



Facile Syntheses of Pharmaceutically Active Quinazolin-2,4-Diones

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ABSTRACT

Our aim is to design and synthesize new and effective derivatives of quinazolin-2,4-dione which may possess greater certain pharmacological activities. A new series of quinazolin-2,4-diones have been synthesized starting from 3-amino-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione 1 which reacted with chloroacetylchloride to give compound 6, followed by reaction with different reagents to yield heterocyclic moieties attached to pyrimidine ring in position 3. Characterization of the newly synthesized compounds was by IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, MS, and elemental analysis technique.

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INTRODUCTION

It has been recently shown that, pyrimidine and quinazoline derivatives^{1,2} are most popular compounds and they are promising structural moieties which form components in a number of useful drugs and are associated with many attractive biological and therapeutical activities.³ Pyrimidine compounds have been used as hypnotic drugs for the nervous system.⁴ Moreover, they exhibit range of pharmacological activities such as antibacterial^{5,6}, antifungal^{7,8}, anticancer⁹ and anti-inflammatory.^{10,11} In the continuation of our search for more potent antibacterial agents, we have documented that pyrimidine and quinazoline derivatives exhibited good antibacterial activity. Our research has been devoted to the development of a new class of quinazoline moiety which attached to interesting heterocyclic moieties using 2-Chloro-*N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-acetamide 6 as a requisite starting substrate. The incorporation of the two resulted moieties increases the biological activity of the newly synthesized compounds.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Instrumentation

Melting points were uncorrected determined on an electric melting point apparatus (Kofler). IR spectra (KBr) were recorded on a Shimadzu 408 spectrometer. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-*d*₆ on Varian EM 390 spectrometer (200 and 300 MHz for ¹H and 300 MHz for ¹³C); chemical shifts are reported in ppm with TMS as an internal standard and are given in δ units. The mass spectra were determined using a HP Model, MS 5988 and AmD 402/3 mass spectrometers at ionization energy 70 eV. Elemental analyses were carried out at Microanalysis Unit at Cairo University and the Chemistry Department at Regensburg University, Germany; purity of the compounds was detected by TLC.

Synthesis

General procedures for synthesis of imides (2-4)

A mixture of 3-amino-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione 1 (0.9 gm., 5 mmol) and the appropriate anhydrides namely 3*a*,4,7,7*a*-tetrahydroisobenzofuran-1,3-dione (5 mmol), benzo[1,2-*c*:4,5-*c'*]difuran-1,3,5,7-tetraone (2.5 mmol), benzo[de]isochromen-1,3-dione (5 mmol) in glacial acetic acid (20 ml) was refluxed for (4-6) hrs. After cooling, the solid crystals were filtered off and collected; then crystallized from the appropriate solvent to give 2-4 respectively (Scheme 1).

Compound 2

Yield 70 % M.P. 270°C FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): (ν C=O's) 1741, 1695; (ν sp³ C-H) 2955; (ν sp² C-H aromatic) 3060; (ν NH) 3231. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.37 (m, 2H, 2CHa); 2.5 (m, 2H, 2CHb); 3.5 (m, 2H, 2CHc sp³); 5.9 (m, 2H, 2CH sp²); 7.29-7.96 (m, 4H, arom.H); 12.12 (s, 1H, NH). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃N₃O₄: C, 61.73; H, 4.21; N, 13.50. Found: C, 61.76; H, 4.22; N, 13.52 %.

Compound 3

Yield 60 % M.P. > 360°C FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): (ν C=O's) 1746, 1695, 1685; (ν NH) 3308. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.18-8.05 (m, 8H, arom.H); 8.76 (s, 2H, 2Ha); 12.43 (s, 2H, NH). ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ, ppm): 112.6, 116.3, 120.9, 123.9, 127.9, 135.0, 136.9, 139.3, 147.1, 159.1, 161.6. Anal. Calcd. for C₂₆H₁₂N₆O₈: C, 58.22; H, 2.25; N, 15.67. Found: C, 58.19; H, 2.26; N, 15.66 %.

