



A QUICK ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF SPIROINDOLINE DERIVATIVES USING 1,3-DIBROMO-5,5-DIMETHYLHYDANTOIN

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ABSTRACT

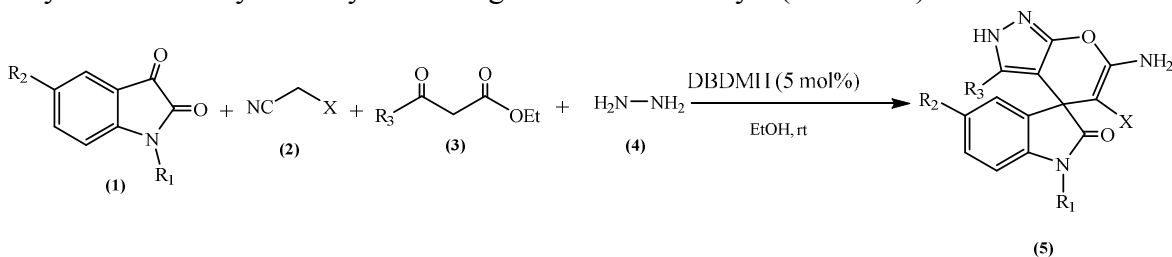
A novel multi-component reaction for synthesis of spiro[indoline3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole] derivatives is reported herein. 1,3-Dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin is found to catalyze efficiently the four-component one-pot condensation of isatin, malononitrile, ethyl acetoacetate and hydrazine hydrate to afford a wide range of spiro[indoline3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole] derivatives in good yields. The use of a 1,3-Dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin catalyst makes this method simple, convenient, and cost-effective.

KEYWORDS: Heterocycles, Multi-component reactions, Spiroindoline, One-pot synthesis.

INTRODUCTION

Multicomponent reactions have been attracted a great deal of interest by chemists and biochemists because of their application for the formation of biologically active multi-functional heterocycles. Spiro indoline and pyranopyrazole moieties are two substantial categories of natural alkaloids that exhibit a wide range of biological activities such as anti-dysplasia, anti-allergic, hypoglycaemicⁱ, anti-microbialⁱⁱ, anti-fungalⁱⁱⁱ, anti-inflammatory^{iv}, anti-bacterial^v and anti-cancer^{vi} effects and they have been studied in the development of insecticides, acaricides, herbicides^{vii} and fungicides^{viii}. Therefore, the synthesis of spiro indoline pyranopyrazole derivatives has received much attention by synthetic chemists. Among various reported methods for the synthesis of these heterocycles, multi-component condensation reaction in different conditions is the most common procedure. Recently, some catalysts such as InCl_3 ^{ix}, 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (4-DMAP)ⁱ, NaHCO_3 ^x, I_2 ^{xi}, Et_3N ^{xii}, piperidine^{vi} and $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{35}\text{COONa}$ ^{xiii} have been used to this purpose. Some of these procedures take care from prolonged reaction times, moderate yields, the use of expensive or toxic catalyst and harsh reaction conditions. Therefore, the development of new methods for the synthesis of these compounds is still in demand. In continuation of our previous works on the development of new and efficient methods for the synthesis of biologically active heterocycles^{xiv}, herein, we describe a highly efficient

protocol for the synthesis of spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-*c*] pyrazole] *via* four-component condensation of isatins, malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate, ethylacetoacetate or ethyl benzoylacetate and hydrazinehydrate using DBDMH as catalyst (Scheme 1).



- a) $R_1 = H, R_2 = H, R_3 = Me, X = CN$, b) $R_1 = H, R_2 = Cl, R_3 = Me, X = CN$
 c) $R_1 = H, R_2 = NO_2, R_3 = Me, X = CN$, d) $R_1 = H, R_2 = F, R_3 = Me, X = CN$
 e) $R_1 = Me, R_2 = H, R_3 = Me, X = CN$, f) $R_1 = H, R_2 = Br, R_3 = Me, X = CN$
 g) $R_1 = Bn, R_2 = H, R_3 = Me, X = CN$, h) $R_1 = H, R_2 = H, R_3 = Ph, X = CN$
 i) $R_1 = H, R_2 = Cl, R_3 = Me, X = COOEt$, j) $R_1 = H, R_2 = NO_2, R_3 = Ph, X = CN$
 k) $R_1 = H, R_2 = H, R_3 = Me, X = COOEt$, l) $R_1 = Me, R_2 = H, R_3 = Me, X = COOEt$
 m) $R_1 = Me, R_2 = H, R_3 = Ph, X = COOEt$, n) $R_1 = Bn, R_2 = H, R_3 = Me, X = COOEt$

