# Synthesis of some new imidazo[3",4":1',2'] pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c] pyridazines and other fused thieno[2,3-c]pyridazines

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5-Amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6-carboxamide was prepared and used as starting material to form the novel 6-chloromethyl-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazin-8(7 H)-one (3), the 6-(arylaminomethyl) compounds (4a-c), 7-aryl-7,8-dihydro-3,4-diphenylimidazo[3",4":1',2']pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazin-10(6H)ones (5a-c), ethyl 7,8-dihydro-8-oxopyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6-acetate (6) and its carbohydrazide (7). The pyridazinothienopyrimidotriazepinedione 8, pyridothienopyridazine 12 and pyridazinothienooxazepine 13 were also prepared.

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Thienopyridazine derivatives have a broad range of biological pharmacological effects. Thieno[2,3-d]pyridazine derivatives, for example, have been evaluated pharmacologically and used as potent and selective phosphodiesterase IV inhibitors, 1,2 with immunosuppressant, 3 antiarrhythmic, 4 antibiotic,5 antiasthmatic,6 anti-inflammatory,7 antispasmodic,8 antitumor, $^9$  potentiated pentobarbital sleep, $^{10}$  antipsychotic, anxiolytic $^{11}$  and anticonvulsant $^{12}$  activities. In continuation of our work in the chemistry of pyridazine derivatives, 13,14 herein we report the synthesis of fused heterocyclic systems including the thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine moiety, in the hope of discovering some with biological activity.

Many research groups have described the synthesis f imidazo[1,2-c]pyrimidines<sup>15-17</sup> and imidazo[1,2-a]pyrimidines, 18,19 but descriptions of the synthesis of imidazo [1,5-a]pyrimidines are very rare.<sup>20</sup> In this paper we describe a facile preparation of heterocycles containing the fused imidazo[1,5-a]pyrimidine system.

### Results and discussion

Previous chloroacylations of amino groups were carried out either in an inert solvent such as toluene in the presence of basic catalyst<sup>21-24</sup> or in a basic solvent like pyridine. Here we carried out chloroacylation of the aminothieno[2,3-c] pyridazinecarboxamide (1)25 using chloroacetyl chloride dioxan<sup>26</sup> anhydrous to afford 3,4-diphenyl-5chloroacetylaminothieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-5-carboxamide (2), while when the reaction was carried out without 6-(chloromethyl)-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5] thieno[2,3-c]pyridazin-8-one (3) was produced. Compound 3 also was obtained by cyclodehydration of compound 2 using acetic anhydride. Nucleophilic displacement of the chlorine atom in compound 3 by substituted amino groups was accomplished by reaction with aromatic amines and aliphatic secondary amines in ethanol to give aryl- and alkyl-aminomethylpyrimidothienopyridazines (4). In the IR spectra of 4, significant stretching bands due to N-H when present, amide C=O, C=N and C=C were observed at 3450-3400, 1660-1650, and 1583-1535 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, the signal due to N-CH<sub>2</sub> protons, present in all compounds 4, appeared at 3.7-4.45 ppm as singlets. The NHCO proton was observed at 9.6-10.9 ppm as a broad singlet. All other aromatic and aliphatic protons were observed in the expected regions. Compounds 4 also were obtained when 3,4-diphenyl-5-(chloroacetylamino)thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-5-carboxamide (2) was heated with the appropriate amines. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds 4 showed a signal at ca  $\delta$  50 for the CH<sub>2</sub> group.

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Many research groups have reported the using of Mannich reaction to prepare heterocyclic compounds, for the most part using Mannich conditions catalysed in acid medium,<sup>27</sup> basic medium<sup>28</sup> or in the presence of a catalyst.<sup>29</sup> We applied the Mannich reaction without catalyst to the arylaminomethylpyrimidopyridazines 4a-c with formaldehyde in ethanol to produce the imidazopyrimidothienopyridazine derivatives (5a-c). Formation of imidazole ring could be rationalised as attack of formaldehyde to hydroxymethylate the ArNH group followed by elimination of a water molecule to form compounds 5. When the same reaction conditions were applied to compounds 4d,e which have only one cyclic NH group, no reaction occurred and the starting material was recovered. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds 5a-c revealed the absence of signals corresponding to NH groups and showed singlet signals at 4.1-4.4 and at 5.1-5.3 corresponding to two CH<sub>2</sub> groups. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR showed signals at 50.0 and 62.5 for the two CH2 groups. The mass spectrum of compound 5a showed a molecular ion peak at m/z 473 and fragments at 93 for aniline and at 121 for N,N-dimethylaniline.

aminothienopyridazinecarboxamide was heated to reflux with diethyl malonate, the ethyl pyrimidothienopyridazinylacetate 6 was obtained, which gave the corresponding carbohydrazide 7 with hydrazine hydrate (Scheme 1). This hydrazide was cyclised using triethyl orthoformate to give the fused triazepinone 8.

