

Reactivity of β -enamino ester of benzo[*f*]chromene: One pot synthesis of isolated and heterocycle-fused derivatives of benzo[*f*] chromene

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ABSTRACT

The formation of isolated and fused benzo[*f*]chromene derivatives was achieved *via* reacting ethyl 3-amino-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**1**) with some selected reagents under basic conditions. The new compound, ethyl 3-(dimethylaminomethyleneamino)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**2**) was prepared from compound **1** and *N,N*-dimethyl formamide in presence of phosphorus oxychloride under mild conditions in excellent yield using Vilsmeier reaction. Also, 10-amino-12-phenyl-9-sulfanyl-12*H*-benzo[*f*]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-11(10*H*)-one (**12**), 10-aryl-14-phenyl-14*H*-benzo[*f*]chromeno[2,3-*d*][1,3,4]thiadiazolo[3,2-*a*]pyrimidine-13-one (**15**), ethyl 3-(4-oxo-2-thioxothiazolidin-3-yl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**18**), ethyl 3-(4-phenyl-2-thioxothiazol-3(2*H*)-yl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**20**), ethyl 3-acetamido-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**21**), and 10-amino-9-methyl-12-phenyl-12*H*-benzo[*f*]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidine-11(10*H*)-one (**23**) were prepared. The structures of these compounds were established by elemental analysis, IR, MS and NMR spectral analysis.

1. Introduction

Chromene and fused chromene derivatives are an important class of compounds; they are widely distributed in nature [1]. Among chromene derivatives are biologically interesting compounds showing antimicrobial activities [2-4], inhibitors of influenza virus sildoses [5,6], compounds with antihypertensive [7] and anti-allergic activity [8] and hair growth stimulant properties [9]. Also, chromene derivatives were found useful as antiviral [10], antiproliferation agents [11], as sex pheromone [12], with antitumor [13], central nervous system activity [14] and as anti-HIV agent [15]. Some of their derivatives were utilized in the synthesis of macrocyclic ligands [16]. Due to these interesting properties of chromene derivatives and in continuation of our efforts directed to the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds [17-20] we wish to report here the results of our investigation on the reactivity of ethyl 3-amino-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**1**) in the synthesise of new fused and isolated chromene compounds.

2. Experimental

2.1. Instrumentation

Melting points were determined on a Gallenkamp electrothermal melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded from potassium bromide discs using a Bruker Vector 22 FT-IR spectrophotometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained in deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide as solvent at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively, on a Varian Gemini NMR spectrometer using TMS as internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in δ units (ppm). Mass spectra were recorded on a Hewlett Packard MS-5988 spectrometer at

70 eV. Elemental analysis was carried out at the Micro analytical Center of Cairo University, Egypt.