Scheme 1. DBDMH catalyzed synthesis of pyranopyrazole derivatives

1,3-Dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (DBDMH) is a five-membered heterocycle that has been extensively used as a highly efficient catalyst in organic syntheses. DBDMH is a useful, cheap, commercially available reagent as the catalyst, nontoxic and environment-friendly, anti-bacterial agent^{xv} and insensitive to air and moisture^{xvi}.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Chemicals and apparatus

All materials required were obtained from Merck and Aldrich. IR spectra were recorded using KBr pellet on a Shimadzu 435-U-04 spectrophotometer and ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker AVANCE spectrometer 300 MHz in dimethylsulfoxide (*d*₆) (DMSO) as solvent. Melting points were determined with an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus.

General experimental procedure

A mixture of ethyl acetoacetate (3; 1 mmol), hydrazine hydrate (4; 1.3 mmol) and DBDMH (5 mol%) in ethanol (1 ml) was prepared and stirred at room temperature for 10 min. Then isatin (1; 1 mmol) and malononitrile (2; 1 mmol) (or ethylcyanoacetate) were added to the reaction mixture and stirred at room temperature for the required time according to Table 2. TLC (2:1 *n*-hexane/ethylacetate) showed the completion of the reaction. Then reaction mixture was filtered and precipitate was purified by recrystallization in ethanol to afford corresponding Spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrazole] derivatives in excellent yields (Table 2). All products were characterized by melting point, IR and ¹H NMR spectra (**5a-n**).

*6'-Amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (5a)*, IR (KBr): 3378, 3338, 3131, 2691, 1711, 1641 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.54 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.90-7.26 (4H, m, ArH), 7.23 (2H, s, NH₂), 10.59 (1H, s, NH), 12.28 (1H, s, NH).

*6'-Amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[5-chloro-indoline-3,4'-pyrano-[2,3-*c*]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (5b)*, IR (KBr): 3396, 3136, 2182, 1714, 1644 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.58 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.92-6.93 (1H, m, ArH), 7.23-7.24 (1H, m, ArH), 7.29-7.31 (3H, m, ArH, NH₂), 10.76 (1H, s, NH), 12.35 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[5-niroindoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c] pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5c**), IR (KBr): 3450, 3322, 2193, 1731, 1644 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.58 (3H, s, CH₃), 7.13–7.15 (1H, m, ArH), 7.43 (2H, s, NH₂), 7.91–7.92 (1H, m, ArH), 8.23–8.25 (1H, m, ArH), 11.37 (1H, s, NH), 12.41 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[5-flouroindoline-3,4''-pyrano-[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5d**), IR (KBr): 3400, 3137, 2180, 1714, 1642 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.58 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.94–6.98 (1H, m, ArH), 7.23–7.24 (1H, m, ArH), 7.30–7.32 (3H, m, ArH, NH₂), 10.75 (1H, s, NH), 12.35 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-1,3'-dimethyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5e**), IR (KBr): 3196, 3136, 2682, 1714, 1644 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.45 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.20 (3H, s, CH₃), 7.06–7.14 (4H, m, ArH), 7.25 (2H, s, NH₂), 7.31–7.41 (1H, m, Ar), 12.29 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[5-bromoindoline-3,4'-pyrano-[2,3-c] pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5f**), IR (KBr): 3391, 3138, 2181, 1713, 1642 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.58 (3H, s, CH₃), 6.87–6.89 (1H, m, ArH), 7.23–7.24 (1H, m, ArH), 7.32 (2H, s, NH₂), 7.42–7.44 (1H, m, ArH), 10.78 (1H, s, NH), 12.35 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-1-benzyl-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c] pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5g**), IR (KBr): 3187, 3140, 2182, 1714, 1644 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.35 (3H, s, CH₃), 4.91 (1H, d, J= 15.6 Hz, CH₂Ph), 5.00 (1H, d, J= 15.6 Hz, CH₂Ph), 7.00–7.14 (3H, m, ArH), 7.23–7.36 (6H, m, ArH, NH₂), 7.37–7.44 (2H, m, ArH), 12.30 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5h**), IR(KBr): 3768, 3308, 3238, 2186, 1705, 1583 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300MHz): δ 6.74–6.93 (4H, m, ArH), 7.03–7.27 (5H, m, ArH), 7.25 (2H, s, NH₂), 10.49 (1H, s, NH), 12.88 (1H, s, NH).

