

Phase Transfer Catalysis Aided Synthesis of Pyrazolopyrimidineamines by Chemoselective Reductive Ring Opening

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Abstract: Chemoselective tetrazole ring opening of pyrazolotetrazolopyrimidines **2**, obtained from 4-chloropyrazolopyrimidines **1**, by reduction with Sodium borohydride under solid-liquid and liquid-liquid phase transfer catalysis has been carried out to form pyrazolopyrimidineamines **3**. A comparative study of conventional as well as phase transfer catalysis for synthesis of pyrazolopyrimidineamines **3** has also been reported. One pot synthesis of **3** directly from **1** under liquid-liquid PTC has also been conducted with insitu generation of **2**.

Keywords: Chemoselective reaction, Pyrazolopyrimidines, PTC, 18-C-6, Aliquat³³⁶

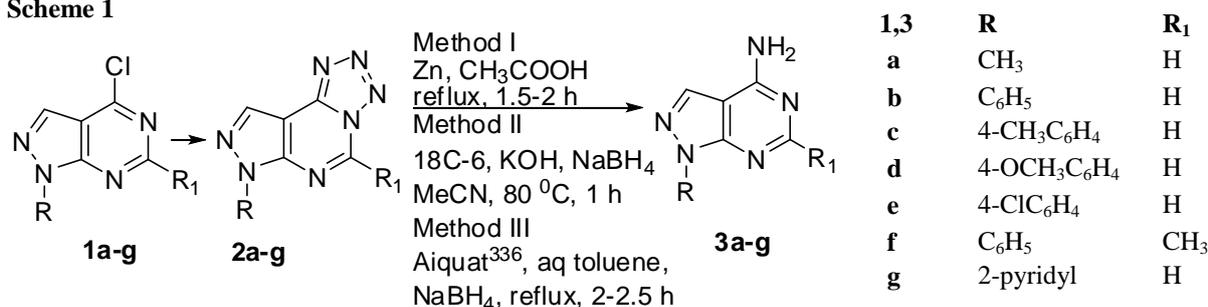
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I. Introduction:

Fused tetrazole serves as latent amino functionality^[1-3] and Pyrazolopyrimidines have been identified as potent bioactive compounds^[4-16]. Some pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidineamines have been reported as inhibitors of tyrosine kinase enzymes and found to be useful for immune regulation and for the treatment of cancer, angiogenesis and atherosclerosis^[7-16]. A variety of pharmaceutically important heterocycles such as imidazole, triazole and pyrimidine can be annulated on pyrimidine ring^[17-25]. Phase Transfer Catalysis(PTC) technique has been an efficient procedure that offers many advantages providing safer, rapid, cleaner, step reducing and yield increasing reaction with milder operational conditions with simple work up, and can easily be scalable^[26-33]. Despite these great benefits and wide scope of applicability, yet PTC technique hasn't received much attention due to lack of awareness. Incorporation of environmental friendly phase transfer catalysis with reductive ring cleavage of tetrazole is always interesting to study. Therefore, a comparative studies of chemoselective reductive ring cleavage of 7,9-disubstituted 7*H*-pyrazolo[4,3-*e*]tetrazolo[1,5-*c*]pyrimidines **2** has been attempted conventionally with zinc and acetic acid and also under different PT conditions such as solid-liquid and liquid-liquid PTC. Pyrazolotetrazolopyrimidines **2** prepared from 4-chloropyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidines **1**, underwent tetrazole ring opening under reduction afforded pyrazolo[3,4-*d*]pyrimidineamines **3**. Reduction by classical method was carried out by reacting pyrazolotetrazolopyrimidines **2** with zinc dust and acetic acid under reflux for 1.5-2.0 h (method I, yield 58-64%). PTC aided reduction included the comparative studies of solid-liquid and liquid-liquid PTC using chemoselective milder reducing agent such as sodium borohydride. In case of solid-liquid PTC, compound **2** were treated with sodium borohydride in acetonitrile using 18-C-6 as PT catalyst and KOH as base under stirring at 80 °C for 1 h (method II, yield 75-81%). Reduction of **2** under Liquid-liquid PTC included the use of Aliquat³³⁶ (methyltrioctyl ammonium chloride) as PT catalyst and an aqueous toluene as solvent under reflux for 2-2.5 h (method III, yield 70-79%) to form corresponding **3** (scheme 1)