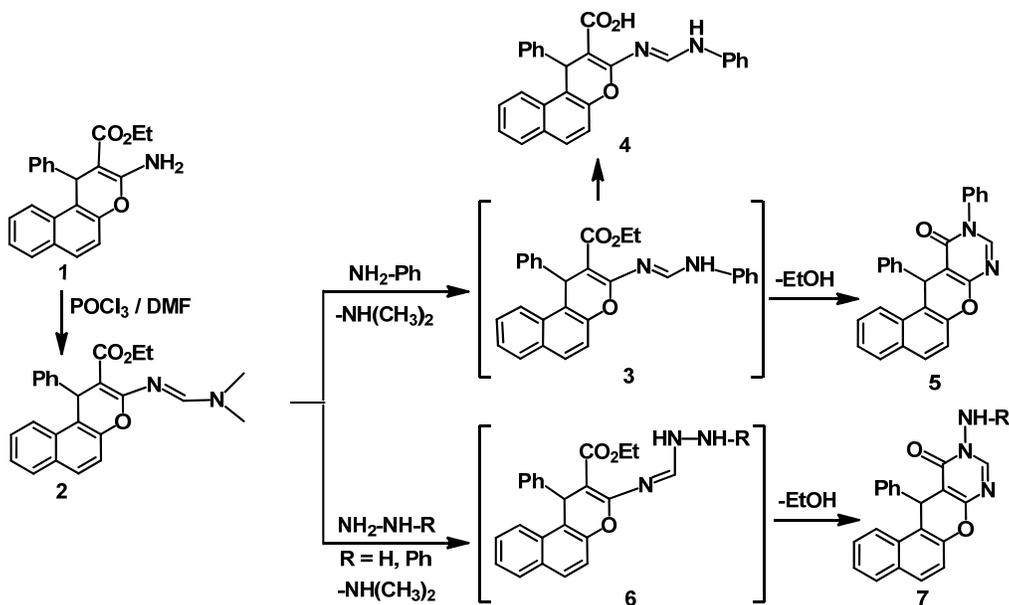
2.2. Synthesis

2.2.1. Ethyl 3-(dimethylaminomethyleneamino)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**2**)

A sample of compound **1** (3.44 g, 0.1 mol) was dissolved in 10 mL of DMF, the reaction mixture was stirred and cooled to 0 °C, and phosphorus oxychloride (0.1 mol, 4 mL) was added slowly. After the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred for one hour and then poured into stirred ice-water. A saturated solution of sodium hydroxide was added slowly. A solid product was precipitated, collected by filtration, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol (Scheme 1). Colorless crystals (DMF/H₂O). Yield: 73 %. M.p.: 220-222 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 1698 (CO). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 1.75 (t, 3H, CH₃), 2.47 (s, 6H, 2CH₃), 4.52 (q, 2H, CH₂), 7.54 (s, 1H, N=CH), 7.57-7.95 (m, 12H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 400 (M⁺, 25). Anal. calcd. for C₂₅H₂₄N₂O₃ (400.47): C, 74.98; H, 6.04; N, 7.00. Found: C, 75.08; H, 6.33; N, 7.15%.

2.2.2. 3-(Phenylaminomethyleneamino)-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylic acid (**4**)

A mixture of **2** (1 mmol), and aniline (1 mmol) in 20 mL of ethanol containing 0.1 mL of piperidine as catalyst was refluxed for 2 hours. The compound formed during reflux was collected by filtration and re-crystallized from dioxane/H₂O to form compound **4** (Scheme 1). Colorless crystals (dioxane/H₂O). Yield: 33 %. M.p.: 210-212 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 1698 (CO), 3119 (NH).



Scheme 1

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 7.72 (d, 1H, N=CH), 7.75 (d, H, NH), 7.76-7.99 (m, 17H, Ar-H + CH-pyran), 11.50 (s, 1H, OH). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 38.12, 99.12, 116.23, 118.12, 118.23, 120.34, 126.12, 126.14, 126.43, 128.11, 128.23, 128.32, 129.23, 129.32, 138.12, 140.32, 146.21, 151.12, 163.12, 166.23, 170.65. MS (m/z , (%)): 420 (M^+ , 30). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ (420.15): C, 77.13; H, 4.79; N, 6.66. Found: C, 77.43; H, 4.95; N, 6.75%.

2.2.3. 10,12-Diphenyl-12H-benzof[chromeno][2,3-d]pyrimidine-11(10H)-one (5)

A mixture of **2** (1 mmol), and aniline (1 mmol) in 20 mL of pyridine was refluxed for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue triturated with methanol, poured into acidified ice/water and the precipitate formed washed with water thoroughly, dried and crystallized from methanol as buff powder (Scheme 1). Yield: 40 %. M.p.: 180-182 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1698 (CO). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 7.45 (s, 1H, CH-pyrimidine), 7.75-7.97 (m, 17H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). MS (m/z , (%)): 402 (M^+ , 15). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ (402.44): C, 80.58; H, 4.51; N, 6.96. Found: C, 80.64; H, 4.69; N, 7.02%.

