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Abstract New series of 10-anilino-9-alkyl-12-aryl-10,12-dihydro-11*H*-benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-11-ones **5(a–e)** and 9-anilino-10-alkyl-7-aryl-7,9-dihydro-8*H*-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-8-ones **6(a–f)** were prepared in three steps with microwave irradiation. The procedure is easy, avoiding time-consuming syntheses is not costly.

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1. Introduction

The pyranopyrimidine moieties represent important building blocks in synthetic bioactive compounds, which show antibacterial (Ashraf and Abd El-Wahab, 2002), antimicrobial (Fathy et al., 2004), antifungal (Ahmed et al., 2000a, 2001; Mostafa et al., 2002), and antigenotoxic (Fakher et al., 2007) activities. Also, pyranopyrimidine derivatives can have antiplatelet, anti-thrombotic (Bruno et al., 2006), analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antiphlogistic activities (Bruno et al., 2002, 2004). Therefore, the synthesis of this type of compounds has attracted considerable attention (Mehdi et al., 2005, 2006, 2008; Ahmed et al., 1997, 2000b,c, 2002; Abdel-Ghani et al., 1993; Zaki et al., 1991, 1999).

In our previous work, we synthesized a new class of naphthopyranopyrimidinones by reaction of imidates **3** with primary amines (Kamar et al., 2010).

The present work represents a new method for the synthesis of *N*-phenylamin-naphthopyranopyrimidinones using microwave irradiation as a convenient method and rapid which give better yields and higher purity of the products than the conventional method.

2. Experimental

Commercially reagent grade chemicals were used as received without additional purification. All reactions were followed by TLC (E. Merck Kieselgel 60 F-254), with detection by UV light at 254 nm. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on an AC Bruker spectrometer at 300, 500 MHz (¹H) and 75, 125 MHz (¹³C) using (CD₃)₂SO as solvent with (CD₃)₂SO (δ_{H} 2.5) or (CD₃)₂SO (δ_{C} 39.5). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (0 ppm) as an internal reference and the following multiplicity abbreviations were used: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quadruplet; m, multiplet; *J* in hertz. Mass spectra (MS) were recorded on a gas chromatography (GC) MS spectrometer with an atmospheric pressure electrospray (API-ES) ionization source. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed at the Instituto de Química orgánica (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Spain). All solvents were dried by standard methods. The microwave assisted reactions were carried out in synthetic microwave: Monowave 300 with a maximum power of 300 W.

2.1. General procedure for synthesis of compounds **1(a–e) and **2(a–d)****

A mixture of aromatic aldehyde (0.01 mmol), ethyl cyanoacetate (0.01 mmol), 2-naphthol (or 1-naphthol) (0.01 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) in the presence of 0.2 equivalent of piperidine was irradiated for 10 min in a sealed tube. The irradiation was programmed to obtain a constant temperature (80 °C, 150 W). We obtained a robust product that was filtered, washed with cold ethanol, and dried, to give compounds **1(a–e)** and **2(a–d)** in good yields.

2.1.1. Ethyl-3-amino-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (1a**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.1.2. Ethyl-3-amino-1-*p*-methylphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (1b**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.1.3. Ethyl-3-amino-1-*p*-methoxyphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (1c**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1686 (C=O), 3333–3421 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.06 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.03 (m, 2H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 6.74–8.27 (m, 10H, aromatic), 7.70 (s, 2H, NH₂); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): 14.97, 34.62, 55.03, 59.34, 77.22, 117.32, 118.58, 123.51, 125.33, 127.58, 127.92, 128.29, 129.18, 129.78, 129.99, 131.10, 131.13, 131.71, 131.97, 144.59, 147.38, 161.23, 168.78.

2.1.4. Ethyl-3-amino-1-*o*-methoxyphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (1d**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.1.5. Ethyl-3-amino-1-*o*-chlorophenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (1e**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.1.6. Ethyl-2-amino-4-phenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (2a**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1662 (C=O), 3372–3260 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.10 (m, 3H), 4.01 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 7.04–8.33 (m, 11H, aromatic), 7.64 (s, 2H, NH₂); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 14.74, 40.57, 59.08, 76.86, 121.16, 121.46, 123.29, 124.18, 126.48, 126.92, 126.99, 127.07, 127.79, 128.11 (double intensity), 128.67 (double intensity), 132.97, 143.29, 148.29, 161.26, 168.70.