5-amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6carboxylate (9)25 was saponified using ethanolic potassium hydroxide to afford corresponding sodium salt 10. Hardil et al.30 have reported that the reaction of sodium anthranilate with phenacyl bromide gives the corresponding phenacyl When potassium 5-amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c] pyridazine-6-carboxylate (10) was treated with phenacyl bromide in DMF in the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> at 60-70°C it afforded the ester 11, which upon warming with polyphosphoric acid was cyclised accompanied with rearrangement to give the pyridothienopyridazine 12 (Scheme 2). When compound 10 was allowed to react with α-halogenated nitrile like chloroacetonitrile, the reaction took a different course, affording the oxazepine 13. We expect that it formed the corresponding cyanoacetate ester, followed by spontaneous cyclisation.

The pathway of the formation of compound 12 we imagine beginning with normal condensation of carbonyl group with amino group, followed by tautomerisation of the imine group and rearrangement by acid-catalysed intramolecular attack of the enamine at the carbonyl oxygen with cleavage of the ester oxygen-carbon bond and migration of a proton (Scheme 3).

# **Experimental**

All melting points were measured on a Fisher-Johns apparatus. Elemental analyses were determined on a Vario GmbH EL V.3

Reagents: a, CICH<sub>2</sub>COCI/dioxan; b, Ac<sub>2</sub>O; c, CICH<sub>2</sub>COCI (neat); d, R<sup>1</sup>NHR<sup>2</sup>/EtOH; e, R<sup>1</sup>NHR<sup>2</sup>(neat); f, CH<sub>2</sub>O/EtOH; g: CH<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>2</sub>Et)<sub>2</sub>; h: N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O; i: CH(OEt)<sub>3</sub>

#### Scheme 1

Reagents: a: KOH/EtOH; b: PhCOCH<sub>2</sub>Br/DMF/K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>;c: PPA;d: CICH<sub>2</sub>CN/DMF

# Scheme 2

# Scheme 3

microanalyser in the central lab of Assiut University. Chlorine analyses were performed using a standard method through combustion followed by titration with mercury nitrate in presence of diphenylcarbazole as indicator. IR spectra were recorded on a Pye-Unicam Sp-100 spectrophotometer using the KBr wafer technique. NMR spectra were recorded on Varian EM-390 90 MHz and Jeol 400 MHz spectrometers in a suitable deuterated solvent using TMS as internal standard (chemical shifts in ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-600 apparatus.

5-Amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6-carboxamide (1) and ethyl 5-amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6-carboxylate (9) were prepared from 4-cyano-5,6-diphenyl-pyridazin-3(2H)thione using chloroacetamide and ethyl chloroacetate respectively, according to the literature method.25

5-(Chloroacetylamino)-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-5-carboxamide (2)

A mixture of thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine 1 (1 g) and chloroacetyl chloride (1 ml) in dioxan (10 ml) was heated on a steam bath for 3 hours. Upon cooling, the mixture was diluted with water and the product obtained was filtered off and recrystallised (ethanol) to give 3 (0.98 g, 80%), m.p.176–178 °C. IR:  $v_{max}$  3450, 3300 (NH), 1630, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup> (2 C=O). NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{H}$  3.7 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.5 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 4.8 (s, 1H, NH) and 7.3–7.9 (m, 10H, ArH). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{15}ClN_4O_2S$  (422.89): C; 59.64; H; 3.58; Cl, 8.38; N, 13.25; S, 7.58. Found: C, 59.42; H, 3.52; N, 13.11; S, 7.66; Cl, 8.12%.

6-Chloromethyl-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c] pyridazin-8-one (3)

Method a: A mixture of thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine 1 (1 g) and chloroacetyl chloride (5 ml) was heated on a steam bath for 3 hours, then allowed to cool. The mixture was cautiously diluted with water and neutralised with sodium carbonate. The product so obtained was filtered off and recrystallised from acetic acid to afford 3 (73%), m.p.> 300 °C.

