

## Synthesis, Chemical Reactivity and Fungicidal Activity of Pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine Derivatives

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A síntese de alguns novos derivados de pirido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazinas (**2-12**) foi obtida através da ciclocondensação de 4-aryl-1,6-diamino-2-oxo-1,2-diidropiridina-3,5-dicarbonitrilas (**1a,b**) com compostos  $\alpha,\beta$ -bifuncionais. Foram também preparadas pirido[1,2:2',3']triazino[5',6'-f]triazinas (**13-14**). O comportamento de **1a,b** frente às interações com indol-2,3-diona e seu análogo *N*-acetil foi estudado em diferentes condições de reação. As estruturas dos novos produtos foram deduzidas a partir de análise elementar e de dados espectroscópicos (UV, IR, <sup>1</sup>H RMN, <sup>13</sup>C RMN e espectrometria de massas). Os novos compostos sintetizados foram testados quanto à atividade antifungos.

The synthesis of some new pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazines (**2-12**) was achieved by cyclocondensation of 4-aryl-1,6-diamino-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitriles (**1a,b**) with  $\alpha,\beta$ -bifunctional compounds. Pyrido[1,2:2',3']triazino[5',6'-f]triazines (**13-14**) were also prepared. The behavior of **1a,b** toward interactions with indole-2,3-dione and its *N*-acetyl analogue have been studied under different reaction conditions. The structures of the new products have been deduced from elemental analysis and spectral data (UV, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and mass spectra). The new synthesized compounds were screened for their antifungal activities.

**Keywords:** synthesis, *o*-diamines, pyridotriazines, fungicidal activity

### Introduction

Polyfunctional pyridines are highly reactive intermediates that have been extensively used in heterocyclic synthesis.<sup>1</sup> *o*-Diamines are very active substrates for building of various heterocyclic systems<sup>2</sup> and are largely used in formation of complexes.<sup>3</sup> In symmetrical diamines, the product will be the same irrespective of which amine participates first in the reaction. In the case of unsymmetrical diamines, the substituents influence the initial participation of a particular amino group in the reaction, resulting in chemoselective products. The electron withdrawing/donating nature of substituents in diamine influences the nucleophilicity of the amino group. On the other hand, 1,2,4-triazine derivatives exhibit marked biological and pharmacological effects and are used for the building of fused, condensed and isolated heterobicyclic systems.<sup>4</sup> On the basis of these observations, the objective of this work is the study of the chemical reactivity of 4-aryl-1,6-diamino-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitriles

(**1a,b**) and their use for preparation of nitrogen bridgehead pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazines in view of their antifungal activity.

### Results and Discussion

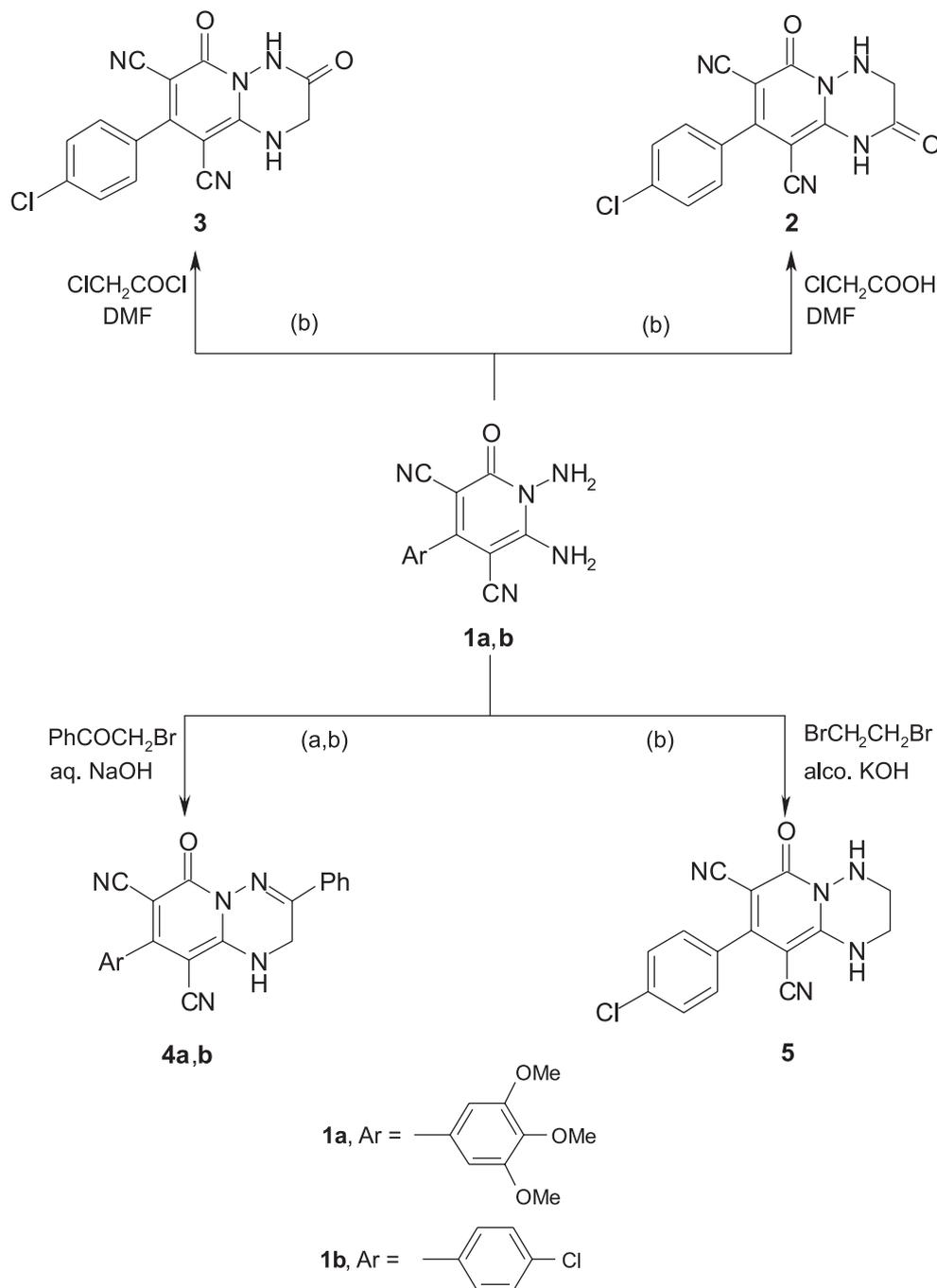
1,6-Diamino-4-(4-chlorophenyl or 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitriles (**1a,b**) have been obtained from refluxing alcoholic solution of 2-cyanoacetohydrazide and arylmethylidinemalononitriles in the presence of few drops of piperidine as a catalyst.<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for compounds **1a,b** showed two signals for each compound at 5.6 and 8.4 ppm characteristic for the (N-NH<sub>2</sub>) and (C-NH<sub>2</sub>) protons, respectively. These results indicate the difference in nucleophilicity between the two amino groups. Thus, it is expected the hydrazide  $\beta$ -nitrogen (N-NH<sub>2</sub>) more nucleophilic and would react more rapidly with the electron deficient carbon than the amino group at carbon atom (C-NH<sub>2</sub>). Mass spectra for compounds **1a** and **1b** showed the molecular ion peaks at *m/z* 341 and 285, respectively (the base peaks), indicating the high stability of the pyridine moiety. Heterocyclic systems

