One-Pot Syntheses with 2-Substituted 6-Aminopyrimidin-4(3*H*)-ones: New 5-Aryl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinoline-4,6(3*H*,7*H*)-diones and 5,5'-(Arylmethylene)bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H*)-ones]

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Abstract—One-pot condensation of 2-substituted 6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-ones with aromatic aldehydes and 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (dimedone) in acetic acid without a catalyst afforded new substituted 5-aryl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinoline-4,6(3H,7*H*)-diones in good yields. The condensation of 2-methyl-6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-one with aromatic aldehydes at a molar ratio of 2:1 under similar conditions led to the exclusive formation of uncyclized 5,5'-(arylmethylene)bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3H)-ones].

Keywords: 2-substituted 6-aminopyrimidin-4(3*H*)-ones, dimedone, aromatic aldehydes, one-pot condensations, pyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinolines.

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Interest in tri- and tetracyclic fused pyrimidines containing various pharmacologically important heterocyclic fragments is determined primarily by their diverse biological activity [1], such as antibacterial [2], antimalarial [3], antiviral [4], fungicidal [5], antitumor [6, 7], etc. We previously reported [8] the synthesis of pyrimido[4,5-b]quinoline derivatives by one-pot three-component cyclocondensation of 2-substituted 6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-ones 1 with aromatic or heterocyclic aldehydes 2 and 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (3, dimedone) in aqueous medium in the presence of benzyl(triethyl)ammonium chloride (BTEAC) as catalyst, as well as in the absence of a catalyst. The goal of the present work was to extend the scope of this reaction and obtain new tricyclic fused pyrimidines with account taken of the fact that its feasibility depends both on the presence of electron-donating substituents in the pyrimidine and on the reactivity of the aldehyde component.

In this study, the condensations were carried out in acetic acid which simultaneously served as solvent and catalyst, and the set of aldehydes used did not include those involved previously. The condensation of 2-substituted 6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-ones 1a-1c with aromatic aldehydes 2a-2k and dimedone (3) in boiling acetic acid occurred as a one-pot domino reaction and led to the formation of new 2-substituted 5-aryl-8,8dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-b]quinoline-4,6(3H,7H)-diones 4a-4l in good yields (60-80%; Scheme 1). The product structure was confirmed by spectral data. The ¹H NMR spectra of **4a–4l** displayed a singlet at δ 4.66–5.10 ppm due to proton on C⁵, as well as broadened singlets of the NH protons in the expected regions. The IR spectra of 4a-4l characteristically showed absorption bands in the region 3670-3321 cm⁻¹ due to N–H and O–H stretchings, as well as C=O stretching and N-H bending bands in the region $1729-1628 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

In order to elucidate how particular structural fragments of 4a-4l affect their biological activity, we made an attempt to synthesize according to a similar procedure 5-aryl-2,8-dimethyl-5,10-dihydropyrimi-



1, $R^1 = Me(\mathbf{a})$, $NH_2(\mathbf{b})$, $OH(\mathbf{c})$; **2**, $R^2 = 4 - O_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{a})$, $4 - FC_6H_4(\mathbf{b})$, $4 - PhCH_2OC_6H_4(\mathbf{c})$, $2 - HO - 3 - MeOC_6H_3(\mathbf{d})$, $4 - Me_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{e})$, $4 - Et_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{f})$; **4**, $R^1 = Me$, $R^2 = 2 - HO - 3 - MeOC_6H_3(\mathbf{a})$, $4 - FC_6H_4(\mathbf{b})$, $4 - Me_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{c})$, $4 - Et_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{d})$, $4 - O_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{e})$, $4 - PhCH_2OC_6H_4(\mathbf{f})$; $R^1 = NH_2$, $R^2 = 2 - HO - 3 - MeOC_6H_4(\mathbf{g})$, $4 - Me_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{h})$, $4 - Et_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{i})$, $4 - PhCH_2OC_6H_4(\mathbf{f})$; $R^1 = NH_2$, $R^2 = 2 - HO - 3 - MeOC_6H_4(\mathbf{g})$, $4 - Me_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{h})$, $4 - Et_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{i})$, $4 - PhCH_2OC_6H_4(\mathbf{j})$; $R^1 = OH$, $R^2 = 4 - Me_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{k})$, $4 - Et_2NC_6H_4(\mathbf{i})$.

