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A green approach for an efficient preparation of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles using a $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposite catalyst under solvent-free conditions

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Abstract: We report on the preparation of a series of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles, a new efficient protocol, via the condensation reaction of aromatic aldehydes, malononitrile, and guanidine nitrate using a $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposite with a molar ratio of 1:1 as a heterogeneous catalyst. The use of a low-cost and reusable catalyst under mild and solvent-free conditions, and simplicity in operation with easier isolation of the products in high to excellent yields are the main advantages of this highly versatile and eco-friendly protocol.

Keywords: 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles; eco-friendly protocol; reusability of catalyst; solvent-free conditions; $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposite.

1 Introduction

The utilities of nanoscale metal oxides as heterogeneous catalysts occupy an interesting position in organic reactions owing to their special features such as high surface area and pore sizes as supports [1–4]. Among transition-metal oxide nanoparticles (NPs), nanosized titanium dioxide (TiO_2) NPs have been of considerable interest because of their superior properties such as high catalytic activity, non-toxicity, easily availability, moisture stability, and reusability [5–12]. During recent years, the use of TiO_2 NPs supported on silica shells ($\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$

nanocomposite) as catalyst has attracted attention due to the improved structural, chemical, electrical, and optical properties [13].

Pyrimidines and their derivatives are of considerable interest as they possess a wide range of biological properties, such as antibacterial [14], antimicrobial [15], antiviral [16], antihypertensive [17], antimalarial [18], and antitumor [19]. In addition, they can be used as integral backbones of several calcium blockers, antihypertensive agents, α -1a-antagonists, and neuropeptide Y antagonists [20].

There are some examples for the syntheses of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles in the literature via the condensation reaction of aromatic aldehydes, malononitrile, and guanidine hydrochloride or carbonate [21–24]. Although these procedures have their advantages, research for a simple, efficient, and environmentally friendly procedure that afforded the desired products in higher yields is still strongly desired.

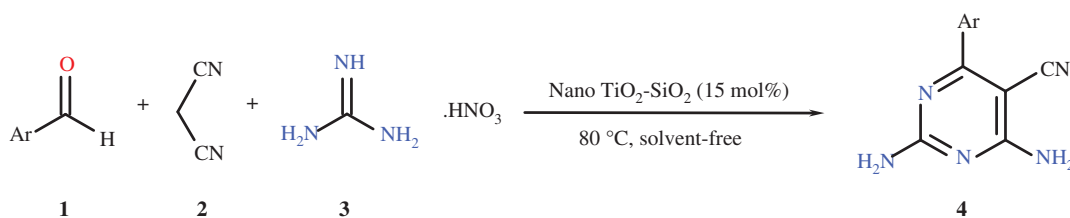
In view of the biological significance of pyrimidines mentioned above and with the fact that $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposites make the development of a new catalytic procedure possible for organic transformations under milder reaction conditions, we investigate a $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposite as catalyst for the synthesis of a series of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles. It was found that the $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposite is an effective promoter for the synthesis of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles under solvent-free conditions (Scheme 1).

2 Results and discussion

In continuation of our previous research on the use of nanostructured catalysts for the synthesis of biologically important heterocycles [25, 26], an attempt has been made to synthesize 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles by the reaction of aromatic aldehydes, malononitrile, and guanidine nitrate under solvent-free conditions using a $\text{TiO}_2\text{--SiO}_2$ nanocomposite as catalyst at 80°C (Scheme 1).

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Scheme 1: Solvent-free synthesis of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles using a $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite catalyst.

In this work, the $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite was prepared via a simple sol-gel method reported by Nilchi et al. [27]. The XRD pattern of $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ (Fig. 1) could be indexed as the anatase phase in an amorphous silica matrix. The chemical composition of the as-prepared nanocomposite was also determined by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectroscopy, and the results show that the molar ratio was 1 : 1.

The morphology and grain size of $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ were investigated by a transmission electron microscopy (TEM) image (Fig. 2). They have a grainy structure with sizes of 5–9 nm.