2.1.7. Ethyl-2-amino-4-*p*-methylphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (2b**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1672 (C=O), 3315–3452 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 1.10 (m, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 6.98–8.29 (m, 10H, aromatic), 7.62 (s, 2H, NH₂); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 14.77, 20.99, 40.83, 59.08, 76.98, 121.25, 121.86, 123.36, 124.11, 126.85, 126.90,

127.08, 127.67, 128.09 (double intensity), 129.22 (double intensity), 132.94, 135.42, 143.26, 145.36, 161.21, 168.76.

2.1.8. Ethyl-2-amino-4-*p*-methoxyphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (2c**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1665 (C=O), 3274–3360 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 1.09 (m, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 4.01 (m, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 6.76–8.34 (m, 10H, aromatic), 7.74 (s, 2H, NH₂); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 14.79, 39.98, 55.39, 59.08, 77.13, 114.03 (double intensity), 121.12, 121.78, 123.29, 124.12, 136.85, 126.91, 127.12, 128.10 (double intensity), 128.73, 132.91, 140.48, 143.22, 157.97, 161.16, 168.77.

2.1.9. Ethyl-2-amino-4-*m*-methoxyphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (2d**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1663 (C=O), 3393–3280 (NH₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 1.09 (m, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.02 (m, 2H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 6.67–8.32 (m, 10H, aromatic), 7.63 (s, 2H, NH₂); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ: 14.26, 40.04, 54.83, 58.60, 76.25, 110.78, 113.51, 119.50, 120.65, 120.86, 122.78, 123.65, 126.41, 126.43, 126.51, 127.60, 129.28, 132.49, 142.81, 149.35, 159.05, 160.81, 168.21.

2.2. General procedure for synthesis of imidate **3(a–j) and **4(a–f)****

A stirred mixture of (0.01 mmol) of **1** or **2**, a catalytic amount of acetic acid in (0.06 mmol) orthoesters (ethyl orthoacetate or ethyl orthopropionate) was irradiated for 10–15 min. The irradiation was programmed to obtain a constant temperature (140 °C, 150 W). The solid product formed was collected by filtration and recrystallized with a suitable solvent (hexane/ether 5:5), to afford the expected compounds **3(a–j)** or **4(a–f)**.

2.2.1. Ethyl-3-[*(ethoxyethylidene)aminoH*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3a**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.2. Ethyl-3-[*(ethoxyethylidene)aminop*-methylphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3b**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.3. Ethyl-3-[*(Ethoxyethylidene)amino*-1-*p*-methoxyphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3c**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1664 (C=O), 1596 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ: 1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.45 (m, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 4.19 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.45 (m, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 6.85–8.46 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ: 13.80, 14.13, 17.31, 33.55, 55.32, 59.58, 63.17, 92.80, 111.10, 117.16, 118.22, 120.63, 123.96, 124.59, 126.68, 127.75, (double intensity): 128.55, 131.14, 131.29, 131.59, 134.21, 148.38, 156.38, 159.67, 166.77, 167.45.

2.2.4. Ethyl-3-[*(ethoxyethylidene)amino*-1-*o*-methoxyphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3d**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.5. Ethyl-3-[(ethoxyethylidene)amino]-1-*o*-chlorophenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3e**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.6. Ethyl-3-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-1-phenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3f**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.7. Ethyl-3-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-1-*p*-methylphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3g**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.8. Ethyl-3-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-1-*p*-methoxyphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3h**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1678 (C=O), 1613 (C=N); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.05 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.13 (m, 3H), 1.28 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.30 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H), 4.01(m, 2H), 4.25 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.95 (s, 1H), 6.68–7.65 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.85, 14.48, 14.63, 25.40, 34.10, 55.81, 60.10, 63.35, 93.26, 111.45, 117.35, 118.77, 121.16, 124.31, 124.78, 126.93, 127.99 (double intensity), 128.63, 131.32, 131.55, 131.88, 134.61, 148.69, 156.69, 159.60, 167.10, 169.60.

2.2.9. Ethyl-3-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-1-*o*-methoxyphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3i**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.10. Ethyl-3-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-1-*o*-chlorophenyl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (3j**)**

Data supporting its chemical structure are reported in Ref. (Kamar et al., 2010).

