

The reaction of 5-amino-3-(cyanomethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-carbonitrile with beta-cycloketols

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Abstract

The reaction of 5-amino-3-(cyanomethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile with 3-aryl-2,4-di(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-hydroxy-5-methylcyclohexanones in boiling acetic acid leads to the formation of new 4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydropyrazolo[1,5-a]quinazolines. The mechanism is discussed. The structure of the products was confirmed by means of ¹H и ¹³C (DEPTQ) NMR, as well as 2D NMR (NOESY, ¹H-¹³C HSQC, HMBC).

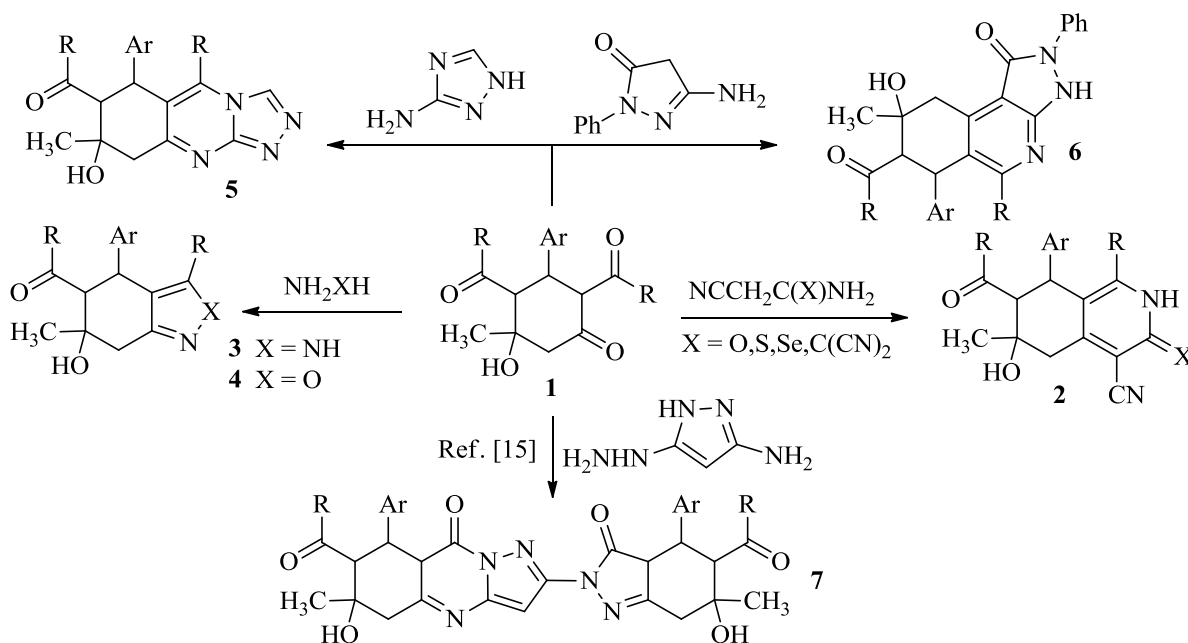
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β-Cycloketols (2,4-di-(RC(O))-3-aryl-5-hydroxy-5-methylcyclohexanones) **1** which are easily accessible by the reaction of aromatic aldehydes with 1,3-dicarbonyls RC(O)CH₂C(O)CH₃, were recognized as promising reagents for organic synthesis. According to the literature [1,2], β-cycloketols are good precursors of a variety of carbocycles, enamine ketones and esters, etc. However, the heterocyclization reactions of β-cycloketols are not well studied. Thus, the literature describes the preparation of isoquinolines **2** [3-7], indazoles **3** [8-10], benzo[c]isoxazoles **4** [9,10], [1,2,4]triazolo[3,4-

b]quinazolines **5** [11] and pyrazolo[3,4-c]isoquinolines **6** [12] (Scheme 1) by reactions of beta-cycloketols with various 1,2- and 1,3-dinucleophilic agents. Despite the large attention paid to reactions of aminoazoles with 1,3-dielectrophilic agents (see reviews [13, 14]), only a few examples of reactions involving β -cycloketols were found in the literature. Thus, the reaction of cycloketols with 5-amino-3-hydrazinopyazole was reported to give 6,7,8,8a-tetrahydropyrazolo[5,1-b]quinazolin-9(5H)-one **7** [15] (Scheme 1).

