

Synthesis and Characterization of Some New Azetidines and Azetidine-2-Ones

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Abstract

This study is concerned with the synthesis and characterization of azetidiane derivatives. These compounds were prepared by reacting alkyl halides with (imines) by heating at 70-60°C in ethanol with moderate yields (51-75%). Also prepared azetidine-2- from Schiff base with ketene in Et₃N in ethenol Spectroscopic studies using IR, ¹H-NMR, ¹³C-NMR, and Mass spectra.

Keywords: Azetidine ; imines; synthesis; NMR spectroscopy ,Azetidine-2-one

1. Introduction

One of the most significant substructures in pharmaceuticals is the azetidine motif, which can be found in a variety of approved medications including antibiotics¹, kinases² (such as baricitinib, cobimetinib, and itacitinib), and other compound classes³ (such as thrombin inhibitors like ximelagatran/melagatran and Cachannel blockers like azelnidipine.

The azetidine group can rigidify an acyclic counterpart, restrict its conformation⁴, and produce compounds with improved pharmacokinetic or toxicity profiles⁵. Studies have also shown that incorporating azetidines into pharmaceutically applicable scaffolds can enhance pharmacokinetic properties and metabolic stability⁶⁻⁷.

Given that they are widely used in numerous chemistry-related sectors, nitrogen heterocycles are valuable and of significant interest (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Azetidine ring

A cyclic amide is a lactam⁸. It is so named because, in relation to the carbonyl, the nitrogen atom is connected to the -carbon atom..The most straightforward -lactam is 2-azetidinone.

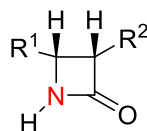


Figure 2. azetidine-2-one

The term "beta-lactam antibiotics" refers to a class of antibiotics that comprises all chemical structures such as penicillin, penams, cephalosporins, cephems, monobactams, and carbapenems⁹.

Experimental part

The ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded using VARIAN spectrophotometer (500 MHz), the ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded using VARIAN spectrophotometer (75 MHz). The chemical shift values are expressed in δ(ppm), using

tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard and d₆-DMSO as the solvent.

General Procedure for preparation of azetidine from the reaction of the amine with the alkyl halide

The general method for preparing azetidine is to mix the elemental amine with an alkyl halide (1,3-dibromopropane) in an ethanol solvent in the presence of sodium carbonate. Set the machine's hotplate with the agitator to 70-80 ° C. Followed by TLC with eluent: (3: 7 ethyl acetate / hexane). Next, the contents. They were washed successively with hot (10 mL) water, and hot methanol .The organic layer was dried with Na₂SO₄. After completing From the reaction, the solvent was evaporated and recrystallized from ethanol.

1-tritylazetidine (1a)

It is prepared by reacting triphenylmethanamine 1g with 1,3-dibromopropane (0.78 g, 0.39 mL) Sodium carbonate 0.41g R_f =0.7, yield = 76.6%, m.p = 109-111°C Color :White . IR (KBr disk): 3054-3022cm⁻¹Ar-H , 2995cm⁻¹C-Haliphatic, 1620cm⁻¹C=Carm.¹H-NMR(500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ= 1.95 (m, 2H, CH₂); 2.94(t,2H,CH₂) ; 7.22-7.25 (m, Ar-H). ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ = 21.15, 42.68, 68.65, 128.81-151.92 . Mass spectra : 299 m/z (4%),271 m/z (2%) , 243 m/z (10%).

1-benzhydrylazetidine (1b)

It is prepared by reacting benzhydryl amine (1g , 0.94 mL) with 1,3-dibromopropane (1.1g , 0.55mL) , Sodium carbonate 0.58 g R_f =0.81, yield =36 m.p = 118-120°C. Colour :White . IR (KBr disk): 3051-3015cm⁻¹Ar-H; 2957-2909cm⁻¹C-Haliphatic ; 1591cm⁻¹C=C arm. ¹H-NMR(500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ= 1.95 (m ,2H,CH₂); 3.1 (t,2H, CH₂) ; 4.36 (s,1H, C-H) ; 7.15-7.25-7.41(m,Ar-H) . ¹³C-NMR (75MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ= 16.80 , 53.85, 77.57, 127.32-143.09 . Mass spectra: 223 m/z (46%) , 195 m/z(10%) , 119 m/z(14%) , 78 m/z (25%).

