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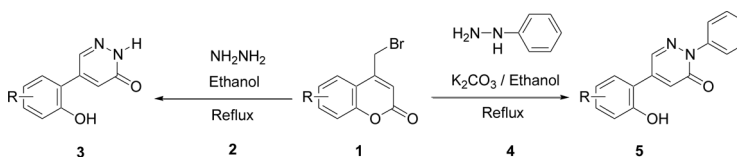
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## NOVEL ONE-POT SYNTHESIS FOR 2,5-DIARYL AND 5-ARYL-PYRIDAZIN-3(2H)-ONES

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### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



**Abstract** A novel method for the synthesis of 2-phenyl-5-(o-hydroxyphenyl)-pyridazin-3(2H)-ones and 5-(o-hydroxyphenyl)-pyridazin-3(2H)-ones has been found during the reaction of 4-bromomethylcoumarins with phenylhydrazine and hydrazinehydrate, respectively, under controlled alkaline conditions.

**Keywords** Coumarin; diphenyl; heterocycle; hydrazinehydrate; phenylhydrazine; pyridazinone

### INTRODUCTION

Pyridazine is an electron-deficient heterocyclic system isosteric with benzene and other six-membered heterocycles. Derivatives of pyridazine have gained considerable importance in the fields of medicine and agriculture.<sup>[1,2]</sup> Among the functionalized pyridazines, the pyridazin-3(2H)-one moiety has been found to be a part of clinically accepted cardiovascular<sup>[3,4]</sup> and anti-inflammatory<sup>[5–7]</sup> drugs. The importance of pyridazin-3(2H)-ones in agriculture is best exemplified by established weedicidal and muticidal agents such as chloridazon and pyridaben (Fig. 1).<sup>[8,9]</sup>

Earlier approaches to the pyridazine skeleton make use of 1,4-diketonyl compounds and derivatives of hydrazine<sup>[10]</sup> to obtain a variety of functionalized pyridazines. Introduction of the aryl moiety on the carbon skeleton in pyridazine has been a challenge, which has been met by a variety of coupling reactions involving the use of arylboronic acids, palladium complexes, and organotin compounds. It has been the subject of an extensive review.<sup>[9,11]</sup> In addition to the stringent experimental

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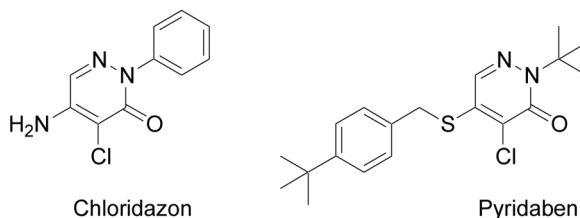


Figure 1. Structures of chloridazon and pyridaben.

conditions, all these methods of introduction of the aryl moiety require a preformed pyridazine, preferentially a chloro pyridazine.

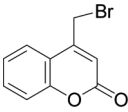
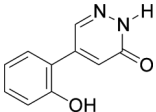
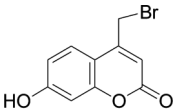
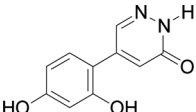
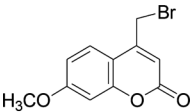
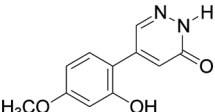
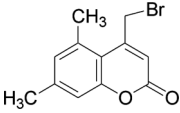
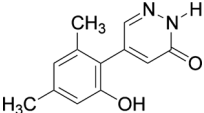
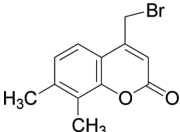
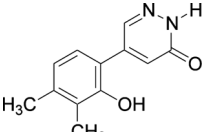
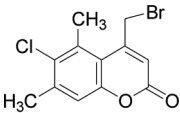
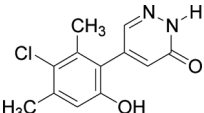
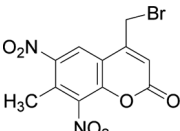
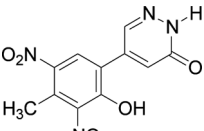
Recently we have reported the formation of 5-(*o*-hydroxyphenyl)-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones from 4-bromomethylcoumarins, facilitating the introduction of a functionalized aryl moiety at C-5 position in a single step.<sup>[12]</sup> In the present article, we have found that in the presence of anhydrous potassium carbonate, phenylhydrazine also reacts with 4-bromomethylcoumarins to yield 2,5-diaryl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones. Our earlier methodology of using hydrazinehydrate has been extended to other functionalized bromomethylcoumarins, showing that 4-bromomethylcoumarins are good synthons to introduce aryl groups on the pyridazine ring.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

