



## An efficient route for the synthesis of some monoazo disperse dyes derived from nicotinic acid derivatives

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### ABSTRACT

Ethyl 2-amino-3-cyano-4-phenylnicotinates (**8**), could be readily synthesized *via* reacting ethyl propiolate with benzyldenemalononitrile in the presence of L-proline as a catalyst and subsequent rearrangement of the so formed 2-aminopyran (**7**), with acetic acid in the presence of ammonium acetate. A series of 2-amino and 2-hydroxyarylazonicotinates monoazo disperse dyes (**12a-c**), were prepared in a good yields via condensation of arylhydrazonals (**11a-c**), with active methylene nitriles. The compound **9** was also characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction studies. Crystal data for compound **9**, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (*M* = 294.29): hexagonal, space group P6<sub>5</sub> (no. 170), *a* = 11.3311(5) Å, *c* = 19.5375(10) Å, *V* = 2172.42(18) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 6, *T* = 296(2) K, μ(MoKα) = 0.879 mm<sup>-1</sup>, *D*<sub>calc</sub> = 1.350 g/mm<sup>3</sup>, 4546 reflections measured (9.02 ≤ 2θ ≤ 132.96), 2271 unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0921) which were used in all calculations. The final *R*<sub>1</sub> was 0.0686 (>2σ(*I*)) and *wR*<sub>2</sub> was 0.1691 (all data).

### 1. Introduction

Every year, a number of dyes are introduced for coloring textile fibres by researchers and colorists. Only a few of those are commercialized, after passing necessary standards such as good build up, fastness properties and toxicity [1]. It is well known that disperse dyes are the most important group for dyeing of hydrophobic fibres, especially polyester.

The considerable biological and medicinal activities of nicotinic acid and its derivatives [2-5] have promoted recent interest in synthesis of new nicotinic acids of potential biological activities. Although condensation reactions of arylhydrazonals with active methylene nitriles were originally reported to afford pyridazin-6-imines [6], more recent studies have demonstrated that arylazonicotinates are also formed in some of these processes [7-9]. Because arylazonicotinates are a valuable class of arylazopyridine dyes whose chemistry has attracted some interest as new disperse dyes [10-12], it seemed of value to undertake an investigation aimed at exploring the potential utility of arylhydrazonals as precursors for the preparation of these targets.

In conjunction to our effort for synthesis poly-substituted nicotinates either as new antimicrobial agents or new disperse dye intermediates, we report herein, synthesis of new potential antimicrobial and disperse dyes with nicotinic acid skeleton *via* simple efficient routes. Also our investigation, described below, has led to the synthesis of different types of substances, including 2-aminoazonicotinate and 2-hydroxyazonicotinate derivatives for utilizing as heterocyclic components for various disperse dyes.