6'-Amino-5-chloro-3'methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5i**); IR (KBr): 3390, 3346, 3136, 2967, 2179, 1713, 1642, 1580, 1497, 1414, 1298, 1157, 1055, 823, 697 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 1.06 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.12 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.27 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.29–7.31 (m, 1H, Ar), 10.73 (s, 1H), 12.32 (s, 1H).

6'-Amino-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-2H'-spiro[5-niroindoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c] pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5j**), IR(KBr): 3396, 3225, 2194, 1726, 1631 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 6.84–6.85(2H, m, ArH), 6.90–6.92 (1H, m, ArH), 7.18–7.21 (2H, m, ArH), 7.26–7.29 (1H, m, ArH), 7.27–7.29 (1H, m, ArH), 7.46 (2H, s, NH₂), 7.90 (1H, s, 1H, ArH), 8.10 (1H, s, NH), 13.00 (1H, s, NH).

Ethyl-6'-amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carboxylate(**5k**), IR(KBr): 3385, 3281, 3188, 2578, 1715, 1666 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR(DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 0.70-0.73 (3H, t, CH₃), 1.58 (3H, s, CH₃), 3.65-3.75 (2H, m, CH₂), 6.81-7.15 (4H, m, ArH), 8.02 (2H, s, NH₂), 10.37 (1H, s, NH), 12.15 (1H, s, NH).

4,3'-Spiro[(6-amino-5-carbethoxy-3-methyl-2H,4H-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazolo)-N'-methyl-2'-oxindole] (**5l**); IR (KBr):3514, 3368, 3252, 2980, 2904, 2361, 1695, 1609, 1543, 1492, 1477, 1399, 1372, 1354 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz):δ0.61 (3H, t, J 6.7 Hz), 1.52 (s, 3H), 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.75 (2H, q, J 6.8 Hz), 6.8–7.10 (m, 3H), 7.22 (1H, t, J 7.6 Hz), 8.10 (s, 2H, NH₂), 12.27 (s, 1H, NH).Ethyl-6'-amino-1-methyl-2-oxo-3'-phenyl-2H'-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carboxylate (**5m**), IR (KBr): 3514, 3185, 2908, 1721, 1677, 1630 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 0.66-0.70 (3H, t, CH₃), 3.20 (3H, s,

CH₃), 3.64-3.72 (2H, m, CH₂), 6.85-7.06 (4H, m, ArH), 7.06-7.32 (5H, m, ArH), 8.07 (2H, s, NH₂), 12.59 (1H, s, NH).

4,3'-Spiro[(6-amino-5-carbethoxy-3-methyl-2H,4H-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazolo)-N'-benzyl-2'-oxindole](**5n**), IR (KBr): 3276, 2978, 1676, 1612, 1546, 1485, 1466, 1397 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 0.55 (3H, t, J 6.7 Hz), 1.00 (s, 3H), 3.28 (2H, q, J 7.1 Hz), 4.50 (s, 2H), 6.9–7.2 (m, 3H), 7.22–7.48 (m, 6H), 7.85 (s, 2H, NH₂), 11.85 (s, 1H, NH).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluation of catalytic activity of DBDMH in the synthesis of pyranopyrazole derivatives

the reaction of isatin, malononitrile, ethyl acetoacetate and hydrazinhydrate was chosen as model reaction. The model reaction was performed by different molar ratios of starting materials and catalyst, and in various solvents and temperatures (Table 1, entries 1-10). The best result was obtained by 1:1:1:1.3 molar ratios of isatin:malononitrile:ethyl acetoacetate:hydrazine hydrate. The results exhibit that different solvents have different effects on the activity of DBDMH in the reaction as in ethanol 96% yield was obtained after 6 min whereas, in the other solvents such as water and acetone medium yields were obtained (Table 1, entries 5-6).