2.3. General procedure for synthesis of compounds (7a,b)

A mixture of **2** (1 mmol), and hydrazine hydrate (excess) in 20 mL of dioxane containing 0.1 mL of triethylamine as catalyst was refluxed for 3 hours. The compound formed during reflux was collected by filtration and re-crystallized from DMF/ H_2O to form compound **7a**. Analogously, compound **2** reacted with phenyl hydrazine to afford compound **7b** (Scheme 1).

10-Amino-12-phenyl-12H-benzof[chromeno][2,3-d]pyrimidine-11(10H)-one (7a): Colorless crystals (DMF/ H_2O). Yield: 68 %. M.p.: 280-282 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1699 (CO), 3410-3415 (NH_2). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 4.69 (s, 2H, NH_2), 7.49 (s, 1H, CH-pyrimidine), 7.76-7.98 (m, 12H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 39.12, 102.12, 118.12, 120.34, 122.12, 123.14, 126.43, 126.71, 128.23, 128.32, 129.23, 129.32, 133.42, 140.22, 143.21, 151.12, 153.12, 166.23. MS (m/z , (%)): 341 (M^+ , 30). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (341.36): C, 73.89; H, 4.43; N, 12.31. Found: C, 73.96; H, 4.59; N, 12.48%.

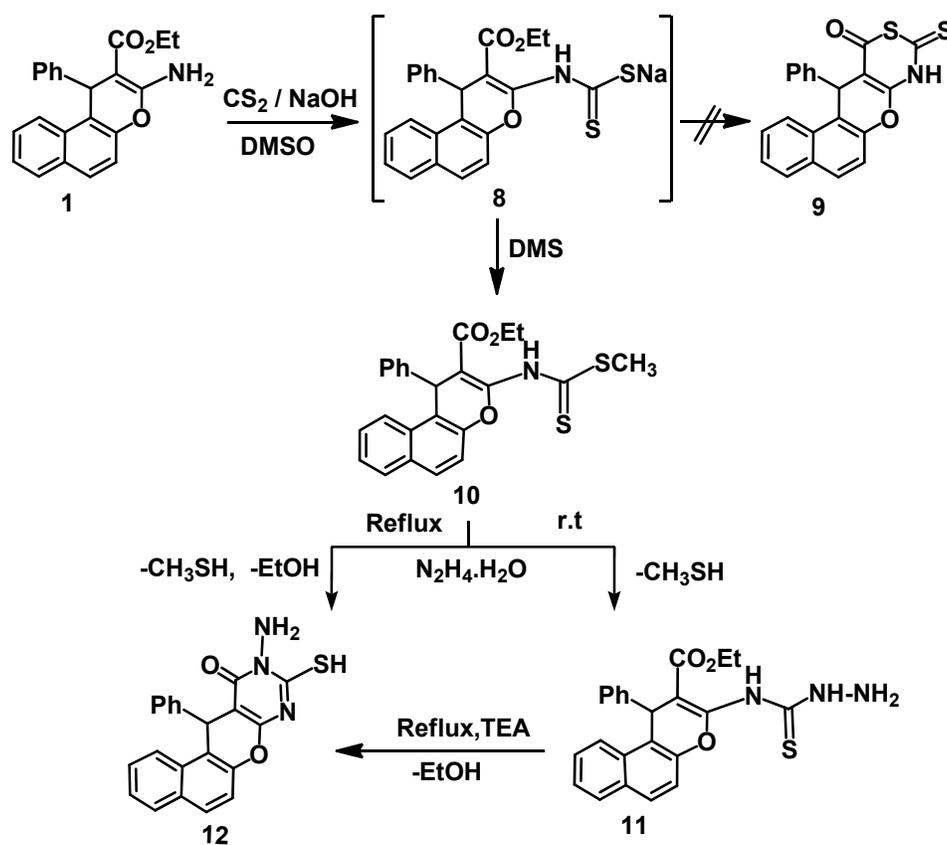
10-(Phenylamino)-12-phenyl-12H-benzof[chromeno][2,3-d]pyrimidine-11(10H)-one (7b): Colorless crystals (DMF/ H_2O). Yield: 55 %. M.p.: 230-232 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1699 (CO), 3120 (NH). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 7.50 (s, 1H, CH-pyrimidine), 7.79-8.12 (m, 17H, Ar-H + CH-pyran), 10.59 (s, H, NH). MS (m/z , (%)): 417 (M^+ , 20). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ (417.46): C, 77.68; H, 4.59; N, 10.07. Found: C, 77.73; H, 4.65; N, 10.15%.