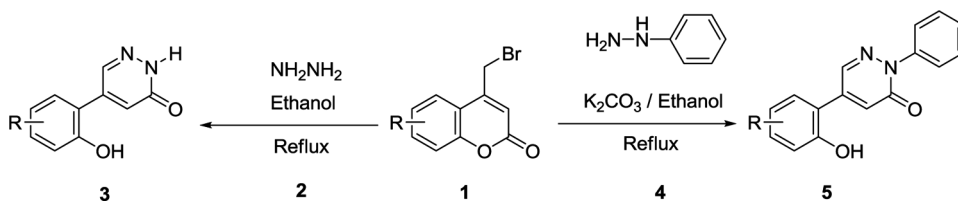
The required substituted 4-bromomethylcoumarins<sup>[13]</sup> **1** were prepared by the Pechmann cyclization of substituted phenols with 4-bromoethylacetoacetate<sup>[14]</sup> using sulfuric acid as the condensing agent.

Initially, we extended our earlier method for the synthesis of 5-(*o*-hydroxyphenyl)-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones from 4-bromomethylcoumarins by synthesizing newer compounds (Table 1).<sup>[12]</sup> It was then thought to explore this method to synthesize diaryl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones by modifying the procedure (Scheme 1). We examined the optimum reaction conditions for the reaction with 6-methyl-4-bromomethylcoumarin **1h**, and the results are summarized in Table 2. With 1 equivalent of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, conversion of starting material **1h** was the best (Table 2, entry 6). As a part of ongoing efforts to synthesize 2-phenyl-5-aryl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones, we have attempted the reaction with 6-methyl-4-bromomethylcoumarin **1h** and phenylhydrazine **4** as a model system. We first envisioned reaction conditions without any additives or catalyst; however, refluxing the equimolar amounts of starting materials **1h** and **4** in ethanol did not result in the formation of desired product **5h** as monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) even after 24 h and longer (Table 2, entry 1). Then we increased the amount of **4** in 2 and 5 equivalents refluxed for 8–24 h, which resulted in formation of product **5h** in 5% and 9% respectively (Table 2, entries 2 and 3). Increasing amounts of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.25 equivalent) and (0.50 equivalent) as a base increased the yields of the product **5h** to 12% and 30% respectively (Table 2, entries 4 and 5). With 1 equivalent of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, conversion of starting material **1h** and **4** took place quantitatively within 3 h. Product **5h** was isolated after workup

**Table 1.** Synthesis of 5-aryl substituted pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones **3a–g**

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%)	Melting point (°C)
1	 <b>1a</b>	 <b>3a</b>	71	244
2	 <b>1b</b>	 <b>3b</b>	69	204
3	 <b>1c</b>	 <b>3c</b>	72	255
4	 <b>1d</b>	 <b>3d</b>	68	198
5	 <b>1e</b>	 <b>3e</b>	71	191
6	 <b>1f</b>	 <b>3f</b>	65	216
7	 <b>1g</b>	 <b>3g</b>	63	206

in 75% yield (Table 2, entry 6). This result could not be improved with more  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2 equivalents gave 74% yield). Having established the optimized reaction conditions, a series of 2,5-diaryl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones **5a–o** were synthesized in good to excellent yields, and the results are shown in Table 3. The electron-donating and



Scheme 1. Synthesis of phenyl pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones **3** and **5**.

