

Synthesis of Pyridazinedione Derivatives Starting from Anhydrides of 2,3-Pyridine- and 2,3-Quinolinedicarboxylic Acids

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Abstract—A method was developed of preparation of heterocyclic compounds with pyridopyridazinoisoquinolinedione and isoquinopyridazinoquinolinedione structures formed regioselectively by intramolecular cyclization of phosphorus ylides containing pyridopyridazinedione and pyridazinoquinolinedione fragments.

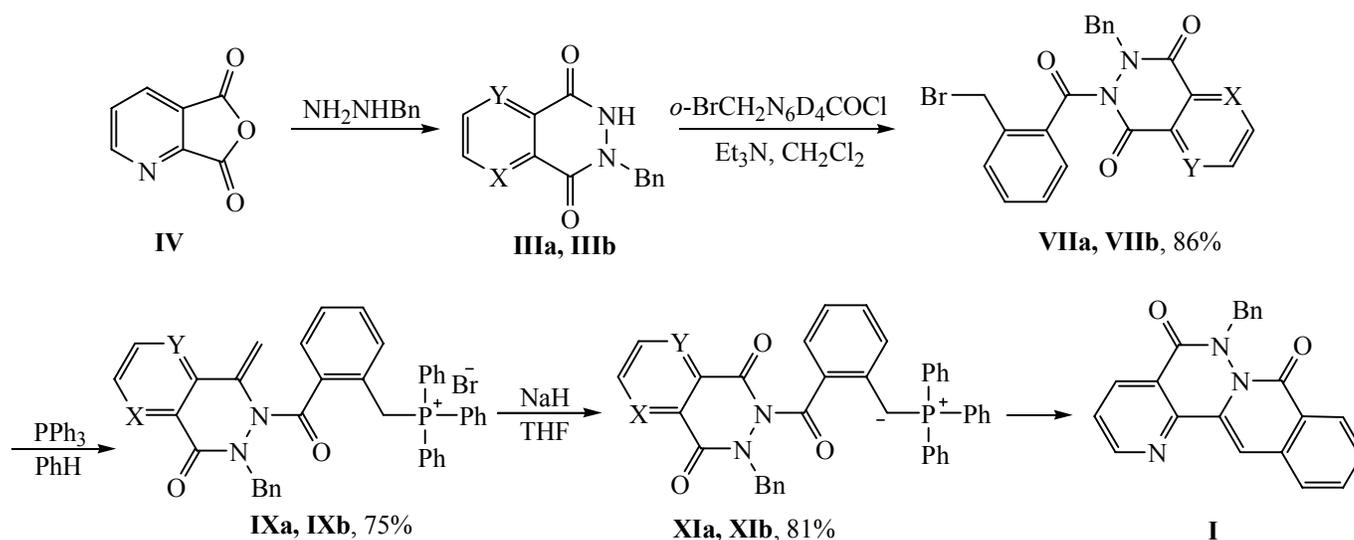
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Pyridazine derivatives are extremely rare in the natural objects [1, 2]. Some among them exhibit high biological action, for instance, Galavit is an immuno-modulator of the new generation and is successfully used in the treatment of acute infectious and chronic inflammatory diseases [3–5]. The extension of the application field of pyridazinedione derivatives for the synthesis of new heterocyclic compounds is very promising.

It was shown formerly [6–9] that keto-stabilized phosphonium ylides prepared from the N-protected α - and β -amino acids underwent the intramolecular cyclization. We performed through phosphorus ylides the preparation of products **I**, **II** with a pyridazinedione fragment starting from 2,3-pyridine- and 2,3-quinolinedicarboxylic acids anhydrides.

The synthesis of compound with the pyridopyridazino-

Scheme 1.



X = N, Y = CH (a); Y = N, X = CH (b); a : b = 2 : 1.

isoquinolidinedione structure **I** was carried out using the mixture of benzyl-substituted 2,3-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]-pyridazine-5,8-diones (**IIIa**, **IIIb**) obtained by direct melting of benzylhydrazine with 2,3-pyridinedicarboxylic acid anhydride (**IV**) (Scheme 1).