2.3.1. Ethyl 3-(methylsulfanylthiocarbonylamino)-1-phenyl-1H-benzof[chromeno]-2-carboxylate (10)

To a vigorously stirred solution of **1** (3.44 g, 0.02 mol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (10 mL) at room temperature, carbon disulfide (1.98 g, 0.02 mol) and aqueous sodium hydroxide (1.2 mL, 20 M solution) were added simultaneously over 30 min, then the mixture was allowed to stir for additional 30 min. Dimethyl sulfate (2.5 g, 0.02 mol) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture with stirring at 5-10 °C. After further stirring for 2 hours the mixture was poured into ice-water. The solid so obtained was filtered off, dried and crystallized from ethanol/water (Scheme 2). White powder (EtOH/ H_2O). Yield: 70 %. M.p.: 110-112 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1320 (C=S), 1699 (CO), 3120 (NH). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 1.44 (t, 3H, CH_3), 4.14 (q, 2H, CH_2), 4.74 (s, 3H, SCH_3), 7.78-8.11 (m, 13H, Ar-H + CH-pyran + NH). MS (m/z , (%)): 451 (M^+ , 15). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3\text{S}_2$ (451.6): C, 66.49; H, 5.58; N, 3.10. Found: C, 66.57; H, 5.64; N, 3.23%.

2.3.2. Ethyl 1-phenyl-1H-3-(hydrazinothiocarbonylamino)benzof[chromeno]-2-carboxylate (11)

A mixture of **10** (1 mmol), and hydrazine hydrate (excess) in 20 mL of ethanol containing 0.1 mL of piperidine as catalyst was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. The compound formed was collected by filtration and crystallized from mixture of ethanol and water (3:1) to form compound **11** (Scheme 2). White powder (EtOH/ H_2O). Yield: 70 %. M.p.: 240-242 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1200 (C=S), 1700 (CO), 3130 (NH), 3420 (NH_2).



Scheme 2

^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 1.47 (t, 3H, CH_3), 2.56 (s, 2H, NH_2), 4.35 (q, 2H, CH_2), 7.78-8.17 (m, 14H, Ar-H + CH-pyran + 2NH). MS (m/z , (%)): 420 ($[\text{M}+1]^+$, 16). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ (419.5): C, 65.85; H, 5.05; N, 10.02. Found: C, 65.99; H, 5.25; N, 10.24%.

2.3.3. 10-Amino-12-phenyl-9-sulfanyl-12H-benzofuro[2,3-d]pyrimidine-11(10H)-one (12)

A mixture of **10** (1 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (excess) in 20 mL of ethanol containing 0.1 mL of piperidine as catalyst was refluxed for 8 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue triturated with methanol, the compound formed was collected by filtration and crystallized from ethanol to form compound **12** (Scheme 2). Colorless crystals (EtOH). Yield: 70 %. M.p.: 155-157 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1700 (CO), 2350 (SH), 3425 (NH_2). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 4.47 (s, 2H, NH_2), 7.78-8.17 (m, 12H, Ar-H + CH-pyran), 10.23 (s, 1H, SH). MS (m/z , (%)): 373 (M^+ , 20). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (373.43): C, 67.54; H, 4.05; N, 11.25. Found: C, 67.67; H, 4.23; N, 11.34%.

