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A CONVENIENT SYNTHESIS OF SOME NEW PYRANO[2,3-d]PYRIMIDINES

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2,3,4,4a,5,6-Hexahydroquinoline (1).- A solution of the enolether **6** (12 g, 72 mmol) in 2N HCl (50 mL) was refluxed under nitrogen for 2 hrs, then allowed to cool to room temperature and was made basic by adding 2N NaOH (pH>10). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (4x50 mL); the combined organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue distilled to give the desired hexahydroquinoline **1** (8.3 g, 85%) as a slightly yellow liquid, bp. 50° (0.1 mmHg). IR (CCl₄): ν 1670,1630. ¹H NMR: δ 6.29 (m, 1H), 6.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10; 3), 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.11 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.27 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR: δ 167.5 (s), 137.8 (d), 130.5 (d), 49.9 (t), 36.8 (d), 29.8 (t), 27.0 (t), 25.9 (t), 22.7 (t). MS (70 eV) *m/z*: 135 (M⁺,100), 134 (66), 107 (50). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₉H₁₃N: C, 79.95; H, 9.69; N, 10.36. Found : C, 79.84; H, 9.89; N, 10.61

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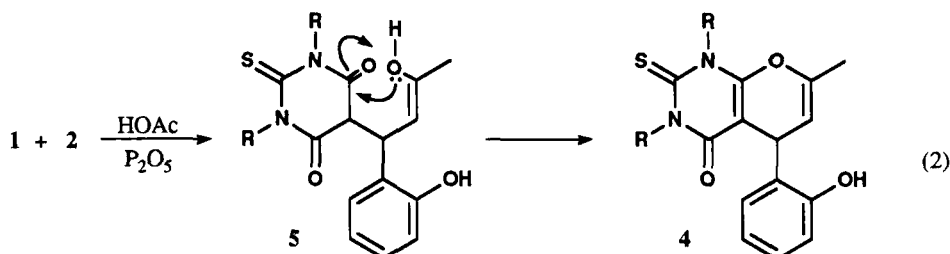
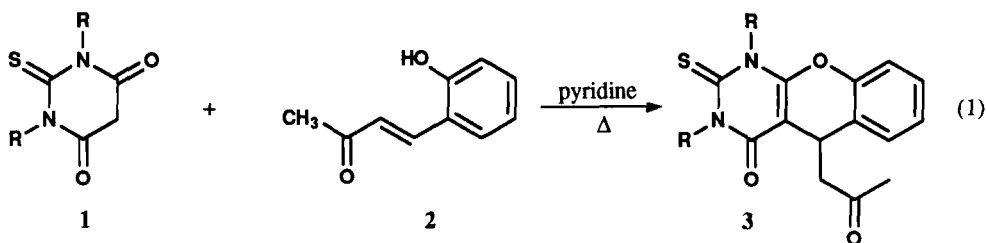
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Pyranopyrimidines are associated with diverse physiological activities¹ and a number of methods have been developed for their synthesis². The present communication describes a convenient synthesis of some new types of pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidines, by the condensation of 2-thiobarbituric acids **1a-h** with *o*-hydroxybenzylideneacetone (**2**) under basic as well as acidic conditions.

The reaction of 1,3-bis(4-methylphenyl)-2-thiobarbituric acid (**1a**) with *o*-hydroxybenzylideneacetone (**2**) was carried out in the presence of pyridine at reflux. The product obtained (mp. 250-251°) gave a positive 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNP) test and a negative ferric

chloride test indicating the absence of phenolic -OH. These observations coupled with the spectral data (see Experimental Section) indicated the presence of $>CHCH_2COCH_3$ linkage in the product. In this case, the reaction proceeds *via* a Michael addition to give **5**³ and its phenolic -OH is involved in the formation of the benzopyran ring (Eq. 1). Thus the structure of the product was assigned to be 1,3-bis(*p*-tolyl)-5-(2-oxopropyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-thioxo-5H-benzopyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine (**3a**). Similar condensation of different 2-thiobarbituric acids (**1b-h**) with *o*-hydroxybenzylideneacetone (**2**) gave benzopyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidines (**3b-h**), characterized on the basis of their spectral data and elemental analyses.