**Table 2.** Optimization of the reaction conditions for the synthesis of **5h**

Entry	Phenylhydrazine	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	1 equivalent	—	24	—
2	2 equivalents	—	8	5
3	5 equivalents	—	8	9
4	5 equivalents	0.25 equivalent	8	12
5	5 equivalents	0.50 equivalent	8	30
6	5 equivalents	1.00 equivalent	3	75

electron-withdrawing substituents on the coumarin ring did not profoundly affect the efficiency of the reactions. In the case of strong electron-withdrawing groups, such as a nitro group, somewhat lower yields were obtained (Table 3, entry 7).

The plausible mechanism for this conversion resembles that already reported by our laboratory (Scheme 2).<sup>[12]</sup> The nucleophilic attack of phenyl hydrazine on the lactone carbonyl and the C-4 methylene on 4-bromomethylcoumarins **1** is equally probable, because excess of this reagent is employed and would produce a hydrazino hydrazide **B**. The support for the initial allylic substitution product is from our earlier observation that this reaction in acetic acid leads to the *N*-acetylated product of the intermediate **A**, which has been isolated and characterized.<sup>[12]</sup> Hydrazine hydrate and other double nucleophiles such as amidines and thiourea are known to bring about similar ring opening of coumarins, which have resulted in the formation of *o*-hydroxyphenyl substituted pyrazoles<sup>[15]</sup> and pyrimidines.<sup>[16]</sup> Further, an intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the phenyl hydrazine on the carbonyl group of the hydrazide followed by the expulsion of phenyl hydrazine results in the intermediates **C**, which undergo in situ dehydrogenation to give pyridazinones **5**.

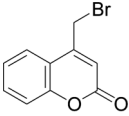
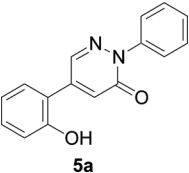
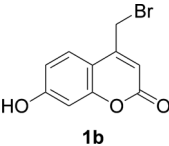
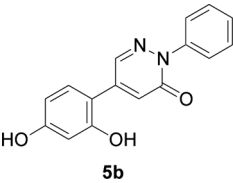
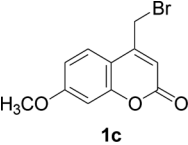
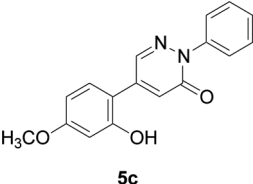
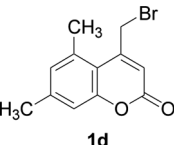
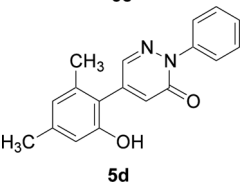
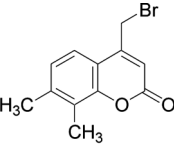
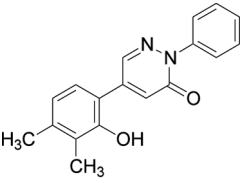
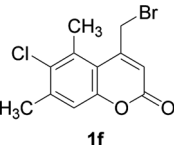
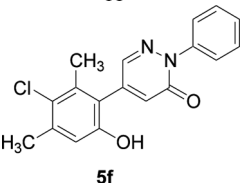
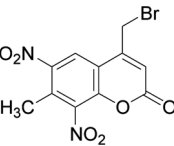
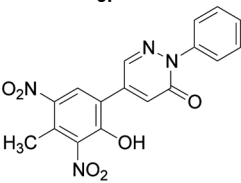
Intramolecular expulsion of acetic acid hydrazide has been proposed in the formation of 3-hydrazinopyridazinones.<sup>[17]</sup> The driving force for this nucleophilic substitution, followed by ring opening and ring closure (SNRORC), seems to be the stability of the aromatic pyridazinones. Numbering of **3** and **5** are given in Scheme 3.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Materials

