

A General Route for the Synthesis of Pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine Derivatives

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Summary. A facile synthesis of 8-substituted pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazines (**6a–i**) has been accomplished. The sequence involves the ring closure of a heterocyclic aminonitrile precursor (**3**) after reaction with (dichloromethylene)-dimethylammonium chloride.

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Eine allgemeine Synthese von Pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazin-Derivaten

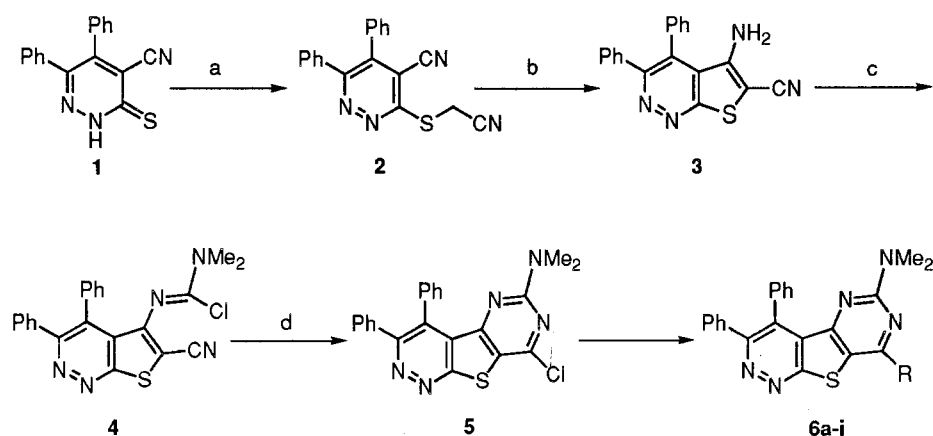
Zusammenfassung. Es wurde ein einfacher Syntheseweg für 8-substituierte Pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine entwickelt. Die Reaktion verläuft über den Ringschluß eines heterocyclischen Aminonitrilvorläufers (**3**) nach Umsetzung mit Dichlormethylen-dimethylammoniumchlorid.

Introduction

The chemistry of phosgeniminium salts has proved to be very useful in synthetic chemistry, especially in various one-step heterocyclization reactions by insertion of one carbon atom bearing a dialkylamino group [1]. The structural diversity and biological significance of fused pyrimidines have aroused much attention in the past few years owing to the wide range of biological activity of these compounds [2]. Many potential drugs have been modelled on them, particularly in cancer and virus research [3]. Syntheses of fused bi- and polycyclic compounds by annelation of a pyrimidine ring to an existing ring are numerous and were the subject of recent review [4]. Pyridazine derivatives and heterocyclic annelated pyridazines continue to attract great interest due to a wide variety of interesting biological activities observed [5]. Although pyridine-annelated sulfur-containing heterocycles have been studied extensively [6], comparatively little is known about aza-analogue systems in which an S-heterocycle is fused to a pyridazine nucleus. In this paper we describe a convenient one-pot procedure for new pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazines in expectation of some biological activities as aza-isosters of pharmaceutically relevant pyridothienopyrimidines [7].

Results and Discussion

Heterocyclic α,β -enaminonitriles are versatile synthons for various cyclization reactions [8]. Recently, some new methods for the preparation of polyheterocyclic compounds containing the pyrimidine ring utilizing phosgeniminium chloride and heterocyclic β -enaminonitriles have been developed in our laboratory [9]. In continuation of our interest in the synthesis of compounds of the thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine type, we report a method for the preparation of substituted pyrimidothienopyridazine derivatives by reaction of a heterocyclic aminonitrile precursor and phosgeniminium chloride. The direct route into the title ring system proved to be the reaction of 5-amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine-6-carbonitrile (**3**) with *N,N*-dimethyldichloromethyleniminium chloride. The starting material was prepared from the readily available 4-cyano-5,6-diphenylpyridazine-3(2*H*)-thione (**1**) [10]. The reaction of **1** with 2-chloroacetonitrile and subsequent base promoted intramolecular ring formation yielded the 5-aminothieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine-6-carbonitrile **3** in 70% yield. The structure of compound **3** was determined from microanalyses and spectroscopic data. The mass spectrum showed the expected molecular ion peak, and the IR spectrum exhibited one strong absorption band at $\nu = 2200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to the cyano group. Formation of the desired aminonitrile compound **3** was also confirmed by ^1H NMR and decoupled ^{13}C NMR spectra. On treatment with (dichloromethylene)dimethylammonium chloride in refluxing 1,2-dichloroethane, **3** gave the amide halide intermediate **4** which underwent smooth cyclization to the corresponding fused pyrimidinethienopyridazine compound **5** by reaction with dry hydrogen chloride.