Compound 4

Yield 68% M.P. > 360°C FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): (ν C=O's) 1757, 1669; (ν NH) 3293. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 7.34-8.61 (m, 10H, arom.H). MS showed protonated molecular ion peak (M+H)⁺ [12] at (m/z, %): 357 (100 %) correspond to the molecular formula (C₂₀H₁₁N₃O₄). Anal. Calcd. for



$C_{20}H_{11}N_3O_4$: C, 67.23; H, 3.10; N, 11.76. Found: C, 67.25; H, 3.11; N, 11.74 %.

1*H*,3*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione (5)

A cooled solution of $NaNO_2$ (0.7 gm.) in water (10 ml) was added drop by drop during 30 minutes to a cooled solution of compound **1** (1.7gm., 10 mmol) in HCl (30 ml) with stirring at 0°C. Stirring continues for 2 hrs., the precipitate formed was isolated by filtration, washed with water; then crystallized from commercial ethanol to give 1*H*,3*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione **5** (1.33 gm., 8 mmol) as white needles (Scheme 2). Yield 85 % M.P. 320°C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1705, 1675; (ν NH) 3247. MS showed protonated molecular ion peak ($M+H$)⁺ at (m/z , %): 162 (100 %) correspond to the molecular formula ($C_8H_6N_2O_2$). Anal.Calcd.for $C_8H_6N_2O_2$: C, 59.26; H, 3.73; N, 17.28. Found: C, 59.23; H, 3.74; N, 17.29 %.

2-chloro-*N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-acetamide (6)

Treatment of a solution of 3-amino-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione **1** (0.53 gm., 3 mmol) in 10 ml DMF with chloro acetylchloride (0.16 ml) drop wisely during stirring at room temperature. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 2 hrs., then diluted with cold water. The solid formed was filtered off; then crystallized from benzene to give 2-Chloro-*N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl) acetamide **6** in yield 85% as white crystals (Scheme 3). M.P. 216 °C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1740, 1670; (ν NH) 3200. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 4.33 (s, 2H, CH₂); 7.22-7.96 (m, 4H, arom.H); 10.94 (s, 1H, NH); 11.68 (s, 1H, NH). MS showed molecular ion peak at (m/z =253, 28.83%) for ³⁵Cl and at (m/z =255, 10.23%) for ³⁷Cl correspond to the molecular formula ($C_{10}H_8N_3O_3Cl$). Anal.Calcd.for $C_{10}H_8N_3O_3Cl$: C, 47.35; H, 3.18; N, 16.57; Cl, 13.98. Found: C, 47.55; H, 3.15; N, 16.52; Cl, 13.94 %.

General procedures for synthesis of *N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-2-piperidin-1-yl-acetamide (7a) and *N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-2-morpholin-4-yl-acetamide (7b)

2-Chloro-*N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl) acetamide **6** (0.5 gm., 2 mmol) was added to a solution of piperidine and/ or morpholine (2 mmol) in absolute ethanol (30 ml) in presence of K_2CO_3 (0.42 gm., 3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hrs., the solid formed was filtered off, washed with water; then crystallized from toluene to afford *N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-2-piperidin-1-yl-acetamide **7a** in yield 55% as white crystals and *N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-2-morpholin-4-yl-acetamide **7b** in yield 45% as yellow crystals (Scheme 3).

Compound (7a)

M.P. 224°C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1741, 1695; (ν NH) 3231. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.41 (m, 2H, CH₂); 1.57 (m, 4H, 2CH₂); 2.5 (t, 4H, 2CH₂); 3.1 (s, 2H, CH₂); 7.2-7.95 (m, 4H, arom.H); 10.2 (s, 1H, NH); 11.7 (s, 1H, NH). MS showed protonated molecular ion peak ($M+H$)⁺ at

(m/z , %): 303 (5.00 %) correspond to the molecular formula ($C_{15}H_{19}N_4O_3$). Anal.Calcd.for $C_{15}H_{19}N_4O_3$: C, 59.59; H, 6.0; N, 18.53. Found: C, 60.05; H, 5.98; N, 18.51 %.

