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Reacting of 6-azidopyridone derivatives 1 with o-phenylenediamine (2a) in chloroform at room temperature afforded the new azidopyridones 3. However, its fusion with 2a,b at 100-110°C gave the interesting pyrido[2,3-b][1,5]diazepines 4a,b. Alternatively, compound 4a could also be obtained by heating azidopyridones 3 at 100-110°C. When compound 1 was allowed to react with hydrazines 7a-d at room temperature it gave the corresponding azido compounds 8a-d. Fusion of 1 with phenylhydrazine (7d) at 140-160°C afforded the new aminopyridones 10. The 6-azidopyridones 1 could also be converted to the corresponding 6-alkylaminopyridones 15a-d by reaction with an excess of alkylamines at room temperature.

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INTRODUCTION

Many pyridine compounds and their derivatives have recently occupied an important place in synthetic organic chemistry due to their pharmacological and therapeutic properities [1-5]. Moreover, 2-pyridones represent an important class of pyridine derivatives. A number of compounds with this substitution pattern are found in natural products with biological activity, such as tenellin [6] and sambutoxin [7]. In recent years, 2-pyridones have attracted considerable attention due to their promising features as an important core structure for the development of biologically active compounds [8]. In addition, pharmaceuticals with the 2-pyridone skeleton have emerged as antitumor, antifungal, antiviral, antithrombotic, antioxidant, antidiabetic and antimicrobial agents [9-14]. Owing to the importance of this class of heterocycle and also as part of our research program dealing with the synthesis of pharmacologically interesting new heterocycles, particulary those containing the pyridine moiety [15-19], herein we describe the first study on the reaction of 6-azidopyridones 1 [15] with aromatic and aliphatic amines and hydrazines in order to synthesize novel polyfunctionally substituted pyridines of expected significant biological activity, which are often difficult to obtain by alternative routes. Although a number of studies in the chemistry of azide compounds have been carried out [20-23], to the best of our knowledge, the title studies have not been reported so far.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In our studies, we first investigated the reaction of 6-azidopyridones 1 with aromatic amines such as ophenylenediamine (2a) and o-aminothiophenol (2b). Reaction of azidopyridones 1 with equimolar amount of ophenylenediamine (2a), for example, in CHCl₃ for 1 h at room temperature gave the corresponding azidopyridones 3. However, fusion of 1 with 2a,b at 100-110°C for 10 min., did not give the expected tricycle 5, but rather the previously unknown tricyclic system pyrido[2,3-b]-[1,5]benzodiazepines 4a,b. Alternatively, compound 4a could also be obtained by heating compound 3 at 100-110°C for 5 min. (Scheme 1). The structures of 4a,b were confirmed as the reaction products from their IR, NMR and correct elemental analyses as well as mass spectra. Thus, for example, the IR spectrum of 4a revealed the

absence of the azido and aldehydic carbonyl groups and the presence of absorption bands at v 3375 and 3200 cm⁻¹ due to amino functions (NH, NH₂). The ¹H nmr spectrum of **4a** showed besides the signals due to aromatic and two methyl protons, three singlet signals at δ 7.54, 7.82 and 12.35 ppm attributable to NH₂, CH at C-5 and diazepine NH, respectively. Moreover, the structure of **4a** has been established by its ¹³C nmr spectrum which showed signals at 164.70 (CO), 160.62 (C-4), 155.72 (C-5), 149.11 (C-7), 143.33 (C-11a), 140.04 (C-10a), 129.06 (C-9), 125.41(C-6a), 116.37 (C-4a), 115.42 (CN), 114.32 (C-3), 111.22 (C-10), 110.52 (C-8), 29.14 (N-CH₃), 20.19 (CH₃ at C-4). Furthermore, the mass spectrum this product shows the molecular ion m/z 279 (M⁺, 100) and other peaks (see

