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Green chemistry: New Concept in Pharmaceutical Industry. Kamlesh Joshi¹, Prof. Bina B. Patel²

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ABSTRACT

The issue of Green Chemistry in waste management has moved a center stage, both in the public perceptions and in terms of national regulations. 200 years ago when we first started to burn our waste as a means of disposal, there was not the understanding that we have today of the need to protect the environment from airborne emissions. Until recently principal means of waste management has simply been deposit in landfill. This is now understood as unsustainable practice, creating potential environmental problems for future generations. Processed In the appropriate manner, waste can be seen as a valuable resource to recover useful energy for electricity generation.

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INTRODUCTION

Green chemistry is a new concept for the pharmaceutical industry And the greatest perceived benefits came from pharmaceutical industries with development of organic medicinal molecules. Pharmaceutical chemistry encompasses major chemicals, reagents, solvents, catalysts and asolmost all type of organic reactions for synthesis of active pharmaceutical molecules. Herein, many chemicals and chemical processes are very hazardous, toxic and may have adverse effects on the environment and on human health. Industries associated with pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals are employing much more complex chemistry and produce relatively much more waste, which is not at all suitable for environment and nature ¹.

During the early 1990s the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) coined the phrase Green

Direct combustion involves the burning of biomass with excess air, producing hot flue gases that are used to produce steam in the heat exchange sections of boilers. The steam is used to produce electricity in steam turbine generators²⁻⁴. Chemists working with biologists and engineers will learn how to make greater use of the only practical sustainable source of carbon: non-food biomass². This includes agricultural, food and forestry wastes, as well as the co-products from some large-scale processes such as biofuel manufacturing.

PRINCIPLES OF GREEN CHEMISTRY

Green chemistry and new identify to pollution prevention as it applies innovative scientific solutions to real-world environmental situations which following 12 principles of Green Chemistry provide a way for chemists to implement green chemistry.

1. Prevention

It is better to prevent waste than to treat or clean up waste after it has been created.

2. Atom Economy

Synthetic methods should be designed to maximize the incorporation of all materials used in the process into the final product.

3. Less Hazardous Chemical Syntheses

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Synthetic methods should be designed, wherever practicable, to use and generate substances that possess little or no toxicity to human health and the environment.

4. Designing Safer Chemicals

Chemical products should be designed to achieve their desired function while minimizing their toxicity.

5. Safer Solvents and Auxiliaries

Unnecessary use of auxiliary substances (e.g., solvents, separation agents, etc.) should be avoided wherever possible and made innocuous when used.

6. Design for Energy Efficiency

Energy requirements of chemical processes should be recognized for their environmental and economic impacts and should be minimized. If possible, synthetic methods should be conducted at ambient temperature and pressure.

7. Use of Renewable Feedstocks

Whenever technically and economically practicable, raw material or feedstock should be renewable rather than depleting it.

8. Reduce Derivatives

Unnecessary derivatization (use of blocking groups, protection/ deprotection, temporary modification of physical/chemical processes) should be minimized or avoided if possible, because such steps require additional reagents and can generate waste.

9. Catalysis

Catalytic reagents (as selective as possible) are superior to stoichiometric reagents.

10. Design for Degradation

Chemical products should be designed so that at the end of their function they break down into innocuous degradation products and do not persist in the environment.

11. Real-time analysis for Pollution Prevention

Analytical methodologies need to be further developed to allow for real-time, in-process monitoring and control, prior to the formation of hazardous substances.

12. Inherently Safer Chemistry for Accident Prevention

Substances and the form of a substance used in a chemical process should be chosen so as to minimize the potential of chemical accidents, including releases, explosions, and fires.

The greenness of a chemical transformation can only be assessed on the context of its application and practice⁶. To complement Anastas and Warner's 12 principles and to address Glaze's concerns, 12 more green principles have now been suggested⁷. These are process orientated but still omit mentioning key green concepts relating to minimizing number of unit operations in work up and maximizing space, time and yield.

For implementation of green chemistry all these principles must be well considered and practiced. In this review article we have focused on solvents and catalysts which can be used as —Green Solvents and Green catalysts. I, which comprise an important part of almost all type of organic reactions.