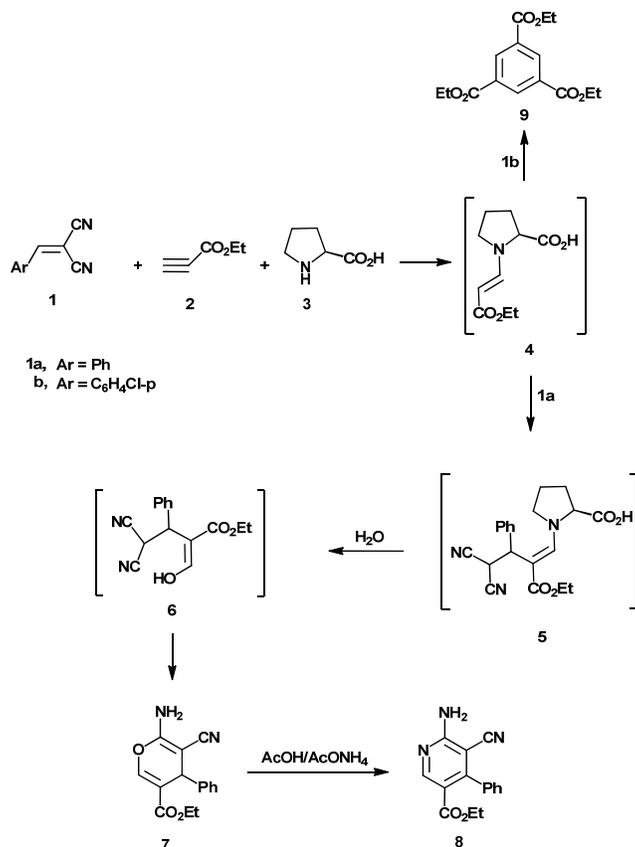
### 2. Experimental

#### 2.1. Instrumentation

Melting points are uncorrected. All melting points were recorded on a Griffin melting point apparatus and are reported uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded using KBr disks using a Perkin-Elmer System 2000 FT-IR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) or (600 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz) or (150 MHz) spectra were recorded at 25 °C in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> as solvent with TMS as internal standard on a Bruker DPX 400 or 600 super-conducting NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm. Mass spectra were measured using a high resolution GC-MS (DFS) Thermo spectrometer with EI (70 eV). Microanalyses were performed on a LECO CHNS-932 Elemental Analyzer. Compounds **10b**, **10c**, and **11b** are prepared according to our previous work [13,14]. The crystal structure of compound **9** was determined by Bruker AXS X8 Prospector Single Crystal X-Ray Diffractometer at Kuwait University. The crystal was kept at 296(2) K during data collection. The structure was solved with the Program SHELXL-97 Software package.

#### 2.2. Ethyl-6-amino-5-cyano-4-phenyl-4H-pyran-3-carboxylate (**7**)

A mixture of benzyldene malononitrile, **1a**, (1.54 g, 0.01 mol), ethyl propiolate, **2**, (1.0 g, 0.01 mol) and L-proline, **3**, (10% mol) was added together. The mixture was refluxed in absolute ethanol (15 mL) for 4 h, followed by TLC. The crude compound formed was recrystallized from ethanol as white crystalline solid (Scheme 1). Yield: 65%. M.p.: 227-230 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.08 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.01 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.23 (s, 1H, pyran H4), 7.03 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.23 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.32 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.71 (s, 1H, pyran H6).



Scheme 1

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 14.33 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 37.55 (pyran C4), 57.79 (pyran C3), 60.70 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 111.78 (pyran C5), 120.16 (CN), 127.41, 127.84, 128.93, 144.69, 148.23, 159.05 (CO), 164.98 (pyran C6). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 270 (M<sup>+</sup>, 43), 271 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 8). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 66.66; H, 5.22; N, 10.36. Found: C, 66.58; H, 5.29; N, 10.44%.

### 2.3. Ethyl-6-amino-5-cyano-4-phenylnicotinate (8)

A solution of pyran, 7, (0.70 g, 2.5 mmol) in acetic acid (10 mL) containing ammonium acetate (1 g) was refluxed 5 h. Then, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The solid which formed was collected by filtration, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol as yellowish white crystalline solid (Scheme 1). Yield: 71%. M.p.: 179-181 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 0.87 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.28-7.30 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.7 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 8.67 ppm (s, 1H, pyridyl H6). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 13.46 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 60.17 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 90.53 (pyridyl C3), 114.41 (pyridyl C5), 115.48 (CN), 127.72, 128.01, 128.61, 136.78, 155.02, 156.25, 161.66 (CO), 164.52 (pyridyl C6). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 267 (M<sup>+</sup>, 44), 268 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 9). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 67.41; H, 4.90; N, 15.72. Found: C, 67.54; H, 4.83; N, 15.81%.