2.3.4. General procedure for synthesis of compounds (15a,b)

Compound **12** (1 mol) in 10 mL acetic acid and benzaldehyde (1.5 mol) was acidified to pH = 5 with dilute HCl, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 150 °C for 15 hours. The solution was allowed to stand overnight, then filtered and the resulting precipitate was washed with 5 % NaHCO_3 and water to neutrality and then dried, the resulting product was crystallized from ethanol. Analogously, compound **12** reacted

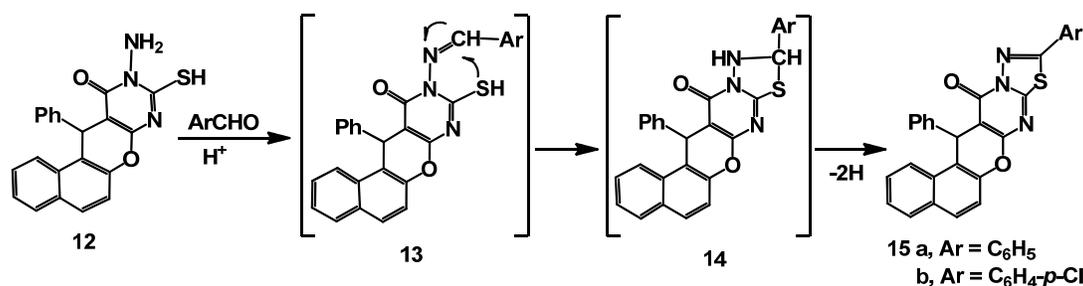
with 4-chlorobenzaldehyde to afford compound **15b** (Scheme 3).

10,14-Diphenyl-14H-benzofuro[2,3-d][1,3,4]thiadiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine-13-one (15a): Yellow crystals (EtOH). Yield: 55 %. M.p.: 225-227 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1700 (CO). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 7.78-8.17 (m, 17H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). MS (m/z , (%)): 459 (M^+ , 15). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (459.52): C, 73.19; H, 3.73; N, 9.14. Found: C, 73.23; H, 3.87; N, 9.35%.

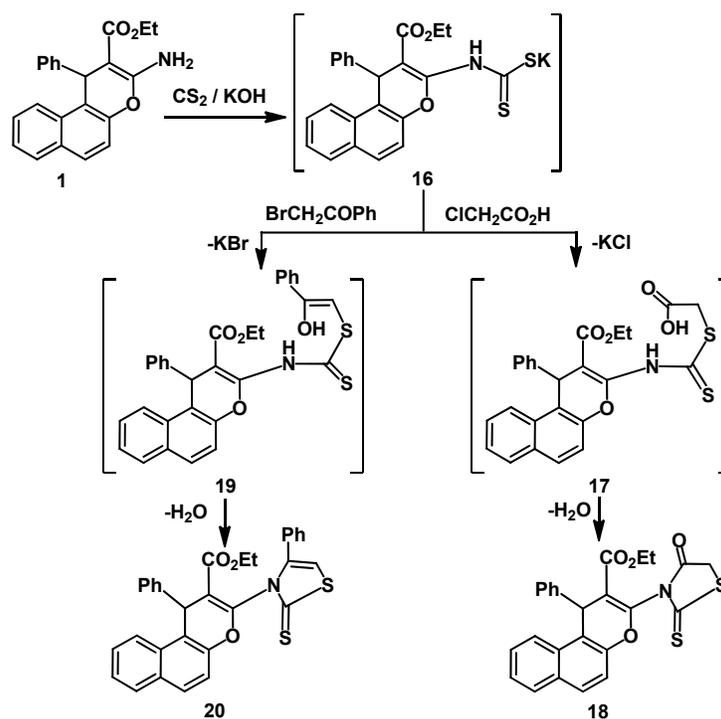
10-(4-Chlorophenyl)-14-phenyl-14H-benzofuro[2,3-d][1,3,4]thiadiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine-13-one (15b): Yellow crystals (EtOH). Yield: 55 %. M.p.: 210-212 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1700 (CO). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ , ppm): 7.75-8.19 (m, 16H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). MS (m/z , (%)): 493 (M^+ , 40). Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ (493.96): C, 68.08; H, 3.26; N, 8.51. Found: C, 68.24; H, 3.39; N, 8.68%.

