

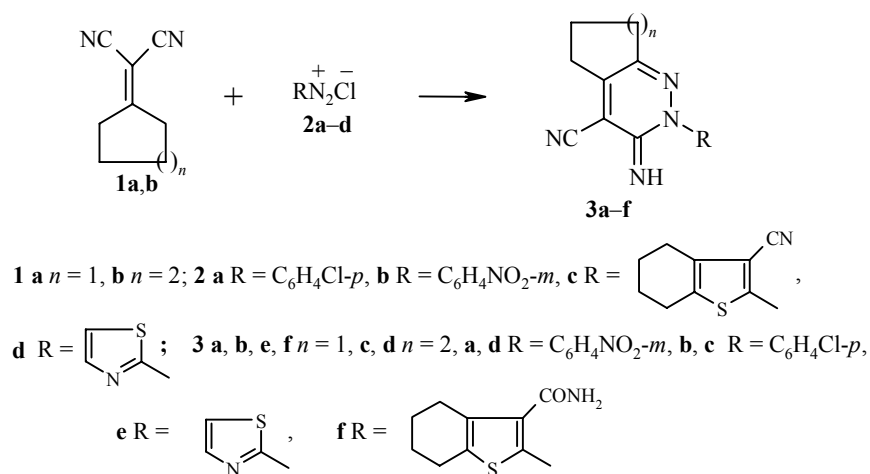
NOVEL SYNTHESIS OF 1,8-ALKANOPYRIDO- [3,4-*d*]PYRIDAZINE: A NEW RING SYSTEM

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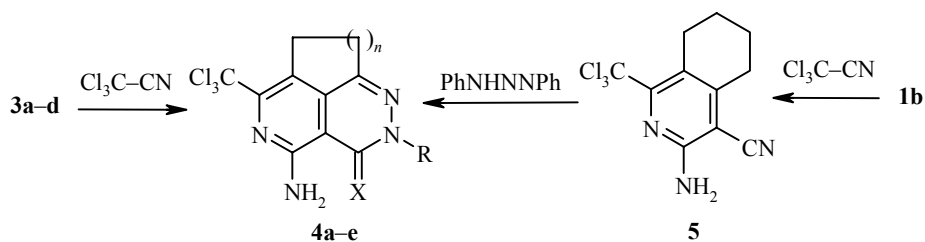
*Cycloalkylidenemalononitriles couple with various diazonium salts to yield the corresponding cycloalkeno[*c*]pyridazines, which react with trichloroacetonitrile to give the 1,8-alkanopyrido[3,4-*d*]pyridazines. The reaction of cycloalkenopyridazines with DMF dimethylacetal gives enamine derivatives, which can be converted to 1,8-alkanopyrido[3,4-*d*]pyridazines via treating with hydrazine hydrate or aromatic amines. Substituted cycloalkenopyridines react with diazoaminobenzene to afford the corresponding 1,8-alkanopyridopyridazines.*

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Activated methylene nitriles are highly reactive reagents that have found extensive application in organic synthesis [1-3]. Condensed azines comprise a very interesting class of compounds because of their biological and medicinal activities [4-6]. In the last decade we have reported several novel syntheses of azines utilizing activated nitriles as starting materials [7-9]. In conjunction with our interest, we report here on the reactivity of ylidene derivatives **1a,b** toward organic reagents of different types with the aim of preparing 1,8-alkanopyrido-pyridazines. Thus, ylidene derivatives **1a,b** readily coupled with diazonium salts **2a-d** to give a product that was established as having structure **3a-f**. The mass spectrum of **3a** showed *m/z* 281 and its IR revealed the presence of NH and cyano groups at 3320 and 2212 cm⁻¹, respectively. ¹H NMR revealed the presence of aromatic protons at δ 7.98-7.53 ppm. ¹³C NMR indicated the presence of one cyano group at δ 116.89 ppm. Signals of other skeletal carbons appeared at the expected positions. The structures of **3b-f** were established similarly.