Scheme 2

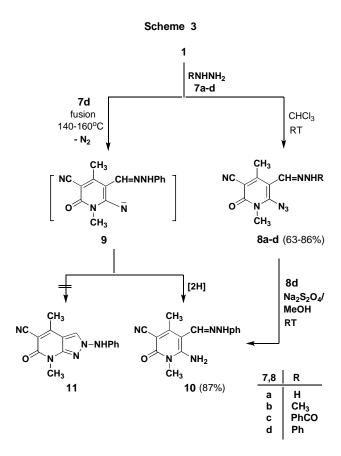
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Experimental), confirming its presumed structure. Analytical data are in accordance with the proposed structure for compound 4a. Formation of 4a can be accounted for by condensation of 1 with 2a to give the ring-opened intermediate 3, with loss molecular nitrogen to give nitrene intermediate 6. Subsequent intramolecular cyclization leads to the final product 4a (Scheme 2).

Attention was next turned to investigate the reactivity of azidopyridones 1 with some hydrazines at different temperature. At room temperature, the reaction of azidopyridones 1 with equimolar amounts of hydrazines 7a-d in CHCl₃ for 2 h provided the corresponding new azido compounds 8a-d in high yields (63-86%). However, when the reaction conditions were changed and azidopyridones 1 was treated with the same hydrazines under heating, we found that all trials to heat compound 1 with hydrazines 7a,b were failed because a strong explosion happened at the beginning of heating. Moreover, our efforts to react 1 with 7c at high temperature, whether in the absence or presence of solvent, were unsuccessful and gave a number of products which could not be isolated. Interestingly, heating equimolar amounts of 1 and phenylhydrazine (7d) at 140-160°C for 10 min. did not give the expected fused pyrazolopyridones 11, instead the novel 6-aminopyridones 10 was formed as evidenced from spectral data. To obtain unequivocal evidence for the structure of compound 10, it was alternatively synthesized from the azide 8d by reduction of the azide moiety at C-6 in 8d with sodium dithionite at room temperature. The mechanism of the formation of 10 from the reaction of 1 with 7d is assumed to proceed via the formation of the azidopyridones 8d, with loss one molecule of nitrogen to form the nitrene intermediate 9, which then abstracts hydrogen, possibly from the hydrogen donor phenylhydrazine, to give the final product 10, as depicted in Scheme 3.

In conjunction with this study, we investigated the behavior of the reaction of azidopyridones 1 with primary alkyl amines. Treatment of compound 1 with an excess of alkylamines 12a-d in EtOH at room temperature for 3 h afforded the hitherto unknown 6-alkylamino-5-formyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitriles **15a-d**, which formed *via* the nucleophilic substitution of the azido group at pyridinic C-6 in 1 with amino group, in moderate and good yields (59-66%) (Scheme 4). Alternative uncyclized structure 13 could be eliminated on the basis of the disappearance of the azido signal and the presence of CHO and NH signals in the ir spectra, while ¹H nmr spectra, elemental analyses as well as mass spectra eliminated the linearly fused system 14. The data used to characterize these prepared compounds 15a-d are given in experimental.

In summary, we have presented for the first time, a novel, simple and one-pot synthetic method for the



Scheme 4

construction of different multiple substituted pyridone derivatives, which might be used in many different areas. Furthermore, the above route is very convenient for its simplicity, the affordability of the starting materials and good yields obtained and opens the way for synthesis of new examples of pyridone compounds, which are scarcely represented in the literature. Further studies in our laboratory aimed at the synthesis of a wide variety of novel heterocycles containing the pyridine moiety, utilizing 6-azidopyridones as the starting material, are in progress.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. ir spectra were recorded in KBr disks using a Schimadzu 470 spectrophotometer. Nmr spectra were recorded on Bruker AM 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz with DMSO- d_6 and CDCl $_3$ as solvents and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standards. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield of TMS. Mass spectra were measured on a GCMS-QP1000EX mass spectrometer. Microanalyses were performed at the Microanalytical Data Unit, Cairo University.

