**EXP.4**

**Cross aldol condensation**

**Peparation of 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one**

Introduction

Aldol condensations represent an important class of carbon ‐carbon bond formation

reactions both in nature and in synthetic chemistry. Compounds called chalcones

(or chalconoids) can be prepared by the cross aldol condensation of an aromatic ketone

and an aldehyde.

In this experiment 1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-one, obtained through a cross aldol condensation of 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde and Acetophenone, will be synthesized in a one pot reaction.



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**Experimental:**

**Chemicals:**

Acetophenone

Anisaldehyde

50% NaOH

95% Ethanol, C2H5OH

**Materials:**

25 mL Round bottle flask

10 mL graduated cylinder

thermometer

funnel

filter paper

ice bath

Procedure

1. Acetophenon (1mL) and anisaldehyde (1mL) were added to 5 mL 95%ethanol.
2. Add 5 drops sodium hydroxide (50%) solution to mixture for 2 min.
3. The mixture was irradiated by an ultrasonic generator in a water bath at 30-35 oC for (25 min.) turbidity appeared in the mixture.
4. Neutralized with 2N HCl. The solid product formed was filtered, washed with cold water and recrystallized by ethanol.