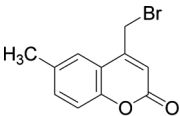
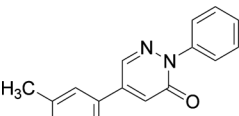
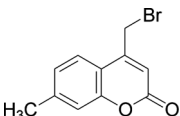
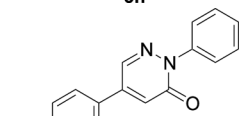
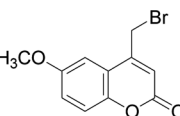
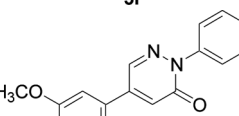
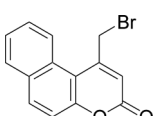
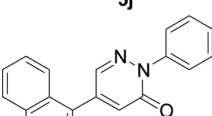
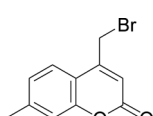
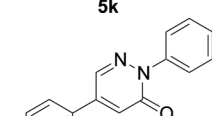
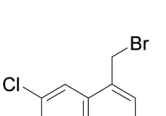
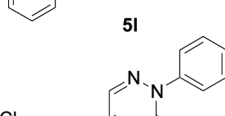
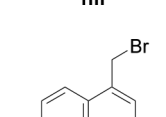
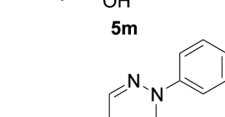
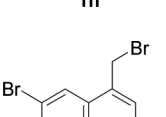
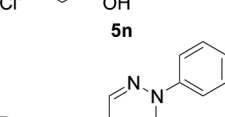
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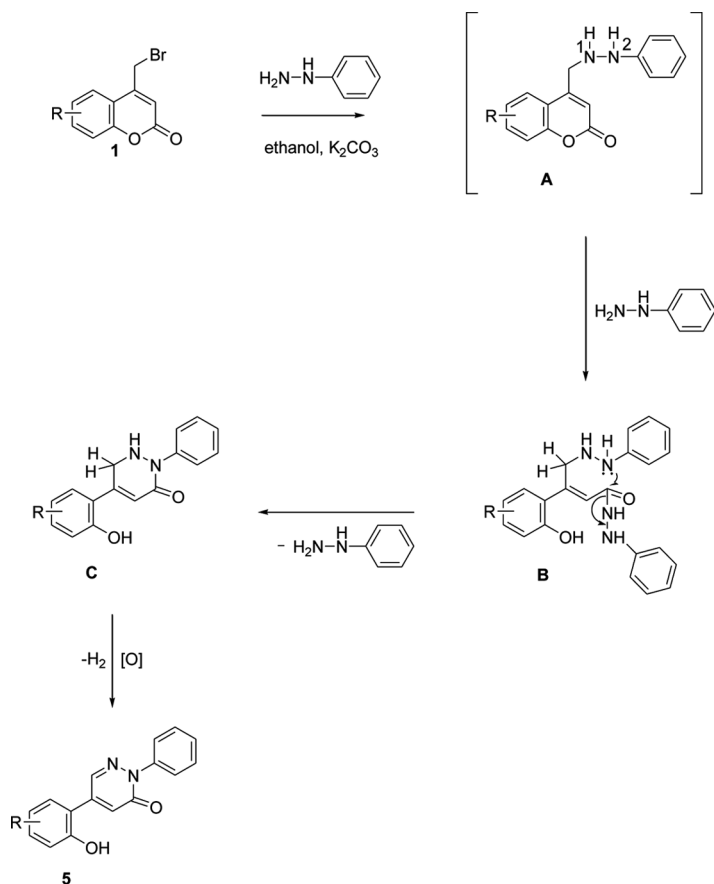
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1	 <b>1a</b>	 <b>5a</b>	71	201
2	 <b>1b</b>	 <b>5b</b>	73	195
3	 <b>1c</b>	 <b>5c</b>	75	212
4	 <b>1d</b>	 <b>5d</b>	76	184
5	 <b>1e</b>	 <b>5e</b>	76	188
6	 <b>1f</b>	 <b>5f</b>	70	208
7	 <b>1g</b>	 <b>5g</b>	66	170