1-(4-Triylphenyl)azetidine (1c)

It is prepared by reacting 4-Triylaniline 1g with 1,3-dibromopropane (0.6g , 0.3mL) , Sodium carbonate 0.32g R_f =0.84, yield =44 m.p=263-265°C.Colour:White. IR (KBr disk): 3054-3022cm⁻¹Ar-H; 2958-2915-2842cm⁻¹C-Haliphatic; 1612cm⁻¹

$^1\text{C}=\text{Carm}$. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 2.28 (m, 2H, CH_2); 3.1 (t, 2H, CH_2); 3.76 (t, 2H, CH); 7.25-7.17-6.89-6.78(m, Ar-H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 16.23, 54.55, 73.60, 112.94- 149.72. Mass spectra : 375m/z (88%), 347 m/z (2%), 271 m/z (10%), 168 m/z (20%), 117 m/z (6%), 78 m/z (10%).

2-(azetidin-1-yl)benzo[d]thiazole (1d)

It is prepared by reacting 2-Benzothiazolamine 1g with 1,3-dibromopropane (1.35 g, 0.68 mL), Sodium carbonate 0.71g $R_f=0.53$, yield =38 m.p = 119-121°C. Colour :White Yellow . IR (KBr disk):3058 cm^{-1} Ar-H,2928 cm^{-1} C-Haliphatic,1530 cm^{-1} C=Carm,1640 cm^{-1} C=N. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ =1.96 (m, 2H, CH_2); 4.15 (t, 2H, CH_2); 7.68-7.49-7.38-7.32 (m, Ar-H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 20.87, 57.92, 120.33- 155.38, 169.08. Mass spectra: 190 m/z (2%), 162 m/z (2%), 86 m/z (2%), 78 m/z (8%).

General Procedure for preparation of azetidin-2-ones 2(a-d)

3-chloro-1-((3-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)propyl)amino)-4-phenylazetidin-2-one (2a)

Compound 1a, it is prepared by reacting 4-Nitroaniline 5g with 1,3- di bromo propane (7.3g, 3.7mL). compound 1a, it is prepared by reacting compound 1a (3.5 g) with hydrazine hydrate (0.63g, 0.64 mL). compound 2a, it is prepared by reacting compound 2a (3g) with benzaldehyde (1.51 g, 1.45 mL). $R_f=0.66$, yield =55%, m.p. =200-202 °C. IR (KBr disk): 1631 cm^{-1} (C=N). compound 3a, it is prepared by reacting compound 3a (0.18 g) with Et_3N (triethylamine),(0.06 g, 0.25 mL), and chloroacetyl chloride (0.07 g, 0.07 mL). $R_f=0.66$, Yield =52, m.p. =186-188 °C, Colour: Yellow. IR (KBr disk) 3280 cm^{-1} N-H, 3164-3108 cm^{-1} Ar-H,2942-2924-2853 cm^{-1} C-Haliphatic,1598 cm^{-1} C=Carm,1640 cm^{-1} C=N,1683 cm^{-1} O=C-N. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 1.21 (m, CH_2), 4.16(s, $\text{C}_4\text{-H}$), 4.39 (d, $\text{C}_3\text{-H}$),7.70-8.25 (m, Ar-H) 11.18(N-H,

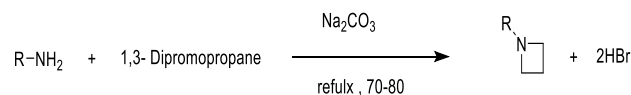
isatin amide). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ =29, 37, 42, 46- 76, 78, 121- 147, 168.