Reagents: a: ClCH_2CN , KI, K_2CO_3 , acetone, room temperature, 1 h

b: piperidine, acetone/THF, reflux, 3 h

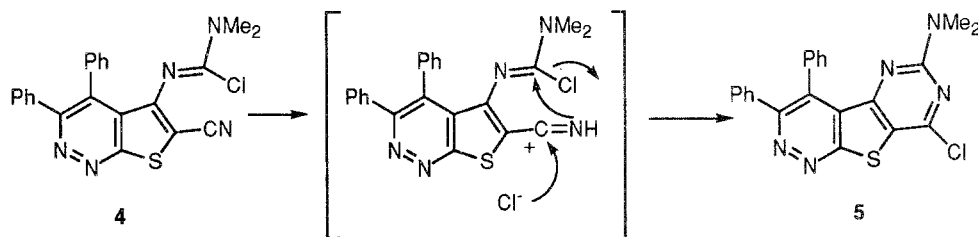
c: $\text{Cl}_2\text{CN}^+(\text{Me})_2\text{Cl}^-$, 1,2-dichloroethane, reflux, 1 h

d: $\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$, 1,2-dichloroethane

6	R	6	R
a	NHNH_2	e	<i>N</i> -(4-Acetylphenyl)piperazino
b	OEt	f	4-Methylpiperidino
c	Piperidino	g	4-Methylpiperazino
d	Morpholino	h	4-Thiomorpholino
		i	Thiophenyl

Scheme 1

Since the intermediate adduct **4** could be isolated the reaction can be assumed to proceed as follows [11]:



Scheme 2

Structural elucidation of compounds **4** and **5** was accomplished from their analytical and spectroscopic data. The mass spectra showed the expected molecular ion peak, and the IR spectrum of **4** exhibited a strong band at $\nu = 1650 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to the imino group. The most salient features of the ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra are summarized under Experimental.

Treatment of the tricyclic 8-chloro-6-dimethylamino-3,4-diphenylpyrimido-[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine (**5**) with various nucleophiles such as alkoxide ions, amines, and hydrazine led to normal halide displacement to the other 8-substituted derivatives **6a–i**. Compounds **6a–i** were characterized from their spectroscopic data.

This synthetic approach may be useful in view of the pharmacological interest in this class of compounds and shows that the reaction of aminocyanothienopyridazine **3** with *N,N*-dimethyldichloromethyleniminium chloride affords a new, general route to pyrimidothienopyridazines bearing various substituents at position 4 of the pyrimidine ring.

Experimental

All reagents used were commercial grade chemicals from freshly opened containers. Melting points were determined on a Büchi 510 apparatus and are reported uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as potassium bromide disks on a Perkin-Elmer 383 spectrophotometer. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AC 200 F instrument at room temperature. Mass spectra were measured at 70 eV using a VG-QUATTRO spectrometer. The Silica gel 60 HF₂₅₄₊₃₆₆ used for analytical thin layer chromatography and the Silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh) employed for medium-pressure chromatography (MPLC) were purchased from Merck. Microanalyses for C, H, and N were performed by the Elemental Analyses General Service of the University of La Coruña.

3-Cyanomethylthio-4-cyano-5,6-diphenylpyridazine (**2**)

A mixture of **1** (0.45 g, 1.54 mmol), chloroacetonitrile (0.15 g, 1.54 mmol), potassium carbonate (0.23 g, 1.70 mmol), and a catalytic amount of KI in acetone (50 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The insoluble solid was removed by filtration, washed with acetone, and combined filtrate and washings were evaporated. The residual solid was recrystallized from acetone to obtain 0.30 g (61% yield) of **2**. M.p.: 181–183 °C; C₁₉H₁₂N₄S (328.39); calc.: C: 69.49, H: 3.68, N: 17.06; found: C: 69.37, H: 3.75, N: 16.93; ^1H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 4.33$ (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.24–7.45 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃):

δ = 16.0 (CH₂), 111.9 (C-4), 112.5, 115.4 (CN), 128.3, 129.0, 129.2, 129.5, 129.7, 130.4, 132.2, 134.6 (C₆H₅), 141.8 (C-5), 157.0 (C-6), 158.0 (C-3) ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 328 (M⁺, 46), 327 (94), 178 (13); IR (KBr): ν = 2220, 2240 (CN), 1570, 1530, 1470 cm⁻¹.

