



## New pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine, pyrimido[1',2':1,5]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine and its fused derivatives: synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial evaluation

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### Abstract

Use pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine 4 as a precursor for synthesis of new heterocyclic compounds, where condensation with aromatic aldehydes gives arylidene derivatives 8a-c. Furthermore, when compound 4 is combined with aromatic diazonium chlorides 9a-c, it forms pyrazolo[3,4-d] pyridazines 11a-c. Additionally, reacting The unisolated potassium salt 13 with phenacyl bromide derivatives 14a,b or chloroacetonitrile at room temperature, thieno[3",4":5',6']pyrido[4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines 17a,b or 22 are obtained. Finally, compound 4 reacts with DMFDMA to produce enamine 23. The zone of inhibition measurement was used to gauge the synthetic compounds' in vitro antibacterial activity. The outcomes showed encouraging antibacterial efficacy against the harmful bacterial strains that were examined.

Keywords: pyrazole, antimicrobial, pyrimidine, arylidenes, phencyl bromide, DMFDMA.

### Introduction

Heterocyclic derivatives incorporating pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines moieties show interesting medicinal applications such as antiviral [1], cytotoxic [2], antidepressant [3], antihypertensive[4], analgesic [5], antimicrobial activity [6], antimicrobial activity [7-10]. anticancer activities [11-18]. Notably, several commercially available drugs, as zaleplon, indiplon [19], ocinaplon [20], dinaciclib [21], dorsomorphin [22], anagliptin [23], and pyrazophos [24], incorporate in (Fig. 1).Furthermore, there has been extensive research on pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine analogs uses as inhibitors of kinases [25-29]. Numerous active compounds have been identified, including the B-Raf kinase inhibitor A [30] and the cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor B [31] (Fig. 2).Building upon our previous research [9][32-34], we have decided to investigate the synthesis of novel fused compounds, including pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine, pyrimido[1',2':1,5]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine,

thieno[3",4":5',6']pyrido[4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines. This will be achieved through the reactions of nucleus pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (4) with different nucleophile reagents

### Experimental

Using a Koffler melting point apparatus, the melting points of all compounds were computed, and the findings were provided without any modifications. Infrared (IR) spectra were gathered using a Nicolet 710 FT-IR spectrometer. Using DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvents, proton nuclear magnetic resonance (1H NMR) and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (13C NMR) spectra were obtained using a Bruker A Vance III-400 MHz apparatus. The elements microanalysis was performed using a Perkin-Elmer CHN-2400 elemental analyzer. The purity of each component was assessed using TLC plates.

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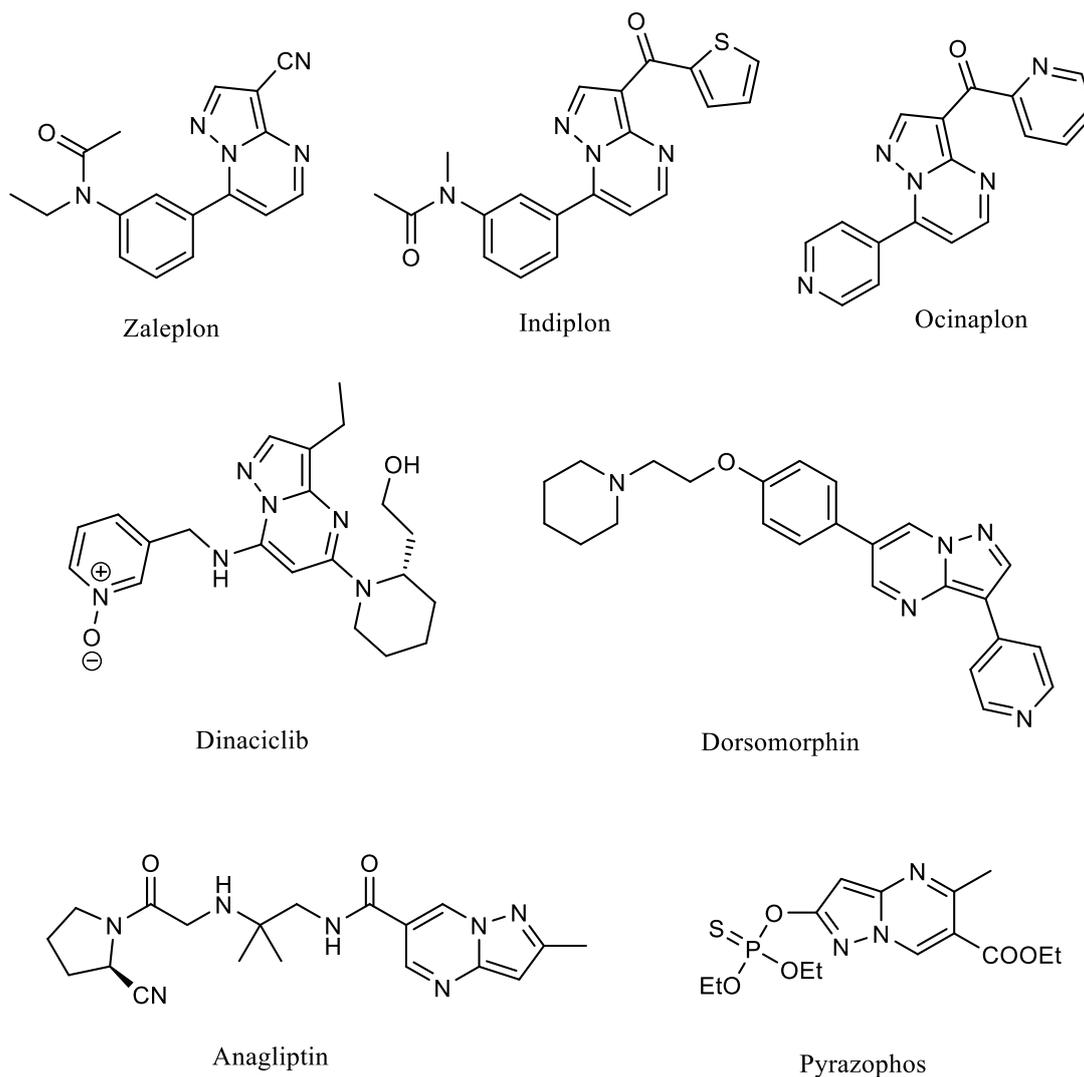