4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-chloro-4-methyl-1-((3-(tritylamino)propyl)amino)azetidin-2-one(2b)

Compound 1a, it is prepared by reacting triphenylmethylamine (1.2g) with 1,3-dibromo propane (0.94g, 0.47 mL). Compound 1, it is prepared by reacting compound 1a (0.95 g) with hydrazine hydrate (0.13g, 0.13 mL) Compound 2a, it is prepared by reacting compound 2a (1.3 g) with 4-aminoacetophenone(0.53 g). $R_f=0.61$, yield = 58%, m.p. =175-177°C. IR(KBr disk): 1645 cm^{-1} C=N. compound 3a, it is prepared by reacting compound 3a (0.35 g) with Et_3N (triethylamine),(0.08 g, 0.33 mL), and chloroacetyl chloride (0.09 g, 0.1 mL). $R_f=0.73$, Yield =50, m.p.= 138-140 °C, Colour :Yellow. IR(KBr disk), 3315 cm^{-1} N-H,3184-1Ar-H,2947-2922 cm^{-1} C-Haliphatic,1604-1562 cm^{-1} C=Carm,1678 cm^{-1} O=C-N. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ =3.71($\text{C}_7\text{-H}$),4.36 (d, $\text{C}_3\text{-H}$), 4.24 (s, $\text{C}_4\text{-H}$), 7.15- 7.30- 7.43-7.71 – 7.90 (m, Ar-H); 10.39 (N-H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ = 8, 28, 42, 45, 54-53, 102, 121- 151, 160. Mass Spectra 403m/z (0.9%), 327 m/z(2%), 236m/z (4%), 205 m/z (6%), 167m/z(8%), 133m/z(28%), 114m/z (4%), 76m/z (48%), 72m/z(18%), 57m/z(22%).

2. Results and Discussion

Azetidine was prepared by reacting alkyl halide 1,3-dibromopropane with the primary amine and using a sodium carbonate catalyst in a suitable solvent (ethanol). As shown in these structure table.



Scheme 1: General reaction for the synthesis of azetidines.

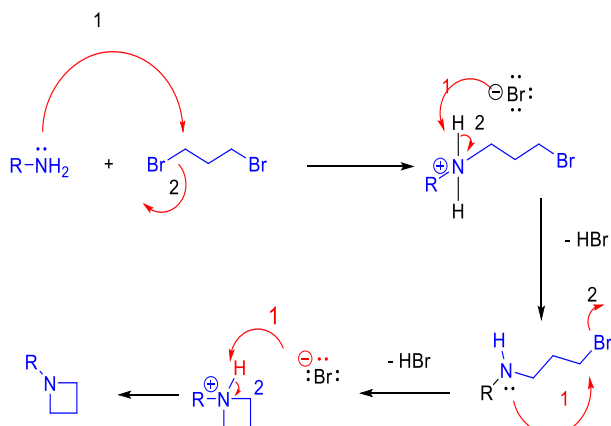
Table (1): The chemical structure of prepared azetidines 1(a-d)

COMP.	Molecular formula M.Wt(g/mol)	Structure formula	Structure three dimention	Name of prouduct
1a	C ₂₂ H ₂₁ N M.W=299			1-tritylazetidine
1b	C ₁₆ H ₁₇ N M.W=223			1-benzhydrylazetidine
1c	C ₂₈ H ₂₅ N M.W=375			1-(4-tritylphenyl)azetidine
1d	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ N ₂ S M.W=190			2-(azetidin-1-yl)benzo[d]thiazole

Azetidine derivatives are synthesised by the reaction

of amine and 1,3- dibromopropane in the presence

of ethanol .The suggestion mechanism for the reaction can be shown in scheme.

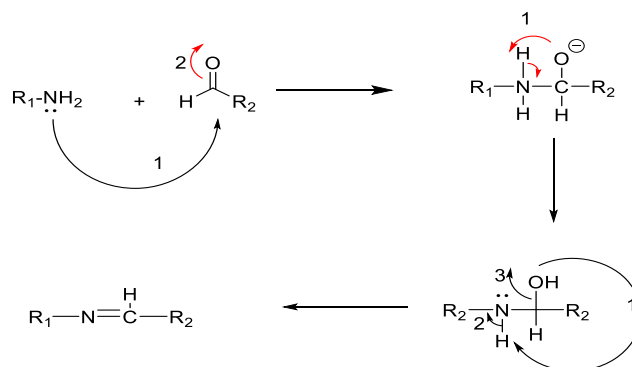


Scheme2. Mechanism of formation of Azetidine

Schiff bases

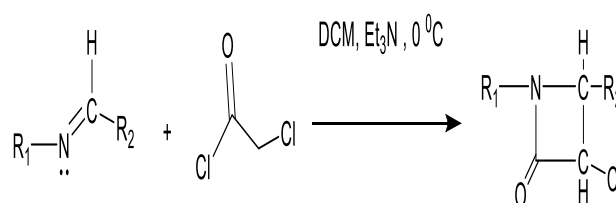
Schiff bases are formed by condensation of primary amine , and an aldehyde or ketone. Schiff bases are important intermediates for the synthesis of various an bioactive compound¹⁰ .Furthermore , Schiff bases show variety of biological activities including antibacterial ,anti-cancer ,antifungal ,and herbicidalactivities¹¹ . The suggestion mechanism for