### 2.4. Benzen-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid triethyl ester (9)

A mixture of *p*-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile, 1b, (1.54 g, 0.01 mol), ethyl propiolate (1.0 g, 0.01 mol) and L-proline or DBU (10% mol) was added together. The mixture was refluxed in absolute ethanol (15 mL) for 8 h, followed by TLC. The crude compound formed was recrystallized from ethanol as pale

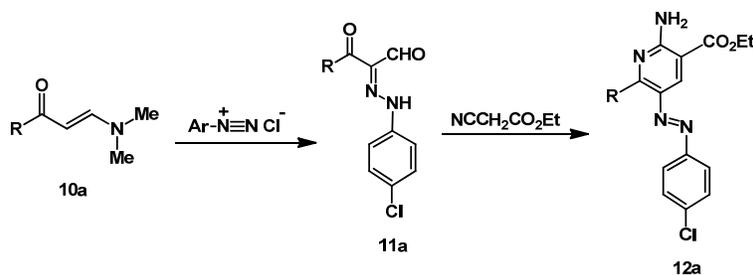
yellow crystalline solid (Scheme 1). Yield: 81%. M.p.: 140-142 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.38 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.41 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3CH<sub>2</sub>), 8.65 (s, 3H, Ar-H). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 294 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11), 295 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 5). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 61.22; H, 6.16. Found: C, 61.29; H, 6.19%.

### 2.5. 3-Dimethylamino-1-naphthalen-2-yl-propenone (10a)

A mixture of 2-acetylnaphthalen (10 mmol) and *N,N*-dimethylformamide-dimethylacetal (DMF-DMA) (15 mmol) were stirred at reflux for 24 h. The separated solid product obtained on standing at room temperature was collected by filtration, washed by EtOH and recrystallized from EtOH to afford the corresponding enaminone, 10a, as yellow crystals (Scheme 2). Yield: 85%. M.p.: 92-94 °C. FT-IR (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1639 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 2.88 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.11 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 12 Hz, olefinic CH), 7.41-7.50 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 12 Hz, olefinic CH), 7.91-7.93 (m, 4H, Ar-H). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 225 (M<sup>+</sup>, 66), 226 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 8). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: C, 79.97; H, 6.71; N, 6.22. Found: C, 80.05; H, 6.77; N, 6.18%.

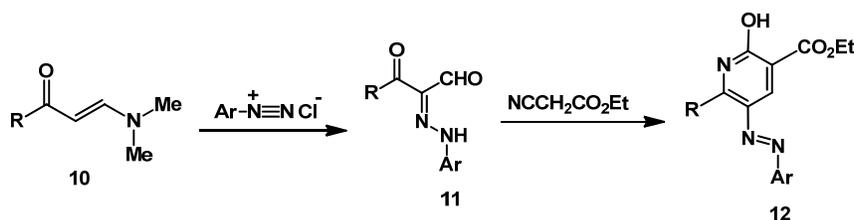
### 2.6. General procedure for the preparation of compounds (11a,c)

Cold solution of benzenediazonium chloride (10 mmol) was prepared by adding a solution of sodium nitrite (1.4 g dissolved in 10 mL water) to cold solution of primary aromatic amines hydrochloride (10 mmol in 10 mL, 6 M HCl) with stirring. The resulting solution of benzenediazonium chloride was then added to a cold solution of the enaminones, 10a or 10c, (10 mmol) in ethanol (50 mL) in the presence of sodium acetate (4.2 g, 30 mmol).



10-12a, R = naphthalene-2-yl, Ar = *p*-chlorophenyl

Scheme 2



10-12b, R = 1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl, Ar = Ph  
c, R = pyrazin-2-yl, Ar = *p*-tolyl

Scheme 3

The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The formed solid product was collected by filtration and washed with water then recrystallized from EtOH to afford compound **11a** or **11c**, respectively.

**2-[(4-Chlorophenyl)hydrazono]-3-naphthalen-2-yl-3-oxopropionaldehyde (11a)**: Yellow crystals (Scheme 2). Yield: 74%. M.p.: 128-130 °C. FT-IR (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431 (NH), 1637 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 7.41-7.52 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.62-7.73 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.92-8.54 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 10.06 (s, 1H, NH), 14.16 (s, 1H, CHO). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 336 (M<sup>+</sup>, 38), 337 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 7.75). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 67.76; H, 3.89; N, 8.32. Found: C, 67.71; H, 3.95; N, 8.44%.

