CsOH/ γ-Al₂O₃ CATALYZED MILD AND EFFICIENT METHOD FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF NOVEL MULTIFUNCTIONALIZED 4H-PYRAN DERIVATIVES VIA ONE-POT THREE- COMPONENT PROTOCOL

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ABSTRACT

A simple, mild, and environmentally benign multicomponent synthesis of polysubstituted 4*H*- pyran derivatives has been developed using recyclable $CsOH/\gamma-Al_2O_3$ as heterogeneous basic catalyst. The 4*H*- pyran derivatives were synthesized by a one-pot three-component reaction of an aromatic aldehyde, malononitrile, and ethyl acetoacetate or isopropyl acetoacetate at room temperature in alcohol. The characterization of $CsOH/\gamma-Al_2O_3$ catalyst was performed by using FT-IR, XRD, and TG-DTA techniques. The results revealed that the catalyst has high catalytic activity and good thermal stability.

KEYWORDS

4*H*- pyran, cesium hydroxide, γ -Al₂O₃, multicomponent reaction, room temperature

INTRODUCTION

Polyfunctionalized *4H*-pyrans are important class of organic compounds because of their significant antitumorⁱ, anticoagulantⁱⁱ, antibacterialⁱⁱⁱ, antiproliferative^{iv}, antiviral^v, sex pheromones^{vi}, cancer therapy^{vii}, and central nervous system activities^{viii}. A number of 2-amino-*4H*-pyrans are widely utilized as cosmetics, pigments, and also act as potential biodegradable agrochemicals^{ix}. Some of the *4H*-pyran derivatives are used as photoactive materials^x and potential calcium channel antagonists^{xi}. Furthermore, *4H*-pyrans are structural units in series of natural products^{xii}. Therefore, synthesis of such compounds has attracted great interest for many organic chemists.

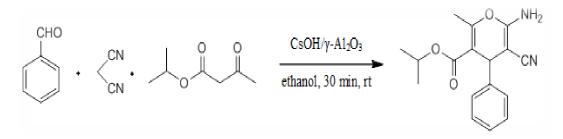
Multicomponent reactions (MCR) have been successfully utilized to synthesize number of biological and pharmacological active compounds^{xiii}. MCR using environmentally benign solvents and catalysts is one of the most suitable protocol for developing variety of medicinal scaffolds.

Several procedures for the synthesis of *4H*-pyrans have been reported. Generally, *4H*- pyrans were synthesized by the reactions of aldehydes, active methylene compounds, and 1, 3-dicarbonyl compounds using bases such as piperidine^{xiv}, triethylamine^{xv}, pyridine^{xvi}, 1,1,3,3-N,N,N,N-tetramethyl guanidinium trifluoacetate as an ionic liquid^{xvii}, diammonium hydrogen phosphate^{xviii}, and N-methyl imidazole^{xix}. Ultrasound^{xx} and microwave heating^{xxi, xxii} are also employed for the synthesis of *4H*-pyran analogs. There are few reports for the synthesis of

4H-pyran derivatives using heterogeneous catalysts^{xxiii, xxiv}. The above methods have several limitations such as long reaction time, low yield, use of toxic solvents, and bases. Therefore, there is a scope to develop ecofriendly alternative methods to synthesize important biological and pharmacological scaffolds.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Recently, there has been increased interest in the design and use of green solid acid /base heterogeneous catalyst. The main advantage of heterogeneous catalyst is that it is easy to isolate liquid and gas phase reactants. Thus, we employed a rapid and efficient method for the synthesis of 4H-pyran derivatives via multicomponent reaction of aromatic aldehydes, ethyl/isopropyl acetoacetate, and malononitrile using recyclable CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ as heterogeneous basic catalyst at room temperature for the first time (Scheme.1).

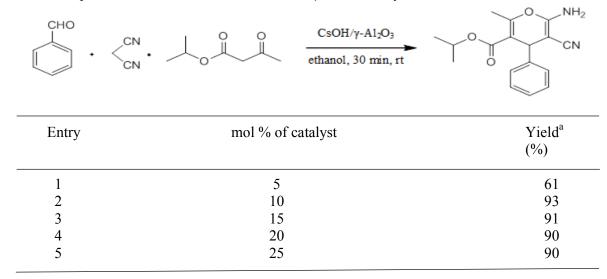


Scheme.1: multicomponent route to afford 4*H*- pyrans

 $CsOH/\gamma-Al_2O_3$ catalytic system offers many advantageous such as high yield, short reaction time, and easy work up. The characterization of catalyst was performed using XRD, TG-DTA, and IR techniques. The results indicate that $CsOH/\gamma-Al_2O_3$ has good thermal stability. Thus, it can be used over wide range of temperatures.