Furthermore, the effect of catalyst amount has been investigated and shown in figure 1 and Table 1 (entries 1-4). The best yield was obtained with 5 mol% of catalyst after 6 min. In the model reaction, the temperature was increased from 25 to 100 °C to study the effect of temperature. The best result was obtained at room temperature (Table 1, entry 2). Therefore, 1:1:1:1.3 molar ratios of isatin:malononitrile:ethyl acetoacetate:hydrazine hydrate in the presence of 5 mol% of catalyst in ethanol at room temperature was selected as optimized reaction conditions which led to 96% yield after 6 min.

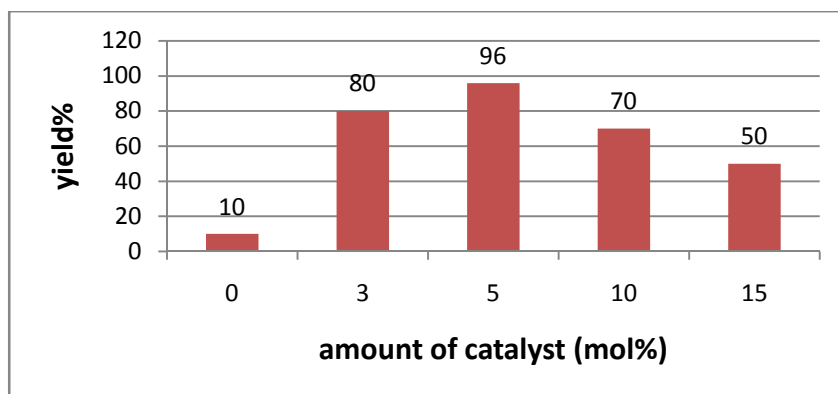


Figure 1. The effect of the amounts of catalyst on the reaction yields

Table 1

Optimization of the reaction conditions.

Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Solvent	Temperature (°C)	Time (min)	Yield (%) ^{1,2}
1	DBDMH (3)	EtOH	Rt	6	80
2	DBDMH (5)	EtOH	Rt	6	96
3	DBDMH (10)	EtOH	Rt	6	70

4	DBDMH (15)	EtOH	Rt	6	50
5	DBDMH (5)	Water	Rt	20	60
6	DBDMH (5)	Acetone	Rt	60	40
7	DBDMH (5)	EtOH	50	20	80
8	DBDMH (5)	EtOH	80	35	73
9	DBDMH (5)	EtOH	100	45	65
10	-----	EtOH	Rt	6	trace

¹Molar ratios of isatin:malononitrile:ethylacetoacetate:hydrazine hydrate were 1:1:1:1.3 in all experiments.