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containing 1,2-diamine centers<sup>6</sup> are used for building fused heterocyclic systems *via* a nitrogen bridge. Thus, the regio-isomeric 8-aryl-2,6-dioxo-1,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**2**) and 3,6-dioxo-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**3**) have been obtained from alkylation and acylation of compound **1b** with monochloroacetic acid and chloroacetyl chloride, respectively (Scheme 1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **2** and **3** showed signals for each CH<sub>2</sub> protons

at 2.91 and 3.23 ppm, respectively, while their <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra exhibited signals for each CH<sub>2</sub> carbons at 36.66 and 40.05 ppm, respectively.

Heterocyclization of diaminopyridones **1a,b** with phenacyl bromide<sup>7</sup> in refluxing aqueous NaOH yielded 8-aryl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-6-oxo-3-phenyl-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (**4a,b**), while the perhydropyridotriazine **5** was obtained from treatment of compound **1b** with 1,2-dibromoethane in alcoholic



Scheme 1

KOH (Scheme 1). The IR spectra of **4a** and **4b** showed absorption bands at 3445 and 3320  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  assigned to NH groups, respectively, while the IR spectrum of **5** showed two absorption bands at 3327 and 3243  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for two NH groups.

Some new 8-aryl-2,6-dioxo-1,2-dihydropyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (**6a-g**) have been synthesized by cyclocondensation of compounds **1a,b** with  $\alpha$ -oxocarboxylic acids, namely pyruvic,  $\alpha$ -oxobutyric, 4-chlorostyrylglyoxalic and phenoxy pyruvic acids in refluxing glacial acetic acid (Scheme 2). It should be noted that this reaction occurred preferentially between the  $\text{N}^1$ -amino group ( $\text{N-NH}_2$ ) and the  $\alpha$ -keto function of the electrophile to form a hydrazone intermediate, which underwent a cyclodehydration reaction between the other amino group at  $\text{C}^6$  ( $\text{C-NH}_2$ ) and the hydroxyl group of the acid function affording the target pyridotriazine derivatives **6a-g**.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra gave good evidence for the formation of compounds **6a-g**. For examples, the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **6a** showed a new signal at 18.60 ppm characteristic for a methyl group in position 3. In the case of compound **6f** the vinyl carbons were observed in the spectrum in their expected positions at 122.75 and 135.70 ppm for  $\text{C}_\alpha$  and  $\text{C}_\beta$ , respectively.

Cyclic 1,2-bioxygen compounds were also used for building various fused heterocyclic systems.<sup>8</sup> Thus, compounds **7a,b** were prepared from refluxing compound **1a,b** with diethyl oxalate in dry dioxane and/or with oxalyl chloride in warm DMF (Scheme 2).

Some new pyridotriazines were obtained from cyclocondensation of 1,6-diaminopyridones **1a,b** with  $\alpha$ -dicarbonyl compounds. Thus, treatment of **1a** with butane-2,3-dione in glacial acetic acid afforded 2,3-dimethylpyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine (**8**), while the corresponding 2,3-diphenylpyridotriazine derivatives **9a,b** were obtained from refluxing **1a,b** with benzil in glacial acetic acid. Dihydro analogues **10a,b** were obtained by refluxing compounds **1a,b** with benzoin under the same reaction conditions. Oxidation of compounds **10a,b** in methanolic ferric chloride<sup>9</sup> produced compounds **9a,b** (the same mp and mixed mp) (Scheme 2).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **10b** showed a signal at 5.62 ppm assigned to CH proton in position 2, while its  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum showed a signal at 77.83 ppm characteristic for the corresponding carbon atom.

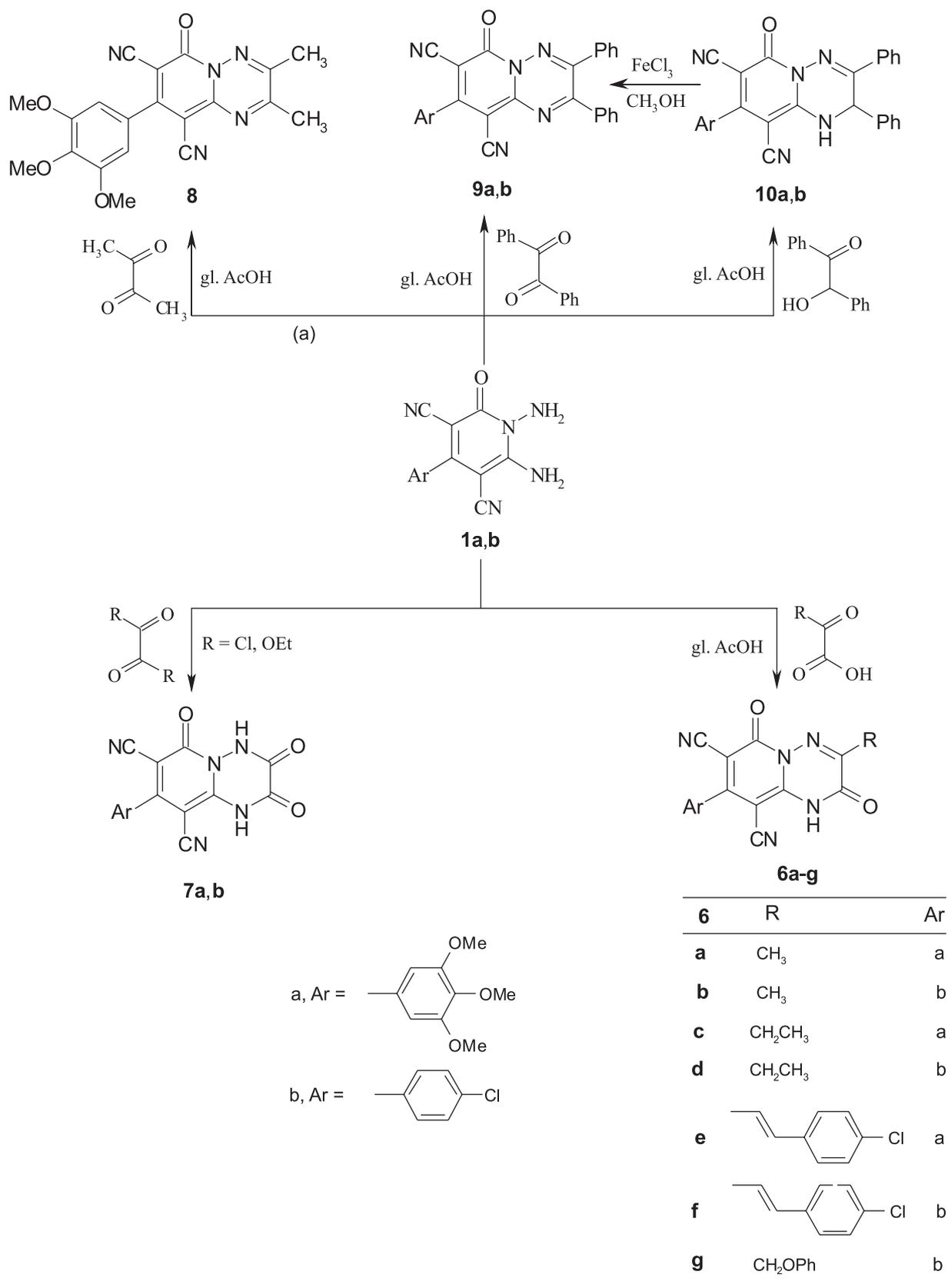
Chlorination of compound **7a** using phosphorus oxychloride afforded 2,3-dichloro-6-oxo-8-(3,4,5-trimethoxy)-6H-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**11**) (Scheme 3).