SOLVENTS

Solvents are defined a major portion of the environmental performance of a process and also influence safety and health issues. In the industry, selection of solvents for chemical processes and subsequently the waste-solvent management are based on economic, safety and logistical considerations⁸. The pharmaceutical industry has made significant efforts towards identifying organic solvents with a reduced ecological footprint as compared to traditional reactions. Green solvents such as water, liquid polymers, ionic liquids, bio-ethanol, supercritical fluids and ethyl lactate hold considerable additional promise⁹.

Results of comprehensive framework demonstrated by Capello et al on 26 organic solvents have shown that simple All Rights Reserved, @IJAREST-2016

alcohols (methanol, ethanol) or alkanes (heptane, hexane) are environmentally preferable solvents, whereas the use of dioxane, acetonitrile, acids, formaldehyde and tetrahydrofuran are not recommendable from an environmental perspective. Additionally, results of another case study indicate that methanol—water or ethanol—water mixtures are environmentally favorable compared to pure alcohol or propanol—water mixtures¹⁰.

Water

Water can replace many toxic and hazardous solvents and has been found very efficient in many organic reactions, out of which some reactions are mentioned in this review. An efficient and handy method for the synthesis of chromenoisoxazole/isoxazolines under on-water conditions has been described 11. Hydrolysis of hydrophobic glycidyl ethers in pressurized water media can afford the corresponding glyceryl ethers in good to excellent selectivity within several minutes without a catalyst 12. Selective and efficient aerobic oxidative iodination of ketones in aqueous media has been achieved by using molecular iodine as the source of iodine atoms, air as the terminal oxidant and sodium nitrite as the catalyst 13. 1,3-Dipolar cyclo-additions of different hydrophobic nitrones have been studied in both homogenous organic solutions and aqueous suspensions. Here, reactions in water suspensions showed great rate accelerations over homogenous solutions ¹⁴. The rearrangement of benzil is base catalyzed procedure under conventional conditions. In this reaction at high temperatures, water between 300-380°C (Near critical water) proceeds solely by base catalysis with more environmentally benign medium¹⁵. A convenient and clean on water mediated synthesis of benzothiazoles/benzothiazolines is reported. Aromatic, heteroaromatic and styryl aldehydes are converted to 2substituted benzothiazoles in high yields in a one-pot reaction with 2-aminothiophenol in water 16. Thioesters can be prepared by direct reaction of tertiary thioamides and alkyl halides in water and in the presence of catalytic amounts of Sodiun iodide (NaI), hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide (HTAB) and 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (DABCO)¹⁷. Novel SO₃H-functionalized ionic liquids bearing two alkyl sulfonic acid groups in the imidazoliumcations were designed and successfully applied as catalysts for the one-pot Fischer indole synthesis in water medium 18. Usually organic solvents are considered to be necessary for the best efficiency in the reactions of aliphatic nitro compounds; it has been shown that these reactions are also very efficient using water as reaction medium 19. Superheated water has organic solvent like properties and behaves as ideal low cost green solvent for chromatography and other separation methods avoiding use of hazardous solvents²⁰.

Glycerol

Glycerol has been that is new way which is recently proposed as a valuable green solvent. Glycerol may combine the advantages of water (low toxicity, low price, large availability, renewability) and ionic liquids (high boiling point, low vapour pressure) and can afford innovative solutions to the substitution of the conventionally used volatile organic solvents²¹. Besides solubility of the reactants and the catalysts and easy separation of the product, glycerol offers several other benefits such as catalyst recycling microwave assisting reaction and biphasic and emulsion modes²². A family of glycerol derivatives, consisting of over sixty 1,3-dialkoxy-2-propanols and 1,2,3-trialkoxypropanes, both symmetrically and unsymmetrically substituted at terminal positions, have been synthesized and these glycerol derivatives can act as green solvents²³. Glycerol has been employed as an alternative green reaction medium in various carbonyl reduction methodologies. The high polarity of glycerol allows for the simple reduction of different carbonyl compounds with sodium borohydride and the enantioselective reduction of ethyl acetoacetate. As a solvent, glycerol also allows electroreduction and microwave assisted reactions²⁴.