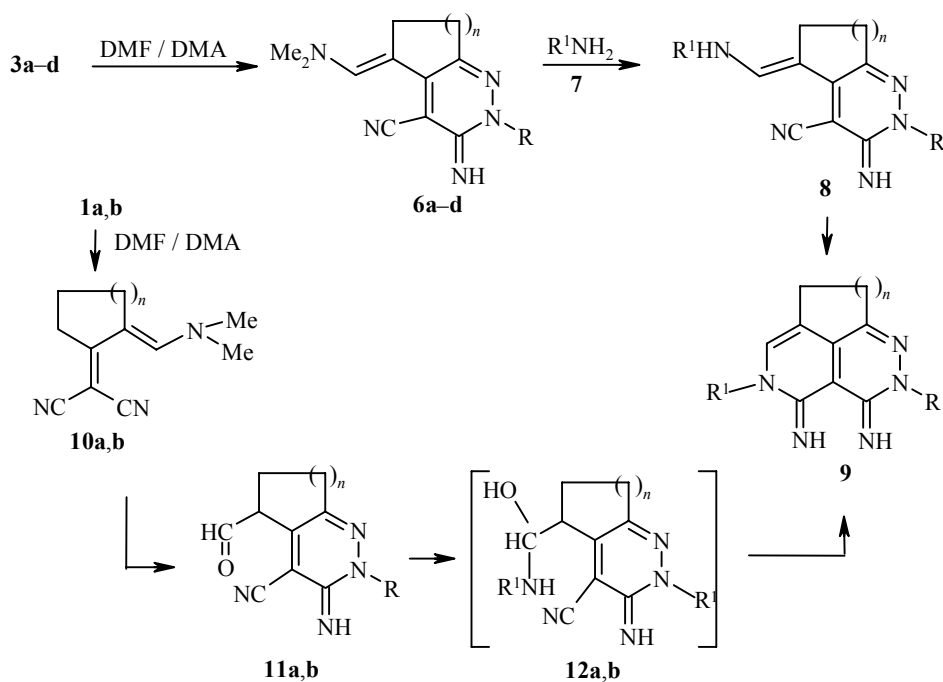


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4 a,d R = C₆H₄NO₂-*m*, **b, c** R = C₆H₄Cl-*p*, **e** R = Ph; **a-d** X = NH, **e** X = O; **a, b** *n* = 1, **c-e** *n* = 2

Cycloalkanopyridazines **3a-d** react readily under basic condition with trichloroacetonitrile to give 1,8-alkanopyrido[3,4-*d*]pyridazine derivatives **4a-d** in good yields. The same reaction product, **4c**, could be obtained on treatment of **1b** with trichloroacetonitrile to give **5** followed by coupling with arene diazonium salt **2a** to give the final isolated product **4c** in low yield. Moreover, a good yield was obtained *via* treating pyridine derivative **5** with diazoaminobenzene in refluxing aqueous acetic acid/hydrochloric acid mixture to furnish the oxo derivative **4e**. The structures of **4a-e** were established based on their elemental analyses and spectral data.



6 a, d R = C₆H₄NO₂-*m*, **b, c** R = C₆H₄Cl-*p*, **a, b** *n* = 1, **c, d** *n* = 2; **7 a** R¹ = NH₂, **b** R¹ = Ph, **c** R¹ = 2-pyridyl;
9 a-f R = C₆H₄NO₂-*m*, **a, b** R¹ = NH₂, **c, d** R¹ = Ph, **e, f** R¹ = 2-pyridyl, **a, c, e** *n* = 1, **b, d, f** *n* = 2;
10 a *n* = 1, **b** *n* = 2; **11 a,b** R = C₆H₄NO₂-*m*, **a** *n* = 1, **b** *n* = 2

Furthermore, *N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (DMF/DMA) reacts with **3a-d** to give **6a-d**. Enamines **6a,d** react with hydrazine hydrate **7a** or aromatic amines **7b,c** to give *via* intermediate **8** pyridopyridazine derivatives **9a-f**. The formation of intermediates of the type **8** involves probably the loss of dimethylamine and is followed by cyclization under reaction conditions to give the final isolated product **9**. Alternatively, compounds **1a,b** were treated with DMF/DMA in DMF and piperidine to give the condensation products **10a,b**. The latter coupled with arene diazonium salt **2b** to give the aldehydes **11a,b**. Compounds **11a,b** reacted with hydrazine hydrate in ethanol/DMF mixture to give the final isolated products **9a,b** apparently through the intermediate **12**.