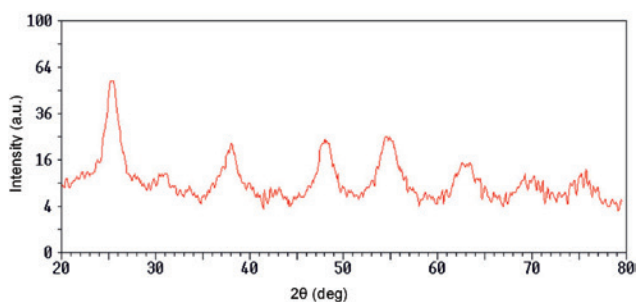


Fig. 1: XRD pattern of the synthesized $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite.

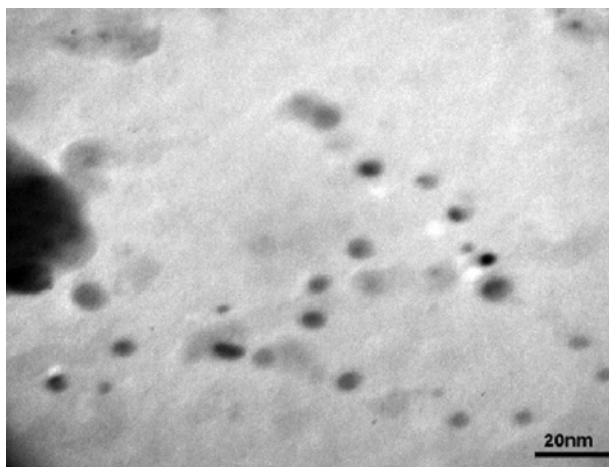


Fig. 2: TEM image of the $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite.

To optimize the reaction conditions, we first tried to seek the efficiency of the $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite catalyst, in the model reaction of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (**1d**), malononitrile (**2**), and guanidine nitrate (**3**). After 2 h with 10, 15, and 20 mol% of the catalyst, yields of 62%, 94%, and 94%, respectively, were obtained. When the reaction was carried out in the absence of the catalyst, it is notable that, after 5 h, no reaction occurred (Table 1, entries 1–4).

Thus, the next effort was centralized on the evaluation of the catalytic efficiency of the $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite compared with two commercial nanopowders, TiO_2 NPs (10–30 nm, anatase- TiO_2) and SiO_2 NPs (20 nm, non-porous). As shown in Table 1, when the reaction was performed using 20 mol% of the TiO_2 NPs and the SiO_2 NPs alone, the desired product **4d** was obtained in 88% and 84% yields, respectively. On the other hand, the study on the catalytic potential of the $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite showed that the reaction time and the catalyst loading were decreased with higher yield of the product (Table 1, entries 3 and 5, 6).

Increasing the temperature to more than 80 °C did not improve the yield (Table 1, entries 3 and 7).

A comparison of the same reaction in various reaction media is also presented in Table 1. Using solvents such as EtOH, CH_2Cl_2 , and DMF was less effective as compared to using solvent-free conditions (Table 1, entries 3 and 8–10).

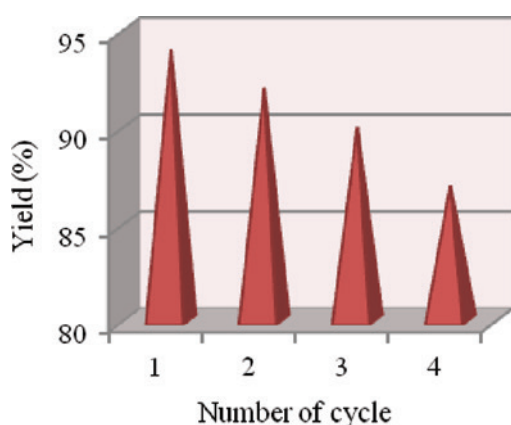
To establish the reusability, the catalyst was recovered by simple filtration using the centrifugation method and reusing it during four subsequent experiments with a moderate decrease in catalytic activity (Fig. 3).

Subsequently, the method was extended to substituted aromatic aldehydes, yielding the corresponding products in high to excellent yields (Table 2). The structures of the compounds **4a–4k** were confirmed by IR, ^1H NMR, and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopic data and also by elemental analyses for new compounds.

In our opinion this protocol has some merits in comparison with several previous methods. To demonstrate the superiority of the present work, we compared the yields, conditions, scope, and generality of this method for the synthesis of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles with the literature procedures (Table 3).