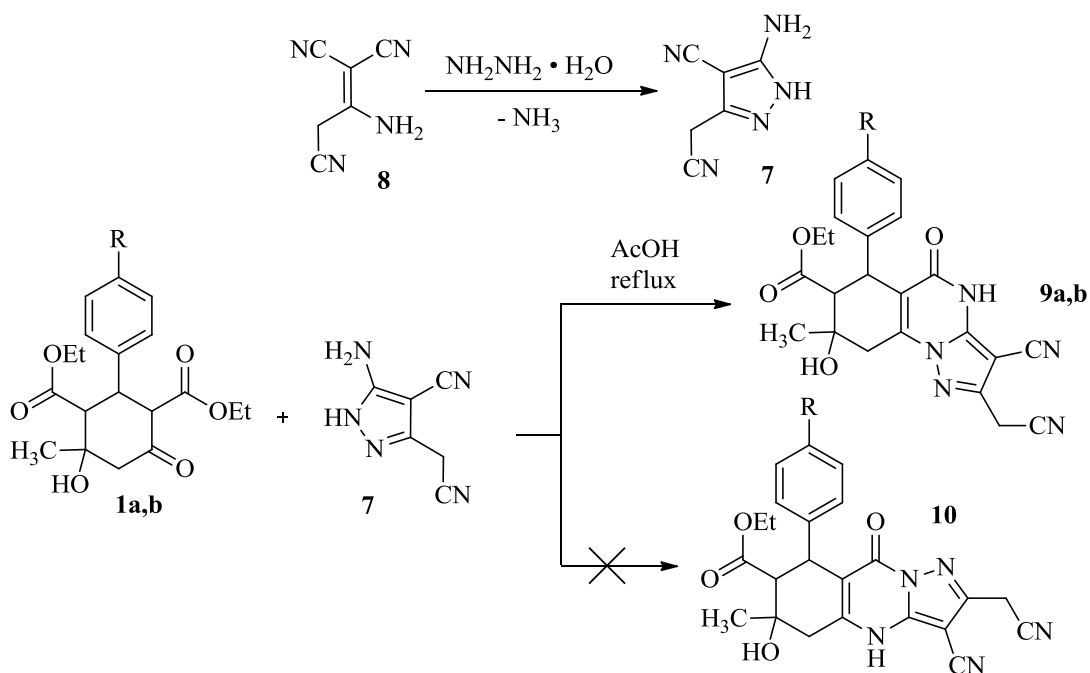
Scheme 1



In continuation of our studies in the chemistry of the malononitrile dimer [16–19], herein we report the reaction of 3-aryl-5-hydroxy-5-methyl-2,4-di (ethoxycarbonyl)cyclohexanones **1a,b** with 5-amino-3-(cyanomethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile **7** (Scheme 2). Aminopyrazole **7** can be easily prepared by the reaction of malononitrile dimer **8** with hydrazine hydrate [20].

We found that cycloketols **1a,b** react with 5-amino-3-(cyanomethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile **7** in boiling AcOH to give previously not described 4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydropyrazolo[1,5-a]quinazolines **9a,b** in low yields (15–22%). The structure of compounds **9a,b** was confirmed by means of IR spectrophotometry, ¹H and ¹³C NMR (DEPTQ), and by the results of 2D NMR experiments (NOESY, ¹H–¹³C HSQC, HMBC) for **9a** (Figures 1-3). Presumably, the reaction proceeds through the initial attack of pyrazole NH group at C-1 followed by intramolecular attack of the NH₂ group to ester carbonyl.