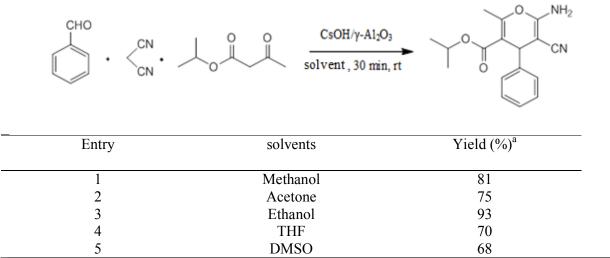
In an initial experiment, we carried out a reaction between equivalent mixture of benzaldehyde (1.00 mmol), isopropyl acetoacetate (1.00mmol), and malononitrile (1.00mmol) in the presence of $CsOH/\gamma$ -Al₂O₃ with different concentration of catalyst and using different solvents at room temperature. To optimize the reaction conditions, a set of experiments with different solvents and varying amount of catalyst were conducted. From the experiments, it can be seen that the efficiency of reaction was mainly affected by both the concentration of catalyst (**Table.1**) and solvents (**Table.2**). The best result was obtained when reaction was carried out in alcohol using 10 mol % of CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃. We also screened various basic catalysts for the reaction. Among these catalysts, CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ showed higher activity (**Table.3**). The decreasing catalyst loading from 10 mol % to 5 mol % decreases the yield of the product. However, no significant improvement of yield was observed even after increasing the catalyst loading from 10 mol % to 25 mol % (**Fig.1**)

Table.1 Optimization of concentration of CsOH/γ-Al₂O₃ catalyst



^a Isolated yield.

Table.2 Effect of solvents on the reaction



^a Isolated yield.

With these optimized conditions, we examined the generality of these conditions with different aromatic aldehydes to prepare a series of polysubstituted 4H-pyrans. All the reactions proceeded smoothly in 30 min to afford the products in good to excellent yield (**Table.4**).

Encouraged by these results, we decided to examine the catalytic activity of the recycled CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ The catalyst was recovered by simple filtration, washed with ethanol and dried at 100^oC. The catalyst can be reused for atleast four times with slight loss of their activity (**Table.5**). Further, retention of the structure of catalyst was confirmed by comparing

the FT-IR spectra of fresh catalyst with that of the recovered catalyst. As shown in **Fig.2**, both the spectra are almost similar.

The FT-IR spectrum of CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ calcined at 400^oC for 1 h is shown in **Fig.2**. Along with bands of CsOH and Al₂O₃, few new bands are observed in the spectrum indicating CsOH is well chemisorbed on the surface of alumina. The band observed at 1045 cm⁻¹ and 1110 cm⁻¹ were attributed to the Al-O-Al symmetric stretching vibrations. The band at 881 cm⁻¹ and 920 cm⁻¹ were assigned to Al-O-Cs bonding. The bands between 1348 -1483 cm⁻¹ were related to the Cs-O bending vibrations. A broad band at 3500 cm⁻¹ was characteristic hydroxyl (-OH) group of water physisorbed onto the surface of alumina. The deformation mode of vibration of hydroxyl (-OH) group was observed at 1639 cm⁻¹.

Table.3 Effect of different catalysts on the reaction

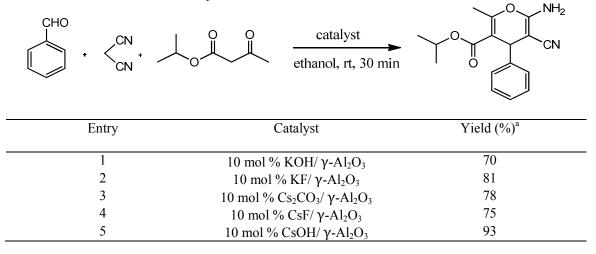
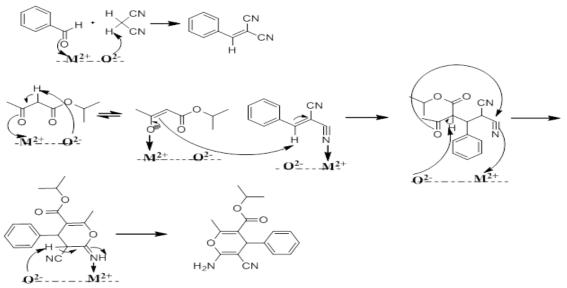