Compounds **7a,b** were used as starting materials for the synthesis of fused heteropolycyclic systems. Thus,

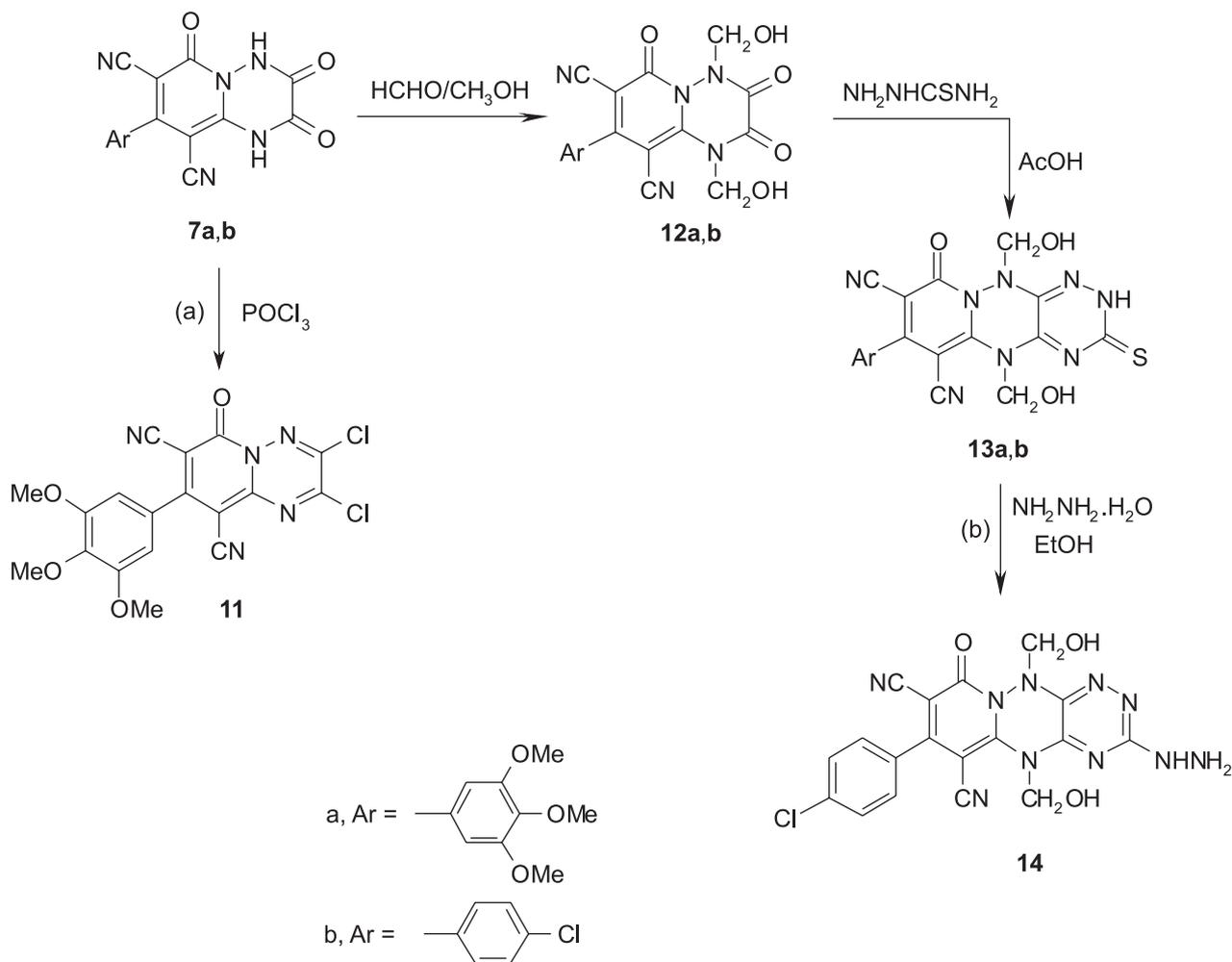
hydroxymethylation of **7a,b** by refluxing with methanol-formaldehyde solution produced 8-aryl-2,3,6-trioxo-1,4-dihydroxymethyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (**12a,b**), which upon heterocyclization by refluxing with thiosemicarbazide in acetic acid led to 7-oxo-2-thioxo-2,3,5,6,7,11-hexahydro-pyrido[1,2:2',3'] [1,2,4]triazino[5',6'-f]triazine-8,10-dicarbonitriles (**13a,b**). Hydrazinolysis of **13b** in boiling ethanol furnished the hydrazinotriazine **14** (Scheme 3).

The course of the reactions of cyclic 1,2-bioxygen heterocyclic compounds with aromatic heterocyclic *o*-diamines was shown to depend on the reaction conditions, type of solvent and also the substituents in the diamino compounds.<sup>10</sup> Thus, reaction of compounds **1a,b** with indole-2,3-dione (isatine) in different media can yield different products. Treating **1a** with indole-2,3-dione in absolute ethanol and few drops of piperidine produced the Schiff base condensate, 6-amino-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1-[2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-3-indolo-3-ylidene]amino]-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (**15**). Alternatively, warming indole-2,3-dione with alcoholic NaOH solution yielded a 2-aminophenylglyoxalic acid that adds to 1,6-diaminopyridinone **1b** to give the condensation product **16**. Indolotriazinopyridines **17a,b** were produced from ring closure reaction of compounds **15** and/or **16** in boiling glacial acetic acid in the presence of freshly fused sodium acetate. Acetylation of compound **17a** by refluxing with acetic anhydride afforded the *N*-acetyl derivative **18** (Scheme 4). IR spectrum of **18** indicated that NH group disappeared and a new characteristic band at 1734  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appeared for the  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  of the acetyl group. The mass spectrum revealed the parent peak at  $m/z$  494 which is coincident with the formula weight in agreement with the postulated structure.