5-Amino-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine-6-carbonitrile (**3**)

Method A:

A mixture of **2** (0.30 g, 0.91 mmol) and piperidine (0.08 g, 0.91 mmol) was refluxed in acetone/*THF* (1:1 v/v, 40 ml) for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure. The solid was recrystallized from ethanol/acetone to obtain 0.21 g (70% yield) of **3**. M.p.: 208–210 °C; C₁₉H₁₂N₄S (328.39); calc.: C: 69.49, H: 3.68, N: 17.06; found: C: 69.55; H: 3.97; N: 17.14; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 4.46 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 7.24–7.52 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 82.8 (C-6), 113.9 (CN), 122.5 (C-4a), 127.9, 128.4, 129.0, 129.4, 129.7, 130.1, 132.1, 133.5 (C₆H₅), 135.7 (C-4), 148.2 (C-5), 155.6 (C-3), 162.2 (C-7a) ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 328 (M⁺, 100), 310 (19), 298 (11); IR (KBr): ν = 3460, 3320 (NH), 2200 (CN), 1600, 1550, 1525 cm⁻¹.

Method B:

A mixture of **1** (0.45 g, 1.54 mmol), chloroacetamide (0.15 g, 1.54 mmol), potassium carbonate (0.21 g, 1.54 mmol), and a catalytic amount of KI in acetone (30 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The insoluble solid was removed by filtration and washed with acetone and *THF* (25 ml). Piperidine (0.13 g, 1.54 mmol) was added to the combined filtrate and washings. The solution was refluxed for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure and the solid was recrystallized from ethanol/acetone to give 0.34 g (67% yield) of **3**.

5-Chlorodimethylaminomethylenamino-6-cyano-3,4-diphenylthieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine (**4**)

A solution of **3** (0.40 g, 1.2 mmol) and phosgene iminium salt (0.24 g, 1.5 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (20 ml) was refluxed for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting solid was recrystallized from acetone to give 0.3 g (60% yield) of **4**. M.p.: 229–231 °C; C₂₂H₁₆N₅ClS (417.91); calc.: C: 63.23, H: 3.86, N: 16.76; found: C: 63.11, H: 3.69, N: 16.66; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.73 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 7.08–7.36 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 39.7 (NMe₂), 99.2 (C-2), 113.4 (CN), 126.5 (C-4a), 127.2, 127.8, 127.9, 128.2, 129.9, 130.3, 133.4, 134.5 (C₆H₅), 136.1 (C-4), 140.4 (C-Cl), 150.5 (C-5), 156.2 (C-3), 162.0 (C-7a) ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 419 (M⁺ + 2, 40), 417 (M⁺, 100), 382 (62), 366 (16), 337 (10), 325 (39); IR (KBr): ν = 2220 (CN), 1650, 1540, 1440, 1320 cm⁻¹.

8-Chloro-6-dimethylamino-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine (**5**)

A stream of dry hydrogen chloride was passed through a mixture of **4** (0.20 g, 0.61 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (15 ml) for 1 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The solid was filtered, washed with ethanol, and recrystallized from acetone to obtain 0.18 g (90% yield) of **5**. M.p.: 235–237 °C; C₂₂H₁₆N₅ClS (417.91); calc.: C: 63.23, H: 3.86, N: 16.76; found: C: 63.13, H: 3.80, N: 16.63; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.86 (br s, 6H, NMe₂), 7.21–7.44 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 37.0 (NMe₂), 118.3 (C-8a), 127.1 (C-4a), 127.8, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 130.1, 130.4, 133.2, 136.4 (C₆H₅), 136.5 (C-4), 155.5, 156.9 (C-3), 157.3, 160.4 (C-9a), 164.6 ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 419 (M⁺ + 2, 39), 417 (M⁺, 98), 402 (29), 388 (21), 283 (12), 209 (18); IR (KBr): ν = 1570, 1470, 1405 cm⁻¹.

8-Hydrazino-6-dimethylamino-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-*c*]pyridazine (**6a**)

A solution of **5** (0.20 g, 0.48 mmol), NH₂NH₂ (0.03 g, 0.48 mmol) in EtOH/*THF* (20 ml, 2:3) was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The resulting solid was filtered and washed with ethanol to obtain 0.18 g

(91% yield) of **6a**. M.p.: 220–222 °C; C₂₂H₁₉N₇S (413.50); calc.: C: 63.90, H: 4.63, N: 23.71; found: C: 63.68, H: 4.45, N: 23.89; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.78 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 5.05 (s, 1H, NH, exchangeable with D₂O), 6.55 (s, 2H, NH₂, exchangeable with D₂O), 7.25–7.43 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; MS (FAB): *m/z* (%) = 414 ((MH)⁺, 84), 412 (12), 400 (27), 399 (100), 383 (15); IR (KBr): ν = 3390, 3360 (NH), 1610, 1560, 1440, 1400 cm⁻¹.