Fig.3 shows XRD patterns for γ -Al₂O₃ and CsOH loaded γ -Al₂O₃. Peaks were obtained for γ -Al₂O₃ at $2\theta = 20^{0}$, 32^{0} , 37^{0} , 43^{0} , 46^{0} , and 67^{0} . The diffraction peaks of γ -Al₂O₃ are in good agreement with International Centre for Diffraction Data Powder Diffraction File (PDF) 29-0063. A solid state reaction occurred between CsOH and γ -Al₂O₃ during calcination and new phase Cs₂O might be formed. The new phase Cs₂O is basic in nature and provided catalytic activity for the reaction. XRD patterns for Cs₂O were obtained at $2\theta = 14^{0}$, 22^{0} , 24^{0} , 27^{0} , 30^{0} , 52^{0} , 56^{0} , and 63^{0} . Thus, it was concluded that CsOH is well chemisorbed into the crystal structure of γ -Al₂O₃.

The TG-DTA curves of CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ system (**Fig.4**) showed three endotherms at 100^oC, 240^oC and 710^oC. Three main stages of weight losses are observed. The first and second weight loss at 100^oC and 240^oC are related to the loss of physisorbed and chemisorbed water respectively. The third weight loss at 740^oC is probably due to the decomposition of Cs₂O. These results show good thermal stability of CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ catalyst. Thus, it indicates that the catalyst can also be used at higher temperature reactions.

The plausible mechanism of reaction is shown in Scheme.2



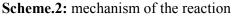
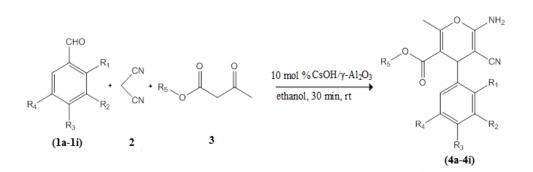
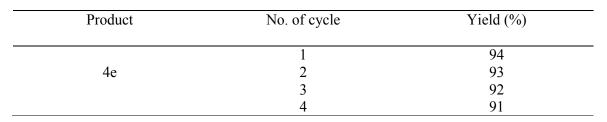


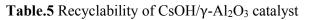
Table.4 Synthesis of 4H-Pyran derivatives using CsOH/γ-Al₂O₃ at room temperature^a



Procuct	R_1	R ₂	R ₃	R_4	R ₅	Yield ^b	M.P
						(%)	^{0}C
4a	Н	Н	Н	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	93	198-200
4b	Н	CF ₃	Н	CF ₃	CH ₃ CH ₂	94	211-215
4c	Н	Н	F	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	92	198-199
4d	Н	F	Н	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	93	190-195
4e	Н	F	F	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	94	200-205
4f	Cl	Н	Н	Η	$CH(CH_3)_2$	90	194-198
4g	Н	Cl	Н	Η	$CH(CH_3)_2$	88	195-197
4h	Н	Н	OCH ₃	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	91	185-188
4i	OH	Н	OCH ₃	Н	CH ₃ CH ₂	83	218-220
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^aReaction conditions: aldehyde(1mmol), malononitrile(1mmol), 1,3-dicarbonyl compound(1mmol), 10 mol % CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃, ethanol(25 ml), rt, 30 min. ^b Isolated yield





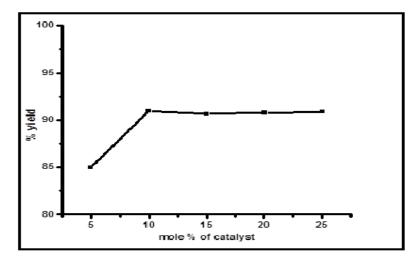


Fig.1 Optimization of CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ concentration for the reaction.

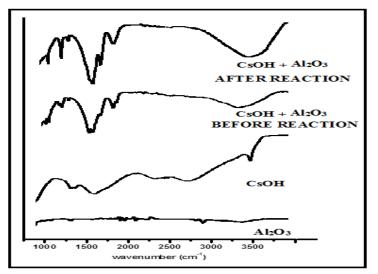


Fig.2 FT-IR spectra of (a) γ -Al₂O₃ (b) CsOH, (c) CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ before reaction and (d) CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ after reaction calcined at 400⁰C.