**3-Oxo-3-(pyrazin-2-yl)-2-(2-*p*-tolylhydrazono)propanal (11c)**: Wine red crystals (Scheme 3). Yield: 78%. M.p.: 140-141 °C. FT-IR (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3119 (NH), 1657, 1642 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 2.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.20 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, Ar-H), 7.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.6 Hz, Ar-H), 8.81-8.85 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 9.04 (s, 1H, Ar-H); 10.02 (s, 1H, NH), 14.36 (s, 1H, CHO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 117.0, 130.0, 131.7, 136.3, 138.9, 143.7, 144.7, 145.0, 150.8, 187.0, 188.7. MS (*m/z*, (%)): 268 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 20). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.68; H, 4.51; N, 20.88; Found: C, 62.88; H, 4.82; N, 20.57%.

### 2.7. Ethyl 2-amino-5-((4-chlorophenyl)diazonyl)-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)nicotinate (12a)

A mixture of the arylhydrazonals, **11a**, (10 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (1.2 g, 10 mmol) and ammonium acetate (2 g) in acetic acid (30 mL) was refluxed for 2 h. then allowed to cool down to room temperature and poured onto ice cold water. The formed precipitate was collected by filtration washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol as orange crystals (Scheme 2). Yield: 77%. M.p.: 89-90 °C. FT-IR (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3444, 4350 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 1743 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.37 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.39 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.56-7.62 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.72 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.93-8.02 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 8.12 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 8.35 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 8.62 (s, 1H, pyridine H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 105.1, 124.0, 126.5, 126.6, 127.2, 127.4, 127.5,

128.2, 128.6, 129.4, 129.5, 131.0, 132.2, 133.1, 134.6, 134.9, 136.6, 150.9, 159.8, 166.2 (CO). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 430 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 431 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 55). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 66.90; H, 4.44; N, 13.00. Found: C, 66.88; H, 4.38; N, 13.11%.

### 2.8. General procedure for the synthesis of compounds (12b,c and 14)

Independent mixtures of compound **11b** or **11c** (0.01 mol), ethyl cyanoacetate or cyanoacetamide (0.01 mol), and ammonium acetate (0.5 g) in acetic acid (10 mL) was stirred at reflux for 30 min (progress of the reactions was monitored by using TLC using ethyl acetate: petroleum ether (1:1)). The mixtures were cooled and then poured into ice-water. The solids that formed were collected by using filtration and crystallized from ethanol to give compound **12b,c** and **14**.

**Ethyl 2-hydroxy-5-(phenyldiazonyl)-6-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)nicotinate (12b)**: Dark brown powder (Scheme 3). Yield: 60%. M.p.: 202-204 °C. FT-IR (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3300 (OH), 3064 (NH), 1598 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.30 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.31 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10-7.77 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 8.31 (s, 1H, pyridyl-H); 11.89 (s, 1H, NH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable), 12.18 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.9, 117.2, 121.2, 123.0, 126.0, 127.5, 128.8, 129.0, 130.9, 131.4, 141.3, 141.8, 175.0, 176.9 (CO). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 337 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 95). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 64.28; H, 4.79; N, 16.66. Found: C, 63.97; H, 4.63; N, 16.44%. HRMS: *m/z* (EI) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>; calcd. 336.1216; found: 336.1216.

**Ethyl 2-hydroxy-6-(pyrazin-2-yl)-5-(*p*-tolylidiazonyl)nicotinate (12c)**: Dark red powder (Scheme 3). Yield: 68%. M.p.: >300 °C. FT-IR (KBr cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3312 (OH), 1610 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.30 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.23 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.06-7.77 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 8.16 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 9.04 (s, 1H, arom-H), 12.00 (s, 1H, OH, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.6, 117.1, 121.3, 123.2, 125.6, 127.5, 128.8, 129.2, 132.4, 135.0, 139.9, 157.5, 161.9, 165.7 (CO).