8-Ethoxy-6-dimethylamino-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6b)

5 (0.1 g, 0.24 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium ethoxide (0.01 g of sodium, 0.43 mmol) in ethanol (15 ml). The reaction was refluxed for 1.5 h. The solid was filtered and recrystallized from ethanol to obtain 0.08 g (75% yield) of **6b**. M.p.: 194–196 °C; C₂₄H₂₁N₅OS (427.52); calc.: C: 67.43, H: 4.95, N: 16.38; found: C: 67.62, H: 5.08, N: 16.54; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.49 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 2.84 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 4.58 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₂), 7.25–7.43 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 14.3 (CH₃), 36.8 (NMe₂), 62.7 (OCH₂), 107.3 (C-8a), 127.3 (C-4a), 127.5, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 130.4, 130.5, 133.7, 135.6 (C₆H₅), 136.9 (C-4), 156.3, 156.4 (C-3), 160.8 (C-9a), 164.5, 165.8 ppm; MS (DEI): *m/z* (%) 427 (M⁺, 100), 412 (9), 398 (50), 384 (17), 355 (12), 272 (10); IR (KBr): ν = 1585, 1545, 1515, 1460 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazines (6c–i); General procedure

A solution of **5** (0.10 g, 0.24 mmol) and the appropriate amine or thiophenol (0.30 mmol) in ethanol/*THF* (10 ml, 1:4) was refluxed until the starting material had disappeared as checked by TLC. The solid was filtered off and recrystallized from ethanol/acetone.

