# **Studies in Pyrimidine-Annelated** Heterocycles<sup>1</sup> by Tandem Cyclization: **Regioselective Synthesis of** [6,6]Pyranopyran by Intramolecular [1,6] Michael Addition<sup>†</sup>

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#### Introduction

The Claisen rearrangement has been an excellent method for the formation of C-C bonds useful for the construction of heterocyclic rings in fused heterocycles.<sup>2</sup> In continuation of our work on the sigmatropic rearrangement of propargylic ethers of 1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxypyrimidine-2,4-dione,<sup>3</sup> we have recently reported the regioselective synthesis of a number of 8-aryloxymethyl-1,3-dimethyl-6H-pyrano[3,2-d]pyrimidine-2,4diones<sup>4</sup> (**1a**–**e**). These compounds possess an allyl aryl ether moiety which can undergo further Claisen rearrangement to give polyheterocycles 2 and/or 3. Herein we report the results of this investigation.

### **Results and Discussion**

The substrate 1 when subjected to heating above 200 °C is expected to generate phenolic intermediate 5 by a [3,3] sigmatropic rearrangement and enolization. A close examination of the structure of the phenolic intermediate 5 reveals that the phenolic OH group is suitably juxtaposed for a possible intramolecular [1,6] Michael addition (6-endo cyclization) to the dienone system to give [6,6] pyranopyran 2 (pathway a) or it may undergo a normal 5-exo cyclization to afford furopyran system 3 (pathway b). Intermolecular [1,6] Michael addition of N,N-DEA to the dienone system of 1 followed by a Friedel-Crafts cyclization which is irreversible may also provide [6,6]pyranopyran 2 (Scheme 1).

*N*,*N*-Diethylaniline is a versatile solvent for conducting Claisen rearrangement. Therefore, to test the aforementioned possibilities substrate, 1a was refluxed in N,Ndiethylaniline for 3 h to give a white crystalline solid, mp 204 °C, in 82% yield. The structure for 2a was assigned on the basis of its elemental analysis and <sup>13</sup>C, DEPT, <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, and HETCOR spectra (Scheme 2). Chemical shifts are not separated even under 500 MHz in solvents such as  $CDCl_3$ , MeOD, and acetone- $d_6$ . The 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> exhibited relatively



better separation of chemical shifts and was partly utilized for the assignment of protons. However, during a decoupling study the two desired protons H<sub>c</sub> and H<sub>d</sub> were not well-separated in  $C_6H_6$  solution. In this case the use of  $CDCl_3$  solution was more appropriate. The aliphatic protons  $H_a$ ,  $H_b$ ,  $H_c$ ,  $H_d$ ,  $H_e$ , and  $H_f$  were identified by a combination of DEPT, HMBC, and HMQC experiments in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution:  $\delta$  3.35 (dt, J = 11.2, 4.6 Hz, H<sub>d</sub>), 3.45 (dt, J = 11.7, 4.7 Hz, H<sub>c</sub>), 3.94 (t, J = 11.2

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Figure 1.