do[5',4':5,6]pyrido[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4,6(3H,7H)-diones A. For this purpose, we used 2 equiv of 2-methyl-6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-one (1a), 1 equiv of which was expected to replace the dimedone component. However, the reactions of 1a with aromatic aldehydes 2a-2e, 2i, and 2k at a molar ratio of 2:1 afforded only 5,5'-(arylmethylene)bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3H)-ones] 5a-5h which failed to undergo further cyclization to structure A (Scheme 2). Unlike bright vellow pyrimido [4,5-b] guinolines 4a–4l, uncyclized products 5a-5h were isolated as stable white crystalline solids. The IR spectra of 5a-5h contained absorption bands due to N-H stretching vibrations at 3440, 3337, and 3180 cm⁻¹. The ¹H NMR spectra of **5a–5h** indicated that their molecules possess a symmetry plane passing through the ArCH moiety, so that the two 6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-one fragments become equivalent, and only one methyl and one NH signal were observed. However, protons of the NH₂ groups resonated as two broadened signals, presumably due to tautomeric processes in DMSO solution. The ¹³C NMR spectrum of 5e also confirmed symmetric structure of its molecule.

Thus, we have synthesized new 2-substituted 5-aryl-8,8-dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinoline-4,6(3H,7H)-diones and 5,5'-(arylmethylene)bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3H)-ones] by onepot condensations of 2-substituted 6-aminopyrimidin-4(3H)-ones with aromatic aldehydes and dimedone in the absence of a catalyst. The proposed procedures ensure good yields and are environmentally benign, and the synthesized compounds are promising subjects for further applied studies.

EXPERIMENTAL

The solvents were distilled prior to use, and crystalline initial compounds were purified by recrystallization from appropriate solvents. The IR spectra were recorded in mineral oil on a Thermo Nicolet Avatar 330 spectrometer (USA). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Mercury-300 VX spectrometer (USA) at 300.8 and 75.46 MHz, respectively, using DMSO- d_6 -CCl₄ (1:3) as solvent and tetramethylsilane as internal standard. The elemental analyses were obtained with a Eurovector EA 3000 automated



Scheme 2.

2, R = 4-ClC₆H₄ (**g**), 4-BrC₆H₄ (**h**), 4-MeOC₆H₄ (**i**), 2,3-(MeO)₂C₆H₃ (**j**), 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl (**k**); **5**, R = 4-FC₆H₄ (**a**), 4-ClC₆H₄ (**b**), 4-BrC₆H₄ (**c**), 4-O₂NC₆H₄ (**d**), 4-PhCH₂OC₆H₄ (**e**), 4-MeOC₆H₄ (**f**), 2,3-(MeO)₂C₆H₃ (**g**), 1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl (**h**).

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analyzer (Italy). Analytical TLC was performed on Silica gel 60 F_{254} plates using chloroform–ethanol (4:1) as eluent; spots were visualized under UV light.

General procedure for the synthesis of substituted pyrimido[4,5-b]quinolinediones 4a–4l. A mixture of 1 mmol of pyrimidine 1a–1c, 1 mmol of aldehyde 2a– 2f, and 1 mmol of 5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (3) in 10 mL of glacial acetic acid was refluxed for 8–10 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, and the precipitate was filtered off, washed with ethanol, and (if necessary) recrystallized from ethanol or DMF.

