

New and Facile Synthesis of Substituted Pyrrole, Pyridine, Pyrazolo[4,3-*b*] Pyridine, Pyrano[3,2-*c*] Quinoline, Naphthopyran, Naphthodipyran and Coumarin Derivatives

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ABSTRACT

Several new pyrazolo[4,3-*b*] pyridines **7a, b** were prepared by reacting arylidenemalononitriles **1a, c** or **1i, j** with 4-nitrosoantipyrine **4**. Reacting **1a, b, d** with 4-azidomethylcarbonylantipyrine **8** give 2-aminopyrrole **14**. Pyrano[3,2-*c*] quinolines **20a, b** and **23** were obtained by reacting 4-hydroxyquinoline **15** with **1g, h, 2b** respectively. Reaction of **1** with naphthalenediols **24, 27** and **29** yield naphthodipyrans **26a, b, 28a, b** and **30a, b** respectively. Spironaphthodipyrans **32, 33** and spironaphthopyrans **36, 37** were prepared through reaction of **2a** with naphthalenediols **24, 27, 34** and **35** respectively. Condensation of thioxothiazole **38** with 3,5-dibromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde give 2H-chromene-3-carboxamide **42**. **38** also reacted with **1c** and **2a** to give 3,5-dicyanopyridines **45** and **47** respectively. Reaction of 2-cyano-*N*'-(1-thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene) acetohydrazide **49** with **1a, b** afforded 3,5-dicyanopyridines **53**.

Keywords: Pyrrole; Pyridine; Pyrazolo[4,3-*b*] Pyridine; Pyrano[3,2-*c*] Quinoline; Naphthopyran; Naphthodipyran and Coumarin

1. Introduction

Polyfunctionally substituted aromatic and heteroaromatic derivatives are important class of compounds. Among these derivatives are biologically interesting antimicrobials [1,2], antimalarials [3], as pharmaceuticals [4], anti-tumor activity [5], as nonpeptide human deficiency virus (HIV) protease inhibitors [6] and antischistosomal agents [7]. Some years ago, our main interest was focused on a program aimed at developing of new synthetic approaches to Polyfunctionally substituted heterocycles [8,9] utilizing simple, inexpensive and readily available starting materials. The present work has resulted in the formation of pyrrole, pyridine, pyrazolopyridine, pyranoquinoline, naphthodipyran and coumarin derivatives.

2. Experimental

All melting points are uncorrected and measured on Griffin & George MBF010T (London) apparatus. Recorded yields correspond to the pure products. IR (KBr) spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer SP-880 spectrophotometer and ¹H-NMR spectra were measured on a

Varian 500 MHz at Minnesota (USA) University spectrometer in DMSO-*d*₆ as solvent and TMS as an internal standard (Chemical shifts are reported in δ units ppm). Microanalysis were performed on LECOCHN-932 and carried out in the Microanalytical Data Units at Cairo and Damietta Universities.

Synthesis of 6-aryl-1-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3-trihydro-2-phenyl-pyrazolo[4,3-*b*]pyridine-5-carbonitriles (**7a, b**)

A solution of 1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-4-nitroso-1-phenyl-5-oxopyrazole (**4**) (0.01 mol) and the arylidenes **1a, c** or **1i, j** (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) containing a catalytic amount of piperidine (0.1 ml) was heated under reflux for one hour, then left to cool. The solid products so formed were collected by filtration, recrystallized from the suitable solvents and then identified as **7a, b**.

6-(5-Bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3-trihydro-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-*b*]pyridine-5-carbonitrile (**7a**)

Yellow crystals from ethanol/dimethylformamide, m.p. 240°C - 242°C, yield 85%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 2225 (conjugated CN), 1691 (CO). -¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) (δ , ppm): 3.35 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 6.97 - 7.59 (m, 7H, aromatic protons), 8.37 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4). -C₁₈H₁₁BrN₄SO (411.28) Calcd. C 52.57 H 2.70 N 13.62; Found C 52.36 H 3.04 N

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6-(4-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3-trihydro-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazolo [4,3-*b*] pyridin-5-carbonitrile (7b)

Red crystals from ethanol, m.p. 260°C - 262°C, yield 83%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3065 (br, OH), 2224 (conjugated CN), 1661 (CO). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 3.4 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 6.97 - 7.59 (m, 8H, aromatic protons), 8.37 (s, 1H, pyridine H-4), 9.64 (s, 1H, OH). C₂₁H₁₆N₄O₃ (372.38). -Calcd. C 67.73 H 4.33 N 15.05; Found C 67.64 H 4.4 N 15.13.

2-Amino-4-(aryl)-5-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)pyrrol-3-carbonitriles (14a-c)

A solution of 4-azidomethylcarbonyl-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-one (**8**) (0.01 mol) and the appropriate amounts of **1a**, **b**, **d** (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) was heated with piperidine (0.1 ml) under reflux for one hour then left to cool at room temperature. The solid products, so formed, were collected by filtration, recrystallized and identified as **14a-c**.

2-Amino-4-(5'-bromo-2'-thienyl)-5-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)pyrrol-3-carbonitrile (14a)

Yellow crystals from ethanol/1,4-dioxane, m.p. 286°C - 288°C, yield 65%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3470, 3360 (NH₂, NH), 2203 (conjugated CN), 1685 (CO), 1650 (CO). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 2.40 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.33 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 7.45 - 7.63 (m, 9H, 7H, aromatic protons and 2H, NH₂), 8.5 (s, 1H, NH). - C₂₁H₁₆BrN₅SO₂ (482.37) Calcd. C 52.29 H 3.34 N 14.52; Found C 52.12 H 3.51 N 14.63.

2-Amino-4-(4'-nitro-2'-pyrryl)-5-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)pyrrol-3-carbonitrile (14b)

Brown crystals from DMF, m.p. 263°C - 265°C, yield 63%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3452, 3358, 3137 (NH₂, NH), 2191 (conjugated CN), 1680 (CO), 1660(CO). -C₂₄H₂₁N₅O₄ (443.45) Calcd. C 65.00 H 4.77 N 15.79; Found C 65.12 H 5.00 N 15.68.

2-Amino-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)pyrrol-3-carbonitrile (14c)

Yellow crystals from ethanol, 1,4-dioxane, m.p. 284°C - 286°C, yield 65%. -IR($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3441, 3341 (NH₂, NH), 2203 (conjugated CN), 1685 (CO), 1620 (CO). -C₂₃H₁₈ClN₅O₂ (431.87) Calcd. C 63.96 H 4.20 N 16.22; Found C 63.89 H 4.31 N16.14.

Synthesis of 4H-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carbonitriles (20a,b) and spiro-4H-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carboxylate (23)

A solution of 3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-1H-quinoline (**15**) (0.01 mole) and (0.01 mol) of either **1g**, **h** or ethyl 2-(2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene) cyanoacetate (**2b**) in

ethanol/pyridine (1:1) (60 ml), were refluxed for six hours. The solvent was then evaporated in vacuo and the precipitates formed were collected by filtration recrystallized and identified as **20a**, **b** and **23** respectively.

4-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-5,6-dihydro-2-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-oxo-4H-pyrano [3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carbonitrile (20a)

Colorless crystals from ethanol, m.p. 190°C - 192°C, yield 75%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3447, 3366, 3304 (OH), 2206 (conjugated CN), 1699 (CO). $^1\text{HNMR}$: (DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 3.10 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.43 (s, 1H, pyran H-4), 6.90 - 8.16 (m, 8H, aromatic protons). -C₂₁H₁₆N₂O₄ (360.36) Calcd. C 69.99 H, 4.48 N 7.77; Found C 70.02 H 4.73 N 7.68.