## Figure 2.

Hz, H<sub>f</sub>), 4.04 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>), 4.50 (ddd, J = 1.1, 4.2, 11.2 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 4.57 (ddd, J = 1.5, 3.8, 11.3 Hz, H<sub>e</sub>). The cis stereochemistry was established from decoupling and NOE experiments. Thus decoupling of proton H<sub>c</sub> simplifies proton  $H_d$  to a dd (J = 4.3, 11.1 Hz). Similarly, irradiation of  $H_d$  simplies proton  $H_c$  to a dd (J = 4.2, 11.2Hz). More importantly, irradiation of the two axial protons H<sub>b</sub> and H<sub>f</sub> together leaves the two ring juncture protons as triplets (J = 5 Hz). Additional support for the cis stereochemistry was also obtained from molecular mechanics (MM2) calculations. The cis isomer is found to be more stable than the *trans* isomer for **2a** by 3.76 kcal/mol (Figure 1 and Figure 2). Other substrates 1b-g were also subjected to similar treatment. Substrates 1b, 1c, and 1d produced similar products 2b, 2c, and 2d in 72%, 70%, and 70% yields, respectively. However, substrate 1e gave a mixture of two products 2e (40%) and **3e** (40%) which were easily separated by column chromatography over silica gel (Scheme 1). That the furopyran derivative **3e** bears a *cis* stereochemistry at the ring juncture is evident from its <sup>1</sup>H NMR coupling constant of J = 4.8 Hz. Benzofuro[3,2-c]benzopyran derivatives obtained by a similar reaction are known to possess *cis* stereochemistry at the ring juncture.<sup>5</sup> Substrate 1f did not provide a product arising from cyclization, and 5f was isolated in 20% yield. The structure of 5f was assigned on the basis of its elemental analysis and <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals at  $\delta$  2.20 (s, 6H, 2ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.40 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.50 (s, 3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.20-4.48 (m, 3H, OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH-), 4.46 (s, 1H, OH), 5.36 (bs, 1H), and 5.52 (bs, 1H) due to exo-methylene. Substrate 1g decomposed to give tarry material from which no tractable product could be obtained. Nitroaryloxy-containing substrates are known to decompose at elevated temperature.<sup>5</sup> Product 3 was obtained only in the case of substrate 1e, and the phenol intermediate 5f was obtained only in the case of substrate 1f. The presence of a sufficiently electron rich group (in this case OMe) on the phenolic moiety seems to bring about the 5-exocyclization (Scheme 1).

Substrates 1a-f were prepared from 5-(4-aryloxybut-2-ynyloxy)-1,3-dimethylpyrimidine-2,4-diones 9 by the thermal [3,3] sigmatropic rearrangement in refluxing chlorobenzene. Therefore, we were interested in carrying out the thermal rearrangement of substrates 9 directly using N,N-diethylaniline at 130 °C. However, this did not give the products 1 or 2. Instead, 7-aryloxymethyl-1,3-dimethyl-6-methylfuro[3,2-d]pyrimidine-2,4-diones 10a-e were obtained in 72-80% yields (Scheme 2). The

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formation of 10 from butynyl ether 9 can be explained<sup>6</sup> by an initial [3,3] sigmatropic rearrangement to give 11 and enolization to 12 which undergoes cyclization in the presence of N,N-DEA to give product 10 (Scheme 2).

The present result is quite different from earlier reports in this area. Similar thermal rearrangements of a number of analogous systems have been reported. 4-Aryloxymethylchrom-3-ene is known<sup>7</sup> to give benzofuro-[3,2-c][1]-6a,11a-dihydro-11-methylbenzopyran. 7-Chromenylmethyloxy-4-methylcoumarin<sup>8</sup> and 7-chromenylmethyloxyflavones<sup>9</sup> afforded angularly fused furopyrans. 4-Aryloxymethylpyrano[3,2-c]coumarin furnished the phenolic product<sup>10</sup> whereas 1-aryloxymethylpyrano[2,3-c]quinolin-5(6H)-ones produced only 1-aryloxymethyl-2methylfuro[2,3-c]quinolin-4(5H)-one via an unusual ring contraction.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, this synthesis of fused [6,6]pyranopyran is noteworthy. Moreover, recently there has been a flurry of activity on the synthesis of [6,6]pyranopyrans.<sup>12</sup> The uracil moiety has been incorporated in the presently synthesized [6,6]pyranopyrans. 5-Substituted uracils have been developed as drugs13-18 and enzyme inhibitors,<sup>19</sup> but functionalization of uracil at C-5 and C-6 usually requires rather sophisticated and tedious reactions conditions.<sup>20,21</sup> These [6,6]pyranopyran derivatives have the potential to be useful as drugs. The

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methodology described here seems to be simple and facile for the synthesis of these compounds.