5-(2-Hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2,8,8-trimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-b]quinoline-4,6(3H,7H)-dione (4a). Yield 60%, mp 286-288°C, $R_{\rm f}$ 0.64. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3460, 3274, 3186 (NH, OH), 1634, 1583 (C=O, C=N, δNH). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 1.08 s (3H, CH₃), 1.11 s (3H, CH₃), 2.09 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.1 Hz), 2.16 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.1 Hz), 2.26 s (3H, 2-CH₃), 2.44 d (1H, CH₂, J =17.2 Hz), 2.49 d (1H, CH₂, J = 17.2 Hz), 3.76 s (3H, OCH₃), 5.10 s (1H, CH), 6.43–6.49 m (1H) and 6.55– 6.61 m (2H) (H_{arom}), 9.75 s (1H, OH), 9.79 br.s (1H, NH), 12.43 br.s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, $\delta_{\rm C}$, ppm: 20.3 (2-CH₃), 27.1 (CH₃), 27.2 (CH), 28.8 (CH₃), 31.9 (C⁸), 39.8 (CH₂), 50.0 (CH₂), 55.3 (OCH₃), 100.0, 109.1, 110.3 (CH), 119.0 (CH), 119.6 (CH), 134.7, 143.1, 149.2, 151.4, 153.1, 156.4, 163.3, 193.5. Found, %: C 66.29; H 6.28; N 11.33. C₂₁H₂₃N₃O₄. Calculated, %: C 66.12; H 6.07; N 11.01.

5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2,8,8-trimethyl-5,8,9,10tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinoline-4,6-(3*H*,7*H*)dione (4b). Yield 65%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.62. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3247, 3152, 3095 (NH), 1655, 1636, 1603 (δ NH, C=N, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.90 s (3H, CH₃), 1.00 s (3H, CH₃), 2.01 d (1H, CH₂, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 2.17 d (1H, CH₂, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 2.20 s (3H, 2-CH₃), 2.39 d (1H, CH₂, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 2.45 d (1H, CH₂, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 4.91 s (1H, CH), 6.95–7.03 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.15–7.22 m (2H, H_{arom}), 9.80 br.s (1H, NH), 12.00 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 67.72; H 5.49; N 11.63. C₂₀H₂₀FN₃O₂. Calculated, %: C 67.97; H 5.70; N 11.89.

5-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-2,8,8-trimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[**4,5-***b*]quinoline-**4,6(3H,7H)-dione (4c).** Yield 70%, mp 309–310°C, $R_{\rm f}$ 0.65. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3233, 3146 (NH), 1656, 1633, 1602 (δ NH, C=N, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.00 s (3H, CH₃), 1.08 s (3H, CH₃), 2.02 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.10 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.21 s (3H, CH₃), 2.38 s (2H, CH₂), 2.85 s (6H, NMe₂), 4.81 s (1H, CH), 6.48–6.60 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.01–7.09 m (2H, H_{arom}), 9.38 br.s (1H, NH), 11.89 br.s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, $\delta_{\rm C}$, ppm: 20.3 (2-CH₃), 26.9 and 29.1 (8-CH₃), 31.8 (C⁸), 32.1 (CH), 39.8 (NMe₂), 40.5 (CH₂), 50.3 (CH₂), 100.3, 109.9, 112.1 (2C, C_{arom}), 127.9 (2C, C_{arom}), 128.0, 132.9, 149.5, 152.0, 156.1, 161.2, 192.8. Found, %: C 69.57; H 6.71; N 14.53. C₂₂H₂₆N₄O₂. Calculated, %: C 69.81; H 6.92; N 14.80.

