

CARBON-13 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTRA OF 2-ARYLIDENE-
3(2H)-BENZOFURANONES

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Abstract- ^{13}C -NMR spectra of a variety of 2-arylidene-3(2H)-benzofuranones are reported. Are examined the chemical shifts and is discussed the way in which the substituent effects can be used for elucidation of structure.

In a previous paper¹ we reported some spectroscopic data of ^{13}C -NMR in order to compare the flavonolic compounds and the 2-arylidene-3(2H)-benzofuranones (aurones).

The object of the present paper is to extend the study to the ^{13}C -NMR spectra of aurones, hydroxylated or methoxylated, which are interesting because they can be more frequently found in nature. For this purpose we have prepared two series of compounds (compounds 1 to 6 and 7 to 11). Within each series, the various compounds differ in the substituents ($-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_2\text{OCH}_3$) attached to ring B.

By oxidation from chalcones (14 and 15) we have also obtained two new thienyldene-substituted compounds (12 and 13) (Table I). From table II it appears that the introduction of substituent C1 into the ring B (compounds 1, 2, 3, 4) causes upfield shifts on $=\text{CH}$ increasing from para to meta to ortho chloro substituent; it also appears that the effect of this substituent causes a similar effect on C-2 but downfield.

We have noted that when a methoxy-group is introduced at C-7 of the ring A (compounds 6 and 11) the signals of carbon atoms of the ring C are hardly affected. On this basis, it is not unreasonable to compare compounds 2, 5 and 7; it can be observed that whenever ortho-substitution is involved we have similar effects on the chemical shifts of the exocyclic olefinic carbon atom ($=\text{CH}$) (compare also compounds 3 and 8). Likewise, inspection of the spectral data of com-

pounds 6, 9, 10 and 11 shows that because of the effects of the substituent the chemical shift of =CH is moved upfield and that of C-2 is moved downfield, -OH being more effective than -OCH₂OCH₃.

Even greater upfield shifts are obtained by introducing a thienyl-ring at =CH (compounds 12 and 13).

It is known from literature^{2,3} that the introduction of a methoxy substituent at C-6 of the ring A has a remarkable effect on the chemical shift of C-3 (signals move from 184.5 to 182.6 ppm). Because of the introduction of a -OCH₃ group at C-4 we notice a further change in the chemical shift of the carbonyl carbon in the range 181.25 to 179.91.

The chemical shifts of ¹H-NMR are listed in table III.

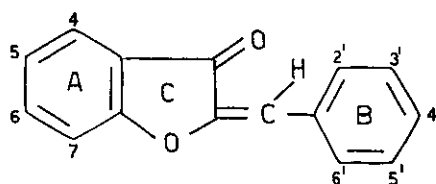
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The chalcones and aurones reported here were prepared by known methods⁴.

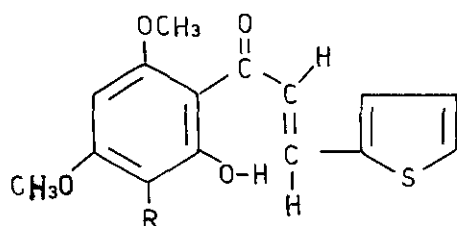
Satisfactory elemental analyses for newly synthesised compounds were obtained.

The melting points were determined with a Büchi apparatus and are uncorrected.

