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Efficient Routes to Pyrazolo[3,4-*e*][1,2,4]triazines and a New Ring System: [1,2,4]Triazino[5,6-*d*][1,2,3]triazines

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Abstract: Arylhydrazonomalononitriles **1a,b** react with phenylhydrazine to yield amidrazones **2a,b** that cyclize to give 2-aryl-5-phenylhydrazono-2,5-dihydro-[1,2,4]-triazine-6-carbonitriles **5a,b** upon reaction with dimethylformamide dimethylacetal (DMFDMA). Refluxing **5a,b** in glacial acetic acid resulted in the formation of the pyrazolo-1,2,4-triazines **6a,b**. Compounds **6a,b** were also formed upon treatment of 3-amino-4-phenylhydrazono-1-phenyl-2-pyrazolin-5-ones **7a,b** with DMFDMA. Reacting these triazinyl arylhydrazononitriles **5a,b** with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in ethanolic sodium acetate afforded amidrazones **8a,b** that are readily cyclized in refluxing dimethylformamide into [1,2,4]triazino[1,2,3]triazines **10a,b**.

Keywords: amidrazones; arylhydrazononitrile; amidoximes; [1,2,4]triazino[1,2,3]triazine; dimethylformamide; dimethylacetal; pyrazolo[1,2,4]triazine

Introduction

Arylhydrazonomalononitriles **1** are synthetically useful reagents that have been utilized in the past as precursors to 4-arylazo-3,5-pyrazolediamines as well as [1,2,3]triazoleamines and pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidines [1]. While reaction of **1** with hydrazine hydrate is established to yield pyrazolediamines

that have been patented as a hair dyes, similar treatment with hydroxylamine hydrochloride has resulted, in our hands, in isolation of amidoximes that were utilized as precursors to other heterocycles [2,3]. It occurred to us that there might be value in trying to isolate amidrazones from the reactions of **1a,b** with substituted hyrazines [4–7]. We report here the results of our reinvestigation of the behavior of compounds **1a,b** toward phenylhydrazine. 1,2,3-Triazine derivatives are an important class of heterocyclic compounds useful in organic synthesis and as pharmaceuticals (e.g., as antimalarials) [8–10]. The work enabled development of an easy route to pyrazolo[3,4-*e*][1,2,4]triazines and [1,2,4]triazino[5,6-*d*][1,2,3]triazines (a new ring system) (Scheme 1) [11].