5-[(2-Aminophenylimino)methyl]-6-azido-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (3). A mixture of **1** (0.217 g, 1 mmol) and *o*-phenylenediamine (**2a**) (0.108 g, 1 mmol) in CHCl₃ (5 ml) was stirred for 1 h at room temperature (25°C). The resulting solid product was filtered off, dried and recrystallized from CHCl₃ to afford 0.260 g (85%) of **3** as reddish crystals, mp: 204-206°C; ir (KBr): ν 3450, 3350 (NH₂), 2900 (aliph. CH), 2220 (CN), 2150 (N₃), 1645 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 2.75 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.56 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.62-7.01 (m, 4H_{arom}), 8.81 (s, 1H, CH); ms: m/z 280 (M⁺¹-N₂, 100), 279 (M⁺, 86), 265 (92), 250 (15), 119 (17), 105 (18), 92 (30), 76 (31). *Anal*. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₇O (307.29): C, 58.63; H, 4.26; N, 31.90. Found: C, 58.47; H, 4.43; N, 31.79.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3-cyano-1,4-dimethyl-7-substituted-pyrido[2,3-b][1,5]benzodiazepin-2,6(1H,11H)-ones (4a,b). Route (A) for 4a,b: A mixture of 1 (0.217 g, 1 mmol) and 2a,b (1 mmol) in CHCl₃ (5 ml) was heated for 10 min. at 100-110°C. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting solid product was collected by filtration, washed with EtOH, dried and recrystallized from EtOH to afford 4a,b.

Route (B) for compound 4a: Compound **3** (0.20 g, 0.65 mmol) was heated at 100-110°C for 5 min. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was treated with MeOH. The resulting solid product was collected by filtration and dried to afford **4a.**

7-Amino-3-cyano-1,4-dimethyl-pyrido[2,3-*b*][**1,5]benzo-diazepin-2,6(1***H*,**11***H*)**-ones** (**4a**). This compound was obtained as brownish crystals, yield: [0.200 g (72%) (route A) and 0.150 g (82%) (route B)]; mp: 276-278°C; ir (KBr): v 3375, 3200 (NH, NH₂), 2200 (CN), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.59 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.10-7.13 (m, 3H_{arom}), 7.54 (br s, 2H, NH₂) 7.82 (s, 1H, CH), 12.35 (br s, 1H, NH); ms: m/z 281 (M⁺², 19), 280 (M⁺¹, 97), 279 (M⁺, 100), 264 (57), 249 (5), 234 (9), 208 (4), 133 (2), 118 (9), 105 (5), 91 (6), 75 (3). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₅O (279.28): C, 64.50; H, 4.69; N, 25.08. Found: C, 64.62; H, 4.87; N, 25.19.

3-Cyano-7-mercapto-1,4-dimethyl-pyrido[2,3-*b*][**1,5]-benzodiazepin-2,6(1***H***,11***H***)-ones (4b). This compound was obtained as reddish crystals, yield: 0.210 g (71%); mp: 298-**

300°C; ir (KBr): v 3350 (NH), 2220 (CN), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.90 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.47 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.36-7.46 (m, 2H_{arom}), 7.93 (d, 1H_{arom}, J = 8 Hz), 8.02 (s, 1H, CH), 12.39 (br s, 1H, NH); ms: m/z 297 (M⁺¹, 29), 296 (M⁺, 99), 281 (100), 264 (30), 238 (7), 148 (15), 136 (10), 135 (8), 121 (5), 108 (14), 76 (10), 57 (41). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄OS (296.33): C, 60.79; H, 4.08; N, 18.90; S, 10.82. Found: C, 60.72; H, 4.19; N, 18.79; S, 10.69.

General procedure for the synthesis of 5-arylhydrazonomethyl-6-azido-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitriles (8a-d). A mixture of 1 (0.217 g, 1 mmol) and hydrazines 7a-d (1 mmol) in CHCl₃ (5ml) was stirred for 2 h at room temperature (25°C). The resulting solid product was filtered off, dried and recrystallized from CHCl₃ to afford 8a-d. It should be noticed that the reaction of compound 1 with hydrazines 7 under heating may be explosive.