TABLE 1. Physical and Analytical Data of Newly Synthesized Compounds

Compound	Empirical formula	Found, %				mp, °C	Color	Solvent	M.Wt./ <i>m/z</i>	Yield, %
		Calculated, %								
1	2	C	H	N	S	7	8	9	10	11
3a	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ N ₅ O ₂	60.01	4.00	25.02		147	Brown	EtOH	281.3 (281)	78
		59.77	3.94	24.90						
3b	C ₁₄ H ₁₁ ClN ₄	62.32	3.99	20.65		140	Yellow	EtOH	270.74	70
		62.10	4.10	20.69						
3c	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ ClN ₄	63.36	4.50	19.85		165	Yellow	EtOH	284.77	72
		63.26	4.61	19.67						
3d	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₂	61.00	4.32	23.73		123	Yellow	EtOH	295.33	76
		60.99	4.44	23.71						
3e	C ₁₁ H ₉ N ₅ S	54.32	4.00	28.58	13.43	200	Brown	EtOH	243.32	66
		54.29	3.73	28.78	13.18					
3f	C ₁₇ H ₁₇ N ₅ OS	60.53	5.38	20.53	9.01	175	Pale-brown	EtOH/DMF	339.46	65
		60.14	5.05	20.63	9.44					
4a	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ N ₆ O ₂	45.32	2.60	19.76		>250	Brown	DMF	425.68 (425)	71
		45.14	2.61	19.74						
4b	C ₁₆ H ₁₁ Cl ₄ N ₅	46.53	2.59	16.59		242	Yellow	DMF	415.12 (415)	63
		46.29	2.67	16.87						
4c	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ Cl ₄ N ₅	47.58	3.00	16.36		284	Brown	DMF	429.15	75
		47.57	3.05	16.32						
4d	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ Cl ₃ N ₆ O ₂	46.34	3.01	19.00		124	Brown	DMF	439.71	73
		46.43	2.98	19.11						
4e	C ₁₇ H ₁₃ ClN ₄ O	51.22	3.53	14.00		108	Brown	DMF	395.69	70
		51.59	3.31	14.16						
5	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ Cl ₃ N ₃	45.66	3.75	14.36		160	Pale-brown	EtOH	290.59	69
		45.46	3.47	14.46						
6a	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ N ₆ O ₂	60.71	4.94	24.76		197	Brown	EtOH	336.39 (336)	75
		60.69	4.80	24.98						
6b	C ₁₇ H ₁₆ ClN ₅	62.41	4.83	21.43		213	Pale-brown	EtOH	325.83	78
		62.66	4.95	21.49						
6c	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ ClN ₅	63.93	5.41	20.41		201	Yellow	EtOH	339.86	64
		63.60	5.34	20.61						