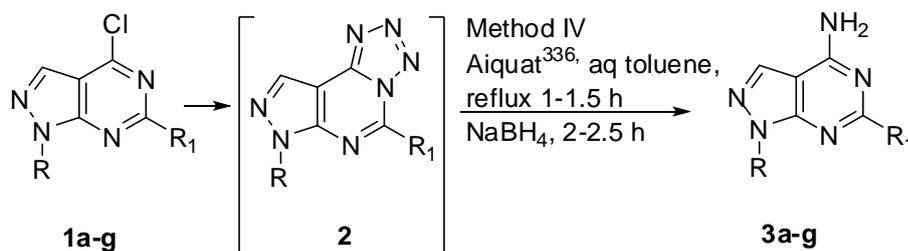
Scheme 1



Usually direct formation of chloro to amines in azines operated under harsh conditions^[34-37]. Alternatively one pot indirect amination was fascinated by azidolysis followed by reductive ring cleavage of

tetrazole ring. One pot synthesis of **3** has been attempted directly from 4-chloropyrazolopyrimidines **1** using liquid-liquid PT condition (method IV) through *in situ* formation of tetrazoles **2** using sodium azide, Aliquat³³⁶ as a catalyst and aqueous toluene as a solvent (checked by TLC), followed by the reduction with sodium borohydride under reflux (scheme 2).

Scheme 2



II. Result And Discussion:

Identity of compounds **3** prepared by conventional as well as PTC was proved by TLC and mixed melting point. The structure elucidation of all the compounds has been done on the basis of spectral analysis. The IR spectra of compound **3** displayed absorption bands near 3427-3286 cm^{-1} and the ^1H NMR spectra showed a broad singlet in the region δ 7.3-8.06 supported the reduction of tetrazole ring to form pyrazolopyrimidineamines **3**. Among PTC and convention procedures, PTC was found to be more advantageous, in addition solid-liquid PTC assisted reduction of **2**, found to occur at lower temperature with reduced reaction time, less molar concentration of PTC and high yield. Although the use of higher concentration of catalyst, liquid-liquid PT condition remain the only choice for the direct synthesis of **3** from **1**. The yield and time comparison of all the employed methods for compound **3** has been shown in table 1.

Table 1: Yield and time comparison of MI-MIV for compound 3a-g

Compound 3	Time h			Overall (two steps) One Pot MIV	Yield %			Overall (two steps) One pot MIV
	Conv.	PTC	PTC		Conv.	PTC	PTC	
	MI	MII	MIII		MI	MII	MIII	
a	2.0	1	2.25	3.75	58	75	70	55
b	1.5	1	2	3.5	62	76	71	60
c	1.5	1	2.5	3.75	61	76	71	51
d	2.0	1	2	3.5	62	77	73	59
e	1.5	1	2.25	3.75	64	80	74	60
f	1.5	1	2	3.5	58	79	75	58
g	1.5	1	2	3.5	59	81	79	60

Experimental:

Melting points were determined by electrothermal method in an open capillary tube and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded in cm^{-1} for KBr pellets on Bruker spectrophotometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 400 MHz spectrometer using DMSO d_6 as a solvent and TMS as the internal reference standard. The chemical shifts are expressed in δ ppm. Mass spectra were taken on LC-MS-Agilent 1100 series. The purity of the compounds were routinely checked by TLC using Silica G and the spots were visualized in iodine vapour or UV light.

Synthesis of 1,6-disubstituted 4-amino 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidines 3 a-f: General Procedure

Method I: To a solution of **2** (2 mmol) in acetic acid (5 mL) was added zinc dust (0.2 g) in portions over a period of 0.5 h and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1-1.5 h. Then the cold reaction mixture poured onto crushed ice, neutralized with ammonia solution (6N), extracted with chloroform (2 X 30 mL), the combined chloroform layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulphate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The solid obtained was filtered, dried, and crystallized from ethanol.

Method II: Solid-liquid PT catalysis condition: To a mixture of **2** (2 mmol), acetonitrile (25 mL), 18-C-6 (0.132 g, 0.5 mmol) and potassium hydroxide (0.841 g, 15 mmol) was added sodium borohydride (0.302 g) portion wise under stirring condition at 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was heated for 1 h. The excess of solvent was distilled under vacuum. Thus obtained solid was filtered, washed with chilled methanol, filtered, dried, and crystallized from ethanol.

Method III: Liquid-liquid PT catalysis condition: Sodium borohydride (0.302g, 6 mmol) was added in portions over a period of 0.5 h to a well stirred mixture of **2** (2 mmol), toluene (20 mL), Aliquat³³⁶ (0.202 g., 0.5 mmol) and water (5 mL) under stirring and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h. After, the separation of two phases, the aqueous phase was extracted with toluene (10 mL) and collected organic layers were washed with water and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The excess of solvent was distilled under vacuum. To the oily residue was added cold n-hexane and thus the obtained solid was filtered, dried, and crystallized from ethanol.