Compound (7b)

M.P. 236 °C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1746, 1695, 1685; (ν NH) 3308. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.57 (t, 2H, 2CH₂-N); 3.17 (s, 2H, CH₂); 3.65 (t, 4H, 2CH₂-O); 7.22-7.95 (m, 4H, arom.H); 10.3 (s, 1H, NH); 11.6 (s, 1H, NH). Anal.Calcd.for $C_{14}H_{16}N_4O_4$: C, 55.26; H, 5.30; N, 18.41. Found: C, 55.23; H, 5.31; N, 18.39 %.

1,4-bis[(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-carbonyl]-methyl-piperazine (8)

Compound **6** (0.5 gm., 2 mmol) was added to a solution of piperazine (1 mmol) in absolute ethanol (30 ml) in presence of K_2CO_3 (0.42 gm., 3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 hrs., the solid formed was filtered off, washed with water; then crystallized from DMF to afford 1,4-bis[(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-carbonyl]-methylpiperazine **8** in yield 48% as white crystals (Scheme 3). M.P. > 360°C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1757, 1669; (ν NH) 3293. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 2.68 (s, 8H, 4CH₂); 3.35 (s, 4H, 2CH₂); 7.22-7.96 (m, 8H, arom.H); 10.27 (broad s, 2H, 2NH); 11.6 (broad s, 2H, 2NH). MS showed protonated molecular ion peak ($M+H$)⁺ at (m/z , %): 521 (100 %) correspond to the molecular formula ($C_{24}H_{25}N_8O_6$). Anal.Calcd.for $C_{24}H_{24}N_8O_6$: C, 55.38; H, 4.65; N, 21.53. Found: C, 55.43; H, 4.63; N, 21.52 %.

3-(2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-1-yl)-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione (9a)

A mixture of 2-chloro-*N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl)-acetamide **6** (1 gm., 4 mmol) and urea (4 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) in presence of anhydrous K_2CO_3 (0.7 gm., 5 mmol), was refluxed until ammonia odour has stopped (10 hrs.). The solid formed was filtered off, washed with water, then crystallized from 1,4-dioxane to afford 3-(2,5-dioxo-imidazolidin-1-yl)-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione **9a** in yield 62 % as white crystals (Scheme 4).M.P. > 360 °C. FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1760, 1690; (ν NH) 3320, 3290. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 4.54 (s, 2H, CH₂); 7.26-8.0 (m, 4H, arom.H). MS (m/z , %): 260 (29.20%) correspond to the molecular formula ($C_{11}H_8N_4O_4$). Anal.Calcd.for $C_{11}H_8N_4O_4$: C, 50.78; H, 3.10; N, 21.53. Found: C, 50.84; H, 3.08; N, 21.51 %.

3-(2-thioxo-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-4-ylamino)-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione (9b)

When 2-chloro-*N*-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2*H*-quinazolin-3-yl) acetamide **6** (1 gm., 4 mmol) and thiourea (4 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) in presence of anhydrous K_2CO_3 (0.7 gm., 5 mmol), were heated under reflux for 12 hrs. After cooling the reaction mixture was neutralized with concentrated HCl. The precipitated solid was filtered off, crystallized from ethanol to give 3-(2-thioxo-2,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-4-yl-amino)-1*H*-quinazolin-2,4-dione **9b** in yield 55 % as deep yellow crystals (Scheme 4). M.P. > 360

°C. FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1710, 1650; (ν NH's) 3290, 3200. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.6 (s, 2H, CH_2); 7.19-7.97 (m, 5H, arom.H+NH); 10.72 (s, 1H, NH); 11.7 (s, 1H, NH). MS (m/z, %): 275 (1.44 %) correspond to the molecular formula ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$). Anal.Calcd.for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{S}$: C, 47.99; H, 3.30; N, 25.44; S, 11.65. Found: C, 48.04; H, 3.31; N, 25.42; S, 11.63 %.

