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The reaction of 5,7-diphenyl-4,7-dihydro-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5- $a$ ]pyrimidine (1) with $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated carbonyl compounds 2a-f led to the formation of the alkylated heterocycles 3a-f (Figure 1). However, the reaction of 5-methyl-7-phenyl-4,7-dihydro-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (5) with 2a-c yielded under the same conditions the triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolines 6a-c (Figure 3). In this case, the alkylation is followed by a cyclocondensation. The structure elucidation of the products is based on ir, $\mathrm{ms},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ measurements and on an X-ray diffraction study.
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Introduction.
In previous years, fused dihydroazolopyrimidine systems have received considerable attention not only as compounds for pharmacological tests, but also as convenient models for the solution of a number of problems in the field of synthetic chemistry of partially hydrogenated heterocycles. Investigation of their chemical properties, molecular structure and imine - enamine tautomeric equilibrium have been reported recently [1-4].

The 4,7-dihydro-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines 1 and 5 (Figures 1 and 3), which contain an enamine substructure $-\mathrm{NH}-\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{R})=\mathrm{CH}-$, represent ambident nucleophiles. The nitrogen atom N-4 is their hard and the carbon atom C-6 their soft center. In our previous investigations, we found that alkylation selectively takes place at the $\mathrm{N}-4$ but not at the C-6 atom, when soft electrophiles like $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{I}$ or hard electrophiles like $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ were used [2,4]. In the present article we report on opposite results when the alkylation of compound $\mathbf{1}$ or $\mathbf{5}$ is performed using $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated carbonyl compounds.

Results and Discussion.
Equimolar amounts of 4,7-dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (1) and an $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated carbonyl compound ( $\mathbf{2 a}-\mathbf{f}$ ) were refluxed in methanol in the presence of sodium methoxide. Adducts 3a-f were formed in yields between 46 and $68 \%$. The same products were obtained in a one-pot synthesis, when the reaction between one mole of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole (4) and two moles of chalcone was carried out under similar conditions. The formation of 3a from $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{2 a}$ is shown in Figure 1 as an example.


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2a-f

3a-f

| Compound | $\mathrm{R}^{1}$ |  | $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ | $\mathrm{mp}\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | Yield [\%]

Figure 1. Alkylation of 4,7-dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo-[1,5-a]pyrimidines.

The structures of the compounds $\mathbf{3 a - f}$ were established by spectroscopic methods. Their ir spectra (potassium bromide pellets) show characteristic absorptions at 3400-2850, 1724 1684 and $1660-1652 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ indicating the presence of $\mathrm{H}-$ bonding NH groups, $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ double bonds. High resolution ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectra of compounds 3a-f (Table 1) contain singlets for $2-\mathrm{H}, 4-\mathrm{H}$ and $7-\mathrm{H}, ~ \mathrm{ABM}$ spin patterns for the side chain on C-6 and a multiplet for the aromatic protons. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectra of $\mathbf{3 a - f}$ exhibit signals of the side chain, five

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signals of the dihydrotriazolopyrimidine scaffold and strongly overlapping signals of the aromatic rings. The signal assignments in Table 2 are based on DEPT measurements.

Finally, the structure of $\mathbf{3 a}$ was confirmed by an X-ray crystal structure analysis. Figure 2 shows a perspective view of the molecule of $\mathbf{3 a}$. (The numbers used to indicate

Table 1
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ nmr Data of Compounds 3a-f ( $\delta$ Values in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$, TMS as Internal Standard)

| Compound | NH | $\mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}$ | 2-H | 7-H | Sidechain on C-6 (ABM) |  |  | $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | s | m | s | s | $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ | s |  |
| 3a | 9.75 | $6.95-7.65$ | $[\mathrm{a}]$ | 5.70 | 4.69 | 3.08 | 2.68 |  |
| 3b | 9.89 | $6.77-7.65$ | 7.43 | 5.54 | 4.36 | 3.02 | 2.74 | 3.68 |
| 3c | 9.95 | $6.95-7.68$ | 7.45 | 5.57 | 4.38 | 3.07 | 2.85 |  |
| 3d | 9.93 | $6.94-7.69$ | 7.44 | 5.56 | 4.39 | 3.06 | 2.83 |  |
| 3e | 9.91 | $6.93-7.68$ | 7.43 | 5.51 | 4.40 | 3.05 | 2.67 | 2.23 |
| 3f | 10.22 | $7.41-7.53$ | $[\mathrm{a}]$ | 5.69 | 4.83 | 3.23 | 2.77 |  |