2.2.11. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxyethylidene)amino]-4-phenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4a**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1662 (C=O), 1596 (C=N); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.13(m, 3 H), 1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.95 (s, 3H), 3.98 (m, 2H), 4.30 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 5.16 (s, 1H), 7.04–8.18 (m, 11H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.15 (double intensity), 17.62, 42.72, 59.81, 63.13, 92.97, 119.75, 121.33, 123.68, 124.08, 126.18, 126.22, 126.70, 127.57, 127.97 (double intensity), 128.32 (double intensity), 128.64, 129.42, 133.05, 144.30, 146.92, 159.14, 166.53, 166.85.

2.2.12. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxyethylidene)amino]-4-*p*-methylphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4b**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1662 (C=O), 1613 (C=N); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.12 (m, 3H), 1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.94 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 4.01 (m, 2H), 4.29 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 5.12 (s, 1H), 7.03–8.08 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 14.10, 14.18, 17.61, 21.01, 42.30, 59.80, 63.71, 93.11, 119.97, 121.33, 123.70, 124.09, 126.14, 126.15, 127.41, 128.28, 128.85, 129.04, 129.32, 130.90, 133.02, 135.88, 144.06, 144.28, 159.04, 166.58, 166.83.

2.2.13. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxyethylidene)amino]-4-*p*-methoxyphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4c**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1661 (C=O), 1593 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.19 (m, 3H), 1.30 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.89 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.05 (m, 2H), 4.25 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.66 (s, 1H), 7.00–8.03 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.37, 14.46, 17.63, 38.39, 55.10, 60.09, 63.14, 93.60, 117.41, 117.82, 123.62, 125.28, 127.55, 128.28 (double intensity), 129.01(double intensity), 129.32, 129.42, 130.62, 131.40, 135.89, 143.31, 147.84, 158.64, 165.96, 167.19.

2.2.14. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxyethylidene)amino]-4-*m*-methoxyphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4d**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1653 (C=O), 1584 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.11(m, 3H), 1.34 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.02 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.98 (m, 2H), 4.32 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.20 (s, 1H), 6.71–8.14 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.39 (double intensity), 17.82, 42.19, 55.39, 59.95, 63.26, 92.53, 111.79, 114.24, 120.02, 120.29, 121.07, 123.27, 124.54, 126.79, 127.01, 127.18, 128.17, 130.03, 133.07, 143.89, 148.72, 159.11, 159.68, 165.95, 167.18.

2.2.15. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-4-phenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4e**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1681 (C=O), 1588 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.10 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.33 (m, 3H), 1.41 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.38 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.15 (m, 2H), 4.33 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.64 (s, 1H), 7.12–8.25 (m, 11H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.25, 12.89, 13.17, 23.98, 37.85, 58.69, 61.78, 99.49, 116.92, 118.86, 121.38, 124.58, 125.20, 125.61, (double intensity): 127.35, (double intensity): 127.55, 127.36, 127.65, 129.86, 132.22, 145.66, 147.92, 158.73, 165.58, 168.30.

2.2.16. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-4-*p*-methylphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4f**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1685 (C=O), 1592 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.15 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.33 (m, 3H), 1.48 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.25 (s.3H), 2.35 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 4.22 (m, 2H), 4.40 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.79 (s, 1H), 7.01–8.28 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.02, 12.88, 13.22, 21.23, 23.87, 37.59, 59.60, 61.56, 93.91, 115.52, 116.76, 122.78, 123.68, 125.69, 125.58, (double intensity), 127.34, (double intensity): 127.42, 127.45, 127.75, 129.92, 130.40, 145.26, 146.82, 157.43, 165.12, 168.35.

2.2.17. Ethyl-2-[(ethoxypropylidene)amino]-4-*p*-methoxyphenyl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate (4g**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1683 (C=O), 1595 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.08 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.12 (m, 3H), 1.32 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.33 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.64 (m, 2H), 4.29 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.10 (s, 1H), 6.66–7.40 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 10.45, 14.03, 14.18, 22.62, 41.81, 56.90, 59.71, 62.97, 92.91, 113.50, 113.66, 115.58, 120.05, 121.25, 123.69, 124.02, 126.12, 126.46, 127.55, 128.30, 129.10, 132.98, 139.38, 144.23, 158.09, 158.70, 166.64, 169.78.

