

Synthesis of Tetrahydroimidizalone-Dihydropyrimidinone hybrids

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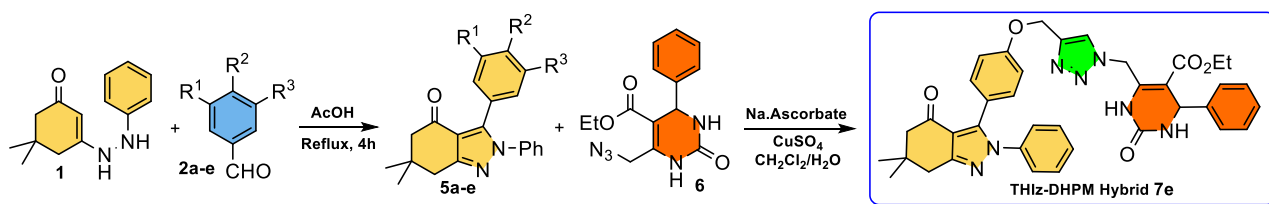
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ABSTRACT

Tetrahydroimidizalones (THlz) are important scaffolds in Medicinal Chemistry. They are active as protein kinases inhibitors,¹ anti-cancer agents² or antimicrobials.³ Likewise, Dihydropyrimidinones (DHPM) are cytotoxic against several cancer cell lines.⁴

The hybridization of these two heterocyclic compounds may lead to the discovery of more efficient drugs with reduced side effects.⁵ Thus, the easy access of THlz from the reaction of enamino-hydrazine **1** and substituted aldehydes **2a-e**, prompt us to prepare a set of 2,3-diaryl-tetrahydroindazol-4-ones **5a-e** in good yields. The click CuAAC reaction⁶ of THlz **5e** and azido-DHPM **6** afforded the hybrid compound **7e** with a non hydrolyzable triazole link in **81%** yield after purification (Scheme 1 and Table 1).



Scheme 1: General scheme for the synthesis of THlz-DHPM hybrid compounds **7e**.

Table 1. Yield of compounds **5a-e** and hybrid THlz-DHPM **7e**

| Entry | Compound | R1 | R2 | R3 | Yield (%) |
|-------|-----------|-----|------------|-----|-----------|
| 1 | 5a | H | H | H | 70 |
| 2 | 5b | H | OMe | H | 69 |
| 3 | 5c | H | OMe | OMe | 72 |
| 4 | 5d | OMe | OMe | OMe | 75 |
| 5 | 5e | H | OPropargyl | H | 77 |
| 6 | 7e | - | - | - | 79 |

The antibacterial and anticancer activities of THlz and THlz-DHPM hybrid against Gram positive/negative and a set of tumoral cell lines, respectively, are under current investigation.

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