Table 1: Optimization of the reaction conditions using the model reaction of 4-chlorobenzaldehyde (**1d**), malononitrile (**2**), and guanidine nitrate (**3**) under different conditions.

| Entry | Catalyst (mol% with respect to TiO_2) | Solvent | Temp. (°C) | Time (h) | Yield (%) ^a |
|-------|---|--------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------|
| 1 | No catalyst | None | 80 | 5 | Trace |
| 2 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (10%) | None | 80 | 2 | 62 |
| 3 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (15%) | None | 80 | 2 | 94 |
| 4 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (20%) | None | 80 | 2 | 94 |
| 5 | Nano TiO_2 (20%) | None | 80 | 2.5 | 88 |
| 6 | Nano SiO_2 (20%) | None | 80 | 3 | 84 |
| 7 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (15%) | None | 100 | 2 | 95 |
| 8 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (15%) | EtOH | Reflux | 3 | 82 |
| 9 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (15%) | CH_2Cl_2 | Reflux | 4 | 80 |
| 10 | Nano TiO_2 - SiO_2 (15%) | DMF | Reflux | 2 | 87 |

^aIsolated yield.**Fig. 3:** Reusability of the TiO_2 - SiO_2 nanocatalyst.**Table 2:** Synthesis of a series of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles using a TiO_2 - SiO_2 nanocomposite catalyst.

| Product | Ar | Yield (%) ^{a,b} | M.p. (°C) | |
|---------|--|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | | | Obsd. | Lit. |
| 4a | C_6H_5 | 90 | 238–240 | 237–239 [24] |
| 4b | 4-Br- C_6H_4 | 92 | 259–261 | 260–262 [24] |
| 4c | 3-Cl- C_6H_4 | 91 | 251–253 | 253–255 [24] |
| 4d | 4-Cl- C_6H_4 | 94 | 266–267 | 265–266 [24] |
| 4e | 2,4-Cl ₂ - C_6H_3 | 92 | 233–235 | – |
| 4f | 3-HO- C_6H_4 | 90 | 268–270 | – |
| 4g | 4-CH ₃ O- C_6H_4 | 93 | 234–235 | 236–238 [24] |
| 4h | 4-CH ₃ - C_6H_4 | 91 | 256–258 | 255–257 [24] |
| 4i | 4-NO ₂ - C_6H_4 | 94 | 244–246 | – |
| 4j | Pridine-4-yl | 95 | 230–232 | – |
| 4k | Thiophen-2-yl | 93 | 222–224 | – |

^aYields refer to those of pure isolated products characterized by IR, ¹H, and ¹³C NMR spectral data and by elemental analyses.^bIn all cases, the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 80°C.

A suggested mechanism for the reaction is provided in Scheme 2. This pathway involves the TiO_2 NP participation in the formation of alkene **7** which comes from a

Knoevenagel condensation between aromatic aldehydes **1** and malononitrile **2**, via intermediate **5** and **6**. Guanidine nitrate **3** is then added to alkene **7** to generate the Michael adduct **8**, which further undergoes intermolecular cyclization and then aromatization to give the product **4**.

3 Conclusions

In conclusion, we found a novel solvent-free approach for the synthesis of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile derivatives. Meanwhile the new method also expands the application of the TiO_2 - SiO_2 nanocomposite in organic synthesis. Compared with previous methods, this method has the advantages of high yields, mild reaction conditions, short reaction time, easy work-up, inexpensive reagents, and environmentally friendly procedure.

