

# Synthesis of 2,6-diazido-1-(*N*-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes and their transformation into multivariant functionalities.

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**Abstract:** A series of new 2,7-diamino-9-(*N*-substituted phenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbonitriles 6a-d were prepared by condensation of malononitrile with 2,6-diamino derivatives 5a-d which have been prepared by the action of sodium dithionite on 2,6-diazido-1-(*N*-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes 4a-d which in turn were prepared by the treatment of sodium azide with 3a-d. The structures of the newly synthesized compounds have been confirmed on the basis of elemental analysis and spectral studies. The newly synthesized title compounds have been screened for their *in vitro* antimicrobial activities. Some of the compounds exhibited encouraging results.

Keywords:- Dihydropyridines, azides, dicarbonitriles, antimicrobial activity.

## Introduction

Dihydropyridine represents one of the most active classes of heterocyclic compounds possessing a wide spectrum of biological activities. Dihydropyridines are reported as calcium and sodium channel blockers<sup>1,2</sup>. Dihydropyridines are clinically useful agents for the treatment of cardiovascular disease such as angina pectoris and hypertension<sup>3</sup>. These are also used as antioxidants and are useful for developing drugs<sup>4</sup>.

Azides are considered very important compounds due to both their industrial as well as biological applications<sup>5</sup>. Azide derivatives have been used in rubber vulcanization, polymer crosslinking, dyes, tire cored adhesives, foaming of plastics, pharmaceuticals, pesticides and herbicides<sup>5</sup>. Many azide compounds have shown mutagenic activities<sup>6-8</sup>.

The chemistry of azides has thus, attracted the attention of many chemists, since many of these compounds play an important role in organic chemistry<sup>9-11</sup>.

Azides<sup>12</sup> present themselves as energy rich and flexible intermediates among many synthetic precursors and have continued to attract immense interest. An azides can be considered as a masked amino group and is used for amine protection. Azides as dipoles undergo cycloaddition reactions with olefinic species popularly known as Huisgen reaction<sup>13</sup>. They are also important intermediates in Ugi-multicomponent reactions<sup>14</sup>. Literature survey reveals that dicarbonitriles have been found to be associated with diverse biological activities such as antioxidants, antihistaminic, anti-inflammatory, analgesic antibacterial and antifungal activities<sup>15-20</sup>.

In view of the above and in continuation of our work in the synthesis of fused heterocyclic compounds<sup>21-29</sup>, we herein report a new series of azides **4a-d**, 2,6-diamino derivatives **5a-d** and dicarbonitriles **6a-d** (Scheme-II).

### Experimental

All melting points were determined in open capillary and are uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded on FT-IR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectra were recorded on varian USA Mercury plus 300 MHz NMR spectrometer with DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> as a solvent using TMS as internal reference (chemical shift in  $\delta$  ppm). The starting compounds were synthesized according to scheme-I. Glutaric acid **1** was converted into N-substituted phenyl glutarimides **2a-d** which were then diformylated using Vilsmeier-Haack reaction to form **3a-d**.

#### General procedure for synthesis of 2,6-diazido-1-(N-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4a-d**.

To a solution of **3** (1mmole) in absolute ethanol (10ml), p-toluenesulphonic acid (2mmole) and sodium azide (3mmole) were added and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 3 hr. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC) the reaction mixture was poured into ice-cooled water and the resulting precipitate was filtered, dried and purified by recrystallisation from aq. ethanol which afforded pure 2,6-diazido-1-(N-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4a-d** (Scheme-II).

#### 2,6-diazido-1-(phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4a**:

M. F. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>7</sub>; Yield 71%; faint yellow solid, mp 116-118<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 2924(CH<sub>2</sub>), 2852(CHO), 2120(N<sub>3</sub>), 1664(C=O), 1442(ArC=C), 1249(C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.63(s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.60-7.28 (m, Ar-H), 9.90 (s, 2H, 2CHO).

#### 2,6-diazido-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4b**:

M.F. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>7</sub>; Yield 81%; dark brown solid, mp 86-88<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 2924 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2854 (CHO), 2108(N<sub>3</sub>), 1658 (C=O), 1442 (ArC=C), 1247(C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.31 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.60 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.41-7.09 (m, Ar-H), 10.0 (s, 2H, 2CHO).

#### 2,6-diazido-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4c**.

M.F. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>7</sub>Cl; Yield 91%; reddish brown solid, mp 81-83<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 2924 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2854 (CHO), 2108(N<sub>3</sub>), 1726 (C=O), 1492 (ArC=C), 1246 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.63-7.32 (m, Ar-H), 9.86 (s, 2H, 2CHO).