Ionic liquids

In the search for less hazardous manufacturing solvents, Dame et al reported a new process to separate problematic chemicals from ionic liquids 25 . Ionic liquids come in two main categories, namely simple salts (made of a single anion and cation) and binary ionic liquids (salts where equilibrium is involved). For example, [EtNH₃][NO₃] is a simple salt whereas mixtures of aluminum(III) chloride and 1,3-dialkylimidazolium chlorides (a binary ionic liquid system) contain several different ionic species and their melting point and properties depend upon the mole fractions of the All Rights Reserved, @IJAREST-2016

aluminum(III) chloride and 1,3 dialkylimidazolium chloride present²⁶. Room-temperature ionic liquids, such as BMIM-PF₆ [1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate] have been used as direct replacements for conventional organic solvents in multiphase bioprocess reactions, including liquid-liquid extraction of the antibiotic erythromycin and two-phase biotransformation processes²⁷. The addition of organometallic reagents to carbonyl compounds is an important reaction. Formation of homoallylic alcohols, from the addition of allylstannanes to aldehydes in the ionic liquids [BMIM-PF₄] and BMIM-PF₆ have been reported. It has been found that the ionic liquid can be recycled and reused over several reaction cycles²⁸. Synthesis of (S)-Naproxen in the ionic liquid BMIM-PF₄ has been reported, which is example of asymmetric hydrogenation reactions in ionic medium²⁹. The very common organic reaction, Friedel-Crafts alkylation proceeds smoothly and efficiently in chloroaluminate(III) ionic liquids³⁰. Numbers of commercially important molecules have been synthesized by Friedel-Crafts acylation reactions in these ionic liquids³¹. Ionic liquids with a pyridinium cation bearing an ester side chain moiety can be prepared from either pyridine or nicotinic acids which are biodegradable³².

Supercritical carbon dioxide

Supercritical carbon dioxide (scCO₂) works similarly with other problematic chemicals without hazardous effects with advantages of water. Hydrogenation, epoxidation, radical reactions, Palladium-mediated C-C bond formation, ring closing metathesis, biotransformation, polymerization and many others reactions can be performed with scCO₂ as a reaction medium³³. It has been demonstrated that Ibuprofen can be loaded into mesoporous silica using liquid (near-critical) carbon dioxide as the solvent and the resulting material obtained high Ibuprofen content³⁴.

CATALYST

A Green catalyst can play a very important role in chemical processes by replacing reagents, by enabling more efficient processes, by reducing the environmental impact of processes and by reducing the costs of the processes. This can be achieved by designing the appropriate catalyst which would be cheap, readily preparable, and reproducible and fully environment friendly. Some of these green catalysts are included in this article.

Catalytic systems based on immobilized metal complexes have been reported which are capable of catalyzing reactions of pharmaceutical value, such as the selective oxidation of steroidal compounds³⁵. In one study, chloroauric acid (HAuCl₄) is used as a catalyst in water for the stereoselective cycloisomerization of various functionalized allenes to five or six membered oxygen or nitrogen containing heterocycles³⁶. Compared to traditional gold catalysts in organic solvents, this catalytic system is more environmentally friendly and can be reused after complete conversion of the substrate. An economical and sustainable transfer hydrogenation for aldehydes and ketones has been reported with mild, chemo-selective procedure which uses neither precious/non-precious metals nor ligands³⁷. Wacker oxidation of higher alkenes and aryl alkenes has been developed using molecular oxygen as the oxidant, in which colloidal palladium nanoparticles stabilized in ethylene carbonate are considered to facilitate its reoxidation under co-catalyst free conditions³⁸. A simplified one-step procedure for making some mesoporous solid sulfonic acids has been reported and can achieve environmentally friendly replacements for traditional acids such as sulfuric acid and its organic derivatives³⁹.

Invention of clay-supported zinc chloride (clayzic) is the basis of a commercial —Envirocatl, catalyst, which has proven to be useful for Lewis acid catalyzed reactions, including benzylations, olefinations, and some cyclizations 40 . A new solid Lewis acid, HMS-supported zinc triflate has shown reasonable selectivity in the rearrangement of α -pinene oxide to campholenic aldehyde with excellent reusability compared to conventional homogeneous processes 41 . Zeolites, popular green catalysts, are crystalline alumino-silicates with exchangeable cations. A major application of the zeolites in catalysis is in acid catalyzed reactions such as alkylation, acylation, electrophilic aromatic substitution, cyclization, isomerization and condensation 42,43 . A convenient and rapid method for Knoevenagel condensation has been developed by using 1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane-base ionic liquid catalysts. These catalysts can be recycled seven times without activity loss 44 .

