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### ABSTRACT

An improved synthesis of 11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one and derivatives, by the condensation of 2-chlorobenzoic acid and 2-aminopyridine derivatives in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) is reported using ultrasound irradiation. The derivatives were prepared in good yield and in a short reaction time.

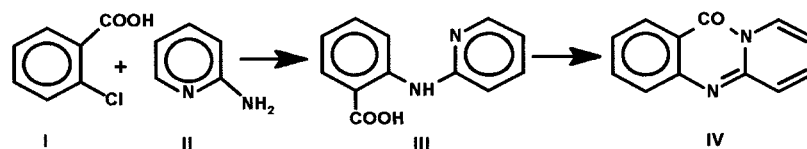
In a previous communication<sup>[1]</sup> we reported the use of *N,N*-dimethylformamide as solvent in the Ullman-Goldberg condensation of 2-chlorobenzoic acid (I) with 2-aminopyridine (II) for the synthesis of 11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one (IV). This reaction proceeds through

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the corresponding 2-(2-pyridilamine) benzoic (III) acid which cyclizes in the reaction medium.

The conditions studied for the condensation used one equivalent of potassium carbonate, 2 equivalents of amine, 3% Cu (in weight) per mol of 2-chlorobenzoic acid and dimethylformamide as solvent.



Recently, an interesting series of substituted 11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-ones has been studied as antiallergic,<sup>[2]</sup> cell protectants<sup>[3]</sup> and hypolipemic agents.<sup>[4]</sup>

In the present communication, we describe the use of ultrasound irradiation in the synthesis of 11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one derivatives, in order to shorten reaction times.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

First, we studied the effect of ultrasonic irradiation on the reaction rate for the synthesis of 11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one, obtained by condensation of 2-chlorobenzoic acid with 2-aminopyridine in DMF (Table 1). The best yield was obtained at 20 min reaction time, when we used more than 20 min the yield remained constant, which was confirmed by standard deviation values. All experiments were repeated five times. The yields reported represent an average of the obtained values for each reaction.

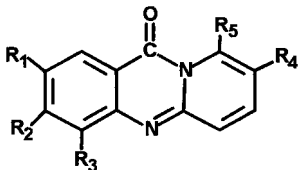
**Table 1.** Ultrasonic irradiation in synthesis of 11H-pyrido[2,1-b]quinazolin-11-one: yield dependance on time.

Ultrasonic irradiation time (min)	Yield of 11H-pyrido[2,1-b]-quinazolin-11-one (%)	Standard deviation (S)
30	72	1.5
25	71	1.0
20	71	1.5
15	56	1.5

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**Table 2.** Results using ultrasound irradiation (20 min) vs. reflux (6 h) in DMF as solvent.

				
No.	Substituent	% Yield using ultrasound (20 min)	% Yield in 6 h at refluxing in DMF as solvent	<i>m/e</i>
1	$R_1=R_2=R_3=R_4=R_5=H$	75	64	196
2	$R_4=CH_3$	82	77	210
3	$R_5=CH_3$	69	48	210
4	$R_1=OCH_3$	79	72	226
5	$R_2=Cl$	65	49	330
6	$R_3=NO_2$	67	52	241
7	$R_1=NO_2$	78	72	241
8	$R_1=R_3=NO_2$	89	84	286
9	$R_2=NO_2$	63	25	241

In Table 2 we compare the results using ultrasound irradiation (20 min) vs. reflux (6 h). In all cases the yield obtained using ultrasound is superior. It is interesting to mention that in the case of Entry 3, the 2-[(6-methyl-3-pyridinyl)amino]benzoic acid was obtained with reflux. This acid was cyclized using sulfuric acid at 100°C to the corresponding 9-methyl-11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one. Employing ultrasound irradiation only 9-methyl-pyrido quinazolone derivative was obtained.

## EXPERIMENTAL PART

## General Procedure

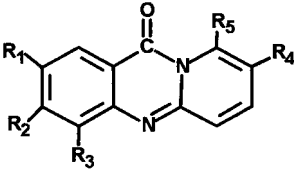
Synthesis of 11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one derivatives using DMF as solvent.

A mixture of 2-chlorobenzoic acid derivative (6.26 g; 0.04 mol), anhydrous potassium carbonate (2.76 g; 0.02 mol), 2-aminopyridine derivative (7.52 g; 0.08 mol), copper powder (0.2 g) in DMF (25 mL) was irradiated for 20 min with a sonic horn at 20 kHz. The reaction mixture was slowly



added to water (100 mL), then left to stand overnight. The precipitate 11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one was purified by dissolving in the corresponding solvent (see Table 3) and charcoal treatment. The  $R_f$  values were obtained using a mixture of toluene:acetic acid (2:1).

**Table 3.** 11*H*-Pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one derivatives synthesized and analytical results.

					
No.	Substituent	Yield (%)	M.p. (°C) (uncorrected)	M.p. (°C) Reported	$R_f$
1	$R_1=R_2=R_3=R_4=R_5=H$	75	211–212 <sup>a</sup>	210 <sup>[5,6]</sup>	0.60
2	$R_4=CH_3$	82	151–152 <sup>b</sup>	152–153 <sup>[5,7]</sup>	0.63
3	$R_5=CH_3$	69	90–92 <sup>a</sup>	92–93 <sup>[5]</sup>	0.61
4	$R_1=OCH_3$	79	158–160 <sup>b</sup>	157 <sup>[5,6]</sup>	0.71
5	$R_2=Cl$	65	190–191 <sup>b</sup>	190–192 <sup>[5,6]</sup>	0.67
6	$R_3=NO_2$	67	199 <sup>c</sup>	198 <sup>[5]</sup>	0.69
7	$R_1=NO_2$	78	257–258 <sup>c</sup>	258 <sup>[5]</sup>	0.70
8	$R_1=R_3=NO_2$	89	287–289 <sup>c</sup>	288–289 <sup>[5]</sup>	0.73
9	$R_2=NO_2$	63	207–209 <sup>b</sup>	208 <sup>[5]</sup>	0.72
Calculated and experimental microanalysis					
No.	Formula	Calculated (%)		Experimental (%)	
		C	H	C	H
1	$C_{12}H_8N_2O$	73.47	4.08	73.40	4.23
2	$C_{13}H_{10}N_2O$	74.28	4.76	74.53	5.11
3	$C_{13}H_{10}N_2O$	74.28	4.76	74.36	4.88
4	$C_{13}H_{10}N_2O_2$	69.03	4.42	68.90	4.25
5	$C_{12}H_7ClN_2O$	62.47	3.04	62.61	3.19
6	$C_{12}H_7N_3O_3$	59.75	2.90	59.55	2.84
7	$C_{12}H_7N_3O_3$	59.75	2.90	59.88	2.67
8	$C_{12}H_6N_4O_5$	50.35	2.10	50.49	1.91
9	$C_{12}H_7N_3O_3$	59.75	2.90	59.63	2.63

<sup>a</sup>Crystallized from ethanol/water; <sup>b</sup>crystallized from ethanol; <sup>c</sup>crystallized from dioxanel/water.

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The yield,  $R_f$  value, melting point (uncorrected) and the elemental analysis for each 11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one derivatives obtained are reported in Table 3.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The use of ultrasound irradiation improved the synthesis of 11*H*-pyrido[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-11-one derivatives using DMF as solvent. A number of pyridoquinazolinone derivatives were prepared in good yield in a very short reaction time.

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