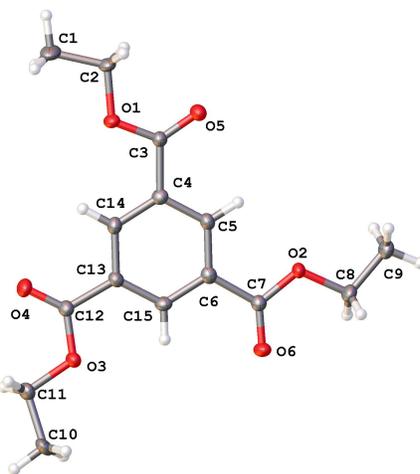
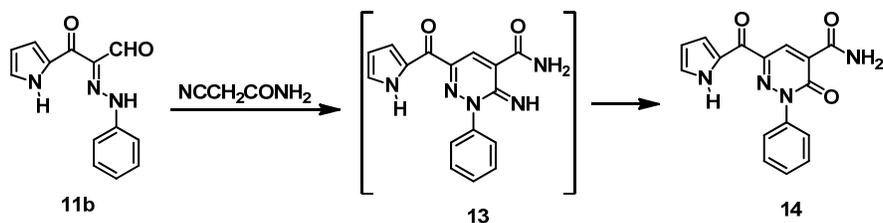


Figure 1. X-ray crystal structure of compound 9.

MS ( $m/z$ , (%)): 363 ( $M^+$ ). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{17}N_5O_3$ : C, 62.80; H, 4.72; N, 19.27. Found: C, 62.55; H, 4.65; N, 19.16 %.

*3-Oxo-2-phenyl-6-(1H-pyrrole-5-carbonyl)-2,3-dihydro pyridazine-4-carboxamide (14)*: Brown powder (Scheme 4). Yield: 88%. M.p.: 250-252 °C. FT-IR (KBr  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3372, 3301 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3063 (NH), 1697 (CO), 1595 (CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 6.25 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.09-7.66 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.68 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz Ar-H), 7.76 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.4$  Hz Ar-H), 8.59 (s, 1H, pyridazinyl-H), 11.90 (s, 1H, NH), 12.22 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 110.66, 117.2, 118.8, 121.3, 126.1, 127.6, 129.0, 131.8, 141.3, 149.5, 159.5, 162.2, 175.1, 176.9. MS ( $m/z$ , (%)): 308 ( $[M]^+$ , 100). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{12}N_4O_3$ : 62.33; H, 3.92; N, 18.17. Found: 62.41; H, 4.19; N, 18.32%. HRMS:  $m/z$  (EI) for  $C_{16}H_{12}N_4O_3$ ; calcd. 308.0904; found: 308.0904.

### 3. Results and discussion

Similar to recent report [15], ethyl propiolate (2), and benzylidenemalononitrile (1), reacted in ethanolic solution in the presence of catalytic amount of L-proline, as a catalyst, yielded the 2-aminopyran, 7, in 65 % yield. It is believed that compound 2 initially add L-proline to yield compound 4 that then reacted with benzylidenemalononitrile yielding the acyclic intermediate, 5, that then afford compound 6 that cyclized into the pyran, 7. The 2-aminopyran, 7, readily rearranged into the 2-aminonicotinate, 8, when refluxed in acetic acid in the presence of ammonium acetate (Scheme 1).

Thus trials to extend this approach for synthesis of other substituted nicotinates, 8, via reacting compound 1b with compound 2 utilizing the same procedure failed. As instead of formation of compound 7b the 1,3,5-trisubstituted benzoate, 9, was formed and whose structure could be confirmed by the X-ray crystal structure determination (Figure 1). Crystal data and

structure refinement for compound 9 are listed in Table 1. Bond distances and angles calculated from the final atomic coordinates are given in Table 2 and 3, respectively.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 9.