Figure 1. Examples of pharmaceuticals having the pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine nucleus.

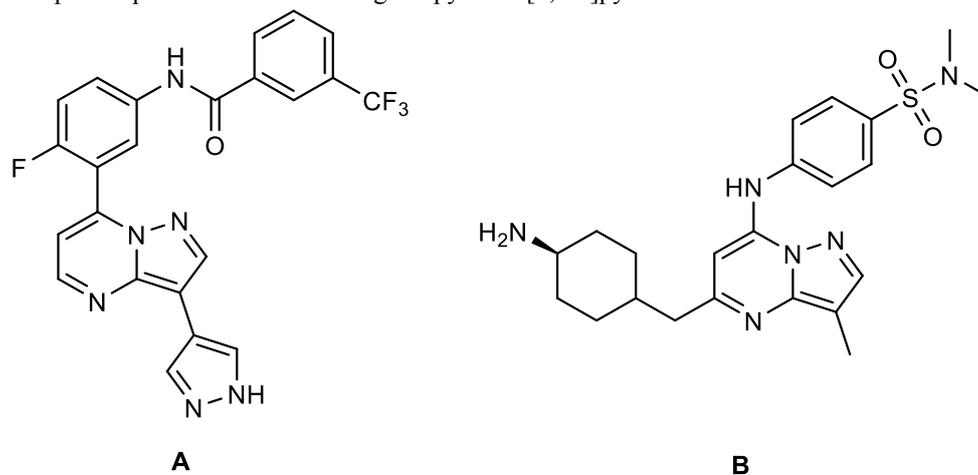


Figure 2. kinase inhibitors with pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine as their central component.

## Chemistry

### 6-benzoyl-2-(cyanomethyl)-7-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (4)

**First method:** Enamine (5) (2.02 g, 0.01 mol) and benzoyl acetone (1) (1.62 g, 0.01 mol) were refluxed for 4 hours in acetic acid (30 ml), cooled off, poured onto ice water (50 ml) and collected by filtration.

**Second method:** refluxed mixture of 5-aminopyrazole (3) (1.47 gm, 0.01 mol) with enamine (2) (2.17 gm, 0.01 mol) for 4 hr in acetic acid (30 ml), cooled off, poured onto ice water (50 ml) and collected by filtration.

As pale yellow crystals from ethanol; m.p.138-140 °C; Yield: (2.1g, 69.7%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2258,2225(2CN) and 1661(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.69 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.53 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.52 – 8.05(m, 5H, aromatic) and 8.26(s, 1H, CH=N);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 17.5, 24.9, 80.8, 113.1, 116.6, 128.0, 129.0, 130.2, 132.1, 135.7, 146.9, 149.2, 150.5, 159.2 and 165.0; calculated values for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_5\text{O}$ : C, 67.77; H, 3.68; N, 23.24; however, the actual values were: C, 67.19; H, 3.43; N, 22.96.