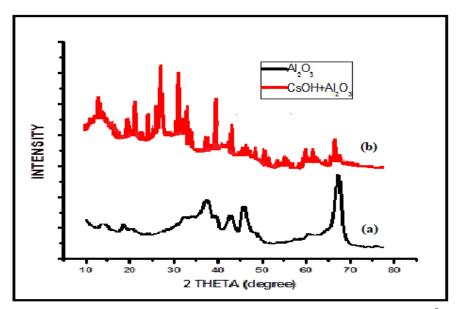


Fig.3 XRD pattern of (a) γ -Al₂O₃ and (b) CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ calcined at 400⁰C.

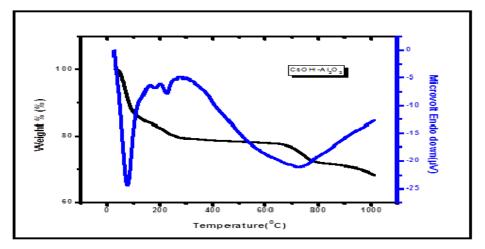


Fig.4 TG-DTA analysis of CsOH/ γ-Al₂O₃ catalyst.

In conclusion, we have reported a mild and rapid method to synthesize polyfunctionalized 4H-pyran analogs by using CsOH/ γ -Al₂O₃ as a heterogeneous basic catalyst in ethanol at room temperature. The characterization of catalyst was performed by using FT-IR, TG-DTA, and XRD techniques. The results revealed that the catalyst has a good thermal stability and could be used for high temperature reactions. The catalyst could be reused for atleast four runs after simple filtration and washing with ethanol. Thus, the developed protocol is highly efficient, economical, and environmentally benign.

EXPERIMENTAL

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (India) and used without purification. Melting points are uncorrected. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on SHIMADZU UV-2401 PC spectrophotometer. IR spectra were recorded on Frontier Perkin Elmer IR spectrometer. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE 300 MHz instrument in d6-DMSO using TMS as internal standard.

Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm and coupling constants *J* are given in Hz. XRD pattern was measured on Shimadzu Maxima 7000 S X-ray Diffractometer. Thermal analyses (TG-DTA) were performed using Perkin Elmer Pyris Diamond Thermogravimetric Analyzer under inert reaction atmosphere (N₂) with temperature control of 10⁰ C min⁻¹. Elemental analysis (C, H, N) were carried out on elemental analyzer EA 3000, Euro Vector, Italy.

Preparation of catalyst: CsOH (1.1g) and (2.0) γ -Al₂O₃ were suspended in 25 ml methanol and stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Methanol was removed in vacuo and dried at 100^oC. The obtained residue was calcined at 400^oC for 4 h. Finally, the solid was crushed into particles for use as catalyst.

General experimental procedure: CsOH-Al₂O₃ (0.2g) was added to the mixture of aromatic aldehyde (1mmol), malononitrile (1mmol) and ethyl acetoacetate or isopropyl acetoacetate (1mmol) in 25ml ethanol and kept for stirring at room temperature for 30 min. Completion of reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, mixture was filtered to remove the catalyst and washed 2-3 times with ethanol. The filtrate was poured into the ice cold water and filtered off the precipitate. The crude product was recrystallized from ethanol and dried to afford pure product.

Characterization of all Products

Example 1: Isopropyl 6-amino-5-cyano-2-methyl-4-phenyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4a)

white solid; Yield: 93%; mp:198-200 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ε): 290(4.12); IR (cm⁻¹): 3458.63, 3403.25, 3324.0, 3264.18, 3224.38, 3200.69, 2981.19, 2937.10, 2197.06, 1677.91, 1641.76, 1608.55, 1578.89, 1469.61, 1362.82, 1264.31, 1175.04, 1069.17, 750.29; ¹H-NMR (d₆-DMSO): 0.90-0.88(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 1.13-1.11(d.*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.315(s,3H), 4.02-3.91(m,1H), 4.30(s,1H), 6.89(s,2H,NH₂),7.33-7.13(m,5H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 18.0, 20.8, 20.9, 38.1, 57.7, 60.1, 107.2, 119.6, 126.7, 127.1, 128.3, 144.8, 156.5, 158.4, 165.41; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₃:C,68.44; H,6.08; N,9.39. Found: C, 68.40; H, 6.10; N, 9.40%.

