme tyrosinase (Figure. 7). The slope against the concentration of 3j showed EI dissociation constant.  $K_i$  was calculated from the inhibitor concentration of 3j versus the slope and  $K_i$  was found to be 0.0027 µM.



**Figure 7. Lineweaver–Burk plots for inhibition of tyrosinase in the presence of compound 3j. Concentrations of 3j were 0.00, 0.0077, and 0.0155 µM, respectively.**

### CONCLUSION

In this study, ten novel 3-methoxynaphthalen-1-amine derivatives were synthesised using the Skraup reaction. All the compounds exhibited promising antimicrobial activity. The kinetics study was evaluated for compound 3j by Lineweaver–Burk plots for inhibition of tyrosinase. These compounds could be further modified to develop potential and safer antibacterial agents.

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