### General procedure for synthesis of arylidenes 8a-c.

Compound (4) (3.01g, 0.01mole) and aldehydes 7a-c (0.01mole) were refluxed together for 4 hours in 30ml of an ethanolic piperidine solution after being cooled off, filtered and then crystallized from the ethanol.

### 6-benzoyl-2-(1-cyano-2-phenylvinyl)-7-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine -3-carbonitrile (8a).

Obtained by using benzaldehyde (7a) (1.016 ml, 0.01 mole) as yellowish crystals. m.p. 220-222°C; Yield: (2.7g, 9.3%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2223(CN) and 1654(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.64(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.39–7.99(m, 10H, aromatic), 8.16(s, 1H, CH) and 8.29(s, 1H, CH=N); calculated values for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_5\text{O}$ : C, 74.02; H, 3.88; N, 17.98; however, the actual values were: C, 73.39; H, 3.19; N, 17.56.

### 6-benzoyl-2-(1-cyano-2-(p-tolyl)vinyl)-7-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (8b).

Obtained by using 4-methylbenzaldehyde (7b) (1.17 ml, 0.01 mole) as brown crystals. m.p.>300 °C; Yield: (2.5 g, 61.9%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2220(CN) and 1650(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.41, 2.64(2s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.40 – 7.94(m, 9H, aromatic), 8.15(s, 1H, CH) and 8.24(s, 1H, CH=N);

Anal. Calcd.  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_5\text{O}$ : C, 74.43; H, 4.25; N, 17.36; Found: C, 74.12; H, 3.98; N, 16.94.

### 6-benzoyl-2-(1-cyano-2-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)vinyl)- 7-methylpyrazolo [1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (8c).

Obtained by using 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (7c) (1.49g, 0.01 mole) as yellow crystals. m.p.240-242°C; Yield: (3.5g, 80.9%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2217(CN) and 1658(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.7(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.35[ s, 6H,  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ], 6.85-8.05(m, 9H, aromatic), 8.14(s, 1H, CH) and 8.16( s, 1H, CH=N));  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 24.9, 40.6, 77.6, 93.2, 112.2, 112.4, 114.1, 117.6, 119.8, 129.1, 129.8, 130.1, 132.1, 132.7, 146.5, 147.8, 152.5, 152.8, 153.2 and 164.7; calculated values for.  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_6\text{O}$ : C, 72.21; H, 4.66; N, 19.43; however, the actual values were: C, 72.11; H, 4.14; N, 19.17.

### General procedure for synthesis of compounds 11a-c.

Stirring the compound (4) cooled pyridine solution (30 mL, 3.01g, 0.01 mole), along with the gradually added aryl diazonium chloride 9a-c, until the solid product developed, filtered, and re-crystallized from the suitable solvent.

### 3-benzoyl-10-imino-4-methyl-9-phenyl-9,10-dihydropyrimido[1',2':1,5]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine-7-carbonitrile (11a)

Obtained by using aniline (9a) (0.91 ml, 0.01 mole), as brown crystals. m.p. 238-240 °C; Yield: (2.4g, 59.1%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3236(NH), 2222(CN) and 1652(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.64(s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.1-8.08(m, 10H, aromatic), 8.29(s, 1H, CH=N) and 11.99(s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm):17.2, 112.5, 117.4, 119.1, 121.6, 122.4, 127.1, 129.1, 129.6, 132.1, 132.6, 134.5, 139.8, 145.8, 148.1, 155.1, 157.2, 158.1 and 164.1; calculated values for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_7\text{O}$ : C, 68.14; H, 3.73; N, 24.18 however, the actual values were: C, 67.79; H, 3.21; N, 23.95.

### 3-benzoyl-10-imino-4-methyl-9-(p-tolyl)-9,10-dihydropyrimido[1',2':1,5]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine-7-carbonitrile (11b)

Obtained by using p-toluidine (9b) (1.07 g, 0.01 mole), as pale brown crystals. m.p.258-260 °C; Yield: (2.3 g, 54.8%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3236(NH), 2223(CN) and 1656(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.7, 2.86(2s, 6H, 2 $\text{CH}_3$ ),7.1-8.04( m, 9H, aromatic), 8.31(s,1H,CH=N), and 11.97 (s, 1H, NH));

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 17.5, 20.9, 111.6, 120.6, 121.3, 128.5, 129.1, 129.8, 129.9, 131.4, 132.3, 132.7, 133.1, 139.2, 142.8, 147.1, 154.9, 156.4, 157, and 165.1; calculated values for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_7\text{O}$ : C, 68.72; H, 4.09; N, 23.38; however, the actual values were: C, 68.42; H, 3.92; N, 23.13.

