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## Synthesis, Characterization and Anticancer Activity of polyester Derived from Polyvinyl Alcohol with New Oxazolidine-5-one Derivatives

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### Abstract

In this study, compound [A], an oxime derivative, was synthesized through the reaction of 4-aminoacetophenone with hydroxylamine hydrochloride, using sodium acetate as a catalyst. Subsequently, Schiff bases [A1-A3] were prepared by reacting compound [A] with various aromatic aldehydes in the presence of glacial acetic acid. Acid derivatives containing oxazolidinone ring [A4- A6] were synthesized from the reaction of Schiff bases [A1- A3] with chloroacetic acid. The resulting compounds [A4-A6] reacted with thionyl chloride to produce the corresponding acid chloride [A7-A9]. Polyesters [A10-A12] were produced by reacting polyvinyl alcohol with compounds [A7-A9]. All prepared compounds were characterized using infrared spectroscopy FTIR and nuclear magnetic resonance NMR spectroscopy. Additionally, the anticancer activity of some of the prepared compounds (A10, A12) against liver cancer cell line hepG2 was evaluated in vitro.

**Keywords:** Liver anticancer, Oxazolidinone, Polyester, Polyvinyl alcohol.

## تحضير و تشخيص والفعالية المضادة للسرطان للبولي استر المشتق من البولي فينيل الكحول مع مشتقات الأوكسازوليدينون الجديدة

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### الخلاصة

في هذا الدراسة، تم تحضير مركب مشتق الأوكزيم [A] من تفاعل 4-أمينو أسيتوفينون مع هيدروكسيل أمين هيدروكلوريد بوجود أسيتات الصوديوم كمحفز. بعد ذلك، تم تحضير قواعد شيف [A1-A3] من تفاعل المركب [A] مع الألددهيدات العطرية المختلفة في وجود حامض الخليك الثلجي. تم تحضير مشتقات الحامض التي تحتوي على حلقة أوكسازوليدينون [A4-A6] من تفاعل قواعد شيف مع كلورو حامض الخليك. تم مفاعلة المركبات المحضرة [A4-A6] مع كلوريد الثايونيل لإنتاج كلوريد الحامض المقابل [A7-A9]. تم تحضير البولي استرات [A10-A12] من تفاعل البولي فينيل الكحول مع المركبات [A7-A9].

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شخصت المركبات المحضرة باستخدام مطيافية الاشعة تحت الحمراء ومطيافية الرنين المغناطيسي النووي. تم قياس الفعالية المضادة للسرطان لبعض المركبات المحضرة [A10, A12] ضد خلايا الخط السرطاني للكبد مختبريا.

## 1. Introduction

The oxime functional group is typically formed through condensation of an aldehyde or a ketone, including of steroidal origin, with hydroxylamine to produce aldoximes and ketoximes. These oximes, along with their substituted derivative, display antifungal, antibacterial, antimicrobial, and anticancer activities [1]. Additionally, some compounds that contain both ether and oxime groups have demonstrated anti-HIV and anti-inflammatory effects [2, 3].

Oxazolidinones are heterocyclic compounds containing both oxygen and nitrogen. These compounds play a crucial role in medicinal chemistry, industry, and biological materials and aid in the comprehension of life processes [4,5]. Natural and synthetic oxazolidinone derivatives possess important biological activities; such as anticancer, antibacterial, antifungal, anticonvulsant, anti-inflammatory, antituberculosis, cardiogenic, anti-HIV, antidiabetic, and antihypertensive activity [6,7].

Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) is a synthetic polymer widely used in various fields, including medicine. It is a highly desirable polymer due to its characteristic properties such as biodegradability, biocompatibility, and water solubility. As a hydrogel polymer, PVA exhibits excellent biocompatibility and serves as a non-toxic biological glue for scaffold bonding, cartilage tissue engineering, a cell carrier, and drug delivery systems [8,9]. One of the most important properties of PVA is its hydrophilicity which makes it suitable in medical fields such as contact lenses, drug systems, and prosthetic organs. PVA can undergo various reactions via its hydroxyl group such as acetylation, etherization, and esterification. The reactions of PVA by adding different functional groups may improve its properties chemically, physically, and biologically [10]. Esterification is a well-known chemical reaction. That can eliminate OH groups and create covalent bonds between polymer chains. This process is useful for enhancing the waterproof behavior of hydrophilic polymers such as PVA, starch, and cellulose [11]. This study aims to synthesise, and characterize the polyester derived from PVA and investigate its effects on the HepG2 liver cancer cell line.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1 Material and Instrumentation

All chemicals and solvents were sourced from CDH, Sigma-Aldrich, and Merck companies. TLC plates were supplied by Merck and iodine fumes were utilized for spot identification. The melting point was measured using a thermal melting point apparatus. FTIR data were recorded using a Shimadzu FTIR Spectrophotometer (FTIR-8400S) was used to record data at the University of Baghdad, College of Sciences. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (400 MHz) was employed to obtain the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR data in DMSO- $d_6$ , with chemical shifts measured in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal reference in Iran.

#### 2.1.1 Synthesis of 1-(4-aminophenyl)ethan-1-oneoxime A. [12]

In a round bottom flask, 4-aminoacetophenone (5.5 g, 0.04 mol) was dissolved in 30 mL of ethanol. Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.77 g, 0.04 mol) and sodium acetate as catalyst (3.28 g, 0.04 mol) were dissolved in a mixture of 20 mL ethanol and 5ml of water, which was then gradually added to the round bottom flask. The mixture was refluxed for 6 hrs. Upon

completion of the reflux, the solution was left at room temperature and then added to ice water. The resulting crystals were filtered, dried, and recrystallized using ethanol.

### 2.1.2 Synthesis of compounds A1-A3. [13-15]

Schiff base derivatives A1-A3 were synthesized using the following procedure. First, 0.01 mol of different aromatic aldehydes, namely 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde, 4-bromobenzaldehyde, and 4-nitrobenzaldehyde were dissolved in 15 ml of ethanol. A few drops of glacial acetic acid were added to the solution, which was then stirred for several minutes. Next, 0.01 mol of compound A was introduced to the mixture, and the reaction was refluxed for 8-12 hrs. After cooling, the solvent was evaporated, and the resulting product underwent recrystallization using a suitable solvent.

