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Reactions with Activated Nitriles : A new route for the synthesis of new pyridine and pyrazolopyridine derivatives

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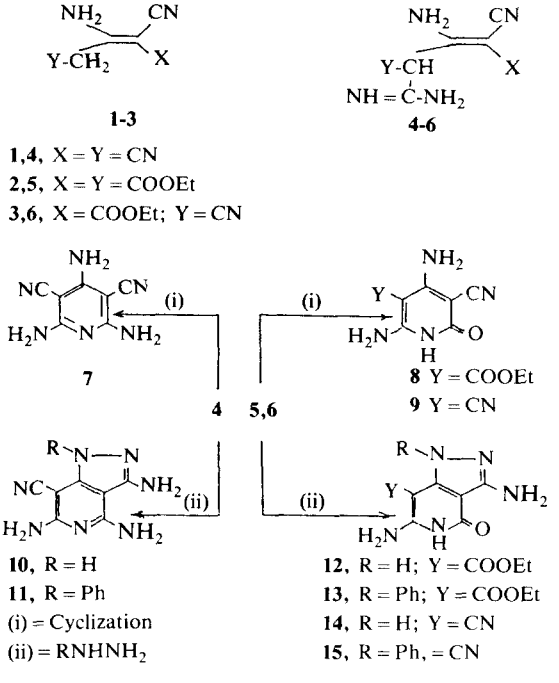
Abstract□It has been found that α , β -unsaturated nitrile derivatives **1-3** reacted with S-methylisothiourea to give the propene derivatives **4-6** respectively. Cyclisation of **4-6** using ethanolic hydrochloric acid afforded the pyridine derivatives **7-9** in good yields. On the other hand, the reactions of hydrazine hydrate and of phenylhydrazine with each of **7-9** gave the corresponding pyrazolopyridine derivatives **10-15**. The structures of the newly synthesised derivatives were assigned on the basis of elemental analyses, IR and ^{1}H-NMR spectral data studies.

Keywords□ α,β-Unsaturated nitriles, pyridines, pyrazolopyridine, S-methylisothiourea.

Several diverse biological activities have been reported for pyridine and fused pyridine heterocycles. Among these activities may be mentioned their use as herbicidcs[1-3], antibacterial[4], hypoglycemic agents[5, 6] hyperglycemic agents[6, 7], antihypertensive agenst[9]. In addition several biological activities have also been reported for pyrazole derivatives[10-12]. The above findings prompted our interest for the synthesis of derivatives containing both of the two systems. The reaction of α, β -unsaturated nitriles **1-3** with S-methylisothiourea seemed to be a logic and easy route for the synthesis of these derivatives.

Thus, it has been found that 2-amino-1,1,3-tricyanopropene (**1**) reacted with S-methylisothiourea to give a product which was unexpectedly found to contain no sulphur. This reaction product was found to be corresponding to the addition of one molecule of **1** to one molecule of the thiourea derivative followed by the loss of methylmercaptan. The reaction product could, however, be formulated as the propene derivative **4** based on elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectrum of 4 showed bands related to the presence of three CN, NH and NH_2 groups. The ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of **4** revealed a pattern a which is completely intelligibly interpreted in terms of the assigned structure only (cf, Experimental Part). Similar to the behaviour of **1** towards S-methylisothiourea, the propene derivatives **2** and **3** reacted with the same reagent to afford the condensation products **5** and **6** respectively. Again the assigned structures for **5** and **6** were based on both elemental analysis and spectral data studies (cf. Experimental Part).