TABLE I

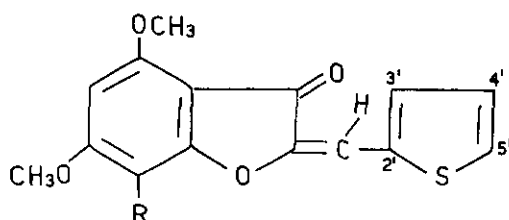


Substituents	Melting point(°C)	References
<u>1</u> 4,6,7-Tri-OMe	185-186 *	4,6
<u>2</u> 4,6,7-Tri-OMe-2'-Cl	205-206 **	5
<u>3</u> 4,6,7-Tri-OMe-3'-Cl	203-204 **	5
<u>4</u> 4,6,7-Tri-OMe-4'-Cl	245-246 **	5
<u>5</u> 4,6,7,2'-Tetra-OMe	193-194 *	4
<u>6</u> 4,6,7,3',5'-Penta-OMe-4'-OH	214-215 *	7
<u>7</u> 4,6-Di-OMe-2'-OCH ₂ OCH ₃	184-185 *	8
<u>8</u> 4,6-Di-OMe-3'-OCH ₂ OCH ₃	138-140 *	8
<u>9</u> 4,6,3'-Tri-OMe-4'-OCH ₂ OCH ₃	138-140 *	8
<u>10</u> 4,6,3',5'-Tetra-OMe-4'-OCH ₂ OCH ₃	167-168 *	8
<u>11</u> 4,6,3',5'-Tetra-OMe-4'-OH	232-235 *	8



14 R=OCH₃, mp 117-118°C

15 R=H, mp 120-121°C



12 R=OCH₃, mp 176-177°C

13 R=H, mp 193-194°C

* The mps are identical to those reported in literature.

** No value available in literature.

TABLE II. ^{13}C CHEMICAL SHIFTS

Compounds	2	3	4	5	6	7	7a	3a	=CH
<u>1</u>	147.82*	181.25*	158.40*	91.14**	155.05*130.78*	160.83*	128.30*	110.92**	
<u>2</u>	148.68	180.26	158.21	91.35	155.21	130.69	161.04	127.98	105.89
<u>3</u>	148.39	180.41	158.16	91.31	155.14	131.87	161.10	128.05	109.03
<u>4</u>	148.03	180.46	158.18	91.25	155.17	135.39	161.07	128.06	109.44
<u>5</u>	147.82	180.67	158.69	91.16	154.98	131.29	160.53	121.70	105.04
<u>6</u>	146.88	180.44	158.19	91.03	155.04	138.73	160.62	127.84	111.78
<u>7</u>	148.10	180.61	159.51	94.09	169.01	89.33**168.87	122.50	104.81	
<u>8</u>	148.09	180.60	159.57	94.19	169.17	89.43	169.09	129.70	110.46
<u>9</u>	147.91	180.53	159.53	94.08	168.87	89.31	168.87	127.10	110.96
<u>10</u>	147.48	180.47	159.57	94.15	168.96	89.36	168.96	128.48	110.97
<u>11</u>	146.91	180.46	159.52	94.08	168.79	89.31	168.79	127.81	111.58
<u>12</u>	146.20	179.83	157.55	91.24	154.77	135.79*	160.53	128.07	104.88
<u>13</u>	146.42	179.91	159.44	94.24	168.93	89.44**168.68	127.62	104.79	
	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'	OCH ₂	OCH ₃	
<u>1</u>	132.63*	131.16**	128.87**	129.49**	128.87**	131.16**	=	56.54;56.77;61.44	
								(C-6,4,7).	
<u>2</u>	130.76	135.60*	129.98	130.08	127.06	131.85	=	56.64;56.78;61.46	
								(C-6,4,7).	
<u>3</u>	134.42	130.71**	134.81*	129.21	130.04	129.12	=	56.58;56.82;61.40	
								(C-6,4,7)	
<u>4</u>	131.18	132.23	129.18**	135.33*	129.18	132.23	=	56.58;56.78;61.46	
								(C-6,4,7)	
<u>5</u>	131.29	154.98*	110.84	130.92**	120.91	131.60	=	55.67;56.57;56.76	
								61.35(C-2',6,4,7)	
<u>6</u>	124.08	108.39*	147.23*	108.59*	147.23*	108.39	=	56.29;56.52;56.76	
								61.18(C-3',5',6,4,7)	
<u>7</u>	122.50	156.48*	114.62**	130.75**	121.96**	131.59	94.86(T)	56.08;56.24;56.32	
								(3-OCH ₃)	
<u>8</u>	134.00	118.86**	157.55*	117.30	129.78	124.99	94.67	56.14;56.27(3-OCH ₃)	

