

# Synthesis of 5-Cyano Uracil Derivatives and Study of their Deamination Reaction

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## ABSTRACT

Facile synthesis of ureidopropenenitrile obtained by reaction of malenitrile, orthoester and substituted urea at 100°C in good yields. The ureidopropenenitrile was cyclized to targeted 5-cyano Cytosine derivatives in presence of sodium ethoxide in ethanol with 60-65% yields. The deamination of amino compound was studied to obtain uracil derivatives using isopentyl nitrite.

**Keywords:** Ureidopropenenitrile, Substituted Urea, 5-Cyano Cytosine, One Pot Three Component Reaction.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The development of efficient and mild method for synthesis pyrimidine heterocyclic compounds represents a broad area of organic chemistry [1-2]. Structures containing such as moiety often play an important role due to their biological activities these derivatives also used in cancer therapy and anti-viral research [3-6]. Among these heterocyclic, pyrimidines derivatives showed in important class of pharmaceutical discovery [7-8]. Some of these compounds are analgesics [9], antihypertensive [10], antipyretics [11] and anti-inflammatory drugs [12]. Pyrimidine derivatives used in some pesticides [13], herbicides and plant growth regulators [14]. Consequently synthetic methodologies for synthesis of novel pyrimidine or fused pyrimidine compounds are of particular interests in the medicine and agro chemistry [15].

The development of alternate and efficient strategies is of considerable interest in literature and various methods were reported towards pyrimidine synthesis [16-19].

The development of new chemotherapeutic agents is becoming the major interest in many academic and industrial research laboratories all over the world with the aim to discover newer molecules, with higher specificity and reduced toxicity than existing ones. In addition, various types of new resistant microorganisms that are being discovered now days are the great challenge for scientists. Uracils occupy a distinct and unique place in medicine.

The cytosines and uracils derivatives are very important compounds. Various workers had been carried out the synthesis of these compounds.

We have reported the synthesis of these compounds by conventional method. The product obtained by this method was identical, confirmed by scanning the IR, NMR, MP, mixed MP and TLC method.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL WORK

### 2.1 Materials and methods

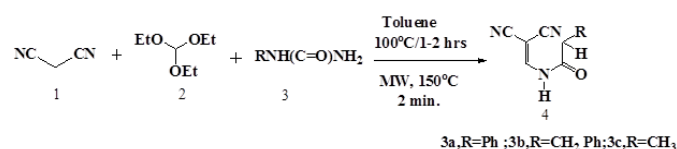
Melting points were determined on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus. The <sup>1</sup>H (300 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (75 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL-300 Spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS), and multiplicities are given as s (singlet), bs (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), or m (multiplet). Infrared spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on a Shimadzu FTIR-408 spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu LC-MS:EI QP 2010A mass spectrometer with an ionization potential of 70 eV. Elemental analyses were performed on Quest flash 1112 Series EA Analyzer. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), carried out on 0.2 mm silica gel 60 F254 Merck plates using UV light (254 and 366 nm) for detection and for column chromatography 5-20 μm (Merck, 60-120 mesh) silica gel is used. Column dimension is 39 × 2 cm and elution volume is 200-400 mL. Common reagent-grade chemicals are either commercially

available and were used without further purification or were prepared by standard literature procedures.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The synthesis of cytosine derivatives was carried out in two steps. All the new compounds were well characterized by IR, NMR and elemental analysis given in experimental section.

#### 3.1 Synthesis of ureidopropenenitrile, 4a-c



The ureidopropenenitrile **4** was prepared by using malononitrile **1**, triethylorthoformate **2** and substituted urea **3**. The reaction mixture was stirred in toluene at 100° C for 1 hr. The completion of the reaction was checked by TLC, run in mixture of Hexane:Ethyl acetate (8:2). The solid precipitated on cooling was filtered and washed with ether to get required intermediate product **4** in 60-65 % yield.

To prepare the same product in microwave, the above reaction mixture in round bottom flask attached with condenser was irradiated for 2 min. After cooling the flask, the obtained solid was stirred in 5 ml ether and then filtered to furnish **4** in 80-85 %

**Table 3.1.** The following table showing the detail for the synthesis of 3-cyano ureidopropenenitrile **4a, c**

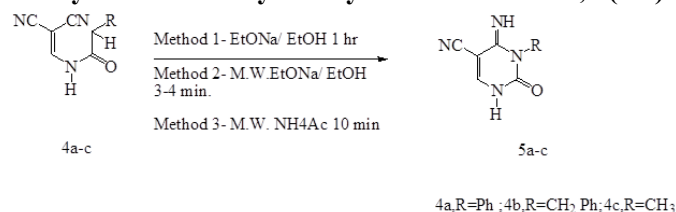
1	Parameters	4a	4b	4c
2	Reaction Time in hrs.	1	1	1
3	Amount of solvent (ml)	20	25	20
4	% Yield	60	68	65
5	M.P. °C	265	258	245

The structure of the ureidopropenenitrile **4**, was also confirmed by analytical and spectroscopic studies.

e.g. The I.R. of **4c** showed the peaks at 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 2202 and 1667 was due to -NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, and amide carbonyl respectively. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) showed singlet at δ 2.73 for three protons of methyl group. The broad singlet at δ 7.15 and 10.73 corresponds to two NH protons and the sharp singlet at δ 8.38 is for =CH. The elemental

analysis of compound **4a** is also in agreement with the molecular formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O. Based on the above spectral and analytical data we have assigned the structure **4a** 1-(2, 2-dicyanovinyl)-3-phenylurea for this product. The spectral and physical data for all compounds are explained in experimental part