**3-benzoyl-10-imino-9-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-9,10-dihydropyrimido[1',2':1,5]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine-7-carbonitrile (11c)**

Obtained by using 4-methoxyaniline (**9c**) (1.23 gm, 0.01 mole), as brown crystals. m.p.>300 °C; Yield: (3.0gm, 68.8%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3424(NH), 2206(CN) and 1658(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.63, 3.75(2s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.95-8.1(m, 9H, aromatic), 8.22(s, 1H, CH=N) and 11.98 (s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 17.7, 55.7, 111.3, 114.4, 119.8, 121.6, 127.9, 128.9, 129.1, 132.4, 132.7, 133.1, 138.1, 140.1, 145.7, 152.9, 153.4, 154.8 and 163.3; calculated values for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_7\text{O}_2$ : C, 66.20; H, 3.94; N, 22.52; however, the actual values were: C, 66.11; H, 3.62; N, 22.13.

**6-benzoyl-2-(1-cyano-2-(dimethylamino)vinyl)-7-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (12)**

Compound (**4**) was refluxed in dry dioxane (30 ml) with DMF-DMA (1.32 ml, 0.01 mole) for three hours, cooled, recovered by filtering, and recrystallized from ethanol as light brown crystals. m.p.218-220 °C; Yield: (2.2 g, 61.79%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3072(CH-aromatic), 2926(CH-aliphatic), 2206(C≡N) and 1668(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.63(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.38[s, 6H, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 7.39(s, 1H, CH-enamine), 7.43-7.87(m, 5H, phenyl) and 8.12 (s, 1H, CH-pyrimidine);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 27.0, 42.8, 77.2, 78.4, 113.7, 121.2, 128.2, 129.0, 131.3, 132.4, 134.2, 150.1, 152.3, 153.6, 155.8, 164.2 and 169.5; Anal. Calcd.  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_6\text{O}$ : C, 67.40; H, 4.53; N, 23.58; Found: C, 67.26; H, 4.19; N, 23.32.

**General procedure for synthesis of compounds 18a-b and 23.**

At room temperature, compound (**4**) (3.01g, 0.01 mole), potassium hydroxide (0.01 mole), and dimethylformamide (15 ml) were mixed for an hour before adding phenyl isothiocyanate (0.01 mole) and stirring for a further three hours. then mix for 4 hours while adding the chloroacetonitrile (**20**) or **15a-c** phenacyl bromide derivatives (0.01 mole). The mixture was poured over water and ice. The resultant solid was removed through filtration, cleaned with

water, and then crystallised again using a 3:1 mixture of ethanol and DMF.

**5-amino-8-benzoyl-9-methyl-1-(phenylamino)thieno[3'',4'':5',6']pyrido[4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-3-yl)(p-tolyl)methanone (18a)**

Obtained by using 2-bromo-1-(p-tolyl)ethan-1-one (**15a**) (2.13 gm, 0.01 mole), as brown crystals. m.p.>300 °C; Yield: (3.9g, 68.5%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3452, 3314(NH<sub>2</sub>+NH) and 1685, 1654(2C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.32, 2.73(s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.24(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>) 7.45-8.1( m, 9H, aromatic), 8.26(s, 1H, CH=N) and 10.3(s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 17.4, 21.4, 104.7, 116.7, 122.3, 123.6, 128.6, 129.0, 129.3, 129.5, 129.6, 129.8, 132.4, 133.5, 133.9, 135.8, 139.7, 140.6, 142.1, 144.9, 150.2, 153.4, 154.2, 155.6, 157.1, 166.2 and 192.6 ; calculated values for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2\text{S}$ : C, 69.70; H, 4.25; N, 14.78; however, the actual values were: C, 69.39; H, 4.12; N, 14.51.

**5-amino-3-(4-methoxybenzoyl)-9-methyl-1-(phenylamino)thieno[3'',4'':5',6']pyrido[4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-8-yl)(phenyl)methanone (18b)**

Obtained by using 2-bromo-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (**15b**) (2.29 g, 0.01 mole), as brown crystals. m.p.>300 °C; Yield: (3.9g, 68.5%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3412, 3365 (NH<sub>2</sub>+NH) and 1688, 1664(2C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.45, 3.56(s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.19(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>) 7.12-7.69( m, 9H, aromatic), 8.21(s, 1H, CH=N) and 10.12(s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 17.9, 53.8, 103.9, 114.6, 121.7, 125.4, 128.1, 129.2, 129.4, 129.6, 129.9, 130.7, 132.1, 133.1, 134.1, 136.6, 139.1, 140.5, 141.2, 144.1, 151.1, 153.1, 154.9, 156.2, 157.6 and 164.9; calculated values for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3\text{S}$ : C, 67.79; H, 4.14; N, 14.37; however, the actual values were: C, 67.26; H, 3.96; N, 14.12.