Structures **4-6** were further confirmed via their cyclisation using ethanolic-hydrochloric acid to afford the fully substituted pyridine derivatives **7-9** respectively. Structures of the cyclisation products 7-9 were assigned on the basis of elemental analyses and spectral data. Thus, the IR spectrum of **7** showed bonds

related to the presence of three amino and two cyano groups in addition to the C=N group. The IR spectra of **8** and **9** revealed bands related to the presence of NH, NH_2, CN and CO groups only. The ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of **7** revealed signals at 5.6 and 9.3 ppm which are attributible to the presence of three NH_2 groups. The ^{1}H-NMR spectra of **8** and **9** were in a good agreement with the assigned structures (cf. Experimental Part). The synthetic potential of **7-9** was demonstrated via their reactions with hydrazine hydrate and with phenylhydrazine. Thus, it has been found that the pyridine derivative **7** reacted with hydrazine hydrate to afford a product corresponding to the addition of one molecule of **7** to one molecule of hydrazine followed by the loss of one molecule of ammonia. The reaction product was assigned to the pyrazolo[4,5-c] pyridine structure **10** on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectrum of **10** showed bands related to the presence of NH_2, NH and CN groups only. The ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of **10** revealed signals due to the presence of NH_2 and NH groups only (cf. Experimental Part). Compound **7** reacted similarly with phenylhydrazine to give also the pyrazolo pyridine derivative **11** whose structure was based on both elemental analysis and spectral data. The IR spectrum of **11** showed bands related to the presence of NH_2 and CN groups only while its ^{1}H-NMR spectrum revealed signals due to the presence of NH_2 groups and aromatic protons only (cf. Experimental Part). Similar to the behaviour of **7** towards hydrazine hydrate and phenylhydrazine, the pyridinone derivatives **8** and **9** reacted with hydrazine hydrate and with phenylhydrazine to afford the pyrazolo pyridine derivatives **12,14** and **13,15** reactively. The structures assigned for **12-15** were established on the basis of elemental analyses and spectral data (cf. Experimental Part).

Table 1. Characterisation data of the newly synthesised derivatives

Comp.	Mp. (°C)	Cryst. Solv.	Yield (%)	Mol. formula	% Analysis C	H	N	Calcd. Found
4	>300	Acetic acid	65	$C_7H_6N_6$	48.27	3.47	48.25	
					48.20	3.45	47.95	
5	200-1	Acetic acid	68	$C_{11}H_{16}N_4O_4$	47.13	6.75	19.98	
					47.18	5.70	19.95	
6	>300	Acetic acid	70	$C_9H_{11}N_5O_2$	48.86	5.00	31.65	
					48.80	5.06	31.60	
7	>300	Acetic acid	72	$C_7H_6N_6$	48.27	3.47	48.25	
					48.30	3.50	48.10	
8	280	Acetic acid	70	$C_9H_{10}N_4O_3$	48.64	4.53	25.21	
					48.70	4.53	25.25	
9	>300	Acetic acid	75	$C_7H_5N_5O$	48.00	2.87	39.98	
					48.06	2.86	39.99	
10	185-6	EtOH	80	$C_7H_7N_7$	44.44	3.72	51.82	
					44.39	3.74	51.80	
11	197	EtOH	75	$C_{13}H_{11}N_7$	58.86	4.17	36.95	
					58.90	4.20	36.80	
12	212-3	EtOH	80	$C_9H_{11}N_5O_3$	45.56	4.67	29.52	
					45.50	4.65	29.50	
13	242-3	EtOH	80	$C_{15}H_{15}N_5O_3$	57.50	4.82	22.35	
					57.48	4.80	22.33	
14	207	EtOH	82	$C_7H_6N_6O$	44.20	3.17	44.19	
					44.22	3.20	44.13	
15	238-9	EtOH	75	$C_{13}H_{10}N_6O$	58.64	3.78	31.56	
					58.66	3.75	31.55	

EXPERIMENTAL

All melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Pye-Unicam SP-1100 spectrophotometer using KBr discs. ^{1}H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian EM-390 90 MHz spectrometer using DMSO-d_6 as a solvent and TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are expressed as δ (ppm) units. The microanalysis were performed by the microanalytical center at Cairo University.

Reaction of 1-3 wiht S-methylisothiourea

A solution of each of **1-3** (0.01 mol) and S-methylisothiourea sulphate (0.01 mol) in absolute ethanol (50 m*l*) containing triethylamine (2 m*l*) was heated under reflux for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool and the product so formed was collected by filtration, washed with water, and then crystallised from the proper solvent (cf. Table I and II).