*N*-acetylisatine showed a different behavior.<sup>11</sup> Reaction of **1a** with *N*-acetylisatine in absolute ethanol in the presence of few drops of piperidine led to 8-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-(2-acetanilido)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydro-4H-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**20**) and not to the isomeric product **21** (Scheme 4). This reaction can be explained by an increase in the positive charge on the  $\alpha$ -carbon atom in comparison to isatine itself due to the electron withdrawing acetyl group which facilitates the nucleophilic attack of more nucleophilic amino group ( $\text{N-NH}_2$ ) at this position with concomitant opening of five membered ring. Apparently, the reaction can be claimed to proceed *via* intermediate **19**, as also observed by previous workers in reaction with other diamines.<sup>12</sup> However, this type of intermediate was reported to be unstable and not isolated.



Scheme 2



Scheme 3

### Fungicidal activity

Several new synthesized compounds were screened for their antifungal activities against two species of fungi, namely *Alternaria alternata* and *Aspergillus niger* using the disc diffusion method.<sup>13</sup> The tested compounds were dissolved in DMF (which has no inhibitory activity) to get concentrations of 1 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> solution. The antibiotic fluconazole was used as standard antifungal reference. The inhibition zones of microbial growth surrounding the filter paper disc (2.5 mm) were measured in millimeters at the end of an incubation period at 30 °C for 3 days. Inhibition of the organisms was evidenced by a clear zone surrounding each disk (Table 1).

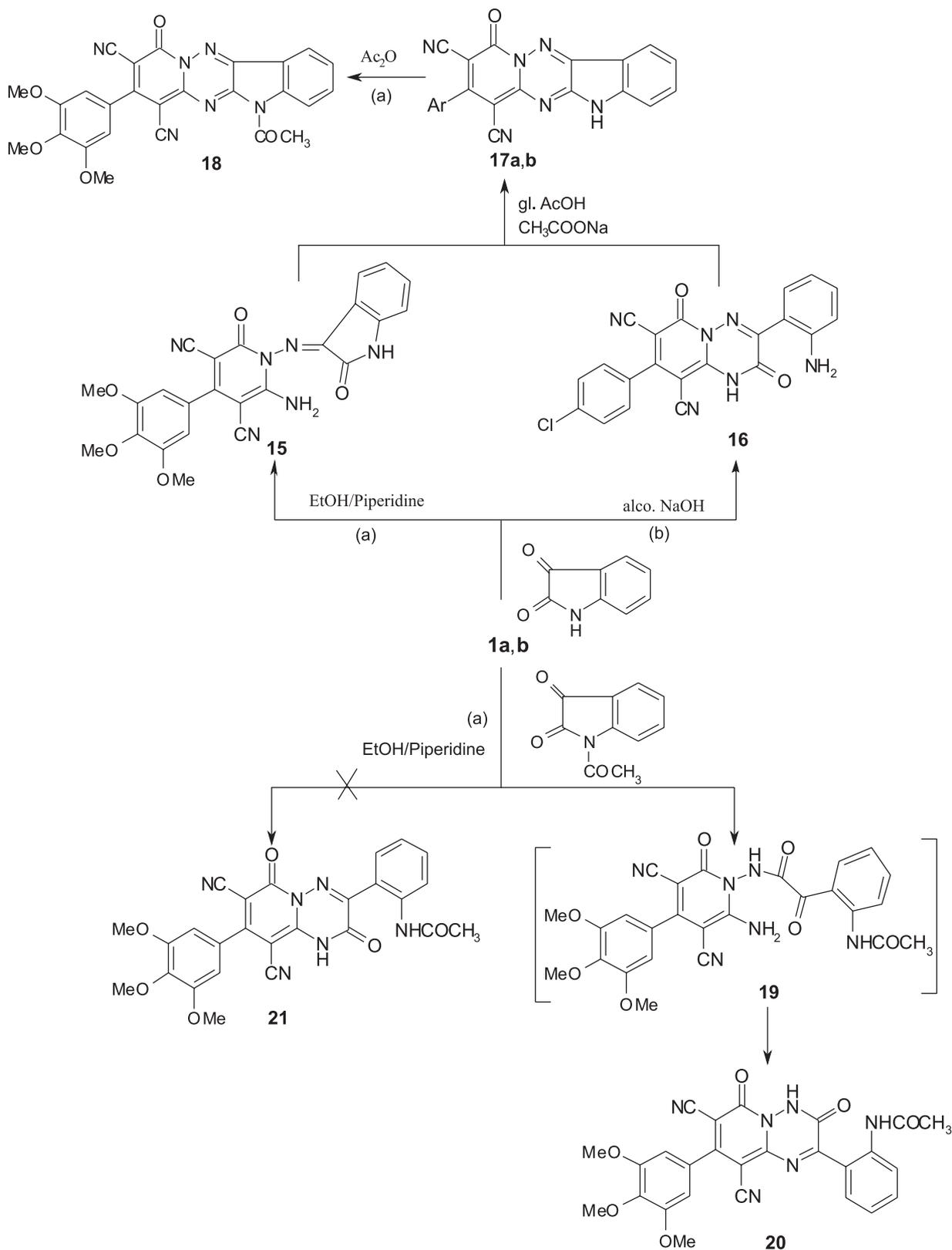
All the tested compounds showed variable activities toward the two species of fungi, some of them comparable to standard fluconazole. The most active triazines were **2d**, **3**, **9b** and **10**.

From the results obtained, it is clear that increasing the percentage of nitrogen in the tested compounds led to

**Table 1.** Fungicidal activity of some of the new compounds **1-20**

Compound	Nitrogen content N / %	Diameter of inhibition zone	
		<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>
<b>1a</b>	20.5	+	++
<b>2d</b>	16.5	++	+++
<b>3</b>	21.6	+++	+++
<b>4</b>	21.6	++	++
<b>5b</b>	18.5	++	++
<b>6b</b>	20.5	++	++
<b>8b</b>	17.5	++	++
<b>9b</b>	24.6	++	+++
<b>10</b>	30.9	+++	+++
<b>14</b>	22.4	++	++
<b>17a</b>	18.5	+	+
(fluconazole)		+++	+++

Lower active = + (inhibition zone 1-10 mm), moderately active = (inhibition zone 11-25 mm) and highly active = +++ (inhibition zone > 25 mm).



Scheme 4

higher effects toward the tested fungi. The antifungal effects decrease in the order of: **10** > **9b** > **3** > **2d** for higher activity

and **14** > **6b** > **4** > **8b** > **5b** > **1a** for moderate activity. The lower activity was observed by compound **17a** (Table 1).

## Conclusion

Cyclocondensation of 4-aryl-1,6-diamino-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitriles with  $\alpha,\beta$ -bifunctional compounds takes place regioselectively through condensation of (N-NH<sub>2</sub>) group with the more electrophilic carbon center followed by cyclization to produce several new pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine derivatives.