2.3.5. Ethyl 3-(4-oxo-2-thioxothiazolidin-3-yl)-1-phenyl-1H-benzofuro[2,3-d]chromene-2-carboxylate (18)

To a vigorously stirred solution of **1** (3.44 g, 0.02 mol) in dimethyl formamide (10 mL) at room temperature, carbon disulfide (1.98 g, 0.02 mol) and aqueous potassium hydroxide (1.2 mL, 10 mol solution) were added simultaneously over 30 min. then the mixture was allowed to stir for additional 30 min. Chloroacetic acid (0.02 mol) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture with stirring at 5-10 °C, and the mixture was further stirred for 2 hours and poured into ice-water. The solid so obtained was filtered off, dried and crystallized from dioxane/ H_2O (Scheme 4). Yellow crystals (dioxane/ H_2O). Yield: 55 %. M.p.: >300 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max} , cm^{-1}): 1320 (C=S), 1700 (CO).



Scheme 3



Scheme 4

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.54 (t, 3H, CH₃), 4.56 (q, 2H, CH₂), 4.32 (s, 2H, thiazolyl CH₂), 7.78-8.23 (m, 12H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 461 (M⁺, 15). Anal. calcd. for C₂₅H₁₉NO₄S₂ (461.55): C, 65.06; H, 4.15; N, 3.03. Found: C, 65.21; H, 4.34; N, 3.23%.

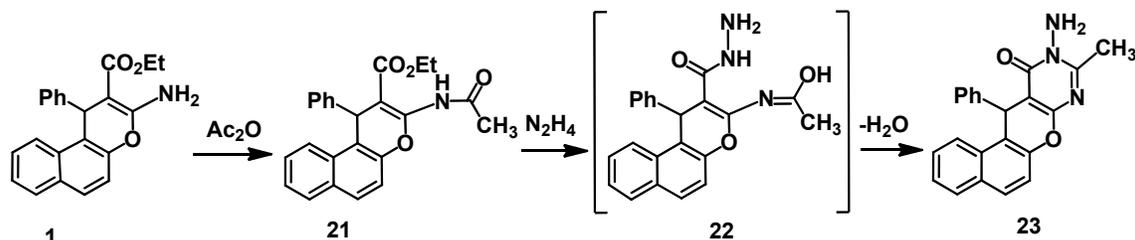
2.3.6. Ethyl 3-(4-phenyl-2-thioxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1-phenyl-1H-benzof[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (20)

To a vigorously stirred solution of **1** (3.44 g, 0.02 mol) in dimethyl formamide (10 mL) at room temperature, carbon disulfide (1.98 g, 0.02 mol) and aqueous potassium hydroxide (1.2 mL, 10 M solution) were added simultaneously over 30 min, then the mixture was allowed to stir for additional 30 min. Phenacyl bromide (0.02 mol) was added drop wise to the reaction mixture with stirring at 5-10 °C. The mixture was further stirred for 2 hours and poured into ice-water. The solid so obtained was filtered off, dried and crystallized from dioxane/H₂O (Scheme 4). Greenish yellow crystals (dioxane/H₂O). Yield: 50 %. M.p.: >300 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max}, cm⁻¹):

1325 (C=S), 1690 (CO). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.58 (t, 3H, CH₃), 4.34 (q, 2H, CH₂), 7.78-8.23 (m, 18H, Ar-H + CH-pyran + CH-thiazole). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 508 (M⁺, 40), 510 (M+2, 9). Anal. calcd. for C₃₀H₂₂NO₃S₂ (508.63): C, 70.84; H, 4.36; N, 2.75. Found: C, 70.99; H, 4.46; N, 2.91%.