#### 2,6-diazido-1-(2-methylphenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4d**:

M.F. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>7</sub>; Yield 71%; yellow solid, mp 90-92<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 2924 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2852 (CHO), 2108 (N<sub>3</sub>), 1670 (C=O), 1460 (ArC=C), 1288(C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.49 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.49-7.03 (m, Ar-H), 10.07 (s, 2H, 2CHO).

#### General procedure for synthesis of 2,6-diamino-1-(N-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5a-d**.

Sodium dithionite (6 mmole) was added in portions to a stirred solution of 2,6-diazido-1-(N-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **4a-d** (1 mmole) in a mixture of methanol (15 ml) and water (5 ml). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3-4 hrs. The reaction mixture was poured into ice cold water. The precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed well with water, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to get a pure 2,6-diamino-1-(N-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5a-d** (Scheme-II).

#### 2,6-diamino-1-(phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5a**:

M.F. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>; Yield 85%; yellow solid, mp 192-194<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3325, 3138 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2924 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2852 (CHO), 1664 (C=O), 1442 (ArC=C), 1249 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 2,6-diamino-1-(4-methylphenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5b**:

M.F. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>; Yield 79%; yellow solid, mp 202-204<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3300, 3250 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2930 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2852 (CHO), 1660 (C=O), 1450 (ArC=C), 1255 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 2,6-diamino-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5c**:

M.F. C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl; Yield 84%; yellow solid, mp 172-174<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3320, 3210 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2923 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2857 (CHO), 1664 (C=O), 1475 (ArC=C), 1240 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 2,6-diamino-1-(2-methylphenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5d**:

M.F. C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>; Yield 80%; yellow solid, mp 180-182<sup>o</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3300, 3205 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2940 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2858 (CHO), 1670 (C=O), 1480 (ArC=C), 1248 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### General procedure for synthesis of 2,7-diamino-9-(N-substituted phenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triazanthracene-3,6-dicarbonitriles **6a-d**.

Triethylamine (4 mmole, 0.40 gm) was added to a solution of 2,6-diamino-1-(N-substituted Phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes **5a-d**

(1mmole) and malononitrile ( 2.5 mmole ) in absolute ethanol (10 ml). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 hrs. The resulting solid product was collected by filtration, dried and recrystallized from ethanol to afford a pure 2,7-diamino-9-(N-substituted phenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbonitrile **6a-d** (Scheme-II).

**2,7-diamino-9-(phenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbonitriles 6a:**

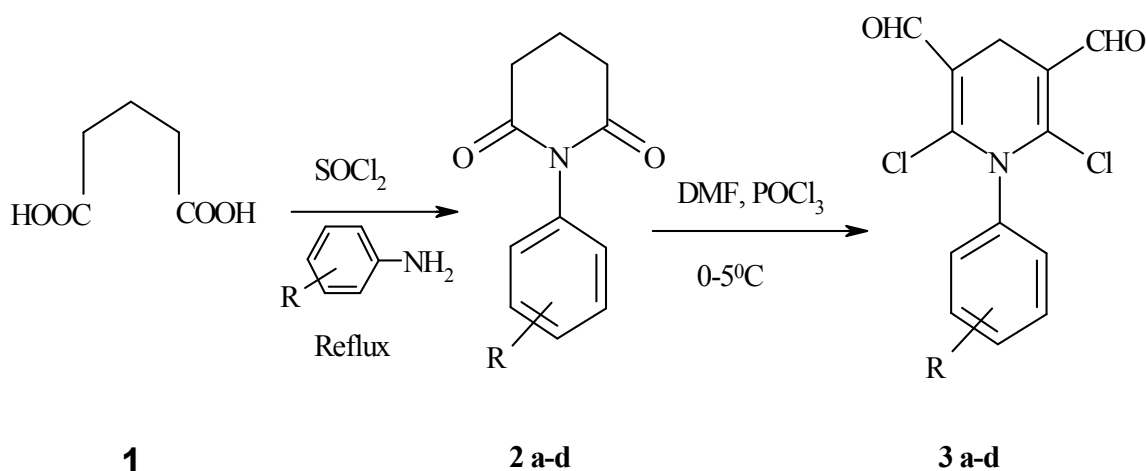
Yield 74%; yellow crystals, mp 210-212<sup>0</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3322, 3215 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2925 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2220 (CN), 1475 (ArC=C), 1260 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 3.81 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.0 (s, 4H, 2NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.01-6.46 (m, ArH), 7.79 (s, 2H, 2CH), Anal.Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>7</sub>: C, 67.24; H, 3.86; N, 28.89. Found: C, 67.02; H, 3.70; N, 28.76.