Scheme 2



1, 9: **a** R = OMe; **b** R = NO₂

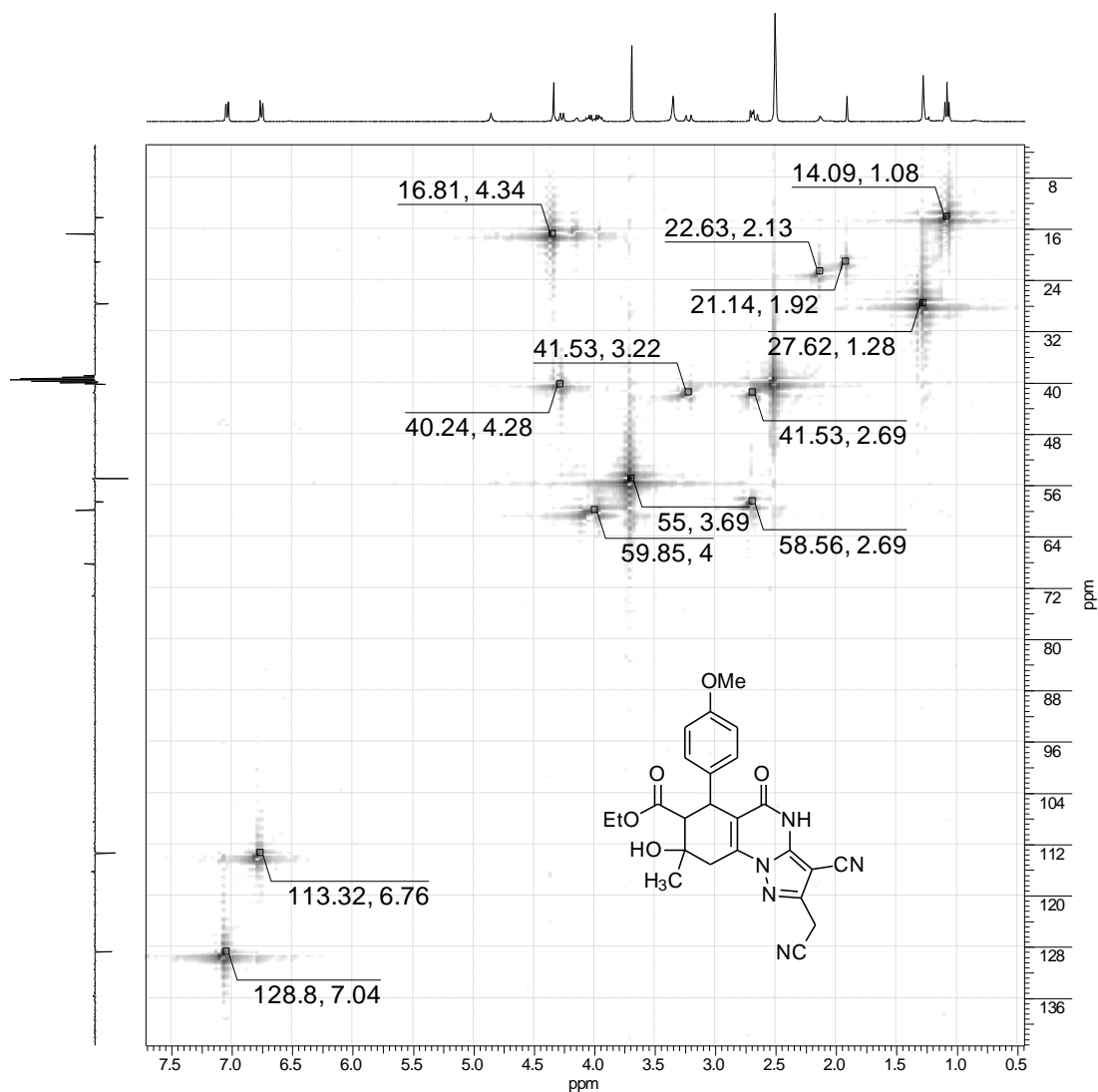


Fig. 1. HSQC ¹H-¹³C NMR (400/101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of **9a**.