4-(4-Bromophenyl)-5,6-dihydro-2-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-oxo-4H-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carbonitrile (20b)

Faint yellow crystals from ethanol/dimethylformamide, m.p. 220°C - 222°C, yield 80 %. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3451, 3409, 3325 (OH), 2200 (conjugated CN), 1682 (CO). $^1\text{HNMR}$: (DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 3.0 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.50 (s, 1H, pyran H-4), 7.35 - 8.16 (m, 8H, aromatic protons). -C₂₀H₁₃BrN₂O₃ (409.23) Calcd. C 58.70 H 3.20 N 6.85; Found C 58.65 H 3.34 N 6.80.

Ethyl 2-amino-5,6-dihydro-5-oxo-6-methyl-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'H-indole-2-on)spiro-4H-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carboxylate (23)

Yellow crystals from ethanol/DMF, m.p. 270°C - 272°C, yield 76%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3395, 3284, 3196 (NH₂, NH), 1688 (CO), 1659 (CO), 1631 (CO). - $^1\text{HNMR}$: (DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 0.82 - 0.85 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 2.87 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.73 - 3.76 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 6.69 - 8.14 (m, 10H, 8H, aromatic protons and 2H, NH₂), 10.28 (s, 1H, NH). -C₂₃H₁₉N₃O₅ (417.41) Calcd. C 66.18 H 4.59 N 10.07; Found C 66.22 H 4.33 N 10.13.

General procedure for preparation of (26a,b), (28a,b) and (31a,b)

A mixture of (0.01 mol) of each 1,5-naphthalenediol (**24**), 2,6-naphthalenediol (**27**) or 2,7-naphthalenediol (**31**) and (0.02 mol) of the arylidenemalononitriles **1** in ethanol (50 ml) was refluxed for thirty minutes in the presence of piperidine (0.1 ml). The obtained solid products were collected by filtration and recrystallized from the proper solvents yielding corresponds compounds **26**, **28** and **31** respectively.

2,8-Diamino-4,10-di(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4,10-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,10-dicarbonitrile (26a)

Yellow crystals from ethanol/DMF, m.p., >300°C, yield 60%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3421, 3321 (NH₂, OH), 2187 (conjugated CN), 1653 (δNH_2). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 4.77 (s, two equivalent pyran 4-H), 6.69 - 7.88 (m, 16H, 12H, aromatic protons and 4H, 2NH₂), 9.32 (s, 2H,

2OH).-C₃₀H₂₀N₄O₄ (500.50) Calcd. C 71.99 H 4.03 N 11.19; Found C 71.03 H 4.34 N 11.22.

2,8-Diamino-4,10-di(3-chlorophenyl)-4,10-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,10-dicarbonitrile (26b)

Yellow crystals from DMF, m.p. > 300°C, yield 63%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3499, 3325, 3197 (NH₂), 2196 (conjugated CN), 1665 (δ NH₂).-C₃₀H₁₈Cl₂N₄O₂ (537.39) Calcd. C 67.05 H 3.38 N 10.43; Found C 67.23 H 3.42 N 10.33.

3,9-Diamino-1,7-di(3-chlorophenyl)-1,7dihydronaphtho[2,1-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dipyran-3,9-dicarbonitrile (28a)

Yellow crystals from DMF m.p. > 300°C, yield 64%. IR: ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3458, 3326, 3199 (NH₂), 2193 (conjugated CN), 1657 (δ NH₂).-C₃₀H₁₈Cl₂N₄O₂ (537.39) Calcd. C 67.05 H 3.38 N 10.43; Found C 67.00 H 3.27 N 10.51.

3,9-Diamino-1,7-di(4-bromophenyl)-1,7dihydronaphtho[2,1-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dipyran-3,9-dicarbonitrile (28b)

Faint yellow from ethanol/DMF m.p. > 300°C, yield 65%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3457, 33327, 3197 (NH₂), 2191 (conjugated CN).-¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) (δ , ppm): 5.34 (s, two equivalent pyran 4-H), 6.99 - 7.89 (m, 16H, 12H, aromatic protons and 4H, 2NH₂). C₃₀H₁₈Br₂N₄O₂ (626.29) Calcd. C 57.53 H 2.90 N 8.95; Found C 57.64 H 3.02 N 8.83.

3-Amino-9-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-benzof[*f*]chromen-2-carbonitrile (31a)

Yellow crystals from ethanol/dimethylformamide, m.p. 260°C - 262°C, yield 75%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3482, 3377, 3162 (NH₂, OH), 2183 (conjugated CN), 1651 (δ , NH₂).-¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) (δ , ppm): 4.89 (s, 1H, pyran 4-H), 6.65 - 7.77 (m, 11H, 9H aromatic protons and 2H, NH₂), 9.26, 9.8 (2s, 2H, 2OH).-C₂₀H₁₄N₂O₃ (330.33) Calcd. C 72.72 H 4.27 N 8.48; Found C 72.82 H 4.15 N 8.51.

3-Amino-9-hydroxy-1-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-benzof[*f*]chromen-2-carbonitrile (31b)

Yellow crystals from DMF, m.p. 268°C - 270°C, yield 70%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3480 - 3338 (NH₂, OH), 2189 (conjugated CN), 1648 (δ NH₂).-C₂₀H₁₃BrN₂O₂ (393.23) Calcd. C 61.09 H 3.33 N 7.12; Found C 61.32 H 3.51 N 7.30.

Synthesis of 2,8-Diamino-4,10-di[1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-on]spiro naphtho [1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,9-dicarbonitrile (32) and 3,9-Diamino-1,7-di[1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-on] spiro naphtho [2,1-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dipyran-2,8-dicarbonitrile (33): General procedure:

A suspension of (0.01 mol) of each of 1,5-naphthalenediol (24) or 2,6-naphthalenediol (27) and 2-(2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene) malonitrile (2a) (0.02 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) containing few drops of piperidine was refluxed for one hour. The solids deposited were collected by filtration, recrystallized and identified as 32 and 33 respectively.

2,8-Diamino-4,10-di[1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-on]spiro naphtho [1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,9-dicarbonitrile

(32)

Yellow crystals from DMF, m.p. > 300°C, yield 80%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3448, 3368, 3313 (NH₂, NH), 2195 (conjugated CN), 1713 (CO), 1655 (δ NH₂).-¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) (δ , ppm): 6.73 - 7.94 (m, 16H, 12H, aromatic protons and 4H, 2NH₂), 10.71 (s, 2H, 2NH). C₃₂H₁₈N₆O₄ (550.52) Calcd. C 69.81 H 3.30 N 15.27; Found C 69.76 H 3.41 N 15.30.

3,9-Diamino-1,7-di[1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-on]spiro naphtho [2, 1-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dipyran-2,8-dicarbonitrile (33)

Red crystals from ethanol/1,4-dioxane, m.p. 230°C - 232°C, yield 85%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3405, 3259 (NH₂, NH), 2231 (conjugated CN), 1718 (CO), 1620 (δ NH₂).-C₃₃H₂₀N₆O₄ (564.54) Calcd. C 70.21 H 3.57 N 14.89; Found C 70.10 H 3.44 N 14.78.

General method for preparation of 2-amino-4-hydroxy-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-oxo)spironaphtho [1,2-*b*]pyran-3-carbonitrile (36) and 2-amino-6-hydroxy-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-oxo)spironaphtho [1,2-*b*]pyran-3-carbonitrile (37):

A mixture of each of 1,4-naphthalenediol (34) or 1,6-naphthalenediol (35) (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) containing piperidine (0.1 ml) was treated with (0.01 mol) of 2a. The reaction mixture was refluxed for six hours and then left to cool to room temperature. The precipitates formed were collected by filtration, recrystallized and identified as naphthopyrans 36 and 37 respectively.

2-Amino-4-hydroxy-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-oxo) spiro naphtho[1,2-*b*]pyran-3-carbonitrile (36)

Brown crystals from ethanol/DMF, m.p. > 300°C, yield 75%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3423, 3301, 3200 (NH₂, NH, OH), 2219 (conjugated CN), 1721 (CO), 1646 (δ NH₂).-C₂₁H₁₃N₃O₃ (355.34). Calcd. C 70.98 H 3.69 N 11.83; Found C 70.62 H 3.53 N 11.69.