5-(4-Diethylaminophenyl)-2,8,8-trimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[**4,5-***b*]**quinoline-4,6(3***H***,7***H***)-dione (4d).** Yield 75%, mp >320°C, *R*f 0.62. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3231, 3149 (NH), 1653, 1633, 1594 (δ NH, C=N, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 1.01 s (3H, CH₃), 1.08 s (3H, CH₃), 1.10 t (6H, CH₂CH₃, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.03 d (1H, CH₂, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 2.10 d (1H, CH₂, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 2.21 s (3H, 2-CH₃), 2.38 s (2H, CH₂), 3.26 br.q (4H, NCH₂, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.78 s (1H, CH), 6.39–6.46 m (2H, H_{arom}), 6.96–7.03 m (2H, H_{arom}), 9.35 br.s (1H, NH), 11.88 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 70.63; H 7.28; N 13.51. C₂₄H₃₀N₄O₂. Calculated, %: C 70.90; H 7.43; N 3.78.

2,8,8-Trimethyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-5,8,9,10tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b***]quinoline-4,6(3***H***,7***H***)-dione (4e).** Yield 73%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.63. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3545, 3462, 3336 (NH), 1661, 1610, 1595 (δ NH, C=O, C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.98 s (3H, CH₃), 1.09 s (3H, CH₃), 2.01 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.1 Hz), 2.13 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.1 Hz), 2.22 s (3H, 2-CH₃), 2.41 s (2H, CH₂), 5.03 s (1H, CH), 7.45– 7.49 m (2H, H_{arom}), 8.00–8.05 m (2H, H_{arom}), 9.66 br.s (1H, NH), 12.06 br.s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ_C , ppm: 20.3 (CH₃), 26.8 (CH₃), 28.9 (CH₃), 31.8 (C⁸), 34.4 (CH), 39.7 (CH₂), 50.0 (CH₂), 98.8, 108.4, 122.3 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 145.4, 150.7, 152.4, 153.6, 157.3, 161.0, 192.7. Found, %: C 63.57; H 5.67; N 14.41. C₂₀H₂₀N₄O₄. Calculated, %: C 63.31; H 5.31; N 14.76.

5-[4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl]-2,8,8-trimethyl-5,8,9,10tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b*]quinoline-4,6(3*H*,7*H*)dione (4f). Yield 77%, mp 298–300°C, R_f 0.65. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3241, 3145, 3095 (NH), 1655, 1633, 1599 (δ NH, C=N, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.99 s (3H, CH₃), 1.08 s (3H, CH₃), 2.02 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.10 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.22 s (3H, 2-CH₃), 2.38 s (2H, CH₂), 4.86 s (1H, CH), 4.97 s (2H, OCH₂), 6.70–6.76 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.10– 7.16 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.22–7.40 m (5H, H_{arom}), 9.43 br.s (1H, NH), 11.91 br.s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ_{C} , ppm: 20.3 (CH₃), 26.9 (CH₃), 28.9 (CH₃), 31.8, 32.5, 50.3, 69.0, 100.1, 109.7, 113.4 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 127.0, 127.7 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 137.0, 139.0, 149.7, 152.1, 156.3, 156.4, 161.1, 192.7. Found, %: C 73.21; H 6.41; N 9.27. C₂₇H₂₇N₃O₃. Calculated, %: C 73.44; H 6.16; N 9.51.

2-Amino-5-(2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-8,8dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b***]quinoline-4,6(***3H***,7***H***)-dione (4g). Yield 63%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.55. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3471, 3362, 3245, 3162 (NH, NH₂, OH), 1629, 1596 (\deltaNH, C=O, C=C). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 1.09 s (3H, CH₃), 1.11 s (3H, CH₃), 2.06 d (1H, CH₂,** *J* **= 16.0 Hz), 2.15 d (1H, CH₂,** *J* **= 16.0 Hz), 2.43 d (1H, CH₂,** *J* **= 17.3 Hz), 2.48 d (1H, CH₂,** *J* **= 17.3 Hz), 3.76 s (3H, OCH₃), 5.00 s (1H, CH), 6.20 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.45 m (1H) and 6.53–6.59 m (2H) (H_{arom}), 9.36 br.s (1H, NH), 10.03 br.s (1H, OH), 10.76 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 62.57; H 5.38; N 14.36. C₂₀H₂₂N₄O₄. Calculated, %: C 62.81; H 5.79; N 14.65.**