2-(Benzothiazol-2-yl-sulfanylmethyl)(1,3,4)-oxadiazolo [2,3-b]-4H,5H-quinazolin-5-one (10)

An equimolar amounts of compound 6 (0.5 gm., 2 mmol) and 2-mercaptobenzothiazole (0.5gm., 3mmol) in acetone (30 ml) in presence of dry K_2CO_3 (0.55 gm., 4 mmol), was heated under reflux for 5 hrs. After cooling, the solid formed was filtered off, washed with water, then crystallized from ethanol to give 2-(Benzothiazol-2-yl-sulfanyl-methyl)(1,3,4)oxadiazolo[2,3-b](4H,5H)quinazolin-5-one 10 in yield 90% as yellow crystals (Scheme 4). M.P. 260°C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O) 1695; and the absence of any band due to NH vibration. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 4.25 (s, 2H, CH_2); 6.88-8.03 (m, 8H, arom.H). MS (m/z, %): 366 (27.60%) correspond to the molecular formula ($\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$). Anal.Calcd.for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$: C, 55.73; H, 2.75; N, 15.29; S, 8.73. Found: C, 55.76; H, 2.74; N, 15.30; S, 8.71 %.

3-(4-oxo-3H,4H,5H-thiazolidin-2-ylideneamino)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione (E-isomer) (11a) and (Z-isomer) (11b)

A mixture of 2-chloro-N-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl)acetamide 6 (0.5 gm., 2 mmol) and ammonium thiocyanate (0.23 gm., 3 mmol) in ethanol (30 ml) is heated under reflux for 2 hrs. The solid was formed during the reaction was filtered off, crystallized from acetic acid to afford the isomeric mixture of 3-(4-oxo-3H,4H,5H-thiazolidin-(2E)-ylideneamino)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 11a and 3-(4-oxo-3H,4H,5H-thiazolidin-(2Z)-ylideneamino)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 11b in yield 70% as white crystals (Scheme 4). M.P. > 360 °C. FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's) 1735, 1695, 1660; (ν NH) 3230-3200. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): confirmed the proposed structures of 11a and 11b and it indicates different signals for the two isomers at δ 4.12 (s, 2H, CH_2) for 11a; 4.21 (s, 2H, CH_2) for 11b; 7.26-8.02 (m, 4H, arom.H) for both isomers; 11.72 (s, 1H, NH) for 11a; 11.71 (s, 1H, NH) for 11b; 12.48 (s, 1H, NH) for 11a and 12.28 (s, 1H, NH) for 11b. Anal.Calcd.for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C, 47.82; H, 2.92; N, 20.28; S, 11.61. Found: C, 47.77; H, 2.94; N, 20.29; S, 11.60 %.

3-(2-imino-4-oxo-3H,4H,5H-thiazolidin-3-yl)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione (12)

A mixture of 2-chloro-N-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl)acetamide 6 (0.5 gm., 2 mmol) and potassium thiocyanate (0.29 gm., 3 mmol) in acetone (30 ml) is heated under reflux for 2 hrs. The solid formed during the reaction was filtered off, crystallized from ethanol to afford 3-(2-imino-4-oxo-3H,4H,5H-thiazolidin-3-yl)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 12 in yield 75% as white crystals (Scheme 4). M.P. 280°C FT-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): (ν C=O's)