6-Azido-5-hydrazonomethyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (8a). This compound was obtained as reddish crystals, yield: 0.150 g (65%); mp: 210-212°C (dec.); ir (KBr): \vee 3350, 3200 (NH₂), 2200 (CN), 2150 (N₃), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.61 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 8.75 (s, 1H, CH), 10.00 (s, 2H, NH₂). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₉H₉N₇O (231.20): C, 46.75; H, 3.92; N, 42.40. Found: C, 46.63; H, 3.78; N, 42.52.

6-Azido-5-methylhydrazonomethyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (8b). This compound was obtained as reddish crystals, yield: 0.155 g (63%); mp: 230-232°C (dec.); ir (KBr): v 3290 (NH), 2950, 2900 (aliph. CH), 2200 (CN), 2150 (N₃), 1660 (CO) cm⁻¹; 1 H nmr (DMSO- d_{θ}): δ 2.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.26 (d, 3H, J = 4 Hz, CH₃), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 8.56 (s, 1H, CH), 10.02 (br s, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁N₇O (245.23): C, 48.97; H, 4.52; N, 39.98. Found: C, 48.76; H, 4.65; N, 39.86.

6-Azido-5-benzoylhydrazonomethyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (8c). This compound was obtained as yellowish crystals; yield: 0.255 g (76%); mp: 250-252°C (dec.); ir (KBr): v 3200 (NH), 3090 (arom. CH), 2200 (CN), 2150 (N₃), 1670 (CO), 1645 (CO) cm⁻¹; 1 H nmr (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.69 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.51-7.58 (m, 3H_{arom}), 7.91 (d, 2H_{arom}, J = 8 Hz), 8.68 (s, 1H, CH), 11.93 (s, 1H, NH). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃N₇O₂ (335.30): C, 57.31; H, 3.91; N, 29.24. Found: C, 57.26; H, 3.78; N, 29.34.

6-Azido-1,4-dimethyl-5-phenylhydrazonomethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (8d). This compound was obtained as yellow crystals, yield: 0.265 g (86%); mp: 190-192°C (dec.); ir (KBr): ν 3290 (NH), 2220 (CN), 2150 (N₃), 1635 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.60 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.63-7.98 (m, 5H_{arom}), 8.29 (s, 1H, CH), 10.01 (s, 1H, NH); ms: m/z 281 (M⁺² $-N_2$, 34), 267 (19), 190 (52), 119 (17), 106 (15), 105 (36), 93 (100), 92(56), 77 (63). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₇O (307.29): C, 58.63; H, 4.26; N, 31.90. Found: C, 58.48; H, 4.39; N, 31.81.

6-Amino-1,4-dimethyl-5-phenylhydrazonomethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (**10**). **Route** (**A**): A mixture of **1** (0.217 g, 1 mmol) and **7d** (0.94 g, 1 mmol) was heated at 140-160°C for 10 min. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting solid product was collected by filtration, washed with EtOH, dried and recrystallized from EtOH to afford **10**.

Route (B): Sodium dithionite (0.40 g, 2.30 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of **8d** (0.20 g, 0.65 mmol) in

MeOH (12 ml)-water (4 ml) mixture. Stirring was maintained at room temperature (25°C) for 5 h. Then, the reaction mixture was poured into water. The precipitated solid product was collected by filtration, washed well with water and dried to give [0.230 g (82%) (route A) and 0.160 (87%) (route B)] of **10** as yellow crystals, yield: mp: 278-280°C; ir (KBr): v 3450, 3350, 3200 (NH, NH₂), 2220 (CN), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (DMSO- d_6): δ 2.58 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.66 (t, 1H_{arom}, J = 7 Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H_{arom}, J = 8 Hz), 7.16 (t, 2H_{arom}, J = 8 Hz), 7.57 (s, 2H, NH₂), 8.14 (s, 1H, CH), 10.07 (s, 1H, NH); ms: m/z 282 (M⁺¹, 92), 281 (M⁺, 99), 265 (24), 190 (71), 189 (90), 146 (13), 135 (10), 119 (12), 93 (100), 92 (37), 77 (31). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₅O (281.30): C, 64.04; H, 5.38; N, 24.89. Found: C, 64.18; H, 5.21; N, 24.76.