### 2.1.3 Synthesis of compounds A4-A6. [16-19]

To synthesize A4-A6 compounds, the products (A1-A3) (0.01 mol) were first dissolved in DMF (20 mL) with triethylamine. The resulting mixture was stirred in a round flask. Then, chloroacetic acid (0.02 mol) was then gradually added to the mixture and refluxed for 20-24 hrs. The reaction was monitored by TLC using hexane: ethyl acetate (1:2) as the solvent. Finally, the solvent was evaporated and the products were washed with dry ether.

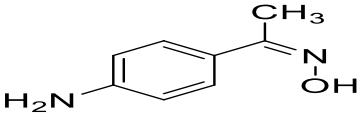
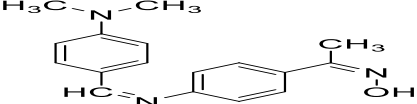
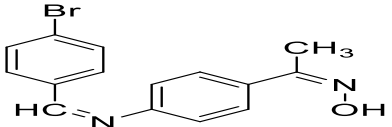
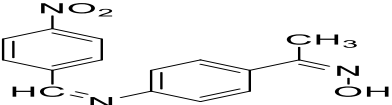
### 2.1.4 Synthesis of compounds ( A7-A9). [21-23]

Compounds A4-A6 (0.002 mol) were dissolved in 25 ml of DMF while kept in an ice bath. An excess amount of thionyl chloride was added drop by drop, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hrs. with reflux. After that, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting product was washed with dry ether. The physical properties of the resulting product can be found in Table 1.

### 2.1.5 Synthesis of compounds ( A10-A12). [10]

PVA derivatives A10-A12 were synthesized by dissolving PVA (0.01 mmol) in (25 mL) DMSO. A few drops of triethyl amine were added to the solution, which was stirred for 10 minutes before adding the compounds (A7-A9) (0.01 mmol) and reflux for 24 hrs. The solvent was then evaporated and washed with acetone.

**Table 1:** Some of the physical properties of the prepared compounds A- A12

| No. | Compound structure                                                                  | Molecular formula and M.W(g/mol)                                        | m.p.(°C) | Colour       | Yield (%) |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| A   |  | C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O,<br>150.18              | 128-130  | off white    | 70        |
| A1  |  | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O<br>281.36              | 246-248  | light yellow | 84        |
| A2  |  | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O<br>317.19            | 196-198  | off white    | 70        |
| A3  |  | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub><br>283.29 | 220-222  | yellow       | 76        |

|     |  |                                    |         |       |    |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|---------|-------|----|
| A4  |  | $C_{21}H_{23}N_3O_5$<br>397.43     | gummy   | brown | 57 |
| A5  |  | $C_{19}H_{17}BrN_2O_5$<br>433.26   | 157-159 | brown | 63 |
| A6  |  | $C_{19}H_{17}N_3O_7$<br>399.36     | oily    | brown | 66 |
| A7  |  | $C_{21}H_{22}ClN_3O_4$<br>415.87   | gummy   | brown | 64 |
| A8  |  | $C_{19}H_{16}BrClN_2O_4$<br>451.70 | 189-191 | brown | 57 |
| A9  |  | $C_{19}H_{16}ClN_3O_6$<br>417.80   | oily    | brown | 66 |
| A10 |  | $C_{25}H_{31}N_3O_5$<br>453.23     | Rubbery | brown | 93 |
| A11 |  | $C_{23}H_{25}BrN_2O_5$<br>489.37   | Rubbery | brown | 90 |
| A12 |  | $C_{23}H_{25}N_3O_7$<br>455.47     | Rubbery | brown | 87 |

## 2.2 Cytotoxic Effect of compounds A10 and A12

An in vitro study was conducted to evaluate the impact of compounds A10 and A12 on the HepG2 cell line.

### 2.2. 1 Cell Line Maintenance. [24]

A layer of cells is formed in a vessel by following these steps:

1. Remove the growth medium and wash the cell sheet with PBS.
2. Add 2-3 ml of Trypsin/versine solution to the cells and gently rock the vessel to ensure that the entire cell layer is covered.
3. Incubate the vessel at 37°C for 1 to 2 minutes to help detach the cells from the surface.
4. Next, add fresh complete RPMI medium (15-20ml) to disperse the cells into the growth medium using pipetting.
5. Culture cells based on required concentration and incubate them in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator at 37°C.
6. Determine the cell concentration by counting the cells using a hemocytometer. The formula used for the total cell count per ml is cell count  $\times$  dilution factor  $\times 10^4$ .

### 2.2.2 MTT Assay

This study aimed to evaluate the cytotoxic effects of various concentrations (25, 50, 100, 200, and 400  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) of green synthetic nanoparticles loaded on *S. officinalis*. To achieve this, MTT kit includes 10 vials of 1ml and 2 bottles of 50ml of solubilization solution.