the reaction Schiff bases can be shown in scheme(3)



Scheme3. Mechanism of formation of Schiff base

Azetidine-2-ones have been prepared by reaction of the appropriate Schiff bases with triethylamine in a suitable solvent (DMC or THF).

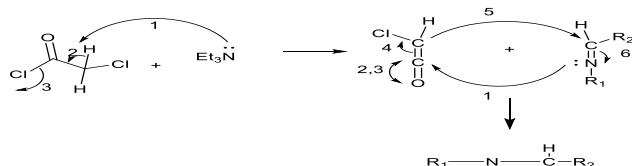


Scheme 4:General reaction for the synthesis of azetidine-2-ones.

Table (2): The chemical structure of prepared β -Lactam 2(a-b)

Symbol	Molecular Formula M.Wt(g/mol)	Structural Formula	Three dimension Structural
2a	C19H22ClN5O3 403		
2b	C19H19ClN4O2S 402		

Both the ketene and the imine are molecules that can act as either nucleophiles or electrophiles. In the first step, the imine adds to the ketene as a nucleophile. The subsequent cycloaddition delivers the β -lactam .

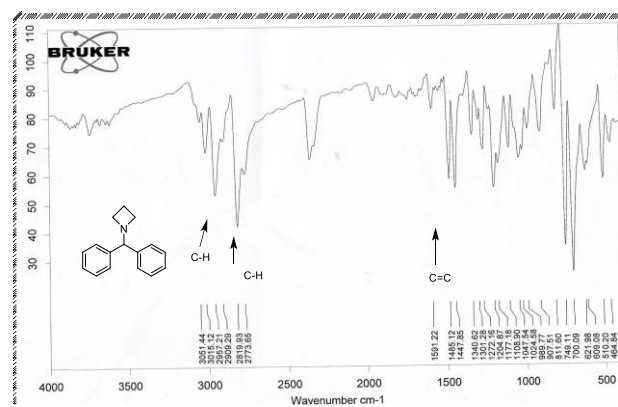


Scheme5. Mechanism of formation of Azetidine-2-one

Analysis of infrared spectra

The IR spectra of Azetidine in KBr disk show six band groups correspond to the stretching vibration of the, aromatic C-H, aliphatic, aromatic C=C, the C-N and bending vibration of 3228, 3108 , 2942, 1683 and (1598)bands, occur within the ranges cm-1

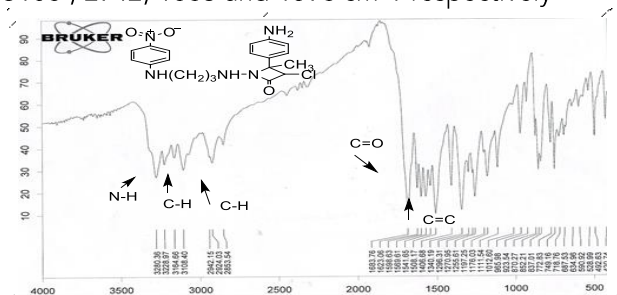
respectively.



Fig(3) IR spectrum of 1-benzhydrylazetidine (1b)

The IR spectra of Azetidine-2-ones (2a) in KBr disk show six band groups correspond to the stretching vibration of the N-H, aromatic C-H, aliphatic, carboxyl amide aromatic C=C, the C-N and bending

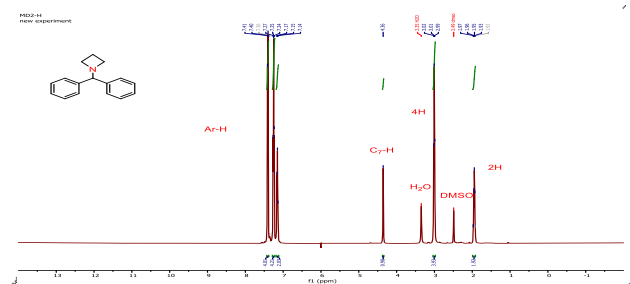
vibration of bonds, occur within the ranges 3228, 3108, 2942, 1683 and 1598 cm^{-1} respectively



Fig(4): IR spectrum of 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-chloro-4-methyl-1-((3-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)propyl)amino)azetidin-2-one (2a).