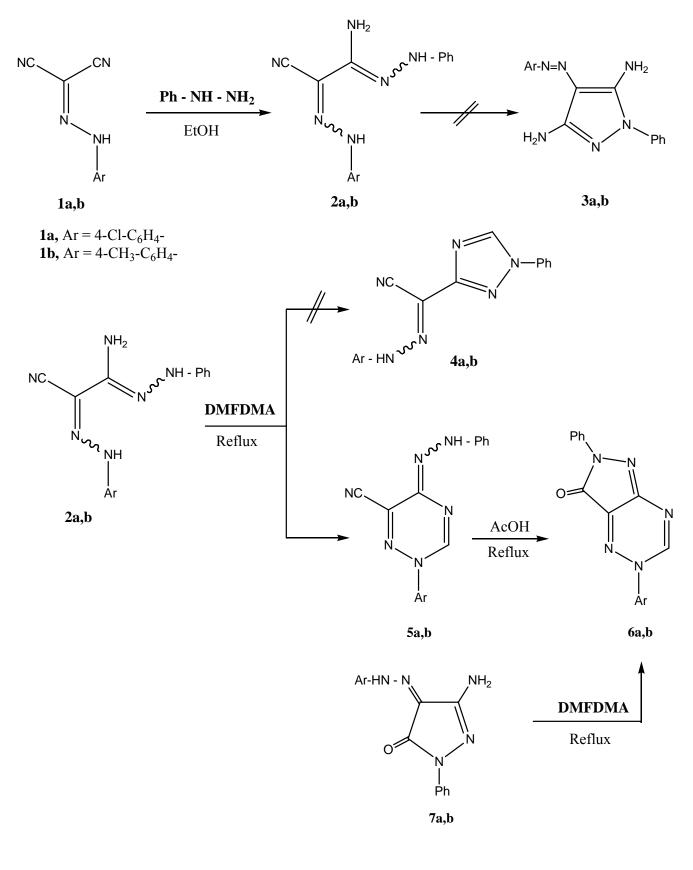
Results and Discussion

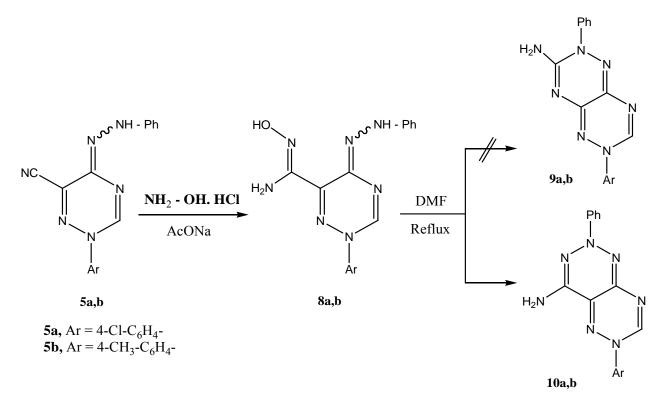
Reacting 2-arylhydrazonomalononitriles **1a,b** with phenylhydrazine at room temperature in ethanol afforded 3-amino-2-arylhydrazono-3-phenylhydrazonopropanenitriles **2a,b**. This is in contrast to the reported formation of **3a**,**b** upon extended refluxing of **1a**,**b** and phenylhydrazine in ethanol (Scheme 1) [3]. Although 2a,b may also exist in other tautomeric forms, only 2a,b were produced, as indicated from the ¹H-NMR spectra that revealed D₂O exchangeable amino signals at δ 6.09, 4.03 ppm and two hydrazone NH signals at δ 8.87, 9.67 and δ 11.10, 12.48 ppm, respectively. Compounds **2a,b**, so formed, reacted readily and smoothly with dimethylformamide dimethylacetal (DMFDMA) to yield the products of condensation with elimination of two molecules of methanol and one molecule of dimethylamine. These can thus be formulated as the 2-aryl-5-phenylhydrazono-1,2,4-triazines 5a,b or the isomeric 1,2,4-triazoles 4a,b. Structures 5a,b could be established for these products based on the ¹H-NMR spectra which revealed characteristic C-H signals at δ 9.67 and 8.76 ppm, respectively. If the products were **4a,b** these signals should have appeared at higher field ($\delta \sim 8$ ppm) [12]. Moreover the reaction product **5a,b** cyclized upon refluxing in acetic acid to yield **6a,b**. Heterocyclic ring systems similar to **6a,b** were prepared by reacting **7** with acetic anhydride to give the methyl derivatives of **6** [13]. If the reaction products were **4a**,**b** they should be recovered unreacted under these conditions. Compounds **6a,b** could also be obtained via reaction of **7a,b** with (DMFDMA) (*cf.* Scheme 1).

Compounds **5a,b** reacted with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in ethanolic sodium acetate to yield 1,2,4-triazine-6-carboximidamides **8a,b**. Refluxing the latter in dimethylformamide (DMF) resulted in cyclization via water elimination to yield the [1,2,4]triazino[5,6-*d*][1,2,3]triazines **10a,b** (Scheme 2).

Possible Tiemann rearrangement of **8a,b** prior to cyclization as reported earlier [14] for similar systems could be discounted as irradiation of the NH₂ signal at δ 6.12 ppm did not enhance the integration of the aromatic multiplet at δ 7.44 – 8.02 ppm, as would be the case if the products were **9a,b**. HMBC ¹⁵N-NMR indicated the amino protons at δ 6.14 ppm to have a ⁴*J* cross peak with the sp² nitrogen at δ 280 ppm. A Tiemann rearrangement product should show such a cross peak with the sp³ nitrogen at δ 230 ppm (*cf.* Scheme 2).

Scheme 1. Proposed mechanism for the formation of 2-aryl-6-phenyl-2*H*-pyrazolo[3,4-e][1,2,4]triazin-7(6*H*)-ones **6a,b**.





Experimental

General procedures

Melting points were recorded on Gallenkamp apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra (KBr) were determined on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FT-IR system. NMR measurements were determined on a Bruker DPX spectrometer, at 600 MHz for ¹H-NMR and 125 MHz for ¹³C-NMR, in DMSO-*d*₆ as solvent and using TMS as internal standard. Mass spectra were measured on MS 30 and MS 9 (AEI) spectrometers, with EI 70 eV. Elemental analyses were performed by using of LECO CHNS-932 Elemental Analyzer. Copies of the original data can be provided upon request.

