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# **Synthesis and Properties of Some 3-Halo Flavones**

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2-Hydroxy-3-substituted-5-chloro-4'-nitro dibenzoyl methane, 2-hydroxy-3-substituted-5-chloro-4'-amino dibenzoyl methane and 2-hydroxy-3-substituted-5-chloro-4'-chloro dibenzoyl methane react with iodine monochloride in DMF medium or with bromine in DMF medium affording respectively 2-(4'-substituted) 3-halo-6-chloro-8-substituted flavone. The structure of these compounds is confirmed by chemical and spectral data.

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Propane-1,3-dione reacts with dioxane dibromide to give 3-bromo flavone<sup>1</sup>.  $\beta$ -Dicarbonyl compounds have been effectively chlorinated using sulphuryl chloride to form 3-chloro flavones. Acetyl acetone has been chlorinated with sulphuryl chloride in acetic acid<sup>2</sup>.

Dibenzoylmethane gives  $\alpha$ -chlorodibenzoyl methane with sulphuryl chloride in dioxane<sup>3</sup>. 3-Chloroflavones were prepared by the action of thionylchloride or sulphuryl chloride with flavone<sup>4-6</sup>.

Recently Thakare prepared 3-chloro/3-bromo/3-iodo-2-furyl chromones when 1-(2'-furyl)-3-(2"-hydroxy-3"-substituted-5"-chlorophenyl)-1,3-propane diones react with corresponding sulphuryl chloride in dioxane, bromine in dioxane and iodine monochloride in dioxane<sup>7</sup>.

Literature survey indicates that 3-halo flavone are not prepared from 2-hydroxy-3-substituted-5-chloro-4'-substituted dibenzoyl methane. Hence we thought to synthesise them. The diketones were prepared by known method<sup>8</sup>.

### General procedure for preparation of 3-halo flavone

2-Hydroxy-3-substituted-5-chloro-4'-substituted dibenzoyl methane (Ia-r) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide and pure iodine monochloride or bromine in dioxane was added. The mixture was refluxed for 1.30 h, cooled, diluted with ice-cold water and a solid was obtained. It was crystallised from ethanolacetic acid mixture to get 2-(4'-substituted) 3-halo-6-chloro-8-substituted flavone (IIa-r).

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# Preparation of 2-(4'-chlorophenyl)-3-iodo-6-chloro-8-bromo flavone

2-Hydroxy-3-bromo-5-chloro-4'-chloro dibenzoyl methane (Ia) (0.01 mole) was dissolved in dimethyl formamide (DMF) and pure iodine monochloride (0.01 mole) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 1.30 h, then cooled, diluted with ice-cold water and crystallised from alcohol-acetic acid mixture to get 2-(4'-chlorophenyl)-3-iodo-6-chloro-8-bromo flavone (IIa), m.p. 205°C, yield 80%.

## Properties of compound IIa

It is leaf-brown crystalline compound having m.p. 205°C. It shows negative ferric chloride test indicating involvement of phenolic hydroxy group in cyclization. The IR spectrum recorded in nujol shows the following bands: 1663 v(—C=O), 1595, 1555, 1459 (—C=C— in aromatic ring), 1284 (Ar—O), 763 (—C—Cl), 702 (—C—Br) and 546 cm<sup>-1</sup> (—C—I).

The PMR was recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with TMS as internal standard. 6.80–8.20  $\delta$  (m, 6H, Ar—H).

The other 3 halo flavones are prepared by general procedure as listed in Table-1

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TABLE-1 SYNTHESISED 3-HALO FLAVONES, m.p., YIELD, COLOUR AND m.f.

| S.No. | R <sub>1</sub> | R <sub>2</sub>  | R <sub>3</sub> | m.p. (°C) | Yield (%) | Colour       | m.f.                                                              |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IIa   | Br             | Cl              | Ī              | 205       | 80        | Leaf brown   | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> BrCl <sub>2</sub> l |
| IIb   | Br             | Cl              | Br             | 179       | 75        | Mid buff     | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> BrCl <sub>2</sub>   |
| IIc   | Br             | $NO_2$          | I              | 169       | 60        | Brown        | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> BrClI              |
| IId   | Br             | $NO_2$          | Br             | 109       | 79        | Mercedes red | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> NBr <sub>2</sub> Cl                |
| IIe   | Br             | $NH_2$          | I              | 174       | 76        | Imp crimson  | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> BrClI              |
| IIf   | Br             | $NH_2$          | Br             | 136       | 65        | Dark brown   | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> Cl |
| IIg   | $NO_2$         | Cl              | I              | 132       | 69        | Suede        | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> I  |
| IIh   | $NO_2$         | Cl              | Br             | 204       | 72        | Mid buff     | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> BrCl <sub>2</sub>  |
| IIi   | $NO_2$         | $NO_2$          | I              | 250       | 75        | Mid buff     | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> CII  |
| IIj   | $NO_2$         | $NO_2$          | Br             | 195       | 78        | Brown        | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> BrCl |
| IIk   | $NO_2$         | $NH_2$          | I              | 144       | 73        | Dark brown   | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> CII  |
| Ш     | $NO_2$         | $NH_2$          | Br             | 130       | 75        | Leaf brown   | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> BrCl |
| IIm   | Н              | Cl              | I              | 239       | 79        | Mushroom     | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> I   |
| IIn   | Н              | Cl              | Br             | 224       | 80        | Mid buff     | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> BrCl <sub>2</sub>   |
| IIo   | Н              | $NO_2$          | I              | 295       | 76        | Tata mimosa  | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> BrCII              |
| IIp   | Н              | NO <sub>2</sub> | Br             | 298       | 79        | Mid buff     | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> BrCl               |
| IIq   | Н              | $NH_2$          | I              | 320       | 77        | Golden brown | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> CII                |
| IIr   | Н              | NH <sub>2</sub> | Br             | 262       | 75        | Leaf brown   | C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> BrCl               |

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