## **Experimental Section**

Melting points are uncorrected. UV absorption spectra were recorded in ethanol. IR spectra were run for KBr disks (solid). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were performed at the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Calcutta, and Department of Chemistry, Nottingham University, England. Elemental analyses and mass spectra were carried out at Regional Sophisticated Instrumentation Centre (Central Drug Research Institute), Lucknow. Silica gel 60–120 mesh was used for chromatographic separation. Petroleum ether refers to the fraction boiling between 60 and 80 °C.

**General Procedure for the Preparation of 1,3-Dimethyl-5-[4-aryloxybut-2-ynyloxy]uracils (9a–g).** These compounds were prepared according to a published procedure.<sup>4</sup> Compounds **9a–e** have already been reported.<sup>4</sup>

**1,3-Dimethyl-5-[4-(2,3-dimethylphenoxy)but-2-ynyloxy]uracil (9f):** yield 92%; mp 144 °C;  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 224 (3.3), 277 (3.2) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1680, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.12 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 4.72 (s, 4H), 6.72–7.16 (m, 4H); MS *m*/*z* 328 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.85; H, 6.10; N, 8.54. Found: C, 65.97; H, 6.31: N. 8.32.

**General Procedure for the Preparation of 8-Aryloxymethyl-1,3-dimethyl-6***H***-<b>pyrano**[**3,2-***d*]**pyrimidine-2,4-diones** (**1a**-**g**). These compounds were prepared according to a published procedure.<sup>4</sup> Compounds **1a**-**e** have already been reported.<sup>4</sup>

**1,3-Dimethyl-8-[3,5-dimethylphenoxymethyl]-6H-pyrano-[3,2-d]pyrimidine-2,4-dione (1f):** yield 90%; mp 114 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 224 (3.3), 340 (2.8) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1680, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.08 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 4.60 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 6.24 (t, J = 5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (m, 3H); MS m/z 328 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.85; H, 6.10; N, 8.54. Found: C, 65.64; H, 6.39; N, 8.78.

General Procedure for the Rearrangement of 8-Aryloxymethyl-6*H*-pyrano[3,2-*d*]pyrimidine-2,4-diones (1a–g) in *N*,*N*-Diethylaniline. A mixture of compound 1 (1 mmol) in *N*,*N*-diethylaniline (5 mL) was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into ice-cold 6 N HCl (30 mL), and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The CHCl<sub>3</sub> layer was washed with water and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of CHCl<sub>3</sub> gave a viscous liquid which was chromatographed over silica gel. Elution of the column with benzene–ethyl acetate (3:1) furnished products 2a-e, 3e, and 5f.

(4b,10b-cis)-2,4-Dimethyl-4b,5,10b,11-tetrahydro-4H-6,12dioxa-2,4-diazachrysene-1,3-dione (2a): yield 82%; mp 204 °C; UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.2), 283 (2.9) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1650, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  2.34 (dt, J = 11.3, 4.7Hz, 1H, H<sub>d</sub>), 2.72-2.78 (m, 1H, H<sub>c</sub>), 2.76 (s, 3H), 3.29 (t, J =11.33 Hz, 1H, H<sub>e</sub>), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.45 (t, J = 11.33 Hz, 1H, H<sub>a</sub>), 3.81 (ddd, J = 11.3, 4.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H, H<sub>f</sub>), 4.12 (br dd, J = 11.3, 4.11 Hz, 1H, H<sub>b</sub>), 6.75 (dd, J = 6.49, 1.1 Hz, 1H, C<sub>7</sub>-**H**), 6.85 (dt, J = 1.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H, C<sub>8</sub>-**H**), 7.05 (dd, J = 6.49, 1.1 Hz, 1H, C<sub>10</sub>-**H**), 7.15 (dt, J = 1.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H, C<sub>9</sub>-**H**);<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  3.35 (dt, J = 11.2, 4.6 Hz, H<sub>d</sub>), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.45 (dt, J = 11.7, 4.7 Hz, H<sub>c</sub>), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.94 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, H<sub>f</sub>), 4.04 (t, J = 11.7 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>), 4.50 (ddd, J = 1.1, 4.2, 11.2 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 4.57 (ddd, J = 1.5, 3.8, 11.3 Hz, H<sub>e</sub>), 6.92 (dd, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.48 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.48 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 60 MHz) 28.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.1 (C<sub>4b</sub>), 32.4 (C<sub>10b</sub>), 65.1 (C<sub>11</sub>), 67.1 (C<sub>5</sub>), 117.3 (C<sub>7</sub>), 118.1 (C10a), 121.7 (C9), 127.0 (C4a), 129.1 (C8), 130.0 (C10), 131.9 (C12a), 150.0 (C1), 154.4 (C6a), 158.5 (C3); MS m/z 300 (M+). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.00; H, 5.33; N, 9.33. Found: C, 64.15; H, 5.53; N, 9.03.