*Method b:* The carboxamide 2 (1 g) was heated under reflux in acetic anhydride (10 ml) for 4 h. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with water. The solid product was filtered off and recrystallised from acetic acid to afford 3 (0.54 g, 56%). IR:  $\nu_{max}$  3100 (NH); and 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>D):  $\delta_{H}$  3.8 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl) and 7.3–7.6 (m, 10 H, ArH). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>OS (404.87): C, 62.30; H, 3.24; Cl, 8.76; N, 13.84; S, 7.92%. Found: C, 62.05; H, 3.12; Cl, 8.63; N, 13.67; S, 7.88%.

6-(Substituted-aminomethyl)-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno [2,3-c]pyridazin-8-ones (4a-e), general procedure

The chloromethyl compound 3 (0.4 g, 1 mmol) or chloroacetylaminoamide 2 (0.42 g, 1 mmol) was heated under reflux for 2 h with an excess of the appropriate amine (11 mmol). Ethanol (20 ml) was then added and the mixture was refluxed for an additional 1 h. After cooling, the solid product obtained was filtered off and recrystallised to afford the amines 4a—e.

6-(Anilinomethyl)-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c] pyridazin-8-one (4a): Using aniline (1 ml), compound 3 (0.4 g, 0.001 mol) gave 4a, yellowish crystals (0.37 g, 81%), m.p. 156–158 °C, from dioxan. IR:  $\nu_{max}$  3400 (NH), 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>D): δ<sub>H</sub> 4.1 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>) and 6.7–7.7 (m, 15 H, ArH). Anal. Calcdfor.C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (461.54): C, 70.26; H, 4.15; N, 15.17; S, 6.95. Found: C, 69.98; H, 4.08, N, 15.06; S, 6.88%.

3,4-Diphenyl-6-(p-toluidinomethyl)pyrimido [4',5':4,5]thieno [2,3-c] pyridazin-8-one (4b): Compound 3 (0.4 g, 1 mmol) and p-toluidine (1.07 g) afforded 4b (0.34 g, 72%), m.p. 196 °C (from dioxan). IR:  $v_{max}$  3400 (NH), 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_{H}$  2.1 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.3 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.6–7.8 (m, 14 H, ArH), 9.9 and 10.5 (2 s, 2H, 2 NH). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}H_{21}N_5OS$  (475.57): C, 70.72; H, 4.45; N, 14.73; S, 6.74. Found: C, 70.98; H, 4.08; N, 15.06; S, 6.88%.

6-(p-Anisidinomethyl)-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno [2,3-c]pyridazin-8-one (4c): p-Anisidine (1.23 gm, 0.01 mol) and compound 3 (0.4 g, 1 mmol) gave the product 4c as white crystals (0.34 g, 69%) m.p. 226–228°C (from dioxan). IR:  $\nu_{max}$  3400 (NH), 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_{H}$  2.1 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.3 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.6–7.8 (m, 14 H, ArH), 9.9 and 10.5 (2 s, 2H, 2 NH). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{28}$ H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (491.57): C, 69.42; H, 4.31; N, 14.25; S, 6.52. Found: C, 69.26; H, 4.08 N, 14.06; S, 6.38%.

3,4-Diphenyl-6-(piperidinomethyl)pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c] pyridazin-8-one (4d): Following the general procedure, 3 (0.5 g) and piperidine (3 ml) afforded 4d, which recrystallised from ethanol as yellowish-white crystals (0.41 g, 73%), m.p. 152–154°C. IR:  $v_{max}$  3450 (NH), 1660 cm $^{-1}$  (C=O). NMR (CF $_3$ CO $_2$ D):  $\delta_H$  2.2–2.4 (m, 6H, piperidine); 2.7–2.9 (m, 2H, piperidine); 3.2–3.4 (m, 2H, piperidine), 3.7 (s, 2H, CH $_2$ ), 7.1–7.7 (m, 10H, ArH). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{23}N_5$ OS (453.56):C, 68.85; H,5.11; N, 15.44; S, 7.07. Found: C, 68.55; H, 4.99; N, 15.11; S, 6.95%.