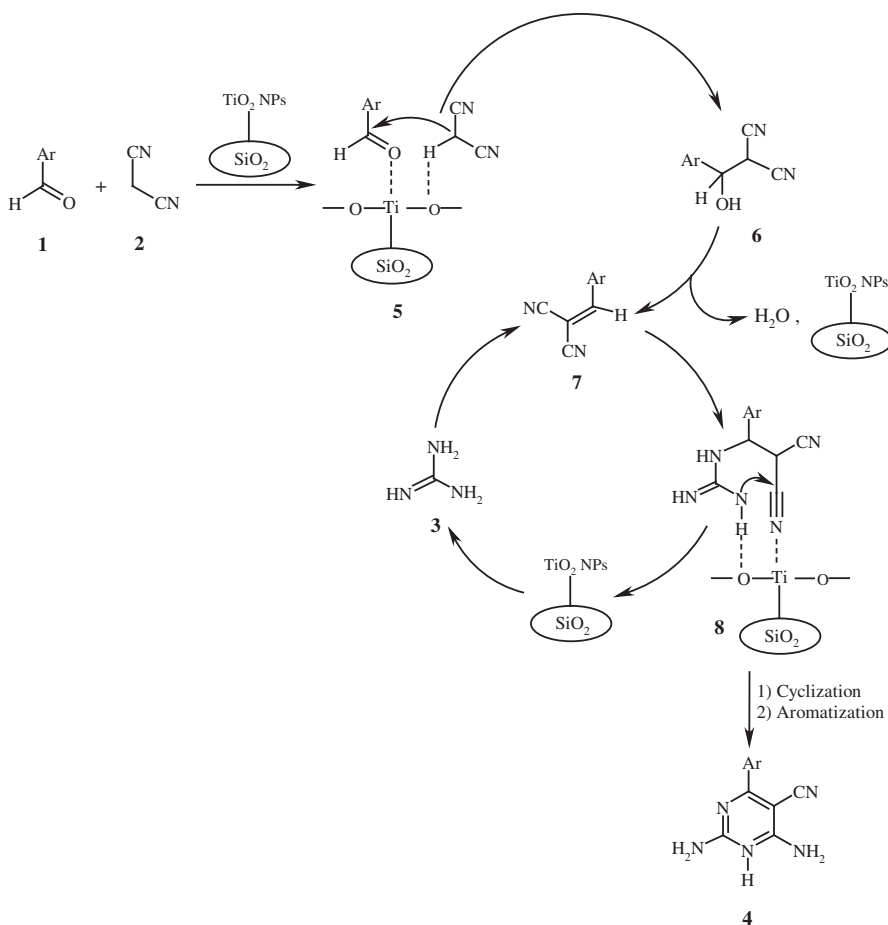
4 Experimental section

4.1 Materials and methods

All chemicals used in this work were purchased from Merck and Fluka in high purity (Kimiaexir Chemical Company, Tehran, Iran). Melting points were determined with Electrothermal 9100 apparatus (East Tehran Branch, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran). FT-IR spectra were obtained using a Bruker Equinox 55 Golden Gate Micro-ATR spectrometer (Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Research Center of Iran, Tehran, Iran). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 AVANCE at 500 and 125 MHz, respectively, using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as internal standard and [D₆]dimethyl sulfoxide

Table 3: Comparison of the catalytic efficiency of the $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite with various known catalysts for the preparation of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles.

| Conditions | Ar | Yield (%) ^a | References |
|---|---|------------------------|------------|
| Aromatic aldehydes (1 mmol), malononitrile (1.2 mmol), guanidine hydrochloride (1.2 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.0 g), and a pinch of TBAB ^b in distilled water (30 mL), at reflux, 3–4 h | C_6H_5 , 3-Cl- C_6H_4 , 4- <i>N,N</i> -(CH_3) ₂ - C_6H_4 , 2-HO- C_6H_4 , 4-HO- C_6H_4 , 3,4-(CH_3O) ₂ - C_6H_3 , 4- CH_3O - C_6H_4 | 63–75 | [21] |
| Aromatic aldehydes (2 mmol), malononitrile (2 mmol), guanidine hydrochloride (2 mmol), and NaOCH_3 (2 mmol) in H_2O (50 mL) and EtOH (5 mL), at reflux, 3–5 h | C_6H_5 , 4-Br- C_6H_4 , 4-Cl- C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3 - C_6H_4 | 64–82 | [22] |
| Aromatic aldehydes (2 mmol), malononitrile (2 mmol), guanidine hydrochloride (2 mmol), and triethylamine (3–4 drops) in toluene (5 mL), under 300 W MWI, 25–45 min | C_6H_5 , 4-Br- C_6H_4 , 4-Cl- C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3 - C_6H_4 | 85–96 | [22] |
| Aromatic aldehydes (2 mmol), malononitrile (2 mmol), guanidine hydrochloride (2 mmol), and MgO (0.25 g) in CH_3CN (5 mL), at reflux, 8–22 min | C_6H_5 , 4-Br- C_6H_4 , 4-Cl- C_6H_4 , 3-F- C_6H_4 , 4-F- C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3 - C_6H_4 , 4-CF ₃ - C_6H_4 | 86–96 | [23] |
| Aromatic aldehydes (2 mmol), malononitrile (3 mmol), guanidine carbonate (1 mmol), and NaOH (1.0 eq) under solvent-free conditions, at 70°C, 4 h | C_6H_5 , 4-Br- C_6H_4 , 3-Cl- C_6H_4 , 4-Cl- C_6H_4 , 3,4-Cl ₂ - C_6H_3 , 4-F- C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3O - C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3 - C_6H_4 , 3,4-(CH_3) ₂ - C_6H_3 | 80–92 | [24] |
| Aromatic aldehydes (1 mmol), malononitrile (1.2 mmol), guanidine nitrate (1.2 mmol), and $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite (21 mg, 15 mol%) under solvent-free conditions, at 80°C, 2 h | C_6H_5 , 4-Br- C_6H_4 , 3-Cl- C_6H_4 , 4-Cl- C_6H_4 , 2,4-Cl ₂ - C_6H_3 , 3-HO- C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3O - C_6H_4 , 4- CH_3 - C_6H_4 , 4-NO ₂ - C_6H_4 , piridine-4-yl, thiophen-2-yl | 90–95 | This work |