Synthesis of arylhydrazonomalononitriles 1a,b

These compounds were prepared following the literature procedure [6]. A cold solution of aryldiazonium salt (10 mmol) was prepared by adding a sodium nitrite solution (1.4 g dissolved in 10 mL water) to a pre-cooled solution of arylamine hydrochloride (10 mmol of arylamine in 6 mL of 6 M HCl) with continuous stirring. The resulting solution of aryldiazonium salts were then added carefully to a cold ethanolic solution (50 mL) of malononitrile (0.66 g, 10 mmol) and sodium acetate trihydrate (2.8 g, 20 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and the solid product formed was collected by filtration, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol.

2-p-Chlorophenylhydrazonomalononitrile (**1a**). Yellow solid (83%), m.p. 186-188 °C (as reported in literature [15]); IR: v = 3260 (NH), 2188.4 (CN), 2198 (CN) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 7.26$ (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz),

7.93 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 13.08 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 117.8$ (2 CN), 121.1, 123.6, 130.4, 139.8 (aromatic carbons), 159.2 (C(CN)₂); MS, m/z (%), 204.0 (M⁺, 100), 126 (62), 111.0 (77); Anal. Calcd. for C₉H₅ClN₄: C, 52.83; H, 2.46; Cl, 17.33; N, 27.38. Found: C, 52.80; H, 2.41; Cl, 17.28; N, 26.32.

2-p-Tolylhydrazonomalononitrile (**1b**). Yellow solid (74%), m.p. 169-170 °C (as reported in literature [16]); IR: v = 3240 (NH), 2185.1 (CN), 2187 (CN) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 2.6$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.02 (d, 2H, J = 8 *Hz*), 7.74 (d, 2H, J = 8 *Hz*), 12.6 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 23.6$ (CH₃), 117.4 (2 CN), 119.5, 125.3, 128.0, 135.9 (aromatic carbons), 157.6 (C(CN)₂); MS, *m/z* (%), 184.1 (M⁺, 100), 91.1 (66); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₀H₈N₄: C, 65.21; H, 4.38; N, 30.42. Found: C, 65.18; H, 4.32; N, 30.37.

Reaction of **1a,b** with phenylhydrazine

A mixture of arylhydrazonomalononitrile **1a,b** (10 mmol) and phenylhydrazine (1.08 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (50 mL) and the reaction progress was followed by TLC till completion after 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and the solid product, so formed, was then collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

3-Amino-2-p-chlorophenylhydrazono-3-phenylhydrazonopropanenitrile (**2a**). Yellow solid (71%), m.p. 133-135 °C; IR: v = 3244 (br., NH₂ and NH groups), 2223.5 (CN), 1632, 1624 (two C=N) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 6.09$ (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.12 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.64 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.68 (m, 5H, phenyl), 8.87 (s, 1H, NH), 11.10 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 117.1$ (CN), 113.9, 118.7, 120.6, 124.0, 129.3, 130.6, 138.7, 142.4 (aromatic carbons), 155.3 (C-CN), 156.8 (C-NH₂); MS, *m/z* (%), 312.1 (M⁺, 100), 77 (55); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃ClN₆: C, 57.60; H, 4.19; Cl, 11.34; N, 26.87. Found: C, 57.58; H, 4.14; Cl, 11.29; N, 26.80.

3-Amino-2-p-tolylhydrazono-3-phenylhydrazonopropanenitrile (**2b**). Yellow solid (68%), m.p. 148-150 °C; IR: v = 3330 (br., NH₂ and NH groups), 2181 (CN) 1630, 1620 (two C=N) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 2.29$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.03 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.04 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.46 (d, 2H, J = 8 Hz), 7.42 (m, 5H, phenyl), 9.67 (s, 1H, NH), 12.48 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 17.2$ (CH₃), 117.6 (CN), 116.1, 119.3, 119.8, 122.4, 124.2, 128.6, 131.1, 141.2 (aromatic carbons), 153.5 (C-CN), 154.8 (C-NH₂); MS, *m/z* (%), 292.1 (M⁺, 100), 190.1 (52); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₆: C, 65.74; H, 5.52; N, 28.75. Found: C, 65.47; H, 5.48; Cl, N, 28.70.

Reaction of **2a,b** with DMFDMA

A mixture of **2a,b** (10 mmol) and DMFDMA (1.2 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in xylene (50 mL) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 8 h, then concentrated under reduced pressure to the half of its original volume, cooled and the solid product, so formed, was then filtered and recrystallized from ethanol.