[a] superimposed on the signals of the aromatic protons
Table 2
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ nmr Data of Compounds 3a-f ( $\delta$ Values in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$, TMS as Internal Standard)

|  | $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ | CH | C-7 | C-6 | C-5 | C-2 | C-3a | CO | Aromat. C [a] | $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3a | 40.9 | 39.5 | 59.7 | 108.2 | 142.1 | 149.6 | 148.2 | 196.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 126.2,126.3,126.9,127.1,127.5,128.2,128.2,128.4 \text {, } \\ & 128.7,132.8,133.9,135.0,136.0,141.0, \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 3b | 41.1 | 38.7 | 59.6 | 108.5 | 142.1 | 149.6 | 148.2 | 196.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 127.3,127.7,128.1,128.5,128.7,129.0,129.5, \\ & 132.8,133.1,133.6,135.1,136.0,157.7 \end{aligned}$ | 54.9 |
| 3c | 40.9 | 38.8 | 59.7 | 107.7 | 142.0 | 149.7 | 148.1 | 196.5 | $\begin{aligned} & 127.4,127.8,128.4,128.5,128.7,128.9,128.9 \text {, } \\ & 129.1,129.5,130.9,133.2,134.3,134.9,135.9 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 3d | 41.3 | 38.9 | 59.9 | 108.1 | 142.0 | 149.7 | 148.3 | 196.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 127.3,127.8,128.4,128.7,128.9,129.5 \text {, } \\ & 128.8,129.0,128.5,137.3,160.7 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 3e | 40.8 | 39.3 | 59.7 | 108.3 | 142.3 | 149.7 | 148.2 | 196.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 126.4,127.1,127.4,127.7,128.4,128.5,128.7 \\ & 129.0,129.1,129.5,133.6,133.8,135.1,141.1,143.5 \end{aligned}$ | 21.0 |
| 3 f | 42.8 | 40.6 | 60.1 | 101.4 | 142.0 | 149.9 | 148.0 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 197.1, } \\ & 197.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 127.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, } \\ & 129.0,129.3,129.6,133.3,134.2,135.6,135.7,136.5 \end{aligned}$ |  |

[a] The signals of the aromatic carbon atoms are strongly superimposed


Figure 2. Perspective view of compound 3a.

Table 3
Bond Lengths $[\AA]$ in 3a

| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 1.231 (9) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}$ (1) | 1.300 (10) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1.384 (7) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.336 (9) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}$ (5) | 1.468 (9) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.332 (9) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}$ (1) | 1.365 (10) | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 1.343 (9) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 1.407 (9) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}$ (4) | 1.343 (10) |
| C (3)-C (6) | 1.474 (10) | C (4)-C (5) | 1.534 (10) |
| C (4) - C (12) | 1.528 (10) | C (5) - C (27) | 1.526 (10) |
| C (6) - C (7) | 1.382 (10) | C (6) - C (11) | 1.399 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.392 (11) | $\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.377 (11) |
| C (9) - C (10) | 1.354 (10) | C (10) - C (11) | 1.365 (10) |
| C (12) - C (21) | 1.495 (10) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 1.534 (9) |
| C (13) - C (14) | 1.505 (10) | C (14) - C (15) | 1.490 (11) |
| C (15) - C (16) | 1.344 (11) | C (15) - C (20) | 1.390 (11) |
| C (16) - C (17) | 1.415 (13) | C (17) - C (18) | 1.360 (14) |
| C (18) - C (19) | 1.334 (14) | C (19) - C (20) | 1.382 (14) |
| C (21) - C (26) | 1.370 (11) | C (21) - C (22) | 1.386 (11) |
| C (22) - C (23) | 1.375 (12) | C (23) - C (24) | 1.371 (14) |
| C (24) - C (25) | 1.37 (2) | C (25) - C (26) | 1.378 (13) |
| C (27) - C (28) | 1.367 (10) | C (27) - C (32) | 1.370 (10) |
| C (28) - C (29) | 1.374 (13) | C (29) - C (30) | 1.37 (2) |
| C (30) - C (31) | 1.347 (14) | C (31) - C (32) | 1.378 (12) |