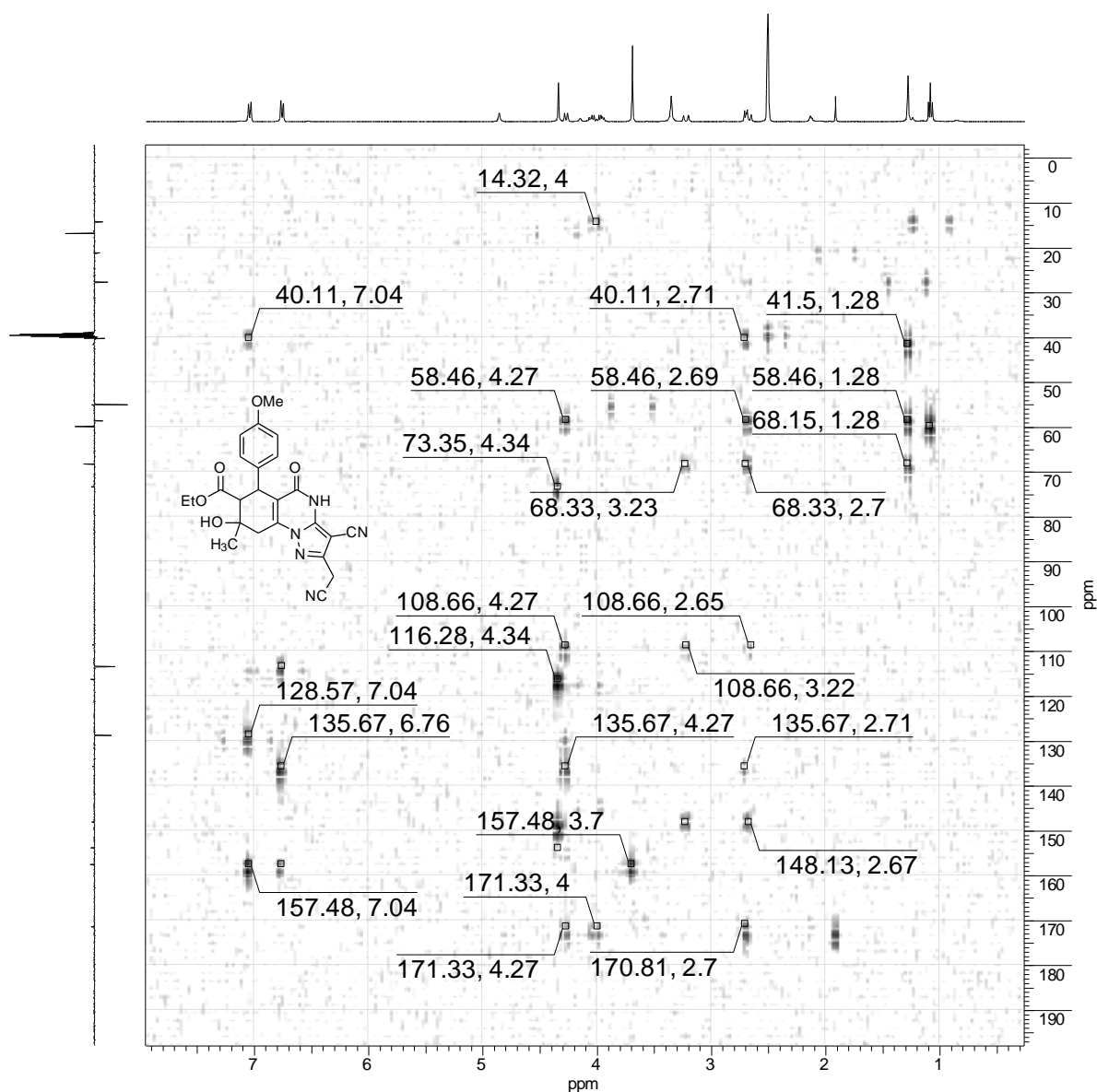


Fig. 2. HMBC ¹H–¹³C NMR (400/101 MHz, DMSO-d₆) spectrum of **9a**.