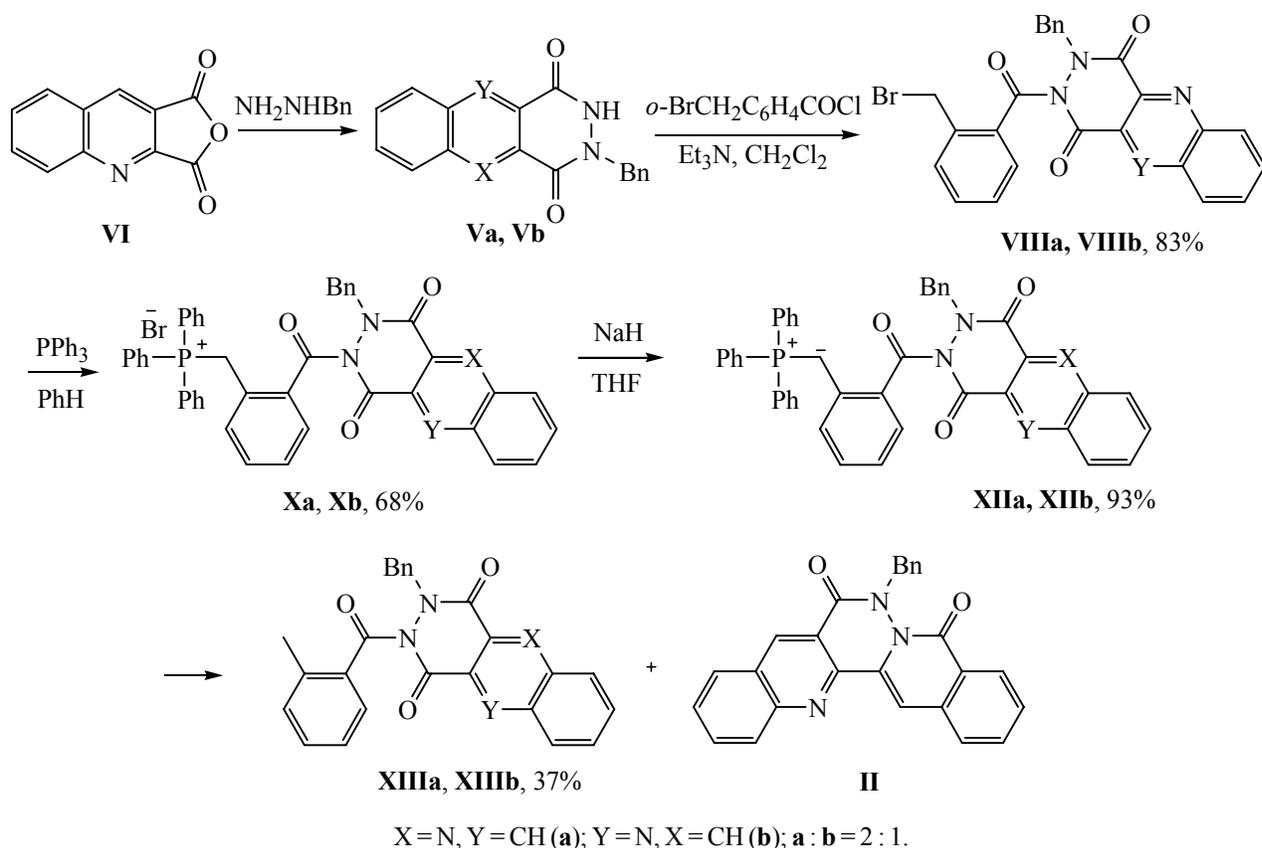
The synthesis of compounds with the isoquino-pyridazinoquinolinedione structure **II** was based on the analogously obtained from benzylhydrazine and 2,3-quinolinedicarboxylic acid anhydride (**VI**) benzyl-substituted 2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]-quinoline-1,4-diones (**Va**, **Vb**) (Scheme 2).