Table 4
Selected Bond ( $\varpi$ ) and Torsion ( $\tau$ ) Angles for Compound 3a

| Bond angle | $\bar{\square}$ | Torsion angle | $\tau$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C (4) - C (3)-C (6) | 125.5 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 13 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 112.7 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | -5 (1) |
| C (3) - C (4) - C (12) | 122.8 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | -9 (1) |
| C (5) - C (4) - C (12) | 114.4 (6) | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | -3 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | 110.5 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | -10 (1) |
| C (27) - C (5) - C (4) | 113.2 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | -6 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C} 12)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 108.9 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 10.0 (9) |
| C (21) - C (12)-C (13) | 114.3 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ | -112.2 (8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 119.2 (7) | C (3) - C (4)-C (12)-C (21) | -118.4 (8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 118.8 (8) | C (3) - C (4) - C (12)-C (13) | 112.8 (8) |
| C (26) - C (21)-C (12) | 126.1 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | -165.7 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 116.8 (8) | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 36 (1) |
| C (28) - C (27) - C (5) | 119.6 (8) | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 21 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(32)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 120.5 (8) | C (13) - C (12)-C (21)-C (26) | 21 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}$ ( 3 ) | 121.8 (7) | N (2) - C (5) - C (27) - C (32) | -73.6 (8) |
| C (11)-C (6)-C (3) | 121.1 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(32)$ | 46.7 (9) |
| C (16) - C (15) - C (14) | 122.8 (8) | C (3) - C (4) - C (12) - H (12) | -4 (1) |
| C (20) - C (15) - C (14) | 118.2 (8) | $\mathrm{H}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(28)$ | -3 (1) |

atoms do not correspond to nomenclature). Selected bond lengths, bond angles and torsion angles are listed in Tables 3 and 4.
The conformation of the dihydropyrimidine ring can be described as flattened boat (puckering coordinates [5]: $S=$ $0.18, \Theta=81.72, \Psi=18.86$ ); the deviation of the $\mathrm{N}(4)$ and $\mathrm{C}(5)$ atoms from the plane of the remaining atoms of the ring is $-0.11 \AA$. Essential flattening of the 6 -membered ring in this compound as compared to the 5-phenyl-7-tolyl-4,7-dihydro derivative [6,7] is probably caused by considerable strengthening of the 1,2-allyl interactions along the $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ bond. The shortened intramolecular contacts between $\mathrm{C}(7)$ and $\mathrm{H}(12)$ of $2.74 \AA$ (the van der Waals radii sum is $2.87 \AA$ [8]), between $\mathrm{H}(5)$ and $\mathrm{C}(21)$ of $2.53 \AA, \mathrm{H}(5)$ and $\mathrm{C}(26)$ of $2.82 \AA, \mathrm{C}(27)$ and $\mathrm{C}(13)$ of $3.15 \AA$ and $\mathrm{C}(27)$ and $\mathrm{H}(13 \mathrm{~b})$ of $2.65 \AA$ indicate considerable steric strain within the threefold substituted $\mathrm{C}(3)$ -$\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ fragment. This leads to significant deformations of the exocyclic bond angles at $\mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4)$ and $\mathrm{C}(5)$ (Table 3 ) and to the twist of the substituents at $C(3)$ and $C(4)$ with respect to each other. The $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ torsion angle amounts to $-10(1)^{\circ}$ and the $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ torsion angle amounts to $-60(1)^{\circ}$ as compared to other 5phenyl substituted 4,7-dihydrotriazolopyrimidines where the latter torsion angle is about $40^{\circ}$ [1,4-6]. The phenyl group on $\mathrm{C}(12)$ is turned by $21(1)^{\circ}$ relative to the $\mathrm{C}(12)$ $\mathrm{C}(13)$ bond $(\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ torsion angle), what probably results from the shortened intramolecular contact of $2.17 \AA$ between $\mathrm{H}(13 \mathrm{~b})$ and $\mathrm{H}(26)$. The interaction between the $\mathrm{H}(13 \mathrm{~b})$ and $\mathrm{H}(16)$ with a distance of 2.10 Å causes the non-planarity of the benzyl group (the $\mathrm{O}(1)$ -$\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ torsion angle amounts to $\left.21(1)^{\circ}\right)$ and the rotation of the substituent around the $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$
bond. (The $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ torsion angle is $\left.36(1)^{\circ}\right)$. The phenyl group at $\mathrm{C}(5)$ has pseudoaxial orientation (the $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(27)$ torsion angle is $\left.-112.2(8)^{\circ}\right)$ and is almost coplanar to the $\mathrm{H}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ bond. The $\mathrm{H}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(27)-\mathrm{C}(28)$ torsion angle is $\left.-3(1)^{\circ}\right)$.