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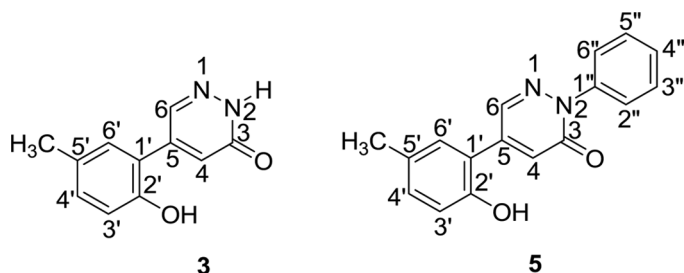
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Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield (%)	Melting point (°C)
8	 <b>1h</b>	 <b>5h</b>	75	226
9	 <b>1i</b>	 <b>5i</b>	74	244
10	 <b>1j</b>	 <b>5j</b>	78	224
11	 <b>1k</b>	 <b>5k</b>	72	169
12	 <b>1l</b>	 <b>5l</b>	71	270
13	 <b>1m</b>	 <b>5m</b>	70	237
14	 <b>1n</b>	 <b>5n</b>	68	192
15	 <b>1o</b>	 <b>5o</b>	71	258



**Scheme 2.** Plausible mechanism for the formation of 2,5-diaryl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)ones **5** from coumarins.

carried out on silica-gel plates obtained from Merck (Germany). The melting points were determined by using a Shital melting-point apparatus and are uncorrected. All the compounds were analyzed satisfactorily for C, H, and N. Infrared (IR) spectra (KBr disc) were recorded on a Nicolet-5700 Fourier transform (FT)-IR



**Scheme 3.** Numbering of **3** and **5**.



spectrophotometer.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300- and 400-MHz spectrometer using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as a solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The chemical shifts are expressed in  $\delta$  ppm scale downfield from TMS, and proton signals are indicated as *s*, singlet; *d*, doublet; *t*, triplet; and *m*, multiplet. Autospec electron-impact mass spectrometer (70 eV) was used to record mass spectra.

### General Procedure for Synthesis of 5-Aryl-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-ones (3a–g)

A mixture of substituted-4-bromomethylcoumarin **1** (10 mmol) was refluxed with hydrazine hydrate **2** (99%) (50 mmol) in ethanol (10 mL) for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and poured on ice-cold water, and the separated solid **3** was filtered off. It was washed several times with cold ethanol, dried, and recrystallized from a suitable solvent.

### Selected Data

**5-(2-Hydroxy-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-one (3a).** Colorless solid (ethanol), mp 244 °C, yield 71%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3210 (br), 1655 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.25 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.74–7.96 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.05 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.25 (s, 1H, NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 12.60 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 63.82; H, 4.28; N, 14.89. Found: C, 63.71; H, 4.20; N, 14.82.

**5-(2,4-Dihydroxy-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-one (3b).** Colorless solid (ethanol), mp 204 °C, yield 69%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3232 (br), 1645 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.49 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.80 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 6.94 (d, 1H,  $J=7.34$  Hz, C5'-H), 7.42 (d, 1H,  $J=7.56$  Hz, C6'-H), 8.09 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.30 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 10.92 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable). Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : C, 58.82; H, 3.95; N, 13.72. Found: C, 58.87; H, 4.03; N, 13.81.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-one (3c).** Colorless solid (ethanol), mp 255 °C, yield 72%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3129 (br), 1652 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  3.74 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 6.52 (m, 2H, C4-H of pyridazinone and C3'-H), 6.91 (d, 1H,  $J=7.38$  Hz, C5'-H), 7.37 (d, 1H,  $J=7.60$  Hz, C6'-H), 8.11 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.27 (s, 1H, NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 12.84 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): 55.32, 113.42, 119.34, 121.63, 128.75, 130.21, 132.29, 148.57, 155.63, 156.31, 161.14; LCMS  $m/z$ : 219 [ $\text{M}+1$ ]. Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : C, 60.55; H, 4.62; N, 12.84. Found: C, 60.48; H, 4.70; N, 12.78.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2*H*)-one (3d).** Colorless solid (ethanol), mp 198 °C, yield 68%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3188 (br), 1664 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.25 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.29 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.16 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.55 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 6.68 (s, 1H, C5'-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.22 (s, 1H, NH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable), 12.36 (s, 1H, OH,