2-Amino-6-hydroxy-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-oxo) spiro naphtho[1,2-*b*] pyran-3-carbonitrile (37)

Colorless crystals from ethanol/1,4-dioxan, m.p. > 300°C, yield 65%. IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3482, 3328, 3171 (NH₂, NH, OH), 2199 (Conjugated CN), 1699 (CO), 1653 (δ NH₂).-¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) (δ , ppm): 6.43 - 6.45 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H, aromatic proton), 6.96 - 7.28 (m, 7H, aromatic protons), 7.41 (s, 2H, NH₂), 8.13 - 8.14 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H, aromatic proton), 10.05 (s, 1H, OH), 10.65 (s, 1H, NH). C₂₁H₁₃N₃O₃ (355.34) Calcd. C 70.98 H 3.69 N 11.83; Found C 70.88 H 3.76 N 11.75.

6,8-Dibromo-N-[4-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2-thioxothiazol-3-yl]coumarin-3-carboxamide (42)

A solution of (0.01 mol) of thiazole derivative 39 and (0.01 mol) of 3,5-dibromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (40) in ethanol (50 ml) containing acetic acid (1 ml) was refluxed for one hour, then left to cool. The formed precipitate was collected by filtration, recrystallized from

ethanol to give **42** as colorless crystals, m.p. 194°C - 196°C, yield 85%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3400, 3061 (NH), 1729 (CO coumarinyl), 1660 (CO antipyrinyl). - $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_4\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ (648.34) Calcd. C 44.46 H 2.49 N 8.64; Found C 44.69 H 2.53 N 8.55.

2-Cyano-2-(4'-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)-N-[4-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-on-4-yl)-2-thioxothiazol-3-yl] acetamide (43)

A solution of thiazole derivative **39** (0.01 mol) and the appropriate amount of aromatic aldehyde (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) containing (0.1 ml) of piperidine was refluxed for three hours, then left to cool. The resulting solid obtained on standing was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol to give **43** as colorless crystals, m.p. 258°C - 260°C, yield 60%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3250 (NH, 2214 conjugated CN), 1634 (CO antipyrinyl). - $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_5\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ (519.59) Calcd. C 57.79 H 4.07 N 13.48; Found C 57.82 H 4.34 N 13.54.

6-Amino-1-[4'-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2'-thioxothiazol-3'-yl]-4-aryl-3,5-dicyano-2-oxo-1H-pyridine (45)

Method A:

A solution of thiazole derivative (**39**) (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) containing (0.1 ml) of triethylamine, was treated with (0.01 mol) of cinnamionitrile **1c**. The reaction mixture was refluxed for three hours, then left to cool. The solid product formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol to give colorless crystals of **45** m.p., 290°C - 292°C, yield 65%.

Method B:

A suspension of the arylidene derivative **43** (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) was treated with malononitrile (0.01 mol) and dry pyridine (20 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for five hours and the solvent was concentrated in vacuo and the solid formed was recrystallized and identified (m.p. and mixed m.p. as **45**). -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3323, 3198 (NH₂, NH), 2215 (conjugated CN), 1636 (CO antipyrinyl). - $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_7\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ (597.66) Calcd. C 58.28 H 3.88 N 16.40; Found C 58.11 H 4.00 N 16.32.

Formation of 2-amino-1-[4'-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)2'-thioxothiazol-3'-yl]-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'H-indol-2-on) spiro-6-hydroxy-3,5-dicyanopyridine (47)

To a mixture of thiazole derivative **39** (0.01 mol) and 2-(2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (**2a**) (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml), few drops of piperidine was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed four hours, then cooled and the formed precipitate was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol/DMF to give red crystals of **47**, m.p. 192°C - 194°C, yield 70%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3250, 3063 (NH), 1723 (CO), 1641 (CO antipyrinyl). - $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_8\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (580.64) Calcd. C 57.92 H 3.47 N 19.30; Found C 57.81 H 3.55 N 19.11.

Preparation of 6-amino-4-aryl-3,5-dicyano-1-[1'

(2''-thienyl)ethylid-enemino] pyridine-2-(1H)-ones (53a,b)

A solution of the hydrazone derivative **49** (0.01 mol) and (0.01 mol) of arylidenemalononitriles **1a, b** in ethanol (50 ml) was heated at reflux temperature for half hour. The resulting solids were collected by filtration and recrystallized from suitable solvents to yield compounds **53a, b**.

6-Amino-4-(5'-bromo-2'-thienyl)-3,5-dicyano-1-[1'-(2''-thienyl) ethylidenemino] pyridine-2-(1H)-one (53a)

Yellow crystals from ethanol/1,4-dioxan, m.p. 216°C - 218°C, yield 80%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3451, 3362 (NH₂, NH), 2214 (conjugated CN), 1655 (CO), 1619 (δ NH₂). - $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_7\text{SO}_3$ (444.33) Calcd. C 45.95 H 2.27 N 15.76; Found C 45.85 H 2.36 N 15.82.

6-Amino-4-(4'-nitro-2'-pyrryl)-3,5-dicyano-1-[1'-(2''-thienyl) ethylidenemino] pyridine-2-(1H)-one (53b)

Colorless crystals from ethanol/DMF, m.p. 248°C - 250°C, yield 75%. -IR ($\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3447, 3320, 3150 (NH₂, NH), 2211 (conjugated CN), 1658 (CO). -¹H-NMR (DMSO-*d*₆) (δ , ppm): 2.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.09 - 8.08 (m, 5H, 3H, aromatic protons and 2H, NH₂), 8.13 (s, 1H, aromatic proton), 8.35 (s, 1H, aromatic proton), 12.92 (s, 1H, NH). - $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_7\text{SO}_3$ (393.38) Calcd. C 51.90 H 2.82 N 24.92; Found C 51.82 H 2.57 N 24.86.

3. Results and Discussion

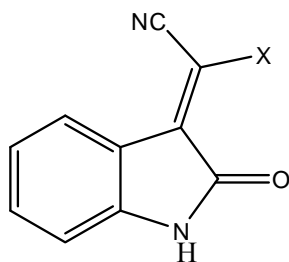
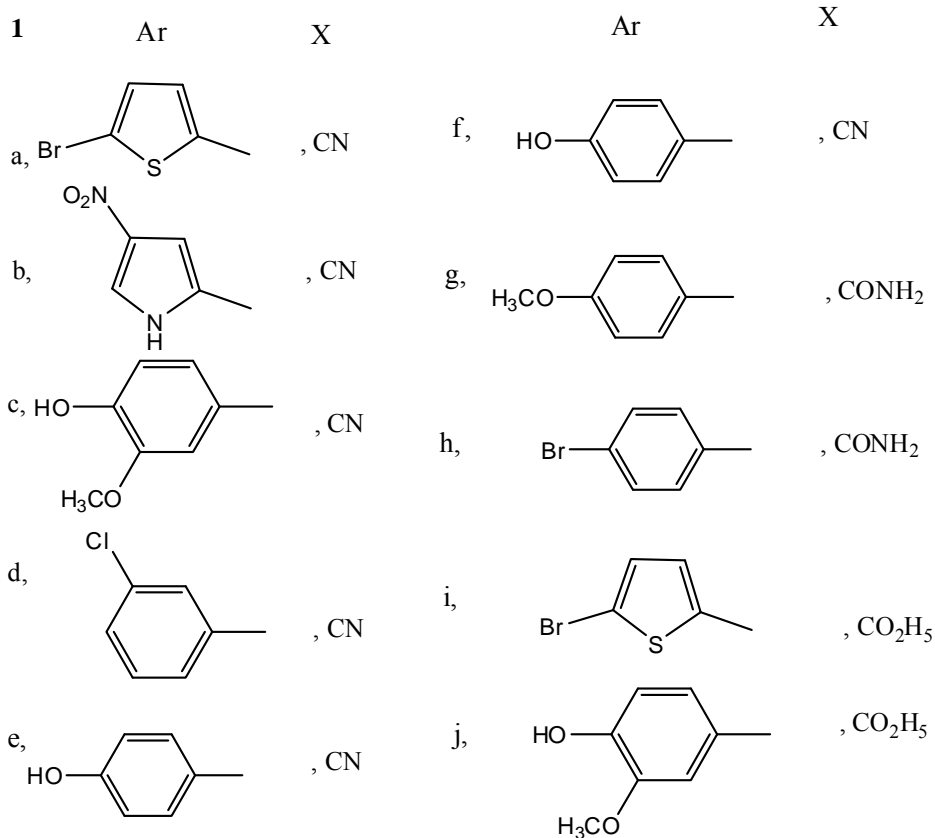
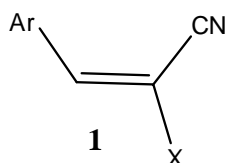
It has been found that, arylidenemalononitriles **1a, c** reacted readily with 1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-4-nitroso-1-phenyl-5-oxopyrazole(**4**) to give 6-aryl-1-methyl-3-oxo-1,2,3-trihydro-2-phenylpyrazolo[4,3-*b*] pyridine-5-carbonitriles (**7a, b**) *via* hydrogen cyanide and water elimination. Structures **7a, b** were assigned as reaction products based on their elemental and spectral data (*cf.* experimental). The same products were obtained by reacting ethyl arylidenecyanoacetates **1i, j** with **4** *via* elimination of one mole of carbon monoxide, ethanol and water. Compounds **7** were assumed to be formed *via* addition of the active methyl group in **4** to the activated double bond in **1** to give the adducts **5** which cyclized to give the intermediates **6**. The later aromatized through elimination of hydrogen cyanide or ethyl formate and water. Similar sequence for the formation of similar systems has been reported before [3,7] (*cf.* Scheme 1).