## Experimental

Melting points are uncorrected and were recorded in open capillary tubes on a Stuart SMP3 melting point apparatus. Infrared spectra were recorded on FT-IR Bruker Vector 22 spectrophotometer using KBr wafer technique. UV absorption spectra (DMF) were recorded on a Jasco model (V-550) UV spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on Gemini (200 MHz) spectrometer and Bruker (250 MHz) AC spectrometer using DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> as solvent and TMS (chemical shift in ppm) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu GCMS qp 1000 ex instrument mass spectrometer (70 eV).

### 4-Aryl-1,6-diamino-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitriles (**1a,b**)

Compounds **1a** and **1b** have been prepared according to the reported method.<sup>5</sup>

#### Compound **1a**

Crystallized from DMF as white crystals, yield 80%, mp 255-256 °C. UV  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 344 (3.39), 276 (3.58). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3334, 3194 (2 NH<sub>2</sub>), 2998, 2941, 2839 (CH<sub>3</sub> groups), 2215 (2 C≡N), 1669 (C=O), 1633 (def. NH<sub>2</sub>), 1591 (C=N), 1513 (C=C), 1466, 1416 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.81 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>O), 5.60 (s, 2H, N-NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.82 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 8.40 ppm (s, 2H, C-NH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 56.47 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 60.47 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 74.63 (C<sub>5</sub>-CN), 86.67 (C<sub>3</sub>-CN), 116.01 (C≡N), 116.88 (C≡N), 106.32 (C2' and C6'), 129.94 (C1'), 139.03 (C4'), 153.00 (C3' and C5'), 156.98 (C<sub>4</sub>), 159.62 (C<sub>6</sub>), 162.65 ppm (C<sub>2</sub> as C=O). M/z (Int.%) 342 (20.1), 341 (100), 326 (49.18), 298 (20.77), 283 (8.89), 268 (10.06), 236 (2.82), 168 (2.88). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (341.3): C, 59.96; H, 2.39; N, 15.21. Found: C, 59.34; H, 2.62; N, 15.34.

#### Compound **1b**

Crystallized from dioxane as white crystals, yield 90%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3455, 3400, 3350, 3310

(2 NH<sub>2</sub>), 2222 (2 C≡N), 1665 (C=O), 1624 (def. NH<sub>2</sub>), 1590 (C=N), 1562 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 5.60 (s, 2H, N-NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.63 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.84 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.40 ppm (s, 2H, C-NH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O (285.69): C, 54.60; H, 2.80; N, 24.51. Found: C, 54.59; H, 2.86; N, 24.53.

### 8-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,6-dioxo-1,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**2**)

A mixture of **1b** (10 mmol) and monochloroacetic acid (10 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) was refluxed for 4 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was poured onto ice. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized from methanol to give **2** as yellow crystals, yield 66%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3397 (OH), 3265 (NH), 2218 (2 C≡N), 1640 (C=O), 1522 (C=C), 1491, 1465 (def. CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 2.91 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.75 (s, 1H, NH), 7.52 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.73 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.51 ppm (s, 1H, OH of 1,2,4-triazin-5-ol). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 36.66 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 75.19 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 87.29 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 116.22 (C≡N), 117.09 (C≡N), 129.65, 130.89, 134.31 and 135.95 (6C of aryl carbons), 157.48 (C<sub>8</sub>), 159.27 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 159.99 (C<sub>2</sub> as C=O), 161 ppm (C<sub>6</sub> as C=O). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (325.72): C, 55.13; H, 2.48; N, 21.50. Found: C, 55.00; H, 2.72; N, 21.81.

### 8-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,6-dioxo-1,3,4,6-hexahydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**3**)

Compound **1b** (10 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (50 mL), chloroacetyl chloride (10 mmol) was added dropwise within 15 min, then refluxed for 4 h. After cooling the reaction mixture was poured onto ice. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized from ethanol to give **3** as yellow crystals, yield 52%, mp 235-236 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3450 (br, OH  $\rightleftharpoons$  NH), 2967 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2214 (2 C≡N), 1650 (C=O), 1560 (C=C), 1492, 1423 (def. CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 3.23 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.30, 5.40 (each s, 2H, 2NH), 8.23 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.42 ppm (d, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 40.05 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 83.01 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 89.19 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 122.13 (C≡N), 123.46 (C≡N), 134.20, 135.63, 136.11 and 140.05 (6C of aryl carbons), 140.20 (C<sub>8</sub>), 159.87 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 161.50 (C<sub>3</sub> as C=O), 162.39 ppm (C<sub>6</sub> as C=O). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (325.72): C, 55.13; H, 2.48; N, 21.50. Found: C, 54.99; H, 2.72; N, 21.81.

### 8-Aryl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-6-oxo-3-phenyl-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (**4a,b**)

A mixture of **1a** or **1b** (5 mmol) and phenacyl bromide (5 mmol) was refluxed in aqueous NaOH (5%, 50 mL) for

4 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was neutralized with conc. HCl. The solid obtained was filtered, washed several times with water and crystallized to give **4a,b**.

#### Compound 4a

Crystallized from ethanol as white crystals, yield 74%, mp 195-196 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3445 (NH), 2940, 2838 (CH<sub>3</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>), 2211 (2 C≡N), 1653 (C=O), 1588 (C=N), 1508 (C=C), 1459, 1417 (def. CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.31 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.43 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 4.52 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 4.64 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.22 (s, 1H, NH exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.59 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 8.36 ppm (s, 5H, Ar-H). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (441.45): C, 65.30; H, 4.34; N, 15.86. Found: C, 65.13; H, 4.25; N, 15.69.

#### Compound 4b

Crystallized from ethanol as white crystals, yield 71%, mp 143-144 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3320 (NH), 2980 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2208 (C≡N), 1636 (C=O), 1591 (C=N), 1516 (C=C), 1495, 1443 (def. CH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O (385.81): C, 65.32; H, 3.11; N, 18.14. Found: C, 64.89; H, 3.07; N, 18.12.

#### 8-(4-Chlorophenyl)-6-oxo-1,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (5)

A mixture of **1b** (5 mmol) and 1,2-dibromoethane (5 mmol) in alcoholic KOH (5%, 50 mL) was refluxed for 4 h, cooled and neutralized with conc. HCl. The solid so formed was filtered, washed with water and crystallized from methanol to give **5** as white crystals, yield 67%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3327 and 3243 (2NH), 2900 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2210 (2 C≡N), 1649 (C=O), 1581 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.31 (m, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.98-5.06 (bs, 2H, 2NH exchangeable with D<sub>2</sub>O), 8.22 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.40 ppm (d, 2H, Ar-H). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O (311.73): C, 57.80; H, 3.23; N, 22.47. Found: C, 57.68; H, 3.17; N, 22.32.