6-Dimethylamino-3,4-diphenyl-8-piperidinopyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6c): yield: 75%; m.p.: 214–216 °C; C₂₇H₂₆N₆S (466.60); calc.: C: 69.50, H: 5.62, N: 18.01; found: C: 69.66, H: 5.78, N: 17.89; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.73 (s, 6H, CH₂), 2.76 (s, 6H, NNMe₂), 3.87 (s, 4H, NCH₂), 7.23–7.40 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 24.8 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 36.5 (NMe₂), 47.6 (NCH₂), 105.3 (C-8a), 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 130.4, 130.5, 134.1, 135.4 (C₆H₅), 137.1 (C-4), 156.2, 156.4 (C-3), 158.9, 160.4 (C-9a), 163.9 ppm; MS (DEI): *m/z* (%) = 466 (M⁺, 100), 498 (100), 451 (29), 437 (16), 423 (13), 383 (5), 283 (5), 233 (16); IR (KBr): ν = 2940, 2860, 1560, 1515, 1440, 1390 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-8-morpholino-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6d): yield 76%; m.p.: 260–262 °C; C₂₆H₂₄N₆OS (468.57); calc.: C: 66.65, H: 5.16, N: 17.93; found: C: 66.74, H: 5.23, N: 18.08; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.77 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 3.87 (br s, 8H, CH₂), 7.20–7.40 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 36.6 (NMe₂), 46.6 (NCH₂), 66.6 (OCH₂), 105.1 (C-8a), 127.2 (C-4a), 127.5, 127.7, 128.0, 130.3, 130.5, 134.0, 135.6 (C₆H₅), 136.9 (C-4), 156.5, 156.6 (C-3), 159.3, 160.1 (C-9a), 163.8 ppm; MS (DEI): *m/z* (%) = 468 (M⁺, 100), 453 (25), 410 (15), 366 (10), 283 (5), 234 (10); IR (KBr): ν = 1560, 1555, 1510, 1440, 1390, 1250 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-3,4-diphenyl-8-(4'-piperazinoacetophenone)pyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6e): yield: 53%; m.p.: 296–298 °C; C₃₄H₃₁N₇OS (585.72); calc.: C: 69.72, H: 5.33, N: 16.74; found: C: 69.80, H: 5.15, N: 16.77; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.55 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 2.80 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 3.57 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.9 Hz, NCH₂), 4.11 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.9 Hz, NCH₂), 6.94, 7.93 (AA'XX' system, 4H, *J* = 8.9 Hz, C₆H₄), 7.26–7.41 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 26.2 (CH₃), 36.6 (NMe₂), 45.6 (NCH₂), 46.9 (NCH₂), 105.1 (C-8a), 127.3 (C-4a), 113.3, 127.5, 127.8, 128.0, 130.3, 130.4, 133.9, 135.7 (C₆H₅ + C₆H₄), 136.8 (C-4), 153.6, 156.6 (C-3), 159.0, 160.1 (C-9a), 163.9, 196.5 (CO) ppm; MS (FAB): *m/z* (%) = 586 ((MH)⁺, 100), 420 (38), 418 (98), 415 (20), 288 (30); IR (KBr): ν = 1670 (CO), 1600, 1565, 1520, 1440, 1380 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-8-(4-methylpiperidino)-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6f): yield: 78%; m.p.: 204–206 °C; C₂₈H₂₈N₆S (480.63); calc.: C: 69.97, H: 5.87, N: 17.48; found: C: 69.87, H: 5.92, N: 17.54; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 0.98 (d, 3H, J = 6.07 Hz, CH₃), 1.20–1.39 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.67–1.81 (m, 3H, CH + CH₂), 2.76 (br s, 6H, NMe₂), 3.07 (t, 2H, J = 12.4 Hz, NCH₂), 4.66 (d, 2H, J = 18.4 Hz, NCH₂), 7.21–7.40 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 21.8 (CH₃), 31.4 (CH), 34.1 (CH₂), 36.6 (NMe₂), 46.9 (NCH₂), 105.3 (C-8a), 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 130.4, 130.5, 134.1, 135.5 (C₆H₅), 137.0 (C-4), 156.2, 156.4 (C-3), 158.8, 160.3 (C-9a), 163.9 ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 480 (M⁺, 47), 465 (14), 411 (8), 283 (11), 240 (13); IR (KBr): ν = 2950, 1550, 1510, 1440, 1410, 1375 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-8-(4-methylpiperazino)-3,4-diphenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6g): yield: 72%; m.p.: 230–232 °C; C₂₇H₂₇N₇S (481.62); calc.: C: 67.33, H: 5.65, N: 20.36; found: C: 67.28, H: 5.82, N: 20.40; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.56 (t, 4H, J = 4.9 Hz, NCH₂), 2.76 (br s, 6H, NMe₂), 3.92 (t, 4H, J = 4.9 Hz, NCH₂), 7.20–7.40 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 36.6 (NMe₂), 46.0 (CH₃), 46.1 (NCH₂), 54.8 (NCH₂), 105.1 (C-8a), 127.3 (C-4a), 127.4, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 130.3, 130.4, 134.0, 135.5 (C₆H₅), 136.9 (C-4), 156.5 (C-3), 159.0, 160.2 (C-9a), 163.8 ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 481 (M⁺, 12), 411 (66), 409 (15), 398 (22); IR (KBr): ν = 1560, 1510, 1440, 1410, 1370 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-3,4-diphenyl-8-thiomorpholinopyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6h): yield: 73%; m.p.: 259–261 °C; C₂₆H₂₄N₆S₂ (484.63); calc.: C: 64.44, H: 4.99, N: 17.34; found: C: 64.54, H: 4.78, N: 17.45; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.75–2.80 (m, 4H, SCH₂), 2.77 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 4.20–4.25 (m, 4H, NCH₂), 7.22–7.40 (m, 10H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 26.8 (SCH₂), 36.6 (NMe₂), 49.3 (NCH₂), 105.1 (C-8a), 127.3 (C-4a), 127.5, 127.8, 128.0, 130.3, 130.5, 134.0, 135.6 (C₆H₅), 136.9 (C-4), 156.6 (C-3), 156.7, 158.6, 160.2 (C-9a), 163.7 ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 484 (M⁺, 88), 411 (100), 382 (8), 366 (10), 242 (14); IR (KBr): ν = 1550, 1520, 1440, 1410, 1390, 1360 cm⁻¹.

6-Dimethylamino-3,4-diphenyl-8-thiophenylpyrimido[4',5':4,5]thieno[2,3-c]pyridazine (6i): yield: 82%; m.p.: 226–228 °C; C₂₈H₂₁N₅S₂ (491.63); calc.: C: 68.41, H: 4.30, N: 14.24; found: C: 68.57, H: 4.48, N: 14.33; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 2.63 (s, 6H, NMe₂), 7.27–7.67 (m, 15H, C₆H₅) ppm; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 36.4 (NMe₂), 116.7 (C-8a), 127.2 (C-4a), 127.0, 127.6, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 129.0, 129.6, 130.3, 130.4, 133.5, 135.8, 136.1 (C₆H₅), 136.6 (C-4), 154.9, 156.6 (C-3), 159.7, 164.5, 164.6 ppm; MS (DEI): m/z (%) = 491 (M⁺, 3), 77 (100); IR (KBr): ν = 1565, 1480, 1440, 1400 cm⁻¹.

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