Biocatalysis is an emerging tool for the green technologies. Enzymes are highly efficient with excellent regioselectivity and stereoselectivity. By conducting reactions in water under ambient reaction conditions, both the use of organic solvents and energy input can be minimized⁴⁵. Biocatalysts can catalyze many organic reactions such as epoxidation of terpenes and fatty acids, generation of polymers, polylactides and polyesters, production of 1,3-propanediol from corn etc⁴⁶. One of these biocatalysts is Candida Antarctica Lipase, which catalyses alcoholysis, ammoniolysis, and perhydrolysis reactions. These reaction rates are comparable with or better than those observed in organic media⁴⁷.

One of the key principles of green chemistry is the elimination of solvents in chemical processes or the replacement of hazardous solvents with environmentally benign solvents.

MICROWAVE SYNTHESIS

In the development of solvent-free alternative processes, microwave assisted organic synthesis is the best solution for achieving this ⁴⁸. Thermal reactions proceed optimally when they are rapidly heated to the highest tolerable temperatures, held there for the shortest possible time and then quenched. Microwave heated reactions proceed faster and more cleanly than their conventionally heated counterparts and thus are more energy efficient ⁴⁹.

A solid acid-catalyzed microwave-assisted synthesis of substituted quinolines is reported. The quinolines can be synthesized by a multicomponent reactions of anilines, aldehydes and terminal aryl alkynes and involve long reaction path. The use of microwave activation reduces the reaction time significantly⁵⁰. Fast and eco-friendly microwave-irradiated reactions permitting the green synthesis of 2-substituted quinazoline derivatives in aqueous medium via S-alkylation from 2-chloromethyl-3-methylquinazolin-4(3H)-one derivatives with different benzene sulfinic acids and nitronate anions has also been reported⁵¹. Microwave-assisted synthesis of benzimidazole and thiazolidinone derivatives as HIV-1 Reverse Transcriptase inhibitors has achieved reductions in reaction times, higher yields and cleaner reactions. In some cases eco-friendly solvent less methodology has been used⁵². Over-the-counter analgesics such as aspirin, acetanilide, phenacetin, and acetaminophen are conveniently prepared in a microwave at 30% power for five minutes⁵³.

Green Chemistry in some Pharmaceuticals

Pharmaceutical companies can influence and improve the environmental performance with utilizing green chemistry⁵⁴. Green chemistry is being employed to develop revolutionary drug delivery methods that are more effective and less toxic and could benefit millions of patients⁵⁵, some of them are described here.

Phosphoramidite-based, solid-phase synthesis of antisense oligonucleotides has been modified to accommodate principles of green chemistry by eliminating the use and generation of toxic materials and allowing reuse of valuable materials such as amidites, solid-support and protecting groups, thus improving the atom economy and cost-efficiency ⁵⁶.

Anastas et al has described synthesis of Naproxen with chiral metal catalyst containing BINAP (2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl) ligand with good yields ⁵⁷. This chiral ligand is widely used in asymmetric synthesis.

The green synthesis for a key intermediate of atorvastatin has been developed in two steps. First step involves the biocatalytic reduction of ethyl-4-chloroacetoacetate using a ketoreductase in combination with glucose and a NADP-dependent glucose dehydrogenase (GDH) for cofactor regeneration. The (S)ethyl-4-chloro-3-hydroxybutyrate product is obtained in very good yield. In the second step, a halohydrindehalogenase (HHDH) is employed to catalyze the replacement of the chloro substituent with cyano, by reaction with HCN at neutral pH and ambient temperatures. These natural enzymes were highly selective for the reactions ⁵⁸.

Some workers have discovered an inexpensive, clean and quick way to prepare amines, bearing a wide portion of drug molecules. Currently, industries produce amines in a costly two-step process that results in massive amounts of

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byproducts as waste⁵⁹. Green chemistry method produces no waste, reaction is a quick one-step reaction and a very little amount of catalyst is utilized.

Methods for synthesis of Aspirin with microwave irradiation using catalysts such as AlCl₃, H₂SO₄, H₃PO₄, MgBr₂.OEt₂, CaCO₃, NaOAc, Et₃N and solvent-free approach have been designed. This study shows new alternative and greener methodology for traditional synthetic procedure ⁶⁰.

CONCLUSION

Green chemistry has grown from a small idea into a new approach to the scientifically based environmental protection. By using green chemistry procedures, we can minimize the waste of materials, maintain the atom economy and prevent the use of hazardous chemicals. Researchers and pharmaceutical companies need to be encouraged to consider the principles of green chemistry while designing the processes and choosing reagents.

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