^aIsolated yield.^bTBAB, tetrabutylammonium bromide.**Scheme 2:** Proposed mechanism for the synthesis of 2,4-diamino-6-aryl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitriles catalyzed by a $\text{TiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$ nanocomposite.

(DMSO) as a solvent (Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran). Elemental analyses were carried out using a Foss-Heraeus CHN-O-Rapid analyzer (Polymer and Petrochemical Institute, Tehran, Iran). The TEM image of the catalyst was obtained on a Philips EM208 transmission electron microscope under acceleration (Nuclear Science and Technology Research Institute AEOI, Tehran, Iran). Powder X-ray diffraction data were determined on a Philips, X'Pert diffractometer using $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$) (Nuclear Science and Technology Research Institute AEOI). The composition analysis of the catalyst was carried out by XRF spectroscopy using Oxford ED 2000 equipment (Nuclear Science and Technology Research Institute AEOI).

4.2 General procedure for the preparation of TiO_2 - SiO_2 nanocomposite catalyst

First, titanium tetrachloride (2 mL) was added dropwise into the deionized water (200 mL) in an ice-water bath with strong magnetic stirring. After the hydrolysis was completed, the released HCl was neutralized by adding dilute NH_4OH to adjust the pH to 7. The produced solid was filtered and washed with distilled water. The precipitate was dispersed into a 0.3 M HNO_3 aqueous solution (200 mL) to remove all the chloride ions. The mixture was then refluxed under strong stirring at 70°C for 16 h, as the titania sol was prepared. Tetraethyl orthosilicate (25 mL) was added dropwise into the above sol and stirred at 70°C for about 0.5 h. Finally, the TiO_2 - SiO_2 nanocomposite powder was filtered and washed with distilled water and then dried in air at ambient temperature [27].

4.3 General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 4a–4k

A mixture of aromatic aldehydes **1** (1 mmol), malononitrile (**2**, 1.2 mmol), guanidine nitrate (**3**, 1.2 mmol), and TiO_2 - SiO_2 nanocomposite (21 mg, 15 mol%) was stirred at 80°C for about 2 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (acetone–petroleum ether, 1 : 3). Upon completion of the reaction, hot ethanol (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the catalyst was filtered and dried in air at ambient temperature for reuse. The organic solution was poured into the ice-cold water (5 mL) and the solid was removed by filtration and then recrystallized from $\text{EtOH-H}_2\text{O}$ to give the pure product in high yield.

4.4 Selected spectroscopic and physical data

4.4.1 2,4-Diamino-6-phenyl-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4a)

Yield: 0.190 g (90%), m.p. $238\text{--}240^\circ\text{C}$ (lit: $237\text{--}239^\circ\text{C}$ [24]). – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3328, 3196, 3011, 2945, 2388, 2199, 1623, 1587. – ^1H NMR: $\delta = 7.12$ (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.25 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.52 (m, 3 H, HAr), 7.73 (m, 2 H, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 74.5$ (C–CN), 118.9 (CN), 122.5 (2 CH), 127.4 (CH), 130.3 (2 CH), 139.4 (C), 164.6 (C– NH_2), 169.1 (C– NH_2), 170.9 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_5$ (211.23): calcd. C 62.55, H 4.29, N 33.16; found C 62.44, H 4.21, N 33.29%.