(4b,10b-*cis*)-9-Chloro-2,4-dimethyl-4b,5,10b,11-tetrahydro-4*H*-6,12-dioxa-2,4-diazachrysene-1,3-dione (2b): yield 72%; mp 242 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 225 (3.2), 292 (2.9) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$ 1650, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  3.16–3.32 (m, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.92 (dt, J = 4, 11 Hz, 2H), 4.36– 4.56 (m, 2H), 6.76–6.88 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.24 (m, 2H); MS *m*/*z*  334, 336 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{15}ClN_2O_4$ : C, 57.49; H, 4.49; N, 8.38. Found: C, 57.37; H, 4.59; N, 8.58.

(4b,10b-*cis*)-2,4,7-Trimethyl-4b,5,10b,11-tetrahydro-4*H*-6,12-dioxa-2,4-diazachrysene-1,3-dione (2c): yield 70%; mp 176 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.2), 283 (2.9) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$ 1660, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.24 (s, 3H), 3.24–3.40 (m, 2H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.97 (dt, J = 4, 11Hz, 2H), 4.48–4.68 (m, 2H), 6.78–7.24 (m, 3H); MS *m/z* 314 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.97; H, 5.73; N, 8.92. Found: C, 64.77; H, 5.63; N, 8.71.

(4b,10b-*cis*)-2,4,7,8-Tetramethyl-4b,5,10b,11-tetrahydro-4H-6,12-dioxa-2,4-diazachrysene-1,3-dione (2d): yield 70%; mp 220 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.3), 284 (3.0) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$ 1660, 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.12 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 3.16-3.36 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.86 (t, J = 11 Hz, 2H), 4.36-4.64 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H); MS *m*/*z* 328 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.85; H, 6.10; N, 8.54. Found: C, 65.97; H, 6.30; N, 8.33.

(4b,10b-*cis*)-2,4-Dimethyl-9-methoxy-4b,5,10b,11-tetrahydro-4*H*-6,12-dioxa-2,4-diazachrysene-1,3-dione (2e): yield 40%; mp 174 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 224 (3.3), 295 (3.1) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1650, 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 300 MHz)  $\delta$  3.18 (s, 3H), 3.21–3.36 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.88 (dt, *J* = 4.1, 11.4 Hz, 2H), 4.42 (dt, *J* = 4.2, 11.4 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H); MS *m*/*z* 330 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 61.82; H, 5.45; N, 8.48. Found: C, 61.92; H, 5.25; N, 8.78.

(4b,9b-*cis*)-2,4-Dimethyl-4b-methyl-4b,9b,10-trihydro-4H-8-methoxy-2,4-diazabenzofuro[3,2-*c*]benzopyran-1,3-dione (3e): yield 40%; mp 160 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 225 (3.1), 294 (2.9) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1650, 1620 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  1.71 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.41–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 11 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 11, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H); MS *m/z* 330 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 61.82; H, 5.45; N, 8.48. Found: C, 61.97; H, 5.75; N, 8.18.