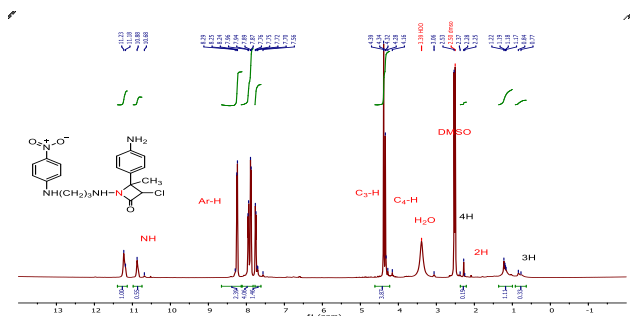
$^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectral analysis

The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of 1b, shows signal at chemical shift 2.49 ppm for DMSO solvent. Also it showed signal at chemical shift 3.39 ppm for H₂O, and showed proton carbon(s, C7-H) at 4.36 ppm, also it showed signal at chemical shift 1.95 ppm (m, 2H, J = 5 Hz), and signal at chemical shift 3.1 ppm (t, 4H, J = 5 Hz), of azetidine ring, also the spectrum showed signal at chemical shift (m, 7.15-7.25-7.41 ppm, J = 10 Hz) for protons of aromatic.



Fig(5): $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum (500 MHz) of 1-benzhydrylazetidine (1b) in H₂O + DMSO at 298 K.

The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum of 2a, shows signal at chemical shift (2.50 ppm) for DMSO solvent. Also it showed signal at chemical shift (3.39 ppm) for H₂O. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ of shows proton carbon (d, C3-H) at (4.39 ppm), and showed proton carbon 4.16 (s, C4-H). Also it showed signal at chemical shift 2.25 (t, 4H), and it showed signal at chemical shift 0.78 (d, 3H). And it showed signal at chemical shift 1.18 (m, 2H) of B-lactam ring. Also the spectrum showed a multi signal at 7.70-8.25 ppm for twelve protons of aromatic protons and finally showed singlet signal at chemical shift (11.23-11.18) for one proton of isatin amide.

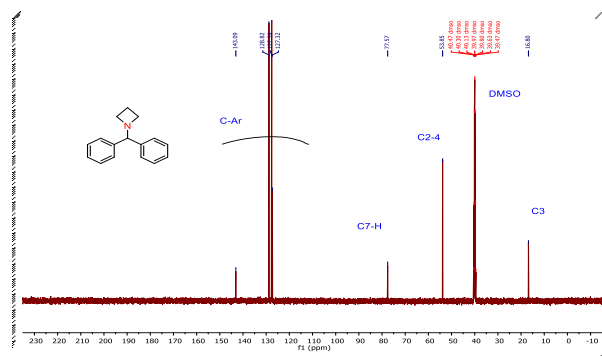


Fig(6): $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectrum (500 MHz) of 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-chloro-4-methyl-1-((3-((4-

nitrophenyl)amino)propyl)amino)azetidin-2-one (2a) in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

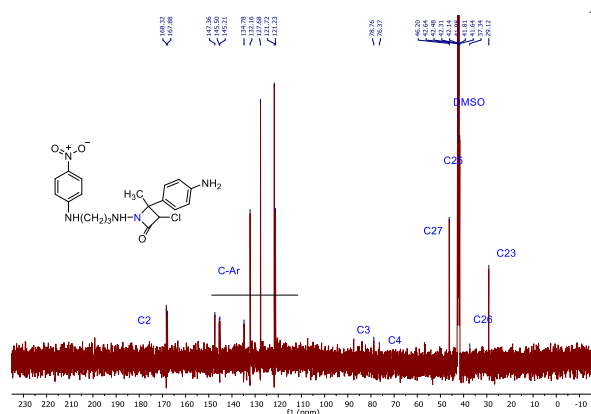
Analysis of $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectra

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ of (1b) azetidine ring signal at δ 53.85 ppm for carbon methylene group. One singlet signal at δ 16.80 ppm for carbon methylene group No 16 (C16) and another singlet signal at δ 77.57 ppm for carbon No. 7 (C7) in azetidine. The $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ DEPT spectrum of (1b) also showed signals at δ 127.32-143.09 ppm for carbon aromatic atoms.