2.2.18. Ethyl-2-[ethoxypropylidene]amino]-4-methoxyphenyl-4H-benzo[h]chromene-3-carboxylate (4h**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1680 (C=O), 1600 (N=C); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.08 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.13 (m, 3H), 1.35 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.35 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.97 (m, 2H), 4.32 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.19 (s, 1H), 6.71-8.12 (m, 10H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 10.79, 14.37, 14.41, 25.10, 42.12, 55.38, 59.91, 63.21, 92.28, 111.28, 114.16, 120.13, 120.21, 120.93, 123.25, 124.57, 126.80, 127.01, 127.24, 128.20, 130.01, 133.07, 143.88, 148.69, 158.91, 159.69, 165.98, 169.93.

2.3. General Procedure for synthesis compounds **5(a–e) and **6(a–f)****

A suspension of the compound **3** or **4** (0.01 mmol), phenylhydrazine (0.01 mmol), a catalytic amount of acetic acid in toluene 4 (mL) was irradiated for 15 min in a sealed tube. The irradiation was programmed to obtain a constant temperature (105 °C, 300 W). After cooling, the precipitated solid was filtered, washed with ether, and dried to obtain compounds **5(a–e)** or **6(a–f)**.

2.3.1. 10-Anilino-9-methyl-12-phenyl-10,12-dihydro-11H-benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-d] pyrimidin-11-one (5a**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1676 (C=O), 3435 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 2.18 (s, 3H); 5.91 (s, 1H), 7.07-7.90 (m, 17H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 15.37, 36.77, 101.88, 116.66, 117.52, 123.80, 125.05, 126.70, 127.21, 127.60, 127.70, 128.49, 128.54 (double intensity), 128.67 (double intensity), 129.49, 129.58, 130.09, 130.20, 131.13, 131.61, 137.14, 143.73, 148.33, 158.34, 159.84, 162.79. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 432 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.2. 10-Anilino-9-methyl-12-p-methylphenyl-10,12-dihydro-11H-benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-11-one (5b**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1678 (C=O), 3421 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 6.99-7.93 (m, 16H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 15.38, 21.11, 36.32, 102.05, 116.82, 117.52, 123.81, 125.03, 127.20, 127.64, 127.73, 128.50, 129.20 (double intensity), 129.38 (double intensity), 129.56 (double intensity), 130.08, 130.16, 131.15, 131.61, 136.23, 137.18, 140.89, 148.30, 158.22, 159.80, 162.81. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 446 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.3. 10-Anilino-9-ethyl-12-phenyl-10,12-dihydro-11H-benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-d] pyrimidin-11-one (5c**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1685 (C=O), 3390 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.33 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.39 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.97 (s, 1H), 6.83-8.21 (m, 17H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.39, 17.57, 35.52, 92.49, 111.93, 112.47, 117.73, 120.94, 123.37, 125.07, 125.59, 127.35, 127.60, 127.92, 128.33, 128.92 (double intensity), 129.05 (double intensity), 129.12, 129.24, 130.15, 130.76, 131.01, 131.18, 133.95, 148.23, 159.12, 167.26. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 446 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.4. 10-Anilino-9-ethyl-12-o-methoxyphenyl-10,12-dihydro-11H-benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-d] pyrimidin-11-one (5d**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1681 (C=O), 3435 (NH); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.29 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.40 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.82