1715, 1685; (ν NH) 3290. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 4.32 (s, 2H, CH_2); 7.27-7.98 (m, 4H, arom.H); 9.59 (s, 1H, NH); 11.59 (s, 1H, NH). MS (m/z, %): 276 (29.30 %) correspond to the molecular formula ($\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$). Anal.Calcd.for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$: C, 47.82; H, 2.92; N, 20.28; S, 11.61. Found: C, 47.84; H, 2.93; N, 20.27; S, 11.60 %.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Owing to the importance of quinazoline derivatives which documented in our previous studies¹³⁻¹⁷, here we have developed the synthesis of some new interesting derivatives of quinazolin-2,4-dione which may use as potential pharmaceuticals. Synthetic scheme 1 illustrates the effect of different aromatic anhydrides on compound 1 in different ratios like (1:1) and (2:1). Treatment of 3-amino-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 1 with different aromatic anhydride namely 3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydroisobenzofuran-1,3-dione, benzo[1,2-c;4,5-c']difuran-1,3,5,7-tetraone and benzo[de]isochromen-1,3-dione in acetic acid under reflux gave the corresponding imides 2, 3 and 4 respectively. Scheme 2 shows the effect of nitrous acid on compound 1. Diazotization of compound 1 followed by addition of malononitrile or diethyl malonate to introduce diazo group in position-3 was unsuccessful. The only formed product was identified as 1H,3H-quinazolin-2,4-dione. Scheme 3 illustrates the way used to synthesize the requisite starting material 2-chloro-N-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl)acetamide 6 which was used in the synthesis of several quinazolin-2,4-dione derivatives. Treatment of 3-amino-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 1 with chloroacetyl chloride drop by drop with stirring in DMF followed by addition of H_2O gave 2-chloro-N-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl)acetamide 6 in an excellent yield. When compound 6 is stirred with piperidine, morpholine and/or piperazine in ethanol in presence of anhydrous K_2CO_3 , it gave the corresponding imides N-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl)-2-piperidin-1-yl-acetamide 7a, N-(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl)-2-morpholin-4-yl-acetamide 7b and 1,4-bis[(2,4-dioxo-1,4-dihydro-2H-quinazolin-3-yl-carbamoyl)-methyl]piperazine 8 respectively. Furthermore, we investigated of the effect of urea, thiourea and thiocyanates on compound 6 as shown in (Scheme 4). Addition of urea to starting material 6 under reflux until ammonia odour has ceased, it afforded 3-(2,5-dioxoimidazolidin-1-yl)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 9a. Similarly when compound 6 was added to thiourea, it afforded 3-(2-thioxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-4-yl-amino)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione 9b. The reaction of compound 6 with 2-mercaptobenzothiazole in acetone yielded 2-(Benzothiazol-2-yl-sulfanylmethyl) (1,3,4)oxadiazolo[2,3-b]-4H,5H-quinazolin-5-one 10 in a good yield. On treatment of compound 6 with ammonium thiocyanate under reflux, it gave two isomeric forms of compound 3-(4-oxo-3H,4H,5H-thiazolidin-2-yl-ideneamino)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione (E-form) 11a and (Z-form) 11b in a ratio of 2:1 respectively¹⁸. Attempts to isolate the two isomers using column chromatography and HPLC were unsuccessful. The presence of the two isomers and their