²Isolated yield

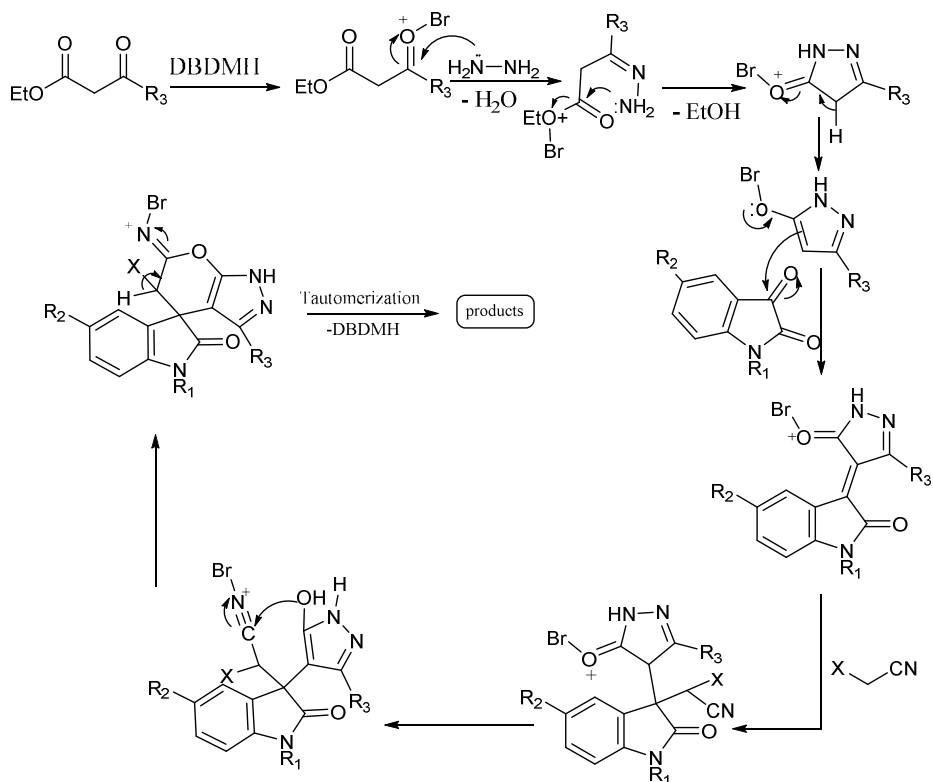
To scope the generality of this method, various isatins were reacted with hydrazinehydrate, malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate and ethyl acetoacetate or ethyl benzoylacetate under the optimized conditions. The corresponding spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrazoles] were generated in good to excellent yields in short times by the current method (Table 2). a plausible mechanism has been shown in Scheme 2.

Table 2

Synthesis of Spiro[indoline-3, 4'-pyrano[2,3-*c*]pyrazoles] using DBDMH

Entry	Cmpd	Time (min)	Yield (%)	mp (°C)	Lit. mp (°C)
1	5a	6	96	279-280	278-280 ^{vii}
2	5b	9	93	296-298	296-298 ^{vii}
3	5c	8	92	269-271	268-270 ^{vii}
4	5d	10	88	276-279	274-275 ⁱⁱⁱ
5	5e	9	90	270	268-270 ^{vii}
6	5f	10	95	283-285	282-283 ⁱⁱⁱ
7	5g	12	92	266-268	263-265 ^{xvii}
8	5h	8	94	219-221	220-222 ^{vii}
9	5i	10	93	296-297	295-297 ^{xviii}
10	5j	9	96	211-213	210-212 ^{vii}
11	5k	10	94	285-287	285-287 ^{vii}
12	5l	9	92	193-134	193-195 ^{xix}
13	5m	6	92	220-222	224-226 ⁱⁱⁱ
14	5n	12	95	125-128	125-128 ^{xix}

¹Isolated yield.



Finally, the efficiency of the present method has been compared with reported methods for the synthesis of 6'-amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile in Table 3. The results clearly demonstrate that DBDMH is more efficient than the other reagents for this reaction.

Table 3

Comparison of some other procedure with the present method for the synthesis of 6'-amino-3'-methyl-2-oxo-2'H-spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole]-5'-carbonitrile (**5a**).

Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Solvent	Reaction condition	Time (min)	Yield ^{ref.} (%)
1	Piperidine	H ₂ O	Rt	300	89 ^{vi}
2	4-DMAP	EtOH	60 °C	60	80 ⁱ
3	Pipridine	EtOH	rt, us irradiation	60	92 ⁱⁱⁱ
4	Et ₃ N	EtOH	Reflux	15	65 ^{xii}
5	-----	EtOH/H ₂ O	60 °C	12 h	85 ^{xx}
6	DBDMH	EtOH	Rt	6	96

ⁱ4-DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine.

In summary, we have described a convenient method for the synthesis of spiro[indoline-3,4'-pyrano[2,3-c]pyrazole] derivatives via multi-component reaction of various isatins, malononitrile or ethyl cyanoacetate, ethyl acetoacetate or ethyl benzoylacetate and hydrazinhydrates using DBDMH as a homogeneous, highly efficient, safe and commercially available inexpensive

catalyst in ethanol^{xxi}. High yields of products, short reaction times, mild reaction condition and easy work-up procedure are other advantages of this procedure.

CONCLUSION

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