General procedure for the synthesis of 6-alkylamino-5-formyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitriles (15a-d). Alkylamines 12a-d (2 mmol) were added to a solution of compound 1 (0.217 g, 1 mmol) in dry EtOH and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The resulting solid product was collected by filtration, dried and recrystallized from EtOH to give compounds 15a-d.

5-Formyl-6-isopropylamino-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (15a). This compound was obtained as yellow crystals; yield: 0.150 g (64%); mp: 202-204°C; ir (KBr): v 3200 (NH), 2980, 2950 (aliph. CH), 2200 (CN), 1680 (CO), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; 1 H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.42 (d, 6H, J = 6 Hz, 2CH₃), 2.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.75 (m, 1H, N-CH) 7.82 (d, 1H, J = 14 Hz, NH), 11.42 (s, 1H, CHO); ms: m/z 234 (M⁺¹, 70), 233 (M⁺, 78), 218 (63), 190 (12), 175 (3), 146 (4), 58 (21), 57 (100). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₅N₃O₂ (233.26): C, 61.79; H, 6.48; N, 18.01. Found: C, 61.87; H, 6.35; N, 18.23.

6-Butylamino-5-formyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (**15b**). This compound was obtained as yellow crystals, yield: 0.155 g (63%); mp: 176-178°C. ir (KBr): \vee 3200 (NH), 2950, 2900 (aliph. CH), 2200 (CN), 1670 (CO), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 0.95 (t, 3H, J = 7 Hz, CH₃), 1.45 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.75 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.30 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.55 (q, 2H, J = 7 Hz, CH₂), 7.81 (dd, 1H, J = 13, 2 Hz, NH), 11.25 (s, 1H, CHO); ms: m/z 248 (M⁺¹, 55), 247 (M⁺, 58), 218 (7), 205 (82), 204 (100), 190 (7), 176 (6), 146 (6), 71 (59), 57 (8), 56 (46). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇N₃O₂ (247.29): C, 63.14; H, 6.93; N, 16.99. Found: C, 63.30; H, 6.79; N, 16.84.

6-Isobutylamino-5-formyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (15c).This compound was obtained as yellow crystals; yield: 0.145 g (59%); mp: 180-182°C; ir (KBr): ν 3300 (NH), 2970, 2900 (aliph. CH), 2200 (CN), 1670 (CO), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 0.99 (d, 6H, J = 6 Hz, 2CH₃), 1.95 (m, 1H, CH), 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.30 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.33 (t, 2H, J = 7 Hz, CH₂), 7.72 (t, 1H, J = 14 Hz, NH), 11.44 (s, 1H, CHO). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇N₃O₂ (247.29): C, 63.14; H, 6.93; N, 16.99. Found: C, 63.03; H, 7.02; N, 16.87.

6-Cyclohexylamino-5-formyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carbonitrile (**15d**). This compound was obtained as colorless crystals, yield: 0.180 g (66%); mp: 210-212°C; ir (KBr): ν 3400 (NH), 2950, 2850 (aliph. CH), 2200 (CN), 1680 (CO), 1640 (CO) cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃): δ 1.25-2.01 (m, 11H_{aliph}), 2.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.32 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.82 (d, 1H, J = 13 Hz, NH,), 11.48 (s, 1H, CHO); ms: m/z 274 (M⁺¹, 47), 273 (M⁺, 47), 230 (21), 191 (41), 190 (9), 175 (2), 160 (2), 146 (3), 120 (3), 97 (63), 83 (19), 55 (100). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₉N₃O₂ (273.32): C, 65.91; H, 7.01; N, 15.37. Found: C, 65.82; H, 6.94; N, 15.48.

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