When equimolecular amounts of arylidenemalononitriles **1a, b, d** and 4-azidomethylcarbonyl-1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-one (**8**) reacted in ethanolic/piperidine, products resulting *via* elimination of nitrogen from phenylpyrazol-5-oxo-4-yl)-3-aryl-aziridine-2,2-dicarbonitriles (**10**), 3-amino-4-(aryl)-6-(2,3-dihydro-1,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-2-oxo-2H-

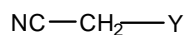
pyran-3-carbonitrile (**13**) and 2-amino-4-(aryl)-5-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-on-4-yl)pyrrol-3-carbonitriles (**14**) were thus considered. The aziridine structures (**10**) were ruled out by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra of the reaction products which clearly indicates the absence of methylene groups signals at $\delta \approx 4.0$ ppm. The α -pyrone structures **13** were excluded by IR spectra which clearly indicate the absence of $\nu \approx 1700$ cm^{-1} α -pyrone carbonyl function. Thus, the pyrrole structures

(**14a, b**) were given for the reaction products. Compounds **14** were formed via stepwise mechanism demonstrated in **Scheme 2**.

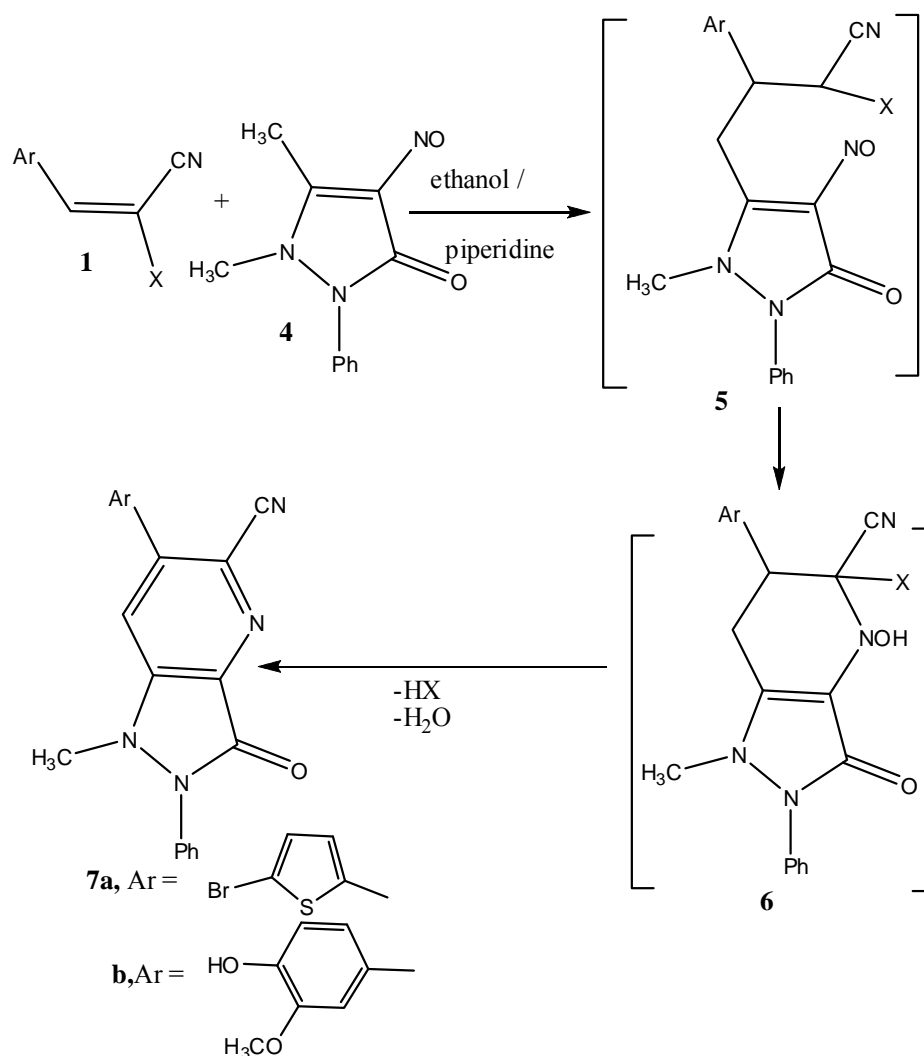
Also, 3-acetyl-4-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-oxo-1H-quinoline (**15**) reacted with arylidenes **1g, h** in ethanol/pyridine (1:1) to yield 1:1 adducts for which two structures 2-amino-4-(aryl)-5,6-dihydro-6-methyl-5-oxo-4H-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinoline-3-carboxamide (**19**) and 4-(aryl)-5,6-dihydro-2-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-oxo-4H-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-