2-p-Chlorophenyl-5-phenylhydrazono-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazine-6-carbonitrile (**5a**). Yellow solid (65%); m.p. 151-152 °C; IR: v = 3350 (br., NH group), 2190.3 (CN) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 7.02$ (d, 2H, aryl o-protons), 7.52 (m, 7H, aromatic H), 9.67 (s, 1H, triazine H), 12.48 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 117.3$ (CN), 114.8, 119.4, 121.3, 126.5, 127.9, 129.3, 138.4, 141.1 (aromatic carbons), 153.2 (C-

CN), 154.7 (C-5, triazine ring), 158.6 (C-3, triazine ring); MS, *m/z* (%), 322.1 (M⁺, 100), 77.1 (32); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁ClN₆: C, 59.54; H, 3.44; Cl, 10.98; N, 26.04. Found: C, 59.48; H, 3.40; Cl, 10.93; N, 25.97.

5-Phenylhydrazono-2-p-tolyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazine-6-carbonitrile (**5b**). Yellow solid (62%); m.p. 224-225 °C; IR: v = 3345 (br., NH group), 2187 (CN) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 1.63$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.85 (d, 2H, aryl o-protons), 7.43 (m, 7H, aromatic H), 8.76 (s, 1H, triazine H), 11.03 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 13.8$ (CH₃), 116.9 (CN), 116.4, 120.2, 121.8, 124.2, 128.2, 129.8, 137.1, 140.8 (aromatic carbons), 153.7 (C-CN), 155.4 (C-5, triazine ring), 157.5 (C-3, triazine ring); MS, *m/z* (%), 302.1 (M⁺, 100), 77.1 (83); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄N₆ C, 67.54; H, 4.67; N, 27.80. Found: C, 67.51; H, 4.64; N, 27.73.

Cyclization of phenylhydrazono-1,2,4-triazines 5a,b upon refluxing in AcOH

A mixture of **5a,b** (10 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (30 mL) and the reaction was refluxed for 6 h while the reaction was followed to completion by TLC. The reaction mixture was neutralized with Na_2CO_3 solution whereby a solid product was formed. The solid was collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol.

2-*p*-Chlorophenyl-6-phenyl-2,6-dihydro-pyrazolo[3,4-e][1,2,4]triazin-7-one (**6a**). Yellow solid (65%); m.p. 166-167 °C; IR: v = 1689 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 6.62$ (d, 2H, aryl o-protons), 7.34–7.98 (m, 7H, aromatic H), 7.67 (s, 1H, triazine H); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 114.7$, 116.8, 119.1, 122.5, 128.7, 129.8, 134.1, 138.0, 139.6, 142.4 (aromatic carbons), 154.7 (C=O), 162.6 (C-3, triazine ring); MS, *m/z* (%), 323.1 (M⁺, 100), 225.1 (38), 77.1 (29); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₀ClN₅O: C, 59.36; H, 3.11; Cl, 10.95; N, 21.63. Found: C, 59.31; H, 3.04; Cl, 10.88; N, 21.56.

6-Phenyl-2-p-tolyl-2,6-dihydro-pyrazolo[3,4-e][1,2,4]triazin-7-one (**6b**). Yellow solid (67%); m.p. 194-196 °C; IR: v = 1681 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 1.98$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.81- 7.56 (m, 10H, aromatic protons); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 16.2$ (CH₃), 115.7, 119.0, 120.8, 122.7, 124.6, 128.9, 130.0, 138.2, 140.9, 142.4 (aromatic carbons), 154.6 (C=O), 158.3 (C-3, triazine ring); MS, m/z (%), 303.1 (M⁺, 100), 211.1 (46); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₃N₅O C, 67.32; H, 4.32; N, 23.09. Found: C, 67.31; H, 4.27; N, 23.02.

Alternate route to 6a,b by refluxing pyrazolones 7a,b with DMFDMA (chemical evidence)

A mixture of **7a,b** (10 mmol) and DMFDMA (1.2 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in dry xylene (50 mL) and the solution was refluxed for 8 h. The reaction mixture was triturated as usual and the solid product, so formed, was then filtered and recrystallized from ethanol. Elemental analysis and NMR spectra matched those of **6a,b**.

Reaction of phenylhydrazono-1,2,4-triazines **5a,b** with hydroxylamine

A mixture of phenylhydrazono-1,2,4-triazine **5a,b** (10 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.69 g, 10 mmol) and sodium acetate anhydrous (3 g, 25 mmol) in ethanol (25 mL) was heated under

reflux for 5 h. The reaction mixture was poured to water while a solid product was formed. The solid product, so formed, was then collected by filtration and recrystallized from ethanol to give **8a,b**.