2-Amino-5-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)-8,8-dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-b]quinoline-4,6(3H,7H)-dione (4h). Yield 71%, mp 319– 320°C, R_f 0.62. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3419, 3246, 3189 (NH, NH₂), 1672, 1612, 1590 (δ NH, C=N, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.99 s (3H, CH₃), 1.08 s (3H, CH₃), 1.99 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.09 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.36 s (2H, CH₂), 2.85 s (6H, NMe₂), 4.71 s (1H, CH), 5.96 s (2H, NH₂), 6.50– 6.59 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.02–7.07 m (2H, H_{arom}), 8.98 br.s (1H, NH), 10.24 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 66.27; H 6.37; N 18.23. C₂₁H₂₅N₅O₂. Calculated, %: C 66.46; H 6.64; N 18.45.

2-Amino-5-(4-diethylaminophenyl)-8,8-dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-b]quinoline-4,6(3H,7H)-dione (4i). Yield 76%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.59. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3438, 3264, 3195, 3110 (NH, NH₂), 1661, 1611 (δ NH, C=O, C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: (3H, CH₃), 1.04 s (3H, CH₃), 1.06 t (6H, CH₂CH₃, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.99 d (1H, CH₂, J =16.0 Hz), 2.11 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.38 s (2H, CH₂), 3.21–3.30 br.q (4H, NCH₂, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.66 s (1H, CH), 6.11 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.31–6.46 m (2H, H_{arom}), 6.91–7.00 m (2H, H_{arom}), 9.06 br.s (1H, NH), 10.20 br.s (1H, NH). Found, %: C 67.51; H 7.39; N 17.41. C₂₃H₂₉N₅O₂. Calculated, %: C 67.78; H 6.92; N 14.80.

2-Amino-5-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]-8,8-dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-b]quinoline-4,6(3H,7H)-dione (4j). Yield 75%, mp 308-310°C, $R_{\rm f}$ 0.64. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3448, 3248, 3194 (NH, NH₂), 1650, 1609 (δNH, C=N, C=C, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ , ppm: 0.90 s (3H, CH₃), 1.00 s (3H, CH₃), 1.98 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.14 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.38 d (1H, CH₂, J = 17.2 Hz), 2.42 d (1H, CH₂, J = 17.2 Hz), 4.75 s (1H, CH), 4.99 s (2H, OCH₂), 6.25 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.76-6.81 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.04-7.09 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.27-7.42 m (5H, H_{arom}), 9.23 br.s (1H, NH), 10.30 br.s (1H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, δ_{C} , ppm: 26.8 (CH₃), 29.0 (CH₃), 32.0, 32.5, 50.2, 69.1, 92.3, 109.9, 113.7 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.6, 128.2 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 137.3, 140.2, 151.0, 153.8, 153.9, 156.2, 161.4, 193.7. Found, %: C 70.21; H 5.61; N 12.39. C₂₆H₂₆N₄O₃. Calculated, %: C 70.56; H 5.92; N 12.66.

5-(4-Dimethylaminophenyl)-2-hydroxy-8,8dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b***]quinoline-4,6(3***H***,7***H***)-dione (4k). Yield 63%, mp 300– 302°C, R_f 0.61. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3482, 3320, 3172 (NH, OH), 1729, 1649, 1598 (\deltaNH, C=N, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 0.98 s (3H, CH₃), 1.09 s (3H, CH₃), 2.04 d (1H, CH₂,** *J* **= 16.0 Hz), 2.14 d (1H, CH₂,** *J* **= 16.0 Hz), 2.38 s (2H, CH₂), 2.85 s (6H, NMe₂), 4.65 s (1H, CH), 6.50–6.58 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.00– 7.06 m (2H, H_{arom}); 8.25 br.s, 9.93 br.s, and 10.38 br.s (1H each, NH, OH). Found, %: C 67.11; H 6.42; N 14.52. C₂₂H₂₄N₄O₃. Calculated, %: C 67.32; H 6.16; N 14.27.**