The structure of compounds **IIIa**, **IIIb** and **Va**, **Vb** was confirmed by spectral methods. In the ^1H NMR spectra the informative signals are the singlets of the methylene group of the benzyl fragment in the region δ 5.23 (**IIIa**), 5.21 (**IIIb**), 5.29 (**Va**), 5.21 ppm (**Vb**), and also the signals of the NH group protons in the region δ 9.02 (**IIIa**), 8.68 (**IIIb**), 9.28 (**Va**), 8.83 ppm (**Vb**). It was established from the integral intensity of the signals belonging to the isomers in the ^1H NMR spectra that their ratio was 1 : 2. The structure of the prevailing isomer was revealed from the characteristic signals of the carbon

atoms of the oxo groups in the ^{13}C NMR spectra. For instance, the intense signals of the carbamide carbon atoms were observed at δ 167.83 (**IIIa**) and 168.97 ppm (**Va**), whereas the less intense signals of more electron-deficient carbamide carbon atoms in the β -position to the nitrogen atom of the pyridine ring (**IIIb**) and quinoline fragment (**Vb**) appeared upfield at δ 164.38 (**IIIb**) and 164.35 ppm (**Vb**) [10]. According to the ^{13}C NMR data the major isomers were compounds **IIIa** and **Va**; the precise isomers ratio was determined from the comparison of the integral intensities of the signals in the ^1H NMR spectra.

The acylation of the mixtures of benzyl-substituted 2,3-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-diones (**IIIa**, **IIIb**) and 2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-diones (**Va**, **Vb**) with *o*-bromomethylbenzoyl chloride resulted in benzyl bromides **VIIa**, **VIIb** and **VIIIa**, **VIIIb** in an overall yield 86 and 83% respectively. These products react with PPh_3 in dry benzene to give phosphonium salts **IXa**, **IXb** and **Xa**, **Xb**. The deprotonation of the latter with NaH in THF under an argon atmosphere afforded phosphorus ylides **XIa**, **XIb** and **XIIa**, **XIIb** in an overall

Scheme 2.



yield 81 and 93% respectively.

The structures of all compounds obtained were confirmed by their spectra. In the ^1H NMR spectra the most informative signal is the two-proton singlet of the CH_2Br group in the region δ 4.79 (**VIIa**, **VIIb**) and 5.28 ppm (**VIIIa**, **VIIIb**); in the ^{13}C NMR spectrum the corresponding carbon atom gives rise to the signal at δ 31.33 (**VIIa**, **VIIb**) and 30.78 ppm (**VIIIa**, **VIIIb**). At the same time in the ^1H NMR spectra of compounds **XIa**, **XIb** and **XIIa**, **XIIb** the characteristic doublet signals of ylide groups were observed in the region δ 4.33, 4.37 and 5.09, 5.21 ppm respectively.

The heating of phosphorus ylides **XIa**, **XIb** and **XIIa**, **XIIb** in boiling dioxane led to the formation of polycyclic compounds **I** and **II** in the yield not exceeding 9%. However the use of ionic liquid, 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate [bmim][BF_4] increased the yield of the target products to 42% with respect to compounds **XIb** and **XIIb**. The boiling of compounds **XIIa**, **XIIb** in 1,4-dioxane in the presence of a catalytic amount of benzoic acid resulted in the formation of methylbenzoylpyridazinoquinolinediones **XIIIa**, **XIIIb** in an overall yield 37%.

The structures of compounds **I** and **II** were proved by NMR spectra. For instance, in the ^{13}C NMR spectra of compounds **I** and **II** appeared the signals of carbon atoms at multiple bond in the region δ 105.86, 132.74 (**I**) and 105.89, 132.75 ppm (**II**); in the ^1H NMR spectra informative signals were those of the protons of the formed double bonds in the region δ 6.62 ppm. The formation of regioisomers **I** and **II** in the course of the intramolecular cyclization at the more electron-deficient carbon atom was proved by the NOE experiment. For instance, in compound **I** the irradiation of the singlet signal of the hydrogen at the double bond (δ_{H} 6.62 ppm) did not produce a considerable Overhauser effect on the pyridine proton. Analogous behavior was also observed in compound **II**.

Hence we synthesized compounds of pyridopyridazinoisoquinolinedione (**I**) and isoquinopyridazinoquinolinedione (**II**) structures from phosphorus ylides prepared starting from 2,3-pyridine- and 2,3-quinolinedicarboxylic acid anhydrides. It was established that employing the ionic liquid [bmim][BF_4] at the intramolecular cyclization of phosphorus ylides by Wittig reaction significantly increased the yield of the target products.

