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## Lab Report 2

Title: When Vanillin Attacks! (Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution)

## Abstract:

In this experiment, an electrophilic aromatic substitution was carried out using va nillin and a combination of NaI and bleach (5.25 %). 1.98 g of vanillin was added to a pound bottom flask along with 4.87g (2.5 eq) of NaI and 100 mL of methanol. After pla ing in an ice bath for the appropriate amount of time, 45 mL of bleach was added slowly via a separatory funnel and the solution was stirred for approximately 1 hour. The solu ion was then filtered of impurities and a drying agent was added to rid the product of excess bleach and I2 After the solution was pH to 4, it was placed in an ice bath again an 1 the resulting crystal product was collected using vacuum filtration. The structure of tle product was characterized using H NMR data and physical properties such as melting point and mass (% yield).

## Reaction Equation:

## **Experimental:**

To begin this experiment, 1.98 grams (0.013 mol, 1 eq) of vanillin, 4.87g (2.5 eq) NaI, and 100 mL of methanol were added to a 250 mL round bottom flask. Once the m xture xwas dissolved in solution, it was cooled for approximately 8 minutes in an ice batl. A 125 mL separatroy funnel was placed above the opening of the round bottom flasl, and 45 mL of bleach (5.25%) was added to the funnel. When the solution was cooled, he bleach was added to the round bottom flask slowly (about 3 drops per 30 seconds) for long at over a 20 minute period of time. After the bleach has been added, the solution was left to time period stir for approximately 45 minutes. After stirring the brown solid created in filter. stir for approximately 45 minutes. After stirring, the brown solid created is filter of using vacuum filtration. The filtrate was poured into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask and 5 n L of

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