5-(4-Diethylaminophenyl)-2-hydroxy-8,8-dimethyl-5,8,9,10-tetrahydropyrimido[4,5-*b***]quinoline-4,6(3***H***,7***H***)-dione (4l). Yield 67%, mp 298– 300°C, R_f 0.59. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3510, 3470, 3227, 3110 (NH, OH),1717, 1671, 1647, 1602, 1589 (\deltaNH, C=N, C=C, C=O). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 0.98 s (3H, CH₃), 1.08 s (3H, CH₃), 1.10 t (6H, CH₂CH₃, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.00 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.17 d (1H, CH₂, J = 16.0 Hz), 2.39 s (2H, CH₂), 3.28 br.q (4H, NCH₂, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.62 s (1H, CH), 6.39–6.48 m (2H, H_{arom}), 6.89–7.03 m (2H, H_{arom}); 8.32 br.s, 9.89 br.s, and 10.39 br.s (1H each, NH, OH). Found, %: C 67.34; H 6.67; N 13.48. C₂₃H₂₈N₄O₃. Calculated, %: C 67.62; H 6.90; N 13.71.**

General procedure for the synthesis of 5,5'-(arylmethylene)bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H*)ones] 5a–5h. A mixture of 2 mmol of compound 1a and 1 mmol of aldehyde 2a–2e or 2g–2k in 10 mL of glacial acetic acid was refluxed for 8–10 h. After cooling, the precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1-2 mL of ethanol and recrystallized from acetic acid.

5,5'-[(4-Fluorophenyl)methylene]bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one] (5a). Yield 76%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.63. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3465, 3323, 3171 (NH, NH₂), 1623, 1558 (C=O, C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 2.18 s (6H, CH₃), 5.54 s (1H, CH), 6.01 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.82–6.90 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.03– 7.11 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.41 br.s (2H, NH₂), 11.60 br.s (2H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, \delta_C, ppm: 20.2 (CH₃), 32.6 (CH), 95.3, 113.2, 113.5, 127.9, 128.1, 134.7, 155.5. Found, %: C 57.12; H 4.67; N 23.69. C₁₇H₁₇FN₆O₂. Calculated, %: C 57.30; H 4.81; N 23.58.**

5,5'-[(4-Chlorophenyl)methylene]bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one] (5b). Yield 61%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.61. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3452, 3319, 3152 (NH, NH₂), 1649, (C=O, C=N, δNH). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 2.19 s (6H, CH₃), 5.54 s (1H, CH), 5.97 br.s (2H, NH₂), 7.04–7.09 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.10–7.15 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.45 br.s (2H, NH₂), 11.62 br.s (2H, NH). Found, %: C 54.61; H 4.43; N 22.37. C₁₇H₁₇ClN₆O₂. Calculated, %: C 54.77; H 4.60; N 22.54.**

5,5'-[(4-Bromophenyl)methylene]bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one] (5c). Yield 52%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.60. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3451, 3315, 3120 (NH, NH₂), 1616 (C=O, C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 2.19 s (6H, CH₃), 5.52 s (1H, CH), 5.97 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.99–7.04 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.23–7.28 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.35 br.s (2H, NH₂), 11.58 br.s (2H, NH). Found, %: C 48.71; H 4.41; N 20.37. C₁₇H₁₇BrN₆O₂. Calculated, %: C 48.93; H 4.11; N 20.11.**