2.3.7. Ethyl 3-acetamido-1-phenyl-1H-benzof[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (21)

A mixture of **1** (0.004 mol), acetic anhydride (0.012 mol) and zinc dust (0.28 g) was refluxed on water bath for 4 hours with stirring and filtered hot. The resulting clear solution was cooled to room temperature and the solid so obtained was filtered off (Scheme 5). Colorless crystals (dioxane/H₂O). Yield: 70 %. M.p.: 120-122 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{max}, cm⁻¹): 1695 (CO), 3120 (NH). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ, ppm): 1.58 (t, 3H, CH₃), 2.43 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 4.39 (q, 2H, CH₂), 7.78-8.23 (m, 12H, Ar-H + CH-pyran), 10.23 (s, 1H, NH). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 387 (M⁺, 30). Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁NO₄ (387.43): C, 74.40; H, 5.46; N, 3.62. Found: C, 74.53; H, 5.59; N, 3.76%.



Scheme 5

2.3.8. 10-Amino-9-methyl-12-phenyl-12H-benzo[f]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-11(10H)-one (23)

To a solution of **21** (0.014 mol) in absolute ethanol (10 mL) hydrazine hydrate (80 %, 0.14 mol) was added and the reaction mixture was heated for 3 hours on a water bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solid so obtained was filtered off as colorless crystals, (dioxane/H₂O) (Scheme 5). Yield: 60 %. M.p.: 165-167 °C. IR (KBr, ν_{\max} , cm⁻¹): 1695 (CO), 3420 (NH₂). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm): 1.60 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.12 (s, 2H, NH₂), 7.78-8.23 (m, 12H, Ar-H + CH-pyran). MS (*m/z*, (%)): 355 (M⁺, 30). Anal. calcd. for C₂₂H₁₇N₃O₂ (355.39): C, 74.35; H, 4.82; N, 11.82%. Found: C, 74.46; H, 4.99; N, 11.93%.

3. Results and discussion

Ethyl 3-(dimethylaminomethyleneamino)-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[f]chromene-2-carboxylate (**2**) was prepared by the reaction of ethyl 3-amino-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[f]chromene-2-carboxylate (**1**) with dimethyl formamide in presence of phosphorus oxychloride, (Scheme 1). The structure of this compound was characterized by IR, ¹H NMR, mass spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The ¹H NMR showed specifically a singlet at 2.47 ppm for the two methyl groups of the dimethylamino moiety and 7.54 ppm of the formamidine proton and the typical ester absorption pattern. Also, its IR showed disappearance of the amino absorption at 3300-3400 cm⁻¹. It is plausible to expect that compound **2** would yield new tetracyclic compounds when reacted with amine derivatives. Thus, treatment of compound **2** with aromatic amine in refluxing ethanol afforded a product which had *m/z* at 420 which is incompatible with our expectation. So, it was assumed that the reaction proceeded *via* losing *N*-dimethylamine to give the intermediate **3** which underwent hydrolysis rather than cyclization *via* losing ethanol yielding what we expected as product **5**, (Scheme 1). While repeating this reaction in pyridine at reflux for five hours afforded the expected 10,12-diphenyl-12H-benzo[f]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-11(10H)-one **5**. Compound **5** formed *via* losing of *N*-dimethylamine to give the intermediate **3** which cyclized through releasing of ethanol. The mass spectroscopy of compound **5** showed *m/z* at 405 which is compatible with its molecular weight. On the other hand, compound **2** reacted with substituted hydrazine to yield the corresponding chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives **7a,b** *via* elimination of ethanol from the corresponding intermediate **6** which cyclized *via* release of ethanol. The IR spectrum of **7a** showed absorption bands at 3410-3415 (NH₂) and at 1699 cm⁻¹ for the CO function. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **7a** showed two singlets at δ 4.69 and 7.49 ppm due to amino and pyrimidino protons, respectively.