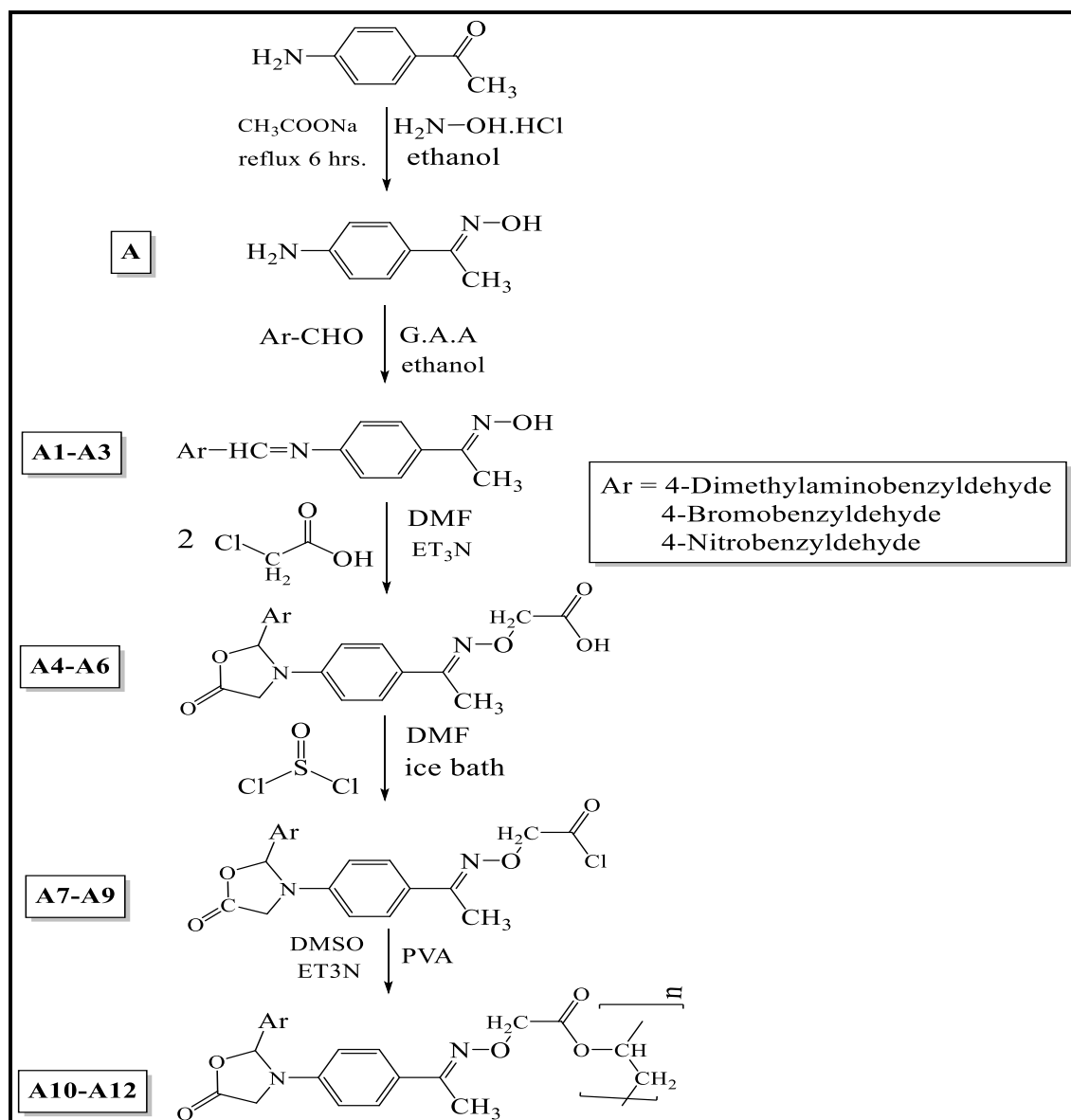
#### 2.2.2.1 Assay [24]

Cancer cells with 200 $\mu\text{L}$  of complete culture medium per well and a concentration range of 1x10<sup>4</sup>–1x10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml were cultured in 96 flat well micro-titer plates. Sterilized parafilm was used to cover the microplate with gently shaken. Following a 24-hour incubation period at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, the plates were treated with serially diluted concentrations of compounds A10 and A12, ranging from 25 to 400  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , which were added to the respective wells. Each concentration, including cells treated with serum-free medium (controls), was Triplicated. Then cells were incubated for 24 hours at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Further incubation for 4 hours at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> after adding solution to each well of 10 $\mu\text{L}$  of MTT.

After the incubation, the media was removed, and 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of dissolution solution was added to each well. The plates were then left for 5 min. Subsequently, an ELISA reader was used to measure the optical density at a wavelength of 575nm. The concentration of compounds needed for a 50% reduction in cell viability for each cell line was determined by statistically analyzing the data.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1 Synthesis of compounds A- A12