Compound 3a exists in the crystalline phase as a monohydrate. According to the crystal structure analysis, molecules of 3a, like other 4,7-dihydroazolopyrimidines [5,810], form dimers due to intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

Under the same conditions 4,7-dihydro-5-methyl-7-phenyl-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (5) undergoes alkylation at C-6 followed by a cyclocondensation to yield 4,7,8,9-tetrahy-dro-1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolines (6a-c, Figure 3).


Figure 3. Preparation of Compounds 6a-c.

The structure of compounds 6a-c was established by spectral methods. The ir spectra prove the absence of a $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ group but the presence of an H -bonding NH -group absorbing at $3300-2650 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectra
(Table 5) of compounds $\mathbf{6 a - c}$ show the absence of a methyl signal but contain singlets for the methine and the NH protons, the methoxy protons of $\mathbf{6 b}$, and furthermore the fourspin system of the carbocyclic ring. One of the latter four signals is located in the olefinic region at 6.48 ppm , the others are in the region of aliphatic protons. Decoupling of the signal at $6.48 \mathrm{ppm}\left({ }^{4} J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$ leads to the typical spectrum of an ABM system. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectra (Table 6) confirmed additionally the structure of compounds 6a-c. (The signal assignment is based on DEPT, HMQC and HMBC experiments).

General Procedure for the Alkylation of 4,7-Dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (1).

A solution of $0.08 \mathrm{~g}(1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ of sodium methoxide, 0.30 g ( 1.1 mmol ) of 4,7-dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5a]pyrimidine (1) and 1.2 mmol of an $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated carbonyl compound 2a-f in 10 mL of methanol was refluxed for 2 h . After cooling, the products 3a-f were isolated by filtration, washed with methanol, dried and recrystallized from a $2: 1$ mixture of methanol and dimethylformamide. Yields and melting points are summarized in Figure 1; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr} \mathrm{spectral} \mathrm{data} \mathrm{are} \mathrm{listed}$ in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 5
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ nmr Data of the Compounds 6a-c ( $\delta$ Values in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$, TMS as Internal Standard)

| Compound | NH <br> s | Ar-H <br> m | $2-\mathrm{H}$ <br> s | $5-\mathrm{H}$ <br> AB XY Spin System | $7-\mathrm{H}$ <br> s | $8-\mathrm{H}$ <br> S |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6 a}$ | 9.97 | $6.78-7.31$ | 7.55 | 6.48 | $3.26 / 2.61$ | 3.63 | 6.07 | - |
| $\mathbf{6 b}$ | 9.94 | $6.32-7.40$ | 7.54 | 6.48 | $3.15 / 2.60$ | 3.57 | 6.04 | 3.51 |
| $\mathbf{6 c}$ | 10.01 | $6.80-7.35$ | 7.56 | 6.48 | $3.16 / 2.59$ | 3.64 | 6.09 | - |