TABLE 1 (continued)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6d	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ N ₆ O ₂	<u>61.39</u> 61.69	<u>5.01</u> 5.18	<u>23.74</u> 23.98		189	Yellow	EtOH	350.42	66
9a	C ₁₅ H ₁₃ N ₇ O ₂	<u>55.69</u> 55.71	<u>4.31</u> 4.06	<u>30.63</u> 30.32		157	Yellow	DMF	323.35 (323)	79
9b	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ N ₇ O ₂	<u>57.01</u> 56.95	<u>4.53</u> 4.49	<u>29.01</u> 29.06		168	Yellow	DMF	337.38	72
9c	C ₂₁ H ₁₆ N ₆ O ₂	<u>65.71</u> 65.60	<u>4.36</u> 4.20	<u>22.01</u> 21.86		>250	Brown	DMF	384.43	74
9d	C ₂₂ H ₁₈ N ₆ O ₂	<u>66.31</u> 66.31	<u>4.81</u> 4.56	<u>21.38</u> 21.09		165	Brown	EtOH	398.46	76
9e	C ₂₀ H ₁₅ N ₇ O ₂	<u>62.31</u> 62.32	<u>4.01</u> 3.93	<u>25.53</u> 25.44		134	Brown	EtOH	385.42	71
9f	C ₂₁ H ₁₇ N ₇ O ₂	<u>63.31</u> 63.13	<u>4.39</u> 4.29	<u>24.63</u> 24.55		176	Brown	EtOH	399.45	73
11a	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ N ₅ O ₃	<u>58.24</u> 58.24	<u>3.52</u> 3.59	<u>22.46</u> 22.64		144	Red	Acetone	309.31 (309)	69
11b	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ N ₅ O ₃	<u>59.38</u> 59.42	<u>3.84</u> 4.06	<u>21.77</u> 21.66		158	Red	Acetone	323.34	72
14b	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ N ₃ OS	<u>65.00</u> 65.25	<u>4.34</u> 4.44	<u>14.01</u> 14.22	<u>11.00</u> 10.85	173	Brown	EtOH	295.39	64
16a	C ₂₁ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₃ S	<u>60.51</u> 60.41	<u>3.45</u> 3.62	<u>16.98</u> 16.77	<u>7.83</u> 7.68	188	Deep-yellow	DMF	417.48 (417)	70
16b	C ₂₁ H ₁₆ N ₄ OS	<u>67.60</u> 67.71	<u>4.05</u> 4.33	<u>14.91</u> 15.04	<u>8.31</u> 8.60	218	Brown	DMF	372.48	71
16c	C ₂₂ H ₁₅ N ₅ O ₄ S	<u>59.37</u> 59.30	<u>3.13</u> 3.40	<u>16.01</u> 15.72	<u>7.28</u> 7.19	243	Yellow	DMF	445.49	74
16d	C ₂₂ H ₁₆ N ₄ O ₂ S	<u>66.01</u> 65.97	<u>3.98</u> 4.03	<u>14.02</u> 13.99	<u>8.34</u> 8.00	>250	Brown	DMF	400.49	73
16e	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₃ S	<u>61.60</u> 61.23	<u>3.61</u> 3.97	<u>16.43</u> 16.23	<u>7.34</u> 7.43	206	Deep-yellow	DMF	431.51	74
16f	C ₂₂ H ₁₈ N ₄ OS	<u>68.21</u> 68.36	<u>4.57</u> 4.70	<u>14.23</u> 14.49	<u>8.56</u> 8.29	233	Brown	DMF	386.51	73
16g	C ₂₃ H ₁₇ N ₅ O ₄ S	<u>60.45</u> 60.11	<u>3.51</u> 3.73	<u>15.50</u> 15.24	<u>7.90</u> 7.97	195	Yellow	DMF	459.52	72
16h	C ₂₃ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₂ S	<u>66.89</u> 66.63	<u>4.00</u> 4.38	<u>13.80</u> 13.51	<u>7.32</u> 7.73	212	Brown	DMF	414.52	70