**5-amino-8-benzoyl-9-methyl-1-(phenylamino)thieno[3'',4'':5',6']pyrido[4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (23)**

Obtained by using 2-chloroacetonitrile (**20**) (0.629 ml, 0.01 mole), as deep brown crystals. m.p. 248-250 °C; Yield: (2.6g, 54.6%); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3423, 3290(NH<sub>2</sub>+NH), 2221(CN) and 1657(C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 2.6(s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.35(s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>) 7.1-7.98( m, 10H, aromatic), 8.26(s, 1H, CH=N) and 11.45(s, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , ppm): 17.9, 105.2, 107.9, 111.2, 117.6, 122.1, 123.5,

128.4, 129.2, 129.6, 129.9, 132.6, 133.9, 135.4, 139.5, 141.8, 146.2, 154.1, 155.8, 157.1 and 166.2; calculated values for  $C_{26}H_{17}N_7OS$ : C, 65.67; H, 3.60; N, 20.62; however, the actual values were: C, 65.17; H, 3.28; N, 20.13.

### Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test:

Agar well diffusion method was utilized for assessing the antimicrobial potency of the synthesized compounds against test pathogenic microorganisms including Gram-positive bacteria (*Bacillus subtilis* ATCC 6633 and *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538) and Gram-negative bacteria (*Escherichia coli* ATCC

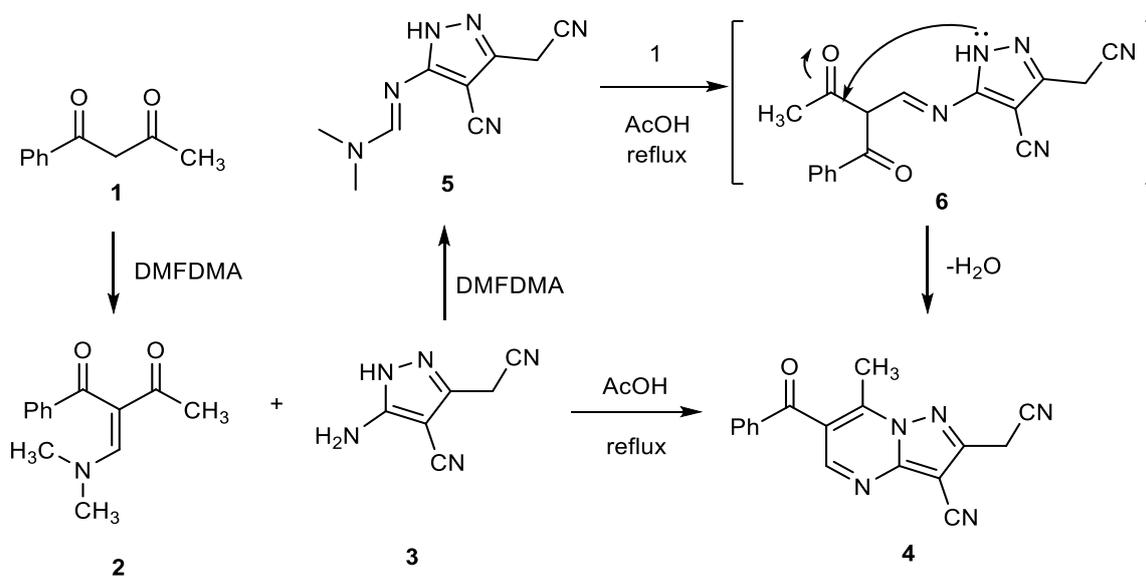
8739 and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 90274), in addition to fungal strains *Aspergillus niger* ATCC 16404 and *Candida albicans* ATCC 10221. The bacterial strains' 24 h old broth cultures were used to inoculate Muller-Hinton plates, which were then tested for antibacterial activity. The antifungal activity was tested using Sabouraud dextrose plates that had previously been treated with a spore solution of several fungi. In pre-inoculated agar plates with an eight mm well diameter, 100 L of the 5% (w/v) test substance were added. Fluconazole (1 mg/mL) and gentamycin (1 mg/mL) were employed as positive controls for microorganisms. [35].