**2,7-diamino-9-(4-methylphenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbo nitriles 6b:** Yield 78%; yellow crystals, mp 197-199<sup>0</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3320, 3250 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2920 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2228 (CN), 1470 (ArC=C), 1242 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 2.26 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.55 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.2 (s, 4H, 2NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10-6.50

(m, ArH), 7.80 (s, 2H, 2CH), Anal.Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>7</sub> : C, 67.97; H, 4.27; N, 27.74. Found: C, 67.79; H, 4.05; N, 27.60.

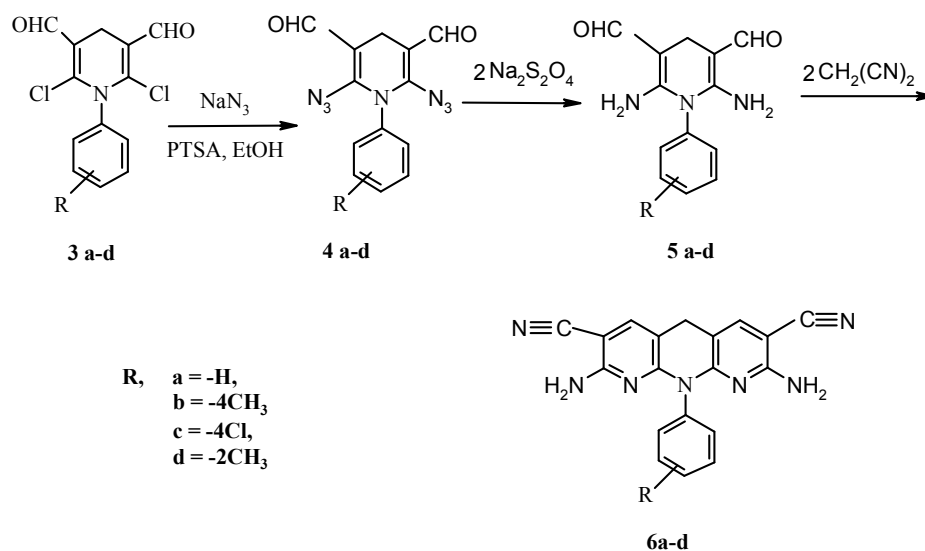
**2,7-diamino-9-(4-chlorophenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbo nitriles 6c:** Yield 68%; yellow crystals, mp 168-170<sup>0</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3325, 3220 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2920 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2225 (CN), 1472 (ArC=C), 1244 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 3.72 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.1 (s, 4H, 2NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.10-6.70 (m, ArH), 7.78 (s, 2H, 2CH), Anal.Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>7</sub>Cl : C, 61.05; H, 3.23; N, 26.22. Found: C, 60.80; H, 3.11; N, 26.10.

**2,7-diamino-9-(2-methylphenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbo nitriles 6d:** Yield 72%; yellow crystals, mp 162-164<sup>0</sup>C; IR (KBr): 3322, 3215 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 2924 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 2230 (CN), 1485 (ArC=C), 1255 (C-N) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 2.30 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.0 (s, 4H, 2NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.02-6.46 (m, ArH), 7.79 (s, 2H, 2CH), Anal.Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>7</sub> : C, 67.97; H, 4.27; N, 27.74. Found: C, 67.83; H, 4.12; N, 27.59.



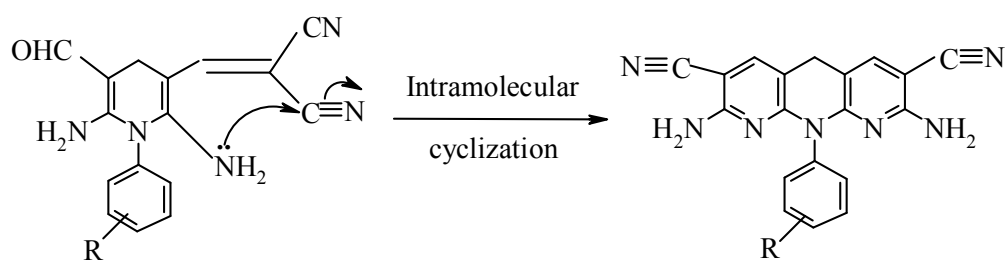
R, a = -H, b = -4Me, c = -4Cl, d = -2Me

(Scheme- I)