6-(Morpholinomethyl)-3, 4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno [2,3-c]pyridazin-8-one (4e): From 3 and morpholine, the product 4e (73%), m.p. 320 °C, crystallised from ethanol, was obtained. IR:  $\nu_{max}$  3450 (NH), 1660 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ<sub>H</sub> 2.75–2.85 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>, morpholine); 3.5–3.65 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>, morpholine); 3.8 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.1–7.8 (m, 10H, ArH), 9.9 (s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (455.53): C, 65.92; H, 4.65; N, 15.37; S, 7.04. Found: C, 65.75; H, 4.87; N, 15.51; S, 7.15%.

7,8-Dihydro-3,4,7-triphenylimidazo[3"4":1',2']pyrimido[4',5':4,5] thieno-[2,3-c]pyridazin-9(6H)-one (5a): typical procedure

Formalin (5 ml, 30%) was added with stirring to a suspension of compound 4a (0.46 g, 1 mmol) in ethanol (15 ml). Stirring was continued for 3 hours and the product thus obtained was filtered off and recrystallised from ethanol to give 5a as white crystals (0.31 g, 65%), m.p. 256–258 °C. IR:  $v_{\text{max}}$  1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  4.4 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>); 5.3 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) and 6.7–7.8 (m, 15 H, ArH);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  50.0, 60.5 (2CH<sub>2</sub>), 158 (carbonyl carbon), 116–160 (aromatic carbons). M.S: m/z 473 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (473.55): C, 71.02; H, 4.04; N, 14.79; S, 6.77. Found: C, 70.88; H, 3.89; N, 14.67; S, 6.69%.

7,8-Dihydro-3,4-diphenyl-7-p-tolylimidazo[3",4":1',2']pyrimido [4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazin-9(6H)-one (5b): product (0.28 g, 58%), m.p. 296–298°C, obtained from 4b following the procedure described for 5a. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_H$  2.3 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.1, 5.2 (2 s, H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), and 6.6–7.8 (m, 14H ArH). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>OS (487.58): C, 71.44; H, 4.34; N, 14.36; S, 6.58. Found: C, 71.28; H, 4.19; N, 14.51; S, 6.49%.

7,8,-Dihydro-7-(p-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-diphenylimidazo[3",4":1',2'] pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazin-9-one(5c): Product (0.32 g, 63%), m.p. >300°C, obtained from 4e following the procedure described for 5a. NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  3.7 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.1, 5.1 (2 s, H, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), and 6.6–7.8 (m, 14H, ArH). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{29}H_{21}N_5O_2S$  (503.58): C, 69.17; H, 4.20; N, 13.91; S, 6.37. Found: C, 69.08; H, 3.99; N, 13.77; S, 6.49%.

Ethyl 2-(7,8-dihydro-8-oxo-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno [2,3-c]pyridazin-6-yl)-acetate (6)

5-Amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6-carboxamide (1) (1.73 gm. 5 mmol) in an excess of diethyl malonate (1.6 ml, 0.01 mol) was gently refluxed for 2 hours. Ethanol (15 ml) was then added and the reflux was continued for additional 1 h. The product obtained on cooling was filtered off and recrystallised from dioxan to give 6 (1.53 g, 67%), m.p. 271–273 °C. IR:  $v_{\rm max}$  3450 (NH), 1720 (C=O, ester) and 1660 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O, pyrimidine). NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  1.1–1.3 (t, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.5 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.1–4.3 (q, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.8–7.6 (m, 10H, ArH) and 7.8 (s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{\rm 24}H_{18}N_{4}O_{3}S$  (442.25): C, 65.12; H, 4.1; N, 12.66; S, 7.24. Found: C, 64.89; H, 3.98; N, 12.45; S, 7.12%.

2-(7,8-Dihydro-8-oxo-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5'; 4,5]thieno[2,3-c] pyridazin-6-yl)acetohydrazide (7)

The ester **6** (2.2 g, 5 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (0.5 ml, 0.01 mol) were heated to reflux for 2 h in ethanol (10 ml). The product that separated on cooling was filtered off and recrystallised from dioxan to give 7 (1.2 gm, 56%), m.p. 273–275 °C. IR:  $v_{max}$  3450, 3300 (NH), 1690, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup> (2C=O). NMR (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>D):  $\delta_{H}$  4.1 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) and 7.1–7.7 (m, 10H, ArH). Anal. Calcd for:  $C_{22}H_{16}N_{6}O_{2}S$  (428.24): C, 61.65; H, 3.76; N, 19.62; S, 7.48%. Found: C, 61.45; H, 3.66; N, 19.45; S.7.23%.