2-*p*-Chlorophenyl-N'-hydroxy-5-phenylhydrazono-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazine-6-carboximidamide (**8a**). Yellow solid (60%); m.p. 218 °C (with decomposition); IR: v = 3330 (br., OH and NH groups) cm⁻¹; ¹H- NMR: $\delta = 6.15$ (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.75 - 7.34 (m, 9H, aromatic H), 7.52 (s, 1H, triazine H), 9.37 (s, 1H, OH group), 11.65 (s, 1H, NH group); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 114.7$, 119.2, 122.8, 128.2, 129.1, 132.9, 138.1, 139.6 (aromatic carbons), 155.2 (C-6, triazine ring), 156.3 (C-5, triazine ring), 156.9 (C-3, triazine ring), 158.6 (C=NOH); MS, *m/z* (%), 355.1 (M⁺, 100), 171.1 (87), 77.1 (75); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄ClN₇O: C, 54.01; H, 3.97; Cl, 9.96; N, 27.56. Found: C, 53.95; H, 3.91; Cl, 9.89; N, 27.49.

N'-Hydroxy-5-phenylhydrazono-2-p-tolyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2,4-triazine-6-carboximidamide (**8b**). Yellow solid (55%); m.p. 215 °C; IR: v = 3320 (br., OH and NH groups) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 2.24$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 5.57 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.52 (d, 2H, o-aryl protons), 7.06 - 7.94 (m, 7H, aromatic H), 7.64 (s, 1H, triazine H), 10.31 (s, 1H, OH group), 13.03 (s, 1H, NH group); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 18.1$ (CH₃), 115.2, 118.5, 122.8, 124.2, 126.3, 132.7, 134.2, 135.4 (aromatic carbons), 156.9 (C-6, triazine ring), 158.1 (C-5, triazine ring), 159.2 (C-3, triazine ring), 161.8 (C=NOH); MS, *m/z* (%), 335.1 (M⁺, 100), 105.1 (30); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₇O: C, 60.88; H, 5.11; N, 29.24. Found: C, 60.84; H, 5.07; N, 29.18.

Cyclization of 1,2,4-triazine-6-carboximidamides 8a,b upon refluxing with DMF

A solution of **8a,b** (10 mmol) in DMF (30 mL) was refluxed for 4 h. The reaction mixture was poured on HCl/ice mixture. The solid product, so formed, was then filtered and recrystallized from ethanol to give **10a,b**.

6-*p*-Chlorophenyl-2-phenyl-2,6-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazino[5,6-d][1,2,3]triazin-4-amine (**10a**). Yellow solid (66%); m.p. 221-223 °C; IR: v = 3350 (br., NH₂ group) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 6.14$ (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.44 - 7.8.04 (m, 9H, aromatic H), 9.51 (s, 1H, triazine H); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 115.4$, 116.8, 119.0, 120.6, 123.8, 128.9, 139.0, 141.8 (aromatic carbons), 144.7 (C-6, 1,2,4-triazine ring), 146.4 (C-5, 1,2,4-triazine ring), 154.8 (C-NH₂, 1,2,3-triazine), 157.2 (C-3, 1,2,4-triazine ring); MS, *m/z* (%), 337.1 (M⁺, 100), 171.0 (36), 77.1 (12); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ClN₇: C, 56.89; H, 3.58; Cl, 10.50; N, 29.03. Found: C, 56.84; H, 3.52; Cl, 10.45; N, 28.95.

2-Phenyl-6-p-tolyl-2,6-dihydro-[1,2,4]triazino[5,6-d][1,2,3]triazin-4-amine (10b). Yellow solid (70%); m.p. 181-183 °C; IR: v = 3340 (br., NH₂ groups) cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR: $\delta = 2.36$ (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.13 (s, 2H, NH₂), 6.68 (d, 2H, o-aryl protons), 6.87 - 7.62 (m, 7H, aromatic H), 9.34 (s, 1H, 1,2,4-triazine H); ¹³C-NMR: $\delta = 17.8$ (CH₃), 114.6, 115.6, 123.2, 125.0, 128.3, 128.8, 136.9, 137.2 (aromatic carbons), 147.2 (C-6, 1,2,4-triazine), 148.8 (C-5, 1,2,4-triazine), 150.1 (C-NH₂, 1,2,3-triazine), 157.5 (C-3, 1,2,4-triazine); MS, *m/z* (%), 317.1 (M⁺, 100), 77.1 (37); Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N₇: C, 64.34; H, 4.76; N, 30.90. Found: C, 64.28; H, 4.72; N, 30.81.

Conclusions

Arylhydrazonomalononitriles proved to be versatile readily obtainable starting materials for the synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-e][1,2,4]triazines and 1,2,4-triazino[5,6-d][1,2,3]triazines derivatives (the latter being a new ring system).

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