2 a, X = CN
b, X = CO₂C₂H₅



3a, Y = CONHNH₂
b, Y = CN



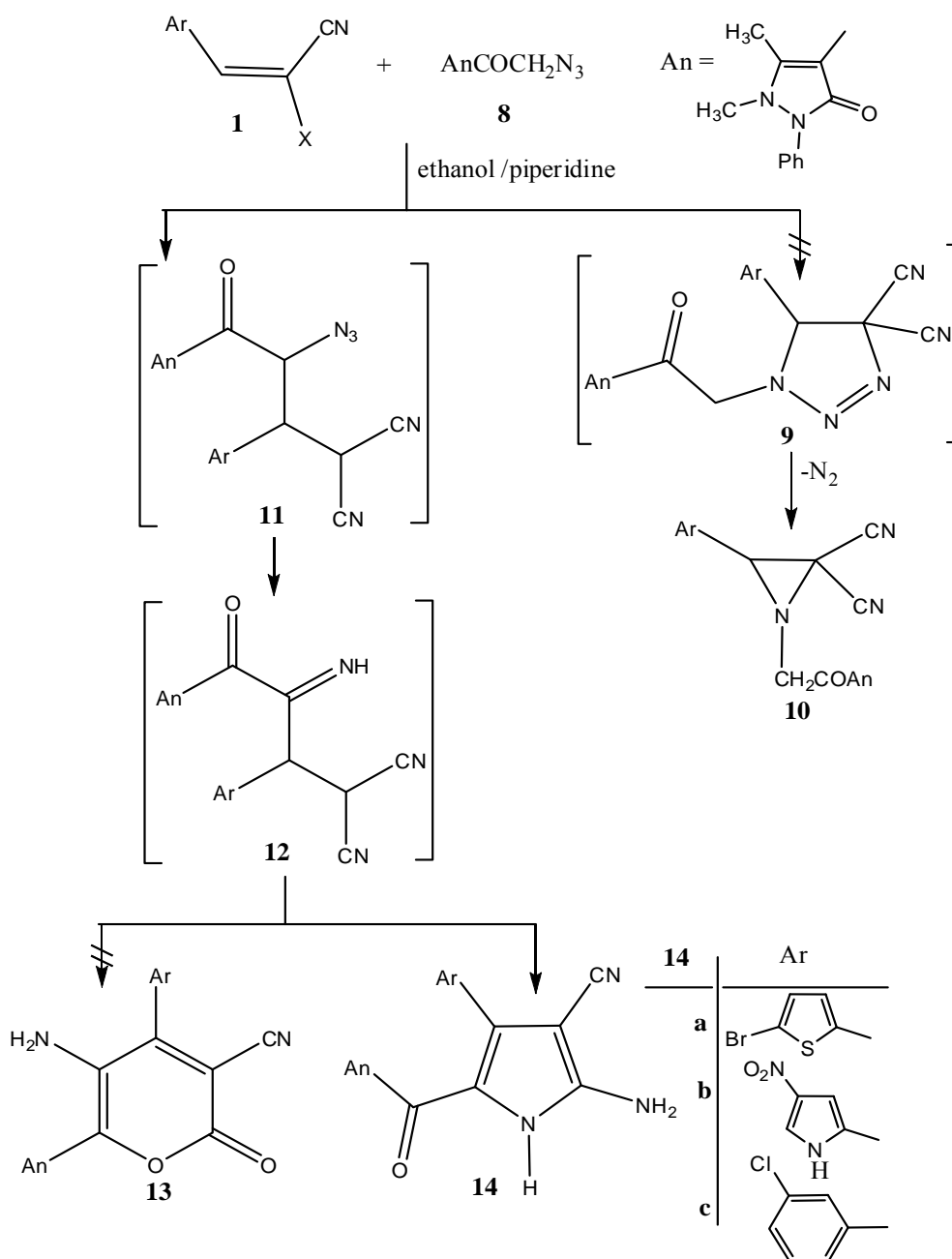
Scheme 1. Formation of pyrazolo[4,3b]pyridines 7a, b.

carbonitriles (**20a, b**) seemed possible. 4-(Aryl)-5,6-dihydro-2-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-oxo-4*H*-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carbonitriles (**20a, b**) were established for the reaction products based on the elemental analysis and IR spectral data which showed signals at ($\nu_{\text{CN}} \approx 2200 - 2206 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). Structure **20** was also supported through the formation from reaction of 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1*H*)one (**18**) with arylidenes **1g, h** utilizing the same reaction conditions. 4-(Aryl)-5,6-dihydro-2-hydroxy-6-methyl-5-oxo-4*H*-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carbonitriles (**20a, b**) were proposed to be formed *via* the stepwise mechanism (*cf.* **Scheme 3**).

Similarly, compound **15** reacted with ethyl 2-(2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)cyanoacetate (**2b**) to yield ethyl 2-amino-5,6-dihydro-5-oxo-6-methyl-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indole-2-on)spiro-4*H*-pyrano[3,2-*c*]quinolin-3-carboxylate (**23**). Compound **23** was authentically prepared *via* reaction of **2b** with 4-hydroxy-1-methylquinolin-2(1*H*)-one (**18**) using the same reaction conditions (*cf.*

Scheme 3.

The behavior of several naphthalenediols towards arylidenemalononitriles **1** was investigated. Thus, it has been found that, arylidenemalononitriles **1** reacted readily with 1,5-naphthalenediol (**24**) in a molar ratio (2:1) in refluxing ethanol containing piperidine as catalyst to afford 2:1 diadducts. Two possible isomeric structures 4-amino-1,5-diaryl-2,5-dihydro-8-hydroxynaphtho[1,2-*b*]pyrano[2',3'-*b'*]pyridine-3,3-dicarbonitriles (**25**) and 2,8-diamino-4,10-di(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4,10-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,10-dicarbonitriles (**26**). 2,8-Diamino-4,10-diaryl-4,10-dihydronaphtho[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,10-dicarbonitriles (**26a, b**). Structures **26a, b** were established for the products based on ¹H-NMR spectra which revealed the presence of two magnetically equivalent 4*H*-pyran protons at $\delta \approx 5.0$ ppm. The reaction products **25**, were excluded due to two magnetically non-equivalent protons for 4*H*-pyran and pyridine H-2. Similarly, arylidenemalononitriles **1** reacted with 2,6-



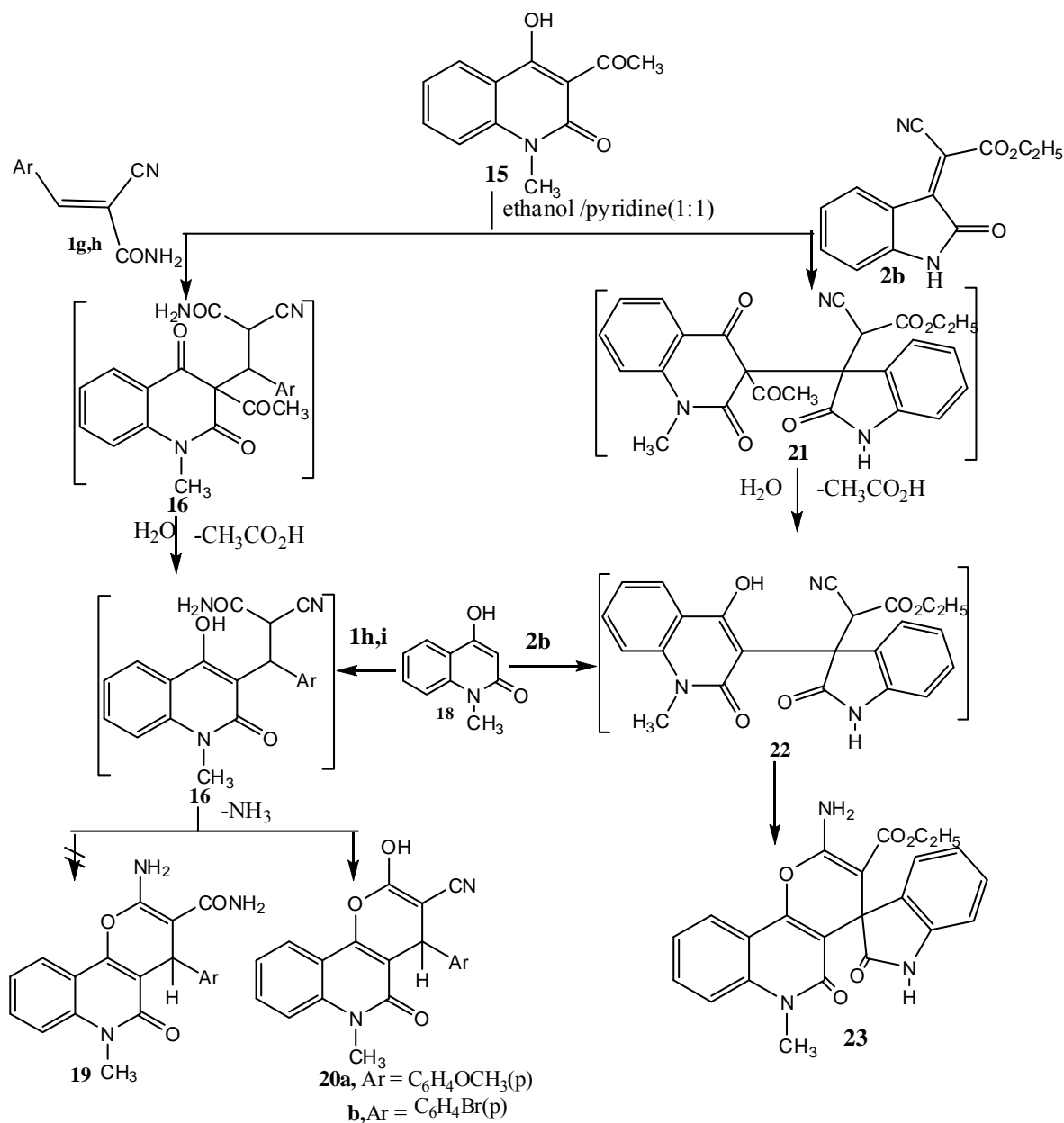
Scheme 2. Formation of 2-aminopyrroles 14a-c.