EXPERIMENTAL

IR spectra were recorded on a spectrophotometer Specord M-80 (from thin films or mulls in mineral oil). NMR spectra were registered on a spectrometer Bruker AM-300 at operating frequencies 300.13 MHz (^1H), 75.25 MHz (^{13}C), internal reference TMS. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC on Sorbfil PTLC-AF-A plates, spots were visualized with UV irradiation, iodine vapor, spraying the plates with ninhydrine or anisaldehyde followed by heating at 100–120°C. The reaction products were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent petroleum ether–ethyl acetate, 4:1). We did not isolate compounds **IIIa**, **IIIb**, **Va**, **Vb**, **VIIa**, **VIIb**, **VIIIa**, **VIIIb**, **IXa**, **IXb**, **Xa**, **Xb**, **XIa**, **XIb**, **XIIa**, **XIIb**, **XIIIa**, **XIIIb** in an individual state and used them in subsequent reactions as isomer mixtures.

Dihydropyridopyridazinediones IIIa, IIIb and dihydropyridazinoquinolinediones Va, Vb. A mixture of 4.6 mmol of anhydride and 4.6 mmol of benzylhydrazine was heated for 15 min at the temperature of the oil bath of 155–160°C. On cooling the solid reaction product was reprecipitated from methanol. The separated precipitate was filtered off and washed with ether.

7-Benzyl-6,7-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-dione (IIIa), 6-benzyl-6,7-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-dione (IIIb). Overall yield 79%, mp 95–101°C. ^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm, (**IIIa**): 5.23 s (2H, CH_2), 7.18–7.65 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.51–9.08 m (3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{N}$), 9.02 s (1H, NH); (**IIIb**): 5.21 s (2H, CH_2), 7.18–7.65 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.51–9.08 m (3H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{N}$), 8.68 s (1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (**IIIa**): 55.06 (CH_2), 128.97, 130.01, 130.27 (CH_{arom}), 130.53 (C_{arom}), 130.62 (CH_{arom}), 134.03 (C_{arom}), 138.56 (CH_{arom}), 149.97 (N=C), 150.95 (N=C), 158.43 (C=O), 167.83 (C=O); (**IIIb**): 54.8 (CH_2), 128.48, 128.97, 130.27, 130.62 (CH_{arom}), 130.85 (C_{arom}), 134.46 (C_{arom}), 136.42 (CH_{arom}), 151.18 (N=C), 152.25 (N=C), 156.16 (C=O), 164.38 (C=O).

3-Benzyl-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (Va), 2-benzyl-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (Vb). Overall yield 87%, mp 173–178°C. ^1H NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (**Va**): 5.29 s (2H, CH_2), 7.23–7.36 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.46–8.38 m (5H, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{N}$), 9.28 s (1H, NH); (**Vb**): 5.21 s (2H, CH_2), 7.23–7.36 m (5H, C_6H_5), 7.46–8.38 m (5H, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{N}$), 8.83 s (1H, NH). ^{13}C NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (**Va**): 56.16 (CH_2), 126.23 (C_{arom}), 129.32, 129.76, 130.1, 130.33, 130.41, 130.56 (CH_{arom}), 133.51 (C_{arom}), 137.93 (CH_{arom}), 139.29 (C_{arom}), 140.21

(CH_{arom}), 154.57 (N=C), 157.08 (N=C), 160.09 (C=O), 168.97 (C=O); (**Vb**): 56.3 (CH₂), 127.73 (C_{arom}), 129.32, 129.76, 129.96, 130.33, 130.41, 130.68, 135.82 (CH_{arom}), 136.4 (C_{arom}), 137.03 (C_{arom}), 142.84 (CH_{arom}), 153.56 (N=C), 156.47 (N=C), 160.03 (C=O), 164.35 (C=O).

Benzyl bromides VIIa, VIIb, VIIIa, VIIIb. To a dispersion of 1.65 mmol of *o*-bromomethylbenzoic acid in 15 ml of dry benzene was added 4.95 mmol of thionyl chloride, and the mixture was heated at reflux to the end of gas liberation (~6 h). On evaporation of the solution the acid chloride was brought into further reaction without additional purification. The solution of the acid chloride in 5 ml of dichloromethane was at cooling and stirring slowly added dropwise over 39 min to a dispersion of 1.65 mmol of compound **IIIa**, **IIIb** or **Va**, **Vb** and 1.65 mmol of Et₃N in 20 ml of dichloromethane, the mixture was stirred for 1 h more at room temperature and left standing for 24 h. The formed solution was washed with 1N HCl, the organic layer was dried with MgSO₄. The solvent was distilled off, the oily residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (eluent chloroform–acetone, 9:1).