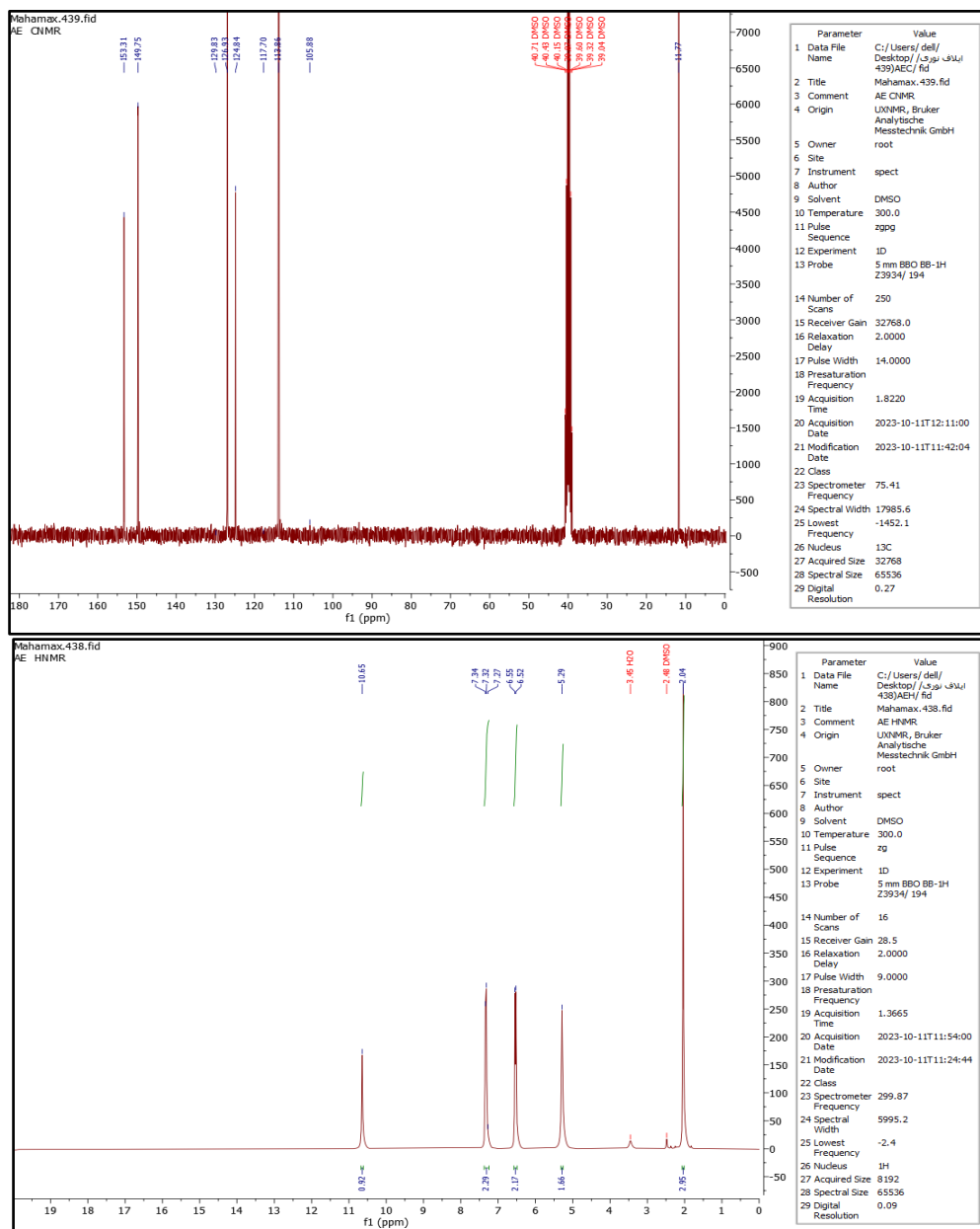


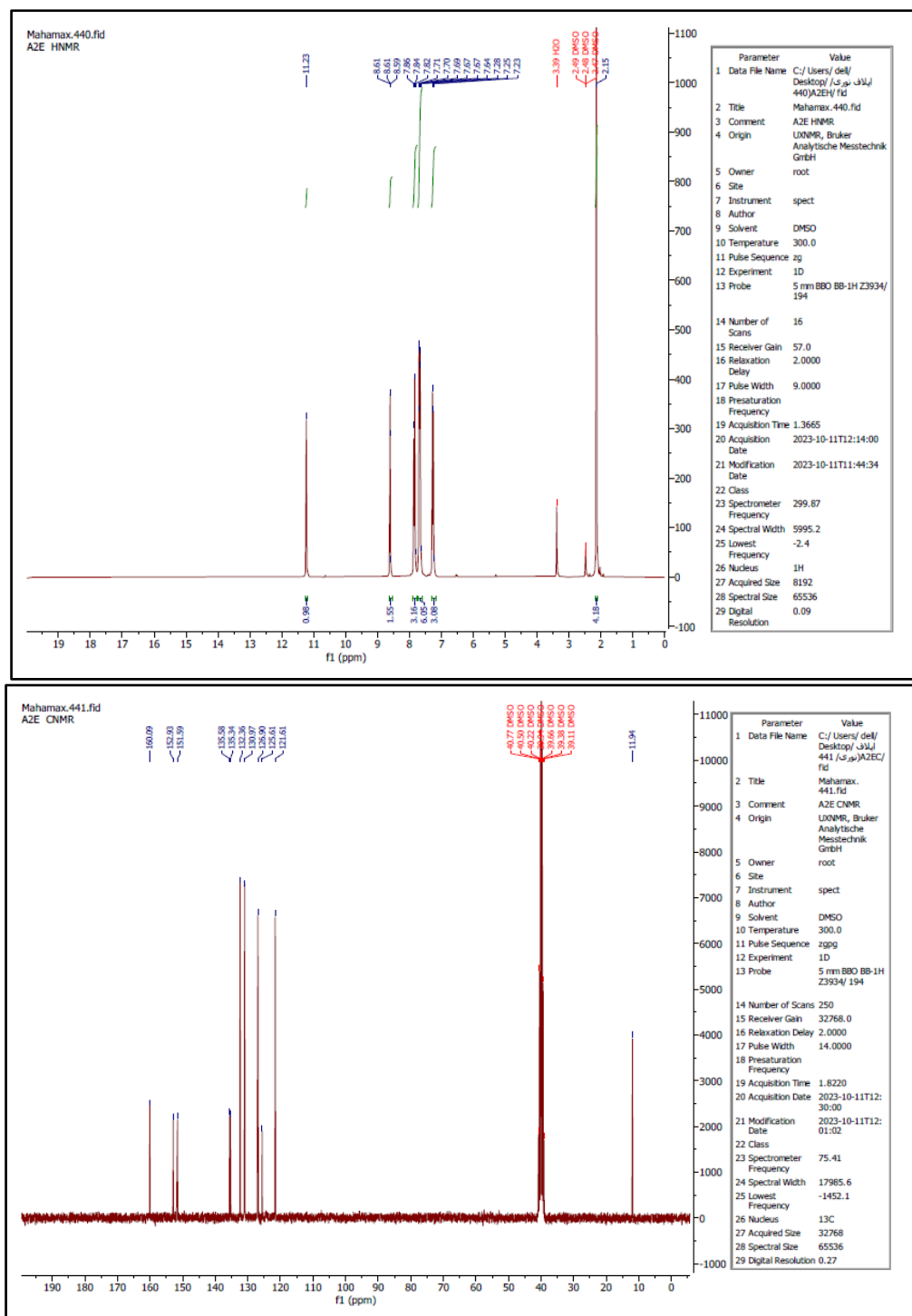
**Scheme 1: Synthesis of compounds A- A12**

Compound [A], an oxime derivative, was synthesised by reacting 4-aminoacetophenone with hydroxylamine hydrochloride, using sodium acetate as catalysts. In the next step, compound [A] was reacted with various aromatic aldehydes in the presence of glacial acetic acid to produce Schiff bases [A1-A3]. The data obtained from FTIR spectroscopy demonstrated that the stretching peaks of the hydroxyl group of oxime (OH-) were located in the range of 3228-3222  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . After the disappearance of the  $\text{NH}_2$  band, new peaks attributed to  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  appeared in the 1623-1583 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum analysis of [A2, A3] showed individual signals at (7.34, 8.61) ppm for the imine bond ( $-\text{CH}=\text{N}$ ) of Schiff bases. Several signals were detected in the range of 8.61 to 6.52 ppm, attributed to the  $\text{HC}=\text{CH}$  aromatic protons. The compounds A2 and A3 showed signals at 153.31 and 160.09 ppm for the imine bond ( $\text{C}=\text{N}$ ) of Schiff bases. Signals at 113 and 152 ppm were observed for  $\text{C}=\text{C}$  aromaticity in The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum. Overall, these results demonstrate the successful synthesis of Schiff bases [A1-A3] from compound [A].