Table 6
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ Data of the Compounds 6a-c ( $\delta$ Values in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$, TMS as Internal Standard)

|  | $\mathrm{C}-7$ | $\mathrm{C}-8$ | $\mathrm{C}-9$ | $\mathrm{C}-8 \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{C}-5$ | $\mathrm{C}-6$ | $\mathrm{C}-4 \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{C}-3 \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{C}-2$ | $o, m-\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Ar})$ | $p-\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Ar})$ | $i-\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{Ar})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6a | 35.7 | 39.0 | 63.0 | 102.5 | 116.9 | 136.8 | 129.2 | 149.0 | 149.3 | $124.6,126.7,126.8$, | $125.1,126.8,127.6$ | $139.0,139.3,142.0$ |
| 6b [a] | 35.9 | 39.3 | 63.0 | 103.3 | 117.2 | 137.2 | 129.3 | 149.3 | 149.6 | $112.9,127.2,128.3$ | $124.9,127.0$, | $127.1,127.9,157.0$ |
| 6c | 35.6 | 39.2 | 63.2 | 102.5 | 117.2 | 137.0 | 129.9 | 149.3 | 149.6 | $124.9,127.0,127.1$, | $127.2,128.0,129.6$ | $139.2,139.7,141.3$ |

[a] $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}: \delta=54.8$

## Conclusion.

In contrast to earlier $N$-methylation reactions with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{I}$ or $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{2}$ [2,4,11], the reaction of 4,7-dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine (1) with the enones 2a-f leads in an alkaline medium to alkylation at C6. This Michael type addition is followed by a cyclocondensation to 4,7,8,9-tetrahydro-1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinazolines ( $\mathbf{6 a - c}$ ), provided that a methyl instead of a phenyl group, is present at C-5 of the triazolopyrimidine ring system [12].

## EXPERIMENTAL

General.
Melting points were taken on a Kofler melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Ir spectra were obtained in potassium bromide pellets with a Specord M 82 spectrograph. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM 400 spectrometer in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$. Mass spectra were measured on a Finnigan MAT 95 spectrometer using the field desorption technique. Elemental analyses were obtained using LECO CHNS-900 equipment.

3-(4,7-Dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-1,3-diphenyl-1-propanone (3a).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp 222 $224{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; 58 \% yield; ir ( KBr ): $3300-2700,1692,1652,1596$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%)$ 483 (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ (482.2): C, 79.64; H, 5.43; N , 11.61. Found: C, $79.85 ;$ H, 5.77 ; N, 11.94 .

3-(4,7-Dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenyl-1-propanone (3b).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: $\mathrm{mp} 221^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $56 \%$; ir (KBr): $3350-2700,1696,1652,1600 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%) 513$ (100) [M $+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ (512.2): C, $77.32 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.51$; N , 10.93. Found: C, 77.27 ; H, 5.42 ; N, 11.00.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4,7-dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-tria-zolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-1-phenyl-1-propanone (3c).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp $229^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $68 \%$; ir (KBr): $3350-2650,1684,1652,1596 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%) 517(100)[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{ClO}$ (517.0): C, 74.34; H, 4.87; N , 10.84. Found: C, 74.27 ; H, 4.82 ; N, 10.79.

3-(4,7-Dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-phenyl-1-propanone (3d).
This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp 250 $-252{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $67 \%$; ir ( KBr ): $3350-2650,1684,1652,1596$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%)$ 501 (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.
Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{FO}$ (500.2): C, 76.78 ; H, $5.03, \mathrm{~N}$, 11.19. Found: C, 76.66; H, 4.91; N, 10.98.

3-(4,7-Dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-1-(4-methylphenyl)-3-phenyl-1-propanone (3e).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: $\mathrm{mp} 251^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $61 \%$; ir (KBr): $3350-2700,1692,1656,1596 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (\%) 497 (100) [M $+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.
Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ (496.2): C, 79.81; H, 5.68 ; N , 11.28. Found: C, 79.78; H, 5.56; N, 11.15.

2-(4,7-Dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-1,4-diphenyl-1,4-butanedione ( $\mathbf{3 f}$ ).
This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp $230-$ $232^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $46 \%$; ir (KBr): $3350-2650,1684,1652,1596 \mathrm{~cm}^{-}$ ${ }^{1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%) 511$ (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ (510.2): C, 77.63; H, 5.13; N , 10.97. Found: C, 77.59 ; H, 5.06; N, 10.93.

Cyclocondensation of 3-Amino-1,2,4-triazole (4) with Two Equivalents of Chalcone (2a).