#### 8-Aryl-2,6-dioxo-3-substituted-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (6a-g)

A mixture of **1a** or **1b** (10 mmol) and acyclic 1,2-bioxo compounds such as pyruvic acid, α-oxo-butyric acid, *p*-chlorostyryl glyoxalic acid and phenoxy pyruvic acids (10 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (30 mL) was refluxed for 4 h. The solid obtained after cooling was filtered, washed with water and crystallized from a proper solvents to give **6a-g**. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  of **6a-g**: 3463 (OH  $\rightleftharpoons$  NH), 2211-2219 (2 C≡N), 1695-1633 (2 C=O).

#### Compound 6a

Crystallized from ethanol as white crystals, yield 90%, mp > 300 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 1.60 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (s, 1H, NH of triazinone), 3.76 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.82 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.81 ppm (s, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ, DMSO): 18.60 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.99 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 60.99 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 82.00 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 86.10 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 107.04 (C2' and C6'), 118.12 (2 C≡N), 132.24 (C1'), 137.00 (C4'), 153.41 (C3' and C5'), 154.09 (C3), 155.02 (C<sub>8</sub>), 157.16 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 159.00 (C<sub>2</sub> as C=O), 161.05 ppm (C<sub>6</sub> as C=O). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (393.36): C, 58.02; H, 3.84; N, 17.80. Found: C, 57.98; H, 3.77; N, 17.74.

#### Compound 6b

Crystallized from ethanol as white crystals, yield 88%, mp > 300 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 1.91 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.43 (bs, 1H, NH of triazinone), 7.53 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.68 ppm (d, 2H, Ar-H).

#### Compound 6c

Crystallized from methanol as white crystals, yield 91%, mp 130-131 °C. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (407.39): C, 58.97; H, 4.21; N, 17.19. Found: C, 59.72; H, 4.13; N, 17.04.

#### Compound 6d

Crystallized from methanol as white crystals, yield 84%, mp 120-122 °C. M/z (Int. %): 351 (0.5), 257 (36.36), 201 (45.0), 180 (100), 152 (87.88), 139 (33.33), 124 (39.39), 96 (54.55).

#### Compound 6e

Crystallized from methanol as white crystals, yield 87%, mp 248-249 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.77 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.84 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.85 (s, 2H, Ar-H of trimethoxy ring), 7.34 and 8.16 (each d, 2H of CH=CH), 7.49-7.78 ppm (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.42 (bs, 1H, NH of triazinone). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (515.92): C, 60.53; H, 3.52; N, 13.57. Found: C, 60.42; H, 3.41; N, 13.44.

#### Compound 6f

Crystallized from ethanol as white crystals, yield 85%, mp > 300 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 7.25 and 8.25 (each d, 2H of CH=CH), 7.35-7.82 ppm (m, 8H, Ar-H), 8.50 (bs, 1H, NH of triazinone). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ, DMSO) 75.19 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 87.28 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 116.21 (C≡N), 117.09 (C≡N), 122.75 (C<sub>α</sub> of C=C), 129.50-138.56 (12C of aryl groups and C<sub>β</sub> of C=C), 148.46 (C<sub>8</sub>), 157.48 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 157.77 (C<sub>3</sub>), 159.26 (C<sub>2</sub> as C=O) and 159.99 ppm (C<sub>6</sub> as C=O). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (460.28): C, 60.02; H, 2.41; N, 15.22. Found: C, 60.00; H, 2.34; N, 15.10.

**Compound 6g**

Crystallized from methanol as white crystals, yield 65%, mp > 300 °C. M/z (Int.%): 429 (0.19), 285 (100), 256 (25.84), 173 (10.76), 146 (1.17) and 111 (26.39).

*8-Aryl-2,3,6-trioxo-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydropyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (7a,b)***Method 1**

A mixture of **1a** or **1b** (0.01 mol) and diethyl oxalate (0.01 mol) in dry dioxane (50 mL) was refluxed for 4 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was concentrated. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized to give **7a,b**.

**Method 2**

Compound **1a** or **1b** (10 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (50 mL), oxalyl chloride (10 mmol) was added dropwise within 15 min. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was poured into ice. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized to give **7a,b**.

**Compound 7a**

Crystallized from benzene as white crystals, yield 82%, mp 146-147 °C. UV  $\lambda_{\max}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 349 (0.131), 273 (2.857). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3269, 3195 (2 NH), 2989, 2969, 2935, 2904, 2841 (CH<sub>3</sub> groups), 2255 (2 C≡N), 1741 (weak band for C=O), 1462, 1424 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO) 3.65 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), and 3.80 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 5.10 (s, 2H, 2OH of 1,2,4-triazinediol), 6.72 (s, 2H, Ar-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 56.73 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 60.84 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 107.57 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN and C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 115.01 (2 C≡N), 131.12 (aromatic carbons), 137.93 (C<sub>8</sub>), 153.70 ppm (3 C=O and C<sub>9a</sub>). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (395.33): C, 54.69; H, 3.31; N, 17.71. Found: C, 54.67; H, 3.30; N, 17.73.

**Compound 7b**

Crystallized from DMF as yellow crystals, yield 80%, mp > 300 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 7.54 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.63 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 8.39 ppm (s, 2H, 2OH of 1,2,4-triazinediol). <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 74.31 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 86.54 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 115.18 (C≡N), 115.98 (C≡N), 128.69, 129.90, 133.39 and 135.07 (6C of aryl carbons), 156.49 (C<sub>8</sub>), 158.27 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 158.90 (C<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub> as 2 C=O), 171.77 ppm (C<sub>6</sub> as C=O). M/z (Int.%): 339 (33.33), 187 (100), 175 (23.81), 142 (54.76), 124 (60.61) and 86 (42.42). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (339.69): C, 53.04; H, 1.78; N, 20.62. Found: C, 52.91; H, 1.75; N, 20.58.

*2,3-Dimethyl-6-oxo-8-(3,4,5-trimethoxy)-6H-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (8)*

A mixture of **1a** (5 mmol) and butane-2,3-dione (5 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (20 mL) was refluxed for

2 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was concentrated. The solid obtained was filtered, washed with cold ethanol and crystallized from acetic acid to give **8** as yellow crystals, yield 70%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2926, 2849 (CH<sub>3</sub> groups), 2213 (2 C≡N), 1696 (C=O), 1635 (C=N), 1585 (C=C), 1466, 1412 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 3.20 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 4.01 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.65 ppm (s, 2H, Ar-H). M/z (Int.%): 391 (2.99), 365 (4.25), 337 (6.77), 224 (5.20), 197 (8.50), 171 (21.42), 167 (15.91), 137 (21.57), 109 (38.92), 82 (37.46), 55 (100). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (391.39): C, 61.23; H, 2.55; N, 17.88. Found: C, 60.94; H, 2.10; N, 17.50.