TABLE II. Continued

	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'	OCH ₂	OCH ₃
<u>9</u>	127.10*	116.18**	149.79*	147.18*	114.42**	125.07**	95.37	56.25; 56.11 (4-OCH ₃)
<u>10</u>	128.48	108.71	153.48	108.39	153.48*	108.71	98.37	56.25; 57.19 (5-OCH ₃)
<u>11</u>	124.10	108.57	147.24	108.80	147.24	108.57	=	56.14; 56.25; 56.49(4-OCH ₃)
<u>12</u>	=	135.79*	132.11**	127.87**	130.67**	=	=	56.51; 56.80; 61.31(C-6,4,7)
<u>13</u>	=	135.84	132.05	127.86	130.57	=	=	56.15; 56.26 (C-6,4)

*singlet; ** doublet. The carbon signals of methoxy-groups are quartet.

In CDCl₃, ppm from TMS. Spectra were determined on a Varian FT-80A spectrometer (20 MHz). All the assignments were confirmed by off-resonance experiments.

TABLE III. ^1H -NMR DATA

Compounds	=CH	H-5	H-7	Ar-H	Ar-OR
<u>1</u>	6.78*	6.21*	=	7.35-7.90(m, 3H)	3.94 4.04(2s, 3-OCH ₃)
<u>2</u>	7.27	6.21	=	8.35(H-3', dd 8.0, 2.5) 7.28-7.70(m, 3H)	4.0(s, 3-OCH ₃)
<u>3</u>	6.75	6.20	=	8.0(H-2', br W 1/2 4.0) 7.28-7.90(m, 3H)	4.02 4.10(2s, 3-OCH ₃)
<u>4</u>	6.75	6.20	=	7.45 7.82(2d, 8.0, 4H)	3.98 4.00(2s, 3-OCH ₃)
<u>5</u>	7.45	6.27	=	8.38(H-3', dd, 8.0, 2.0) 6.85-7.70(m, 3H)	3.95 4.0 4.06(3s, 4-OCH ₃)
<u>6</u>	6.72	6.20	=	7.23(s, 2H)	3.98 4.0 4.02(3s, 5-OCH ₃)
<u>7</u>	7.40	6.18**	6.42**	8.70(H-3', dd, 7.0, 1.5) 7.0-7.50(m, 3H)	3.52 5.30(2s, OCH ₂ OCH ₃) 3.90 3.98(2s, 2-OCH ₃)
<u>8</u>	6.80	6.20	6.42	7.0-7.80(m, 4H)	3.52 5.28(2s, OCH ₂ OCH ₃) 3.92 3.98(2s, 2-OCH ₃)
<u>9</u>	6.80	6.20	6.42	7.15-7.60(m, 3H)	3.55 5.32(2s, OCH ₂ OCH ₃) 3.96 3.98(2s, 3-OCH ₃)
<u>10</u>	6.78	6.22	6.42	7.22(s, 2H)	3.65 5.28(2s, OCH ₂ OCH ₃) 3.98 4.02(2s, 4-OCH ₃)
<u>11</u>	6.78	6.22	6.44	7.22(s, 2H)	3.98 4.00(2s, 4-OCH ₃)
<u>12</u>	7.18	6.27*	=	7.21(H-4', dd, 4.2, 5.3) 7.40-7.70(m, 2H)	4.02 4.15(2s, 3-OCH ₃)
<u>13</u>	7.10	6.10**	6.32	7.15(H-4', dd, 4.2, 5.3)	3.94 3.97(2s, 2-OCH ₃)

*singlet; **doublet, $J=2.0$; $\int$ in CDCl_3 (J values in Hz).

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