Example 2: Ethyl 6-amino-4-(3, 5-bis (trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-5-cyano-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (**4b**)

white solid; Yield: 94% ; mp:215-211 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ε):294(4.06); IR (cm⁻¹): 3407.06, 3340.94, 2973.30, 2195.08, 1679.18, 1645.18, 1605, 1455.8, 1370.99, 1275.04, 1168.77, 1125.99, 898.27, 680.97; ¹H-NMR (d6-DMSO): 0.99-0.97(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.3 (s,3H), 4.64(s,1H), 4.80-4.72(m.2H), 7.18(s,2H,NH₂), 7.88(s,2H), 8.01(s,1H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 18.20, 38.37, 55.91, 67.67, 105.56, 119.14, 121.42, 125.04, 130.11, 130.54, 148.73, 158.14, 158.44, 164.35; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₈H₁₄F₆N₂O₃: C,51.44; H,3.36; N,6.67. Found: C, 51.55; H, 3.40; N, 6.60%.

Example 3: Isopropyl 6-amino-5-cyano-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4c)

White solid; Yield: 92%; mp: 199-198 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ε):285(4.10); IR (cm⁻¹): 3399.54, 3330.94, 3267.60, 3221.57, 3200.36, 2980.21, 2925.63, 2186.63. 1680.75, 1651.34, 1453.30, 1362.74, 1264.96, 1178.83, 1056.08, 747.76; ¹H-NMR (d₆-DMSO): 0.90-0.88(d, *J*=6Hz, 3H), 1.13-1.11(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.30(s,3H), 4.29(s,1H), 4.82-4.73(m,1H), 6.90(S,2H,NH₂), 7.17-7.13(dd,*J*=12Hz,2H), 7.20-7.17(dd,*J*=9Hz,2H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 18.0, 20.8, 20.9, 38.1, 57.0, 67.5, 107.1, 115.1, 119.5, 129.2, 141.1, 156.4, 158.3, 159.3, 164.7; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₇FN₂O₃: C,64.55; H,5.60; N,8.81. Found: C, 64.50, H, 5.45; N, 8.90%.

Example 4: Isopropyl 6-amino-5-cyano-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4d)

White solid; Yield: 93%; mp:195-190 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ϵ):287(4.07); IR (cm⁻¹): 3400.54, 3350.94, 3267.60, 3210.57, 3100.36, 2970.21, 2925.63, 2190.63, 1690.75, 1655.34, 92

1453.30, 1362.74, 1264.96, 1178.83, 1056.08, 747.76; ¹H-NMR (d₆-DMSO): 0.82-0.80(d, J=Hz,3H), 1.13-1.10(d, J=Hz,3H), 2.32(s,3H), 4.61(s,1H), 4.80-4.71(m,1H), 6.92(s,2H,NH₂), 7.09(s,1H), 7.28-7.12(m,3H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 18.00, 20.78, 21.34, 32.30, 55.82, 67.44, 105.73, 115.05, 115.34, 119.41, 124.56, 131.71, 157.55, 158.05, 158.59, 161.31, 164.55; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₇FN₂O₃: C,64.55; H,5.42; N,8.86. Found: C, 64.43, H, 5.50; N, 8.95%.

Example 5: Isopropyl 6-amino-5-cyano-4-(3, 4-difluorophenyl)-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4e)

White solid; Yield: 94%; mp:205-200 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ϵ): 292(4.05); IR (cm⁻¹): 3401.54, 3355.94, 3270.60, 3200.57, 3102.36, 2975.21, 2925.63, 2200.63, 1695.75, 1656.34, 1463.30, 1372.74, 1254.96, 1170.83, 1060.08, 750.76; ¹H-NMR (d₆-DMSO): 0.81-0.79(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 1.14-1.12(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.23(s,3H), 4.60(s,1H), 4.88(m,1H), 6.40(s,1H), 7.15(S,2H,NH₂); 7.67-7.64(d,*J*=10Hz,1H); 7.90-7.75(d,*J*=9Hz, 1H), ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 18.25, 20.0, 20.5, 38.9, 58.2, 68.0, 107.90, 116.00, 117.60, 119.70, 127.10, 141.40, 157.20, 158.76, 159.89, 162.12, 164.15; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₆F₂N₂O₃: C,61.07; H,4.82; N, 8.38. Found: C, 60.87; H, 4.70; N, 8.40%.