TABLE 2. Spectral Data of Newly Synthesized Compounds

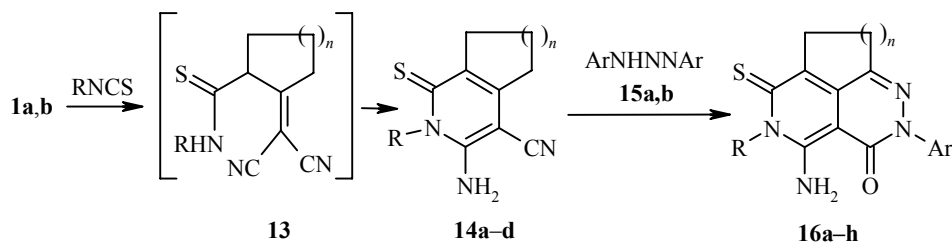
Compound	IR spectrum, ν , cm^{-1}	^1H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm
1	2	3
3a*	3320 (NH), 2212 (CN)	7.98-7.53 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.25 (br, 1H, NH); 1.82-1.45 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
3b	3324 (NH), 2209 (CN)	7.89-7.33 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.05 (br, 1H, NH); 1.81-1.45 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
3c	3320 (NH), 2212 (CN)	7.78-7.21 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.30 (br, 1H, NH); 2.82-1.17 (m, 8H, 4CH ₂)
3d	3330 (NH), 2210 (CN)	7.97-7.43 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.20 (br, 1H, NH); 2.84-1.18 (m, 8H, 4CH ₂)
3e	3239 (NH), 2211 (CN)	10.98 (br, 1H, NH); 7.99-7.46 (m, 2H, thiazolyl-H); 1.85-1.07 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
3f	3406, 3329, 3225 (NH ₂ & NH), 2224 (CN), 1660 (CO)	7.48, 6.45 (br, 3H, NH & NH ₂); 2.66-1.55 (m, 14H, 7CH ₂)
4a	3401, 3358, 3325 (NH ₂ & NH)	7.87-7.42 (m, 4H, Ar); 8.50, 6.25 (br, 3H, NH & NH ₂); 1.72-1.45 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
4b	3411, 3345, 3320 (NH ₂ & NH)	7.98-7.32 (m, 4H, Ar); 8.40, 6.25 (br, 3H, NH & NH ₂); 1.71-1.50 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
4c	3434, 3373, 3331 (NH ₂ & NH)	7.76-7.01 (m, 4H, Ar); 8.40, 6.24 (br, 3H, NH & NH ₂); 1.85-1.06 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
4d	3422, 3331, 3321 (NH ₂ , & NH)	7.88-7.24 (m, 4H, Ar); 8.42, 6.31 (br, 3H, NH & NH ₂); 1.82-1.06 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
4e	3418, 3321 (NH ₂), 1659 (CO)	7.57-7.10 (m, 5H, Ar); 8.40 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.80-1.07 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
5	3422, 3328 (NH ₂), 2213 (CN)	8.05 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.85-1.05 (m, 8H, 4CH ₂)
6a	3323 (NH), 2210 (CN)	7.93-7.15 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.98 (s, 1H, CH); 5.89 (br, 1H, NH); 2.45 (s, 6H, 2Me); 1.71-1.51 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
6b	3329 (NH), 2211 (CN)	7.67-7.15 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.98 (s, 1H, CH); 5.87 (br, 1H, NH); 2.45 (s, 6H, 2Me); 1.70-1.51 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
6c	3331 (NH), 2212 (CN)	7.87-7.15 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.98 (s, 1H, CH); 5.89 (br, 1H, NH); 2.45 (s, 6H, 2Me); 1.83-1.08 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
6d	3331(NH), 2212(CN)	7.98-7.13 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.97 (s, 1H, CH); 5.79 (br, 1H, NH); 2.46 (s, 6H, 2Me); 1.85-1.07 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
9a*²	3412, 3334; 3226; 3215 (NH ₂ , 2NH)	10.32 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 8.03 (s, 1H, pyridine-H); 7.89-7.10 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.95, 5.79 (br, 2H, 2NH); 1.85-1.07 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
9b	3411, 3333; 3229; 3220 (NH ₂ , 2NH)	10.02 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 8.13 (s, 1H, pyridine-H); 7.79-7.10 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.85, 5.77 (br, 2H, 2NH); 2.78-1.11 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
9c	3331, 3219 (2NH)	8.69 (s, 1H, pyridine-H); 7.89-7.01 (m, 9H, Ar); 6.85, 5.59 (br, 2H, 2NH); 1.85-1.07 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
9d	3331, 3219 (2NH)	8.57 (s, 1H, pyridine-H); 7.91-7.11 (m, 9H, Ar); 6.85, 5.77 (br, 2H, 2NH); 2.79-1.23 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
9e	3345, 3219 (2NH)	8.78 (s, 1H, pyridine-H); 7.84-7.21 (m, 8H, pyridine & Ar); 6.75, 5.59 (br, 2H, 2NH); 1.85-1.17 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
9f	3365, 3223 (2NH)	8.35 (s, 1H, pyridine-H); 7.91-7.12 (m, 8H, pyridine & Ar); 6.65, 6.09 (br, 2H, 2NH); 2.80-1.11 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
11a	3323 (NH), 2212 (CN), 1728 (CO)	10.45 (s, 1H, CHO); 7.98-7.23 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.23 (br, 1H, NH); 2.84-1.53 (m, 5H, 1CH & 2CH ₂)
11b	3333 (NH), 2210 (CN), 1727 (CO)	10.50 (s, 1H, CHO); 7.97-7.20 (m, 4H, Ar); 6.05 (br, 1H, NH); 2.86-1.43 (m, 7H, 1CH & 3CH ₂)
14b	3342, 3328 (NH ₂), 2210 (CN), 1661 (CO)	7.54-7.01 (m, 5H, Ar); 6.52 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.85-1.17 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
16a	3343, 3332 (NH ₂), 1658 (CO)	7.82-7.23 (m, 9H, Ar); 6.51 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.85-1.06 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)