**Table 2:** Shows the FTIR spectral data ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for (A-A3).

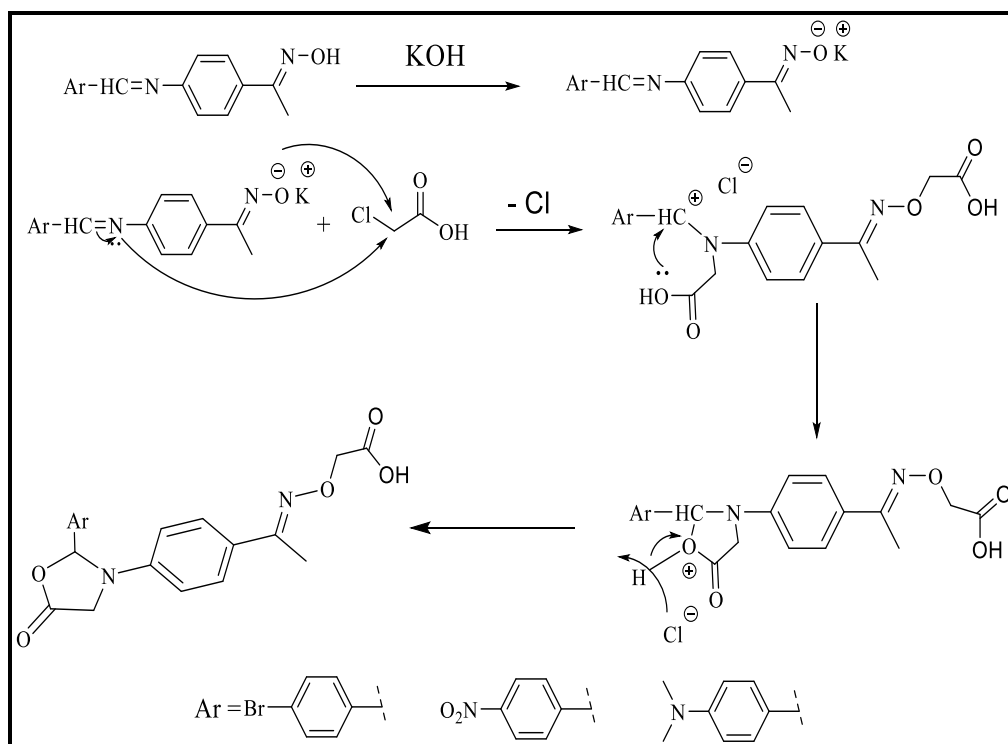
| Comp. No. | O-H Oxime | C-H Aromatic | C-H Aliphatic | C=N Oxime | C=N Imine | C=C Aromatic  | Other bands                                          |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| A         | 3217      | 3066         | 2908,<br>2854 | 1606      |           | 1514,<br>1479 | 3353<br>3296<br>NH <sub>2</sub>                      |
| A1        | 3224      | 3132<br>3089 | 2900,<br>2858 | 1585      | 1610      | 1548,<br>1529 |                                                      |
| A2        | 3222      | 3132<br>3085 | 2923,<br>2883 | 1583      | 1623      | 1560,<br>1502 |                                                      |
| A3        | 3228      | 3037         | 2933,<br>2891 | 1598      | 1620      | 1583          | 1517 Asymmetric<br>1340 Symmetric<br>NO <sub>2</sub> |

Figure 1: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound A2



**Figure 2:**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of compound A3

Acid derivatives are produced by reacting prepared Schiff bases [A1-A3] with two equivalents of chloroacetic acid to produce [A4-A6]. The general mechanism of this reaction is shown in Scheme -2- [19, 20].