4.4.2 2,4-Diamino-6-(4-bromophenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4b)

Yield: 0.267 g (92%), m.p. $259\text{--}261^\circ\text{C}$ (lit: $260\text{--}262^\circ\text{C}$ [24]). – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3501, 3411, 3376, 3143, 2205, 1681, 1616, 1546. – ^1H NMR: $\delta = 7.03$ (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.16 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.71 (br s, 4 H, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 79.3$ (C–CN), 120.1 (CN), 131.1 (2 CH), 134.7 (2 CH), 136.8 (CH), 140.2 (C), 165.4 (C– NH_2), 167.0 (C– NH_2), 168.9 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{BrN}_5$ (290.12): calcd. C 45.54, H 2.78, N 24.14; found C 45.40, H 2.87, N 24.24%.

4.4.3 2,4-Diamino-6-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4c)

Yield: 0.224 g (91%), m.p. $251\text{--}253^\circ\text{C}$ (lit: $253\text{--}255^\circ\text{C}$ [24]). – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3489, 3420, 3378, 3126, 2371, 2200, 1623, 1530. – ^1H NMR: $\delta = 7.10\text{--}7.24$ (br s, 4 H, 2 NH_2), 7.53 (t, 1 H, $J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}$, HAr), 7.59 (d, 1 H, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$, HAr), 7.74 (d, 1 H, $J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}$, HAr), 7.79 (s, 1 H, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 80.4$ (C–CN), 120.4 (CN), 128.5 (CH), 130.1 (CH), 132.8 (CCl), 133.7 (CH), 137.1 (CH), 138.6 (C), 163.4 (C– NH_2), 166.8 (C– NH_2), 170.3 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{ClN}_5$ (245.67): calcd. C 53.78, H 3.28, N 28.51; found C 53.85, H 3.40, N 28.62%.

4.4.4 2,4-Diamino-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4d)

Yield: 0.231 g (94%), m.p. $266\text{--}267^\circ\text{C}$ (lit: $265\text{--}266^\circ\text{C}$ [24]). – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3496, 3431, 3345, 2968, 2450, 2203, 1618, 1525. – ^1H NMR: $\delta = 7.04$ (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.13 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.56 (d, 2 H, $J = 8.6 \text{ Hz}$, HAr), 7.77 (d, 2 H, $J = 8.6 \text{ Hz}$, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 75.5$ (C–CN), 118.7 (CN), 129.0 (2 CH), 133.4 (CCl), 136.1 (2 CH), 139.0 (C), 163.2 (C– NH_2), 165.9 (C– NH_2),

170.4 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{11}H_8ClN_5$ (245.67): calcd. C 53.78, H 3.28, N 28.51; found C 53.43, H 3.16, N 28.08%.

4.4.5 2,4-Diamino-6-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4e)

Yield: 0.258 g (92%), m.p. 233–235°C. – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3427, 3376, 3184, 2360, 2194, 1675, 1545. – 1H NMR: δ = 7.01 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.14 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.46 (m, 2 H, HAr), 7.76 (d, 1 H, J = 7.0 Hz, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 74.1 (C–CN), 119.2 (CN), 123.0 (CH), 131.3 (CH), 134.3 (CCl), 136.2 (CH), 138.8 (C), 140.7 (CCl), 162.8 (C– NH_2), 166.6 (C– NH_2), 171.4 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{11}H_7Cl_2N_5$ (280.12): calcd. C 47.17, H 2.52, N 25.00; found C 47.00, H 2.62, N 24.91%.

4.4.6 2,4-Diamino-6-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4f)

Yield: 0.205 g (90%), m.p. 268–270°C. – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3426, 3351, 3268, 3197, 2436, 2361, 2193, 1656, 1526. – 1H NMR: δ = 6.92 (br s, 4 H, 2 NH_2), 7.78 (m, 1 H, HAr), 7.88 (d, 1 H, J = 7.5 Hz, HAr), 8.24 (d, 1 H, J = 1.6 Hz, HAr), 8.34 (d, 1 H, J = 8.2 Hz, HAr), 9.37 (s, 1 H, OH) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 76.7 (C–CN), 115.9 (CH), 118.2 (CH), 118.8 (CH), 119.3 (CH), 119.4 (CN), 139.3 (C), 158.4 (COH), 163.8 (C– NH_2), 166.0 (C– NH_2), 170.4 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{11}H_9N_5O$ (227.23): calcd. C 58.15, H 3.99, N 30.82; found C 58.02, H 3.87, N 30.74%.