(Scheme-II)

**Mechanism for the formation of 2,7-diamino-9-(N-substituted phenyl)-9,10-dihydro-1,8,9-triaza-anthracene-3,6-dicarbonitriles 6a-d (Scheme-III) :-**



(Scheme-III)

#### Antimicrobial activity:

The compounds 4a-d were screened for their *in vitro* antimicrobial activities against *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Aspergillus niger* and *Candida albicans*. The agar diffusion assay (Well method, Disc

size 6mm, Hi media) was used. The compounds were tested at the concentration of 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$  in DMF. The results were compared with respective standards Nystatin and Chloramphenicol. All the compounds showed moderate to good antimicrobial activity.

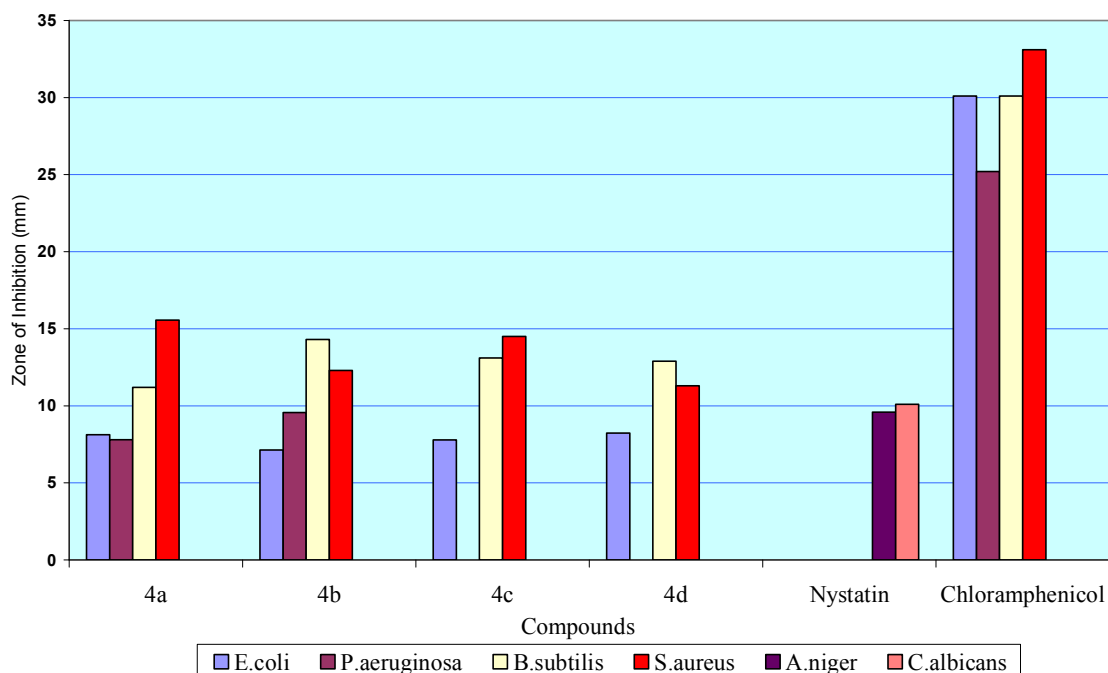
**Table-1: Biological activities of Compounds 4a-d**

Compound	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>A. niger</i>	<i>C. albicans</i>
4a	8.13	7.8	11.2	15.56	-	-
4b	7.13	9.56	14.3	12.3	-	-
4c	7.78	-	13.1	14.5	-	-
4d	8.23	-	12.9	11.3	-	-
Nystatin 100U/disc)	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.59	10.1
Chloramphenicol (10mcg/disc)	30.1	25.2	30.1	33.1	NA	NA

Diameter in mm calculated by Digital Vernier Calliper.

“-” means “no zone of inhibition”, “NA” means “Not Applicable”

Fig.- 1 Biological activities of compounds 4a-d



### Conclusion

In summary, an entire new series of azide derivatives containing dihydropyridine nucleus have been synthesized in one pot and in facile manner from 2,6-dichloro-1-(N-substituted phenyl)-1,4-dihydropyridine-3,5-dicarbaldehydes in good yields. The synthetic strategy is straightforward and much more simple. This protocol offers the flexibility of transformation of 2,6-dichloro and 3,5-di formyl groups into different functionalities.

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