7-Benzyl-6-[2-(bromomethyl)benzoyl]-6,7-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-dione (VIIa), 6-benzyl-7-[2-(bromomethyl)benzoyl]-6,7-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-dione (VIIb). Overall yield 86%. ¹H NMR spectra, δ, ppm, (**VIIa**): 4.79 s (2H, CH₂), 4.90 s (2H, CH₂), 7.18–7.74 m (9H, C₆H₄, C₆H₅), 8.06–9.05 m (3H, C₆H₃N); (**VIIb**): 4.79 s (2H, CH₂), 5.09 s (2H, CH₂), 7.18–7.74 m (9H, C₆H₄, C₆H₅), 8.06–9.05 m (3H, C₆H₃N). ¹³C NMR spectra, δ, ppm, (**VIIa**): 31.33 (CH₂Br), 54.49 (CH₂), 125.59 (CH_{arom}), 127.75 (C_{arom}), 128.70, 128.86, 128.93, 129.63, 130.68, 131.82, 132.03 (CH_{arom}), 134.36, 135.93, 140.35 (C_{arom}), 145.51 (CH_{arom}), 146.41 (CH_{arom}), 155.24 (C_{arom}), 159.17 (C=O), 160.10 (C=O), 171.05 (C=O); (**VIIb**): 31.33 (CH₂Br), 54.52 (CH₂), 125.59 (CH_{arom}), 125.64 (C_{arom}), 126.68, 128.70, 128.86, 128.93, 130.68, 131.82, 132.03 (CH_{arom}), 135.76, 135.93, 139.41 (C_{arom}), 139.92 (CH_{arom}), 146.41 (CH_{arom}), 150.16 (C_{arom}), 155.22 (C=O), 160.02 (C=O), 170.79 (C=O). Found, %: C 58.67; H 3.61; Br 17.71; N 9.35. C₂₂H₁₆BrN₃O₃. Calculated, %: C 58.68; H 3.58; Br 17.75; N 9.33

3-Benzyl-2-[2-(bromomethyl)benzoyl]-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (VIIIa), 2-benzyl-3-[2-(bromomethyl)benzoyl]-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (VIIIb). Overall yield 83%. ¹H NMR spectra, δ, ppm, (**VIIIa**): 5.28 s (2H, CH₂), 5.49 s (2H, CH₂), 7.21–

7.75 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.22–7.57 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.56–8.58 m (4H, C₆H₄), 8.67 s (1H, C₆HN); (**VIIIb**): 5.28 s (2H, CH₂), 5.42 s (2H, CH₂), 7.21–7.75 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.22–7.57 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.56–8.58 m (4H, C₆H₄), 9.31 s (1H, C₆HN). ¹³C NMR spectra, δ, ppm, (**VIIIa**): 31.08 (CH₂Br), 54.87 (CH₂), 126.34 (C_{arom}), 127.89, 128.27, 128.53, 128.61, 128.84, 128.91, 129.03, 129.19, 129.37, 129.57 (all CH_{arom}), 130.32 (C_{arom}), 132.15 (CH_{arom}), 132.26 (CH_{arom}), 133.10, 133.61, 134.25, 136.24, 140.86 (C_{arom}), 143.84 (C=O Ht), 150.62 (C=O, Ht), 163.83 (C=O, Bz); (**VIIIb**): 30.78 (CH₂Br), 54.55 (CH₂), 125.70 (C_{arom}), 127.55 (C_{arom}), 127.89 (CH_{arom}), 128.27, 128.53, 128.61, 128.84, 128.91, 129.03, 129.19, 129.37, 131.04 (CH_{arom}), 132.04 (C_{arom}), 132.15 (CH_{arom}), 132.26 (CH_{arom}), 133.61, 133.93, 138.15, 140.25 (C_{arom}), 143.04 (C=O, Ht), 150.45 (C=O, Ht), 158.08 (C=O, Bz). Found, %: C 62.43; H 3.66; Br 15.94; N 8.38. C₂₆H₁₈BrN₃O₃. Calculated, %: C 62.41; H 3.63; Br 15.97; N 8.40.