Fig(7): $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum (500 MHz) of 1-benzhydrylazetidine (1b) in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K

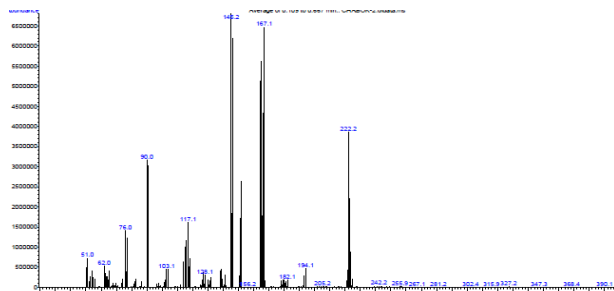
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ of (2a) azetidine-2-one ring signal at δ 78.76 ppm for carbon (C-H) No. 3 (C3). Also show singlet signal at δ 76.37 ppm for carbon (C-H) No. 4 (C4). One singlet signal at δ 42.64 ppm for carbon methylene group No. 25 (C25), also show singlet signal at δ 46.20 ppm for carbon methylene group No. 27 (C27), also show singlet signal at δ 37.34 ppm for carbon methylene group No. 26 (C26). and show singlet signal at δ 29.12 ppm for the carbon methane in azetidin-2-one. The $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum of also showed signals at δ 121.23-147.36 ppm for carbon aromatic atoms. Finally a singlet signal appeared at δ (168.32 ppm) for the carbon No. 2 (C2) of B-lactam.



Fig(8): $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ spectrum (500 MHz) of 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-chloro-4-methyl-1-((3-((4-nitrophenyl)amino)propyl)amino)azetidin-2-one (2a) in DMSO-*d*₆ at 298 K.

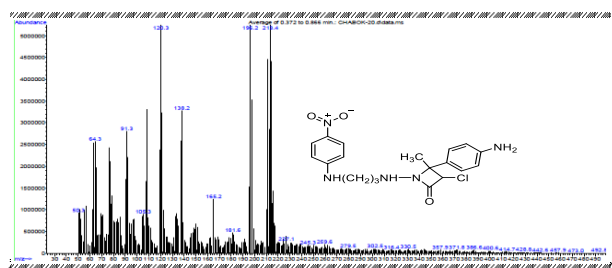
Analysis of mass spectra

The Mass spectral data of 1b (azetidine) showed the molecular ion peak corresponding to the particular compound at 223 m/z (46%), 195 m/z (10%), 119 m/z (14%), 78 m/z (25%). Which attributed to the fragments of C₁₆H₁₇N, C₁₄H₁₃N, C₈H₉N, C₆H₆.



Fig(9): mass spectrum of 1-benzhydrylazetidene (1b)

The Mass spectral data show of 2a (azetidine-2-one). showed the molecular ion peak corresponding to the particular compound at 403m/z (0.9%), 327 m/z(2%) ,236m/z (4%) , 205 m/z (6%) , 167m/z(8%) , 133m/z(28%) , 114m/z (4%) , 76m/z (48%), 72m/z(18%), 57m/z(22%). Which attributed to the fragments of C₁₉H₂₂CIN₅O₃ , C₁₇H₂₁N₅O₂ ,C₁₀H₁₂N₄O₃ , C₁₁H₁₇N₄ , C₂HClO , C₉H₁₀CIN , C₄H₈N₃O , C₃H₇N, C₈H₉N₂ , C₃H₈N₂



Fig(10):mass spectrum of 4-(4-aminophenyl)-3-chloro-4-methyl-1-((3-(4-nitrophenyl)amino)propyl)amino)azetidin-2-one(2a)

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