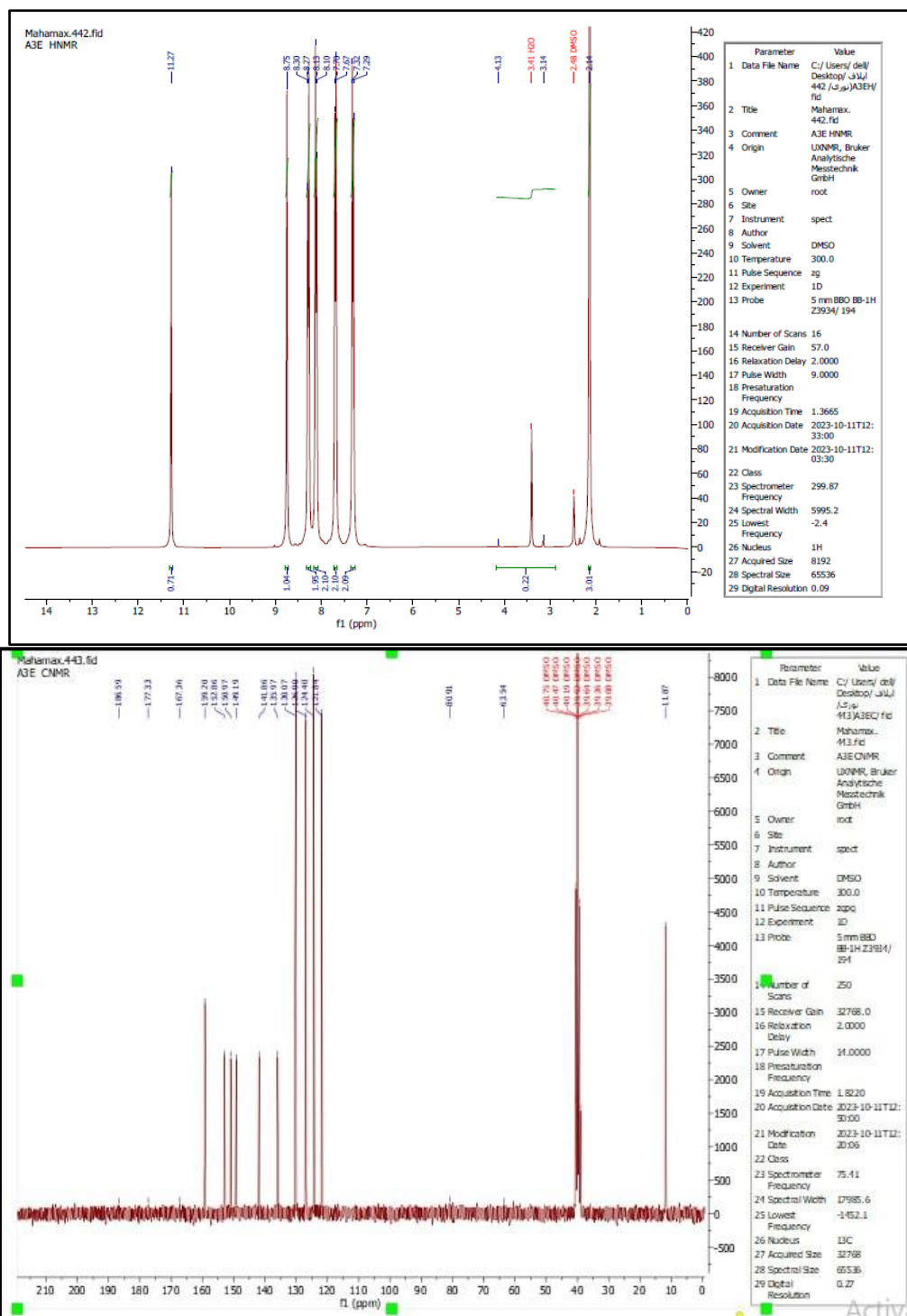


**Scheme 2: The general mechanism of synthesizers [A4-A6]**

The FT-IR results confirm the successful formation of the desired compounds, indicated by the presence of the hydroxyl group of the carboxylic acid in the range of (3429-2771)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The appearance of new C=O peaks of cyclic ester and acid in the regions 1739 and 1710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and the disappearance of the imine bond (C=N) peaks for Schiff bases. The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of compound A6 also showed individual signals at 3.14 and 4.13 ppm belonging to the  $\text{CH}_2\text{CO}$  for acid,  $\text{CH}_2$  of the cyclic ester, respectively, and a signal appearing at 11.27 ppm belonging to the OH of the carboxylic acid derivative. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum exhibited a signal at 177.33 ppm, which was attributed to the carbon atom of the carboxylic acid group (C-OH).

**Table 3:** shows FTIR spectral data ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for (A4-A6).

| Comp. No. | O-H Carboxylic acid | C-H Aromatic | C-H Aliphatic | C=O Ester | C=O Acid | C=N Oxime | C=C Aromatic | Other bands                                           |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| A4        | 3400-2779           | 3024         | 2972<br>2854  | 1731      | 1710     | 1596      | 1546         |                                                       |
| A5        | 3429-2773           | 3026         | 2966<br>2860  | 1739      | 1713     | 1600      | 1517<br>1465 |                                                       |
| A6        | 3400-2771           | 3107<br>3051 | 2943<br>2866  | 1735      | 1719     | 1596      | Overlap      | 1519 Asymmetric,<br>1344 Symmetric<br>NO <sub>2</sub> |



**Figure 3:  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of compound A6**

The compounds [A4-A6] were reacted with thionyl chloride to produce the corresponding acid chloride[A7- A9]. The FTIR results showed the presence of an acetyl chloride group band at  $1784\text{ cm}^{-1}$  with the disappearance of the acid hydroxyl band. Acid chloride derivatives [A7-A9] were introduced by reacting with polyvinyl alcohol to produce modified polyvinyl alcohol [A10-A12]. The FTIR spectroscopic analysis revealed the formation of a new ester group in the compounds, as evidenced by the appearance of new absorption bands at  $1733\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1722\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , accompanied by the disappearance of the acid chloride band at  $1784\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of compound A10 displayed a signal at 3.24 ppm, attributable to the  $\text{CH}_2$  group in the ester, and a signal at 9.98 ppm, corresponding to the OH group in PVA. The  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR

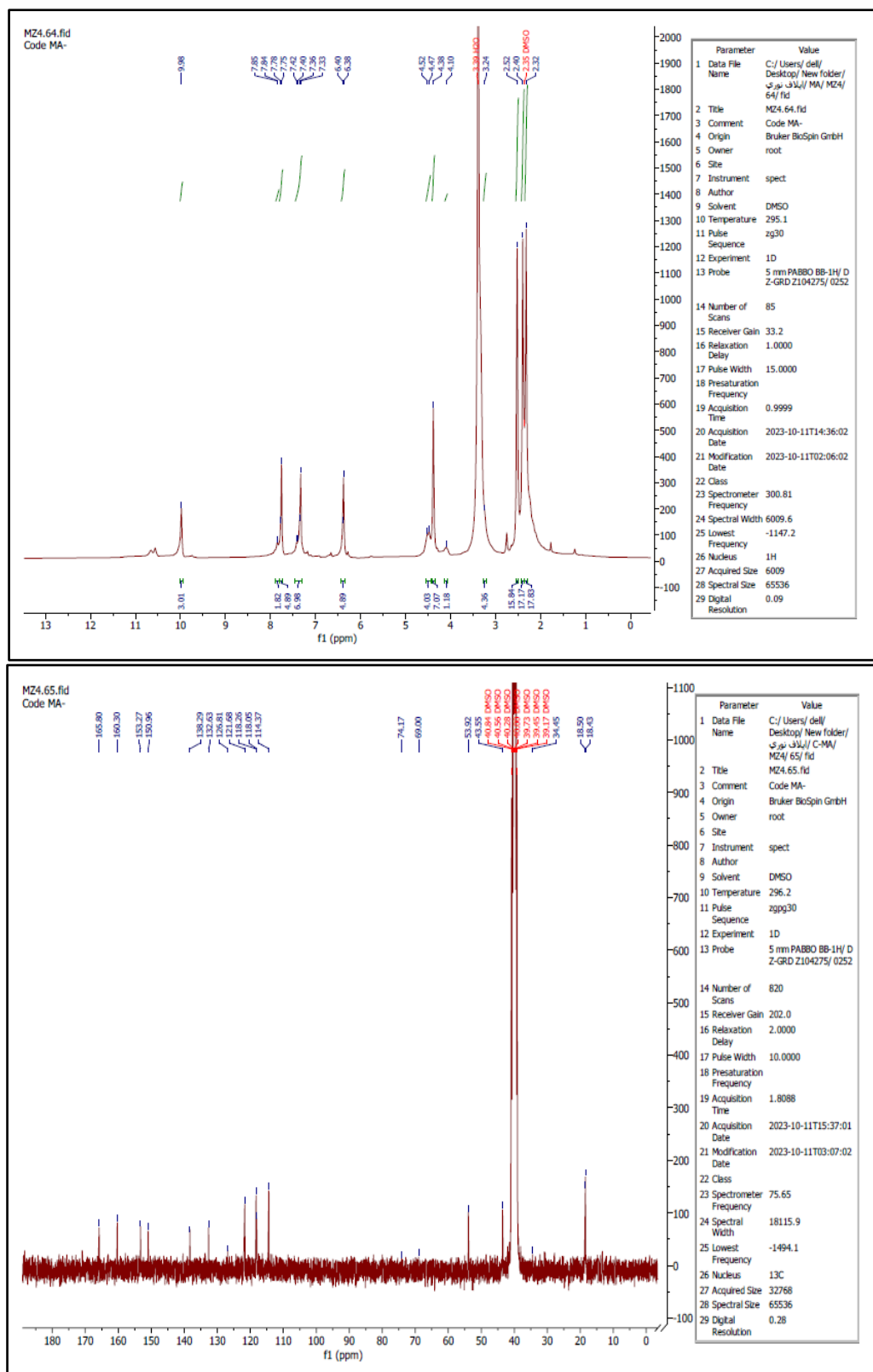
spectrum of A10 displayed signals at 34.45 ppm and 60.00 ppm, which are associated with -CH<sub>2</sub> and -CH in PVA, providing strong evidence for the formation of [A10-A12] compounds. All Synthesized compounds A- A12 are shown in Scheme 1.