(s, 3H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 6.77-8.21 (m, 16H, aromatic). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.92, 28.30, 31.95, 55.83, 101.19, 111.66, 117.40, 120.75, 123.88, 124.60, 126.72, 127.87, 127.93, 128.21, 128.71 (double intensity), 129.24 (double intensity), 129.79, 129.83, 131.14, 131.28, 131.51, 132.25, 136.78, 148.27, 156.79, 160.73, 161.79, 162.61. Anal. calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅N₃O₃: C, 75.77; H, 5.30; N, 8.84. Found: C, 75.63; H, 5.41; N, 8.94. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 476 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.5. 10-Anilino-9-ethyl-12-o-chlorophenyl-10,12-dihydro-11H-benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-d] pyrimidin-11-one (5e**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1682 (C=O), 3410 (NH); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.22 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 2.39 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 5.92 (s, 1H), 7.00-8.19 (m, 16H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.84, 29.01, 34.57, 101.10, 116.76, 117.56, 123.88, 124.98, 127.06, 127.21, 127.84, 127.89, 127.95, 128.46, 129.36, 129.53, 129.92, 129.96 (double intensity), 131.36, 131.37, 131.79, 133.10, 136.56, 141.41, 148.19, 160.40, 162.43, 162.52. Anal. calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅N₃O₃Cl: C, 72.57; H, 4.62; N, 8.75; Cl, 7.39. Found: C, 72.35; H, 4.77; N, 8.63; Cl, 7.20. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 480 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.6. 9-Anilino-10-methyl-7-phenyl-7,9-dihydro-8H-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-8-one (6a**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1683 (C=O), 3331 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 1.95 (s, 3H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 6.82-8.21 (m, 17H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.39, 33.61, 92.49, 111.93, 112.47, 117.34, 117.80, 120.94, 121.06, 123.37, 123.62, 125.07, 127.35, 127.60, 127.92, 128.33, 128.92, 130.15, 130.76, 131.10, 133.95, 148.23, 156.37, 159.12, 165.98, 167.26. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 432 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.7. 9-Anilino-10-methyl-7-p-methylphenyl-7,9-dihydro-8H-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-8-one (6b**)**

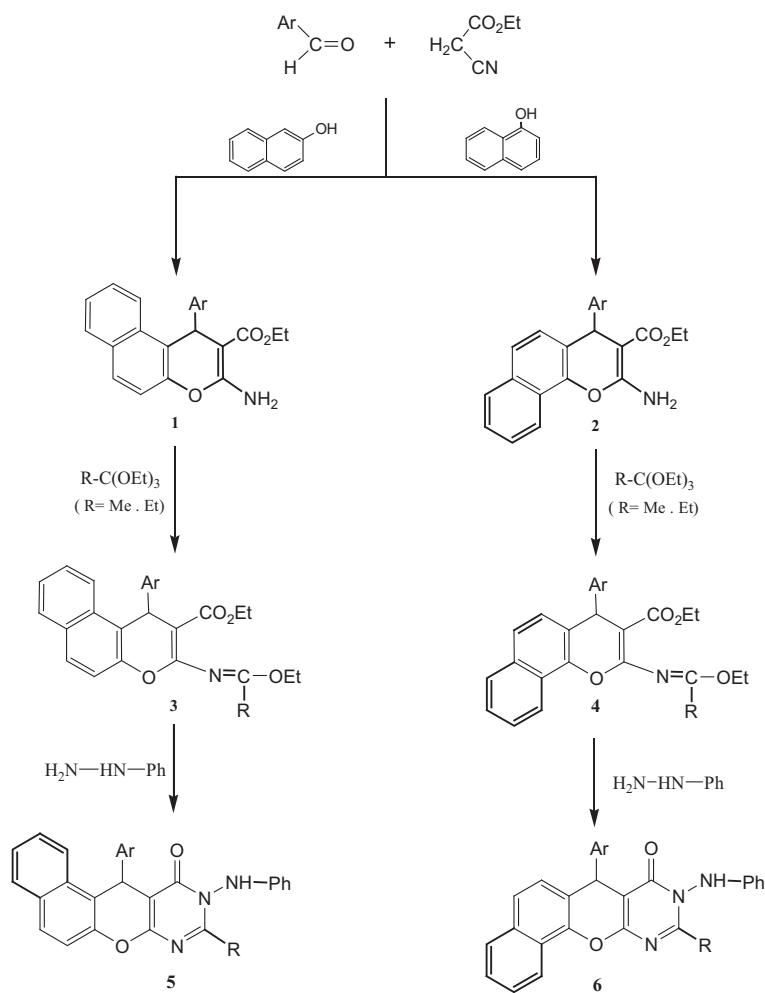
IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1679 (C=O), 3300 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 6.71-8.12 (m, 16H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.37, 23.12, 35.10, 92.28, 111.93, 117.34, 117.80, 120.94, 121.06, 123.37, 123.62, 125.07, 127.35, 127.60, 127.92, 128.33, 128.92, 129.05, 130.15, 130.76, 131.01, 131.18, 133.95, 148.23, 156.37, 159.12, 165.98, 167.26, 167.61. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 446 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.8. 9-Anilino-10-methyl-7-p-methoxyphenyl-7,9-dihydro-8H-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-8-one (6c**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1685 (C=O), 3360 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 2.21 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.69 (m, 16H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.19, 35.80, 55.41, 100.32, 111.83, 114.83, 119.45, 120.59, 121.19, 123.61, 124.92, 127.13, 127.27, 127.40, 128.26, 128.43, 128.58 (double intensity), 129.61, 130.02, 133.26, 137.67, 144.08, 147.21, 159.54, 159.65, 160.49, 162.33, 162.68. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 462 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.9. 9-Anilino-10-methyl-7-m-methoxyphenyl-7,9-dihydro-8H-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-d]pyrimidin-8-one (6d**)**