## Results and Discussion

### Chemistry

pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (**4**) was synthesized by refluxing of enamine (**2**) with 5-aminopyrazole (**3**) in acetic acid. Another route of synthesis of compound (**4**) by refluxing of enamine (**5**) with benzoyl acetone (**1**) in acetic acid *via* intermediate (**6**) (**scheme 1**). Using spectral data, the structure of pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (**4**) was

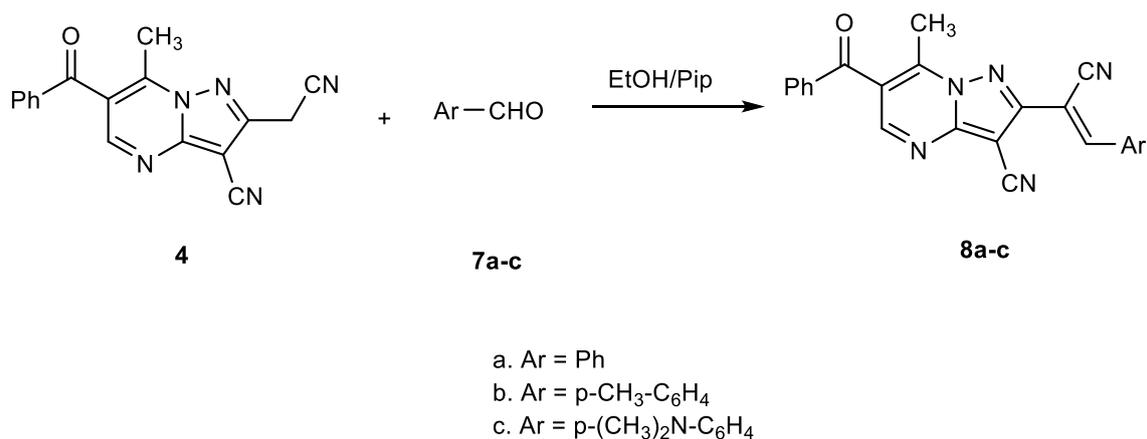
determined. The IR spectrum showed bands for two cyano and carbonyl groups at 2258, 2225, and 1661  $cm^{-1}$ , respectively.  $^1H$  NMR showed signals at  $\delta_H$  2.69, 3.39, 7.52-7.66 and 8.26 ppm characteristic to  $CH_3$ ,  $CH_2$ , aromatic protons and proton of pyrimidine ring, respectively.  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum showed signals at  $\delta_C$  17.5, 24.9, 80.8, 113.1, 116.6, 128.0, 129.0, 130.2, 132.1, 135.7, 146.9, 149.2, 150.5, 159.2 and 165.0 ppm.



**Scheme 1;** synthesis of pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine-3-carbonitrile (**4**)

Compound (**4**) is considered a valuable starting material for synthesizing novel heterocyclic compounds. When compound (**4**) was condensed with aromatic aldehydes **7a-c** in ethanolic piperidine solution, it resulted in the formation of arylidenes **8a-c** (**Scheme 2**). Arylidene structures were determined through spectral data. In the  $^1H$  NMR spectra of compounds **8a-c**, the signal corresponding to

methylene proton disappeared while new signals appeared around  $\delta_H$  7.9 ppm, characteristic to the CH-methine proton adjacent to the pyrimidine proton, along with an increase in aromatic protons.  $^{13}C$  NMR spectra showed vanished the signals characteristic to methylene carbon and emerged new signals around  $\delta_C$  146 ppm, characteristic to the C-methine carbon.