**Table 4:** shows FT-IR spectral data ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>) for (A7-A9).

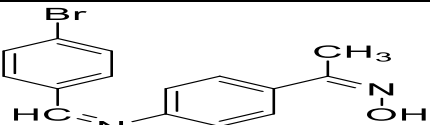
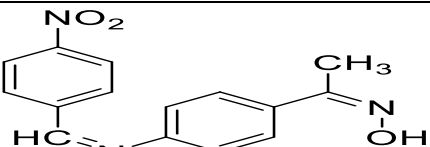
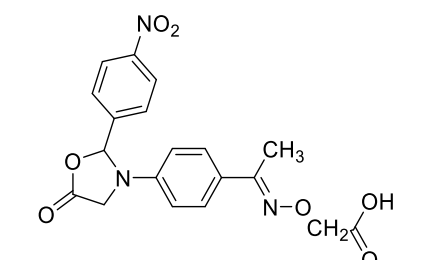
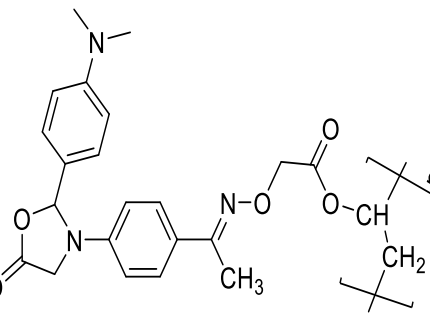
| Comp. No. | C-H Aromatic | C-H Aliphatic | C=O Acetyl chloride | C=O Ester | C=N Oxime | C=C Aromatic                          |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| A7        | 3022         | 2977, 2891    | 1784                | 1735      | 1589      | 1527, 1469<br>CH <sub>2</sub> bending |
| A8        | 3024         | 2977, 2889    | 1784                | 1724      | 1589      | 1533, 1469<br>CH <sub>2</sub> bending |
| A9        | 3024         | 2977, 2889    | 1784                | 1735      | 1589      | 1537, 1471<br>CH <sub>2</sub> bending |

**Table 5:** shows FT-IR spectral data ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>) for (A10-A12).

| Comp. No. | C-H Aromatic | C-H Aliphatic | C=O Ester(Oxa, poly) | C=N Oxime       | C=C Aromatic                          | (C-O-C) |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| A10       | 3234<br>3016 | 2964<br>2931  | Overlap<br>1722      | Overlap<br>1629 | 1508, 1463<br>CH <sub>2</sub> bending | 1124    |
| A11       | 3238<br>3213 | 2983          | Overlap<br>1733      | 1612            | 1510, 1467<br>CH <sub>2</sub> bending | 1191    |
| A12       | 3176<br>3022 | 2977          | Overlap<br>1731      | 1591            | 1529, 1469<br>CH <sub>2</sub> bending | 1124    |



**Table 6:** shows NMR spectral data ( $\delta$ , ppm)

| Comp. No. | Structure                                                                          | $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectral data ( $\delta$ ppm)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectral data ( $\delta$ ppm)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A2        |   | 2.04 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>6.52-7.32 (8H, s, Ar-H ),<br>7.34 (1H, s, $\text{-CH=N}$ ),<br>10.65 (1H, s, $\text{-OH}$ ).                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11.77 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>113.86-149.75 (12C, Ar-C), 153.31 ( $\text{-CH=N}$ ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| A3        |   | 2.15 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>7.23-8.61 (8H, Ar-H ),<br>8.61 (1H, s, $\text{-CH=N}$ ),<br>11.23 (1H, s, $\text{-OH}$ ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 11.94 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>121.61-152.93 (12C, Ar-C), 160.09 ( $\text{-CH=N}$ ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| A6        |   | 2.14 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>3.14 (2H, s, $\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-COOH}$ ), 4.13 (2H, s, $\text{-CO-CH}_2\text{-N}$ oxazolidinone),<br>7.29-8.75 (8H, Ar-H ),<br>7.32 (1H, s, CH in ring oxazolidinone), 11.27 (1H, s, $\text{-COOH}$ ).                                                                                                | 11.47 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>63.54 ( $\text{-OCH}_2\text{-COOH}$ ), 80.91 ( $\text{-CO-CH}_2\text{-N}$ ), 93.90 (CH oxazolidinone), 121.04 – 159.20 (12C, Ar-C), 167.36 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ), 177.33 ( $\text{COOH}$ ), 186.59 (C=O ring).                                                                                                                                            |
| A10       |  | 2.32 (3H, s, $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>2.52 (6H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{-N}$ ),<br>3.24 (2H, s, $\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-COO-R}$ ), 4.10 (2H, s, $\text{-CO-CH}_2\text{-N}$ in oxazolidinone ring), 4.47-4.52 (1H, t, $\text{-CH}$ in polymer ), 6.52 (1H, s, $\text{-CH}$ in oxazolidinone ring), 7.33-7.85 (8H, Ar-H ), 9.98 (1H, s, OH -PVA). | 18.43 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ),<br>34.45 ( $\text{-CH}_2$ in polymer ), 43.55 $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{-N}$ ,<br>53.92 ( $\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-COO-R}$ ), 60.00 ( $\text{-CH}$ in polymer ), 74.17 ( $\text{-CO-CH}_2\text{-N}$ in oxazolidinone ring),<br>114.37 ( $\text{-CH}$ in oxazolidinone ring),<br>118.26-153.27 (12C, Ar-C), 165.80 ( $\text{CH}_3\text{-C=N}$ ), 170.94 ( $\text{-COOR}$ ). |