D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.65; H, 5.59; N, 12.96. Found: C, 66.56; H, 5.70; N, 12.79.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-3,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (3e).** Colorless solid (ethanol), mp 191 °C, yield 71%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3185 (br), 1659 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.35 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.31 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 7.18 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.41 Hz, C5'-H), 7.49 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 7.78 Hz, C6'-H), 8.12 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.24 (s, 1H, NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 12.94 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.65; H, 5.59; N, 12.96. Found: C, 66.52; H, 5.71; N, 12.82.

**5-(3-Chloro-6-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (3f).** Colorless solid (benzene), mp 216 °C, yield 65%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3232 (br), 1645 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.14 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.51 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 8.10 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.21 (s, 1H, NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 12.68 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.49; H, 4.42; N, 11.17. Found: C, 57.32; H, 4.34; N, 11.10.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-3,5-dinitro-phenyl)-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (3g).** Yellow-colored solid (ethanol), mp 206 °C, yield 65%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3212 (br), 1651 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.28 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 7.55 (s, 1H, C6'-H), 8.10 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 10.28 (s, 1H, NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 12.62 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 45.21; H, 2.76; N, 19.17. Found: C, 45.10; H, 2.65; N, 19.06.

#### General Procedure for Synthesis of 2,5-Diaryl-pyridazin-3(2H)-ones (5a–o)

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 mmol) was added in ethanol (25 mL) to a mixture of substituted-4-bromomethylcoumarin **1** (10 mmol) and phenylhydrazine **4** (50 mmol). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h, cooled, and poured on ice-cold water, and the separated solid **5** was filtered off. It was washed several times with aqueous ethanol, dried, and recrystallized from suitable solvent.

#### Selected Data

**5-(2-Hydroxy-phenyl)-2-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (5a).** Colorless solid (benzene), mp 201 °C, yield 71%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3260 (OH), 1664 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.61 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.92 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.28 Hz, C4''-H), 7.16 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.60 Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.28–7.33 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.38 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.60 Hz, Ar-H), 7.80 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.82 Hz, Ar-H), 8.10 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.38 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 9.50 Hz, Ar-H), 8.53 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.90 Hz, Ar-H), 11.30 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 72.72; H, 4.58; N, 10.60. Found: C, 72.80; H, 4.64; N, 10.69.

**5-(2,4-Dihydroxy-phenyl)-2-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (5b).** Colorless solid (benzene), mp 195 °C, yield 73%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3240 (OH), 1661

(pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.64 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.86 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.30 Hz, C4''-H), 7.17 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.56 Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.26–7.32 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.41 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.20 Hz, Ar-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 11.12 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 11.31 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 68.56; H, 4.32; N, 9.99. Found: C, 68.51; H, 4.26; N, 9.87.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4-methoxy-phenyl)-2-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (5c).**

Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 212 °C, yield 75%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3237 (OH), 1656 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.64 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.90 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.28 Hz, C4''-H), 7.18 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.60 Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.22–7.34 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.52 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.80 Hz, Ar-H), 7.62 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.20 Hz, Ar-H), 8.01 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.33 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 11.31 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 69.38; H, 4.79; N, 9.52. Found: C, 69.28; H, 4.70; N, 9.58.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4,6-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (5d).**

Colorless solid (benzene), mp 184 °C, yield 76%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3236 (OH), 1667 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.41 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.62 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.94 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.28 Hz, C4''-H), 7.16 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.60 Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.26–7.39 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.51 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.01 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.31 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 11.26 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 73.95; H, 5.52; N, 9.58. Found: C, 73.84; H, 5.39; N, 9.50.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-3,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (5e).**

Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 188 °C, yield 76%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3240 (OH), 1660 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.59 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.89 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.28 Hz, C4''-H), 7.16 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.14 Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.26–7.35 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 8.08 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.21 (d, 1H,  $J$  = 8.10 Hz, Ar-H), 11.26 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  20.69, 21.20, 109.20, 113.24, 115.49, 117.64, 121.54, 126.48, 130.24, 131.49, 134.65, 134.99, 143.52, 147.24, 150.32, 161.18; LCMS  $m/z$ : 293 [M + 1]. Anal. calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 73.95; H, 5.52; N, 9.58. Found: C, 73.89; H, 5.50; N, 9.49.