On the other hand, a solution of compound **1** in dimethyl sulfoxide was treated with carbon disulfide in presence of sodium hydroxide solution. The sodium salt of dithiocarbamic acid **8** was obtained *in situ* and then methylated with dimethyl

sulfate to yield ethyl 3-(methylsulfanylthiocarbonylamino)-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[f]chromene-2-carboxylate (**10**) (Scheme 2). The structure of compound **10** was confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, and mass spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The IR spectrum of compound **10** showed the disappearance of absorption bands characterized for amino function and showed the presence of absorption bands at ν 1320 cm⁻¹ due to C=S and 3120 cm⁻¹ due to the NH function. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **10** showed a singlet at δ 4.74 ppm due to SCH₃ protons. However, compound **10** containing several reactive functions represented a good intermediate for further reactions when treated with hydrazine hydrate. So, compound **10** when reacted with hydrazine hydrate in ethanol with stirring at room temperature yielded the open chain thiosemicarbazide derivative **11** *via* elimination of methylsulfane, while, under reflux in ethanol for 8 hours, it yielded the expected benzo[f]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidine **12** *via* elimination of methylsulfane and ethanol. Boiling the thiosemicarbazide **11** in ethanol in presence of triethylamine yielded the same compound **12**. The IR spectrum of **11** showed the presence of absorption bands at ν 1200 cm⁻¹ due to C=S, 1700 cm⁻¹ due to C=O, 3130 cm⁻¹ due to NH and 3420 cm⁻¹ due to the NH₂ function. The ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **11** showed a singlet at δ 2.56 ppm due to the NH₂ protons. The MS of **11** showed a peak at *m/z* 420 ([M+1]⁺, 16 %). The IR spectrum of **12** showed the presence of absorption bands at ν 1700 cm⁻¹ due to C=O, 2350 cm⁻¹ due to SH and 3425 cm⁻¹ due to the NH₂ function. However, the ¹H NMR spectrum of compound **12** showed the disappearance of absorption signals characteristic for ester protons and two singlets at δ 4.47 ppm and at 10.23 ppm due to NH₂ and SH protons, respectively. The MS of **12** showed a peak at *m/z* 373 (M⁺, 20 %).

Aimed at the preparation of some new derivatives of β -lactones and/or thiazolidinone, compound **12** was allowed to react with benzaldehyde and / or 4-chlorobenzaldehyde to give the corresponding expected Schiff's base **13**. However, the isolated compounds proved to be the new and unexpected compounds **15a,b** formed *via* simultaneous nucleophilic attack of the sulfur atom on the hydrazone carbon with cyclization to the new thiadiazole derivatives **15a,b**, as shown in Scheme 3.

Furthermore compound **1**, when treated with carbon disulfide and potassium hydroxide solution, yielded the soluble potassium salt of dithiocarbamic acid **16** which was further treated *in situ* with chloroacetic acid and phenacylbromide, respectively, to afford ethyl 3-(4-oxo-2-thioxothiazolidin-3-yl)-1-phenyl-1H-benzo[f]chromene-2-carboxylate (**18**) and ethyl 1-phenyl-3-(4-phenyl-2-thioxothiazol-3(2H)-yl)-1H-benzo[f]chromene-2-carboxylate (**20**) *via* release of water from the two corresponding intermediates **17** and **19**, respectively (Scheme 4). The structures of compounds **18** and **20** were confirmed by IR, ¹H NMR, mass spectroscopy and elemental analysis (see experimental section).

Finally, compound **1** was acylated with acetic anhydride yielding the acetyl derivative **21** which easily reacted with hydrazine hydrate to afford the new substituted 10-amino-9-methyl-12-phenyl-12H-benzo[f]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidine-

11(10H)-one (**23**) via intermediate **22** which formed from **21** by displacement of ethanol rather than water as shown in Scheme 5. The IR spectrum of **23** showed the presence of absorption band at ν 1710 cm^{-1} due to C=O and 3420 cm^{-1} due to NH_2 function. The ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **23** showed two singlets at δ 1.53 and 2.57 ppm due to CH_3 and NH_2 protons, respectively, with disappearance of absorption pattern of ester protons confirming the proposed rationale of losing ethanol. The MS of **23** showed m/z at 355 (M^+ , 15 %).

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