### 3.2. Anticancer cell line [25, 26]

The objective of this research is to develop a new compound that can effectively treat liver cancer. The study analyzed the effects of two compounds, A10 and A12, on human hepatocellular carcinoma (hepG2) cells through experiments analysis. After 24 hours of incubation, the cytotoxic effects of samples A10 and A12 were assessed on both hepG2 and normal cells, with the results presented in Tables 7 and 8. The findings indicated that between the two compounds, A10 is more effective against hepG2 liver cancer cells. The evaluated cytotoxic effect of A10 and A12 on hepG2 hepatocellular carcinoma cell lines using the MTT assay. An assay was conducted to determine cell viability and cancer cell line inhibition rate using varying compound concentrations (25-400  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), as shown in Tables 7 and 8. The results indicated that as the concentration of compounds A10 and A12 increased, cell viability decreased. The most significant decrease in HepG2 cell viability ( $39.96\% \pm 2.75\%$ ) was observed when treated with compound A10 at a concentration of 400  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , while the highest hepG2 cell viability was measured at 25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  ( $94.36 \pm 0.67$ ). The synthetic compounds exhibited significantly potent cytotoxic activity, with an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of 113.3  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ . In contrast, the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of A10 on the normal cell line WRL68 was 237  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  (Figure 1). The highest viability of hepG2 cells was observed at 25  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  ( $94.67 \pm 0.60$ ), while the maximum decrease in compound A12 in hepG2 cell viability (%) was seen at 400  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  ( $72.87 \pm 4.78$ ). The synthetic

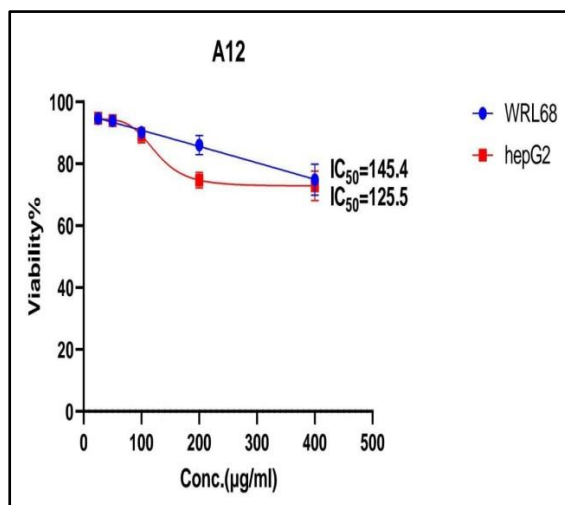
compounds exhibited the highest cytotoxic activity, with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 125.5  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ , which showed an  $IC_{50}$  of 145.4  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  on the normal WRL68 cell line (Figure 2).

**Table 7:** displays the cytotoxicity effects of compound A10 on HepG2 and WRL68 cells after (24 hrs.) of incubation at 37°C.

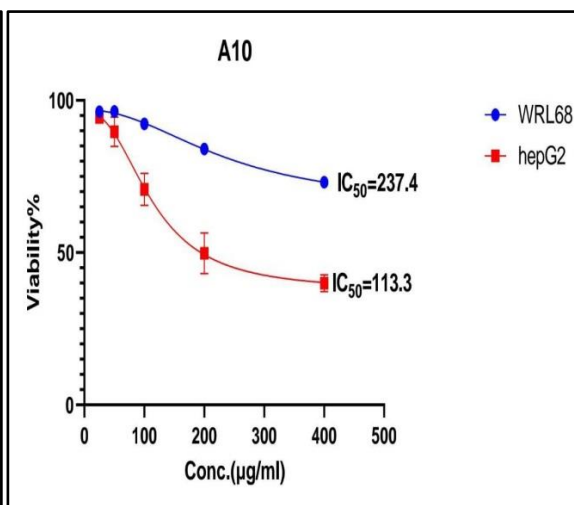
| Conc.<br>( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) | WRL68<br>mean $\pm$ S.D | hepG2<br>mean $\pm$ S.D |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 400                           | 73.14 $\pm$ 1.13        | 39.96 $\pm$ 2.75        |
| 200                           | 84.02 $\pm$ 1.25        | 49.76 $\pm$ 6.65        |
| 100                           | 92.28 $\pm$ 0.99        | 70.79 $\pm$ 5.26        |
| 50                            | 96.33 $\pm$ 0.40        | 89.73 $\pm$ 4.82        |
| 25                            | 96.29 $\pm$ 0.87        | 94.36 $\pm$ 0.67        |

**Table 8:** displays the cytotoxicity effects of compound A12 on HepG2 and WRL68 cells after (24 hrs.) of incubation at 37°C.

| Conc.<br>( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) | WRL68<br>mean $\pm$ S.D | hepG2<br>mean $\pm$ S.D |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 400                           | 74.88 $\pm$ 5.00        | 72.87 $\pm$ 4.78        |
| 200                           | 86.07 $\pm$ 3.07        | 74.69 $\pm$ 2.55        |
| 100                           | 90.08 $\pm$ 1.04        | 89.19 $\pm$ 2.41        |
| 50                            | 93.86 $\pm$ 1.10        | 93.98 $\pm$ 0.53        |
| 25                            | 94.63 $\pm$ 0.48        | 94.67 $\pm$ 0.60        |



**Figure 2:** The cytotoxicity effect of compound A12 on HepG2 and WRL68 cells measured after a 24-hour incubation at 37°C.



**Figure 1:** The cytotoxicity effect of compound A10 on HepG2 and WRL68 cells measured after a 24-hrs. incubation at 37°C.

## Conclusion

In this work, the anticancer activities of the synthesised modified polyvinyl alcohol were examined. The obtained compounds were characterized using FT-IR and NMR spectroscopy. The anticancer activity against the hepG2 Liver cancer Cell line was evaluated. The results indicated that compound A10 exhibited greater anticancer activity than compound A12.

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