naphthalenediol (**27**) in ethanol catalyzed with piperidine to afford 2:1 diadducts which corresponds to 3,9-diamino-1,7-diaryl-1,7-dihydronaphtho[2,1-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dipyran-3,9-dicarbonitriles (**28**). Trials to isolate a 1:1 adduct were failed. ¹H-NMR spectra of **28** revealed the presence of two magnetically equivalent 4H-pyran protons as one signal at $\delta \approx 5.34$ ppm. It is of value to note that the pyran H-4 in **28** is deshielded by 0.34 ppm in comparison with **26** as a result of van der Waal's effect of the adjacent aromatic protons (*cf.* experimental).

Also, compound **1** reacted with 2,7-naphthalenediol

(**29**) in ethanol and in the presence of piperidine as catalyst to afford the adducts corresponds to 3-amino-9-hydroxy-1-(aryl)-1H-benzo[*f*]chromen-2-carbonitriles (**31a, b**). Structures **31a, b** were preferred over possible naphthodipyran (**30**) on the basis of elemental and spectral analysis. Also, structure **31** were found to be highly sterically hindered by the two aryl groups at C-1 and C-12. Trials to isolate a 2:1 diadducts **30** were found unsuccessful (*cf.* **Scheme 4**).

Reaction of 2-(2-oxindolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (**2a**) with 1,5-naphthalenediol (**24**) and 2,6-naphtha-



Scheme 3. Formation of pyrano[3,2-c] quinolines 20 and 23.

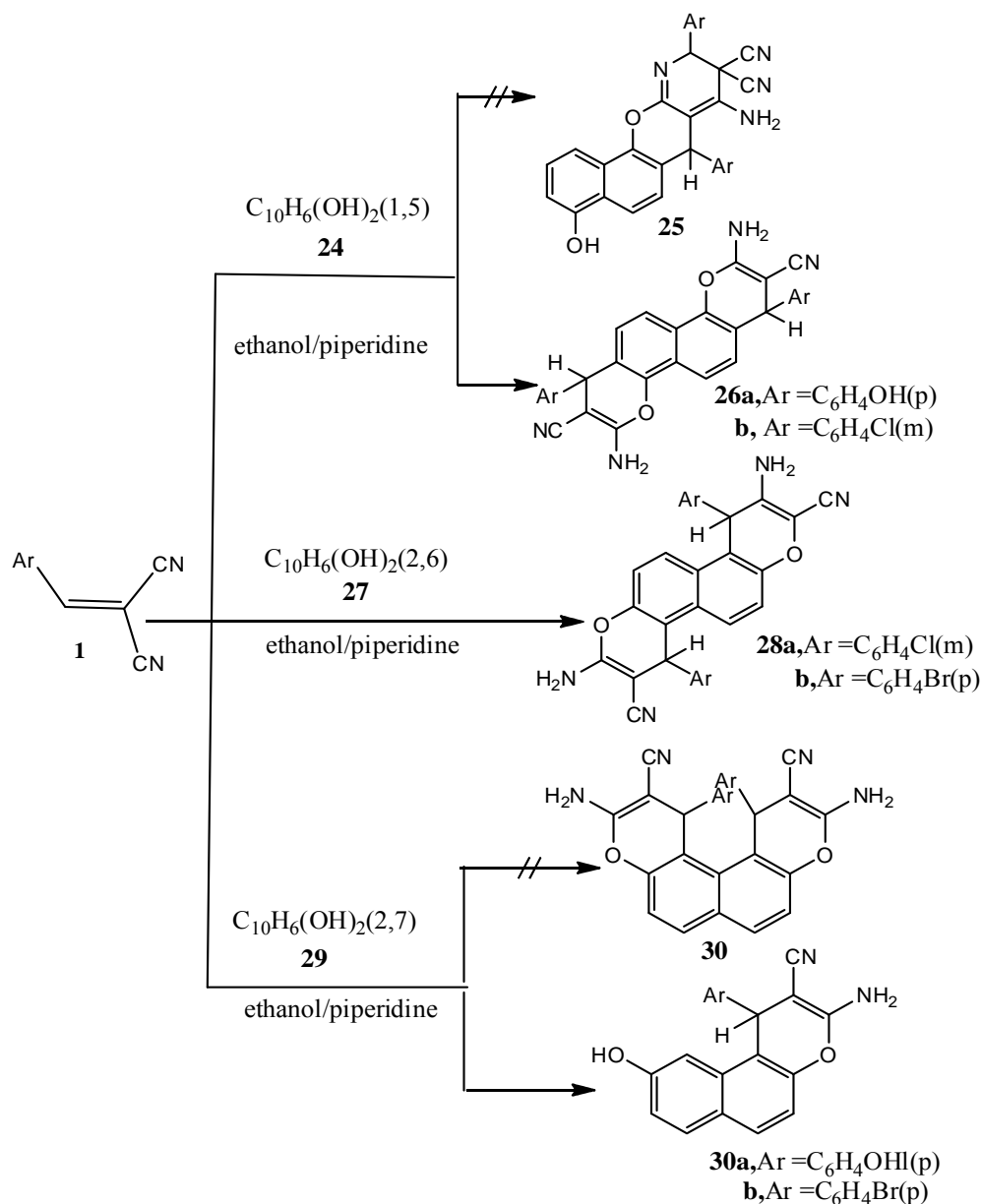
lenediol (27) in ethanol containing few drops of piperidine afforded a 2:1 diadducts. Structures 2,8-diamino-4,10-di[1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-on]spiro[naphtho[1,2-*b*:5,6-*b'*]dipyran-3,9-dicarbonitrile (32) and 3,9-dia-mino-1,7-di[1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-on]spiro[naphtho[2,1-*b*:6,5-*b'*]dipyran-2,8-dicarbonitrile (33) (*cf.* Scheme 5) were assigned for the reaction products based on their elemental and spectral analysis (*cf.* experimental).

On the other hand, reaction of both of 1,4-naphthalenediol (34) and 1,6-naphthalenediol (35) with 2-(2-oxoindolin-3-ylidene)malononitrile (2a) in a molar ratio (1:1) or (1:2) in ethanolic-piperidine, resulted in the formation of naphthopyrans 2-amino-4-hydroxy-4-(1',3'-

dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-oxo)spiro naphtho[1,2-*b*]pyran-3-carbonitrile (36) and 2-amino-6-hydroxy-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'*H*-indol-2-oxo)spironaphtho[1,2-*b*]pyran-3-carbonitrile (37) respectively (*cf.* Scheme 5). Elemental and spectral data are compatible with naphthopyran structures 36 - 38 (*cf.* experimental).

Trials to prepare naphthodipyans *via* reacting 2a with 1,4-naphthalenediol (34) and 1,6-naphthalenediol (35) were found failure. This may be attributed to the molecular overcrowding arising from the difficult formation of two pyran moieties located at 3,4-,5,6 and 9, 10-in positions the naphthalene ring (*cf.* Scheme 5).