3,4-Diphenylpyridazino[3",4":4,5']thieno[2',3':5,4]pyrimido[1,2-d] [1,2,4]triazepin-7(8H),12(6H)-dione (8)

The carbohydrazide 7 (0.42 g, 1 mmol), triethyl orthoformate (3 ml, 0.02 mol) and a few drops of acetic acid were heated to reflux for 3 h. The product obtained on cooling was filtered off and recrystallised from acetic acid to afford 8 (0.43 g, 78%), m.p. >300 °C. IR:  $v_{max}$  3450 (NH), 1690 and 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> (2 C=O). NMR (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>D):  $\delta_{H}$  4.1 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) and 7.1–7.7 (m, 10H, 10-H, ArH) and at 8.9 (s, 1H, N(8)-H). Anal. Calcd for: C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (438.23): C, 62.98; H, 3.21; N, 19.17; S, 7.31. Found: C, 62.67; H, 3.01; N, 18.98; S, 7.12%.

Potassium5-amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-c]pyridazine-6-carboxylate (10)

The thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine derivative  $9^{25}$  (1.87 gm, 5 mmol) was refluxed for 2 hours with potassium hydroxide (0.56 g, 0.01 mol) in ethanol (10 ml). The solid product obtained on cooling was filtered off to give the salt 10 (78% yield), m.p. >300 °C, used without further purification. IR:  $v_{max}$  3450, 3350 cm<sup>-1</sup>(NH<sub>2</sub>) and 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{12}KN_3O_2S$  (385.19): C, 59.19; H, 3.13; N, 10.90; S, 8.32. Found: C, 58.88; H, 3.02; N, 10.67; S, 8.11%.

Reaction of the salt 10 with phenacyl bromide: formation of the phenacyl ester 11.

A mixture of salt 10 (0.78 g, 2 mmol), phenacyl bromide (0.4 g, 2 mol) and potassium carbonate (0.41 g 3 mmol) in DMF (15 ml) was heated in a steam bath for 3 hours, then allowed to cool and diluted with water (100 ml). The solid product was filtered off and recrystallised from ethanol to afford 11 in 76% yield, m.p. 205–207 °C. IR:  $\nu_{max}$  3450, 3340 (NH) and 1720, 1690 cm<sup>-1</sup> (2 C=O). Anal. Calcd for

C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S (465.25): C, 69.64; H, 4.11; N, 9.03; S, 6.89. Found: C, 69.34; H, 4.01; N, 8.98; S, 6.82%.

7-Hydroxy-3,4,6-triphenylpyrido[2,3:4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazin-8(5H)-one (12)

Compound 11 (1 g) in polyphosphoric acid (20 g) was heated on a steam bath for 3 h. It was then allowed to cool, diluted with water, and neutralised with aqueous ammonia. The solid product was filtered off and recrystallised from dioxan to afford 12 (0.60 g, 63% yield, m.p. >300 °C. IR:  $\nu_{max}$  3400, 3300 (NH, OH) and 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>D):  $\delta_{H}$  7.1–7.6 (m, 15H, ArH). M.S: m/z 447 (100%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (447.23): C,60.37; H, 3.83; N, 9.39; S, 7.16. Found: C, 60.02; H, 3.78; N, 9.12; S, 6.98%.

6-Amino-3,4-diphenylpyridazino[3',4':5,4]thieno[3,2-e][1,4] oxazepin-9(7H)-one (13)

Chloroacetonitrile (0.7 g, 2 mmol) was added with stirring at room temperature to the salt 10 (0.78 g, 2 mmol) in DMF (15 ml). Stirring was continued for 3 hours, then the mixture was diluted with water and the solid product was filtered off and recrystallised from ethanol to afford 13 in 81%, m.p.216-218°C. IR: v<sub>max</sub> 3500, 3400 (NH<sub>2</sub>) and 1680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O). NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  4.8 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.6 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>) and 7.1-7.6 (m, 10H, ArH). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (386.21): C, 65.25; H, 3.65; N, 14.50; S, 8.30. Found: C, 65.01; H, 3.59; N, 14.34; S, 8.13%.

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