Empirical formula	$C_{15}H_{18}O_6$
Formula weight	294.29
Temperature/K	296(2)
Crystal system	Hexagonal
Space group	$P6_5$
a/Å	11.3311(5)
b/Å	11.3311(5)
c/Å	19.5375(10)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	120
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2172.42(18)
Z	6
$\rho_{calc}$ mg/mm <sup>3</sup>	1.350
m/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.879
F(000)	936.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.34 × 0.07 × 0.04
2 $\theta$ range for data collection	9.02 to 132.96°
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 10, -10 ≤ k ≤ 12, -23 ≤ l ≤ 21
Reflections collected	4546
Independent reflections	2271/[R(int) = 0.0921]
Data/restraints/parameters	2271/1/193
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.064
Final R indexes [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0686$ , $wR_2 = 0.1650$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0779$ , $wR_2 = 0.1691$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.41/-0.38
Flack parameter	-0.1(3)

In an alternative synthetic methodology ethyl 2-amino- or ethyl 2-hydroxyazonicotinate disperse dyes, 12a-c, could be synthesized. Thus compounds 10a-c coupled with arylidene diazonium chloride to yield compounds 11a-c. Compound 11a condensed with ethyl cyanoacetate to yield ethyl 2-aminoazonicotinate disperse dye, 12a (Scheme 2).

**Table 2.** Bond lengths for compound 9.

Atom	Atom	Length, Å	Atom	Atom	Length, Å
O1	C2	1.456(3)	C4	C5	1.394(4)
O1	C3	1.336(3)	C4	C14	1.385(4)
O2	C7	1.338(3)	C5	C6	1.392(4)
O2	C8	1.457(3)	C6	C7	1.499(4)
O3	C11	1.458(3)	C6	C15	1.383(4)
O3	C12	1.339(3)	C8	C9	1.495(4)
O4	C12	1.206(4)	C10	C11	1.499(4)
O5	C3	1.205(3)	C12	C13	1.495(4)
O6	C7	1.208(3)	C13	C14	1.395(4)
C1	C2	1.488(4)	C13	C15	1.390(4)
C3	C4	1.497(4)			

**Table 3.** Bond angles for compound 9.

Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle, °	Atom	Atom	Atom	Angle, °
C3	O1	C2	116.1(2)	O2	C7	C6	111.9(2)
C7	O2	C8	116.8(2)	O6	C7	O2	124.0(3)
C12	O3	C11	115.9(2)	O6	C7	C6	124.1(3)
O1	C2	C1	107.3(2)	O2	C8	C9	107.2(2)
O1	C3	C4	111.6(2)	O3	C11	C10	107.3(3)
O5	C3	O1	124.5(3)	O3	C12	C13	111.9(2)
O5	C3	C4	123.9(3)	O4	C12	O3	124.3(2)
C5	C4	C3	118.3(2)	O4	C12	C13	123.8(3)
C14	C4	C3	121.7(2)	C14	C13	C12	117.9(2)
C14	C4	C5	120.0(2)	C15	C13	C12	122.8(3)
C6	C5	C4	119.7(3)	C15	C13	C14	119.4(3)
C5	C6	C7	121.4(3)	C4	C14	C13	120.4(2)
C15	C6	C5	120.2(3)	C6	C15	C13	120.4(2)
C15	C6	C7	118.4(2)				

In contrast, when the condensation reaction of compound **11b** or **11c** with ethyl cyanoacetate are conducted in the presence of a catalytic amount of ammonium acetate, ethyl 2-hydroxyazonicotinate, **12b** or **12c**, disperse dyes are produced (Scheme 3).

In the final phase of the current effort, we observed that reactions of compound **11b** with cyanoacetamide in the presence of ammonium acetate in acetic acid for one hour lead to the respective pyridazinone, **14**, which is likely formed via the intermediacy of the readily hydrolyzed imine analogs, **13** (Scheme 4).

Currently, we are utilizing the 2-amino- and 2-hydroxyazonicotinates disperse dyes for dyeing polyester fabrics by using high temperature dyeing method. We are also inspecting the biological activity of these disperse dyes against Gram-positive bacteria, Gram-negative bacteria and yeast.

#### 4. Conclusion

In conclusion, in the investigation described above, a series of arylazonicotinates disperse dyes were synthesized in a good yields via condensation of arylhydrazonals with active methylenes.

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#### Supplementary material

CCDC-800579 of compound **9** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif), or by e-mailing [data\\_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk), or by contacting The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44(0)1223-336033.

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