TABLE 2 (continued)

1	2	3
16b	3342, 3329 (NH ₂), 1559 (CO)	7.72-7.23 (m, 10H, Ar); 6.53 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.85-1.07 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
16c	3343, 3329 (NH ₂), 1651, 1659 (2CO)	7.91-7.21 (m, 9H, Ar); 6.54 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.85-1.07 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
16d	3343, 3328 (NH ₂), 1655, 1661 (2CO)	7.85-7.31 (m, 10H, Ar); 6.53 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 1.85-1.10 (m, 4H, 2CH ₂)
16e	3348, 3335 (NH ₂), 1663 (CO)	7.93-7.22 (m, 9H, Ar); 6.52 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 2.85-1.37 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
16f	3342, 3329 (NH ₂), 1659 (CO)	7.83-7.32 (m, 10H, Ar); 6.52 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 2.85-1.36 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
16g	3342, 3328 (NH ₂), 1663, 1659 (2CO)	7.93-7.22 (m, 9H, Ar); 6.50 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 2.85-1.35 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)
16h	3331, 3328 (NH ₂), 1660, 1658 (2CO)	7.73-7.22 (m, 10H, Ar); 6.51 (br, 2H, NH ₂); 2.85-1.37 (m, 6H, 3CH ₂)

* ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 165.16 (C-3); 157.12 (C-7a); 140.06, 139.12, 137.01, 135.11, 134.21, 129.61, 127.11, 124.10 (arom. carbons); 116.89 (CN); 28.66, 27.45, 25.98 (3CH₂).

*² ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 159.13, 158.78, 158.33, 157.02, 153.21, 149.12, 148.25, 147.68, 143.21, 138.21, 137.25, 135.01, 132.35 (arom. carbons); 26.35, 27.60 (2CH₂).



14 a, c R = Ph, **b, d** R = C₆H₅, **a, b** n = 1, **c, d** n = 2; **15 a** Ar = Ph, **b** Ar = C₆H₄NO₂-m;
16 a,c,e,g Ar = C₆H₄NO₂-m, **b,d,f,h** Ar = Ph, **a,b,e,f** R = Ph, **c,d,g,h** R = C₆H₅, **a-d** n = 1, **e-h** n = 2

The target ring system, 1,8-alkanopyrido[3,4-*d*]pyridazine, could be obtained *via* treating **1a,b** with phenylisothiocyanate or benzoylisothiocyanate to give **14a-d** through the presumed intermediate **13**. Compounds **14a-d** reacted with diazoaminobenzenes **15a,b** in aqueous acetic acid/hydrochloric acid mixture to afford the final isolated products **16a-h**.