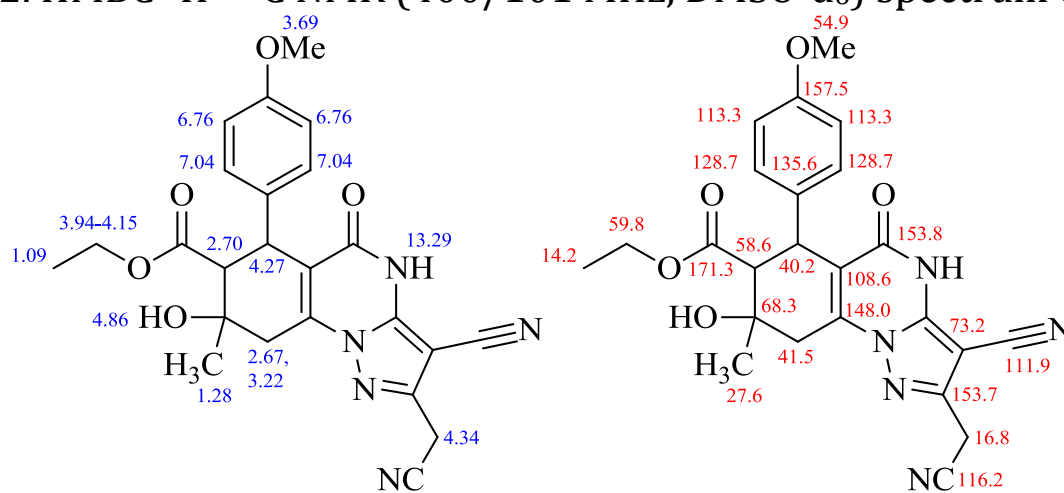


Fig. 3. The chemical shifts in the ¹H NMR (left) and ¹³C NMR (right) spectra of **9a**.

Experimental

IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vertex 70 spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD (400 MHz) in DMSO-d₆ using TMS as an internal standard. Selected experimental procedures are given.

Ethyl 3-cyano-2-(cyanomethyl)-8-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-8-methyl-5-oxo-4,5,6,7,8,9-hexahydropyrazolo[1,5-a]quinazolin-7-carboxylate (9a). A mixture of 380 mg (1 mmol) of diethyl 5-hydroxy-5-methyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclohexanone-2,4-dicarboxylate (**1a**), 5 ml of glacial AcOH and 150 mg (1 mmol) of pyrazole **7** was heated under reflux for 4 h (TLC control). The precipitate was filtered off and washed with EtOH. Yield 22%, beige amorphous powder.

IR spectrum, ν , cm⁻¹: 3476 (O–H), 3182, 3076 (N–H), 2262, 2226 (2 C≡N), 1720 (C=O ester), 1688 (C=O amide), 1649, 1593 (C=C).

¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz), δ , ppm (*J*, Hz): 1.09 t (3H, CH₃CH₂O, ³*J* 7.1 Hz), 1.28 s (3H, C⁸CH₃), 2.65-2.71 two d overlapped (2H, H⁹ and H⁷), 3.22 d (1H, H⁹, ²*J* 17.1 Hz), 3.69 s (3H, CH₃O), 3.94-4.15 m (ABX₃) (2H, CH₃CH₂O), 4.27 d (1H, H⁶, ³*J* 10.2 Hz), 4.34 s (2H, CH₂CN), 4.86 br.s (1H, OH), 6.76 d (2H, H³ and H⁵ Ar, ³*J* 8.4 Hz), 7.04 d (2H, H² & H⁶ Ar, ³*J* 8.4 Hz), 13.29 br.s (1H, NH). NMR ¹³C DEPTQ (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆), δ_c , ppm.: 14.5* (CH₃CH₂O), 16.7 (CH₂CN), 27.6* (C⁸CH₃), 40.2* (C⁶), 41.5 (C⁹), 54.9* (CH₃O), 58.6* (C⁷), 59.8 (CH₃CH₂O), 68.2 (C⁸), 73.2 (C³), 108.5 (C^{5a}), 111.9 (CN), 113.3* (C³, C⁵ Ar), 116.2 (CH₂CN), 128.7* (C², C⁶ Ar), 135.6 (C¹ Ar), 148.0 (C^{9a}), 148.1 (C^{3a}), 153.7 (C²), 153.8 (C⁵), 157.5 (C⁴ Ar), 171.4 (CO₂Et). *Opposite signals.

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