Example 6: Isopropyl 6-amino-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4f)

White solid; Yield: 90%; mp:198-194 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ε): 291(4.33); IR (cm⁻¹): 3463.38, 3302.62, 3221.62, 3186.66, 2982.04, 2925.35, 2207.18, 1683.45, 1603.00, 1469.66, 1378.67, 1223.45, 1174.37, 1060.16, 748.23; ¹H-NMR (d6-DMSO): 0.74-0.72(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 1.12-1.10(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.34(s,3H), 4.78-4.70(m,1H), 4.86(s,1H), 6.90(s,2H,NH₂), 7.40-7.17(m,4H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 17.95, 20.66, 21.32, 35.15, 55.98, 67.33, 106.06, 119.09, 127.66, 128.30, 129.14, 129.68, 132.00, 142.19, 157.65, 158.34, 164.51; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₇ClN₂O₃: C,61.36; H,5.15; Cl,10.65; N,8.42. Found: C, 61.40; H, 5.10; Cl, 11.00; N, 8.60%.

Example 7: Isopropyl 6-amino-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-cyano-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4g)

White solid; Yield:88%; mp:197-195 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ε): 290(4.30); IR (cm⁻¹): 3403.25, 3324.00, 3264.18, 3224.38, 2981.19, 2937.10, 2200.00, 1677.91, 1641.76, 1608.55, 1578.89, 1469.61, 1374.85, 1264.31, 1175.04, 1120.56, 1060.17, 750.29; ¹H-NMR (d₆-DMSO): 0.90-0.88(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 1.14-1.12(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.31(s,3H), 4.31(s,1H), 4.82(m,1H), 6.97(s,2H,NH₂), 7.35(M,3H), 7.38(s,1H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 18.06, 20.94, 21.42, 38.56, 56.58, 67.64, 106.64, 119.46, 126.06, 126.74, 127.20, 130.31, 132.84, 147.44, 156.94, 158.41, 164.64; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₇ClN₂O₃: C,61.36; H,5.15; Cl,10.65; N,8.42. Found: C, 61.50; H, 5.25; Cl, 11.04; N, 8.55%.

Example 8: Isopropyl 6-amino-5-cyano-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate(**4**h)

White solid; Yield: 91%; mp:188-185 °C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ϵ):296(4.32); IR (cm⁻¹): 3405.25, 3334.00, 3261.18, 3227.38, 2970.19, 2947.10, 2200.00, 2195.67, 1680.91, 1648.76, 1608.46, 1578.79, 1459.62, 1374.88, 1254.21, 1185.34, 11500.56, 1070.27, 850.79; ¹H-NMR (d6-DMSO): 0.87-0.85(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 1.17-1.15(d,*J*=6Hz,3H), 2.34(s,3H), 3.89(s,3H), 4.25(s,1H), 4.90(m,1H), 6.90(s,2H,NH₂), 7.51-7.50(dd,*J*=3Hz,2H), 7.63-7.61(dd,*J*=6Hz,2H); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 17.90, 20.78, 21.45, 38.14, 57.82, 59.01, 67.34, 107.77, 110.66, 118,67, 119.78, 129.11, 130.80, 147.11, 158.78, 159.99, 164.55; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₈H₂₀N₂O₄: C, 65.84; H, 6.14; N, 8.53. Found: C, 65.70; H, 6.20; N, 8.60%.

Example 9: Ethyl 6-amino-5-cyano-4-(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4*H*-pyran-3-carboxylate (4i)

White solid; Yield: 83%; mp:220-218°C; UV (Methanol) λ_{max} (log ε): 322(4.42); IR (cm⁻¹): 3402, 3336.16, 3229.79, 2975.16, 2206.44, 1697.68, 1655.38, 1609.45, 1584.56, 1465.70, 1321.40, 1224.32, 1185.81, 1017.53, 865.68; ¹H-NMR (d6-DMSO): 1.20-1.1.16(t,*J*=Hz,3H), 2.49(s,3H), 3.77(s,3H), 4.09(m,2H), 5.71(s,1H), 6.83(s,1H), 6.91-6.90(d,*J*=3Hz,1H), 6.94-6.93(d,*J*=3Hz,1H), 8.53(s,2H,NH₂), 9.32(s,1H,OH); ¹³C-NMR(d₆-DMSO): 14.11, 21.7, 42.9, 55.69, 59.31, 80.12, 107.54, 111.46, 112.00, 113.09, 115.17, 126.37, 142.35, 147.44, 152.84, 151.20, 165.5; Elem.Anal.Calculated for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₅: C,61.81; H,5.49; N,8.48. Found: C, 61.93; H, 5.60; N, 8.30%.

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