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded in KBr with an IR spectrophotometer Shimadzu 408. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 MHz spectrometer (390 MHz) using TMS as internal reference and chemical shifts are expressed as ppm. Mass-spectra were measured on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP 1000 Ex mass-spectrometer. Microanalytical data were obtained from the Microanalytical Data Unit at Cairo University, Egypt. Compounds **14a,c,d** were prepared as described previously [10, 11]. Characteristics of newly synthesized compounds are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Preparation of Cycloalkeno[c]pyridazine Derivatives 3a-f. A solution of the diazonium salts (prepared from 0.01 mol of aromatic or heteroaromatic amine with the appropriate quantities of sodium nitrite and hydrochloric acid) was added to cycloalkylidenemalononitrile **1a** or **1b** (0.01 mol) in ethanol (50 ml) containing sodium hydroxide (0.50 g). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature 2 h. The solid product formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

Preparation of 1,8-Alkanopyrido[3,4-*d*]pyridazines 4a-e. A (compounds **4a-d**). To a solution of compound **3a-d** (0.01 mol) in DMF, trichloroacetonitrile (0.01 mol) and a few drops of piperidine were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h. The reaction product was treated with ice-cold water and the solid product formed was filtered off and recrystallized from DMF.

B (compound **4e**). A mixture of **5** (0.01 mol), diazoaminobenzene (0.01 mol), acetic acid (15 ml), hydrochloric acid (15 ml), and a few drops of water was refluxed for 3 h and then allowed to cool. The reaction product was neutralized using sodium bicarbonate solution. The solid product so formed was collected by filtration, washed with ice-cold water several times, dried, and recrystallized from DMF.

Preparation of Tetrahydroisoquinoline 5. A solution of ylidene derivative **1b** (0.01 mol) in DMF (20 ml), trichloroacetonitrile (0.01 mol), and a few drops of piperidine was refluxed for 2 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under vacuum and the solid product formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

Preparation of N,N-Dimethylaminomethylidencycloalkeno[c]pyridazines 6a-d. A solution of pyridazines **3a-d** (0.01 mol) in DMF (25 ml) was treated with DMF/DMA (0.01 mol) and a few drops of piperidine. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h, then treated with cold water. The reaction product was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

Preparation of N-Substituted Pyrido[3,4-*d*]pyridazines 9a-f. A. To a solution of **6a-d** (0.01 mol) in DMF (25 ml), hydrazine hydrate (aniline or 2-aminopyridine) (0.01 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. Ice-cold water was added and the solid product so formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized from proper solvent.

B. To a solution of **11a** or **11b** (0.01 mol) in DMF (25 ml), hydrazine hydrate (0.01 mol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 2 h. Ice-cold water added and the solid product so formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized from the proper solvent.

Synthesis of Cycloalkenopyridazinealdehydes 11a,b. A solution of diazonium salt (prepared as described in the preparation of **3a-d**) was added dropwise with intensive stirring for 2 h to a solution of **10a** or **10b** (0.01 mol) in DMF and a solution of NaOH (0.1 g dissolved in 10 ml of water). The solid product so formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized from acetone.

Preparation of Hydroisoquinoline 14b. To a solution of **1a** (0.01 mol) in ethanol (25 ml) benzoyl isothiocyanate (0.01 mol) and a few drops of piperidine were added. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The solid product formed upon treating the reaction mixture with ice-cold water was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

Preparation of Thioxopyridopyridazinones 16a-h. A mixture of **14a-d** (0.01 mol), diazoaminobenzene (0.01 mol), acetic acid (15 ml), hydrochloric acid (15 ml), and a few drops of water was refluxed for 3 h and then allowed to cool. The reaction product was neutralized with sodium bicarbonate solution. The solid product so formed was collected by filtration, washed with ice-cold water several times, dried, and recrystallized from DMF.

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