The utility of 2-cyanoethanoic acid hydrazide (3a) as



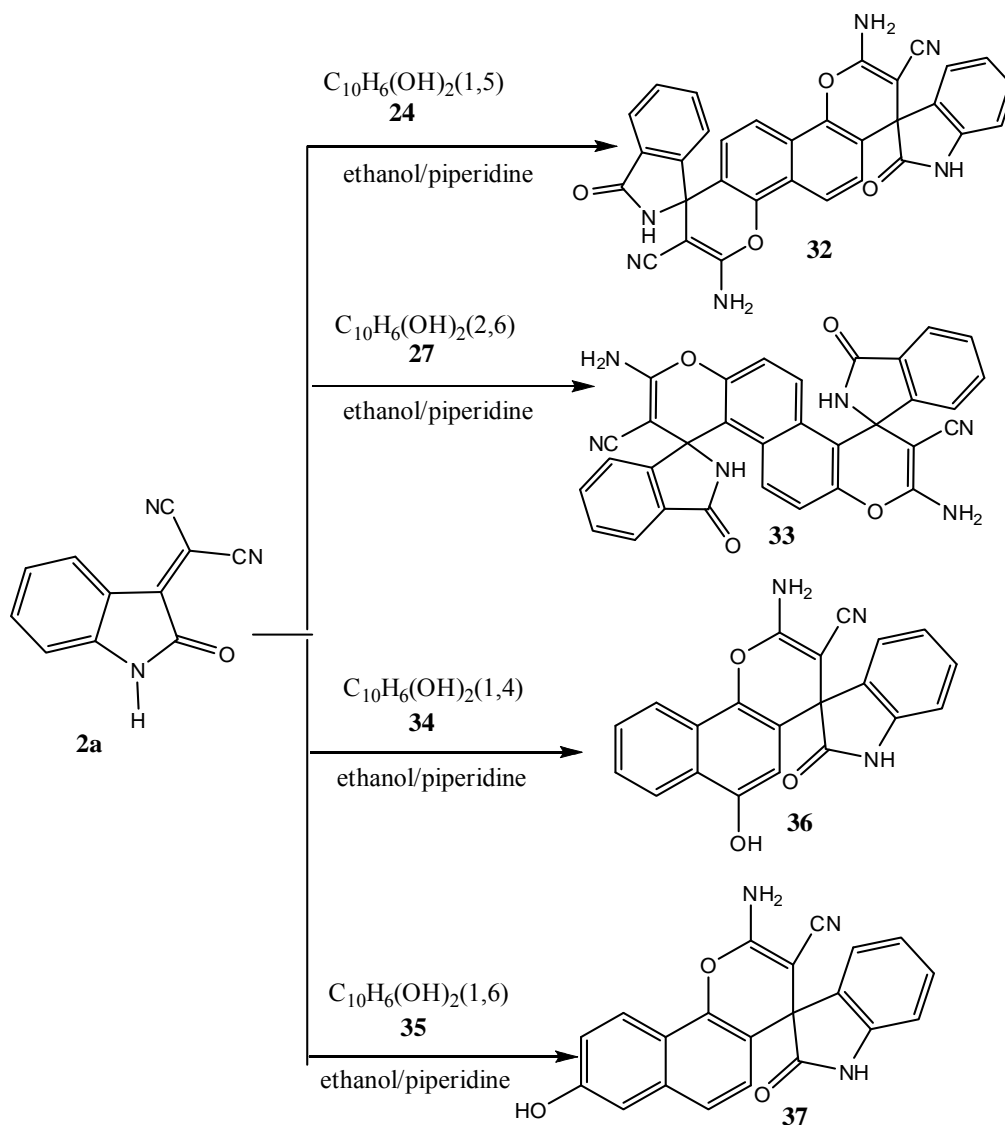
Scheme 4. Reaction of arylidenes **1** with dihydroxynaphthalenes.

starting material for synthesis of heterocyclic compounds was investigated. Thus, 2-ethanoic acid hydrazide (**3a**) when treated with carbon disulphide in dimethylformamide under basic conditions in potassium hydroxide/dimethylformamide, followed by reaction with 4-chloroacetyl-1-phenyl-2,3-dimethyl-3-pyrazolin-5-one (**38**) afforded 2-cyano-*N*-4-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-on-4-yl)-2-thioxothiazol-3-yl]acetamide (**39**) [9].

We have studied the chemical reactivity of **39** towards different reagents. For example, compound **39** condensed with 3,5-dibromo-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (**40**) in ethanol containing catalytic amount of acetic acid to afford

6,8-dibromo-*N*-4-[(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2-thioxothiazol-3-yl]coumarin-3-carboxamide (**42**). Formation of **42** was assumed to proceed *via* the formation of the intermediate arylidene derivative **41**, followed cyclization *via* addition of the hydroxyl group to the cyano group and ammonia elimination.

Refluxing 2-cyano-*N*-4-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-on-4-yl)-2-thioxothiazol-3-yl]acetamide (**39**) with the arylidenemalononitriles **1** in ethanol containing catalytic amount of triethylamine resulted in the formation of 6-amino-1-[4'-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2'-thioxo-thiazol-3'-yl]-4-aryl-3,5-dicyano-2-oxopyridines (**44**) or the 4H-pyrans **45**. Struc-



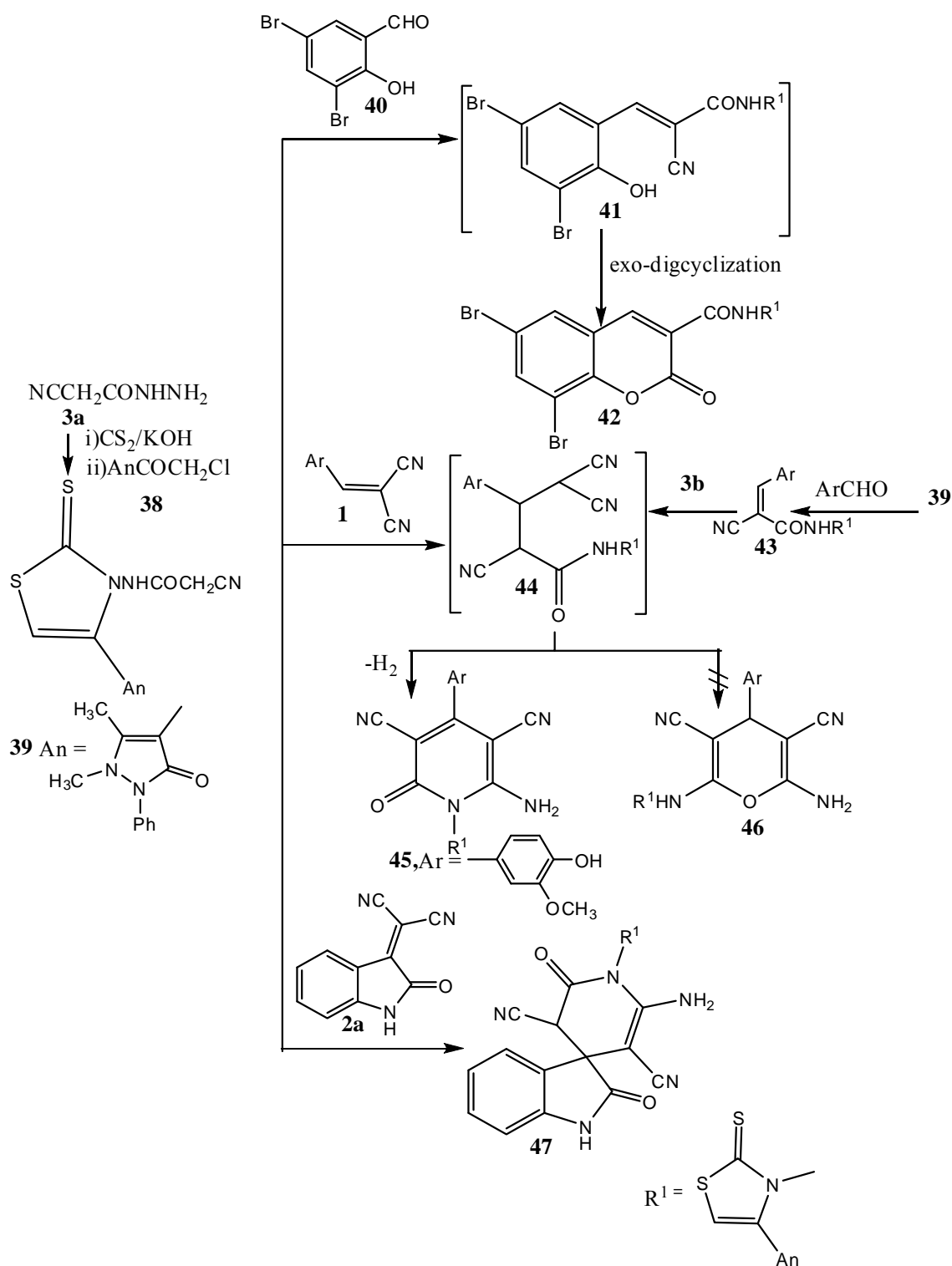
Scheme 5. Reaction of aryldienes **2a** with dihydroxynaphthalenes.