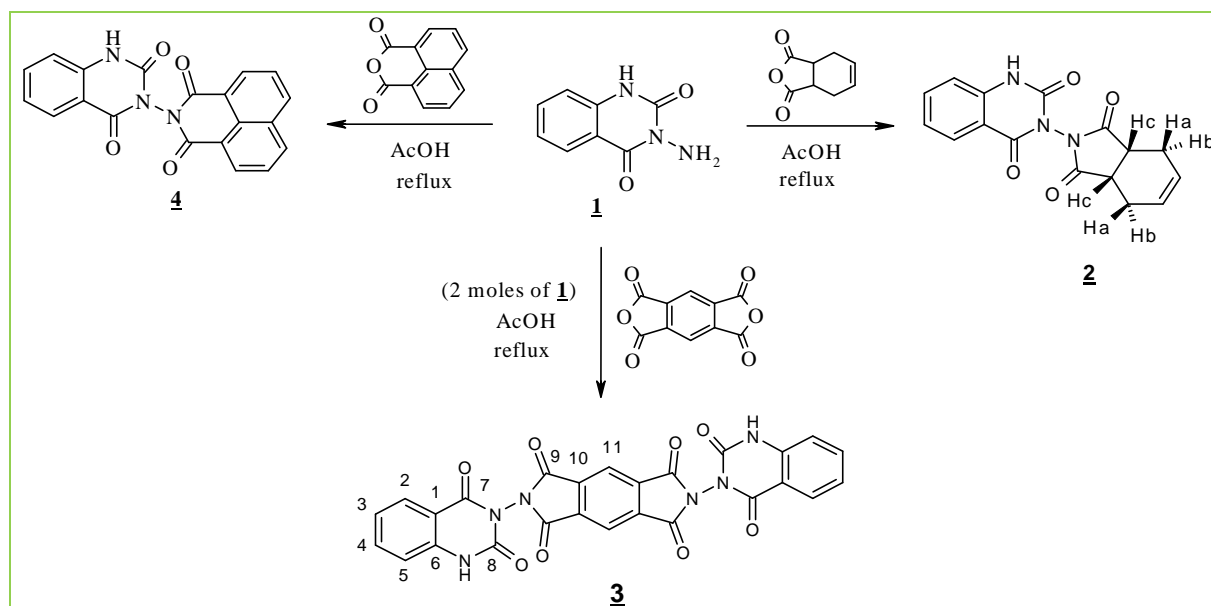
ratio was indicated from the $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra. The integration curves of the signals confirmed the ratio, and it is suggested that the major product is structure **11a** due to:-

(1) The size of nitrogen atom is smaller than that of sulfur, thus **11a** is the more stable because it shows less steric hindrance with carbonyl oxygen atom than **11b**.

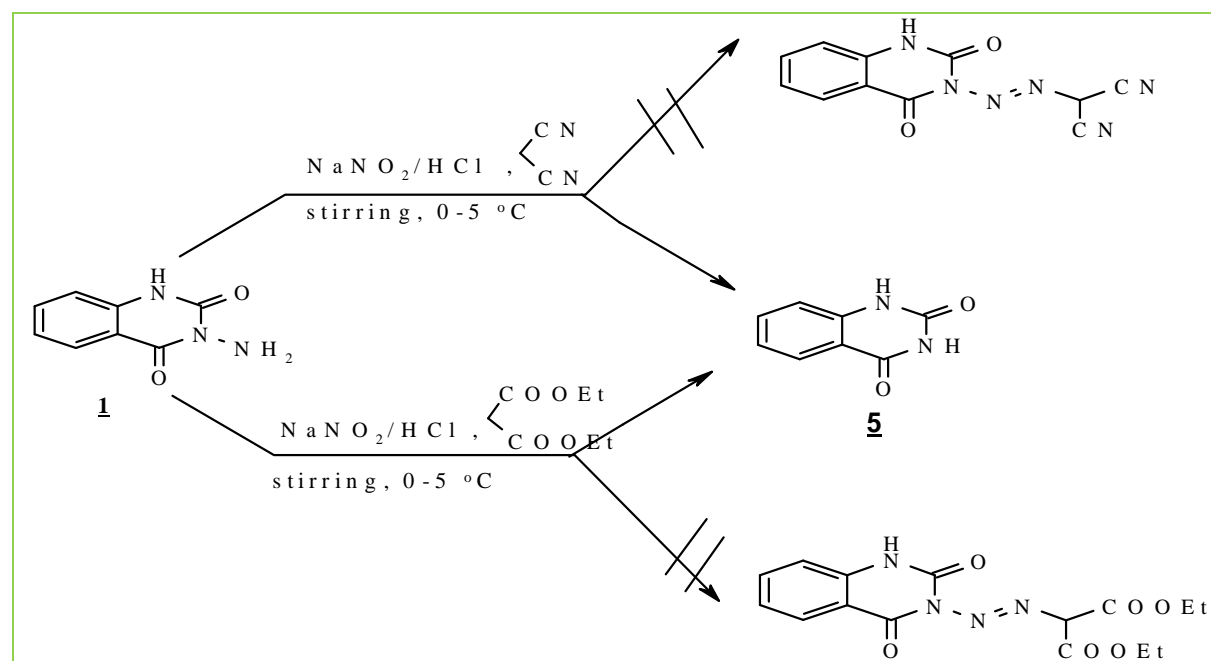
(2) The repulsive force between the atomic orbitals bearing the non bonding electrons is smaller in case of **11a** than **11b**.