4.4.7 2,4-Diamino-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4g)

Yield: 0.224 g (93%), m.p. 234–235°C (lit: 236–238°C [24]). – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3487, 3416, 3381, 2950, 2206, 1598, 1531. – 1H NMR: δ = 3.82 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 7.10–7.21 (br s, 4 H, 2 NH_2), 7.05 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz, HAr), 7.76 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 55.6 (OCH_3), 80.1 (C–CN), 119.5 (CN), 115.7 (2 CH), 136.4 (2 CH), 138.0 (C), 159.6 ($COCH_3$), 162.2 (C– NH_2), 167.5 (C– NH_2), 171.3 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{12}H_{11}N_5O$ (241.25): calcd. C 59.74, H 4.60, N 29.03; found C 59.82, H 4.68, N 29.89%.

4.4.8 2,4-Diamino-6-(4-methylphenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4h)

Yield: 0.224 g (91%), m.p. 256–258°C (lit: 255–257°C [24]). – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3442, 3417, 3359, 3168, 2207, 1691,

1616, 1535. – 1H NMR: δ = 2.35 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 7.03–7.10 (br s, 4 H, 2 NH_2), 7.29 (d, 2 H, J = 7.9 Hz, HAr), 7.67 (d, 2 H, J = 7.9 Hz, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 20.6 (CH_3), 78.2 (C–CN), 120.2 (CN), 125.2 (2 CH), 136.1 (2 CH), 138.5 (CCH_3), 139.2 (C), 164.3 (C– NH_2), 166.9 (C– NH_2), 170.8 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{12}H_{11}N_5$ (225.25): calcd. C 63.99, H 4.92, N 31.09; found C 63.78, H 4.74, N 31.20%.

4.4.9 2,4-Diamino-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4i)

Yield: 0.241 g (94%), m.p. 244–246°C. – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3508, 3442, 3292, 3018, 2402, 2226, 1620, 1528, 1505, 1380. – 1H NMR: δ = 7.09 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.20 (s, 2 H, NH_2), 7.45 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz, HAr), 8.06 (d, 2 H, J = 8.4 Hz, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 78.3 (C–CN), 119.6 (CN), 123.4 (2 CH), 134.0 (2 CH), 142.3 (C), 148.7 (CNO_2), 165.3 (C– NH_2), 168.4 (C– NH_2), 171.2 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{11}H_8N_6O_2$ (256.22): calcd. C 51.57, H 3.15, N 32.80; found C 51.72, H 3.24, N 32.66%.

4.4.10 2,4-Diamino-6-(pyridine-4-yl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4j)

Yield: 0.202 g (95%), m.p. 230–231°C. – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3451, 3364, 3275, 3192, 2224, 1661, 1646, 1543. – 1H NMR: δ = 6.95–7.07 (br s, 4 H, 2 NH_2), 7.48 (d, 2 H, J = 7.9 Hz, HAr), 8.26 (d, 2 H, J = 7.9 Hz, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 80.1 (C–CN), 119.8 (CN), 125.8 (2 CH), 141.3 (C), 146.5 (2 CH), 163.4 (C– NH_2), 168.2 (C– NH_2), 169.6 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_{10}H_8N_6$ (212.21): calcd. C 56.60, H 3.80, N 39.60; found C 56.51, H 3.65, N 39.49%.

4.4.11 2,4-Diamino-6-(thiophen-2-yl)-5-pyrimidinecarbonitrile (4k)

Yield: 0.202 g (93%), m.p. 222–224°C. – IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): ν_{max} 3460, 3379, 3172, 3025, 2218, 1654, 1536, 1448, 1412. – 1H NMR: δ = 6.79 (m, 2 H, HAr), 7.00–7.08 (br s, 4 H, 2 NH_2), 7.18 (m, 1 H, HAr) ppm. – ^{13}C NMR: δ = 75.0 (C–CN), 119.4 (CN), 120.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 134.9 (CH), 138.7 (C), 167.0 (C– NH_2), 168.8 (C– NH_2), 169.5 (C) ppm. – Analysis for $C_9H_7N_5S$ (217.25): calcd. C 49.76, H 3.25, N 32.24; found C 49.65, H 3.44, N 32.10%.

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