*8-Aryl-2,3-diphenyl-6-oxo-5,6-dihydropyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (9a,b)*

A mixture of **1a** or **1b** (5 mmol) and benzil (5 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (50 mL) and anhydrous sodium acetate (1 g) was refluxed for 8 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was poured onto ice. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized to give **9a,b**. For compound **9a**: Crystallized from DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O as yellow crystals, yield 60%, mp 265 °C. UV  $\lambda_{\max}$ /nm (log  $\epsilon$ ): 347 (4.33), 282 (4.084). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2935, 2861 (CH<sub>3</sub> groups), 2215 (2 C≡N), 1674 (C=O), 1611 (C=N), 1593 (C=C), 1466, 1418 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 3.78 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.80 (s, 2H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.97 (s, 2H, Ar-H of trimethoxy ring), 7.14-7.52 ppm (m, 10H, Ar-H). M/z (Int.%): 515 (45.83), 426 (41.67), 328 (100), 232 (41.67), 221 (45.83) and 147 (45.83). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (515.53): C, 69.83; H, 4.07; N, 13.58. Found: C, 70.06; H, 3.97; N 13.54.

**Compound 9b**

Crystallized from DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O as yellow crystals, yield 54%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2219 (2 C≡N), 1669 (C=O), 1608 (C=N), 1585 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , DMSO): 7.19-7.55 ppm (m, 10H, Ar-H), 7.72 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.83 (d, 2H, Ar-H). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O (459.89): C, 70.52; H, 3.07; N, 15.23. Found: C, 70.36; H, 3.02; N, 15.20.

*8-Aryl-2,3-diphenyl-6-oxo-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (10a,b)***Method 1**

A mixture of **1a** or **1b** (5 mmol) and benzoin (5 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (50 mL) and anhydrous sodium acetate (1 g) was refluxed for 8 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was poured onto ice. The solid obtained was filtered, washed several times with water and crystallized to give **10a,b**.

*Method 2*

Compounds **10a** or **10b** (5 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (50 mL), ferric chloride (10%, 20 mL) in methanol (30 mL) was added and refluxed for 3 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was concentrated. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized to give **9a,b**. Melting point and mixed melting point showed no depression with **9a,b** obtained from the above experiment.

*Compound 10a*

Crystallized from DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O as yellow crystals, yield 49%, mp 278-279 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3449 (NH), 2977, 2944, 2846 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2212 (2 C≡N), 1650 (C=O), 1591 (C=N), 1562 (C=C), 1458, 1416 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (517.55): C, 69.62; H, 4.48; N, 13.53. Found: C, 69.50; H, 4.35; N 13.38.

*Compound 10b*

Crystallized from DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O as white crystals, yield 44%, mp 290-291 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 5.62 (s, 1H, CH of 1,2,4-triazin-5-yl), 7.21-8.05 (m, 14H, Ar-H), 8.53 ppm (s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ, DMSO): 75.19 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 77.83 (C<sub>2</sub>), 87 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 117.09 (2 C≡N), 129.51-135.95 (18C of aryl carbons), 157.49 (C<sub>8</sub>), 159.27 (C<sub>9a</sub>), 170.78 (C<sub>3</sub>), 194.49 ppm (C<sub>6</sub> as C=O). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>5</sub>O (461.91): C, 70.21; H, 3.49; N, 15.16. Found: C, 70.09; H, 3.42; N, 15.08.

*2,3-Dichloro-6-oxo-8-(3,4,5-trimethoxy)-6H-pyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (11)*

A mixture of **7a** (5 mmol) and phosphorus oxychloride (10 mL) was refluxed for 2 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was poured onto ice with stirring. The solid obtained was filtered, washed several times with water and crystallized from benzene to give **11** as white crystals, yield 55%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2964, 2936, 2842 (CH<sub>3</sub> groups), 2240 (2 C≡N), 1680 (C=O), 1605 (C=N), 1582 (C=C), 1473, 1414 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.83 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>O) and 6.81 (s, 2H, Ar-H). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (432.22): C, 50.20; H, 2.57; N, 16.20. Found: C, 50.31; H, 2.46; N, 16.24.

*8-Aryl-2,3,6-trioxo-1,4-dihydroxymethyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydropyrido[1,2-*b*][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (12a,b)*

A mixture of **7a** or **7b** (5 mmol) and formaldehyde solution (10 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was refluxed for 6 h. The solid obtained after cooling was filtered, washed several times with water and crystallized to give **12a,b**.

*Compound 12a*

Crystallized from methanol as yellow crystals, yield 73%, mp 214-215 °C. UV  $\lambda_{\max}$ /nm (log ε): 348 (1.89), 337 (1.54), 269 (2.55). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3399, 3280 (2 OH), 2940, 2940, 2839 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2215 (2 C≡N), 1660 (C=O), 1595 (C=C), 1467, 1414 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.25 (s, 4H, 2-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 3.75 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.81 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 5.68 (s, 1H, OH), 6.84 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.86 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.41 ppm (s, 1H, OH). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (455.39): C, 52.70; H, 3.37; N, 15.37. Found: C, 52.52; H, 3.15; N, 15.25.

*Compound 12b*

Crystallized from methanol as yellow crystals, yield 69%, mp 219-220 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3293, 3212 (2 OH), 2990, 2932 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2217 (2 C≡N), 1667 (C=O), 1618 (def. OH), 1497, 1450 (def. CH<sub>2</sub>). M/z (Int.%) 399 (26.19), 239 (35.17), 187 (100), 142 (26.19), 124 (28.57), 112 (30.95) and 88 (26.19).

*9-Aryl-5,11-dihydroxymethyl-7-oxo-2-thioxo-2,3,5,6,7,11-hexahydropyrido[1,2:2',3']triazino[5',6'-f]triazine-8,10-dicarbonitriles (13a,b)*

A mixture of **12a** or **12b** (2 mmol) and thiosemicarbazide (2 mmol dissolved in hot water) in acetic acid (40 mL) was refluxed for 4 h. The solid obtained after cooling was filtered and crystallized to give **13a,b**.

*Compound 13a*

Crystallized from acetic acid as yellow crystals, yield 77%, mp > 300 °C. UV  $\lambda_{\max}$ /nm (log ε): 379 (3.9), 345 (4.4). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3412, 3281 (2-OH), 3214 (NH), 2973, 2941, 2840 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2213 (2 C≡N), 1670 (C=O), 1609 (C=N), 1513 (C=C), 1468, 1413 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>), 1184 (C=S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.04 (s, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>O-), 3.77 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.80 (s, 6H, 2 CH<sub>3</sub>O), 5.95 (s, 1H, OH), 6.84 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.89 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.63 (s, 1H, OH), 10.25 ppm (s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S (510.49): C, 49.41; H, 3.55; N, 21.94. Found: C, 49.94; H, 4.10; N, 22.10.