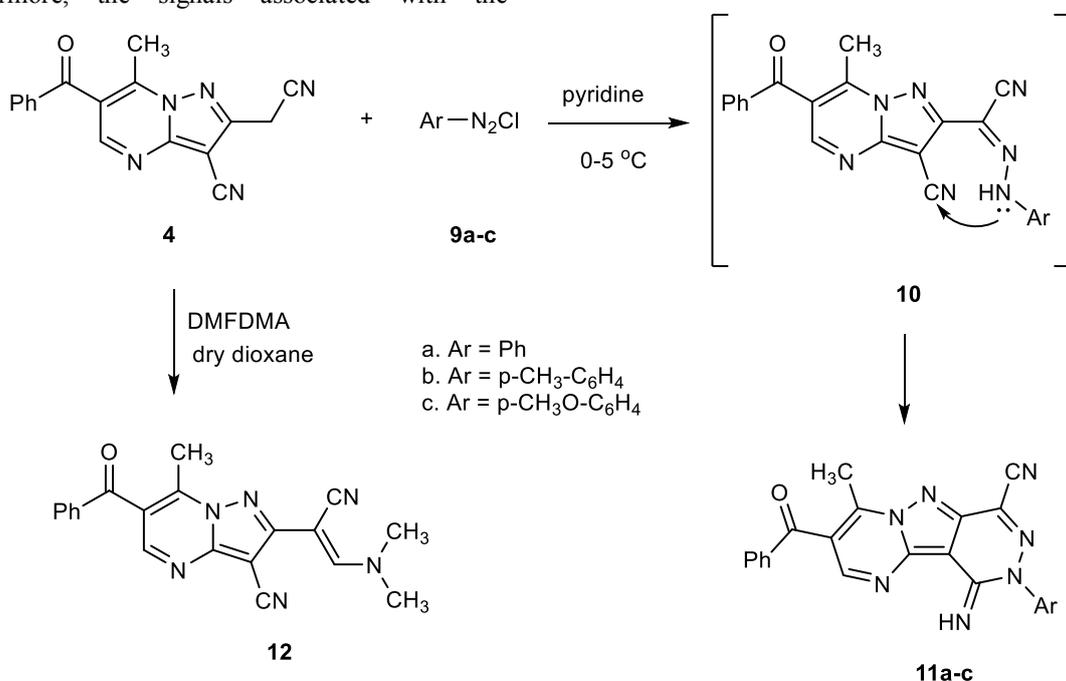


**Scheme 2;** synthesis of arylidene derivatives **8a-c**

Additionally, the coupling of compounds (**4**) with aromatic diazonium chloride **9a-c** resulted in new derivatives of pyrimido[1',2':1,5]pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine **11a-c** by intramolecular cyclization of **10a-c**. This cyclization happened as a result of the imino group's nucleophilic attack on the cyano group. (**Scheme 3**). The composition of compounds **11a-c** was established through spectral data. IR spectra, a new band appeared above 3200 cm<sup>-1</sup>, characteristic to NH group, in addition to absorption bands characteristic to the cyano and carbonyl groups. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra exhibited an exchangeable signal after δ<sub>H</sub> 11 ppm, characteristic to imino group. Furthermore, the signals associated with the

methylene carbon in <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra vanished, whereas the number of aromatic carbons increased.

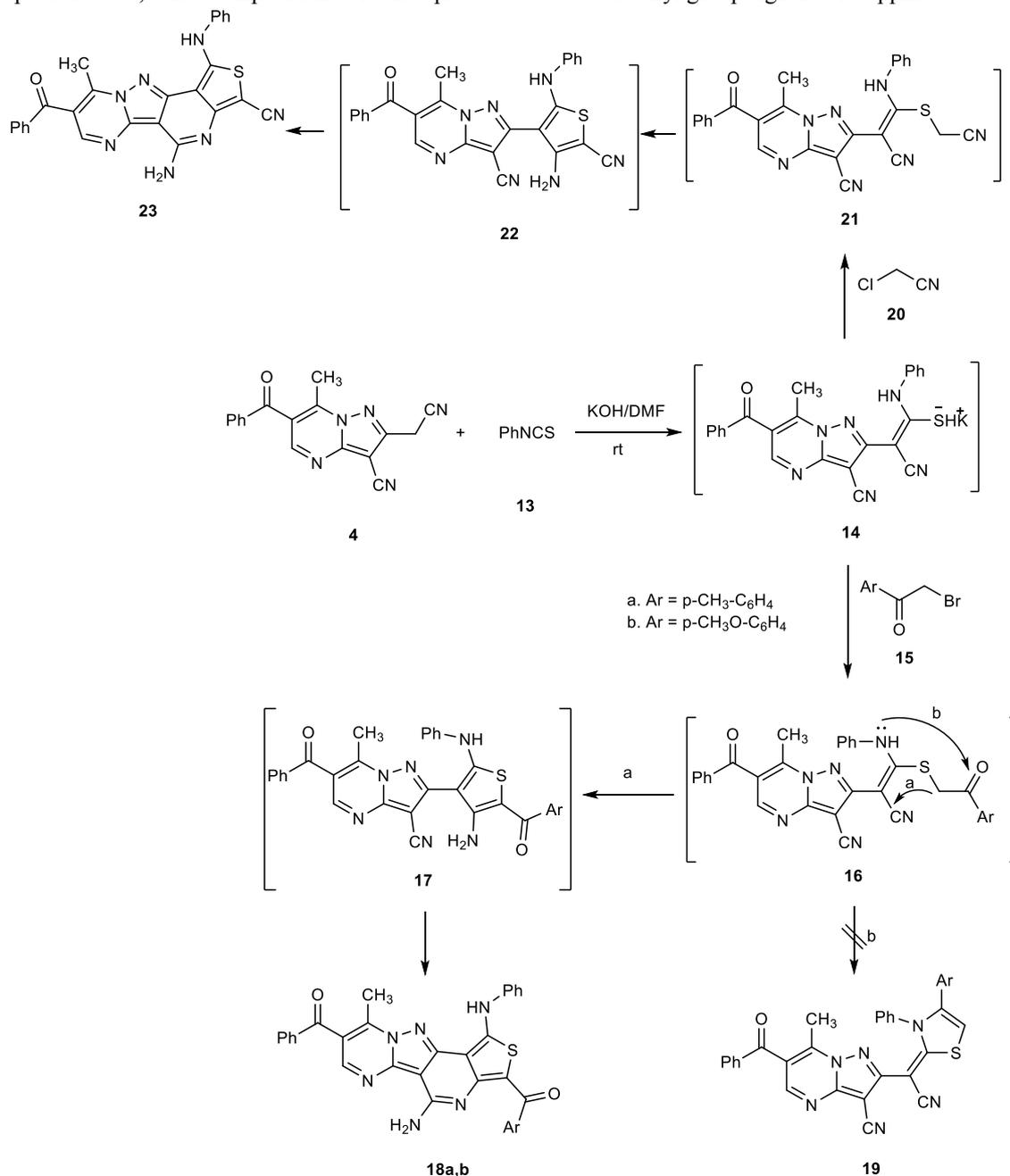
Also, compound (**4**) was refluxed with (DMF DMA) in dry dioxane to produce enamine (**12**) (**Scheme 3**). The enamine's structure was supported by its spectrum data. The singlet signals for N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and (CH-enamine) occurred at 3.38 and 7.39 ppm, respectively, replacing the methylene group signal that had previously been present in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra revealed signals at the following C numbers: 27, 42.8, 77.2, 78.4, 113.7, 121.2, 128.2, 129, 131.3, 132.4, 134.2, 150.1, 152.3, 153.6, 155.8, 164.2, and 169.5.