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1682 (C=O), 3334 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 2.15 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.90-7.69 (m, 16H, aromatic); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 14.16, 35.91, 55.39, 99.82, 110.85, 112.83, 119.49, 120.80, 121.23,



Ar: C₆H₅, *p*-MeC₆H₄, *p*-MeOC₆H₄, *o*-MeOC₆H₄, *o*-ClC₆H₄, *m*-MeOC₆H₄

R: CH₃, C₂H₅

Scheme 1 General reaction for the synthesis of compounds **5(a–e)** and **6(a–f)**.

123.81, 124.56, 127.33, 127.48, 127.55, 128.76, 128.48, 128.66, 129.62 (double intensity), 131.02, 133.46, 137.57, 144.15, 148.25, 159.59, 159.75, 160.46, 162.52, 162.77. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 462 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.10. 9-Anilino-10-ethyl-7-phenyl-7,9-dihydro-8*H*-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-8-one (**6e**)

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1678 (C=O), 3333 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.14 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.35 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.92 (s, 1H), 7.28–8.35 (m, 17H, aromatic). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.82, 28.93, 35.97, 100.42, 119.54, 121.27, 123.62, 124.95, 127.06, 127.18, 127.27, 127.41, 128.26, 128.49 (double intensity), 128.59 (double intensity), 128.79, 128.90, 129.60, 129.98, 130.03, 133.25, 137.18, 144.22, 145.68, 160.64, 162.39, 168.47. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 446 (M + H)⁺.

2.3.11. 9-Anilino-10-ethyl-7-*p*-methylphenyl-7,9-dihydro-8*H*-benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-8-one (**6f**)

IR (cm⁻¹): ν_{max} 1674 (C=O), 3341 (NH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.10 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.95 (s, 3H), 2.31 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.96 (s, 1H), 6.40–8.20 (m, 16H, aromatic). ¹³C

NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 10.69, 20.54, 28.57, 37.21, 100.87, 118.49, 121.32, 123.47, 124.21, 125.89, 126.04, 126.20, 127.07, 127.44, 127.48 (double intensity), 128.07 (double intensity), 128.63, 128.84, 129.32, 129.40, 132.80, 135.75, 136.25, 141.56, 144.29, 159.97, 161.59, 162.41. MS (APCI⁺): *m/z* 460 (M + H)⁺.

3. Result and discussion

The expected benzo[5,6]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-11-one **5(a–e)** and benzo[7,8]chromeno[2,3-*d*]pyrimidin-8-one **6(a–f)** were obtained after three steps as shown in (Scheme 1), using both classical and microwave heating.

In the first step, the multi-component reaction of ethyl cyanoacetate, aromatic aldehyde and 2-naphthol or 1-naphthol under microwave irradiation led to synthesis of ethyl-3-amino-1-aryl-1*H*-benzo[f]chromene-2-carboxylate **1(a–e)** and ethyl-2-amino-4-aryl-4*H*-benzo[h]chromene-3-carboxylate **2(a–d)** with high yield (10 min, 150 W, 80 °C). In classical conditions need 24 h (Table 1).

Table 1 Microwave-assisted synthesis of compounds **1(a–e)** and **2(a–d)**.

C.C	MW				
	Compounds	Yield (%)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	Time (min)
1a	82	24	90	10	168–170
1b	72	24	75	10	194–196
1c	60	24	68	10	190–192
1d	60	24	73	10	188–190
1e	65	24	72	10	170–172
2a	66	24	88	10	160–162
2b	65	24	68	10	158–160
2c	62	24	79	10	162–164
2d	63	24	75	10	156–158

C.C: Classical condition. M.W: Microwave. M.p: Melting point.