**5-(3-Chloro-6-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-2-phenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)-one (5f).** Colorless solid (benzene), mp 208 °C, yield 70%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3231 (OH), 1650 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.32 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.65 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.97 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.28 Hz, C4''-H), 7.19 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 7.52 Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.31–7.40 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.01 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.24 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 11.23 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.16; H, 4.63; N, 8.57. Found: C, 66.05; H, 4.69; N, 8.52.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-3,5-dinitro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5g).** Yellow-colored solid (benzene), mp 170 °C, yield 66%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3230 (OH), 1656 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.67 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.98 (t, 1H,  $J$  = 7.30 Hz, C4''-H),

7.20 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.58$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.12–7.40 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.04 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.20 (s, 1H, C6'-H), 11.31 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 55.44; H, 3.28; N, 15.21. Found: C, 55.39; H, 3.19; N, 15.10.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-5-methyl-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5h).**

Yellow-colored solid (benzene), mp 226 °C, yield 75%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3237 (OH), 1671 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.56 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.88 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.28$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.16 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.76$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.26–7.35 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.03 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.43 (s, 1H, C6'-H), 11.23 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  20.69, 110.40, 112.93, 116.53, 116.63, 120.86, 125.88, 129.41, 130.99, 132.59, 133.36, 143.75, 145.57, 151.77, 160.26; LCMS  $m/z$ : 279 [M + 1]. Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 73.37; H, 5.07; N, 10.07. Found: C, 73.32; H, 5.01; N, 10.05.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4-methyl-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5i).**

Yellow-colored solid (benzene), mp 244 °C, yield 74%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3238 (OH), 1665 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  2.42 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.61 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.88 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.28$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.16 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.29–7.35 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.45 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.40$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.03 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.43 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 11.23 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  21.21, 110.92, 113.45, 117.05, 117.15, 121.38, 126.41, 129.93, 131.51, 133.11, 133.88, 144.27, 146.09, 152.29, 160.79; LCMS  $m/z$ : 279 [M + 1]. Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 73.37; H, 5.07; N, 10.07. Found: C, 73.29; H, 4.99; N, 10.01.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-5-methoxy-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5j).**

Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 224 °C, yield 78%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3246 (OH), 1661 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  3.87 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.62 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.88 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.28$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.17 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.24–7.32 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.37 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.04$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.04 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.20 (s, 1H, C6'-H), 11.24 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  56.09, 109.46, 112.38, 113.42, 117.57, 118.37, 119.85, 121.38, 129.89, 132.60, 144.25, 145.78, 148.55, 155.89, 160.83; LCMS  $m/z$ : 295 [M + 1]. Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 69.38; H, 4.79; N, 9.52. Found: C, 69.32; H, 4.75; N, 9.56.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-naphthalen-1-yl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5k).**

Brown-colored solid (benzene), mp 169 °C, yield 72%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3254 (OH), 1644 (pyridazinone C=O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.71 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.89 (t, 1H,  $J = 7.28$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.18 (d, 2H,  $J = 7.60$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.32–7.38 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.70–7.74 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.91 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.90$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.02 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.12$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.12 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.39 (d, 1H,  $J = 9.48$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.51 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.90$  Hz, Ar-H), 11.30 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). Anal. calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 76.42; H, 4.49; N, 8.91. Found: C, 76.28; H, 4.40; N, 8.82.