Cyclisation of 4-6 into 7-9

A solution of each of **4-6** (1g) in ethanol (20 m*l*) containing conc. HCl (5 m*l*) was heated under reflux for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then poured onto ice-cold water and the solid thus formed was filtered off, washed with water then crystallished from the proper solvent to afford the pyridine derivatives **7-9** respectively (cf. Tabels I and II).

Action of hydrazines on 7-9

A solution of each of **7-9** (0.01 mol) and each of

Table II. IR and $_1$H NMR spectral data

Comp.	IR (cm^{-1})	^{1}H-NMR (δ ppm)
4	3450, 3370, 3270, 3180 (NH, NH_2 groups) and 2270, 2220, 2200 (CN groups).	1.5 (s, 1H, CH), 6.5 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$) and 8.2 (s, br., 1H, NH).
5	3450, 3370, 3280 (NH, NH_2 groups), 2220 (CN) and 1730 (CO)	1.1 (t, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 1.3 (t, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 2.7 (s, 1H, CH), 4.1 (q, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 4.3 (q, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 5.6 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$) and 8.3 (s, br., 1H, NH).
6	3450, 3370, 3280 (NH, NH_2 groups); 2240, 2220 (CN groups) and 1715 (CO).	1.1 (t, 3H, CH_2CH_3); 2.7 (s, 1H, CH), 4.2 (q, 2H, CH_2CH_3); 5.8 (s, br., 1H, NH).
7	3450, 3380, 3290, 3150 (NH_2 groups) and 2240 (CN groups).	6.6 (s, br., NH_2 protons).
8	3420, 3310, 3260 (NH and NH_2 groups), 1730 (CO ester) and 1690 (CO amido)	1.3 (t, CH_2CH_3), 4.2 (q, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 6.6 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$) and 8.2 (s, br., 1H, NH).
9	3420, 3350, 3270 (NH and NH_2 groups), 2250, 2220 (CN groups) and 1690 (CO).	6.6 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$) and 8.1 (s, br., 1H, NH).
10	3450, 3380, 3290, 3180 (NH and NH_2 groups) and 2220 (CN).	8.1-8.5 (s, br., NH and NH_2 groups).
11	3420, 3370, 3280, (NH_2 groups) and 2220 (CN).	6.4-6.8 (s, br., 6H, $3NH_2$) and 7.1-7.5 (m, 5H, ArH's).
12	3450, 3380, 3270 (NH, NH_2 groups), 1730 (CO ester) and 1680 (CO).	1.3 (t, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 4.2 (q, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 5.6 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$) and 8.2 (s, br., 2H, 2NH).
13	3450, 3370, 3280 (NH, NH_2 groups), 1730 (CO ester) and 1680 (CO).	1.1 (t, 3H, CH_2CH_3), 4.2 (q, 2H, CH_2CH_3), 6.2 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$), 7.1-7.3 (m, 5H, ArH's) and 8.2 (s, br., 1H, NH).
14	3430, 3380, 3290, 3170 (NH, NH_2 groups), 2220 (CN) and 1680 (CO).	6.4 (s, br, 4H, $2NH_2$); 8.1 (s, br., 1H, NH) and 8.7 (s, br., 1H, NH).
15	3450, 3380, 3290, 3170 (NH, NH_2 groups) 2220 (CN) and 1680 (CO)	6.2-6.4 (s, br., 4H, $2NH_2$); 7.1-7.5 (m, 5H, ArH's) and 8.2 (s, br., 1H, NH).

hydrazine hydrate or phenylhydrazine (0.01 mol) in ethanol (30 ml) was heated under reflux for 3 hours. Cooling of the reaction mixture afforded products which could be filtered off and crystallised from the proper solvent to give the pyrazolopyridine derivatives **10, 12, 14** and **11, 13, 15** respectively (cf. Tables I and II).

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