**Scheme 3;** synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine derivatives **11a-c** and enamine **12**.

Finally, the unisolated potassium salt (**14**) reacted with phenacyl bromide derivatives **15a,b** or chloroacetonitrile in DMF at room temperature to yielded the corresponding pyrido[4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines **18a,b** via intermediate **17a,b** (pathway a), instead of the expected thiazole derivatives **19a,b** via intermediate **16a,b** (pathway b) or compound (**23**) via intermediates (**21**) and (**22**) (Scheme 4). Based on spectral data, the composition of the produced

compounds **18a,b** was determined. The IR spectra detected bands at 3452, 3314, 1685, and 1654  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, that were indicative of amino, imino, and two carbonyl groups. Exchangeable signals at 7.24 and 10.3 ppm, comparable to the amino and imino groups, respectively, were visible in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra. The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra also showed a rise in aromatic carbons, the disappearance of signals unique to the methylene carbon, and the formation of a carbonyl group signal at 166 ppm.



**Scheme 4;** synthesis of pyrido [4',3':3,4]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine derivatives **18a,b** and **23**.

### Antimicrobial activity:

In vitro testing was done on the synthesised compounds (**4**, **8a-c**, **11a-c**, **12**, **18a, b** and **23**) to see if they had any antibacterial or antifungal activity against different strains of bacteria and fungi. As stated in Table 1, the diameter of the inhibition zones (IZ) was measured to evaluate the antibacterial and antifungal activities. Gentamicin served as the study's reference medication. Findings indicated that all of

the examined compounds (**4**, **8a-c**, **11a-c**, **12**, **18a, b** and **23**) significantly inhibited the growth of the tested bacterial strains in vitro, with the exception of compound 18a, which did not exhibit antibacterial activity against *B. subtilis* and *P. aeruginosa*. Except for compound (**12**), all of the investigated compounds showed substantial suppression of *C. albicans*. Comparing the investigated substances to the standard treatment fluconazole, none of the tested substances shown antifungal activity against *A. niger*.

Table 1: Synthetic chemicals' antimicrobial activity. The inhibitory zones' diameter was expressed in millimeter's (mm).

Sample Pathogenic microorganism	4	8a	8b	8c	11a	11b	11c	12	18a	18b	23	Ref.
<i>B. subtilis</i> (ATCC 6633)	27	21	23	28	30	29	25	25	NA	25	26	24
<i>S. aureus</i> (ATCC 6538)	17	17	18	18	18	16	18	23	10	22	19	16
<i>E. coli</i> (ATCC 8739)	18	19	20	20	20	18	17	14	19	15	18	15
<i>P. aeruginosa</i> (ATCC 90274)	24	23	24	28	29	27	26	24	NA	24	25	21
<i>C. albicans</i> (ATCC 10221)	21	24	23	26	25	27	24	NA	11	17	24	20
<i>A. niger</i> (ATCC 16404)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	17

Abbreviations: Ref., gentamycin, NA, no activity.

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