Phosphonium salts IXa, IXb, Xa, Xb. To a solution of 1.2 mmol of an appropriate benzyl bromide in 10 ml of dry benzene was added in one portion at stirring 1.32 mmol of triphenylphosphine dissolved in 5 ml of benzene. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and then it was heated at reflux for 6 h. The precipitate formed in the course of the reaction was filtered off, washed with benzene and left to dry in air.

2-[(7-Benzyl-5,8-dioxo-7,8-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazin-6(5*H*)-yl)carbonyl]benzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (IXa) and 2-[(6-benzyl-5,8-dioxo-5,8-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazin-6(5*H*)-yl)carbonyl]benzyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (IXb). Overall yield 75%, mp 140–142°C. Found, %: C 67.37; H 4.46; Br 11.28; N 5.98. C₄₀H₃₁BrN₃O₃P. Calculated, %: C 67.42; H 4.38; Br 11.21; N 5.90.

2-[(3-Benzyl-1,4-dioxo-3,4-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-2(1*H*)-yl)carbonyl]benzyl(triphenyl)phosphonium bromide (Xa) and 2-[(2-benzyl-1,4-dioxo-3,4-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinolin-3(2*H*)-yl)carbonyl]benzyl(triphenyl)phosphonium bromide (Xb). Overall yield 68%, mp 185–186°C. Found, %: C 69.28; H 4.38; Br 10.45; N 5.53. C₄₄H₃₃BrN₃O₃P. Calculated, %: C 69.30; H 4.36; Br 10.48; N 5.51.

Phosphorus ylides XIa, XIb, XIIa, XIIb. To a dispersion of 1 mmol of phosphonium salt **IXa**, **IXb**, **Xa**, **Xb** in 20 ml of THF was added at stirring 3 mmol of NaH. The reaction mixture was stirred over 1 h, the separated precipitate was filtered off, the solvent was distilled off to leave dark-red oily residue.

7-Benzyl-6-{2-[(triphenylphosphoranilidene)methyl]benzoyl}-6,7-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-dione (XIa), 6-benzyl-7-{2-[(triphenylphosphoranilidene)methyl]benzoyl}-6,7-dihydropyrido[2,3-*d*]pyridazine-5,8-dione (XIb). Overall yield 81%. ¹H NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (XIa): 4.33 s (1H, CH), 5.49 s (2H, CH₂), 6.90–7.94 m (24H, 4C₆H₅, C₆H₄), 8.07–8.34 m (3H, C₆H₃N); (XIb): 4.37 s (1H, CH), 5.45 s (2H, CH₂), 6.90–7.94 m (24H, 4C₆H₅, C₆H₄), 8.07–8.34 m (3H, C₆H₃N).

3-Benzyl-2-{2-[(triphenylphosphoranilidene)methyl]benzoyl}-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (XIIa), 2-benzyl-3-{2-[(triphenylphosphoranilidene)methyl]benzoyl}-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (XIIb). Overall yield 93%. ¹H NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (XIIa): 5.09 s (1H, CH), 5.38 s (2H, CH₂), 6.93–7.75 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.14–7.33 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.29–7.64 m (15H, 3C₆H₅), 7.74–8.49 m (4H, C₆H₄), 8.97 s (1H, C₆HN); (XIIb): 5.21 s (1H, CH), 5.33 s (2H, CH₂), 6.93–7.75 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.14–7.33 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.29–7.64 m (15H, 3C₆H₅), 7.74–8.49 m (4H, C₆H₄), 9.23 s (1H, C₆HN).

Thermolysis of phosphorus ylides XIa, XIb, XIIa, XIIb. *a.* To a dispersion of 0.5 mmol of phosphorus ylide in 10 ml of anhydrous dioxane was added a catalytic quantity of benzoic acid, and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. The solvent was distilled off, the thermolysis products **I** and **XIIIa**, **XIIIb** were subjected to chromatography on silica gel (eluent ethyl acetate–petroleum ether, 1:4).

b. To a dispersion of 0.3 mmol of phosphorus ylide in 10 ml of dry dioxane was added 1 ml of 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate [bmim][BF₄], and the reaction mixture was boiled for 24 h. The solvent was distilled off, the thermolysis products **I** and **II** were isolated by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent ethyl acetate–petroleum ether, 1:4).