Table 2 Microwave-assisted synthesis of imidates **3(a–j)** and **4(a–f)**.

C.C	MW						
	Products	Ar	Orthoester	Yield (%)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	Time (min)
3a	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	81	24	88	10	120–122
3b	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	90	24	90	10	118–120
3c	p-MeOC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	75	24	83	10	142–144
3d	o-MeOC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	84	24	85	15	144–146
3e	o-ClC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	40	24	65	15	120–122
3f	C ₆ H ₅	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	89	24	92	10	176–178
3g	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	30	24	80	10	110–112
3h	p-MeOC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	75	24	84	10	164–166
3i	o-MeOC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	83	24	85	15	162–164
3j	o-ClC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	80	24	85	15	178–180
4a	C ₆ H ₅	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	42	24	65	25	130–132
4b	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	47	24	68	30	132–134
4c	p-MeOC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	50	24	65	30	128–130
4d	m-MeOC ₆ H ₄	CH ₃ -C(OEt) ₃	44	24	59	25	126–128
4e	C ₆ H ₅	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	35	24	53	25	134–136
4f	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	38	24	57	30	130–132
4g	p-MeOC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	40	24	68	30	128–130
4h	m-MeOC ₆ H ₄	C ₂ H ₅ -C(OEt) ₃	35	24	54	30	126–128

C.C: Classical condition. M.W: Microwave. M.p: Melting point.

Table 3 Microwave-assisted synthesis of compounds **5(a–e)** and **6(a–f)**.

C.C	MW						
	Products	Ar	Yield (%)	Time (h)	Yield (%)	Time (min)	M.p (°C)
5a	C ₆ H ₅	20	24	43	15	266–238	
5b	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	20	24	48	15	268–270	
5c	C ₆ H ₅	37	24	50	15	270–272	
5d	o-MeOC ₆ H ₄	20	24	38	15	266–268	
5e	o-ClC ₆ H ₄	35	24	45	15	264–266	
6a	C ₆ H ₅	18	24	42	15	264–266	
6b	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	23	24	51	15	262–264	
6c	p-MeOC ₆ H ₄	27	24	54	15	264–266	
6d	m-MeOC ₆ H ₄	20	24	35	15	258–260	
6e	C ₆ H ₅	48	24	67	15	268–270	
6f	p-MeC ₆ H ₄	30	24	48	15	270–272	

C.C: Classical condition. M.W: Microwave. M.p: Melting point.

In the next step, we wanted to study and apply the microwave irradiation in order to make the conversion of compounds **1(a–e)** and **2(a–d)** to imidates **3(a–j)** and **4(a–f)**. At first, we used classical conditions to synthesize compounds **3** and **4** in order to have some reference by TLC [solvent system: (ethyl acetate):(hexane) = 1:4]. The compounds **1(a–e)** or **2(a–d)** were refluxed with orthoesters (ethyl orthoacetate or ethyl orthopropionate) for 24 h to afford products **3(a–j)** and **4(a–f)**. After that, we transposed this reaction under microwave heating. As a result, we obtained imidates **3** and **4** with a decrease of a time reaction (from 24 h to just 10–30 min) and the yields were considerably increased (Table 2).

Finally, we transformed the imidate into pyrimidinone **5(a–e)** and **6(a–f)** via treatment of compounds **3** or **4** with phenylhydrazine at 105 °C for 24 h or via irradiation with microwave (10–15 min, 105 °C, 300 W) (Table 3). In this case, we obtained essentially a diminution of time reaction and a slight increase in yields.

4. Conclusion

To conclude, thanks to microwave irradiation we have synthesized ethyl-3-amino-1-aryl-1*H*-benzo[*f*]chromene-2-carboxylate (**a–e**) and ethyl-2-amino-4-aryl-4*H*-benzo[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate **2(a–d)** in 10 min. And, we have successfully prepared imidates. Finally, conversion of compounds **3(a–j)** and **4(a–f)** into the corresponding chromeno[2,3-*d*] pyrimidinone derivatives **5(a–e)** and **6(a–f)** was also performed under microwave heating in a short time (15 min).

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