**5-(1-Hydroxy-naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5l).** Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 270 °C, yield 71%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3267 (OH), 1650 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.75 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.90 (t, 1H,  $J=7.24$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.20 (d, 2H,  $J=7.60$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.31–7.35 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.72–7.75 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.93 (d, 1H,  $J=9.01$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.04 (d, 1H,  $J=9.16$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.17 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.40 (d, 1H,  $J=9.52$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.54 (d, 1H,  $J=8.92$  Hz, Ar-H), 11.32 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  110.17, 113.02, 113.57, 121.46, 122.19, 122.30, 123.01, 124.46, 127.86, 128.32, 129.33, 129.95, 131.71, 134.61, 144.22, 147.16, 151.11, 160.53; LCMS  $m/z$ : 315  $[\text{M} + 1]$ . Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 76.42; H, 4.49; N, 8.91. Found: C, 76.48; H, 4.54; N, 8.94.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-5-chloro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5m).** Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 237 °C, yield 70%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3258 (OH), 1678 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.68 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.90 (t, 1H,  $J=7.32$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.14 (d, 2H,  $J=7.64$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45 (d, 1H,  $J=8.84$  Hz, Ar-H), 7.68 (d, 1H,  $J=8.84$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.79 (s, 1H, C6'-H), 11.29 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  112.50, 112.94, 118.02, 118.79, 121.06, 126.13, 128.16, 128.26, 129.44, 131.34, 131.72, 143.63, 144.42, 152.30, 159.73; LCMS  $m/z$ : 299  $[\text{M} + 1]$ . Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 64.33; H, 3.71; N, 9.38. Found: C, 64.28; H, 3.75; N, 9.30.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-4-chloro-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5n).** Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 192 °C, yield 68%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3250 (OH), 1672 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.91 (t, 1H,  $J=7.32$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.18 (d, 2H,  $J=7.82$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.31–7.38 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.54 (d, 1H,  $J=8.80$  Hz, Ar-H), 7.64 (d, 1H,  $J=8.82$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.03 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.66 (s, 1H, C3'-H), 11.32 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  112.46, 112.92, 118.00, 118.75, 121.01, 126.10, 128.13, 128.23, 129.42, 131.31, 131.69, 143.60, 144.41, 152.25, 159.71; LCMS  $m/z$ : 299  $[\text{M} + 1]$ . Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 64.33; H, 3.71; N, 9.38. Found: C, 64.25; H, 3.77; N, 9.28.

**5-(2-Hydroxy-5-bromo-phenyl)-2-phenyl-2H-pyridazin-3-one (5o).** Orange-colored solid (benzene), mp 258 °C, yield 71%; IR (KBr,  $\nu$  in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3227 (OH), 1677 (pyridazinone C=O);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  6.67 (s, 1H, C4-H of pyridazinone), 6.90 (t, 1H,  $J=7.24$  Hz, C4''-H), 7.14 (d, 2H,  $J=7.64$  Hz, C3'' and C5''-H), 7.30–7.35 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.40 (d, 1H,  $J=8.80$  Hz, Ar-H), 7.80 (d, 1H,  $J=8.84$  Hz, Ar-H), 8.00 (s, 1H, C6-H of pyridazinone), 8.96 (s, 1H, C6'-H), 11.30 (s, 1H, OH,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  112.53, 112.94, 116.03, 118.49, 119.08, 121.06, 129.22, 129.43, 131.75, 134.09, 143.64, 144.34, 152.70, 159.69; LCMS  $m/z$ : 345  $[\text{M} + 1]$ . Anal. calc. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2$ : C, 56.00; H, 3.23; N, 8.16. Found: C, 55.88; H, 3.17; N, 8.09.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this article provides an efficient method for the synthesis of mono- and diaryl-pyridazin-3(2H)-ones. Different substituents on coumarin and arylhydrazine provide a plethora of substituted 2,5-diaryl-pyridazin-3(2H)-ones. The synthetically viable yields (typically 50–80% or moderate to good isolated yield) and straightforward procedure for the preparation make this an attractive route to the diaryl-pyridazin-3(2H)-ones. The advantages offered by this method are readily available starting material, simple operation, insensitivity to air and moisture, good yields of products, and cost-effectiveness. Further, the reactivity of the phenolic hydroxyl group of 5-aryl moiety may be extended in the synthesis of biologically active compounds.

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