6-Benzyl-6*H*-pyrido[3',2':4,5]pyridazino[1,6-*b*]isoquinoline-5,8-dione (I). Orange oily substance. Yield 9 (*a*), 36% (*b*) with respect to compound **XIb**. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 4.22–4.37 m (2H, CH₂), 6.62 s (H, CH), 7.16–7.55 m (9H, C₆H₅, C₆H₄), 7.68–8.35 m (3H, C₆H₃N). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 60.76 (CH₂), 105.86 (CH=), 120.31(C_{arom}), 125.79, 125.94, 127.11, 128.19, 129.15, 129.56, 129.75, 130.94, 131.75 (CH_{arom}), 132.74(C_{arom}), 134.78 (CH_{arom}), 136.73, 137.46, 139.83, 146.06 (C_{arom}), 155.56 (C=O), 162.53 (C=O). Found, %: C 74.82; H 4.24; N 11.93. C₂₂H₁₅N₃O₂. Calculated, %: C 74.78; H 4.28; N 11.89.

3-Benzyl-2-(2-methylbenzoyl)-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (XIIIa), 2-benzyl-3-(2-methylbenzoyl)-2,3-dihydropyridazino[4,5-*b*]quinoline-1,4-dione (XIIIb). Overall yield 37 (*a*), mp 153–160°C. ¹H NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (XIIIa): 2.72 s (3H, CH₃), 5.48 s (2H, CH₂), 7.24–7.74 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.31–7.49 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.86–8.54 m (4H, C₆H₄), 8.52 s (1H, C₆HN); (XIIIb): 2.73 s (3H, CH₃), 5.43 s (2H, CH₂), 7.24–7.74 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.31–7.49 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.86–8.54 m (4H, C₆H₄), 9.31 s (1H, C₆HN). ¹³C NMR spectra, δ , ppm, (XIIIa): 21.98 (CH₃), 54.82 (CH₂), 126.22 (C_{arom}), 127.78, 128.33, 128.45, 128.49, 128.74 (CH_{arom}), 129.11 (C_{arom}), 129.41 (C_{arom}), 131.16, 131.67, 131.83, 131.94, 132.08, 132.28 (CH_{arom}), 132.80, 133.84, 142.57, 144.09 (C_{arom}), 150.54 (C=O, Ht), 158.11(C=O, Ht), 164.40 (C=O, Bz); (XIIIb): 21.54 (CH₃), 54.50 (CH₂), 125.90 (C_{arom}), 126.36 (C_{arom}), 127.78 (CH_{arom}), 128.33 (CH_{arom}), 128.45 (CH_{arom}), 128.49 (CH_{arom}), 128.74 (CH_{arom}), 128.88 (C_{arom}), 131.16 (CH_{arom}), 131.67 (CH_{arom}), 131.83 (CH_{arom}), 131.94 (CH_{arom}), 132.08 (CH_{arom}), 132.28 (CH_{arom}), 133.01 (C_{arom}), 133.18 (C_{arom}), 136.33 (C_{arom}), 143.27 (C_{arom}), 150.23 (C=O_{quinoline}), 158.03 (C=O_{quinoline}), 164.26 (C=O). Found, %: C 74.13; H 4.57; N 9.95. C₂₆H₁₉N₃O₃. Calculated, %: C 74.10; H 4.54; N 9.97.

7-Benzyl-5*H*-isoquino[2',3':2,3]pyridazino-[4,5-*b*]quinoline-5,8(7*H*)-dione (II). Orange oily substance. Yield 42% (*b*) with respect to compound **XIb**. ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 4.32–4.43 m (2H, CH₂), 6.62 s (1H, CH), 7.32–7.63 m (4H, C₆H₄), 7.16–7.42 m (5H, C₆H₅), 7.31–7.62 m (4H, C₆H₄), 8.38 s (1H, C₆HN). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 61.50 (CH₂), 105.89 (CH=), 120.33 (C_{arom}), 120.93 (C_{arom}), 125.09, 125.73, 125.79, 125.96, 127.52, 128.17, 129.59, 129.69, 129.77, 130.52, 131.74 (CH_{arom}), 132.74 (C_{arom}), 134.80 (CH_{arom}), 134.95, 136.76, 137.48, 138.20, 141.42 (C_{arom}), 155.57 (C=O, Ht), 162.58 (C=O, Bz). Found, %: C 77.38; H 4.27; N 10.43. C₂₆H₁₇N₃O₂. Calculated, %: C 77.41; H 4.25; N 10.42.

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