- a) $R = 4\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ b) $R = 2\text{-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4$ c) $R = 3\text{-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4$ d) $R = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$
 e) $R = 2\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ f) $R = 3\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ g) $R = 3\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$ h) $R = 4\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$

The reaction of 1,3-bis(*p*-tolyl)-2-thiobarbituric acid (**1a**) with *o*-hydroxybenzylideneacetone (**2**) in glacial acetic acid in the presence of phosphorus pentoxide yielded a product which was different from **3a** (mp. 185-187°). The negative DNP test coupled with the spectral data (see Experimental Section) led us to conclude that the acetyl group of **5** is protonated⁴ under these conditions and cyclizes to form a pyran ring (Eq. 2) instead of benzopyran ring obtained in the base-catalyzed reaction. Thus the structure of the product was assigned to be 1,3-bis(*p*-tolyl)-5-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-thioxo-5H-pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine (**4a**). Compounds **4b-d** were synthesised and characterized similarly.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Melting points are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu Infrared Spectrometer IR 435 as Nujol mulls. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer R-32 (90 MHz) spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. The starting compounds **1a-h** were prepared by standard known method.⁵

1,3-bis(*p*-Tolyl)-5-(2-oxopropyl)-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-thioxo-5H-benzopyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine (3a). Typical Procedure.- The condensation was carried out by refluxing **1a** (0.5 g, 1.54 mmol) and **2** (0.25 g, 1.54 mmol) in pyridine for 1 hr. The reaction mixture was poured into a large volume of water and acidified with conc. hydrochloric acid. The solid thus obtained was collected, washed with water and dried. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel and eluted with ethyl acetate-petroleum ether (1:3) to give 0.54 g. (75%) of **1a** as a white solid, mp. 250-251°. IR (nujol): 1700, 1630 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.74 (3H, s, -COCH₃), 2.24 (2H, d, *J* = 5Hz, >CH-CH₂-CO-), 2.40 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 4.30 (1H, poorly resolved broad signal, CH-CH₂-), 6.90-7.55 (12H, m, Ar-H).

TABLE 1. Yields, mps. and Elemental Analyses of Compounds **3** and **4**^{a,b}

Compd. No.	Yield (%)	mp (°C)	Elemental Analysis	
			C	H N
3a	75	250-251	71.79 (71.62)	5.12 (5.26) 5.98 (5.86)
3b	75	200-201	67.20 (67.35)	4.80 (4.75) 5.60 (5.52)
3c	70	140-141	67.20 (67.10)	4.80 (4.85) 5.60 (5.60)
3d	72	212-213	70.90 (70.70)	4.54 (4.60) 6.36 (6.30)
3e	75	205-206	71.79 (71.70)	5.12 (5.25) 5.98 (6.05)
3f	70	118-120	71.79 (71.82)	5.12 (5.00) 5.98 (5.95)
3g	65	195-196	61.29 (61.34)	3.53 (3.40) 5.50 (5.40)
3h	67	225-226	61.29 (61.20)	3.53 (3.64) 5.50 (5.55)
4a	70	185-187	71.79 (71.49)	5.12 (5.32) 5.98 (5.85)
4b	65	120-121	67.20 (67.05)	4.80 (4.59) 5.60 (5.75)
4c	67	164-165	67.20 (67.15)	4.80 (4.85) 5.60 (5.60)
4d	65	124-125	70.90 (70.90)	4.54 (4.56) 6.36 (6.30)

a) PMR and IR data of **3b-h** and **4b-d** were found to be consistent with the data for **3a** and **4a** respectively; b) Recrystallization solvent: chloroform:methanol

1,3-bis(*p*-Tolyl)-5-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)-7-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-thioxo-5H-pyrano[2,3-d]pyrimidine (4a). Typical Procedure.- To a solution of **1a** (0.5 g, 1.54 mmol) and

(0.25 g, 1.54 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (10 ml) was added phosphorus pentoxide (1 g), and the mixture was stirred at 120° for 1 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled and treated with crushed ice. The solid thus obtained was filtered washed with water and dried. The residue was subjected to column chromatography over silica gel and eluted with ethyl acetate:petroleum ether (1:3) to give 0.50 g. (70%) of **2a** as a white solid, mp. 185-187°. IR (nujol): 3300, 1630 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.30 (6H, s, 2CH₃), 2.40 (3H, s, CH₃ at 7), 4.55 (1H, d, *J* = 5Hz, H-5), 4.90 (1H, d, *J* = 5Hz, H-6), 7.00-7.45(12H, m, Ar-H).

Physical characterization of all other compounds **1b-h** and **2b-d** are given in Table 1.

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