Method IV: One pot Synthesis of **3** from **1** by liquid-liquid PT catalysis condition: To a mixture of **1**^[15,38] (2 mmol), toluene (20 mL), Aliquat³³⁶ (0.323 g., 0.8 mmol) was added sodium azide (0.390 g, 6mmol) in water (5 mL) under stirring in portions and refluxed for 1-1.5 h to get formation of **2** (TLC). Then sodium borohydride (0.302g, 6 mmol) was added in portions and was refluxed for 2-2.5 h. The separation of two phases was done same as method III to get the identical compounds **3**.

1-Methyl 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3a: mp: 266-68 °C^[15], IR (KBr): 3405,3290,1644(NH₂), 1616,1504 (C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 8.35(s,1H,Ar-H at C6), 8.22(s,1H,Ar-H at C3), 7.89(s,2H,NH₂,d₂O exchangeable), 3.01(s,1H, CH₃), MS: 149 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₆H₇N₅: C 48.32, H 4.73, N 46.95 %. Found: C 48.67, H 4.92, N 47.19 %.

1-Phenyl 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3b: mp: 209-210 °C^[15], IR (KBr): 3400,3315,1650(NH₂),1590, 1505(C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 8.36(s,1H,Ar-H at C6), 8.22(s,1H,Ar-H at C3), 8.05(s,2H,NH₂,d₂O exchangeable), 7.56-7.6(m,4H,Ar-H), 7.4-44(t,1H,Ar-H). MS: 211 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₉N₅: C 62.55, H 4.29, N 33.16 %. Found: C 62.67, H 4.62, N 32.98 %.

1-(4-Methylphenyl) 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3c: mp: 223-24 °C^[12]. IR (KBr): 3427,3370,1660(NH₂), 1586, 1514(C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 8.37(s,1H,Ar-H at C6), 8.33(s,1H,Ar-H at C3), 8.21(d,2H, Ar-H), 7.36(d,2H,Ar-H), 7.25(bs,2H,NH₂, d₂O exchangeable), 2.41(s, 3H,CH₃). MS: 225 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₅: C 63.99, H 4.92, N 31.09 %. Found: C 63.67, H 4.62, N 30.98 %.

1-(4-Methoxyphenyl) 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3d: mp: 218-19 °C^[12], IR (KBr): 3419,3386, 1669(NH₂), 1658, 1522(C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 8.34 (s,1H,H at C6), 8.32(s,1H,H at C3), 8.19(d,2H,Ar-H), 7.31(bs,2H,NH₂, d₂O exchangeable), 7.15(d,2H,Ar-H), 3.9(s,3H,OCH₃). MS: 241 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₅O: C 59.74, H 4.60, N 29.03 %. Found: C 60.01, H 4.62, N 29.36%.

1-(4-Chlorophenyl) 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3e: mp: 280-281 °C^[15], IR (KBr): 3380,3396, 1666(NH₂), 1592, 1554(C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 8.38(s,1H,Ar-H at C6), 8.33(s,1H,Ar-H at C3), 7.4-8.25(m,4H,Ar-H), 7.3(bs,2H,NH₂,D₂O exchangeable). MS: 245 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₈N₅Cl: C 53.78, H 3.28, N 28.51 %. Found: C 53.55, H 3.54, N 28.78 %.

1-Phenyl-6-methyl 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3f: mp: 240-42 °C, reported 160 °C^[19], IR (KBr): 3420,3286(NH₂),1630, 1605, 1530(C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 7.4-8.3(m,6H,Ar-H), 8.09(s,2H,NH₂,d₂O exchangeable), 1.86(s,3H, CH₃). MS: 241 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁N₅O: C 59.74, H 4.60, N 29.03 %. Found: C 60.01, H 4.62, N 29.36%.

1-(2-Pyridyl) 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidin-4-amine 3g: mp: 239-40°C^[11], IR (KBr): 3480,3370,1655(NH₂), 1600,1512(C=C, C=N ring) cm⁻¹, ¹H NMR (DMSO d⁶): δ 8.6-7.4(m,6H,ArH), 7.88(d,2H,NH₂,d₂O exchangeable). MS: 212 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₈N₆: C 56.60; H 3.80; N 39.60; Found: C 56.88; H 3.45; N 39.72%.

III. Conclusion

A comparative study of conventional and PTC methodologies has been attempted for tetrazole reductive ring opening to form pyrazolopyrimidin-4-amines, among PTC aided reduction was employed using solid-liquid and liquid PTC, where solid-liquid method was found to be more efficient. In case of indirect amination of 4-chloropyrazolopyrimidines, azidolysis followed by amination have been carried out with liquid-liquid PTC in one pot. The formation of synthetically and biologically important pyrazolopyrimidin-4-amines was fascinated by PTC.

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