5,5'-[(4-Nitrophenyl)methylene]bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one] (5d). Yield 62%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.62. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3425 s, 3337 s, 3194 s (NH, NH₂), 1714 s, 1621 s, 1519 s (C=O, \deltaNH, C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 2.18 s (6H, CH₃), 5.59 s (1H, CH), 6.81 br.s (2H, NH₂), 7.10 br.s (2H, NH₂), 7.22–7.27 m (2H, H_{arom}), 8.06– 8.11 m (2H, H_{arom}), 11.68 br.s (2H, NH). Found, %: C 53.22; H 4.17; N 25.38. C₁₇H₁₇N₇O₄. Calculated, %: C 53.26; H 4.47; N 25.58.**

5,5'-{[4-(Benzyloxy)phenyl]methylene}bis-[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one] (5e). Yield 62%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.64. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3435, 3331, 3169 (NH, NH₂), 1619, (C=O, δNH, C=N). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 2.18 s (6H, CH₃), 5.02 s (2H, OCH₂), 5.51 s (1H, CH), 5.93 br.s (2H, NH₂),** 6.73–6.78 m (2H, H_{arom}), 6.95–7.00 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.23–7.28 m (1H, H_{arom}), 7.30–7.36 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.38–7.43 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.30 br.s (2H, NH₂), 11.55 br.s (2H, NH). ¹³C NMR spectrum, $\delta_{\rm C}$, ppm: 20.2 (CH₃), 32.5 (CH), 69.0 (OCH₂), 113.3 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 127.5 (CH), 127.7 (2C), 131.1, 137.2, 155.4, 155.7. Found, %: C 64.72; H 5.31; N 18.75. C₂₄H₂₄N₆O₃. Calculated, %: C 64.84; H 5.44; N 18.91.

5,5'-[(4-Methoxyphenyl)methylene]bis[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one] (5f). Yield 65%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.67. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3455, 3322, 3165 (NH, NH₂), 1613 (C=O, C=N, \deltaNH). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 2.18 s (6H, CH₃), 3.73 s (3H, OCH₃), 5.52 s (1H, CH), 5.99 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.65–6.70 m (2H, H_{arom}), 6.95–7.00 m (2H, H_{arom}), 7.37 br.s (2H, NH₂), 11.59 br.s (2H, NH). Found, %: C 58.37; H 5.28; N 22.63. C₁₈H₂₀N₆O₃. Calculated, %: C 58.69; H 5.47; N 22.81.**

5,5'-[(2,3-Dimethoxyphenyl)methylene]bis-[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one (5g). Yield 72%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.68. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3331, 3173 (NH, NH₂), 1622 (C=O, C=N, \deltaNH). ¹H NMR spectrum, \delta, ppm: 2.16 s (6H, CH₃), 3.52 s (3H, OCH₃), 3.78 s (3H, OCH₃), 5.60 s (1H, CH), 6.40 br.s (4H, NH₂), 6.70–6.85 m (3H, H_{arom}), 11.50 br.s (2H, NH). Found, %: C 57.11; H 5.31; N 20.87. C₁₉H₂₂N₆O₄. Calculated, %: C 57.28; H 5.57; N 21.10.**

5,5'-[(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)methylene]bis-[6-amino-2-methylpyrimidin-4(3*H***)-one (5h). Yield 70%, mp >320°C, R_f 0.66. IR spectrum, v, cm⁻¹: 3452, 3321, 3166 (NH, NH₂), 1612, (C=O, C=N, δNH). ¹H NMR spectrum, δ, ppm: 2.18 s (6H, CH₃), 5.46 s (1H, CH), 5.89 s (2H, OCH₂O), 6.34 br.s (2H, NH₂), 6.49–6.55 m (2H, H_{arom}), 6.63 d (1H, H_{arom},** *J* **= 7.9 Hz), 7.25 br.s (2H, NH₂), 11.53 br.s (2H, NH). Found, %: C 56.32; H 4.51; N 22.39. C₁₈H₁₈N₆O₄. Calculated, %: C 56.54; H 4.74; N 22.08.**

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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