**1,3-Dimethyl-7-[3,5-dimethyl-2-hydroxyphenyl]-8-methylene-6,7-dihydropyrano[3,2-d]pyrimidine-2,4-dione (5f):** yield 20%; mp 214 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.2), 321 (2.9) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3300 (br), 1650, 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.20 (s, 6H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 4.20-4.48 (m, 3H), 4.76 (s, 1H, OH), 5.36 (bs, 1H), 5.52 (bs, 1H), 6.72-6.96 (m, 2H); MS *m*/z 328 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.85; H, 6.10; N, 8.54. Found: C, 65.75; H, 6.33; N, 8.74.

General Procedure for the Rearrangement of 1,3-Dimethyl-5-[4-aryloxybut-2-ynyloxy]uracils (9a-e). Compound 9 (1 mmol) was heated in *N*,*N*-diethylaniline (5 mL) at 135 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into ice-cold 6 N HCl (30 mL), and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3  $\times$  20 mL). The CHCl<sub>3</sub> layer was washed with water and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of CHCl<sub>3</sub> gave a viscous liquid which was chromatographed over silica gel. Elution of the column with benzene-ethyl acetate (3:1) furnished products **10a**-e.

**1,3,6-Trimethyl-7-phenoxymethylfuro**[**3,2**-*d*]**pyrimidine2,4-dione (10a):** yield 80%; mp 186 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.1), 277 (3.0) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1650, 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz)  $\delta$  2.46 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 6.94–7.08 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.38 (m, 2H); MS *m*/*z* 300 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.00; H, 5.33; N, 9.33. Found: C, 64.23; H, 5.53; N, 9.12.

**1,3,6-Trimethyl-7-[4-chlorophenoxymethyl]furo[3,2-***d***]-<b>pyrimidine-2,4-dione (10b):** yield 75%; mp 208 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$ (log  $\epsilon$ ) 224 (3.4), 280 (3.1) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1700, 1660 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.52 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 6.96 (dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8, 2 Hz, 2H); MS *m*/*z* 334, 336 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 57.49; H, 4.49; N, 8.38. Found: C, 57.28; H, 4.69; N, 8.59.

**1,3,6-Trimethyl-7-(2-methylphenoxymethyl)furo[3,2-***d***]-<b>pyrimidine-2,4-dione (10c):** yield 72%; mp 178 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$ (log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.2), 283 (2.9) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1660, 1640 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.18 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 6.94 (t, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H); MS *m*/*z* 314 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.97; H, 5.73; N, 8.92. Found: C, 64.77; H, 5.94; N, 8.62. **1,3,6-Trimethyl-7-(2,4-dimethylphenoxymethyl)furo[3,2-**

*d*]pyrimidine-2,4-dione (10d): yield 80%; mp 160 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$ 

(log  $\epsilon$ ) 223 (3.3), 279 (3.2) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\rm max}$  1700, 1660 cm^-1; ^1H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.20 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 6.84–7.24 (m, 3H); MS m/z 328 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.85; H, 6.10; N, 8.54. Found: C, 65.77; H, 6.35; N, 8.78.

**1,3,6-Trimethyl-7-(2,3-dimethylphenoxymethyl)furo[3,2***d***]pyrimidine-2,4-dione (10e):** yield 72%; mp 192 °C; UV  $\lambda_{max}$  (log  $\epsilon$ ) 224 (3.4), 277 (3.2) nm; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  1700, 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  2.18 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 6.80–7.24 (m, 3H); MS *m*/*z* 328 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.85; H, 6.10; N, 8.54. Found: C, 65.71; H, 6.36; N, 8.77. **Acknowledgment.** We thank the CSIR (New Delhi) for financial assistance. We also thank Dr. S. K. Chattopadhyay, Nottingham University, England, for all the <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments and HETCOR, DEPT, and <sup>13</sup>C spectra of compound **2a**. We also thank Prof. A. Srikrishna of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for molecular mechanics calculation on compound **2a**. One of us (U.D.) is grateful to UGC (New Delhi) for a fellowship.

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