A solution of $0.08 \mathrm{~g}(1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ of sodium methoxide, 0.25 g ( 3.0 mmol ) of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole (4) and 6.2 mmol of chalcone (2a) in 10 mL of methanol was refluxed for 4 h . After cooling, the product 3a was isolated by filtration, washed with methanol, dried and recrystallized from a mixture of methanol and dimethylformamide (2:1). The yield amounted to $52 \%$.
General Procedure for the Preparation of the Triazolo[5,1$b] q u i n a z o l i n e s ~ 6 a-c$.

A solution of $0.08 \mathrm{~g}(1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ of sodium methoxide, 0.21 g $(1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4,7-dihydro-5-methyl-7-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5a]pyrimidine (5) and 1.2 mmol of an $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated carbonyl compound (2a-c) in 10 mL of methanol was refluxed for $5-10$ min . After cooling, the products $\mathbf{6 a - c}$ were isolated by filtration, washed with methanol, dried and recrystallized from a mixture of methanol and dimethylformamide (2:1). The yields and melting points are summarized in Figure 3. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{nmr}$ spectral data are shown in Tables 5 and 6.

4,7,8,9-Tetrahydro-6,8,9-triphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[5,1-b]quinazoline (6a).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp 240 $243{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $53 \%$; ir ( KBr ): $3300-2650,1600,1548 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The $\mathrm{fd} \mathrm{ms} \mathrm{spectrum} \mathrm{showed} \mathrm{the} \mathrm{molecular} \mathrm{ion} \mathrm{at} \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (\%) 403 (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.
Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ (402.2): C, $80.56 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.51$; N , 13.93. Found: C, 80.54 ; H, 5.42; N, 13.87.

4,7,8,9-Tetrahydro-8-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6,9-diphenyl-1,2,4-tri-azolo[5,1-b]quinazoline ( $\mathbf{6 b}$ ).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp 243 $-245{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $42 \%$; ir (KBr): $3300-2650,1608,1544 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%) 433$ (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ (432.2): C, $77.75 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.59 ; \mathrm{N}$, 12.95. Found: C, $77.74 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.52 ; \mathrm{N}, 12.80$.

8-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4,7,8,9-tetrahydro-6,9-diphenyl-1,2,4-tria-zolo[5,1-b]quinazoline ( $\mathbf{6 c}$ ).

This compound was obtained as colorless crystals: mp 252 $-255^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; yield $44 \%$; ir ( KBr ): $3300-2700,1612,1552 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The fd ms spectrum showed the molecular ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (\%) 437 (100) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ (436.6): C, $74.22 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.84 ; \mathrm{N}$, 12.82. Found: C, $74.14 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.76 ; \mathrm{N}, 12.81$.

## X-Ray Diffraction Study of 3a.

The crystals of 3-(4,7-dihydro-5,7-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidin-6-yl)-1,3-diphenyl-1-propanone (3a) $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}$ $\cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ are monoclinic. We found at $293 \mathrm{~K}: a=20.54(1), b=$ $10.460(4), c=12.777(5), \beta=94.01(4)^{\circ}, V=2738(2) \AA^{3}$, space group $\mathrm{P} 2_{1} / \mathrm{c}, Z=8, d_{\text {calc }}=1.192 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}, \mu=0.075 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=$ 1036. Intensity of 5114 reflections ( 4869 independent, $R_{\mathrm{int}}=$ 0.083 ) was measured on an automatic four-circles Siemens P3/PC diffractometer (graphite monochromated MoK $\alpha$ radiation, $\Theta / 2 \Theta$ scan, $2 \Theta_{\max }=50^{\circ}$ ). The structure was solved by the direct method using the SHELXTL PLUS 5 package [13]. The profile analysis by the PROFIT [14] program was applied in order to improve the experimental quality. Position of hydrogen atoms were calculated geometrically and refined by "riding" model with $U_{\text {iso }}=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}$. Full-matrix least-squares refinement against $F^{2}$ in anisotropic approximation using 4869 reflections was converged to $R 1=0.097$ (for 1490 reflections with $F>4 \sigma(F), w R 2=0.378, S=1.172$.

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