*Compound 13b*

Crystallized from acetic acid as yellow crystals, yield 65%, mp > 300 °C.  $\lambda_{\max}$ /nm(ε): 346 (3.4), 273 (2.98). IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3416 (OH), 3344 (OH), 3307 (NH), 2217 (C≡N), 1668 (C=O), 1613 (C=N), 1549 (C=C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 2.87 (s, 4H, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.43 (s, 2H, 2 OH), 7.54 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.65 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 9.89 ppm (s, 1H, 1NH).

*9-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,11-dihydroxymethyl-7-oxo-2-hydrazino-2,3,5,6,7,11-hexahydropyrido[1,2:2',3']triazino[5',6'-f]triazine-8,10-dicarbonitrile (14)*

A mixture of **13b** (10 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (100 mmol) in absolute ethanol (100 mL) was refluxed for 12 h. The solid obtained after cooling was filtered and crystallized from DMF to give **14** as yellow crystals, yield 54%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3470 (OH), 3304, 3187 (NH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2926 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2214 (2 C≡N), 1636 (C=O), 1579 (C=N), 1489 (def. CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 2.73 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.89 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.09 (bs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.75 (s, 2H, 2OH), 7.54 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.65 (d, 2H, Ar-H), 7.94 ppm (s, 1H, 1NH). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (452.82): C, 47.70; H, 2.87; N, 30.92. Found: C, 47.84; H, 2.53; N, 30.89.

*6-Amino-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-1-[2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-3-indolo-3-ylidene]amino]-1,2-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbonitrile (15)*

A mixture of **1a** (5 mmol) and isatine (5 mmol) in ethanol (75 mL) and piperidine (2 drops) was refluxed for 4 h. The solid obtained was filtered and crystallized from ethanol to give **15** as yellow crystals, yield 51%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3310, 3172 (NH<sub>2</sub>, NH), 2921, 2851 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2207 (2 C≡N), 1646 (C=O), 1518 (C=N), 1496, 1442 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 3.03 (s, 1H, NH), 3.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.83 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 6.97 (s, 2H, Ar-H of trimethoxy phenyl), 7.39-7.99 (m, 4H, Ar-H of indole), 8.28 ppm (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (470.45): C, 61.28; H, 3.86; N, 17.86. Found: C, 61.19; H, 3.84; N, 17.81.

*3-(2-Aminophenyl)-8-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,6-dioxo-1,6-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (16)*

A mixture of **1a** (5 mmol) and isatine (5 mmol) in alcoholic NaOH (5%, 50 mL) was refluxed for 4 h, cooled and neutralized with conc. HCl. The solid so formed was filtered, washed several times with water and crystallized from DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O to give **16** as yellow crystals, yield 46%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3500-3336 (b, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2200 (2 C≡N), 1621 (C=O), 1548 (C=N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 4.87 (bs, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.23-8.10 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 11.62 ppm (bs, 1H, NH). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (414.81): C, 60.81; H, 2.67; N, 20.26. Found: C, 61.04; H, 2.61; N, 20.14.

*8-Aryl-10-oxo-11-hydroindolo[2,3-e]pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitriles (17a,b)*

Compound **15** or **16** (2 mmol), glacial acetic acid (50 mL) and anhydrous sodium acetate (1 g) was refluxed for 12 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was concentrated. The solid so formed was filtered and crystallized to give **17a,b** (Table 2).

*Compound 17a*

Crystallized from acetic acid as orange crystals, yield 73%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3491 (NH), 2996, 2943, 2834 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2218 (2 C≡N), 1667 (C=O), 1640 (C=N), 1587 (C=C), 1474, 1428 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). M/z (Int.%): 452 (3.27), 377 (4.24), 337 (6.63), 339 (12.68), 309 (6.34), 172 (23.44), 145 (40.44), 117 (65.03), 108 (36.31), 90 (19.88). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (452.43): C, 63.71; H, 3.56; N, 18.58. Found: C, 63.59; H, 3.49; N, 18.45.

*Compound 17b*

Crystallized from DMF as orange-yellow crystals, yield 84%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3381 (NH), 2202 (2 C≡N), 1622 (C=O). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 6.80-7.82 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 12.30 ppm (s, 1H, NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ, DMSO): 75.19 (C<sub>7</sub>-CN), 87.29 (C<sub>9</sub>-CN), 116.22 (C≡N), 117.09 (C≡N), 129.65-135.95 (18C of aryl carbons), 157.48 (C<sub>8</sub> and C<sub>12a</sub>), 159.26 (C<sub>5a</sub>), 160 (C<sub>6a</sub>), 163.17 ppm (C<sub>10</sub> as C=O). M/z (Int.%): 396 (3.39), 368 (9.05), 319 (15.49), 285 (12.14), 254 (41.10), 209 (6.03), 117 (13.50), 111 (64.20), 57 (100). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClN<sub>6</sub>O (396.80): C, 63.57; H, 2.29; N, 21.18. Found: C, 63.42; H, 2.25; N, 20.98.

*8-(3,4,5-Trimethoxy)-5-acetyl-10-oxo-11-hydroindolo[2,3-e]pyrido[1,2-b][1,2,4]triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (18)*

A mixture of **17a** (5 mmol) and acetic anhydride (10 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. The solid obtained after cooling was filtered, washed with cold ethanol and crystallized from acetic acid to give **18** as yellow crystals, yield 80%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2999, 2947, 2840 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2216 (2 C≡N), 1695 (C=O), 1604 (C=N), 1583 (C=C), 1477, 1416 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). M/z (Int.%): 494 (5.57), 452 (3.27), 337 (4.62), 327 (5.89), 311 (7.01), 299 (6.69), 211 (8.76), 185 (5.57), 133 (8.28), 116 (10.35), 93 (10.67) and 55 (100). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (494.47): C, 63.16; H, 3.67; N, 17.00. Found: C, 63.10; H, 3.54; N, 16.84.

8-(3,4,5-Trimethoxyphenyl)-2-(2-acetylaminophenyl)-3,6-dioxo-3,6-dihydro-4H-pyrido[1,2-b] triazine-7,9-dicarbonitrile (**20**)

A mixture of **1a** (5 mmol) and *N*-acetylisatine (5 mmol) in absolute ethanol (100 mL) and few drops of piperidine was refluxed for 4 h, after cooling the reaction mixture was concentrated. The solid obtained was filtered, washed with cold ethanol and crystallized from DMF to give **20** as orange crystals, yield 65%, mp > 300 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3452, 3283 (2NH), 2939, 2838 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 2213 (2 C≡N), 1673, 1680 (3C=O), 1618 (C=N), 1589 (C=C), 1490, 1415 (def. CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO): 2.02 (s, 3H, COCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.79 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>O), 3.83 (s, 6H, 2CH<sub>3</sub>O), 5.69 (s, 1H, NH), 6.85 (s, 1H, Ar-H of trimethoxy phenyl), 6.96 (s, 1H, Ar-H trimethoxy phenyl), 7.27 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.57 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.94 ppm (s, 2H, Ar-H), 10.8 (s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (512.48): C, 60.94; H, 3.93; N, 16.40. Found: C, 60.91; H, 3.88; N, 16.35.

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