Separation of this mixture using various chromatographic methods such as column chromatography, HPLC and preparative TLC was not possible.

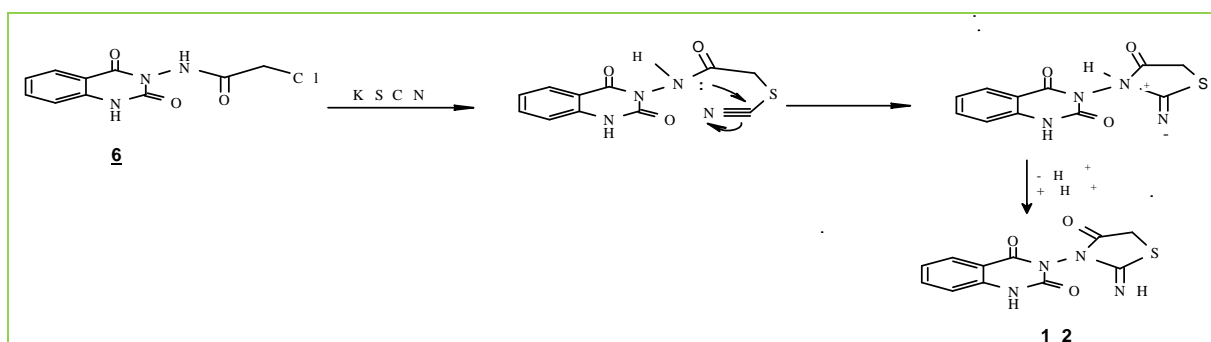
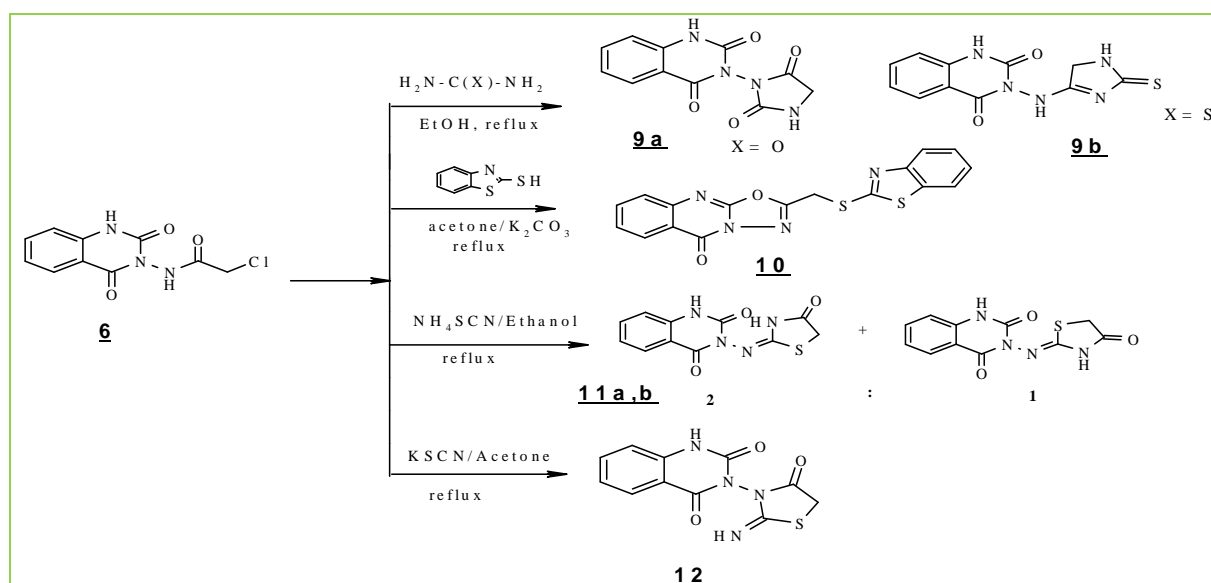
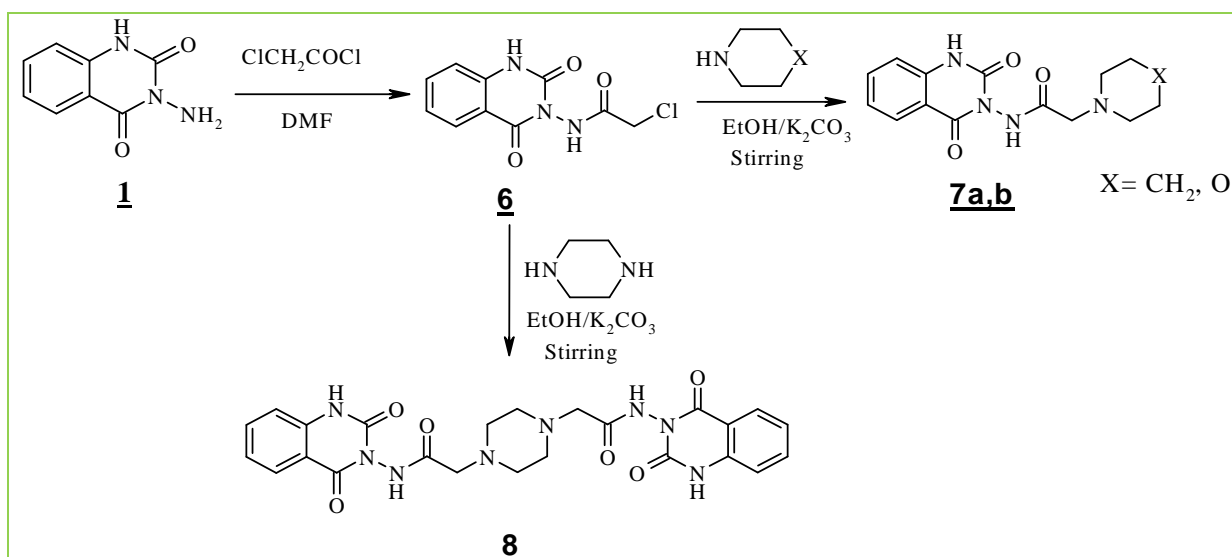
Finally, when compound **6** was allowed to react with potassium thiocyanate under reflux, it gave 3-(2-imino-4-oxo-3H, 4H, 5H-thiazolidin-3-yl)-1H-quinazolin-2,4-dione **12**. It was expected that the imino group could be hydrolyzed but ammonia odour was not detected during the reaction¹⁹. The Formation of Compound **12** may proceed according to the Dimroth type Rearrangement mechanism²⁰ as illustrated in (Scheme 5). **In conclusion**, the recent study focused primarily on the synthesis of several and effective quinazoline derivatives which may have significant role in drug design. Diverse chemical structures were evaluated by IR, $^1\text{H NMR}$, $^{13}\text{C NMR}$, MS, and elemental analysis technique.



Scheme 1



Scheme 2



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