tures **44** were proposed as reaction products based on their elemental and spectral analysis. If the reaction products are **45**, 1H -NMR spectra would show signal at $\approx 4.5 - 5.00$ ppm for pyran H-4. Moreover, compounds **44** were also prepared *via* the reaction of the 2-cyano-2-(4'-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene)-*N*-[4-(1,2-dihydro-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2-thioxothiazol-3-yl]acetoamide (**46**) with malononitrile **3b** in ethanolic-pyridine. Formation of **44** were suggested to take place *via* Michael type addition of the active methylene group in **39** to the π -deficient centre in **1** to give Michael adduct intermediate **43**, which cyclized and readily eliminate of one molecule of hydrogen to yield 6-amino-1-[4'-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2'-thioxothiazol-3'-yl]-4-aryl-3,5-dicyano-2-pyridone.

Similarly, compound **39** reacted with **2a** to yield 2-

amino-1-[(4'-(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-oxo-4-yl)-2'-thioxothiazol-1,3'-yl)-4-(1',3'-dihydro-2'-*H*-indol-2-on)spiro-6-hydroxy-3,5-dicyanopyridine (**47**) (*cf.* **Scheme 6**).

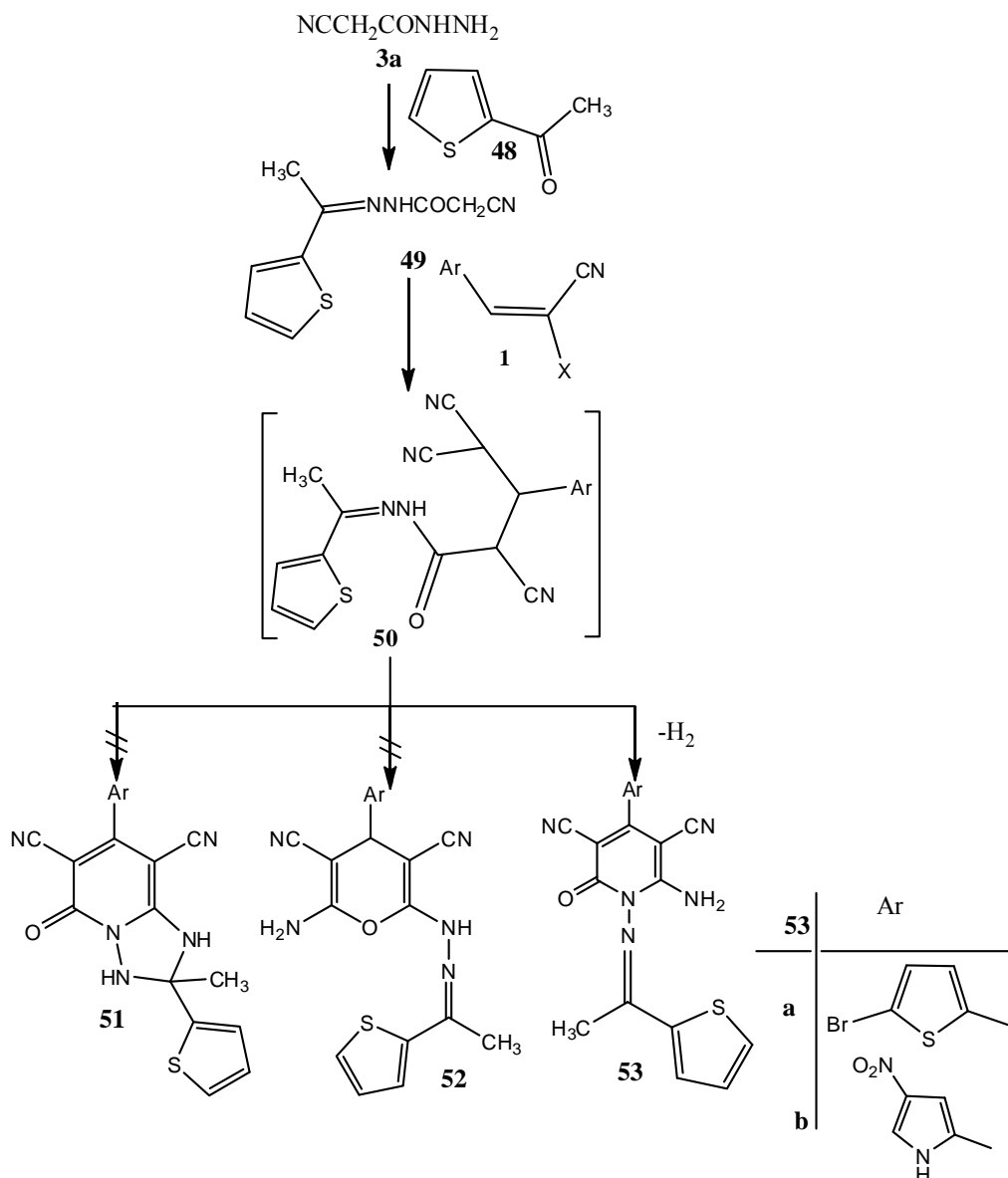
Finally, 2-cyano-*N'*-(1-thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)aceto-hydrazide (**49**) [10] prepared by condensing 2-cyanoethanoic acid hydrazide (**3a**) with 2-acetylthiophene (**48**), reacted with the aryldienemalonitriles **1** in ethanol catalyzed by piperidine to give 7-(aryl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-2-methyl-5-oxo-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridine-6,8-dicarbonitriles (**51**), 2-(2-(1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-6-amino-4-(aryl)-4*H*-pyran-3,5-dicarbonitrile (**52**) or 6-amino-4-aryl-3,5-dicyano-1-[1'-(2''-thienyl)ethylid-enemino]pyridine-2-(1*H*)-ones (**53**). Structures **51** excluded by 1H -NMR spectrum which clearly indicate the absence of two singlets due to two



Scheme 6. Formation of coumarin 42 and pyridines 45, 47.

NH groups. Also, ¹H-NMR spectrum of the products clearly showed the absence of 4H-pyran proton at $\delta \approx 4.5 - 5.0$ ppm for structure **52**. Consequently, the pyridine structures **53** were elucidated as reaction products.

Compounds **53** were suggested to be obtained *via* the addition of the active methylene group in **49** to the π -deficient carbon in **1** to give the adducts **50** which cyclized and dehydrogenated to give 6-amino-4-aryl-3,5-



Scheme 7. Formation of pyridines 53.

dicyano-1-[1'-(2''-thienyl) ethylidene]amino-2-oxo-1H-pyridines (**53**) (cf. Scheme 7).

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