#### 3.2 Synthesis of 5-Cyano Cytosine derivatives, 5(a-c)

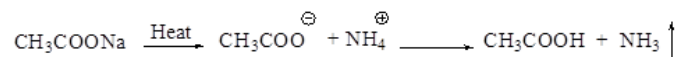


##### Method 1:

The ureidopropenenitrile **4a-c**, obtained in above method was cyclized to the required cytosine i.e. 5-cyano -4-aminopyrimidone. Compound **4** was refluxed in sodium ethoxide in ethanol for 1 -2 hrs. Completion of the reaction was confirmed by TLC. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in cold water; then solid product was neutralized with 2N HCl, was filtered, and washed with water and purified. Yield obtained were **60-65%**.

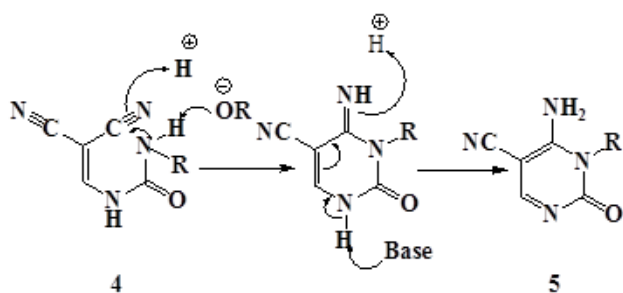
##### Method 2:

The same reaction also carried out in microwave using CH<sub>3</sub>ONa/ CH<sub>3</sub>OH (strong base) for 3 minutes and furnished 60-67 % yield. OR the above reaction mixture was heated in at 100° C for NH<sub>4</sub>OAc. The molten NH<sub>4</sub>OAc acts as solvent for the reaction and also creates weak basic medium due to evolution of NH<sub>3</sub> by its decomposition. The use of NH<sub>4</sub>OAc is novel eco friendly methods use for cyclization of ureidopropenenitrile



The ammonium acetate is non-toxic, non-poisonous, eco-friendly reagent. The products **5a-c** was characterized by analytical and spectral data.

##### Mechanism for cyclization reaction:

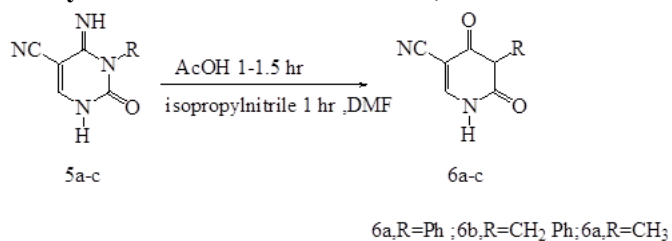


e.g. The I.R. spectrum **5a** showed the presence of  $\text{NH}_2$  frequency at  $3288\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2219\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponds to CN, the amide  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  observed at  $1667\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) showed multiplet at  $\delta$  7.20-7.60 for aromatic protons. The sharp singlet for  $=\text{C}-\text{H}$  (olefin protons) is obtained at  $\delta$  8.40. Broad singlets at  $\delta$  7.15 and 10.73 correspond to two  $\text{NH}_2$  protons. The elemental analysis this compound correspond molecular formula  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O}$ .

**Table 3.2.** The following table shows detail for the synthesis of compounds **5a, c**,

Parameters	5a	5b	5c
Reaction Time in hrs	1	1	1
Amount of solvent ml	20	2	20
% Yield	50	55	45
M.P. $^\circ\text{C}$	282	270	251

### 3.3 Synthesis of Uracil Derivatives, **6a-c** Deamination:



The removal of  $\text{NH}_2$  group from the compound is deamination. The deamination of 4-amino-5-cyanopyrimidine **5a-c** yield valuable product 5-cyano uracil **6a-c** by refluxing on glacial acetic acid.

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The identity of the products by both methods was proved by MP, TLC, IR and  $^1\text{H NMR}$  methods.

e.g. The I.R. spectrum **6a** showed the presence of two carbonyl frequency at  $1746\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the peak at  $1668\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and CN at  $2226\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . But no peak was observed for  $\text{NH}_2$  in the IR indicates the primary amine group of compound **5a** which was observed at  $3388\text{ cm}^{-1}$  has been converted to carbonyl group. Similarly, the  $^1\text{H NMR}$  showed 5 aromatic protons appeared as a multiplet at  $\delta$  7.27-7.50. Broad singlet at  $\delta$  10.73 correspond to NH protons. The sharp singlet for  $=\text{C}-\text{H}$  (olefin protons) is obtained at  $\delta$  8.58. The elemental analysis this compound correspond molecular formula  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ .

**Table 3.3.** The following table shows detail for the synthesis of compounds **6a, c**

Parameters	5a	5b	5c
Reaction Time (hrs)	1	1.5	1
Solvent (ml)	20	25	20
% Yield	58	52	46
M.P. $^\circ\text{C}$	264	247	233

## IV. CONCLUSION

We have explored a facile and efficient protocol for the synthesis of 5-Cyano Cytosine derivatives with 60-89% yields. Particularly valuable features of present method include broad substrate scope, short reaction time, straight forward procedure and easy aqueous work up that facilitated 80-85% recovery of pure product and use of inexpensive chemicals and reagents.

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